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B-1 pilot will speak here Friday

Maj. Michael Bob Starr will speak at the Snyder Lions Club prayer breakfast at 8 a.m. on July 4.

The event is free at the Towle Park Barn, but donations will be accepted.

Maj. Starr is a B-1 pilot stationed at Dyess Air Force Base and flies over Snyder and Scurry County regularly, as he is an instructor and evaluator in the wing standardization and evaluation office.

He has more than 1,000 flying hours in the B-1, including over 260 combat hours.

As a member of the 34th Bomb Squadron based in Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho, Maj. Starr deployed in Sept. 2001 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He flew 22 combat missions, including the first B-1 strike mission into Afghanistan. Under his leadership, his crew delivered over 500,000 pounds of munitions against Al Queda and Taliban targets.

He also was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He served in the Combined Air Operations Center in Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia. As a member of the Combined Forces Air Component Commander's action group, he was a key advisor to the general in charge of the air campaign.

A native of Oklahoma, Maj. Starr graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1992 and received a master's degree from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 1994.

In addition to his staff assignments, he has also served as an officer in the Pentagon where he was on the Air Staff and the staff of the Secretary of Defense.

Maj. Starr and his wife, Kimberley, have two children, Matthew, age 9, and Tyler, age 7.

He and his family are members of the Morning Star Community Church in Abilene where he serves on the advisory board and the multimedia team.

Local art displayed at museum

More than 30 pieces of art from the Snyder Palette Club will be on display at the Scurry County Museum beginning Friday and continuing through Sept. 2.

Participating Palette Club members are Lois Burney, Nettie Fay Gardner, Lila Guinn, Paul Hudgins, Myrtle Joiner, Betty Lawson, Laverne Lee, Joy McGlaun and Ann Walton.

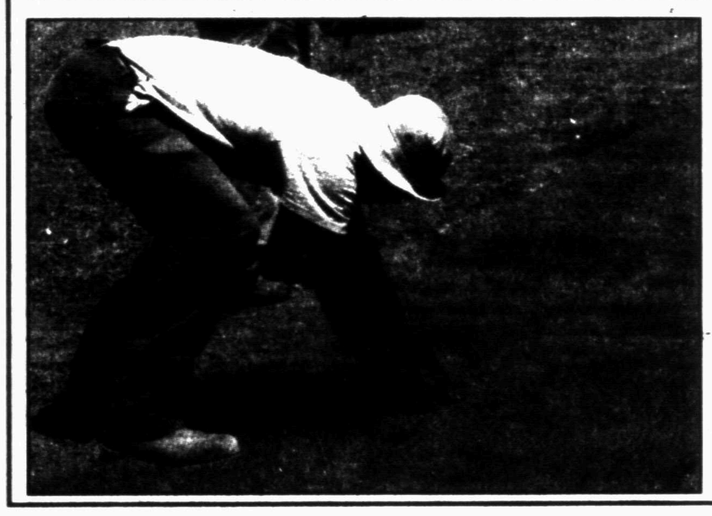
The show opens Friday with a reception from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum and the public is invited.

In addition, "Apron Strings: Ties to the Past" continues with 149 aprons from regional residents. The exhibition reviews the apron as an item for personal expression from the early 1900s through the present. They reflect the changing attitudes toward women and domestic work.

The Scurry County Museum is located on the Western Texas College campus.

Greener on the other side...





KEEP ON ROLLIN' — After weeks of construction and rain delays, the Western Texas College baseball field got a little greener Tuesday as sod was rolled onto the infield. Brad Hinton of Hinton C & S Farms operated the tractor spreading the large rolls of sod as fellow employees, from left, Diego Hernandez, Jim Thomas and Travis Thompson keep an eye on his progress. At left, Jeffrey Rose repairs a divot in the sod. The outfield will be sprigged and construction will soon begin on dugouts and bleachers. Work also is continuing on the softball field and a concession stand to be shared by both fields. (SDN Staff Photos)

City, county shutting down...

July 4th holiday prompts closings

Several businesses and government agencies will be closed Friday in observance of Independence Day.

The Scurry County courthouse, library and Snyder city hall will be closed Friday and will return to normal hours Monday.

The library will close at 6 p.m. Thursday.

All local banks will close for the holiday. West Texas State Bank and Snyder National Bank will close their doors at noon Thursday.

American State Bank, First American Bank and Texas Savings Bank will observe normal business hours Thursday.

Snyder Postmaster Dale Lipsett said no mail will be delivered to homes or placed in boxes on the fourth, but regular mail delivery will resume Saturday.

The Snyder landfill will be open Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., but will be closed Saturday.

The Snyder ISD administration building will be closed Thursday and Friday, but summer school will be in session Thursday.

Ira and Hermleigh school offices will close for the holiday.

Western Texas College will be closed Friday through Monday, with regular hours beginning again Tuesday. However, night classes will be held Monday.

In Missouri...

Three die in shooting at plant

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — An employee shot and killed three co-workers and wounded four others at a manufacturing plant on the outskirts of the capital, then drove into town and killed himself in a confrontation with police, authorities said.

Two employees of Modine Manufacturing Co. died at the plant after the shooting late Tuesday night. A third died later at a hospital, authorities said.

"He came in and began firing," Capt. Jim Johnsen said. He said four others were wounded. Their conditions were not immediately available today.

The victims were found throughout the building, Police Chief Roger Schroeder said.

Johnsen said a witness called police about 10:20 p.m. with a description of the shooting suspect's white truck. An officer leaving the police building, about six blocks from the state Capitol, noticed it in an alley and confronted the driver before the two exchanged gunfire, he said.

Johnsen said the suspect is in his 20s and lived in nearby Holts Summit. His identity, as well as those of the victims, was not immediately released.

After midnight, about 20 workers gathered in small groups outside the factory gate. One employee, who would not give a name, said the workers were told not to talk to reporters about what happened inside.

"The loss of any life is terrible," said Mick Lucareli, manager of business development and corporate communications for Modine. "We just want to find out the details as soon as we can."

Lucareli said today that operations at the Jefferson City plant had been suspended at least for the rest of the week.

CEO David Rayburn said arrangements were being made to provide access to counseling for those who want it. The plant employs 270 people.

"We are deeply saddened and our grieving the loss of our fellow Modine employees," Rayburn said in a statement. "Modine's focus at this point is on supporting our employees and their families through this very tragic event."

Racine, Wis.-based Modine Manufacturing manufactures air and oil filters for a variety of engines.

No paper on July 4

Following a long-standing tradition, the Snyder Daily News will not publish on Friday, July 4th.

Regular publication schedule will resume with the weekend edition.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN
by Shirley A. Gorman



We really, really wanted to like the movie *The Incredible Hulk*. But we just don't.

We started reading Marvel Comics' *The Hulk* in the 1960s. We were faithful watchers of Bill Bixby and Lou Ferrigno's in the television series. We once thought it was so neat that Bruce Banner could turn into the Hulk every time he got angry. That's one sure way to settle disputes in your favor.

Also we absolutely loved the cartoon version of *The Hulk*. So it was with great anticipation that we waited patiently for the Hulk's movie debut. What a complete let down it turned out to be.

The movie gets off to a slow start, and the special effects weren't as good as they should have been. The close ups of the tormented Green Guy were great but when he started bouncing all over the desert he looked like a video game figure.

However, the scenes where the Hulk takes on three mutant dogs were really superbly executed. But having Bruce Banner's father sending the dogs after him was definitely not great.

That's my biggest gripe — the way the Bruce Banner story is presented. This was supposed to be a fun movie about a comic book character so why was the story so dark?

Banner's father, a mad scientist, abuses his son and then kills his mother. Banner is adopted and represses all these terrible memories. But Banner follows in the footsteps of his father and pursues his own experiments that lead to the accident that turns him into the Hulk. Only this green monster is a product of Banner's repressed memories and bottled up rage.

Movies, especially those based on comic books, are supposed to be fun. Granted we do not have the greatest of memories and it has been 30 years or more since we have read *The Hulk* or any comic book for that matter; but we are pretty certain we would not have forgotten such a dark tale. And we are real certain we would not have collected any more issues of *The Hulk* if that had been the way the Banner story was first presented.

What we remember is the lab accident that should have killed Banner; instead he survives but turns into the Big Green Hulk whenever he got angry. He was always searching for a cure and running from Gen. Thunderbolt Ross, Betty's father, who did not want his daughter involved

With the Big Green Guy, Ross' mission in life was to apprehend the Hulk any way he could.

Disillusioned by the big screen Hulk, we started searching the Oracle of Information for the Bruce Banner and Hulk we remembered. Imagine our surprise when we read several accounts very similar to the movie. We even located a comic strip in which Banner kills his dad.

Apparently director Ang Lee hadn't taken as many liberties with Banner's story as we first thought. At some point Marvel Comics must have reinvented Bruce Banner and the Hulk, and came up with a darker version that in my estimation is totally inappropriate.

Comic books should be fun to read. The movie should have been a "popcorn" action flick featuring special affects to die for. Instead, Director Lee gave us something else. We're not really sure what it is. We just know we won't be looking forward to a sequel.

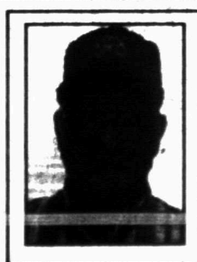
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ASK US

Q—Does the city ordinance against fireworks still apply on July 4?
A—Yes.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Thomas N. Pyburn...

...has lived in Snyder 22 years, moving here after retiring from Dupont in California. He has volunteered at the garage sale for the Association for Retarded Citizens for 14 years. He and his wife, Johnnie, have 7 children, Linda Lopez of Nuevo, Calif., Laverne Hollaway, Tommie Lyn Reynolds, John Ray Pyburn and Joseph Pyburn, all of Snyder, Donald Pyburn of Goshen, Calif., and Thomas Pyburn of Peko Rivera, Calif.; 18 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

All men should strive to learn before they die what they are running from, and to, and why.

—James Thurber

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Senior swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Prayer Breakfast

Snyder Lions Club is hosting a prayer breakfast at 8 a.m. July 4 at the Towle Park Barn (enter west door). Maj. Bob Starr, B-1 pilot from Dyess AFB will speak. The public is invited to eat for no charge, but donations will be accepted.

Gateway Family Services raffle

Gateway Family Services is raffling a 2003 anniversary edition Harley Davidson Road King motorcycle. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held July 4th in Towle Park. Tickets may be purchased at D&D Auto, Purple Sage Motel, Ira Pump & Supply and by calling Gateway's administrative office at 573-4351.

Krispy Kreme donuts sale

CheerStar Athletics will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts from 9 a.m. until noon July 4th. Pickup locations are at Wal-Mart and the Towle Park volleyball field. Cost is $6 per dozen. Contact a CheerStar member for advance sales, or purchase on site.

Garage sale

North College Avenue Baptist Church will have a garage sale from 7 a.m. until all merchandise is gone on Saturday at the church located at 208 N. College Ave. The proceeds will benefit the youth fund.

Nurses aide class

A certified nurses aide class will be held from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from this Saturday through Aug. 9. A mandatory orientation will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Oaks Care Center. Tuition is free and books may be purchased at WTC. For more information, call Maggie Barnes at 863-2426.

First Baptist concert

The Continental Singers will perform at 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church, 1701 27th St. Admission is free.

WTC holiday notice

Offices at Western Texas College will be closed Monday in observance of the July 4 holiday. However, night classes will still be held.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "How to Receive God and His Blessings," followed by "Are You Listening?"

JV cheerleader fundraiser

The JV cheerleaders will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. Friday, July 11 for $6 a dozen at Wal-Mart. Call 573-1395 or 574-2995 to place orders.

Class of 1993 reunion

The SHS class of 1993 is planning a 10-year reunion on Saturday, July 12. Classmate addresses are needed. Contact Catalina Jones at 573-5045, or e-mail class of 93shs@yahoo.com.

SHS football program ads

Advertisements are now being sold for the 2003 football program. Anyone interested in purchasing an ad can call Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Sonshine registration

Sonshine School at 37th St. Church of Christ is currently registering students for the fall semester. For more information, call director Wendy Barnett at 574-1960.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Kraft plans healthier snacks for kids

CHICAGO (AP) — Kraft Foods, responsible for such goodies as Oreos, Mallomars and Chips Ahoy cookies, says it plans to fight obesity by changing its recipes, reducing portions and encouraging healthier lifestyles.

The nation's biggest food manufacturer also will eliminate promotions in schools, including posters and free samples. Its snacks will still be stocked in school vending machines.

"We're making these commitments first and foremost because we think it's the right thing to do," said Michael Mudd, a spokesman for the company, based in Northfield, Ill.

Kraft said Tuesday a 10-member advisory panel of experts on behavior, nutrition, health and communications, will review Kraft's products and recommend changes in its single-portion packages of cookies, crackers and other snacks.

The company said it hopes to develop its standards by the end of the year and put them into effect over two to three years.

Some observers see the effort as a first defense against lawsuits in an age when personal injury lawyers have turned their attention from cigarettes to Big Macs and even Kraft's own Oreo cookies. A California attorney sued to ban Oreos because of their artery-clogging trans fat, but later withdrew the lawsuit, satisfied with the publicity.

Mudd said the company is health-conscious.

"If it also discourages a plaintiff's attorney or unfair legislation, that's just fine with us," he added.

Dr. Henry Anhalt, a pediatric endocrinologist at New York's Maimonides Medical Center, said Kraft may be covering itself in court, but the result could be healthier children.

Anhalt said children typically treat a 20-ounce soda as one serving, while it actually contains 21/2 servings.

"What people eat is ultimately a matter of personal choice, but we can help make it an educated choice," said Roger Deromedi, co-chief executive at Kraft. "And helping them get more active is every bit as important as helping them eat better."

Kraft, whose other products include Oscar Mayer meats, Post cereals, Ritz crackers, and Maxwell House coffee, may also be able to tap into the growing market for healthier foods with reduced fat, salt or sugar. Those products account for $5 billion in sales a year in the $500 billion grocery business, said Grocery Manufacturers of America spokesman Gene Grabowski.

Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Mark McClellan said Kraft's initiative could start an important trend.

"That's the kind of thing that FDA ought to be encouraging," he said during a diet conference in Cambridge, Mass. "It can have an important public health impact."

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Today's chuckle

Marijuana found in package of chips

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A woman bought a bag of potato chips at a convenience store but discovered more than munchies in the bag.

Lois Campbell, 42, of Des Moines, opened the small sack of Uncle Ray's garlic-flavored chips Saturday and found another bag inside.

"We were eating a few of the chips, and I was about to give some to a 3-year-old child," Campbell said. "I thought it was a little bag of seasoning inside. When I saw what it was, I called the police."



A police report said the contents of the heat-sealed bag smelled like marijuana.

The leafy substance — and the chips — were seized as evidence.

The Git-N-Go store where Campbell bought the snacks has taken the rest of the Uncle Ray's chips off its shelves, said Mandi Lockridge.

The chips were packaged in Detroit, Lockridge said.

"To find out what was in there, they will have trace it back to Detroit," she said.

Date Book

Wednesday, July 2, 2003

Today is the 183rd day of 2003 and the 12th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1788, the Constitution of the United States was formally ratified.

On this day in 1843, during a thunderstorm in Charleston, S.C., an alligator fell from the sky.

On this day in 1964, President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits various forms of discrimination on the basis of race.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Hermann Hesse (1877-1962), writer; Thurgood Marshall (1908-1993), Supreme Court justice; Imelda Marcos (1931-), former first lady of the Philippines, is 72; Richard Petty (1937-), auto racer, is 66.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1941, Joe DiMaggio broke Willie Keeler's record of a 44-game hitting streak. DiMaggio's streak would eventually reach 56.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Eternity is a mere moment, just long enough for a joke." — Hermann Hesse.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (June 29) and first quarter (July 6).

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Tillman brothers chosen for ESPY award

NEW YORK (AP) — Brothers Pat and Kevin Tillman, who left their professional sports careers to join the Army, have been chosen to receive the ESPY's Arthur Ashe Courage Award.

Their selection was announced Tuesday.

ESPN's 11th annual ESPY Awards will be presented July 16 at Hollywood's Kodak Theatre. Because the Tillmans have declined interview requests since they enlisted, the award will be accepted by younger brother, Richard.

Pat Tillman played four seasons with the NFL's Arizona Cardinals before enlisting in the Army in May 2002. The safety turned down a three-year, $3.6 million deal from Arizona.

Kevin Tillman was a former minor league baseball prospect in the Cleveland Indians' organization.

Both were assigned to the U.S. Army Rangers and served in the Middle East during the war with Iraq.

City officials to sue building owner over collapsed porch

CHICAGO (AP) — City officials say a porch that collapsed during a weekend party, killing 13 and injuring dozens of others, was illegal — and they plan to sue the building owners.

The city plans to file a complaint today in Housing Court against LG Properties, LG Properties president Philip Pappas and Restoration Specialists LLC, the Building Department said.

The complaint also will allege the three-story apartment building was illegally converted from five units to three, Building Department officials said.

City building officials plan to ask for a court order requiring immediate replacement of the porch and could seek up to $500 a day for each violation.

"Although the cause of this tragedy is still under investigation, it is clear that the defendants did not follow the requirements of the building code when the building was rehabbed in 1998," said Norma Reyes, buildings commissioner.

Pappas is scheduled to return Thursday from a trip to Canada, according to a woman who answered the phone at LG Properties. Mike Aufrecht, an attorney for Pappas, did not immediately return calls from The Associated Press.

Directory assistance did not have a listing for Restoration Specialists.

The collapse occurred about 12:30 a.m. Sunday during a party at the apartment building in the affluent Lincoln Park neighborhood.

About 50 people, most in their early 20s, were on a third-floor porch when it fell, crashing onto two porches beneath it. Most of the seven men and six women who died were crushed on the lower porches. At least 57 people were injured.

Police have said they do not plan to file criminal charges.

The Buildings Department is inspecting 42 other buildings owned or managed by Pappas and LG Properties.

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TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Tuesday's Lottery Numbers
Texas Two Step
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
1-12-13-35. Bonus ball 17.
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6-7-23-26-27
Pick 3
(Day) 7-8-2
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teenager stuck in 'park' needs to get up and go

DEAR ABBY: I am what you might call a "lazy person." I am 18 and still live at home with my parents.

My mother just told me that I have to be out of the house by September. The thing is, I quit high school and don't have a job. I don't have my GED, but when I do get it, I want to enroll in hairdressing school.

I don't know how my mother and stepfather think I can make it on my own if I don't have the money. How can I convince them that I will need more time? — **FEELING PRESSURED IN CALGARY**

DEAR PRESSURED: By giving them a much-needed show of faith. Contact your local department of education and enroll in classes now so you can get your GED. Once you're signed up, contact temp agencies and search the classified section of your newspaper for job openings. I'm betting that once your mom and stepfather see that you are making a sincere effort, they'll relent a little.

Your future is in your own hands, and the next move is up to you.

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DEAR ABBY: Is it standard procedure for a woman to keep her husband's name after a divorce? It bothers me that the man I plan to marry already has an ex-wife with his last name. He says it's because of their children. I would like her to go back to her maiden name. — **HE'S NOT YOUR HUSBAND ANYMORE, COLUMBIA, S.C.**

DEAR "HE'S NOT YOUR HUSBAND": The kindest advice I can offer is to accept the fact that your intended has baggage. You cannot make his first marriage "disappear." Many women retain their husband's name after a divorce for the exact reason she is doing so. If you marry this man, your name will be "Mrs. John Smith." His former wife is now "Mrs. Linda Smith." You'll all be happier if you just get over it.

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DEAR ABBY: I was raised in a small rural community. When I was 8 or 9 years old, I was molested and sodomized. I am now a 61-year-old single man, and I have never been able to have an intimate relationship with anyone.

I was not molested by a priest, preacher, teacher, coach or any adult. I was molested by another child — a boy of 12 or 13. I knew of three boys in my seventh grade class who were also molested by another boy. By the time I was a senior in high school, I had learned of two more.

The boys who victimized us are now married and have children. At least three of their victims never married. I have no doubt that these abuses continue today. This is NOT an issue of homosexuality or pedophilia. The issue is the dominant, aggressive nature of male sexuality.

Parents must realize that their child is potentially both a victim and an abuser. All boys should be alerted to the possibility that even some of their best friends may have dangerous curiosities — and no one has more influence over a child than a friend.

Boys must be taught self-respect and respect for the privacy of others. Because of the complexities of our society, we cannot leave the development and socialization of a child's sexuality to chance or to nature. — **ALONE IN ARIZONA**

DEAR ALONE: Your letter is troubling as well as thought-provoking. All children should be taught how to say no — whether verbally or through self-defense — if they are asked to do something that doesn't feel right and is against their better judgment..

It is imperative that parents also teach children the importance of treating one another with respect. This is a valuable lesson that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

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Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Panel wants government to help women, girls curtail fatty foods

WASHINGTON (AP) — To protect babies from harmful dioxins, the government should help women and girls reduce the fats they consume in meat, poultry, fatty fish and whole milk years before they become pregnant, a scientific panel recommended Tuesday.

The Institute of Medicine of the National Academies recommended in a report that the government target women and girls in particular because they can pass dioxins to their offspring through the placenta and breast milk.

The government could help prevent the problem by urging women and others to follow the national dietary guidelines, which recommend a diet low in saturated fats, the panel said.

"Perhaps the most direct way for an individual or a population to reduce dietary intake of DLCs is to reduce their consumption of dietary fat, especially from animal sources that are known to contain higher levels of these compounds," the panel said.

Dioxins, or dioxin-like compounds, are pollutants found in air, soil and water, which can be released when industrial waste is burned. They build up in fatty tissues of animals, and scientists believe that humans are exposed to them when they eat animal fats. Breast-feeding infants and unborn children are at risk of suffering harmful effects like behavioral disorders and cancer if they are exposed to high levels.

Indigenous groups in Canada and the United States also are vulnerable because they frequently eat fish and wild game, exposing them to higher than average levels of dioxins, the scientists said.

The scientists did not determine what levels are considered unsafe because current tests for checking dioxins in food are too expensive for widespread commercial use, costing about $1,000 for each test, said Robert Lawrence, chairman of the panel.

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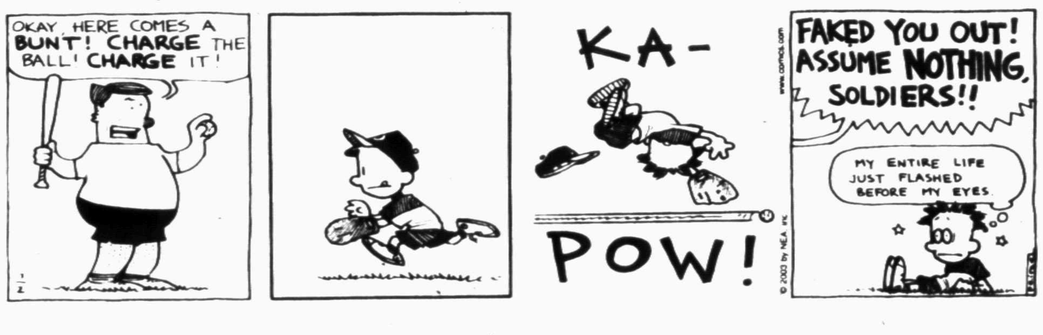
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"He needs a set by Friday."

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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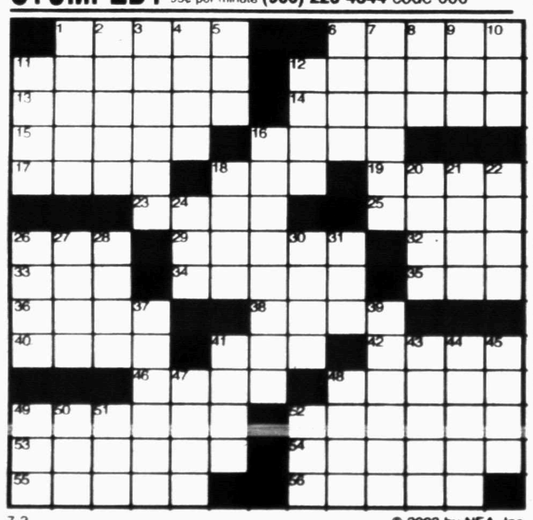
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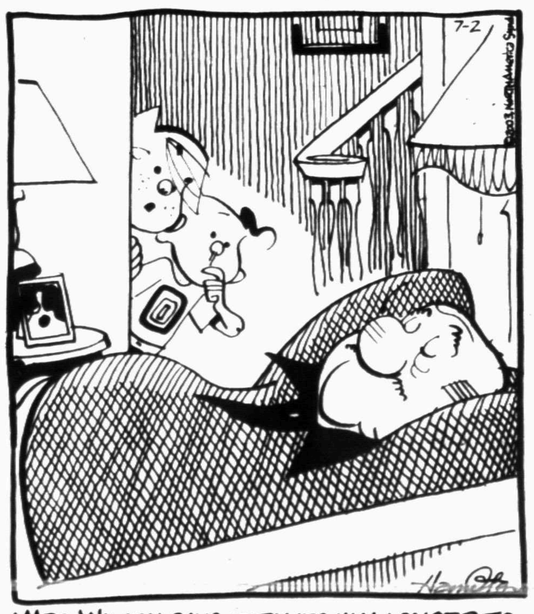
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SPORTS

White Sox acquire Alomar, Everett

CHICAGO (AP) — Roberto Alomar loved New York, liked his teammates and has nothing but good things to say about the Mets organization.

Carl Everett felt the same way about Texas and really wanted to win with the Rangers.

No matter now — they're off to play for the Chicago White Sox.

The White Sox made two big trades Tuesday, getting Alomar from the Mets for three minor leaguers and later acquiring Everett from Texas.

"I'm really sad I have to leave New York on these terms, but I have to move on and go to a place where I have a chance to win," Alomar said.

"Sometimes, teams don't work for you. I think the New York Mets weren't the right team for me," he said. "Sometimes, you play good in one place, and other places you don't play up to your potential."

Alomar never did it during 11/2 seasons in New York. The second baseman was a 12-time All-Star and surefire Hall of Famer when the Cleveland Indians dealt him to the Mets in December 2001 as part of an eight-player trade. He was fresh off a season during which he'd hit .336 with 20 homers and 100 RBIs.

But he never got comfortable in New York. He batted just .266 last year, matching a career low set in his rookie season of 1988, and was hitting .262 when he was traded.

The 35-year-old Alomar was often targeted by fans in New York for what seemed like half-hearted play.

"I was trying to do my best every day," he said. "Maybe I tried a little too much."

Alomar was reunited with his brother, White Sox catcher Sandy Alomar. They also played together in San Diego and Cleveland.

"I never thought in a million years it would happen again," Sandy said. "Robbie has a lot of baseball left. He doesn't have to prove a point. He just needs to stay healthy and be the player he was before."

Everett is hitting .274 with 18 home runs and 51 RBIs. The switch-hitting outfielder did not play Tuesday night in a 7-5 loss at Anaheim.

"I'm going to miss these guys," Everett said. "But unfortunately it comes down to the fact that we're not winning. You know how it goes in July."

The White Sox have won eight of their last 11 to climb within three games of the lead in the AL Central, and are hoping to make a run at the playoffs and beyond.

Day pitches Snyder past Levelland, 9-2

ABERNATHY — Lance Day threw a complete-game one-hitter Tuesday, helping to lead the Snyder 13-year-old All-Stars to a 9-2 drubbing of Levelland in the Abernathy round-robin tournament.

Day cruised in the contest, striking out 17 and not allowing an earned run.

The team got key contributions from everyone, including a triple from Dustin Murdock and a double from Brent Bollinger.

Day helped his cause with a pair of singles. Jesse Conner also stroked two base hits.

Brooks Gafford, Clinton Schafer and Ryan Claxton also added key base knocks in the win.

Snyder will play the winner of the loser's bracket game between Brownfield and Levelland at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Sideline Views



by Bobby Allen

Why does major league baseball always insist on putting the cart before the horse?

After last year's debacle in the Midsummer Classic provided an enduring image of the state of the game, with lap dog, er, Commissioner Bud Selig throwing his hands in the air and declaring a tie, major league baseball decided to make the All-Star game important again.

So, in a predictable over-correction, Selig decided — and the players agreed — to give the winner of the All-Star home-field advantage in the playoffs.

This is a bad idea on so many levels, that it is hard to fully quantify what a monumentally stupid concept this is given the way all-star teams are selected. And it is readily apparent that little to no thought was put into the resulting solution.

First, some member of the Detroit Tigers, who have won about 10 games this year, may be up to bat with game seven of the World Series on the line. That is because baseball thinks every team should be represented, even though you couldn't pick out anybody on the Tampa Bay roster with a photo ID and road map.

Moreover, the fans vote for the starters. This is not necessarily a bad thing — for an *exhibition*. But if the game is supposed to count and have an impact on the Series, the best players should be starting, and playing significant amounts of time.

Case in point: Albert Pujols currently trails Barry Bonds, Gary Sheffield and Sammy Sosa in the voting for the three outfield spots.

It's easy to make a case for the first two, but Sosa has played in just 57 games this season because he was injured. He also was suspended for cheating.

Pujols leads Sosa in every offensive category — by a vast margin — including: batting average (.391 to .298), home runs (23 to 10) and RBI (72 to 36), and has struck out 26 times compared to Sosa's 67. There's no question which guy should start.

Either poll managers and players for starters, or give home-field to the pennant winner with the best record.

How hard is it?

Looking into the setting sun Monday, listening to a brass band version of the national anthem before a little league baseball game, was a reminder of all that is good about this great land.

Though opinions and beliefs may divide us, and maybe those divides sometimes seem too far to cross, we can all treasure and appreciate the simple contentment that makes each day a minor miracle.

Like the smell of popcorn and hot dogs, the cheers of the crowd for a routine pop-out, the sight of children snaking their way through the gaps in the bleachers and the sounds of boys playing a boys' game with passion and joy.

Angels hammer Valdes, Rangers

ANAHEIM (AP) — Jarrod Washburn and Ismael Valdes have given new meaning to the term "power pitchers."

Washburn has allowed 13 home runs over 30 2-3 innings over his last five starts with the Anaheim Angels, including three in Tuesday night's 7-5 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Bengie Molina and Troy Glaus went deep against Valdes, who has surrendered eight homers in 12 1-3 innings over his last three starts for the Rangers.

Valdes (6-5) lost his third straight start, allowing seven runs and seven hits in five-plus innings. Two of the runs were unearned, the result of errors by catcher Todd Greene and center fielder Doug Glanville.

"I don't know what it is — I'm just not getting the job done," Valdes said. "It's the worst slump of my life. I was the most consistent guy on the team, but right now I'm the worst consistent guy on the team. I'm not giving my team a chance to win."

The right-hander has allowed 21 earned runs and 28 hits over his last three outings. Before this skid, Valdes was 4-0 with a 3.78 ERA in six starts after spending almost a month on the disabled list because of tendinitis in his shoulder.

"It's even more frustrating for him because he knows what he's capable of, and we've seen it," manager Buck Showalter said. "His health doesn't seem to be an issue anymore, but other teams are an issue."

Snyder wins 1st round at Rotan Little League tourney

ROTAN — The Snyder 11- and 12-year-olds won the first round at the Rotan round-robin tournament, taking a 4-0 record into the semifinal round after topping Sweetwater 12-8 Tuesday.

Seth Sanchez went 4-for-4 with a double and a triple, and Riley Davis added three hits in the win.

Benji Gutierrez was 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Jake Alaniz also went 2-for-4, stealing two bases and crossing the plate twice.

Gage West, Rey Juarez, Rance Dunn and Zane Berryhill all added base hits.

Snyder scored in all five innings and led the entire contest. Gutierrez pitched 5 1/3 innings for the victory.

Juarez recorded the final two outs for the save.

The team will take on the second seed from the Key City tournament at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Williams sisters to play Belgians in semifinals

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — The best of Belgium will try to prevent another all-Williams final at Wimbledon.

Defending champion Serena Williams will play in the semifinals Thursday against Justine Henin-Hardenne, an upset winner in their French Open semifinal four weeks ago. Two-time champion Venus Williams face play another Belgian, Kim Clijsters.

Serena beat Venus in last year's final — and in four of the past five Grand Slam finals.

Sports Briefs

Holiday scramble

There will be a holiday scramble July 4 at Scurry County golf course. Cost is $20 per person with tee-off at 10 a.m.

July 4th home run derby

A home run derby at the high school baseball practice field on the 4th of July will kick off at the end of the parade and run through 6 p.m.

Fourth of July volleyball tournament

Sign-ups are underway for the annual Fourth of July volleyball tournament at Towle Park. Entry fee is $70. Call Louis Alaniz at 573-7321 for more details.

Boys and Girls Club football camp

The SHS football players and coaches will host a camp July 8-9 for ages 7-14 at the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club. The first 40 to sign up receive a free t-shirt. Cost of the camp is $10, with all proceeds benifiting the Boys and Girls Club.

PGA to test for illegal clubs

LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — The PGA Tour will begin using a test in January that determines whether clubs are legal.

At issue is a physics term called the "coefficient of restitution" (COR), which measures how quickly a golf ball springs off the face of a club at impact. When the face is ultra thin, it allows for more of a trampoline effect.

Golf's ruling bodies last year set the limit at 0.83 for professional tours.

A new machine to test the clubs will be onsite at all events starting next year, commissioner Tim Finchem said.

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	52	31	.627	—
Boston	47	34	.580	4
Toronto	46	38	.548	6½
Baltimore	36	45	.444	15
Tampa Bay	27	54	.333	24

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	43	38	.531	—
Minnesota	43	39	.524	½
Chicago	41	42	.494	3
Cleveland	34	48	.415	9½
Detroit	20	61	.247	23

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	53	29	.646	—
Oakland	47	35	.573	6
Anaheim	41	40	.506	11½
Texas	32	50	.390	21

Tuesday's Games

Detroit 5, Toronto 0
Kansas City 6, Cleveland 3
Chicago White Sox 6, Minnesota 1
Baltimore 7, N.Y. Yankees 3
Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3, 11 innings
Anaheim 7, Texas 5
Oakland 3, Seattle 2, 11 innings

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Wells 10-2) at Baltimore (Johnson 6-3), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 11-2) at Detroit (Bernero 1-11), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 6-6) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 0-3), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (P.Martinez 5-2) at Tampa Bay (Bell 0-2), 6:15 p.m.
Cleveland (Traber 3-4) at Kansas City (May 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Benoit 3-3) at Anaheim (Lackey 5-7), 9:05 p.m.
Seattle (Pineiro 8-5) at Oakland (Lilly 5-6), 9:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	51	30	.630	—
Philadelphia	46	34	.575	4½
Montreal	45	38	.542	7
Florida	43	42	.506	10
New York	36	46	.439	15½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	43	39	.524	—
St. Louis	43	39	.524	—
Chicago	42	40	.512	1
Cincinnati	39	42	.481	3½
Pittsburgh	34	45	.430	7½
Milwaukee	33	48	.407	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	50	32	.610	—
Los Angeles	45	36	.556	4½
Arizona	45	37	.549	5
Colorado	43	42	.506	8½
San Diego	29	55	.345	22

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Mets 7, Montreal 6
Philadelphia 4, Chicago Cubs 3
Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 3
Florida 20, Atlanta 1
San Francisco 5, St. Louis 1
Houston 6, Milwaukee 5, 10 innings
Colorado 7, Arizona 4
San Diego 7, Los Angeles 1

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta (Ramirez 7-2) at Florida (Willis 8-1), 5:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (P.Wilson 5-5) at Pittsburgh (Wells 2-3), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clement 5-7) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 3-2), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (J.Williams 2-1) at St. Louis (Stephenson 4-7), 6:05 p.m.
Montreal (L.Hernandez 6-6) at N.Y. Mets (Seo 5-3), 6:10 p.m.
Arizona (Patterson 1-3) at Colorado (Jennings 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Kinney 6-6) at Houston (Redding 4-8), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Ol.Perez 2-3) at Los Angeles (Ashby 2-4), 9:10 p.m.



MEDICAL UPDATE:

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A MESSAGE FROM THIS NEWSPAPER AND THE DPS TROOPERS

Supreme Court decisions don't favor advocates of free-speech

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is usually sympathetic to free-speech challenges, but not this year.

Justices sided with the government in every First Amendment case it ruled on during the nine-month term that ended last week, upholding laws and policies intended to protect the public from dishonest telemarketers, cross-burners, pornographers, and drug dealers in public housing.

Among those scoring victories was The Walt Disney Co., in a court ruling that upheld longer copyrights for cartoon characters like Mickey Mouse, as well as songs, books and other creations worth billions of dollars.

Keeping people from using old ideas by enforcing long copyrights unconstitutionally limits people's access to free expression, critics said.

And what could have been a big free speech success at the high court fizzled. On their final day on the bench, justices dismissed an appeal from shoemaker Nike Inc., that had given the court a chance to give broader protection to commercial speech. The court refused to decide whether Nike's claim that its ads and statements defending overseas labor practices were constitutionally protected free speech — not false advertising as a California activist alleged. The issue could return to the court.

"It's not a disastrous First Amendment year, but certainly one that gives no cheer to First Amendment advocates," said New York attorney Floyd Abrams, a free-speech expert.

Some of the cases were easy for the court, like the unanimous ruling that states can crack down on telemarketing fraud without stepping on the free speech rights of charities. That ruling allows states to pursue fund-raisers who misrepresent how donations will be used. Three times previously, the court had struck down regulations on charity fund-raisers.

The court also ruled 9-0 that the government may designate crime-ridden public housing neighborhoods as off limits to visitors and prosecute some trespassers. A lower court had ruled that the trespassing ordinance harmed people who had legitimate, free-speech reasons for visiting public housing.

Justices struggled more with a case involving prosecutions of cross-burners. Justices, divided in several factions, decided 6-3 that states can punish people who burn crosses as an act of intimidation.

Also by a 6-3 margin, justices rejected arguments from librarians that anti-porn computer filters are censorship that block legitimate science and health information. That ruling upheld Congress' third attempt to shield children from porn. The law require public libraries to equip computers with porn-blocking technology if they want to receive federal money.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



How to help symptoms of IBS

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have battled bowel incontinence for many years. I've been to a gastroenterologist and had numerous tests, including CT scans, stool examinations and a colonoscopy. The conclusion was "spastic colon." Eventually, I was put on a high-fiber diet, without improvement. Is there anything else I can do? What about reflexology, acupuncture or a chiropractor?

DEAR READER: Although I don't have a problem recommending the use of these practices, alternative health practitioners are ordinarily not helpful in relieving the symptoms of spastic colon, now known as irritable bowel syndrome. IBS is marked by bouts of constipation alternating with diarrhea, gas and intestinal urgency. The cause is not known, but the disorder is not related to any known physical affliction, and is often worsened by stress.

Here are several suggestions about how you may be better able to handle your IBS.

1) Try to re-train your intestine by scheduling your evacuations at set times during the day. Periodically go to the bathroom and sit (hint: best in the morning), even if nothing initially happens. With time, your colon may get the message and you will be able to regulate your bowel movements more satisfactorily.

2) Avoid food that aggravates the condition. Raisins, prunes, apricots and assorted spices may act as laxatives, an effect that you obviously want to avoid. Also, salads and fruit juice may exacerbate the problem. However, there is no hard and fast rule; you will have to experiment to see which edibles worsen your condition.

3) Continue the fiber (Metamucil, Fibercon and others) in your diet. This is not a laxative, but will add bulk to your stools, reducing spasm and increasing your control.

4) Consider stress-reduction counseling. Often, such techniques — including biofeedback and meditation — can calm things down and reduce the bowel's tendency to contract inappropriately.

5) Ask your gastroenterologist to consider prescribing an antispasmodic such as Donnatal. When used judiciously, along with the other strategies I mentioned, this medicine may quiet the bowel contractions and restore continence.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Irritable Bowel Syndrome." 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: Congratulations! You are the first person in a mighty long time whom I've seen refer to a "healthful" diet; most say "healthy" diet.

DEAR READER: Thank you for the compliment. I am also a nut about other grammatical faux pas, such as the plural "agenda" (singular, agendum), the plural "data" (singular, datum), the plural "curricula" (singular, curriculum) and other misuses that drive me wild. If you see me stub my toe in future columns, let me know. My youngest son teaches English in a middle school; I don't want him to get a leg up on me!

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-02-03
♠ A Q 8 7
♥ 7 5 4
♦ K 6 5 2
♣ J 2

West
♠ 2
♥ K Q J 10 8
♦ 10 4 3
♣ K Q 5 4

East
♠ 6 3
♥ 3
♦ J 9 8 7
♣ 10 9 8 7 6 3

South
♠ K J 10 9 5 4
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ A Q
♣ A

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

Wednesday, July 2, 2003

Evaporation can be beneficial

By Phillip Alder

John Keats wrote in a letter, "The excellency of every art is its intensity, capable of making all disagreeables evaporate ...."

At the bridge table, losers are disagreeable, and making them evaporate is excellent. See if you can work out how to do that in today's deal.

Against your contract of six spades, West leads the heart king, the suit in which he overcalled. When East follows suit, you breathe an inaudible sigh of relief, then win with the ace. What would be your plan?

North's three-spades is a limit raise, showing 10-12 support points (high-card plus shortage points) and at least four spades. (In the tournament world, North would cue-bid three hearts to show at least a limit raise. In competition, a jump raise is pre-emptive, promising four trumps with at most nine support points.)

There seem to be two unavoidable heart losers, but you know that East started with a singleton heart.

You unblock the club ace, cross to dummy with a trump (learning that spades are breaking 2-1), ruff the club jack in hand, and draw East's last trump. Next, you take the ace-queen of diamonds, go to the dummy with a trump, and cash the diamond king, discarding a heart from hand. Then, you continue with dummy's last diamond, and when East produces the jack, you discard another heart.

East is endplayed. When, perforce, he returns a club, your last heart loser evaporates while you ruff in the dummy. Your 12 tricks are six spades, one heart, three diamonds, one club and the ruff in the dummy at trick 11.

Keep off lead the opponent with winners to cash.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	10.76	10.26	10.33	—.27
AOL TimeWrn	16.25	16.05	16.20	+.08
AT&T Corp rs	19.38	18.97	19.27	+.09
Albertsons	19.74	19.35	19.56	+.04
Alltel	49.61	49.04	49.31	+.05
AmEl Pw	29.85	29.65	29.84	+.12
AndarkPtr	44.34	43.48	43.71	—.57
ATMOS Egy	24.95	24.79	24.84	+.09
Aviall	11.55	11.40	11.55	
BP PLC	41.60	41.18	41.48	—.57
BakerHughes	34.22	33.05	33.31	—.17
Bank of Amer	80.40	79.64	80.36	+.36
BellSouth	27.35	26.95	27.30	+.22
BurlNoSFe	29.11	28.82	29.08	+.20
Caterpillar	55.65	54.74	55.63	+.89
CenterPoint	8.08	7.98	8.03	—.03
ChevronTex	72.48	71.95	72.08	—.37
Citigroup	44.11	43.61	43.97	+.16
CocaCola	46.52	46.25	46.31	—.18
ColgatePal	58.58	58.27	58.56	+.31
CmclMetals	18.40	18.30	18.40	+.10
ConocoPhill	55.20	54.04	54.77	—.26
Cooper Inds	41.63	41.31	41.53	+.23
DaimlrChry	35.30	35.00	35.27	+.56
DeltaAirl	14.47	14.10	14.42	—.02
Dillards Inc	13.71	13.47	13.66	+.02
DowChem	31.10	30.80	31.06	+.15
DuPont	41.98	41.61	41.90	+.18
EastmanChem	31.65	31.37	31.47	+.01
EstKodak	27.57	27.08	27.23	—.12
EDS Corp	21.69	21.34	21.56	+.22
Entergy	53.50	53.15	53.42	+.10
ExxonMobil	36.14	35.97	35.99	—.19
FootLocker	13.30	13.15	13.17	—.10
GenDynam	73.46	71.18	73.06	—.40
GenElec	28.90	28.42	28.55	—.08
GenMills	48.03	47.42	47.64	—.16
GenMotors	35.93	35.54	35.87	+.13
GaPacific	19.27	18.91	19.08	+.02
Goodrich	20.77	20.57	20.60	+.07
Goodyear	5.60	5.34	5.47	+.17
GtAtlPac	8.77	8.67	8.68	+.01
Halliburtn	23.02	21.62	22.95	+.23
Hanson ADS	27.93	27.86	27.93	+.23
HarteHanks	18.99	18.80	18.88	+.05
HomeDepot	33.54	33.18	33.31	+.21
Honeywellntl	27.54	27.01	27.22	+.22
IBM	84.50	83.68	84.21	+.62
IntlPaper	36.59	36.11	36.53	+.46
JohnsonJn	52.80	52.15	52.72	+.30
KinderMorg	54.85	54.48	54.56	—.19
Kroger Co	16.99	16.60	16.96	+.27
LockheedM	48.75	47.90	48.54	+.09
Lowes Cos	42.99	42.45	42.66	+.11
Lubys	2.30	2.20	2.26	+.11
LucentTech	2.06	2.03	2.05	+.03
MarathonOil	26.55	26.03	26.52	+.01
MayDeptStr	22.63	22.16	22.31	—.06
Medtronic	48.00	47.58	47.62	—.44
Motorola	9.49	9.26	9.48	+.24
NCR Corp	27.36	26.64	27.34	+.21
Navistar	32.89	32.45	32.47	+.02
PNM Rescs	27.35	27.24	27.26	+.01
Penney JC	16.70	16.40	16.44	—.18
PepBoys	13.86	13.55	13.76	+.21
PepsiCo	44.68	44.37	44.48	+.09
PhelpDodge	38.65	37.82	38.20	+.38
PilgrmPrd B	9.55	9.41	9.54	+.02
Praxair	60.67	59.90	60.57	+.56
ProctGamb	90.40	89.97	90.23	+.27
RadioShack	26.30	25.80	26.30	+.03
RoyalDut	46.50	46.13	46.47	—.11
SBC Comm	26.35	26.02	26.33	+.30
SaraLee	19.26	19.08	19.24	+.10
Scripps EW	87.84	87.22	87.73	+.58
SearsRoeb	33.39	32.82	33.12	—.58
SherwinW	27.14	26.89	27.05	—.03
SouthernCo	30.51	30.26	30.35	—.18
SwstAirl	17.35	16.91	17.30	+.17
SprintFON	15.30	14.95	15.24	+.29
SprintPCS	5.95	5.87	5.90	
Sunoco Inc	37.63	37.25	37.41	—.20
TXU Corp	21.94	21.76	21.79	
TempleInland	43.13	42.91	43.04	+.04
TexInd	23.40	23.20	23.33	—.06
TexasInst	18.00	17.75	17.92	+.30
Textron	39.13	38.75	38.93	+.09
TrinityInds	18.68	18.58	18.58	—.03
TylerTech	4.61	4.50	4.59	+.01
UnionPacif	58.70	58.10	58.62	+.45
USSteel	16.07	15.63	16.07	+.44
UnitedTech	71.89	71.00	71.30	+.01
Unocal	28.71	28.50	28.53	—.17
VerizonComm	39.82	39.45	39.73	+.23
WalMart	55.36	54.76	55.15	+.80
WellsFargo	50.93	50.70	50.85	+.14
WstrnGasRs	39.64	39.45	39.61	+.21
WinnDixie	12.60	12.45	12.51	+.01
Xerox Cp	10.79	10.67	10.72	+.05
YumBrands	30.00	29.70	29.94	+.06

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Scurrying Around Snyder

Beth Dannheim, CEA - Family and Consumer Sciences 2612 Avenue M, Snyder, Texas 79549

Quick Tip of the Month
Bowl Them Over With Pears

Pears are one of those fruits that continue to ripen after you pick them. (Other fruits include apricots, bananas, cantaloupe, kiwi, nectarines, peaches, plantains and plums) One of the easiest ways to ripen pears is to set them in a pretty bowl on a cupboard or table and enjoy viewing them as they ripen. To determine if a pear is ripe, gently press it at the stem end. Most types yield to pressure when ripe.

To speed the ripening of pears, put them in a ripening bowl or in a loosely closed brown paper bag at room temperature. Plastic bags don't work for ripening.

Refrigerate when ripe in an open or a perforated plastic bag in your refrigerator crisper drawer. If you don't have access to commercial perforated bags, use a sharp object to make several small holes in a regular plastic bag.

Store fruits in a separate refrigerator crisper drawer from vegetables. Some vegetables give off odors that can be absorbed by fruits and affect their quality.

After you cut into pears, keep them (and other fruits such as apples, pears, bananas and peaches) from turning brown by coating them with an acidic juice such as lemon, orange or pineapple juice. Or use a commercial anti-darkening preparation with fruits, such as Ever-Fresh (TM) or Fruit-Fresh (R), and follow the manufacturer's directions. Cut fruits as close to serving time as possible.

Refrigerate peeled/cut pears and other peeled/cut fruits and vegetables so the TOTAL time they're at room temperature is less than 2 hours.

"Spoonulas" Create a Stir!

Stir with it. Scrape with it. The spoonula is a spoon-shaped spatula that takes on many of the tasks of both a mixing spoon and a spatula.

Its head is made of silicon or rubber. Check for the degree of heat resistance. Most will resist heat of 400 degrees F. or higher, making them suitable for stirring at the stove. When it comes to cleaning, for some, you can throw the whole spoonula in the dishwasher. For others with a wooden handle, you may need to remove the handle and wash just the head in the dishwasher.

If you want to experiment with trying this kitchen tool, start with a larger-sized one. In choosing a spatula, CooksIllustrated.com recommends the head be both firm and flexible. It should be strong enough to mix heavy batters yet flexible enough to conform to the contours of the mixing bowl. The handle should feel comfortable yet be sturdy enough so it doesn't bend when mixing.

Here are some of the thing you can do with a heat-resistant spoon-shaped spatula:

- Mix ingredients with fewer strokes using a large spoonula as its head is usually broader than the head of a regular mixing spoon.
- Scrape down the sides of the bowl during mixing.
- Stir foods at the stove.
- Use them for stirring in nonstick pans as they won't scratch the pan.
- Stir scrambled eggs at the stove.

A Poppin' Good Idea

If you've tried eating air-popped popcorn to cut back on salt and fat, but it tastes pretty bland, here are some speedy tips to spice it up.

After popping your corn, put it in a large bowl where the popcorn is a couple of inches below the rim so you can mix the corn and seasonings without spills over the side. Spray your corn lightly with a butter-flavored cooking spray. Add seasonings and mix thoroughly until all kernels are coated. NOTE: It's the spray that makes the spices stick to the corn in the absence of fat.

Some seasoning ideas:

1. **Sugar/cinnamon mixture.** Mix sugar and cinnamon together using a ratio of about 2 teaspoons cinnamon per 1/3 cup sugar. Store any extra mixture in a covered container to keep moisture out and prevent sugar from hardening.
2. **Sugar/Chinese 5 spice powder mixture.** Use the same ratio as in number 1 for cinnamon and sugar.
3. **Tex Mex Mix.** Try this hot and spicy popcorn recipe from the National popcorn board.
4. **Chili powder.** Though some chili powders contain salt (check label), the amount of sodium in a teaspoon of chili powder averages 26 milligrams according to the USDA National Nutrient Database

This is much less than a teaspoon of salt which has 2,325 milligrams of sodium. To make your own salt-free chile powder check RecipeSource at www.recipesource.com/side-dishes/spices/chili-powder6.html

5. **Experiment with saltless seasoning blends.** Check out the various seasoning blends available at your grocery store or favorite Internet spice site.

NOTE: The National Popcorn Board reccommend AGAINST storing popcorn in the refrigerator. The kernels are more likely to dry out in the refrigerator and do not pop as well. It's the water inside a popcorn kernel that expands when the popcorn is heated, causing the kernel to explode or "pop."

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc had a run of 1,083 head of livestock for the Thursday June 26, sale. Cows were $2 to $3 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good

Slaughter cows:
(High dressing, cutters, utility) 42-53
Canners and low cutters: 33-43
Slaughter bulls: 50-61.25
Feeder steers:
300-400: 100-130
400-500: 90-110
500-600: 83-95
600-700: 80-87
700-800: 75-82
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 90-115
400-500: 80-95
500-600: 75-87.50
600-700: 75-82
700-800: 68-72.50
Feeder bulls - Good and choice
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700-800: 65-75
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Good: 650-850
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Baby Calves: 75-150
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Dean Foods will purchase Horizon

DALLAS (Dow Jones/AP) — Dean Foods Co., the country's largest dairy distributor, said Monday it agreed to acquire the 87 percent of Horizon Organic Holding Corp. it doesn't already own for $216 million.

Horizon Organic, based in Longmont, Colo., produces organic milk, butter, juices, yogurt and cheese under the Horizon and The Organic Cow brands. It had revenue of $187.5 million last year.

Under the agreement, expected to close late this year, Dean will pay $24 for each Horizon Organic share.

The offer represents a 27 percent premium to Horizon Organic's Friday stock closing price of $18.93. The shares closed Monday at $23.75, up $4.82, or 25 percent, on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Shares of Dean Foods closed at $31.50, up 90 cents, or 2.9 percent, on the New York Stock Exchange.

Dean Foods will also assume $40 million in Horizon Organic debt.

Dallas-based Dean Foods posted 2002 revenue of $9 billion. It inherited a 13 percent stake in Horizon Organic in late 2001 with the acquisition of Suiza Foods Corp.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Firebush (*hamelia patens*).

Few plants really thrive in our Texas heat from July to September but *Hamelia patens* (sometimes listed as *H. erecta*) seems to thrive on it. Actually a large shrub or small tree native to Mexico, firebush is a dependable and useful perennial for the southern half of Texas where it freezes to the ground and resprouts each spring. It typically makes a 4-to 5-foot mound of reddish orange flowers from early summer until late fall.

In addition to its long blooming season, there are several other significant attributes of the plant. Hamalia is very drought tolerant and thrives in most any soil as long as it is well-drained. Full sun or partially shaded locations are preferable to shady ones which will result in rank growth and little bloom. The foliage often turns bright red before freezing back and the small, dark fruit is edible. In Mexico, a fermented drink is said to be made from the fruit. The leaves and stems have been used for tanning and a concoction reportedly is used for various medicinal purposes.

The flower buds last longer than the flowers themselves and appear in great numbers. After maturing, the flowers drop off quickly and the plant requires only occasional shearing to keep it in a nearly perpetual state of bloom.

Another common name for *H. patens* is hummingbird bush. Hummingbirds are attracted to the tubular red flowers and add another value to the plant.

H. patens is certainly not a "new" plant for Texans, but has become more widespread in recent years. It is also said to be fairly common in Florida.

Propagation is by seed or half-ripe cuttings rooted under glass. Firebush is useful as a container plant in masses or located at the back of wide border plantings. It is useful as an annual in northern parts of the state where more severe winters may kill the root system of the plant.

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Your Birthday

There are a number of projects on the drawing board for you in the year ahead and all can be successfully accomplished if you don't expect instantaneous results. Have the patience to see each one through to conclusion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Conversation can quickly get off track and become hostile if someone is careless with his or her remarks. However, one wrong comment should not be allowed to ruin the day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A helpful suggestion to another will get you grief instead of gratitude. Let others fend for themselves today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone you have not been too cooperative with in the past will get a chance to balance the accounts today. Instead of getting upset, treat it for the lesson it is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Avoid agreeing to take on the burdens of another today. Should you find them unmanageable, you may have a hard time returning them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It is never smart to discuss politics or philosophy with friends who hold opposing positions. No matter what they say to challenge you, let them know you're not biting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Relatives must not be permitted to butt into the personal affairs of you and your family. Chances are their input will hurt the situation further, not help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — One of your biggest shortcomings is rejecting the advice of those you think are inferior to you. Don't fall into this trap today; concentrate only on what's being said.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It's okay to make plans for a new project today, but hold off on purchasing the materials or tools needed to carry it out. You may not be the smartest shopper at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — When it comes to brainwork today, let your mate do the honors. If something goes wrong after pushing your thinking onto him or her, it will make you feel just awful.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Concentration could become a problem today. If you get organized ahead of time, you should find it easier to pick up where you left off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You'd be smart to stick to your tried and true buddies instead of getting involved with just anybody. If the person doesn't like the same things you do, you will not have a good time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Confusion over what others say will have you questioning your own judgment today. Stick to what you know to be right instead of what's acceptable to others.

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Gay workers now included in policy of anti-dicrimination

NEW YORK (AP) — Wal-Mart Stores has decided to revise its workplace anti-discrimination policy to include gay and lesbian employees, according to a newspaper report.

The change was disclosed Tuesday by the Pride Foundation, a Seattle gay rights organization that invested in Wal-Mart and then worked to get the policy expanded, according to a story in The New York Times.

The change means nine of the 10 largest Fortune 500 companies now have rules prohibiting discrimination against gay employees, according to the Human Rights Campaign. The one exception is the Exxon Mobil Corporation.

Mona Williams, Wal-Mart's vice president for communications, told the Times that the most important factor was a letter to senior management from several gay employees.

"It's the right thing to do for our employees," Williams told the Times. "We want all of our associates to feel they are valued and treated with respect — no exceptions. And it's the right thing to do for our business."

Williams said Wal-Mart was sending a letter to its 3,500 stores to give word of the change.

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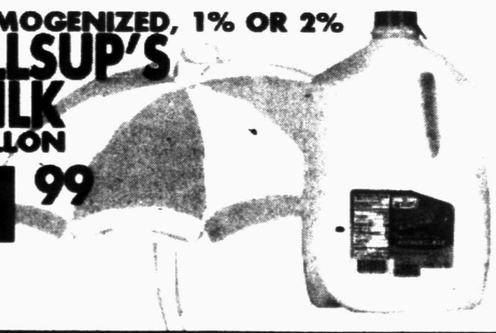
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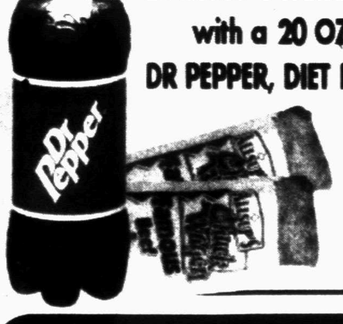
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Perry adds items to special session

By The Associated Press

Gov. Rick Perry added the following items Tuesday to the topics that can be considered in the special legislative session, which initially was called to cover only congressional redistricting:

—Corrections to House Bill 3588 from the just-completed regular session concerning transportation and trauma issues.

—Reorganization of legislative support agencies and offices.

—Transfer in the oversight of Regional Planning Commissions to the State Auditors Office.

—Abolition of the Texas Commission on Private Security.

—Abolition of the Office of State-Federal Relations and transferring its functions to the governor's office.

—Abolition of the State Aircraft Pooling Board.

—Legislation allowing the Legislative Budget Board to meet by teleconference.

—Legislation permitting the governor to designate the presiding officers for executive branch agencies.

—Modification of the governor's budget authority.

—Legislation relating to legislative and executive branch working papers on the budget.

—A study of private prisons.

—Modification of the organizational pattern of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

—Designation of the Texas Department of Public Safety as the agency to establish school bus safety standards.

—Modification of the scope and function of the State Office of Risk Management.

—A change in the qualifications for the Commissioner of Insurance.

—Legislation appropriating fees established by legislation during the regular session that remain unappropriated.

—Legislation relating to the abandonment of proceeds on demutualization.

—Re-establishment of the runoff primary election date to the second Tuesday in April.

—Provision for one uniform deadline for receiving late ballots for all elections and one uniform time period for the ballot board to convene to count late mail ballots.

—Provision for one uniform day for canvassing elections for the general election for state and county officers and for all other local elections.

—Legislation to re-establish the first Saturday in May as the May uniform election date.

—Civil claims involving asbestos exposure.

—Legislation directing the Texas Coordinating Board for Higher Education to review the organization and operation of each university system office.

—Legislation streamlining the environmental permitting and regulation process in Texas for competitiveness with other states.

—Legislation relating to the procedures in a condemnation proceeding in a county civil court at law in Harris County.

—Reconstitution of the membership of the Texas Building and Procurement Commission.

—Changes in the qualifications for members of the Texas Veterans Commission.

—Changes in the qualifications for members of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission

Deputies arrest man for forgery

Arrests

Deputies arrested a 45-year-old man at 7:20 a.m. Tuesday for forgery of a government instrument.

At 2 p.m., Sammy Sanchez, 30, of Sweetwater was taken into custody on an outstanding warrant for motion to revoke probation.

A 42-year-old man was arrested at 2:06 p.m. on Brick Plant Rd. on a warrant for Class C assault.

DPS troopers arrested a 29-year-old man on College Ave. near 43rd Street at 10:40 p.m. Tuesday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Theft

Scott Crenwelge Tuesday morning reported the theft of about $200 from the swimming pool in Towle Park. Officers responded and advised an offense report for burglary of a building would be submitted.

Larry Falls advised that juveniles had broken into the Lar Max building on the south side of the square. A close patrol was requested.

Celisa Simmons reported a bicycle stolen at 3007 39th Street and a report for theft was filed.

Jeremy Brady requested deputies at a residence in the 800 block of School Ave. in Hermleigh just before 2 a.m. today and a Class B theft report was submitted in reference to stolen property.

Accident

A minor accident was reported at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday in the parking lot of Skinny's on 37th Street.

Involved was a 1992 Chevrolet pickup driven by Billy Wayne Watkins, 58, Snyder and a 1998 Ford Contour driven by Tina Luna, 21, of 1128 Mobil Rd. There were no injuries.

Fire reports

Snyder firefighters responded to the 400 block of 33rd Street at 9:35 p.m. Tuesday to a small dumpster fire. One firefighter with one fire truck quickly extinguished the blaze.

Just after 2 a.m. today, emergency personnel were called to the Field Crest Apartments after a woman reported seeing smoke. Upon arrival, officers advised an unidentified subject had discharged a dry-chemical fire extinguisher and there was no fire.

Fireworks

Dispatchers received four reports of fireworks inside city limits Tuesday. Officers responded and advised residents of the ordinance banning the fireworks in town.

Gas drive offs

A clerk at Allsup's on College Ave. reported a gas drive off worth $5 at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Two gas drive off were reported at Town and Country North, the first at 5:20 p.m. for $10.71. A $6 drive off was reported at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Obituaries

Rex Fields

1917-2003

Memorial service for Rex Fields, longtime Snyder resident and businessman, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Buddy Payne, minister of First United Methodist Church, and Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate. Mr. Fields' body was donated to the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

Mr. Fields, 85, died Monday, June 30, in Lubbock.

Born Nov. 21, 1917 in Snyder, he attended Camp Springs schools and graduated from Hobbs High School. He served in the Naval Air Corp from 1941-1945.

Mr. Fields served on the Snyder City Council from 1958-62 and on the board of the Colorado River Municipal Water District board for 21 years. He was serving as vice president when he left the board.

Mr. Fields owned a Phillips 66 service station in Snyder for 20 years and later purchased Central Tire and Supply that he operated for several years before retirement. He was a Mason and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sybil Fields of Lubbock; one brother, Dan Fields of Lubbock; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family visitation will be held from 1 p.m. until service time Thursday at the funeral home.

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Mildred Rogers

1919-2003

Mildred Dee Rogers, 83, died Sunday, June 29, at her home in Snyder after a sudden illness.

Interment for Mrs. Rogers, a longtime Snyder resident, was held Monday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. A memorial service is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of the Ave. D Baptist Church, will officiate.

Born Oct. 14, 1919 in Union County, Ark., she married Roy Rogers on Aug. 7, 1937 in Union County. He died Sept. 8, 1983.

Mrs. Rogers was a homemaker and a member of the Ave. D Baptist Church.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, James and Robert Eastridge.

Survivors include two daughters, Kim Rogers of Lubbock and Sharon Mason of Abilene; a son, Kenneth Rogers of Midland; a brother, Glenn Ray Eastridge of Colorado Springs, Colo.; six grandchildren, Matthew Mason and Jessica Mason, both of Abilene, Craig Mason and Regina Mason, both of Memphis, Tenn., Kalah Stockman and Halee Rogers, both of Lubbock; and three great-grandchildren, Melissa Mason of Abilene and Kevin and Kara Mason of Memphis.

Frank Hawkins

1926-2003

Frank Howard Hawkins, 76, died Tuesday, July 1, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Services are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Hawkins was born on Aug. 3, 1926 in Waskom, Tex. He moved to Snyder in 2000 from Rotan where he worked on farms. Mr. Hawkins served in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include four nieces, Anita Peavy of Snyder, Veronica Barnes of Duncanville, Retha Anthony of Grand Prairie and Debra Lawrence of Midland; a nephew, Norman Davis of Austin; and numerous cousins.

Cloda Wilson

1917-2003

COMANCHE — Cloda Wilson, former U.S. Department of Agriculture employee in Borden County, died Saturday, June 28, in Comanche Community Hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Wilson, 85, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Gardens of Memory in Comanche County under the direction of Comanche Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 25, 1917 in Gustine, she was a 1936 graduate of John Tarleton Jr. College.

She married James E. Wilson on Oct. 25, 1940 in Eden. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Wilson began her service with the USDA in Comanche County in 1938 and transferred to Tom Green County in 1945 as chief clerk. She retired in Borden County in 1974.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Hubert A. and Winnie Wyche; a sister, Jo Davidson; and a brother, Jack Wyche.

Survivors include a nephew, Tommy Joe Davidson of Fort Worth; a caring friend, Rita McNew of Comanche; and numerous nieces and cousins.

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Administration mulls sending troops to Liberia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration today weighed whether it should send peacekeepers to Liberia, an idea opposed by a U.S. military already commited to other world trouble spots.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld attended a White House meeting this morning on the issue after the National Security Council Tuesday failed to agree on a course of action in the West African nation, officials said.

Rumsfeld is opposed to international proposals that the United States send 2,000 troops to head 3,000 peacekeepers from various other African countries, a defense official said.

Rumsfeld took with him to today's meeting a contingency plan for such a deployment, should the president order it. The Pentagon routinely works up and keeps on hand such plans for numerous problems around the world.

Another senior defense official stressed that no decision had been made and said a range of options was being considered.

More than 10,000 American troops are still working in and around Afghanistan since the beginning of the global war on terror in September 2001 and nearly 150,000 troops are stationed in a violent and troubled postwar Iraq.

Defense officials say they are trying to avoid committing troops to Liberia as well.

Rumsfeld also doubts there is a compelling U.S. interest in Liberia's affairs, aides say.

Senior officials said Tuesday that no decision was imminent. But thousands of Liberians celebrated outside the U.S. Embassy in the Liberian capital of Monrovia late Tuesday as rumors spread about possible U.S. intervention.

One senior administration official said Bush was reluctant to send troops purely as peacekeepers. But if the troops were given a clear mission as part of a defined coalition, Bush might be more inclined, this official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Another administration official said the White House did not want to take the military option off the table for fear of making headlines just before Bush starts a trip to Africa next Monday.

U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan has suggested the United States take a leadership role in peacekeeping. West African leaders asked on Monday for 2,000 American troops to head a predominantly African force to stop the turmoil and keep the peace.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

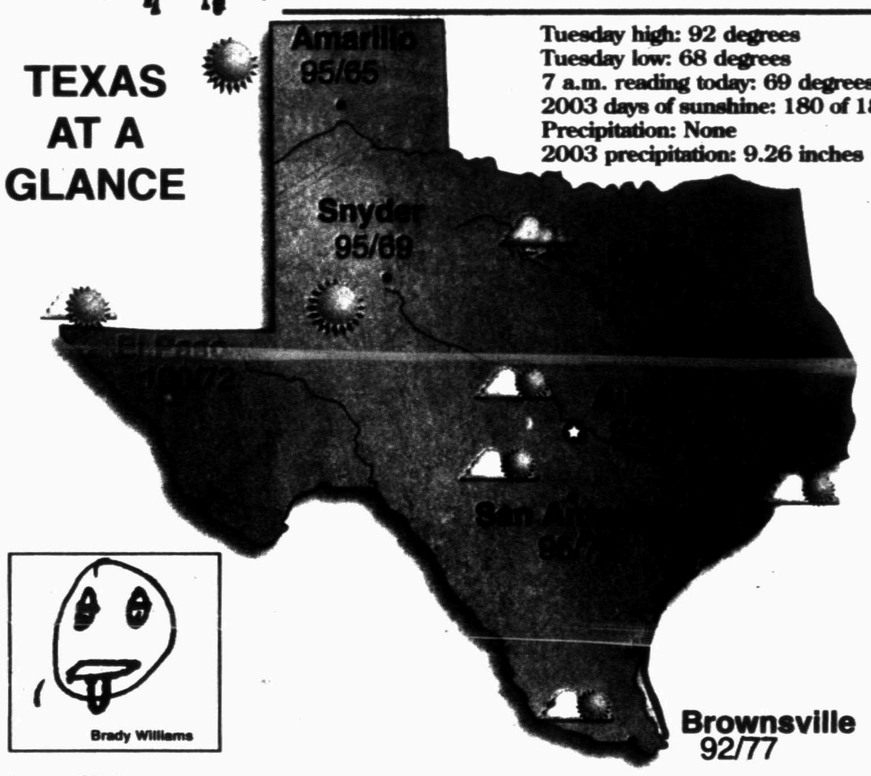
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Longview	92	72	pt sunny
Lubbock	97	69	sunny
Lufkin	93	72	pt sunny
Midland	98	72	sunny
Raymondville	94	75	pt sunny
Rosenberg	92	74	pt sunny
San Antonio	95	76	pt sunny
San Marcos	95	74	pt sunny
Sulphur Springs	94	71	mst sunny
Sweetwater	96	70	sunny
Tyler	93	74	mst sunny
Weatherford	96	72	t-storm
Wichita Falls	98	71	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	85	68	pt sunny
Boston	80	69	pt sunny
Chicago	91	70	mst sunny
Dallas	96	77	t-storm
Denver	89	61	mst sunny
Houston	92	74	pt sunny
Los Angeles	81	65	pt sunny
Miami	86	77	t-storm
Minneapolis	89	69	t-storm
New York	78	69	rain
Phoenix	109	87	mst sunny
San Francisco	75	56	windy
Seattle	74	53	pt sunny
St. Louis	90	72	mst sunny
Washington, DC	81	73	rain

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Jun 29	Jul 7	Jul 13	Jul 21

UV Index

Thu 7/3	Fri 7/4	Sat 7/5
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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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