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Home of Jessica Biel



OPENS THURSDAY — Western Texas College drama department will present *The Yellow Jacket* Thursday through Sunday. (See story.) Pictured in this scene from the Chinese fantasy are Rhealin Wagnon as Moy Fah Loy; Ryan Ballard as the young hero Wu Hoo Git; and Chris Hensley as Wu Fah Din. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

WTC drama department to debut fall production

Western Texas College drama department's first play of the school year debuts Thursday in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Sunday's matinee is set for 2.

Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children and can be purchased at the door or at the fine arts department. Call 573-8511, ext. 234 to reserve tickets.

Though *The Yellow Jacket*, written by George E. Hazleton, is a Chinese fantasy, director Ray Newton said the play will be "Chinese in manner, not in substance."

He called the production a "charming romance where the young hero at first falls in love with the wrong girl."

Newton noted the play is G-Rated so it would be appropriate viewing for the whole family.

Sonya Vinson made the elaborate costumes with assistance from her daughter, Emily, who helped create the hats, and Myra Hayes.

In addition to the public performances, Newton said there will also be two special presentations for students. The 9 a.m. Thursday play will be for Ira High School and Junior High School students as well as the seventh and eighth grade gifted-and-talented students at Snyder Junior High.

At 10 a.m., Newton said WTC will perform for about 100 junior and high school underprivileged students.

Cast members include property man, Caleb Durham;

chorus, Amber Ward; Wu Sin Yin, Tedrick George;

Due Jung Fah, Amanda Mitchell; Tso, Monica Rose;

Tai Fah Min, Nathaniel Stowe; first assistant property man, Jonathan Devitt; second assistant property man, Caleb Durham; third assistant property man, Nathaniel Stowe;

Chee Moo, Casandra Darlin, Lee Sin.

Others are Jacob Brumley, Suey Sin Fah; Lacey Rowe, Ling Won; Stacie Sorrells; Wu Hoo Git, Ryan Ballard; Wu Fah Din, Chris Hensley; Yin Suey Gong, Monica Rose; Mow Dan Fah, Courtney Carr; Young Soo Kow, Amber Ward; Chow Wan, Amanda Mitchell; Moy Fah Loy, Rhealan Wagnon; See Noi, Stacie Sorrells.

Others are Tai Char Shoong, Courtney Carr;

Widow Ching, Brandy Birkenfeld; Git Hok Gar, Caleb Durham; Loy Gong, Jacob Brumley; Kom Loi, Tedrick George.

Members of the crew include music director Brandy Birkenfeld; electronic sound design, Ryan Ballard, Stacie Sorrells, Monica Rose and Courtney Carr; light design, Lacey Rowe; light technician, Mon Yu; costume design, Sonya Vinson; set construction, Michael Hembree and Shane Blackwell.

Two receive prison terms on Monday

Two Snyder men will now serve sentences in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following action Monday in 132nd District Court.

Douglas James Monday of 304 20th Street pleaded guilty to an Aug. 6, 2002 offense of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Monday, 30, to serve five years in prison.

Judge Armstrong also revoked the five-year probated sentence of Michael Brent Howell of 202 34th Street.

Howell, 40, was convicted of forgery in 1994.

Howell was ordered to serve five years in TDCJ after he failed to report to probation officers and failed to make monthly payments.

Snyder Wheels club will host car show

Snyder Wheels car club will hold a car show in conjunction with the White Buffalo Days celebration Oct. 11 at Scurry County Coliseum.

Registration will be from 9-11 a.m., and the awards will be announced at 3 p.m. Saturday.

It will be people's choice voting for the awards.

There is no entry fee and entrants can call 573-2171 for more information.

House, Senate limp toward redistricting

AUSTIN (AP) — House and Senate Republicans remained at odds on congressional redistricting Tuesday and one of the lead negotiators said he hopes a fourth special session won't be necessary for both chambers to agree on a new map.

It appeared Tuesday that Gov. Rick Perry's preferred today deadline would be missed.

"Obviously we want to get it done before the end of session so the governor doesn't have to call a fourth one," said Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, the House point man for negotiations. "But, I've done it three times now, I guess I can do it again."

Democrats successfully fought the measure during the regular session and the first two special sessions. The third special session has been marred by a stalemate between Republicans over the design of West Texas districts. Through Tuesday, the Texas Legislature has been in session a record 215 calendar days this year.

Members of the House and Senate negotiating team have had fruitless meetings behind closed doors several times this week to find middle ground in the roadblock.

"I'm fairly encouraged," King said. "Everybody's working real hard and making some progress. I don't know that we're going to get it done this week, but I hope we get it done during this session."

Texas Republicans want to send more members of their party to Congress. They say the state's voting trends are solidly GOP and that the 32-member congressional delegation should reflect that. Democrats, who hold a 17-15 advantage in the delegation, want to keep existing districts.

House Speaker Tom Craddick, a Midland native, has been adamant about creating a district that would give his hometown of Midland its own congressman. But, Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, opposes a separate district for Midland because it likely would eliminate agricultural representation from his region in Congress. Duncan heads the Senate's arm of the conference committee.

"It's becoming more remote as each hour goes by," said Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, who sponsored the Senate version of the map and has been a lead negotiator.

Several alternatives have been laid out by both sides, including one proposed Monday evening by House lawmakers.

"I don't think the modifications we were trying to make were satisfying them," Staples said, explaining the lack of progress during the meeting.

Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth, R-Burleson, put forward her plan as a proposal to committee memebers.

King said conference members were to continue meeting individually throughout the evening.

"It's just hard to get 181 people to agree on anything," King said.



Vic Jeter

WTSB names Jeter as officer for ag lending

Vic Jeter has been named the new agriculture lending officer at West Texas State Bank, according to John Greene, president.

Jeter will serve as a bank vice president.

A native of Terry County, Jeter most recently served for six years as the senior vice president at the Herring National Bank in Clarendon. "I'm familiar with this area as I served the Roby area with the Farm Credit Bank," said Jeter.

A 1975 graduate of Texas Tech, Jeter also taught school at Lewisville and Hart before getting into the banking business.

He has more than 22 years experience in agriculture and commercial lending.

His family consists of two children, Van and Heather, both seniors at West Texas A&M at Canyon.

Third chamber interview was cancelled Tuesday

A planned interview with the third candidate for the vacant Snyder Chamber of Commerce executive director's job was cancelled Tuesday afternoon.

The candidate left a message at the chamber that she would not be able to be in Snyder at the scheduled time.

Chamber president Mike Thornton said he had repeatedly called the candidate, Susie Henry of Odessa, and had not heard back from her until just before noon today.

"She explained she had a major conflict with the Tuesday time, but still was interested in the job."

Thornton told Henry that the information would be relayed to the chamber board in a Friday meeting, and if board members still wanted to interview her, he would contact her.

"That will be the decision of the board," said Thornton.

Last week, the board interviewed Susie White of Snyder and Richard Waters of Grapevine for the post left vacant with the sudden death of Donna Fowler.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Jo Ann Nunley



Pets of some kind inhabit most of today's households and share with family members in rendering heartwarming memories.

In my early childhood up to today, wildlife and domesticated pets have been a part of my life.

The first dog I remember having was a rat terrier I named Nickel. In the second grade, my little black and white dog was beside me when Santa Claus made his usual visit on Christmas Eve. Instigating conversation, Santa asked what my dog's name was and was amused at my reply "Nickel, Nickel Thompson," and he laughed aloud.

It was then that I was able to confirm my suspicions that it was really my grandfather in the red suit trimmed in white, complete with a white beard.

My father, being an outdoorsman, would bring my sister and me everything from rabbits to raccoons. Through some venture we acquired a little goat we took care of until he jumped upon my dad's black Chevrolet pickup that he always kept immaculately clean. He went to pasture the next day.

Along came a dog I dearly loved and named Benny. We went everywhere together. Country kids could learn to drive sooner than those reared in the city. At about 12 years old, Daddy let me drive around the country roads with him at my side and Benny in back on the toolbox.

Back home, I turned in the doublewide driveway and hit the corner fence post of the adjoining field and my little mutt went tumbling toward the barrow ditch. I had never felt fear in my 12 years like I did at that moment. I wrecked my dad's company vehicle and thought I had killed my little best friend.

That didn't happen. The little dog jumped up and ran for the house unscathed and the dent in the left fender of the pickup truck was taken care of with a few licks of a rubber hammer.

Our two children, Rhonda and Rollen, also had to have pets during the growing up years. Now they are experiencing the perils of raising children and pets.

Our daughter fancied the feathered friends. Parakeets became a part of the family and one day I made the mistake of getting the vacuum cleaner to close and Birdie got sucked up in the Electrolux. He survived with only a scratch on his head and lived a long life of scattering seed hulls on the floor.

Later came a cockatiel that whistled at the mailman and anyone else who walked by. Early one morning Pretty Bird escaped through an opened door and flew straight to the tallest tree in the block. For two days, family and friends took turns trying to coax him out of the tree.

Pretty Bird would answer every call with a loud chirp and fly in a circle around the tree.

The solution came when Rollen climbed up the tree and Pretty Bird rode down on his shoulder, happily hopped in his cage and began scattering seeds and whistling "The Eyes of Texas" over and over and over again.

Rollen adopted strays of all kinds. Like ground squirrels that would ride around on his shoulders and pull bathroom tissue through the house and even chew on wires.

A glutton for punishment, a black lab continues to give both trouble and enjoyment at our house along with a Beta and pond fish.

ASK US

Q—Could I be given a ticket if a frame, or anything else, obscures the word "Texas" on my license plate?

A—Yes. A new law that went into effect Sept. 1 makes it a misdemeanor to obstruct the readability of any words or numbers on the plate.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Ted McMillan...

...has lived in Snyder 54 years. He and his wife, Shirley, have seven children: Lane McMillan, Lana McMillan, Laddie McMillan, Lance McMillan, Dennis Snyder, Gerald Snyder and Terry Snyder. He works two jobs, delivery for Lone Star Cleaners and as a school crossing guard. He enjoys music, yardwork and coffee at Dairy Queen.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I get my advice from old men and my motivation from the young ones.
—Lyndon Baines Johnson

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Junior high open house

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

West Elementary open house

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

Adopt-a-school breakfast

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

High school open house

Snyder High School will have open house from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday. Reports cards will be presented to parents through the student's sixth period class.

Tiger tennis booster club

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

Ira First Church of God fundraiser

Ira's First Church of God young adult class will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts 7-9 a.m. Friday at the church, and again beginning at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Cost is $6 per dozen.

Ira brisket dinner

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

First Christian fajita dinner

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

SJHS choir hamburger supper

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

SHS class of 1963

Activities for the SHS class of 1963 reunion will include the homecoming football game Friday, a Coke party at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Lota Burger, and dinner at the Rusty Spur. Family and friends are invited. For more information, call Helen Hatter at 573-9489.

Children's fall carnival

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

SHS 1940 class reunion

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

Colonial Hill program

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

Early-bird special

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

SHS band boosters

The Snyder High School band boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the band hall.

Stanfield parent council

The Stanfield parent council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the teacher's lounge in the front hallway.

Big Country open house

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

Cub Scout bike rally

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

Free tutoring

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

Important GED dates

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

Quilt showing

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

Huffington quits; poll shows recall support

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Commentator-turned-politician Arianna Huffington pulled out of California's recall race even as a new poll shows strong support for ousting Gov. Gray Davis and installing Arnold Schwarzenegger to replace him.

Huffington, who was one of Davis's harshest critics on the campaign trail, on Tuesday dropped out of the campaign and urged her supporters to vote against the effort to remove Davis in order to block a potential Republican victory.

The exit of the only woman in a field that originally had six major candidates came as a second recent statewide poll showed voters were prepared to boot Davis and replace him with Schwarzenegger.

The Los Angeles Times poll showed the recall succeeding by a 56 percent to 42 percent margin. That was a shift from a Sept. 12 Times poll that showed support for the recall stalling, with 50 percent of voters supporting it and 47 percent in opposition.

Schwarzenegger had support from 40 percent of likely voters in Tuesday's poll, Lt. Gov. Bustamante had 32 percent and Republican state Sen. Tom McClintock had 15 percent.

Schwarzenegger spokesman Rob Stutzman welcomed the latest results.

"We're very gratified but still understand that there is a week to go in this campaign and Arnold won't let up one bit. He'll finish this campaign very strong," Stutzman said.

The poll is the first released since last week's debate — the only one featuring Schwarzenegger — that can be compared to earlier results and it shows how support has shifted. In the Sept. 12 survey, Bustamante led with 30 percent, Schwarzenegger had 25 percent and McClintock had 18 percent.

Schwarzenegger's surge may reflect the withdrawal of former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth, another moderate Republican, who drew 8 percent in the Sept. 12 poll despite bowing out while it was being conducted.

In departing the race, Huffington said she would withhold endorsing anyone for now. "I want people to vote their conscience, but make sure that whatever their vote is it does not put Schwarzenegger in the Statehouse," she said.

Rescued worker recalls ordeal

DENVER (AP) — The ailing American research worker who was evacuated from the South Pole last month has broken his silence, describing the gallbladder pain he endured as "like a two-by-four jabbing into my stomach."

Barry McCue, whose rescue from the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station on Sept. 21 was delayed by nearly a week of blowing snow, was recovering from surgery at his daughter's home in Chicago.

McCue, 51, had requested anonymity during the rescue effort to protect his three grown children. He detailed his ordeal in a story published today in the Rocky Mountain News.

For 71/2 months, McCue was the base environmental safety and health coordinator. He was employed by Centennial, Colo.-based Raytheon Polar Services Co., the logistics contractor for the U.S. Antarctic research program.

McCue said his first gallbladder attack on Aug. 25 doubled him over, and he could barely drag himself 50 feet to see the base doctor. The pain subsided, but after McCue suffered a second attack a week later, consulting doctors in Denver, Boston, Baltimore and Galveston, Texas, unanimously recommended that McCue be airlifted.

"He had an infection in his gallbladder that was probably caused by blockage with a gallstone," said Dr. Ron Shemenski, medical director for Raytheon Polar Services. "If the infection from the gallbladder had gotten into the liver, it would probably have been fatal."

McCue was rescued by Canadian pilots in the darkness of the Southern Hemisphere winter after five days of weather delays. He had his gallbladder removed at Swedish Medical Center in Denver.

"I was carrying around a dead piece of meat in my body for almost a month," McCue told the newspaper.

It was the third such rescue in four years.

In October 1999, South Pole physician Jerri Nielsen was airlifted out of Amundsen-Scott after she diagnosed her own breast cancer. Shemenski himself needed help in April 2001 when he was flown to Denver for gall bladder surgery.

Today's chuckle

'Almighty' removed from City Hall sign

SPARKS, Nev. (AP) — Just exactly who is blessing America around here, anyway?

Patriotic signs showing an American flag and the words "God Bless America" have been displayed at City Hall since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.



But City Attorney Chet Adams, concerned that reference to God could be construed as an endorsement of religion and attract lawsuits, ordered that the signs be altered.

Using scissors, a municipal employee edited the Almighty out of the signs, which now read, "Bless America."

"Who is blessing America? Well, I don't know who is blessing America, but I think a court would say the word 'bless' is OK," said Adams.

"I hope I didn't exacerbate the situation," he said. "Maybe it should just say 'America' on there."

Adams said recent controversies — including the removal of a monument bearing the 10 Commandments from a courthouse in Alabama — make displaying the word "God" inside City Hall inadvisable.

"My experience is that people will sue for any reason under the sun because they feel it's their God-given right to do so," Adams said.

Some city workers were taken aback by Adams' decision — even Jan Holman, the employee who did the snipping.

"I just think it's such a sad state of affairs that we can't express ourselves fully because it might offend someone," Holman said.

Date Book

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003

Today is the 274th day of 2003 and the ninth day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1910, the first state fair, the Berkshire Cattle Fair in Pittsfield, Mass., was held.

On this day in 1936, General Francisco Franco was named head to the rebel Nationalist government in Spain.

On this day in 1946, 12 high-ranking Nazis were sentenced to death by the International War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Walter Matthau (1920-2000), actor; Jimmy Carter (1924-), former U.S. president, is 79; Richard Harris (1930-2002), actor; Julie Andrews (1935-), actress, is 68; Annie Leibovitz (1949-), photographer, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1903, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Boston Pilgrims competed in the first baseball World Series.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "America did not invent human rights. In a very real sense, it is the other way around. Human rights invented America." — Jimmy Carter

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

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Tuesday's Lottery Numbers

Texas Two Step

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

Winning numbers drawn: 12-25-26-27. Bonus Ball: 7.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 2: $337,500.

Number matching four of four: 18. Prize: $1,077.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 55. Prize: $43.

Number matching three of four: 1,595. Prize: $20.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1,194. Prize: $18.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 7,717. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 13,305. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: $200,000.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

8-11-13-28-33

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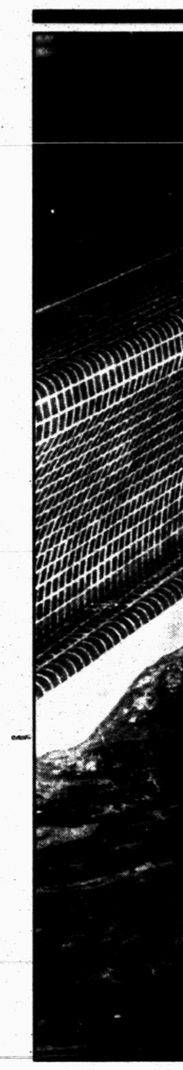
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SWIM FOR HEALTH — Jean Duke, Esthalee Haney and Mavadine Morgan wait for the next exercise cue during Swimnastics class. The program is a free service to senior citizens offered by Western Texas College. (SDN Staff Photo)

Guatemalan woman trying to regain custody of her children

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Mayan Indian woman is relying on seven judges some 2,000 miles from her home in Guatemala to help her regain custody of her two young children who were placed in foster care after her arrest on immigration charges.

Mercedes Santiago-Felipe will ask the Nebraska Supreme Court next week to rule that state officials violated her rights in taking custody of her children before her deportation more than 2½ years ago.

She has neither seen nor spoken with her children since her arrest in March 2001.

"With the faith of God ... the judges will be able to see that what happened to me was not right," she said through an interpreter Tuesday. "I really don't know what to do. All I know is that I want to see my children."

Santiago-Felipe, 33, sought asylum in the United States 10 years ago during Guatemala's civil war. Her father was among an estimated 200,000 killed in the war, which ended in 1996.

She eventually settled in central Nebraska with her son, now 8, and daughter, now 6. The children were born in the United States. Their father, also from Guatemala, later abandoned the family.

Santiago-Felipe eked out a living at a meatpacking plant and doing housework around Grand Island. But that all started to unravel in November 2000, when her son went to school with a red mark on his face.

School officials and police said they counseled Santiago-Felipe, who speaks some Spanish but is fluent only in her native Mayan dialect, on proper ways to discipline her children and warned her that she could be arrested if she didn't comply.

She said the police officer spoke only limited Spanish, and she did not completely understand what he was saying.

Four months later, a counselor noticed another red mark on the boy's face — punishment for not getting ready for school, the boy said.

Police charged Santiago-Felipe with misdemeanor child abuse and the children were placed in foster care.

Santiago-Felipe was jailed and deported two months later because immigration officials say she missed an asylum application hearing years earlier. A county judge then authorized the permanent placement of her children in foster care and her parental rights were terminated in September 2002.

Santiago-Felipe said she was not provided a lawyer in jail and did not know that she could contest her removal and remain in the United States to seek reunification with her children.

"It shows the human and economic implications of what is happening to immigrants in the wake of 9-11 as rigid bureaucratic requirements are being imposed on poor people who, often unable to afford counsel, are not able to exercise their rights," said Neil Shister of the Appleseed Foundation, a Washington D.C.-based legal advocacy group that is representing Santiago-Felipe.

Miles Zamagaal, a Tucson, Ariz., lawyer, said that once Santiago-Felipe was [illegible] and the legal system treated her as if she had abandoned her children."

Former Oakland police officers plead innocent

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A police corruption trial that dragged on for more than a year ended with jurors acquitting three former officers on eight counts and the judge declaring a mistrial on 27 other charges.

Jurors had said they were hopelessly deadlocked on the remaining counts. Prosecutors said they are unsure if they will seek another trial.

The judge on Tuesday declared a mistrial on the unresolved charges. "The court finds no reasonable probability that the jury can agree" on the remaining counts, Superior Court Judge Leo Dorado said.

Alameda County District Attorney Tom Orloff said Tuesday that he will decide in the next few weeks whether to seek another trial of the former officers, who called themselves the "Riders" and worked the night shift in one of Oakland's roughest neighborhoods. Federal prosecutors said they were reviewing whether they might help revive the case.

The former officers were charged with beating suspects, wrongfully accusing them of crimes, planting drugs and covering it all up by falsifying police reports.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003

An unusual problem of percentages

By Phillip Alder

No expert knows all the percentage plays. There are far too many. But the common numbers are memorized, like a double finesse (playing a suit like A-J-10 opposite three low for two tricks by finessing twice) is about 76 percent, and a 3-2 split is 67.8 percent. This deal, though, features an either-or problem I do not remember seeing before.

	North 10-01-03 ♠ A 8 7 4 2 ♥ Q 8 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ K 10 5	
West ♠ K Q J ♥ K 10 7 4 ♦ K 10 8 ♣ 7 4 2		East ♠ 6 5 ♥ J 9 6 3 ♦ Q 5 4 2 ♣ 8 6 3
	South ♠ 10 9 3 ♥ A 5 2 ♦ A J 9 ♣ A Q J 9	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

You (South) are in four spades. West leads the trump king. What would be your line?

North used a transfer bid before jumping to three no-trump to show game values with exactly five spades. South was tempted to pass, but decided to go with the eight-card major-suit fit. Here, though, because West has the heart king, three no-trump would have made.

You start by assuming that the trumps are breaking 3-2. Then, you must play the red suits for only one loser. If West has the heart king, you can lead toward dummy's queen, establishing two tricks in the suit, and dummy's two diamond losers will disappear on your heart ace and fourth club. Alternatively, you could play East for the K-10 or Q-10 of diamonds. Then, if things go as planned, you lead a diamond to your nine. It loses to West's queen or king, but later you finesse your diamond jack and discard dummy's heart loser on the diamond ace. What are the a priori odds?

West will have the heart king 50 percent of the time. East will have K-10 or Q-10 of diamonds only about 37 percent of the time. The better line is clear — play West for the heart king.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Fearful child dreads his summer visit with dad

DEAR ABBY: I am 10 years old and live with my mom, my sister and brother in Texas. My grandparents and my aunt live nearby, and they come over a lot. They are always telling me how important it is to visit my dad and his family in Chicago and to have a good relationship with them.

Abby, I spend six weeks with my dad every summer — and I don't want to go there any more. Dad never keeps his promises to me, and he is always threatening me with "the belt." I am afraid of him. My Chicago grandparents tell me they love me more than my Texas grandparents, but they don't call me very often, and I hate that they say bad things about my mom.

How can I get out of visiting my dad next summer? — **SICK OF VISITING MY DAD**

DEAR SICK OF VISITING: If you haven't already done so, tell your mother how you feel and why. Your mother should speak to your father and explain that his form of discipline is not only not working, but it's driving you away and is emotionally abusive. She should also speak to the lawyer who represented her in the divorce about the visitation arrangement. Perhaps your visit should be supervised. Please show your mother this letter.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 22-year-old college senior. My live-in fiance, "Ray," is 31 and divorced. We have an infant son together. His three children, all under 12, are with us every other weekend.

When I entered this relationship, I had no concept of the tremendous responsibilities I would be taking on. Besides a full-time class schedule, I take care of our baby, cook every meal and clean the house. I also look after Ray's kids when they're here.

Because of our age difference, I sometimes feel that my values and goals conflict with Ray's. I want to focus on my career, but Ray feels my household duties should come first. I do not want to be the only one shouldering the burden. I want to have a professional life after I graduate. Ray does not make me feel appreciated, and I need advice about what to do about it. — **OVERLOADED AND UNDERVALUED IN PITTSBURGH**

DEAR OVER/UNDER: You and Ray appear to have different priorities. You want a career; he wants a housekeeper and baby sitter for his children. Ideally, your fiance should be helping you to achieve your goals. If you cannot fully express your feelings to him and arrive at a compromise, it may be time to re-evaluate your feelings about this entire relationship before it goes any further.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are discussing divorce after only eight months of marriage. Neither of us is happy, and I guess we weren't as ready as we thought we were. I feel terrible about the $20,000 my parents spent on our wedding, not to mention all the beautiful and expensive gifts we received from family and friends.

Should we pay my parents back the money? What should we do about the gifts? Please help us do the right thing. — **NOT HAPPILY EVER AFTER IN TEXAS**

DEAR NOT HAPPILY: I commend you for wanting to do the right thing. Any gifts that have not been used should be offered to the people who gave them. Cash gifts that have not been spent should be returned. Offer to repay your parents for the wedding expenses, but it should not be necessary. The wedding was their gift to you.

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Supplies fall to emergency levels

ODESSA (AP) — More numerous hospital operations have contributed to a blood shortage in this West Texas city, along with a drop in donations and fears over the West Nile virus, health officials say.

As a result, surgeries at Alliance Hospital have been curtailed, according to the officials who add that the blood shortage is also affecting Odessa Regional and Medical Center hospitals.

"We're having to cancel surgeries because we don't have enough blood," Alliance spokesman Jason Samp told the Odessa American editions. "We have canceled at least two, and we don't have any blood right now other than for emergency surgeries. We're canceling the ones that need to be done but aren't life-threatening."

MCH Blood Bank Supervisor Shelley Keller said addition of West Nile Virus tests to the AIDS and hepatitis testing that donors undergo has been a factor in shortening the supply, along with summertime drop in donations and the spike in surgeries.

Keller said MCH's emergency supplier, the National Blood Exchange in Bethesda, Md., is currently inaccessible because it is having the same problems.

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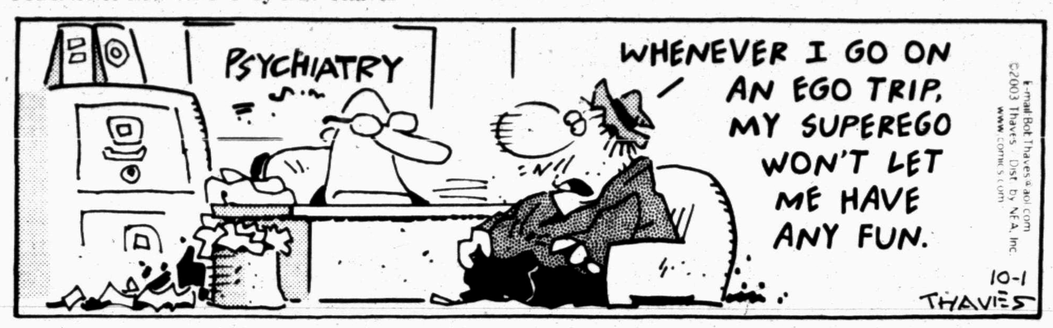
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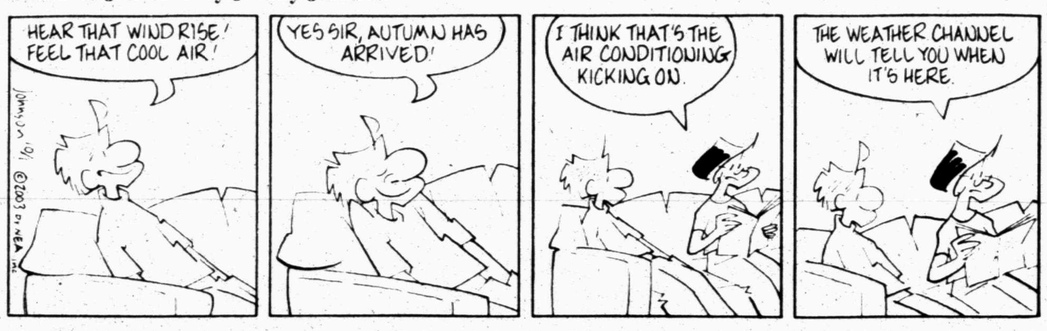
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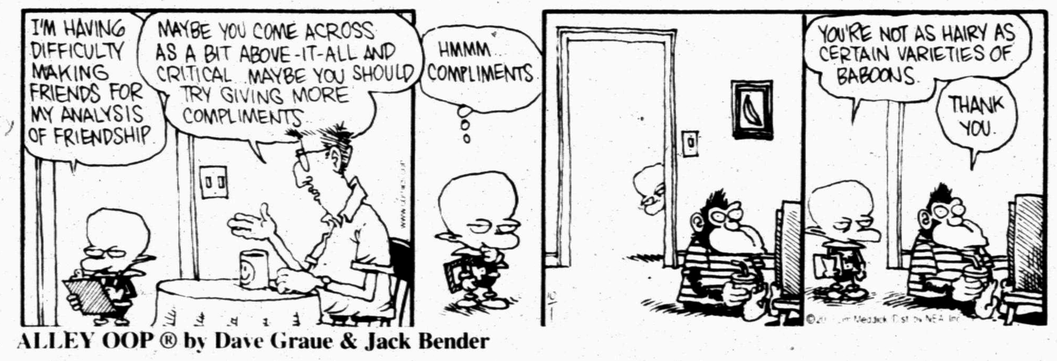
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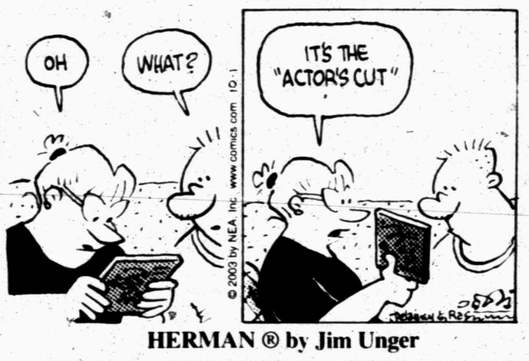
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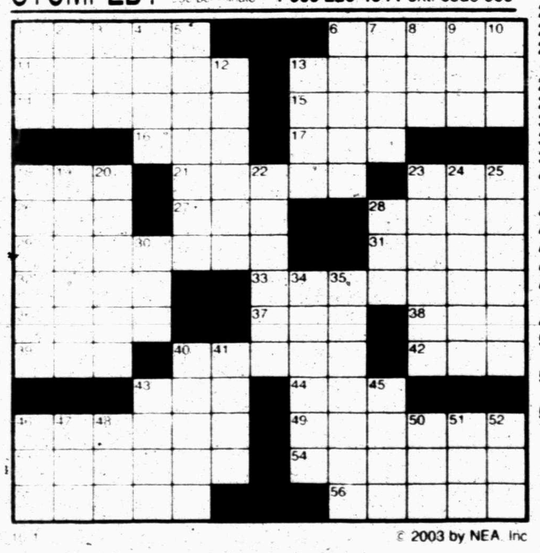
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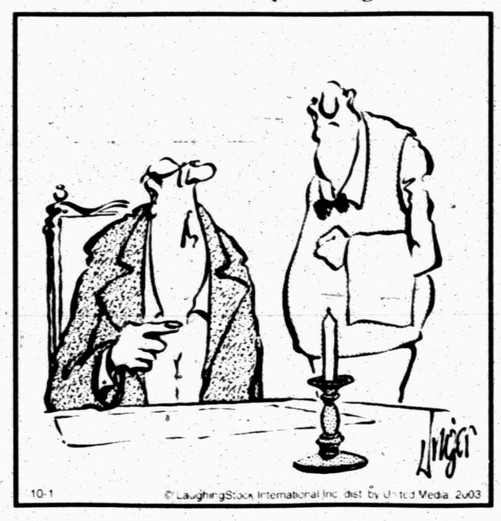
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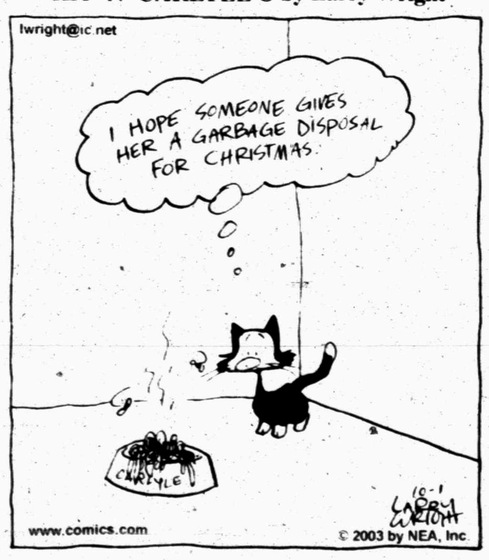


"ME AND MARGARET GET ALONG WELL, AS LONG AS WE DON'T SEE MUCH OF EACH OTHER."



"Simpson, bring me an order of onion rings and move that candle farther down the table."

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SPORTS

Garza, Torres claim championship flight at Blowout tourney

Adolph Garza and Michael Torres fired a 124, including a 61 in the final round, to win the championship flight at the 2003 Blowout Partnership Tournament last weekend at Scurry County Golf Course.

David Sharrock and John Medlicott shot a 127 to finish second in the flight.

Robert Lopez and Mike Macy used a first-round 64 en route to a final 130 to claim the President's flight, while the team of Jeral and Rick Beard finished just two strokes ahead of Clay Berryman and Patrick McKamie to place first in the first flight. The Beards shot a 139.

Kris Randolph and Jimmy Ingles claimed the second flight with a 141.

David Harrell and Sam Robertson carded a 146 to win the third flight.

Blowout Partnership Results
Scurry County Golf Course
Sept. 26-27
Championship Flight

1. Adolph Garza-Michael Torres 63-61 124; 2. David Sharrock-John Medlicott 64-63 127; 3. Larry Anderson-Billy Brock 61-68 129; 4. Ben Greene-Rocky Minichiello 64-69 133; 5. Curt Rhinehart-Scott Rundell 63-72 135.

President's Flight

1. Robert Lopez-Mike Macy 64-66 130; 2. Joe LaRoux-Ricky Williams 65-73 138; 3. Bobby Birdwell-Tommy Lay 68-71 139; 4. Jarvis Haynes-Randy May 68-72 140; 5. Russell Fisk-B.W. Harris 70-71 141; 6. Cole Lindsey-Donny Lindsey 65-77 142; 7. Rickey Daniell-Randy Glasscock 77-71 148; 8. Rick Langley-Joe Lee 72-79 151.

First Flight

1. Jeral Beard-Rick Beard 69-70 139; 2. Clay Berryman-Patrick McKamie 68-73 141; 3. Larry Evans-Mike Levens 71-72 143; 4. Kelly Ragland-Shawn Ragland 71-74 145; 5. Wesley Key-Eicke Perry 69-77 146; 6. (tie) Kyle Ditto-Rick Hughes 71-78 149, George Aldrete-Bobby Velasquez 76-73 149; 7. Danny Brumley-Jimmy Slay 71-79 150; 8. (tie) Don Chandler-Dale Jenkins 73-78 151, Brandon Martin-Michael Rodriguez 70-81 151; 9. Glenn Patterson-Robert Patterson 70-85 155.

Second Flight

1. Kris Randolph-Jimmy Ingles 66-75 141; 2. David Maddox-Lee Maddox 68-73 141; 3. Brad Robertson-Dayton Robertson 70-74 144; 4. Terry Haggerton-Mickey Neff 70-75 145; 5. (tie) Pete Greene-Mickey Nunley 70-77 147, Eddie Benetiz-Ricky Moreno 71-76 147; 6. Kim Robertson-Richard Trout 71-77 148; 7. (tie) Jay Butler-Reese Grimmett 69-80 149, Barry Blackmon-James Caldwell 70-79 149; 8. Clayton Riley-Kenny Riley 77-77 154; 9. (tie) Tracy Lammert-Mark Strickland 76-81 157, Johnny Eicke-John Greene 72-85 157; 10. Benton Cowen-Marion Cowen 78-81 159; 11. (tie) Ronny Daniel-Dan Daniel 75-88 163, John Bloom-Phillip Payblas 75-88 163.

Third Flight

1. David Harrell-Sam Robertson 72-74 146; 2. Tommy Reeves-Kevin Winter 74-76 150; 3. Gary McLeod-Mike McLeod 72-78 150; 4. Randy Miles-Jeff Walker 73-78 151; 5. Kenny Miller-Buddy Powell 69-82 151; 6. Mackey Greene-Dutch Stehley 72-82 154; 7. (tie) David Raschke-Gary Smith 74-82 156, Dink Foree-Les Rhinehart 73-83 156; 8. (tie) Keith Boyd-Larry Price 77-82 159, Macky Mandrell-Don Murray 75-84 159; 9. Jeff Jinks-Cory Mandrell 78-82 160; 10. Jeris McNamara-Eric Springer 75-87 162.

WTC saddles up for Sul Ross rodeo

The Western Texas College rodeo teams will look to improve on their impressive showing at Eastern New Mexico when they saddle up for the Sul Ross rodeo, scheduled to run Thursday through Saturday.



Spreadborough

Both teams are in second place after the first rodeo of the season.

The men earned 215 team points, but trail West Texas A&M by a wide margin. A&M tallied 363.33 points in the first rodeo.

The women are a bit closer to front-runner Tarleton State, as the team recorded 112.50 points at ENMU. TSU had 205 points.

A pair of first place finishes on the men's side boosted WTC's team score, with Sam Spreadborough winning the saddle bronc event in the short round and the average score, and Tate Stratton pacing the bull riders in both the short round and the average.

James Irish and Guy Simonton finished third and fourth, respectively in the saddle bronc competition.

Sabrina Lay took second in barrel racing with a time of 17.80. She also placed second in the average.

Erin Anglin was third in goat-tying with a 7.9.

The Sul Ross rodeo gets underway Thursday morning, and will conclude with the short round Saturday evening.

Sports Briefs

Men's basketball league

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

WTC golf tournament

The third annual Western Texas College Student Government Association Golf Tournament will be held Saturday at the WTC golf course. Deadline to register is 5 p.m. Friday. Contact the WTC pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

Putters and Duffers tournament

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

WTC GLT tournament

Western Texas College will host the golf and landscape technology tournament Oct. 11. Contact the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

Wood pitches Cubs past Braves

ATLANTA (AP) — On the first day of spring training, Dusty Baker told his new team to forget the past.

In Game 1 of the NL division series, the often-hapless Chicago Cubs were focused firmly on the future.

Led by Kerry Wood, Chicago beat the Atlanta Braves 4-2 Tuesday night for its first postseason victory outside of Wrigley Field since 1945.

"It's good to get that out of the way," said Baker, the Cubs' first-season manager. "That's a big, big, big game in a five-game series."

Wood did it all. He limited the NL's best offensive team to two hits in 7 1-3 innings, and drove in the go-ahead runs with a double off 21-game winner Russ Ortiz in the sixth.

"He wanted this badly," Baker said. "A good pitcher turned into a great pitcher."

The Cubs were cheered on by thousands of their well-traveled fans, who transformed Turner Field into Wrigley Field South. The roar was enormous when Wood drove in two runs with a drive to the wall in left-center, breaking a 1-all tie.

"I've never seen anything like this," Chicago first baseman Eric Karros said. "At some points, it seemed like the Cubs fans were louder than the Braves fans."

Wood gave them plenty to cheer about. He struck out 11 and completely throttled the high-scoring Braves, a team that had six players with 20 homers and four with 100 RBIs during the regular season. The only major slip-up came in the third, when Marcus Giles homered.

"To give up two hits in 7 1-3 innings to that team and also drive in the winning run, I'd say he was pretty locked in for this game," said Joe Borowski, who struck out the side in the ninth for the save.

Trailing 4-1, Atlanta scored a run and knocked out Wood without getting a hit. A questionable call at first on a potential inning-ending double play allowed the run to score.

But Kyle Farnsworth retired Javy Lopez on a bases-loaded grounder to short to end the threat.

"You can look at it like the glass is half-empty or half-full," said Braves closer John Smoltz, who didn't get a chance to perform his familiar task. "We've won three out of four before."

The Cubs had lost eight straight postseason road games since Claude Passeau pitched a one-hitter to beat Detroit in Game 3 of 1945 World Series.

Of course, Chicago lost that World Series. They've lost 10 straight postseason series since winning their last Series title in 1908.

Twins trip up favored Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — The Minnesota Twins are loose heading into Game 2 of their AL playoff series against the Yankees, a stark contrast to Johan Santana, their pitcher in the opener.

Playing their first postseason game in Yankee Stadium, the Twins were guarding a one-run lead in the fifth inning when Santana cramped up.

"One thing you don't do is show panic in the dugout," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said. "So I just said, 'Well, let's have some fun. We are going to piece it together.' And that's what we did."

An inning later, Torii Hunter circled the bases when his line drive resulted in a pair of misplays that led to two runs, and the Twins finally beat New York, tripping up the stumbling Yankees 3-1 on Tuesday.

New York had stomped on the Twins during the past two seasons, going 13-0 and outscoring them 90-36. But Minnesota won its seventh straight postseason opener, taking control of the series heading into Thursday's game, when Brad Radke opposes New York's Andy Pettitte.

"It's been a running joke the last couple of days— we might just as well scrimmage these guys and get them warmed up for the next round, because that's where everybody's putting them," Minnesota's Jacque Jones said.

New York was favored in last year's division series, too, before Anaheim won in four games to end a run of four consecutive AL pennants. The Yankees have dropped four straight postseason games for the first time since the 1981 World Series against the Dodgers, not exactly what owner George Steinbrenner was expecting when he set payroll records last winter in an effort to get his team its first Series title since 2000.

After Santana's injury, Rick Reed, J.C. Romero, LaTroy Hawkins and Eddie Guardado combined to allow five hits and one run.

Meanwhile, Bernie Williams failed to cut off Hunter's liner to center and Alfonso Soriano made an error that gave Hunter what's often called a Little League home run. Williams also flopped flat on his belly rounding first base in the day's comic highlight, and New York's batters went 1-for-10 with runners in scoring position, getting an RBI infield single from Soriano in the ninth.

"When the game gets sloppy and the ball gets thrown around, that makes it tough," said Mike Mussina, who had been 20-2 against the Twins. "That's what the postseason is, minimizing mistakes. If you make a mistake in the postseason, they tend to be big ones."

Despite their troubles, the Yankees threatened to pull off yet another memorable ninth-inning comeback. But a spectacular leaping catch by Shannon Stewart against the left-field wall on a drive by Hideki Matsui helped Guardado limit New York to one run.

Stewart was fighting not only the sun — it was the first early afternoon postseason game at Yankee Stadium since 1981 — but aggressive fans who leaned over to try for a grab similar to the one in the 1996 playoffs.

Lady Tigers fall at Brownfield

The Lady Tigers volleyball team was stopped by Brownfield Tuesday, losing the district match in three games, 16-25, 20-25 and 17-25.



Drum



Crenwelge

Snyder (1-4) fell to a Brownfield (2-3) club that boasted a pair of big hitters in Tayce Barber and Nikki Barr.

Head coach Laura Moses said she felt the team's play was much improved over last Saturday.

"I think the girls played well and came together," she said. "They never got down. I think they felt the same way. They weren't happy with the loss, but they were happy with the way they played."

The Lady Tigers were close to forcing a fourth game, but with the score 16-16, Brownfield went on a 9-1 run to close out the match.

Kelbi Drum continued her impressive senior season, notching 13 digs, eight kills and 12 assists in the match.

Kelsi Johnson recorded 17 digs and seven service points, while Teddi Crenwelge posted seven digs, four blocks, four kills and four assists.

"Teddi did a good job. She and Kelbi played really well together," Moses said.

Snyder was short-handed, as Heather Holmes went down during pre-game warm-ups with an injured foot. Courtney Cox tallied seven digs, Emily Jones had three kills and a pair of blocks, and Missy Vasquez recorded 13 digs and five points.

Stacey Williamson added four points and three kills in her most extensive playing time of the season.

The junior varsity was upended by Brownfield, 20-25, 25-20 and 21-25. The junior Lady Tigers trailed, 10-1, in the final game before rallying to make it a tight contest.

The freshmen topped their counterparts from Brownfield, 16-25, 25-21 and 15-12.

All three teams will be in action Saturday against arch-rival Sweetwater, with the subvarsity starting at 1 p.m. and the varsity taking the floor at 2 p.m.

Big Spring rolls past netters

The Snyder netters suffered a setback against Big Spring Tuesday, falling 14-5.

The top two boys, Tanner Reed and Joe Ynguanzo rallied to victory in a pair of close matches.

Reed beat the Steers' top player, Visnal Shroff, 7-5, 6-1, while Ynguanzo needed three sets to dispatch Jake Smiley, 4-6, 6-4, 10-6.

Reed and Austin Lyle won a three-set match against Matt Isles and Nick Paredez, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3.

Andra Dunham was stopped by Veronica Villarreal, 2-6, 0-6, while number two Stephanie Williams lost in straight sets to Heather Parnell, 2-6, 2-6.

Dunham and Williams got revenge in doubles, beating Villarreal and Parnell, 6-4, 6-1.

Snyder also won the mixed doubles match, with the team of Will Banks and Megan Crisp upending the team of Conley-Jordan, 7-5, 7-5.

Snyder will travel to Lubbock Saturday to take on Canyon and Lubbock Trinity, with the Canyon match starting at 9 a.m.

7th Gold routs Levelland

The seventh-grade Gold gridders drubbed 4A Levelland Tuesday, using a quartet of big plays to post a 30-8 victory.

Clay Hirt dashed 50 yards for a score, and Chase Arrendale and Gage West both raced in from 30-yards out, as the junior high Tigers dominated from the outset.

Jesse Conner fired a 15-yard strike to Kenneth Turner for the other touchdown.

The team converted three two-point conversions to round out the scoring. Patrick Meighen was on the receiving end of two conversion passes from Conner. Conner dove in for the other conversion.

"They played awesome," coach Reagan Key said. "Anytime you can beat a 4A school, that's impressive."

The Black squad was upended by the junior high Lobos, 14-6.

Robert Casteneda scored the only touchdown for Snyder on a 30-yard sprint.

Schmidt hurls shutout; Giants top Marlins, 2-0

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Juan Pierre thought the Florida Marlins got hit by a bus. Derrek Lee thought it was the best game pitched against his team all year.

For Jason Schmidt, his latest gem was just another dominating performance in a breakthrough season by San Francisco's 17-game winner with the National League's lowest ERA.

Schmidt pitched the Giants' first playoff shutout in 16 years, throwing a three-hitter for a 2-0 victory over the Marlins in Game 1 Tuesday.

"Once spring training started, I was ready to roll this year," said Schmidt, who has gradually gained confidence since coming to the Giants from Pittsburgh two years ago. "I couldn't wait to get back here again."

Schmidt outdueled Josh Beckett while Barry Bonds and the Giants took advantage of a costly error by fill-in Florida third baseman Miguel Cabrera to score the go-ahead run.

After retiring Lee on a grounder for the final out, Schmidt twirled on one leg before his teammates surrounded him in celebration.

"He's just awesome to watch," reliever Scott Eyre said.

At 68, Felipe Alou wound up a winner while managing his first postseason game and 72-year-old Jack McKeon lost in his playoff debut.

Game 2 in the best-of-five NL series is Wednesday.

Bonds barely had two feet in the batter's box when catcher Ivan Rodriguez's glove shot out to signal an intentional walk, showing just how serious the Marlins were about not getting beat by Bonds.

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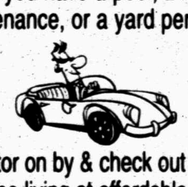
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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Overcoming 'rolling veins'

DEAR DR. GOTT: When I was younger, I diligently donated blood to the Red Cross. In the last few years, I have stopped this practice because of the difficulty every nurse has in extracting my blood. They say I have rolling veins. What is this? What causes it? Is there a way to avoid being a pincushion when I donate blood?

DEAR READER: Veins adhere to and are supported by the subcutaneous tissue beneath the skin. When this tissue is sparse, as it is in young or slim individuals, the veins may actually roll out of the way of the needle during the process of bloodletting. Unless the technician is experienced and knows the method of arresting vein-roll (by exerting pressure on the vein), people with this perfectly normal variant end up being pincushions.

I have a couple of prominent rolling veins in my arm that used to drive me — and the technicians — up the wall. Even though I used to warn, beg and plead, the blood-drawers would invariably zero in on those veins because they looked so easy to hit.

Finally, after years of dreading blood tests, I found a wonderful and skillful nurse who discovered a non-rolling vein. Now, when in need of blood-letting, I insist that this vein be used and I experience no discomfort whatsoever.

The next time you give blood, tell the nurse/technician that you have rolling veins and ask her/him to vary the routine, stay away from the big and succulent veins, and try to find a less obvious vein that will behave itself.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Blood: Donations and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a past column, you addressed the problem of sebaceous cysts. However, you did not mention any non-surgical treatment. I am afflicted with these cysts. Are they treatable? Are there any methods to prevent them? Are there any types of make-up that should be used or avoided? My dermatologist has little information about how to eliminate or prevent them.

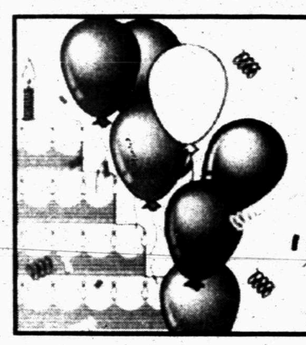
DEAR READER: Sebaceous cysts, more popularly known as wens, are common and harmless. Due in large part to plugged follicles in the skin with a resulting accumulation of fatty sweat residue, these cysts appear as painless, squishy, movable lumps anywhere on the body — especially on the trunk or thighs. Although most wens are small (less than a half-inch in diameter), some can enlarge to the size of a hen's egg.

As I said in my original column, there is no non-surgical treatment for sebaceous cysts. Those that are large, unsightly, become infected or appear at points of irritation (such as bra or belt lines) can be easily removed.

Your dermatologist couldn't give you much information because there isn't much to offer.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Date of the first three weekly publications of this notice: September 24, 2003 in the Snyder Daily News published in Scurry County, Texas.

1. Notice is hereby given that the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79720 has filed an application with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) for a State permit to conduct weather modification operations to change, or attempt to change, the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below.

2. The Colorado River Municipal Water District holds a valid Texas weather-modification license, for Fiscal Year 2004, which began on September 1, 2003.

3. The purpose of the proposed weather-modification operation is to increase precipitation from cumulus cloud formations within the target area of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. The requested period of the permit is January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2007.

4. The proposed weather-modification operation is to be carried out in both an operational area and a target area, to cause the intended effect(s) to occur only in the target area. The operations area is composed of the following counties: Lynn, Garza, Kent, Dawson, Fisher, Martin, Nolan, Glasscock, Sterling and Coke County.

5. The area to be affected by the proposed weather-modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area contained within the following counties, or parts of counties: Borden, Howard, Mitchell, Scurry and the northwest quarter of Coke County.

6. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation are summarized herein. A meteorologist licensed by the TDLR to conduct weather-modification operations will select suitable clouds for seeding using a weather-radar system, as well as standard analytical and weather-forecasting procedures, to guide aircraft to release cloud-condensation nuclei either at cloud base or at cloud top to promote the growth and development of the precipitation process within those clouds. The aircraft will be equipped with flare racks or generators to dispense appropriate materials, either glaciogenic or hygroscopic or a combination of the two, into those clouds deemed receptive to seeding.

7. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed weather-modification operation should contact George Bomar, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), P.O. Box 12157, Austin, Texas 78711 (512-936-4313); george.bomar@license.state.tx.us.

8. A public meeting on this application may be called by mailing letters, or petitions, that specifically request a meeting to the Executive Director, TDLR, P.O. Box 12157, Austin, Texas 78711. The letter or petition must contain (1) the signature, full name and mailing address, including physical address and name of county, of each person requesting the meeting; (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and that he (she) resides or owns property in either the operational or target areas, and (3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely impacted by the proposed seeding operation. Requests for a meeting must be mailed and postmarked to the TDLR within 30 days after the date of first publication of the Notice of Intention, which is required by State rules to be published in newspapers of general circulation in the affected counties once a week for three consecutive weeks. If at least 25 eligible persons make appropriate written requests for a meeting, the TDLR will schedule a public meeting within the area where the operation is to be conducted. Public notice stating the time, place, subject, and legal authority of the public meeting shall be provided at least 20 days prior to the meeting.

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BellSouth	24.09	23.74	23.81	+ .13
BurlNoSFe	29.05	28.80	28.99	+ .12
Caterpillar	70.17	68.90	69.60	+ .76
CenterPoint	9.24	9.13	9.20	+ .03
ChevronTex	72.20	71.57	71.93	+ .48
Citigroup	46.02	45.74	45.84	+ .33
CocaCola	43.30	43.00	43.09	+ .13
ColgatePal	56.54	55.89	56.40	+ .51
CmclMetals	18.77	18.39	18.73	+ .44
ConocoPhill	55.39	54.73	55.17	+ .42
Cooper Inds	48.49	48.03	48.03	
DaimlrChrv	35.21	34.84	34.90	— .16
DeltaAirl	13.60	13.22	13.24	— .06
Dillards Inc	14.51	14.13	14.40	+ .42
DowChem	32.89	32.56	32.79	+ .25
DuPont	40.29	40.00	40.10	+ .09
EastmanChem	33.75	33.15	33.25	— .25
EstKodak	21.10	20.81	20.96	+ .02
EDS Corp	20.50	20.20	20.25	+ .05
Entergy	54.48	54.00	54.33	+ .18
ExxonMobil	36.97	36.60	36.86	+ .26
FootLocker	16.59	16.37	16.46	+ .26
GenDynam	78.96	77.94	78.09	+ .03
GenElec	30.10	29.80	29.97	+ .16
GenMills	47.42	46.99	47.40	+ .33
GenMotors	40.84	40.10	40.13	— .80
GaPacific	24.95	24.55	24.63	+ .39
Goodrich	24.59	24.16	24.33	+ .09
Goodyear	6.70	6.57	6.57	
GtAtlPac	8.20	8.07	8.15	+ .04
Halliburtn	24.70	23.20	24.68	+ .43
Hanson ADS	32.17	31.93	32.15	+ .17
HarteHanks	18.72	18.41	18.66	+ .22
HomeDepot	32.56	32.06	32.27	+ .42
Honeywellintl	26.75	26.25	26.27	— .08
IBM	89.44	88.60	88.90	+ .57
IntlPaper	39.35	38.74	38.97	— .05
JohnsonJn	49.98	49.19	49.47	— .05
KinderMorg	54.84	54.05	54.60	+ .59
Kroger Co	18.10	17.70	17.89	+ .02
LockheedM	46.15	45.43	45.47	— .68
Lowes Cos	52.99	52.00	52.65	+ .75
Lubys	2.55	2.41	2.41	— .11
LucentTech	2.20	2.10	2.10	— .06
MarathonOil	28.84	28.50	28.71	+ .21
MayDeptStr	25.04	24.63	24.85	+ .22
Medtronic	47.45	46.84	46.87	+ .03
Motorola	12.18	11.84	11.85	— .10
NCR Corp	32.55	31.85	32.20	+ .51
Navistar	38.22	37.30	37.82	+ .54
PNM Rescs	28.50	28.06	28.35	+ .31
Penney JC	21.82	21.45	21.65	+ .28
PepBoys	15.79	15.38	15.63	+ .33
PepsiCo	46.55	46.21	46.28	+ .45
PhelpDodge	47.39	47.04	47.14	+ .34
PilgrmPrd B	12.70	12.51	12.70	+ .20
Praxair	62.77	62.30	62.64	+ .69
ProctGamb	93.30	92.82	92.90	+ .08
RadioShack	29.92	28.41	29.63	+ .22
RoyalDut	44.62	44.30	44.45	+ .25
SBC Comm	22.41	22.08	22.16	— .09
SaraLee	18.57	18.39	18.55	+ .19
Scripps EW	85.94	85.30	85.89	+ .79
SearsRoeb	44.70	43.81	44.55	+ .82
SherwinW	29.66	29.39	29.48	+ .07
SouthernCo	29.51	29.24	29.36	+ .04
SwstAirl	17.90	17.65	17.74	+ .04
SprintFON	15.31	15.00	15.00	— .10
SprintPCS	5.95	5.80	5.81	+ .08
Sunoco Inc	40.34	40.10	40.16	— .06
TXU Corp	23.59	23.30	23.46	— .10
TempleInland	49.02	48.57	48.82	+ .27
TexInd	24.76	24.54	24.61	+ .01
TexasInst	23.74	22.87	22.90	+ .10
Textron	40.18	39.45	40.05	+ .60
TrinityInds	26.00	25.74	25.94	+ .09
TylerTech	7.10	7.04	7.05	— .03
UnionPacif	58.14	57.93	58.00	— .17
USSteel	18.91	18.54	18.80	+ .42
UnitedTech	78.70	77.40	78.31	+ 1.03
Unocal	31.59	31.40	31.55	+ .03
VerizonComm	32.74	32.35	32.39	— .05
WalMart	56.26	56.01	56.06	+ .21
WellsFargo	52.05	51.68	51.85	+ .35
WstnGasRs	38.31	38.00	38.23	+ .23
WinnDixie	9.83	9.57	9.58	— .07
Xerox Cp	10.43	10.26	10.31	+ .05
YumBrands	30.52	29.81	30.52	+ .90

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

HUNTERS USE CAUTION WHEN FEEDING CORN TO WILDLIFE

COLLEGE STATION — Texas hunters and wildlife enthusiasts feed almost 300 million pounds of corn to deer and other wildlife annually, unfortunately, they may be doing much more harm than good.

Dr. Neal Wilkins, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist here, said the danger comes from naturally occurring toxins that occasionally turn up in corn.

"You just need to be careful when buying and storing corn to be fed to wildlife," he said. "The Texas corn crop has been plagued with compounds called mycotoxins for the past five years. The most prevalent of these are aflatoxin and fumonison."

Wilkins said Aflatoxin is a byproduct of two naturally occurring fungi, *Aspergillus flavus* and *Aspergillus parasiticus*; while fumonisin is produced by certain strains of another species of common fungi, *Fusarium moniliforme*.

He said Aflatoxin infestations occur during drought. They're found in insect and drought-damaged corn kernels. Fumonisin develops under overcast skies and in humid conditions.

There are actually areas in Texas where corn tests high for both toxins due to the varied weather patterns of the past several years.

Wildlife eating mycotoxin-tainted grain can become ill and die. In livestock and several wildlife species, aflatoxins can cause liver damage, immune system failure and liver cancer. In horses, fumonisin causes fatal necrosis of the brain. In swine and other species it causes pulmonary edema.

Because deer have a complex ruminant digestive system, they don't seem as susceptible to the effects of mycotoxins as other animals," said Wilkins. "Wildlife species that are particularly susceptible include grain-eating birds like quail and turkey and small mammals including squirrels and rabbits.

"Progress in the feed industry and new labeling regulations are improving the safety of corn on the retail market, but you should still be careful. With the help of the Texas A&M Office of the State Chemist at College Station, we periodically survey aflatoxin levels in deer corn sold on the Texas retail market," said Wilkins.

"The year 1998 was a bad one for aflatoxin. In mid-August 1998, we collected and tested 100 bags of shelled deer corn from 52 counties. We found aflatoxin concentrations over 20 parts per billion (pp) in 44 percent of those samples. These samples were above the level considered safe for human consumption.

We also found concentrations of 100 ppb or higher in 20 percent of the samples. Eight samples exceeded 300 ppb, and the highest concentrations were 656 ppb."

Wilkins said unmarked bags with no weight labels or manufacturer's address tended to have higher aflatoxin concentrations. They were also twice as likely to have aflatoxin concentrations above 100 ppb.

"Partly as a result of what we found, the labeling requirements for corn marketed as wildlife feed were strengthened, resulting in a safer corn supply," said Wilkins. "Our surveys in 2002 found only 1 perce. of the samples to be above 100 ppb, and almost all of the corn sampled across 64 counties had labels stating the concentrations of aflatoxin."

Current regulations require sellers of whole corn with more than 20 ppb aflatoxin, or 5 parts per million (ppm) fumonisin to have a Texas feed license. The corn must also be accompanied by a label approved by the Texas Feed and Fertilizer Control Service. Labeling must list the identity and levels of mycotoxin in a warning statement.

Corn with 100 ppb or more aflatoxin should not be fed to wildlife. To assure a safe corn supply, wildlife specialists recommend that only corn labeled as being less than 20 ppb aflatoxin be used. Likewise, corn containing more than 5 ppm fumonisin should not be fed to wildlife.

The worry isn't over once corn is purchased, according to Wilkins. He said hunters should store and feed corn carefully to assure that mycotoxins don't increase. Since the toxin-producing fungi grow best under warm, humid conditions, he warned hunters and wildlife enthusiasts to guard against ever letting corn get wet.

Aspergillus fungi do not always produce aflatoxin, according to Wilkins, but warm temperatures (around 77degrees Fahrenheit) combined with wet corn (15-30 percent moisture content) create prime aflatoxin-growing conditions in stored corn. "For these reasons people should avoid buying the corn commonly sold in plastic bags," he said.

"These bags are much more likely to provide conditions that promote these toxins. Feed corn should be stored in a cool, dry area. and to save our wildlife, hunters should make certain their corn storage facilities and deer feeders are clean and don't leak."



Scurrying Around Snyder

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HOME CLEAN HOME: New Trends in Cleaning Products

Today's consumers want cleaning products that are convenient to use and that clean better and faster! The marketplace is responding with new cleaning products that are *effective, efficient and expedient.* These products have the built-in "elbow grease" to get the job done while saving a valuable commodity *–time!*

Wipe It Away

Wipes have grown to become a product category with sales exceeding $872 million per year. New innovations abound for this category, as early generations of antibacterial and disinfectant wipes have spawned new versions designed for specific uses. Some examples:

Heat-activated microwave wipes are designed to clean baked-on foods in microwaves. For hand dishwashing, there are wipes pretreated with dishwashing liquid that lathers up once the water is added. Specialty wipes contain disinfectants for treating specific surfaces, such as toilets, sinks, windows and countertops.

Dry wipes are for dusting wood, vinyl, ceramic, electronic and other hard surfaces. All-in-one mopping units use wet wipes or squirtable liquid to clean the floor. These units can be used to clean vinyl, ceramic tile, laminate, linoleum and finished wood floors.

Cleaning Cloths

This category has evolved from electrostatic dust sheets for cleaning the floor to dust mitts for tables. Mitts and cloths, made from microfibers, are now available in reusable versions and in throw-away styles.

Options include varieties embedded with dusting products and cleansing conditioners to enhance performance. These products are designed for dusting surfaces, such as tabletops, television screens, picture frames and knickknacks.

New in the Laundry Aisle

No one wants to wash clothes more times than necessary – and new products help avoid this. For example, dye-trapping sheets for the washer are made to work like magnets, preventing colors from being transferred from one item to another.

There are also new detergents that are specially formulated to keep dark clothes dark. Dual function products, such as detergent/bleach combos and premeasured detergent tablets, are prized for their convenience.

The tumble action of front-loading, high-efficiency (HE) washers creates more suds than the agitator action of traditional washers. As a result, traditional detergents are not recommended for HE washers.

New detergents that are specially formulated for HE machines are low foaming while still designed to clean the same amount of clothes and soil as regular washers.

Other attributes of these detergents include their ability to dissolve easily, distribute evenly and prevent the redeposition of soil and dye onto clothes.

The "Dish" on Dishwashing Products

Easy and efficient stain removal is the goal of today's new dishwashing products. Pre-measured powder and gel capsules for automatic dishwashers take the guessing game out of determining the optimum dosage.

Some tablets have multi-layers or components, with each layer signaling different ingredients or actions. Rinse-aids, either as a separate product or integrated into the dishwasher detergent, can help prevent spotting and filming. Plastic cleaning boosters can help remove tough stains from plastic ware.

Hand dishwashing liquids now feature scents, as well as hand-care ingredients, such as proteins, vitamin E, vitamin B5 and aloe vera.

General Household Cleaners

New innovations include: Pre-measured toilet tablets, which provide just the right amount of cleaning power, can be released into the bowl water and, after a few minutes, brushed around the bowl and flushed away.

New multi-surface cleaners are enhanced with a light orange scent. Disinfectant sprays with fabric refreshers are designed to kill odor-causing bacteria and eliminate odors on soft surfaces, such as carpets, curtains and upholstery.

As always, be sure to read product labels for use instructions, as well as the appropriate surfaces for which these products are formulated.

?Weather Whys?

Topic: Blue sky

Q: Why is the sky blue and not some other color?

A: From space, the Earth is seen totally surrounded by blackness, says Texas A&M University's Andrew Odins. "But the blue sky and white clouds we see are the result of light being scattered in all directions.

"We know that light is coming from the sun, and this light contains all of the colors within the spectrum. The colors of light travel in waves of different lengths, and about 18 miles up, light encounters air molecules.

"These air molecules allow most of the light to pass through. But blue and violet travel at small wavelengths which get scattered by these very small air molecules across the sky. This is also known as Rayleigh scattering, which makes the sky look blue.

"During a sunrise or sunset, the sunshine has to pass through more atmosphere, so the shorter wavelengths are almost completely scattered away, allowing a reddish color to be seen."

Q: So why does the sky look gray during a hazy day?

A: On hazy days, large particles in the air make the sky appear gray or even white, Odins explains. "These larger particles tend to scatter more wavelengths of light in the color spectrum," he says. "Hazy air has a lot of water molecules, and these molecules can scatter light of all wavelengths, not just blue.

"In heavily polluted air, the sky may appear yellow or brown, and this is due to the particles being able to scatter the light to produce these colors. This phenomenon is called Mie scattering. To sum it up, the way light is scattered determines the color of the sky."

ABOUT WEATHER WHYS....

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Crop report: Pumpkin yield said good in Texas

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas pumpkin producers aren't spooked by this year's crop, thanks to high yields and high quality, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"Texas is ranked fourth in state pumpkin production," said Dr. Dudley Smith, associate professor with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. "Pumpkins contribute about $7.4 million to the Texas economy."

"The size and quality are excellent this year," said Hulon Carthel of Heptad Vegetables in Floyd County, one of the largest pumpkin growers in the state.

"We had planted some varieties earlier in the season, and they suffered some damage due to rain and static electric storms, but other than that everything has been just fine," said Tim Assiter of Assiter Punkins, also in Floyd County. His family has been in the pumpkin business for almost 40 years, and he couldn't be more pleased with this year's crop.

Because of the exceptional quality of this year's crop, Assiter said he is getting 10 to 12 cents a pound on some of the smaller ornamental varieties of pumpkins. Pumpkins used for jack-o-lanterns are receiving 7 cents a pound, which has been the typical price for years, he added.

"The yields look good," said Bailey County Extension Agent Curtis Preston. "Producers in our area had no real problems with insects or disease,".

Disease and insects can cause major problems. Squash bugs are an insect that must be exterminated shortly after they have hatched. If they are allowed to mature, they can cause the pumpkin vines to wilt, thus reducing yields and eventually killing the plant.

The reason no insect problems were reported this year had to do with the drought in West Texas. "We had a very hot, dry summer, and that suppresses insects and disease," Assiter said.

However, the lack of rain caused an increased dependence on irrigation by producers. Many pumps in the High Plains rely on natural gas; steep natural gas prices made irrigation costly this summer.

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc had a run of 1,443 head of livestock for the Thursday, Sept. 25, sale. Cows were $5 cheaper. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good

Slaughter cows:
(High dressing, cutters, utility) 35-43
Canners and low cutters: 30-36
Slaughter bulls: 45-50
Feeder steers:
300-400: 110-125
400-500: 100-115
500-600: 92-102
600-700: 88-100
700-800: 85-92
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-117
400-500: 92-102
500-600: 85-100
600-700: 83-90
700-800: 80-85
Feeder bulls – Good and choice
500-600: 90-100
700-800: 75-85
Cow and Calf Pairs
Good: 750-900
Grade: 600-725
Springers: 450-750
Baby Calves: 150-210
Doodlers: 150-250

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 757 head of cattle for the Wednesday, Sept. 24, sale. Market was active and demand good. Feeder and stocker steers and heifers all weights were steady to stronger. Pairs and bred cows were $10 to $20 lower. Packer bulls and cows were $2 to $4 lower.

Feeder Steers:
200-300: 126-138
300-400: 106-126
400-500: 97-109
500-600: 90-96.50
600-750: 89-90
Feeder Heifers:
200-300: 111-120
300-400: 98-108
400-500: 89-96
500-600: 87-90.50
600-750: 85-90
Replacement cows:
Bred cows: 485-710
Pairs: 650-855
Packer cows: 35-44.50
Old and Shelly cows: 30-34
Packer bulls: 48-53.50

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Telemarketing calls may decline; do-not-call list's future uncertain

WASHINGTON (AP) — The national do-not-call list, hampered by a weeklong legal struggle, went into effect today, with government officials still predicting a large decline in telemarketing calls to millions of registered phone numbers.

The seemingly simple service is at the center of a perplexing saga involving every branch of government. In the latest twist, federal officials scrambled a day before enforcement was to start to rework a system that handles complaints about telemarketers.

For now, officials are directing consumers who registered phone numbers on the list to send complaints to the Federal Communications Commission by visiting its Web site or calling 1-888-225-5322.

The list contains more than 50 million home and cell phone numbers. Companies could face thousands of dollars in fines each time they call a registered number.

Redirecting all complaints to the FCC was a last-minute change. The potential for more confusion remained, since outdated instructions for filing complaints were still on government phone messages and Web sites late Tuesday.

"It will just be a more cumbersome and difficult system than the system we designed," Federal Trade Commission Chairman Timothy Muris told reporters Tuesday after testifying to a Senate committee. "This doesn't mean that consumers will be without protection."

Muris said the FTC is moving to stop accepting new numbers while a court fight with telemarketers plays out. Despite the legal wrangling, many of the largest telemarketers say they will abide by the list.

Consumers can expect a significant decrease in calls, "assuming telemarketers comply," Muris said. The FTC was blocked from operating and enforcing the list last week by a federal judge who said the program violates the free speech rights of telemarketers. Muris said the legal fight could stretch into next year.

The list was intended to block about 80 percent of telemarketing calls. Exemptions include calls from charities and pollsters and on behalf of politicians. A company also may call a person on the no-call list if that person has bought, leased or rented from the company within the past 18 months or has inquired about or applied for something during the past three months.

Recent legal challenges and the government's makeshift fixes to keep the list in business have left other holes in the registry's protections.

The do-not-call list requires telemarketers to pay for a copy of the list so they can know whom to avoid calling. Many telemarketers have the list, but some do not and cannot obtain it since the FTC shut down that aspect of the program on Sunday in response to the court rulings.

The FCC can only penalize those who have the list.

FCC Chairman Michael Powell said that while investigating complaints, the FCC would ask a telemarketing firm accused of a violation whether it had the list. "Lying to us is a dangerous thing," he said, noting that deceiving the agency could result in serious legal actions.

Some telemarketers say the legal confusion has their industry in turmoil, with many unsure about which numbers can and can't be called and what actions will result in penalties.

U.S. District Judge Edward W. Nottingham in Denver on Monday denied a request to suspend his decision blocking the FTC from running the list. He also warned the agency could face more legal action for using the FCC to skirt the order.

On Tuesday, the FTC asked the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to suspend Nottingham's ruling that blocked the agency from operating the list. Officials from 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico filed a brief with the court supporting the FTC.

More witnesses to shooting talk

TYLER (AP) — Two more witnesses to a fatal police shooting will be asked to share what they saw with a grand jury, possibly as early as Thursday when the panel convenes to hear new testimony in the case, Smith County District Attorney Jack Skeen said Tuesday.

Terrance Lamon Black, 26, and Tawakini Jones, 23, both of Tyler, had been initially sought by Tyler police as potential witnesses to the July 31 shooting at an apartment complex, the Tyler Morning Telegraph reported in a copyright story.

"If they were there and they saw something, we need to hear from them," Skeen told the newspaper. "They will be served with a subpoena to appear before the grand jury."

The men had been detained by Tyler police bike officers for a suspected drug transaction moments before 26-year-old Terance Raibon was shot to death after he shot and wounded officer Kenneth Gardner. Two citizens were also injured in the incident in an apartment complex courtyard.

Black and Jones were mentioned in the officers' statements obtained last week by the newspaper under the Texas Public Information Act, but neither was identified or located before a Smith County grand jury declined to indict the officers last month.

The Morning Telegraph said both men visited its offices this week to share their accounts at the request of Lesly Gatheright, a Tennessee-based consultant pushing for a federal probe into the shooting.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003

Mother Nature can sometimes be tardy in acting, but she eventually delivers as promised, so don't prematurely give up on the goals you set for yourself in the year ahead. Stay the course and you'll succeed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The results of your procrastination may start to gang up on you today and pressure you to do all those things you had promised to do but didn't. Expect to be very busy and overwhelmed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Today may be a day of reckoning if you had said anything unkind about others or did anything that was out of line. Unfortunately, what goes around comes around, and it's your turn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Remember your past experiences and don't involve yourself today in a financial situation similar to one that did not work out for you previously. There's money in profiting from your mistakes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today's events will be substantially influenced by those with whom you choose to associate. Saddle yourself with losers and you'll lose; hop a ride with winners and you'll go far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — That weight you're feeling on your back today is the heavy hand of neglected responsibilities. It behooves you to do everything within your power to start to alleviate those burdens.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Peer pressure could be your worst enemy today if you ignore your better judgment and succumb to their damaging demands. Be strong enough to say no, and mean it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be extra mindful of your behavior today, because your public image is extremely fragile at this time. Keep your temper in check and don't respond negatively to any attacks on you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Instead of wasting time pointing a finger of blame today or trying to establish who is at fault for a blunder, use your energy to correct the situation and get yourself rolling again.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The world is not acting on a footloose-and-fancy-free agenda today as you might like. It's all serious business, with no free rides. If you decide to dance anyway, be prepared to pay the piper.

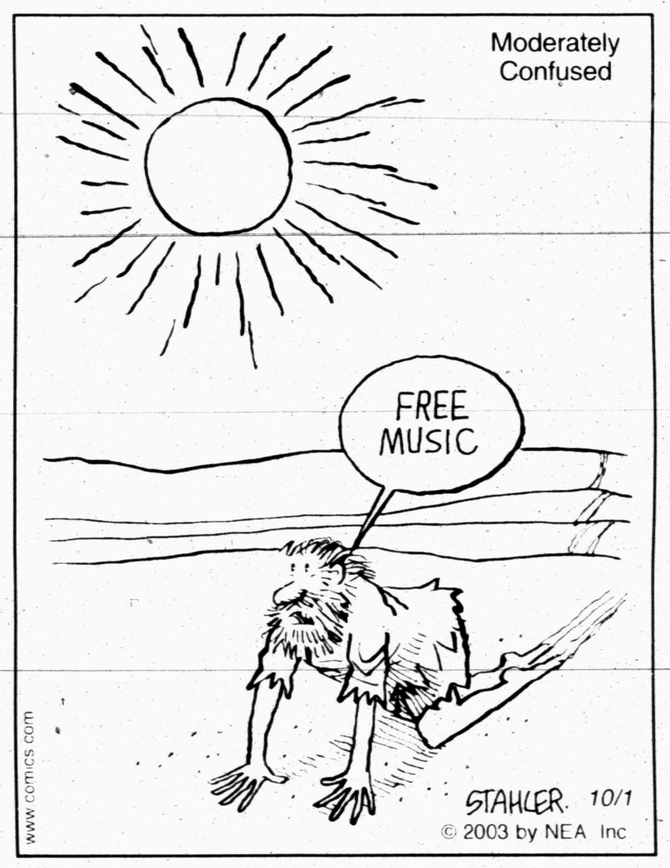
CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The kind of responses you can expect from others today will be determined by your own attitude and behavior. If you're sharp-tongued or highly critical, anticipate similar treatment in return.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Misinterpreting the actions of others today stems from expecting the worst from life and having a chip on your shoulder. You may think others are dictating to you when they're only trying to help.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — That critical eye of yours that you depend on so heavily might not be operative today, so you'd be wise to steer clear of expensive purchases or involvements. You could be duped.

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U.N. takes charge of Liberian mission

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — A day after the last U.S. troops left Liberia, West African forces traded their camouflage helmets today for the blue ones of the United Nations as the world body took over peacekeeping in the troubled country.

Yet fighting broke out in the capital even as the U.N. peace mission got under way, with Liberia's top rebel leader coming under fire as he approached the capital, Monrovia.

It was unclear whether the leader, Sekou Conneh, was injured in the fighting, apparently one of the most serious clashes in the capital since the West African forces deployed there Aug. 4.

The violence started when government soldiers objected to rebels blocking a road for Conneh's motorcade. Rebels around the convoy pulled out AK-47s and rocket launchers and opened fire, sending civilians fleeing the crowded eastern neighborhood. It was not clear if Conneh was injured.

Associated Press journalists saw two bodies; other witnesses reported more casualties.

Conneh had been headed to his first meeting with new President Moses Blah, under escort by West African peace force commander Brig. Gen. Festus Okonkwo.

The 3,500 West African troops, brought in to quell a siege of the capital, will now be under U.N. command to maintain the cease-fire in a country that has seen 14 years of conflict.

"We were given a job and we have done the job and done it well. We are happy to be part of the new force to take over," Col. Theophilus Tawiah of Ghana, chief of staff of the West African force, said earlier today, marking the handover.

The United Nations force is expected to number up to 15,000 troops by March and will monitor the transition to a power-sharing government, followed by elections.

The last U.S. ground forces, about 30 in all, left Tuesday after helping the West Africans drive President Charles Taylor into exile and clear the way for the power-sharing agreement.

Extending security barrier okayed by Israel's Cabinet

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's Cabinet today approved an extension of a security barrier that would sweep around Jewish settlements deep in the West Bank but also have large gaps — for now — to address U.S. concerns.

One stretch would be built east of Ariel — the second-largest settlement in the West Bank, with 18,000 residents — although it won't immediately be connected to the main security fence running further west, closer to Israel, said Zalman Shoval, an adviser to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Israeli radio reports said similar barriers also would be erected east of several other settlements in the West Bank heartland, including Efrat, south of Bethlehem.

In other developments, Israeli commandos arrested Bassam Saadi, a senior leader of the Islamic Jihad, in the West Bank refugee camp of Jenin. A witness said Saadi was hiding under a parked car when he was seized.

Later today, an Islamic Jihad member was killed and another critically wounded in an Israeli army raid in the West Bank refugee camp of Tulkaren, Palestinian security officials said. The Israeli military had no immediate comment.

Also, the incoming Palestinian prime minister, Ahmed Qureia, said he has reached agreement on the formation of a Cabinet and would present it to parliament on Sunday and Monday. He would not discuss the size or composition of the new government, but Palestinian officials have said he was hoping to reduce the number of ministers from 24 to 12, in part because he was exasperated by wrangling over Cabinet seats.

The vote today by the Israeli Cabinet on the next segments of the security barrier was 18-4, with one abstention.

Israel says the barrier is necessary to keep out suicide attackers. Dozens of Israelis have been killed in more than 100 suicide attacks during three years of violence. Many bombers have simply walked across the unmarked line between Israel and the West Bank, blowing themselves up in Israeli cities.

Palestinian officials demand that the United States stop the barrier's construction, charging that Israel is grabbing land and unilaterally drawing a border that should be determined in peace talks.

"All these are procedures and actions that destroy all possibilities for peace and bringing about calm, be it settlements, the wall, or what is happening around Jerusalem," Qureia said.

The United States wants the barrier to run close to the Green Line, the frontier between Israel and the West Bank before the 1967 Mideast war.

Iraqi policemen open fire after demonstrators attack station

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi police opened fire in downtown Baghdad today after demonstrators demanding jobs stormed a police station and threw stones at officers, police said. At least one demonstrator was injured in the shooting.

In the northern city of Mosul, police also fired warning shots in the air to disperse hundreds of unemployed Iraqis who marched to an employment office and the city hall to demand jobs. There were no reports of injuries in the protests in Mosul, Iraq's third largest city.

Elsewhere, a roadside bomb exploded today as a U.S. convoy was driving by in Saddam Hussein's hometown Tikrit. Three soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division were wounded, U.S. officials said.

When the gunfire in Baghdad stopped after about 30 minutes, fights broke out between some demonstrators and police. The protesters said they had been promised police jobs in July, but the positions had not been given out. They claimed police were demanding bribes in return for hiring them.

Salah Hasan, a policeman, said officers fired into the air when demonstrators attacked the Facilities Protection Force station. He said several officers were injured, and demonstrators set two cars on fire. Police Cpl. Hashim Habib Mohsen said some of the demonstrators fired on police.

Also today, Iraq's schools opened for registration and orientation, with pressing infrastructure needs and security concerns. Coalition officials had hoped to purge references to Saddam from textbooks in time for the new school year, which begins Saturday, but most of the new editions have not arrived yet.

In the clash with police, Lt. Mothana Ali said about 1,000 demonstrators had gone to the station demanding jobs. The police, he said, told the group they were not hiring new officers, and provocateurs incited the group to storm the building.

Ali Hamid, 21, said he and other protesters had applied for jobs but were refused even though they'd paid to get their names on a list.

"All these policemen are corrupt. We gave them money to register our names as candidates and when we returned they said we have no business being here. They are all corrupt from officers to regular policemen," Hamid said.

Ali Aboud, a 52-year-old unemployed builder, said police had asked him to pay $100 for a job, a sum he said was out of the question.

"They promised us they would give us jobs in July. We have come every week, but still we get no answer," Aboud said.

One protester, Yassin Khudier, claimed he paid $100 to the driver of the chief of the Facilities Protection Force to get a job. "I was deceived by this person, and I want my money back," Khudier said.

Chief of the east Baghdad police, Brig. Khadum Abide, arrived to talk with the demonstrators and said appointments to the force would be announced on television in three days.

Police investigate criminal mischief

- ***Criminal mischief***

A woman in the 2000 block 43rd Street requested to speak to officers Tuesday afternoon in reference to someone breaking the window on her back door. A report for criminal mischief was filed.

- ***Harassment***

At 1:22 a.m. today, a woman in the 200 block of 23rd Street requested a close patrol of her residence after her daughter was harassed by a man and his sister.

- ***Suspicious person***

Wanda Bennett of 220 34th Street called police at 11:51 p.m. Tuesday reporting a man coming to her residence and trying to sell jeans to her for $20.

At 12:03 a.m. today, Victoria Loveall reported that a man attempting to sell her pants had just left her residence at 301 36th Place. The police located the man in the 3600 block of Apple Street and advised him of the complaints.

- ***Found property***

Mary Ryan notified officers Tuesday morning that an engine block had been placed in the driveway at 2904 El Paso. Nichols's Wrecker Service picked up the engine.

- ***Misuse of driver license***

A woman told officers Tuesday morning that a man in Altus, Okla., had been using her driver license number. The woman was advised of the proper steps to take.

- ***Motorist assists***

Officers assisted 5 motorists Tuesday who had locked their keys in their vehicles.

Obituaries

Opal Clinkinbeard

1902-2003

Opal Virgie Clinkinbeard, 100, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, at her home in Snyder.

Funeral service for Mrs. Clinkinbeard is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Healthcare chaplain, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Born on Oct. 3, 1902 in Okemah, Okla., she married John Clinkinbeard on March 23, 1920 in Okmulgee, Okla. He died in 1956 and also was preceded in death by two sons, Charles Clinkinbeard in 1999 and David Clinkinbeard in 2000.

Mrs. Clinkinbeard was a rancher and worked as a cook at the Plaza Restaurant for 23 years.

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

Bernice Hale

1909-2003

LUBBOCK — Bernice Reed Hale, the mother of Bobbie Combest of Snyder, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, in Midland.

Funeral service for Mrs. Hale, 94, is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Primitive Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Englewood Cemetery in Slaton under the direction of White Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Mrs. Hale was a former resident of Snyder.

Gertrude Reeves

1907-2003

MATADOR — Gertrude Reeves, the sister of Opal Horsley of Snyder, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, at her home in Abilene.

Graveside service for Mrs. Reeves, 95, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the East Mound Cemetery in Matador.

Born Dec. 5, 1907 in Fisher County, she lived in Motley County as a child and was a longtime resident of Midland where she was employed by a wholesale pharmaceutical firm. A member of the Methodist Church, Mrs. Reeves had been a resident of Abilene the past five years.

Survivors include two other sisters, Ruby Coke of Abilene and Lois Stancell of Muleshoe; and several nieces and nephews.

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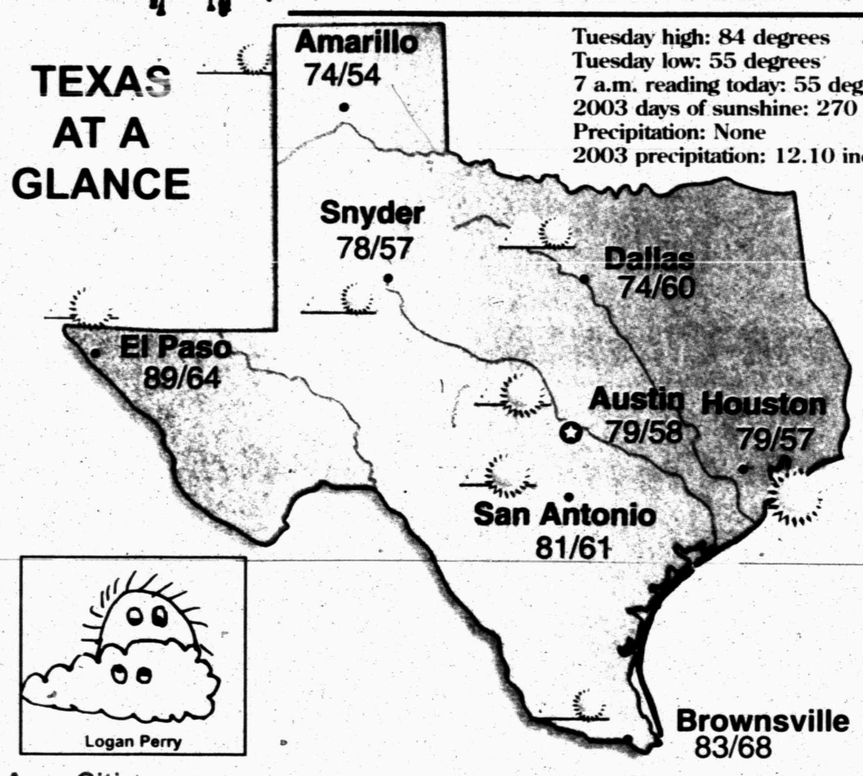
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 10/2	Fri 10/3	Sat 10/4
78/57	81/57	82/57
Sunshine along with some cloudy intervals. High 78F.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise 7:38 AM, Sunset 7:27 PM	Sunrise 7:39 AM, Sunset 7:26 PM	Sunrise 7:40 AM, Sunset 7:25 PM

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Tuesday high: 84 degrees
Tuesday low: 55 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 55 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 270 of 273
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 12.10 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	79	60	pt sunny	El Paso	89	64	mst sunny	Midland	82	61	sunny
Amarillo	74	54	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	84	60	sunny	Raymondville	84	64	mst sunny
Austin	79	58	mst sunny	Gainesville	73	55	pt sunny	Rosenberg	79	57	sunny
Beaumont	77	55	sunny	Greenville	73	54	pt sunny	San Antonio	81	61	mst sunny
Brownsville	83	68	pt sunny	Houston	79	57	sunny	San Marcos	80	58	sunny
Brownwood	80	57	pt sunny	Kingsville	83	63	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	73	52	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	81	64	mst sunny	Livingston	78	51	sunny	Sweetwater	79	59	pt sunny
Corsicana	77	55	pt sunny	Longview	75	51	pt sunny	Tyler	76	54	pt sunny
Dallas	74	60	pt sunny	Lubbock	80	57	pt sunny	Weatherford	74	55	pt sunny
Del Rio	83	65	mst sunny	Lufkin	77	52	sunny	Wichita Falls	74	58	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	68	41	mst sunny	Houston	79	57	sunny	Phoenix	103	77	pt sunny
Boston	60	42	pt sunny	Los Angeles	73	59	pt sunny	San Francisco	67	56	windy
Chicago	54	43	mst sunny	Miami	84	73	t-storm	Seattle	69	49	pt sunny
Dallas	74	60	pt sunny	Minneapolis	53	49	pt sunny	St. Louis	60	44	sunny
Denver	66	44	t-storm	New York	62	43	pt sunny	Washington, DC	64	43	pt sunny

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Thu 10/2	Fri 10/3	Sat 10/4
8	8	8
High	High	High

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

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