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Scurry County polls open to brisk voting

Election Day is finally here and Scurry County voters were greeted with sunshine and mild temperatures for the first time in two weeks, causing County Clerk Joan Bunch to forecast a "great voter turnout."

"It's a beautiful day and all of our locations have been really busy," the clerk said. "There were people lined up at 7 a.m. today at the library wanting to vote and more than 90 had turned out there by 9 a.m."

Eleven county polling locations opened at 7 today and will remain open until 7 tonight.

Bunch said Scurry County averages "about 3,500 voters in an election," and expected at least that number this year.

At the close of early voting Friday, 1,637 votes had been received, just shy of the 1,700 early votes in the last gubernatorial election.

Bunch expected more people to vote early this year, but said two weeks of cool, wet weather deterred voters. "But we were rewarded today with sunshine so everybody can get out and vote."

People unsure where to vote can find the information on their voter registration card or can contact the county clerk's office.

Bunch reminds voters to bring their voter registration cards or a valid form of identification, such as a driver license.

Three local races are contested this year.

Scurry County voters will choose between Republican Rod Waller and Democrat Janet Stribling for the county judge.

In Precinct 2, Robbie Floyd, a Republican, and Jerry House, a Democrat, are seeking the seat being vacated by three-term commissioner Roy Idom.

Keith Hackfeld, a Republican, is challenging incumbent Chloanne Lindsey, a Democrat, for Precinct 4 commissioner.

Local candidates seeking re-election without opposition are District Clerk Trina Rodgers, County Clerk Joan Bunch, County Treasurer Nelda Colvin, Peace Justice Deborah Boyd and Sheriff Darren Jackson.

State representative candidates in District 72 are Jeri Slone, a Democrat from Christoval and Republican Scott Campbell of San Angelo.

Facing U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, a Democrat from Stamford, is former Abilene city councilman Rob Beckham, a Republican.

In state-wide races, Republican Gov. Rick Perry is being challenged by Democrat Tony Sanchez.

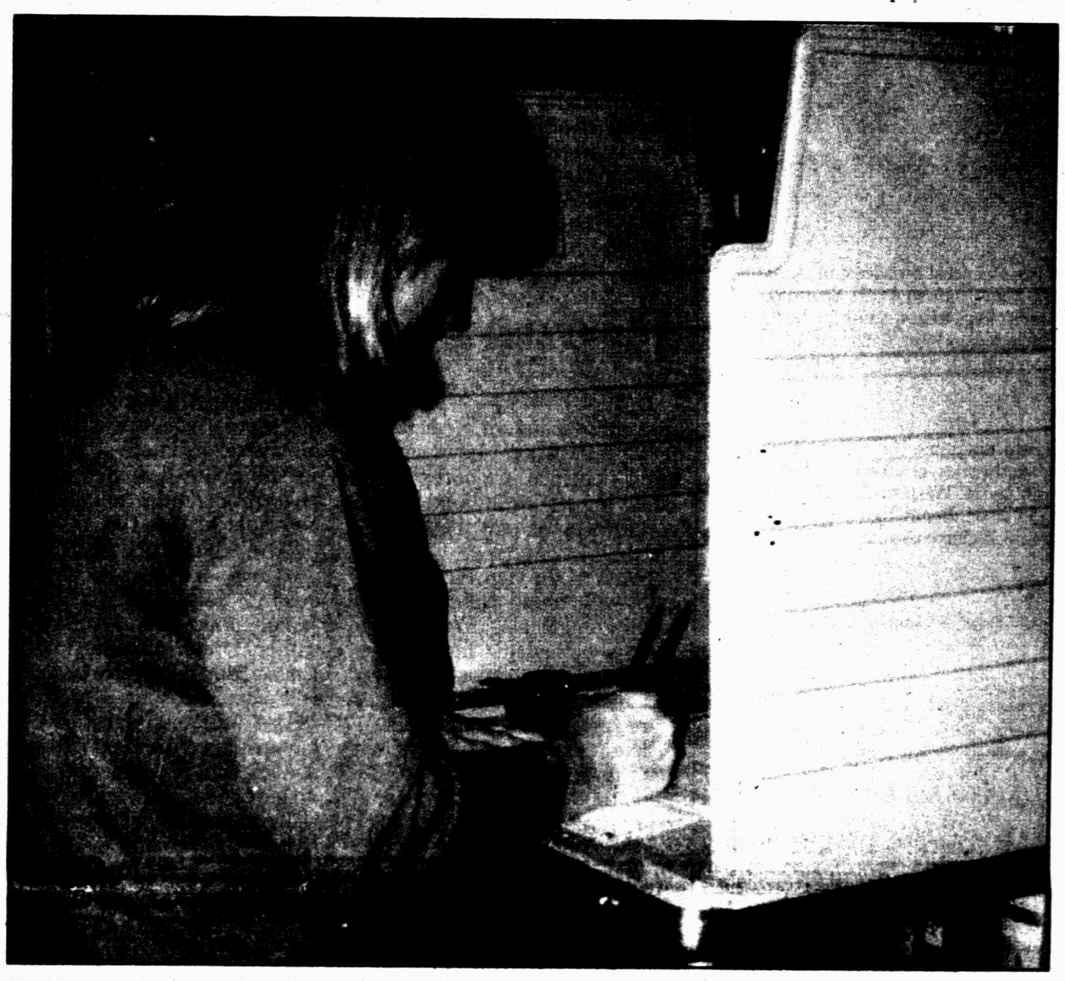
Lt. Governor hopefuls are David Dewhurst, a Republican, and Democrat John Sharp.

Republican John Cornyn, current state attorney general, and Democrat Ron Kirk, former Dallas mayor, are battling for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Phil Gramm.

Demo Marty Akins and incumbent Republican Carol Keeton Rylander are on the ballot for state comptroller.

Incumbent commissioner of agriculture Susan Combs, a Republican, is seeking re-election and is challenged by Tom Ramsay, a Democrat.

Also on the ballot is an amendment to the Texas constitution, authorizing the commissioners' court of a county to declare the office of constable in a precinct to be dormant if the office has not been filled by election or appointment for a lengthy period and providing a procedure for the reinstatement of the office.



IMPORTANT DECISIONS — Lynda McCormack took time this morning to vote at Scurry County Library. Included on this year's ballot are several local and state races that have drawn considerable interest because of highly publicized campaigns. Polls remain open until 7 tonight. (SDN Staff Photo)

City Council shows support for parks plan

By Wade Warren
SDN Staff Writer

Snyder city council members Monday night informally expressed their support for the Towle Park renovation plan, but could take no action on a requested $70,000 in-kind contribution due to the way the subject was posted on the agenda.

Dayton Robertson, chairman of the Scurry County Parks Committee, addressed the council on the planned improvements and asked for a letter of support and suggested the city donate $70,000 in in-kind services spread over three years.

"Most of the money would be in labor costs," said Robertson. "There will be water and sewer lines to move, plus some paving for some parking lots."

Dana Cooley, the city's attorney, told the council that it could take no action on Robertson's request for in-kind services as the agenda only mentioned the letter of support.

Action on the in-kind service request is expected in a called meeting next Tuesday.

While the council did not take any action on the parks renovation project, some questions surfaced.

"What about maintenance," asked councilman Terry Martin. "Is there money being set aside by the county to maintain the new park equipment? What is out there now hasn't been maintained.

"I think it is a very noble and needed project and I feel the city needs to participate in some way, but I also question whether it is legal for one taxing entity to do this for another."

Cooley said she would research the question and report on it in the called meeting next week.

Councilman Ron Shaw also questioned the city paving parking lots in the county-owned park.

"We've got city streets that need paving," said Shaw.

In response to the questions, Robertson said he felt the county commissioners' court would provide maintenance money for the park upkeep, and that paving is only a suggestion.

"I feel there are lots of areas the city could help in," said Robertson, a former mayor.

In other business Monday night, Development Corporation of Snyder executive director John DeLille presented an overview of the DCOS budget for 2002-2003 and it was received with little comment.

Action items included approval of three ordinances on second reading.

One ordinance sets the charges for water, sewer, and other city-provided utilities for the coming year, and the other two made minor changes to the TXU Gas and Oncor Electric franchise agreements.

Garlan Williams, Mike Post and Jimmy Kiker were reappointed to the city's electrical board, and one change was made to the city's plumbing code in relation to hydrocarbon removal units.

Also, the council agreed to move $13,200 from the Municipal Court's Technology fund to the general fund.

Finance Director Jeanne Johnson and her staff were recognized for receiving a plaque for their financial reporting.

Mayor Francene Noah presided and council members present were Martin, Shaw, John Reed, Stephanie Ducheneaux and James Ashley.

In stabbing death...

Murder charge returned

A 21-year-old Snyder man was indicted for murder in Monday's session of the Scurry County grand jury.

The charge is a first degree felony.

Ernesto Esteban Ramirez of 10018 Hwy. 350 in Ira was originally charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in an attack on Gary Lopez Hernandez, 19, on Sept. 22.

Hernandez, also a resident of Ira, suffered a stab wound in his upper chest and was originally treated at Cogdell Memorial Hospital before being transferred to Lubbock's University Medical Center.

However, Hernandez died Oct. 3 at his home near Ira after being released from the Lubbock hospital.

Ramirez remains in the Scurry County jail on a $75,000 bond.

Also indicted on first degree felony charges was Javier F. Alfaro, 27, of 3501 Irving.

Alfaro is charged with burglary of a residence on Sept. 28 in the 3400 block of Irving with the intent to commit sexual assault. Bond was set at $20,000.

Marvin Lacy Butler, 21, of 1900 West Drive was indicted for the Aug. 30 offense of aggravated sexual assault on a child younger than 14 years of age. Butler's bond is set at $20,000.

Jarrod James Vanderslice, 22, of 6060 W. FM 1606 was indicted for the Aug. 25 offense of sexual assault. His bond was set at $15,000.

Justin Levi Podhorsky, 19, of Amarillo was indicted for two offenses that occurred on Oct. 10.

He is accused of robbing the Hermleigh Allsup's and evading arrest as he led officers on a chase from Snyder to Slaton.

Podhorsky currently is in jail in Lubbock and his bonds here total $15,000.

Terry Blaine Hildreth, 22, of 123 20th Place was indicted for the June 8 offense of assault on a family member. He has a prior conviction in Scurry County Court for assault against a family member. His bond was set at $5,000.

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Ira ISD picks five applicants for Supt. post

Ira ISD has narrowed its superintendent search to five applicants, and interviews are set for Nov. 20-21.

"We received a number of excellent applicants and I am very pleased with the five the trustees selected to interview," said interim superintendent James Bible.

"The board has some quality people to look at," said Bible.

Ira trustees met last night in the called meeting to pare down their list of 49 applicants for the superintendent's post vacated when Jim Rumage resigned to become school chief at Ozona.

Nicole Redman scores 3 misses to take contest

Three misses were good enough to take first prize in last week's SDN football contest.

Four entrants had four misses, so the tie breaker procedure was used to determine the second and third place winners.

Nicole Redman of 411 32nd missed three games and won the $50 first prize. Darla Wiggins of 5284 W. Hwy. 180 correctly picked Snyder in the tie breaker, and guessed 32 total points (the actual total was 27) giving her second place and $25. Chris Maxfield of 131 20th Place picked Snyder to win with a total of 45 points, earning him the $15 third prize.

Honorable mention goes to Jo Alyce McMullan and Matt McCormick who both guessed 49 points on the total score.

Winners will be mailed their checks. Another contest appears on page 10 of today's edition.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A politician sometimes knows the right thing, sometimes does the right thing, but most often just says the right thing."

You still have time...to vote. Polls don't close until 7 this evening.

And we're delighted that this campaign will soon be over. I believe Texans can take anybody or anything if they can endure the muck on the TV screens in the form of political ads.

It seems that the new trend in political campaigns is to hire an ad agency that will slam-dunk the other guy – or at least make them look goofy on TV.

And some of 'em don't need help.

It was Will Rogers who said this in 1930:

"They overestimate this Governor thing anyhow. States have good ones, bad ones and every kind, and yet they drag along about the same. Things in our country run in spite of government. Not by the aid of it."

And if you are interested in how the three local contested races are going — for county judge and two commissioner seats — then click on the Snyder Daily News Online.

We will be updating those races as soon as each voting precinct comes up.

Just a reminder, if you leave your computer on that page, be sure and refresh your page periodically. The updates won't necessarily show up unless you hit the refresh button.

Sometimes folks from Texas have to compensate when dealing with those people from the Northeast. We liked the story about to two freshmen congressmen.

Texan: "Where you from?"

Harvard graduate: "I come from a place where we don't end our sentences with prepositions.

Texan: "Okay, where are you from, jerk?"

Sometimes politicians need to listen carefully to what they say.

In 1874, a senator from Arizona made his first speech in Congress by saying, "The baby state I represent has the greatest potential. This state could become a paradise. We need only two things – water and lots of good people."

A senior senator from Pennsylvania begged to interrupt. "If the Senator will pardon me for saying so, that's all they need in Hell."

At least they had fun with the yuck in the ole days.

And remember the guy in Arkansas a few years ago who legally changed his name to "None of the Above" and then ran for office.

He lost in Arkansas, but he might have been a winner in Texas this year.

ASK US

Q—Is it true that a Snyder EMS ambulance got stuck in the mud during a recent patient transfer?

A—Yes. A Snyder EMS spokesperson said the incident is under investigation internally.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Martha Sanchez...

...a homemaker, has lived in Snyder for three years. She and her husband, Amador, have four children, three of whom — Amador, David and Cindy — are college students. Their youngest, Ricky, is in junior high. Martha enjoys woodworking and crafts, and loves to cook and bake.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There can be no daily democracy without daily citizenship.

—Ralph Nader

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Drama booster club

The SHS drama booster club will meet at 7:30 tonight in the basement meeting room of Texas Savings Bank. All parents are urged to attend.

Scurry Lodge #706

Scurry Lodge #706 will meet at 7:30 this evening. All Master Masons are urged to attend.

FFA booster club

The Snyder FFA booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the SHS ag building. Officers will meet at 6:30 p.m.

FBC services televised

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

Woman of Influence

Area women are invited to attend a live simulcast broadcast of *Becoming a Woman of Influence* at 7 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church. Registration Saturday begins at 7 a.m. Cost is $39 per person. Lunch is included and free childcare will be provided. Today is deadline to reserve space. Call 573-2631 for more information.

Dunn homecoming

The Dunn homecoming will be held Saturday at the Dunn Community Center. Registration begins at 2 p.m. Bring sandwiches, chips and cookies for the evening meal. Special entertainment will be the Western Band composed of Aubrey Wilson, Joe Helen Spivey, Don Johnson, Benny Bentiez, Warren Badger and Charles Dunn. Yvonne is the homecoming chairman.

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Center.

Veterans Day Service

First Baptist Church will honor all veterans during its annual Veterans Day Service Sunday. There will only be one service Sunday and it will be at 10:45 a.m.

Support groups

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

4-H horse club

The 4-H horse club will meet at 7 p.m. next Tuesday at the East Elementary cafeteria. Calf roping will be discussed.

Parenting seminar

"Tired of Yelling," a parenting seminar hosted by Joy School at East Side Church of Christ, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the East Side multi-purpose building. Call 673-8971 to register.

Lord's Acre

Lord's Acre, hosted by the First United Methodist Church, will be held Sunday, Nov. 17, starting with a brisket meal with all the trimmings from noon to 1:30 p.m. Price is $7 for adults and $4 for those under the age of 11. There will be an auction at 12:20 p.m. and the event also will feature crafts, baked goods and homemade items.

Alzheimer informtional meeting

A meeting on Alzheimer's will be held from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church library. Sponsored by Snyder Oak Care Center, those attending will continue watching the film, "Alzheimer 101."

Mesquite Country Emmaus Thanksgiving

Mesquite Country Emmaus annual Thanksgiving celebration will be at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 19 at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. RSVP to Elois Pruitt at 573-6603 before Friday, Nov. 15. Initials A-L bring vegetables, and M-Z bring desserts.

Junior high yearbook

The Snyder Junior High yearbook is on sale through Nov. 26 in room 110. Price is $16 with a deposit of $8 required when ordering. No extra copies will be available.

Tiger's Lair on sale

Orders for the 2003 Tiger's Lair are being taken. Cost is $45 with options available at an addition fee. The price will increase to $50 after Dec. 1. Also deadline for senior dedications is Dec. 1. Dedications are $45 per photo and message. Call 574-6138 for information.

Ira Bulldog annuals on sale

The 2003 Bulldog annuals are on sale. Reserve your copy from now until Nov. 26. Cost is $26 with your name on the cover or $22 without. The supply is limited, so reserve your copy as soon as possible. To order, contact Becky Hudgins at Ira School.

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool, gym hours

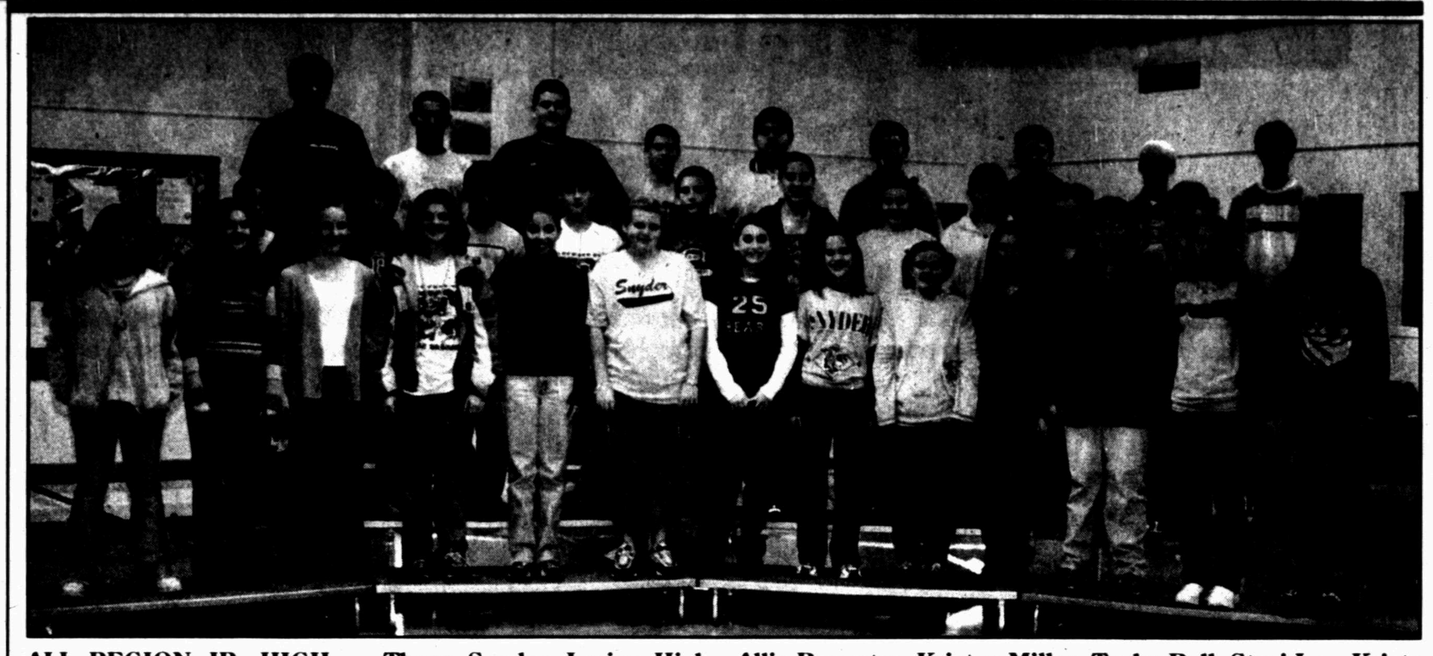
The WTC pool and gym are now open Monday through Thursday. The gym is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The pool is available from 6:30 to 8 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 7 to 8:50 p.m. The gym closes at 4 p.m. on Friday and the pool is open only in the morning and at noon on Fridays. Memberships are $50 per semester or visits are $2. Contact Christy Cerecedes for information at 573-8511, ext. 290.

Sr. citizen swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the senior center at 573-4035 for more information.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Ferguson at 574-4041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.



ALL REGION JR. HIGH — These Snyder Junior High School choir students were named to the all-region choir last month in Lubbock. Those in the mixed choir include back row, from left, Brandon Robbins, Ramsey Herrera, Levi Stahl, Corbin Smith, Jeremy Rodriguez, Michael Mann, Zane Green, Wesley Price and Cody Reed. Other mixed choir members include middle row from left, James Hernandez, Craig Robertson, Corey Jaramillo, Ryne Trout, Dillon Mathies, second alternate; Audrey Jones, Shannon Mangis, Amanda Rivera, Starla Early and Sydney Wright. Treble choir members on the front row include from left, Natalie Martinez, Kirstie Davis, Sarah Covington, Jaedi Baze, Whitley Fulford, Tara Robertson, Ember Proffitt, Allie Brewster, Kristen Miller, Tasha Ball, Staci Lee, Krista Dorsett and Courtney Tyrell, both second alternates. Teisha McGlouthin is not pictured. The two-day all region clinic is slated Nov. 22-23 in Lubbock. The concert will begin at 5 p.m. Nov. 23 at Monterey High School. Tickets will be $3 each. Snyder will have 38 students in the choir (including six ninth grade students), more than the other junior high schools who competed. Irons Junior High of Lubbock had 33 students (including ninth graders.) Other junior highs include O.L. Slaton of Lubbock, 19; Estacado Junior High of Plainview, 16; Frenship Junior High, 12; Seminole Junior High, 10. Marci Dennis is the junior high choir director. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Bigger hospitals may mean better care

DALLAS (AP) — The state's first examination of medical centers' performance shows smaller, rural hospitals in poorer health while bigger institutions in metropolitan areas may mean better care.

Some of the highest mortality rates were found at smaller, community hospitals, according to the state-mandated Indicators of Inpatient Care report, released last month by the Texas Health Care Information Council.

The report used patient billing records to compare how well 351 hospitals handled 25 medical conditions or surgical procedures, including treatments for heart attacks, strokes and abdominal aneurysms.

Consumer groups hope that the report, which was intended to give consumers a basis for selecting the best hospitals for their procedures, will influence how hospitals are run.

"The whole purpose is to put pressure on them to improve quality," said Lisa McGiffert, a senior policy analyst for Consumers Union in Austin, told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

The state's strongest advocate for hospitals, the Texas Hospital Association, cautioned that the data based on 2000 billing records doesn't yet constitute a trend. At least one independent expert on health care in Texas called the report card "a very rudimentary measure but a step in the right direction."

"Hospitals are going to oppose this kind of effort, arguing that it's not risk-adjusted and that consumers don't understand it," said Dr. Phil Decker, director of the health care administration program in the School of Business at the University of Houston at Clear Lake.

"But it's never going to be done perfectly. There's always going to be flaws, which is why you do it often," he said. "If you find the same result over and over, you have to figure it's probably true."

The mortality figures were "above dispute," said Jim Loyd, the Health Care Information Council's executive director, because they were certified by each hospital during a lengthy review process this summer.

East Texas Medical Center in Athens had the state's highest mortality risk for heart attack patients, at

36.8 percent, the report showed.

In the same report, Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas County's 997-bed public hospital, was rated as having a 7.2 percent mortality risk. The statewide average was 10.8 percent.

"It is impossible that Athens is the worst place to go for a heart attack in the state of Texas," said Mike Thomas, vice president of strategic planning for the East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System, which operates the Athens hospital and 12 others.

Thomas said the hospital's mortality risk for heart attacks doesn't seem to take into account the fact that East Texas Medical Center transfers its more treatable cardiac patients to other hospitals.

Two years ago, 23 inpatients died out of the 50 who underwent treatment for heart attacks at the Athens hospital. Thomas said most of the deaths were among elderly patients who were too sick or too unstable to be transferred for aggressive cardiac treatment at a larger hospital.

Today's chuckle

Robber told to pick money up

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — When a robber demanded cash from 7-Eleven cashier Cathy Harris, she made him work for it.



Harris dropped the cash drawer on the floor and told the thief to get the money himself.

"She told him, 'If you want the money, you pick it up,'" store owner Katie Nelson said.

The man, who was wearing a bandanna over his face and said he was armed, helped himself to $36 and left, but not before Harris tossed a stapler at him and hit him in the shoulder, Nelson said.

Nelson said she reprimanded Harris for her daring response.

"You're supposed to be scared, not angry," Nelson said. "I was concerned about her safety. She's a very brave person."

Honduran stowaway may have drowned

HOUSTON (AP) — A Honduran stowaway is feared drowned in the Houston Ship Channel after fleeing from immigration agents who detained 22 others who had been hiding on a barge.

Search and rescue crews in a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter and boat could not locate the stowaway on Monday.

Sixteen stowaways were found hiding on the barge, while seven others were found wet and shivering at the channel's edge.

One stowaway who was rescued said he saw another stowaway jump ship and disappear.

"He was seen going under the surface of the water, and he did not resurface," Rob Wyman, a Coast Guard spokesman, told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions.

Crew members of the tug El Jaguar reported seeing stowaways diving off the barge they were towing as it entered the channel and passed near land Monday morning.

A Port of Houston spokeswoman said the tug and barge are owned by Charleston, S.C.,-based Maybank Shipping Co.

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CMH EXTENDS GOAL — Cogdell Memorial Hospital completed its in-house United Way campaign reaching well above a goal of $9,000. CEO George Parsley, presented UW president Stephen Covey a check for $15,539.48 following a luncheon served by Parsley and Christy Brown, CMH administrative assistant. Pictured from left are Ann Smartt, marketing team; Dalinda Roberts, first vice president; Covey; Parsley; and Brown. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

United Way reaches 48.1 percent of goal

After a few weeks into the Scurry County United Way 2002 campaign, the goal of $85,000 has reached 48.1 percent with donations reaching $35,500.

Stephen Covey, president, said "I'm excited and appreciative of the outstanding support already in this year's campaign. The board members and volunteers are very moved by the awesome community support."

Cogdell Memorial Hospital and Western Texas College have had individual campaigns with activities and CMH employees have given $15,539.48 and $3,715 was raised at the WTC Fall Fest on Halloween night.

Other community contributions have been made and many contributor packets are still being worked by volunteers.

UW participating agencies include the Scurry County Boys & Girls Club, Snyder Child Day Care Center, Gateway Family Services Inc., Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Scurry County Food Cupboard, American Red Cross of Southwest Texas Scurry County Youth Outreach and Scurry Volunteer Fire Department.

Rana Anderson, UW secretary can be reached during the campaign at the office west of City Hall or by calling 573-5311.



Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; County Libraryaty 4 p.m.; "Native & Drought Tolerant Plants for West Texas" program by Burr Williams, natural resource Conservation Service, Midland-Odessa.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Bridge by Phillip Alder

North 11-05-02
♠ J 6 4
♥ 7 4 2
♦ A 10 8 6
♣ 10 9 2

West
♠ Q 9 7 5
♥ Q 10 8 6 5
♦ 7 5
♣ A 7

East
♠ K 8 2
♥ J 9
♦ K 9 3 2
♣ 8 6 5 4

South
♠ A 10 3
♥ A K 3
♦ Q J 4
♣ K Q J 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 6

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002

The second leg crosses Asia

By Phillip Alder

Since it is Guy Fawkes Night in England, let's look at a book from across the pond: "Bridge over Troubled Waters" by David Bird (Cassell, 2002). This is the second episode in the adventures of Rupert — not Guy Fawkes! — Knight, the bridge organizer on a round-the-world cruise.

The text is written with a light, amusing style, and you get a little Asian travelogue color. The deals are a mixture of entertaining and instructive, but they are advanced. For example, on which side would you bet in this three-no-trump contract after a heart lead?

With only four top tricks (one spade, two hearts and one diamond), South needed to establish both minors. When you have two stoppers in the suit led and two cards to dislodge (the club ace and, assuming the finesse loses, the diamond king), it is often right to duck the first trick. That is what Knight did. He won the heart return and drove out the club ace. West, with no entry left, shifted to a spade, but declarer, with two spade stoppers, won, took the diamond finesse, and made his contract.

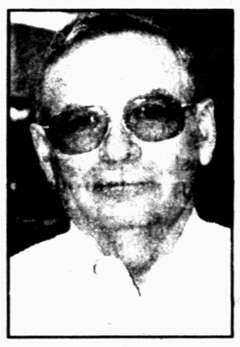
East missed his chance at trick two. If he had shifted to the spade king, he would have defeated the contract — but who would find that play? (If South wins and plays on clubs, West returns a low spade, eventually giving the defenders two spades, one heart, one diamond and one club.)

So, did you bet on the defenders? Wrong! If declarer had won the first trick and driven out the club ace, he would have been home.

The book is $14.00 postpaid from Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies. Call (800) 274-2221 to order.

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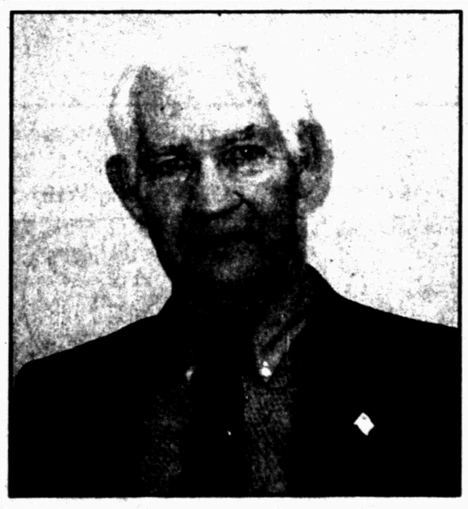


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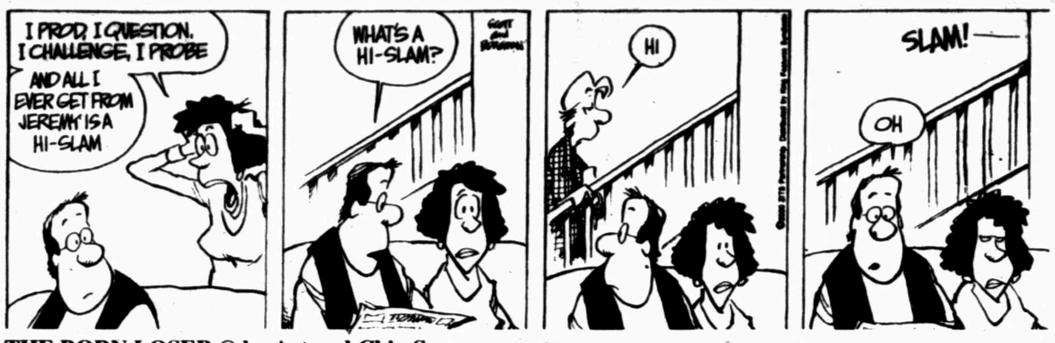
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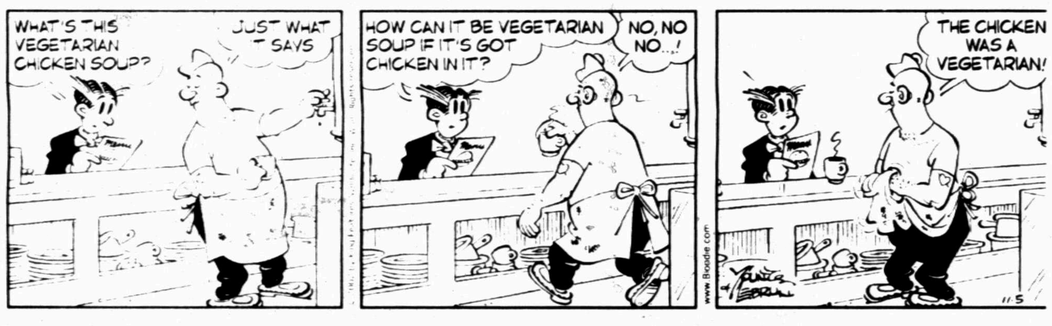
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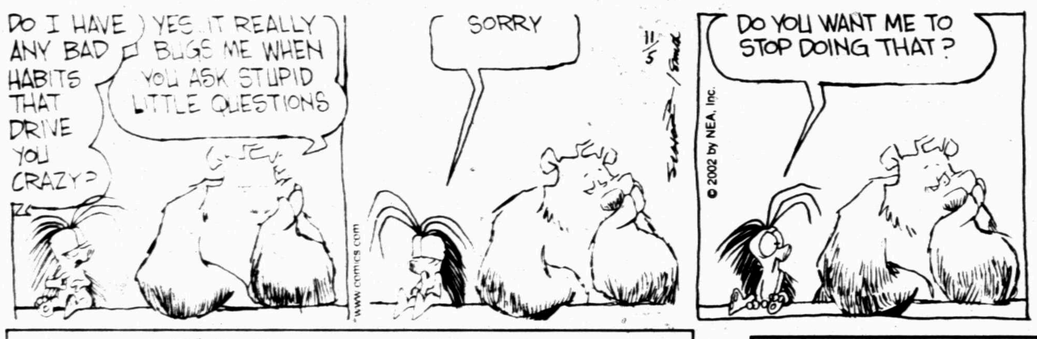
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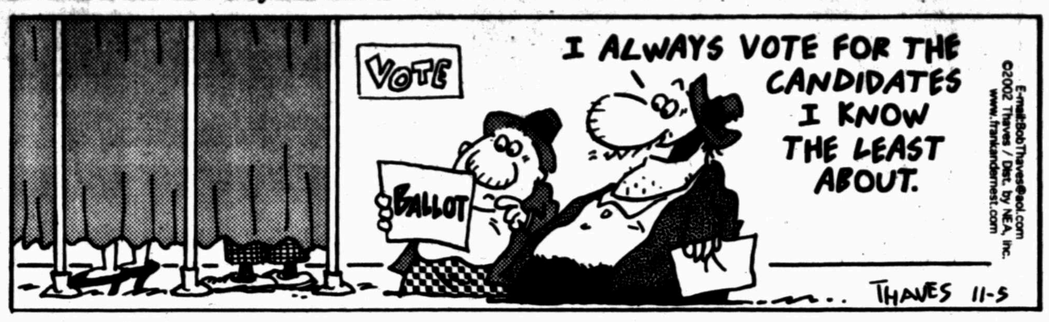
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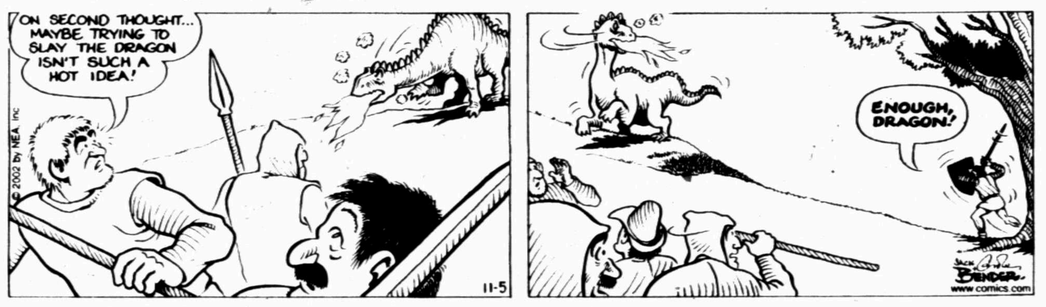
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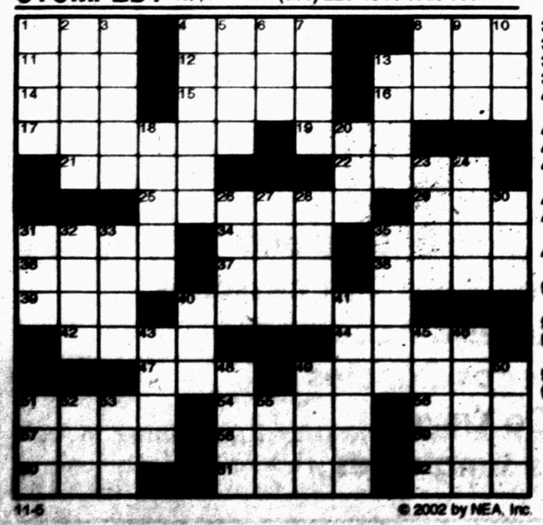
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20 Singer – Orbison
23 Hoarder's cry
24 Festoon
26 Pleasant
27 Famous label
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40 Flavor enhancer
41 Unhappiness
43 Sudden rush
45 Off-the-cuff (hyph.)
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SPORTS

Packer defense corrals Dolphins

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Dave Wannstedt has been on the losing end three of the four times Brett Favre has come back from injury during his career.

This time, the Miami Dolphins coach got to share his misery with Cris Carter, who came out of retirement only to watch Favre steal the show again.

"He's the best," Carter said. "When God made him, he put a little something extra in him."

Favre had a much better return than Carter on Monday night, guiding Green Bay to a 24-10 victory over the Dolphins despite a sprained left knee that had threatened to end his decade-long starting streak.

Carter, coming out of retirement following a nine-month layoff, had three inconsequential catches for 31 yards. He fumbled away his first reception, leading to the Packers' first touchdown, and was the target on an interception by linebacker Nate Wayne in the second half.

Favre, knocked out of his last game, extended his NFL record for consecutive regular-season starts by a quarterback to 165. He overcame an early interception in the end zone to lead the Packers to their sixth straight victory.

Favre didn't play like he was protecting his knee. Several times he scrambled toward the first-down marker with his usual abandon.

"I was saying, 'Just get down. Let me do the running,'" Ahman Green said. "I know he's a warrior and is going to do what he has to do.

"It didn't surprise me at all to see him out there. He was a legend before tonight."

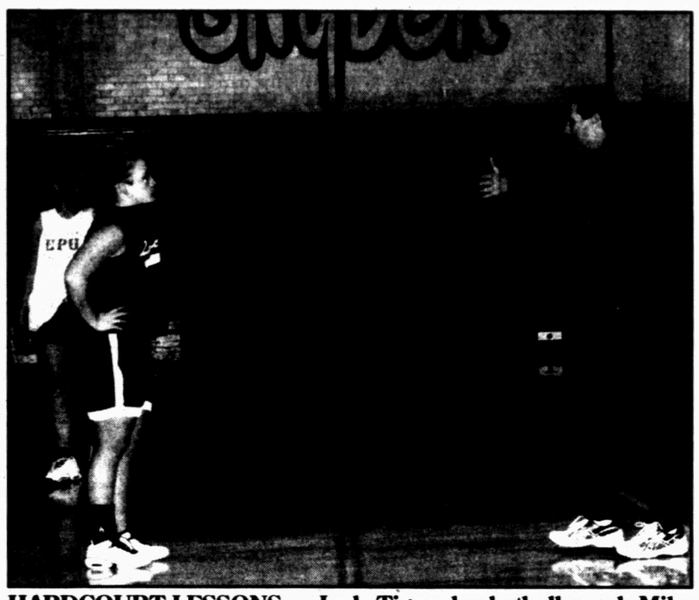
And he only added to his lore, said Dolphins defensive end Jason Taylor.

"He was scrambling and running around, doing all the thing you always see him do," Taylor said. "I saw him limp once going to the sideline."

And that was after he threw a touchdown pass, no less.

The Packers, who have the NFL's best record at 7-1, also recorded four more takeaways to increase their league-leading total to 27 and held Miami running back Ricky Williams to 47 yards on 14 carries.

Favre was 16-of-25 for 187 yards and one touchdown. When he was replaced by backup Doug Pederson in the middle of a series in the fourth quarter, the crowd serenaded him with chants of "MVP! MVP! MVP!"



HARDCOURT LESSONS — Lady Tigers basketball coach Mike Martin gives instruction to Chaelyn Robinson, back, and Dara Chambers, front, at Monday's practice. The Lady Tigers scrimmage this afternoon in Ballinger. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hinske, Jennings named top rookies

NEW YORK (AP) — Toronto third baseman Eric Hinske won the AL Rookie of the Year award Monday, and Colorado pitcher Jason Jennings was voted the NL's top rookie.

Hinske got 19 of 28 first-place votes and nine seconds to finish with 122 points in voting by a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He hit .279 with 24 homers and 84 RBIs.

Baltimore right-hander Rodrigo Lopez, who went 15-9 with a 3.57 ERA, was second with nine firsts, 17 seconds and one third for 97 points. Orioles reliever Jorge Julio was third with 14 points after going 5-6 with a 1.99 ERA and 25 saves.

The 25-year-old Hinske is Toronto's first player to win the award outright. Alfredo Griffin tied Minnesota's John Castino in the 1979 rookie voting.

The 24-year-old Jennings went 16-8 with a 4.52 ERA and became the first Colorado player to win the award. He got 27 firsts and five seconds for 150 points.

Montreal outfielder Brad Wilkerson, who batted .266 with 20 homers and 59 RBIs, was second with two firsts and 57 points. Cincinnati outfielder Austin Kearns also got two firsts and had 40 points after hitting .315 with 13 homers and 56 RBIs.

Los Angeles left-hander Kazuhisa Ishii got the other first-place vote and had 14 points. He went 14-10 with a 4.27 ERA in his first season since leaving the Japanese leagues.

Hinske, a member of the major league all-star team that will tour Japan this month, had the most homers by an AL rookie since Boston's Nomar Garciaparra hit 30 in 1997. Hinske's first career hit and RBIs came on a two-run single off Red Sox star Pedro Martinez on opening day.

After making 16 errors during the first half of the season, Hinske had just four in the second half.

He'll get a $50,000 bonus for winning the award. His salary last season was $200,000, the major league minimum.

Ohio St. slips past Miami in BCS; Texas moves up to No. 4

By the Associated Press

Look who's No. 2 in the new Bowl Championship Series standings.

Ohio State, helped by a big quality win over Washington State earlier this year and Miami's drop in The Associated Press poll, has overtaken the Hurricanes in the standings released Monday.

The Buckeyes jumped three spots and nudged past defending champion Miami, which stayed unbeaten while posting its school-record 30th straight win Saturday, 42-17 over Rutgers.

But the Hurricanes had to rally in the fourth quarter, and that cost them. Oklahoma remained No. 1 with 2.04 points, while Ohio State moved into second with 5.57 points, and Miami was third with 6.01 points.

The top two teams in the final BCS standings released Dec. 8 will play in the national title game at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz., on Jan. 3.

"We are proud of what our young men have done to date," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said. "But we know if we don't play our best road game of the year at Purdue, we won't be No. 2 next week."

Ohio State has a 6.17 composite total, compared with Miami's 6.01. But the Buckeyes got a 0.6 deduction for a 25-7 victory over Washington State on Sept. 14. Miami has no bonus-point deductions.

The quality win deductions were added last year after Miami failed to make the national championship game over Florida State following the 2000 season despite beating the Seminoles earlier in the year.

The Hurricanes' struggles against lowly Rutgers dropped them to No. 2 in the AP media poll. A component of the BCS standings includes the average of the AP media and coaches polls. Miami is No. 1 in the coaches poll, giving it a 1.5 poll average.

If Miami had stayed No. 1 in both polls, its poll average would have been 1 — putting the Hurricanes 0.06 points ahead of the Buckeyes.

"I can't be overly concerned about what the pollsters do," Miami coach Larry Coker said Monday about the AP media poll. "First of all it will be easy to rate us if we don't play better. The thing we have to do is make sure we get it corrected and win the games. If we do that, the polls will take care of themselves.

"I know that sounds like a broken record, but I really believe it's true."

Miami (8-0) trailed 17-14 entering the fourth quarter at Rutgers. Oklahoma (8-0), meanwhile, dominated then-No. 13 Colorado 27-11, and that was enough to change the poll.

The Hurricanes lost 27 first-place votes to Oklahoma and had their record run of 21 consecutive polls at No. 1 snapped.

"Nobody wants us in the national championship game," Miami tailback Willis McGahee said. "The minute we lose we'll probably fall down to No. 10. I don't know why there are so many haters."

The BCS formula uses the AP media and coaches' polls, computer polls, strength of schedule, won-loss record and a bonus-point system.

Oklahoma has 2.04 points — 1.5 for poll average, 1 for computer-rank average, 0.24 for strength of schedule, zero for losses and a 0.7 deduction for a victory over Texas.

Ohio State has 5.57 points — 3 for poll average, 2.33 for computer-rank average, 0.84 for strength of schedule and a 0.6 deduction for the victory over Washington State.

Miami has 6.01 points — 1.5 for poll average, 2.67 for computer-rank average, 1.84 for schedule rank and no bonus-point deduction.

Texas is fourth at 10.03 followed by Washington State (13.05) and Georgia (15.03). Notre Dame dropped four spots to No. 7 with 15.33 points after losing to Boston College.

In the next few weeks, the Hurricanes have a chance of passing the Buckeyes. Their strength of schedule will go up with games at Tennessee (5-3) this week, then No. 22 Pittsburgh (7-2), Syracuse (3-6) and No. 8 Virginia Tech (8-1).

Big wins in any of those games could put them back at No. 1 in the AP poll as well.

Ohio State, meanwhile, has games remaining at Illinois (3-6) and against No. 13 Michigan (7-2).

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Basketball: Snyder girls at Ballinger, scrimmage.

Basketball: Snyder boys vs. Abilene High, scrimmage, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football: Snyder varsity at Denver City, 7:30 p.m.

Football: Borden County at Grady, 7:30 p.m.

Football: Ira at Highland, 7:30 p.m.

Football: Loraine at Hermleigh, 7:30 p.m.

Snyder Tiger Football
on
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Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
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Simms and Wallace share Big 12 honors

DALLAS (AP) — Quarterbacks Seneca Wallace of Iowa State and Chris Simms of Texas shared the Big 12 offensive player of the week award after both had record passing days.

Oklahoma safety Brandon Everage was the defensive player of the week after 17 tackles and an interception in the Sooners' 27-11 win over Colorado on Saturday. Missouri's Marcus James, who had an 80-yard punt return for a touchdown against Iowa State, was the special teams player.

Wallace set an Iowa State record with 493 total yards, and led a 13-play, 93-yard drive for the winning touchdown with 32 seconds left to give the Cyclones a 42-35 win over Missouri. He was 31-of-47 passing for 425 yards and a touchdown. The 31 completions were a team record, and the 425 yards were second-best.

Simms threw for Texas record 419 yards with two touchdowns on a career-best 29-for-47 passing in a 27-24 win at Nebraska. Simms was 15-of-20 for 246 yards and both of his TDs in the second half.

Sports Briefs

Snyder runners place well at regional

Two Snyder runners finished up their cross country seasons Saturday at the regional meet in Lubbock.

Arthur Hernandez ran the boys three-mile course in 18:34, putting him 53rd out of 162 entrants.

Ciara Latta was the 50th girl out of 168 to cross the finish line in Lubbock, running the two-mile course in 13:53.

WTC ropers win in Oklahoma

Snyder native Tyler Riggan and WTC teammate Bruno Paoliella of Brazil won the team roping finals for their group at the U.S. Team Roping Association meet in Guthrie, Okla.

The ropers won saddles, boots and roughly $42,000 each.

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the film room. Everyone is invited to attend.

Tennis booster club

The tennis booster club will meet tonight at 7 in the tennis dressing room.

Cowboys lineman checks into hospital

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Jeremy McKinney underwent tests on his heart Monday after checking himself into a hospital.

McKinney flew home with the team after a 9-7 loss in Detroit on Sunday. Hours later, he had shortness of breath and wasn't feeling well, so he went to an emergency room, trainer Jim Maurer said Monday, adding that McKinney didn't report any problems during or after the game.

Warner could be back soon

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Kurt Warner is ready to play again, and that could be as soon as Nov. 18 for the St. Louis Rams.

Warner had pins removed from his broken right pinky and should be able to pass in practice Thursday. Team doctors say the finger is not completely healed, but it's close enough and he's scheduled to begin taking snaps Nov. 13.

Reds' old home to be demolished

CINCINNATI (AP) — Hamilton County commissioners accepted a contractor's proposal to blow up most of Cinergy Field — formerly Riverfront Stadium — on Dec. 29.

LaFrentz sidelined with bum ankle

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks center Raef LaFrentz will miss three-to-six weeks with a severely sprained right ankle. He was injured in a game Saturday.

Trottier, Bossy headline NHL hall induction

TORONTO (AP) — Clark Gillies was reunited with New York Islander linemates Bryan Trottier and Mike Bossy in the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Gillies was enshrined with Bernie Federko, the St. Louis Blues playmaker, and Rod Langway, the American who won a Stanley Cup with Montreal and twice won the Norris Trophy as best defenseman with Washington.

Roger Neilson, head coach of eight NHL teams and now an assistant in Ottawa, was inducted in the builders category.

Michigan St. axes football coach

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan State football coach Bobby Williams was fired two days after the Spartans dropped to 3-6 with their worst loss in 55 years.

Offensive coordinator Morris Watts was appointed interim head coach.

Sunday, quarterback Jeff Smoker's family announced that the suspended quarterback is battling substance abuse. The same day, tailback Dawan Moss was dismissed from the team after being arrested and accused of dragging a police officer with his car following a traffic stop. Both Smoker and Moss were captains.

Defensive end Greg Taplin also has been suspended for an unspecified rule violation. Two other players have quit voluntarily.

Mason said the defining moment came Saturday, when Williams was asked if he had lost his team. His response: "I don't know."

Duncan FG lifts Spurs over Grizz

MEMPHIS (AP) - Tim Duncan hit a 12-footer as time expired Monday night and the San Antonio Spurs escaped with a 103-101 overtime victory over the Memphis Grizzlies.

Officials reviewed the final play and said Duncan made the shot with .8 seconds remaining, capping the Spurs' comeback.

Duncan, who finished with 29 points and 14 rebounds, scored nine of San Antonio's 13 points in the overtime. The Spurs scored seven consecutive points in the final 1:03 to overtake the Grizzlies, who were looking for their first win.

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Man to go on trial for killing 2 people

FORT WORTH (AP) — They met in their early 70s at their small town's dance for senior citizens, and they fell in love.

Married five years ago, James and Ullain Christmas enjoyed playing dominoes, attending church and fishing. They celebrated last Thanksgiving with family and went back to their house in Bowie, their little dog waiting for them.

That was the last time their relatives saw them alive.

The next day, 76-year-old James Christmas was shot in the chest and his 79-year-old wife was hit in the head 15 times with the shotgun. Authorities found a human arm and head protruding from a dirt mound at the back of the couple's property outside Bowie, where the couple sometimes stayed on weekends.

"Two police officers on their hands and knees dug, one slow handful of dirt at a time," Montague County District Attorney Tim Cole told jurors Monday. "These two folks had been thrown in a shallow grave, like discarded trash."

Charles William Jordan, whose capital murder trial began Monday, faces the death penalty if convicted of the slayings that authorities say happened after the couple tried to kick him out of their house on the land.

But defense attorneys said Jordan, also charged in the Jan.. 28 Montague County Jail break that triggered a nationwide manhunt, hit the woman a couple of times after she went berserk upon seeing her husband die from the shot Jordan claims was accidental.

"We're not talking about a gentle, cookie-baking grandmother," Ron Poole told the jury.

The trial was moved to Fort Worth because of publicity in Montague, about 100 miles to the northwest. Testimony was to resume Tuesday.

James Christmas had recently allowed his teen grandson Willie Christmas and two friends, including Jordan, to stay in his house in the county while the trio looked for work, Cole said. But after complaints from neighbors about rowdy behavior, the Christmases decided to ask the three to leave.

The couple stopped at a Dairy Queen on the way to the property, several miles from their Bowie home, and said they were going to make sure the trio were moving, Charlie Boyett testified Monday.

After the murders, the trio were captured in Washington, where Jordan approached officers and confessed, Cole said. Jordan, 30, told police he acted alone, but Willie Christmas helped bury the bodies and Chrystal Gale Soto cleaned the bloody house, Cole said.

Man sentenced in nine animal cruelty cases

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A Harlingen man was sentenced to 18 months probation Monday on nine cases of animal cruelty involving a puppy mill raided by Cameron County sheriff's officers in January.

Sheriff's officers said purebred Pomeranian and basset hound puppies and older dogs found in Patrick Scott Kingsbury's kennel were living in filth. Many had little or no food and water.

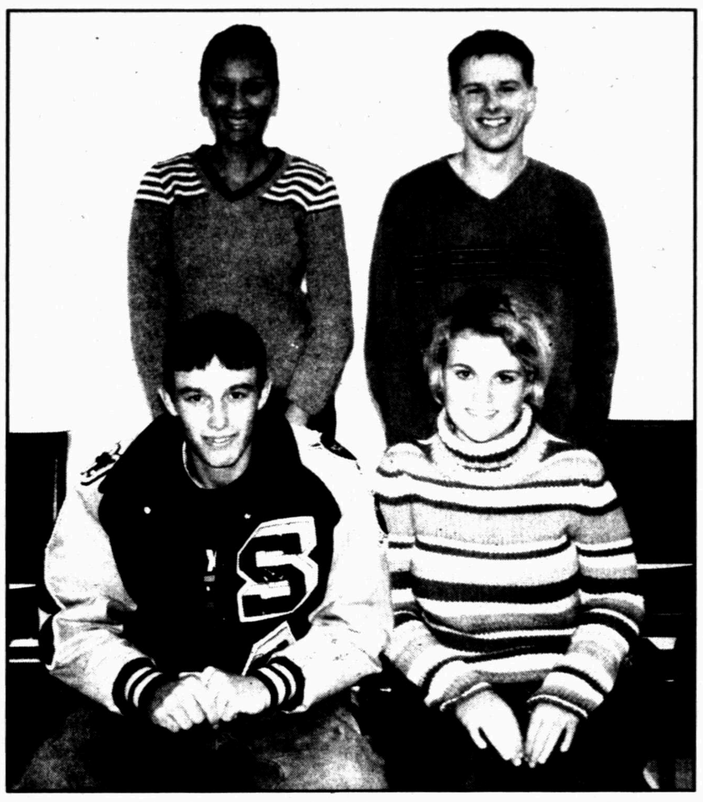
Kingsbury originally was charged with 10 misdemeanor cases involving 76 animals, but one case was dismissed, court administrator Carlos Buentello said.

Some of the animals died. Some were auctioned off and some were offered for adoption.

Kingsbury received three months for eight cases and a six-month jail sentence for the ninth case, but will serve 18 months probation.

As a condition of probation, Kingsbury will be on a work-release program for 60 days starting Jan. 2, attorney Carlos Cisneros said in a story in today's Valley Morning Star.

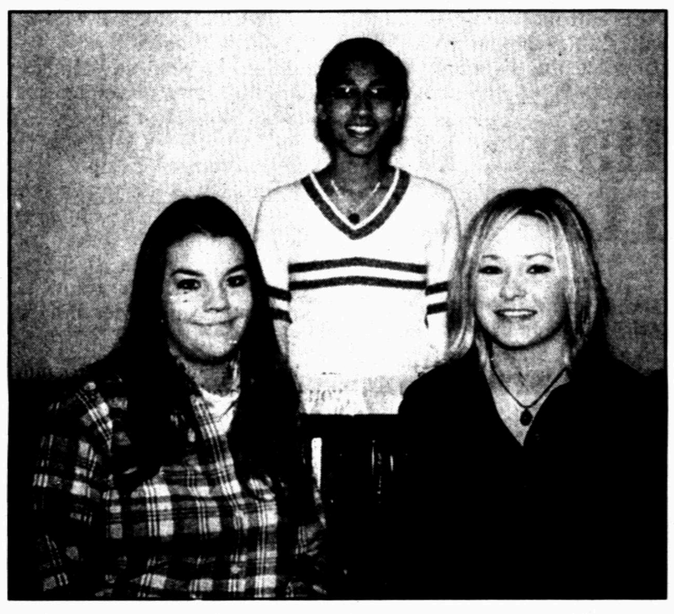
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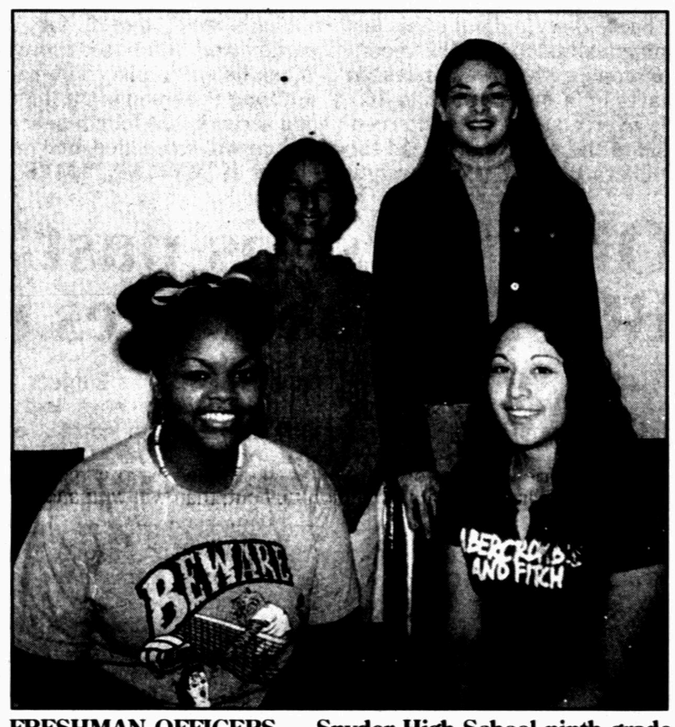
SHS SENIOR OFFICERS — Catherine Whitworth, seated right, is president of the Snyder High School senior class. Other officers include Brady Reed, vice president; Zipporah Peoples, standing left; and Will Davis, treasurer. (SHS Journalism Photo)



JUNIOR OFFICERS — Snyder High School 11th grade officers for the year include Misha Wofford, president, seated left; Beth Clements, vice president; Stephanie Williams, secretary, standing left; and Ashley Jenkins, treasurer. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS — Tenth grade officers at Snyder High School include Kalli Wesson, seated left; Kassey Burney, vice president; and Annie Martinez, secretary. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



FRESHMAN OFFICERS — Snyder High School ninth grade officers include Kiki Wofford, president; seated left; Desiree Cortez, vice president; Christi Williams, secretary, standing left; and Teddi Crenwelge, treasurer. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Jury must decide fate of two brothers convicted of muder

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A jury must decide whether two brothers should be sentenced to death or life in prison for five killings, including a quadruple murder of friends who were forced to engage in sex acts with each other before each was shot in the head.

Reginald Carr, 24, and Jonathan Carr, 22, did not show any visible reaction when they were convicted Monday of the five murders after a nearly two-month trial.

As he had been throughout much of the trial, Reginald Carr was in shackles because he allegedly threatened deputies.

Prosecutors argued that the defendants were motivated by greed and lust and plan to seek the death penalty. Defense attorneys declined comment, saying the trial was not yet over.

The penalty phase is set to begin today.

Each brother was charged with the same 47 counts, with Reginald Carr facing an additional three counts for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Prosecutors said in the Dec. 14-15 spree, the men entered a Wichita home and forced two women and three men inside to engage in sexual acts with each other and to withdraw money from ATMs. The women were repeatedly raped before the five friends were taken to a soccer field, forced to kneel in the snow and shot in the back of the head.

Study suggests garlic, shallots and onions may fight prostate cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A diet rich in garlic, shaliots and onions may cut the risk of prostate cancer in half, according to a study.

The study, appearing this week in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, is based on interviews with 238 men with prostate cancer and 471 men who were free of the disease.

Men in the study, all residents of Shanghai, China, were asked how frequently they ate 122 food items.

The results showed that those who ate more than a third of an ounce a day from the allium food group were about 50 percent less likely to have prostate cancer than those who ate less of the foods. The allium food group includes garlic, scallions, chives, leeks and onions.

Scallions seemed to be the most protective. According to the study, men who ate about a tenth of an ounce or more a day of scallions reduced their prostate cancer risk by about 70 percent. For garlic consumption of the same amount, the prostate cancer risk was reduced by about 53 percent.

"The reduced risk of prostate cancer associated with allium vegetables was independent of body size, intake of other foods and total calorie intake and was more pronounced for men with localized than with advanced prostate cancer," the study authors reported.

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Matthew 27:46

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Lela and her husband, Ferrell, have been married 68 years and they farmed between Dunn and Ira for many years.

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Development of nonlethal weapons encouraged

WASHINGTON (AP) — Weapons that don't kill people, ranging from sticky or slippery sprays to bad smells and psychological methods to calm crowds should be given a higher priority by the military, especially the Navy and Marines, the National Research Council says.

The long-awaited report on nonlethal weapons called for establishment of special research centers for such weapons and high-level oversight to encourage their development.

Miriam E. John of Sandia National Laboratories, chairwoman of the committee that wrote the study released Monday, said nonlethal weapons could provide added security to American bases and vessels and help soldiers on peacekeeping missions better deal with unruly crowds.

But the recommendation drew sharp criticism from the Sunshine Project, a chemical and biological weapons monitoring group that is the chief critic of nonlethal weapons programs.

Edward Hammond, a project staff member, charged the research council with providing cover for military research programs.

"The panel's findings will be used by the Pentagon to redouble their chemical weapons development efforts with potentially disastrous results for arms control," he said. "Other countries will follow suit and controls on chemical weapons could quickly destabilize."

The United States signed the chemical weapons treaty in the early 1970s.

The armed services have operated a joint nonlethal research program since 1996 and the committee urged that it be sped up.

The recommendation for additional research comes just over a week after about 120 captives died when Russian forces pumped incapacitating gas into a theater where about 40 Chechen separatists had taken more than 750 people hostage. Russian officials said the gas was not supposed to cause deaths.

The goal of nonlethal weapons is to incapacitate people or equipment while minimizing unintended fatalities and damage, the Research Council said.

"What we're saying is that we're putting our soldiers in harm's way, doing humanitarian and peacekeeping missions, without the tools to deal with these large crowds that can turn on them in a minute," John said in a telephone interview.

She said calming methods that would have a psychological impact on people — perhaps using music or speaking to crowds appropriately in their language — have not been well studied.

As for using chemicals to calm crowds, she said international treaties are complicated. "The lawyers have got to get together on this. There is so much latitude for interpretation, it needs a very, very careful look."

The report noted that while chemicals that have a physical effect, such as putting people to sleep, may be banned under treaties, materials that have a psychological impact, calming people down, may be legal.

Marine Capt. Shawn Turner, spokesman for the military's Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate, said he has not yet seen a copy of the study and could not comment on it.

The study was done after the October 2000 bombing of the USS Cole, although it was requested before then, John said. Seventeen U.S. sailors were killed when a dinghy loaded with explosives rammed the destroyer as it was refueling in Aden.

Taking that into account, the report stressed the need for accelerated research into barrier and entanglement systems that could be deployed to stop vessel movement.

Other possibilities suggested were solid-state lasers and chemicals that stop engines and calmatives to stop such attackers.

Researchers at a Pentagon-funded institute at Pennsylvania State University prepared a 50-page report in 2000 saying that developing calmative weapons "is achievable and desirable" and suggesting drugs like Valium for further research.

One hurdle for using such drugs for riot control, the researchers wrote, is finding a way to deliver the substances to large groups, such as in a spray or mist.

Other problems are figuring out how to prevent other injuries, such as from people falling down if they are knocked unconscious, as well as determining the proper strength of a spray depending on whether it is to be used indoors or outside.

Material collected by the National Research Council disclosed a wide range of proposed nonlethal weapons ranging from liquid projectiles to microorganisms that gobble up highways and runways, making them unusable, sticky sprays that make floors and stairs a gummy mess and foul-smelling fogs.

Some examples are already in use, including tear gas, rubber bullets and flash-bang grenades.

The National Research Council is an arm of the National Academy of Sciences, an independent organization chartered by Congress to provide scientific advice to the government.

Dallas officer placed on desk duty

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas police officer was placed on desk duty after top officials viewed a videotape that showed the officer slapping a suspect in the face while arresting the man, police said.

The incident was caught on tape Friday by Dallas television station KDAF, which said it showed the footage to Deputy Chief Police Danny Garcia on Saturday.

Police officer John Nash was put on desk duty the same day, police said.

The television station reported that another Dallas police officer is under investigation for using his flashlight to block the TV camera from taping the incident.

Dallas police spokeswoman Janice Houston told the station that police policy allows officers to slap a suspect on the back of the head to stun him, but it does not allow officers to hit suspects in the face.

Police policy also prohibits an officer from trying to hinder news coverage of an incident, Houston said.

The videotape shows Nash striking the suspect, Antonio Bradford, in the face as he tries to arrest him for public intoxication. It also shows an officer shining his flashlight into the camera to try to block the camera lens, the station said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Parents search for right way to find out what's wrong

DEAR ABBY: Would it be OK to ask the parents of our daughter's fiance exactly what's wrong with him? We can tell he's "not quite right."

All our daughter, "Cheryl," knows is that "Kirk" is "learning-delayed" because she overheard his father discussing it with someone else. Cheryl has not asked for further details and is wondering if Kirk's condition can be passed on to their children.

Our only experience with someone who has a learning disability is our niece, who has been advised by her doctor that she can have normal children. We are wondering if this is the case with our future son-in-law.

Should we ask? If so, how does one ask a parent what is wrong with his or her child without seeming rude or nosy? Cheryl and Kirk love each other. It's apparent how happy they are. However, genetics are an issue we feel should be discussed.

Cheryl doesn't know how to bring up the subject, and neither does her father or I. We're well aware that hurt feelings could ensue without the utmost tact. We need some answers, Abby. Thanks for any you can offer. — **IN THE DARK IN THE NORTHWEST**

DEAR IN THE DARK: Since your daughter is engaged to marry this young man, any question she might have that could have an impact on her marriage is a legitimate one. Your daughter should speak up and ask her fiance exactly what the problem is. If it's possible that his "learning delay" could affect their children, a talk with his family doctor —and possibly genetic testing — are in order.

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DEAR ABBY: It is common knowledge that your readers are the most intelligent, well-informed people in the country. They are probably more informed than some of the people we have sent to Washington, D.C.

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I am just asking you to remind people to get off their collective rear ends, go to the polling station, do their civic duty and VOTE.

I personally don't care who a person votes for, as long as the turnout is greater this year than in 1998, when less than 40 percent of eligible Americans exercised their constitutional right. I would rather see "my candidate" lose by a whopping majority and have a record-high turnout, than win with another record-low voter turnout.

I'm fairly certain that the candidates who are running for office this year would agree with me on that point, even if they can agree on nothing else. — **A PROUD AMERICAN VOTER, BLOOMFIELD, N.J.**

DEAR PROUD AMERICAN: You asked for it — you've got it! Readers, a person who has the right to vote and doesn't do it is no better off than a person who doesn't have that privilege. This is not the time for any American citizen to say, "Let someone else do it." The direction our country takes — domestically and internationally — is to a great extent determined by the people who exercise their right to vote.

So cast your vote — today's the day!

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2002

New contacts you make in the year ahead could prove to be of greater worth than those you have made in the past. They could open doors for you that would otherwise be blocked to the average comer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There are many financial opportunities around you today if you take the time to ferret them out. Leave no stone unturned in places that could help enhance your material security. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — The clouds could clear today and expand your horizons. You should now be able to see opportunities that previously eluded your vision. Focus and act on them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Kindness can conquer what demands won't, so when dealing with others today emphasize your cooperativeness and understate your authority if you're looking to gain their support.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Events could be developing today in a manner that should awaken new hope in your heart over a matter that has been of some concern for you. Things are about to take a turn for the better.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Today could be a meaningful day for your career — if you don't waste your efforts on matters of small consequence. You could be especially lucky focusing on meaningful objectives.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The more outgoing and friendly you are with others today, the more apt you are to draw good conditions to yourself. The consequences of life are reflective of people's attitudes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't allow any discouraging thoughts to build up in you just because something in which you're presently involved is still hanging fire. The rewards are just around the corner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your assessments are quite good today in areas that you perceive to be fruitful. They merit your attention, but the trick is to take the bull by the horns and do something about them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Conditions that relate to your financial well-being look extremely encouraging today. However, in order to get the most out of them, deal directly with top level people, not intermediaries.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You will be the luckiest today in all situations you manage yourself and where you can use your own ideas. If possible, keep straw bosses completely out of the picture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Rewards will be forthcoming today in activities where you are looking out for the welfare of others. In fact, the more you do for people, the luckier you'll become.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Chances are you could be in the right spot at the right time to be with the right people who have something going for them. This chain has room for one more link that is reserved for you.

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'Generosity index' measures who makes most contributions

BOSTON (AP) — Southerners still take the prize when it comes to charitable giving, though a few Yankee states are making progress toward shedding their stingy reputations.

Relatively poor Bible Belt states, headed by Mississippi, retained their lead in the latest "Generosity Index," a survey measuring the disparity between what residents of each state earn and what they give.

Mississippi has finished first in five of the six annual surveys. In the latest, the Magnolia State once again has the greatest disparity between its ranking among the states in wealth — 49th — and its ranking in donations: 6th.

Following Mississippi are Arkansas, South Dakota, Tennessee and Louisiana, according to the Catalogue for Philanthropy, a Massachusetts group that created the study and encourages giving.

The group has consistently given the highest rankings to Southern and Midwestern states, where tithing — giving a tenth of your income to church — is relatively common. Northeastern states have generally ranked lowest.

"Mississippians recognize that caring for others is a way of caring for the community at large, and the depth of that caring is amazing," said Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove. "The Generosity Index is further evidence that our caring begins in the heart and moves to the wallet."

The survey doesn't reflect the recent economic downturn because it relied on IRS tax returns from 2000, the most recent year available.

New Hampshire, which is the sixth wealthiest state per capita but ranked only 45th in charitable contributions, came in dead last, one spot behind Rhode Island. New Jersey and Wisconsin were 48th and 47th, respectively.

Still, there were signs that the prosperity of the 1990s made some New England residents more generous. Connecticut rose 10 spots from 44th to 34th.

Massachusetts, which has finished last in some previous surveys, rose from 48th to 44th. Charitable giving in the state over the late 1990s rose considerably faster than income, and more than doubled to $3.97 billion.

"The economy was good everywhere, but Massachusetts' growth in giving outstrips by far every other state," said George McCully, the group's coordinator trustee.

The survey compares each state's average adjusted gross income with its average itemized charitable deduction.

But because those numbers don't quite line up, the index compares the states' relative rankings in those categories. Only about one in four taxpayers itemize, although those taxpayers account for 80 percent of charitable giving.

The authors acknowledge the survey, compiled by the National Center for Charitable Statistics, is imperfect. It doesn't account for volunteering and economists dislike it.

But the group say it offers a good snapshot of regional variations and shames stingy states into action.

Comedian will make Broadway debut

NEW YORK (AP) — British comedian Eddie Izzard will make his Broadway debut next March in "A Day in the Death of Joe Egg," Peter Nichols' dark comedy about a handicapped child and the strain she puts on her parents' marriage.

The play, first seen on Broadway in 1968, will be produced by the Roundabout Theatre Company at its American Airlines Theatre. Preview performances begin March 14, with an opening date to be set. "Joe Egg" will run through May 25.

The Roundabout also was involved in the play's last major New York revival. The production, which starred Jim Dale and Stockard Channing, won a Tony Award for best revival in 1985.

Date Book

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002

Today is the 309th day of 2002 and the 45th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1912, Woodrow Wilson was elected the 28th president of the United States.

On this day in 1930, Sinclair Lewis became the first American to win the Nobel Prize in literature.

On this day in 1968, Richard Nixon defeated Hubert Humphrey and George C. Wallace to become the 37th president of the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Eugene V. Debs (1855-1926), U.S. socialist leader; Will Durant (1885-1981), historian and philosopher; Vivien Leigh (1913-1967), actress; Sam Shepard (1943-), playwright and actor, is 59; Tatum O'Neal (1963-), actress, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1928, Walter Hagen won the PGA championship for the fourth consecutive year.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The political machine triumphs because it is a united minority acting against a divided majority." — Will Durant

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Nov. 4) and first quarter (Nov. 11).

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	5.73	5.42	5.65	+ .07
AOL TimeWrn	15.85	15.38	15.85	+ .32
AT&T Corp	14.12	13.77	14.10	+ .21
Albertsons	20.57	19.75	19.80	—.79
Alltel	52.21	51.69	51.76	—.45
Am℗l Pw	28.19	27.57	28.06	—.17
AndarkPtr	45.79	44.86	45.24	—.05
ATMOS Egy	22.45	22.07	22.09	—.24
Aviall	8.80	8.56	8.56	—.14
BP PLC	38.19	37.65	38.15	—.10
BakerHughes	30.08	29.35	29.85	—.06
Bank of Amer	71.29	69.90	71.29	+ 1.03
BellSouth	28.85	28.00	28.85	+ .80
BurlNoSFe	26.74	26.45	26.59	+ .02
Caterpillar	43.29	42.67	43.15	+ .29
CenterPoint	7.21	6.45	6.47	—1.18
ChevronTex	68.39	67.48	67.88	—.06
Citigroup	38.29	37.35	38.23	+ .63
CocaCola	46.29	45.84	45.99	+ .29
ColgatePal	53.89	53.54	53.80	+ .51
CmclMetals s	16.69	16.53	16.57	—.06
ConocoPhill	48.16	47.61	48.10	+ .41
Cooper Inds	32.25	31.18	32.11	—.04
DaimlrChry	36.10	35.38	36.05	+ .39
DeltaAirl	11.22	11.03	11.19	—.03
Dillards Inc	17.28	16.50	17.15	+ .17
DowChem	26.50	25.90	26.49	+ .49
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Supreme Court will take Agent Orange case

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Vietnam War veterans Daniel Stephenson and Joe Isaacson learned they had cancer, they tried to collect from a fund for those exposed to Agent Orange only to find out they were too late.

So the two men sued, drawing charges of foul play from chemical companies that created the $180 million fund after being promised they wouldn't have to pay out any more money.

The 2nd Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals said the veterans could sue, but the Supreme Court on Monday granted a petition from the chemical companies and agreed to decide the case.

At issue is whether people should be allowed to bypass previous class action settlements.

Peter A. Bell, a law professor at Syracuse University, said the justices face two competing claims, both valid.

"Both sides have some appeal to what they're saying," Bell said. "The companies say we have to put an end to these kinds of lawsuits. But you also have concerns about the due process rights of people who say 'Wait a second. Is it right that I shouldn't be able to bring some sort of action, particularly if I never had the chance to share in the proceeds?'"

An official of the Vietnam Veterans of America said he hopes the court will uphold the 2nd Circuit decision allowing the veterans to sue.

"The two plaintiffs were not sick in 1984. They only became ill a decade later," said Rick Weidman, VVA's director of government relations. "To say that they're all covered by this previous decision is, frankly, grossly unfair, grossly inequitable and patently silly."

U.S. armed forces used Agent Orange in the 1960s and 1970s to clear dense jungle growth in Vietnam. Veterans who sued chemical companies such as Dow Chemical Co. and Monsanto Co. said exposure to the defoliant caused cancer, birth defects and other health problems.

The chemical companies agreed to settle the suits by setting aside $180 million to compensate anyone injured by the end of 1994, and to pay for programs to benefit all veterans.

Stephenson, a helicopter pilot who served in Vietnam from 1965-70, and Isaacson, who was in Vietnam from 1968-69 and worked at a base for airplanes that sprayed herbicides, contracted cancer after the deadline and found they couldn't collect any money.

"All settlement funds had been paid out without preparing for the fact that I and other veterans might get cancer from Agent Orange after 1994," Isaacson said in briefs filed before the Supreme Court. Now an assistant principal, he was diagnosed in 1996 with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

He said he did not know about the class action settlement and didn't realize before 1996 that he had been injured by being exposed to Agent Orange.

Lawyers for the chemical companies argued that those who got sick after 1994 did benefit from the veterans' programs that the settlement funded. They said that if Stephenson and Isaacson were allowed to sue, then companies would have no incentive to agree to settle class action cases, since they could still be dragged to court.

Can states keep traffic information secret?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Local and state governments should not have to give accident reports and other information collected about dangerous intersections to lawyers who plan to use the information against them in court, a government lawyer told the Supreme Court on Monday.

Daniel Hamilton, a prosecuting attorney for Pierce County, Wash., said states may be reluctant to gather information as part of a federal law to ensure highway safety if that data becomes the centerpiece of lawsuits involving traffic accidents.

Without a rule preventing release of the information, state participation in the federal highway safety program could be jeopardized, he said.

Hamilton's argument stems from a 1996 case in Pierce County in which officials refused to release records about a dangerous intersection to a man suing over an accident in which his wife was killed.

A federal law designed to encourage state and local governments to identify and fix unsafe road conditions provides that data gathered in that process cannot be used in state court proceedings.

Attorney Salvador Mungia, representing the family of Clementina Guillen-Alejandre, a Tacoma, Wash., woman killed in the 1996 accident, said it was "completely unreasonable" for officials to withhold police reports and other information crucial to the case.

"State sovereignty isn't for the benefit of the states. It's for the benefit of the people," Mungia said.

Washington state's top court ruled last year that the federal law is unconstitutional since it tells state courts what evidence they may or may not admit. The U.S. Supreme Court later blocked that ruling until it could hear arguments.

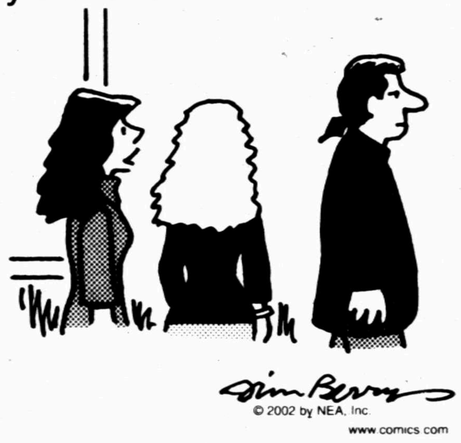
Lawyers asked the Supreme Court on Monday to determine if the federal law is constitutional, and if so, whether local officials must admit they knew an intersection might be dangerous. The ruling, expected next year, could affect governments in every state.

Under sometimes aggressive questioning from the nine justices Monday, Hamilton contended that any information gathered specifically for safety reasons should be exempt from disclosure in a court case.

Justice Stephen Breyer called that interpretation of the law "rather strained." Taken to its logical conclusion, Breyer said, it could prevent virtually all information about a traffic intersection from being used in court.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg pointed out that police reports are standard fare and questioned why they should be withheld.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Noise can damage hearing

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 66. I have decreased hearing and ringing in my left ear. This is probably due to chronic exposure to loud machinery. I am a farmer and rarely protect my ears from loud sounds. But I have to work. What should I do?

DEAR READER: I am publishing your letter as an example of the correspondence that really should be addressed with your primary care physician. While I am gratified to receive letters from readers who have a gripe or a real concern about medical issues, your condition should be evaluated by an ear-nose-and-throat specialist. Request a referral through your family physician.

While chronic exposure to excessive noise may, indeed, lead to nerve deafness, you should have confirmatory testing of your hearing, in hopes that it can be improved by therapy or by hearing devices.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column, you hypothesize that underarm and pubic hair are simply a fingerprint for human evolution and that they are probably related to temperature regulation. Here's my theory. Pubic hair adds friction to intimate acts, making them more pleasurable; underarm hair adds scent and musk.

DEAR READER: Look at the enormous deodorant market. I disagree.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Re: Pubic and underarm hair. Seems reasonable to me that pubic hair would cut down on friction caused by two bodies rubbing together. Imagine not having hair there to help with motion. Yee-ouch!

Underarm. Same theory. Upper body activity could cause quite a burn.

DEAR READER: What about women athletes who shave under their arms? They have no burn.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've read your article on pubic and underarm hair and would like to comment.

Eons ago, when human development was just beginning, our forebears had total body hair, according to most modern anthropological assessments. This body hair may have protected against temperature extremes, acted as a source of scent for coupling and tribal identification and was probably not a social issue.

As humans evolved, body hair became less vital to survival. For example, although extremely hairy men are present today, most males have limited hair.

Similarly, women who centuries ago had extensive body hair, have — to an extent — evolved into relatively hairless creatures. Moreover, most women shave their legs and underarms. In fact, some females shave their pubic areas, without significant health consequences. In all likelihood, humans will evolve without hair in the next million years. Hair is a nuisance (except that scalp hair is still a turn-on for most people), fails to add to modern preservation of the species and serves no practical function whatsoever.

You will likely receive mail from people who believe that hirsutism is God's way and cannot be analyzed or criticized, from people who stretch reasonableness to explain the obvious (hair is present for bonding or friction or scent analysis) or from people who state the obvious (hair may have no other function than to protect us from temperature changes and minor trauma, such as bug bites).

DEAR READER. You get an A. Thanks for writing.

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Missile strike kills senior al-Qaida official

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opening up a visible new front in the war on terror, U.S. forces launched a pinpoint missile strike in Yemen, killing a top al-Qaida operative in his car in the first such overt attack outside of Afghanistan, a U.S. official said.

The strike, believed to have been conducted by a CIA aircraft, killed Qaed Salim Sinan al-Harethi, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. U.S. counterterrorism officials say al-Harethi was al-Qaida's chief operative in Yemen and a suspect in the October 2000 bombing of the destroyer USS Cole.

Al-Harethi's car was struck by a Hellfire air-to-ground missile. The CIA launches Hellfires from pilotless Predator aircraft. Five other people, believed low-level al-Qaida operatives, also were killed.

The attack occurred in the northern province of Marib, about 100 miles east of Yemen's capital San'a, where al-Qaida is considered active.

The official Yemeni news agency, local tribesmen and the U.S. official confirmed the strike killed al-Harethi. Witnesses said they saw an aircraft, possibly a helicopter, in the area. Hellfires can also be launched by attack helicopters and are used by both the U.S. Army and Marine Corps.

U.S. counterterrorism officials have said al-Harethi, also known as Abu Ali, was a top target of their efforts. He was a close associate of Osama bin Laden in Sudan in the early 1990s. Saudi fugitive Bin Laden, blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks, relocated to Afghanistan in 1996.

Speaking Monday about al-Harethi, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told reporters, "It would be a very good thing if he were out of business." The CIA declined comment on reports of his death, and President Bush ignored a question about the attack after he voted today in Crawford.

Al-Harethi was among hundreds of former fighters who returned to Yemen in the 1990s from Afghanistan, where some fought alongside bin Laden against the Soviet army.

Yemeni officials say al-Harethi went into hiding in 2001 after learning he was wanted for questioning by U.S. investigators in the Cole bombing.

Between August and November of last year, al-Harethi spent months in Hosun al-Jalal, a poor village in Yemen's Marib province, a region populated by gun-toting tribesmen where government forces venture only with the permission of local chiefs.

No postal rate hike expected until 2006

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Postal Service does not anticipate another postage rate hike until 2006, two years later than previously predicted, because of extra money from a retirement fund.

A new financial review revealed that the Postal Service had been paying too much into the Civil Service Retirement System fund, which provides benefits for employees who joined the service by 1983. Postal workers who joined after that year were enrolled in another retirement system.

The review examined retirement payments since 1971 and determined that the post office has nearly paid off what it owes the fund for current and future retirees. The analysis revealed that the Postal Service's liability to the retirement account is about $5 billion, rather than the $32 billion it believed it owed.

"The findings are the result of a number of factors, but the change was primarily driven by higher than expected yields on pension investments made by the Department of the Treasury," Postmaster General John E. Potter said at today's Board of Governors meeting.

Current retirement contributions or future benefits to the employees won't be affected by the changes.

Younger sniper suspect detained

GREENBELT, Md. (AP) — The teenage sniper suspect was ordered detained as investigators look into whether two September shootings were related to the October spree that left 10 dead in the Washington area.

The wounding of two people in separate holdups, one outside a liquor store and the other outside a restaurant in Clinton, the Washington suburb where John Allen Muhammad's ex-wife lives, could be connected with the string of sniper attacks, Prince George's County police said.

Muhammad, 41, was scheduled to appear in federal court today, where prosecutors are expected to make their case for holding him until trial. Under federal law, prosecutors have until Thursday to secure an indictment against him.

On Monday, 17-year-old John Lee Malvo was ordered detained at a closed hearing, and the orders and records were sealed, court clerk Felicia Cannon said.

Police nationwide have been reviewing unsolved shootings to see if they can be connected to the sniper suspects.

In addition to the shootings in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., the two face murder charges in Louisiana and Alabama, and are suspects in two shootings, one fatal, in Washington state.

Federal prosecutors filed a 20-count criminal complaint against Muhammad last week on charges that include extortion, use of a firearm and interfering with interstate commerce. He faces the death penalty if convicted.

Federal charges have also apparently been brought against Malvo, but authorities will not say so because he is a juvenile.

Last week, U.S. Magistrate Judge James K. Bredar rejected a request by several news organization, including The Associated Press, to make Malvo's hearing public.

Attorney General John Ashcroft has yet to determine which jurisdiction will try the pair first, a decision that could come later this week.

Grand jury indictments

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Paulette Ford Prichard Holladay, 50, of 5400 College Ave., Apt. 112, was indicted for the Oct. 9 offense of felony driving while intoxicated.

She has DWI convictions in Scurry County in 1987 and 2000. Her bond was set at $5,000.

Gary Wayne Hamby, 53, of 1014-B Ollie St. in Calera, Okla., was indicted for the June 16 offense of driving while intoxicated. He has prior DWI convictions in Oklahoma in 1993 and 1998. Hamby's bond was set at $5,000.

Joe Wayne Fox, 38, George West was indicted for the Sept. 19 offense of possession of methamphetamine. His bond was set at $5,000.

Jonathan Bergstrom, 56, of 17 Lakewood in Sweetwater was indicted for the April 20 offense of theft. He is accused of stealing a cultivator from Snyder resident Eddie Don Floyd.

His bond on the state jail felony theft charge is $5,000.

James Benjamin Northcutt, 24, of 3106 Ave. T was indicted for the Oct. 8 offense of theft of property in the amount of less than $1,500 from Ricardo Olivas on Oct. 8.

Northcutt has two prior felony theft convictions in Scurry County. His bond is set at $5,000 and he is currently in jail in New Mexico.

One person was indicted who is yet to be arrested.

Officers catch youth after brief foot chase

•Arrests

Snyder officers apprehended a 17-year-old man Monday afternoon after a brief foot chase.

An officer with the Texas Youth Commission requested a Snyder officer stand-by while he attempted to arrest the juvenile, but the subject was not at his home.

The officer later located the subject who ran, but was caught in the 3800 block of Ave. O and arrested for parole violation and evading arrest.

Deputies arrested Deborah Ann Forrest, 38, of Big Spring Monday on a felony warrant for motion to revoke probation.

Also taken into custody by deputies was a 28-year-old man on a misdemeanor charge of motion to revoke probation.

A 27-year-old man was arrested Monday for failure to maintain liability insurance.

At 7:05 p.m. Monday, deputies arrested a 60-year-old woman on a warrant for violation of compulsory school laws.

•Theft

Jonathon Carrisalez requested an officer at Dairy Queen on College Ave. Monday morning to report an undetermined amount of money missing. Officers responded and submitted an offense report for Class B theft.

•Accident

A minor accident was reported in the United parking lot Monday evening. Involved were a 1996 Saturn SL1 driven by Katherine Neves, 17, of 3100 Beaumont and a 1999 Olds Intrigue driven by Kenneth Robinson, 39, of 3710 Sunset.

•Criminal trespass

A woman reported her husband's girlfriend on her property and requested a criminal trespass warning be issued.

•Close patrol

A woman reported hearing noises near her residence in the 2300 block of 40th Street just after 10 p.m. Monday and requested a close patrol.

At 4:45 a.m. today, a man reported vehicles driving up and down his alley in the 3700 block of Noble and a close patrol was initiated.

•Noise disturbance

A woman reported loud music in the 300 block of 30th Street at 11 a.m. Monday. Officers contacted one subject in the area and the volume was lowered.

Obituaries

Robert Smith

1932-2002

Robert Isaac Smith died Monday, Nov. 4, at his home in Snyder.

Graveside service for Mr. Smith, 70, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Fluvanna Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born July 14, 1932 in Fluvanna, Mr. Smith was an oilfield truck driver.

Survivors include two daughters, Jean Hopkins and Sue West, both of Snyder; a son, Bill Smith of New Jersey; a sister, Myrnell Landermyer of Fort Worth; an aunt, Anna Bell Drum of Snyder; a cousin, Don Drum of Snyder; three grandchildren, Colton West and Zack Hopkins, both of Snyder, and Catalin Smith of New Jersey.

Nettie Schooler

1901-2002

SEMINOLE — Nettie Schooler, the grandmother of Ronny Schooler of Snyder, died Sunday, Nov. 3, in Seminole Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Schooler, 101, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the O'Donnell First Baptist Church with Dr. Richard Rush officiating. Interment will follow in the O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of Branon Funeral Home of Lamesa.

Born May 11, 1901 in Eureka, Tex., she married Stewart Schooler on March 31, 1923 in O'Donnell. He died May 15, 1983.

A homemaker, Mrs. Schooler was a longtime resident of O'Donnell before moving to Seminole.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Jimmie Schooler and Stewart Schooler Jr.; one daughter, Jo Ann Miller; and one grandson, Billy Schooler.

Survivors include five other grandchildren, Bruce Schooler of Big Spring, Ray Schooler of Buffalo, N.Y., Sherry McCormick of Seminole, Nedra Foster of Silsbee and Florence Schooler of Welch; 15 great-grandchildren, including Jimmie Schooler of Snyder; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church of O'Donnell.

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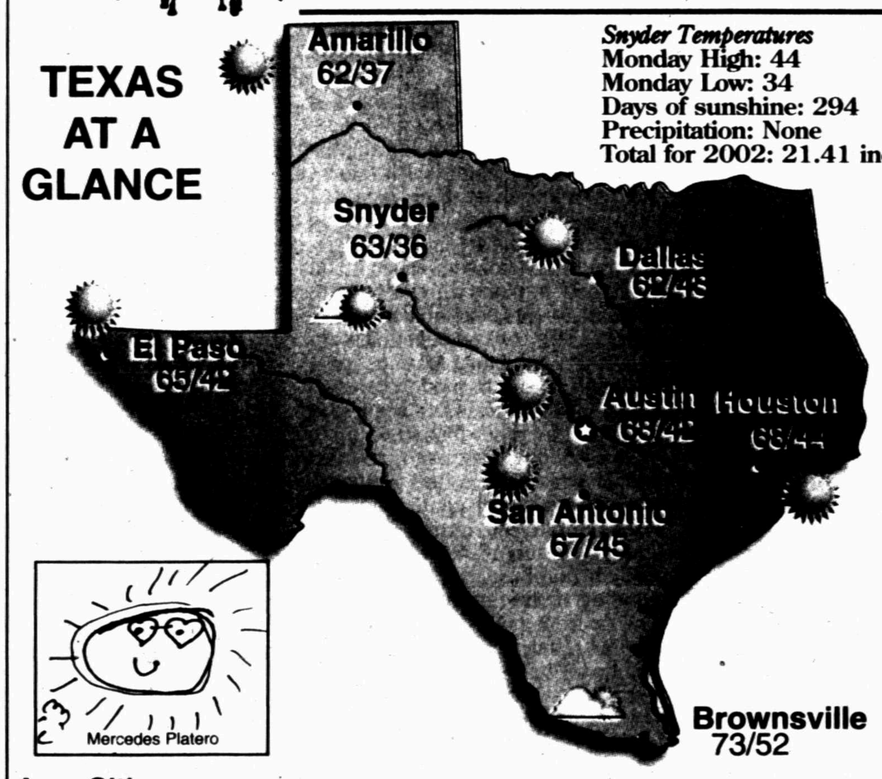
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Local 3-Day Forecast

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Total for 2002: 21.41 inches

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Amarillo	62	37	sunny	Fort Stockton	63	41	sunny	Raymondville	74	48	pt sunny
Austin	63	42	sunny	Gainesville	62	38	sunny	Rosenberg	68	44	sunny
Beaumont	67	43	sunny	Greenville	61	39	sunny	San Antonio	67	45	sunny
Brownsville	73	52	pt sunny	Houston	68	44	sunny	San Marcos	63	42	sunny
Brownwood	65	38	sunny	Kingsville	72	47	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	61	39	sunny
Corpus Christi	68	48	pt sunny	Livingston	66	39	sunny	Sweetwater	63	37	mst sunny
Corsicana	62	42	mst sunny	Longview	62	38	sunny	Tyler	63	43	sunny
Dallas	62	43	sunny	Lubbock	64	38	sunny	Weatherford	61	38	sunny
Del Rio	66	47	sunny	Lufkin	64	41	sunny	Wichita Falls	62	40	sunny

National Cities

Atlanta	60	37	pt sunny	Houston	68	44	sunny	Phoenix	82	59	sunny
Boston	45	37	rain	Los Angeles	73	55	mst sunny	San Francisco	63	53	cloudy
Chicago	50	33	pt sunny	Miami	88	73	pt sunny	Seattle	56	47	rain
Dallas	62	43	sunny	Minneapolis	42	30	cloudy	St. Louis	52	37	pt sunny
Denver	49	29	mst sunny	New York	50	41	rain	Washington, DC	56	41	pt sunny

Moon Phases

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UV Index

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

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