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HOUSE WORK - Paul Salinas, Saul Salinas and Chris Mitchell (from left), employees for Grantham Construction, work diligently to prepare a new home under construction in the Cedar Creek. (SDN Staff Photo)

Split vote approves county's terms for interlocal agreement

By Leslie Schmidt
SDN Staff Writer

In a meeting this morning that lasted only 10 minutes, Scurry County commissioners' court voted 3-1 to approve a letter addressed to the city council regarding negotiations for the much-discussed interlocal agreement between the two entities.

Monday afternoon, it appeared that negotiations had stalled after the county received a letter over the signature of Mayor Francene Noah. However, by this morning, talks were back on track.

Both entities are under the gun to have a new agreement in place prior to Sunday's deadline imposed by the city.

The letter received from the city Monday proposed seven services in the contract:

—the city will provide county-wide fire suppression and rescue;

-the county will provide jail services for persons arrested by the Snyder police department;

—the county will provide county-wide dispatching, including dispatching for Snyder police and fire departments;

—the county will provide space in the law enforcement building for the police department and will pay for all utilities;

—the county will provide a magistrate for arrests made by city police;

—the county will provide personnel and equipment for seal-coating inside the city;

—the county will provide county-wide EMS services and the city will pay to the county $50,000 annually with funds restricted for repairs or replacement of ambulances. If the city takes over the EMS services in the future, any funds that have not been used for repair or replacement of ambulances, along with existing equipment, would be returned to the city.

The only changes suggested by the county from the city's proposal were to have a four-year contract as opposed to two as suggested by the city. The county also wants to remove a sentence that states all shared services are to be considered separately.

Judge Rod Waller said, "We can consider items separately as we negotiate, but everything needs to be binding in the final contract." The judge also said that he has no problem with the two-year term, but he would prefer four years.

Precinct 3 commissioner Howard Limmer, who voted no to approval of the letter, said that he would like the county to be able to take trash and tree limbs to the landfill without being charged.

Judge Waller said that he would also like to see that clause added, but due to the time constraint, it could be considered when the next contract is negotiated.

Commissioners' court will meet again at 10 a.m. Friday to discuss the city's response to the letter and to continue negotiations.

The city has a meeting on the topic posted for 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Waller presided and commissioners present were Limmer, Chloanne Lindsey, Jerry House and Ralph Trevey.

Senate Democrats to leave Albuquerque

AUSTIN (AP) — Ten boycotting Texas Democrats have decided to leave New Mexico and come back to the state for a court hearing Thursday before returning to Austin for another special session on congressional redistricting.

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, told reporters in Albuquerque late Monday that the senators will not return to New Mexico after the Thursday hearing in Laredo.

"We'll be going home. We'll be going home to our districts," Van de Putte said.

The 10 senators made their decision after a conference call that connected senators who were in Miami, Philadelphia and California for meetings.

Though the senators are returning to Texas, Van de Putte said they will not return to Austin until the next special legislative session is called. Then, she said, they will take their congressional redistricting battle to the Senate floor where they plan to debate the issue.

Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, left Albuquerque last week and said he would return for any special session called by the governor, giving the Senate a quorum.

"Once he makes a quorum, it's a moot point for us to be out of state," said Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston. "We have to at least come back and register our votes."

Eleven Democratic senators left July 28 to prevent a quorum and block a vote on congressional redistricting. Republicans want new congressional boundaries that give their party an advantage in the Texas delegation.

Democrats currently hold the edge in the delegation, 17-15.

Van de Putte, chairman of the Senate Democratic Caucus, said the Democrats are "not at risk of being captured."

They left the Texas Capitol secretly six weeks ago just as Republican Gov. Rick Perry was about to call a second consecutive special session. They quickly fled across the state line so that Texas law officers or the Senate sergeant-at-arms could not arrest them and force them back to the Senate chamber.

Since leaving the state, the Democrats have filed a federal lawsuit in Laredo claiming minority rights were trampled in violation of the Voting Rights Act and that their rights to political free speech were violated.

In Austin on Monday, Perry met with Republican legislative leaders to plan another special session on the redistricting amid one remaining obstacle, getting agreement among the Republicans themselves.

At issue is a squabble between House and Senate Republicans over the shape of a West Texas congressional district that currently includes Midland and Lubbock.

Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock wants to keep the district largely intact. House Speaker Tom Craddick wants new boundaries in which Midland has its own district.

"There is no deal on West Texas," Craddick spokesman Bob Richter said Monday after a meeting of the state's top three GOP officials.

Craddick, Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst met for about an hour in the governor's office.

Dewhurst said only that the governor could summon the Legislature back into a third special legislative session as early as this week, but he cautioned that the House and Senate still needed to break the deadlock over new congressional boundaries.

Dewhurst said the next special session should last no longer than two to three weeks.

Alleged victim testifying as trial underway

Man charged with burglary with intent to commit sexual assault

A 27-year-old Snyder woman, the alleged victim, was testifying this morning in 132nd District Court in the trial of Javier F. Alfaro.

Alfaro, 28, of 3501 Irving is charged with burglary of a building with the intent to commit sexual assault.

The woman began her testimony Monday afternoon following jury selection.

An eight-woman, four-man jury is hearing the case that stemmed from a Sept. 28, 2002 incident in which the woman called 9-1-1 at 4:59 a.m. on a Saturday stating a Hispanic man had tried to sexually assault her in her bedroom.

District Attorney Dana Cooley is prosecuting the case and Alfaro's defense attorney is Novert A. Morales of Midland.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.

Jewel Roemisch tops contest

If your last name is Roemisch, chances are you did well on last week's SDN Football Contest.

Jewel D. Roemisch of 2208 44th St. had just three misses to win the first prize of $50. Bobby Roemisch Jr. of the same address also had three misses, but Jewel picked closer on the tie breaker, correctly calling Wylie to win and selected 31 total points. Bobby picked Wylie to win but predicted 24 points, giving him the second place $25.

Pam Gibson of 2707 36th St. had four misses, earning her third place and the $15 prize.

Winners will be mailed their checks. Another contest appears in today's edition.

Election is Saturday...

Early voting ends today for amendment election

Today is the last for early voting on 22 constitutional amendments. Early voting ends at 5 p.m.

As of this morning, 214 ballots had been cast, including 6 mail in ballots. Mail-in voting ended Friday.

There are 10,499 voters registered in Scurry County.

"Voting is usually light for amendment elections," said County Clerk Joan Bunch.

Polls will open Saturday for the regular election day voting.

For Saturday's election, some voting boxes have been combined.

Boxes 5, 6, and 7 vote at the Scurry County library; boxes 8, 9, and 10 vote at the Snyder school administration building; boxes 11, 12, and 13 vote on the south side of the Scurry County Coliseum; and boxes 14 and 15 on the north side of the coliseum.

For 7 p.m. meeting...

Maintenance notes on agenda for HISD board

Hermleigh ISD trustees will meet 7 this evening and will consider a resolution to issue maintenance tax notes to finance campus renovations.

The board also is expected to select John Baker of McLarty-Baker as architect for gym expansion. A proposal for the "Breakfast in the Classroom" program will be presented by Brenda Kuss and Joyce Lionberger.

Student of the month awards will be presented to Aaron Jernigan, fourth grader; and Amy Botts, high school junior.

Supt. Marvin Beaty and Principal Clarence Speiker will present administrative reports.

The meeting will be held in the high school homemaking room.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If the art of conversation is disappearing, why are so many people seen talking on cell phones?"

We need more training, so the parents say.

A couple of weeks ago we were called on to keep the new grandson for about four hours.

Ole what's-her-name was unavailable, so son and his wife were obviously desperate on the night of the big fundraiser in Midland.

We left a meeting in Lamesa and were right on time to get all the instructions — you know, eat in three hours, how many scoops to put in the formula, where the diapers are located, the PJs for bedtime and, of course, emergency numbers.

No problem, we thought. No seven-month-old kid could outsnooker a wise ole grandpa.

Actually things went pretty well. Feeding was without a hitch — after we figured out how to operate the microwave. We walked around a few blocks pushing the baby carriage and found no young mothers interested in small talk or diaper changing.

But back at headquarters, we smelled a problem coming on. Everybody, including ole what's-her-name, had been eagerly awaiting the occasion.

It was a ripe one. We recalled only one time before being in such a predicament — and that was 33 years ago. In those days safety pins were required, and we remember the kid screaming just 'cause we poked him with it.

These days, we were told, no pins are required. It would be a snap, they advised.

Well, the first thing the squirming gent did was to put his foot in it. And the kicking and stretching smeared the stuff over most things in the room.

The kid was laughing at us, but we managed to wrestle him into the clean dy-tee and put him in a jumping swing while we cleaned up the mess.

A few hours later, however, we noticed a few leaks coming out of the newly-installed diaper. We had been told that the new ones don't leak.

Back to the changing area. This time, fortunately, it was only damp. Again, he laughed as we wrestled and tugged to get the fresh diaper attached to the tiny bottom. And we efficiently put on the bedtime clothes.

Actually, we were pretty proud, no major catastrophes had occurred, no emergency calls necessary — and the kid was still smiling at his sitter.

Mom arrived home first and relieved us of duty. She didn't say so, but we think she was a little relieved.

The next morning, we got a call from the kid's pop. He was laughing so hysterically, he could hardly convey the message.

Nate had waked up with his PJs sopping wet. We were told we had installed the diaper backwards.

And yes, we have been invited back — but only with ole what's-her-name, of course.

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ASK US

Q—Who was Price Daniel, whom the local prison is named for?

A—He was the 38th governor of Texas.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Betty Thurman...

...has lived in Snyder for 15 years. She is employed by Caprock Home Health as a caregiver. Her husband, Gary, works at Pizza Inn. They have three children, Michael, 14, Mystery, 10, and Beth, 8. Hobbies include reading, taking the kids to the park and walking.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Most people live and die with their music still unplayed. They never dare to try.

—Mary Kay Ash

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Central Baptist Church revival

Hermleigh's Central Baptist Church revival is underway with weekdays services at 7 p.m. through Wednesday. Evangelist Murlyn Keller and his family will use chalk art and music in the services. Call 863-2305 for transportation.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Barbara Owen is set from 4 to 5:30 p.m. today at Northeast Elementary.

Lord's Acre fish fry

First United Methodist Church's Lord's Acre fish fry is at 5 p.m. today in Wesley Hall. Tickets are $7 for adults and $3 for children under 10. Tickets are on sale now and take-outs will be available.

4-H horse club meeting

Scurry County 4-H horse club will have its start-up meeting at 7 this evening in the East Elementary cafeteria.

WTC registration deadline

Wednesday is the last day for students to register at Western Texas College for the fall semester. Students should contact the counseling office to begin the registration process.

AARP board meeting

AARP board members will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the senior center.

SHS school pictures

Snyder High school pictures will be taken Wednesday and Thursday. Students will receive packets in English classes today Tuesday and must pay for pictures at the time they are taken. Students not wanting to order pictures must still have their picture taken for the yearbook.

Trap shoot fundraiser

A trap shoot fundraiser, sponsored by Lighthouse Assembly of God, will be held from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Thursday, 1.3 miles east on U.S. 180. Look for signs on right. Cost is $25 and targets will be provided. For more information call Chris Thomison at 207-3520.

First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church is sponsoring a support group for people facing difficulties, including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. on the second Thursday of each month. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first floor Adult 6 Department.

Youth group car wash

First Asembly of God youth group will have a car wash beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at United Supermarkets. Donations are from $5 up.

County, Gospel music

Country and Gospel music will be played starting at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center.

SCA demonstration

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) will hold a demonstration in Snyder Saturday. SCA is a non-profit group striving to recreate the Middle Ages with historical accuracy. Call 574-8019 for more information.

Drivers license office

The drivers license office is closed for vacation and will reopen on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, in the fellowship hall of the Ira Baptist Church. Doughnuts and coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. Meat, paper goods and drinks will be furnished for lunch. Bring vegetable or salad and desert. For more information cal Louise Layne at 573-2012 or Lorita Keller at 573-3825.

1950s dance contest

A '50s dance contest will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, in conjunction with the White Buffalo Festival. Judging for the $100 prize will be 50% costume and 50% dance skills. The White Buffalo Committee also solicits 1950s yearbooks for the display. For more information call Jackie at the coliseum at 573-9811.

Pick up Tiger's Lair

The 2003 Tiger's Lair yearbook can still be picked up in room 229 at Snyder High before and after school. Only students who paid for a yearbook or their parents may get the book. There are a few extra yearbooks for sale. They are $50 while supply lasts.

2003 Bulldog annuals arrive

The 2003 Bulldog annuals have arrived and have been delivered to those who purchased one. To purchase an extra annual at a cost of $22 each, contact Becky Hudgins at Ira School.

Adult basic education

GED and ESL classes at Western Texas College resume today. Classes are 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322 for more information.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

'Seabiscuit' retired to Colorado guest ranch

DENVER (AP) — Telluride, a six-hour drive on mountain roads from Denver, has become a favorite haunt of celebrities like Tom Cruise and Oprah Winfrey hoping to have some fun without being hassled.

The town's newest celebrity resident, straight from a big-grossing movie, has become a local attraction.

Fighting Furrari, the 4-year-old horse used for close-ups in the movie "Seabiscuit," has retired to the Skyline Guest Ranch near the ski resort.

"When they had the Telluride Film Festival, we dressed him up in his outfit that he used in the movie and put blinders on him. He wanted to run," said Patsy Fortney, office manager for the ranch.

Anything Goes...

Tickets on sale for fall musical at SHS

Ticket sales continue at Snyder High School for *Anything Goes*, a musical produced by the Fine Arts Department that debuts Thursday at Worsham Auditorium.

Evening performances of the musical, written by Guy Bolton, P.G. Wodehouse, Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse with music and lyrics by Cole Porter, are 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Reserved tickets are on sale for $8 and can be reserved by calling the school office at 573-6301. Tickets may be purchased at the door for $6 for adults and $5 for students.

The music is set on an ocean liner called the USS American, as it sails from New York City to England in the 1930s. The story focuses on the interactions between the colorful passengers and crew of the ship as it sails.

The musical features 14 songs with seven large chorus selections including well-known tunes such as *Blow, Gabriel, Blow, I Get a Kick Out of You, You're the Top, It's Delovely, Friendship* and the title song *Anything Goes*.

Several of the large chorus selections have been choreographed by student dancers at the high school. This musical has a cast and crew of more than 50 drama and choir students and offers a mix of comedy and romance.

Anything Goes is under the direction of Michael McQuerry, drama director and Ronda Haire, choir director.

Reeves County strapped for cash

PECOS (AP) — Inability to fill a recently completed wing of a county detention center has put Reeves County behind on other obligations.

County commissioners will ask the Pecos City Council if a scheduled payment on a water well field can be deferred until mid-October, the Odessa American reported today. The payment of $422,320 to the Texas Water Development Board is due in November, but Pecos Mayor Dot Stafford said the city's agreement with the county called for payment on Aug. 31.

The county is facing hard financial decisions because it hasn't been able to fill a 960-bed wing of the Reeves County Detention Center that was completed in March.

County Judge Jimmy Galindo says he's negotiating with several parties, such as Arizona and the Department of Homeland Security, to help fill the largely empty third unit.

Galindo said 150 administrative detainees from Homeland Security are due anytime.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Diabetics claim blood sugar levels do affect personality

DEAR ABBY: I was in shock when I read the letter from Dr. Barrett, the president-elect of the American Diabetes Association. He was commenting on the letter from "Wants a Life in Virginia," who said her husband's diabetes has led to irrational, irresponsible and even violent behavior. Writing to "set the record straight," Dr. Barrett denied that diabetes could be the cause. In no way was the record set straight by his letter.

The American Diabetes Association notes irritability and anxiousness in its list of symptoms, but doctors, nurses and those who work in nursing facilities can tell you of combative behavior for no reason and resisting treatment. To deny this truth is a disservice to those who need immediate attention.

Dr. Barrett made it harder for us all who deal with this disease and its challenges — and there are many. — **BARBARA L. GIFFEN, VERMONT CHAPTER SUGARBUGS**

DEAR BARBARA: I have a stack of testimonials 2 inches thick from people like yourself, also "in the trenches," vouching that blood sugar levels can and do affect a person's personality. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: When my blood sugar gets very high (350-plus) I become verbally abusive and develop a hair-trigger temper. As soon as the insulin kicks in, I return to my normal self. Many of my friends who are also diabetic tell me they react the same way. You and the good doctor should refrain from blanket statements. — **W.H.S., DANA, N.C.**

DEAR W.: I agree. I have also been told that when a person's blood sugar gets LOW, he or she can become short-tempered. That is one reason why being a food server sometimes requires the skills of a diplomat. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I have been an insulin-dependent diabetic for 34 years. To speak to Dr. Barrett's apparent agenda, no, I have never been in a brawl, never "gone nuts" in public. But my wife can tell a few stories. The spouses, partners and relatives of diabetics are unsung heroes. I have awakened her in the night having seizures. I have come to my senses after consuming sufficient sugar to find my wife weeping and refusing to tell me what I said, so I know it wasn't gibberish I was ranting, but something that could easily be characterized (to quote Dr. Barrett) as "irresponsible, irrational, and even violent behavior." It may not be my fault, but it remains my responsibility.

The agenda of the ADA, and most knowledgeable health-care professionals, is to emphasize to diabetics that they can be healthy, productive and happy (all true). What they no longer add to that list is "live a normal life." In an effort to overcome fears and misconceptions by the general public, the possibility of any other situation is downplayed to the rest of the world.

I hope you will acknowledge that regardless of the great challenges faced by diabetics, those who love them are also confronted by trials. — **ROBERT V., SYRACUSE, N.Y.,**

DEAR ROBERT: Thank you very much for your honest letter. I contacted the American Diabetes Association after I received the avalanche of mail from readers who disagreed with Dr. Barrett. He still maintains that "based on the facts presented in the original letter, he would again state that diabetes is not an explanation for her husband's behavior."

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Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2003

Today is the 252nd day of 2003 and the 81st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1850, California became the 31st state.

On this day in 1950, a laugh track was used on a television show for the first time.

On this day in 1971, prisoners rioted and seized control of the Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, N.Y.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910), novelist; Col. Harland Sanders (1890-1980), fried chicken mogul; Otis Redding (1941-1967), musician; Hugh Grant (1960-), actor, is 43; Adam Sandler (1966-), comedian, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, hockey great Gordie Howe retired.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "What a strange illusion it is to suppose that beauty is goodness." — Leo Tolstoy

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Sept. 3) and full moon (Sept. 10).

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LT to host game show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Call him LT, as in Lingerie Taylor.

Lawrence Taylor, the Hall of Fame linebacker for the New York Giants, will coach a team of models in a production dubbed the Lingerie Bowl, a game that will be broadcast on pay-per-view during halftime of the Super Bowl on Feb. 1.

Taylor's Team Euphoria will face Team Dream, which will be coached by former NFL quarterback Jim McMahon.

The models will play a seven-on-seven "full-contact" game, which will be played on the West Coast and shown live. The pay-per view cost hasn't been set but will be under $30, officials said.

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

Monday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 10-19-28-32-34.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $50,874.

Winning tickets sold in: Fort Worth.

Matching four of five: 136. Prize: $168.

Matching three of five: 4,744. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 48,950. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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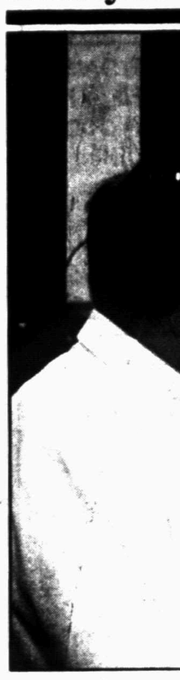

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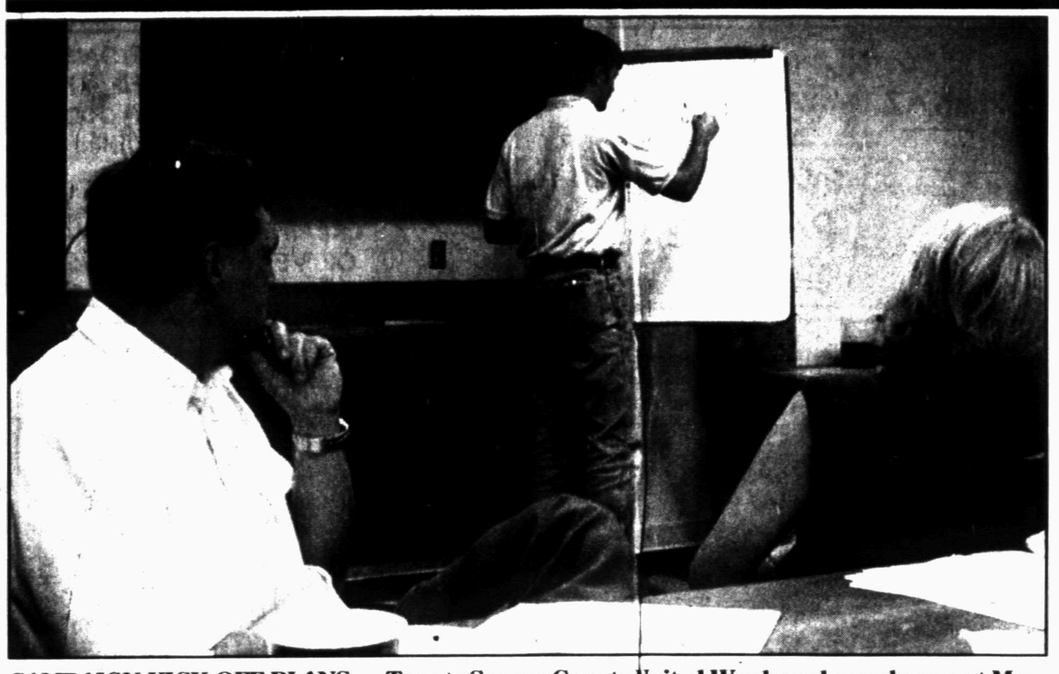

CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF PLANS — Twenty Scurry County United Way board members met Monday to prepare for the campaign kick off Sept. 18. President Stephen Covey, shown center, leads the group in discussing how to reach the $85,000 goal and team reports were heard. Looking on are Trent Driggers, left, and Carolyn Osborn. The UW participating agencies include Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts, CADA, Girl Scouts, Gateway Family Services, Red Cross (Southwest), Snyder Child Day Care, Volunteer Fire Dept., Food Cupboard and Scurry County Youth Outreach. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

BRIDAL SHOWER HELD — Wacey and April Estes, nee April Armacost, were honored with a bridal shower on Aug. 17 in the home of Martha Martin. From left are Ruby Fralish, her paternal grandmother; Betty Peach, her maternal grandmother; Ginger Benavides, her sister; Janice Armacost, her mother; Caytie Armacost, her sister; the honoree; Brianne Perry, the groom's cousin; Denise Estes, his mother; Trellice Perry, his maternal grandmother; Loran Perry, his cousin; Sherrette Kimmel and Penny Perry, his aunts. (Contributed Photo)

Peanuts are number 1 snack nut

From far West Texas, to the Panhandle and south of the Alamo City, Texas peanut producers are ready to bring in this year's peanut crop.

Once considered a lowly legume, peanuts have elevated their status not just in Texas but also across the entire country. Today, peanuts are America's number one snack nut and are actually good for you providing protein, vitamins and fiber and the monounsaturated fat found in peanuts that has been shown to help reduce the risk of heart disease.

Try this traditional peanut butter cookie recipe, it's a classic and it's easy to prepare.

TRULY TEXAS PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

1 cup peanut butter
½ cup butter, softened
½ cup granulated sugar
½ cup brown sugar, packed
1 egg

½ teaspoon vanilla
1½ cups flour
¾ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt

Combine peanut butter, butter, sugar, brown sugar, egg and vanilla; beat until light and fluffy.

Combine flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Stir into peanut butter mixture; mix well. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Place balls 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Gently flatten cookie dough balls with fork in crisscross pattern. Bake above oven center at 350 degrees, 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove cookies from cookie sheets; cool on wire racks. Makes about 2½ dozen cookies.

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Swimsuit was too skimpy

CADDO VALLEY, Ark. (AP) — A man's skimpy swimsuit was too much — or too little — for Taco Bell workers.

Employees at Taco Bell called police Sunday when the man walked into the restaurant wearing only a tiny black Speedo swimsuit and a cut-off T-shirt during the Labor Day weekend.

Caddo Valley Police Chief Hiram Latin said his attire, or lack thereof, was a little too revealing.

"He was inappropriately dressed for a restaurant," said Latin. He said the man had left his clothes at a lake.

The man faces a $750 fine and possible jail time if convicted of indecent exposure.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 09-09-03
♠ J 9 5
♥ 6 4 2
♦ A Q 6
♣ 7 4 3

West
♠ 7 4 3
♥ 10 9 8 5
♦ 10 9 5 3 2
♣ K

East
♠ K Q
♥ K Q J 7 3
♦ 8
♣ 10 9 6 5 2

South
♠ A 10 8 6 2
♥ A
♦ K 4
♣ A J 8

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Neither

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

Opening lead: ♥ 10

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2003

Never forget the bidding

By Phillip Alder

If you buy the contract after an opponent has bid, you have received information that will probably be helpful to you during the declarer play. And sometimes you can even glean vital data from an opponent's pass — as in this deal.

Sitting South was Pierre Albarran, the father of French bridge. He liked to use canape bidding, in which one shows a four-card suit before a longer holding. So, Albarran's jump-rebid of two spades promised at least five spades and game-forcing values. His jump to six spades was ambitious.

West led the heart 10: two, jack, ace. Declarer played a diamond to dummy's jack and called for the spade jack. South took East's queen with his ace and exited with another spade. East, in with the spade king, shifted to a low club. What did Albarran do from there?

I admit that I would open that East hand with one heart. Although the second suit is hardly powerful, the hand has good offensive potential if partner has some fit. And if — worst-case scenario — partner responds two diamonds, it is not uncomfortable to rebid two hearts.

East was known to have the spade king-queen and heart king-queen-jack: a total of 11 points. Yet he did not open the bidding. So, how could he hold the club king? It was impossible. Therefore, more in hope than expectation, Albarran put up his club ace, dropping the king offside.

Finally, note that if East had opened, declarer would have placed him with the club king, taken the finesse, and gone one down.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4 p.m.

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

Snyder Shrine Club; call 573-1055 or 573-7625 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; 11:30 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Births

Amy Warr and Zack Green are parents of a son, Christopher Aiden Green. Christopher was born at 4:22 a.m. on Sept. 7 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces.

Grandparents are Cheryl and Thomas Bullard and Tony Warr.

Patricia Hermosillo and Jamarr Smith are parents of Cameron Tarrell Smith born at 12:46 a.m. on Sept. 8 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Cameron weighed six pounds, 14 ounces.

Paternal grandmother is Regina Green of Colorado City. Maternal grandparents are Linda Lazcano and Andres Hermosillo, both of Snyder.

Christopher and Jake Barrera announce the birth of their sister, Jennifer Mae Barrera, at 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 29 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed five pounds, 15 ounces. Parents are Marty and Naomi Barrera of Snyder.

Grandparents are John and Mae Gutierrez of Snyder.

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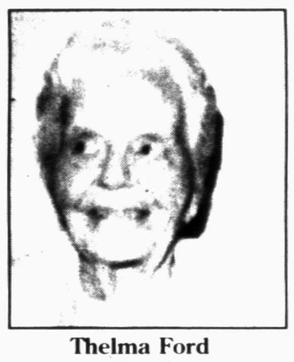

Thelma Ford

Snyder Oaks Care Center
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Thelma Layne was born November 28 1912, in the Glen Rose area. Her family moved to Scurry County and lived in the Canyon Community when she was young.

She had two brothers, Buck and Henry, and four sisters, Annabelle, Louella, Mattie and Virginia.

Thelma married Kermit Ford November 29, 1930 in Scurry County. She has five children: Weldon, Leon, Jerry, Joan and Kay, 12 grandchildren, and 24 great grandchildren.

She was a housewife until all the children were raised and then worked for local dry cleaning establishments, Western Texas College and TG&Y.

They were active in Canyon Baptist Church, Greenhill Baptist Church and the Morningside Baptist Church.

She has been a resident of the home since May 2000.

37th Street Church of Christ
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Dale Huff, Minister

The Call to a Holy Life

When God called Israel to be His people, He called them to a holy life. They were to be different in worship, in their faith, in their lives and even in what they ate. Why? Leviticus 11:44,45 records God's reason. He Himself is holy therefore his people are to be holy. God is different from the gods made and worshipped by men and therefore the people who worship him must be different. This call to holiness would be repeated over and over in the law of Moses.

I Peter 1:15 repeats this call to holiness. Jesus says the same thing to those who would believe in Him and follow Him today. They must be holy. What does that mean in practical, day to day living? The word "holy" may conjure up images of stained glass and robes. But in the New Testament holiness speaks of how our lives are to be truly different in concrete ways if we are a Christian. Immorality of any and all kinds must be shunned and rejected if we are to be holy, Ephesians 5: 3-6. Pride must be rejected and humility must be cultivated if we are to be holy, I Peter 3: 8. Hate, resentment and bitterness must be cast out of our lives and love for others must become the law of life, I Peter 1:22. All deceit and all lies must be taken out of our lives and we must learn to be honest and speak the truth to one another, I Peter 2: 1.

Many people think of holiness as an option in the Christian life, but the New Testament knows nothing of this idea. It is not just the high road in Christian living, it is the only road. In the New Testament holiness is the only way to a good life. If we want to love life, we must turn away from evil and learn to do good, I Peter 3: 10,11 In other words, if we want to enjoy life to the fullest, we must be holy!

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5 — Angeles
8 Home furnishing
11 Bo Derek film
12 Museum contents
13 Aloud
15 Owner's paper
16 "— -Pan" (Clavell novel)
17 Volcanic flow
18 Remick or Trevino
20 Surveyed
22 Destroys
25 Patricia Neal film
26 Foxy
27 Prevail over
28 Struggled
31 Till
33 — Angelico
34 "Cool!"
38 Oater backdrop
39 Match
40 Novelist — Seton
41 More witty
44 Not well
45 Center
48 High school subj.
49 Piano part
51 Forward
53 Thurman of films
54 11th-grade exam
55 Shade tree
57 Spellbound
61 Dispatched
62 Sales agent
63 Baja fast food
64 Sprinted
65 Family mem.
66 Fastener

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2 Before (pref.)
3 Make a hole in one
4 With great intensity
5 Behind time
6 Mouths, in biology
7 Insist upon
8 Tumble
9 Caspian Sea range
10 Mallet
14 "The — of the Lake"
19 Approx.
21 Keats work
22 Dog-paddled
23 Border
24 Pismires
25 Taking on
29 Law breakers
30 Double helix
32 Sturdy tree
35 Writer — Bagnold
36 "The Mammoth Hunters" heroine
37 Like a skyscraper
42 Always, in verse
43 LP speed
45 Short flights
46 Al of Indy fame
47 Safari leader
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53 Out callers
56 Oahu welcome
58 Battery size
59 Compaq products
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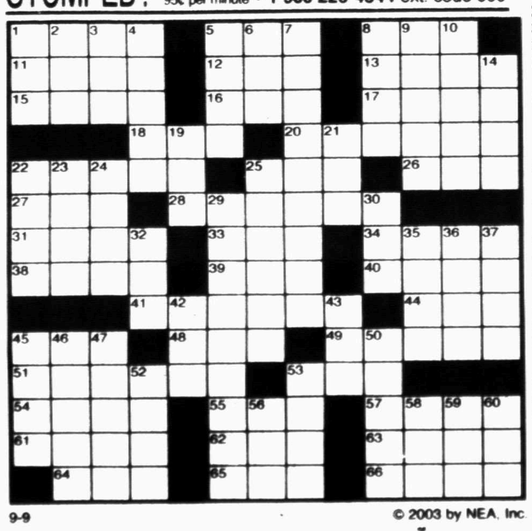

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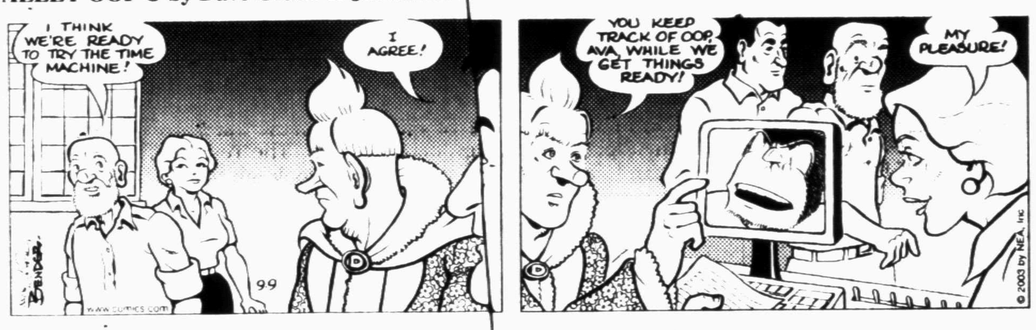

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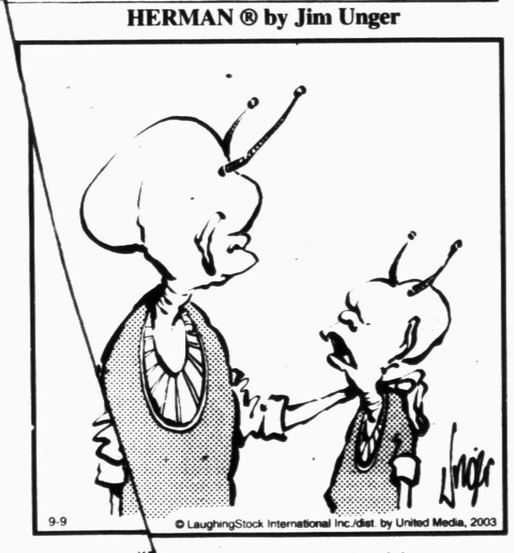

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"Dad, a guy at school said we'll came from humans."

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SPORTS

Sideline Views

by Bobby Allen

When the Western Texas College nine step onto the diamond for their first practice game today in Abilene, there will be a new, young face running things from the dugout.

Billy Hefflinger, an assistant under James King last season, takes over a fledgling program at the tender age of 26.

But the son of a Yankee farmhand feels like his upbringing — and the environment in which it took place — helped prepare him for what will a major challenge in getting the WTC baseball program to respectability.

"I had a lot of help. My time at Cal-Lutheran with Marty Slimak and getting that postseason success helped," he said. "My father and uncle both played in the Yankees organization, and I grew up around Division I coaches and guys like Tom Treblehorn (former manager of the Minnesota Twins). So I grew up understanding the work-ethic and what it takes to be successful in baseball."

Hefflinger said several factors have worked in his favor heading into the season, starting with a designated practice facility at Lewis Field.

"It's great to be able to use the high school facility," he stated. "It's been a big help. I really appreciate Coach (Charles) Bollinger letting us work here. It's big advantage."

Last year, the team had to practice at North Park and on the dirt patch where the new field is now being constructed.

"We've got to focus on the positives and realize that we are making strides," he said.

Although the team now starts practice at 3:30 in the afternoons, Hefflinger said the players are adjusting to the rigors of midday practices. They are also working hard for their new field boss, who is upbeat, energetic and, maybe most importantly, uncompromisingly positive about the program.

"The most important thing we need to do is bring stability to the program," he said. "The field being done in the spring is a huge factor for us. Hopefully, the practice here (at Lewis Field) will help us prepare for spring. But we really want that community support. And we will be out in the community more."

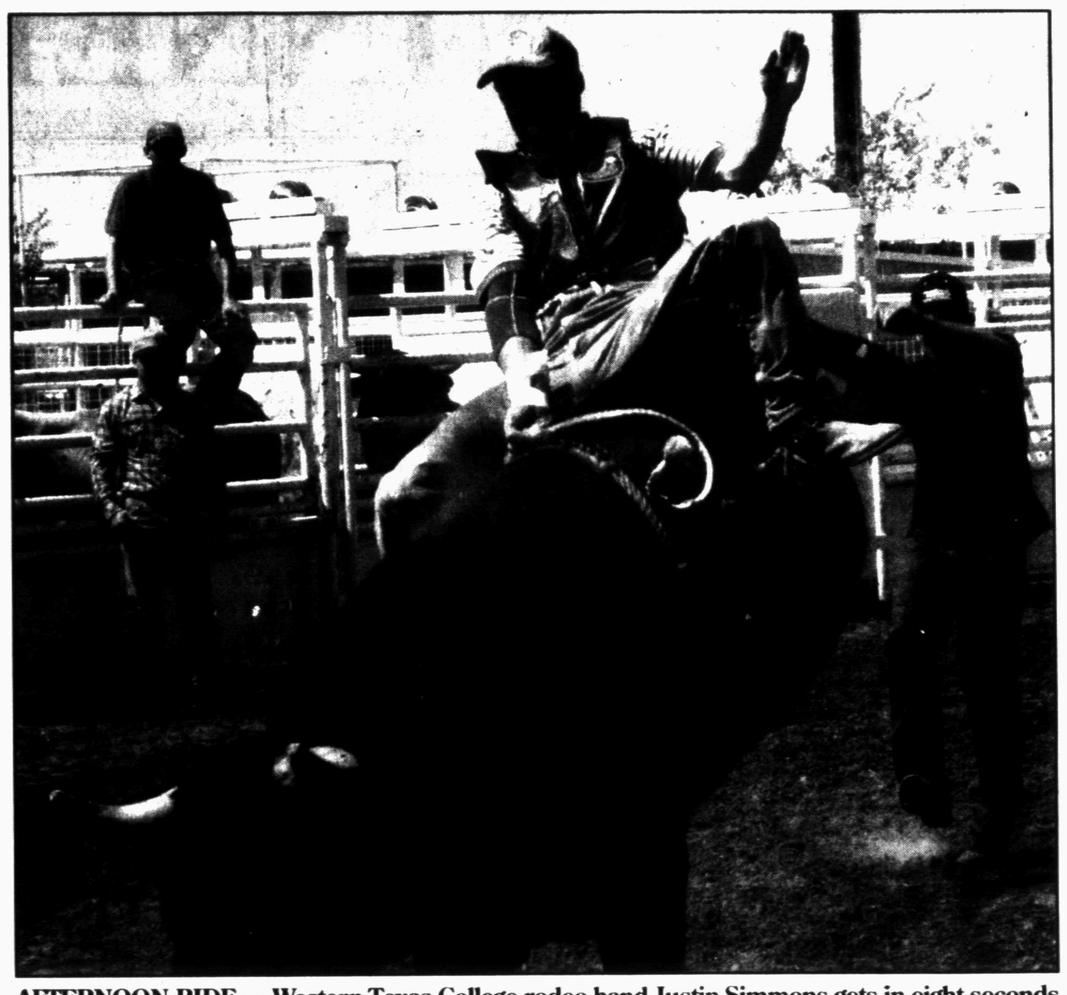
He said the team would have a more public presence in Snyder this year, with car washes and events designed to get the local populace familiar with the new faces in town.

The brand of baseball Hefflinger wants to play — what he calls "controlled chaos" — will manifest itself in aggressive base-running, bunting and a much more solid defense this year.

"We are going to play aggressive and do the little things," he said. "My motto for this year is we don't want anybody to outwork us. You can be confident just in knowing you have worked hard."

Hefflinger doesn't seem nervous about the challenges that lie ahead.

"I'm definitely excited. I feel fortunate the institution has confidence in me to get the job done," he said. "We are going to have to work hard to overcome the change, but if everyone takes care of their business, we are going to be a better team and we can have a good season."



AFTERNOON RIDE — Western Texas College rodeo hand Justin Simmons gets in eight seconds at practice Monday. The rodeo team will begin the fall season in a little more than a week. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bucs trample Eagles, 17-0

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Fireworks above the field, flyovers above the stadium, and Rocky leading the cheers.

How could the Tampa Bay Buccaneers beat that?

In every way possible.

The Super Bowl champions began defense of their title Monday night by turning the Linc into their personal playground. Less than eight months after they throttled the Eagles for the NFC championship in the final game at Veterans Stadium, the Bucs moved their act across the street to Lincoln Financial Field and blanked Philadelphia 17-0.

A suffocating defense, some sharp passing from Brad Johnson and two spectacular touchdown catches by Joe Jurevicius keyed the dominant win.

"We kind of embrace all this Philly love," linebacker Derrick Brooks, the 2002 Defensive Player of the Year, said.

"We want to play well, especially when we play the Eagles," added All-Pro defensive tackle Warren Sapp, who even made a 14-yard gain as a tight end. "It's one of those deals where we don't like each other. We really don't."

But the Bucs sure liked coming to Philadelphia this year.

"We played the way we expected to play," Sapp said. "Once we got it rolling, you know how we are. We're like sharks with blood in the water. We're coming."

The rest of the league better look out. After a sloppy first half, the Bucs took on the look of a budding dynasty. Johnson went 13-for-14 for 119 yards. Jurevicius finished one drive with a brilliant 7-yard TD catch on which he tipped a high pass into the air at the 2, slipped around a defender and made a lunging reception in the end zone for a 17-0 lead.

Earlier, on a 13-yard score to cap a 12-play, 80-yard drive, Jurevicius leaped in the corner of the end zone for Johnson's pinpoint pass and caught it while barely tiptoeing inbounds for the touchdown.

"I felt like I was throwing to Yao Ming out there," Johnson joked.

"These fans, as much as I hate them because I play for Tampa Bay, are great fans," Jurevicius said, "and to come into this stadium in front of a hostile crowd, we just had a lot go for us tonight."

So much so that Philadelphia gained just 245 yards, much of it in garbage time. Quarterback Donovan McNabb was 19-for-36 for 148 yards.

The Bucs have 15 games in which to display just how balanced they are. Tampa Bay ended the 2002 season with a 15-0 win at Chicago, so it's on a shutout streak, too.

Rangers call up Triple A pitcher

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers purchased the contract of left-hander Tony Mounce from Triple-A Oklahoma on Monday and put him in their starting rotation.

The Rangers also transferred outfielder Juan Gonzalez from the 15- to 60-day disabled list. The two-time AL MVP, who the Rangers tried to trade and have said won't be re-signed after this season, has been out since July 20 with a right calf injury.

Mounce is scheduled to start tonight at Seattle. He will take the spot in the rotation of opening day starter Ismael Valdes.

Spikers make strides before district begins

The Snyder Lady Tigers volleyball team continued to show signs of turning the corner before the start of district play, which kicks off at Lubbock Cooper next Tuesday, taking fourth in the Lubbock Trinity Christian tournament over the weekend.

The spikers played six matches over the weekend, and opened with what head coach Laura Moses said was, "the worst match we have ever played," losing 18-25 and 10-25 to Borger.

Crenwelge

Crawford

After that misstep, however, the ladies responded with one of their better matches in recent memory, blowing out the Trinity Fellowship of Christian Schools (TFCS) squad, 25-18, 25-6.

"We are still working on consistency," Moses said. "We came out after losing to Borger and moved and hit — and not just happy-to-get-it-over hits, but kills."

After rolling TFCS, the spikers claimed a tough, 25-21, 25-22 victory over Colorado City, before sweeping San Jacinto, 25-18 and 25-20 to stay on the winners' side.

The team was upended, 14-25, 15-25 by Lubbock Trinity, before falling to Lubbock Christian in the third-place game in three sets, 19-25, 19-25 and 18-25.

"We are making adjustments on defense," Moses said. "Lubbock Christian found holes and we are working on an extra defense."

She said part of the team's struggles with Lubbock Christian arose from blockers not staying on the net long enough.

Moses said several girls are settling into roles, while others are still being shuffled to take advantage of their versatility.

Moses said right now she has too many people setting, and that she hasn't used Kelbi Drum enough in that capacity.

Drum has made it difficult for Moses, though, because of her offensive abilities.

"She is the one who is expected to get set and get the assists," Moses said. "But its tough making the change, because she can hit."

Moses said Teddi Crenwelge played an almost flawless match against TFCS, recording eight kills in one of those games. She also said the defense provided by Missy Vasquez and Kelsi Johnson has been consistent, and that Sarah Crawford provided numerous key blocks in the tournament.

And while the ladies are 6-14 to start the preseason, Moses said each game has been close, and she said she expects the team to look sharp tonight against Monahans and Midland Lee at Midland.

She also noted that Erin Hackfeld was called up to varsity over the weekend, and made a solid contribution.

The varsity spikers will get underway with Monahans immediately following the 5 p.m. Monahans-Midland Lee tilt.

The freshmen took second place in the Snyder tournament, falling just shy in the championship game against Odessa, 18-25, 25-27.

The junior varsity went 1-3 in the Midland tournament, dropping close matches to both Pecos and Midland Greenwood.

"They did a lot of good things, and I understand the girls played really well," Moses said.

The freshmen and junior varsity also play at Midland today, with the JV scheduled to appear in the Lamesa tournament over the weekend.

Sports Briefs

Alumni hats

The SHS football booster club will be selling hats for Snyder alumni for $30 for homecoming week. The caps will feature the name, class and organization, if any. All orders should be put in by Sept. 26 for the Oct. 3 homecoming game against Levelland. Contact Mike Tyrrell at 207-2315 for more information.

Club championship

The Scurry County Golf Course will host its club championship Sept. 20-21. Tee time is 1 p.m. both days with a $20 entry fee. Contact Rick Mammolite at 573-7101 for more information.

Warner, Driver released from hospital

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rams quarterback Kurt Warner was released from the hospital and returned to St. Louis, a day after sustaining a concussion during a loss to the New York Giants. Marc Bulger will start Sunday's game against San Francisco.

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Donald Driver remained in the hospital following a scary neck injury in the Green Bay Packers' season opener.

Driver's release from Bellin Hospital was delayed until today after he vomited during the night Sunday, an indication of a possible concussion, coach Mike Sherman said. Sherman said Driver had a "very severely sprained neck" and probably won't play this Sunday.

New Baylor AD focused on returning stability to program

WACO (AP) — Ian McCaw was named athletic director at Baylor on Monday and immediately envisioned a new identity for a school that's been rocked by a sad, scandal-filled summer.

McCaw, who is leaving the same job at Massachusetts, believes Baylor can go beyond its Texas Baptist roots and become a destination for Protestants and other Christians nationwide who are capable of excelling in athletics and academics.

He said Baylor's financial support and reputation should rival that of Notre Dame among Catholics and Brigham Young among Mormons.

"We want young men and women to grow up dreaming of coming to Baylor University and competing for Baylor University," McCaw said.

McCaw's immediate goal will be bringing peace and stability to a program still trying to recover from the death of basketball player Patrick Dennehy, the resignations of basketball coach Dave Bliss and AD Tom Stanton and the discovery of serious rules violations.

The football program is in bad shape, too, and critics have said Baylor should bow out of the Big 12 Conference.

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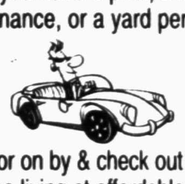

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

High-fat diet is bad idea

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 60-year-old husband is prone to hypertension. His doctor urged him to eliminate salt from his diet and I carried it further by cutting out lamb, sausage, bacon and high-fat meats. Recently, he developed hypoglycemia. Then his doctor told him to eat butter, sausage, bacon and the like to meet his "fat quotient." Help!

DEAR READER: I'll simplify this complicated issue by addressing the problems in separate sections.

Salt: Most Americans eat too much salt. However, the mineral is dangerous for only a few — those with high blood pressure. Mild hypertensives can often lower their blood pressure readings by eliminating the salt they add to their diets. I advise such patients to put away the saltshaker (or substitute potassium salt for table salt), and avoid salty foods such as potato chips, pretzels, anchovies and so forth. More stringent salt restrictions — such as avoiding processed meats, canned soups and frozen foods — is usually not necessary. You needn't carry the restriction to extremes.

High blood pressure: Often termed the "silent killer," hypertension is a dangerous disease that should be aggressively treated with one or more of the many drugs now used for that purpose. These therapies are so effective that salt restriction may not be necessary, except as a first step in treatment. Perhaps your husband should be taking medicine for his hypertension.

Hypoglycemia: Low blood sugar is a much rarer condition than previously believed. It can be helped by eating several small meals a day and eliminating sugar, alcohol and fats.

I completely disagree with your husband's doctor, who recommended a high-fat diet, because such a diet will do little to improve hypoglycemia and may actually lead to accelerated hardening of the arteries.

I advise your husband to obtain a second opinion from an internist, a specialist trained in diagnosing and treating medical illnesses. He should be able to solve the contradictions that are troubling you.

To give you related information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Hypoglycemia" and "Hypertension." Other readers who would like copies should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 per Health Report to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: What's the latest word on methods to kick a nicotine habit? I'm especially interested in the patches, gum and inhaler. Do support groups help?

DEAR READER: Nicotine addiction can be a difficult problem to overcome. But, studies show, the main consideration for smokers is not the nicotine, but the habit of smoking — the relaxing quality, the social applications, the smoke lazily rising to the ceiling, the taste. You who smoke know what I mean. No wonder, then, that nicotine patches, gums and inhalers have been far from outstanding cures for smokers who want to quit. The most crucial factor in breaking any habit is the desire to stop and the commitment to do so. Each of us has the power to decide to do something — or to not do it.

While this view may sound somewhat heretical, there is a profound truth to it. Once people make the decision to alter their behavior, they've achieved a major potential for recovery.

In the case of smoking, nicotine craving can certainly be controlled by a variety of products. Self-help support groups are useful to many ex-smokers. Hypnosis and similar alternative options assist some individuals. But the real success stories concern the smokers who say, "I'm tired of this nonsense and I'm not going to do it anymore. Period." And they don't.

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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Property tax break may soon be history

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Five months after an inspection of Jackson's Neverland Ranch revealed he was getting an undeserved property tax break, county officials are apparently ready to accept Jackson's offer to remove his house, amusement park and zoo from the agricultural preserve program.

With the encouragement of the state, county officials are also considering punitive action.

"Our goal has been to try to retain as much of that property in agriculture as possible, but there are also some unpermitted uses, so we need to look at that very closely," Supervisor Naomi Schwartz said.

In closed session on Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors will likely accept Jackson's request to get out of his Williamson Act contract. It means his tax exemption will gradually diminish over the next nine years on the developed portions of his 2,600-acre ranch.

The assessed value of Neverland was about $12 million under the 2002-03 agricultural preserve contract, according to county records. Jackson will owe the county about $123,000 in taxes this year, or 1 percent of the property's assessed value.

Without the agricultural contract, the assessed value of Neverland would be about $5 million to $6 million more, and Jackson's taxes would be about $200,000 annually.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	13.20	12.91	13.10	— 13
AOL TimeWrn	16.38	16.15	16.25	— 20
AT&T Corp rs	22.30	21.86	21.95	— 43
Albertsons	22.98	22.19	22.23	— 1.30
Alltel	46.85	46.60	46.70	— 24
AmEl Pw	29.46	28.90	29.01	— 45
AndarkPtr	44.00	43.29	43.61	— 41
ATMOS Egy	24.80	24.55	24.59	— 13
Aviall	13.69	13.53	13.61	+ 04
BP PLC	43.04	42.80	42.91	— 29
BakerHughes	32.49	31.77	31.83	— 66
Bank of Amer	77.18	76.17	76.47	— 51
BellSouth	25.90	25.10	25.75	— 14
BurlNoSFe	28.75	28.50	28.57	— 33
Caterpillar	70.26	68.80	69.60	— 91
CenterPoint	9.09	8.90	8.98	— 14
ChevronTex	73.99	73.42	73.65	— 37
Citigroup	44.60	44.05	44.28	— 24
CocaCola	44.40	44.01	44.38	+ 11
ColgatePal	56.55	56.27	56.38	— 11
CmclMetals	19.91	19.81	19.91	+ 05
ConocoPhill	56.64	56.24	56.58	— 15
Cooper Inds	50.95	50.60	50.60	— 29
DaimlrChry	38.39	38.01	38.23	— 82
DeltaAirl	14.98	14.68	14.75	— 29
Dillards Inc	15.53	15.32	15.32	— 35
DowChem	33.83	33.40	33.60	— 30
DuPont	44.90	44.34	44.59	— 49
EastmanChem	35.91	35.76	35.78	— 22
EstKodak	28.80	28.25	28.43	— 33
EDS Corp	22.64	22.30	22.40	— 38
Entergy	54.60	54.20	54.25	— 24
ExxonMobil	38.40	38.16	38.20	— 27
FootLocker	16.38	16.05	16.30	— 04
GenDynam	85.38	84.99	85.09	— 49
GenElec	31.50	30.90	31.07	— 31
GenMills	46.95	46.60	46.87	+ 07
GenMotors	42.25	41.70	41.74	— 77
GaPacific	24.66	24.48	24.60	+ 17
Goodrich	25.55	25.15	25.21	— 45
Goodyear	7.79	7.40	7.61	— 15
GtAtlPac	9.87	9.62	9.81	— 15
Halliburtn	25.02	24.00	24.62	— 40
Hanson ADS	33.25	33.15	33.24	— 09
HarteHanks	19.24	18.93	19.13	— 01
HomeDepot	33.10	32.26	32.37	— 1.38
Honeywellintl	30.05	29.30	29.50	— 56
IBM	89.50	88.93	89.50	+ 40
IntlPaper	40.35	39.77	40.32	+ 32
Johnsonjn	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
KinderMorg	53.10	52.8[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kroger Co	19.38	19.14	[illegible]	[illegible]
LockheedM	52.33	51.85	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lowes Cos	53.40	52.[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lubys	2.40	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
LucentTech	2.43	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
MarathonOil	29.33	28.4[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
MayDeptStr	25.73	24.9[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Medtronic	46.[illegible]	46.41	46.[illegible]	[illegible]
Motorola	[illegible]	[illegible]	14.[illegible]	[illegible]
NCR Corp	30.20	29.[illegible]	30.[illegible]	[illegible]
Navistar	4[illegible]	4[illegible]	4[illegible]	[illegible]
PNM Resrcs	28.10	27.4[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penney JC	22.50	21.22	21.[illegible]	[illegible]
PepBoys	[illegible]	16.[illegible]	16.[illegible]	[illegible]
PepsiCo	45.[illegible]	44.79	44.[illegible]	[illegible]
PhelpDodge	48.8[illegible]	48.[illegible]	48.16	[illegible]
PilgrmPrc B	13.[illegible]	13.5[illegible]	13.5[illegible]	[illegible]
Praxair	64.35	63.46	63.7[illegible]	[illegible]
ProctGamb	4[illegible]	91.03	91.45	[illegible]
RadioShack	29.55	29.27	29.53	+ 02
RoyalDut	46.29	46.03	46.10	[illegible]
SBC Comm	23.21	23.00	23.19	+ [illegible]
SaraLee	18.98	18.81	18.9[illegible]	— [illegible]
Scripps EW	87.64	87.20	87.2[illegible]	[illegible]
SearsRoeb	44.93	43.03	43.8[illegible]	[illegible]
SherwinW	30.38	30.13	30.36	+ 03
SouthernCo	29.53	29.25	29.33	[illegible]
SwstAirl	18.01	17.81	17.95	+ 04
SprintFON	14.87	14.68	14.79	[illegible]
SprintPCS	6.00	5.82	5.85	+ [illegible]
Sunoco Inc	41.11	40.52	40.7[illegible]	[illegible]
TXU Corp	22.34	22.05	22.18	[illegible]
TempleInland	50.10	49.70	50.09	+ 09
TexInd	26.00	25.85	25.86	[illegible]
TexasInst	26.50	25.40	25.8[illegible]	[illegible]
Textron	44.39	44.05	44.24	— 36
TrinityInds	28.34	27.79	27.79	[illegible]
TylerTech	6.49	6.4[illegible]	6.4[illegible]	+ 02
UnionPacif	60.85	60.57	60.74	[illegible]
USSteel	18.85	18.57	18.74	— 10
UnitedTech	79.51	78.90	79.07	— 55
Unocal	31.97	31.23	31.74	— 16
VerizonComm	35.56	35.10	35.36	— 43
WalMart	58.57	57.71	57.74	85
WellsFargo	51.11	50.72	51.02	— 19
WstnGasRs	38.55	38.32	38.52	— 04
WinnDixie	11.10	10.88	11.04	— 11
Xerox Cp	10.66	10.50	10.55	— 13
YumBrands	29.99	29.63	29.79	— 04

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

New tool to help parents rate schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is offering a new tool to help parents measure how their children's schools are performing, an initiative that is the centerpiece of an education speech sandwiched between two fund-raisers in Florida.

Bush was announcing a new partnership between the Education Department and the Los Angeles-based Broad Foundation that will provide Internet-based data to parents on schools. It will allow parents to use the No Child Left Behind Act to compare local schools with others within a state.

The president signed the major education measure into law 20 months ago and has used its provisions to highlight his domestic agenda this week. today, he was speaking to 350 students, parents and education professionals at Hyde Park Elementary School in Jacksonville, Fla.

Such education speeches also allow the White House to bill taxpayers for half the cost of Bush's fund raising. Each of Bush's three trips outside Washington this week has fund-raisers, and the Florida trip today is a double shot, expected to haul in a combined $2.8 million in Jacksonville and Fort Lauderdale.

Bush was beginning his brief stay in Florida with a fund-raiser at Alltel Stadium's new terrace suite in Jacksonville, and ending it with an evening fund-raiser at Hyatt Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale.

The fund-raisers will push Bush well past the $60 million mark for his re-election campaign. The money is earmarked exclusively for the primaries; Bush faces no opponent for his party's nomination.

The White House has said Bush needs to raise the money to respond to increasingly sharp attacks from Democratic presidential candidates.

National Guard, reserves in Iraq have tour of duty extended

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. National Guard and reservists are having their tours of duty extended to 12 months, defense officials said today, as U.S. commitments to Iraq, the global war on terror and other missions around the world have stretched U.S. forces.

With active duty troops already being held longer than expected in Iraq, officials ordered that Army Guard and Army Reserve troops now in Iraq and surrounding countries serve 12-month tours.

The new order, signed Friday night and not publicly announced, covers some 20,000 people and means some of them will remain months longer than they thought they would, officials said. The order was first reported by The Washington Post todsy.

There are 130,000 Americans inside Iraq and more than 40,000 more in Kuwait, Qatar and so on. Only some 22,000 international troops have been deployed to help the mostly-American coalition force because a number of countries refuse to contribute soldiers unless the United States cedes greater authority in Iraq to the United Nations.

The subject of U.S. troop rotations has been a sensitive one in the Iraq campaign, with some active-duty soldiers and their families complaining bitterly about delays in their homecoming. Members of the 3rd Infantry Division, for instance, fought their way to Baghdad in late March and were told they'd be going home, only to remain in Iraq for months afterward because of continuing problems the coalition has encountered in ending the violence there.

The extended tours may not be any more welcome among guardsmen and reservists, called "citizen soldiers" because they have civilian jobs they must be away from while they serve in the military. Currently there are 181,500 on duty from all services — including some 129,000 in the Army National Guard and Army Reserve — and they are serving overseas as well as on homeland security missions.

Under an order signed by President Bush three days after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in Washington and New York, up to 1 million Guard and Reserve troops can be called to serve for up to two years. Since then, roughly 300,000 people have been activated, some finishing their duty and going back to civilian life.

Officials said the Guard and reservists mobilized in Iraq are still needed there to augment active duty troops in skills across the spectrum, including as military police, civil affairs officers and other duties.

Earlier in the summer, the Pentagon spent weeks struggling to come up with a troop rotation plan because the Army has become so stretched during the Bush presidency, with major commitments in Afghanistan and Iraq in addition to peacekeeping in Bosnia and Kosovo and long-standing deployments in South Korea, Japan, Germany and the Sinai peninsula.

Carrizales arrested

Alfredo Carrizales of 2010 Ave. T, was arrested Sunday morning at 2906 Ave. V on a grand jury indictment for failure to register as a sex offender and on city warrants for public intoxication and open container in a motor vehicle.

Carrizales, 49, was convicted in May 1990 of indecency with a child.

He is required as a sex offender to register with local law enforcement authorities and failed to do so by not renewing his personal identification certificate issued by the Department of Public Safety.

43 violations found at Dallas daycare where baby died

DALLAS (AP) — State regulators are trying to permanently revoke the license of the owner of a day-care center where a baby died in a hot Suburban last month.

Regulators found 43 violations in a recent investigation and concluded in a letter sent to T&T Tots Day Care owner Beulah "Bea" Sherrard that the center "poses an immediate threat and danger" to children.

Two violations at T&T Tots and the Learning Center Inc. could have contributed to the death of 8-month-old Jordan Thomas. The day-care driver did not carry a list of names of all the children that he was driving, regulators found. Jordan also was not buckled into a child safety seat and was left in a baby carrier in the cargo area of the Suburban.

Geoff Wool, spokesman for the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, said the agency has tried to work with the 24-hour Dallas facility since it was licensed in 1996.

"There's been a history of disregard for minimum standards," Wool told The Associated Press today. "We're just very concerned about it and feel this is the appropriate action to take."

In a nine-page letter, the agency informed Sherrard of their findings, which also included inadequate staffing, improper training and safety and sanitation violations.

The state could permanently close the center, which was shut down temporarily Aug. 27, by the end of the month.

The owner has 15 days to appeal the state's findings and the decision to revoke her license. Sherrard was licensed to care for 58 children at a time.

Sherrard could not be reached for comment. Her number is unlisted and a message left at the day-care center by The Associated Press was not immediately returned.

Jordan was found dead Aug. 20 after he was left inside a T&T Tots vehicle.

Appraisal district to meet Wednesday

The Scurry County Appraisal District will meet at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday to approve the proposed 2004 appraisal budget.

The proposed budget is $625,433, a 3.35 percent increase over the current spending plan of $605,173. Reasons for budget increases are the transfer of $17,636 from the collections department, a $5,500 increase in contract services for mineral valuation done by Thomas Y. Pickett, and a 2.5 percent across-the-board raise.

A public hearing on the budget will proceed the budget approval in the appraisal district office.

Ford Mustang stolen from Wilson Motors

Stolen vehicle

At 9:09 a.m. Monday, Darrel Reston reported that a silver 2000 Ford Mustang had been stolen from Wilson Motors. A report for stolen vehicle was submitted.

Burglary

Monday at 8:30 a.m. Katherine Sanchez reported that her apartment at the Kingswood Apartments had been ransacked. A report for burglary of a residence was filed.

Theft

At 5:39 a.m. Monday, Marcos Meek requested an officer in reference to the theft of a go-cart this weekend. A report for theft was submitted.

Family violence

Monday at 5:48 p.m., officers responded to a call from a man who had hung up the telephone before giving any information. Upon arrival they found the man and a woman had been in a physical dispute. A report for family violence was filed.

Criminal mischief

At 2:30 p.m. Monday, Shelley Fisk reported that her vehicle had been keyed while parked in the Western Texas College parking lot. A report for Class A criminal mischief was filed.

Monday at 7:40 p.m., a woman on 36th Street reported that a man had thrown a rock at her vehicle and also hit it with his fist. A report for criminal mischief was submitted.

Gas drive off

At 9:42 p.m. Monday, a Town and Country east employee reported a drive off worth $16.11.

Livestock loose

Today at 5:41 a.m., Wayne Bethel reported a palomino and a paint horse loose in front of Bethel Oil Co. The owners were contacted to secure the horses.

Obituaries

Murrel Riggan

1925-2003

MERKEL — Lonnie Murrel Riggan, the father of Tim Riggan of Snyder, died Sunday, Sept. 7, in the Merkel Nursing Center.

Mr. Riggan

Funeral service for Mr. Riggan, 78, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church, located at FM 126 South. Burial will follow in the White Church Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 1, 1925, he spent his childhood and young adult life in Mulberry Canyon and attended school at White Church, Butman and Merkel.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on Aug. 22, 1944, returning home in July, 1946. He married Willie Mae Davis on March 25, 1948 in Sweetwater.

Mr. Riggan retired from U.S. Gypsum after 36 years and continued farming and ranching. He served on the Trent school board for nine years and was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church where he served as assistant superintendent and chairman of the Lord's Acre. He also was a member of the Mulberry Canyon volunteer fire department, treasurer of White Church Cemetery and was honored as conservation farmer of the year in Taylor County.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Columbus and Gracie Alice Brown Riggan; three sisters, Gerldine Riggan, Elsie Swinney and Lola Mae Holmes Whisenhunt; and two brothers, Carl and Jimmy "Sonny" Riggan.

Survivors include his wife, Willie Mae Riggan of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Glenna Jane and Bill Clark of Merkel and Patricia Ann and David Featherson of Novice; a daughter-in-law, Dianna Riggan of Snyder; another son and daughter-in-law, Lonnie and Teresa Riggan of Merkel; a brother and sister-in-law, Denzil and Freddie Riggan of Sweetwater; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty Lu and Kent Satterwhite of Merkel; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Billy and Lonnie Clark, Brandon Rice, Justin and Zachary Riggan, Russell and Tyler Riggan and James and Kyle Clark.

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Wed 9/10	Thu 9/11	Fri 9/12
89/67	84/60	80/59
Partly cloudy skies. High 89F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise 7:24 AM, Sunset 7:57 PM	Sunrise 7:25 AM, Sunset 7:55 PM	Sunrise 7:25 AM, Sunset 7:54 PM

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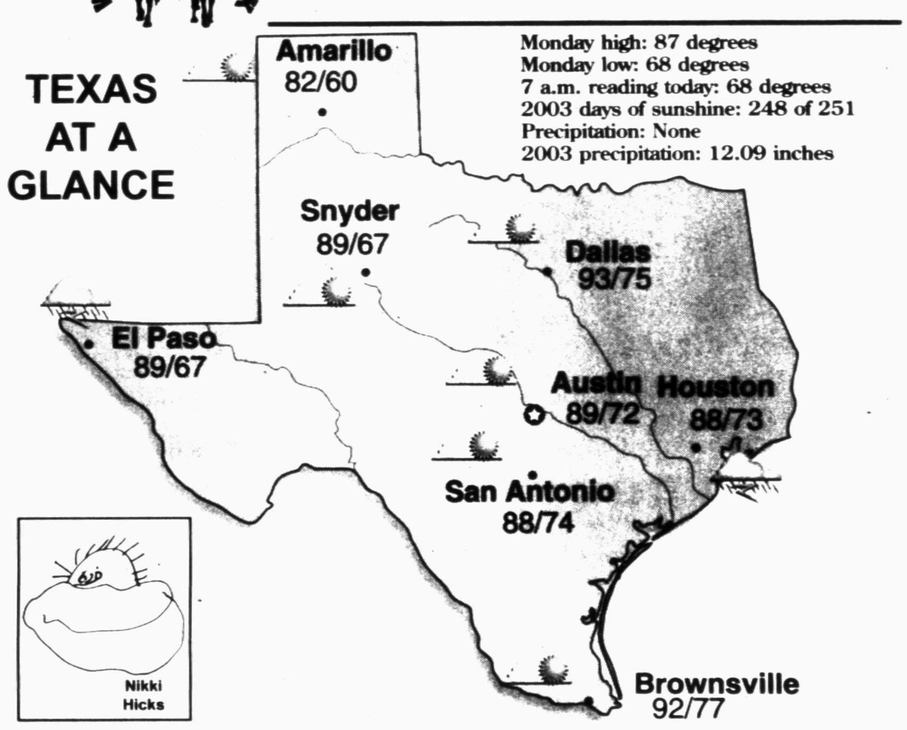
2003 precipitation: 12.09 inches



Nikki Hicks

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	90	71	pt sunny	El Paso	89	67	t-storm	Midland	90	69	pt sunny
Amarillo	82	60	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	91	69	pt sunny	Raymondville	92	75	pt sunny
Austin	89	72	pt sunny	Gainesville	91	71	pt sunny	Rosenberg	89	73	t-storm
Beaumont	87	72	t-storm	Greenville	93	71	pt sunny	San Antonio	88	74	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	77	pt sunny	Houston	88	73	t-storm	San Marcos	91	72	t-storm
Brownwood	93	71	pt sunny	Kingsville	91	74	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	93	69	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	89	76	t-storm	Livingston	89	70	t-storm	Sweetwater	89	69	pt sunny
Corsicana	94	72	mst sunny	Longview	91	70	mst sunny	Tyler	93	72	sunny
Dallas	93	75	pt sunny	Lubbock	88	65	pt sunny	Weatherford	92	71	pt sunny
Del Rio	93	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	91	71	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	93	74	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	78	59	pt sunny	Houston	88	73	t-storm	Phoenix	91	75	pt sunny
Boston	72	59	sunny	Los Angeles	77	61	pt sunny	San Francisco	72	58	windy
Chicago	86	65	mst sunny	Miami	88	76	t-storm	Seattle	65	55	rain
Dallas	93	75	pt sunny	Minneapolis	87	66	windy	St. Louis	87	67	mst sunny
Denver	66	45	t-storm	New York	76	60	mst sunny	Washington, DC	77	58	pt sunny

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Sep 3	Sep 10	Sep 18	Sep 26

UV Index

Wed 9/10	Thu 9/11	Fri 9/12
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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Today's chuckle

Escape try lands inmate in judge's office

DECATUR, Ga. (AP) — An inmate found himself before a judge sooner than he expected when he fell through the courthouse ceiling into the judge's chambers while trying to escape, police said.

Ben N. Rogozensky, 31, was one of about a dozen inmates awaiting hearings Monday when he was taken to the empty jury room to speak with his attorney.

The inmate asked to go into the adjacent restroom and from there climbed into the ceiling crawl space, DeKalb County sheriff's spokeswoman Mikki Jones said.

State Court Judge J. Antonio DelCampo was in the courtroom when the barefoot Rogozensky fell through the ceiling and landed near the judge's desk in his chambers.

A technician who was fixing the judge's computer called for security officers, who grabbed Rogozensky in the hallway.

Rogozensky was arrested Sept. 2 and charged with obstruction of officers and giving false information.

Welcome Home
Robert and Jodie

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003
It will pay to be persistent in the year ahead where important goals or ambitions are concerned. However, you must remain realistic about your timetable and abilities, so that you don't expect more than you should.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Be exceptionally watchful today when going head-to-head over dealings with others. You stand a good chance of being outmaneuvered or overpowered if you should get careless.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Think twice about taking on a job in which you lack the expertise or that you've never done before. It might end up costing you more than if you had hired an expert to do the work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't get yourself involved in any social situation today in which there are people who hold grudges against one another. You could get caught in the middle and end up as the fall guy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If someone is standing in the way of your attaining an objective today, don't try to push your way past this person. It could cause a skirmish noticed by all — with you as one of the troublemakers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't be pressured into putting anything on paper or making verbal commitments today if you do not feel comfortable. Your worst fears will be realized and come to pass.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Any debt you incur today could have trouble or discomfort attached to it. Wait until another day to purchase that large-ticket item or invest money you can't afford to lose.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A wrong move today or a thoughtless word could suddenly shatter what was a harmonious association, so handle even the closest friends with tact and diplomacy at this time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you do not promptly keep your word today about a responsibility you promised to assume, you'll be labeled irresponsible and untrustworthy, and could put a damper on a relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — When talking about others today, be extremely careful what you say and how you phrase your words. If someone perceives you as catty or gossipy, the entire world will know about it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Unfortunately, people in general today tend to be looking for flaws in others rather than in things to admire. Attention will be quickly focused on you if you give anyone the slightest reason for criticism.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be careful how far you carry things today, especially when voicing your views to someone who holds opposite opinions. Pushing points too far could ignite a firestorm not easily extinguished.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This is not a good day to discuss financial matters with your creditors, business associates or mate. All parties will feel the other is the one causing red ink to be spilled.

Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign. Visit www.bernice4u.com for more advice.

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Kids should exercise

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — LeBron James has some advice for kids in elementary school: exercise.

The NBA's No. 1 draft pick, awaiting training camp with the Cleveland Cavaliers, spoke to about 150 fourth- and fifth-graders Monday at the Margaret Park School in his hometown. He pulled up in a pickup truck filled with sports equipment, slapped high-fives, posed for photos and pushed off a swing.

James announced a youth fitness program that is sponsored by Nike and targets childhood obesity.

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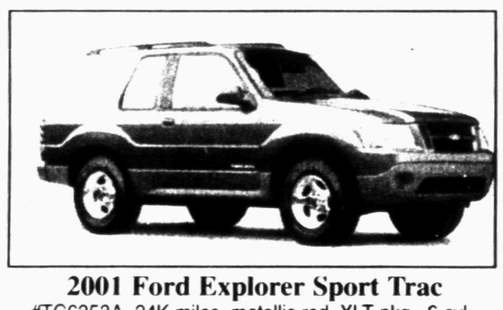

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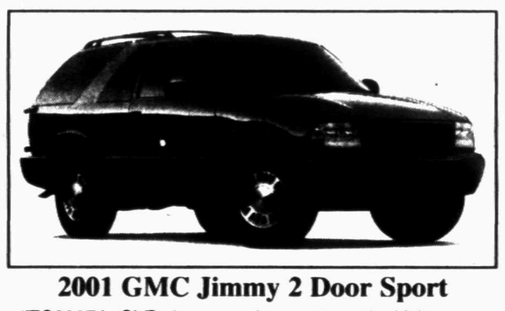

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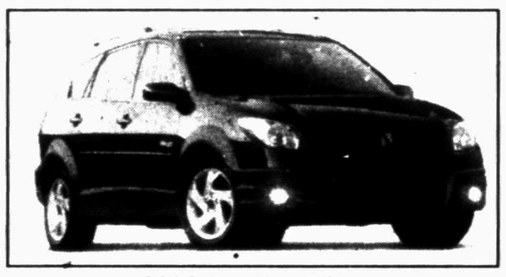

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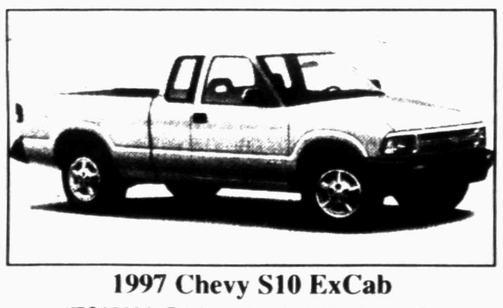

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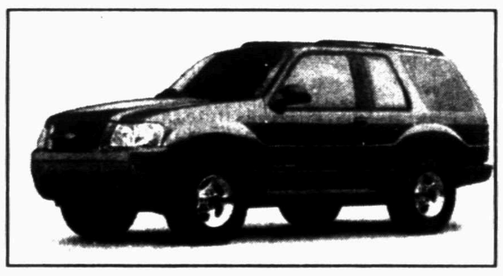

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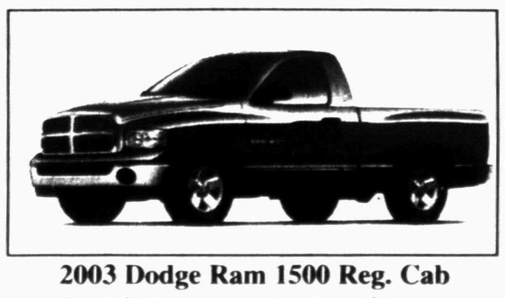

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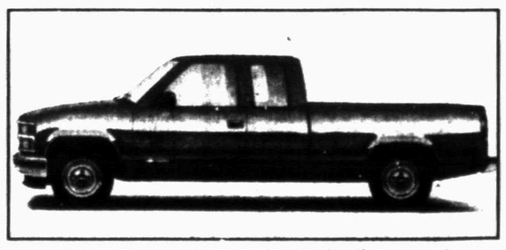

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