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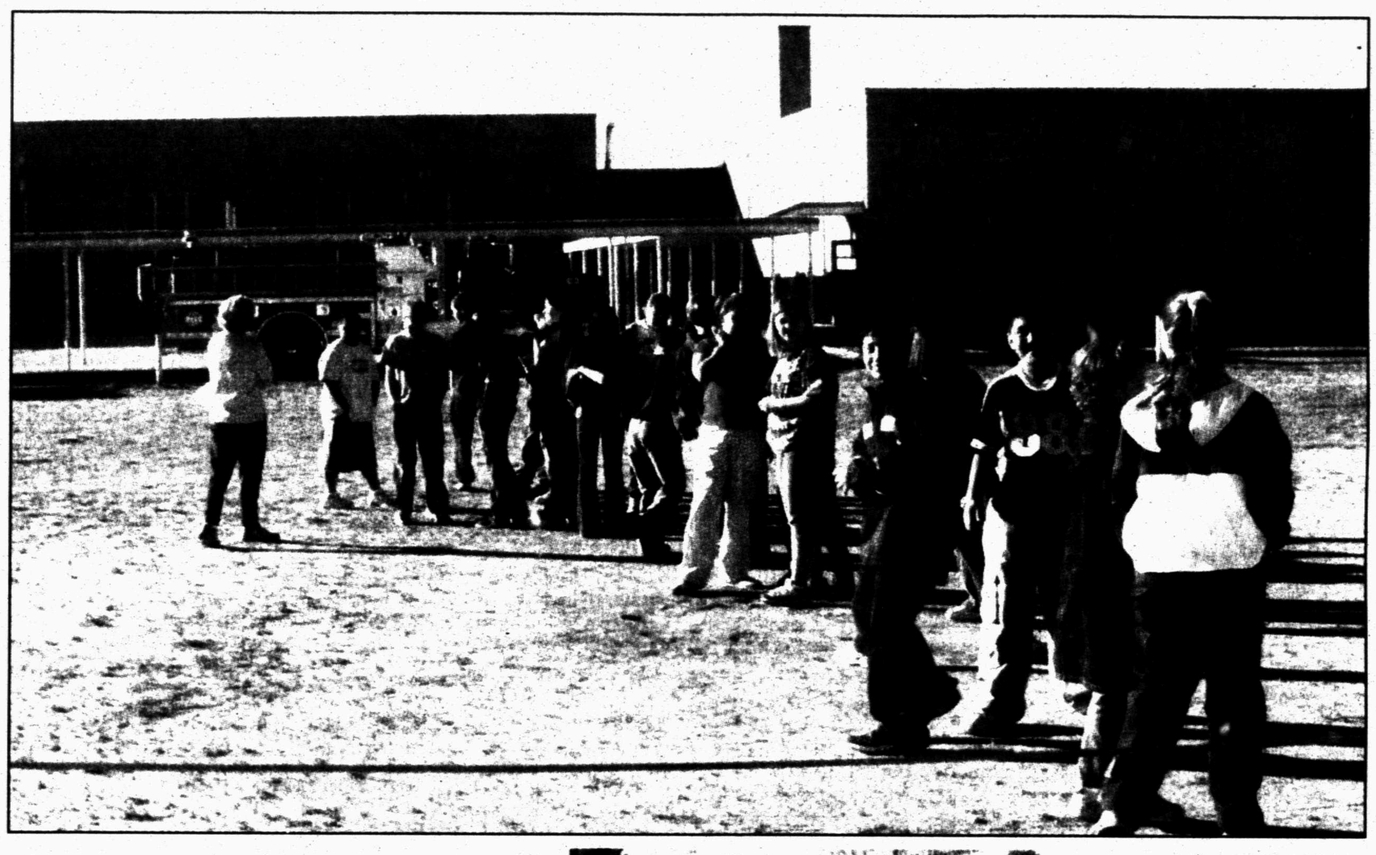

BRIEF RECESS — West Elementary students had a brief recess shortly after classes began this morning as smoke was detected in parts of the building. The fire department and maintenance personnel discovered the smoke was coming from a heating unit on top of the building. Classes resumed a short time afterwards. (SDN Staff Photos)

Girls basketball coach...

Hermleigh coach abruptly resigns

In a called board meeting Saturday morning, Hermleigh ISD trustees took action on two items associated with the school's athletic programs.

Supt. Marvin Beaty said the board voted to recognize, but did not accept, the immediate resignation of girls basketball coach and English teacher Rebecca Ponder.

"Her tenure here is finished," Beaty said. "We are vehemently against her breaking the contract. Hiring an English teacher and a basketball coach in October is a challenge. I am disappointed and aggravated over the circumstances (of Ponder's departure)."

Beaty said Ponder offered a host of personal reasons for the resignation, and the superintendent said he tried to convince her to stay until the end of the semester, but to no avail.

He said the board would petition the state board of education and certification to prevent Ponder from teaching in the state for a full calendar year.

"Walking out on student athletes is inappropriate and very unprofessional," he said. "We won't make a concerted effort to road-block her, but if she leaves us in a lurch, she will leave someone else in a lurch. The state board takes a dim view of that."

The board also voted to participate in 11-man football for the 2004 season.

"We are going to tackle 11-man football," Beaty said. "We have talented kids, but six-man is a speed game, and we don't have as many finesse players. We also feel that in 11-man, we will have almost twice as much participation."

Beaty, who coached at McKinney and Kingwood before getting into administration, said fielding enough players for 11-man is a concern, but said he felt the program has a better chance at winning playing 11-man football.

"We are not having the success we would like. Our players are as good as some 2A and 3A players, and we feel we could have more success playing 11-man. We're going to give it a shot," he said.

The notice of the meeting was not given to the media and Beaty said that was just an oversight.

"It was my fault. I got caught up in other business and just failed to fax the notice."

"It won't happen again," added Beaty.

Suicide bombers strike Red Cross headquarters, police posts

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Suicide bombers struck the Red Cross headquarters and three police stations across Baghdad today, killing about 40 people and injuring more than 200 in a coordinated terror spree that stunned the Iraqi capital on the first day of the Islamic holy month of fasting, Ramadan.

The string of car bombings was the bloodiest attack yet in the city of 5 million by insurgents targeting the American-led occupation and those perceived as working with it.

President Bush said U.S. progress in Iraq is making insurgents more "desperate" and fueling attacks.

Sitting next to civilian U.S. Iraqi administrator L. Paul Bremer in the Oval Office, Bush said he remains "even more determined to work with the Iraqi people" to restore peace and civility to the wartorn nation.

Defense officials said they believe loyalists of fallen Iraqi President Saddam Hussein were responsible for the wave of bombings. At the Pentagon, officials described the two days of violence as a significant spike in attacks that showed some level of coordination.

One American soldier was killed in one of the police station attacks and six U.S. troops were wounded, the military said. Iraqi police Brig. Gen. Ahmed Ibrahim, the deputy interior minister, put the Iraqi death toll at 34.

The bombings came hours after clashes around Baghdad killed three U.S. soldiers overnight, and a day after insurgents hit a hotel full of U.S. occupation officials with a barrage of rockets, killing a U.S. colonel and wounding 18 other people. U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz was in the hotel, but was unhurt.

"We feel helpless when see this," a distraught Iraqi doctor said at the devastated Red Cross offices. The Red Cross said 12 Iraqis were killed at its office, including two employees.

Baghdad's al Baya'a police station in the al-Doura neighborhood saw the most deaths, reportedly 15 including the American. Since Bush declared an end to major combat in Iraq on May 1, 113 U.S. soldiers have been killed by hostile fire.

Gen. Ibrahim blamed foreign fighters for the assault, saying a fifth, aborted car bombing was attempted by a man captured with a Syrian passport. "Some countries, unfortunately, are trying to send people to conduct attacks," the deputy interior minister said, without naming those nations.

That fifth bomber was kept by officers from detonating his Land Cruiser at a station in the "New Baghdad" district. "He was shouting, 'Death to the Iraqi police! You're collaborators!'" said police Sgt. Ahmed Abdel Sattar.

In Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, witnesses said American troops opened fire, killing at least four Iraqi civilians, after a roadside bomb exploded as a U.S. military convoy passed. The U.S. command did not immediately confirm the incident.

At the offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross in central Baghdad, witnesses said a suicide bomber drove an explosives-packed vehicle, apparently an ambulance, right up to security barriers outside the building at about 8:30 a.m. The vehicle detonated, blowing down the Red Cross's front wall, devastating the interior and blowing shrapnel and debris over a wide area.

Then, in quick succession, explosions went off at the al-Baya'a, al-Shaab and al-Khadra police stations. Ambulances, sirens wailing, crisscrossed the city all morning.

"From what our indications are, none of those bombers got close to the target," U.S. Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling said. But the explosions outside police stations left streetscapes of broken, bloody bodies and twisted, burning automobiles.

Hertling said he believed the attacks may have been timed with the start of Ramadan to heighten tensions during the fasting month, when Muslims abstain from food and drink during daylight hours.

California fires kill at least 13

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Wildfires driven by hot Santa Ana wind flared into gigantic waves of flame that devoured entire neighborhoods, choking the sky over Southern California with smoke and ash today and killing at least 13 people in the state's deadliest outbreak of fires in more than a decade.

An estimated 30,000 homes were endangered.

The blazes triggered a harrowing flight to safety for thousands of residents, many of whom had little time to collect cherished possessions before escaping.

"I was grabbing wet towels. Fire was at our feet. It was blazing over our heads and burning everywhere," said Lisza Pontes, 43, recounting her Sunday morning escape from a fire in San Diego County.

From the Mexican border to the suburbs north of Los Angeles, large sections of the region were under siege today by six major fires and several smaller blazes. More than 825 homes had been destroyed. The death toll was the worst in the state since the 1991 fire in the Oakland hills of Alameda County that killed 25 and destroyed more than 3,200 homes and apartments.

Airline travel was disrupted, major highways were blocked and some schools were closed. today night's pro football game between the Chargers and Dolphins was shifted from San Diego to Arizona.

Million-dollar homes disappeared in flames almost as fast as canyon brush in San Diego's Scripps Ranch area. In San Bernardino County, a blaze called the Old Fire, which had destroyed more than 400 homes, torched 25 more when it jumped a road and moved into the heavily forested town of Crestline, fire information officer Candace Vialpando of the U.S. Forest Service said today.

Gov. Gray Davis asked President Bush to declare Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties disaster areas to qualify them for federal aid. Bush didn't immediately say he would do that but he did pledge today to help in any way possible.

"We want to help put them out. I mean, this is a devastating fire and it's a dangerous fire. And we're prepared to help in any way we can," Bush told reporters at the White House.

The wind subsided for a time during the night but picked up again this morning in San Bernardino County, Vialpando said.

The Santa Ana wind season usually stretches from September through February, with October often the strongest. The area's rainy season could start any time.

Witness identifies Malvo as sniper trial continues

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — A witness testified this morning at the trial of sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad that she saw fellow suspect Lee Boyd Malvo at the scene of a killing in Louisiana.

As Muhammad's trial resumed, Tina Leonard of Baton Rouge, La., said she is certain she saw Malvo standing over the body of Hong Im Ballenger, who was shot Sept. 23, 2002, outside a beauty store she managed.

Leonard said she instantly recognized Malvo when she saw his picture after his arrest in last year's series of sniper attacks that killed 10 people over a three-week period in Virginia, Maryland and Washington.

"Once I saw the boy on TV ... it was him," she said. "I was positive."

Muhammad is being tried in the death of Dean Meyers, gunned down at a gasoline station in Manassas in northern Virginia. But because one of the capital murder charges against him alleges multiple murders over three years, prosecutors must prove Muhammad committed at least one other murder.

That means jurors also are hearing from survivors of other shootings and relatives of other people slain, despite defense attorneys' objections that their testimony is irrelevant or inflammatory.

ASK US

Q—When is the SHS pep rally this week for the Lamesa game?
A—At 8:15 a.m. Friday in the Tiger Gym.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Mickey Vasquez...

...lives in Odessa but travels to Sndyer on a weekly basis as a representative of AmeriPride. He has about a dozen accounts here. He and his wife, Yolanda, have lived in Odessa for one year having moved from Pecos. They have three children — Gabby, 11; Andres, 4; and Miguel, four months.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

For reasons I can't explain, I really like being a parent. It's just that there's a lot more to it than I expected.

—Dave Barry

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Lady Tigers basketball booster club

The Lady Tigers basketball booster club will meet at 6 p.m. today in the Tiger Gym. All parents are urged to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Using the Bible Like Jesus" followed by "Children are a Heritage of the Lord."

Hospice caregivers dinner

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

Child welfare board meeting

The Scurry County Child Welfare Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

Title I, migrant parent meeting

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

Genealogical society

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

Gospel concert

The Toney Brothers will be featured in a gospel concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh. Admission is a free-will offering. For more information, call 863-2484.

SHS volleyball booster club

The SHS volleyball booster club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the high school gym.

Fall Fest at WTC

WTC and the Scurry County Anti-drug Connection will sponsor a Fall Fest from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday in the WTC gym. Tickets, needed for the games and concession, are four for a $1. Everyone may wear a costume.

Bone marrow drive

A bone marrow drive for Nick Gutierrez is set for 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. Donors must be age 18-60.

Used eyeglasses needed

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

Girl Scouts open house

Snyder Girl Scouts are celebrating their founder's birthday from 4:30-6 p.m. Friday at the Girl Scout Hut. It marks the second anniversary of the vandalism at the Hut. For more information, call Judy Martin, 573-7556.

Christmas exhibit at museum

Scurry County Museum needs several items for its Grand Ole Opry exhibit opening Nov. 9. Needed by Friday are radios, record players, 1950s country records, vintage country musical instruments, and Grand Ole Opry memorabilia. Call 573-6107 for more information.

Gateway needs costumes

Gateway Family Services is in need of used Halloween costumes in all sizes as well as basic arts and craft supplies for children's holiday projects. Donations may be dropped off at the shelter or call 573-1822.

Lord's Supper Church

Lord's Supper Church, 119 36th St., Ave. B The church will have a fall festival from 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the church. Chances for a DVD or TV are being given for a donation.

THRiVE simulcast at FBC

THRiVE, a conference for women, will be simulcast from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the First Baptist Church. Tickets are $35 until Nov. 1. After that they will be $40. Call 573-2631 to reserve tickets. Lunch, snacks and free daycare will be provided. The event will kick off Friday, Nov. 14.

Social Security Administration

Due to the Veterans Day Holiday, representatives of the Social Security Administration will be at the Senior Citizen's Center on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Annual style show, dinner

The American Cancer Society has set its second annual style show and dinner, honoring cancer survivors, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Cancer survivors are treated to pampering and a dinner. Cancer survivors who wish to participate should call Terrisu Mann at 573-1031.

Cooking classes rescheduled

The county 4-H cooking classes have been rescheduled for Nov. 15 and Dec. 13. The basic cooking workshops are open to girls and boys, 8-18. They will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the extension office. Call 573-5423 to make reservations.

Home for the holidays

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

Turkey, ham raffle

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

United Way packets

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

FINAL PERFORMANCE — Snyder High School Drama Department will present the final performance of Anton Checkhov's *The Three Sisters* at 7:30 tonight at the Ritz Theatre. Tickets are $7 for addults. In the photo at left Michael Nelson as Andrey proposes to Natalya Ivanovna, played by Devin Chandler. Pictured in the top photo are from left back row, Lance Turner who plays Fedoti; Logan Martin as Solyony; Cole Welch as Tuzenbakh; front row from left, Paul Jackson as Vershinin; Blake Robertson as Irina; and Jason Hook as Chebutykin. Former SHS graduate Michael McQuerry is the director. (SDN Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Report: Buying drugs in Canada cheaper

CHICAGO (AP) — For weeks, Gov. Rod Blagojevich has been saying that Illinois, its employees and retired employees could save a lot of money buying medicine from Canada.

Now, a report commissioned by the governor and scheduled to be released today found that importing drugs from Canada for state workers and retirees would save Illinois nearly 17 percent of its annual expense for prescription drugs, the governor's office said.

Blagojevich plans to ask the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to waive a restriction on importing drugs, said his spokeswoman, Abby Ottenhoff. Federal law bars bringing foreign prescription drugs into the country.

The report is the latest step by Blagojevich to pressure federal authorities into allowing Illinois to bring in significantly discounted drugs from Canada to save the state millions of dollars each year. He has lobbied Congress and launched a Web site featuring a petition in support of the idea.

The report also found Canada employs safety measures similar to those practiced in the United States regarding prescription drugs, Ottenhoff said.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration "has raised concerns that their system isn't as safe and they can't guarantee the quality of drugs that will come from Canada," Ottenhoff said. "We looked at everything from the training and education of their pharmacists to the packaging and distribution process and we found that, in every category we looked at, they met or exceeded our standards."

The FDA and pharmaceutical companies warn that buying Canadian drugs presents significant, potential health and safety risks.

"This whole exercise is unfair, and it's unwise and it's unfortunate that the governor is playing politics with the health and safety of employees," said Peter Pitts, associate commissioner for external relations at the FDA.

The study found that, if all eligible prescriptions were filled through a Canadian mail order plan, state employees and retirees using three prescriptions a month would save up to $1,008 per year, Ottenhoff said.

It also found that overall savings for the state and employees combined would be as high as $90.7 million annually. The state's share of this amount would be about $56.5 million, Ottenhoff said.

Illinois spent $340 million on prescription drugs for its employees and retirees last fiscal year, up 15 percent from the previous year.

The report shows that drugs sold in Canadian pharmacies are manufactured in facilities approved by Health Canada — the FDA's counterpart in Canada.

But Pitts, who met Friday with the people who wrote the report, said they told him they never spoke with Health Canada representatives, which he said calls "into serious question" the report's findings.

Three children killed in fire

ATLANTA (AP) — While a single mother was apparently working the night shift, her three unattended children died in a house fire early Saturday despite efforts by neighbors to rescue them.

The body of 11-year-old Jasmine Jones was found in the home, Atlanta police Sgt. Kevin Iosty said. Her brothers, 14-year-old Christopher and 13-year-old Marty, were pulled from the front and back doors of the house but were pronounced dead at Grady Memorial Hospital.

The three appear to have died from smoke inhalation, fire officials said.

No adults were in the house when the fire was reported shortly before 3 a.m., said Capt. William Bostwick of the Atlanta fire department.

Police and neighbors said their mother, Christine Jones, worked at night several times a week.

Authorities were investigating whether any criminal charges should be filed against Jones, who neighbors said usually left an adult to watch her children.

According to witnesses, when Jones returned home about 7 a.m., unidentified men shouted at her that her children were dead. She collapsed and was taken to Crawford Long Hospital for observation and psychological evaluation.

Officials are investigating the cause of the fire, which apparently started in one of the boys' rooms.

The fire was moderate and contained within 40 minutes, but there was heavy smoke throughout the house, Bostwick said.

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Saturday's Lottery Numbers Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-10-29-39. Bonus Ball: 42.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 8. Prize: $8,842.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 26. Prize: $1,322.

Number matching four of five: 866. Prize: $85.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 749. Prize: $87.

Number matching three of five: 30,687. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 8,406. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 37,163. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $18 million.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 5-17-23-31-34.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $21,156.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Stope & Gone, 6405 Antoine Dr., Bldg. 17.

Matching four of five: 150. Prize: $128.

Matching three of five: 4,430. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 44,424. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

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Date Book

Monday, Oct. 27, 2003

Today is the 300th day of 2003 and the 35th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1659, two Quakers who had fled England in response to religious persecution were executed in the Massachusetts Bay Colony for their religious beliefs. The Massachusetts General Court had passed a law the year before that banned Quakers from the colony under penalty of death.

On this day in 1904, the first rapid-transit subway system in America was opened in New York City.

On this day in 1994, the U.S. prison population exceeds one million for the first time in American history.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nicolo Paganini (1782-1840), composer and violinist; Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), U.S. president; Dylan Thomas (1914-1953), poet and playwright; Ruby Dee (1924-), actress, is 79.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, the University of Alabama defeated Virginia Tech 77-6.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Somebody's boring me. I think it's me." — Dylan Thomas

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

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Oil Patch News

Mitchell County

Energen Resources Corp. has completed the No. 3519 Westbrook southeast unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. The project was completed to produce 10 barrels of oil and 168 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,022-041 feet, and location is in Section 34, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Kent County

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 214-CW Salt Creek field unit, seven miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 6,800 feet, drill site is in Section 132, Block G, W&NW survey.

Hilcorp Energy Corp. will drill the No. 457-C Salt Creek field unit, six miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned depth is 7,400 feet, and location is in Section 144, Block G, W&NW survey.

Hilcorp will drill the No. 58-H Salt Creek field unit, nine miles northwest of Clairemont. The well is contracted for a depth of 7,400 feet, and location is in Section 165, Block G, W&NW survey.

Hilcorp will drill the No. 42AW-E Salt Creek field unit, nine miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned depth is 7,400 feet, and location is in Section 144, Block G, W&NW survey.

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Democrats bicker over Iraq during fifth debate this fall

DETROIT (AP) — Democratic presidential contenders eagerly attacked President Bush's postwar policy in Iraq Sunday night, accusing him of failing to protect the troops, seek international help or level with the American people.

"Like father like son, four years and this president is done," said Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, voicing the hope of all nine presidential hopefuls sharing a debate stage.

"We cannot afford to play Bush roulette ... with the lives of American troops," added Al Sharpton in remarks that drew some of the loudest applause of the night.

Over 90 contentious minutes, the Democrats also traded barbs with one another over Iraq, tax policy and more — the leaders in the polls often on the receiving end.

Retired Gen. Wesley Clark, a newcomer to the race who runs well in national surveys, drew fire several times, his main antagonist being Sen. Joe Lieberman.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean of Vermont, leading by double-digit margins in polling in New Hampshire, the nation's first primary state, did battle with Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry as well as Rep. Dennis Kucinich.

On other issues in the fifth debate in seven weeks:

— Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina attacked Attorney General John Ashcroft for "abusing the discretion" he was given in anti-terrorism legislation known as the Patriot Act. "The liberties and freedoms we're supposed to be fighting for are in danger every single day this administration is in office," he said.

— Former Illinois Sen. Carol Moseley Braun expressed concern about international trade. "I think the first thing we have to do is make certain that the globalization of trade does not create a race to the bottom, that creates the exploitation of workers abroad and the hemorrhaging of jobs here at home," she said.

The nine Democratic hopefuls met on a stage in Detroit at a forum sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus Institute and the Fox News Channel.

The first balloting of the primary race takes place in less than three months — the Iowa caucuses are slated for Jan. 19, the New Hampshire primary follows eight days later. Seven other states will vote on Feb. 3, in the first multistate contest of the nominating season.

With American troops being killed at the rate of roughly one a day since the end of major combat operations in Iraq and public opinion polls showing eroding support for the president, postwar policy dominated the debate.

Lieberman, an early and aggressive proponent of the war, said Clark had taken "six different positions on whether going to war was a good idea. It took him four days to decide" his position on Bush's recent call for $87 billion in aid to Iraq and Afghanistan, the Connecticut senator added.

Clark said he had been "entirely consistent" in opposing the war.

Lieberman also accused several of his rivals for being inconsistent by voting to support the war yet opposing Bush's request for postwar funding.

Kerry rebutted that charge by invoking his service in the Vietnam War. Addressing Lieberman, he said he had "seared into me an experience you don't have, and that is being one of the troops on the front line when the policy has gone wrong."

The Massachusetts senator wasn't the only one to stress his military experience. Clark, a retired four-star general, said after fighting in Vietnam, he "came home on a stretcher."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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West
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♣ 4

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

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Opening lead: ♣ 3

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For one week, monthly magazines

By Phillip Alder

This week, let's have a look at the independently published English-language bridge magazines. First, The Bridge World, the Ferrari that aims primarily at experts but has 12 pages at the back for the improving player. Here is an interesting deal from this Bridgeworks section.

You are sitting South. First, what would you bid with your hand after East opens one club? Next, assume you end in four spades. West attacks with the club three. You win with dummy's ace and call for the spade jack. East takes the trick with his ace and leads the club king. How would you continue?

There is no "right" bid over one club. I like the immediate jump to four spades. That rates to be a sensible contract, you probably do not have a slam, and you make life as hard as possible for the opponents. Your other choices — one spade and (especially) double — give West a chance to show some signs of life (not that he would with his hand here).

This deal will always trip up the unwary. It looks so obvious to ruff the club king low. But if you do, West overruffs and plays a heart to his partner's ace. Then a third club lead promotes another trump trick for West. You lose three spades and one heart.

Instead, cut the defenders' communications: At trick three, discard the heart king, which is an unavoidable loser. Then, when East continues with the club queen, you ruff low and lose only three tricks: two spades and one club.

Full details are available at www.bridgeworld.com, where you will also find lots of material for all levels of player.

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Schwarzenegger appears at Mr. Olympia event in Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — California Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger showed he still has a soft spot for body building, popping in unexpectedly at the Mr. Olympia contest to congratulate its winner.

Himself a seven-time Mr. Olympia, Schwarzenegger drew cheers and chants of "Arnold" and "Governator" from the crowd of 6,000 at the Mandalay Bay Hotel-Casino.

Ronnie Coleman of Arlington walked away the winner of the 39th annual competition, sponsored by the International Federation of BodyBuilders. It was his sixth consecutive title.

"Finally I feel at home again," Schwarzenegger told the estimated 6,000 spectators. "This is a terrific sport and if it wouldn't have been for bodybuilding I wouldn't have any of this. It's a great foundation."

Mr. Olympia founder Joe Weider said Schwarzenegger proves bodybuilding is about more than just lifting weights.

"Finally, it's beginning to dawn on the world that bodybuilders are smart," Weider said. "They develop determination. They don't give up. They don't lose. If they ever apply that to any profession...they can be a great success."

Rodney St. Cloud, who placed 12th, called Schwarzenegger's appearance special.

Said St. Cloud: "He shows that if you put your heart and soul into anything you can do it."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Mom is desperate to get son off her couch and on his own

DEAR ABBY: I am a single mother with two young daughters and a 21-year-old son, "Billy," who dropped out of high school during his senior year. When it happened, I was very upset. I told him if he wanted to continue to live at home, he would have to get a full-time job and pay rent. Billy didn't like that idea, so he went to live with his girlfriend and her parents, who didn't seem to care that he had no job.

About a year ago, Billy's girlfriend broke up with him. Since he had no place to go, I told him he could stay with me temporarily. He has been sleeping on my couch ever since. Billy has only a part-time job. He says that's all he can find. I'm tired of supporting him and I think he should be out on his own by now, but if I kick him out, he'll have nowhere to go. His father is no help. Billy rarely sees him. I'm at my wit's end. Please tell me what I should do. — **FED-UP MOM IN MASSACHUSETTS**

DEAR MOM: Your son may have trouble finding full-time employment because he lacks a high school diploma. His first priority should be to contact his high school and find out how to get his GED. Then he must start studying again and pick up where he left off when he dropped out.

I know it's frustrating, but be patient a little longer. I don't know what Billy's talents are, but if he isn't college material, he should consider going to a trade school and learning a marketable skill. The job market is difficult right now, so accept the fact that a part-time job and getting his equivalency diploma may be all Billy can manage for a while.

As long as your son is willing to work toward success, you should be willing to compromise. However, if he isn't willing to go to trade school or get a GED, he should get a full-time job. There are jobs at fast-food places, movie theaters, supermarkets, etc., that don't require skills and/or diplomas. At 21, your son is too old to be supported. Be prepared to be firm with him, because if you aren't, he may never learn to fly on his own.

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DEAR ABBY: I need advice. I am a woman in my mid-30s, married more than 10 years, and the mother of two children. My husband, "Howard," is a good father and has an important job with a six-figure income. I don't have to work. I buy whatever I want and Howard doesn't mind.

My problem is, I don't think I'm in love with Howard. He has an extremely low sex drive. We haven't been intimate in years. In fact, out of frustration, I moved out of the bedroom last year. I have tried talking to him about our problem to no avail. He refuses to go to counseling.

To complicate matters, three years ago I began an affair with a married man. Although he and his wife have children, they are divorcing. We want to be together, but I don't know if I can leave Howard. My lover earns less than half of what Howard makes, plus he will have to pay child support. I don't know if I can manage on his salary. Please understand, I don't work because I don't want to put my kids in day care.

As I see it, I have three choices:

(1) Continue the affair and hope nobody finds out.

(2) Leave Howard and hope my lover and I can make it on his small salary.

(3) End the affair.

If we end the affair, I think one of us would have to move. We live in a small town and travel in the same social circles. This whole thing is driving me crazy. What should I do? — **FRUSTRATED IN FLORIDA**

DEAR FRUSTRATED: In a nutshell, it comes down to this: Which is more important to you — sex or money? Both are powerful motivators, but only you can answer that question.

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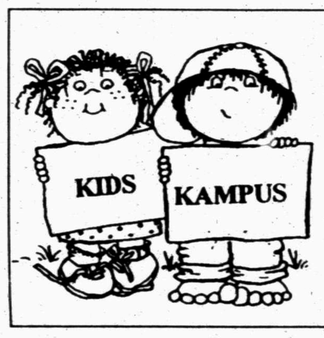

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Cowboys fail Tampa test

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Warren Sapp prides himself on having a finger on the pulse of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Super Bowl champions have yet to win consecutive games, but Sunday's 16-0 domination of Bill Parcells' Dallas Cowboys left the All-Pro defensive tackle with a positive vibe about the team's chances of pulling out of an early season malaise.

"This is a marathon, not a three-week race," Sapp said after the Bucs forced three turnovers, sacked Quincy Carter four times and limited Dallas to a season-low 178 yards in stopping the Cowboys' five-game winning streak.

"This wasn't about a statement. It was about going back to what we like to do. That's playing hard-nosed defense, shutting people out and giving ourselves a chance to win games. That's why we're world champions. We play lights-out defense. When we are doing that, we make you earn every yard you get against us."

The shutout was the second of the season for Tampa Bay (4-3), which gave up 458 yards — most by an opponent since 1991 — in a 24-7 loss at San Francisco the previous week. Three weeks ago, the defense that led last season's Super Bowl run blew a three-touchdown lead in the last four minutes of regulation before losing to Indianapolis in overtime.

"We receive a lot of criticism, and we just go back to work," Bucs linebacker Derrick Brooks said. "You don't talk about it, you just go back to work. We put in the work and you saw the result."

Keyshawn Johnson ended a week in which his agent complained about the receiver's role in Tampa Bay's offense by catching a 7-yard touchdown pass and Martin Gramatica kicked field goals of 24, 26 and 50 yards.

Sapp, Anthony McFarland, Ellis Wyms and Chartic Darby had sacks and Jermaine Phillips and Ronde Barber each had interceptions to help the injury-riddled defense regain some of its swagger.

The victory was sweet, too, because the Cowboys have been one of the NFL's biggest surprises in their first season under Parcells — the two-time Super Bowl-winning coach who walked away from agreements to take over the Bucs twice in the past 12 years.

"This is a pretty good beating," Parcells said. "The score wasn't as bad really as I thought it was. Had we not held them a few times on defense, this could have gotten out of control."

Johnson, who played three seasons under Parcells when he was with the New York Jets, was booed during pregame introductions by a crowd of 65,602 responding to his agent's comments, as well as Johnson's own statements about Parcells being his favorite coach.

Amid the jeers, Johnson ran across the field and shook the hand of his former coach.

There were nothing but cheers, though, when Brad Johnson rolled to his right and found the two-time Pro Bowl receiver in the corner of the end zone for a 10-0 lead.

"We have three losses and we can't afford to get more," Keyshawn Johnson said. "We won the Super Bowl last year, but that was last year. It's important to get on a winning track and get back to the way we are used to."

Michael Pittman ran for 113 yards on 30 carries for Tampa Bay, while Brad Johnson was 13-of-26 for 151 yards and no interceptions.

Dallas began the day with the NFL's top-ranked defense. But the Bucs showed they still have one of the best units in the league, even with three newcomers — cornerbacks Tim Wansley and Corey Ivy and safety Jermaine Phillips — in the secondary.

Not all of the Cowboys were impressed.

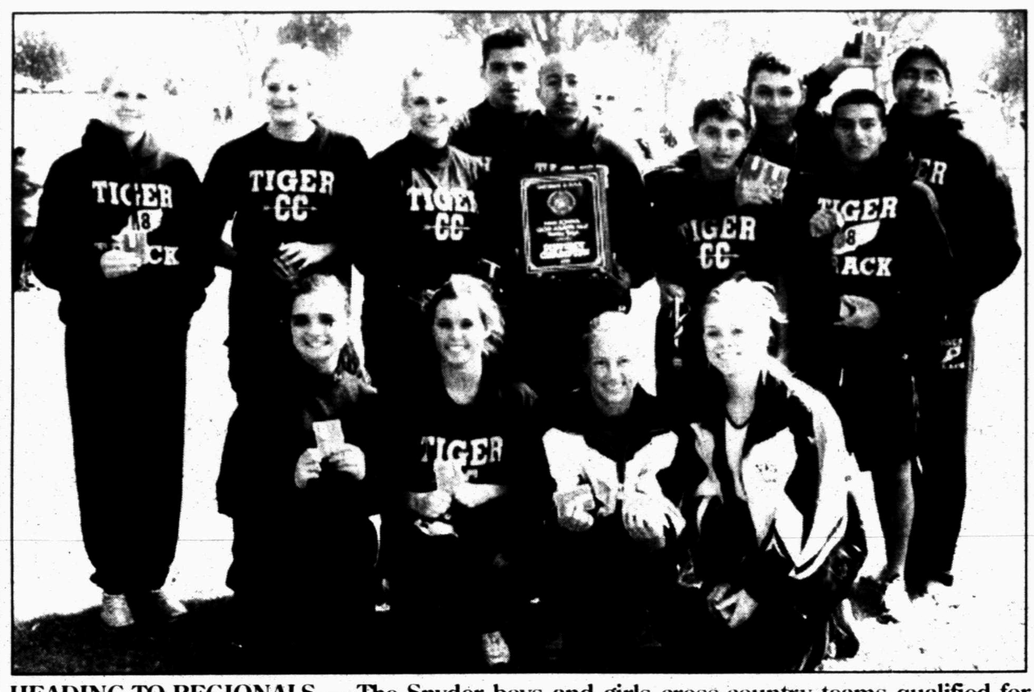
"You think they've got a great defense?" running back Troy Hambrick said. "I think we made enough mistakes to make them look good."

The Bucs, who have yet to win consecutive games this season, improved to 7-0 after losses under Jon Gruden, who was hired as coach after Parcells pulled out of a signed contract to replace Tony Dungy after the 2001 season.

The Cowboys' winning streak was their longest since 1994. Carter was 15-of-25 for 140 yards and was intercepted twice. A week after yielding 212 yards rushing in a 24-7 loss at San Francisco, the Bucs limited the Cowboys to 60 yards on 22 carries.

The closest Dallas came to scoring was Billy Cundiff's 41-yard field goal attempt, which sailed wide right late in the first quarter. He had made 12 straight before that.

"I thought the game after the first half should have been 6-3," Parcells said. "But even with 13-0, if we could have just done a little something, we might have been able to get back in it. But the way we played, we really didn't have much chance."



HEADING TO REGIONALS — The Snyder boys and girls cross-country teams qualified for the regional meet after the boys placed first and the girls third at the district meet in Seminole Saturday. The team is, back from left, Tamara Taylor, Candace Chandler, Glyn Wright, Chris Vera, Jeremy Torrez, Emmanual Hernandez, Arthur Hernandez, Tony Pena, Joseph Ynguanzo, front from left, Destiny Proctor, Casey Gregory, Terann Ragland and Erin Burleson. (Contributed Photo by Luann Burleson)

Cross country boys win district; girls qualify for regional meet

The Snyder cross country boys won the district championship at Seminole Saturday, with the girls placing third and also earning a spot in the regional meet.

"The kids have worked very hard and deserve all the credit," head coach Todd Pollard said. "I am very proud of them."

Jeremy Torrez and Arthur Hernandez finished second and third respectively, while Joe Ynguanzo took seventh as all three earned individual medals for top-10 finishes.

Torrez completed the circuit in 18:57, while Hernandez crossed the line in 19:31. Ynguanzo finished in 20:13.

Tony Pena was 11th with a 22:04 and Chris Vera came in 12th with a 22:12.

Candace Chandler and Terann Ragland finished neck-and-neck to earn individual medals and help push the Lady Tigers into the regional meet.

Both recorded times of 14:17, although Chandler finished just a few tenths of a second ahead of Ragland.

Erin Burleson posted a time of 15:15 for 13th, while Destiny Proctor ended the course in 16:16 for 16th place.

Casey Gregory was 18th with an 18:16, Tamara Taylor placed 19th with an 18:27 and Glyn Wright was 29th with a time of 20:17.

Emmanuel Hernandez finished third in the junior high division with a time of 14:30.

The teams will compete in the regional cross-country meet Nov. 8 at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. The girls will begin at 11 a.m., while the boys will start at 11:30.

Spikers sweep Brownfield

The Snyder Lady Tigers played their best match of the season Saturday, sweeping aside Brownfield, 25-23, 25-14 and 25-13, in the final home contest of the season.

Sarah Crawford had a big game, recording 10 kills and posting three blocks at the net.

Kelbi Drum had nine kills, 10 assists and seven digs in the victory, which pushed the Lady Tigers to 4-7 in district.

Snyder trailed 9-3 early in the second game with several substitutes in the lineup before coming back for the win.

"We've been clicking," head coach Laura Moses said. "All these girls can play, but it's that continuity and consistency we've been looking for all year. But all 13 can play."

Heather Holmes helped the effort with seven digs and five assists, and Erin Hackfeld contributed four points and four assists.

Stacey Williamson saw her most extensive time of the year, tallying seven digs and three assists.

Kesli Johnson posted 21 digs, Beth Clements added 10 points and eight digs, and Missy Vasquez had nine digs and nine points.

Emily Jones and Teddi Crenwelge notched three kills each, and Sarah Henson had two in the decisive game three.

The Lady Tigers will try to close out the season on a winning note when they play Sweetwater at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"Sweetwater is streaky like us, but we know they can play," Moses said. "The girls will be up for it."

Fires force MNF to relocate to AZ

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The NFL moved Monday night's Chargers-Dolphins game to Tempe, Ariz., from Qualcomm Stadium because of wildfires in the San Diego area.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said in a statement Sunday night that the city of San Diego advised the league it could not play the game in Qualcomm.

The sky throughout the county was choked with smoke and ash from three fast-moving fires that burned more than 277,000 acres, killed 13 people and burned more than 850 homes by Sunday evening.

Changes coming for Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez came out of the clubhouse, heading toward the field so he could kiss home plate. On his way, the Florida catcher cut through a dugout littered with champagne bottles, beer cans, cigars and a discarded box of Kodak film.

A snapshot of the winning side, for sure.

"I don't believe we won," he said. "But we did it."

Well into the wee hours Sunday, long after manager Jack McKeon and the Marlins left Yankee Stadium to celebrate their World Series championship elsewhere, the cleanup would begin.

Pretty soon, look for the New York Yankees to start cleaning house, too.

"A lot of people are upset," center fielder Bernie Williams said. "There's going to be a lot of changes."

Bench coach Don Zimmer sounds adamant that he's leaving. Hitting coach Rick Down might lose his job. General manager Brian Cashman? Pitcher Jeff Weaver? Third baseman Aaron Boone? All-Star second baseman Alfonso Soriano?

It's all possible in owner George Steinbrenner's world. Especially after such an upset, finished off by Josh Beckett and low-budget Florida 2-0 in Game 6 on Saturday night.

"I just think to get this far, and accomplish as much as we have, we should feel better about this thing than we do. But unfortunately, because of somebody's attitude, we're considered failures," pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre said.

Who knows? Maybe even the security people who let the Marlins stroll through a gate in left-center field to toast their title in Monument Park will be in jeopardy.

"Of course I was disappointed, but we will be meeting soon to make whatever changes are needed to bring back a stronger, better team for New York and our fans," Steinbrenner said in a statement Sunday. "You can count on it."

Texans lose Carr, game

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Texans have to keep fighting, coach Dom Capers said Sunday after the Texans showed promise early before losing quarterback David Carr to an ankle injury in the first half and faltering in a 30-21 loss to the Indianapolis Colts.

The loss was the third straight for the Texans, now 2-5.

"We've got nine games to go and the most important thing for our ball club is not where we are right now, but handling where we are right now and where we're headed," Capers said. "We have a bunch of fighters out there. I don't think there was anything wrong with our effort today, but our execution wasn't what it needed to be out there at times."

Carr sprained his right ankle when he was sacked by Raheem Brock on the Texans' second series. He finished the series and left for two more before returning to lead Houston on a 79-yard touchdown drive. He reinjured the ankle and left for good late in the first half.

The drive put the Texans ahead 14-3 in the second quarter when Colts quarterback Peyton Manning got geared up and went on to throw for three unanswered touchdowns, capped by a field goal that put the Colts ahead 27-14 at the start of the fourth quarter.

"We just need to learn how to finish games," Texans defensive

Area Sports Calendar

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Tennis: Vernon at Snyder, 9 a.m.

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

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

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 10 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is guess your score.

Trainer wins four races at Breeder's Cup

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP) — Trainer Richard Mandella won a record four races at the Breeders' Cup on Saturday, capping perhaps the greatest day in racing history when Pleasantly Perfect won the $4 million Classic at Santa Anita.

Mandella won the $1 million Juvenile Fillies with Halfbridled, the $1.5 million Juvenile with long-shot Action This Day and the $2 million Turf with Johar, who dead-heated with High Chaparral.

Julie Krone became the first female jockey to win a Breeders' Cup race aboard Halfbridled.

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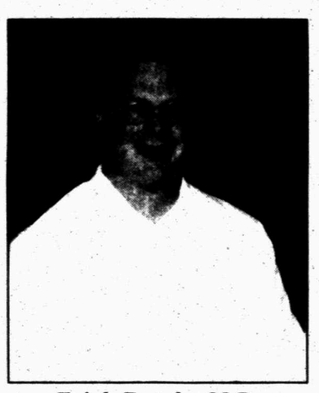

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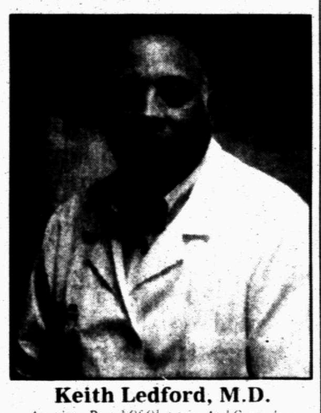

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NFL roundup...

Kansas City remains undefeated

By The Associated Press

The Kansas City Chiefs stand alone as the NFL's unbeaten team.

Kansas City and Minnesota entered Sunday with spotless records, but the Vikings were beaten 29-17 at home by the New York Giants. That dropped them to 6-1, and when the Chiefs routed Buffalo 38-5 at night, it put the AFC West leaders at 8-0.

Dante Hall's 67-yard TD reception got them rolling and Priest Holmes scored three touchdowns. Only 11 other teams since 1972 reached the midway point of the season without a loss. Eight advanced to the Super Bowl and six won it.

Already leading the league in takeaways, the Chiefs had seven against the Bills (4-4) — five interceptions and two recovered fumbles. They also sacked Drew Bledsoe three times.

"This feeling is indescribable," said Ryan Sims, the 315-pound tackle whose goal-line interception thwarted the Bills' final TD threat. "After playing all those close ones, we just figured what the heck, it's time to go out and get ourselves a laugher."

At Minneapolis, Kerry Collins passed for 375 yards and two touchdowns, Tiki Barber had a touchdown and 122 total yards and New York (3-4) benefited from, of all things, having a punt blocked.

With Minnesota leading 17-16, Jack Brewer blocked a punt by Jeff Feagles inside New York's 5. But blocking back Wesley Mallard alertly scooped the ball and ran 20 yards for a first down.

"Unbelievable, man," Brewer said. "That's the way the game bounces."

Ike Hilliard had nine catches for 100 yards and two TDs for the Giants.

Randy Moss had 125 yards receiving for Minnesota, but Daunte Culpepper threw his first two interceptions of the year.

On Monday night, Miami (4-2) will face San Diego in Tempe, Ariz. The game was moved to Sun Devil Stadium on Sunday night because of wildfires in the San Diego area.

Rams 33, Steelers 21

At Pittsburgh, Marc Bulger passed for 375 yards and a touchdown, and third-string running back Arlen Harris ran for three touchdowns in his first NFL start as the Rams (5-2) won their fourth straight.

The Steelers (2-5) got Antwaan Randle El's 84-yard punt return for a TD, but dropped their fourth straight. They are off to their worst start since they were 1-6 in 1988.

Panthers 23, Saints 20, OT

At New Orleans, Stephen Davis had another huge running game and his 33-yard run in overtime set up John Kasay's 31-yard field goal.

The Panthers (6-1) rallied in the closing minutes when Davis scored on a 1-yard dive for a 20-17 lead. But the Saints (3-5) forced overtime when John Carney made a 42-yard field goal with 36 seconds to go.

Deuce McAllister fumbled in overtime and Davis set up the winning kick. Davis ran for 178 yards and two touchdowns on 31 carries.

Eagles 24, Jets 17

At Philadelphia, Donovan McNabb threw for a score and Correll Buckhalter ran for 100 yards and two TDs.

Chad Pennington, playing for the first time since breaking his left wrist in a preseason game, entered in the second quarter and finished 14-of-23 for 154 yards with one costly interception for the Jets (2-5).

The Eagles (4-3) won for the fourth time in five games.

Titans 30, Jaguars 17

At Jacksonville, Fla., the Titans (6-2) reached the 30-point mark for the fifth straight game, matching a mark the franchise set in 1961 when they were the Houston Oilers.

Steve McNair threw for 187 yards and Eddie George scored two touchdowns in the Titans' eighth win in the last 10 games against Jacksonville. Byron Leftwich threw three interceptions for the Jaguars (1-6).

Bengals 27, Seahawks 24

At Cincinnati, Jon Kitna hit Chad Johnson for a 53-yard go-ahead touchdown as the Bengals (3-4) won back-to-back games for the first time in two years.

Cincinnati won without running back Corey Dillon got into a traffic accident on his way to the stadium and was inactive for the game, even though he wasn't injured. Rudi Johnson ran for 101 yards and a touchdown.

Matt Hasselbeck threw for 347 yards, but the Seahawks (5-2) self-destructed with three interceptions, one fumble and a blocked field goal attempt that set up the Bengals' go-ahead touchdown.

Ravens 26, Broncos 6

At Baltimore, linebacker Ray Lewis rambled 37 yards with a key interception in the fourth quarter, and Jamal Lewis topped 100 yards rushing for a sixth straight game. Matt Stover kicked four field goals for Baltimore (4-3), leader in the AFC North.

Denver (5-3) was down to its third-string quarterback, Danny Kanell, starting for the first time since 2000. He was 16-for-31 for 114 yards and two interceptions.

Patriots 9, Browns 3

At Foxboro, Mass., Adam Vinatieri kicked three field goals as the Patriots won their fourth straight game. Kevin Faulk rushed for a career-high 96 yards for the Patriots (6-2), while tight end Daniel Graham also had career highs of seven catches for 110 yards.

Cleveland (3-5) replaced Tim Couch with Kelly Holcomb after Couch went out with a strained right thumb. Couch went 7-for-11 for 40 yards, while Holcomb was 15-for-25 for 115 yards.

Cardinals 16, 49ers 13, OT

At Tempe, Ariz., Tim Duncan, kicking in place of injured Bill Gramatica for Arizona (2-5), made a 39-yard field goal in overtime for the Cardinals' first win over the 49ers in 10 years.

Duncan missed three of five attempts in regulation, including a 50-yarder as the fourth quarter ended.

Owen Pochman, who nearly lost his job after missing three field goals last week against Tampa Bay, missed two more Sunday for the 49ers (3-5). His out-of-bounds kickoff to start overtime set up the winning drive.

Bears 24, Lions 16

At Chicago, the rookies were productive for the Bears (2-5). Charles Tillman set up one score with an interception, Justin Gage had a TD catch and an assist in another score, and Brock Forsey ran for a touchdown.

Detroit (1-6) has lost 20 straight on the road.

Jerry Azumah returned the opening kickoff of the second half for a score.

Rhodes praises effort of riders

LUBBOCK — The Western Texas College rodeo team closed out the fall schedule with a solid performance at the Texas Tech rodeo, including a trio of first place finishes in Saturday's short round.

The team kept pace with the rest of the field in the Southwest Conference, with the men staying in third and the women in second heading into the winter break.

Greg Rhodes

"No school did any good with points," coach Greg Rhodes said. "Us, Canyon and Tarleton were all within 30 points."

The women finished third in the rodeo, and Rhodes said they are in good position for spring.

"The women gained a little ground on Tarleton. At the end of the first semester, we are in great shape," he said.

Saddle bronc rider Guy Simonton earned a score of 73 in his final ride to take first in the round and first in the average for the rodeo.

Bruno Paoiella claimed the top spot in the short round as well as the average in steer wrestling with a time of 4.7 seconds.

Paoiella also was honored as the top all-around hand at the rodeo, and partnered with Tyler Riggan to score a 5.1 and take first place in both the short round and the average in team roping.

Clay Long was first in the average after a third place time of 10.9 seconds in the short round in calf roping. Teammate Clay Bunney was fourth in both the short round and average in bareback riding.

The women earned third place, with Julie Jones grabbing third in goat-tying with a 7.7.

WTC has several hands in the top five in region after the fall season.

Sabrina Lay leads the conference in barrel racing, while Sam Spreadborough sits in second in saddle bronc riding.

Clay Bunney is second in the conference in bareback, while Bruno Paoiella, Clay Long and Julie Jones all hold top five positions.

Rhodes had high praise for his team, which he said is the most committed group he's coached in his tenure at the college.

"Overall, this group is unbelievable," he said. They give total effort, regardless of the outcome or their place in the standings. This is the first time it's happened to me where everyone gives their all. They are very committed, and it's nice for me, because I like to be around people like that."

Rhodes said the team is representing the college and the community admirably.

"Even if we don't win another event — which would surprise me — this group eventually is going to be successful. It's in the effort they put towards what they're doing. In the past, we've had that from our top individuals, but as a whole group I haven't seen it before. They are fun to be around."

Rhodes said he is looking forward to the coming spring season.

"As long as the injuries don't get us, I think we are in good shape. We've got some that will get over that fresmanitis. I was pretty excited about the Tech rodeo, and I'm very excited about spring."

The team will get the spring schedule underway in March.

Bowl picture muddied by Va. Tech upset loss

By the Associated Press

The college football picture could get pretty muddied next week.

Virginia Tech's loss has given hope to a number of one-loss teams, who are now an upset away from moving into position for a bid in the national championship game. A loss by Oklahoma or Miami could create total chaos in the Bowl Championship Series standings.

The Sooners and Hurricanes could face their toughest remaining tests Saturday. No. 1 Oklahoma hosts No. 14 Oklahoma State, which upset the Sooners the past two seasons. No. 2 Miami travels to No. 10 Virginia Tech in a Big East showdown that lost a bit of its luster when the Hokies fell to West Virginia last Wednesday.

Losses by either top team would open the door for one-loss schools like Southern California, Georgia, Florida State, Ohio State, LSU and Washington State.

More important for those teams is making sure they have no more slip-ups.

"We've got to do our part, we have to play the best we can play," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said Sunday. "I can't control all the other stuff. I'm sure not going to worry about it."

BCS expert Jerry Palm projects Florida State, Georgia and USC will be neck-and-neck in the race for third place when the new BCS standings come out Monday. Those schools, along with Ohio State, are in the best position to capitalize if Oklahoma or Miami loses.

The Sooners and Hurricanes also would be in contention to play for the championship even with another loss, with the biggest key being how far they fell in the polls.

"The more one-loss teams you have the more say the polls will have in the decision," Palm said. "The polls are more likely to agree than the computers."

Right now, the polls agree that USC is the best of the one-loss teams. If not for a triple-overtime loss at Cal in September, the Trojans would be in prime shape for the Sugar Bowl.

"We're really excited about where we are right now," coach Pete Carroll said after the Trojans beat Washington 43-23 for their first win in Seattle in 10 years. "We've got to keep going and keep pushing."

After playing four of five games on the road, USC will finish the season with three of four games at home. The first could be the toughest as the Trojans host No. 6 Washington State on Saturday. There's also a game Nov. 22 against UCLA, which has won five straight and is tied for first in the Pac-10.

"It's so nice to have these four of five games that we had on the road behind us," Carroll said. "It's been a grind for us and our guys have done a marvelous job of handling the road situation. It really, really feels good to know that we are coming home for a number of weeks now with one road game down the stretch."

Many thought USC was playing as well as anyone at the end of last season but two early season losses sent the Trojans to the Orange Bowl.

Weaver wins city tourney

Randy Weaver claimed the 2003 Snyder City Championship golf tournament, firing a 147 to top Vaughn Wiggins by five strokes.

The first round was held at the Western Texas College golf course, where Weaver carded a 76. He posted a 71 in the second round, which was played at Scurry County golf course.

Wiggins shot a 78-74 152 for second place, and Ernie Armstrong recorded an 83-77 153 for third in the championship flight.

Tony Baker won the senior division with a 160. He shot an 84 in the first round before firing a 76 in the second round.

Pete Rios was second with an 85-83 168, while Kenneth Parker was third with a 91-81 172.

Jeral Beard claimed the super senior division with an 82-72 154. Dutch Stehley was second with an 86-82 168.

Men's League Basketball

The Snyder men's basketball league got underway Sunday night with Snyder National Bank using 19 points from Greg Greer to top Big Country Autoland, 77-55.

Big Country was led by 21 points from Juan Escobedo.

American State Bank got 29 points from Bryan Cave and 27 from Jeremiah Witte to get past Rotan, 75-68. Tyrone Daniel paced Rotan with 25 points and Jason Wishert added 20.

West Texas State Bank was idle.

ASB	1-1
SNB	1-1
Big Country	0-1
Rotan	0-1
WTSB	0-0

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	2	0	.750	154	129
Miami	4	2	0	.667	118	77
Buffalo	4	4	0	.500	143	148
N.Y. Jets	2	5	0	.286	111	118
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Indianapolis	6	1	0	.857	208	126
Tennessee	6	2	0	.750	224	167
Houston	2	5	0	.286	121	200
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	127	184
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	4	3	0	.571	160	132
Cincinnati	3	4	0	.429	138	156
Cleveland	3	5	0	.375	115	130
Pittsburgh	2	5	0	.286	132	179
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Kansas City	8	0	0	1.000	246	130
Denver	5	3	0	.625	184	141
Oakland	2	5	0	.286	125	161
San Diego	1	5	0	.167	115	169

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	5	2	0	.714	150	116
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	119	136
N.Y. Giants	3	4	0	.429	134	140
Washington	3	4	0	.429	135	171
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Carolina	6	1	0	.857	141	125
Tampa Bay	4	3	0	.571	150	97
New Orleans	3	5	0	.375	172	191
Atlanta	1	6	0	.143	114	220
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Minnesota	6	1	0	.857	196	133
Green Bay	3	4	0	.429	200	166
Chicago	2	5	0	.286	121	192
Detroit	1	6	0	.143	117	184
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Seattle	5	2	0	.714	170	131
St. Louis	5	2	0	.714	203	129
San Francisco	3	5	0	.375	172	142
Arizona	2	5	0	.286	98	193

Sunday's Games

Chicago 24, Detroit 16
Baltimore 26, Denver 6
St. Louis 33, Pittsburgh 21
Cincinnati 27, Seattle 24
Tampa Bay 16, Dallas 0
Tennessee 30, Jacksonville 17
New England 9, Cleveland 3
Carolina 23, New Orleans 20, OT
N.Y. Giants 29, Minnesota 17
Arizona 16, San Francisco 13, OT
Indianapolis 30, Houston 21
Philadelphia 24, N.Y. Jets 17
Kansas City 38, Buffalo 5

Today's Game

Miami vs. San Diego at Tempe, Ariz., 8 p.m.

AP Top 25

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Oklahoma (62)	8-0	1,622	1
2. Miami (3)	7-0	1,563	2
3. Southern Cal	7-1	1,470	5
4. Georgia	7-1	1,378	4
5. Florida St.	7-1	1,320	6
6. Washington St.	7-1	1,260	6
7. LSU	7-1	1,241	9
8. Ohio St.	7-1	1,226	8
9. Michigan St.	7-1	1,041	11
10. Virginia Tech	6-1	1,026	3
11. Michigan	7-2	939	13
12. Nebraska	7-1	924	14
13. Iowa	6-2	762	16
14. Oklahoma St.	7-1	750	18
15. TCU	8-0	727	15
16. Texas	6-2	605	19
17. Bowling Green	7-1	577	23
18. Purdue	6-2	487	10
19. Tennessee	5-2	449	22
20. Mississippi	6-2	278	—
21. Missouri	6-2	265	—
21. N. Illinois	7-1	265	12
23. Florida	5-3	246	25
24. Minnesota	7-2	149	—
25. Pittsburgh	5-2	131	—

Others receiving votes: Miami (Ohio) 105, Auburn 98, Louisville 71, UCLA 67, Boise St. 42, Kansas St. 14, Wisconsin 14, Arkansas 9, Georgia Tech 3, New Mexico 1.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	4	2	1	0	9	23	16
Philadelphia	2	1	3	1	8	17	19
N.Y. Rangers	2	2	2	0	6	11	14
New Jersey	2	3	2	0	6	14	17
Pittsburgh	1	4	2	0	4	12	23
Northeast Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Boston	5	2	2	0	12	24	20
Ottawa	5	1	0	1	11	28	13
Montreal	5	3	0	0	10	22	15
Toronto	4	2	2	0	10	19	19
Buffalo	5	4	0	0	10	21	25
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Tampa Bay	6	0	0	0	12	20	8
Atlanta	4	1	2	1	11	23	16
Florida	3	4	2	0	8	17	18
Carolina	1	2	4	0	6	13	14
Washington	1	6	1	0	3	17	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	5	3	0	0	10	22	16
St. Louis	4	2	0	1	9	18	16
Chicago	3	4	2	0	8	16	25
Nashville	3	4	0	0	6	17	19
Columbus	3	5	0	0	6	16	16
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Vancouver	4	2	2	0	10	25	15
Calgary	4	3	0	0	8	13	14
Colorado	4	4	0	0	8	27	21
Edmonton	3	5	0	0	6	22	26
Minnesota	2	6	1	0	5	20	26
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Dallas	5	4	0	0	10	21	20
Los Angeles	4	4	0	0	8	23	20
Phoenix	3	3	2	0	8	22	24
Anaheim	2	5	1	1	6	14	25
San Jose	1	4	3	0	5	15	23

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Sunday's Games

Chicago 1, Anaheim 1, tie
Buffalo 3, Colorado 1
Phoenix 3, Vancouver 3, tie

Today's Games

Montreal at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.

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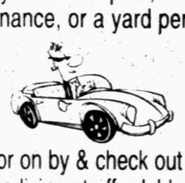
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LEBANON JUNCTION, Ky. (AP) — Emotions were raw Sunday as Army Spc. James E. Powell was laid to rest on a bleak autumn day in his wife's hometown.

Ruby Powell was doubled over, her hands cupped over her face, throughout the burial ceremony in Lebanon Junction City Cemetery, which borders the house where she grew up.

Fellow soldiers said James Powell had volunteered for a combat mission even though he was due for home leave within days. The 26-year-old Columbus, Ohio, native was killed Oct. 12 near Beiji when his Bradley armored vehicle set off a land mine.

Following private funeral services, soldiers from nearby Fort Knox carried a flag-draped coffin into the cemetery as a lone bagpiper played "Amazing Grace."

Maj. Gen. Michael Rochelle, the head of the Army Recruiting Command at Fort Knox, awarded Powell a Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Combat Infantry Badge, saying Powell "paid the ultimate sacrifice in the effort to liberate Iraq."

A seven-soldier honor guard saluted Powell by firing shots into the air.

Powell was a member of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, based in Fort Hood, Texas. The unit is part of the 4th Infantry Division, which controls a large swath of northern Iraq and is based in Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown.

Powell served in the Navy from June 1997 to June 2000. During that time, a fellow seaman introduced him to his sister, the former Ruby Mann.

After the ceremony, two soldiers from Powell's unit spoke of his sacrifice.

"He was a good guy," said Spc. Tim Moore, who had served with Powell in Iraq but returned home because of injury. "He was always talking about hunting and fishing, and he loved his wife and daughter. He always did what he had to do without complaining."

Capt. Matt Weber said that although Ruby Powell was grieving, she was also proud because her husband knew what it meant to be a soldier.

"He wasn't just a guy who would put on the uniform and go to work," Weber said. "She mentioned to me that even if he had known what would happen, he still would have went."

About 50 people attended the burial in Lebanon Junction, 35 miles south of Louisville. Several veterans watched from a distance.

The occasion brought back memories for Vietnam veteran Bob Brian, a neighbor of Ruby Powell's family, who said his son died soon after he returned from being stationed abroad.

"Seventeen years ago I lost a son in the Army. He had a heart attack," said Brian. "So I feel for them."

Moore and Weber said a service at Fort Hood was planned for Friday in honor of Powell and Spc. Donald L. Wheeler, of Concord, Mich., who died Oct. 13 in downtown Tikrit when a rocket-propelled grenade hit his vehicle.

Powell is survived by his 23-year-old wife and 2-year-old daughter, Lauren Mkinsey.

Butler says royals could have stopped latest book on Diana

LONDON (AP) — Paul Burrell, the former butler condemned by princes and much of the press for his tell-all book about Princess Diana, says the royal family could have stopped the project simply by giving him more attention.

"Just one telephone call would have stopped it, one. Is that too much too ask — really?" Burrell said in an interview to be broadcast today by British Broadcasting Corp. TV.

Charges and countercharges over the weekend gave a final burst of publicity for the book, "A Royal Duty," which goes on sale in Britain today.

Princess Diana's friends have called Burrell a vulture for exploiting his connection to Diana. Her sons, Prince William and Prince Harry, issued a statement Friday accusing him of a "cold and overt betrayal."

The former butler, however, complained that the princes — and the royal family in general — gave him little support when he was put on trial last year for allegedly stealing some of Diana's possessions. He was acquitted after Queen Elizabeth II confirmed that Burrell had told her he was holding some items for safekeeping.

"It would have been a very different world if the telephone had rung and the boys had said 'Oh Paul we're sorry we couldn't help you during your trial, we just couldn't, our hands were tied. Why don't you come down to London with Maria (his wife) and the boys and we'll do something?'" Burrell told the BBC.

He added that he felt angry with William and Harry.

"Why do they listen to other people around them?" Burrell said. "Why listen to people who always say yes and no one tells you no? I'd love to give them a piece of my mind."

He said he has accepted an offer by the princes to meet him, but did not say when. He also did not rule out writing another book detailing more of the secrets he shared with Diana.

"I have no plans at this moment in time to write another book, but I don't know what the future holds do I?" he told BBC radio. "I didn't six years ago and I don't now."

The Daily Mirror's serialization of the book gave millions of readers his intimate view of Diana's life, including private letters from her former father-in-law, Prince Philip, and her brother, Earl Spencer.

Rosa Monckton, one of Diana's closest friends, wrote in The Sunday Telegraph that Burrell knew well how the princess was hounded during her life, "and yet now he joins the rest of the vultures who had the task of looking after her, in picking over the bones of her existence in his book."

Vivienne Parry, another friend and a former trustee of Princess Diana's memorial fund, described Burrell's book as "cynical."

"I think there has been no wrestling with his conscience, the only thing he has been wrestling with is which letter to draw from the capacious file marked 'P' for pension plan," Parry told the BBC on Sunday.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Treatment of tendinitis

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have tendinitis in my legs and feet. What causes it and how can it be cured?

DEAR READER: Tendinitis simply means that certain tendons — the tough and gristly structures that attach muscles to bones — have become inflamed. This can result from overuse (in sports, for example) or by something as plebeian as improper footwear that irritates the tendons of the foot and heel.

Tendinitis is ordinarily treated with anti-inflammatory drugs such as ibuprofen — or, if necessary, stronger prescription medicine, including Celebrex, Bextra or Vioxx. Obviously, for the inflammation to be cured, the offending activity (or equipment) must be modified or discontinued.

Some cases of severe tendinitis require more aggressive management, such as physical therapy with ultrasound. Cortisone injections may be needed.

Although most instances of tendinitis can be properly diagnosed and adequately treated by family physicians, more disabling or resistant cases will need the services of orthopedic specialists.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." 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. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 46 and have had three rubber band treatments for my hemorrhoids. Now I am constantly bleeding. How can I overcome this condition once and for all?

DEAR READER: Bleeding hemorrhoids often require surgery. The "rubber band" treatment you had is standard therapy for hemorrhoids near the anal opening. Under local anesthesia, the surgeon applies small rubber ligatures to the swollen veins. Over time, the hemorrhoids, deprived of their blood supply, wither and drop off.

Because you continue to have problems, I suggest that you consider more traditional operations, such as surgical removal or laser therapy, which uses lasers to cut away the inflamed and bleeding tissue. Ask your doctor about this option.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I weigh 309 pounds and constantly have boils under my arms and on my stomach. What should I do to prevent or treat this nuisance?

DEAR READER: Boils (skin infections usually caused by staph bacteria) are, like obesity, often associated with diabetes. Although you may be able to reduce the incidence and severity of these infections by taking antibiotics and using anti-bacterial soap, you really should see your family physician for an examination and blood tests to check for diabetes or an immune deficiency, both of which require treatment.

In addition, the doctor can work with you to develop a satisfactory weight-reduction program. Weight loss may help cure your boils and would certainly reduce your risk of developing serious cardiovascular complications of obesity, especially hypertension and coronary artery disease.

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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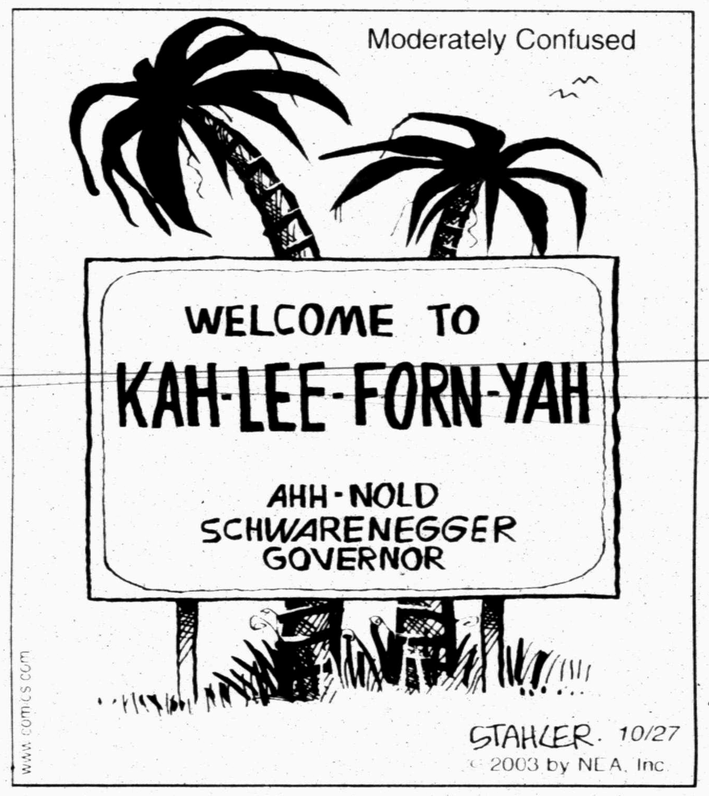

Bears seized in Canadian border drug bust

ARLINGTON, Wash. (AP) — Two black bears that were seized in a marijuana arrest at the Canadian border are bound for a wildlife sanctuary in Texas.

Corky and Pumpkin are set to leave the Sarvey Wildlife Center on Wednesday to join more than 600 creatures at the nonprofit Wild Animal Orphanage in San Antonio, officials at Sarvey said.

"When we walk back to the pens after they're gone, it will be like our best friends left. We'll miss them," Sarvey volunteer Jeff Guidry said. "Everybody loves these bears."

The 7-year-old sows were sent to the wildlife center near this Snohomish County town after U.S. Customs agents found 166 pounds of marijuana worth nearly $500,000 in a trailer carrying the bears at the border crossing in Blaine on Jan. 27.

Duane Christopher Bradley of Abbotsford, British Columbia, pleaded guilty in July to conspiracy to distribute marijuana and was sentenced to 21/2 years in prison.

He initially told investigators he was taking the bears to Hollywood for a movie, than said he was taking the pot to Los Angeles to exchange for cash and cocaine to take back to Canada, according to documents filed in U.S. District Court.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp	13.40	13.08	13.13	+ .07
AT&T Corp rs	20.20	19.70	19.71	-.20
Albertsons	19.61	19.45	19.49	+ .02
Alltel	48.68	48.00	48.12	-.52
AmElPw	29.49	29.22	29.39	+ .14
AndarkPtr	41.99	41.48	41.75	-.06
ATMOS Egy	24.50	24.30	24.45	+ .20
Avaya	15.15	15.00	15.13	+ .11
BP PLC	42.50	42.32	42.46	-.35
BakerHughes	28.60	28.24	28.46	+ .29
Bank of Amer	75.10	73.52	73.73	+2.13
BellSouth	26.23	25.75	25.75	-.08
BurlNSFe	28.41	27.92	28.03	-.15
Caterpillar	71.67	71.11	71.35	+ .30
CenterPoint	10.06	9.97	10.00	+ .08
ChevronTex	73.33	72.85	72.88	-.24
Citigroup	47.93	46.98	47.08	-.52
CocaCola	45.50	45.20	45.35	-.05
ColgatePal	52.20	51.07	51.22	-.63
CmclMetals	24.01	23.60	23.94	+ .30
ConocoPhill	57.70	57.25	57.43	-.09
Cooper Inds	51.04	50.40	50.90	+ .41
DaimlrChry	36.35	36.06	36.08	+ .21
DeltaAirl	13.17	12.92	12.96	+ .22
Dillards Inc	16.17	15.91	16.00	+ .27
DowChem	37.25	36.60	36.91	+ .32
DuPont	39.42	39.11	39.21	+ .14
EastmanChem	31.89	31.45	31.80	+ .34
EstKodak	23.55	23.13	23.29	+ .11
EDS Corp	21.15	20.55	20.81	+ .21
Entergy	55.30	54.69	55.07	+ .17
ExxonMobil	38.07	37.77	37.85	
FootLocker	17.41	17.10	17.29	+ .24
GenDynam	83.18	82.50	82.78	-.10
GenElec	28.55	28.32	28.45	+ .15
GenMills	44.40	44.13	44.15	+ .16
GenMotors	42.39	41.94	42.27	+ .43
GaPacific	26.05	25.80	25.83	-.17
Goodrich	27.40	26.77	27.13	+ .25
Goodyear	6.43	6.29	6.35	+ .06
GtAtlPac	5.24	5.05	5.10	-.13
Halliburtn	24.34	23.90	24.23	+ .25
Hanson PLC	34.45	34.25	34.45	+ .38
HarteHanks	19.47	19.25	19.37	+ .14
HomeDepot	36.10	35.68	35.83	+ .23
HoneywellIntl	29.11	28.71	29.10	+ .70
IBM	89.10	88.05	88.71	+ .29
IntlPaper	39.42	37.85	38.13	-.31
JohnsonJn	50.67	50.35	50.44	+ .09
KimberlyClk	54.19	54.00	54.08	-.07
Kroger Co	17.65	17.35	17.39	-.26
LockheedM	48.60	48.01	48.12	-.40
Lowes Cos	59.14	58.15	59.01	+ .16
Lubrizol	2.60	2.46	2.60	+ .06
LucentTech	2.80	2.66	2.75	+ .09
MagnaIntnl Cl	29.65	29.27	29.61	+ .34
MayDeptSt	27.02	26.34	26.61	+ .27
Medtronic	46.70	46.15	46.31	-.02
Motorola	13.44	13.10	13.15	-.10
NCR Corp	35.15	34.65	34.65	-.29
Navistar	40.05	39.30	39.86	+ .53
PNM Resds	29.34	28.90	29.22	+ .40
PennyJC	24.46	24.60	24.72	+ .26
PepBoys	18.44	17.80	18.35	+ .70
PepsiCo	48.00	47.48	47.48	-.50
PfizerDoogie	54.35	53.90	54.19	+ .49
PilgrimPrg B	12.66	12.35	12.63	-.02
Praxair	56.44	55.61	55.87	+ .15
ProctGamb	97.59	95.96	96.00	-.96
RadioShack	29.09	28.98	29.19	+ .47
RoyalDut	44.57	44.41	44.45	-.27
SBC Comm	23.82	23.44	23.64	+ .10
SaraLee	19.10	18.86	18.96	-.04
Scripps EW	92.99	91.95	92.74	+ .54
SearsRoeb	49.60	48.59	49.38	+ .79
SherwinWm	32.08	31.50	31.44	+ .48
SouthernCo	30.58	30.32	30.52	+ .20
SwstAirl	18.92	18.51	18.75	+ .25
SprintFON	16.05	15.90	15.94	+ .15
SprintPCS	4.44	4.27	4.27	+ .02
Sunoco Inc	41.55	41.29	41.46	-.04
TXU Corp	23.96	23.60	23.88	+ .48
TempleInland	49.78	49.13	49.13	-.64
Texlnd	26.92	26.55	26.71	+ .26
Texaslnst	28.15	27.55	27.68	+ .23
Textron	47.38	47.05	47.20	+ .10
TimeWarner	15.27	15.05	15.24	+ .19
TrinityInds	24.77	24.27	24.73	+ .41
TylerTech	7.67	7.45	7.57	+ .22
UnionPacific	60.30	59.90	59.94	-.12
USSteel	20.37	20.11	20.32	+ .28
UnitedTech	83.98	83.18	83.67	+ .50
Unocal	31.82	31.40	31.65	+ .21
VerizonComm	33.50	32.80	33.17	-.07
WalMart	58.44	57.80	58.15	+ .04
WellsFargo	55.38	54.40	54.54	-.46
WstnGasRs	41.87	41.61	41.84	+ .11
WinnDixie	7.77	7.59	7.70	+ .11
Xerox Cp	10.73	10.60	10.62	-.07
YumBrands	33.35	32.68	33.11	+ .11

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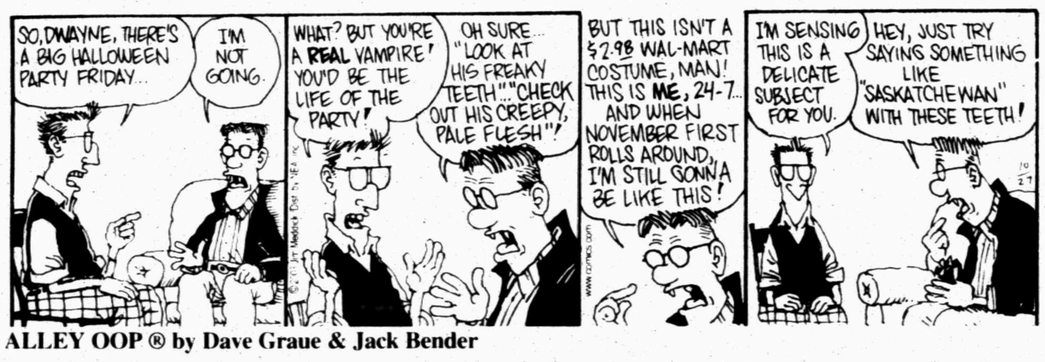

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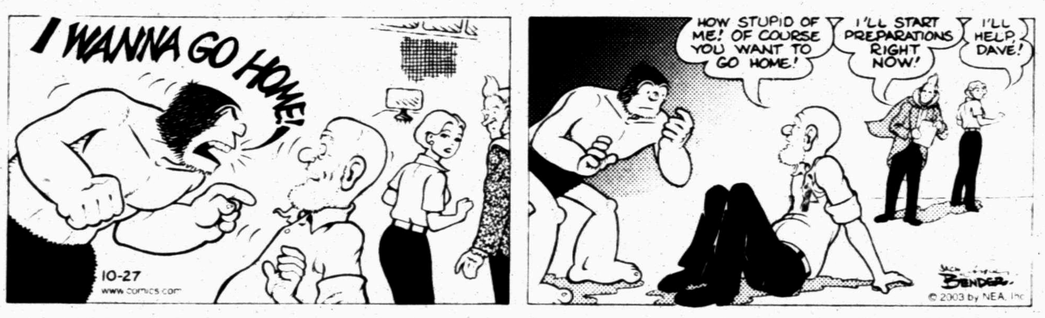

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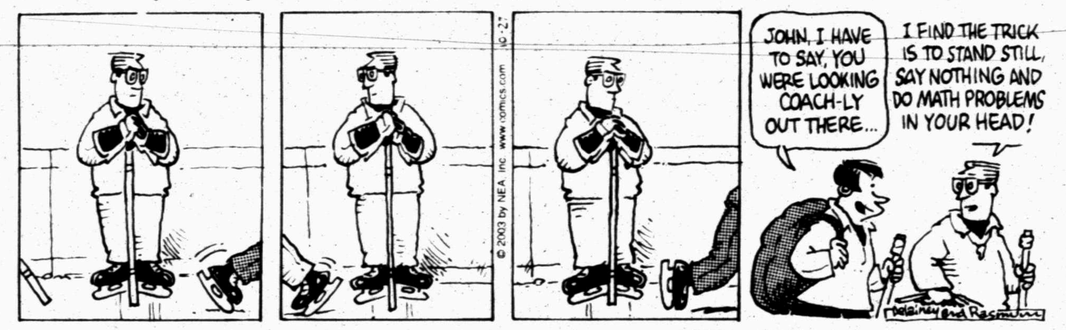

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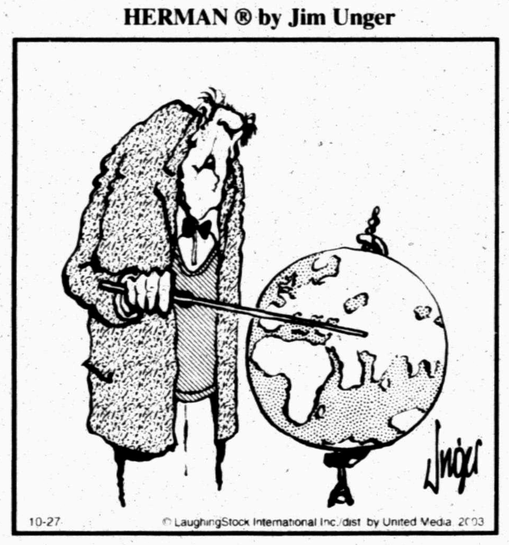

"Whoever shouted 'Turkey' was correct."

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Motor's sound
4 Equip
7 Nectar gatherer
10 A Gershwin
11 PC owners
13 Sturm — Drang
14 Felt boot
15 Temporary state
16 Drain cleaner
17 Kind of gas
19 Metropolitan
21 Hither's partner
22 Canteen initials
23 Shouts
26 Hook up
30 Land measure
31 Upsilon follower
32 "— Vadis?"
33 Good disguise
34 Lunch
35 Home furnishings
36 Jeered
39 Quit
40 Lubricate
41 — vivant
42 Capri and Wight
45 Mud boot
48 Poodle variety
49 — incognita
51 Sundial numeral
53 Long time
54 Watches secretly
55 Deli order
56 Natural elev.
57 Total
58 Help letters

DOWN

1 Rose fruit
2 Europe-Asia border range
3 Spice
4 Pale
5 Enjoy a novel
6 Newlywed title
7 Fall planting
8 New Age singer
9 Perfect place
11 Elegant coiffures
12 "The Cat in the Hat" man
18 Auel heroine
20 Spoil
22 Component
23 Swerves
24 Dickerson of the NFL
25 Kids' block brand
26 "If — — a Hammer"
27 Greenish-blue
28 Totes
29 Suffer defeat
31 Apple skin
35 Vegas alternative
37 Ally opposite
38 Boxer's weapons
39 Fizzy drinks
41 Divulged
42 Squib
43 Carbon deposit
44 Singer Loretta —
45 Network
46 Sis and bro
47 "Hi-Lili, —" (hyph.)
50 Envir. monitor
52 Part of TGIF

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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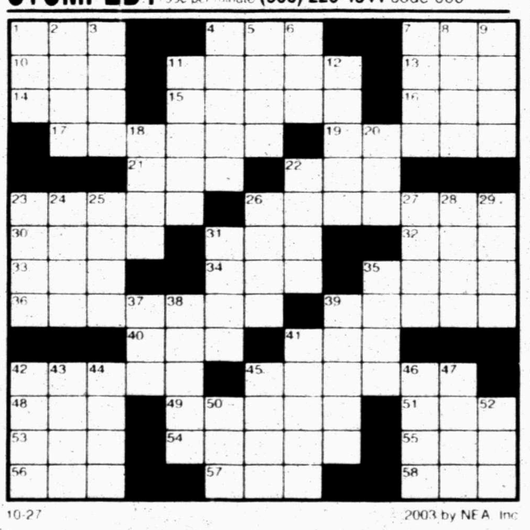

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"WAIT'LL YOU SEE YOUR FLOWER GARDEN. WHILE YOU WERE AWAY, I GAVE YOUR ROSES A HAIRCUT!"

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Today's chuckle

'Porno pants' lands Utah man in jail

OREM, Utah (AP) — A man ordered out of his pickup by police gave them fair warning.

Before he got out, the 43-year-old told officers he was wearing his "porno pants."

The outfit turned out to be a pair of jeans with the backside cut out, except for a thin strip of material down the middle.

The man told officers he had been stripping at a private party in nearby Murray, and wanted to stop at a convenience store to see how people would react.

The folks in the store weren't amused and called authorities.

Then, the man found out what police thought when he was arrested for lewd behavior.

Bush administration accused of ignoring requests of commission

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of both parties are accusing the White House of stonewalling the federal commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks by blocking its demands for documents despite threats of a subpoena.

"I call on the White House to turn over the documents they are withholding from the independent commission — and do it now," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., co-author of the legislation that created the independent commission.

The 10-member, bipartisan commission has until May 27 to submit a report that also will deal with law enforcement, diplomacy, immigration, commercial aviation and the flow of assets to terror organizations.

"If they continue to refuse, I will urge the independent commission to take the administration to court," said Lieberman, who is running for president. "And if the administration tries to run out the clock, (Arizona Republican Sen.) John McCain and I will go to the floor of the Senate to extend the life of the commission."

Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday that it would be in the administration's interest to release documents the commission has requested.

"Americans and our allies across the globe must have confidence in our leadership," said Hagel, a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who has frequently criticized Bush's execution of the campaign against terrorists. "They must trust our processes. And that certainly includes our intelligence community's results."

The White House had no immediate comment.

Earlier this month, the independent commission voted to issue subpoenas to the Federal Aviation Administration for documents pertaining to the investigation. The commission said the FAA subpoena will "put other agencies on notice that our document requests must be taken as seriously as a subpoena."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2003

Financial arrangements into which you enter in the year ahead could prove to be more fruitful than usual. Your opportunities may be quite different from those with which you're familiar, and the returns could be extraordinary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A chance for personal gain that's been floating about you for some time (and which you've not been able to capitalize on) is once more upon you. Don't let it evade you again today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — This can be a propitious day for you in which you should be able to reap the types of rewards you anticipate from situations or involvements you personally create or control at this time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A guardian angel hovering about you today is providing you with the proper inner resolve necessary to manage well anything that comes your way, whether it is favorable or unfavorable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Plan something fun that takes you to where there is plenty of activity and where you can mingle with lots of people. You'll be in a gregarious mood today that needs to be expressed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — This is one of your better days for being able to breathe new life into something that is sorely in need of revival. This is especially true if it should pertain to your vocation or career.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Place yourself in the other guy's shoes today when making a judgment call on someone. By viewing this from his or her perspective, you may see things quite differently.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — The intrinsic value of a joint endeavor that has had you puzzled for some time could reveal itself today. Whether it proves to be pro or con, deal with it accordingly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — So that you do not disturb a delicate balance in a relationship between you and another that is significant to you, adopt a give-and-take attitude today that will prove to be most effective.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Kind words and sensible procedures will enable you and others to do a good job regarding something all would rather not do. It's amazing how a positive attitude can make things right.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Make it a point to do everything according to Miss Manners and Hoyle in your affairs with others today. How you deal with social contacts could be more important than you realize.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — That personal identity you're looking for that gives you a meaningful connection can be found today by reviewing your early experiences. The answer lies at the core of where it all began.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Should you find yourself in a serious discussion today in which you're trying to offer another what you believe to be constructive suggestions, be careful it doesn't come off sounding like criticism.

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Audits turn up problems in labs

HOUSTON (AP) — Problems similar but not as significant as those cited at the Houston Police Department crime lab's DNA section have been noted in recent years at seven of the nine Texas Department of Public Safety labs that conduct DNA analysis, according to a published report.

Audits conducted between 1999 and 2002 at DPS labs in Austin, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Garland, Houston, Lubbock and McAllen were reviewed by the Houston Chronicle for a copyright story Sunday. DPS has 12 field laboratories and another lab at its headquarters in Austin.

The problems identified by the newspaper at the seven DPS labs it reviewed included:

— Evidence improperly sealed and inadequately identified to show who handled it.

— A refrigerator half full of rape kits that was left at room temperature for days, risking deterioration.

— A supervisor who had not taken a required statistics course, essential to interpreting and explaining DNA test results.

"Our labs get audited like you wouldn't believe," DPS scientist C. Glen Johnson, who authored some of the DPS audits, told the newspaper. He said a 100 percent compliance rate is an unreasonable expectation and that the audits and inspections are rigorous to ensure the DPS labs are among the best.

"You can go into any lab, any day of the week and find some things that need correction," he said. "The important thing is that you correct this when the problems arise."

The 13 DPS labs are among a total of 19 accredited labs in Texas, according to the Largo, Fla.-based American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors. Texas has a total of about 40 labs throughout the state, according to DPS, which has been charged with overseeing required accreditation of all the state's labs by 2005 to comply with a new state law.

Annual audits are a requirement for a lab to maintain its accreditation. Ralph Keaton, executive director of the ASCLD/LAB accrediting body, says accreditation is a way to ensure labs have the proper procedures in place to monitor their work.

"We stand by the results that our labs come up with when they test and the reason why we can stand by those results is because of the accreditation and inspection process," DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange told The Associated Press Sunday. "We look at every audit as an opportunity to improve."

"Accreditation is not meant to guarantee that a lab will not temporarily come out of compliance in some way," Keaton told the newspaper. He said ASCLD/LAB has never revoked an accreditation and in 21 years has suspended two certificates.

Accreditation is a process William Thompson, a University of California at Irvine professor who helped expose some of the problems at the Houston police lab, calls an "old boys' network."

"The idea that this is some kind of rigorous process is simply a sham," he said.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Sales of new homes decrease

WASHINGTON (AP) — New-home sales edged down in September but nevertheless registered their third-highest level on record. Sales of previously owned homes scored their best month ever, fresh evidence that the housing market continues to help spur an economic recovery.

The Commerce Department reported today that new-home sales came in at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.145 million in September, representing a small, 0.2 percent dip from the previous month.

Even with the drop, the level of sales was stronger than the 1.125 million pace that analysts were forecasting. New-home sales posted their best month ever in June, when they racked up a 1.200 million-unit pace. They turned in their second-best month on record in August, when sales came in at a 1.147 million rate.

The National Association of Realtors said that existing-home sales rose by 3.6 percent in September to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.69 million units, the third month in a row that a record-high sales pace was reached.

Low mortgage rates have helped to keep the housing market healthy throughout the economy's struggle to get back to full strength following the 2001 recession.

The average rate on a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage in September was 6.15 percent, down from 6.26 percent in August.

Sales of new homes soared by 26 percent in the Northeast to an annual rate of 97,000, and in the West, they jumped by 12.4 percent to a pace of 335,000. In the Midwest, sales fell 18 percent to a pace of 209,000 and in the South they dipped by 2.5 percent to a rate of 504,000.

GOP congressman says White House scrubbed trip to N. Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican congressman said Sunday that opposition from the White House caused him to scrub plans to lead a group of U.S. lawmakers to the site of North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

"At the 11th hour, the White House withdrew its support for our bipartisan visit to North Korea," Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., said in a statement. It said Sunday's scheduled departure has been delayed temporarily.

KCNA, North Korea's official news agency, reported that the congressional delegation had notified Kim Jong Il's government Friday that the trip was canceled "due to the opposition of the White House."

A White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush had good discussions on his recent trip to Asia on moving forward with multinational diplomacy to persuade the North to move forward to end its nuclear weapons program.

To try to keep the focus on that process, the official said, "we believe that a congressional delegation visit to North Korea at this time would not be appropriate."

Weldon is considered an expert on foreign policy matters, especially involving Russia, China and other former Cold War rivals such as North Korea.

He had planned to visit the communist-led North from Tuesday through Friday. He led a delegation there in late May and said on his return that North Korea's government was ready to bargain about its weapons development program and nuclear stockpiles.

Police investigate criminal mischief

• ***Criminal mischief***

Two reports of criminal mischief were filed Saturday morning in the same vicinity as windows were reported broken at the Polynesian Gardens and the Scurry County Masonic Lodge. Both reports were for Class B criminal mischief.

Sunday around 11 p.m., a window was reported broken in Dunhams' dental office at 37th Street and Avenue U.

Officers received a report at 7 p.m. Sunday that four to five juveniles had been throwing rocks at passing vehicles in the 2300 block of Avenue I.

Officers filed another report for criminal mischief.

• ***Burglary, theft reports***

Officers responded to the 300 block of 38th Street around 5 p.m. Saturday. The caller stated someone had climbed into the residence through a back bathroom window, but he was unsure if anything had been taken.

Saturday morning, a man reported he was missing several tools from a shop in Hermleigh. Another man returned the tools after being contacted by deputies.

Early Sunday morning a report for Class B theft was submitted in reference to a man not returning to pay for gas at Town & Country North. The amount was $3.

A ladder was reported stolen around 8 p.m. from a residence in the 400 block of 31st Street.

• ***Forgery***

A report for forgery was filed by deputies as Allsup's in Hermleigh reported receiving some forged checks.

• ***Family violence***

Officers filed a report for family violence at 10 p.m. Saturday.

• ***Criminal trespass warnings***

Two criminal trespass warnings were issued by Snyder police officers over the weekend.

• ***Gas drive offs***

A gas drive off at Town & Country East was reported Saturday afternoon in the amount of $6.

Sunday afternoon, officers received notice that another gas drive off had occurred at the store. The amount was $34. Two other reports also were filed by the amounts were not given.

• ***Arrests***

A 41-year-old male was arrested in the 3800 block of Muriel at 10:50 a.m. Saturday for Class C assault, family violence.

A 19-year-old male was arrested at 12:09 a.m. Sunday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated

At 10 p.m. Sunday, a 30-year-old male was arrested for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

At 12:53 this morning, officers arrested a 42-year-old male in the 1100 block of 37th Street for Class B theft, no driver license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Births

Joseph and Jessica Hernandez announce the birth of a son, Joseph Christopher Hernandez Jr., at 7:32 p.m. on Oct. 24 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Joseph Christopher weighed six pounds, 6½ ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Evaristo and Lorenza Zuniga. Maternal grandparents are Max and Susie Martinez. All are of Snyder.

Obituaries

Ina Mae Hardin

1912-2003

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

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

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

Mrs. Hardin moved from Snyder to Escondido, Calif., and had lived in Garden Grove the past seven years.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Margie and Corley McNitt of Garden Grove; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard and Peggy Hardin of Snyder, Cary and Beth Hardin of Decatur and Robert Hardin of El Paso; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Guadalupe Salazar

1939-2003

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

A prayer service for Mr. Salazar, 63, is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel.

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

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

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

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

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Protesters gather on both coasts and condemn Iraq war

WASHINGTON (AP) — To chants of "Impeach Bush," thousands of anti-war protesters rallied in the nation's capital Saturday and delivered a scathing critique of President Bush and his Iraq policy.

Demanding an end to the U.S.-led occupation and the quick return of American troops, the demonstrators gathered on a sunny fall day at the Washington Monument to listen to speeches and songs of peace.

One man's small cardboard sign gave his summing-up of the day: "This administration does not represent me," it said in black capital letters typewritten on white paper.

Al Sharpton, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, exhorted the crowd not to be content with the gradual withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq.

"Don't give Bush $87 billion, don't give him 87 cents, give our troops a ride home," Sharpton said to loud cheers from the crowd.

In contrast, people stood up to 12 deep in Oceanside, Calif., to cheer more than 11,000 Marines and sailors who marched through downtown in the homecoming of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force based at nearby Camp Pendleton. Many held flags or signs that said "Thank You," and red, white and blue confetti filled the air.

Hundreds of anti-war protesters also took to sun-drenched streets in San Francisco.

"This war is not about us," actor Danny Glover told the protesters. "It is against us, against Iraqi people, and against our children." Burbank, Calif., bookstore owner Bill Nelson said, "We want the money here for health care and jobs, not a military industrial complex."

The rallies on both coasts were organized by International ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism) and United for Peace and Justice.

The protest in Washington drew a diverse crowd — young, old, veterans, relatives with loved ones in the armed forces and American Muslims. An activist group of older women called the Raging Grannies, singing anti-Bush songs, brought whoops of agreement from the protesters.

Organizers estimated that 100,000 people turned out for the demonstration, but police at the scene put the number much lower, from 10,000 to 20,000. Police no longer issue official crowd estimates, so the size of the protest could not be verified.

Waving signs reading "Make Jobs Not War" and "Bush is a liar," the protesters marched down around the White House, on to the Justice Department and then back to the Washington Monument.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 10/28	Wed 10/29	Thu 10/30
79/49	87/54	81/54
Abundant sunshine. High 79F. Winds WSW at 10 to 15 mph.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise 6:58 AM, Sunset 5:57 PM	Sunrise 6:59 AM, Sunset 5:56 PM	Sunrise 6:59 AM, Sunset 5:55 PM

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Saturday high, 61; low, 46
Sunday high, 60; low, 41
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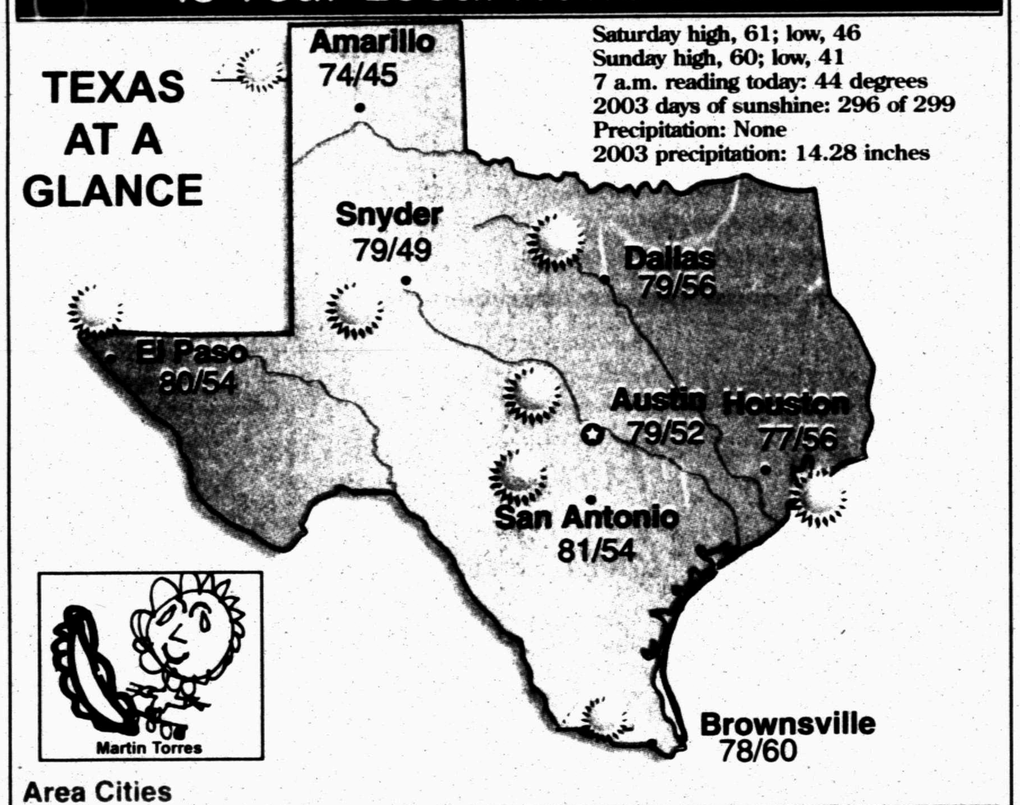
2003 days of sunshine: 296 of 299
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 14.28 inches



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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	80	53	sunny	El Paso	80	54	sunny	Midland	80	52	sunny
Amarillo	74	45	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	81	53	sunny	Raymondville	79	57	mst sunny
Austin	79	52	sunny	Gainesville	80	51	sunny	Rosenberg	78	56	sunny
Beaumont	76	55	sunny	Greenville	78	52	sunny	San Antonio	81	54	sunny
Brownsville	78	60	mst sunny	Houston	77	56	sunny	San Marcos	80	51	sunny
Brownwood	81	52	sunny	Kingsville	80	57	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	79	51	sunny
Corpus Christi	78	59	mst sunny	Livingston	76	50	sunny	Sweetwater	80	52	sunny
Corsicana	79	52	sunny	Longview	77	51	sunny	Tyler	78	52	sunny
Dallas	79	56	sunny	Lubbock	77	47	sunny	Weatherford	80	51	sunny
Del Rio	81	56	sunny	Lufkin	77	50	sunny	Wichita Falls	83	48	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	64	47	pt sunny	Houston	77	56	sunny	Phoenix	91	61	sunny
Boston	57	46	pt sunny	Los Angeles	87	60	mst sunny	San Francisco	82	54	mst sunny
Chicago	54	34	rain	Miami	87	75	pt sunny	Seattle	59	41	rain
Dallas	79	56	sunny	Minneapolis	41	28	mixed	St. Louis	60	40	rain
Denver	68	46	pt sunny	New York	58	51	pt sunny	Washington, DC	60	48	pt sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Oct 25	Nov 1	Nov 9	Nov 17

UV Index

Tue 10/28	Wed 10/29	Thu 10/30
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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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