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Home of Mollie Jo Arnold

Now Category 2...

Weaker Lili pounds coast

NEW IBERIA, La. (AP) — Less powerful but still dangerous, Hurricane Lili pounded low-lying Louisiana coastal towns with heavy wind and rain today as it washed inland. Nearly a half-million people had been urged to flee.

The storm shut down the region's resort towns, all 12 of Mississippi's Gulf Coast casinos, NASA's Mission Control in Houston and the nation's biggest oil import terminal.

By daybreak, Lili had surprisingly weakened to become a Category 2 storm, with winds of 100 mph. That was a big relief to forecasters and Gulf Coast residents who had braced themselves at nightfall for a Category 4 storm.

"I'm the happiest person on the face of the earth to see this go down from a very powerful category 4 hurricane with sustained winds of over 140 mph," said Max Mayfield, director of the Hurricane Center in Miami. "It's nowhere near where it was."

The storm moved over Marsh Island about 8 a.m., then pressed northward onto the mainland. Mayfield said it would be into northwest Mississippi by Friday morning.

Shortly after 9 a.m., the eye passed over New Iberia, about 140 miles from New Orleans. Taylor Jackson, 19, a University of Louisiana-Monroe meteorology student, and three friends had driven down to New Iberia overnight in hopes of seeing the eye pass over.

"Actually, I was kind of hoping for the 145 miles per hour," said Jackson, standing with his arms outstretched and letting the gusts catch his green windbreaker.

Hurricane winds extend about 60 miles from the eye and were predicted to stay that strong up to 100 miles inland. The entire area also was under tornado warning.

If it had been a Category 4, he had said, it could have been the worst hurricane to hit the Louisiana coast since at least the mid-1940s, officials had said.

"It looks like we were lucky," said Gov. Mike Foster. He said he already has sent a letter to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, asking for government assistance.

Scattered power failures, affecting an estimated 127,000 utility customers, were reported across the coast as the wind and rain increased.

Officials had said that a Category 4 storm could have created a life-threatening storm surge of up to 25 feet. Such a surge could have put 15 feet of water in some coastal towns and up to 8 feet of water in Abbeville, 20 miles inland.

Lili headed for Louisiana less than a week after Tropical Storm Isidore dumped more than 20 inches of rain and caused $100 million in flood damage. While Isidore did its damage with rain, Lili's wind and storm surge were the major threats.

About 143,000 people in Louisiana and 330,000 in Texas had been advised to leave, some for the second time in days after Isidore washed past New Orleans last week. This morning, the evacuation advisory was lifted for the 250,000 residents of one of the two affected Texas counties, Jefferson.

Officials in 44 Louisiana parishes declared emergencies, with mandatory evacuations in 11 of them. Nearly 1,500 National Guardsmen were being deployed.

It was impossible to estimate the actual number who fled inland. Many hurricane veterans take refuge with friends and relatives, bypassing the evacuation centers. In Louisiana, 13,000 people spent the night in the state's 71 shelters.

Mayfield said it was difficult to analyze why the storm strengthened during the night but then weakened before landfall, but dry air from the west and cooler water near the shore were factors.

PAVING THE WAY — Bob Pollard pilots a Bobcat near the ball fields in Towle Park this morning as Wilburn Brooks wets the caliche. The county employees are preparing the ground for blacktop pavement allowing better drainage around the fields and more parking for spectators. The project is a combined effort by Precincts 2 and 3. (SDN Staff Photos)

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Brian Brisendine

November is just around the corner and so are the elections that come with it.

We Texans have been bombarded with television ad campaigns from candidates aligned with both political parties for months, but it will only get worse before we go to the polls Nov. 5.

Scurry County citizens will decide between candidates in elections for three places on the commissioners' court. All three races have drawn both Republican and Democratic hopefuls and, so far, no ill words have been thrown about by any of them.

That's not the case though outside the county. The TV spots for gubernatorial candidates Rick Perry and Tony Sanchez get dirtier and more personal every week.

It's gotten out of hand and both candidates are only helping in making themselves look childish and arrogant.

We haven't yet decided whom to vote for in that race, only because we haven't yet decided which candidate is the lesser evil.

Although we've only been voting for five years or so, we've paid attention for a lot longer.

We figured out long ago that sometimes voting against a particular candidate is just as important as voting for one.

We see several instances in state elections this year, other than the governor's race, where that is the case.

Almost every day we get at least one "junk" email from a guy asking for our vote whom we consider to be an enemy of every community west of I-30.

John Cornyn hurt West Texas significantly within the past year and now he's asking us to send him to Washington, D.C. to serve as one of two Senators who represent our state.

He played dirty pool and partisan games in Austin this year when he and two others currently seeking office adopted a redistricting plan that cut our representation and added to the metropolitan areas in the state.

Cornyn's accomplices were David Dewhurst, running for Lt. Governor, and Carol Keeton Rylander, seeking re-election as comptroller.

They too need to find work elsewhere — and voters have the power to send them walking.

These three — also known as the Redistricting Committee — rejected a well-thought-out redistricting plan already approved by Republicans and Democrats in the Texas House of Representatives, only to push their plan through at the last minute, subsequently harming everyone in rural Texas.

Voting against these three is made even easier in that all of them have high quality opponents.

Scurry County and West Texas needs to pull together and show John Cornyn that we don't appreciate his committee turning its back on us, then riding into town in a million dollar bus asking for our vote without apology.

It's time to put party lines aside. We don't really care if our senator is a Republican or a Democrat as long as he or she looks out for us and does a good job.

And since John Cornyn didn't care about us while his office was just down the road in Austin, we don't think he'll do us any favors from his desk way out on the East Coast.

Go vote on Nov. 5 and let these folks know who's boss.

If necessary, says Bush...

U.N. told that U.S.A. will act alone on Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, nearing congressional approval to wage war, said today the United Nations must stand with the United States to disarm Saddam Hussein — or stand aside.

Congressional leaders predicted Bush would get the authority he is seeking by next week. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said the Senate remains divided over the wording of the resolution. "But at the end of the day, we're going to be able to develop a broad bipartisan consensus," he said.

Democratic leaders said that momentum clearly was in favor of a deal worked out on Wednesday between Bush and House leaders. Daschle said he expected to take up the measure on the Senate floor later today.

The president was having less success, however, in lining up members of the U.N. Security Council behind a strong resolution to disarm Saddam Hussein, as Russia criticized a tough U.S.-sponsored U.N. resolution on Iraq.

"When it comes to defending our freedom, the United States of America will stand united and stand strong," Bush told Hispanic leaders in Washington.

"The choice is up (to) the United Nations to show its resolve. The choice is up to Saddam Hussein to fulfill his word," Bush said. "And if neither of them acts, the United States in deliberate fashion will lead a coalition to take away the worlds worst weapons from one of the world's worst leader."

To keep the pressure on Congress and the U.N, Bush planned to outline the threats posed by Saddam in an address Monday in Ohio, senior White House officials said.

Debate on the congressional resolution begins next Tuesday in the House. The Senate, while still wrestling over the language of that resolution, also is taking up the issue.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said he expected the resolution, the product of several weeks of negotiations with the White House, to be approved with a strong bipartisan vote next Wednesday or today.

"The moment of truth has arrived for Saddam Hussein," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman.

Parks committee kicks off fundraising

Members of the Scurry County parks committee kicked off their efforts Wednesday to raise the $500,000 in matching funds for a Texas Parks and Wildlife $1 million grant.

"Members of the committee will be contacting businesses and individuals in our community in an effort to raise the matching funds," said committee chairman Dayton Robertson.

The matching money can come from public or private sources, but this month's drive is to raise as much money from private sources as possible.

"We are trying to minimize the cost to the county for the matching funds," said Robertson.

Committee member David Harrell said today the group has verbal commitments of $150,000.

The state does not require that the money or in-kind services be turned over before the grant is submitted in November, but that they be available soon after the grant is approved.

The committee is trying to have all commitments pledged by the end of October.

Members of the committee are Robertson, Harrell, Richard Dupree, Donna Dupree, Jerry Webb, Darren Jackson, Mike Dennis, David Tate, Charlene Akers, Cloyce Talbott, Mike Humphrey and parks department employees Scott Crenwelge, Whit Parks and Jackie Robinson.

At 5 p.m....

Cogdell board meeting today

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers will meet in a special session at 5 p.m. today to discuss options received for employee health insurance.

Chief Financial Officer Joe Wright said the board will compare two plans received against the current insurance plan.

Wright said the current insurance program expires at the end of October.

The meeting will be in the boardroom at the hospital.

ASK US

Q—What is Snyder's longitude and latitude?

A—Snyder's location on the globe is 32 degrees, 43 minutes north and 100 degrees, 55 minutes west.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Raymond Wood...

...has lived in Scurry County for the past 17 years after about one year in Graham. He knew this area well, though, as he had lived in Post for a number of years. He retired from a Post trucking firm, Hill & Hill, after 27 years. He and his wife, Christine, have been married for 27 years and the 85-year-old still likes to work with cattle and horses.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A master can tell you what he expects of you. A teacher, however, awakens your own expectations.

—Patricia Neal

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Stanfield cookie dough

Cookie dough ordered through Stanfield Elementary can be picked up today from 4-5 p.m. in the gym.

SHS open house

Snyder High School will have an open house from 5:30–6:30 p.m. today. Parents may pick up their child's report card in their second period classroom. Maps of the school will be available in the foyer.

2003 Tiger Lair

Orders for 2003 Tiger Lair yearbooks being taken at Snyder High School. Through Oct. 11, the book will cost $40, then increase to $45. For more information, call 574-6138.

Bible study

An introductory meeting for Meyer's Bible Study, *Battlefield of the Mind*, is set for 8:15 a.m. Sunday at Thee Place, 904 26th Street. For more information, call Dorothy Petersen at 573-7044.

VFW Post meeting

The VFW and the auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Post home. All members are urged to attend.

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

Trains and things

Scurry County parks department is looking for loans of model trains and railroad-related items to be displayed during White Buffalo Festival. Items are needed by Monday.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Scheme of Redemption," followed by "What About a Rapture."

June 2003 tour meeting

A meeting set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the junior high library will discuss plans for a June 2003 tour. The trip will include visits to Washington, D.C., New York City, Philadelphia and Boston. The trip is open to students, adults and families. For more information contact Charlotte Clifton at 573-2430 or Darlene Robbins at 573-0795.

FBC services televised

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

Overtime!

Overtime, featuring games and snacks, will be held Friday, Oct. 11, (after the Sweetwater game) in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Overtime is for all area junior high and high school students.

MAWC bake, garage sale

Martha Ann Woman's Club will hold a bake and garage sale from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at the clubhouse, 1600 Martha Ann Blvd.

Relay for Life training

Team captains for the 2002 Scurry County Relay for Life are encouraged to attend a training session from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Ramada Limited in Plainview. RSVP by calling 806 792-7126.

Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday, Oct. 14, at The Shack. The program will be presented by Sherry Faulkenbery with Gateway Family Services.

Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer support group will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, in the library at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Scurry Cancer Board

The Scurry County Unit of the American Cancer Society is seeking information on upcoming events that may be opportunities to provide cancer awareness facts and prevention information to the community. Those interested may contact president, Terrisu Mann, at 573-1031.

Football T-shirt sale

SHS student council will sell football t-shirts before home games at the front stadium gate. Shirts are also available by calling Christy Smith at 573-6301.

District auxiliary meeting

Cogdell Hospital auxiliary will host the District 6A and 6B of the Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries convention Thursday, Oct. 17, at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Ennis Creek reunion

Ennis Creek reunion will be held Oct. 19 at the home of Chuck and Velma Lou Lear, 8558 N. Ennis Creek Road. For more information call 573-8335 or 573-9478.

WTC Lions Club fundraiser

The new Western Texas College Lions Club is selling $5 chances on a new Gateway 500S computer with printer. The drawing will be held Oct. 26. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 230.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322. GED tests will be administered on next Friday. Pre-registration will be held on Thursday.

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.

Shoe bomb suspect wants to plead guilty if al-Qaida isn't mentioned

BOSTON (AP) — Federal officials said they would accept a guilty plea from the man accused of trying to blow up an airplane with explosives in his shoes, but balked at withdrawing allegations he was trained by al-Qaida.

In a motion filed Wednesday, Richard Reid said he would plead guilty to attempted murder and all other charges against him, but asked the court to remove accusations concerning al-Qaida.

"The Justice Department stands by each and every allegation in the indictment. We are prepared to substantiate all of the charges," Attorney General John Ashcroft said in a statement.

Ashcroft said Reid acted on his own in filing the motion and has no plea agreement with the government. Reid earlier lost a bid to remove the same language from the indictment against him.

U.S. District Court Judge William G. Young scheduled a change of plea hearing for Friday.

Attorney Owen Walker said Reid wanted to avoid the publicity of a trial and the negative impact it would have on his family.

Reid, a 29-year-old British citizen, faces up to life in prison if convicted of the most serious charges. His attorney said Reid "has no disagreement with the facts" asserted in the charges.

Reid's motion does not say a guilty plea is contingent upon the al-Qaida references being stricken. Walker declined comment on the issue.

In their motion, Reid's defense lawyers said prosecutors had told them they did not plan to introduce evidence of an al-Qaida link during Reid's trial.

But federal prosecutors denied that and filed a pleading that opposed removal of any language from the indictment.

"Clearly, there's a misunderstanding on the part of Mr. Reid's attorneys," U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan said.

Reid is accused of attempting to kill the 197 passengers and crew members aboard American Airlines Flight 63 from Paris to Miami on Dec. 22. He was overpowered by flight attendants and passengers, and the flight was diverted to Boston. Trial was set for Nov. 4.

Authorities said each shoe contained a plastic explosive often used by terrorists. They said the homemade bombs could easily have ripped a hole in the plane.

The indictment said Reid "received training from al-Qaida in Afghanistan," but it provided no other details about Reid's alleged ties to the terrorist network.

The FBI has said it believes Reid had help making the bomb from "an al-Qaida bomb maker," and have cited unidentified human hair and a palm print found on the explosives.

Reid insisted to FBI investigators he acted alone.

In statements to law enforcement after his arrest, Reid said he acted because of the U.S. military campaign in Afghanistan and that he hoped his planned attack would cause Americans to stop traveling, leading to a downturn in the economy, prosecutors said.

Today's chuckle

Judge gives unusual sentence

LEBANON, Pa. (AP) — A judge gave a potentially smelly sentence to a man who drove through farmland.

Lebanon County Judge Bradford Charles ordered 19-year-old Jason Theirwechter to do community service, preferably on a farm, and said he hopes one of Theirwechter's chores is shoveling manure.

"I want him to see exactly what that farmer went through to grow those crops," said Charles. "Someone else put his own sweat and blood into creating it and you destroyed it maliciously ... I want you to experience how difficult it is to grow crops for a living."

Probation officers said they would try to accommodate Charles' order.

Theirwechter pleaded guilty to driving under the influence, agricultural vandalism, criminal conspiracy and corruption of minors.

In addition to the community service, Charles sentenced him to 48 hours to 18 months in county prison, and said he must spend the first 45 days of parole under house arrest.

Police said they saw Theirwechter drive through the field Aug. 31, 2001.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

College experience opens doors to unexpected careers

DEAR ABBY: "Confused With a Capital C," a senior in high school, feels torn because her mother wants her to become a doctor. She thinks she'd find teaching a more rewarding field. You advised her to go to college, keep her options open and follow her heart. Your advice was right on. Too frequently, college students have an irrational belief that life decisions will magically resolve for them.

College freshmen should avail themselves of the many opportunities in school to learn about themselves and about careers, and put that information together to make a well-informed decision over time. The time to start is as a freshman:

(1) Freshmen can begin career exploration at their college career center and continue until they graduate.

(2) Many colleges offer freshmen seminars, learning communities, freshmen interest groups and similar opportunities that include exploring various careers and career decisions.

(3) When possible, students should find work-study jobs and volunteer opportunities in a field they want to explore. This gives them firsthand information about the field, and provides references and mentors who can assist them. They will find out whether they like the field or are good at it.

(4) Finally, while in college, it's important to develop thinking skills. If people can think, write, speak, work well with others and express themselves clearly, they will go further in any profession they choose. **— JOEL NOSSOFF, DIRECTOR, NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS, UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**

DEAR JOEL: Thank you for a helpful letter. I agree with you that regardless of what field a person wants to pursue, the ability to think critically and communicate with others is vital. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: You neglected to remind "Capital C" and her mother of this basic truth: Without teachers, there would be no doctors.

When I started college, my major was phys ed, with an emphasis on athletic training. After two semesters and an incredible experience in my humanities and English courses, I switched my major to archeology.

College will open the doors to many subjects and areas of interest that young woman may have never dreamed she'd find exciting. Who'da thunk a 30-something woman like me would change her career path from being a professional football trainer to a scholar who digs in the dirt in hopes of piecing together ancient civilizations? Her future is not carved in stone. She should begin her college career and not worry about her mother. She'll find her career niche. **— CHEERING FOR HER FUTURE IN SAN DIEGO**

DEAR CHEERING: My sentiments exactly.

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DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Confused," the words of Langston Hughes came to mind and are worth remembering: "Never lose hope in your dreams. For without dreams, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly."

I heeded those words, Abby. At the age of 48, I received my master of science in social work from the University of Tennessee. And at 57, I received my Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Oklahoma. **— ARTHUR H. PRINCE, MEMPHIS, TENN.**

DEAR ARTHUR: What a success story. You are an inspiration.

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Date Book

Thursday, Oct. 3, 2002

Today is the 276th day of 2002 and the 12th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1932, Iraq won its independence after 17 years of British rule and centuries of Ottoman rule.

On this day in 1952, Britain successfully tested its first atomic bomb. Though a handful of nations have also held successful tests of the bomb, the United States remains the only nation to have ever used the devastating weapon against people.

On this day in 1995, O.J. Simpson was acquitted of the horrendous 1994 murders of his estranged wife and her friend.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Wolfe (1900-1938), writer; James Harriot (1916-1995), writer; Harvey Kurtzman (1924-), cartoonist, is 78; Gore Vidal (1925-), writer, is 77; Chubby Checker (1941-), singer, is 61.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, Frank Robinson became the manager of the Cleveland Indians. He was the first black manager in major-league baseball.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The more money an American accumulates, the less interesting he becomes." — Gore Vidal

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Sept. 29) and new moon (Oct. 6).

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Former Louisiana governor sent to prison

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A judge has ordered former Gov. Edwin Edwards to report to prison by Oct. 21 to serve a 10-year sentence for extorting riverboat casino applicants during and after his fourth term in the 1990s.

U.S. District Judge Frank Polozola on Wednesday also ordered Edwards' son, Stephen, and businessman Bobby Johnson to report to prison by the same date for their roles in the scam.

In a separate case, suspended state insurance chief Jim Brown was also ordered to report to federal prison Oct. 15 to serve six months. Brown was convicted of lying to the FBI about his role in a state settlement with a failed insurance company.

He was acquitted on 43 charges of mail, insurance and wire fraud, conspiracy and witness tampering. Edwards was also acquitted in that case.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the convictions unanimously in August and the full court refused to take up the cases. The court has also refused to allow any of the defendants to remain free on bond until the U.S. Supreme Court decides.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

12-13-20-29-42-53

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $5 million

Pick 3
(DAY) 0-8-2
(Night) 0-3-9

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WEDDING SHOWER HELD — Mrs. Jonathan Henry, nee Brooke Williams, was honoree at a bridal shower on Sept. 28 in the home of Don and Laurie Chandler. The couple married Friday, Aug. 16. From left are Jo Williams, the bride's grandmother; Michelle Williams, her mother; Brooke Henry, the honoree; and Barbara Shamblin of Sweetwater, the groom's grandmother. (Contributed Photo)

LIONS DONATE TO UW — Lions Club president Cliff Shiller, right, presented a donation to the Scurry County United Way represented by Peggy Vernon, center, and Carl Burleson, both are Lions members and also United Way directors. The United Way campaign is underway and helps support 10 local agencies that help children and adults. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Garden club's flower show set Oct. 11-12

Snyder Garden Club's annual standard flower show will be held during the White Buffalo Festival on Oct. 11-12.

"Celebrate America" is this year's theme and it is open to the public to enter flower arrangements in the design division or potted plants or specimans in the horticulture division. There is no fee for entering.

Container grown plants must be delivered between 8-10:30 a.m. Oct. 10. Arrangements will be accepted 8-10:30 on Oct. 11.

After judging, the flower show will be open for viewing at 4-8 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday.

Those entering should call Sandra Browning at 573-7277 for rules taken from the state flower show handbook.

Judging is by nationally accredited NGC judges. Late entries and those not conforming to the general rules will not be judged but will be displayed.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Births

Juan and Maria Hidalgo of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Mia Hidalgo, at 4:24 p.m. on Sept. 30 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, five ounces.

Paternal grandparent is Nico Hidlago of Del Rio and maternal grandparent is Adela Gomez of Snyder.

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1914	.22	.04	1.04	4.06	2.59	4.78	3.03	5.54	1.22	3.58	1.59	1.27	28.96
1915	.22	.83	1.00	8.03	2.25	2.70	.50	4.48	5.40	3.77	**	.82	30.09
1916	.15	*	.34	3.58	1.67	.65	1.40	.49	1.52	2.00	.76	.05	12.61
1917	.34	*	.34	.88	.99	.83	1.04	2.18	1.53	**	.02	*	08.15
1918	.32	.57	.21	.45	2.46	1.14	**	.34	1.20	3.73	.62	1.28	12.32
1919	.99	.21	3.43	3.45	2.19	3.72	1.82	2.93	3.20	5.63	1.13	**	28.70
1920	1.08	.25	**	**	4.66	4.01	.50	11.27	2.37	1.55	.22	*	25.91
1921	.13	.96	1.05	.30	.87	7.05	.70	.40	3.15	.70	*	.03	15.34
1922	.58	.02	1.20	7.43	5.19	4.48	.05	1.75	**	.93	1.65	**	23.28
1923	.40	2.25	2.05	4.28	.75	2.40	.93	2.10	2.00	6.88	3.15	1.30	28.55
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1926	.75	*	1.98	4.20	3.10	1.47	1.91	4.35	2.59	3.60	1.10	3.30	28.35
1927	1.25	1.20	.90	1.83	.70	3.05	6.35	3.85	5.30	.05	*	.50	25.85
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1930	1.02	*	.27	4.05	5.00	2.52	.10	1.67	.25	4.95	1.85	1.25	22.95
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1932	1.78	3.01	.05	2.25	3.57	3.12	1.12	5.79	10.60	.43	*	4.10	35.82
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1941	.91	2.04	2.20	4.85	5.97	5.39	6.70	2.66	2.37	9.81	.21	.91	44.02
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1959	**	.21	1.03	.97	2.46	6.95	5.05	.37	.57	2.23	.20	1.22	21.22
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1999	.95	0	1.74	2.12	1.55	7.23	3.68	2.04	1.83	.66	.00	.06	21.86
2000	.70	.35	4.10	.11	.85	5.85	.87	*	*	4.08	2.07	.30	21.20
2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	.37	.19	1.10	3.61	1.28	3.79	1.07	20.77
2002	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.77	1.02				
Avg.	.85	.85	.97	1.87	3.12	2.62	2.10	2.17	2.48	2.28	1.01	.83	20.85

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

♠ 9 3
♥ A 4
♦ A K 8 6 4 3
♣ K 6 4

West
♠ K 10 6
♥ Q 10 7
♦ Q J 7 5
♣ Q 7 3

East
♠ A 8 4 2
♥ 5 3 2
♦ 10 9
♣ 10 9 5 2

South
♠ Q J 7 5
♥ K J 9 8 6
♦ 2
♣ A J 8

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ 3

Thursday, Oct. 3, 2002

Keeping one's eye on the target

By Phillip Alder

Every bridge player occasionally loses concentration and does something silly. Usually, a bad result is the outcome, but not always. This is another deal from the European Mixed Pairs Championship, played last March in Ostend, Belgium.

The popular contract was three no-trump, making exactly for plus 600 to North-South. In this auction, North thought that her partner had opened one spade, rebid two hearts, and now bid spades a second time; hence her strange-looking raise to four spades. (Bidding wasn't vocal. Each player placed a bidding-box card onto the table at every turn. If North had looked more closely at these cards and continued with four hearts, that contract could have been made, but it would have required precise guesswork.)

West, with an unenviable lead, selected the unfortunate club three. (Strangely, any pointed-suit card except the spade 10 can defeat the contract.)

Many declarers, when in an apparently stupid 4-2 fit, would lose concentration and play carelessly, but not Tomasz Winciorek from Poland. After winning with his club jack, he played a heart to dummy's ace, crossed to his heart king, and ruffed a heart in the dummy. Next came the ace-king of diamonds (declarer threw a heart) and a diamond ruff in hand. (If East ruffs in with the spade ace, declarer can still get home, but it would be more difficult.) South cashed his club ace and played a club to dummy's king. That was the first nine tricks in, and another diamond from the dummy guaranteed a trump trick from declarer's remaining Q-J-7. Plus 620 outscored almost the whole field.

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St. Clair is good lake

ST. CLAIR SHORES, Mich. (AP) — Lake St. Clair's boosters say it's not just a good lake, but a great one.

Officials in suburban Detroit's Macomb County want the U.S.-Canadian border lake reclassified as the sixth Great Lake, and hope the initiative won't go the way of the 1998 drive to classify New England's Lake Champlain as a Great Lake.

Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario make up the Great Lakes. A series of rivers connect them, and the St. Lawrence River joins them to the Atlantic.

Cowboy cookies are easy to make

Nothing is better in the fall than to smell cookies baking. Mix up a batch of Easy Cowboy Cookies in just minutes. This is a good recipe to teach kids to bake themselves.

EASY COWBOY COOKIES

1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
2 tablespoon milk
1 (7/4 oz.) pkg. Martha White Chocolate Chip Muffin Mix
1/3 cup quick oats
½ cup chopped pecans

Heat oven to 375 degrees. In medium bowl, combine butter, milk and muffin mix; stir until well blended. Stir in oats and pecans. Drop by heaping tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet; flatten slightly.

Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Cool 2 minutes; remove from cookie sheet. About 9 cookies.

The real measure of your wealth is how much you'd be worth if you lost all your money.
—Anonymous

Waiting is the best possible exercise. Habituate yourself to walk very far.
—Thomas Jefferson

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Happy 40th Birthday K'Ann
Love Curt, Megan, Brenna, Mother & Daddy

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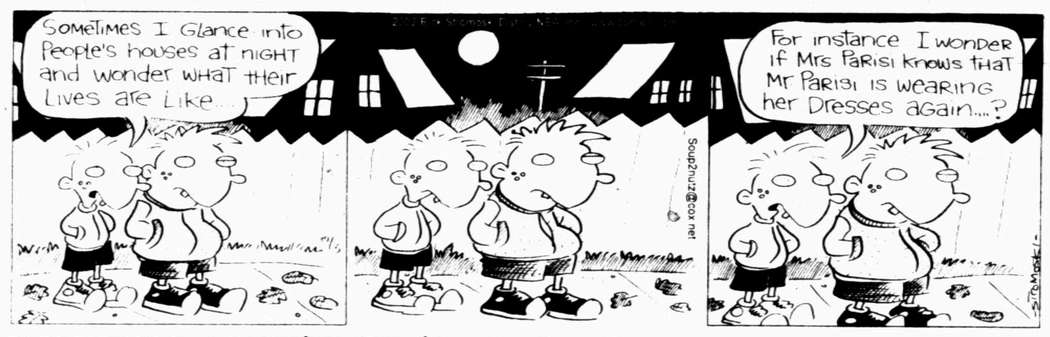

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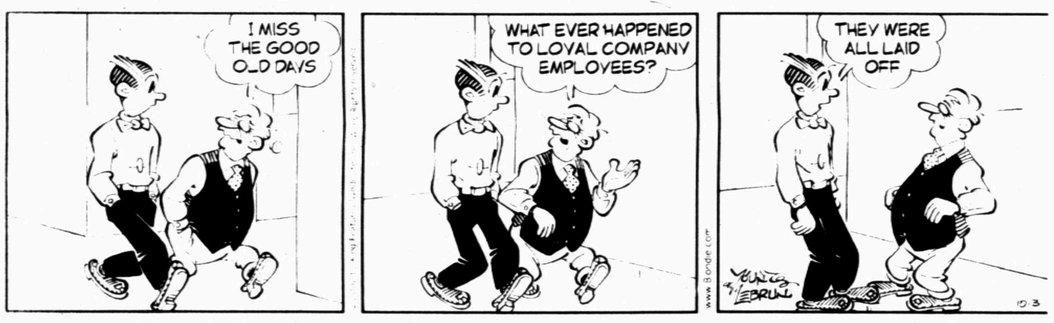

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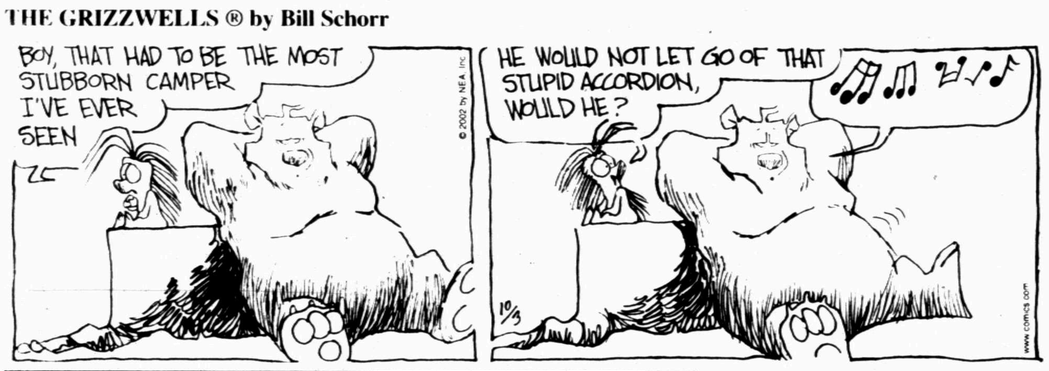

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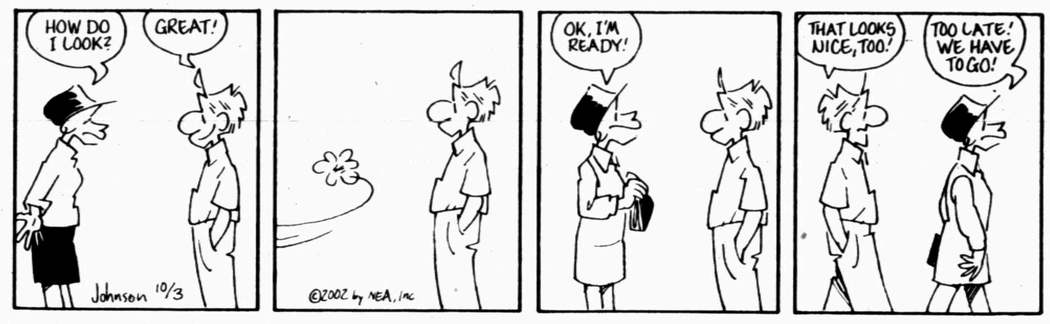

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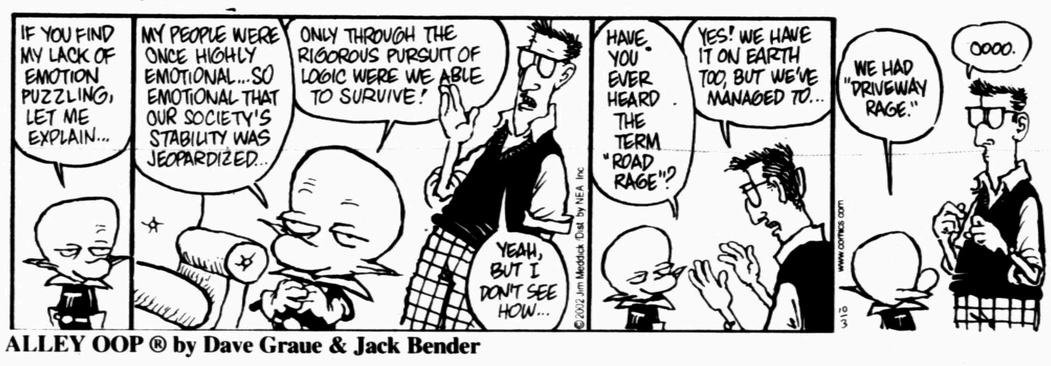

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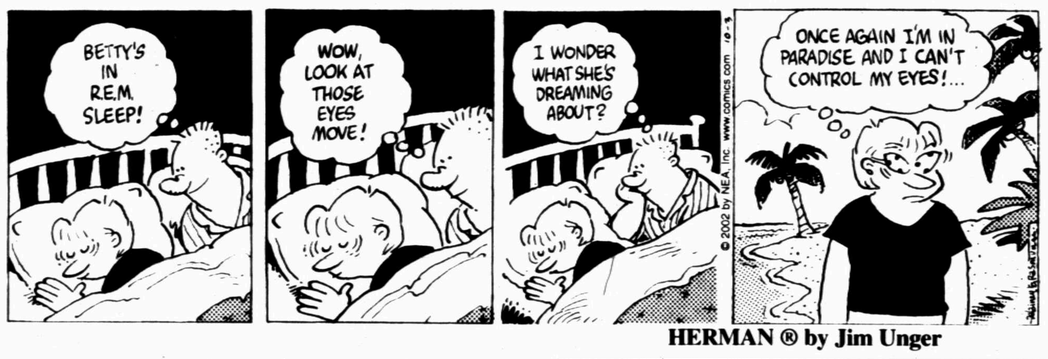

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"Dad, watch me juggle!"

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ACROSS

1 Pitched
6 Swung off course
11 Hair ointment
12 Mouth secretion
13 New cop
14 Gave an address
15 Day one
16 Car import
17 Chops
19 At hand
23 Sidelines cry
26 Equipment
28 Status –
29 Carrying
31 Touches
33 Corroded
34 Some flights
35 Had a meal
36 Make small talk
39 Snoop
40 Honey drink
42 Low-fat spread
44 Fixes a squeak
46 Poisonous snake
51 Hold gently
54 Balloon vendor's need
55 Fastened down a tent
56 Schedule
57 Bassoon cousins
58 Hoists

DOWN

1 Animated character
2 MD employers
3 Yard tool
4 Archie Bunker's wife
5 Itty-bitty
6 Fabric measure
7 Delon of cinema
8 Punster
9 Day before
10 Informal parent
11 NFL player
12 The March King
16 Impress greatly
18 Poached edible
20 Accouter
21 "The Singing Cowboy"
22 Reputed flag-maker
23 Itinerary
24 Between ports (2 wds.)
25 Popular movie
27 Cat's prey
29 Streetcar
30 The Big Apple
32 College degs.
34 Fr. holy woman
37 – up (in hiding)
38 Hirt and Gore
41 Leap aside
43 Sci-fi flick "The – Man"
45 Henri's alts
47 Baldwin of "Beetlejuice"
48 Luxury fur
49 Leafs out
50 GP group
51 Navy noncom
52 Yank's foe
53 In time gone by
54 Mecca pilgrimage

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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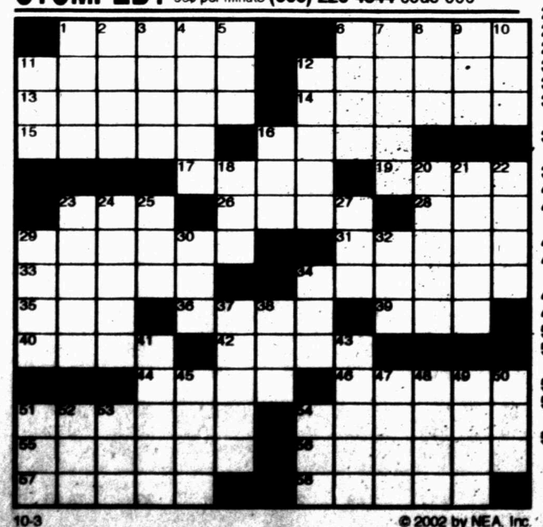

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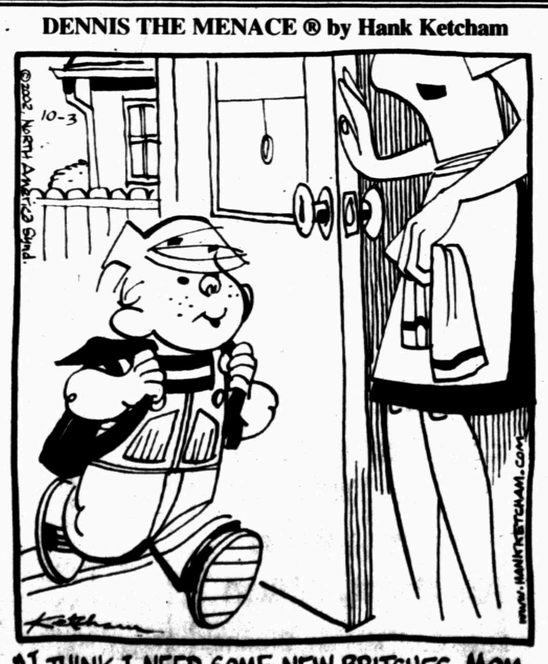

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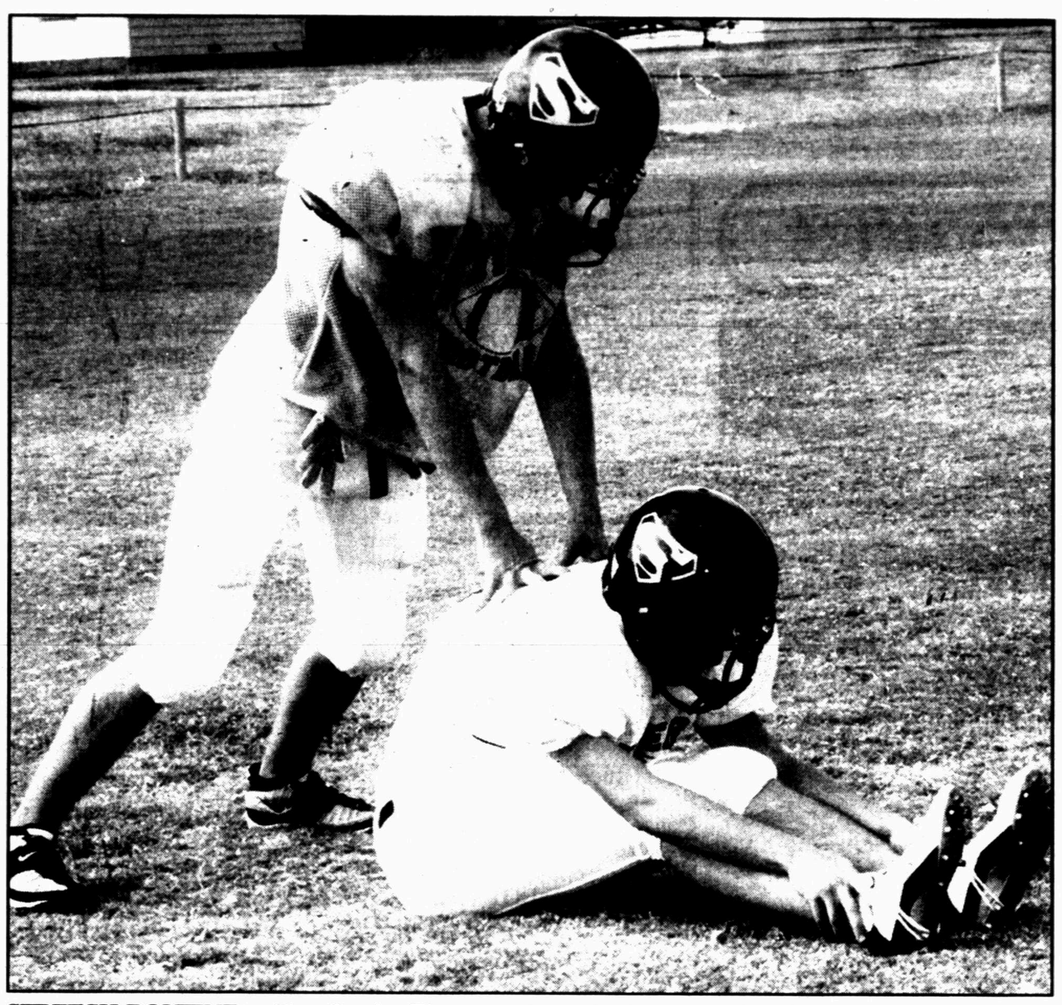

STRETCH ROUTINE — Two Snyder Tigers work on the long stretch before practice gets underway. The Tigers travel to Levelland Friday night to take on the undefeated 4-4A Lobos. Levelland is Snyder's last game before heading into district play. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers looking to keep momentum

After a week of practice following their convincing victory over Ft. Stockton, the Snyder Tigers are doing their part to keep the momentum rolling going into district play.

"We've had our best week of practice this season," Head Coach Chad Rogers said. "Each week is better than the last — the focus is there, the attitude and the work ethic are good."

The Tigers travel to Levelland Friday night to take on the surprising 4-0 Lobos, who have completely reversed their fortunes following a winless 2001 season.

Levelland is coming off an emotional 29-28 win over Lubbock High last Thursday. The win came on a field goal with seven seconds to play.

"They are a good, well-coached football team," Rogers said. "Their record speaks for itself."

The Lobos will run multiple sets, but their main weapon is all-district tailback Christian Coronado, who is third in 4-4A with 561 yards and second in the district with 60 points.

"They will run the ball," defensive coordinator Buster Mabrey said. "And we have to tackle number 3."

Levelland will try to run behind all-district left tackle Ross Thomman, who anchors an athletic, if somewhat small, offensive line.

The Tigers bruised the Panthers for 305 yards on the ground last week, including 87 yards from Josh Montoya, who gained most of his yards by punishing the Ft. Stockton defensive line while running between the tackles .

The Tigers will look to chew clock and pick up chunks of yardage in utilizing the option out of the wishbone set, this week.

The Snyder passing game has yet to get untracked, but the team needed little reason to throw the ball against a Ft. Stockton defense that could not contain the run.

Rogers called daring plays last week, including a fake field goal and an onside kick with Snyder ahead 14-0.

Rogers was free from academic distractions this week, as every varsity player remained eligible after grades came in.

"These kids are conscious of grades, and this faculty is great," he said.

The Tigers also are as healthy as they have been all season, which bodes well for a squad that begins the chase for the district title a week from Friday against Sweetwater.

The Tigers will bus out at 3:30 p.m. for the trip to Levelland, then eat there following the game.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Giants beat Braves; Angels and A's pull even

The San Francisco Giants showed they are much more than a one-man team in Game 1 of the NL division playoffs. Russ Ortiz pitched seven strong innings, while the rest of the lineup knocked around Atlanta's vaunted pitching staff in an 8-5 victory Wednesday.

The Giants scored three runs in the second inning and three more in the fourth, sparked both times by the bottom of the order.

"Obviously, you look at their lineup and you don't want Barry to beat you," Glavine said. "I certainly did a good job of that, but some of the other guys stepped up."

Bonds, who came in with a .196 postseason average, was limited to a meaningless single in the third. He hit a drive in the eighth that cleared the centerfield wall, but perennial Gold Glover Andruw Jones leaped above the yellow line to make the catch.

The wild-card Giants grabbed a crucial edge in the best-of-five series against the East champion Braves, who led the league with 101 wins in claiming their 11th straight division title.

"That's how we've been playing all season," Reggie Sanders said. "You just haven't noticed it. We're hot."

Game 2 is Thursday night, with Kirk Rueter starting for the Giants against Kevin Millwood.

Glavine was making his 31st postseason start — and perhaps his last in Atlanta. His contract is up at the end of the season, and the Braves will now have to win at least one game in San Francisco to reach the NL championship series for the 10th time in the last 12 years.

A's 9, Twins 1

Eric Chavez hit a three-run homer and David Justice added a three-run triple in a 9-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Wednesday as the Oakland A's evened the AL division series 1-1.

Mark Mulder pitched six strong innings as the A's broke a five-game postseason losing streak in Oakland. In Game 3 Friday. Barry Zito, who led the AL with 23 wins this season, will pitch for the A's against Rick Reed. The Twins tied with Oakland and Anaheim for the best home record (54-27) in the AL this season.

Angels 8, Yankees 6

Garret Anderson hit a tying home run off Orlando Hernandez in the eighth inning, Troy Glaus followed with a go-ahead shot and Anaheim evened the best-of-five AL playoff series at a game apiece by winning 8-6 Wednesday night.

After watching the Yankees claw back from a 4-0 deficit to take a 5-4 lead, the Bronx crowd was stunned when the Angeles rallied. It was the first time New York lost a postseason game at Yankee Stadium when leading after the seventh inning, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Goodwin wants high level of play

The Ira Bulldogs will face another challenge this week, but it has more to do with their own focus than their opponent.

The Bulldogs open district a week from Saturday in their homecoming game against Trent.

But the team is not looking too far ahead.

"I told the guys Monday how proud I was of them that they have played at their own level," head coach Toby Goodwin said. "It's easy to fall back and play at the level of your competition."

Ira will travel to Jayton Friday to take on a Jaybirds team that relies heavily on running back Mark Martinez to make its offense go.

The Jaybirds run multiple sets on offense, and will give the Bulldogs many different looks on defense, but Goodwin said his team will not focus on what Jayton does.

"We are going to do what we do," he said. "We've seen several different defenses already this season. As long as we execute we should be fine."

Goodwin said the biggest key this week is keeping the team healthy. Both Goodwin and junior varsity coach Randy Jones have suffered from illness this week, and several players have been feeling under the weather.

After falling 69-22 to defending state champion Whitharral, Ira has reeled off three consecutive victories, outscoring its opponents 144-8 during that span, including a 30-8 drubbing of then No. 7 Borden County.

Sports Briefs

Football booster club raffle

The SHS football booster club members are selling raffle tickets for a $10,000 CD. Cost is $25 per ticket with 1,000 tickets to be sold. Call Steve Rich at 573-4800 for more info.

Youth bowling league

The Snyder youth bowling league meets Saturdays at 10 a.m. at Snyder Lanes for bowlers age 3 to 21. Call 573-4438 for more info.

WTC golf tournament

The second annual WTC SGA four-man select Golf Tournament will be held Saturday at the WTC Golf Course. Shotgun starts are slated for 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is $160 per team and cash prizes will be awarded. Proceeds will benefit the Student Government Association.

Couples golf tournament

The second annual Putters and Duffers couples golf tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Scurry County golf course. Cost is $140 per couple. To register contact Xalyn Palacios at 574-3343.

Maddux bumped because of blister

ATLANTA (AP) — Kevin Millwood will start Game 2 of the Atlanta Braves' NL division series instead of Greg Maddux, who has a blister on his pitching hand.

Maddux has been bumped to Game 3 of the best-of-five series against the Giants. He'll pitch Saturday after the series shifts to San Francisco.

Kordell Stewart benched

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Coach Bill Cowher made a surprise move, benching quarterback Kordell Stewart so former XFL star Tommy Maddox can start Sunday for the Pittsburgh Steelers against New Orleans.

Brewers fire manager after 100 loss season

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jerry Royster was fired as manager of the Milwaukee Brewers, three days after the team completed the first 100-loss season in franchise history.

Royster is the sixth manager to be dismissed since the end of the season, joining Chicago's Bruce Kimm, Detroit's Luis Pujols, Tampa Bay's Hal McRae, Texas' Jerry Narron and the New York Mets' Bobby Valentine.

Martin to miss rest of NASCAR season

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Sterling Marlin, who led the Winston Cup standings for 25 weeks, will miss the rest of the NASCAR season because of a fractured vertebra in his neck.

Junior varsity girls golf places seventh

The Snyder junior varsity girls golf team wrapped up the Ft. Worth tournament with a strong seventh place finish among the 14 entered schools.

Kellie Dodson had a great tournament, shooting a two-day total of 172, shooting an 85 Friday and an 87 Saturday.

Cami Trout also shot well, dropping seven strokes from the first-day 96 to finish out the second round with an 89.

Brooke Jackson had a two-day score of 205, with rounds of 103 and 102.

Sept. ladies play day results

Results from the Scurry County Women's Golf Association September play days show some familiar golfers winning the different formats throughout the month.

The format for the first play day of the month was most and least strokes to the green on the back nine, and Esther Guelker won the least with 29 strokes.

Gwen Sealy won the most strokes format with a 58.

Anita Talbott won the queen of the hill format with a low gross of 83, and Becky Knipe took the low net with a 73, including chip-ins on holes 14 and 16.

Norma Thompson won the best poker hand with three threes and no chip-in.

Last week's play day format, play the pro, saw a first place tie between Knipe and Joan Hood, who each shot a net 73 versus the 82 shot by club pro Rich Mammolite. Norma Thompson was a close second with a net of 74.

Low putters for the month of Sept. were Suzy Reed in the "A" flight, Jo Sterling in the "B" flight, and Thompson in "C" flight.

MLB Postseason

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DIVISION SERIES
American League
New York vs. Anaheim
Tuesday, Oct. 1
New York 8, Anaheim 5
Wednesday, Oct. 2
Anaheim 8, New York 6, seried tied 1-1
Friday, Oct. 4
New York (Mussina 18-10) at Anaheim (Ra.Ortiz 15-9), 8:06 p.m. (ABC Family)
Saturday, Oct. 5
New York (Wells 19-7) at Anaheim, TBA
Sunday, Oct. 6
Anaheim at New York, if necessary

Minnesota vs. Oakland
Tuesday, Oct. 1
Minnesota 7, Oakland 5
Wednesday, Oct. 2
Oakland 9, Minnesota 1, series tied 1-1
Friday, Oct. 4
Oakland (Zito 23-5) at Minnesota (Reed 15-7), 4:06 p.m. (ABC Family)
Saturday, Oct. 5
Oakland at Minnesota, TBA
Sunday, Oct. 6
Minnesota at Oakland, if necessary

National League
Atlanta vs. San Francisco
Wednesday, Oct. 2
San Francisco 8, Atlanta 5, San Francisco leads series 1-0
Thursday, Oct. 3
San Francisco (Rueter 14-8) at Atlanta (Millwood 18-8), 8:17 p.m. (Fox)
Saturday, Oct. 5
Atlanta (Maddux 16-6) at San Francisco (Schmidt 13-8)
Sunday, Oct. 6
Atlanta at San Francisco, if necessary
Monday, Oct. 7
San Francisco at Atlanta, if necessary

Arizona vs. St. Louis
Tuesday, Oct. 1
St. Louis 12, Arizona 2, St. Louis leads series 1-0
Thursday, Oct. 3
St. Louis (Finley 7-4) at Arizona (Schilling 23-7), 4:06 p.m. (ABC Family)
Saturday, Oct. 5
Arizona (Batista 8-9) at St. Louis (Benes 5-4)
Sunday, Oct. 6
Arizona at St. Louis, if necessary
Monday, Oct. 7
St. Louis at Arizona, if necessary

Sports Calendar

TODAY
Football: Snyder JV vs. Levelland, 6 p.m.
Football: Snyder 9th at Levelland, 5 p.m.
Football: Snyder 8th at Levelland, 4 p.m.
Football: Ira JV vs. Blackwell, 7 p.m.
Football: Ira junior high vs. Highland, 6 p.m.
Football: Hermleigh vs. Sands JV, 7:30 p.m.
Rodeo: WTC at Sul Ross State, Alpine.

FRIDAY
Football: Snyder varsity at Levelland, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Ira at Jayton, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Borden County vs. Highland, homecoming, 7:30 p.m.
Rodeo: WTC at Sul Ross State, Alpine.

SATURDAY
Volleyball: Snyder varsity and JV at Sweetwater, 1 p.m.
Volleyball: Snyder freshmen at Lamesa tournament, 1 p.m.
Rodeo: WTC at Sul Ross State, Alpine.

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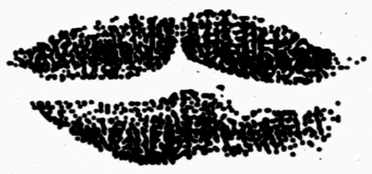

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Study: Telephone counseling helps people to quit smoking

By The Associated

When Renee Haapanen makes her rounds as a gas meter reader, she no longer needs a smoke break. Two years ago, she turned to California's free telephone counseling for help to quit smoking.

Now she recommends the California Smokers' Helpline to her friends.

"I knew it wouldn't be easy. And it was so worth it," said the 39-year-old from Ventura, who was motivated by high blood pressure, a friend who had quit and her wish to avoid wrinkles.

A study of California's "quitline" in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine shows that telephone counseling works for those who want to kick the habit.

Tests done before the free service actually started showed the technique was effective. But researchers at the University of California at San Diego, which runs the state's quitline, wanted to see if that was true once the program was in operation.

They reported that smokers who were counseled stopped smoking at twice the rate of those who did not get such help.

"These statewide telephone counseling services really help people," said researcher Shu-Hong Zhu, who directs the help line. "All they have to do is pick up the phone."

Thirty-two states have followed California's example and set up quitlines, most in the last three years. Some are using their share of the 1998 national tobacco settlement to pay for them.

States like telephone services because they reach more people than group programs, are available nights and weekends, and spare participants from having to find transportation or day care, said Angela Geiger, director of 10 state quitlines that the American Cancer Society runs from Austin, Texas.

"Quitting smoking is really, really hard. So we've tried to make these quitlines as easy as possible for the person trying to quit," she said.

To test the California service, the researchers enrolled 3,282 callers in the study. All received a packet of self-help information in the mail. One group received an average of three counseling sessions. A second group only got counseling if they called back as instructed.

After a month, 21 percent of those who got counseling had quit, compared with 10 percent of those who did not get counseling. Many smokers relapsed, and after a year, the rates had dropped to 8 percent and 4 percent.

Dr. Steven A. Schroeder of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation said states without quitlines should use tobacco settlement money to start one.

Five fed inmates escape from jail in Bee County

VICTORIA (AP) — Authorities searching for five federal inmates who escaped from the Bee County Jail in South Texas are concentrating on areas the fugitives have been found in the past — the Houston area and the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

The five escaped sometime between 11:30 p.m. Tuesday and 1:30 a.m. Wednesday when they managed to get through an air duct and onto the roof of the jail in Beeville.

Sgt. Rick Webb of the Bee County Sheriff's Department said the men then tied bed sheets or mattress covers together and used the makeshift rope to lower themselves to the ground.

Sheriff Bob Horn said the escapees were jailed on charges of illegal entry, The Victoria Advocate reported today.

"They are dangerous for their past criminal history — several of them that have had convictions for escape and aggravated robbery — and they are all dangerous because they were acting as one in trying to escape," Gene Diaz said, public information officer for the U.S. Marshal's Service in the Valley, said in a story in today's editions of The Brownsville Herald.

The Matamoros natives, Carlos Fernandez-Gonzalez, 45, and Feliciano Encinia-Moreno, who turns 38 today, have both escaped custody in the past and Fernandez-Gonzalez has a history of aggravated robbery dating to 1979. He was paroled from a 25-year sentence for state charges in 1995. Both were arrested in Brownsville earlier this year.

Another escapee, 35-year-old Jose Reta-Martinez, also known as Juan Rosales, also has a history of armed robbery and was charged with a burglary in Brownsville in 1995. He was arrested in Harlingen in July.

Twenty-six-year-old Manuel Reyes-Cortez and 35-year-old Noe Del Valle-Mejia, have a history of less serious offenses, mostly driving under the influence. Reyes Cortez was arrested Sept. 5 in Goliad, Texas, while Valle-Mejia was arrested May 20 in Brownsville.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Guide for aspirin therapy

DEAR DR. GOTT: With all the publicity about an aspirin or two a day preventing heart attack and stroke, what does someone with a sensitive stomach do?

DEAR READER: First of all, prophylactic aspirin has not been recommended for healthy adults with no history of cardiovascular disorders. In essence, aspirin therapy is not appropriate for everyone.

If, on the other hand, your doctor has suggested that you take daily aspirin, there are ways of doing this without beating up your stomach.

Take the aspirin with food or try the enteric-coated product. Buffered aspirin is also a possibility. But the easiest way to solve the problem is to cut back the dose to 81 milligrams in the form of low-dose, chewable aspirin. I didn't say children's aspirin, which is an oxymoron: children should not take aspirin because the medicine can lead to a serious complication called Reye's syndrome.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am concerned about my 18-year-old son who has an embarrassing problem. He goes to college and is a good boy, but he likes to get together with his friends and drink beer. Unfortunately, every weekend he wets the bed. I've tried to wake him up before it happens, but that doesn't work. I'm tired of washing sheets all weekend. Should he see a urologist?

DEAR READER: I don't believe that's necessary. Here's why.

One of the most pronounced effects of alcohol is that it interferes with ADH (anti-diuretic hormone), a natural substance made in the body to help regulate fluid excretion. ADH prevents excessive urine formation. When the hormone is blocked, the kidneys excrete more liquid. Then, add to that the additional fluid load of a few beers. No wonder your son has a problem!

Also, the beer is probably making him sleep more soundly so he is not being awakened by the normal cues to urinate.

The answer? He should reduce his consumption of beer or eliminate completely if he continues to wet the bed. As a secondary incentive, he should be asked to wash his own dirty sheets. He is 18 and it's time that he took more responsibility for his actions, choices and lifestyle.

I think that it's time for you and your husband to sit down with your son and have a discussion about his weekend partying. College kids do this, heaven knows, and it's part of growing up. But when it leads to inappropriate behavior, including passing out and wetting the bed, the activity should be addressed in an open manner. In my opinion, your son has a problem with alcohol and this must not be ignored.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	4.64	4.40	4.51	+ .01
AOL TimeWrn	12.70	12.32	12.41	+ .09
AT&T Corp	12.14	11.66	11.77	— .29
Albertsons	24.98	24.28	24.80	+ .31
Alltel	43.40	41.19	42.66	+ 1.57
AmEl Pw	29.40	28.57	28.57	— .17
AndarkPtr	47.01	45.65	45.66	— .30
ATMOS Egy	21.95	21.51	21.75	+ .36
Aviall	10.58	10.50	10.50	
BP PLC	42.50	40.95	41.57	+ .63
BakerHughes	30.15	28.88	29.11	+ .05
Bank of Amer	63.95	62.00	62.25	—1.94
BellSouth	21.25	19.42	20.64	+ 1.39
BurlNoSFe	25.42	24.25	24.62	+ .84
Caterpillar	38.76	37.75	38.06	+ .28
CenterPoint	9.00	8.65	8.72	—.18
ChevronTex	73.30	71.45	72.21	+ .61
Citigroup	30.00	28.20	29.10	—.50
CocaCola	51.34	50.10	51.20	+ 1.30
ColgatePal	54.54	53.88	53.94	—.22
CmclMetals s	18.54	18.06	18.53	+ .59
ConocoPhill	48.80	47.35	47.86	+ .56
Cooper Inds	30.91	30.00	30.52	+ .22
DaimlrChry	36.11	34.76	35.17	—.22
DeltaAirl	8.94	8.57	8.66	—.47
Dillards Inc	19.96	19.26	19.41	—.05
DowChem	27.69	26.70	26.70	—.55
DuPont	38.96	37.99	38.48	+ 1.17
EastmanChem	37.68	36.75	37.19	—.03
EstKodak	27.47	26.88	27.15	—.10
EDS Corp	13.78	12.80	13.29	—.06
Entergy	43.00	42.31	42.32	—.29
ExxonMobil	33.69	32.65	32.99	+ .34
FootLocker	9.50	9.26	9.35	+ .05
GenDynam	86.87	83.21	84.20	+ 1.00
GenElec	25.88	24.70	25.01	+ .21
GenMills	45.38	44.72	45.00	+ .77
GenMotors	39.40	38.55	38.79	+ .07
GaPacific	13.20	12.53	12.95	+ .70
Goodrich	19.34	18.95	19.24	+ .43
Goodyear	8.73	8.33	8.56	—.04
GtAtlPac	8.30	8.20	8.25	+ .02
Halliburtn	14.59	14.10	14.50	+ .52
Hanson ADS	25.27	25.00	25.02	—.23
HarteHanks s	18.53	17.87	18.45	+ .47
HomeDepot	25.50	24.52	25.10	+ .15
HoneywellIntl	22.22	21.52	21.80	—.10
IBM	61.16	59.70	60.04	+ .41
IntlPaper	35.00	33.94	34.63	+ .82
JohnsonJn	59.11	57.70	57.89	—.39
vjK mart	.50	.48	.49	
KinderMorg	35.10	34.30	34.54	+ .16
Kroger Co	13.52	13.00	13.17	—.18
LockheedM	64.08	62.80	63.06	—.13
Lowes Cos	40.87	39.86	40.40	—.77
Lubys	4.78	4.65	4.68	—.01
LucentTech	.82	.78	.80	+ .01
MarathonOil	23.11	22.64	22.67	+ .07
MayDeptStr	23.50	22.84	22.85	—.35
Medtronic	43.50	42.76	43.19	+ .36
Motorola	10.70	10.30	10.46	+ .31
NCR Corp	20.70	20.00	20.25	—.25
Navistar	20.50	19.78	20.02	—.19
PNM Rescs	20.42	19.95	20.19	+ .21
Penney JC	15.60	15.00	15.29	—.09
PepBoys	11.32	11.00	11.30	+ .15
PepsiCo	38.44	37.61	38.23	+ .48
Pharmacia	41.01	40.00	40.16	—.19
PhelpDodge	27.31	26.50	26.80	+ .48
PilgrmPrd B	8.74	8.66	8.66	—.07
Praxair	51.91	50.50	51.30	+ 1.05
ProctGamb	92.35	90.50	91.18	+ .62
RadioShack	19.31	18.70	19.05	—.15
RoyalDut	43.73	42.72	43.06	+ .65
SBC Comm	21.99	20.40	21.20	+ 1.02
SaraLee	19.73	19.21	19.54	+ .29
Scripps EW	70.50	69.72	69.94	+ .22
SearsRoeb	39.52	38.14	38.54	—.47
SherwinW	24.00	23.38	23.90	+ .47
SouthernCo	29.33	28.72	29.13	+ .29
SwstAirl	13.00	12.46	12.73	+ .29
SprintFON	9.50	9.05	9.30	
SprintPCS	2.32	2.17	2.29	+ .09
Sunoco Inc	30.79	30.05	30.26	+ .26
TXU Corp	37.37	35.20	35.25	—2.11
TempleInland	39.40	38.46	38.65	+ .20
TexInd	24.30	23.80	24.02	+ .22
TexasInst	16.16	15.38	15.48	—.41
Textron	37.00	36.10	36.30	+ .14
TrinityInds	17.10	16.63	16.92	+ .29
TylerTech	4.35	4.10	4.35	+ .25
UnionPacif	58.49	56.54	57.30	+ .65
USSteel	12.41	11.87	12.27	+ .27
UnitedTech	57.60	56.15	56.50	+ .30
Unocal	31.57	30.88	30.88	—.24
VerizonComm	32.40	30.85	32.01	+ 1.66
WalMart	52.14	50.80	51.39	+ .07
WellsFargo	47.95	46.17	46.25	—1.55
WstnGasRs	33.29	32.45	32.77	+ .30
WinnDixie	13.37	13.22	13.30	—.02
Xerox Cp	5.37	5.06	5.08	—.12
YumBrands s	30.89	29.55	29.82	+ .27

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Oct. 4, 2002

There could be a marked improvement in your overall affairs in the year ahead owing to a clarification of your goals and ambitions. Once you target something, you'll give it your all until it is accomplished.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The key word today is concentrate, concentrate, concentrate. You're likely to have a pretty good grasp of the big picture, but could overlook some significant details if you're not paying attention. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for our Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You're generally pretty good at discerning what something is truly worth, but today you may be more impressed by the packaging than the product. Be value conscious at all times.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Completely clarify your goals and objectives today if you hope to operate at the peak of your efficiency. Targets with fuzzy auras could cause you to use many arrows before you hit your mark.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There's a good chance that your intuitive perceptions may be a bit superior to your logical ones today. Give credence to that small, inner voice when it speaks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — The warning signals should go up if someone you know only casually is extremely lavish in his/her praise of you today. This person might have ulterior motives. Be careful.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If a situation requires a collective effort, be sure the teammate you select can pull his/her own weight. A poor choice can doom the endeavor — no matter how much effort you put into it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Even though you may be governed by good intentions, it's best not to attempt to make any changes with things that are running smoothly. You could end up painting yourself in a corner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Provided you don't let your impatience get the best of you, something that takes a bit of doing can be accomplished today. Determination and perseverance rules the day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Letting a companion make decisions for you today, just because it's the easy way, could turn out to be an error in judgment. Assess the situation yourself and use your head at all times.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Once you get going on a project that you've been reluctant to start, you'll discover you'll have no trouble getting past the difficulties. All the problems you envision are in your head.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Even though the involvements or activities you take on today may cost you a trifle more than you anticipated, if they bring you real enjoyment, don't measure their worth in dollars and cents.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may want to double-check all of your preparations if you are entertaining friends at your place today. There's a good chance you may have to reorganize a few things.

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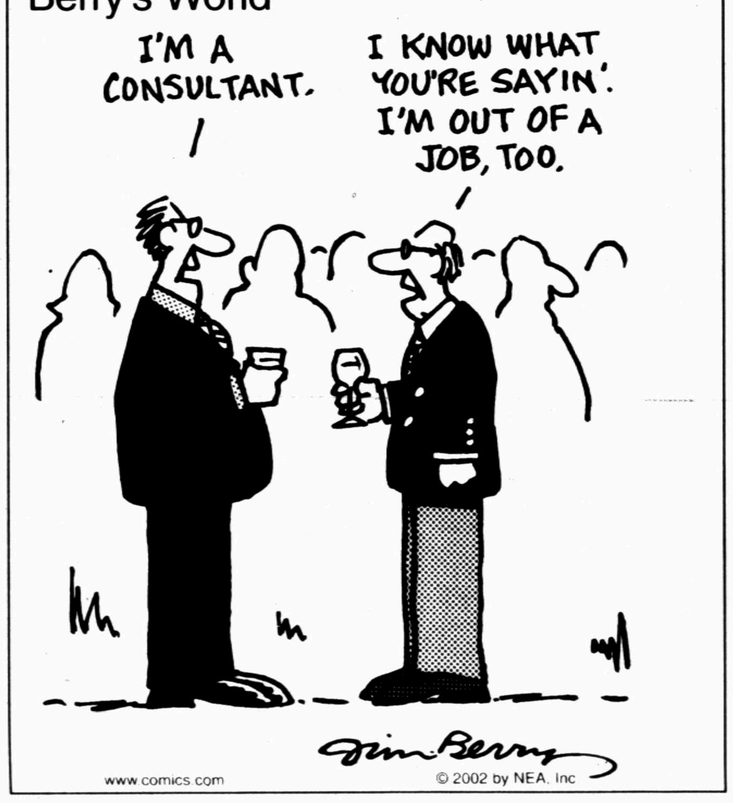
Berry's World



IT'S SHOW TIME — Students of Paula Bowden and June Holcomb at Central Elementary presented *It's Show Time* at the Sept. 26 open house and for an awards assembly on Sept. 27. Bowden's students are (top photo) from left, back row, Malak Willis, Lateisha Richardson, Caleb Hester, Christian Nichols, Tyler Redman and Michael Seale; middle row, Monica Torres, Jessica Hernandez, Donica Flores, Jessica Torres, Brittany Kaska; front row, Tony Moreno, Rosanna Silva, Adam Moncibais, Slade Birkelfeld, Emilio Felan. Holcomb's students (bottom photo) are back row, from left, Hermelando Aguirre, John Muniz, Riley Brown, Brady Williams, Nicholas Clanton, Diego Hernandez, Mario Ortega, Cody Day; middle row, Kayla Scott, Michah Henson, Zoi Malone, Susan Lee, Alisha Guzman; front row, Justin Torres, Jordan Peoples, Selena Guajardo, Roxanna Silva, Miranda Benitez. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Insider stock trading plea turns up heat on Stewart

NEW YORK (AP) — Prosecutors may have moved a step closer to Martha Stewart in their investigation of her alleged insider stock deals.

Douglas Faneuil, an assistant to Stewart's stockbroker, pleaded guilty Wednesday to a misdemeanor charge of receiving money and other valuables for keeping quiet about Stewart's sale of ImClone Systems Inc. shares last December.

"This public plea is designed to convince Martha Stewart to lay down her sword and admit that she traded on inside information," said Seth Taube, a former Securities and Exchange Commission lawyer now in private practice.

Faneuil and his supervisor, Peter Bacanovic — Stewart's broker — have been fired by Merrill Lynch. The assistant, who faces a maximum year in prison, will likely get probation under the plea deal.

He would also testify against Stewart and others who might be charged in the case.

"The idea is you flip Faneuil, then you flip Bacanovic, and then you get Stewart," Taube said. "She is clearly the top of the pyramid in this little triangle."

Stewart dumped nearly 4,000 shares of ImClone just before the stock price began to plunge on news that the Food and Drug Administration would not review its application for its highly touted cancer drug, Erbitux. The FDA decision meant that the drug, upon which the company's fortunes relied, was unlikely to gain approval soon.

Court papers filed in Manhattan federal court did not identify the person who received the insider information — the tippee.

When Faneuil's lawyer, Marvin Pickholz, was asked outside court if that person was Stewart, he replied: "If you guys read this information and you can't fill in the blanks, you're in serious trouble."

Faneuil admitted during his plea he had withheld the truth from SEC investigators and FBI agents when first interviewed about the trading.

"I did not truthfully reveal everything I knew concerning the actions of my immediate supervisor ... and the true reasons for the tippee's sale of ImClone stock," Faneuil said.

In exchange for stonewalling probers, Faneuil was offered an extra week of vacation and a free airline ticket and was given an increase in his commission rate, court papers said.

Court papers say on Dec. 27, Faneuil's boss let the tippee know then-ImClone CEO Sam Waksal was trying to sell all the ImClone stock he held at Merrill Lynch.

"The tippee then sold all of the tippee's shares of ImClone stock, approximately 3,928 shares, yielding proceeds of approximately $228,000," the court papers said.

Waksal was indicted in August for allegedly telling friends and family members to dump millions of dollars worth of ImClone stock before the bad news about Erbitux hit the markets. He has pleaded innocent.

Stewart, who has previously denied any wrongdoing, has said she had a standing order to sell the ImClone shares if they fell below $60. Faneuil initially gave investigators the same account but later said there had been no such order.

Big Spring trustees OK single-member districts

BIG SPRING (AP) — Trustees for the Big Spring school district will now be elected from seven single-member districts including a second, newly created minority district.

The school board decided in a 4-3 vote Tuesday to go to the single-member districts from the existing four single-member, three at-large positions. The vote included a plan on how to phase in the changes for the 2003 election.

"I have heard the community speak," trustee Kent Sharp said. "They want the representation on the board and they feel like the board needs to, as a composite group, mirror more closely what the make up of the community is and that's why I would like to bring the newly created minority-majority district in as soon as possible."

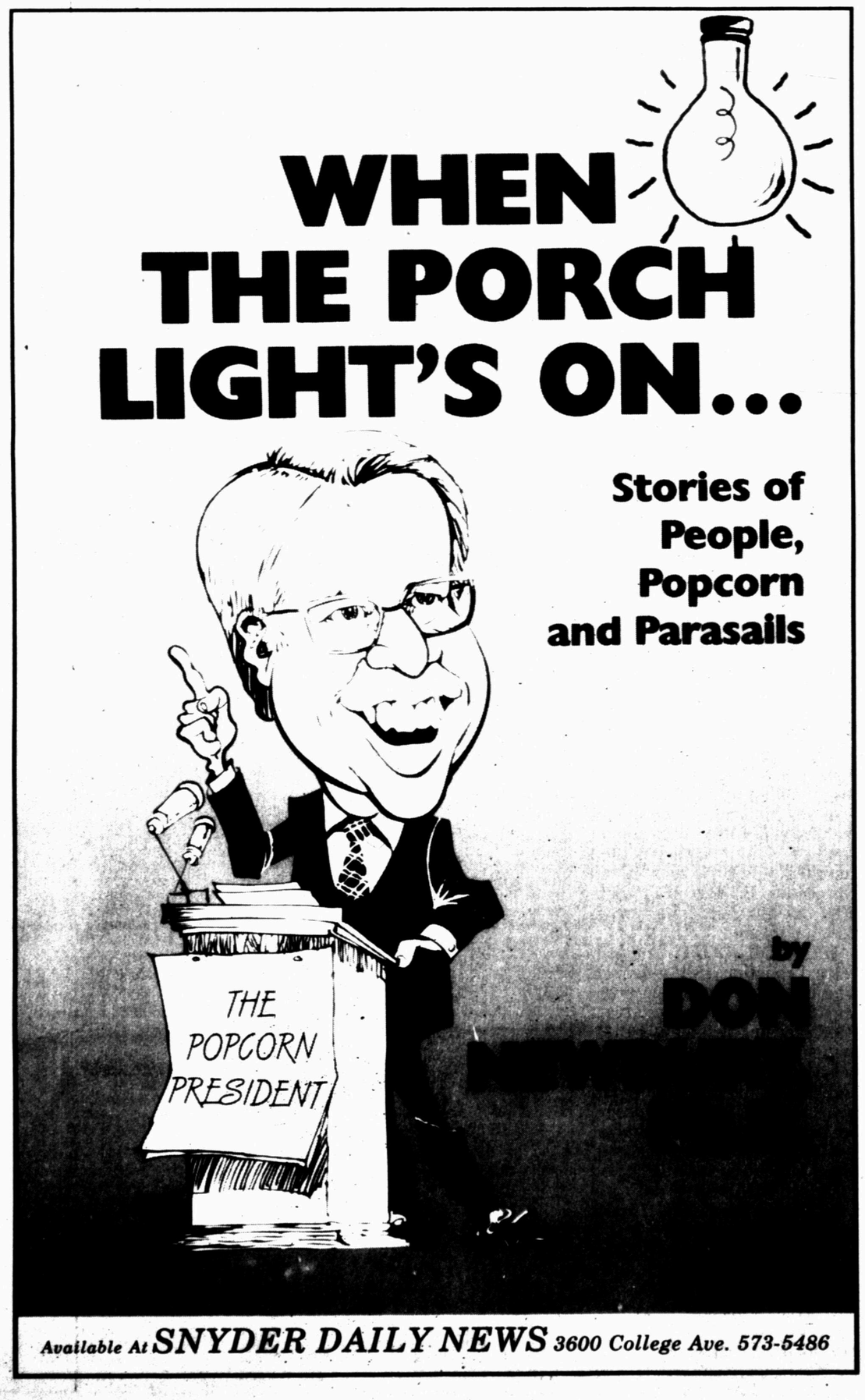
The phase-in process will cost one incumbent his chance to run for re-election.

Terry Wegman, whose term expires in 2003 and who voted against the implementation plan, will be forced to sit out a year because the implementation calls for the minority-majority district to be up for election instead of Wegman's district.

Mike Dawson, who holds an at-large position, and Wegman, who represents a single-member district, live in the same neighborhood and the new plan requires that trustees live in the district they represent.

If the two decide to seek a seat on the board again, they could be pitted against one another.

Another option that was proposed but failed would have phased in the seven single-member districts when the terms of the current board members expired. In this option, the new minority-majority district would have been part of the election in 2004.



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Congress: No deal on national security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House may stay in session indefinitely this year in order to increase pressure on Senate Democrats to reach compromise with President Bush on a new Homeland Security Department, Speaker Dennis Hastert said today.

"It's very tough for us not to have that bill and go home," Hastert, R-Ill, told reporters. "We'll be here until they get their work done ... in some way."

The speaker raised the possibility that the House would not adjourn for good prior to the Nov. 5 elections, instead holding sessions one day a week to allow time for negotiations to continue on one of Bush's top priorities.

Bush also sought to give the talks a push today, telling a group of Hispanic leaders that he will not accept a Senate proposal that would limit his authority to exempt the agency's 170,000 workers from union bargaining agreements for reasons of national security. That power originated with President Kennedy and has been set in law since the Carter administration.

"I will not accept a rollback in the authority that other presidents have had," Bush said. "If it's good enough for the Department of Agriculture ... it certainly should be good enough for the Department of Homeland Security."

In the Senate, moderates remain unable to bridge the chasm separating Republicans and Democrats over labor rights in the proposed department.

Democrats John Breaux of Louisiana and Ben Nelson of Nebraska, joined by Republican Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, could not win agreement Wednesday on their latest attempt at compromise, which moved closer to the White House position. As a result, the Senate logjam continues after almost five weeks.

A spokeswoman for Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., repeated his pledge that the Senate would keep trying for a deal even as it moves on to other issues, such as use of force against Iraq.

"We're continuing to talk about ways to thread the needle," said spokeswoman Ranit Schmelzer.

Bush has threatened to veto the homeland security legislation unless it gives him greater power to hire, fire and move around the proposed agency's 170,000 workers. Bush also objects to Democratic versions of the bill that he says would strip away his current authority to exempt workers from union bargaining agreements for reasons of national security.

Port lockout hurts businesses

FREMONT, Calif. (AP) — The only major vehicle production line west of the Mississippi ground to a halt as the West Coast port shutdown began to burden shipping-dependent industries across the country.

The sole glimmer of hope Wednesday came with word that dock workers' union representatives and shipping lines would resume federally mediated contract talks today. The stalemate has stopped all commercial shipping at 29 ports in California, Oregon and Washington.

The Pacific Maritime Association "looks forward to participating in a productive meeting tomorrow with the federal mediator and the union," said the association's spokesman, Tom Edwards.

New United Motor Manufacturing Inc. in Fremont was one of the first major plants to shut down production as the normally steady supply of auto parts dried up Wednesday and engines, transmissions and vehicle frames sat idle in cargo holds at the Port of Oakland.

The stalled Fremont auto plant employs about 5,500 workers and an annual payroll of $300 million. There were no immediate plans for layoffs.

Phil Verzola, 48, has worked at the plant for less than a year and has no vacation to fall back on.

"Of course I will work and do whatever I can to keep working," Verzola said. "For a few days it would be an inconvenience. For a few weeks I would have to see where I could supplement my income."

Elsewhere across the United States the economic ripple effect of the closed docks spread.

Port workers were laid off in Washington state, and farmers scrambled to find new markets or alternate routes to get their produce to Asian markets. Wyoming's soda ash industry, heavily dependent on foreign markets, also braced for cutbacks, officials said.

Some of the lockout's swiftest economic blows have fallen on the thousands of independent truckers who usually spend 10 or more hours a day shuttling tons of cargo between the ports and transfer stations.

In Southern California alone, more than 12,000 rigs operated by those short-haul drivers and small companies were parked at cargo transfer stations Wednesday.

Grand jury declines to indict teens in burning

MIDLAND (AP) — A Midland County grand jury has declined to indict three Midland teens accused of setting a friend on fire three months ago.

Jurors reached their decision late Wednesday after the clerk's office had closed. The decision was filed and released Thursday.

Eva Marie Cedillo, 17, Casey Tim Owens, 18 and Monroe Rathbone, 17, were charged with aggravated assault after a videotape of the incident was confiscated by police.

The teens had faced up to 20 years in prison on the felony charges for allegedly dousing their friend with lighter fluid and igniting his entire body.

The victim, Jonathan Scott Perry, 17, suffered severe burns to most of his body in the July 14 incident.

He remained in critical condition for weeks after his injury, and spent 49 days in the hospital before being released into rehab about a month ago, information from the hospital gathered by the Midland Reporter-Telegram showed.

Authorities believe the incident may have been an attempt to re-enact a recently canceled MTV program called "Jackass," in which outlandish stunts are performed.

Stunned investigators have said Perry apparently was a willing participant, but the district attorney's office has said no one can consent to suffering serious bodily injury.

Lawyers hired by the teens' parents have said the teens have been worried about Perry's condition more than what might happen to them.

The case was delayed for weeks because Perry was unable to speak to investigators while he was on life-support systems.

Officers investigate fuel theft

Thefts

Chris Maxfield requested an officer at 208 N. Old Post Rd. Wednesday morning to report the theft of fuel. Officers submitted an offense report for Class B theft.

Juan Vargas Wednesday reported a break-in at his home at 3810 Noble Dr. Vargas said two lock boxes containing $1,100 cash were taken and a report for burglary of a habitation was filed.

An employee of 84 Truck and Trailer reported receiving a hot check Wednesday and a report for Class B theft by check was submitted.

Close patrol

A woman on 29th Street requested a close patrol of her residence in reference to having pumpkins stolen.

Obituaries

Virginia Harris

1919-2002

TUCUMCARI, N.M. — Virginia Harris, the grandmother of Leann Rogers of Snyder, died Tuesday, Oct. 1, in Amarillo where she had been under hospice care.

Service for Mrs. Harris, 83, is set for 2 p.m. in the Dunn Funeral Home Chapel with Dan Sanders, minister of the House Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in the Browning Cemetery in McAlister, N.M.

Mrs. Harris was born Jan. 17, 1919 in Pueblo, Colo., and was a retired public school teacher. She was a member of the Methodist Church, the retired teachers association, the McAlister Extension Club, the Liberty Extension Club and was an active 4-H supporter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl C. (Sam) Harris in 1991.

Survivors also include a son, Russell Harris of Jordan, N.M.; two daughters, Sue Parker of Las Cruces, N.M. and Oat Arko of Trinidad, Colo.; five other grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Her grandchildren and their spouses will serve as pallbearers.

Opal Bryan

1907-2002

SAN ANGELO — Opal B. Bryan, the grandmother of Eddie Pinson of Snyder, died Tuesday, Oct. 1, in a San Angelo care center.

Service for Mrs. Bryan, 95, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Jerold McBride officiating.

Born April 20, 1907 in McClenden, Tex., she married Porter W. Bryan on June 17, 1922 in Rockwall. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Bryan had been a resident of San Angelo since 1940 and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She also was preceded in death by two daughters, Anna Lois Pinson and Patsy Jo Stringer; and a grandson, Michael Evans.

Survivors include one daughter, Clara Faye Thomas of Tow; a brother Elbert Terry of Royce; 11 other grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

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Court places local man on probation

A 27-year-old Snyder man was placed on probation in 132nd District Court Wednesday after pleading guilty to an Aug. 24 charge of forgery.

Santa William Greenwood of 108 Ash pleaded guilty to forging a check on the account of Durwood Kruger of Hermleigh.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Greenwood to serve two years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail facility, probated for five years. Greenwood also was fined $750 and ordered to pay $330 in restitution to Kruger.

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Five gunned down in Maryland county over 16-hour period

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — Five people were slain within a few miles, gunned down one by one over 16 hours in public places in Washington's suburbs, authorities said today.

One of the victims was shot to death while riding a lawnmower.

Authorities were attempting to determine whether the shootings late Wednesday and early today were related. Investigators had not found any indication that the five victims were related in any way or had any conflict with anyone, Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose said.

Still, given the timing and location, "there's a strong possibity that they are all connected," police spokeswoman Joyce Utter said.

Police were looking for two people in a white cargo van, possibly with damage at the back. Several witnesses told police they saw such a vehicle leaving some of the shooting scenes.

The first slaying happened shortly after 6 p.m. Wednesday when a 55-year-old man shot in the parking lot of a Wheaton grocery store, police spokeswoman Nancy Demme said.

The man on the lawnmower was killed about 7:45 a.m. today in the White Flint area, and another man was shot at 8:15 a.m. while pumping gas at a Mobil station in the Aspen Hill area. He died at the scene.

About a half-hour later, a woman died at a post office next to the Leisure World retirement community in Silver Spring. She was shot in the head, according to a spokesman for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Department.

Another woman was then shot about 10 a.m. at a Shell gas station in Kensington. Mechanics at the gas station said they heard the shots but didn't see the person or persons who killed the woman, who was vacuuming her van.

"We didn't see any confrontation or anybody around her," mechanic John Mistery said.

As a precaution, Montgomery County schools canceled all outdoor activities and locked down school buildings. No one was being allowed to leave or enter school buildings unless a parent called ahead to retrieve their children. The lockdown would remain in effect until police said it was safe to lift the restrictions, schools spokeswoman Kate Harrison said.

Moose asked residents not to panic, especially parents, whom he urged not to rush to schools to get their children.

Schools in the District of Columbia also canceled outdoor activities.

In Fairfax County, Va., officers were posted at the American Legion Bridge on the Capital Beltway, in case the van tries to cross into Virginia.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 10/4	Sat 10/5	Sun 10/6
79/50	**76/55**	**68/46**
Mostly sunny skies. High 79F. Winds NNW at 10 to 15 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise 7:40 AM, Sunset 7:24 PM	Sunrise 7:40 AM, Sunset 7:23 PM	Sunrise 7:41 AM, Sunset 7:22 PM

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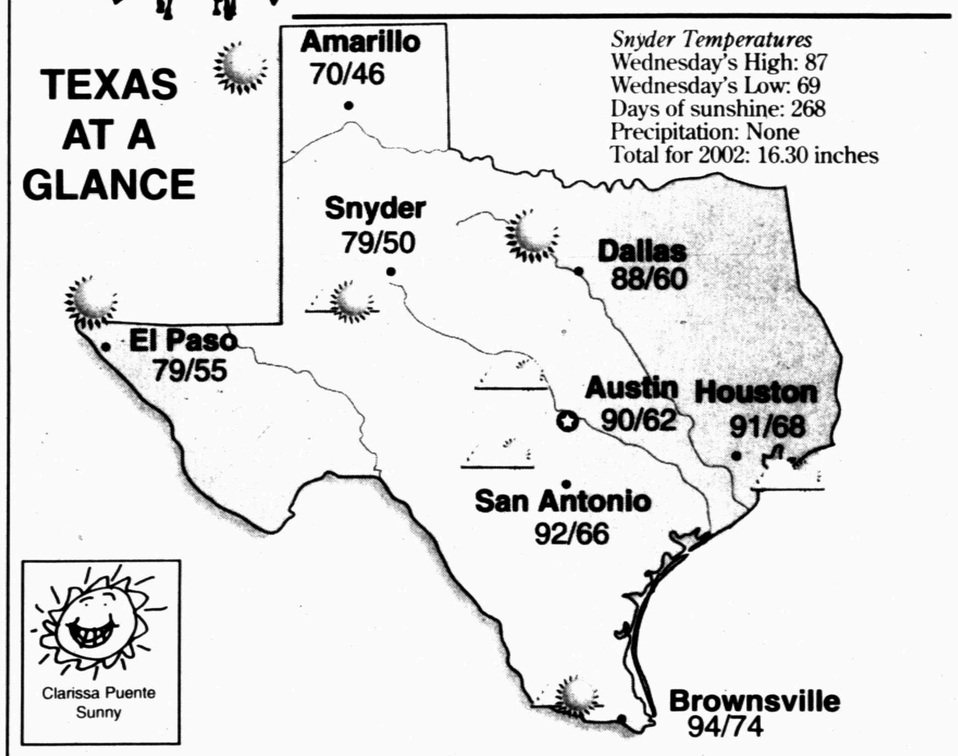
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Snyder Temperatures
Wednesday's High: 87
Wednesday's Low: 69
Days of sunshine: 268
Precipitation: None
Total for 2002: 16.30 inches



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Abilene	82	54	sunny	El Paso	79	55	sunny	Midland	81	53	sunny
Amarillo	70	46	sunny	Fort Stockton	84	56	sunny	Raymondville	94	71	pt sunny
Austin	90	62	pt sunny	Gainesville	86	53	sunny	Rosenberg	91	67	pt sunny
Beaumont	89	67	pt sunny	Greenville	87	55	sunny	San Antonio	92	66	pt sunny
Brownsville	94	74	sunny	Houston	91	68	pt sunny	San Marcos	92	63	pt sunny
Brownwood	88	56	sunny	Kingsville	92	70	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	88	54	sunny
Corpus Christi	91	71	pt sunny	Livingston	91	61	pt sunny	Sweetwater	82	52	sunny
Corsicana	89	58	sunny	Longview	89	58	pt sunny	Tyler	89	60	pt sunny
Dallas	88	60	sunny	Lubbock	75	48	sunny	Weatherford	87	54	sunny
Del Rio	93	69	sunny	Lufkin	92	61	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	80	51	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	65	t-storm	Houston	91	68	pt sunny	Phoenix	86	65	sunny
Boston	63	60	pt sunny	Los Angeles	74	58	pt sunny	San Francisco	71	55	pt sunny
Chicago	74	52	t-storm	Miami	88	77	pt sunny	Seattle	63	45	pt sunny
Dallas	88	60	sunny	Minneapolis	55	42	rain	St. Louis	77	54	t-storm
Denver	57	39	pt sunny	New York	67	64	cloudy	Washington, DC	77	68	rain

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Sep 29	Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 21

UV Index

Fri 10/4	Sat 10/5	Sun 10/6
High	High	Low

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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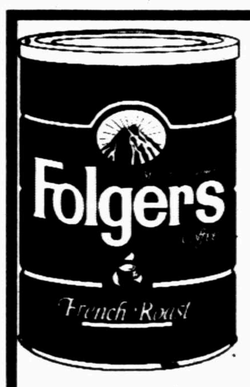

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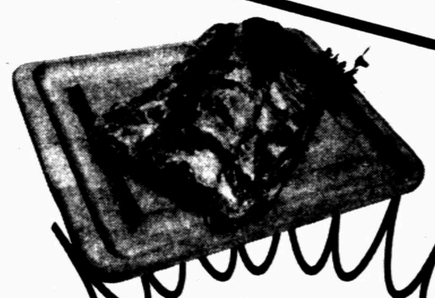

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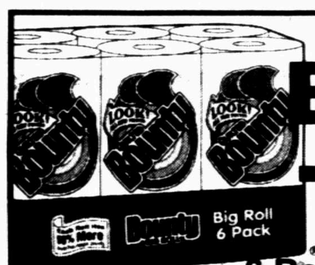

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