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*Shane Jones named 'Fireman of the Year'...*

# Snyder firemen receive annual honors

Shane Jones was honored as fireman of the year at the 73rd annual Snyder Fire Department Dinner held Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

More than 100 attended and were treated to dinner and entertainment at the traditional event that honors Snyder's paid and volunteer firefighters.

Last year's recipient, Jay Callaway, presented Jones, a second-year fireman, with the coveted award.

Callaway called Jones a dedicated fireman and said he "always finds a way to get things done."

Jones was honored last year as rookie of the year and with the workhorse award.

He is only the third fireman in the history of the department to receive the award with less than five years experience.

Jones also was presented with a plaque for accumulating the most training hours this year. He finished the year with 192 hours.

This year's rookie honor went to Gaylan Rodriguez, but the first-year fireman was not in attendance.

The workhorse award was presented to Dale Cooper.

The Melvin Newton award was presented this year to Newton's daughter, Ila Ruth, but she was unable to attend.

Billy Evans, a captain in the department, presented the award and said Newton "is always there to help whenever help is needed."

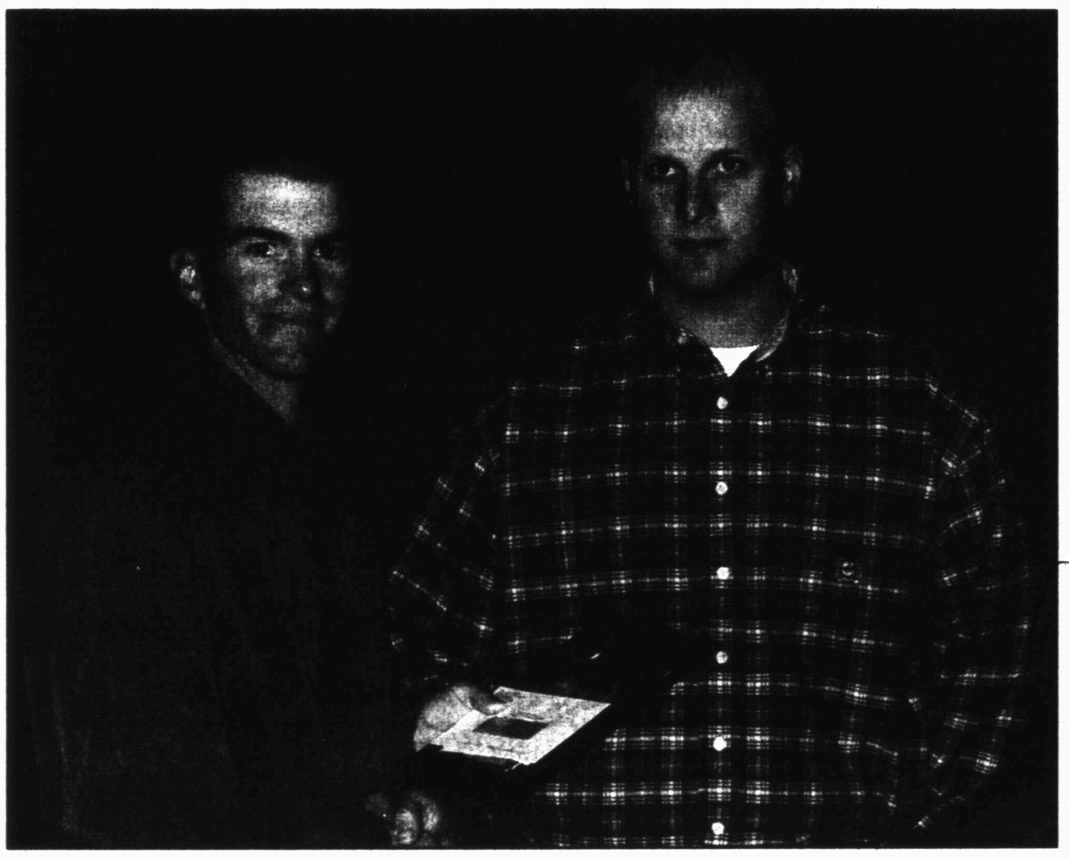
Melvin Newton is a deceased firefighter who was known for his dedication to the department and the award is presented each year to someone of the same caliber.

Chief Perry Westmoreland and firemen Kyle Cox and Darrell Craig were presented with 20-year service pins. Phillip Kincheloe received a pin for 15 years of service.

Westmoreland also was recognized for 100-percent participation, as were Jason Gruben and Jack Callaway.

Officers' awards were presented to the Snyder Police Department with Chief Steve Warren accepting, the Sheriff's Department with Chief Deputy Delwyn Davis accepting and the Department of Public Safety with trooper Bill Blackley accepting.

A special award also was presented to Kinder Morgan for the company's continual support of the fire department. Shannon Jones, a Kinder Morgan employee and wife of fireman Shane Jones, accepted the award.



**FIREMAN OF THE YEAR — Snyder fireman Shane Jones, left, was honored Tuesday night as the Snyder Fire Department's Fireman of the Year. Jones was presented the award by last year's recipient Jay Callaway. Jones, a second-year fireman, also received the department's training award. More than 100 attended the department's annual awards dinner at Martha Ann Woman's Club Tuesday night. (SDN Staff Photo)**

*At The Shack...*

## Rotary dinner Thursday

The Snyder Rotary Club will sponsor its annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the community's less fortunate.

The feast is set from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday at The Shack.

Involved with the Rotary Club members in the project are Davidson's IGA, The Shack restaurant, ARAMARK, Snyder High School student council, and Meals on Wheels.

"The meal is open to everyone that might not otherwise have a traditional Thanksgiving meal," said Rotary Club member Jeff Lowrance.

SHS student council members will assist at the dinner, and also will deliver meals to shut-ins beginning at 11 a.m. Thursday.

Davidson's donated 15 turkeys for the meal, along with 10 pans of dressing, plus gravy and cranberry sauce.

Green beans, pies and rolls have been donated by the grocer and The Shack.

*For finances...*

# Report draft indicates no quick fix for schools

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers faced with the task of improving the state's troubled school-funding system won't find one grand idea in a long-awaited report by a House-Senate committee charged with finding a fix, if a draft of the report is any indication.

The committee completed its yearlong review without settling on specific recommendations for the Legislature.

Instead, the Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance will send lawmakers five alternatives for funding education, according to a draft report obtained by The Dallas Morning News on Tuesday.

The report also lists several possible revenue sources to ease the burden on local property taxpayers.

Most of the proposals would diminish or end the sharing of property taxes by high-wealth districts — the most criticized aspect of today's $26 billion-a-year finance system.

But the cost of doing so now would be prohibitive, according to key lawmakers, who say that the state would have to substantially boost school aid at a time when finances are tight.

The report comes after an election in which candidates from both parties called for changes to the state's school-funding law, dubbed "Robin Hood" by critics.

A leader for the 118 high-wealth school districts that must share their property tax revenues said the group was disappointed that no changes appeared imminent.

"The committee's report is troublesome, but not surprising," said John Connolly, executive director of the Texas School Coalition and former superintendent of Highland Park schools. "We'll still be looking for some kind of holding action by the Legislature to keep people alive."

Among the committee's proposals were creation of a statewide property tax for schools, suggested by acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, proposed overhauling the system so that funding is based on an independent study of what it actually costs to educate a child.

Another plan would shift business and other nonresidential property from tax rolls of high-wealth districts to those of low-wealth districts.

## SDN will be out early on Thursday

The Thanksgiving Day edition of the Snyder Daily News will be delivered early.

Subscribers should have newspapers delivered by 7 a.m. and the SDN office will be closed Thursday. The Thursday edition will contain Two-Day Sale ads as local merchants launch the Christmas shopping season.

Regular publication will resume Friday.

## Ira trustees to meet in special session today

Ira's school board will meet in a called session at 6:30 this evening for a second interview with a candidate for the vacant superintendent's job.

The meeting will be in the Ira community building and an executive session is planned for the interview.

The vacancy for the superintendent's post occurred when Jim Rumage resigned the position to take the top job in the Ozona school system.

James Bible is serving as interim superintendent.



**UP THEY GO — City workers Danny Montoya and Phillip Holt worked Tuesday to put up Christmas decorations on light poles around Snyder. Near-freezing temperatures made for chilly work, but the workers got the job done in time for the beginning of the Christmas holiday this weekend. City crews will be off Thurday and Friday for Thanksgiving, as will county employees. Financial insititutions also will close Thursday. (SDN Staff Photo)**

## THE SDN COLUMN

### MY TURN

by Jo Ann Nunley



Pet peeves are little agitators in our daily lives that cause the blood pressure to rise - sometimes to the boiling point. Not a Webster's definition.

Some of the following have been brought to our attention, and others we hear from friends, acquaintances and co-workers:

—The call waiting service provided by the phone companies — to call a relative local or long distance and be put on hold, after all we called first.

—Noise background — when the voice of the person on the other end of a telephone conversation is indiscernible because of loud volume on a TV or other sound equipment that one click of the remote control would eliminate.

—Empty containers — the husband who puts the lid back on a mustard (or any jar) and places it back in the refrigerator as if it were still full.

—Help later — when told in a sincere voice "I'll help you with that major yard job when I get home from playing golf," knowing full well it will be dark.

—Visiting in businesses — having to wait, and wait, on employees to finish their conversation before being asked if you need help as if it is putting a real inconvenience on him or her.

—Holding up traffic — leaving a shopping cart in the middle of the aisle while walking away leaving no way to get around it.

—Penmanship — the art of legible writing is scarce. Be it printing, cursive, calligraphy, using pen, pencil or ink pen. A few seconds more time spent in writing something down can save much time trying to locate the author to see if a letter is an *a*, *o* or *e* in a word and especially names.

—Joggers in the middle of the street — the streets were made for vehicles, not joggers in asphalt-colored clothing.

—Questions on the go — someone who asks us a question and when we look up to answer, we are talking to the backside of the person already half-way across the room.

—Only the young can translate — when you drive up to a fast food establishment and punch the red button a voice asks "hellocanitakeyourorder." The she reads it back to you "hamburgercuttheonionfrenchfriesandacoke." Only the young can interpret that language.

—Driving habits — due to limited space, pet peeves about citizens behind the wheel will have to be covered at a later time.

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With Thanksgiving upon us, let us put our pet peeves aside and dwell on all the many, many blessings we are thankful for.

## Probation is granted after guilty plea

A 27-year-old Uvalde man will serve a five-year probated sentence following a guilty plea entered Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Patrick Marvin Casey pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance, cocaine. The arrest occurred Aug. 18.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong assessed a two-year sentence in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail facility, probated for five years. Casey also was fined $750.

**ASK US**

**Q—What is the legal amount of liquor that can be tranported from a wet county to a dry county for personal consumption?**

**A—Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code 101.32 states one quart of liquor, or 24, 12-oz. beers.**

**MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR**



**Tommy Hood...**

...has lived in Snyder 26 years and is manager of Tuboscope. He and his wife, Pat, enjoy fishing, boating and hunting.

They have two children, Mandy Hall who works at the TDCJ distribution center, and Matt, currently serving in the Air Force.

**TODAY'S THOUGHT**

**Since it doesn't cost a dime to dream, you'll never shortchange yourself when you stretch your imagination.**

**—Robert Schuller**

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# WHAT'S UP?

## ONGOINGS

### Angel project

The angel project done for Carole Haynes is a continuing effort and anyone who has a decorated angel may drop it off at Stanfield Elementary.

### Community Services raffle

Scurry County Community Services is holding a drawing for a $75 gift certificate to United and $75 to Wal-Mart. Tickets are $1 and all proceeds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for children.

### FBC services televised

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

### Washington, D.C. trip

Applications are due by the end of this week for persons wishing to participate in next June's trip to Washington, D. C. and surrounding areas. For an application booklet or for further information, contact Charlotte Clifton at 573-2430 or Darlene Robbins at 573-0795.

### 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 Monday. Also deadline for senior dedications is Monday. Dedications are $45 per photo and message. Call 574-6138 for information.

### 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.

### Chevron retirees dinner

Retired Chevron SACROC employees will have a Christmas dinner at 6 p.m. Monday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Cost is $8.50. Reservations must be made by Friday by calling Bob Stewart at 573-6898 or Bob Barbee at 573-6733.

### Financial aid session

Ira High School seniors and their parents are invited to a college financial aid information night at TSTC's Sweetwater campus beginning at 6 p.m. Monday.

### Canned food drive

Snyder Oaks Care Center is having a canned food drive for Gateway Family Services that ends Dec. 10. Bring your canned goods to the care center.

### White Buffalo Festival T-shirts

White Buffalo T-shirts featuring a train are on sale at the Whistle Stop or the coliseum office for $7 each.

### 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.

### WTC PE building to close

The PE building at Western Texas College will close at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, for the fall semester and will reopen for the spring semester on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 a.m.

### Cancer treatment transportation

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

### FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

# Payout may take some time

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Maryland officials warned the public not to expect any payout soon of the $500,000 reward following the capture of the Washington-area sniper suspects, fearing it could appear witnesses were paid before any trial.

"I would beg of you, do not be surprised, do not be upset if the process takes a while, if it does not take place immediately," said Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose, who will head the team that decides who gets the reward.

John Muhammad, 41, and John Lee Malvo, 17, are awaiting trial in Virginia on murder charges. They have been accused of shooting 18 people, killing 13 and wounding five in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Montgomery County, Md., Executive Doug Duncan said Tuesday the sniper task force is sorting through about 60,000 tips that were received during the search for the snipers.

Of the $580,244.77 that was raised, $500,000 will be given out as a reward. The remainder will be given to shooting victims and their families. The money was donated by more than 900 contributors.

The reward was offered for information leading to "the arrest and indictment" of those responsible for the attacks.

Two men — truck driver Ron Lanz of Ludlow, Ky., and Whitney Donahue, of Greencastle, Pa. — have been credited with tipping police to the location of the snipers as they slept at a rest stop. Police have said Donahue was likely the first caller.

In addition to callers who reported seeing the car, others could have contributed information vital to the case in other ways and might be eligible for a share of the reward.

On the Net: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov



ADVANCE TO AREA — These Snyder High School choir students have advanced to area competition. Back row from left are Juan Rodriguez, Ryan Ward and Bobby Sands; front row Rachel Cave and Marcie Rodriguez. Rebecca Pavlovsky is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

# SHS choir students advance to area

Snyder High School choir students competed at the pre-area competition Thursday at Frenship High School in Wolfforth, with six advancing to the area contest.

The students include:

- Rachel Cave, 1st chair soprano I, senior, daughter of Bryan and Vanessa Cave.
- Marcie Rodriguez, 1st alternate soprano 2, senior, daughter of Alfonso and Virginia Rodriguez.
- Rebecca Pavlovsky, 3rd chair alto 1, junior, daughter of Danny and Lori Pavlovsky.
- Ryan Ward, 3rd chair tenor 1, sophomore, son of Keith and Debra Ward.
- Bobby Sands, 2nd chair tenor 2, senior, son of Dale and Mary Alice Sands.
- Juan Rodriguez, 2nd alternate bass 2, senior, son of Johnny and Olga Rodriguez.

Each voice part had 12 students to compete for five positions to advance to the area audition in January at Midland High School.

These students will pursue their quest for a position in one of the Texas All-State choirs.

Others SHS choir students who competed include Jacinda Judah, soprano 2; Cade Simpson, tenor 1; Logan Martin, tenor 2; Brent Tyler, bass 2. Ronda Haire is the choir director.

# Man behind Wendy's shootings given the death penalty by jury

NEW YORK (AP) — A jury ruled that the man behind a robbery-massacre in which five Wendy's employees were herded into a freezer and shot execution-style should die by lethal injection.

Rejecting defense pleas to spare John Taylor's life, the panel took just six hours Tuesday to decide his fate.

"This day has finally come, and he got the justice he deserved," said Joan Truman-Smith, whose daughter Anita was killed.

During two days of testimony, defense lawyers had sought to create sympathy among the jurors by portraying the 38-year-old Taylor as a man with a troubled childhood who became a loving father of four children. A day before he was sentenced, Taylor also publicly apologized, reciting the names of his victims before expressing his remorse.

"I've shamed my family and shamed my children," he said. "I know you cannot forgive me. I don't expect you to. I'm sorry."

But Taylor stood stone-faced as the jury's decision was read while the victims' family wept quietly in the courtroom. He was sentenced to die by injection for killing two of the employees, along with a third count for committing multiple murders in a single criminal act.




# Date Book

**Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002**

Today is the 331st day of 2002 and the 67th day of fall.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1095, Pope Urban II delivered a speech at the Council of Clermont in France, which sparked the First Crusade.

On this day in 1868, Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer led a charge on a band of peaceful Cheyenne American Indians. During the raid, more than a hundred Cheyennes were killed, including women and children, and the village destroyed.

On this day in 1978, Dan White, a former Board of Supervisors member, killed San Francisco's Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk at City Hall. White received five years for the murders after employing what has since become known as the "Twinkie Defense."

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** David Merrick (1911-2000), Broadway producer; "Buffalo Bob" Smith (1917-1998), puppeteer; Bruce Lee (1940-1973), actor; Eddie Rabbit (1941-) singer, is 61; Jimi Hendrix (1942-1970), musician.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1974, Yankees owner George Steinbrenner was suspended from baseball by baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn for making illegal contributions to the campaign of President Richard Nixon.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens." — Jimi Hendrix

**TODAY'S MOON:** Last quarter (Nov. 27).

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# Lewis likes actor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jerry Lewis is giving Sean Hayes' performance in "Martin and Lewis," the TV movie about his ill-fated partnership with singer Dean Martin, a rave review.

"Sean Hayes is as good as anyone I've ever seen in my life," the 76-year-old comedian told AP Radio in a recent interview.

Lewis and Martin achieved success in the 1940s and '50s in nightclubs and films. Hayes ("Will & Grace") starred as the manic Lewis in the two-hour CBS movie that aired Sunday night.

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**Tuesday**
**Lottery Numbers**
**Texas Two Step**
**AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:**
**4-25-30-33**
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**(Day) 6-9-6**
**(Night) 3-0-3**
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# Suspect in California slaying of police officer captured in hotel

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A fugitive suspected of killing a California police officer in a crusade against police brutality has been captured — with the help of a local newspaper reporter.

Andrew McCrae, 23, walked out of a hotel room Tuesday after several hours of negotiations. He is charged with killing officer David Mobilio in Red Bluff, Calif., on Nov. 19.

Shortly before he gave up, authorities granted McCrae's request to talk to a Concord Monitor reporter who was in the lobby. Reporter Sarah Vos said the first thing McCrae told her in a phone conversation was, "I killed a police officer in Red Bluff, California, in an effort to draw attention to police brutality."

McCrae was ordered held without bail after saying nothing during his arraignment by video hookup from the Merrimack County Jail. He had a bandage on his head and a blanket draped over his bare shoulders during the hearing.

Police said there had been a dispute over jail clothing, but did not explain the bandage. Defense attorney Mark Sisti said McCrae had been injured, but gave no details.

Police indicated they believe McCrae also confessed to the murder on a San Francisco news Web site.

In one of two letters posted on the site Monday by a man identifying himself as McCrae, the writer claims he shot and killed the officer to protest "police-state tactics" and corporate irresponsibility.

The writer claimed he is immune from prosecution because he incorporated himself as a protest against corporations who "murder thousands of people each year."

Mobilio, 31, was shot once in the head as he refueled his cruiser. He was the first officer ever killed in the line of duty in Red Bluff, a city of 13,500 near Sacramento. Some 2,500 people, including Gov. Gray Davis, attended a memorial Tuesday afternoon.

Prosecutor Scott Murray called it "an ambush, an execution of a police officer ... to effectuate (McCrae's) political agenda."

Vos, who covers crime for the newspaper, said McCrae wanted her to read a copy of a "Declaration of Renewed Independence" he said he had written.

"I tell him I want to read it. He asks, 'How do I give it to you?' I say, 'You have to come out' and basically the conversation ends there."

Authorities had told her they didn't want her to get McCrae excited because they feared he was suicidal. They also told her not to ask questions and try to lure him out.

"Someone else was listening in and someone else was passing me notes," she said.

Agents and police officers told Vos she had done a good job.

"It feels weird, to be honest," she said. "That's not my job. My job is to report the news."



LIONS COLLECT TOYS — Lions Club members each donated a toy to Christmas for Kids. Loading the toys following Tuesday's meeting at Martha Ann Woman's Club were Averi Graves, sitting in the car; Judi Martin, Alicia Graves, Jene Steakley and Cliff Shiller. Anyone wishing to donate toys should call Martin at 573-7556. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

# State Rep. Craddick sends lawmakers letter

AUSTIN (AP) — State Rep. Tom Craddick, the likely new speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, has sent a letter to fellow lawmakers explaining his role in legislation that benefited a hometown utility.

Reports about his role in the 1999 legislation have appeared in newspapers for the past week.

"Since we are all intent on preserving the highest ethical standards for members of the Texas House, I felt a clearing of the air was necessary," Craddick, R-Midland, wrote in the letter dated Monday. It was distributed to all House members.

Earlier this month, Craddick announced he had enough support from House members to be elected speaker when the Legislature convenes in January. Republicans will dominate the chamber for the first time in 130 years.

Craddick came under scrutiny, however, for his role in a 1999 legislative amendment to the state's deregulation bill that allowed a Midland company now called Cap Rock Energy to set its own rates, but gave it protection from would-be competitors. No other privately owned utility in Texas gets such treatment.

Cap Rock had been a not-for-profit electric cooperative but converted into a for-profit utility.

In his letter, Craddick acknowledged that in 1998 he was approached to broker a sale of Oklahoma mineral interests held by an estate in an Oklahoma bank. A Cap Rock subsidiary was the high bidder and Craddick said, "For my work, I received a broker's commisison equaling half of $28,500."

He also wrote that although Cap Rock offered him a seat on the board of Cap Rock in 1999, he refused the offer to "avoid any appearances of impropriety."

Craddick said that when the electric restructuring bill was being drafted, he urged "the preservation of appeal rights for rate-payers following a cooperative conversion." His concern, he said, was incorporated into a version of the bill.

The only amendment that he said he offered that affected the Cap Rock language was burden of proof requirements for electric cooperatives and successor coops. His amendment clarified that a plaintiff challenging the rates of a successor cooperative to have the burden of proof, which the Texas Legislative Council said would have been true without the amendment.

# Dear Abby

**By Abigail Van Buren**



## Man explores military service as one way to get education

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 25-year-old single man with a good career, even though I never finished college. I have no children and own my own home.

From time to time I have considered joining the military, and I am close to making a decision.

The service could provide me with technical skills, plus I could finish my education without having to take out a hefty loan. Overall, the experience sounds appealing. However, the truth is, I'm scared about what's going on in the world. Even so, I'd still be willing to serve.

My family and friends hate the idea. They think I've lost my mind, and say it's the worst thing I could do with my life right now. I am really stuck. The recruiter is pressuring me to decide "now or never," and my family and friends say I'll be making a mistake that could kill me or make me miserable for the next four years.

Please help me to decide, Abby. My mother always said you spoke the truth and gave good advice. — **NOT IN BOOT CAMP YET**

**DEAR NOT IN BOOT CAMP YET:** There are no easy answers to your question. This isn't something anyone else can answer for you. Yes, there ARE risks. There are also rewards. I urge you to investigate thoroughly before you sign anything and do not allow yourself to be pressured.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I think I am being discriminated against at my school because I'm 16, a sophomore, unmarried and pregnant.

Because of my pregnancy, I'm getting into trouble because I'm missing school days to go to my doctor's appointments. The teachers think I won't be able to participate in school once my baby is born. I've already told them I'm not dropping out, nor am I marrying the father yet. But they can't seem to get it through their heads.

The teachers are sending letters to my mother telling her how many days I've missed. I've only been absent five this semester. I'm tired of it. My mom's tired of it. And so is my boyfriend. I'm scared to go to school because I'm afraid they are going to say something negative to me and I'm going to get angry and say something I'll regret — and they'll kick me out. Please help. — **D.B. IN OHIO**

**DEAR D.B.:** It's going to take a joint effort on the part of you and your mother. Demonstrate that you CAN keep up with your schoolwork and maintain an acceptable grade point average during your pregnancy. Schedule doctor's appointments after school hours whenever possible.

Your mother must make clear to the faculty and administration that she expects them to give you the education to which you are entitled. She might also investigate the possibility of special programs for pregnant students, which are available in many school districts.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Last summer, my boyfriend and I attended the out-of-town wedding of a good friend. When I danced with the groom, he began running his hands all over me! I was shocked and tried to pull away. My boyfriend saw everything.

Since my return home, the groom has been sending me inappropriate e-mails. I keep e-mailing him back telling him to stop or I will tell his bride. I do not want to lose her friendship, but she should know what he is doing. What would you do? — **FELT UP IN PHILLY**

**DEAR FELT:** Since he has not heeded your warning, forward the e-mails — all of them — to his wife.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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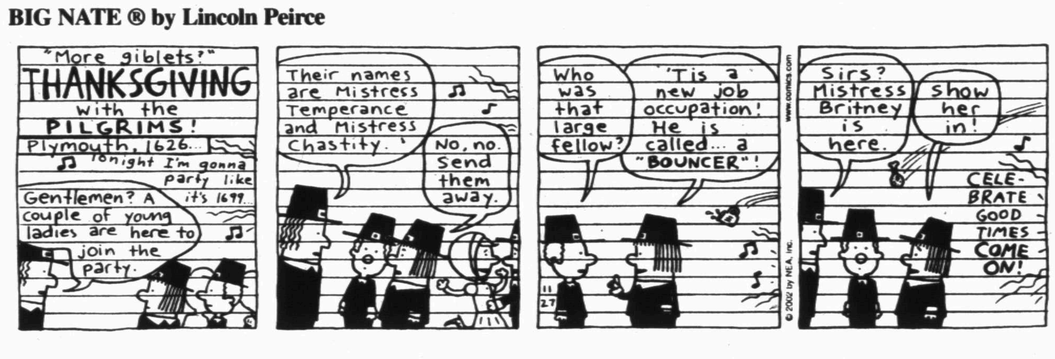

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14 From Calcutta
15 Part of speech
16 Freight unit
18 Tax-form ID
19 Kid's classic
21 Seeming
25 Dawdled
29 Sagas
30 Ford predecessor
32 Extinct birds
33 Uniform color
34 Latest
37 Had status
38 Muck
40 Roman teenager's age
43 Literary compilation
44 Use a paper towel
48 Goober
50 Broke the peace
52 After a while (2 wds.)
53 Loving gesture
54 Tasty carbohydrate
55 Jules Verne captain

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1 Bull, in Barcelona
2 Light brown
3 Quite similar
4 Race the engine
5 One, in Munich
6 Goalies' protection
7 Sapporo sashes
8 Big family
9 Fox's prey
10 Kitchen utensil
11 Pierre's head
12 Actress — Hunt
17 Tanker cargo
19 Sizzles
20 Let go by
21 Theorem ender
22 Well-versed (2 wds.)
23 Nurse's helper
24 Barge
26 Large lizard
27 Leave
28 Cote dweller
31 Beatty or Sparke
35 Gray rock
36 Metal in pewter
39 Painter — Chagall
40 Warrior Princess
41 Large tube
42 Put one's foot — —
44 Sported
45 Liet component
46 Pancho Villa's coin
47 Bradley and Sneed
48 Orange seed
49 Actress — Thurman
51 John, in Aberdeen

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# SPORTS

# Tigers thump Big Spring; JV drubs Steers, 62-39

The Snyder boys stuck it to a short-handed Big Spring squad Tuesday, taking a 45-26 halftime lead en route to a 78-51 shellacking of the Steers.

Head Coach Bud Birks said the team is continuing to sharpen the rough edges caused by limited practice time together.

"We did some things better. We shot the ball well, we just need more practice time," he said.

The Tigers got 22 points from Lee Scott and 13 points from Marcus Villarreal in the victory.

Snyder again struggled from the free throw line, making just 13 of 23 from the charity stripe.

"We're still not shooting free throws," Birks said, adding that the team needed to shore up its defensive effort, which would come as the team gets more workouts together.

He said he likes the effort he gets from team, though.

"These kids play hard," he said.

Point guard T.J. Jones pumped in 11 points and Josh Mendoza added nine points inside.

After a practice session this morning, the Tigers will get the holidays off.

Their next game will be Tuesday at the high school gym against Lubbock High, with tip off for the varsity at 7:30 p.m.

The junior varsity got off to a slow start in the first quarter, before attacking in the second and third quarters to pull away with a 62-39 drubbing of the JV Steers.

"We played much better," said JV coach Zack Williams. "We got out and ran a little bit and got the ball inside, which is the main thing."

Jordan Roberson led all scorers with 15 points, and Austin Hatfield added nine.

Williams said the team began to wake up in the middle quarters after scoring but eight points in the first.

"In the second and third quarters we started attacking, and we got after them," he said.



PUTTING GREEN — The Western Texas College practice facility opened in September, with the golf landscape technology program at WTC doing the work. From left to right: Randy Weaver, landscape technology; Carter Wiggins, president of JGA; Rick Starnes, president of the golf booster club; WTC President Greg Williams; WTC Director of Development Dennis Noblett and Gorden Gray, JGA vice-president. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Lady Tigers stay perfect

The Lady Tigers went back and forth for the final three quarters Tuesday before pulling out a 57-47 win over visiting Lubbock High.

Snyder trailed 21-12 at the end of the first period, but rallied to take a 28-26 halftime edge.

Erin Burleson's 14 points helped the girls improve to 5-0 on the young season.

"It was a real exciting game," said girls head coach Mike Martin. "The kids kept their heads up and hung in there for the win."

Zipporah Peoples scored 13 points, as Snyder outscored the Lady Westerners, 17-10, in the final period.

Martin said the undefeated start gives the girls confidence, but said it is still very early in the season to concentrate on the record.

"The girls are experiencing what it's like to win," he said. "They are getting confidence. It is a nice feeling."

The junior varsity girls also took care of business, beating their Lubbock High foes, 46-32.

The Lady Tigers have a holiday break, before returning to square off against Greenwood Tuesday night at 6:30. The junior varsity will tip off at 5.

# Tech loses focus but hangs on, 77-59

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech's lack of focus at times Tuesday night let SMU keep the game closer than the final 77-59 score indicated.

The Red Raiders led by 19 twice but allowed the Mustangs to narrow the gap to as little as seven in the second half.

"I think there's a laxity in concentration that enables that to happen," Tech coach Bob Knight said. "We had two or three times where we let them come back."

Robert Tomaszek scored 19 points and Andre Emmett added 16 to lead the Red Raiders.

After leading by 13 at halftime, Tech (2-0) extended its lead in a 8-2 run brought about by two assists by Nick Valdez and one by Will Chavis, for a 47-28 lead.

SMU (1-1) fought back to within seven points to trail 51-44 after an 16-4 run midway through the second half. The Mustangs could get no closer.

When the Mustangs were behind by nine, SMU's Justin Isham missed an easy dunk off an alley-oop pass that appeared to dampen any momentum the Mustangs had going. It was long enough for Tech to stiffen and the Red Raiders went on to regain a 19-point lead with less than two minutes remaining.

"I thought the key play was coming out of a timeout, Isham missed what appeared to be an easy dunk that would have given us momentum and got us within seven or nine," SMU coach Mike Dement said. "Then they went and rolled it back out to 10 or 12 points."

Turnovers hurt both teams as Tech and SMU got sloppy with passes and faced one another's hawking defense in the first half. The Mustangs ended with 18; Tech had 19.

"We turned the ball over way too many times, and that's what coach Knight really harped on about this game," Tech guard Mikey Marshall said.

The Mustangs shot as poorly as 37 percent early in the first half on 7-of-19, including an almost four-minute stretch where they couldn't hit a basket. They finished the game shooting 37 percent on 20-of-53 while Tech shot 46 percent on 29-of-63.

Quinton Ross scored 28 points and Brian Miller added 12 to lead the Mustangs.

Knight said he still is waiting to see his team play consistently well for 20 minutes.

"This is not a game of 100-yard kickoff returns," Knight said. "There's just play after play after play. This is not a big play game."

In the final 4:10 of the first half, Tomaszek scored eight points — his total for the half — of the last 10 Tech tallied to give the Red Raiders a 39-26 lead at halftime.

He played 33 minutes against SMU after only 11 minutes and four points in Tech's season opening 85-76 win over N.C.-Wilmington on Friday night.

"In our last game, I was not really concentrating and I made a couple of mistakes," Tomaszek said. "Coach Knight took me out, and he had good reason to do so. This game, for whatever reason, I was concentrating on everything I had to do."

Knight said he will adjust his lineup when he sees mistakes are creeping in.

"We're going to be a team where when we make mistakes, we're going to make changes" in

## Cards fall after strong first half

The Hermleigh Cardinals gave a stout effort Tuesday night, keeping pace with Lueders-Avoca for two quarters before falling, 65-44.

The Cardinals trailed 34-31 at halftime, before the Raiders pulled away.

"In the first half we were right there with them, and we haven't been doing that," Hermleigh Head Coach Don Jones said. "In the third quarter (Lueders) caught fire, but I was really pleased with the effort."

Joe Yruegas led the Cardinals with 15 points, and Jonathan McClure added 13 points.

"Jonathan's getting better every outing," Jones said. "For freshmen, these kids are playing pretty well."

Terrel Culp had seven points, and Dustin and Justin Williams combined for nine.

# Lady Bulldogs destroy rival Westbrook, 73-46

After getting their first win of the season Saturday, the Lady Bulldogs are on a roll.

Lindsey Wilson nailed 12 field goals on her way to 26 points, as Ira pummeled Westbrook, 73-46.

"This was our best game of the year," Head Coach Brent Parr said. "I told the girls before the game that I wanted them to establish things early, and they did it."

Parr said the early advantage allowed his squad to work on some different offensive and defensive sets in the second half.

Ira's press worked perfectly in the first quarter, as they limited the Lady Wildcats to three points in the period.

Westbrook tried to claw back into the contest in the second period, but the Ira offense was too much to overcome.

"We executed our offense perfectly," Parr said.

Lady Bulldogs got another solid performance from Celeigh Sterling, who scored 10 of her 22 points in the third quarter.

Amanda Calley drained four treys in scoring 14 points to help Ira improve to 2-3 on the season.

"Hopefully this will carry over," Parr said.

Ira next plays Tuesday when it hosts Roscoe, with a 6:30 p.m. start scheduled.

# Ira pulls away from Wildcats with 4th quarter rally, 49-38

After only one workout together, the Ira cagers are already rounding into form.

With the entire team playing football deep into November, Bulldog Head Coach Randy Jones only had one practice with the team before they took on Westbrook Tuesday evening

Tied with the Wildcats 30-30 at the end of the third quarter, the Bulldogs outscored Westbrook 19-8 in the final frame to take the 49-38 victory.

"We shot well for it being our first time out, and we shot better as the game went along," Jones said. "That fourth quarter was big."

Eric Dickerhoff led all players with 20 points, and Jake Barnes posted 11, as the Ira defense recorded 14 steals.

The Bulldogs turned the ball over but seven times, and drained five three-pointers.

Jeff Fine added seven points, and point guards Wes Kellner and Jess Wall added six and five, respectively.

Jones said Westbrook ran a zone much of the game, and crisp passing by Ira led to 10 assists for the team.

"Any time you can hold a good, quality team like Westbrook to under 40 points, you have have played well," Jones said.

The junior varsity club fell, 37-29, to Westbrook.

Colby Appleton scored nine and Brandon Crane added eight for the JV Bulldogs.

The junior high lost a close game to Klondike, 18-16, to remain winless on the season.

Ira's Corbin Clement was the game's high scorer with eight points.

The Bulldogs next host Post Tuesday night, with the varsity tip off slated for 8.

The junior varsity game will tip off at 5:30.

## Sports Briefs

### Baseball booster club

The baseball booster club will meet Monday night at 7 in the film room.

### Tiger takes a three stroke lead in Hawaii

POIPU BEACH, Hawaii (AP) — Masters and U.S. Open champion Tiger Woods shot a 6-under 66 to take a three-stroke lead over Justin Leonard in the PGA Grand Slam of Golf.

Davis Love III and PGA Championship winner Rich Beem opened with a 72 in the 36-hole event for the year's major champions.

### Packers, Bucs warned by commish

NEW YORK (AP) — The Green Bay Packers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers have been warned by the NFL that assistant coaches who comment publicly about retaliation against players will be severely disciplined by the league.

The warning came in a memo written by commissioner Paul Tagliabue following comments by Packers offensive line coach Larry Beightol after the hit Sunday on Green Bay tackle Chad Clifton by Tampa Bay defensive lineman Warren Sapp.

### Ravens' Lewis will miss rest of season

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — After enduring seven frustrating weeks with a shoulder injury, Ray Lewis will not play in the Baltimore Ravens' final five games and will undergo season-ending surgery within the next two weeks.

### FSU QB blasts coaches after dismissal

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Quarterback Adrian McPherson blasted Florida State coaches after he was kicked off the football team amid reports that police planned to question him in the theft and forgery of a blank check.

McPherson said the staff failed to gather all the facts before hastily dismissing him.

### Phillies extend Bowa's contract

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies extended the contract of manager Larry Bowa through the 2004 season.

## NBA

By The Associated Press
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Utah 99, L.A. Clippers 94

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# Questions still linger following the death of engineer in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — As a boy, Russell Filler became so absorbed with outer space that he built a mock-up of a space station in the basement of his home in Indiana. That passion followed him into adulthood.

While kidney disease prevented Filler from becoming an astronaut, he had a long career in the aerospace industry and worked the last six years for a NASA contractor.

But the life and career he had carefully built unraveled over the past few months. Friends said he was about to be laid off, was battling depression and was the only suspect in the theft of a laptop from NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

On Nov. 17, Filler got into a single-engine plane with a flight instructor, explaining he wanted to update his pilot's license. In mid-flight, Filler unclasped his seat belt, opened the door and apparently jumped.

Authorities, who are awaiting final autopsy results, are still not calling Filler's death a suicide, but they say all indications are that he intentionally leapt out of the plane. He was 47.

"He was very distraught. He was crying," Filler's friend of 24 years, David Lamar, said about a phone call he got from him on Nov. 15. "He was very upset. He said he could hurt himself."

Filler was diagnosed in September with clinical depression shortly after getting a notice he would be laid off as a senior engineer at the United Space Alliance, said Lamar, an engineer for NASA's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland.

Mike Curie, a spokesman for the alliance, said he could not comment on whether Filler was going to be laid off but he did say no companywide layoffs were planned anytime soon.

On Oct. 27, employees at Johnson Space Center noticed a laptop missing from a conference room. On Nov. 2, a tracking device within the computer traced it to Filler's home.

Less than two weeks later, investigators with the Harris County Sheriff's Department, the U.S. Inspector General's Office and Johnson Space Center security interviewed Filler.

He told them he bought the laptop for $500 in a parking lot from an individual who had posted an ad on a grocery store bulletin board, said Harris County Sheriff's Capt. Robert Van Pelt.

Filler told authorities he knew the computer was stolen but "it was too good of a deal," Van Pelt said. Filler couldn't offer authorities a name or thorough description of the man who sold him the computer.

Although Filler didn't work in the building where the laptop was stolen, he had access to it, Van Pelt said. Sheriff's investigators were preparing to recommend that Filler be charged with felony theft.

But before that could happen, Filler got into the plane on Nov. 17. After it climbed to 9,000 feet, he apparently jumped, said Waller County Sheriff's Department Lt. John Kremmer.

"All signs are there's no indication otherwise at this point," he said. "The FAA inspected the aircraft and found it to be in good working order. The flight instructor was just an individual that was at the wrong place at the wrong time."

# Incumbent wins mayoral race

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Augusta Mayor Bob Young won reelection against an old foe in a runoff election, despite controversy over an embellished letter of recommendation he wrote in support of the city's fire chief.

Young garnered nearly 52 percent of the vote Tuesday against former Mayor Ed McIntyre, who also lost to Young in 1998.

Young, 55, grabbed headlines earlier this year after saying he wrote a glowing recommendation letter to help Fire Chief Ronnie Few land the same job in Washington, D.C.

The letter minimized a grand jury probe that concluded that there were misspent funds and improper promotions in the Augusta department under Few.

Few was hired in Washington in 2000. In May, he said he would resign amid questions about his resume and criticism of his management.

McIntyre, 70, was Augusta's mayor from 1982 to 1984. He resigned after a federal jury convicted him on three counts of extortion. He served 12 months in federal prison.

McIntyre, who was Augusta's first black mayor, blamed Young for inadequate leadership, and said he entered the race after receiving hundreds of phone calls from supporters.

A sidelight to the mayor's race is the controversy over whether Augusta National Golf Club — the host of the fabled Masters tournament — should accept women members.

Young said he supports the club's right to select its membership, but he doesn't want to inflame the situation. McIntyre said he would use the mayor's office to encourage female membership at the club.

# Dr. Gott

**By Peter Gott, M.D.**



## *An opposing view of high cholesterol levels*

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I'm sort of on the same side as your recent reader on the whole cholesterol fiasco. I've concluded that the medical profession accepts the studies they like and throws out any study that indicates otherwise. There were many studies done which really didn't prove cholesterol as the sole culprit in heart attacks; then one study statistically seemed to indict cholesterol as the culprit so all the other studies were ignored.

A few years ago there was a study done on people with low cholesterol to see whether they lived longer than the rest of the population. It turned out that these people didn't live any longer than those with higher cholesterol levels. There were also indications that these low-cholesterol people had higher rates of accidents, suicides and depression.

The medical profession immediately pooh-poohed the study and said that it must have been flawed — that the results must be erroneous, etc., and there had to be something wrong with the study. So, if someone disputes the traditional views on cholesterol, the medical profession simply throws out the study!

Twenty-five years ago, I took Atromid S for high cholesterol and triglycerides. It got them down to the desired range. Then Atromid S was taken off the market! They said it was causing too many heart attacks! Thank you, medical and pharmaceutical professions!

Soon after, people were told that all they had to do to avoid a heart attack was to keep their cholesterol under 200; exceptions kept occurring. Then they started shifting the blame to other factors. First they said it wasn't only the cholesterol, it was the ratio between HDL and LDL. Then they added triglycerides. Then they said it was the ratio between saturated and unsaturated fats. More recently homocysteine has been added. Where will it all end? I guess the human body is so complicated, no one understands it completely.

Other facts I've read lately are that the average cholesterol of a person who has a heart attack is 235. Not particularly high! I've also read that 15 percent of heart attacks occur to people who have cholesterol levels below 200! So just because your cholesterol is below 200, you think you're safe — but you may still be vulnerable! The figure gives many people a false sense of security.

I'm taking Lipitor right now, and my readings are very good. But you know what they say after every TV commercial for Lipitor? "Lipitor has not been shown to reduce the risk of heart attack or stroke." So how did this get on the market? Why am I taking this?

Earlier this year there was an article in the Scientific American on the current status of the cholesterol controversy. It said that as more data became available, it is now believed that only a small percentage of heart attacks are actually caused by high cholesterol. I was a chemist for 38 years, but not a biologist, so I can't explain all that the article said; but it did say that everything you were told about cholesterol up to 5 years ago is no longer valid.

Thanks for reading this. I'm hoping that this new research will lead to resolving the cholesterol mystery!

**DEAR READER:** I have printed your letter in its entirety — something I rarely do — because you articulate issues of paramount importance. Because of space restrictions I will continue my answer tomorrow.

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| AT&T Corp rs | 28.09 | 27.83 | 27.85 | + .02 |
| Albertsons | 23.09 | 22.55 | 23.00 | + .25 |
| Alltel | 54.40 | 53.52 | 54.35 | + .85 |
| AmEl Pw | 28.70 | 28.06 | 28.46 | + .35 |
| AndarkPtr | 46.74 | 45.63 | 46.46 | + 1.01 |
| ATMOS Egy | 22.59 | 22.22 | 22.55 | + .33 |
| Aviall | 8.26 | 7.93 | 8.18 | + .26 |
| BP PLC | 38.75 | 38.00 | 38.68 | + 1.57 |
| BakerHughes | 31.79 | 31.16 | 31.70 | + .64 |
| Bank of Amer | 71.15 | 69.82 | 70.91 | + 1.35 |
| BellSouth | 28.34 | 26.96 | 28.20 | + 1.00 |
| BurlNoSFe | 25.64 | 24.94 | 25.62 | + .77 |
| Caterpillar | 48.41 | 47.17 | 48.25 | + 1.16 |
| CenterPoint | 7.71 | 7.50 | 7.60 | —.05 |
| ChevronTex | 67.50 | 66.28 | 67.25 | + .97 |
| Citigroup | 38.75 | 37.47 | 38.68 | + 1.52 |
| CocaCola | 45.48 | 44.80 | 45.46 | + .66 |
| ColgatePal | 51.90 | 50.95 | 51.71 | + .56 |
| CmclMetals s | 16.11 | 15.85 | 16.08 | + .23 |
| ConocoPhill | 48.27 | 47.45 | 48.05 | + .75 |
| Cooper Inds | 36.26 | 35.30 | 36.26 | + .93 |
| DaimlrChry | 35.47 | 34.36 | 35.40 | + 1.63 |
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| DuPont | 44.19 | 42.90 | 43.97 | + .97 |
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| SherwinW | 28.47 | 27.95 | 28.43 | + .51 |
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| SprintFON | 14.43 | 14.26 | 14.30 | + .02 |
| SprintPCS | 5.50 | 5.20 | 5.29 | + .14 |
| Sunoco Inc | 29.77 | 29.40 | 29.65 | + .30 |
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**Turkey Anytime: Recipes for Turning Leftovers into Planned-Overs**

Part of the pleasure of a Thanksgiving or other holiday meal is the aroma of a turkey baking in your oven. Continue that great feeling by planning a variety of pleasing post-holiday meals with leftover turkey. Try the recipes in this article or use them as inspiration for your own.

Turkey makes a great first meal plus delicious leftovers that are easy to combine into a variety of scrumptious future meals. Try turkey year round and think "planned-overs" rather than "leftovers' to "cook it quick" with turkey.

Follow these food safety guidelines for handling your turkey leftovers safely:

* Debone turkey and refrigerate all leftovers in shallow containers within 2 hours of cooking.

* Use leftover turkey within 3 to 4 days, stuffing and gravy within 1 to 2 days, or freeze these foods.

* When reheating turkey, reheat thoroughly to a temperature of 165 F or until hot and steaming throughout.

**Chilled Turkey Rice Salad**
(Serves 4)

2 cups cooked turkey, cut into ½" pieces
1 cup cooked rice (See Tip 1)
2 green onions, chopped (See tip 2)
½ teaspoon curry powder
4 teaspoons lemon juice (See tip 3)
Salt to taste
1/4 cup chopped green pepper (See tip 4)
½ cup chopped celery
3/4 cup mayonnaise (See tip 5)
Lettuce

Combine rice, onion, curry lemon juice and salt. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Add rest of ingredients, except lettuce, to chilled rice mixture. Serve on lettuce leaves.

**Cook's Tips:**

**1.** Save time by making extra rice and use the rest at a later date. See " Cook Once, Eat Twice" for more information on preparing, storing and using extra rice.

**2.** Though your recipe will be less colorful, you could substitute about 2 tablespoons of chopped fresh onion or 1½ teaspoons of dried, chopped onion for the green onion.

**3.** You could use bottled lemon juice for this small amount. Or, buy a lemon and cut up the extra lemon for a touch of elegance by adding lemon wedges to the water glasses water at your post-holiday meal.

**4.** Frozen chopped green pepper could be substituted for the fresh pepper. Thaw it quickly by placing frozen chopped pepper in a strainer or colander and running cool water over it. Shake off excess water and use.

**5.** A light or fat-free mayonnaise may be used. Or, try low-fat or nonfat yogurt or sour cream in place of the mayonnaise or a mixture of these and mayonnaise.

**Turkey Tarragon Pitas**
(Serves 4)

½ cup lemon yogurt (See tip 1)
1 tablespoon mayonnaise
1/4 teaspoon dried tarragon leaves, finely crushed (See tip 2)
2 cups fully-cooked turkey breast, cut into ½-inch cubes (See tip 3)
½ cup green grapes, sliced in half
4 mini (or 2 6-inch) whole-wheat pitas (See tip 4)
4 pieces leaf lettuce (See tip 5)

In medium bowl combine yogurt, mayonnaise, and tarragon. Fold in turkey and grapes; cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour. Trim tops from mini pita pockets (or cut 6-inch pitas in half). Line inside of pitas with lettuce. Carefully fill pitas with turkey mixture.

**Cook's Tips:**

**1.** A possible use for any leftover lemon yogurt is to combine it with chopped apple, diced celery, raisins and chopped walnuts or any of your other favorite waldorf salad ingredients for a new twist on an old favorite recipe.

**2.** Most purchased, dried crushed tarragon leaves should be fine enough "as is" without further crushing.

**3.** Use white meat leftovers if you've prepared a whole turkey and not just the breast portion.

**4.** If you'd like to try this recipe, but don't have access to pita bread, you could serve the turkey mixture atop the lettuce on a plate with some of your leftover Thanksgiving rolls placed on the side.

**5.** If you don't have large pieces of leaf lettuce but do have pre-torn bagged lettuce, you can place this on the bottom half of your pita and then fill with the turkey mixture.

**Turkey Salad With Orange Vinaigrette**
(4 1-1/2 cup servings)

**Orange Vinaigrette:**

1/4 cup orange juice
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion (See Tip 1)
1/4 teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
1 tablespoon oil
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

**Salad:**

4 cups torn salad greens
2 cups cooked turkey breast, cut into julienne strips (See tip 2)
1 (11 oz.) can mandarin orange segments, drained
½ cup sliced celery (See tip 3)

In jar with tight-fitting lid, combine all vinaigrette ingredients; shake well (See tip 4). In large bowl, combine all salad ingredients; toss gently. Serve with vinaigrette. If desired, garnish with fresh strawberries.

**Cook's Tips:**

**1.** You can substitute 1 ½ teaspoons dried chopped onion for the chopped fresh onion or as recommended on the dried onion container. Prepare the dressing at least 10 minutes before you need it to allow the dried onion to rehydrate from the fluids in the dressing.

**2.** Use white meat leftovers if you've prepared a whole turkey and not just the breast portion.

**3.** If you'd prefer, another way to add crunch to your salad would be to use 4 tablespoons chopped walnuts instead of the celery.

**4.** If you don't have a container with a tight-fitting lid, place ingredients in a small mixing bowl and mix together with a whisk.

**White Turkey Chili**
(Serves 8)

1 tablespoon oil
1/4 cup onion, chopped (See tip 1)
1 cup celery, chopped
4 cups cooked turkey, chopped
2 cans (15.5 oz.) Great Northern beans, drained
2 cans (11 oz.) corn, undrained
1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chilies
4 cups turkey or chicken broth (See tip 2)
1 teaspoon ground cumin

Heat oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add onion and celery, cook and stir 2-3 minutes. Place all ingredients in a large saucepan (at least 4 quarts). Stir well. Cover and cook about 15 minutes over medium heat stirring occasionally until thoroughly heated.

Sprinkle mozzarella cheese on top if desired.

**Cook's Tips:**

1. You can substitute 1 tablespoon chopped dried onion for the chopped fresh onion or as recommended on the dried onion container.

2. If you have extra broth, use it instead of water when cooking vegetables or use it for some or all of the liquid in making rice. Use within a day or two or freeze.

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## Diversified

**By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent**

The widespread belief that poinsettias are poisonous is a misconception. The scientific evidence demonstrating the poinsettia's safety is ample and well documented.

Studies conducted by The Ohio State University in cooperation with the Society of American Florists concluded that no toxicity was evident at experimental ingestion levels far exceeding those likely to occur in a home environment.

In fact, the POISINDEX Information Service, the primary information resource used by most poison control centers, states that a 50-pound child would have to ingest over 500 poinsettia bracts to surpass experimental doses. Yet even at this high level, no toxicity was demonstrated.

As with all ornamental plants, poinsettias are not intended for human or animal consumption, and certain individuals may experience an allergic reaction to poinsettias. However, the poinsettia has been demonstrated to be a safe plant. In fact, in 1992, the poinsettia was included on the list of houseplants most helpful in removing pollutants from indoor air.

So, not only is the poinsettia a safe and beautiful addition to your holiday decor, it can even help keep your indoor air clean!

## Markets

### Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 925head of cattle for the Thursday, Nov. 21, sale. Cows were steady. Calves and yearlings were $1 to $2 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 30-37.50
Canner and low cutters: 25-32
Slaughter bulls: 40-47
**Feeder steers** — choice:
300-400: 90-105
400-500: 90-102
500-600: 80-91
600-700: 75-83
700-800: 70-77
**Feeder heifers**:
300-400: 90-101
400-500: 78-95
500-600: 75-85
600-700: 70-80
700-800: 65-75
**Feeder Bulls** — good and choice:
500-600: 70-85
700-800: 65-75
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 600-800
Grade: 500-600
Springers: 300-650
Baby calves: 125-175
Doodlers: 140-240

### Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 718 head of cattle for the Wednesday, Nov. 20, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers were mostly steady. Feeder heifers were steady to $1 higher. Slaughter cows were steady. Slaughter bulls were steady to $1 higher. Trade was active and demand good.

**Feeder steers:**
300-400: 97-105
400-500: 89-94.50
500-550: 81-86
600-650: 76.50-82.50
**Feeder heifers:**
300-400: 86-94.50
425-500: 83-85.50
500-600: 75.50-84.50
600-650: 72-76
**Replacement cows:**
Young bred cows: 425-600
Aged: 315-425
**Cow & calf pairs:**
Medium & large: 600-800
**Slaughter cows:**
Breakers: 30-34.35
Boners: 1000-1200Lbs.: 31-35
**Boners**
High yield: 1150-1350 Lbs.: 37-37.50
Lean: 1000-1250 Lbs.: 30-33.25
Lean: 1150-1350 Lbs.: 37-37.50
Lean: under 750 Lbs.: 22.50-25.57
**Slaughter bulls:**
Yield Grade 1-2 695-1690 Lbs.: 40-43
High dressing: 1510-1580 Lbs.: 44-45
Low dressing: 1595 Lbs.: 31.50

### COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

**WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT**

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (200,604 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

| | ONE YEAR AGO | LAST WEEK | THIS WEEK |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 11/25/01 | 11/18/02 | 11/25/02 |
| ELEVATION (FEET) | 17.91 | 17.46 | 17.51 |
| CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET) | 19,697 | 18,621 | 18,721 |
| PERCENT FULL | 9.82 | 9.28 | 9.33 |
| RAINFALL (INCHES) * | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.) | | 0 | 0 |
| SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.) | | 0 | 0 |

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (517,262 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

| | ONE YEAR AGO | LAST WEEK | THIS WEEK |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 11/25/01 | 11/18/02 | 11/25/02 |
| ELEVATION (FEET) | 44.18 | 38.63 | 38.35 |
| CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET) | 55,001 | 37.802 | 37,036 |
| PERCENT FULL | 10.63 | 7.31 | 7.16 |
| RAINFALL (INCHES) * | | 0.20 | 0.00 |

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

| | ONE YEAR AGO | LAST WEEK | THIS WEEK |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 11/25/01 | 11/18/02 | 11/25/02 |
| ELEVATION (FEET) | 32.24 | 28.25 | 28.13 |
| CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET) | 261,557 | 218,632 | 217,412 |
| PERCENT FULL | 47.18 | 39.44 | 39.22 |
| RAINFALL (INCHES) * | | 0.00 | 0.00 |

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

2002 INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

| | LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 11/18/02 11/12/02 | THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 11/25/02 11/19/02 | THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 11/25/02 11/19/02 |
|---|---|---|---|
| BIG SPRING | 4,013,286 | 3,939,571 | 4,190,000 |
| ODESSA | 12,385,571 | 12,141,000 | 12,272,000 |
| SNYDER | 1,612,000 | 1,620,286 | 1,726,000 |
| MIDLAND | 15,649,143 | 16,378,143 | 17,467,000 |
| SAN ANGELO | 11,222,429 | 9,559,429 | 12,391,000 |
| STANTON | 96,000 | 103,000 | 132,000 |



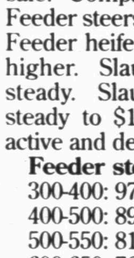
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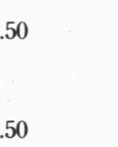
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Thurs. 7, 9
Fri. & Sat. 2:15, 7, 9
Sunda. 2:15 & 7



Closed Mondays - "Poor Boy" Night Tuesday $3

# Employee accused of embezzling $58,000 from Head Start program in San Angelo

SAN ANGELO (AP) — The former family services specialist of Tom Green County's Head Start program is free on a personal recognizance bond following her innocent plea to eight felony counts, including charges she embezzled almost $58,000 by cutting checks to her half-brother for supplies that were never provided.

Michelle Ramirez Hernandez was also administrative assistant to council executive director J.D. Cortez. She also is accused of obstructing justice by lying to a grand jury and by encouraging the brother, Joe Garcia, to lie to investigators.

A federal grand jury in Lubbock indicted Hernandez on Nov. 19, but the indictment was sealed until after her arrest during the weekend. She entered a plea on Monday.

The indictment accuses Hernandez of securing her brother's participation by claiming she needed his help to keep withdrawals from a personal retirement account a secret from her husband.

According to the indictment, Hernandez had her brother open an account at Wells Fargo Bank and would go with him to the bank to cash checks addressed to him from the council through the account. The indictment listed checks of $9,700, $9,900, $9,000, $9,800, $9,600 and $9,718.60.

She kept most of the cash, usually giving her brother $100 each time, the indictment said.

The government also accuses Hernandez of making false invoices, showing that the payments to Garcia were for supplies for the Head Start Program. According to the indictment, Garcia purchased no supplies and submitted no invoices.

Tom Green County's Community Action Council has been under investigation since at least June. On June 20, the FBI seized documents from the council's office in San Angelo and from a restaurant that is partially owned by Cortez. More documents were subpoenaed in August.

The council learned on Aug. 30 that its $5.1 million Head Start and Early Head Start grant had been suspended because of allegations of corruption. The program's 18 centers in 11 counties were shut down for a week before Denver-based Community Development Institute-Head Start stepped in to operate them.

According to information from the Dallas Head Start office, the Tom Green County council is suspected of misusing $237,976 in Head Start funds and making $689,152 in questionable expenditures during 2001 and 2002.

## Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

### Your Birthday

**Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002**

You have excellent chances for achieving several important goals in the year ahead. However, it might be more advantageous to strive for your targets independent of others. You'll be better able to reach your goals.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Try not to involve yourself today with persons whose standards and ideals are not in harmony with yours. It could get you in a lot of trouble and will be a fruitless arrangement.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — It's best not to count on associates today to engage themselves in matters that are of great significance to you. They may not feel the same as you and may want to do their own things.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — You may want diversity today, but making change merely for the sake of it could cause you to throw out the baby with the bath water. Once it is gone, it will be gone forever.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Resolve any misunderstanding you have today between you and your mate as quickly as possible or you risk things getting out of hand and making them far more serious than they are.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Don't forget the details today, they're extremely important. In your rush to get things done, it may be too easy for you to not be as mindful as you should of the little things that can trip you up.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Your love of beautiful things could lure you into spending far more today than your budget allows. If you can't be disciplined, avoid the shopping malls and boutiques.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Remember the saying that you can please some of the people some of the time, but not all of the people all of the time? This is going to be one of those days, so do the best that you can, then forget it.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Moodiness can be one of your worst enemies, and today, if you're not careful, you may allow early morning "grumpies" to put you in a bad mood for the rest of the day.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — When it comes to finances today, you might put up a good fight attempting to forge off extravagance and find yourself fluctuating between squandering and frugality.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — It's good to try hard to accomplish your aims, but today, if you get insecure about them, you could start to over-steer your tactics and run into a brick wall. Hang loose and stay on the road.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Appreciate the seriousness of your problems today, but don't let them overwhelm you. Once you adopt a negative attitude, all is lost. Hang on to your happy-go-lucky ways.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Before focusing all your energy toward a present dream, make certain it is realistic and feasible in the first place. Otherwise, all your efforts will be for nil and your disappointment could be great.

Sagittarius, 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.

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# One dead, one injured in accident

FRISCO (AP) — One man is dead and another was critically injured after both fell 30 feet into the tank at the top of a 150-foot municipal water tower, rescue officials said.

Officials said the accident happened Tuesday morning after a piece of heavy equipment being hoisted by a crane apparently fell as it was moved, sending both men plummeting into the tank. It appeared that at least one of the men was hit by the equipment after the fall, said Capt. Paul Siebert of the Frisco fire department.

The worker killed in the fall was identified as Brandon Norton, 19, of California. The other worker, a 29-year-old man, was in critical condition in Parkland Hospital in Dallas. Authorities had not released his name, pending notification of relatives.

The men worked for CB&I Constructors Water of The Woodlands. Company spokesman Bruce Steimle said construction on the tower has been suspended.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration investigators were on the construction site Tuesday afternoon. An OSHA spokeswoman said the investigation could take up to six months.

Steimle said CB&I plans to launch its own investigation and will cooperate with authorities.

"The company is very saddened whenever something like this occurs," he said. "We have safety measures to prevent events like this from happening."

The men were extracted through the top of the tower with another crane, then the 19-year-old was airlifted to Parkland Hospital in Dallas. The other worker was taken to Parkland by ambulance.

The water tower is located in a still-undeveloped area on the northern fringe of the rapidly developing suburb. Two other workers in the tower during the collapse were not injured.

They and other construction workers assisted in the rescue, Siebert said.

"They were very concerned about their co-workers," he said. "We went right into rescue mode to get them out."

According to the city's Web site, the tower is one of three or four such facilities that will be needed to cope with Frisco's rapidly-growing population. Frisco, which has a population of about 50,000, is one of the fastest-growing cities in the United States, according to the 2000 census.

## Kiwanis/Goodfellows

Scurry County families may apply for Kiwanis/Goodfellow food donations by filling out this form. The deadline to apply is November 30th. Applications should be mailed to Kiwanis/Goodfellows, P.O. Drawer 112, Snyder, Texas, 79550

Home's Monthly Income $

Do You Receive Food Stamps AFDC SS/SSI

Father of Home

Age

Last or Present Employer

Work Phone

Mother of Home

Age

Last or Present Employer

Work Phone

Home Address

Mailing Address

Another Telephone Where You Can Be Reached

List Ages of Children at Home

Boys:

Girls:

Total Number of People at Home

Acceptance Cards will be mailed to only qualified applicants at their address.

## CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS 2002 TOY APPLICATION

Family Name _____

Street Address _____

Phone# (required) _____

Total Monthly Family Income $ _____

(work) ___SSI ___TANF ____SS ____VA _____

For each child in your home, please list 3 toys that they would like for Christmas. We do not give clothes and shoes, so please do not list these. We ask that you only list children (through age 16) that physically live in your household in Scurry County.

Child #1 Name _____

age _____circle: male female

1 _____2 _____

3 _____

Child #2 Name _____

age _____circle: male female

1 _____2 _____

3 _____

Child #3 Name _____

age _____circle: male female

1 _____2 _____

3 _____

Child #4 Name _____

age _____circle: male female

1 _____2 _____

3 _____

Child #5 Name _____

age _____circle: male female

1 _____2 _____

3 _____

Child #6 Name _____

age _____circle: male female

1 _____2 _____

3 _____

Child #7 Name _____

age _____circle: male female

1 _____2 _____

3 _____

**Keep this bottom portion for your information.** Please send the above application to: **Christmas For Kids P.O. Box 1202 Snyder, TX 79550-1202.** Toys will be distributed on Saturday, December 21st and Monday, December 23rd. If your application is accepted, you will receive a phone call informing you of the date and time to pick up your children's toys. **You will ONLY be contacted by phone.** Please list a phone # above even if it is only for us to leave a message. **The last day to accept applications will be Wednesday, December 11, 2002.** When toys are picked up. please bring the following: driver's license or ID card, proof of income for each person, proof of address, each child's SS card and birth certificate. For more information, contact: Judi Martin at 573-7556

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# Kissinger to head Sept. 11 attacks panel

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush signed legislation creating a new independent commission to investigate the Sept. 11 attacks today and named former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to lead the panel.

"This commission will help me and future presidents to understand the methods of America's enemies and the nature of the threats we face," Bush said at a White House signing ceremony with lawmakers, survivors and victims' families.

"This investigation should carefully examine all the evidence and follow all the facts wherever they lead," he said. "We must uncover every detail and learn every lesson of September the 11th."

"Dr. Kissinger will bring broad experience, clear thinking and careful judgment to this important task," Bush said at a signing ceremony in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. "Mr. Secretary, thank you for returning to the service of your nation."

Kissinger, speaking in the White House driveway, pledged to "go where the facts lead us."

"We are under no restrictions, and we will accept no restrictions," Kissinger said.

"This is not a matter simply for New York, it is a matter for all of America," said Kissinger, who has lived much of his life in New York City. He spoke briefly to family members before addressing reporters. "To the families concerned, there's nothing that can be done about the losses they've suffered, but everything must be done to avoid that such a tragedy can occur again."

Kissinger, one of the best known American diplomats of the 20th century, was secretary of state to Presidents Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973 with North Vietnam's Le Duc Tho for cease-fire negotiations during the Vietnam war. Kissinger also made a determined peacemaking effort in the Middle East and made repeated trips to the region.

The commission has a broad mandate, building on the limited joint inquiry conducted by the House and Senate intelligence committees. The independent panel will have 18 months to examine issues such as aviation security and border problems, along with intelligence.

# Survey: Sanchez suffered backlash from negative ads

LUBBOCK (AP) — About three-fourth of voters who thought the governor's race was negative blamed candidates Rick Perry and Tony Sanchez equally, but Sanchez apparently suffered more from the tactic, a survey conducted by Texas Tech students showed.

"I think that's the big highlight of the whole survey," Cherie Maestas, an assistant professor of political science at Tech, said Tuesday. "People's opinion of Sanchez suffered more."

On a scale of one to five with five being the most favorable, Perry's average favorability rating among those blaming him for the negative campaign was 2.53, while Perry's rating among those blaming Sanchez was 4.25.

In contrast, the average rating of Sanchez among those who blamed him for the negative campaign was 1.54 while Sanchez's rating was 3.6 among those who blamed Perry for the negative campaign. Among those blaming both candidates equally, the average favorability rating for Sanchez was 2.65 while Perry's average rating was 2.94.

The post-election poll also showed that 55 percent of voters who saw many candidate ads thought the campaign was very negative while just 28 percent of those who saw some, few or no ads thought the campaign was very negative.

"It appears that it was the candidates' ads that drove it rather than the media coverage," Maestas said.

The statewide telephone survey of 410 random households included registered and nonregistered voters and was done between Nov. 6-20. The study was conducted by political science students at Tech and was funded by Tech and its Department of Political Science. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Perry beat Sanchez in the Nov. 5 election, earning him the governor's job that he had inherited when George W. Bush resigned to become president.

Acccording to the survey, 63 percent of the respondents deemed the campaign as negative while 18 percent of the respondents viewed the campaign in a positive light.

Of those who saw the campaign ads as negative, 72 percent felt both gubernatorial candidates were responsible for the unfavorable themes presented in their campaign ads. The negative ads caused candidates' likeability to decrease significantly for 73 percent of the respondents.

# Consumer spending rebounds in October

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers snapped out of a September funk and got into a buying mood last month, ratcheting up their spending by a solid 0.4 percent. It was the biggest increase in three months.

The rebound reported by the Commerce Department today came after consumers cut their spending by 0.4 percent in September as economic uncertainties made them more cautious. October's fresh start was led by higher spending for "nondurable" goods, such as clothes and food.

"They're back!" declared economist Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors. "Consumers hit the malls with a vengeance in October."

Americans' incomes edged up by 0.1 percent in October, following a 0.4 percent advance the prior month.

October's spending figure was slightly stronger than the 0.3 percent increase that many analysts were predicting, while income growth was in line with projections.

The latest snapshot of consumer activity along with a report Tuesday by the Conference Board showing improved consumer confidence in the economy in November raised hopes that the holiday shopping season will turn out to be decent.

The news buoyed Wall Street investors. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 186 points and the Nasdaq gained 37 in the first hour of trading.

In two other encouraging reports, new claims for unemployment benefits dropped last week to a 21-month low, the Labor Department said.

New claims for jobless benefits fell by a seasonally adjusted 17,000 to 364,000, the lowest level since Feb. 17, 2001. The report beat analysts' expectations. They were forecasting a rise in new claims.

And, orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket manufactured goods rose 2.8 percent in October, after declining in the previous two months, the Commerce Department reported.

# Arafat's deputy says the armed uprising against Israel must stop

JERUSALEM (AP) — Yasser Arafat's deputy was quoted as saying the armed uprising against Israel was a mistake and must be halted, but Palestinian militiamen said today they would renew attacks in Israel to avenge two leaders killed in a mysterious West Bank explosion.

The office of Arafat's deputy in the PLO, Mahmoud Abbas, released a 20-page transcript of a closed-door meeting he held with Fatah activists last month in Gaza. In the session, Abbas sharply criticized the militias, saying it was a mistake to turn popular protests into an armed conflict with Israel.

"What happened in these two years, as we see it now, is a complete destruction of everything we built," Abbas was quoted as saying. "The reason for this is that many people diverted the uprising from its natural path and embarked on a path we can't handle, with the use of weapons ... such as mortars, grenades and shooting from houses and populated areas."

Abbas said shooting from populated areas endangered Palestinian lives and property because it invited Israeli retaliation.

"We have to control the situation, and I don't think there is anything that keeps us from succeeding," he said. "What is needed now is to say, clearly and firmly — until here and enough."

Abbas did not mention Arafat by name, but since the Palestinian leader controls all aspects of government, the criticism clearly was aimed at him.

Excerpts from Abbas' speech appeared today in the Palestinian daily Al Quds, which is close to the Palestinian Authority.

For a time last month, Abbas was considered a top contender for prime minister — a position reform-minded Fatah leaders wanted to create to force Arafat to share power. However, the initiative withered after Israel laid siege to Arafat's compound in response to a suicide attack, boosting his sagging popularity.

Israel, meanwhile, rejected Palestinian allegations it was behind the blast in the Jenin refugee camp that killed the local leaders of the Islamic militant group Hamas and of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, a militia affiliated with Arafat's Fatah movement.

In the Gaza Strip, a Palestinian bomber blew up a car near an Israeli-Palestinian liaison office, killing himself but causing no injuries to bystanders. A radical PLO faction claimed responsibility.

## Births

Brian and Ginny Clinkinbeard of Grand Prairie are parents of twin daughters, Katlynn and Jessica, born Nov. 21 in the Medical Center of Arlington — Katlynn at 9:44 a.m. and Jessica at 9:45. Katlynn weighed five pounds, one ounce and Jessica weighed five pounds, six ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Lucille Clinkinbeard of Snyder and the late David Clinkinbeard. Great-grandparents are Earline Brooks and Opal Clinkinbeard of Snyder.

Maternal grandparents are John and Pam Fenton of Snyder and the late Margie Dunn. Great-grandparents are Myron and Gale Fenton of Snyder and Ernestine Powell of Plano.

## Thefts investigated in Snyder

•***Theft***

E.L. Green reported at 11:46 a.m. Tuesday that his lawnmower had been stolen from 1111 17th St. Officers advised a report for Class B theft would be submitted.

At 2:40 p.m. Tuesday, Ann Rodriguez reported a stolen motorcycle from 605 28th St. The cycle turned up missing Monday and reports were filed for theft and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

•***Accidents***

Officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at 3:24 p.m. Tuesday. A utility pole in the 2300 block of Ave. B was struck by a 1993 Olds Eighty-eight driven by Sheila Allison, 34, of 113 Browning.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, a minor accident was reported in the senior parking lot at Snyder High School. Involved were a 1997 Ford F-150 driven by Kim Ashley Owen, 18, of 2808 42nd Street and a parked 2002 Toyota 4-Runner owned by Neal Tanner Beard of 1703 Cedar Greek.

•***Criminal trespass***

A woman told officers Tuesday that a man had a key to her house and was entering the residence when she wasn't there and taking property. Officers advised a criminal trespass warning would be served.

At 9:10 p.m., a woman reported her 13-year-old niece causing a disturbance at the Snyder Recreation Center on the Lamesa Highway and requested a criminal trespass warning.

•***Gas drive off***

A clerk at the Plaza Truck Stop reported a gas drive off worth $28.23 at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

At 9:12 p.m., a drive off was reported from the Allsup's in Hermleigh in the amount of $15.18.

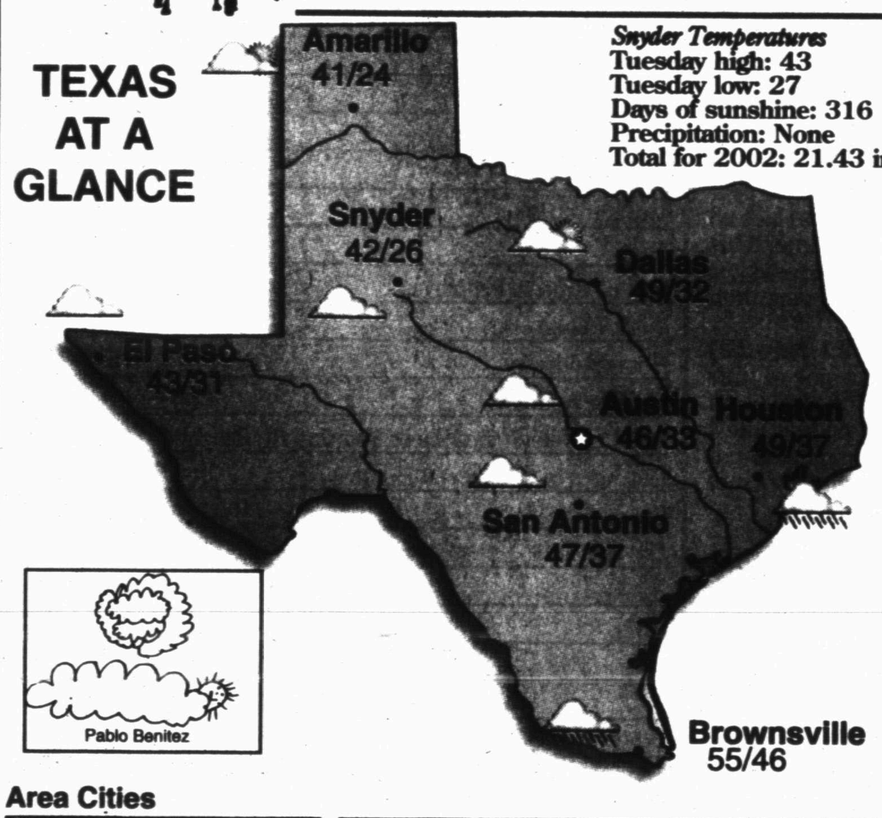
## Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

| Thu 11/28 | Fri 11/29 | Sat 11/30 |
|---|---|---|
| 42/26 | 50/27 | 51/32 |
| Cloudy skies. High 42F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph. | Cloudy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 20s. | Overcast. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s. |
| Sunrise 7:24 AM / Sunset 5:38 PM | Sunrise 7:25 AM / Sunset 5:38 PM | Sunrise 7:26 AM / Sunset 5:38 PM |

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### TEXAS AT A GLANCE




*Snyder Temperatures*
Tuesday high: 43
Tuesday low: 27
Days of sunshine: 316
Precipitation: None
Total for 2002: 21.43 inches

### Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abilene | 45 | 29 | cloudy | El Paso | 43 | 31 | cloudy | Midland | 42 | 29 | cloudy |
| Amarillo | 41 | 24 | pt sunny | Fort Stockton | 44 | 31 | cloudy | Raymondville | 53 | 40 | rain |
| Austin | 46 | 33 | cloudy | Gainesville | 46 | 25 | pt sunny | Rosenberg | 48 | 37 | cloudy |
| Beaumont | 50 | 34 | rain | Greenville | 47 | 26 | pt sunny | San Antonio | 47 | 37 | cloudy |
| Brownsville | 55 | 46 | rain | Houston | 49 | 37 | rain | San Marcos | 46 | 34 | cloudy |
| Brownwood | 46 | 29 | cloudy | Kingsville | 50 | 37 | rain | Sulphur Springs | 47 | 26 | pt sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 48 | 39 | rain | Livingston | 50 | 29 | cloudy | Sweetwater | 45 | 27 | cloudy |
| Corsicana | 48 | 30 | cloudy | Longview | 46 | 27 | pt sunny | Tyler | 48 | 31 | pt sunny |
| Dallas | 49 | 32 | pt sunny | Lubbock | 42 | 27 | pt sunny | Weatherford | 48 | 26 | pt sunny |
| Del Rio | 50 | 39 | cloudy | Lufkin | 48 | 31 | cloudy | Wichita Falls | 46 | 26 | pt sunny |

### National Cities

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 48 | 27 | rain | Houston | 49 | 37 | rain | Phoenix | 72 | 50 | pt sunny |
| Boston | 33 | 24 | snow | Los Angeles | 76 | 52 | sunny | San Francisco | 65 | 47 | pt sunny |
| Chicago | 31 | 16 | pt sunny | Miami | 81 | 63 | pt sunny | Seattle | 56 | 40 | pt sunny |
| Dallas | 49 | 32 | pt sunny | Minneapolis | 26 | 19 | pt sunny | St. Louis | 35 | 19 | pt sunny |
| Denver | 37 | 18 | pt sunny | New York | 37 | 25 | snow | Washington, DC | 42 | 26 | sn shower |

### Moon Phases

| Last | New | First | Full |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov 27 | Dec 4 | Dec 11 | Dec 19 |

### UV Index

| Thu 11/28 | Fri 11/29 | Sat 11/30 |
|---|---|---|
| Minimal | Minimal | Minimal |

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

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