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Temporary restraining order also sought...

Third lawsuit filed on redistricting map

AUSTIN (AP) — The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund has jumped into the court fight over the newly enacted Republican congressional redistricting map.

MALDEF filed a lawsuit Tuesday in federal court in Victoria on behalf of the American GI Forum of Texas, a group devoted to securing equal rights for Hispanics. The lawsuit contends the new redistricting plan does not create another Hispanic district.

"The newly-enacted congressional redistricting plan for Texas does not accurately reflect Latino voting strength in the year 2003," said Nina Perales, MALDEF regional counsel and lead attorney in the court case.

Although the Republican plan "purports to create an additional Latino majority district in South Texas, in fact it eliminates one district and adds another, with no net increase in electoral opportunity," Perales said.

If Texas is going to redistrict, Perales said, the result should be an increase in the number of Hispanic districts, particularly in South Texas and Dallas.

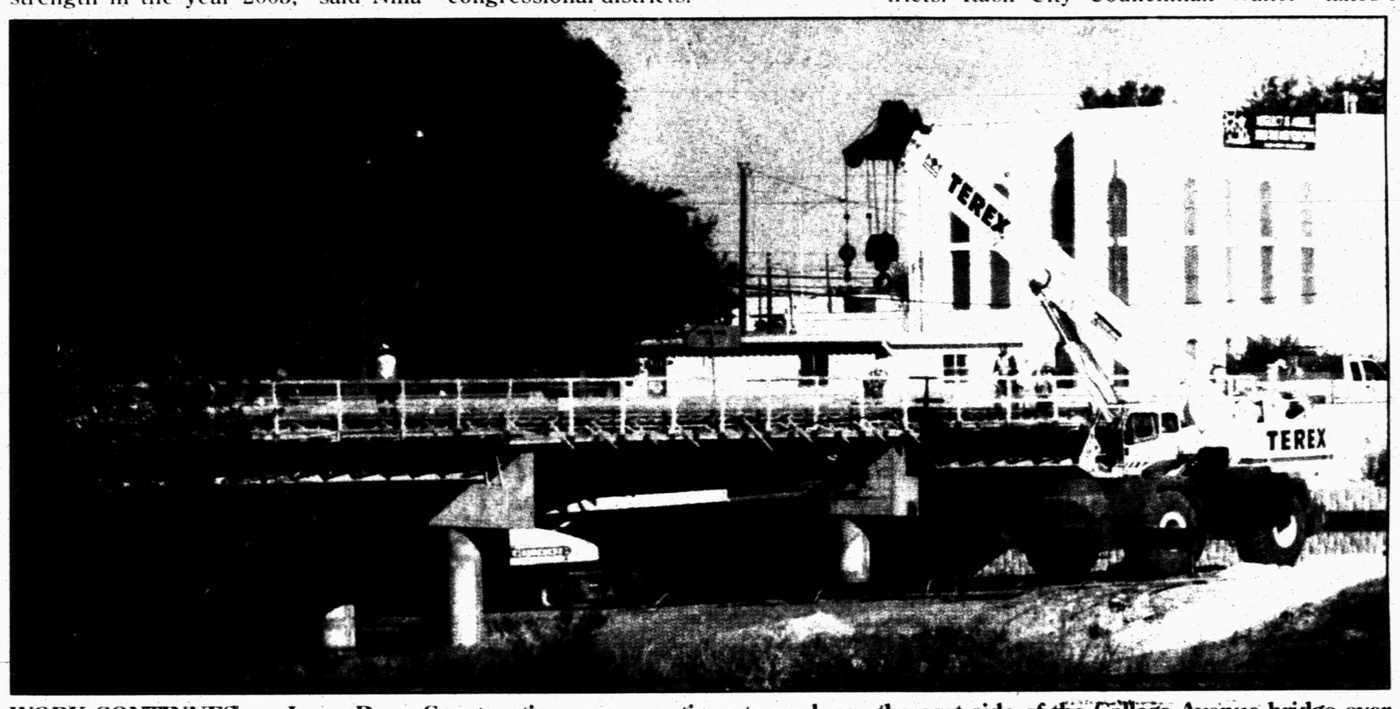
At least two other legal challenges have been filed since the Legislature gave final approval Sunday to the new congressional districts.

Democrats are asking a federal court in Tyler to stop the state from implementing the new plan for the 2004 election cycle. That court challenge — a motion filed in a previous redistricting lawsuit — alleges that using the new map would be disruptive because it moves more than 8.1 million Texans into new districts and that there are strong arguments that the map violates federal law.

Also, a group of Democrats has asked U.S. District Judge John T. Ward in Marshall to issue a temporary restraining order to prohibit changing the districts. Rusk City Councilman Walter Session, one of the plaintiffs, said he believes black representation would be lost under the Legislature's new plan.

Republicans wanted a new congressional map to reflect the state's conservative voting trends and to give the GOP the edge in the state's congressional delegation. Democrats, who control the state's congressional delegation 17-15, wanted to keep existing districts.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who called three special sessions to get redistricting accomplished, signed the redistricting bill into law Monday. It takes effect after 90 days.



WORK CONTINUES — Jones Bros. Construction crews continue to work on the east side of the College Avenue bridge over Deep Creek. Presently, the renovation work is from 25th Street to 30th Street. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sen. Duncan here Thursday

State Senator Robert Duncan, Republican from Lubbock, will be in Snyder Thursday.

Sen. Duncan will be at the Scurry County Museum on the campus of Western Texas College at 8:30 a.m.

The public is invited.

Prospective jurors to report Monday

District Clerk Trina Rodgers has announced that citizens who have received jury notices that called for them to report on Monday, Oct. 10, should report next Monday.

"There was a mistake on the jury notices," said Rodgers. "Everyone who received a recent notice should report to the 132nd District courtroom at 8:30 a.m. Monday."

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Jo Ann Nunley



Remarks heard in relation to this past weekend SDN's Progress Edition have been "I'd forgotton when that event happened, has it been that long ago" to "I enjoyed reading the Progress Edition because we haven't lived here but a few years and it was so interesting to find out about the early events and about people I know."

For some of us, reminders are appreciated for today's happenings, and we struggle with remembering yesterday and a year ago is somewhat of a struggle. Do you remember October one year ago? Some reminders follow:

The WTC Lions Club was chartered with Raul Acala serving as its first president. Organizers were Snyder Lions Club members Mac McCown and Max von Roeder.

Penny Perry won the Scurry County Women's Golf Association championship.

Members of the Scurry County Parks committee kicked off efforts to raise $500,000 in matching funds for a Texas Parks & Wildlife's $1 million grant.

It was announced that Coach Albert Lewis, who led the 1983 Tiger baseball team to state championship, would be inducted into the Texas High School Baseball's Association Hall of Honor with ceremonies planned for January.

The RS&P Engine #5, weighing 110,000 pounds, was moved from Towle Park to the coliseum grounds by Patterson UTI crews.

Misty McClure and Terrell Culp, seniors, were named Hermleigh home coming queen and king; Celeigh Sterling was named Ira's homecoming queen; and Lane Scott, 2000 SHS graduate was homecoming king at Angelo State University.

The Walk of Honor was begun at WTC on either side of the south walk leading to the heart of the campus. Purchases of memorial brick or granite markers began with Bettie McQueen receiving the first brick for the Walk of Honor for her 25 years service at WTC.

Just having celebrated Columbus Day Monday, Ann Smartt shared the following information with members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Martin Preuitt Chapter at its Tuesday meeting at the country club.

"The first recorded celebration of Columbus Day in the United States took place on Oct. 12, 1792." Organized by The Society of St. Tammany, also known as the Columbian Order, it commemorated the 300th anniversary of Columbus' landing.

"The 400th anniversary of the event, however, inspired the first official Columbus Day holiday in the United States. In 1892, President Benjamin Harrison, married to the President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Caroline Scott Harrison, issued a proclamation urging Americans to mark the day.

"The public responded enthusiastically, organizing school programs, plays, and community festivities across the country.

"The Pledge of Allegiance was especially written by Francis Bellamy to be recited by the school children of America on that day."

From the Library of Congress

Labor unrest hits California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Labor disputes roiled Southern California, leaving hundreds of thousands of commuters stranded, grocery shoppers inconvenienced and county jails and courts threatened with closure.

The strike by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority entered its second day today, stalling the nation's third-largest mass-transit system. Some 2,000 MTA mechanics walked out, with an additional 6,000 bus drivers and clerks honoring their picket lines.

"I'm just stranded," said commuter David Strattling, 59, who made it to Union Station on Tuesday on a bus line not affected by the strike before realizing he couldn't go any farther. "I won't be able to go to work today."

Meanwhile, 70,000 grocery clerks from three chains — Kroger Co.'s Ralphs, Safeway Inc.'s Vons and Albertsons Inc. — began their fourth day on the picket lines in Southern and Central California today with no sign of a new contract.

In another dispute, 219 out of the 343 Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies who provide security at jails called in sick this morning to protest stalled labor talks, said deputy Bill Spear, a sheriff's spokesman. The deputies have had sporadic sickouts over the past three weeks, forcing officials to curtail some court activities.

The transit and grocery clerks strikes could deal a blow to the ailing California economy. Jack Kyser, chief economist for the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp., estimated the transit strike could cost $4 million a day while the toll from the supermarket walkout could reach $6.3 million a day in lost wages.

"Those in both disputes are digging in their heels. And the common thread here is health benefits," Kyser said.

The grocery clerks' strike was forcing consumers to shop elsewhere or cross picket lines at more than 850 supermarkets from San Luis Obispo to San Diego. The chains have coped by bringing in replacement workers and scaling back operating hours.

More than a dozen transit lines, including Metrolink commuter rail and various regional bus lines, were operating as scheduled. But the half-million people estimated to use the MTA's train and bus system every day had to scramble for alternatives to get to work, school or other destinations.

The freeways were more jammed than usual. Some drivers took advantage of the situation by offering to provide rides for more than $20.

Access Services, a nonprofit company funded by the MTA, faced extra demand for its fleet of 484 vehicles, said executive director Alan Cantrell. The company provides transportation for people covered by the Americans With Disabilities Act, including people who are blind or deaf.

"Our phone services are



FIRST PLACE ROCKERS – First place in the White Buffalo 50s dance contest was won by a duo whose ages only add up to 20. Winners were Meagan Smith, 11, and Christian Nichols, 9. Four other couples entered the event. (Contributed Photo)

HISD board okays budget changes for campus work

Hermleigh ISD trustees approved a $6,000 budget amendment for campus beautification projects during Tuesday night's board meeting.

The board also gave Supt. Marvin Beaty permission to enter into a contract for Bill Baldwin to demolish the old storage building located across the street from the campus.

Beaty also said the board authorized the purchase of sea containers to be used for storage.

The enrollment report was approved and it was noted that 153 students are attending school this year, compared to last year's average of around 108.

"That's a good number for us," said Beaty, referring to the increase in the number of students.

Trustees also approved the site-based team with principal Clarence Spieker serving as chairman. Members are Susan Rosson, Brenda Kuss, Joyce Fuqua, Ernie Kariainn, Lucy Garcia and Candy Jones.

Also approved was a stipend schedule for employees helping in the various construction projects on the campus.

"We've got some talented individuals who can help with the work and in the process, save the district some money on costs," said Beaty.

Beaty also reported that bids are expected to go out soon on renovations at the gym.

ASK US

Q—Will CADA hold its annual Trick-or-Treat on the square this Halloween?

A—No. Due to the road construction, CADA officials have cancelled this year's event.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Misty Brown...

... is a certified pharmacy technician for United Supermarketsand is married to Jason Brown who works for CRMWD. She has two sons and two stepsons — Colter, a second grader attending Stanfield Elementary; Justin, three years old; Chance, 5; and Blake, 2. Misty is a 1997 graduate of Hermleigh High School and has lived in Snyder since 1994. She enjoys spending time with her kids and tending to her horses.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A mediocre idea that generates enthusiasm will go further than a geat idea that inspires no one.

—Mary Kay Ash

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Women's Bible study

Beth Moore's Bible study, *A Woman's Heart*, will start at 6:30 this evening at Trinity United Methodist Church with Sandra Woodward and Ellie Dryden as leaders. The book costs $13.95. For more information, call 573-3988. Everyone is welcome.

Missions conference

Calvary Baptist Church, 2405 35th, will host a missions conference today through Sunday. Guests will include Bruce Garner from Mexico, Josh Warneke from Fiji, Jerry Abbott from Hungary and Jeremy Brann, church planter in Marble Falls. The featured speaker will be Mike Haley, pastor of Hallmark Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Services today and Thursday are at 7 p.m. The missions banquet is at 7 p.m. Saturday. Sunday services are 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, and 10:50 for worship.

Eastern Star

Snyder chapter #450 Order of Eastern Star will have its stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. All members are encouraged to attend.

Church of God revival

Church of God, 21st and Ave. O, will conduct a revival today through Saturday at 7 p.m. On Sunday services are 9:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Central parenting seminar

"An Apple a Day is Not Enough: Helping Children Stay Healthy" is the title of the second in a series of parenting seminars sponsored by Central Elementary. Chris Bane, SISD nurse, is the presenter. All parents are invited to the 1:30 p.m. meeting Thursday in Room 5 at Central. Childcare will be provided in the cafeteria.

Volleyball booster club

The SHS volleyball booster club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the gym. All parents of volleyball players are asked to attend to plan a fundraising dinner plus the banquet.

Literary evening

Literary evening at the Scurry County Library, will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday. Jean Everett and Jo Ashley will present a program about personalities who shaped America, including the Southwest. Everyone is invited.

Chili supper

The SHS boys basketball booster club will host a chili supper from 5-7 p.m. Friday in the SHS cafeteria prior to the Merkel football game. Tickets are $5 and be purchased from any SHS basketball player or at the door. Take-outs will be available.

Horseback riding club

Anyone interested in joining a horseback riding club is invited to an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Friday at 1368 Smith Ave. (north on Clairemont hwy)

MAWC sets style show

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have a style show Saturday at the clubhouse. Chico's of Lubbock will show fall and holiday fashions. A luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased by calling 573-3427, 573-6443 or 573-5586.

Snyder missionaries to speak

Charlie and Pat Reynolds, Snyder missionaries to the police in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, will speak at Trinity United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Marriage conference

The fall marriage conference, *Love, Romance and Sex: It's All God's Idea*, will be simulcast Oct. 24-25 at East Side Church of Christ. Colonial Hill Baptist is co-sponsoring. Friday times are from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday times are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 per couple. Reserve by calling 573-3583. Childcare will be available.

Fall Festival of Fun

The Fall Festival of Fun for birth through 6th graders is set from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Games, concession and door prizes are planned. Requested donation, one bag of candy.

Lord's Acre

First United Methodist Church's Lord's Acre is planned for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at the coliseum. Booths open at 11 a.m. and a barbecue lunch will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m. Activities and games for children are planned. Everyone is welcome.

Used eyeglasses needed

The Snyder and WTC Lions Clubs, in partnership with the local post office, will pick up used eyeglasses from mailboxes on Friday, Oct. 31. Eyeglasses should be bagged and hung on mailbox.

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.

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 begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31.

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.

United Way packets

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

SJHS yearbooks

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

Study: Artificial sun tanning can hurt skin

WASHINGTON (AP) — Regularly baking to a golden tan under sun lamps can increase the risk of malignant melanoma, a sometimes fatal skin cancer, and the younger a woman starts the greater the risk, a study says.

The study, which analyzed the lifestyles and melanoma risks for women between the ages of 30 and 50, found what the researchers said was the strongest evidence yet that artificial sun tanning can be dangerous to healthy skin.

Melanoma risk is highest among fair-skinned people in Australia, New Zealand, Europe and North America. Since the 1950s, the rate of the skin cancer has tripled in Norway and Sweden, where light skin is common. About 50,000 cases of melanoma are diagnosed annually in the United States and about 7,500 people die of the disease each year, according to American Academy of Dermatology officials.

In the study, appearing this week in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, an international group of researchers analyzed data from the Women's Lifestyle and Health Cohort Study in Norway and Sweden. In 1991 and 1992, 106,379 women completed extensive questionnaires about their exposure to sunlight and to artificial tanning. In 1999, the researchers rechecked the women's cancer status using the national health registries in Norway and Sweden.

The researchers found 187 cases of malignant melanoma diagnosed among the study group during the eight-year follow-up period.

They found that women of any age or hair color who regularly visited tanning salons once or more per month increased their chance of developing melanoma by 55 percent.

The risk was highest for young adults. Compared with women who never used a solarium, women who reported using artificial tanning systems once or more per month when they were between the ages of 20 and 29 increased their risk of melanoma by about 150 percent.

"Our results provide stronger evidence than those of other studies that solarium use is associated with an increased risk of melanoma," the authors of the study wrote.

"This is just one of many papers that have suggested a link between indoor tanning and the development of melanoma skin cancer," said Dr. James M. Spencer, vice chairman of dermatology at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York. He said studies have also linked artificial tanning to basal cell and squamous cell carcinoma, two common types of skin cancer.

Spencer said it is well known that ultraviolet light causes skin cancer.

"Whether you get it at the indoor tanning parlor or at the beach, (UV light) is a carcinogen," he said.

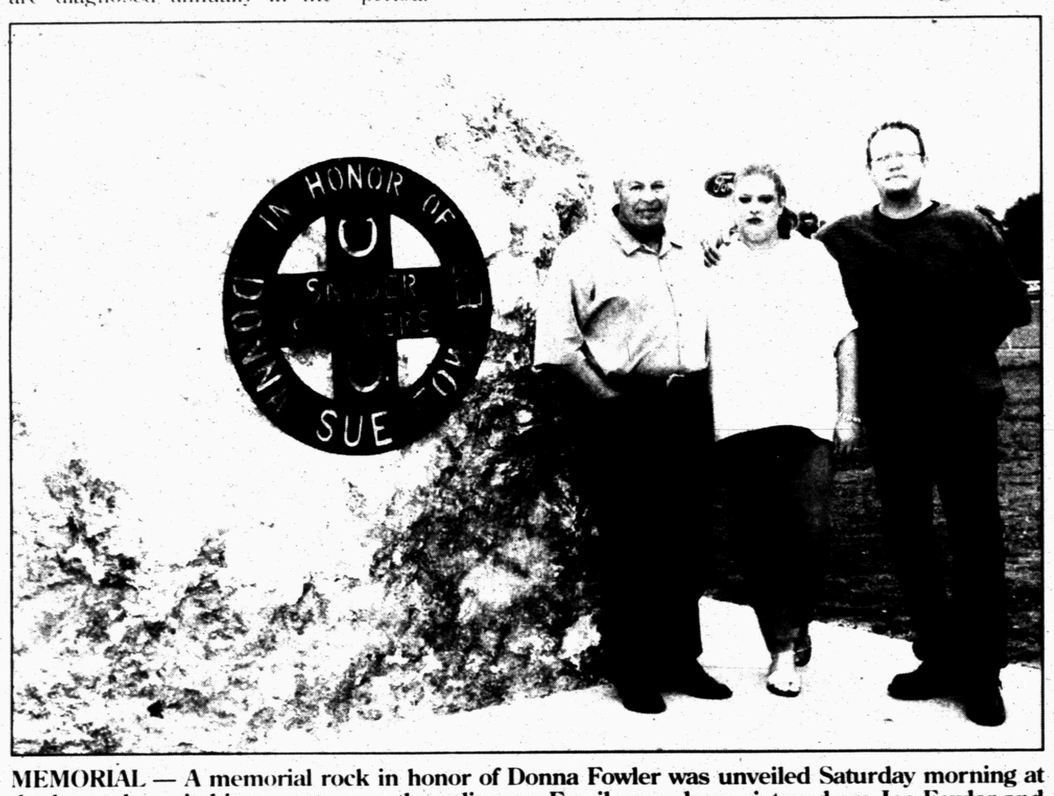
People may have good reasons to work and play in natural sunlight, where they can protect themselves with sun block, Spencer acknowledged. However, "There is no compelling reason to go to a tanning salon," he said. "It is just for a cosmetic tan that fades in a couple of weeks and can cause you a lifetime of trouble."

Melanoma is virtually 100 percent curable as long as it is limited to the skin. If allowed to grow, though, the cancer can penetrate to blood vessels and the lymphatic system and then spread rapidly throughout the body.

"If it spreads to the lymph nodes or to the internal organs, it is time to put your affairs in order," said Spencer. "Once it is spread, there's nothing to do. There are treatments that might buy some time, but that doesn't cure anybody."

The incidence of melanoma has increased rapidly in the last half century, and Spencer, an official with the American Academy of Dermatology, said about 50,000 Americans will be diagnosed with it this year.

In the study, researchers also found that the risk of melanoma from sun exposure was about twice as high for blondes than for women with dark brown or black hair. For red-haired women, the risk was about four times as high, the researchers said.



MEMORIAL — A memorial rock in honor of Donna Fowler was unveiled Saturday morning at the horseshoe pitching courts near the coliseum. Family members pictured are Joe Fowler and Lezli Marvel and her husband, Bucky. The rock came from the edge of the caprock near Fowler's home. Sponsored by the Snyder Slingers, the memorial was a group effort carried out by Grimmett Brothers, Jack's Roadboring, Snyder Concrete, Satellite Direct, Frank Garcia and Bob Jordan. Several community members also donated cash. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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RESULTS

Tuesday's Lottery Numbers

Texas Two Step

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

Winning numbers drawn: 16,20,22,25. Bonus Ball: 8.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: $375,000.

Number matching four of four: 11. Prize: $1,472.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 26. Prize: $76.

Number matching three of four: 1,212. Prize: $22.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 789. Prize: $22.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 5,474. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 9,720. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: $525,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 9-14-26-28-35.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $22,963.

Winning tickets sold in: Sugar Land Stafford.

Matching four of five: 142. Prize: $146.

Matching three of five: 4,648. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 45,407. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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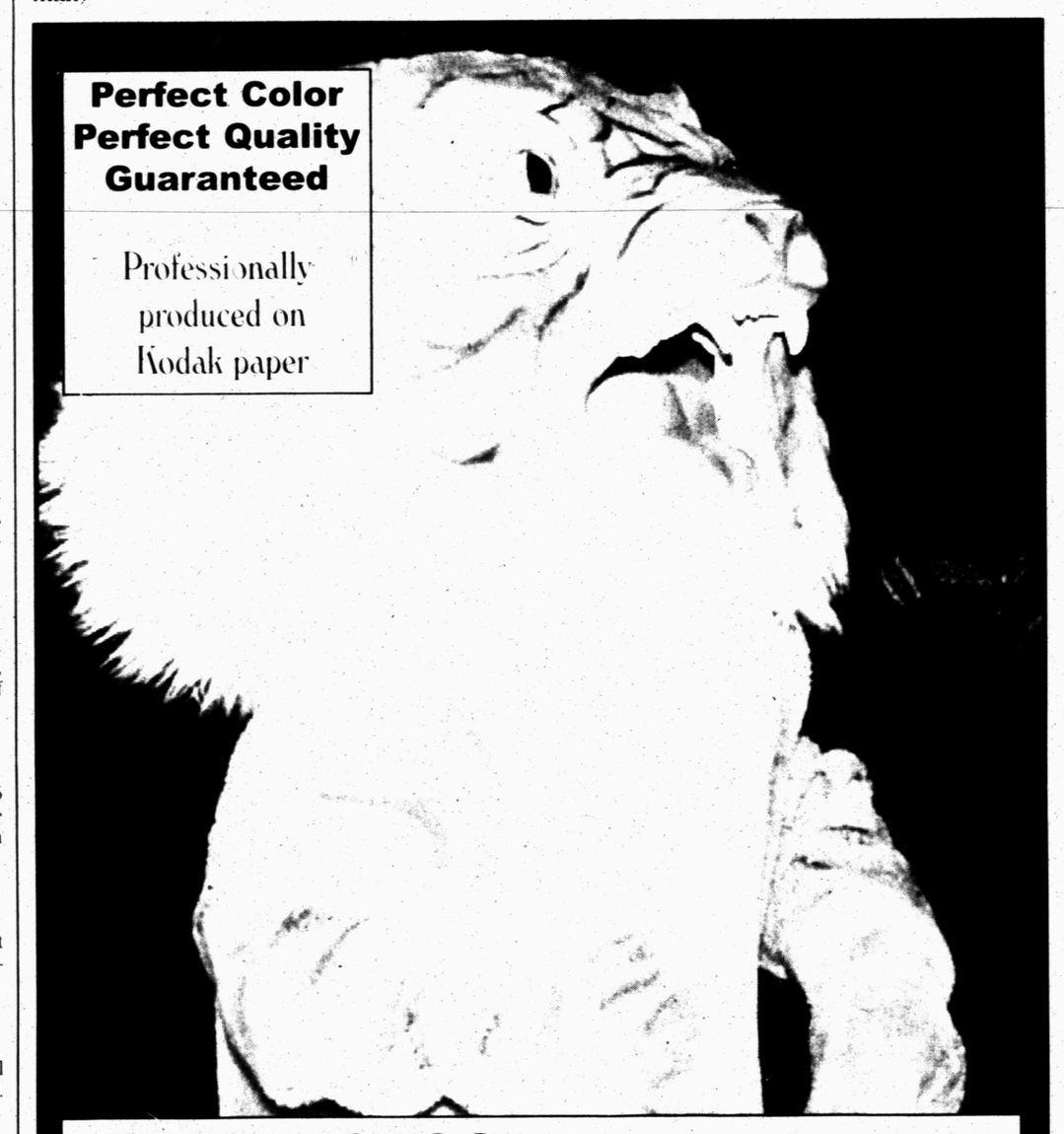
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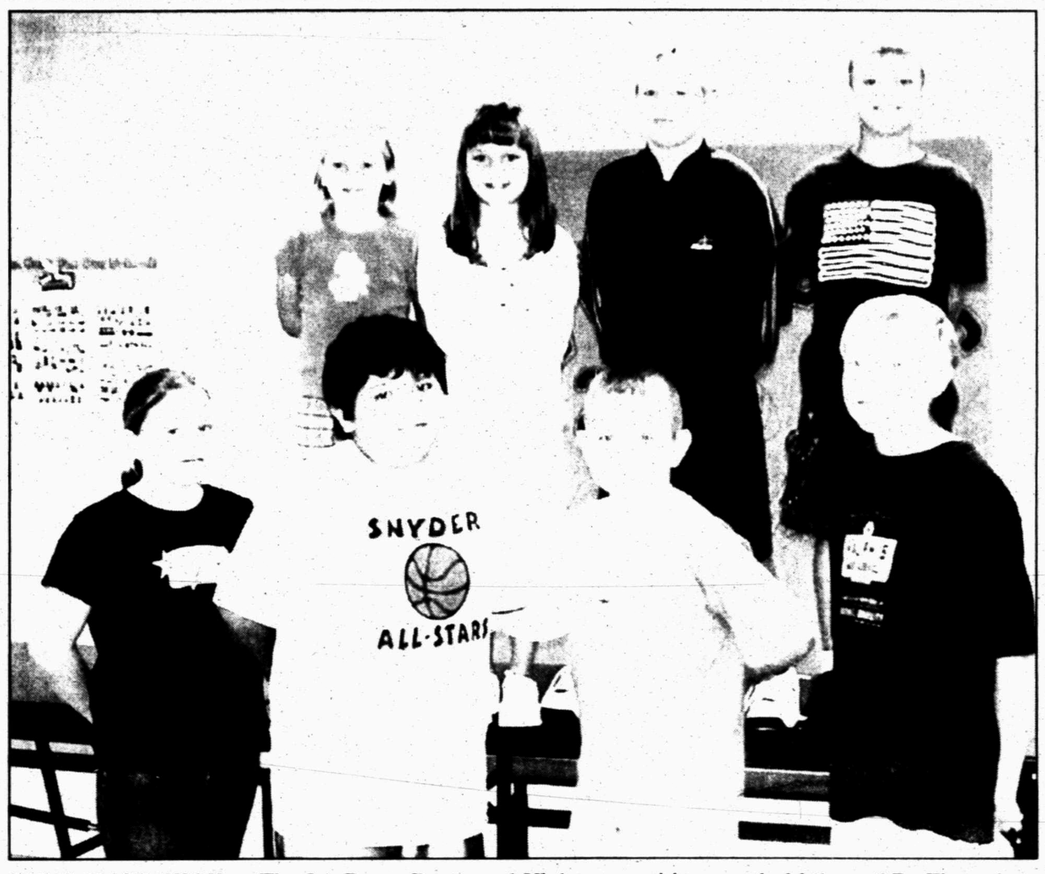
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PUNT, PASS, KICK — The Ira Punt, Pass, and Kick competition was held Sept. 27. First place in each division will compete at the sectional competition Nov. 1 at McMurry University. The top three winners in each division are (top photo, seated) girls ages 12-13: 1st, Rebecca Juarez; boys ages 14-15: 1st, Andy Rivera; 2nd, Gil Shafer; 3rd, Jon Beaird; (standing) boys ages 12-13: 1st, Tony Martini; 2nd, Rey Juarez; and 3rd, Mark Barnes. (bottom photo, front row) girls ages 10-11: 1st, Taylor Autry; boys ages 10-11: 1st, Steven Juarez; 2nd, Trea Fontenot; and 3rd, Kylor Fine; (back row) girls Ages 8-9: 1st, Hope Fontenot; 2nd, Morgan Jones; boys ages 8-9: 1st, Kolton Cox; 2nd, Kurt Shafer; (not pictured, 3rd, Tanner Cooley). (Contributed Photos)

Judge refuses to delay Nichols' bombing trial

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A judge on Tuesday refused to delay the state's murder trial against Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols despite claims that the federal government is not cooperating in making witnesses available to defense attorneys.

But District Judge Steven Taylor issued a Feb. 13 deadline for the government to make witnesses available for interviews, saying the delay was jeopardizing Nichols' right to a fair trial.

"At what point do the problems presented by the federal government become the state's problem and my problem in guaranteeing Mr. Nichols a fair trial?" Taylor asked in a pre-trial hearing.

The judge's comments renewed complaints he had made in a written order last week chiding the government about the availability of witnesses. The trial begins March 1.

Brian Hermanson, Nichols' attorney, had argued that dismissal of the case would be the fairest option. "If this had been any other case, I would have interviewed these witnesses years ago," he said.

Oklahoma County District Attorney Wes Lane sent a letter to Attorney General John Ashcroft last week, saying the judge has become "visibly frustrated" and could decide to throw out the case or prohibit the use of the death penalty.

"It is the unfortunate circumstance that the state finds itself in the position of having fought for several years to bring this case to trial — and to finally be on the very eve of the trial — only to find that the federal government can hamstring our prosecution by its refusal to cooperate," Lane wrote.

U.S. Attorney Robert McCampbell said the government has misgivings over the intentions of Nichols' attorneys.

Date Book

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2003

Today is the 288th day of 2003 and the 23rd day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1917, Mata Hari, a famous courtesan, was executed by the French on charges of spying for the Germans.

On this day in 1951, "I Love Lucy," starring Lucile Ball and her husband, Desi Arnaz, made its television debut.

On this day in 1990, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev won the Nobel Peace Prize for helping to end the Cold War.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900), philosopher; P.G. Wodehouse (1881-1975), writer; Arthur Schlesinger (1917-), historian, is 86; Mario Puzo (1920-1999), writer; Lee Iacocca (1924-), auto executive, is 79; Penny Marshall (1945-), director, is 58.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1923, the New York Yankees won their first world championship by defeating the New York Giants.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Righteousness is easy in retrospect." — Arthur Schlesinger

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Oct. 10) and last quarter (Oct. 18)

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Mom fears adult daughter is hiding under her baby blanket

DEAR ABBY: My 25-year-old daughter, "Beth," still carries around the teddy bear and baby blanket she's had since she was a child. Out they come whenever she travels on vacation or visits relatives. She even took them with her when she went away to college. I often wondered what her boyfriends thought.

I don't want to hurt my daughter's feelings, Abby, but I think it represents her refusal to grow up. After seven years of college, Beth still lives with me and has only a part-time job. What is your take on this? — **BEARING IT ALL IN BALTIMORE**

DEAR BEARING IT ALL: The bear and the blanket give her a feeling of security. Counseling could help her understand why she needs those tangible symbols. If she's not getting what she wants out of life, you would be doing Beth a favor to encourage her to get it.

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DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Willing to Trust Again in Tulsa" was right on. Several years ago, I was known for picking "loser" boyfriends. "Sam" hit me daily. "Gene" was married, unwilling to divorce his wife, from whom he had been separated for seven years, and broke, broke, br ke! He begged me to loan him $70,000 to get out of debt. Fortunately, I was smarter than that, and never wasted a dime on him — just five years of my life.

After that, I decided I needed to take a break from men and "find myself." I sought therapy and learned why I was choosing losers. Even more important, I learned how to never feel lonely, even though I lived alone. I am an attractive woman, 37 years old, who is unattached by choice. I love men, and if the right one comes along, I'm sure I'll commit. However, for now, it's nice to be able to take off on a trip at a moment's notice, spend my own money on what I please, and do basically anything I want because I have no one to whom I must account.

"Willing" needs to learn to love herself first before she and "the right kind of man" can enter into a loving, healthy relationship. — **HAPPILY UNATTACHED IN HOUSTON**

DEAR HAPPILY UNATTACHED: Thank you for sharing your success story. You went from choosing losers to being a winner. For people who cannot afford therapy, taking a break, stepping back from a destructive situation and analyzing one's mistakes can be very helpful. That's the way people learn.

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DEAR ABBY: The three-question self-test you advised readers to give themselves before spreading rumor or gossip is reminiscent of Rotary International's Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

(1) Is it the truth?
(2) Is it fair to all concerned?
(3) Will it build good will and better friendships?
(4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Asking ourselves these questions before we inflict verbal venom on our brothers and sisters makes us better and more fair-minded human beings. — **BRUCE FRASSINELLI, OSWEGO, N.Y.**

DEAR BRUCE: I agree. And in this time of political divisiveness and turmoil — with mud-slinging, labeling and name calling being done both nationally and locally — Rotary's Self-Test should be applied before anyone in the public arena opens his (or her) mouth.

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Birth defects center will open in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — A new research center at a university hospital will be the nation's first dedicated solely to preventing and seeking cures for birth defects.

The center, at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, was created with $1 million from the March of Dimes and $2 million in private donations.

It will be led by Dr. Deepak Srivastava, a Dallas pediatric cardiologist, and Carole Mendelson, a professor of biochemistry, obstetrics and gynecology, March of Dimes and school officials said Tuesday.

"We see these children, we treat them, we do the best we can, but we have very little understanding of why they actually got a birth defect," Srivastava said.

Srivastava's research on birth defects as well as a longstanding relationship between the March of Dimes and the university weighed heavily in the decision to put the center in Dallas, said Jennifer Howse, March of Dimes president.

Today's chuckle

Rowdy deer invades kids clothing store

LINDEN, N.J. (AP) — The Planet Kidz clothing store just had one tough customer: A rowdy deer.

The full-grown, antlered buck wandered in, then wandered around Monday for more than an hour, showing its appreciation for the merchandise by knocking down shelves and trampling clothes.



A few customers were inside, but they quickly left and no one was hurt, said head manager Joseph Velelis.

He said he tried to calm the deer down by talking to it, but the animal panicked and charged toward the back of the store.

At one point, the deer, which weighed between 160 and 180 pounds, approached a full-length mirror and apparently thinking its reflection was another deer, jumped into the mirror front hooves first.

Linden authorities contacted the closest emergency unit with a tranquilizer gun, a Staten Island-based NYPD team.

Team members fired three tranquilizer darts, and the officers were able to subdue the animal and carry it out.

The deer was taken to the Linden animal shelter and was expected to be returned to the woods once the tranquilizers wore off.

The 10,000-square-foot Planet Kidz store is in a shopping center near a 26-acre forest.

A Union County wildlife official said deer often get confused during this time of year, which is the height of mating season.

"They kind of get disoriented," said Karen Invillo, assistant director of the county's Trailside Nature Science Center.

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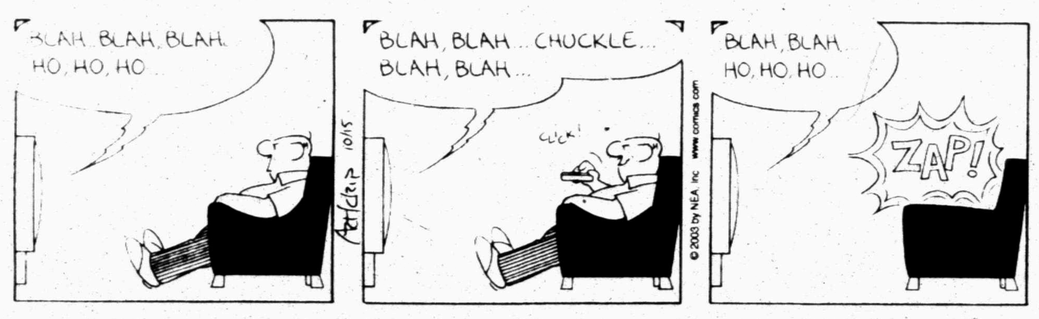
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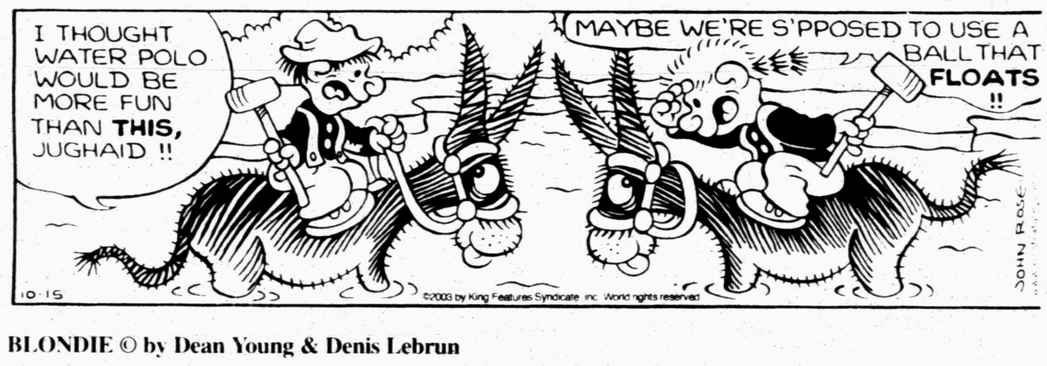
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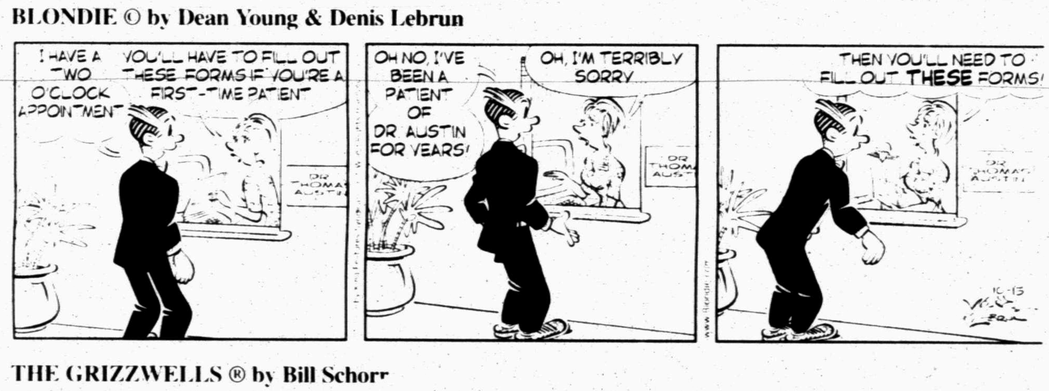
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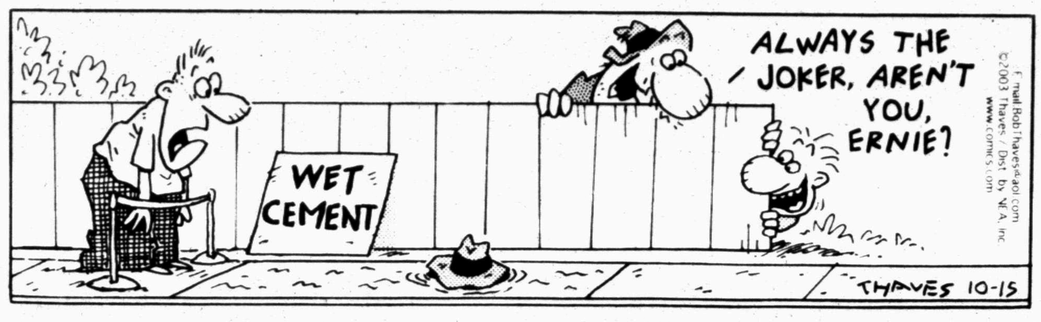
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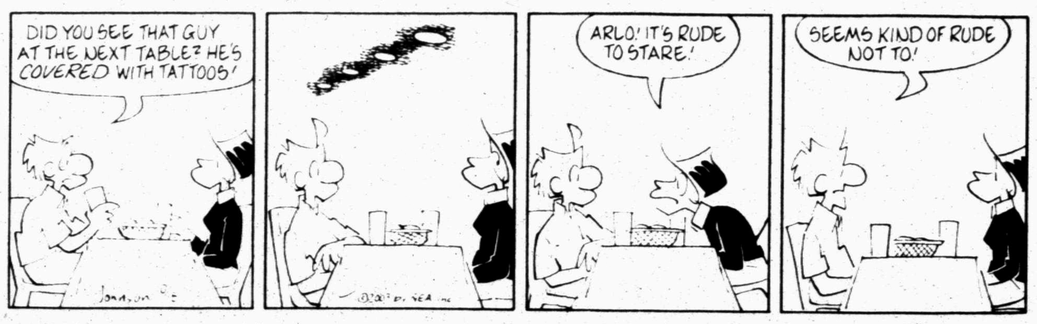
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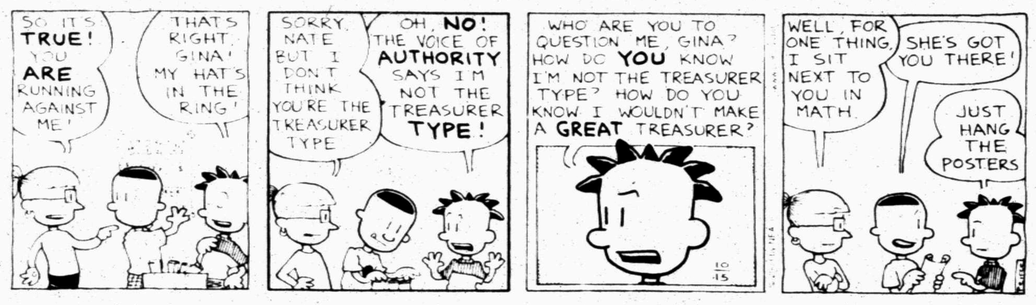
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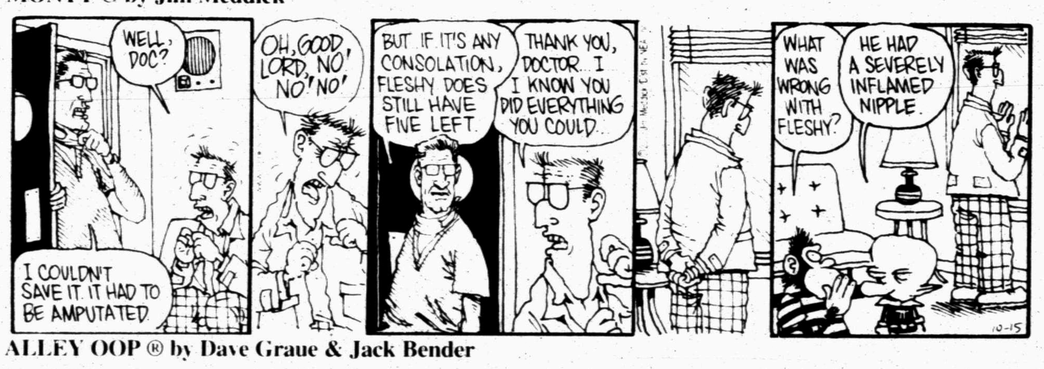
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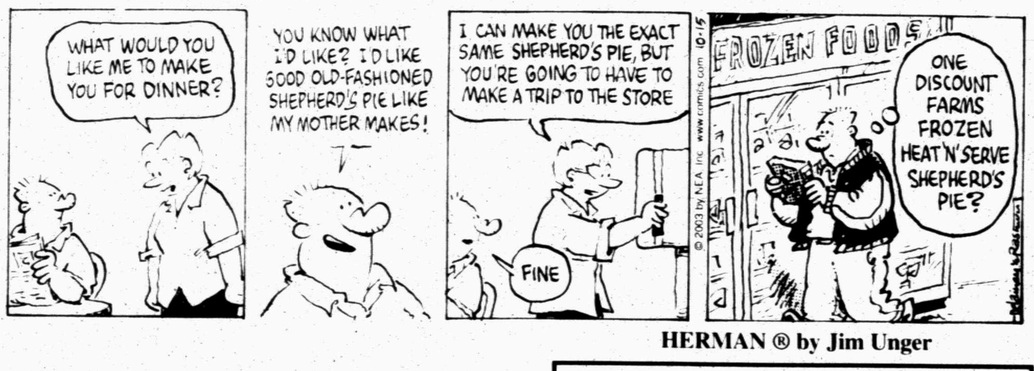
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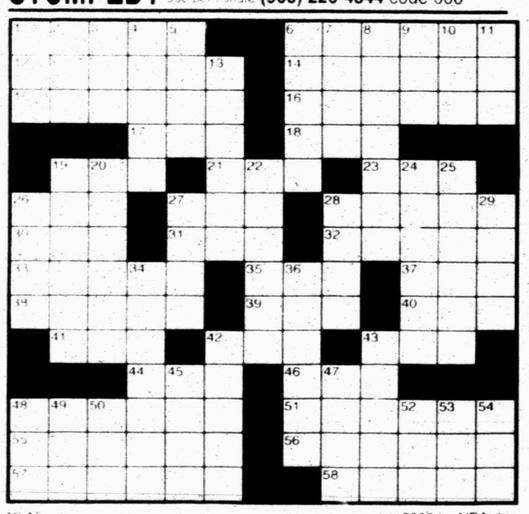
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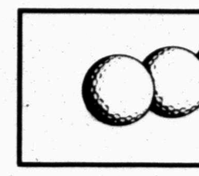
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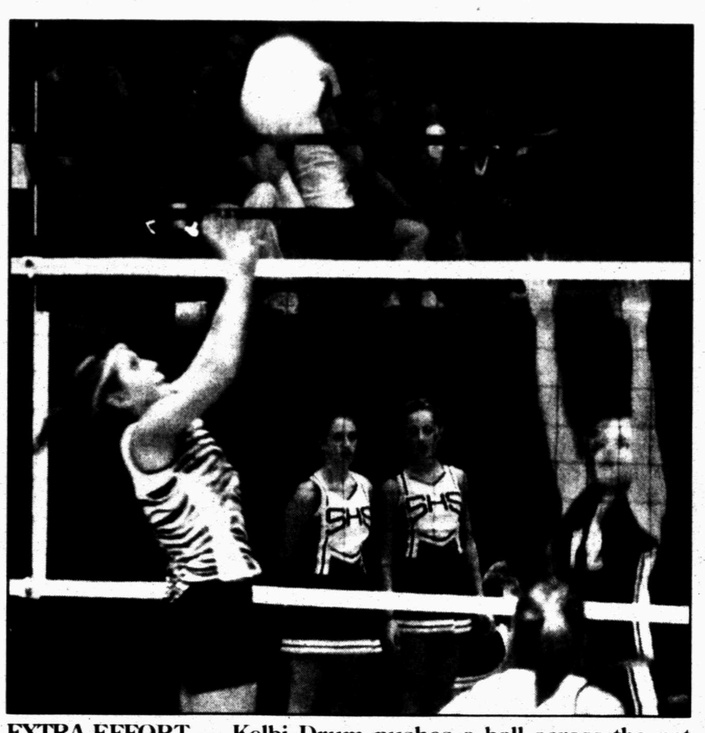
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SPORTS



EXTRA EFFORT — Kelbi Drum pushes a ball across the net during a volley with Seminole Tuesday. The Lady Tigers lost a three-game match 21-25, 23-25 and 22-25 (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers hang tough, fall shy against Seminole

The Lady Tigers clawed their way through three tight games Tuesday, ultimately losing all three and the match to the Seminole Maidens, 21-25, 23-25 and 22-25, in district volleyball action.

"We were right there all along," head coach Laura Moses said. "We were decent all the way through, but we just couldn't finish it. It was real close, it could have gone either way."

The teams battled neck and neck throughout the match. In game two, Snyder (3-5) and Seminole (6-3) traded the lead six times before the Maidens used a late run to close out the contest.

The Lady Tigers trailed, 20-16, in the final game, before server Beth Clements came in and delivered three consecutive aces to bring the team to within one point.

The teams dueled at the net, with Sarah Crawford, Emily Jones and Teddi Crenwelge countering the size and blocking abilities of Seminole's Stacy Fitzhugh and Ashley Brown.

"Their big blockers didn't really hurt us," Moses said.

Crawford negated the blocking at the net, recording seven kills and three blocks of her own.

Kelbi Drum also posted seven kills, adding 18 digs and eight assists in an all-around performance.

Sophomore Teddi Crenwelge tallied 10 assists and 10 digs, while Kelsi Johnson had 11 points and 12 digs.

Clements and Missy Vasquez each added nine service points.

The Lady Tigers have four matches left in the regular season, and must contend with the top team in the district when Denver City rolls into town Saturday.

Denver City is 28-2 on the season, and undefeated (9-0) in district play.

"It's going to be tough, but we aren't giving up," Moses said. "We're at home, and we'll see what we can do."

The junior varsity pulled out a nail-biter in the third game Tuesday, winning 28-26 after splitting the first two games of the match, 25-20 and 17-25, to improve its record to 12-15 and 5-2 in district play.

"We played hard, but the mistake bug almost got us," coach Darren Pool said. "All the girls continue to contribute."

Pool noted the solid play of Heather Zajicek, Wendy Reed, Jessica Taylor, Jaycee Beccue and Morgan Bilderback as keys to the win.

The junior varsity will battle Denver City at 1 p.m. Saturday, while the varsity gets underway at 2 p.m.

Top SHS seeds defeat Andrews

Andra Dunham and Stephanie Williams accounted for three of Snyder's five wins Tuesday, as the Tigers fell to Andrews, 14-5, in team tennis.

Dunham cruised to a straight set, 6-3, 6-3, triumph over Andrews' top girl, Laci Lawrence.

Williams needed three sets to get past number two player Tricia Dolloff, 5-7, 7-6, 6-4, while the duo teamed up to dispatch Lawrence and Dolloff in girls doubles, 6-0, 6-2.

Boys top seed Tanner Reed bore down after dropping the first set to stop Andrews number one Dustin Ipson, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Freshman Wesley Price won the other match for Snyder, upending Michael Deveza, 6-4, 6-4.

The tennis team will host Sweetwater at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Sports Briefs

Baseball/softball booster club meeting

The baseball and softball booster clubs will meet at 7 tonight in the film room to discuss plans for the cow chip bingo at Meet the Tigers.

Basketball chili supper

The SHS boys basketball booster club will hold its annual chili supper Friday before the Snyder-Merkel football game from 5-7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Cost is $5 per person.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is queen of the hill.

Schmidt takes over Philly farm team

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt was hired to manage the Philadelphia Phillies' single-A team in Clearwater, Fla. This will be the first managerial job for the 54-year-old former third baseman.

NFL fines Sapp for verbal abuse of officials

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The NFL fined Tampa Bay defensive lineman Warren Sapp $50,000 for mistreating officials. Sapp hasn't decided if he'll appeal. NFL director of game operations Peter Hadhazy issued the fine after reviewing Sapp's conduct in three games.

Before last Sunday's game against Washington, Sapp bumped into an official as he entered the field during pregame warmups. In two earlier games this year, the NFL said Sapp used excessively abusive language to officials.

Game 7 tonight...

Cubs collapse in 8th after fan steals out from Alou

CHICAGO (AP) — Moises Alou, Alex Gonzalez and the Chicago Cubs had it right in their hands — the ball, the game and a trip to the World Series.

And then it all slipped away, and left the Wrigley Field crowd blaming one of its own.

In a startling eighth-inning turnaround, the Florida Marlins took advantage of Alou's run-in with a fan on a fly ball and an error by Gonzalez to score eight runs for an 8-3 victory Tuesday night, sending the NL championship series to a Game 7.

"Hopefully, he won't have to regret it for the rest of his life," Alou said of the fan.

Mark Prior, Sammy Sosa and the Cubs cruised into the eighth with a 3-0 lead, set to end their 58-year absence from the World Series. At that point, it was almost as if the baseball gods woke up and realized these were the Cubs.

What followed was a sudden collapse that would rival anything in the Cubs' puzzling, painful past — and the emergence of baseball's most infamous fan since Jeffrey Maier.

A 26-year-old wearing a Cubs hat prevented Alou from catching Luis Castillo's ball down the left-field line.

"When it happened, Mark Redman said to me, 'Let's make this fan famous,'" Florida's Derrek Lee said.

They did.

Given the last-gasp chance, the Marlins broke loose. That's about when security decided to escort the fan out. He threw a jacket over his face for protection, but not before other fans hurled beers in his direction.

"You cost us the World Series!" one fan yelled at him.

Marlins manager Jack McKeon disagreed.

"I don't know about the fan robbing them," he said. "I don't think that was the turning point of the game."

But he might've been the only person in the ballpark who felt that way.

Now, after the Marlins' second straight win in the series, it goes down to tonight. Ace Kerry Wood will pitch for Chicago, while the Marlins will go with Redman.

Home teams have won 12 of the last 13 times a baseball postseason series went to Game 7. Anaheim did it last year, winning the World Series against a San Francisco team guided by Dusty Baker, now the Cubs' manager.

"It has nothing to do with the curse," Baker insisted after this loss. "It has to do with fan interference and a very uncharacteristic error by Gonzalez. History has nothing to do with this game, nothing."

When it comes to bouncing back from tough losses in October, it's a mixed bag.

The Giants lost last year after blowing a late lead in Game 6 in Anaheim. Arizona recovered from two awful defeats to beat the Yankees in 2001. Boston lost after the Bill Buckner game in 1986.

The eighth inning at Wrigley began easily enough, with a routine flyout to Alou. But Juan Pierre doubled, and sheer disaster followed.

Castillo lifted a fly down the line and Alou ran toward the brick wall, ready to do anything it took to make the catch.

Instead, the fan reached up for the ball — not over the wall, though — and deflected the ball away.

"I timed it perfectly, I jumped perfectly," Alou said. "I'm almost 100 percent that I had a clean shot to catch the ball. All of a sudden, there's a hand on my glove."

Left-field umpire Mike Everitt correctly ruled no interference. Unlike the 12-year-old Maier in the 1996 ALCS at Yankee Stadium, this fan did not reach over a wall.

"The ball was in the stands. It was clear," Everitt said. "I just zeroed in on the ball, and it was an easy call."

Alou slammed his glove in anger, and many fans in the crowd of 39,577 booed and began to pelt the fan with debris.

"The ball was in the stands, the umpire saw that," McKeon said. "I didn't think there was any interference."

Chicago fire fighter Pat Looney was seated next to the fan, whose identity was not released, and said there was no misconduct.

"It looked like it was out of play. Don't blame him," Looney said. "I should've pushed him out of the way. If I saw Alou coming, I would have.

"He wasn't leaning over. He was behind the rail," he said.

Alou had calmed down when the game ended.

"At the time, I was real upset," he said. "But at same time, I kind of feel bad for the guy now, because every fan in every ballpark, their first reaction is they want a souvenir. Nobody's going to think about the outcome of the game."

With another opportunity, Castillo walked, and the crowd sensed trouble brewing. Ivan Rodriguez hit an RBI single and Miguel Cabrera followed with a grounder to Gonzalez that the sure-handed shortstop simply dropped for an error that loaded the bases.

"For whatever reason, I didn't catch the ball," Gonzalez said. "It seemed like the spin on the ball ate me up. I didn't think it would get to me that fast."

Lee hit a two-run double that tied it and Prior was pulled. Kyle Farnsworth came in and intentionally walked Mike Lowell to load the bases, and with the crowd sitting in stunned silence and Prior blankly staring, Jeff Conine hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly.

Mike Mordecai broke it open with a three-run double off the wall in left-center, his shot hitting near a splash of red-and-orange ivy, and Pierre added an RBI single.

Chad Fox got the win and Prior took the loss.

Yanks inch closer to pennant

BOSTON (AP) — Let the Curse countdown begin.

Unless the Red Sox can rally and get past Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens, the heartache will linger on.

"We never get overconfident," Derek Jeter said after David Wells pitched New York to a 4-2 victory Tuesday that gave the Yankees a 3-2 lead in the AL championship series.

Pettitte's 12 postseason wins are one behind record-holder John Smoltz, and he evened the best-of-seven series last week when New York was in danger of falling behind 0-2.

"Everything I've done in the past isn't going to help," said Pettitte, set to start Game 6 tonight.

Wells pushed Boston to the brink of another empty autumn, working his way out of trouble to limit the Red Sox to one run and four hits in seven innings.

"I live for this time," the 40-year-old left-hander said. "I live for being the guy to go out there and be the one on the mound, try to make things happen, try to shut the other team down because I'm not afraid to fail."

Wells is the biggest Babe Ruth fan on the Yankees — six years ago he wore a 1934 Ruth cap for an inning against Cleveland.

Does the Boomer think the Curse of the Bambino is fact or fiction?

"I believe in it," he said. "That's just my opinion."

Boston hopes Game 6 starter John Burkett — 0-6 against New York in regular-season play — can get past Pettitte at Yankee Stadium tonight and allow Pedro Martinez to face Clemens again the following night.

Still in the minds of the Red Sox is the first-round win over Oakland, when Boston lost the first two games, then won three in a row.

"The clock is ticking on us right now," Red Sox manager Grady Little said. "This isn't something we've never been through before. We were through this about a week ago."

Karim Garcia, who cut a knuckle Saturday in a bullpen scuffle with a member of Boston's grounds crew, was inserted into New York's lineup just before gametime and hit a two-run single in the second.

David Dellucci originally was slated to start in right field, but Yankees manager Joe Torre told Garcia he was in the lineup after watching him in batting practice.

Alfonso Soriano followed Garcia's hit with an RBI single — it was the first time either team scored as many as three runs in an inning during the series — and later made a fantastic backflip to Jeter that helped stifle a Boston rally. Hideki Matsui added a run-scoring grounder in the eighth.

8th Gold tops Mustangs

The eighth-grade Gold gridders rode a pair of long touchdown runs by Ryan Claxton to a 30-6 victory over Sweetwater.

Claxton galloped for scores of 76 and 50 yards, and Brooks Gafford hauled in a 45-yard touchdown pass from Dustin Murdock.

Blaine Knipe knifed his way in from 15-yards out to add another touchdown. Brent Bollinger converted two two-point tries, and Claxton added another.

"This was a big win for us. It opens up our district schedule with a positive as well as giving us a win over Sweetwater," coach Reagan Key said. "As a coach, I got tingles watching our kids celebrate after the game. We now need to stay focused on the task at hand, which is winning out."

The seventh-grade Black team used a pair of scores from Ben Gutierrez to comeback and top the seventh-grade Mustangs, 14-6.

Gutierrez scored on runs of 15 and 20 yards and added a two-point conversion, as the team rallied from a halftime deficit.

"The kids did a great job after halftime to come back and win, both offensively and defensively," coach Brock Rumfield said.

The seventh-grade Gold squad fell to Sweetwater, 28-12. Jesse Conner hit Patrick Meighen on an 8-yard scoring pass, and Chase Arrendale bolted into the end zone from 50-yards out for the other score.

The junior high will host Merkel at 5 p.m. Thursday.

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Vancouver	2	1	0	0	4	9	4
Colorado	1	1	0	0	2	6	2
Edmonton	1	2	0	0	2	5	6
Minnesota	1	2	0	0	2	7	7

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Youngest and smallest robotic surgery patient now recovering

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Tiny robotic surgical equipment was made even tinier to handle the youngest and smallest patient yet to be treated using the technology: a 5-day-old, 8-pound boy who had a cyst pressing against his lung.

David Dornbusch underwent the surgery a week ago at Blank Children's Hospital and was sent home five days later, doctors said Tuesday. The surgery to remove the cyst required just four incisions, each about the size of a dime.

"It's just like little cat scratches that are healing on their own. He didn't even need stitches," said David's mother, Colette Evans, 20, of Des Moines.

David's surgery demonstrates that the technology can be successfully used on babies, said pediatric surgeon Dr. Michael Irish, a neonatal specialist who conducted the procedure using a da Vinci robotic surgical system. The surgery required the designers of the system to shrink the scope that carries the camera inside the body from 8 millimeters wide to 5 millimeters.

"Now we know we can do this," Irish said. "It helps advance us to the next stage."

Prior to David's surgery, the youngest patient to undergo robotic surgery was 4 months old, and the smallest weighed just under 15 pounds. Both had surgery at Blank.

In May, a 6-pound baby underwent surgery at a Tennessee hospital using a robotic surgical system in conjunction with more traditional laparoscopic surgery, Irish said. In laparoscopy, doctors also perform surgery through small incisions, but they control the instruments used more directly than they do in robotic surgery.

The robotic system allows doctors to see inside the body in three dimensions and operate using tiny precision instruments that they can maneuver by moving their hands in a more natural way than they can in laparoscopy. Minimally invasive operations generally allow patients to recover faster and with less pain and scarring.

The cyst first appeared as a shadow on an ultrasound when Evans was about 20 weeks into her pregnancy. The cyst had been pushing on David's left lung and an airway, and also threatened his heart, doctors said.

The $1 million da Vinci system, made by California-based Intuitive Surgical Inc., is controlled by a surgeon who sits in front of a console to maneuver the three arms of a 6-foot robot hanging over the patient.

Form letters from soldiers in Iraq raising eyebrows

SEATTLE (AP) — In the past month, newspapers across the country have received letters signed by U.S. soldiers with overwhelmingly positive descriptions of their work in Iraq.

But the messages home, published in at least 11 papers, were form letters written by the command staff for the 2nd Battalion of the 503rd Airborne Infantry Regiment, then signed by the soldiers.

The Pentagon said Tuesday that the Army battalion, which is in Kirkuk, Iraq, should not have sent the letters and that it has been told not to do so again.

The form letters were discovered by Gannett News Service after they were mailed to newspapers in the troops' hometowns.

The Olympian newspaper in Olympia, Wash., first became concerned last month when it received two letters — identical except for the signatures — a few days apart, Managing Editor Jerry Wakefield said Tuesday.

"After nearly five months here, the people still come running from their homes, into the 110 degrees (sic) heat, waving to us as our troops drive by on daily patrols of the city," the letters read.

"There is very little trash in the streets, many more people in the markets and shops and children have returned to school. ... This is all evidence, that the work we are doing is bettering the lives of Kirkuk's citizens."

The Olympian set the first letter aside because it had difficulties confirming its origins. It declined to publish the second because it has a policy of not publishing form letters.

"They don't necessarily represent the original thoughts of the person who's signing them," Wakefield said.

The Olympian, a Gannett newspaper, forwarded the letters to Gannett News Service, which discovered that at least 11 newspapers, including The Boston Globe, had published the letters.

The letters come at a time when the Bush administration is trying to counter criticism of the war amid reports of Iraqi resistance and U.S. casualties.

But the commander of the 2nd Battalion said Monday that the letter writing campaign was all his idea and had nothing to do with higher-level efforts.

"It gave our soldiers an opportunity to let their respective hometowns know what they are accomplishing here in Kirkuk," Lt. Col. Dominic Caraccilo wrote in an e-mail to ABC News.

Woman says she was forced to rob bank

DENVER (AP) — A woman told police she was forced to rob the bank where she worked after a man kidnapped her on her lunch break Tuesday and made her carry a package he said contained a bomb.

The woman was released unharmed after the man fled with the stolen money. She was interviewed and released by police.

"There's absolutely no reason to believe she's anything else but a victim in this case," said Susan Medina, a spokeswoman for police in suburban Arvada, where the robbery occurred.

The 49-year-old woman, whose name was not released, told police the man kidnapped her from a restaurant and threatened to blow up the package if she didn't rob a Compass Bank branch.

The purported bomb was left inside the bank. A bomb squad determined it was not an explosive.

The robbery was similar to bank jobs in March and August in Longmont, about 20 miles north of Arvada. In both cases, a man threatened to detonate a bomb, later found to be a fake, while having someone else rob a bank. No arrests have been made.

In August, a man in Erie, Pa., told police he had been forced to rob a bank by a man who locked a bomb around his neck. The bomb exploded a short time later, killing him.

Medina wouldn't say how much money was taken in Tuesday's robbery, and bank officials declined to comment.

The robber fled in the woman's car, which was recovered nearby. Because he never entered the bank, officers have no surveillance video of him.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 10-15-03
♠ 10 5 4
♥ K 9
♦ J
♣ K J 8 6 4 3 2

West
♠ 8
♥ J 10 5
♦ 10 9 8 6 5 4 2
♣ A Q

East
♠ A K Q 9 6 2
♥ 3
♦ 7 3
♣ 10 9 7 5

South
♠ J 7 3
♥ A Q 8 7 6 4 2
♦ A K Q
♣

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
			2 ♠
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 8

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2003

A mixed bag of mixed topics

By Phillip Alder

Many bridge players get the urge to write a book. Few succumb, but occasionally something appears from an "unknown" author. One such book is "Don't Be a Dummy" by New Yorker Elliot Sternlicht (Xlibris, 2003). The book's subtitle is almost as long as the work itself: how to bid, defend and declare a bridge hand like an expert.

There are nine chapters, each ending with a quiz. But there are flaws. First, the complexity of the material varies considerably. Also, the number of pages devoted to the three disciplines is uneven. There are 133 pages on intermediate-level bidding. Then come 36 pages covering six advanced (and, in five cases, uncommon) declarer-play topics. Next, one gets 78 pages on intermediate and advanced defense. Finally, there are 11 "Great Bridge Hands."

Here is a terrific defense found by Howard Schenken, one of our greatest-ever players, who died in 1979. He was sitting West, looking at his hand and North's (the dummy). Against four hearts, Schenken led his singleton spade. His partner won with the queen and cashed the spade ace. How did Schenken plan the defense?

Two spades was a weak two-bid, promising a decent six-card suit and some 6-10 high-card points.

Schenken realized that he had two discards to make, on the spade ace and king. So, rather than rely on the declarer's having a club, Schenken shed the queen and ace of clubs! East's club shift at trick four promoted a trump trick for Schenken.

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AndarkPtr	42.72	42.22	42.25	— .20
ATMOS Egy	24.80	24.55	24.62	— .15
Aviall	13.97	13.75	13.91	— .07
BP PLC	44.33	43.91	44.01	— .16
BakerHughes	30.61	29.99	30.11	— .49
Bank of Amer	82.75	81.59	81.90	— .60
BellSouth	23.84	23.49	23.70	+ .11
BurlNoSFe	29.65	29.43	29.51	— .20
Caterpillar	77.99	77.03	77.70	+ .83
CenterPoint	9.83	9.51	9.53	— .30
ChevronTex	75.00	74.44	74.54	— .45
Citigroup	49.12	48.43	48.75	— .25
CocaCola	45.52	45.05	45.42	+ .87
ColgatePal	58.72	58.14	58.50	+ .24
CmclMetals	21.84	21.54	21.77	— .04
ConocoPhill	58.30	57.94	57.98	— .05
Cooper Inds	51.74	51.14	51.71	+ .66
DaimlrChry	37.73	37.26	37.54	+ .42
DeltaAirl	14.02	13.64	13.65	— .09
Dillards Inc	16.55	16.26	16.40	— .18
DowChem	34.90	34.61	34.83	+ .20
DuPont	40.48	40.03	40.17	— .22
EastmanChem	33.64	33.03	33.16	+ .96
EstKodak	23.15	22.87	22.98	+ .10
EDS Corp	22.35	21.80	21.97	
Entergy	54.10	53.60	53.70	— .35
ExxonMobil	38.90	38.51	38.61	— .13
FootLocker	17.50	17.02	17.26	— .22
GenDynam	85.90	83.71	85.74	+ .67
GenElec	29.98	28.96	29.00	— .29
GenMills	45.00	44.70	44.75	— .12
GenMotors	45.21	43.33	43.37	— .60
GaPacific	26.40	26.01	26.04	— .06
Goodrich	26.95	26.65	26.76	+ .13
Goodyear	7.20	7.04	7.09	— .01
GtAtlPac	7.87	7.63	7.73	— .07
Halliburtn	24.40	24.15	24.19	— .19
Hanson PLC	36.05	35.78	35.96	+ .26
HarteHanks	19.35	19.12	19.23	
HomeDepot	35.85	35.43	35.79	+ .46
HoneywellIntl	29.39	29.11	29.34	+ .30
IBM	93.97	93.20	93.58	+ .86
IntlPaper	39.69	39.41	39.49	+ .18
JohnsonJr	51.35	50.30	50.60	— .30
KinderMorg	58.50	57.19	57.24	+ .28
Kroger Co	19.40	18.80	18.84	— .12
LockheedM	46.24	45.77	46.09	— .14
Lowes Cos	58.50	57.60	58.00	— .47
Lubys	2.48	2.45	2.47	— .01
LucentTech	2.39	2.32	2.35	
MarathonOil	30.34	30.08	30.13	— .15
MayDeptStr	27.59	27.20	27.33	— .15
Medtronic	46.25	45.33	45.72	+ .62
Motorola	14.00	13.47	13.54	+ .02
NCR Corp	35.06	34.60	34.86	— .09
Navistar	41.53	40.83	41.53	+ .80
PNM Rescs	28.36	28.08	28.19	— .19
Penney JC	24.85	24.54	24.64	+ .17
PepBoys	18.64	18.15	18.45	+ .07
PepsiCo	48.48	47.85	47.95	— .64
PhelpDodge	57.10	56.40	56.57	+ .66
PilgrmPrd B	13.29	13.01	13.18	— .11
Praxair	67.47	66.87	67.04	+ .06
ProctGamb	95.85	95.40	95.65	— .34
RadioShack	30.30	29.85	30.11	
RoyalDut	46.90	46.56	46.66	— .14
SBC Comm	21.50	21.16	21.24	— .16
SaraLee	19.23	19.08	19.23	+ .17
Scripps EW	92.88	90.68	91.56	— 1.32
SearsRoeb	51.79	51.15	51.54	+ .45
SherwinW	32.31	31.89	31.90	— .33
SouthernCo	29.61	29.22	29.25	— .35
SwstAirl	18.95	18.60	18.75	+ .05
SprintFON	15.79	15.42	15.65	— .04
SprintPCS	5.84	5.71	5.79	+ .08
Sunoco Inc	42.44	41.95	41.95	— .50
TXU Corp	23.13	22.77	22.93	— .16
TempleInland	50.55	49.88	49.96	— .36
TexInd	27.99	27.65	27.99	+ .53
TexasInst	26.60	25.77	25.94	+ .10
Textron	46.75	45.85	46.64	+ .90
TrinityInds	26.46	26.01	26.21	+ .04
TylerTech	7.75	7.35	7.53	— .17
UnionPacif	58.35	57.82	57.82	— .31
USSteel	21.29	20.85	20.90	+ .24
UnitedTech	84.28	83.51	83.76	— .50
Unocal	31.91	31.65	31.69	— .22
VerizonComm	32.29	31.42	31.71	+ .21
WalMart	59.34	58.65	59.04	— .29
WellsFargo	55.28	54.81	55.06	— .11
WstnGasRs	41.55	41.32	41.45	+ .03
WinnDixie	8.40	8.26	8.32	— .07
Xerox Cp	11.20	10.99	11.12	+ .10
YumBrands	32.70	32.40	32.49	— .13

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Quick Tip of the Month
Core No More

[illegible] time of year for [illegible] leave the [illegible] added fiber and color. [illegible] work of coring your [illegible] two kitchen

- **Apple Corer Wedger.** Use this [illegible] core and separate [illegible] You also can buy [illegible]
- **Melon Baller.** Slice your apple [illegible] and quickly remove [illegible] each half with this

An Apple A Day

[illegible] benefits of apples and [illegible] were first recorded [illegible] medieval times, giving [illegible] English saying "Ate an [illegible] to bed makes the [illegible] bread" and its more [illegible], "An apple a day [illegible] doctor away." Apples' [illegible] have received con- [illegible] and interest recently, [illegible] publication of several [illegible] apple nutrients to an [illegible] of health benefits.

Apple Guide

Braeburn

[illegible] originated in New [illegible] early 1960s, as a [illegible] with Lady Hamilton [illegible] as possible par- [illegible] grown in the United [illegible] Braeburns a multipurpose [illegible] for all types of apple uses. [illegible] ranges from orange to red [illegible] yellow background. This [illegible] apple has a rich, spicy- [illegible] U.S. Braeburns are [illegible] beginning in October [illegible].

Cameo

[illegible] apple with an old-world [illegible] discovered as a chance [illegible] late 1980s in Wash- [illegible] Cameo makes its [illegible] beginning in [illegible] red stripes over a [illegible] background. Extra- [illegible] sweet-tart taste. This apple resists browning, making it a natural choice for salads and fruit trays. Cooks, please note that Cameo's extra-denseness takes a bit longer to cook. Cameo is a registered trademark of the Cameo Association.

Cortland

This variety originated in the late 1890s in New York state, a cross between McIntosh and Ben Davis developed at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. Sweeter than its McIntosh parent, with only a hint o f tartness, Cortland has tender, snow white flesh that resists browning, making it an excellent choice for salads, kabobs and garnishes. The Cortland is available September through April.

Empire

Empires premiered in 1966 in the Empire State of New York, a cross between Red Delicious and McIntosh developed by the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. This crisp, juicy apple has a delightful sweet-tart flavor and creamy white flesh, making it a good all-purpose apple. Stake out your Empire between September and July.

Fuji

Originally developed in Japan in the late 1930s and named after the famous Mt. Fuji, U.S.-grown Fujis began appearing in markets in the 1980s. Fuji is a cross between Ralls Janet and Red Delicious. This variety's popularity is skyrocketing, thanks to its sweet flavor and firmness. Fuji apples are bi-colored, typically striped with yellow and red. They are available year round, beginning in September.

Gala

This variety originated in New Zealand, a cross between Kidd's Orange Red and Golden Delicious. The Royal Gala strain was named in honor Queen Elizabeth II, who deemed it her favorite during a visit to New Zealand. It was brought to the United States in the early 1970s, and is now one of the country's most popular apples. This crispy, juicy, very sweet apple is ideal for snacking. Galas can vary in color, from cream to red-and yellow-striped. U.S.-grown Galas are harvested beginning in mid-July, and are typically available year-round.

Ginger Gold

A Virginia grower discovered this apple sprouting amid the ruins of a hurricane-devastated orchard in the late 1960s, and named this greenish-gold, sweet-tart apple after his sweetheart. Its parentage includes Albemarle Pippin, a favorite apple of Thomas Jefferson. This early-season Eastern apple is great for salads, and cooks well too. Available in limited but growing supplies starting in mid-October.

Golden Delicious

This old favorite was discovered as a chance seedling in 1890 in Clay County, W. Va., and was originally named Mullin's Yellow Seedling. Renamed in 1916, its parents are thought to be Golden Reinette and Grimes Golden. Goldens have a pale yellow skin, sometimes with a red blush. Mellow and sweet, all-purpose Goldens are great for eating out of hand, baking and salads. Golden's crisp, pale yellow flesh resists browning, making it a good choice for salads and other dishes. Goldens appear on the market in September, and are available year-round. Cooks, note that you can reduce the amount of added sugar when making pies with Goldens.

Granny Smith

This Australian native was discovered in 1868 as a chance seedling by "Granny" Anne Smith of Ryde, New South Wales. One parent might have been a French Crab Apple. Grannys are known for their distinctive green flesh, which sometimes bears a red blush, and their very tart flavor. An all-purpose apple, Grannys work equally well as a snack or in pies and sauce. U.S. Grannys are harvested beginning in August, and are available year-round.

Continued next week

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Aging Deer On-the-Hoof

Harvesting deer at the right age is an important aspect of trophy deer management according to Dr. Byron Wright, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist.

"There are three aspects to antler development in white-tailed deer," he said. "genetics, nutrition and age.

"Age is crucial for developing quality antlers and must be considered right along with nutrition and genetics.

A lot of people are concentrating on genetics these days when many would be better off improving their deer habitat and letting their bucks get a little older. I really think most hunters would be happy with the results of letting their bucks mature on good habitat before harvesting them.

Wright said research and experience has shown scientists that bucks reach their peak antler growth between 5 and 7 years old.

"I often hear folks claim their biggest bucks are over 7 years old," said Wright. "This may be true with penned deer living under optimum conditions, but I question whether it's valid in wild deer. If some of the biggest bucks being harvested really are over 7 years of age, what percentage of the deer 8 and 9 years old do they represent?

If 80-90 percent of the bucks 8 and 9 years old have declined in antler quality, then it is pretty dicey business to manage for the 10-20 percent comprising this very small age class."

Wright believes more research should be done before concrete statements are made about post-mature bucks growing the biggest antlers in the wild

"Irrespective of the 8-9 year old controversy, bucks have to be at least 5 years old to grow their biggest antlers," said the specialist. "Being able to estimate a buck's age before harvest is vitally important in a trophy management program. Aging deer on-the-hoof is more art than science. A person needs to look at a lot of known-age animals to get the feel for the process. Aging deer means looking at many different characteristics and making your best educated guess.

Factors like individual animal variation, health, breeding stage, observer bias and geographic area all influence an animal's appearance. There is a lot of variation among animals that leads to mistakes when judging the age of deer, especially when an animal shows characteristics from multiple age classes."

Wright said figuring a deer's exact age is difficult and unnecessary. What is really important in his opinion, is being able to place the deer in one of three major categories: young, middle aged and old.

He considers yearlings and 2 year-old deer young; 3-4 years old, middle aged and 5-7 years as old.

Young deer have: **1)** long legs; **2)** long, thin necks; **3)** high flanks, **4)** rumps higher than their shoulders and **5)** an overall slim, dainty appearance.

Middle-aged deer have: **1)** thick, muscular necks; **2)** necks that swell from the shoulders; **3)** heavily-muscled rounded hindquarters; **4)** bellies that are full, but not sagging; **5)** legs that no longer appear long and gangly; and 6) flat backs that do not sway.

Old deer have **1)** swayed backs; **2)** "pot-bellies;" **3)** very heavy necks and shoulders; **4)** necks that blend into their chests; **5)** short or stubby-appearing legs; and **6)** "squinty-eyes".

"Allowing the bucks on your hunting lease to grow up will pay dividends later on," said Wright. "Hunters interested in trophy deer management should hone their skills to increase their odds of making accurate judgements about age.

"My 'on-the-hoof' aging suggestions are simply guidelines. Mistakes are going to be made when judging a deer's age. We just have to learn from those mistakes and while we keep practicing."

Test Your Deer IQ

With deer season fast approaching, consider what you really know about deer. See how you fare with the following quiz. Answers are at the end (but, don't peek!).

1. How many permanent teeth should an adult deer have?
(a) 24 **(b)** 32 **(c)** 36 **(d)** 38

2. Where would you look on a buck to find its vomeronasal organ?
(a) base of eye **(b)** between its hooves **(c)** scrotum **(d)** roof of its mouth

3. White-tailed and mule deer will interbreed, and the resulting cross is fertile.

True or False

4. How many teats does a doe have?
(a) none **(b)** two **(c)** four **(d)** six

5. How many parts are there to a deer's stomach?
(a) just one **(b)** two **(c)** three **(d)** four

6. Which of the following structures is responsible for the "eyeshine" of a deer when a spotlight illuminates a deer at night?
(a) fovea centralis **(b)** pineal gland **(c)** tapetum **(d)** glandus reflectorus **(e)** Q-beamus detectus

7. What is the gestation period in white-tailed deer?
(a) 205 days **(b)** 240 days **(c)** 280 days **(d)** 310 days

8. The metatarsal gland in deer is located about midway between the hoof and the hock on the outside of the leg. What is its function?
(a) alarm notification **(b)** signals deer's status in the herd (c) produces pheromones involved with the "rut" **(d)** the function is unknown

9. About how many deer are estimated to live in Texas?
(a) 200,000 head (b) 800,000 head
(c) 1.8 million head **(d)** 4 million head

10. Which of the following woody plant species provides the most desirable browse for white-tailed deer in Texas?
(a) hackberry **(b)** shinoak **(c)** liveoak **(d)** blueberry cedar

Answers: 1. b 2. d 3. True 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. d 9. d 10. a

?Weather Whys?

Topic: Weather and Aches and Pains

Q: Can the weather affect how you feel?

A: For certain people, the answer is definitely yes, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University. "Many people have said they can tell a change in the weather is about to happen because their joints or muscles start to ache," adds Odins.

"This is likely due to a change in the barometric pressure, which often happens before a thunderstorm or in advance of a cold front.

"Damp weather is often associated with a low pressure system. A decrease in the air pressure decreases the tension in some large blood vessels, meaning they tend to expand. When this happens, it tends to lead to increased discomfort in joints and muscles.

"Also, we know that very rapid changes in temperature and humidity can make some people say they feel 'stiff and achy.' Many people who have arthritis say their joints are definitely affected by weather changes."

Q: So can any weather change be a health problem?

A: Probably so, Odins adds. "Some people like rainy days, which can bring muscle misery to others and even breathing trouble, and some people may enjoy cool, dry days, which can also bring aches and pains for some people, including increased sniffing.

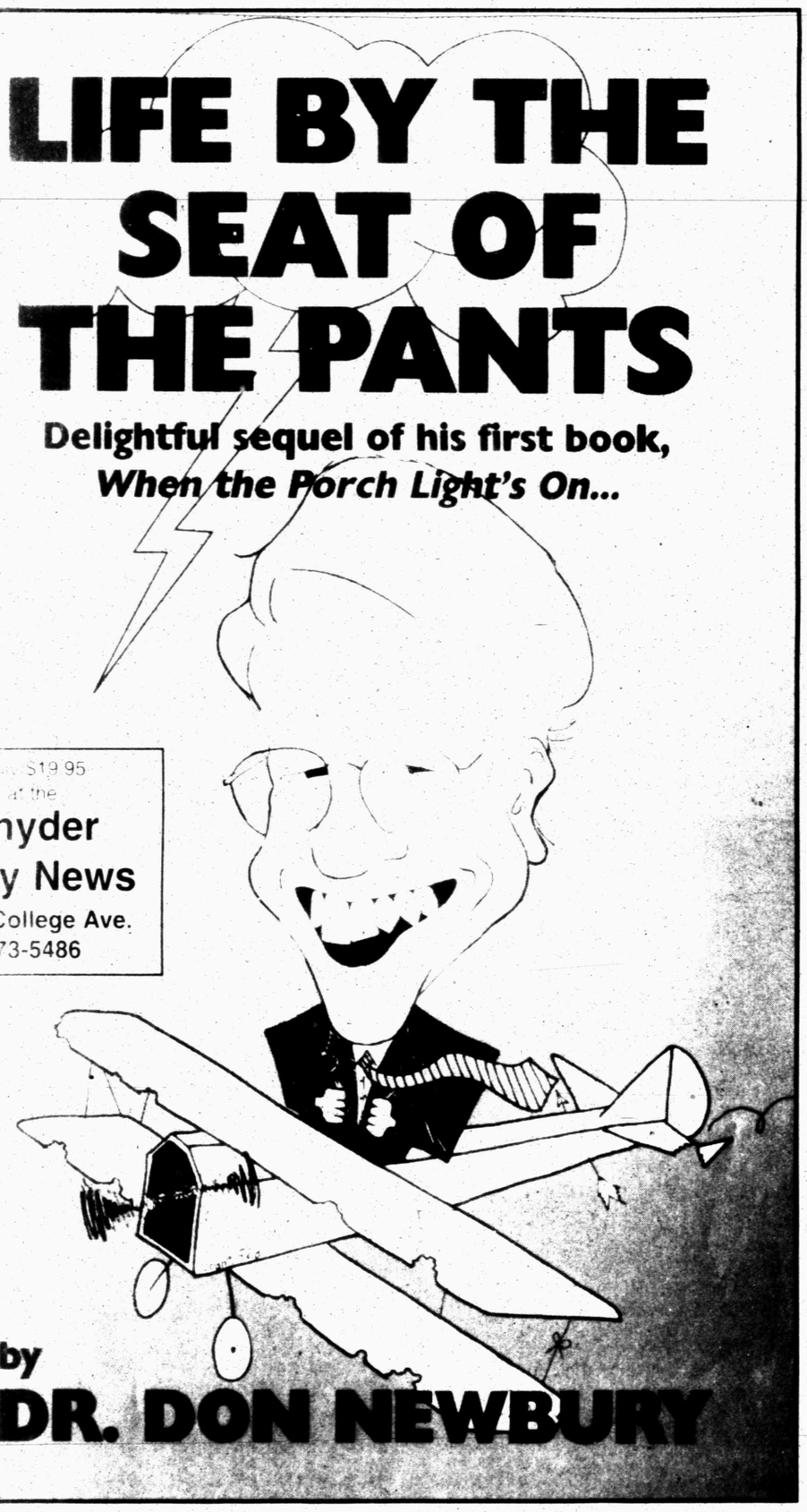
"The affects of weather on human health have not been the subject of much research," says Odins. "But since it appears almost certain weather can and does affect how we feel, a relatively new field has emerged, called biometeorology — the study of how weather affects our bodies.

"One German study shows that as much as 25 percent of the human population is 'weather sensitive,' meaning weather changes tend to worsen some pre-existing health conditions. Even headaches are being investigated — some researchers say migraine headaches are linked to sudden weather changes."

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WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (200,604 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	10-13-02	10-6-03	10-13-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	16.21	17.93	18.33
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	16,252	19,572	20,404
PERCENT FULL	8.10	9.76	10.17
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (517,262 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	10-13-02	10-6-03	10-13-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	38.92	41.02	41.25
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	38,603	44,806	45,518
PERCENT FULL	7.46	8.66	8.80
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.30	2.60

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	10-13-02	10-6-03	10-13-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	27.64	25.56	27.10
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	212,551	192,745	207,243
PERCENT FULL	38.34	34.77	37.39
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	4.14

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY
	10-13-02	10-6-03	10-13-03
	9-30-03	10-7-03	10-7-03
BIG SPRING	4,208,571	3,820,000	5,050,000
ODESSA	19,596,143	15,242,429	18,497,000
SNYDER	2,187,714	1,666,857	1,988,000
MIDLAND	23,603,143	17,543,271	21,173,000
SAN ANGELO	13,901,429	11,885,857	14,992,000
STANTON	335,857	285,000	355,000

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



More on end-of-life issues

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a recently retired nurse with 30 years of experience. I agree totally with the nurse who wrote to you complaining about those physicians who cannot accept that a patient has a right to a natural and progressive death experience, with medical caretakers providing information, support and comfort measures.

My own mother died at 84 after a massive heart attack that caused irreparable damage. Her physician at first refused to honor her request to be taken off life support measures that were keeping her (barely) alive. She was ready to go and demanded to be allowed to do so with her family present. However, we had to meet repeatedly with her doctor to insist that her wishes be honored. Finally, he agreed. She lived for a day and quietly died alert, lucid and pain-free. She finally was in control of her life.

Although her physician had good intentions, it was his goal, not hers, that he focused on. The philosophy of "life at any cost" is not always appropriate. Doctors must take patients' wishes into account.

DEAR READER: You are, of course, correct. We physicians must pay close attention to patients' requests and desires, and look at the whole person, not just the disease.

I have received many letters from health professionals about this topic. They universally echo your sentiments. I believe that doctors have to take this issue more seriously and I encourage patients and their families to maintain an aggressive stand on this problem. Patients' rights must not be lost in the shuffle of papers and lab results.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My Mexican friend was diagnosed with tuberculosis. Is it contagious?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt. And this is what makes it such a serious public health menace. Travelers to (or immigrants from) Third World countries may be unknowingly infected, and bring the disease to the United States.

Tuberculosis, or TB, is primarily a lung infection, spread by water droplets (breathing and coughing) from an infected person.

After several years of declining prevalence, TB is once again on the rise. Most significant is that up to 20 percent of cases are resistant to antimicrobial therapy.

Consequently, TB is rapidly becoming a major public health problem. You and any individuals who came into contact with the infected person should be tested for TB. This can be done by skin tests. Ask you doctor about this.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I get herpes blisters whenever I have an upset stomach or am in the sun too long. Some years ago, my doctor gave me a series of 6 gamma globulin shots over a 6-week period to get rid of the blisters. Then I had an annual booster. I've recently seen a new doctor who doesn't know what dosage to attempt. Do you?

DEAR READER: Gamma globulin is no longer used to treat herpes blisters. Rather, antiviral drugs, such as Zovirax or Famvir, are more effective, especially when taken at the earliest sign of infection. Ask your doctor for a prescription.

(Gamma globulin, a blood product that contains a variety of antibody proteins, is now used in people with certain immune deficiencies.)

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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

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003

Several goals you've long wanted to reach might finally be realized in the year ahead. Once the opportunity to do so opens up, it'll be your persistence and hard work that will finally turn the trick.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Once you set your mind on any a definite target today, your chances for getting what you pursue will be excellent. Determination coupled with optimism is what makes this possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your sincere appreciation for others, regardless of their station in life, makes you a big hit today with your peers. They'll realize you're not criticizing or judging any of their shortcomings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Even though the end results may not be as perfect as the entire clan might like, a matter that affects your whole family looks like it is going to be finalized to everyone's satisfaction today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your ability to get everybody pulling together for a common cause will be one of your better assets today — and they'll like you more for it because their cooperation makes them look good.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Aim for objectives today that are a bit bigger and more meaningful than your customary targets. Your skills and productivity are exceptionally strong and can yield larger dividends than usual.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Although you might not start out with the intention of managing events today, circumstances could force you into a leadership role. However, you'll fit comfortably into this assignment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — What is apt to make you more successful than your competitors today is your staying power. Chances are they'll give up when you're just starting to dig in. You'll be the last one standing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Unless you are exceptionally busy today, you could be a bit more restless than usual — with both physical and mental energies just waiting to be expended. Put a lot on your calendar.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't put off any matter that is financially meaningful to you until tomorrow if it can be taken care of today. You're likely to be much luckier in this area now rather than later.

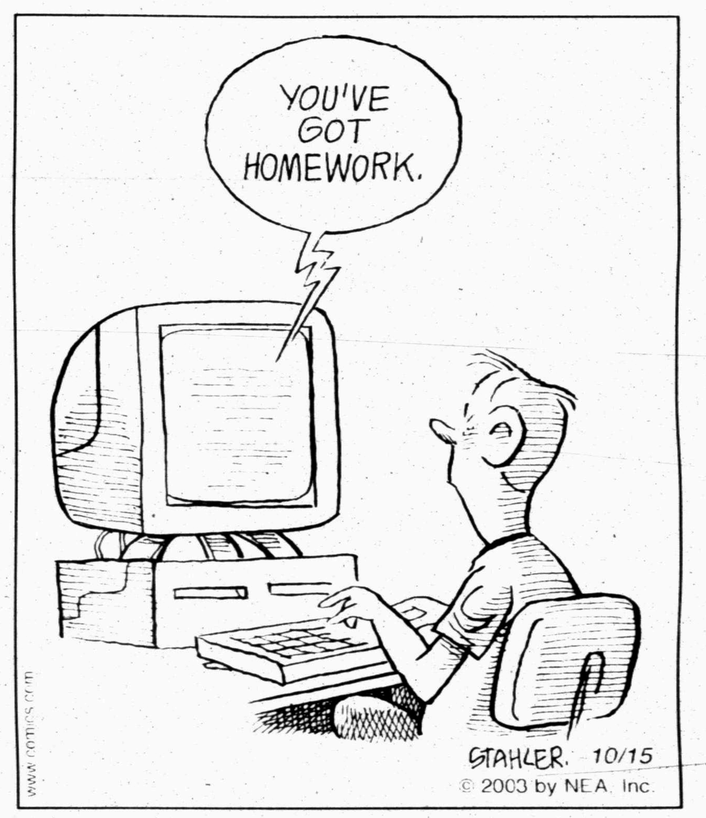
CANCER (June 21-July 22) — What makes you such a dominating force among your peers today is the optimistic, enthusiastic demeanor you display. Pals can't help gravitating to you in hopes of sharing your luck.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Now is the time to work on any investigative or fact-finding project you need to accomplish an important goal. Your analytical faculties are exceptionally keen today and will guide you well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You can't continuously give full attention to all of your friends, so sort out one or two today who you've neglected lately and reinvigorate the relationships. The results will serve you well.

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Jury selection continues in sniper trial

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — Lawyers today began asking potential jurors whether they would be willing to sentence John Allen Muhammad to death if he is convicted of a fatal shooting during last year's sniper spree.

Prospective jurors also will be asked individually about their exposure to pretrial news accounts and whether they felt terrorized by the shootings in metropolitan Washington.

Today's court session began with a 15-minute bench conference on jury-selection issues. Then Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. summoned Juror 62 for one-on-one questioning. Jurors have been assigned a number to protect their privacy.

The juror said she could impose capital punishment for Muhammad if she felt it was warranted and had not formed an opinion on Muhammad's guilt or innocence. The juror also said she could set aside any pretrial publicity about the case because "I expect to hear the truth here."

Prosecutor Paul Ebert said earlier that he hoped to have 12 jurors and three alternates picked by the end of today.

On Tuesday, the 42-year-old Muhammad pleaded innocent to the October 2002 slaying of 53-year-old Dean Harold Meyers as he filled up at a gas station near Manassas.

China launches its 1st manned mission

GOBI DESERT, China (AP) — China's first astronaut carried the hopes of his nation into orbit with him today, promising to do a good job and telling his family far below that the view from space was "extremely splendid."

The apparently flawless launch of the Shenzhou 5 capsule capped a decade-long effort by China's secretive, military-linked space program that communist leaders hope will boost the nation's image abroad.

The rocket carrying Lt. Col. Yang Liwei, a 38-year-old fighter pilot turned astronaut, streaked into a clear blue sky at precisely 9 a.m. (9 p.m. EDT Tuesday) from a Gobi Desert launch pad in China's remote northwest. The government said the capsule entered orbit 10 minutes later.

China Central Television broke into its programming to announce the liftoff, and 28 minutes later broadcast the first gripping scenes of the rocket blasting off. CCTV, which ran stirring music that was strikingly similar to the "Star Wars" theme, said the flight would last 14 orbits and 21 hours.

Shenzhou 5 is scheduled to land on the Inner Mongolian grasslands of northern China at about 6 a.m. Thursday (6 p.m. EDT today). The weather is expected to be clear.

Yang hurtled around the planet for most of today, making a planned orbit shift in midafternoon and stopping work only to rest and eat Chinese food designed especially for space travel.

With his mission nearly half over, he spoke to ground control and his boss. "Don't worry — I'm going to work hard to accomplish the task," he told Defense Minister Cao Gangchuan.

Later, Yang spoke to his wife and their 8-year-old son from space, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. "I'm feeling very good in space, and it looks extremely splendid around here," he told his wife, Zhang Yumei, who also works for China's space program. He also said hello to his "dear son."

With ground control watching, Yang unfurled the flags of China and the United Nations to "highlight China's persistent stand for peaceful exploration and exploitation of space," the government said.

Chinese President Hu Jintao, at the launch base for the Shenzhou liftoff, called it "the glory of our great motherland."

"The party and the people will never forget those who have set up the outstanding merit in the space industry for the motherland, the people and the nation," Hu said.

State television showed Hu and a group of senior officials and military officers watching the launch from outdoor bleachers, craning their necks to follow the rocket toward space. The president grinned once it became clear the launch was successful.

Police investigate felony injury to child

• ***Injury to a child***

A person notified officers shortly after 5 p.m. Tuesday of a child possibly being injured. Officers made contact with the complainant and advised an offense report for felony injury to a child would be filed. The case remains under investigation.

• ***Arrests***

Deputies arrested Jason Paul Hernandez, 24, of 3011 40th St. Tuesday afternoon in the 3000 block of Brick Plant Rd. He was taken into custody on a felony warrant to revoke his probation.

A 23-year-old male was arrested Tuesday morning in the 4400 block of Avenue U on a Mitchell County warrant for an open container and failure to appear.

A 28-year-old female was arrested at the Scurry County Jail around 4 p.m. Tuesday after the bonding company went off her bond on an original charge of cruelty to animals.

Deputies arrested a 62-year-old male at the jail at 6 p.m. Tuesday on a warrant for misdemeanor theft.

• ***Assaults***

A woman notified officers at 4:24 p.m. Tuesday that her son was assaulted on a school bus. At 4:50 p.m., a woman requested to speak to officers in reference to her son being assaulted in his physical education class. Both parties were advised of the proper steps to take.

• ***Burglary***

John Henry of 2008 26th St. reported his back door had been kicked in and a pistol stolen. An offense report for felony theft of a firearm was submitted.

• ***Possible theft***

Deputies were called to a residence on FM 1609 Tuesday morning as a woman reported a boat and trailer missing. It was discovered the woman's landlord had secured them.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Oscar Amaya at the WTC dorms requested an officer Tuesday afternoon as someone had damaged his vehicle. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

• ***Trespassing***

Officers were called to the 400 block of 29th as juveniles were going into a vacant house. One juvenile was escorted to the police station and later released.

• ***Found property***

Miranda Hancock reported finding two newspaper stands at the California Apartments. The stands were reported missing about two months ago. An offense report for found property was submitted.

Obituaries

Rocky Gill

1981-2003

Rocky Gill, a lifelong resident of Scurry County, died Sunday, Oct. 12, from injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident in Winkler County, 19 miles west of Andrews.

Service for Mr. Gill, 21, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.



Rocky Gill

Born Oct. 17, 1981 in Snyder, he had lived in both Snyder and Hermleigh and was a 2000 graduate of Hermleigh High School where he played football, basketball and baseball. He was also active in FFA and showed pigs at livestock shows. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, auto racing and was involved, along with his mother, in coaching his sister's softball team. Mr. Gill was employed as a mechanic for Grimmett Bros.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Sharon Davidson.

Survivors include his parents, Roy and Cindy Gill of Hermleigh; two sisters, Brandy Sorrells and husband Nathan and Carly Gill, all of Hermleigh; his grandparents, Ed and Dorothy Gill of Snyder and J.B. Davidson of Andrews; a great-grandmother, Dena Rankin of Levelland; a nephew, Dylan Sorrells of Hermleigh; and his fiancee, Tisha Hill of Andrews.

The family suggests memorials to the Hermleigh Cemetery Association, Box 1 in Hermleigh, 79526.

Visitation will be held from 6:30 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Lewes Grantham

1919-2003

Lewes Gilbert "Shorty" Grantham, 84, of Big Spring, died on Monday, October 13, 2003, in a local hospital. A service of remembrance will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 17, 2003 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.



Mr. Grantham

Shorty was born on July 9, 1919, in Shamrock, Oklahoma and married Vivian Norwood on April 14, 1949 in Big Spring, Texas. They have shared 54 wonderful years together.

Shorty graduated from high school in Shamrock, Oklahoma and was a lightweight Golden Gloves boxer.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II in the European Theater. After leaving the military he and his father came to Coahoma. Shorty worked in civil service at Webb Air Force Base. He then owned and operated Grantham Water Well Drilling, retiring in 1991 and continued to help his son in the business.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian Grantham of Big Spring; a son & daughter-in-law, L.G. "Bubba" & Carol Grantham, Jr. and a daughter and son-in-law, Corky and Butch Burcham all of Big Spring; brothers and sisters, Nell Thames, Mattie Norwood, John and Mary Palmer all of Big Spring, Doc and Myrt Tindol of Lake Leon, James and Margi Norwood of Stephenville, and Bud and Sandi Norwood of Colorado City; eight grandchildren, Ashlee Burcham, Michael Burcham, Charity Lamar, Debbie Conaway, Christy Brockman, L. G. "B.J." Grantham III, Nick Denton and Amanda Denton; four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews and a very large host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dillard A. and Cleta Cora Grantham.

The family will receive friends 6 PM to 8 PM Thursday at 1704 Harvard.

Pallbearers will be John Palmer, Doc Tindol, Bud Norwood, James Norwood, Gary Prater and Julian Moncada. Honorary pallbearers will be Neal Tindol, Rogan Tindol, Mario Moncada, Charlie Chamberlain, Wayne Herrera and Onesimo Gomez.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

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Curtis Jarratt

1915-2003

Curtis Jarratt, former Snyder resident, died Sunday, Oct. 12, in Billings, Mont.

Funeral service for Mr. Jarratt, 88, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church Chapel in Snyder. His grandsons will officiate. Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born June 14, 1915 in Roscoe, he married Mildred Satterwhite on July 3, 1980 in Sweden. She died Jan. 28, 2002.

Mr. Jarrett was reared in the Snyder area where his mother, the late Abbie White Jarratt, owned and operated a hotel on the square. Mr. Jarrett was a musician and he and his brother, Felix, played for many dances in the area. He was a band director in Hobbs, N.M. for a number of years and also had owned a music business in Hobbs and Billings. He was a former resident of Ruidoso where he played at the Flying J. Ranch. He had also lived in San Angelo.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Genevieve Wilkes.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Celia and Art Ruff of Rockwall, Jolene and Dwight Gleghorn of Dimmitt; one son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Jeannetta Jarratt of Billings; one sister, Frances Lee of Pauls Valley, Okla.; two brothers, Felix Jarratt of Austin and David Jarratt of Caldwell; two stepchildren and their spouses, Rodney and Linda Satterwhite of Midland and Dayna and John Blevins of Monahans; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren.

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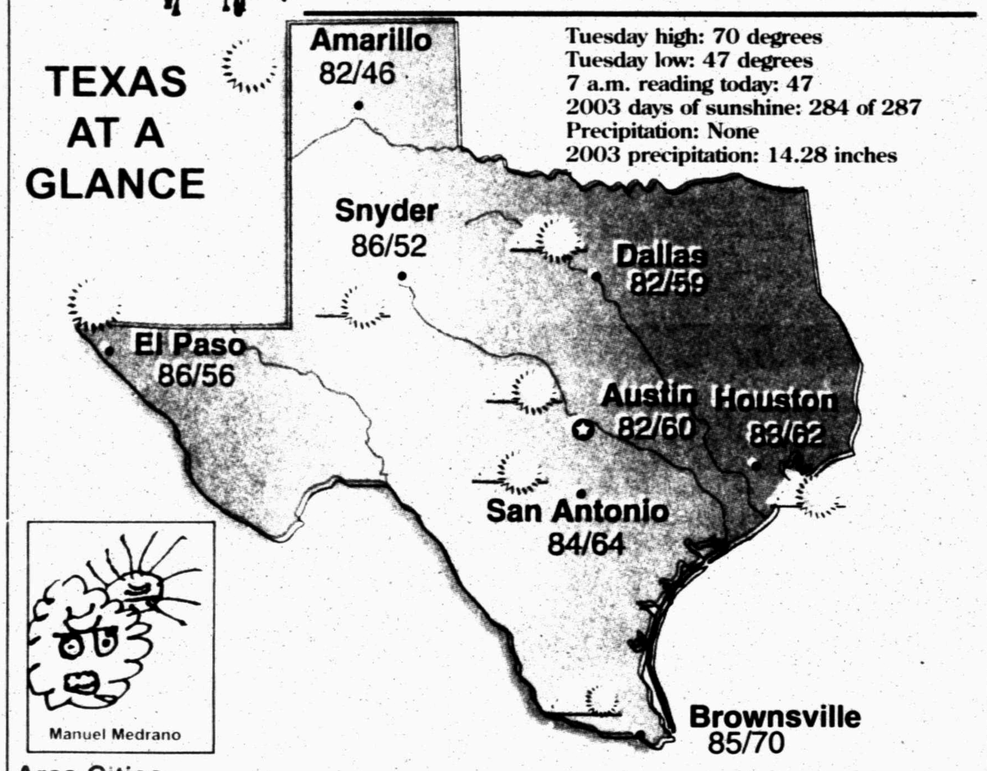
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A few clouds from time to time. Warm. High 86F. Winds SW at 10 to 15 mph.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.
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2003 precipitation: 14.28 inches

Manuel Medrano

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	85	58	sunny	El Paso	86	56	sunny	Midland	89	55	sunny
Amarillo	82	46	sunny	Fort Stockton	89	56	sunny	Raymondville	86	68	pt sunny
Austin	82	60	mst sunny	Gainesville	81	55	mst sunny	Rosenberg	83	61	mst sunny
Beaumont	81	62	mst sunny	Greenville	81	55	sunny	San Antonio	84	64	mst sunny
Brownsville	85	70	pt sunny	Houston	83	62	mst sunny	San Marcos	82	62	mst sunny
Brownwood	85	59	sunny	Kingsville	84	67	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	81	55	sunny
Corpus Christi	82	68	pt sunny	Livingston	83	57	mst sunny	Sweetwater	86	57	mst sunny
Corsicana	82	58	sunny	Longview	80	56	mst sunny	Tyler	81	56	mst sunny
Dallas	82	59	mst sunny	Lubbock	87	50	sunny	Weatherford	81	56	sunny
Del Rio	85	64	mst sunny	Lufkin	81	58	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	83	55	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	73	47	sunny	Houston	83	62	mst sunny	Phoenix	96	71	sunny
Boston	59	44	windy	Los Angeles	80	61	sunny	San Francisco	70	54	sunny
Chicago	59	39	pt sunny	Miami	84	75	pt sunny	Seattle	59	56	rain
Dallas	82	59	mst sunny	Minneapolis	52	33	pt sunny	St. Louis	66	48	pt sunny
Denver	67	38	pt sunny	New York	62	48	mst sunny	Washington, DC	68	49	mst sunny

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Oct 10	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1

UV Index

Thu 10/16	Fri 10/17	Sat 10/18
7 High	7 High	7 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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