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Petitions circulate for hospital district

Twenty petitions are being circulated in the community seeking an an election for the creation of a hospital district in Scurry County.

Nick Blythe, spokesperson for the Scurry County Coalition for Quality Health Services, said the petitions will be presented to the commissioners' court on Monday.

Blythe said 100 signatures of registered voters are needed to present to the court.

Blythe said two copies of the petition are at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, one in the entrance way at the admitting office, and the other in the auxiliary office in the same area.

"If need be, a person can call me at 574-1015 and I'll bring the petition to them to sign," said Blythe.

Blythe is the director of respiratory therapy at Cogdell, and also the administrator of the rural health clinic.

"Basically, we're circulating the petition in order to call the election for the district to allow the community to vote on it," said Blythe.

"We want to give them the chance to voice their opinion and if it fails, we'll look at other alternatives."

On the petition, the steering committee has set a tax cap on the hospital district at 50 cents per $100 valuation – the maximum allowed by law is 75 cents per $100 valuation.

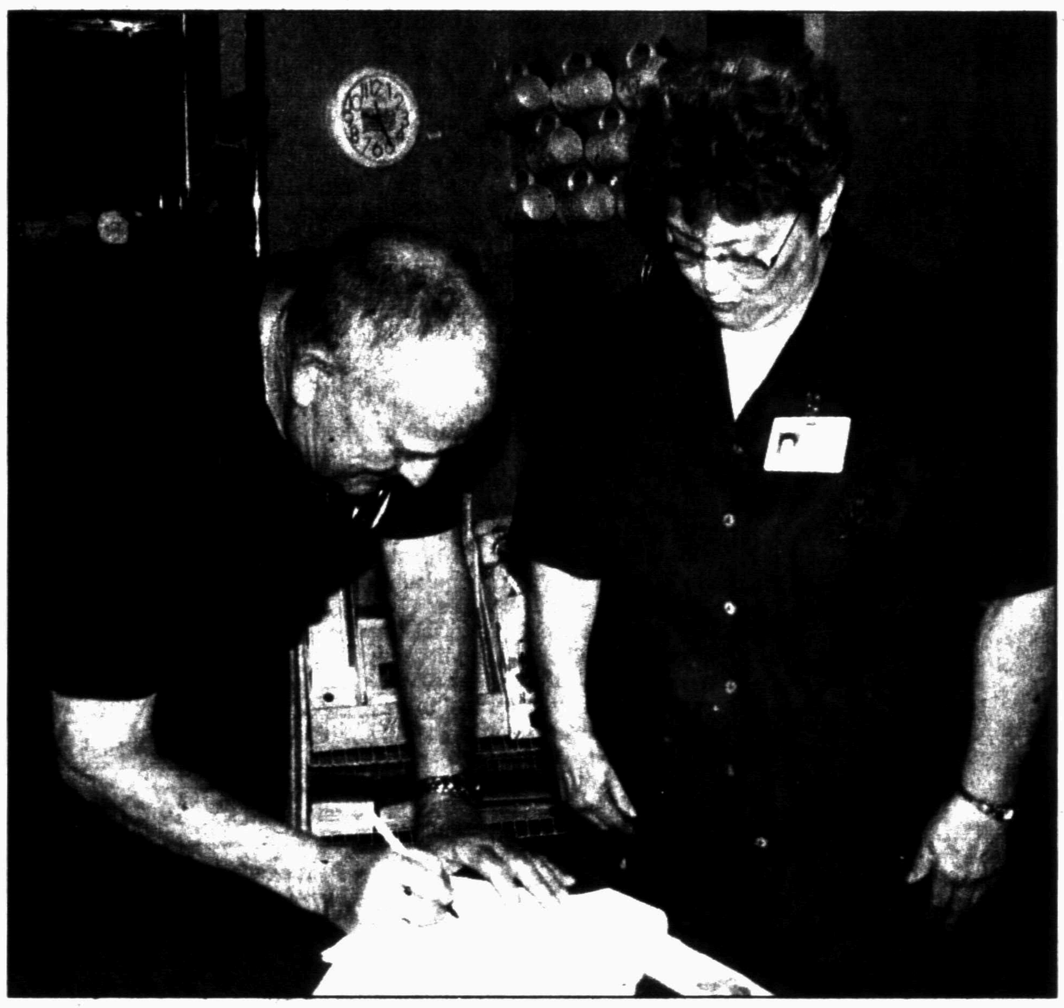
Earlier, another committee member Bill Dickinson said the hospital district, if passed, would initially start with a 20 cents per $100 valuation.

Hospital board president Carl Williams will lead a discussion on the formation of a hospital district at Thursday hospital board meeting.

The agenda for the 8 a.m. meeting also includes the monthly medical staff report from Dr. Bid Cooper, and several other reports to include housekeeping, quality improvement and safety.

A hospital foundation director also will be appointed, and chief financial officer Jared Squires will make a recommendation on transcription services.

Squires also will give the monthly financial report, as well as an up-to-date operational review.



PETITION SIGNING – Harold Yearwood, past president and member of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, signs the petition calling for a vote to create a hospital district in Scurry County. Jo Cotton, director of volunteers at the hospital, looks on. (SDN Staff Photo)

Police warn of scam artists

Sgt. Terry Luecke of the Snyder Police Department today issued a warning of scam artists operating in the area.

A Snyder woman was caught up in a ruse that she reported to the police on Tuesday. An individual called her claiming to be an insurance agent and requested payment. The subject then went to the woman's residence and collected the money.

The victim was able to recover her money with the help of the police.

Interviews begin for chamber executive

The board of directors of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce will hold two interviews Thursday as it continues the search for an executive director.

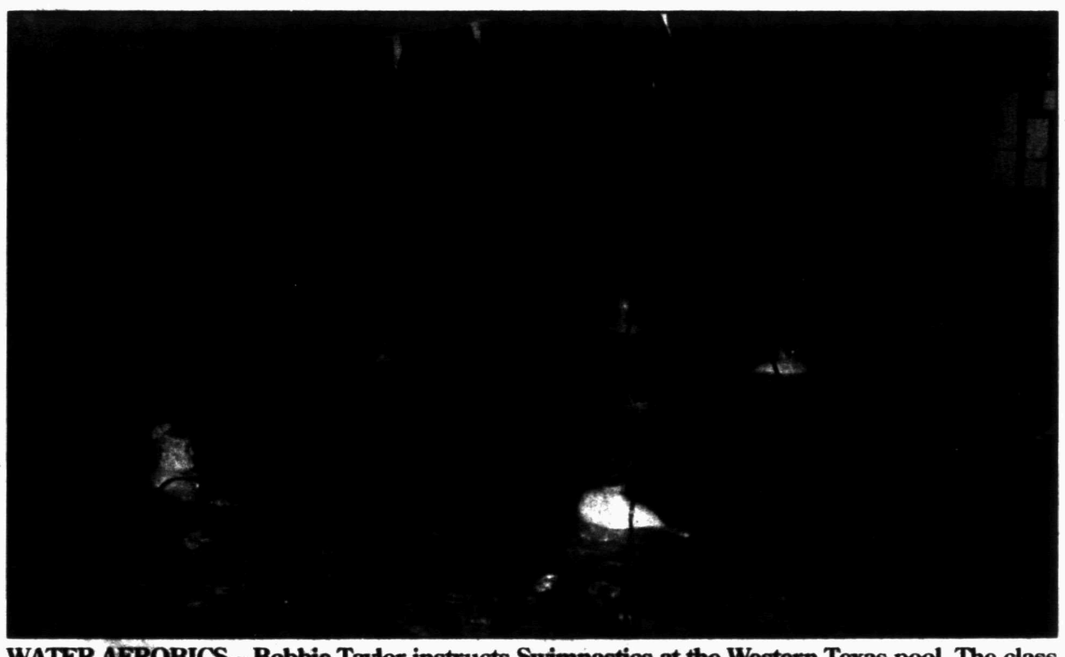
Richard Waters of Grapevine will be interviewed at 3 p.m., while Susie White of Snyder will meet with the board at 5 o'clock.

On Tuesday, Susie Henry of Odessa will meet with the board for a 5 p.m. interview.

Waters, a former Snyder resident, is president of Waters Investments Inc. and is a past sales manager for NCR.

White currently works at Cogdell Memorial Hospital and formerly was manager of the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch.

Henry has been in retail project management at Lajitas Resort and has been manager of Odessa Country Club.



WATER AEROBICS – Bobbie Taylor instructs Swimnastics at the Western Texas pool. The class is free for seniors. No registration is necessary, just show up with a swimsuit on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

Redistricting map tentatively approved by Texas Senators

AUSTIN (AP) — A congressional redistricting bill has emerged from the Texas Senate for the first time since the battle over redrawing political lines began four months ago.

The bill was tentatively approved 18-13 late Tuesday night, largely along party lines and is expected to get final approval today. Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo was the lone Republican to vote against the bill.

The House adopted a different map last week. Once the Senate map is given final approval, the two chambers will come together in a conference committee to try to work out differences between the two maps.

The Senate map marks the first time this year redistricting has been debated on the Senate floor, after a monthlong warfare that included two Democratic walkouts and two fruitless special sessions.

Republicans say the map could give the GOP an additional three to five seats in the state's congressional delegation that is now ruled 17-15 by Democrats.

During nine hours of floor debate, Democrats ardently fought the plan, proposing amendments, giving lengthy speeches, peppering the map's author, Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, with questions and trying parliamentary maneuvers to postpone debate.

One of two adopted amendments, would split Webb County into two congressional districts. The change angered Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo.

"It dilutes the voting strength of Webb County by dividing it," Zaffirini said. "What I hope is that will be changed in conference committee."

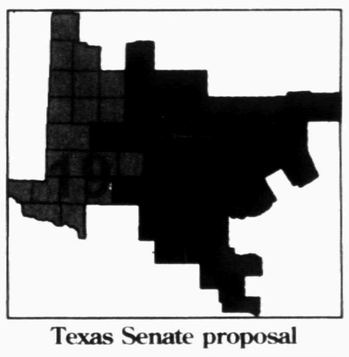
Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, also opposed the amendment by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, because the change to Webb County also would be reflected in Bexar County.

The other amendment would change northeast Texas so that the rural district would not be represented by a suburban Dallas congressman.

After a 45-day boycott of the Texas Legislature by Senate Democrats, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst commended both sides for "working together in a respectful way."

"Today was the Senate doing it's respectful deliberations on a very tough subject," Dewhurst said.

Democrats vowed not to let Republicans pass a map without a fight.



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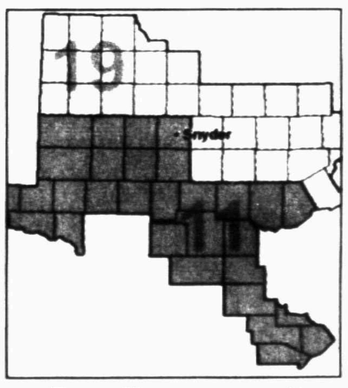

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THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Shirley A. Gorman

I wouldn't make a good critic. First, I would watch only the movies I like. That means no sob stories, no sad endings and no long-drawn out snail-paced boring tales. Instead there would be lots of action, adventure, special effects, chills and thrills.

Critics go for the tear-jerkers, the down-and-out tales, the foreign films, especially if they have subtitles. Critics want to "learn something" or be made to feel emotion.

For the most part, I just want to have fun. Steven Spielberg is one of my favorite directors but I have never watched *Schindler's List*, and I probably never will. Just thinking about the Holocaust is enough to get me down. I don't need to see it projected on a big screen.

I don't pay much attention to reviews, because I usually like a different type of movie than the reviewer does. As someone once told me, "critics are paid to criticize." And believe me they do. Many of the movies I like get ripped to shreds.

I was blown away by *Underworld* so it doesn't surprise me that most critics didn't like it. But *Underworld*, a tale of vampires and werewolves duking it out for centuries, wasn't made for critics, but for people like me who like horror movies. For that genre it is very good. It has the quality of Wesley Snipes' *Blade*.

I haven't seen *Jeepers Creepers 2* yet, but I did enjoy the first movie when it was released a couple of years ago. One reviewer recently took the sequel to task because, among other complaints, the "monster feeds every 23 years." He wanted to know who makes up these rules.

News flash Mr. Reviewer Guy, the writer makes up these rules. There is no Critics Monster Movie Guide that horror filmmakers have to follow. They make up the rules as they go along.

I am a big fan of the first *Bad Boys* movie so I eagerly looked forward to the sequel. Okay, it probably should have ended sooner than it did, and it was way over the top but I laughed all the way through it, the most I have laughed at a movie in quite a while.

Sure it was loud and probably more than a little irreverent, and most of the humor was definitely lowbrow, but hey it was a summer action movie and that's what fans like me like to see.

Was it a realistic portrayal of actual police work? Of course not! Real cops couldn't get away with a fraction of the stuff that Will Smith's and Martin Lawrence's characters do. But this is just a fun movie. Realism does not apply. Enjoy *Bad Boys 2* with popcorn, recommend it to a friend (or not) and go on about your business.

I usually don't pay too much attention to critics because often they disagree, even when on the same program. When Matthew Mcconaughey's *Frailty* was released a few years ago, I just happened to see two review shows back-to-back. *Hot Ticket* lambasted the movie, ripped the story to shreds and said Mcconaughey couldn't act.

However, *Ebert and Roeper* sang the movie's praises and said Mcconaughey is a great actor.

Who are movie-goers supposed to believe? Throw a dart and take your pick I guess. I haven't seen the movie yet so I don't know who was right? And I don't care. *Frailty* doesn't sound like a movie I want to see.

ASK US

Q—What is the record for redfish at Lake Colorado City?

A—30.08 lbs., 44 inches.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Megan Fletcher...

...is a senior at Snyder High School and has lived in Snyder for 12 years.

She works for United Supermarkets. Her parents are are Curtis and K'Ann Fletcher. She has one sister, Brenna. Grandparents are Don and Amelia Ray.

She is a member of the student council.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you sit there long enough.

—Will Rogers

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Word is Life fundraiser

The Word is Life Deliverance Church is having a fundraiser to benefit its Youth Group Mission. The group is selling 2004 God's Creation calendars for $6 each. Call Davina Douglass at 573-2949. Persons needing a ride to each Wednesday's children's church at 7 p.m. or the regular services at that time can contact William Clayton at 573-5305.

Free country-gospel concert

The Central Baptist Church at 438 Wheat in Hermleigh will sponsor a free country-gospel concert at 7 this evening. There is no charge, but a love offering will be taken. A nursery will be provided.

Stanfield cookie dough

Cookie dough orders can be picked up between 4 and 6 p.m. Thursday and 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. Friday in the gym. Money should be turned in by Oct. 3.

Cub Scout bike rally

Cub Scouts will have a bicycle rally beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the coliseum parking lot. For more information, call Rhonda at 573-6090 or Chris at 573-5183.

Antique Tractor, Equipment Club

Scurry County Antique Tractor and Equipment Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Jack's Road Boring on the Colorado City Hwy. For more information, call 573-4414.

Annual Jamaica

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church's annual Jamaica is Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Besides food, DJ and live music, the event will also feature volleyball, horseshoe and washers tournament and a talent show for all ages. Folkorico Dancers will perform and there will also be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Ira Masonic Lodge

50-year pins will be presented by the Ira Masonic Lodge at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the lodge. All Master Masons are invited. RSVP by Thursday by calling 573-6733.

Special church services

Word is Life Deliverance Church at 312 Coliseum Dr. will host Pastor Fred Adams of San Angelo during the Sunday morning service. Pastor Adams will bring his anointed youth dance group. Lunch will be served after the service.

Candlelight pep rally

SHS Student Council will have a candlelight pep rally following the annual homecoming parade Monday. Plastic milk jug cartons are needed. Bring to SHS office.

Thee Place Women's Ministry study

Thee Place Women's Ministry will begin Beth Moore's study, "A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place" next Wednesday at 6 p.m. To order a workbook at $15, contact Melissa Petty at 573-0455 before Friday. Thee Place is located at 904 26th St.

Important GED dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be Thursday, Oct. 2, at the GED testing center, Western Texas College, Building 7B, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The math segment of the GED will begin promptly at 8 a.m. on the following day, Friday, Oct. 3. For more information about the GED test, call Betty Thompson, 573-2310, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

First Christian fajita dinner

First Christian Church, 37th and Austin, has set its annual park and eat fajita dinner for Friday, Oct. 3, from 5-7 p.m. Call 573-6115 or 573 6687 for advance tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Homecoming floats

Any club or organization that would like to enter a float or vehicle in the homecoming parade should contact Christy Smith at 573-6301. Fees: Floats, $15; vehicles, $10 and golf carts $5. Also, freshman students and parents are needed to work on the homecoming parade float, Monday-Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Keith Matthies Construction's building, 1706 30th St.

Homecoming parade

The lineup for SHS' homecoming parade, hosted by the student council, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday. The parade begins at 7 p.m. It will start at the old IGA parking lot, come down 42nd Street and end at the football stadium, concluding with a candlelight pep rally, also hosted by the student council and the cheerleaders. To participate or enter a float, call Christy Smith at 573-6301.

First Baptist support group

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

Quilt showing

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

Addresses sought

E-mail addresses or phone numbers are still needed for members of Snyder High School class of 1963 to plan a reunion. Information may be sent to t.dolan@mail.utexas or call 325-207-1718 and leave a message.

1950s dance contest

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

Organize riding club

Anyone interested in forming a riding club for families is asked to contact Debbie Elder at 325 574-1622.

Senior citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens at WTC is held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 573-4035.

Democrats: Rebuilding timetable too vague

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats say a Bush administration timetable for the rebuilding of Iraq lacks detail and seems to impose on Iraqis a U.S. view of what their country should look like.

The timetable, obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press, lays out U.S. objectives for the country and provides a three-phase schedule for dozens of nation-building activities under way in Iraq.

The broad, often vague outline lists plans for gradually refashioning the country's government, security, economy and public works systems. Out of an $87 billion package for Iraq and Afghanistan President Bush has sent Congress, $20.3 billion is for rebuilding Iraq.

"The future prosperity of Iraq's citizens depends on the use of Iraqi resources to foster the development of a market-based economy," the report says. "This needs to be done in a manner that is economically, socially and environmentally sustainable for the long-term benefit of all Iraqi people."

Under the plan, some new taxes would be levied by October. By January, the tax system would be changed — perhaps with a value-added tax, similar to a national sales tax. A new tax system would be implemented, and tax administrators would be trained by February or later.

Iraqis would not be allowed to run their police forces and operate their own ports and railroads before February. By next month, the plan specifies that all courthouses would be reopened, sabotage of electrical lines halted and movement begun toward drafting an Iraqi constitution.

"The coalition is firmly committed to the future of Iraq," the paper states. "The CPA (Coalition Provisional Authority) succeeds when Iraq succeeds. Hence, we will stay as long as necessary, and not a day longer."

L. Paul Bremer, the U.S. administrator in Iraq, promoted the plan Monday to the Senate Appropriations panel but cautioned it was not etched in stone.

"We have to be flexible about the plan. My motto is, 'Strategic clarity and tactical flexibility,'" he said.

The plan was written by the Coalition Provisional Authority, headed by Bremer, which currently governs Iraq.

Its distribution comes as Ahmad Chalabi, leader of the U.S.-installed transition government of Iraq, is in the United States lobbying for international and U.S. support for a quick turnover of authority to Iraqis.

It also comes amid calls by congressional Democrats — and some Republicans — for the Bush administration to release a clear statement of its plans and timetable for the U.S. effort to sculpt a nation out of post-Saddam Hussein Iraq.

"No, it's not sufficient," Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., a harsh critic of U.S. policy in Iraq, said of the plan in a brief interview. "We need hearings to flesh this out."

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., top Democrat on the Senate Appropriations foreign operations subcommittee, said the document is too general and specifies no clear end for U.S. spending in Iraq.

Leahy also objected to the opening line in the report's summary, which reads, "Now that Saddam Hussein's regime has been removed, the Iraqi people have the opportunity to realize the president's vision of a stable, prosperous and democratic Iraq."

"Some, considering that their civilization is a bit older than ours, might consider that a bit condescending," Leahy said in an interview. "Some might think the Iraqi people might want to be asked if they want an American president to determine what their vision would be."

DONATION — The Scurry County 4-H Horse Club recently received a $1,000 matching funds check from Wal-Mart for a bake sale recently held at the store. Carol Perez, left, Wal-Mart support manager; presented the check to Anita Goodger. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

'Snakehead' fish are found in Rock River

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) — A carnivorous alien fish known for its voracious appetite and ability to wriggle short distances on land has been found in southern Wisconsin's Rock River.

The discovery of the 2-foot-long giant snakehead by the state Department of Natural Resources marks the first time the species, a native of Asia, has been found in Wisconsin waters, where officials said it may not survive the winter cold.

"This was a real wake-up call," said Mike Staggs, director of fisheries at the DNR.

The giant snakehead can grow to more than three feet in length, and fish managers say that with no natural predator, it could change the local fish population and introduce new diseases.

A year ago, wildlife officials in Maryland killed six adult and more than 1,000 juvenile northern snakehead, a close relative to the giant snakehead, found in a pond.

The DNR found the giant snakehead during a routine fish survey of the Rock River Sept. 4.

The DNR said an employee misidentified the fish as a native bowfin. It was photographed and released before the DNR later concluded it was a snakehead.

Date Book

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003

Today is the 267th day of 2003 and the second day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, the Judiciary Act was signed, establishing the Supreme Court of the United States.

On this day in 1852, the recently invented dirigible was demonstrated for the first time.

On this day in 1908, the first factory-built Ford Model T car was completed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: F. Scott Fitzgerald (1896-1940), author; Jim Henson (1936-1990), puppeteer; Linda McCartney (1941-1998), photographer and musician; Phil Hartman (1948-1998), actor; Nia Vardalos (1962-), actress and filmmaker, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1957, the Brooklyn Dodgers played their last game at Ebbets Field.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It takes a genius to whine appealingly" — F. Scott Fitzgerald

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Sept. 18) and new moon (Sept. 26).

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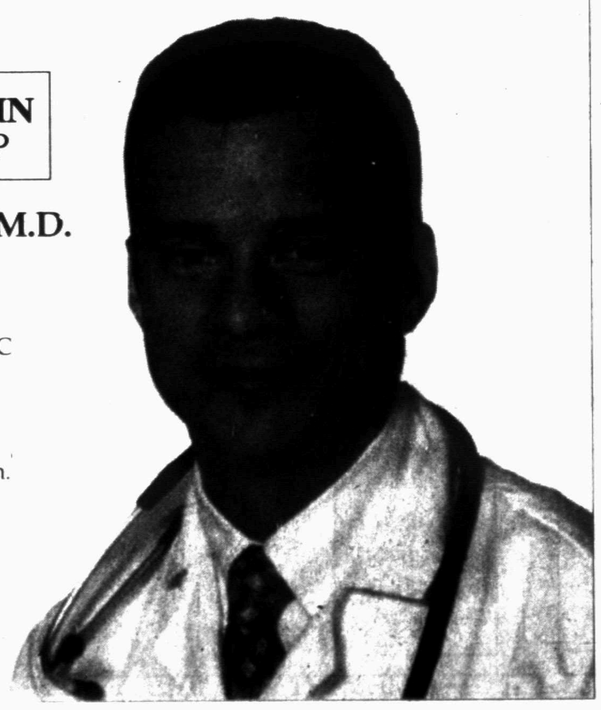

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Tuesday's Lottery Numbers
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 1-19-29-32. Bonus ball 12. Estimated jackpot: $350,000

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 3-4-25-31-35

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Military analyst Clark sometimes praised Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — As a military analyst on television, Wesley Clark argued early that President Bush failed to make the case for the Iraq war. He predicted incisively that America would win quickly but face deadly trouble in the aftermath.

Where some Democratic presidential candidates have criticized Bush's foreign policy and postwar leadership with the benefit of hindsight, Clark can claim to have raised similar questions with foresight. So far, so good, for his new presidential campaign.

Less conveniently for his political aspirations, however, Clark at times heaped praise on Bush and his team for skillfully handling the Iraqi operation — even so far as to say the president should be proud for forging ahead despite the naysaying.

On Bush's broader war on terror, Clark expressed confidence, well into the Afghan conflict, that the United States was moving deliberately to win the global campaign. Now, as a candidate, he characterizes the Bush administration's actions from the start as "obfuscation and slow investigations and memos and shenanigans and creating departments."

It doesn't suit Democratic contenders for the presidency to say anything nice about Bush, and Clark is hardly alone in playing up criticism that would have seemed unpatriotic when America was at war.

But the former NATO supreme commander comes to the campaign with a unique body of work — a huge volume of opinions, insight, guesswork and play-by-play commentary on the chaos of the day, delivered as a military analyst for CNN and frequent contributor to newspapers during the Iraq and Afghan wars.

Some portions of that portfolio are more helpful to his campaign than others.

In this politically charged climate, America's record in Iraq is fair game for Democrats, and Clark is attacking Bush full bore on it. "What is the intent, what is the plan, Mr. President?" Clark demanded in a warm-up to announcing his candidacy last week. "Because the commander in chief better have a plan, and we haven't heard it yet."

Months earlier, Clark was full of admiration for the way the Bush team was conducting the military operation. He spoke of a "very strong leadership team in this government" and marveled at how "everybody there is galvanized by the mission."

That's not to say Clark agreed with the decision to attack.

"The administration has never been able to make the case effectively," he argued in February, shortly before the war began. "The American public doesn't understand the urgency of this, and there's not broad support."

He asked Americans then not to blame the soldiers because they were only following orders into battle. "And my concern is that this is a political issue; the president and his party put this forward," he said bitingly.

Clark also was cautious about plunging into battle after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, when many Americans were out for vengeance.

Three days after the attacks, he counseled this response: "It's fundamentally a police effort against individuals. It's not a military effort directed against factories and airfields. You may still need to use military force, but you have to use it in a very precise way."

It became a huge military effort to uproot the government of Afghanistan and the terrorist network it harbored. Clark seemed to swing behind the strategy once it was set, and he voiced confidence in the outcome.

On Iraq, before any shots were fired, Clark sketched out the dangers that would follow the fall of Saddam Hussein.

"I think there will be a lot of tensions inside Iraq, and I think that we will be welcomed very warmly at the outset but afterward, as these tensions begin to assert themselves, it'll be convenient for many different groups to look on us as the source of their problems rather than the solution," he said in February. "And I think our troops will be at some risk there."

Chinese publisher alters part of memoir

BEIJING (AP) — For weeks, the translation of Hillary Clinton's autobiography has been one of China's hottest books. But some portions of the senator and former first lady's original text have been censored or shortened in the mainland version, and the U.S. publisher is demanding a recall.

Clinton's memoir, "Living History," runs 466 pages in Chinese and contains at least 10 segments where sensitive topics have been changed or deleted. They include material on Harry Wu, a Chinese-American human rights activist, and the 1989 Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests.

Such retooling is a common practice by Beijing's authoritarian communist government, which tightly controls all media and the Internet despite promises of growing openness in an increasingly free-market economy.

"We have made technical changes to the content in some parts of the book in order to win more Chinese readers," said Liu Feng, deputy editor-in-chief of Yilin Publishing House, the publisher of the Chinese version.

"But," Liu insisted, "the changes do not hurt the integrity of the book."

He didn't specify exactly what was altered. Since the memoir was released in China on Aug. 3, more than 200,000 copies have been printed in at least four editions.

Clinton, who signed a $8 million deal to write the book, was "amazed and outraged" by the changes, The New York Times reported.

The Times said Clinton and Simon & Schuster, the memoir's American publisher, had sent a letter to Yilin demanding it recall the Chinese edition. The letter also calls for a new translation that faithfully follows the original, the newspaper said.

Simon & Schuster's Web site posted a page flagging the changes in red.

"The Chinese edition of Hillary Clinton's 'Living History' published by Yilin Press ... includes changes to the original text in various sections in the book," the site says. It provides English and Chinese versions of what was missing or altered.

On its Web site, Simon & Schuster offered no editorial comment or assessment of the changes.

One section in the Chinese version says Wu had been detained and was awaiting sentencing for spying. The original version says Wu is a "human rights activist who had spent 19 years as a political prisoner in Chinese labor camps," according to the Web site.

Simon & Schuster released the book in the United States on June 9. First-day sales topped 200,000 as people rushed to buy the memoir, in which Clinton recounts, among other things, her pain and shock at her husband's affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Liu said Yilin had received an English copy of the book on June 2 and had rushed to put out a translation to beat the counterfeiters and stem the almost inevitable slew of illegal copies.

"It is our fault that we did not contact Simon & Schuster and inform them about the changes in time," Liu said.

"In order to fight piracy and protect the rights of both Simon & Schuster and ourselves, we had to speed up our effort to publish the book," he said. "The only thing in our mind at that time was to get the book published as soon as possible."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Dad disconnects teen's plan to ask his daughter for a date

DEAR ABBY: I am a junior on the high school football team. "Amy" is one of our school's cheerleaders. We get along great and I want to ask her out. The problem is, I called Amy's house and asked to talk to her, but her father wouldn't let her come to the phone until I gave him my full name and told him where I was from. He made me nervous, and before I could answer, he hung up on me. Did I do anything wrong? — **JACK THE JOCK IN JERSEY**

DEAR JACK: You didn't "do" anything wrong. However, there are certain rules of telephone courtesy, and you failed to follow them. I list them all in my booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know." This booklet may be ordered by sending a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Some telephone tips from my teen booklet:

1. When you call, identify yourself immediately and ask for the person with whom you wish to speak. ("Hello, Mrs. Jones. This is Jack Smith. May I please speak to Amy?") Remember to speak up and sound confident. Don't mumble. Don't make anyone guess who you are; that's childish. If you are afraid you'll be so nervous you'll forget your telephone manners, write down what you want to say before you call. Then read it!

2. Always make the call yourself. If you haven't the courage to call and ask for a date yourself, then you aren't old enough to date.

3. If you're calling to ask for a date, specify the day and time, and explain what you have in mind so the person you are inviting will know what to wear.

4. Do not call at the last minute. It reduces your chances for an acceptance. ("Gee! You should have called sooner. I've promised to baby-sit tonight.")

Pay attention to these basic rules. They will come in handy for the rest of your life and the telephone will be your ally.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 27 years old and I'm having flashbacks. At night, when I try to go to sleep, I see my ex-husband beating me, and other nights I relive my miscarriage. It has been six years since it happened, and I don't know why it is still bothering me. My nightmares are worse now than they have ever been.

Abby, I don't know how to stop these pictures in my head. Shouldn't I have gotten over these things by now?

I am now engaged, and my fiance is the greatest. I don't want to hurt him by obsessing about my hurtful past. Is there anything I can do? — **CONFUSED IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR CONFUSED: Sometimes, when someone has experienced extreme trauma — physical violence and a miscarriage would both qualify — that person needs professional help to put it to rest and get past it. Pick up the phone and ask the operator for the number of the nearest rape crisis hotline. They offer counseling for the kind of physical and emotional battering you received, and it won't matter that it happened six years ago. Please don't wait to make the call. Help is available for you.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 09-24-03
♠ A K Q 10
♥ 10 7 6
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 7 2

West
♠ 7 4
♥ A Q 9 5 4
♦ K 3
♣ 9 6 5 3

East
♠ J 8 6 3
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 7 4
♣ Q J 10 8

South
♠ 9 5 2
♥ K J
♦ A J 8 5 2
♣ A K 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

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

Opening lead: ♥ 5

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003

With useless cards, give count

By Phillip Alder

We have all heard about third hand playing high. If one defender leads a low card and the next hand also goes low, the third hand plays high, trying to make it as difficult as possible for the fourth hand to win the trick. (And, if you have equally high cards, you play the bottom of equals; for example, from Q-J-x, put up the jack.) However, there are two positions in which you should resist third hand high.

The first arises when playing third hand high can never help the defenders to gain a trick.

Then, there is the situation highlighted by today's deal. How should the defense go against three no-trump?

After West leads the heart five, it looks automatic for East to cover dummy's six with his eight — but it is wrong!

When your highest card is lower than a nine, you should give count. If you have a doubleton, play your higher card; if you have a tripleton, play your lowest.

It looks weird to drop the heart two, but — believe me! — it can never affect the number of tricks in the suit won by each side. And here it tells West how to defend.

If the two were a singleton, that would give South four hearts, but he denied a four-card major in the auction. (This is one reason why North might have dispensed with Stayman and jumped straight to three no-trump.) So, after declarer wins with his heart jack, crosses to dummy with a spade, and takes the diamond finesse, West wins with the king and knows to cash the heart ace to drop South's king. Three more heart tricks later, the contract is one down.

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Today's chuckle

Jersey City mayor publishes comic book

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — As if Hudson County politics weren't colorful enough, Mayor Glenn D. Cunningham is publishing his own comic book, "The Adventures of Mayor-Man."

Released amid Cunningham's bid for state Senate and paid for by a campaign committee, the comic transforms his real-life experience as a U.S. Marine, police captain and U.S. marshal into the stuff of a fiscally responsible, child-friendly super hero.

The premier issue of Mayor-Man opens with Cunningham working alone late one rainy day, trying "keep taxes low for the people," and "find more money for programs for kids," when his wife, known as "Lady One," bursts into his office.

"Mayor, a young kid is in trouble. He needs your help," she says. "I think this is a job for Mayor-Man."

The mayor, soon hit with a pulse of energy, blasts out of City Hall, flying through the roof and into the sky, Superman-style, before swooping down just in time to snatch a child from the path of a speeding car.

In two other sequences, Mayor-Man catches an escaped prisoner and unifies a crowd hotly divided over the war in Iraq.

The point of the comic book, Cunningham said, is to connect with children and their parents. The 10,000 copies Cunningham plans to print will be distributed in places where children gather other than schools.

Cunningham said he doesn't think of himself as a superhero. For adults, the comic book is "tongue-in-cheek," he said.

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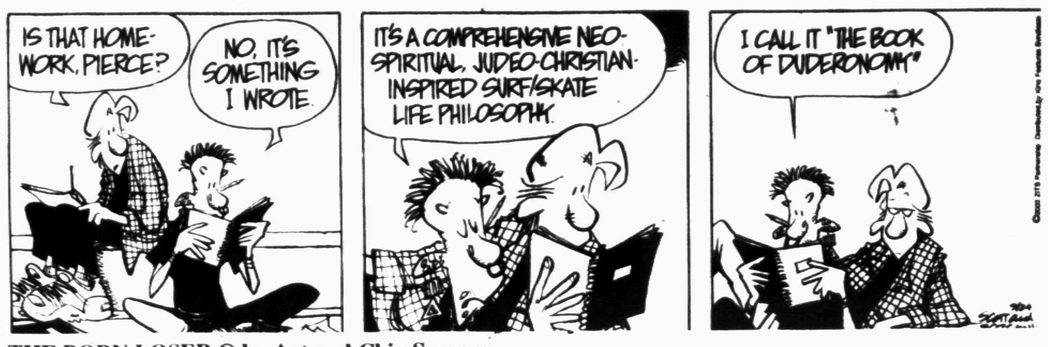

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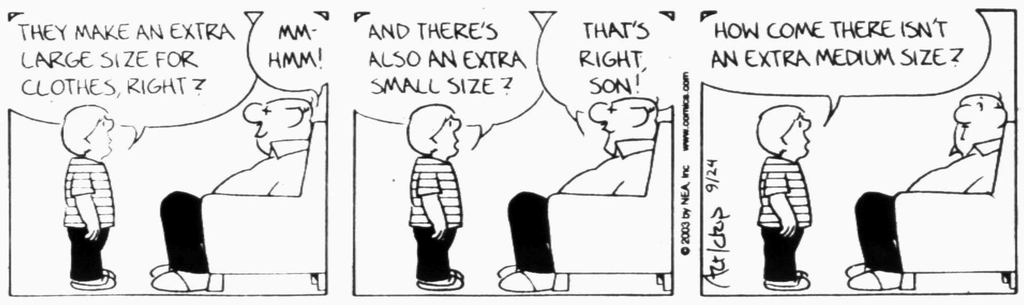

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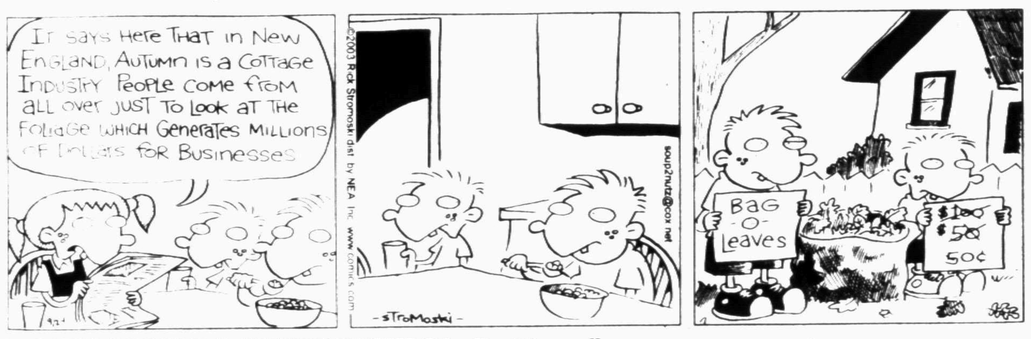

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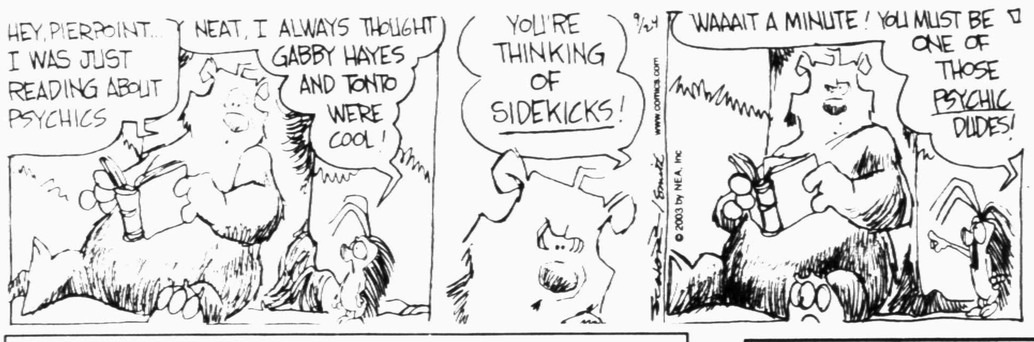

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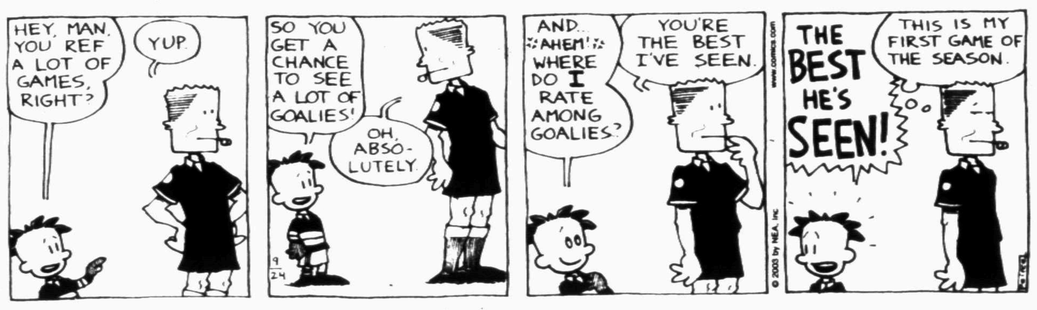

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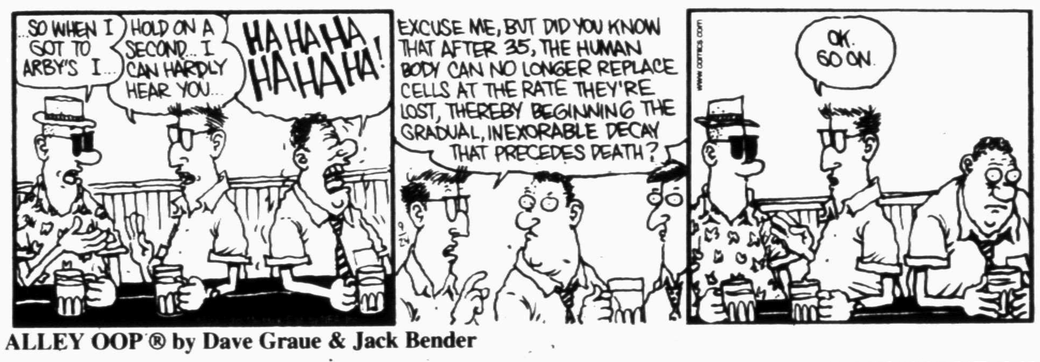

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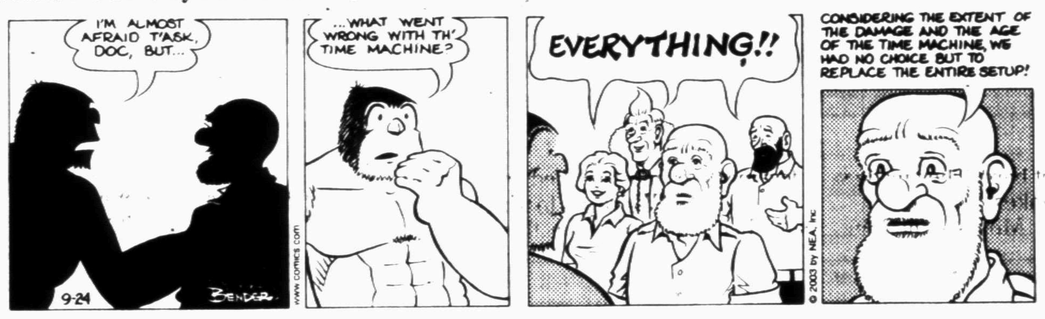

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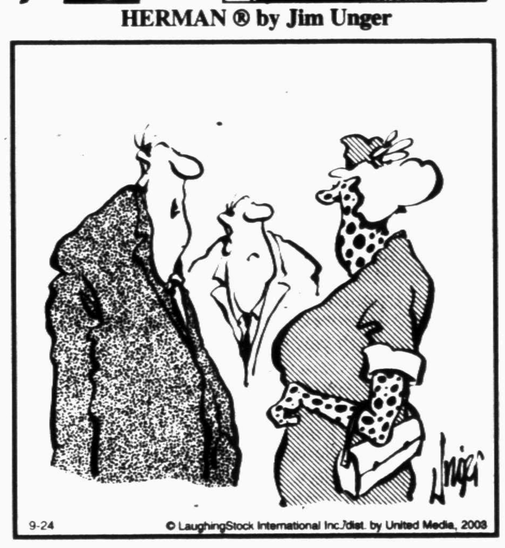

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KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright

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ACROSS

1 Wild horse
6 Asked a question
11 Let borrow
12 Pair
13 Rust and patina
14 Not wholesale
15 Removed dishes
16 Pocket bread
17 Fuel cartel
18 Bro or sis
19 Chemist's weight
23 Ukraine capital
25 French I verb
26 Spoil
29 Artist's wear
32 Electric —
33 Kyoto sash
34 One-tenth
35 Mach 1 exceeder
36 Senora
38 "Othello" villain
40 Vein of coal
41 Explosive letters
42 Gamble
46 Stuffed shirt
48 Preference
49 Dozing
52 Hamburger go-with
53 Berry patch hazard
54 Total
55 Keyed in data
56 Jaunty lid

DOWN

1 Package (2 wds.)
2 Union demand
3 Next to bat (2 wds.)
4 Scholarship basis
5 LP successors
6 Ballad writer
7 Loss of power
8 Mineral spring
9 Yale athlete
10 N.J. neighbor
11 Gray wolf
12 Storage bin
16 In rotation
18 Truck-stop sight
20 66 and I-80
21 Mars, to Plato
22 Dissolve
24 Hobby ender
26 Fishing gear
27 Band member
28 Magazine editor — Brown
30 Talk casually
31 Barbecue extra
37 Unit of current
39 Eloquent speaker
41 Gratuities
43 Flow out
44 Feat
45 Hoarded
47 Rip apart
48 Not exciting
49 Bar mem.
50 Meek
51 Cut off, as branches
52 Urban transport

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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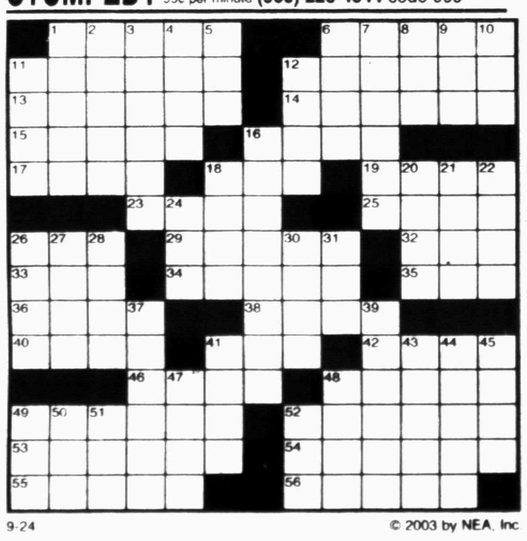

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

"WHICH DO YOU THINK CAME FIRST... THE CHICKEN SALAD OR THE EGG SALAD?"

SPORTS

Yankees, A's, Twins all clinch divisions

By The Associated Press

It was a night of clinches in the American League, with the New York Yankees, Minnesota Twins and Oakland Athletics wrapping up the three division titles in a 2½-hour span.

The Yankees began Tuesday night's celebrations, clinching their sixth straight AL East title as Jason Giambi hit a grand slam in the ninth inning and Jose Contreras struck out a career-high nine in a 7-0 victory in Chicago.

Of course with the Yankees, a division title isn't all that much to get excited about.

"Enjoy it for a couple of days," captain Derek Jeter told his teammates. "But we've got three more steps to go, fellas."

In Minneapolis, the Twins beat Cleveland 4-1 for their 10th in a row, then had to wait for Chicago and Kansas City to lose before they could celebrate their second straight Central title.

The Twins overcame a 7½-game deficit at the All-Star break, going 45-20 in the second half — the best record in baseball.

"We fought each other, we yelled at each other, we did everything we possibly could to motivate each other," first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz said. "We've been through a lot together."

At Oakland, the Athletics tied it in the ninth and beat Texas 4-3 on Adam Melhuse's RBI single in the 10th.

The A's clinched their second straight AL West title and fourth playoff trip in a row about 20 minutes later when second-place Seattle lost 2-1 in 11 innings in Anaheim.

"I hope you guys are ready for us to do something we haven't done the last couple years, and that's win a championship," pitcher Tim Hudson said. "Maybe this is the year we stumble to the finish line and win it all."

In other games, Detroit beat Kansas City 15-6, Boston edged Baltimore 6-5 in 10 innings, and Toronto beat Tampa Bay 8-5.

Yankees 7, White Sox 0

Nick Johnson and Juan Rivera hit solo homers, and Hideki Matsui drove in his team-high 106th run for the Yankees.

Chicago has lost nine of its last 13 games.

Jose Contreras (7-2) allowed four hits in eight innings to beat Mark Buehrle (14-14), who gave up two runs and eight hits in seven innings.

Twins 4, Indians 1

Kenny Rogers (13-8) came within one out of a shutout, allowing a two-out RBI single to Josh Bard. Eddie Guardado finished for his 40th save.

Shannon Stewart drove in two runs and Cristian Guzman went 2-for-2 with a homer and two runs.

Jake Westbrook (7-10) gave up four runs — three earned — and six hits in seven innings.

Athletics 4, Rangers 3

Adam Melhuse got the winning hit off Francisco Cordero (5-8), who blew his league-high 10th save.

Jermaine Dye had driven in the tying run for Oakland with a double in the ninth after Todd Greene's solo homer off closer Keith Foulke (9-1) in the top of the inning put Texas ahead 3-2.

Angels 2, Mariners 1

Tim Salmon homered off former teammate Shigetoshi Hasegawa (2-4) in the 11th. Randy Winn had tied the score in the ninth with an RBI single off Troy Percival.

Francisco Rodriguez (8-3) pitched a hitless 11th for the victory.

Tigers 15, Royals 6

Visiting Detroit (39-118) stopped a 10-game losing streak but still must win four of its last five to avoid tying the post-1900 loss record of 120 held by the 1962 New York Mets.

Warren Morris, Craig Monroe and A.J. Hinch all homered for the Tigers, who scored their most runs since getting 19 against Texas on Aug. 8, 2001. Tigers manager Alan Trammell missed the game to attend his mother's funeral.

Mike Maroth (8-21) gave up six runs on 10 hits in five innings. Jose Lima (8-2) gave up seven runs and 10 hits in 3 2-3 innings.

Red Sox 6, Orioles 5

Todd Walker tied it with a three-run homer off Jorge Julio with two outs in the ninth at Fenway Park, and David Ortiz won it with a solo shot against Kurt Ainsworth (0-1) in the 10th.

Byung-Hyun Kim (8-5) pitched a scoreless 10th for Boston, which improved to 3 1/2 games ahead of Seattle in the AL wild-card race.

Blue Jays 8, Devil Rays 5

Carlos Delgado hit his 299th homer, breaking a 4-all tie in the fifth against Victor Zambrano (11-10), and Reed Johnson added a two-run shot at SkyDome.

Josh Towers became the second straight Toronto pitcher to be ejected, getting tossed for throwing behind Aubrey Huff in the fifth. Roy Halladay was ejected for hitting Rocco Baldelli with a pitch Monday.

Delgado gave Toronto a 5-4 lead in the bottom half with a solo shot off Victor Zambrano (11-10).

Jason Kershner (3-3) allowed one run and three hits in 3 1-3 innings.

Golfers get in one round

The Snyder boys shot a 356 last Friday at Hyatt in San Antonio, taking 12th out of 17 teams in a rain-shortened tournament.

The second round at Pecan Valley was rained out halfway through the round.

Jay Weaver paced the Tigers with an 84, while Tanner Bloom carded an 89.

Just one shot separated Jake Cottrell, who fired a 91, and Cole Robertson, who finished with a 92.

Alan Gray posted a 98, and medalist Wyl Wiggins stroked a 101.

Spikers fall to powerful Denver City Tuesday

The Snyder Lady Tigers ran into a buzz saw in Denver City Tuesday, falling to the best volleyball team in the district in three games, 25-10, 25-12 and 25-5.

"They were awesome," head coach Laura Moses said of the Fillies. "Our defense wasn't bad. They were on their hitting and hit it hard. They made very few mistakes."

Moses said the team had numerous digs, and switched to one blocker on the net as Denver City (3-0) continually hit the ball around and over the front line.

Kelsi Johnson had 15 digs and four points with an ace, while Beth Clements, Kelbi Drum and Courtney Cox added five digs apiece.

Missy Vasquez contributed four digs, while Drum added five assists.

Sara Thornhill and Teddi Crenwelge had three kills each.

"Kelsi did a good job on defense," Moses said. "We didn't play bad. Denver City is just that good. That's why they have only lost two matches this year."

The loss dropped Snyder to 1-2 in district, while Denver City improved to 3-0.

Moses said this Saturday's battle with Lamesa presents a more evenly matched opponent.

"We've got to win Saturday, and the girls know that," Moses said.

The junior varsity outpaced the junior Fillies, 25-17 and 25-15.

Coach Darren Pool said the team played great all-around defense, and singled out Wendy Reed for her work at the net and Heather Zajicek for her efforts on defense and with the serve.

The freshmen were upended, 8-25 and 15-25.

Snyder will host Lamesa Saturday, with the freshmen taking the court at 1 p.m. The varsity and JV will both play at 2 p.m.

Cubs take lead in NL Central

By the Associated Press

There's a new leader in the NL Central. Kerry Wood and the Chicago Cubs plan to keep themselves in front for five more games.

Wood struck out 12 and limited the Cincinnati Reds to one infield single in seven innings Tuesday night, leading Chicago to a 6-0 victory and sole possession of first place.

The Cubs moved a game ahead of Houston, which got blown out by San Francisco. They have five games left — two more at Cincinnati and three at home against Pittsburgh.

After Wednesday's series finale against the Giants, the Astros close at home with four games against last-place Milwaukee.

The Cubs are alone atop the NL Central for the first time Sept. 8. They hadn't held sole possession of first place this late in a season since 1989, the last time they won a division title.

Even at Great American Ball Park, thousands of blue-jacketed fans stood and chanted "Let's go Cubs!" as Chicago rallied for four runs in the sixth inning.

Wood (14-11) was in complete control against Cincinnati's weak lineup, beating the Reds for the third time this year. He increased his major league-leading strikeout total to 266 and set a career high for wins.

The Reds couldn't get a ball out of the infield through the first six innings, and Wood didn't come close to giving up a hit. He walked Russell Branyan with one out in the seventh, and Wily Mo Pena broke up the no-hit bid with an infield single.

"It's unfortunate they got a hit like that — I'd like to see a real hit there," said Mark Grudzielanek, who had a two-run double. "But he threw a great game, and we needed it."

Kyle Farnsworth and Mike Remlinger finished the two-hitter.

Aramis Ramirez led Chicago's offense with a solo homer and RBI single off right-hander Scott Randall (2-4), a nine-year minor leaguer who was making his first big league start.

Giants 10, Astros 3

At Houston, Edgardo Alfonzo hit a grand slam in a 10-run second inning.

The Giants roughed up Wade Miller (14-13) and sent the Astros to their fourth consecutive loss, matching a season high. Houston had held at least a share of the division lead since Sept. 8.

Jason Schmidt (17-5) allowed two runs and three hits in seven innings. Slated to start Game 1 of the playoffs for the NL West champions, he has won five straight decisions and 12 of 14.

The Giants lead Atlanta by two percentage points in the race for the best record in the NL and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Marlins 5, Phillies 4

At Miami, Jeff Conine's three-run homer off Kevin Millwood highlighted Florida's five-run seventh inning.

The Marlins overcame a shaky start by rookie Dontrelle Willis and moved two games ahead of fading Philadelphia in the wild-card race with five to go — including two more in this series.

The Phillies have lost five straight in Miami. Florida has won 12 of 14 home games.

Dodgers 2, Padres 1

At San Diego, Alex Cora doubled home the go-ahead run in the ninth inning.

Eric Gagne got three straight outs in the ninth for his 54th save this season, extending his major league record to 62 in a row dating to last year.

Braves 2, Expos 0

At Atlanta, John Smoltz got his first save since coming off the disabled list and 45th of the year after Rafael Furcal's two-out single in the eighth broke a scoreless tie.

Gary Sheffield added a run-scoring double off Javier Vazquez (13-12). Sheffield has 128 RBIs, breaking the Atlanta record held since 1966 by Hank Aaron.

Cardinals 5, Brewers 1

At Milwaukee, Woody Williams (17-9) scattered three hits over seven innings as St. Louis stayed 3½ games behind Chicago in the NL Central with four left. Mike Matheny hit a two-run homer off Ben Sheets (11-13).

Rockies 20, Diamondbacks 9

At Denver, Ronnie Belliard homered twice and drove in a career-high eight runs, and Larry Walker hit a grand slam and had six RBIs as Colorado eliminated Arizona from postseason contention.

Mets 1, Pirates 0

At New York, Al Leiter (15-9) pitched his 10th career shutout as the Mets snapped an eight-game losing streak and won for only the second time in 18 games. Timo Perez had an RBI groundout.

Boys and Girls Club awarded NFL grant

The Scurry County Boys and Girls Club has been awarded a $1,000 charity grant from the National Football League to purchase new equipment and implement a new sports program.

Club director Chad Welsh said the club has started a new flag football program for first and second graders, with four teams being fielded this season. The teams will begin play at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Snyder Junior High School.

The club was one of 130 out of 200 applicants to receive the grant.

Netters slip past Cooper

The young Snyder netters continue to mature as the team tennis season goes along, squeezing out a much-needed victory at Abilene Cooper Tuesday, 10-9.

The match was tied 9-9 when Krista Dorsett, in the last match of the day, pulled out a tough, 6-3, 7-5 (7-6), win to give Snyder the edge.

Snyder number ones Tanner Reed and Andra Dunham each coasted to easy wins. Reed lost just one game in beating Chad Marshall, 6-1, 6-0, while Dunham had little trouble with Heather Burks, 6-2, 6-1.

Number two players Joe Ynguanzo and Stephanie Williams also cruised to one-sided victories, with Ynguanzo winning in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1, and Williams claiming a 6-4, 6-4 triumph.

Matt Hale came back to win his match, 3-6, 7-5 and 10-5.

The boys swept Cooper in the doubles division, with Ynguanzo-Hale taking a 6-2, 6-1 win.

The team of Austin Lyle and Reed won in straight sets, 6-3, 7-6, while Wesley Price and Kenny Alcala won 7-6, 6-3.

The team will next host Big Spring at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Sports Briefs

Soccer meeting

The Scurry County Boys and Girls Club will host a meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday for anyone interested in their child playing soccer and/or those who are interested in volunteering in any way. Contact Chad Welsh at 573-3344 for more information.

Tiger Sharks start practice Monday

The Snyder Tiger Sharks swim team will begin practice Monday. Contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8697 for more information.

Youth bowling league

Youth bowling will begin Saturday at Snyder Lanes for ages 3 to 21. Registration will start at 10 a.m. and bowling will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Alumni hats

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

15th annual Blowout Partnership on tap

The Scurry County golf course will host the 15th annual Blowout Partnership Saturday and Sunday. Cost is $300 per team, and all participants must be 21 or older. The field is limited to 56 and the first 56 paid teams will determine entries.

Shotgun will start at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. both days of the tournament, with scramble being the first round format and lowball the format for the final round. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. There also will be a welcome and registration date Friday, with a practice round available. Call Rick Mammolite at the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information.

Jamaica volleyball tournament

Our Lady of Guadalupe will be hosting the Jamaica Volleyball Tournament Sunday. Call Louis at 573-7321 for more information.

WTC golf tournament

The third annual Western Texas College Student Government Association Golf Tournament will be held Oct. 4 at the WTC golf course. Format is four-person scramble, and cost is $120 per team. Shotgun will start at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three teams, and deadline to register is 5 p.m. on Oct. 3. Contact the WTC pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	98	59	.624	—
Boston	93	64	.592	5
Toronto	82	75	.522	16
Baltimore	69	87	.442	28½
Tampa Bay	61	96	.389	37

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	88	69	.561	—
Chicago	82	75	.522	6
Kansas City	82	75	.522	6
Cleveland	67	91	.424	21½
Detroit	39	118	.248	49

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oakland	95	63	.601	—
Seattle	90	68	.570	5
Anaheim	74	84	.468	21
Texas	70	88	.443	25

x-clinched division

Today's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 17-7) at Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 19-9), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Benoit 8-5) at Oakland (Hudson 15-7), 2:35 p.m.
Seattle (R.Franklin 10-13) at Anaheim (Lackey 9-16), 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Hentgen 6-8) at Boston (Burkett 11-8), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Waechter 3-1) at Toronto (Escobar 12-9), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 13-9) at Minnesota (Lohse 14-11), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Loux 0-1) at Kansas City (Gobble 4-4), 7:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	98	60	.620	—
Florida	87	70	.554	10½
Philadelphia	85	72	.541	12½
Montreal	81	77	.513	17
New York	64	92	.410	33

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	85	72	.541	—
Houston	84	73	.535	1
St. Louis	82	76	.519	3½
Pittsburgh	73	84	.465	12
Cincinnati	67	90	.427	18
Milwaukee	66	91	.420	19

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Francisco	97	59	.622	—
Los Angeles	83	73	.532	14
Arizona	81	76	.516	16½
Colorado	72	85	.459	25½
San Diego	62	95	.395	35½

x-clinched division

Today's Games

San Francisco (Ponson 3-5) at Houston (Oswalt 9-5), 1:05 p.m.
Montreal (Day 9-7) at Atlanta (Ru.Ortiz 20-7), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 10-8) at Milwaukee (Kinney 10-12), 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Myers 14-8) at Florida (Beckett 8-8), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D'Amico 9-15) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 15-10), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Estes 7-11) at Cincinnati (Hall 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
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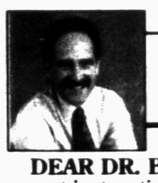

On Nutrition

by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read your recent instructions on dietary fiber. My urologist advised some additional fiber for me; he suggested bran flakes, so I bought a box at $2.99 a pound. The next day I went a local bulk store and priced some bulk bran at $7.47 for a 50-pound bag. You can do your own math to see the value. My wife now adds the bran to my morning oatmeal, cookies, cake, gravy, whatever. Seems a much better way to go. Do you see any problems here? And while I have your attention, how many grams are in a tablespoon of bran? **— K.A., Lake Mills, Wis.**

DEAR K.A.: Aside from eating whole foods, which contain fiber naturally, bran is an excellent way of adding fiber to the diet. My compliments on your wise shopping. One issue to consider, however, is that bran contains vitamins and essential oils, so it needs to be stored in airtight containers and kept in a cool place. As for mixing it in foods, start out slowly, not adding too much too soon, or you risk irritating your system. And be sure to have sufficient intake of fluids.

Regarding your measurement, a tablespoon is a unit of volume, and a gram is a unit of weight. Different types of bran have different weights per unit volume, so the amount of grams in a tablespoon depends on the type of bran you're using. One tablespoon of wheat bran weighs 3.6 grams; one tablespoon of corn bran weighs 4.8 grams; one tablespoon of oat bran weighs 5.9 grams; and one tablespoon of rice bran weighs 7.4 grams.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Mine is not a question, merely some personal insight in relation to the question you answered about the girl with the apparent eating disorder. I feel qualified to speak because I am one who had suffered from anorexia from the age of 11; this problem returned from time to time until I suffered a complete breakdown some years later due to the lack of certain nutrients.

The American Psychological Association classifies anorexia nervosa and bulimia as "eating disorders." I know this from studying for a graduate school exam in psychology. The core of these maladies is obsessive-compulsiveness. The eating irregularities, I believe, stem from our culture.

More recently, there have been trends toward body mutilating (cutting at various sites), excessive tattooing and body piercing. All of these symptoms are related. Our relative wealth in the world, plus permissiveness among the youth, invite bizarre behavioral trends. Perhaps worse is drug abuse, as it causes physiological addiction. However, anorexia — including the attenuated form described by your letter writer — is a psychological "addiction."

I hope this young woman adheres to your suggestion to obtain professional help soon, as she has to be suffering from severe malnutrition. My wonderful mother gave me numerous supplements all throughout those years, which no doubt saved my life. The ceasing of menses is nature's way of lowering the stress on a still-maturing body that is undergoing self-abuse. No protein, no antioxidants, etc., can eventually kill a person, including this girl if she doesn't act immediately. **— N.J., no city or state given**

DEAR N.J.: Thank you for your letter, which I have passed on to the young woman you mention. It's good to see you use the term "had" regarding your eating disorder, which signifies that it is in your past. Like many individuals, I have relatives and friends whose children have gone down this path. There is a definite feeling of helplessness when you see this happen and want to help, only to watch those who are affected by the disorder continue to engage in it. All people with anorexia need treatment, and the sooner the better. Aside from the immediate goals of restoring essential nourishment and good health, treatment involves dealing with some foundational issues that may involve the entire family. There are a variety of assistance programs throughout the country. Aside from getting leads through family health professionals, there is information available online at the Anorexia Nervosa and Related Eating Disorders (ANRED) Web site at www.anred.com, and at www.findinfo.com/anorexia.htm.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency licensing and permitting procedures, may call the TDLR at (800) 803-9202 or access the following website: www.license.state.tx.us.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	12.75	12.62	12.67	— 04
AOL TimeWrn	16.12	15.91	15.95	— 28
AT&T Corp rs	22.60	22.32	22.43	+ 07
Albertsons	20.97	20.70	20.85	+ 25
Alltel	46.30	45.79	46.18	— 13
AmEl Pw	29.18	28.80	28.85	— 43
AndarkPtr	44.75	44.11	44.49	+ 38
ATMOS Egy	24.58	24.27	24.27	— 11
Avnall	13.42	13.28	13.38	+ 10
BP PtC	42.99	42.61	42.62	+ 37
BakerHughes	31.70	30.99	31.21	+ 48
Bank of Amer	79.38	78.90	78.95	— 10
BellSouth	24.40	24.19	24.36	+ 01
BurlNoSFe	29.20	29.06	29.20	+ 01
Caterpillar	71.95	71.44	71.52	+ 07
CenterPoint	9.12	9.02	9.09	— 11
ChevronTex	73.59	73.01	73.15	+ 63
Citigroup	47.48	47.00	47.32	+ 15
CocaCola	43.60	43.25	43.27	— 15
ColgatePal	56.00	55.68	55.85	+ 42
CmclMetals	19.20	18.92	19.18	+ 27
ConocoPhill	57.53	56.08	56.44	+ 59
Cooper Inds	49.89	49.45	49.70	— 09
DaimlrChry	36.86	36.29	36.58	— 65
DeltaAirl	14.86	14.45	14.51	— 18
Dillards inc	15.35	15.17	15.18	— 18
DowChem	33.10	32.81	32.90	— 11
DuPont	41.53	40.73	40.77	— 77
EastmanChem	34.35	34.05	34.11	— 09
EstKodak	27.85	27.26	27.27	— 48
EDS Corp	20.91	20.71	20.75	— 15
Entergy	54.41	54.18	54.27	— 08
ExxonMobil	37.49	37.25	37.35	+ 29
FootLocker	16.75	16.56	16.57	— 12
GenDynam	80.05	79.18	79.27	— 42
GenElec	31.69	31.51	31.57	+ 01
GenMills	47.50	47.25	47.39	— 11
GenMotors	41.77	41.54	41.68	+ 01
GaPacific	24.63	24.03	24.27	— 36
Goodrich	25.50	24.91	24.95	— 37
Goodyear	7.60	7.24	7.38	— 02
GtAtlPac	9.79	9.69	9.71	+ 03
Halliburtn	25.90	25.00	25.32	+ 44
Hanson ADS	32.65	32.20	32.60	— 15
HarteHanks	18.76	18.60	18.60	— 10
HomeDepot	33.00	32.78	32.88	— 12
HoneywellIntl	27.49	26.90	27.08	— 04
IBM	91.82	90.77	90.92	— 38
IntlPaper	40.40	40.01	40.03	— 40
JohnsonJn	50.02	49.68	49.75	— 27
KinderMorg	54.04	53.45	53.96	+ 72
Kroger Co	18.55	18.38	18.51	— 01
LockheedM	46.50	45.77	46.08	+ 11
Lowes Cos	53.71	52.76	53.56	+ 11
Lubys	2.52	2.52	2.52	+ 02
LucentTech	2.31	2.24	2.25	— 00
MarathonOil	28.56	28.28	28.49	+ 28
MayDeptStr	25.23	24.98	25.13	— 05
Medtronic	48.39	48.05	48.06	— 28
Motorola	12.56	12.24	12.47	+ 17
NCR Corp	30.51	30.30	30.51	+ 18
Navistar	40.99	39.99	40.07	— 78
PNM Rescs	28.64	28.50	28.61	+ 02
Penney JC	23.13	22.87	23.13	+ 23
PepBoys	16.63	16.17	16.53	+ 04
PepsiCo	45.87	45.53	45.61	— 08
PhelpDodge	50.09	49.37	50.02	+ 58
PilgrmPrd B	13.65	13.42	13.50	+ 01
Praxair	62.05	61.38	61.82	— 13
ProctGamb	92.80	92.45	92.61	+ 30
RadioShack	29.12	28.70	28.82	— 36
RoyalDut	45.38	44.68	45.07	+ 39
SBC Comm	22.73	22.51	22.63	+ 11
SaraLee	19.02	18.90	18.99	+ 08
Scripps EW	85.24	84.36	84.60	— 34
SearsRoeb	46.07	45.60	45.87	— 03
SherwinW	29.82	29.47	29.75	— 02
SouthernCo	29.05	28.84	28.93	— 14
SwstAirl	18.50	18.20	18.35	+ 15
SprintFON	15.60	15.40	15.47	— 23
SprintPCS	6.20	6.07	6.17	+ 02
Sunoco Inc	40.24	39.80	40.20	+ 49
TXU Corp	23.59	23.27	23.27	— 29
TempleInland	51.05	50.52	50.78	— 33
TexInd	26.54	26.36	26.46	+ 07
TexasInst	24.29	23.98	24.09	— 02
Textron	42.08	41.35	41.84	— 25
TrinityInds	27.18	26.88	27.07	+ 08
TylerTech	7.42	7.36	7.36	+ 01
UnionPacif	60.52	60.17	60.52	— 06
USSteel	19.72	19.51	19.64	+ 09
UnitedTech	79.54	79.03	79.36	+ 10
Unocal	32.45	31.50	31.83	+ 33
VerizonComm	33.12	32.70	32.92	— 21
WalMart	57.50	57.20	57.22	— 40
WellsFargo	51.21	50.95	50.97	— 05
WstnGasRs	38.64	38.20	38.58	+ 56
WinnDixie	10.31	10.18	10.19	— 06
Xerox Cp	10.80	10.54	10.76	— 01
YumBrands	30.95	30.60	30.71	— 15

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Hairspray and kidney disease?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can fluorocarbons, such as found in hairsprays, have a damaging effect on the kidneys? My wife, who is a beautician, has suffered from swollen joints and hands that were drawn up into claws and caused constant, excruciating discomfort. A rheumatologist found she had inflamed kidneys and blood in her urine. After avoiding sprays for two months, she is back to normal, the pain is gone and her kidneys are no longer inflamed. Is this lupus or a chemical toxicity?

DEAR READER: All of us are becoming concerned about the wide variety of chemical hazards that are common in the workplace and seem to be an integral part of modern living. Although hairsprays and aerosols do not commonly damage the body, the potential is certainly there, especially if the products are used improperly and exclusively in closed, unventilated areas.

Speaking personally, I wouldn't have blamed hairsprays for your wife's symptoms. Yet her story is much too compelling to ignore. Even if her basic affliction were lupus, an autoimmune disease causing arthritis and kidney disease, the sprays seem to have aggravated the situation. Obviously, in the future, she should avoid breathing aerosols at work.

As to her kidney status, you'll have to ask her doctor about that. She may well have suffered an allergic or toxic reaction to the products in her place of business, and she may need aggressive therapy, such as steroids, rather than merely avoiding hairsprays. Also, lupus often affects the kidneys; therefore your wife should be closely monitored by her doctor.

Finally, although I hate to suggest involving the government in this situation, I am going to do just that. I recommend that your wife contact the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and request that they examine the workplace for noxious chemicals. If such solvents are present, they could readily affect the other beauticians in the shop. So we need to know if your wife's reaction is unique and personal, or if it reflects a general hazard that should be addressed.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have gotten into the habit of using cider vinegar in my food at each meal. I have a pacemaker and asthma, and I wonder if the cider vinegar will do me harm.

DEAR READER: Vinegar is a weak acid that will not, in moderation, affect either your pacemaker or your asthma. You may occasionally experience some heartburn, which can be controlled by taking antacids or eating. I am intrigued by the notion that you use vinegar at every meal. What do you put it on at breakfast?

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

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Two suspected serial robbers enter plea

DENVER (AP) — A woman suspected of committing armed bank robberies across the West with her boyfriend pleaded innocent to a felony bank robbery charge in Colorado.

The lawyer for Nova Guthrie entered the plea Tuesday on Guthrie's behalf on a charge relating to the 1997 robbery of the now-defunct Bank of the Southwest in Durango. She was being held without bond.

The FBI accuses Guthrie, 28, and her boyfriend, Craig Pritchert, of stealing $500,000 from banks in the 1990s and using the proceeds to travel the world.

TICKET WINNER — Mike Robertson, left, accepted tickets from SDN managing editor Wade Warren to the Texas Tech-New Mexico football game. He won the tickets in the Aug. 27 SDN classified ads customer drawing. (SDN Staff Photo)

Shoeshiner gives more than $89,000 in tips to hospital's fund for free care

PITTSBURGH (AP)— Just as he's done for more than two decades, Albert Lexie gets out of bed at 5 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, takes two buses to the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and makes his rounds — offering shoe shines for $3.

Also every Tuesday, Lexie goes to an office building about three blocks from the hospital and hands over his weekly donation — shoeshine tips, gifts from customers and contributions — to the hospital's Free Care Fund.

Lexie's efforts make about $10,000 every year, and he's donated more than $89,000 since February 1981 to the fund, which helps pay for medical care to pediatric patients regardless of their families' ability to pay.

Most people who know Lexie say he's a man of routine and a man of goals. Ultimately, he wants to raise more money than Jerry Lewis, the actor whose Labor Day telethons raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"It's like I say all the time, 'Jerry's got his kids and I got mine, and they're all right here in Pittsburgh,'" Lexie told a regular customer, Dr. Michael Painter, as he buffed the pediatric neurologist's brown wingtip shoes.

Lexie is something of a celebrity around Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood, where the hospital is located, and in the Westmoreland County community where he lives.

On a recent donation drop, the 61-year-old, wearing a worn red button that says, "Please Help Albert's Kids," handed over bundles of change and bills collected from his customers and donation canisters left in businesses.

Lexie's shoe-shining career started about 46 years ago, when he was 15 and made his first shoeshine box in a high school shop class. He soon started to travel from store to store in the communities near his home and even opened a shop for a short time.

Around that time, Lexie got in the habit of watching an annual telethon that benefits the hospital. Hoping to one day meet the local news anchor who hosted the telethon, he decided a generous donation might do the trick.

As his donations grew, officials invited him to shine shoes in the hospital. Donations and the attention they garnered seemed to snowball from there.

Last month, the hospital honored Lexie by giving him a custom-made cart to replace the 30-pound box he still occasionally lugs around the sprawling building.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003

Life could take on new meaning for you in the year ahead as it carries you off into an entirely new direction. The path you'll find yourself on will be loaded with many opportunities that were never offered before.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Stumbling blocks that have been hampering your personal interests could be swept clean today. Be prepared to move forward when you see the path to success being cleared away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There's an excellent chance that you could see a secret wish of yours being granted today. It should prove to you that faith in a higher power and belief in yourself can move mountains.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A progressive friend or associate could influence you into thinking more expansively today. This new mode can turn your mind on to fresh projects or ideas that'll capture your fancy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Important career objectives can be achieved in the coming days, provided you do your part in harnessing several successful opportunities that open up for you. Be prepared to get to work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Any firm foundations or plans you lay at this time (that can affect not only the present, but will be important to you a few weeks from now) should be implemented today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Carefully examine all financial or growth-producing proposals brought to you today by those you trust. There's a good chance that one or more could prove to be highly successful.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — During this period of time, any alliances into which you enter have especially promising potential. You could be quite fortunate in all newly formed partnership arrangements.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Material rewards for which you're entitled but that have thus far been denied you could now come through. You may see the first sign of this today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It is to your advantage to get out today and circulate as much as possible. There could be some specific benefits gained through social contacts with both old and new associates.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Today marks a time of putting old projects behind you in lieu of getting interested in something new. This includes problems being replaced with fresh hopes and positive thinking.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your mental attributes are especially acute today, so any bright ideas you get at this time should not be taken lightly. The mind can be a powerful tool for producing something good.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Starting today there could be a positive upturn in your financial picture. However, nothing happens unaided. Put out the necessary effort to tap into the good times and you'll be rewarded.

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Gingrich's mother dies Tuesday at 77

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Kathleen "Kit" Gingrich, the mother of former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who led a Republican rise to power in Congress, died Tuesday. She was 77.

Kathleen Gingrich had lived at a nursing home in Harrisburg for several years.

She garnered national attention in 1995 when she told television journalist Connie Chung that her son had used the word "bitch" to describe Hillary Rodham Clinton. Chung was criticized for airing the remark, having told Kathleen Gingrich it would be "just between you and me."

Despite the incident, Gingrich later received an invitation to visit the Clintons at the White House.

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German chancellor offers support to Bush

NEW YORK (AP) — President Bush won a commitment today from German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder to set aside differences and work together for a strong and stable Iraq. "We both agree that we want to look into the future together," Schroeder said.

"It is very important, not just for Iraq, but for the whole of the region, for Germany and therefore for the whole of Europe," Schroeder said.

Receiving a renewed German offer to help train Iraqi police and security forces, Bush said, "I appreciate his efforts to help Iraq grow to be a peaceful and stable and democratic country."

There was no indication Germany would contribute peacekeeping troops, as it has to Afghanistan, or that Schroeder would retract his support for France's call for a quick end to the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

And Schroeder said he did not feel "under time pressure" from a proposed U.S. resolution in the U.N. Security Council designed to draw in troops and financial support for reconstruction.

He described his conversation with Bush as "very open-minded" and "trustful."

Bush faced an uphill task in his drive for an unhurried transition to rule by Iraqis as the difficult reconstruction of postwar Iraq reopened the divide between the United States and the United Nations despite the president's softer rhetorical tone here.

Rumsfeld defends $87 billion for Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told Congress today that President Bush's $87 billion request for Iraq and Afghanistan was an affordable and needed investment in international security.

A top Democrat questioned whether the American people have ever blessed the U.S.-led Iraqi reconstruction effort now under way.

"Is $87 billion a great deal of money?" Rumsfeld said before the Senate Appropriations Committee. "Yes. But can our country afford it? The answer is also yes. Because it is necessary for the security of our nation and the stability of the world."

Rumsfeld cited progress in reopening Iraqi schools and hospitals and training a new Iraqi army.

Rumsfeld and Gen. Richard Myers, the Joint Chiefs chairman, and Gen. John Abizaid, the head of U.S. Central Command, were appearing before the committee as the Bush administration continued its intensive push for approval of the $87 billion request.

The U.S. civil administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, was making his third Capitol Hill appearance in three days, appearing before the Foreign Relations Committee. He was also going before the House Appropriations Committee this afternoon and meeting with two other panels on Thursday.

Vice President Dick Cheney also met in a closed-door session with House Republican members. Lawmakers, said Republican Whip Roy Blunt of Missouri, gave Cheney a warm reception but also gave "notice to the vice president that we intend in the appropriations process to ask some tough questions."

Rep. Chris Cox, R-Calif., head of the Republican Policy Committee, said Cheney made clear that no U.S. money will be used to repay Saddam Hussein's debts to other countries.

Bremer and Rumsfeld's appearances at hearings come at a time when partisan fighting has increased over Iraq.

In a bristling exchange, Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., challenged Rumsfeld on the $20.3 billion part of Bush's plan that would go toward rebuilding Iraq and establishing a democratic government.

"Secretary Rumsfeld, where is the mandate from the American people to carry out the reconstruction of Iraq?" Byrd said. "When did the American people give their assent?"

Rumsfeld cited the resolution Congress approved allowing force against Iraq and defended rebuilding as being in U.S. interests.

"Once having gone in, the last thing we need to do is turn over that country to another dictator like Saddam Hussein," he said.

Underlining the partisan tensions over Iraq, when Byrd continued asking questions, committee chairman Ted Stevens, R-Ala., cut him off, saying Byrd had already exceeded his allotted time by seven minutes.

Free tutoring available at boys and girls club

Free tutoring for students is now available at the Boys and Girls Club. Tutors will be Western Texas College students in the Student Government Association.

One-on-one tutoring will be available from 4-7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Tutoring topics include study tips for tests, reading improvement, spelling, math, history, language, science or other subjects.

To register call WTC-SGA at 573-8511 ext. 276 or the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.

Youth arrested on warrants

•Arrests

A 20-year-old man was arrested at 10:20 a.m. Tuesday at the California Apartments on warrants for consumption of alcohol by a minor, no fishing license and failure to appear.

At 9:50 p.m. Tuesday, a 19-year-old man was taken into custody by Snyder police on a warrant for theft.

•Burglary

Debra Cooper requested a deputy Tuesday in reference to her residence in the 1300 block of Ave. Q being robbed. Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson responded and a report for burglary of a habitation was filed.

•Theft

Tuesday at 9:50 p.m., a woman in the 2600 block of Ave. V reported her purse stolen out of a vehicle.

•Suspicious person

Today at 1:48 a.m., a woman in the 400 block of 34th Street reported a man looking in the window. A close patrol was maintained for the remainder of the night.

•Loud music

Tuesday night, loud music was reported coming from the 100 block of Chestnut. Officers made contact with the individual and advised him of the complaint.

Obituaries

Dan Dever Jr.

1931-2003

E.H. "Dan" Dever Jr., a native of Scurry County, died Tuesday, Sept. 23, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Dever, 72, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the 37th Street Church of Christ with Dale Huff, minister, officiating. Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Dan Dever

Born July 21, 1931 in Snyder, he was reared in Scurry County and entered the military in 1952 and retired as a master sergeant in 1972. He served in both the Korean Conflict and in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal.

He married Frieda Whitehurst on Oct. 6, 1953 in Snyder.

Mr. Dever joined the staff of Western Texas College in 1973 as veterans outreach officer. In 1974 he also was named WTC registrar and served in both capacities until his retirement in 1993. At the time of his death, he was serving as part-time county veterans service officer.

Mr. Dever had served as both a deacon and elder of the 37th Street Church of Christ and had been involved in the building of churches in Quito, Ecuador.

Survivors include his wife, Frieda Dever of Snyder; three daughters, Terri Williams and Sharon Wemken, both of Snyder, and Kathy Kelley of Ranger; two sons, Henry Dever of Andrews and Jerry Dever of Temple; several nieces and nephews, Gerald Bullard of Snyder, Jerris Bullard of Manassa, Va., Danny Dever of California, Jack Lambert of Amarillo, Delores Brame of San Antonio, Dean Dever, Doris Mohamed and Bonnie Dever, all of Lawton; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

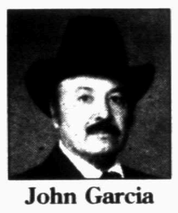
Memorial may be made to the library fund, the children's fund or the Sunshine School scholarship fund, all at 37th Street Church of Christ, 2500 37th Street.

John Garcia

1926-2003

John Garcia, 77, died Sunday, Sept. 21, in Odessa Regional Hospital.

Funeral service is set for 4 p.m. Thursday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Max Zamarano officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.



John Garcia

A prayer service will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Born Jan. 26, 1926 in Seguin, he married Otila Rios De La Garza on Jan. 9, 1944 in Seguin. Mr. Garcia moved to Snyder in 1950 where he worked in the oilfield and later retired from Western Texas College.

Mr. Garcia was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Otila Garcia; three brothers; and one grandson.

Survivors include a sister, Concha Garcia of San Jose, Calif.; four brothers, Ascencion Garcia and Gilbert Garcia, both of Seguin, Joe Garcia of San Jose and Raymond Garcia of Michigan; seven daughters and six sons-in-law, Dora and Chavel Romero of Dallas; Elecia and Joe Albarez and Janie and Luis Molina, all of Snyder, Josephine and Max Alamo of Lufkin, Rosie and Johnny Alarcon of Austin, Mary Lou and Johnny Mata of Odessa, and Debra McCrary of Odessa; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Manuel and Janie Garcia of Snyder, Willie and Emelda Garcia of Andrews and Freddy Garcia of Round Rock; 29 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Jewel Haney

1925-2003

Jewel Haney, longtime Snyder resident, died this morning in Snyder Healthcare Center.

Services for Mrs. Haney, 77, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 18, 1925 in Fannin County, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Oscar Haney of Snyder; a daughter, Connie Robbins of Snyder; four grandchildren, Jackie Cribbs and Jason Moorman, both of Snyder, Shonna Boggs of Levelland and Kathryn Hall of Lubbock; and three great-grandchildren, Caitlyn, Logan and Lilli.

Kay Sissenstein

1922-2003

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Kay King Sharp Sissenstein, the sister of Bill King of Snyder, died Monday, Sept. 22, in Riverside, Calif.

Services for Mrs. Sissenstein, 81, are pending.

She was born in 1922 in Snyder.

Oletha Gibson

1920-2003

Oletha Gibson, 82, died Tuesday, Sept. 16, in Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City.

Service is set for 11 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church in Colorado City with Henry Lee officiating. Burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home in Snyder.

Born Dec. 12, 1920 in Wortham, she married Dan Emerson Sr. in 1938 in Waco. He died in 1956. She married Eddie Gibson in 1970 in Big Spring. He died in 1983.

Survivors include four sons, Donald Lee Emerson and Thomas Lee Emerson, both of Colorado City, Daniel Emerson Jr. of Odessa and William Ross Emerson of Tulsa, Okla.; five daughters, Martha Louise Green of Snyder, Carolyn Salinas of Bedford, Edie Mae Garrett of Oklahoma City, Francis Emerson and Bernell Gibson, both of Colorado City; 48 grandchildren; 101 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held 7-8 this evening at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

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Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 9/25	Fri 9/26	Sat 9/27
75/59	84/61	85/61
Rain showers ending early with ample sunshine later in the day.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s
Sunrise 7:34 AM, Sunset 7:37 PM	Sunrise 7:34 AM, Sunset 7:35 PM	Sunrise 7:35 AM, Sunset 7:34 PM

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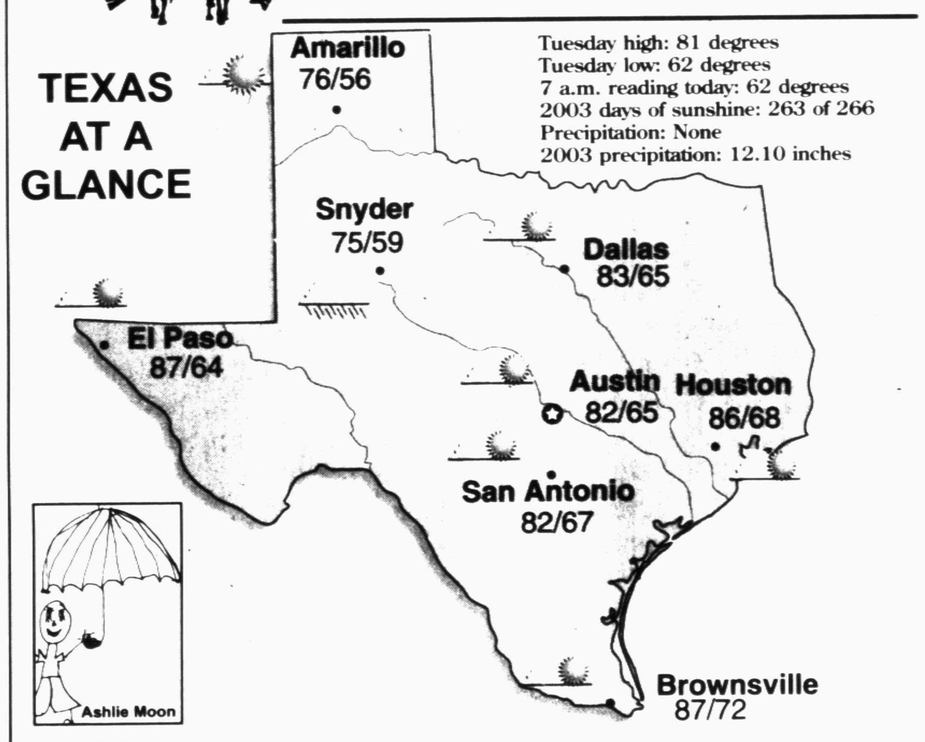
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Tuesday high: 81 degrees
Tuesday low: 62 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 62 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 263 of 266
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 12.10 inches



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Abilene	76	63	rain	El Paso	87	64	pt sunny	Midland	76	63	rain
Amarillo	76	56	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	76	62	rain	Raymondville	87	69	pt sunny
Austin	82	65	pt sunny	Gainesville	81	60	pt sunny	Rosenberg	86	67	pt sunny
Beaumont	87	66	pt sunny	Greenville	82	60	pt sunny	San Antonio	82	67	pt sunny
Brownsville	87	72	pt sunny	Houston	86	68	pt sunny	San Marcos	83	65	pt sunny
Brownwood	82	62	rain	Kingsville	86	68	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	82	59	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	85	70	pt sunny	Livingston	87	64	pt sunny	Sweetwater	75	61	rain
Corsicana	83	63	pt sunny	Longview	83	62	pt sunny	Tyler	84	64	pt sunny
Dallas	83	65	pt sunny	Lubbock	79	59	pt sunny	Weatherford	82	60	pt sunny
Del Rio	80	69	rain	Lufkin	87	66	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	80	60	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	60	pt sunny	Houston	86	68	pt sunny	Phoenix	101	78	mst sunny
Boston	73	58	pt sunny	Los Angeles	77	62	pt sunny	San Francisco	76	57	pt sunny
Chicago	63	46	mst sunny	Miami	85	75	t-storm	Seattle	72	53	pt sunny
Dallas	83	65	pt sunny	Minneapolis	59	49	pt sunny	St. Louis	68	48	pt sunny
Denver	78	49	sunny	New York	75	59	mst sunny	Washington, DC	79	62	pt sunny

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Thu 9/25	Fri 9/26	Sat 9/27
Moderate	High	High

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

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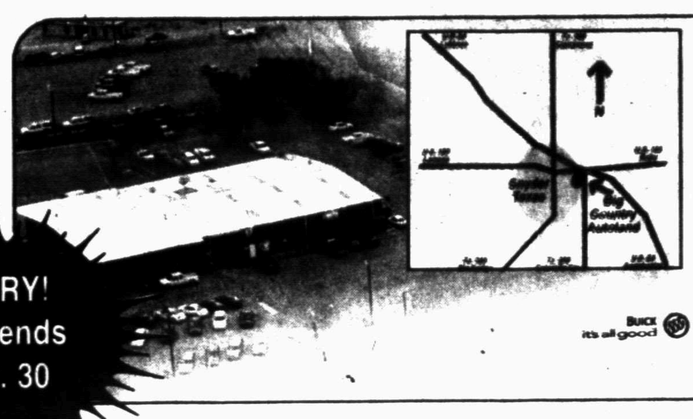

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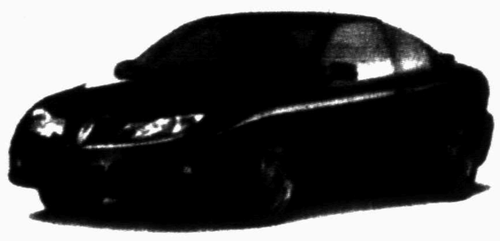
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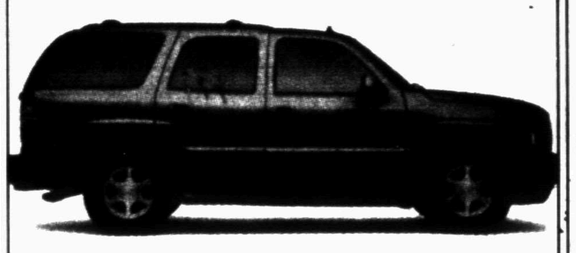
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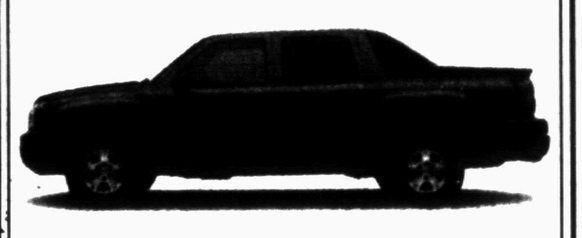
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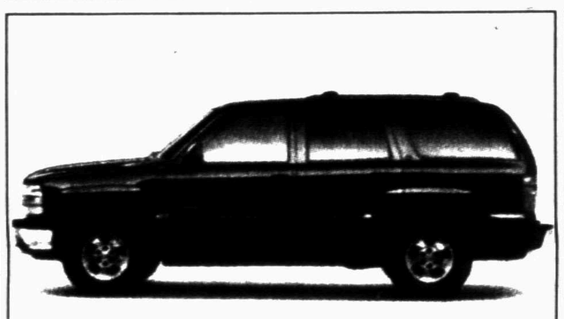
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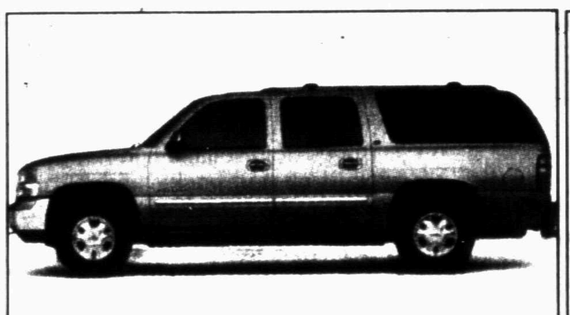
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