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Home of Colton Jackson

Spring in November...



WORK HARD, NICE YARD — Lupe Contreras took advantage of the pleasant temperatures to get some work done in her yard on 29th Street. Lupe is one of many Snyder residents who are getting ready for cooler weather. (SDN Staff Photo)

County to seek bids for coliseum cooling

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County commissioner's court took the first step this morning to install new cooling system for the Scurry County Coliseum.

The court approved a request from parks and recreation to go out for bids for a new system to replace the current chilled-water system.

It was recommended the cooling towers be replaced with two high efficiency air-cooled units. These units will be designed to primarily cool the main arena area. The units are also expected to be more energy efficient.

Scott Crenwelge, parks and recreation director, said the coliseum is currently down to two compressors. He noted it was not a problem at this time of year, but the old units will not be efficient enough in summer months.

The court tabled until its next regular meeting bids to purchase new patrol cars for the sheriff's department. The only input was from Big Country Autoland. The company submitted a no-bid, advising the court that General Motors does not currently manufacture a vehicle that will comply with the requested specifications.

In new business, the court discussed engineering firms to provide design services for the Towle Park renovation plan. Crenwelge reported that progress is being made and that the project estimates are very good. Meetings to discuss the proposals will continue later this week. The court made a motion to table the design service recommendations until the next regular session.

The court adjourned for a closed executive session to consider the employment of a law firm to investigate, and if warranted, file common-law claims for the underpayment of ad valorem taxes. When the court reconvened, the court voted to table the item until a later date.

The court discussed interim financing of the Bio-Terrorism and Preparedness Grant. Commissioners approved the advancement of $10,000 to fund the project until the grant funds become available.

The court approved vacating a portion of three county roads in the old town of Hermleigh.

The position of the county's local health authority will remain the responsibility of Dr. Walter Cooper as approved by commissioners.

In other action, the court approved 10 line-item transfers and four budget amendments. A budget amendment in the amount of $5,000 was approved for the county clerk's office for hospital district election expenses. Joan Bunch said that the expenses had not been budgeted.

A budget amendment was okayed for Scurry County Child Welfare in the amount of $3,750 for child-care expenses was approved.

Scurry County Library received approval for a budget amendment of $6,594 to cover general payroll. The library employs four full-time positions and one part-time position. There is currently enough funds for one and a half pay periods.

A final amendment was approved for parks and recreation for the approval of $12,000 in utility costs. The costs exceeded the amount previously budgeted.

County Judge Rod Waller presided and commissioners present were Ralph Trevey Chloanne Lindsey, Howard Limmer and Jerry House.

Bush: America will not be in Iraq for 'years and years'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush says the United States will not spend "years and years" in Iraq as a new government takes shape to replace Saddam Hussein — the nation's infamous and elusive former leader who Bush says could be behind a resurgence of violence.

"We did the Iraqi people a great favor by removing him, and so I wouldn't be surprised that any kind of violence is promoted by him, but I don't know," Bush said in an interview with David Frost for PBS-BBC's "Breakfast with David Frost." "All I know is that we're after him."

The wide-ranging interview taped Wednesday for broadcast Sunday focused on foreign issues, but the president did mention next year's presidential election, saying his re-election is heavily dependent on whether the U.S. economy gains steam.

"A lot of it will have to do on the economy, of course, whether or not I get another four years," Bush said.

On Iraq, the other top issue of the campaign season, Bush defended his administration's planning for postwar Iraq, saying it's "not a fair comment" that the United States was unprepared for winning the peace.

"This is nothing more than a power grab," he said about the recent violence that has pushed the U.S. death toll on Saturday passed 400. "There are some foreign fighters — mujaheddin types or al-Qaida, or al-Qaida affiliates involved, as well.

"They've got a different mission; they want to install a Taliban-type government in Iraq, or they want to seek revenge for getting whipped in Afghanistan. But nevertheless, they all have now found common ground for a brief period of time."

Bush urged patience with the U.S.-led involvement in Iraq.

"We don't think it will be years and years because, first of all, we think the Iraqi people are plenty capable of running their own country, and we think they want to run their own country," Bush said. "... We believe that democracy will take hold in Iraq and we believe a free and democratic Iraq will help change the Middle East."

Commenting on his trip to Europe this week, Bush recalled once attending a play with his wife in Britain, America's staunch partner in the war in Iraq.

"I remember Laura and I went to see 'Cats' in London," he said. "Gosh, I remember going to some nice pubs — when I was drinking man in London. It's a great city, and I'm looking forward to going."



SHOW OF FORCE — A U.S. soldier, left, and a member of the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps hold their weapons at ready today in the center of Tikrit, north of Baghdad. See story Page 10. (AP Photo)

Appraisal board to meet Tuesday

The board of directors of the Scurry County Appraisal District will hold its monthly meeting at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The board will hear a collection report for taxes due to the Ira and Hermleigh school districts.

The board also will consider a personnel policy change dealing with vacation and personal business leave.

Jury finds one sniper guilty of capital murder

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — A jury convicted John Allen Muhammad of capital murder today, concluding he used a rifle, a beat-up car and a teenager who idolized him to kill randomly and terrorize the Washington area during last year's sniper spree.

Jurors will now decide whether the Army veteran should be sentenced to death or life in prison. The penalty phase was to begin in the afternoon.

The panel deliberated for about 6 1/2 hours before convicting Muhammad of two counts of capital murder. One accused him of taking part in multiple murders, the other — the result of a post-Sept. 11 terrorism law — alleged the killings were designed to terrorize the population. Muhammad is the first person tried under the law.

Muhammad, 42, was found guilty of killing Dean Harold Meyers, a Vietnam veteran who was cut down by a single bullet that hit him in the head on Oct. 9, 2002, as he filled his tank at a Manassas gas station. He was also found guilty of conspiracy and use of a firearm in a felony.

Fellow suspect Lee Boyd Malvo, 18, is on trial separately in nearby Chesapeake for the killing of Linda Franklin at a Home Depot in Falls Church. He also could get the death penalty.

The two men were accused of shooting 19 people — killing 13 and wounding six — in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia in what prosecutors said was an attempt to extort $10 million from the government.

The verdict came after three weeks of testimony in which a series of victims and other witnesses graphically recalled the horror that gripped the Washington area during the sniper attacks.

Ten people were killed in the region and three were wounded, many of them shot as they went about their daily tasks: shopping at a crafts store, buying groceries, mowing the lawn, going to school.

At the height of the killings, the area was so terrified that sports teams were forced to practice indoors, residents were afraid to refuel their cars and teachers tightly drew the blinds of their classroom windows out of fear a school might be targeted.

At one point during the spree, a handwritten letter was found tacked to a tree near the Virginia restaurant where a man was shot, and it included the chilling postscript: "Your children are not safe anywhere at any time." A tarot card left near a shooting outside a school declared "I am God."

The case took a strange twist on the first day of the trial when Muhammad fired his court-appointed attorneys and began representing himself.

At 7 p.m....

Covenant's contract on board agenda

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's affiliation with Covenant Health Systems may come to an end this evening as the contract termination is one of three items on the agenda for a called hospital board meeting.

The contract for the management of the hospital's home health unit also is listed as an action item for termination. Currently, Arapaho H.C.R. manages the home health unit.

Tonight's meeting was called by three board members — Dink Foree, Terry Williams and Bill Voss, as they individually wrote letters to board secretary Dr. Charles Church requesting the posting of the meeting.

The third item on the agenda calls for setting future meeting times and the agenda for such.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the hospital boardroom.

Two meetings have been planned this week concerning the Dec. 6 election for a proposed hospital district.

At 6:30 p.m. today, the third and final scheduled meeting for those in favor creation of a hospital district will be held at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Previously the group had meetings in Hermleigh and Ira with light attendance.

Those against the formation of a hospital district has a town hall meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Towle Park Barn. This group met last week with some 30 people in attendance.

Early voting on the hospital district begins at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.



A TIME TO GIVE — United Blood Services will make two visits to Snyder for blood drives this week. The first will be Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The drive will move to Cogdell Memorial Hospital from 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Potential donors are asked to not consume any caffeine beginning today until they donate this week. Pictured is Harold Yearwood, showing one of the T-shirts that will be given to all donors. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—Did the recent vote on increasing the sales tax in Lubbock pass?
A—Yes.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Carlos Sanchez...

...is a 10-year-old fourth grader in Janie Carroll's class at East Elementary. His favorite subjects are reading, math and science. Carlos' parents are Adam and Consuelo Sanchez. His dad manages Whataburger. Carlos has two brothers and two sisters: Julian, Victor, Solana and Marie. The family moved from Lubbock about two years ago.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent.
—Norman Cousins

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Victory Baptist revival

Victory Baptist Church is hosting a revival through Friday with Randy Cotton as evangelist. Services are at 7 p.m.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Why I Believe," followed by "Why Do Righteous People Suffer?"

LVN testing dates

Testing dates at WTC for LVN ASSET will be 1:30 p.m. on the following dates: on Tuesday and also Dec. 9, Jan. 20 and Jan. 27. To reserve a time, you must contact the WTC counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313. Limited seating is available.

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will work in the E.A. degree at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the lodge hall. All Masons are welcome.

Citizen Corps of Scurry County

The Corps will offer CERT training to anyone that wants to volunteer to help in time of a disaster. FEMA will provide the books and training exercises will be provided by Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland and Fire Marshal Cy Posey. Contact Vicki Shroyer at 573-7886 or go by the office at 1800 26th St. Training will be held Tuesday and Thursday, and Dec. 2 & 9 to qualify for the Homeland Security grant. Class size is limited to 25.

Central Thanksgiving Dinner

Central Elementary's Thanksgiving Dinner will be Thursday. Relatives and friends of students are invited to eat with their students. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday at the school office. Cost is $2.60 for adults and $1.60 for children under five.

Utility bill help

Assistance in paying utility bills is available through the Comprehensive Energy Assistance program. Interested persons may apply at the Texas Department of Human Services office in Snyder Shopping Center between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thursday. Picture ID, SS numbers of all household members and proof of income is required.

GED pre-registration, testing

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

Turkey, ham raffle

Members of Phi Theta Kappa at WTC are selling chances for a ham and a $25 gift certificate from United and also a turkey and a $25 gift certificate from United. The drawing will be held Wednesday. For tickets, call 573-8511, ext. 276 for Patty Kuhl, advisor, or 573-9727 for Kristen Early.

United Way packets

United Way packets are now being distributed to businesses and will be picked up by Friday. Packets are bright orange. For more information, call 573-5311.

LAP signup extended

Friday is the final date to apply for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP), which provides relief to livestock producers who suffered grazing losses due to drought, severe weather and related causes that occurred in 2001. For more information or an appointment call 573-0171. There are no late-file provisions.

Poinsettia sale

The SHS choir poinsettia sale continues through Dec. 1 when deliveries will be made. Cost is $10 and can be ordered from any SHS choir member.

Annual Christmas parade

Snyder's annual lighted Christmas parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 6. Lineup begins at 6 p.m. at Moffett Field. For parade entries call 573-3558 for more information. Santa will be at the Towle Park Barn from 4-6 p.m. the same day. Anyone interested in having a booth in the park may call 573-9811.

Choir Christmas program

"The Christmas Suite" will be presented at 2 p.m. Dec. 7 in the Worsham Auditorium by the combined choirs of Snyder High School, Snyder Junior High and West Elementary. The concert will follow a Christmas dessert buffet in the student center. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased from any choir member.

Madrigal Christmas dinners

The annual Madrigal Christmas dinners presented by the SHS choral department will be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15-16 at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Tickets are $15 and can be obtained by calling 573-6301.

Child welfare board fundraiser

The Scurry County child welfare board is offering tickets for $1,000 worth of merchandise. A donation of $10 per ticket is requested for a drawing to be held Dec. 6. Tickets are available from any board member or by calling 573-7053 or 573-2376.

2004 Tiger's Lair yearbook

2004 Tiger's Lair yearbooks can still be ordered for $45 for the book only with additional options available for an extra costs. For more information, call 574-6138.

SJHS yearbooks

Snyder junior high Tiger Times yearbook is on sale through Nov. 25 in room 110. Cost is $16 or students may make an $8 deposit. No extra copies will be ordered.

2004 Bulldog annuals on sale

The 2004 Bulldog annuals are now on sale for $26 with your name on cover or $22 without. Sales will continue through Nov. 25. Contact Becky Hudgins at Ira School to purchase a copy.

WTC Lions Club raffle

WTC Lions Club is selling chances for two spring season passes for either baseball or softball. Tickets are $1 each or six for $5. Tickets are available from any WTC Lions Club member. The drawing will be held Dec. 10.



UNITED WAY — Central Elementary School has raised over $2,000 for the United Way. Pictured in the photo at left are Pam Hart, principal; Stephen Covey, president of United Way; and Edilyn Smith, who coordinated Central's drive. In the picture at right, Hart is dressed up in the clothes the students brought for her to wear. It was their reward for raising more money than the goal of $1,500. Hart's dressing up also included red and green hair. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Missing Iraq war veteran turns up slain

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) — The body was almost a skeleton when investigators found it, hidden in the woods for nearly four months and so decomposed that knife marks etched in its bones were the only way to tell the man had been stabbed.

Spc. Richard Davis had survived the war in Iraq, where he turned 25 during the march to Baghdad, only to be slain after celebrating his homecoming at a topless bar near Fort Benning.

With the discovery of his body earlier this month came a even more disturbing twist. The four men accused of turning on him with fists and a blade, then hiding his body, had served beside him in the same infantry unit.

Now the Army is on the defensive, accused by Davis' family of writing him off as AWOL instead of quickly investigating his disappearance.

Some people are also questioning the investigators' conclusion that the killing was simply the result of a brawl gone bad, wondering if trauma from the battlefield could have led to bloodshed at home.

"All of the evidence says there was no bad blood" between the soldiers, said Mark Shelnutt, a defense attorney for Pfc. Douglas Woodcoff, one of the accused men. "They've all been to Iraq, they want to have a few drinks. ... You can't help but wonder: If this had happened a week before they deployed, would the result have been the same?"

Davis returned from the Middle East on July 12 from his second deployment since May 2002. His unit — 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division — had spent most of the past 14 months in the region training, fighting and waiting to go home.

Davis never called his parents to tell them he was back. He had no wife or girlfriend in Columbus. So he piled into a car with four other soldiers from his company for a night out to celebrate.

They headed to the Platinum Club, a topless bar.

At some point, Davis apparently insulted one of the dancers and the soldiers were kicked out, said Lt. Steve Cox of the Columbus Police Department.

Davis's fellow soldiers later told police they were upset about it and started brawling with Davis in the parking lot. They left and drove about three miles before Pfc. Alberto Martinez pulled the car over.

Two of the men, Pvt. Jacob Burgoyne and Pfc. Mario Navarrete, got out and continued their fight with Davis. They told police that Woodcoff watched without joining in.

Then, they said, Martinez pulled a knife and stabbed Davis several times.

The four soldiers drove to a convenience store and bought lighter fluid. Then they returned to the bloodied corpse, tried to burn it and left it in the woods.

The account of the deadly brawl came from Burgoyne, Navarrete and Woodcoff in police interviews following their Nov. 8 arrest, the day after Davis' body was found.

Police don't believe the soldiers' combat experiences were a factor in the killing. Only two slayings have been linked to the 16,500 3rd Infantry soldiers who deployed to Iraq from Fort Benning and Fort Stewart, near Savannah.

"There are murders committed every day, and most murders are committed by people who know you," Cox said. "We see best friends killing each other all the time — civilians, military, all walks of life."

Davis' father doesn't buy that argument. He's not sure why his son was slain but insists it wasn't a simple, perhaps drunken, argument.

"You don't go out and stab a guy and set his body on fire after you beat him half to death because you got kicked out of a bar," Lanny Davis said. "You don't go out and kill your buddies. There was something else that happened."

Lanny Davis didn't find out his son was back in the United States until a soldier from Fort Benning called him in Missouri to ask if he was home yet.

He traveled to Fort Benning a month later to ask about his son. The Army had listed him as AWOL, absent without leave, though he'd left his toothbrush and new clothes in his barracks.

Fort Benning didn't investigate Davis' disappearance until the fall, after Lanny Davis sought help from his congressman, Rep. Kenny Hulshof, R-Mo.

Col. Steven Salazar, brigade commander for the 3rd Infantry at Fort Benning, said Thursday that the Army "followed all procedures necessary ... and even took additional measures" to find out what happened to Davis. After discovering his death, the Army reinstated Davis' active-duty status so his parents could receive his death benefits.

But the slain soldier's father remains angry.

"I've been screaming ever since that lieutenant colonel came and told me they found my son's skeletal remains," Lanny Davis said. "We don't even have the chance to see my son's face ever again."

Investigators have yet to hear the story from Martinez, 23, who is awaiting extradition from California on murder charges.

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Lotto TEXAS

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Saturday's Lottery Numbers

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-21-28-37-38. Bonus Ball: 35.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 15. Prize: $1,833.

Number matching four of five: 472. Prize: $125.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 465. Prize: $112.

Number matching three of five: 21,125. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 5,658. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 26,669. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $5 million.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-5-11-18-23.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $41,663.

Winning tickets sold in: Haltom City.

Matching four of five: 137. Prize: $137.

Matching three of five: 5,107. Prize: $9.

Matching two of five: 49,341. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

Pick 3

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(Night) 4-3-9

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Parallel Petroleum will drill the No. 1-M Diamond M field unit, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,000 feet, drill site is in Section 199, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 207-03 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, three miles northwest of Snyder. Planned depth is 7,200 feet, and location is in Section 250, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan has completed the No. 13-85 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 14 barrels of oil and 3,022 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,416-7,050 feet, and location is in Section 338, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Marshall and Winston Inc. will drill the No. 2 Youngblood, a 10,500-foot wildcat located 11 miles west of Gail. Location is in Section 40, Block 32, T5N, T&P survey.

Manzano will drill the No. 5-21G, a 6,500-0 foot wildcat located 10 miles northwest of Gail. Drill site is in Section 21, Block 31, T6N, T&P survey.

Kent County

Ginnings Co. will drill the No. 1-238 Beggs, a 4,200-foot wildcat located 10 miles northeast of Jayton. Location is in Section 238, Block F, H&TC survey.

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Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

Teacher regrets lie that ruined principal's career

DEAR ABBY: I am a schoolteacher. Last year I had a brief affair with a much older, married man. He was the principal of my school. I was deeply in love with him and ready to leave my husband to be with him. However, I got cold feet and chose to stay in my marriage, although it had been less than perfect for years.

I confessed everything to my husband, and then told the principal my decision. I haven't seen him since.

I feel an overpowering need to apologize to my lover for what I did to him. You see, I lied and led my husband and the school board to believe that I had been taken advantage of. I called him a "sexual predator" who had forced me into the affair, and he was forced to resign from the school.

Abby, he did not take advantage of me. I knew exactly what I was doing. In fact, I still have strong feelings for him.

Please tell me what I can do to set the record straight and find peace. — **REMORSEFUL IN THE U.S.A.**

DEAR REMORSEFUL: It won't be easy. Begin by telling your husband the truth. Next, write a letter to the school board and tell them exactly what you have told me. That will "set the record straight." Your clergyperson will have to help you find peace, because you have a lot to atone for. Please don't wait.

Remember, the longest journey starts with a single step.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 24-year-old, stay-at-home mom with two beautiful little girls. My youngest daughter, "Tanya," is 5 and suffers from seizures and mental problems. I feel I'm not a good mother because her condition consumes me and all I ever do is cry. I told my husband, "Steve," that I would like to look into putting Tanya in a group home, but he adamantly refuses. Steve says we will separate before that happens.

I love my husband and my child, but I feel I'm going crazy. I have no life. We've spoken to professionals; nothing they suggested is helpful. Steve's mother promised to help, but she makes excuses as to why she can't watch Tanya. I'm out of ideas. What should I do? I have to save my sanity. — **ALONE AND CONFUSED IN TEXAS**

DEAR ALONE AND CONFUSED: It appears you are shouldering all the responsibility for Tanya. However, you also have your older child to consider. If you are a basket case, you will be unable to parent either child properly.

It's time to talk to Tanya's doctor about what options are available — respite care to take some of the strain off you, or a group home for your child. Do not give in to your husband's blackmail. He can't care for her by himself, and his mother has already proven she won't step in. Please take care of yourself. By doing so, you'll be doing the right thing for both your daughters.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have a wonderful relationship. We have seen both good and hard times during our 30 years together. My problem is our sex life died about two years ago.

I love my wife dearly. I don't want to hurt her, but I still have physical needs despite having had a stroke, a heart attack, four bypasses and arthritis. I have also been disabled since 1988 due to a back injury.

Abby, what can I do? My wife knows how strong my sex drive is, but she will no longer try anything sexual. Please help. — **STILL SLEEPING (ONLY) IN THE SAME BED**

DEAR STILL SLEEPING: Have a frank talk with your wife. She may be afraid that sex could endanger your health. If that's the case, have your doctor reassure her it is safe. If that's not the problem, she should have her hormone levels checked.

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MATH-A-THON PARTICIPANTS — These Snyder Junior High School students participated in the fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Front row from left are Douglas Brunson, Wes von Roeder, Will Stewart and Josh Sorrells; middle row, Elizabeth Davis, Larissa Blackard, Alexandrea Martinez, Ashley Hagins, Ashlee Wallace and Erica Maldonado; back row, Angie Amarillas, Morgan Moffett, Katy Spradlin, Savanah Molina, Brittany Scott, Kailea Shaw and Gina Hermosillo. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SJHS fundraiser benefits St. Jude Children's Hospital

Snyder Junior High School raised $595.87 in the annual Math-A-Thon fundraiser, which benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Students bringing in the most money were Larissa Blackard, seventh grader; and Morgan Moffett and Angie Amarillas, both eighth graders.

Eighth graders who participated were Morgan Moffett, Angie Amarillas and Aaron LeLoera.

Seventh graders included Larissa Blackard, Ashley Hagins, Brian Allred, Gino Hermosillo, Katy Spradlin, Erica Maldonado, Elizabeth Davis, Savanah Molina and Roxann Renteria.

Others were Wes von Roeder, Constance Martinez, Alexandrea Martinez, Will Stewart, Kailea Shaw, Jordan Wright, Brittany Scott, Britney Webb, Zeke Muniz, Douglas Brunson, Ashlee Wallace, Josh Sorrells and Justin Elizondo.

Students secured sponsors for the 200-250 math problems they worked.

Prizes awarded included certificate of achievement, Six Flags free admission ticket, T-shirts and sports bag.

Theresa Vest is the sponsor.

Astro-graph



By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003

You'll have plenty going for you in the year ahead and life could prove to be quite lucky for you at times in ways that will make you stand out. Friends and associates will want to come along for the ride.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Cancel the shopping spree you had planned for today if you don't have a hold on your spending habits. Tempting items will be all around you and you could end up busted and broke.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your need for attention today could cause you to step out of character and use tactics that draw notice to yourself that would tarnish your image. Being gracious will get you what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — No matter how good the excuse, obligations and responsibilities should not be neglected today or else you might have to pay the piper for your sins of omission.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Be particularly careful to whom you go for assistance today should you be in need of a favor. The wrong choice could tie conditions to his or her help and put you in an awkward position.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — This could be one of those days when (without realizing it) you might rub the wrong people the wrong way. Watch that you don't accidentally step on anybody's toes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you don't have a handle on yourself today you could get cocky about things going well and become a bit bossy with co-workers. Instead, try to make them feel like part of a team.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Although your better judgment is flashing warning signals today, your love affair with beautiful things could cause you to spend foolishly and end up costing you more money than you should spend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Even if you feel someone in your family doesn't deserve it, try to be as tolerant and considerate with this person as you are with your friends. It'll pay off in the long run.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The problems you encounter at work today are likely to be of your own doing, yet you might try to kid yourself into believing the fault lies with others and cast blame on innocent associates.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You are going to have to be extra prudent in the management of your funds today or else you could easily squander a bunch of dollars you really don't have to waste.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Should someone do something today that really disturbs you, be careful not to vent your frustrations and anger on innocent bystanders. Direct your ire at the real culprit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Before you cross swords with the boss today over something about which you're not too pleased or receptive, remember who signs your paycheck. Hold your tongue and hold onto your job.

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SMU fraternity pledge injured in possible hazing

DALLAS (AP) — A Southern Methodist University student who ingested large amounts of water in what school officials suspect was a fraternity hazing incident remained hospitalized in critical condition early today.

Braylon Curry, a junior pledge at Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, was admitted to Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas early Saturday and had fallen into a coma by midmorning. Doctors told law officers he is suffering from pulmonary edema, a condition where water enters the lungs, and hyponatremia, a sodium imbalance brought on by excess fluid consumption.

Curry, 21, spent Friday night engaged in what appeared to be a water-drinking competition at an off-campus apartment, SMU officials said. Paul Morris, spokesman for the Dallas Police Department, said an ambulance was called to the Village Apartments at 8 a.m. Saturday with a report that Curry had been "dazed and incoherent" since 5 a.m.

Some of Curry's friends, who accompanied him to the hospital, told police the activity was not hazing, Morris said. An SMU police officer at the hospital told Dallas officers the men were members of Alpha Phi Alpha, which has since been suspended by the university.

The vice president for student affairs at SMU, Jim Caswell, said that it was unclear how many men were involved in Friday night's activity. Caswell said the fraternity was suspended after a hazing incident three years ago and re-colonized on campus a few months ago. The fraternity has seven members.

"Our primary concern is the young man in question," Caswell told The Dallas Morning News. "We'll try to get to the bottom of this as the week progresses."

Police said Curry was in poor condition when he arrived at the hospital.

The fraternity, Caswell said, has been suspended pending a police investigation. If the investigation proves the activity was hazing, he said, it is "very likely" the suspension will be permanent.

"We want those men to know they must cease and desist everything they're doing," he said.

An educational anti-hazing event was held on campus Friday before the incident and SMU had published a half-page advertisement of Texas' hazing law in the campus newspaper that day, said Caswell.

Date Book

Monday, Nov. 17, 2003

Today is the 321st day of 2003 and the 56th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1558, Elizabeth I, daughter of Henry VIII, succeeded to the throne of England, thus ushering in the Elizabethan (or Golden) Age.

On this day in 1869, the Suez Canal effectively connected the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.

On this day in 1996, Microsoft officially introduced its first operating system for handheld devices, Windows CE.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Shelby Foote (1916-), writer and historian, is 87; Rock Hudson (1925-1985), actor; Gordon Lightfoot (1938-), singer and songwriter, is 65; Martin Scorsese (1942-), director, is 61; Danny DeVito (1944-), actor and director, is 59.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1954, boxer Jimmy Carter knocked out Paddy DeMarco, becoming the first man to win the world lightweight title three times.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Cinema is a matter of what's in the frame and what's out." — Martin Scorsese

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter (Nov. 17)

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Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Hamilton in a pistol duel in 1804 near Weehawken, N.J.

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The state flower of Iowa is the wild rose.



First woman elected governor of Louisiana

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — Kathleen Blanco, moving past the victory that made her Louisiana's first female governor, is slowly sketching out her plans for health care, education and economic development.

The plans announced Sunday were still vague, and included meeting with the heads of Louisiana's biggest companies and organizing a summit to determine how to fix Louisiana's health care system. The new governor, who will be inaugurated Jan. 12, also said she has had an emergency preparedness briefing.

"There are a couple of things we need to do right out of the gate," Blanco, 60, said in an afternoon news conference one day after she won the election.

Blanco, the state's Democratic lieutenant governor, defeated conservative Indian-American Bobby Jindal with 52 percent of the vote in a runoff election that dashed the Republican Party's hopes for a sweep of the Deep South.

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SPORTS

Patriots defense shuts down Dallas offense

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — For a couple of coaches with a history like Bill Belichick and Bill Parcells, a handshake wouldn't do.

Parcells gave his former assistant a hug, throwing an arm around him at midfield after Belichick's New England Patriots blanked the Dallas Cowboys 12-0 Sunday night to win the matchup of defensive masterminds.

"I think it was a big win for him," linebacker Tedy Bruschi, one of six Patriots to have played for Parcells here, said of Belichick. "If I worked for a coach at one time or was on that staff I'd want to beat him, too. It's just common sense."

The Patriots (8-2) had three second-half interceptions — two by Ty Law — and outplayed the Cowboys' top-ranked defense to hand Dallas its second shutout in 22 days. The Cowboys (7-3) were called for 15 penalties; five of them were declined.

As the referees debated one final flag after time had run out, the two Bills met at midfield, surrounded by photographers. Parcells wrapped up Belichick, who was his defensive right-hand man during 12 years with the Giants, Patriots and Jets.

"Bill congratulated me on the win, and I told him I thought he had a good football team," Belichick said after improving to 3-2 career against Parcells. "I wished him luck, and I do."

Parcells had already beaten the Giants and Jets in his first season with Dallas, but he was unable to complete the sweep. Afterward, he dismissed the notion that there are hard feelings toward Belichick since he resigned as head coach of the Jets on Jan. 4, 2000, reportedly because of concerns that Parcells would continue to run the team from the front office.

"I'm about tired of talking about that kind of thing," said Parcells, the Patriots coach from 1993-96. "The guy did a hell of a job for me for a long time. People in the media can try to drive a stake between us if they want to, but that's not going to happen on my (part)."

New England won its sixth game in a row to maintain a two-game lead over Miami in the AFC East. Dallas, 7-3 after three 5-11 seasons, dropped into a first-place tie with Philadelphia in the NFC East.

"We're still in first place and not many people thought we could be there 10 weeks into the season," Parcells said. "We have an opportunity. Whether we are good enough to take advantage of that, I don't know."

Adam Vinatieri kicked a 23-yard field goal in the first quarter and Antowain Smith scored on a 2-yard run in the second. Then the Patriots' defense dominated with three interceptions in the second half, and Vinatieri finished it with a 26-yard field goal with 1:56 remaining.

The Patriots were the toughest opponent so far on a weak schedule for the Cowboys, who have five wins against teams with losing records.

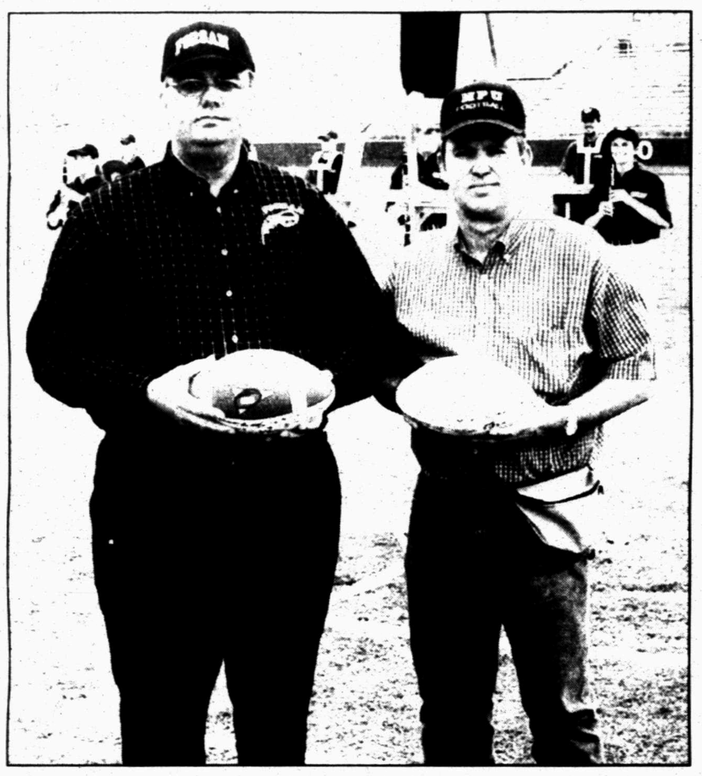
Tom Brady had a difficult day, completing 15 of 34 passes for 212 yards. But he did hit on two long passes — one to Deion Branch for 46 yards and the other to David Givens for 57.

"After we hit those two plays, we didn't see those blitzes the rest of the day," Brady said.

Dallas drove from its 34-yard line to a first down at the New England 19 late in the third quarter. Then a big rush by Bobby Hamilton and Willie McGinest forced Carter to throw quickly.

The short pass bounced off Jason Witten and into Law's hands.

And when the Cowboys went for a first down on fourth-and-1 at the 50 with 9:21 left in the game, Bruschi broke through the line and dumped Troy Hambrick.



SUPER RECOGNIZED — Snyder ISD Supt. Ronny Collins was recognized this past Saturday at halftime of the Howard Payne University vs. Louisiana College football game. Collins, right and Bob Fishback of Forsan, were both honored for their contributions to the Howard Payne football program through their photography of the team's football games. They were recognized at halftime and presented with a football signed by the entire 2003 Yellow Jacket football team. (Contributed Photo)

Men's League Basketball

Snyder National Bank improved to 4-2 in men's league basketball with an 83-51 triumph over winless Big Country Autoland. Eric Boone led SNB with 17, while Big Country's Juan Escobedo led all scorers with 26.

American State Bank improved to 3-3 with an 80-60 win over Rotan. Jeremiah Witte posted 26, and Bryan Cave added 22 for the victors.

Jason Wishert led Rotan with 22 points.

WTSB	**6 - 0**
SNB	**4 - 2**
ASB	**3 - 3**
Rotan	**1 - 4**
Big Country	**0 - 5**

Sports Briefs

Ira-Ft. Davis at Kermit

The Ira Bulldogs and the Ft. Davis Indians will battle in the regional round of the six-man Region I/II playoffs at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Kermit.

Ira girls games rescheduled

The Ira girls basketball games against Lubbock Roosevelt have been rescheduled from Friday to Saturday because of the Bulldogs' football playoff game Friday. The junior varsity girls will get underway at 9 a.m., with the tip-off for varsity coming at 10:30.

Midland tops Snyder all-star gridders

The Snyder fifth and sixth grade football all-stars were downed by the Midland Longhorns, 28-0.

Justin Gaines rushed for 63 yards to lead the Snyder offense.

Kenyon Gafford recorded 12 tackles, and Daniel Escobedo added seven stops.

Blown tire give Labonte Ford 400

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — Bobby Labonte won the Ford 400 on Sunday after Bill Elliott blew a tire on the last lap at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Matt Kenseth, who wrapped up the last Winston Cup championship last week, had an engine failure and finished last in the 43-car field.

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SPORTS

NFL roundup...

Bengals end Chiefs' undefeated run

By The Associated Press

The Kansas City Chiefs still have the NFL's best record at 9-1. But they no longer are the league's hottest team.

Philadelphia, Tennessee and New England are surging at the right time. The Eagles won their fifth straight with a 28-10 win over the New York Giants on Sunday, while the Titans also won their fifth in a row, 10-3 over the Jaguars.

In the night game, New England won its sixth straight with a 12-0 victory over Dallas.

Kansas City lost to Cincinnati 24-19, and the 1972 Dolphins popped their champagne corks. Their status as the only unbeaten team in league history is intact for another year, thanks to the up-and-coming Bengals and Peter Warrick, who scored on a 68-yard punt return and a 77-yard touchdown catch to down the Chiefs.

Just a few weeks ago, no one gave the Eagles (7-3) a chance to make the playoffs. But now they have won seven of eight and are tied for first in the NFC East with Dallas.

Donovan McNabb threw for 314 yards and two touchdowns, and Brian Westbrook caught two TD passes and ran for a score in Philadelphia. The Giants (4-6) have lost two in a row.

McNabb, heavily criticized for his poor performance in the first six games, completed 24 of 30 passes for his fourth straight solid effort and fifth career 300-yard performance.

"From where we were after two games, everybody burning us up and trying to get us out of town, to where we are now is pretty exciting," McNabb said.

In Nashville, Steve McNair threw for a touchdown and the defense held off the Jaguars (2-8) at the goal line in the final minute for the victory. The Titans (8-2) have won 10 of the last 12 games in this series. They also snapped their string of games with 30 or more points at six.

Packers 20, Buccaneers 13

At Tampa, Fla., Brett Favre played with a broken right thumb and led a 98-yard second-half drive to lift Green Bay.

Ahman Green finished the march with a 1-yard run to help the Packers (5-5) hand the Bucs (4-6) their third straight loss, hurting the defending Super Bowl champions' chances of getting back to the postseason.

Green had 109 yards on 21 carries, while Favre completed 13 of 28 passes for just 92 yards and a TD. The three-time NFL MVP was intercepted once, but was not sacked — ending Tampa Bay's league-record streak of 69 consecutive games with at least one sack.

Rams 23, Bears 21

At Chicago, Marshall Faulk ran for 103 yards and Jeff Wilkins kicked a 31-yard field goal with 38 seconds left to help the Rams (7-3) win for the sixth time in seven games.

St. Louis overcame a 14-3 halftime deficit. Jerry Azumah returned the ensuing kickoff following Wilkins' FG 38 yards for Chicago (3-7), but the Bears couldn't get close enough for a field-goal attempt, and Chris Chandler threw incomplete on the final play.

Colts 38, Jets 31

At Indianapolis, punter Hunter Smith raced 21 yards on a fake field goal for the go-ahead score.

Edgerrin James ran for a season-high 127 yards and three touchdowns, and Peyton Manning was 27-of-36 for a season-high 401 yards and one touchdown despite playing without favorite targets Marvin Harrison and Marcus Pollard.

The Jets (3-7) and Colts (8-2) combined for 862 total yards and 69 points.

Panthers 20, Redskins 17

At Charlotte, N.C., Stephen Davis scored on a 3-yard run with 1:09 remaining against his former team.

Davis had 92 yards rushing on 28 carries for the Panthers (8-2), compared to the 54 yards rushing the Redskins (4-6) managed.

Browns 44, Cardinals 6

At Cleveland, Kelly Holcomb passed for 392 yards and three touchdowns and the Browns showed no signs of disarray in their rout of Arizona.

James Jackson had two TD runs and Phil Dawson kicked three field goals for the Browns (4-6), who came into the game with three straight losses and seemingly in turmoil.

On Tuesday, coach Butch Davis released leading receiver Kevin Johnson. On Thursday, the NFL suspended star running back William Green four games for violating the league's substance abuse program.

But the Browns showed no aftereffects. Arizona (3-7) didn't cross midfield until late in the first half, was outgained 235-60 by halftime and finished with just 10 first downs.

Seahawks 35, Lions 14

At Seattle, Bobby Engram had an 83-yard punt return for a touchdown and caught a 34-yard scoring pass.

The Seahawks (7-3) improved to 6-0 at home and maintained a share of the NFC West lead with St. Louis. After Detroit's two home victories gave the Lions (3-7) a modest winning streak for the first time in three years, they couldn't avoid their 21st straight defeat on the road.

Saints 23, Falcons 20, OT

At New Orleans, John Carney kicked a 36-yard field goal in overtime to complete a comeback.

New Orleans (5-5) rallied from a 20-3 first-half deficit behind Deuce McAllister, who had 173 yards and two touchdowns. Jay Feely, who kicked two earlier field goals for the Falcons (2-8), missed a 54-yarder, giving the Saints another chance.

Dolphins 9, Ravens 6, OT

At Miami, Olindo Mare hit a 43-yard field goal in overtime to win it.

Mare missed a 48-yard attempt wide right that would have put Miami (6-4) ahead with 2:29 left in regulation.

NFL rushing leader Jamal Lewis lost a fumble to set up Mare's clincher. The Ravens (5-5) lost their second straight. Miami limited Lewis to 88 yards on 26 carries, just the third time this season he has failed to reach 100 yards.

Broncos 37, Chargers 8

At Denver, Jake Plummer went 23 of 34 for 253 yards and three touchdowns, while the Broncos kept Doug Flutie in check.

Denver (6-4) totaled 448 yards and took a 27-0 halftime lead after holding San Diego (2-8) to 18 yards and one first down.

Plummer played as though he had never left after missing four games with foot and shoulder injuries. Shannon Sharpe caught seven passes for 101 yards and had three touchdown receptions to surpass Jerry Smith's league record by a tight end with 61.

Raiders 28, Vikings 18

At Oakland, Calif., Phillip Buchanon scored on a 64-yard interception return 49 seconds into the game and third-string quarterback Rick Mirer helped the Raiders end a five-game losing streak.

Daunte Culpepper passed for 396 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score. But he had two fumbles and three interceptions as Minnesota (6-4) lost its fourth straight.

Sideline Views



by Bobby Allen

The euphoria on the field after Snyder's 26-0 domination of Monahans was a testament to not only how well the team played, but also how much pressure was lifted off the players and the coaching staff.

Offensive line coach Roger White, who has been in this business for close to three decades, didn't hesitate when asked what affect the bi-district win would have on the program.

"It's huge," he said.

Head coach Chad Rogers has always said he puts more stress and expectations on himself than any outside force.

And there were expectations from the beginning of this season for this team, with Rogers entering his pivotal third year, and the program coming off a playoff berth in 2002.

The urgency increased by three after the Tigers lost a trio of games to open the season, including a horrible loss to Abilene Wylie and a tough, close battle with Midland Greenwood.

But the team grew closer, forging bonds that only can come under fire, and from responding to adversity.

On Oct. 11, the Tigers stood at 2-4.

As a relieved and ebullient Boicy Martinez said on the field after the game: "There was a lot of pressure on this team."

There is even more now, because the Tigers have a realistic shot of playing football in December.

The first hurdle has been cleared, with the second one coming Friday at 7:30 against Brownfield at the now familiar Grande Communications Stadium at Midland.

Should the Tigers come away with a win there, they will play either defending state champion Everman or get a rematch with old nemesis Wylie.

If one needed any more evidence of the strength of District 3-3A compared to the bi-district opponents from 4-3A:

Snyder 26, Monahans 0.

Sweetwater 26, Kermit 0.

Merkel 26, Midland Greenwood 22.

All of Monahans' losses came against 3-3A this season, as they dropped games to Merkel, Seminole, Lamesa and now Snyder.

The district, which most likely is in its last season in the current configuration with another realignment on tap in February, once again will be formidable in basketball.

The Tigers and the Lady Tigers open the preseason Tuesday at 2-3A Littlefield at 6:30 p.m.

The young Lady Tigers shored up some things in Saturday's scrimmages against Kermit, Big Lake and Ira, while the Tigers, of course, will not be at full strength until the end of the football season. But the Tigers have already shown an ability to hang with teams like Abilene High and Monterey.

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Crawford named to All-District 1st team

Sarah Crawford was named to the 3-3A All-District volleyball team as middle hitter. The senior was the Lady Tigers' leader in kills and blocks on the season.



Crawford

Karissa Johnson of district champion Denver City was named most valuable player, and Denver City led all schools with three first-team selections.

All-District 3-3A Volleyball Team

MVP: Karissa Johnson, Sr., Denver City

Newcomer: Katy Pierce, Fr., Lamesa

First Team

Tayce Barber, Sr., Brownfield
Allison Green, Sr., Denver City
Amanda Hiller, Sr., Denver City
Tori Winfrey, Sr., Denver City
Ashley Hunter, Sr., Lamesa
Chelsey Reeves, Sr., Lamesa
Sara Jo Childs, Sr., Seminole
Stephanie Ward, Jr., Seminole
Sarah Crawford, Sr., Snyder
Blace Lambeth, Sr., Sweetwater

Second Team

Jordan Herron, Sr., Brownfield
Amanda Biram, Jr., Cooper
Abby Droogsma, Sr., Denver City
Jade Beaty, Sr., Lamesa
Crystal Bunton, Sr., Lamesa
Julee Meador, Jr., Lamesa
Erin Sheets, So., Seminole
Tasha Gentry, Sr., Sweetwater

Snyder Honorable Mentions

Courtney Cox, Sr.
Teddi Crenwelge, So.
Kelby Drum, Sr.
Kelsi Johnson, Sr.
Emily Jones, Jr.
Missy Vasquez, Sr.

Houston stuns reeling Buffalo

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — David Carr's right shoulder was bruised, his ego intact.

It was no big deal to the Houston starting quarterback that backup Tony Banks took over and led the Texans to a 12-10 victory over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday after Carr was hurt late in the first quarter.

Jealous?

"No. No," Carr said. "I was proud of him."

Banks has now accounted for the Texans' last two victories. Carr was out with a sprained right ankle in Houston's 14-10 win over Carolina earlier this month.

Against Buffalo, Banks played the final three quarters, finishing 11-of-16 for 207 yards passing and a touchdown after Carr was hurt when he was sacked in the end zone, fumbled and gave up a safety 10 minutes in.

Carr, who will have an MRI on Monday, even joked about it, saying: "That was the plan all along, for me to play possum, get their ego up, get knocked out of the game and let Tony go in and finish it off."

The former No. 1 draft pick could smile because he is secure in knowing that the starting job is his once he's healthy, and the Texans (4-6) appear headed in the right direction — matching the team's win total from the expansion season last year.

It's a different story for the underachieving Bills (4-6), who have lost six of their last eight, are suddenly banged up, and possess a sputtering offense that's failed to score a touchdown in its last three games.

Bledsoe finished 15-of-26 for 184 yards, the third straight game and fourth time this season that last year's Pro Bowl quarterback has failed to throw for more than 200 yards.

It didn't help that Bledsoe was missing his leading receiver, Eric Moulds, held out because of a nagging groin injury.

Texas women top No. 2 Duke

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — It was a rough day for a couple of preseason All-Americans at the Women's Tip-Off Classic.

Alana Beard had trouble finding her shot in No. 2 Duke's 85-77 loss to third-ranked Texas on Sunday, and Nicole Ohlde simply had trouble getting the ball in No. 5 Kansas State's 79-69 loss to seventh-ranked Purdue in the second game of the two-game showcase at Purdue's Mackey Arena.

Beard was 4-for-17 from the floor and scored 12 points — 10 points below her average last season — for Duke (0-1).

Nina Norman and Tiffany Jackson scored 15 points each for the Longhorns (1-0), who forced 13 turnovers and took a 46-39 lead in the first half before Duke mounted a second-half comeback.

Beard scored nine of her 12 points in the second half, helping Duke take a 65-59 lead, but she didn't score for the final 8:30 of the game.

The Longhorns closed the game with a 15-5 run — including 11-for-12 from the line— to seal the game.

"I don't know what to say," Beard said. "I tried to help out on the defensive end by crashing the boards, but I take the blame for the way we played."

Credit the Texas defense.

"You can never take for granted that Beard's not going to step up big," Texas coach Jody Conradt said. "We worked hard to try to make her take tough shots."

Rookie thwarts Rockets

TORONTO (AP) — Chris Bosh forced overtime with his first NBA 3-pointer and scored 10 of his season-high 25 points in the extra periods to lead the Toronto Raptors to a 101-97 double-overtime victory over the Houston Rockets on Sunday.

Bosh, the fourth overall pick in the draft out of Georgia Tech, hit a 3-pointer with 7.2 seconds remaining in regulation to force overtime, and added four points in the first extra period and six in the second as the Raptors improved to 5-0 at home and 5-5 overall.

"I just stayed calm. I've been here before, just not at this level," Bosh said. "It gives me the confidence to know that I can have good games after bad games."

Bosh struggled in his first start of the season in Friday's loss to Sacramento, and Toronto coach Kevin O'Neill used him in a reserve role against the Rockets.

Bosh responded by shooting 7-for-11 from the field and 10-for-10 from the line. He also grabbed six offensive rebounds.

In regulation, Bosh made a jumper over Yao Ming, cutting Houston's lead to one with 32 seconds remaining.

3A Region I

CLASS 3A Note: all games are regional

DIVISION I

Region I

Brownfield (4-7) vs. Snyder (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Grande Communications Stadium, Midland.

Abilene Wylie (7-4) vs. Everman (9-2), 1 p.m. Saturday at Gordon Wood Stadium.

DIVISION II

Region I

Perryton (8-3) vs. Sweetwater (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kimbrough Memorial Stadium, Canyon.

Vernon (8-2) vs. Decatur (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

Littlefield (9-2) vs. Merkel (8-3), TBA.

Iowa Park (8-3) vs. Kennedale (10-1), 6 p.m. Saturday at Pioneer Stadium, Saginaw.

Six-man Playoffs

SIX-MAN Note: all games are regional

Region VII

Follett (11-0) vs. Whitharral (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Groom.

Sanderson (10-1) vs. Aspermont (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Garden City.

Valley (9-2) vs. Meadow (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Roosevelt.

Fort Davis (10-1) vs. Ira (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kermit.

Region III/V

Strawn vs. Lohn, TBA.

Zephyr (9-1) vs. Aquilla (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Hico.

Gordon vs. Richland Springs, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cross Plains.

Jonesboro (11-0) vs. Calvert (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Gatesville.

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Philadelphia	5	5	.500	½
Washington	3	6	.333	2
New York	2	7	.222	3
Miami	2	8	.200	3½
Orlando	1	9	.100	4½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	8	2	.800	—
New Orleans	7	3	.700	1
Detroit	6	4	.600	2
Milwaukee	5	4	.556	2½
Toronto	5	5	.500	3
Chicago	4	7	.364	4½
Atlanta	3	7	.300	5
Cleveland	3	7	.300	5

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Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	6	3	.667	—
Dallas	6	4	.600	½
Denver	5	4	.556	1
Memphis	5	4	.556	1
San Antonio	6	5	.545	1
Minnesota	5	5	.500	1½
Utah	5	5	.500	1½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	8	2	800	—
Seattle	6	2	.750	1
L.A. Clippers	4	2	.667	2
Sacramento	6	4	.600	2
Portland	5	4	.556	2½
Golden State	4	5	.444	3½
Phoenix	3	6	.333	4½

Saturday's Games

New Jersey 100, Atlanta 85
San Antonio 95, Washington 71
Indiana 95, New York 94
Cleveland 91, Philadelphia 88, OT
Memphis 108, Dallas 101, OT
New Orleans 101, Portland 79
Milwaukee 100, Utah 95
Seattle 98, Chicago 90
Detroit 100, Phoenix 91
L.A. Clippers 95, Orlando 92

Sunday's Games

Toronto 101, Houston 97, 2OT
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L.A. Lakers 99, Miami 77

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Orlando at Utah, 8 p.m.

AP Top 25

By The Associated Press

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 15, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Oklahoma (65)	11-0	1,625	1
2. Southern Cal	9-1	1,559	2
3. LSU	9-1	1,474	3
4. Ohio St.	10-1	1,431	4
5. Michigan	9-2	1,356	5
6. Georgia	8-2	1,205	7
7. Texas	9-2	1,192	6
8. Washington St.	9-2	1,140	8
9. Tennessee	8-2	1,092	9
10. TCU	10-0	989	10
11. Florida St.	9-2	918	13
12. Virginia Tech	8-2	845	12
13. Florida	8-3	842	15
13. Miami	8-2	842	14
15. Mississippi	8-2	805	17
16. Purdue	8-3	683	11
17. Iowa	8-3	572	20
18. Miami (Ohio)	9-1	530	23
19. Kansas St.	9-3	464	—
20. Boise St.	9-1	330	24
21. Pittsburgh	7-3	239	16
22. Bowling Green	8-2	212	25
23. Nebraska	8-3	124	18
24. Oklahoma St.	8-3	118	—
25. West Virginia	6-4	109	—

Others receiving votes: Minnesota 105, Missouri 79, Arkansas 58, Utah 49, Maryland 37, N. Illinois 24, Michigan St. 19, Wisconsin 18, Oregon St. 11, Connecticut 10, Southern Miss. 6, N.C. State 5, Texas Tech 5, Clemson 3.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Cardiac disorder can lead to near-fainting

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 81 and in good health except for a strange symptom: For the last few years, I've had near-blackout spells several times a week. There is no pattern. I suddenly feel very faint, sweaty and off balance. I can feel my heart beating rapidly and irregularly; I have to sit or lie down. The attack may last as long as two hours, but is usually over within 10 minutes. I had a normal stress test. My doctor says I'm having a panic attack. What could be the reason for this?

DEAR READER: Based on your description, I'd have to place panic attacks at 21 in a list of 20 causes of near-fainting. Number 1 on the list would be a disruption in the normal electrical activity in your heart. In a person your age, paroxysmal atrial fibrillation (periodic spells of rapid, irregular pulse) or tachycardia/bradycardia syndrome (rapid pulse alternating with slow pulse) are more likely candidates.

In my opinion, you need to be tested with either a Holter monitor (which measures each heartbeat for 24 hours) or an event monitor (that you wear for a month and trigger when you're having symptoms). These tests will show if a heart irregularity is the cause of your symptoms. If I am correct, your condition is treatable either with medication or a pacemaker. If I am wrong, the monitor test will be normal and I'll owe your doctor an apology.

If your physician is disinclined to order the necessary testing, request a referral to a cardiologist who will, because your condition is potentially a hazard if you do actually faint during an attack and fall downstairs or — worse yet — lose consciousness while driving.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 77-year-old man. Because my family doctor retired, I had to go to a new, young doctor for an annual exam. When it was over, he told me he had some good news and some bad news. I asked him to give me the bad news first. He said I had definite symptoms of homosexuality. Stunned, I then asked him for the good news. He tweaked my cheek, smiled and said: "I think you're cute." Do you think I should look for another doctor?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt.

The exchange you described is totally inappropriate. While a patient's sexual orientation is important from the standpoint of health issues (AIDS and so forth), it should not form the basis of rank pseudo-humor in a professional setting, especially during the initial get-acquainted visit. I believe that the "new, young" doctor needs to learn some manners — and they shouldn't be at your expense. Find another health professional who is more respectful.

Certain forms of humor can improve the tension in a physician/patient relation. In my practice, I often joke with my patients — but only after we've come to know each other and I have a clear understanding of reasonable boundaries. Your new doctor exceeded these limits, in my opinion.

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

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

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CBS: Four athletes test positive for THG

By The Associated Press

Four Oakland Raiders football players have tested positive for the newly discovered steroid THG and face four-game suspensions, CBS reported Sunday.

Oakland senior assistant Bruce Allen said he knew of no suspensions. He criticized the report but wouldn't confirm or deny the accusation of positive tests.

"The league's program on testing and information on testing are extremely confidential," Allen said Sunday before the Raiders' game against the Minnesota Vikings. "So any reports out of that, someone's either violating the law or making them up. I hope they're able to find the people who spread false rumors."

CBS' "The NFL Today" and SportsLine.com reported that defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield, center Barret Robbins, linebacker Bill Romanowski and defensive tackle Chris Cooper were notified in letters from the NFL this past week that they tested positive for THG, or tetrahydrogestrinone. It wasn't clear when the tests were conducted or the urine samples were taken.

"That's a situation that's out there," Robbins said after the Raiders' 28-18 win over Minnesota. "I haven't been notified about it. I don't think it's right the way it's being handled. That's about all I've got to say about that."

Agents for the players didn't immediately return calls from The Associated Press on Sunday. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello wouldn't comment.

Stubblefield and Cooper, along with running back Tyrone Wheatley and fullback Chris Hetherington, appeared Thursday before a grand jury probing a nutritional supplements lab — the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Harvesting the facts on soil maintenance

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read your comments regarding depleted soil fertility. While I was told of the folktale of nutrient-poor soil and nutrient-poor foods from such soil while selling supplement products, there is some merit to the practice of enhancing soil with fertilizers. Farmers have their soil analyzed to determine what, if any, amendments need to be added. The application of chemical fertilizers to poor soil works to an extent. Minnesota has this problem, in which the soil has been stripped of its humus content and is dead; there is none to very little organic life in the soil that plants can use to grow and produce. Chemicals can give soil a "shot in the arm" — a temporary fix such as steroids to an athlete. However, feeding the body good food and feeding the soil organic amendments is the preferred method for producing a winning athlete or a bumper crop at harvest. — **D.B., Turlock, Calif.**

DEAR D.B.: Although I'm not sure that your steroid analogy rings entirely true, I understand your intent and agree with what you have said. Our lives and the health of future generations are intimately connected with the life of the soil in which our foods are grown. Short-term approaches may help to coax a crop out in a given year, but the idea of stewardship is that you leave the land in the same — or preferably better — shape than when you found it. For those want to learn more, I have found excellent information and additional links for follow-up at the Organic Farming Research Association (www.ofrf.org) and the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Project (www.sarep.ucdavis.edu/concept.htm). Never forget that we are constantly voting with our pocketbooks to let agriculture and other industries know what kind of world we want.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have a question for you. The details may by slightly off, but hopefully you will get my point. Most animal proteins are complete proteins because they have the right proportion of the essential amino acids needed by the human body to make its own protein. Non-animal proteins, by contrast, are incomplete proteins because they lack one or more of the essential amino acids. I often read that to make incomplete proteins complete we need to eat complementary incomplete proteins in the same meal. Examples of this might be eating wheat with peanuts or having corn tortillas with beans. Another possibility is to eat a complete protein with an incomplete protein. I have trouble understanding the logic here. For example, if milk had 10 grams of protein and peanuts had 7 grams of protein, by eating the two together one wouldn't get the benefit of 17 grams of protein, but maybe closer to 14 grams (or some other number between 10 and 17 grams). Can you make sense of this for me? Thanks. — **B.N., San Diego, Calif.**

DEAR B.N.: Plant proteins contain varying amounts of the essential amino acids, but they are not in the exact proportions needed by the human body. Lysine and isoleucine are essential amino acids that tend to be in short supply in grains, nuts and seeds. Beans (legumes) tend to be short in two other essential amino acids — tryptophan and methionine. When you eat these two types of foods in the same day (they don't need to be eaten at the same meal), the strength of one makes up for the weakness of the other, and you have a complementary protein. The idea of adding milk or some other complete protein to complement a plant protein stems from the fact that there can be a little extra amount of certain amino acids in some animal foods. This excess can be enough to shore up the limiting amino acid of the plant. In your particular example, milk has extra lysine, which would work best with grains, nuts and seeds, where lysine is needed. It would not help much with legumes, where a lysine shortage is not the problem.

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

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Free trade negotiations get underway

MIAMI (AP) — Trade officials from 34 nations in the Americas are negotiating details of the world's largest free trade bloc, a proposal that will likely determine whether local supermarkets sell beef from Brazil or oranges from Florida.

Agricultural tariffs and subsidies are among the most contentious topics of discussion for business officials from across the Western Hemisphere who today start three days of meetings in Miami on a Free Trade Agreement of the Americas, or FTAA.

Brazil, which is co-hosting this week's meeting along with the United States, wants the United States to reduce or eliminate subsidies, quotas, tariffs and other barriers that protect American farmers.

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AmEl Pw	27.34	26.84	26.88	— .48
AndarkPtr	44.73	44.29	44.36	— .40
ATMOS Egy	24.66	24.37	24.44	— .24
Aviall	15.27	15.11	15.16	— .21
BP PLC	42.90	42.51	42.52	— .39
BakerHughes	29.65	28.99	29.00	— .65
Bank of Amer	74.71	74.30	74.45	— .27
BellSouth	26.14	25.77	25.88	+ .11
BurlNoSFe	29.82	29.44	29.57	— .25
Caterpillar	72.61	71.95	72.27	— .34
CenterPoint	9.65	9.56	9.65	— .02
ChevronTex	74.27	71.73	73.66	— .61
Citigroup	46.39	45.87	45.94	— .49
CocaCola	46.70	46.36	46.56	— .13
ColgatePal	52.41	50.75	52.32	+ .22
CmclMetals	24.27	24.06	24.08	— .33
ConocoPhill	57.32	56.57	56.78	— .54
Cooper Inds	53.41	52.70	52.74	— .77
DaimlrChry	37.61	36.98	36.99	— .82
DeltaAirl	11.87	11.40	11.50	— .36
Dillards Inc	15.13	14.61	14.65	— .48
DowChem	37.38	37.03	37.22	— .12
DuPont	40.66	40.11	40.28	+ .09
EastmanChem	35.03	34.19	34.54	— .49
EstKodak	24.45	24.20	24.36	— .28
EDS Corp	21.75	21.45	21.54	— .21
Entergy	52.90	52.30	52.46	— .42
ExxonMobil	36.00	35.46	35.48	— .52
FootLocker	18.85	18.62	18.74	— .09
GenDynam	81.70	81.11	81.17	— .77
GenElec	27.76	27.51	27.55	— .33
GenMills	45.03	44.88	44.95	+ .19
GenMotors	42.18	41.86	42.02	— .25
GaPacific	25.72	25.27	25.60	— .12
Goodrich	26.65	26.41	26.53	— .25
Goodyear	6.80	6.52	6.62	— .11
GtAtlPac	6.82	6.57	6.60	— .22
Halliburtn	24.40	22.23	23.84	— .37
Hanson PLC	34.00	33.70	34.00	— .20
HarteHanks	20.70	20.62	20.65	— .10
HomeDepot	36.59	34.27	35.08	—1.11
HoneywellIntl	29.74	29.29	29.44	— .30
IBM	90.05	89.35	89.66	— .59
IntlPaper	37.55	37.10	37.20	— .14
JohnsonJn	52.50	51.36	51.74	— .38
KinderMorg	54.35	53.54	53.57	— .83
Kroger Co	17.93	17.62	17.62	— .46
LockheedM	45.75	45.17	45.72	+ .52
Lowes Cos	59.10	57.65	57.88	— .75
Lubys	3.50	3.19	3.41	+ .29
LucentTech	3.06	2.92	2.95	— .16
MarathonOil	29.50	28.82	29.24	— .35
MayDeptStr	28.46	28.11	28.12	— .34
Medtronic	45.55	45.26	45.48	— .07
Motorola	13.20	12.50	13.00	— .22
NCR Corp	34.60	33.65	33.76	—1.01
Navistar	40.95	40.32	40.37	— .66
PNM Rescs	27.48	27.00	27.13	— .42
Penney JC	23.55	23.25	23.28	— .27
PepBoys	19.40	18.90	18.92	— .68
PepsiCo	47.33	46.90	47.01	— .32
PhelpDodge	61.05	60.09	60.28	— .77
PilgrmPrd B	13.74	13.47	13.52	— .38
Praxair	69.32	68.56	68.70	— .66
ProctGamb	95.81	95.30	95.55	— .16
RadioShack	31.25	30.79	30.82	— .84
RoyalDut	44.85	44.45	44.47	— .57
SBC Comm	23.86	23.44	23.46	— .15
SaraLee	20.35	20.16	20.17	— .15
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SearsRoeb	53.59	53.01	53.08	— .50
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SouthernCo	29.24	29.00	29.15	— .16
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SprintFON	15.40	15.23	15.40	+ .02
SprintPCS	4.28	4.13	4.20	— .05
Sunoco Inc	45.30	44.76	44.77	— .85
TXU Corp	21.56	21.09	21.11	— .44
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UnionPacif	64.26	63.71	63.80	— .46
USSteel	23.15	22.82	22.82	— .40
UnitedTech	85.90	84.89	85.06	— .84
Unocal	31.77	31.27	31.36	— .40
VerizonComm	33.30	31.00	32.67	+ .06
WalMart	55.00	54.20	54.72	— .28
WellsFargo	56.48	56.07	56.28	— .26
WstnGasRs	43.55	43.13	43.41	— .20
WinnDixie	7.84	7.77	7.80	— .09
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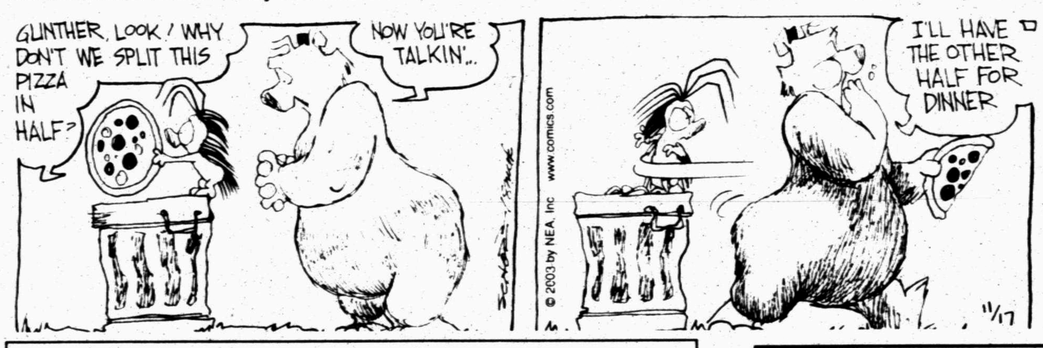
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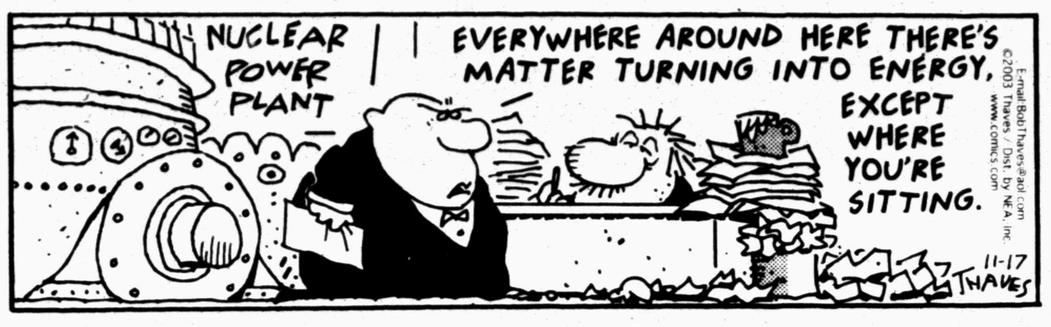
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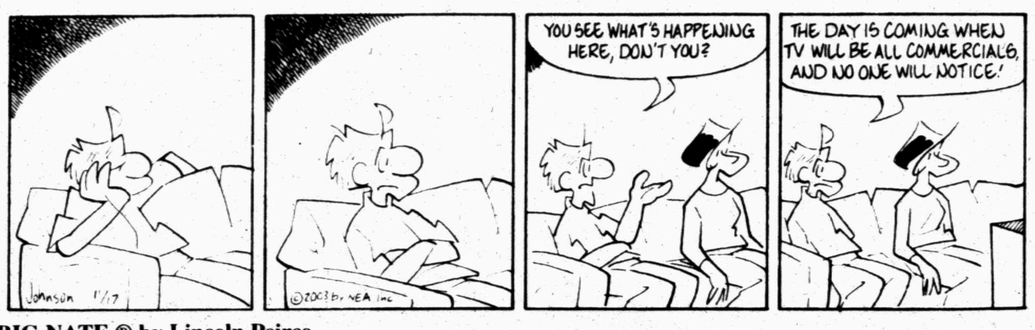
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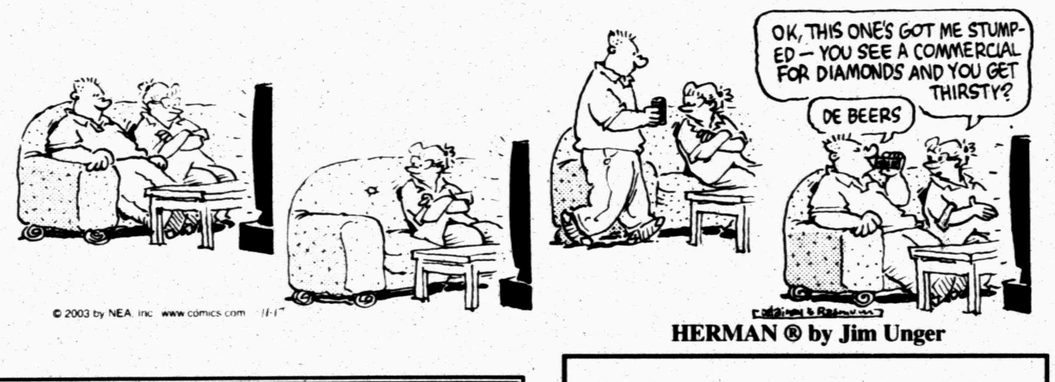
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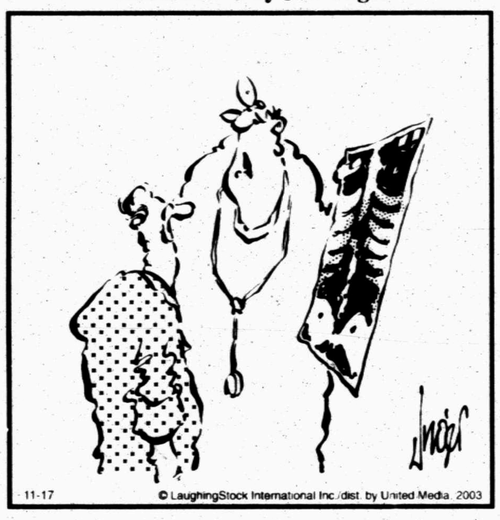
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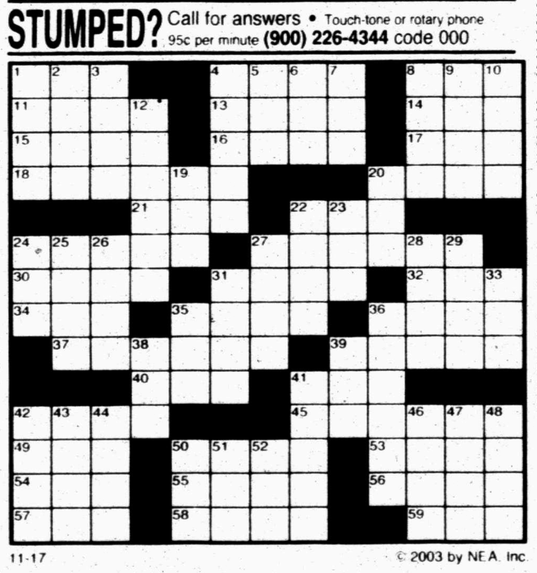
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Dems cool to GOP's Medicare drug plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and congressional Republican leaders are selling their new Medicare prescription drug plan, but so far, not many Democrats are buying.

"I believe it will not pass the United States Senate in its current form," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said Sunday, signaling a politically charged struggle when the GOP tries to push legislation to passage beginning this week.

It is a battle Bush appears eager to join, after leaving subordinates to work with lawmakers across months of wrangling on the details.

"I know I will be actively pushing the bill, because it conforms to the principles I laid out of prescription drugs for our seniors: choice for seniors, accountability for the Medicare plan," the president told reporters at the White House.

The legislation would create a prescription drug benefit for 40 million elderly and disabled Medicare beneficiaries beginning in 2006. Participants would be offered a chance to purchase coverage at a monthly premium of $35, with a $275 deductible, a gap in coverage and protection against extremely high annual expenses.

The bill would establish a new role for private health plans in Medicare, encouraging them to offer seniors the choice of receiving coverage under managed care plans such as preferred provider organizations. That system encourages use of certain doctors but allows patients to go elsewhere if they pay extra.

Republican congressional leaders sealed a tentative agreement Saturday with two Democrats, Sens. John Breaux of Louisiana and Max Baucus of Montana. Their next step is to await word from budget experts to make sure the measure doesn't exceed the $400 billion, 10-year price limit that Bush imposed earlier this year in requesting legislation.

After that, the leaders can see whether the political and policy calculations they made hold up.

In five months of bargaining, the GOP leaders struggled to write a bill that could appeal to enough conservatives to clear the House, while gaining enough support from moderate Democratic senators to avoid a filibuster.

They avidly courted the support of the AARP, with 35 million members age 50 and over, and already have picked up support from the American Medical Association and American Hospital Association.

The White House continued its push today to get the measure passed.

"There are leaders who are working in a bipartisan way to improve health care for our seniors, and then there are those who are standing in the way of progress for partisan political purposes," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

Other than Breaux and Baucus, no congressional Democrat voiced support for the legislation over the weekend, although others are expected. "Many will reach the decision that this is better to pass than not to pass," Baucus predicted.

Neither Kennedy nor Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle has yet threatened a filibuster.

Reagan's shooter seeks unsupervised visits with parents

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Hinckley Jr., who tried to assassinate President Reagan in 1981, should be allowed to visit his parents without being accompanied by psychiatric hospital staff, his lawyer told a federal judge today.

Barry Levine told U.S. District Judge Paul L. Friedman that unsupervised visits are the next step in Hinckley's mental health treatment. Levine said that any other patient at a psychiatric hospital would have been allowed such trips by now.

"Is he going to be judged not by the law but by the identity of the victims of his crime?" Levine asked during his opening statement. "There is not a single basis to justify the rejection of this proposal."

Government lawyers gave no opening statement.

Hinckley wants Friedman to let him leave unescorted from St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington and travel three hours away to the Williamsburg, Va., area to see his parents 10 times. Five of the trips would be overnight visits.

Hinckley, 48, has been a patient at St. Elizabeths since his acquittal by reason of insanity in the shooting of Reagan and three others outside a Washington hotel in March 1981. Hinckley said he shot the president to impress actress Jodie Foster.

Hospital officials have said Hinckley's mental health has shown significant improvement and he should be allowed to make unsupervised visits, though they said there should be only two trips initially. Others could follow if the first two go well.

Reagan's family and the government oppose the idea. In a recent filing, prosecutors wrote: "No one knows what Mr. Hinckley is thinking. He has boasted that he can fool medical experts and he continually has been proven deceptive about important matters throughout the years of his hospitalization."

In an interview broadcast today on ABC's "Good Morning America," Reagan's son, Ron Reagan Jr., said the would-be assassin now wants a "free pass" for his actions.

"Maybe if John Hinckley isn't insane any more he needs to just go to prison and there he can reflect for a while on what he did," the former president's son said.

Hinckley sought similar privileges three years ago, but U.S. District Judge June L. Green canceled a hearing after prosecutors said he had a "continued interest in violently themed books and music."

Under a 1999 federal appeals court ruling, Hinckley has been able to take supervised day trips off hospital grounds.

Five arrests made over weekend

• Arrests

Law enforcement officers made five arrests over the weekend.

A 53-year-old man was arrested at 3:51 p.m. in the area of U.S. 84 north by Department of Public Safety troopers for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 1:26 a.m. Sunday a 25-year-old man was arrested by a DPS troopers at FM 1605 and Ave. E. for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. A few minutes later, at 1:44 a.m., a 42-year-old woman was arrested for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated in the area of FM 208 and FM 266.

State troopers arrested an 18-year-old man 1:29 p.m. Sunday in the area of US 84 and Ennis Creek for harboring a runaway child. At 1:33 p.m. a second 18-year-old was arrested at the same location and also charged with harboring a runaway. All of these subjects were booked into the Scurry County Jail.

• Disturbance

A caller in the area of the 4000 block of Ave. T reported at 11:58 p.m. Saturday that he could heard the sound of a loud argument and there was possibly a domestic disturbance. An officer located two people at a residence who had been involved in an argument earlier, but they advised that it was over and they were going to bed.

• Reckless driver

A caller traveling on U.S. 84 toward Post contacted authorities at 8:06 p.m. Sunday regarding a green car that was driving dangerously. A deputy was dispatched, but was unable to locate the vehicle.

A clerk at Town and Country reported a possible intoxicated driver at 10:20 p.m. Sunday. He was able to get a vehicle description and a license plate number. An officer did get the subject's name and information, but was unable to locate.

• Gas drive off

A clerk at Rip Griffin's reported at 12:07 p.m. Sunday that a white car had gotten $20.94 in gas and had driven away without paying. The responding deputy was unable to locate that vehicle at that time.

Births

Isael Rios, the son of Rigoberto and Nohemi Rios, was born at 10:13 a.m. on Nov. 15 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs., 3 ozs.

Grandparents are Raul and Dora Rios and Jesus Cruz and Oralio Perez, all of Snyder.

Obituaries

Dolly Hollis

1931-2003

Dolly Rebecca Hollis, a longtime Snyder resident, died Sunday, Nov. 16, in Seabury Nursing Home in Odessa after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Hollis, 72, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry Lakey, retired Assembly of God minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Sept. 25, 1931 in Weatherford, she married Milton Hollis on April 7, 1949 in Electra. He died Dec. 26, 1999 and she moved to Odessa.

Mrs. Hollis was a former bookkeeper for D&D Automotive and was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Snyder, the Snyder Garden Club and Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Survivors include a son, Randel Hollis of Odessa; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Francis Lightfoot

1923-2003

Graveside service for Francis Lightfoot, 80, is set for 1 p.m. Thursday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Steve Highfield, associate minister of Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lightfoot died Sunday, Nov. 16, in Regency Retirement Center in Horizon City near El Paso.

The Lightfoots were farmers in Dalhart and moved to Abilene in 1980. He died in 1984 and is buried in Snyder. Mrs. Lightfoot moved to El Paso in 1997.

Survivors include a son, Jeff Lightfoot of El Paso; a daughter, Deborah Jo Sizemore of Crowley; and two grandchildren.

Barbara Freeman

1933-2003

POST — Barbara Freeman, the mother of Janet Pinkert of Snyder, died Friday, Nov. 14, in St. Johns Hospital in Springfield, Mo.

Funeral service for Mrs. Freeman, 69, was set for 3 p.m. today in the Family Harvest Church in Post with the Rev. Joey Hamlin officiating. Burial was to follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 18, 1933 in Vernon, she married Ray Freeman on Feb. 4, 1950 in Roswell, N.M. He died Feb. 12, 1944. She also was preceded in death by a son, Larry Freeman on Feb. 3, 1990.

Mrs. Freeman had recently moved from Post to Mt. Vernon, Mo., where she was a member of the Freedom Christian Church.

Survivors include another daughter, Sherry Ward of Mt. Vernon; a son, Billy Freeman of Post; three sisters, Jackie Baldwin of Mississippi, and Judy Swigert and Sue Deam of Snyder; 19 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Rosalie DeFore

1919-2003

MIDLAND — Rosalie DeFore, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, Nov. 16, in Midland Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. DeFore, 84, is set for 9 a.m. Tuesday in St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 11, 1919 in McLeansboro, Ill., she was reared there and worked in the public library and a law office before joining the civil service and working at the Rationing Board during World War II.

She married widower John Wilbur DeFore on March 4, 1944 in Corning, Ark., and became the mother of his five-year-old daughter. Mr. DeFore died in 1990.

Mr. DeFore was employed by Texaco and they lived in McLeansboro, Snyder and Fort Worth before being transferred to Midland in 1959.

Survivors include a son, John DeFore of Austin; a daughter, Sandra Wegner of Midland; a brother, Charles Gross of Mt. Vernon, Ill.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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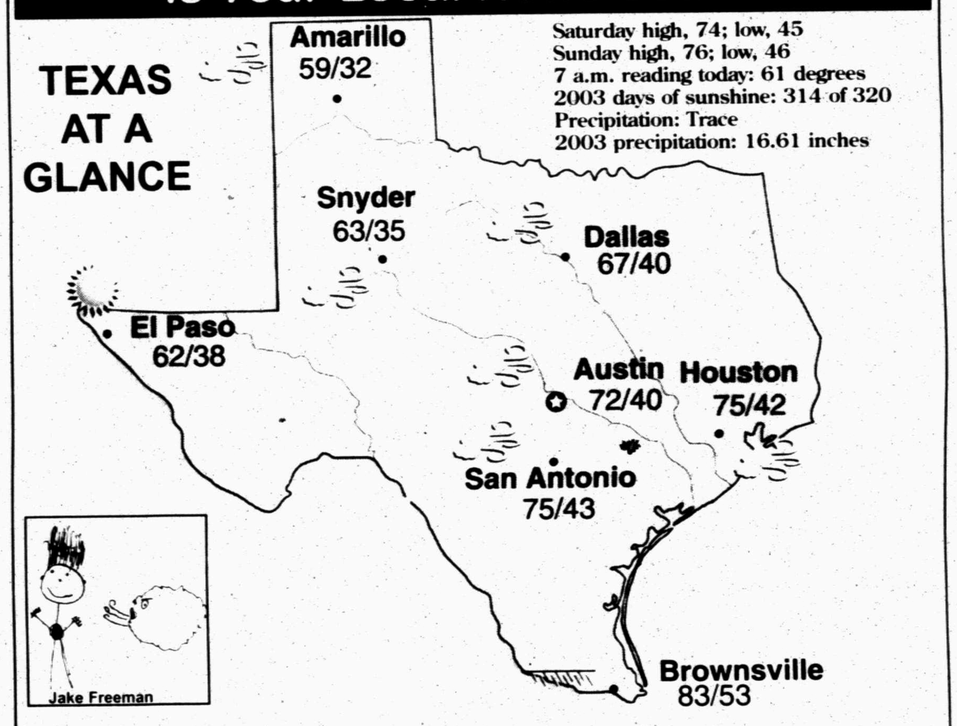
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Tue 11/18	Wed 11/19	Thu 11/20
63/35	68/39	69/41
Windy with lots of sunshine. High 63F. Winds NNW at 15 to 25 mph.	Fair. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise 7:16 AM, Sunset 5:41 PM	Sunrise 7:17 AM, Sunset 5:41 PM	Sunrise 7:18 AM, Sunset 5:40 PM

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Saturday high, 74; low, 45
Sunday high, 76; low, 46
7 a.m. reading today: 61 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 314 of 320
Precipitation: Trace
2003 precipitation: 16.61 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	64	37	windy	El Paso	62	38	sunny	Midland	64	37	sunny
Amarillo	59	32	windy	Fort Stockton	65	41	sunny	Raymondville	82	50	windy
Austin	72	40	windy	Gainesville	65	35	windy	Rosenberg	75	42	windy
Beaumont	74	42	windy	Greenville	66	37	windy	San Antonio	75	43	windy
Brownsville	83	53	rain	Houston	75	42	windy	San Marcos	72	40	windy
Brownwood	69	37	windy	Kingsville	80	47	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	68	37	windy
Corpus Christi	78	48	windy	Livingston	72	37	mst sunny	Sweetwater	64	37	windy
Corsicana	70	39	windy	Longview	69	37	windy	Tyler	69	38	windy
Dallas	67	40	windy	Lubbock	62	34	windy	Weatherford	66	36	windy
Del Rio	70	43	windy	Lufkin	72	38	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	65	34	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	69	51	t-storm	Houston	75	42	windy	Phoenix	73	49	sunny
Boston	51	45	cloudy	Los Angeles	75	58	sunny	San Francisco	63	52	pt sunny
Chicago	61	41	rain	Miami	83	74	pt sunny	Seattle	53	50	rain
Dallas	67	40	windy	Minneapolis	46	34	pt sunny	St. Louis	62	38	t-storm
Denver	50	34	windy	New York	56	52	rain	Washington, DC	61	55	rain

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U.S. Army stages massive show of force

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — Hundreds of U.S. troops in tanks and assault vehicles marched through the crowded downtown area of Saddam Hussein's hometown today in a show of force intended to deliver a stern warning that armed resistance would not be tolerated.

For nearly two hours, M-1 tanks, Bradley fighting vehicles and Humvees rumbled through the center of Tikrit, past shops and public markets, drawing crowds of onlookers and clogging traffic across the city of 120,000 people.

Convoys of Humvees bearing American soldiers have become a daily spectacle in Tikrit, about 190 kilometers (120 miles) north of Baghdad, but large armored vehicles are normally deployed on the outskirts and in distant villages.

The massive convoy that roamed the town today was sent out intentionally to display U.S. firepower, military officials said.

"They need to understand that it's more than just Humvees that will be used against the resistance and we will crush the resistance," said Lt. Col. Steven Russell, a battalion commander in the 4th Infantry Division, based at Fort Hood in Central Texas.

The 4th Infantry controls a large swathe of northern Iraq, including Tikrit.

Part of a region north and west of Baghdad, Tikrit is dominated by Sunni Muslims and regarded as a hotbed of anti-American sentiment. Attacks against U.S. forces in the region have escalated in recent weeks, setting off U.S. retaliatory assaults on suspected insurgent base areas.

On Sunday and today, U.S. troops bombarded Tikrit's outskirts with mortar and tank fire in simultaneous assaults that set off explosions booming across the town. Apache helicopters also blasted unspecified targets.

"They've seen our tanks fire, they know what they can do, they've also seen our infantry and our Bradley fighting vehicles, our helicopters, our artillery and all of these things," Russell said.

It was not immediately clear what specific targets were targeted. U.S. forces wholly control the region and there was no sign that any guerrillas were hit in the attacks.

Russell acknowledged that many residents still resent the American presence in Tikrit.

"They may not like us but the majority of the people here have accepted the new Iraq and are ready to get on with their lives," he said.

The crowd of Iraqis on the roadsides had mixed reactions.

"America OK, I love Americans," said Asu Kaifa, a 17-year-old student, who watched the procession as he listened to a JVC compact disc player.

An employee at a government office, Mohammed Ali Ahamed, said he resented the American presence, as well as the frequent nighttime U.S. bombings.

But Ahamed said the Americans should withdraw only after about a year after stability is in place. "If (Americans leave) now, there'll be many problems in Iraq."

Judge awards $47,000 in runaway pet case

AUSTIN (AP) — A Central Texas woman whose dog was run over by a car and killed after it got away from a pet store employee was awarded $47,000 by a state district judge in Travis County.

Carol Schuster of Austin sued Petco when her 14-month miniature schnauzer Licorice was found dead four days after a Jan. 16 visit to the pet store for grooming.

The judge's ruling included $10,000 each for emotional anguish, loss of companionship and punitive damages.

Petco Animals Inc. is appealing the ruling to the 3rd Court of Appeals.

A pet store employee lost Schuster's dog when he dropped the leash while walking it after grooming. The dog sprinted down U.S. 183, where Schuster spotted it as she was driving to pick up the dog.

"I saw two Petco people up on a little hill by Pier One watching her running down the highway," Schuster said in the Austin American-Statesman.

When she arrived at Petco, employees told her what happened, Schuster said.

Schuster spent the next four days looking for Licorice and putting out food for her in a nearby wooded area.

"Two of the nights were below freezing, and she had just gotten clipped and had no hair," Schuster said. "She was suffering, cold, hungry and scared, and I can't even think of what people must go through with missing kids. It was bad enough for a dog."

Today's chuckle

Dad returns from Iraq to escort daughter

LEHI, Utah (AP) — Something borrowed, something blue. Something old, something flown back from Iraq.

Tessa Flitton received an unexpected wedding present Saturday.



Just as the procession started, her father, David Flitton, a Utah National Guard member on duty in Iraq since January, stepped in to escort her down the aisle.

"I think I'll take it from here," David Flitton told his brother and stand-in, Lawrence.

The astonished bride gasped, put her hand to her mouth to suppress a scream and started crying. Father and daughter embraced. Neither knew what to do next.

"Take your dad's arm," her mom, Renee Flitton, coaxed.

Wearing a dark green class A uniform with a white shirt, black bow tie and a huge grin, Staff Sgt. David Flitton walked his happily sobbing daughter to the front of the hall where she and Brandon McClellan were married.

"It was the last thing I ever thought would happen. I wanted him here so bad," she said.

So did Renee Flitton, who, with help from her friends and co-workers, brought her husband home and kept him stashed away for four days.

"He needed to be here for his one and only daughter," she said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 11-17-03
♠ 5 4
♥ 4 2
♦ A K 9 8 7 4
♣ A J 7

West
♠ 8 7
♥ 10 8 7 6 3
♦ 3 2
♣ Q 9 8 4

East
♠ J 10 9 3
♥ Q J
♦ Q 10 6 5
♣ 10 5 2

South
♠ A K Q 6 2
♥ A K 9 5
♦ J
♣ K 6 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 8

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Online sites provide interesting material

By Phillip Alder

More and more Web sites are providing a variety of bridge entertainment. One of the more individual — or unique — is run in New Zealand by Vil Gravis. He puts out an e-zine (that word must exist by now!) several times a month that covers all ranges of player from the near beginner to expert. (The different levels are kept separate.) The main drawback from our point of view is that the bidding is Acol-based, with four-card majors and weak (12-14) no-trumps. But the card-play isn't affected, and Gravis offers some useful insights. His writing style is definitely individual — or unique.

On this deal, how would you (South) try to make six spades after West leads a trump?

Gravis only discusses South's rebidding three — not two — hearts, the jump promising maximum count. But that badly burns up bidding space. After a two-over-one response, opener's new-suit rebid is forcing for one round. Then, North rebids three clubs, fourth-suit game-forcing, asking for more information. South bids spades a second time because that suit looks like a six-carder. Finally, after North raises, South jumps to slam.

The simple line is to win the spade lead, cash the top hearts, and ruff a heart in the dummy. East overruffs, but at the cost of his natural trump trick. Back comes, say, a spade. Declarer draws trumps, plays off dummy's top diamonds (discarding his last heart), and ruffs a diamond. When they break badly, South falls back on the club finesse to make his slam.

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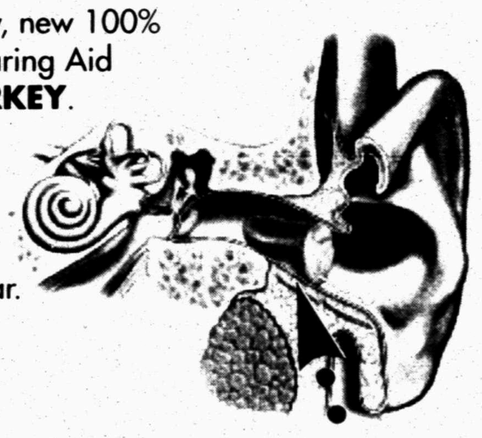


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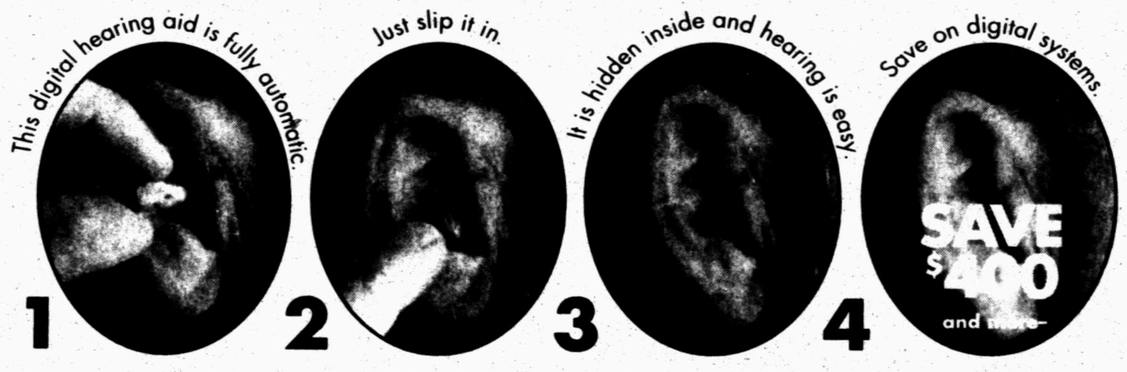
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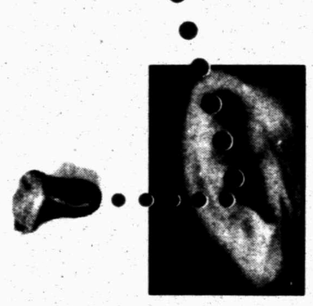
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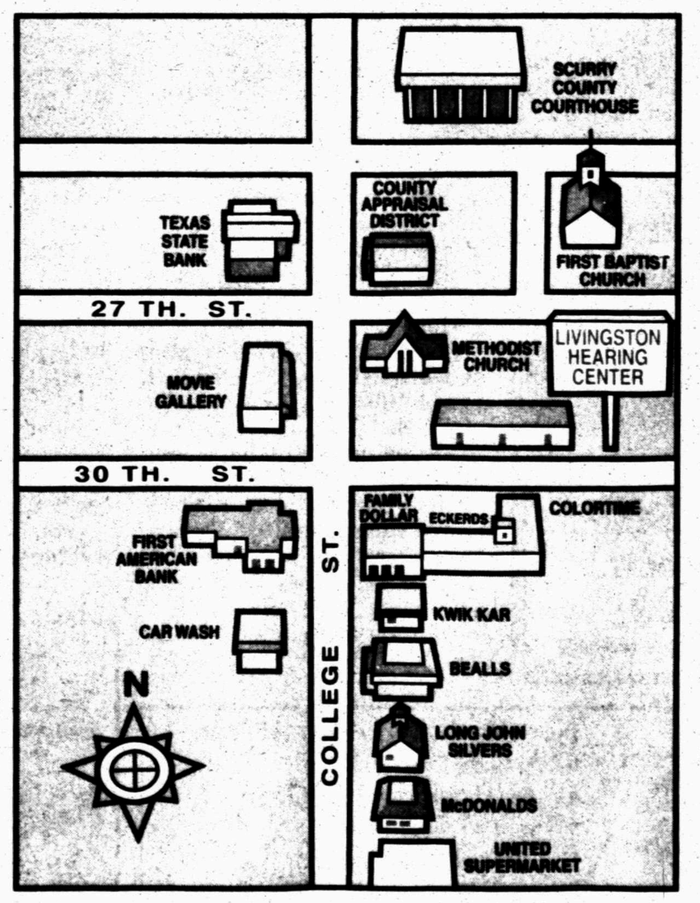
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