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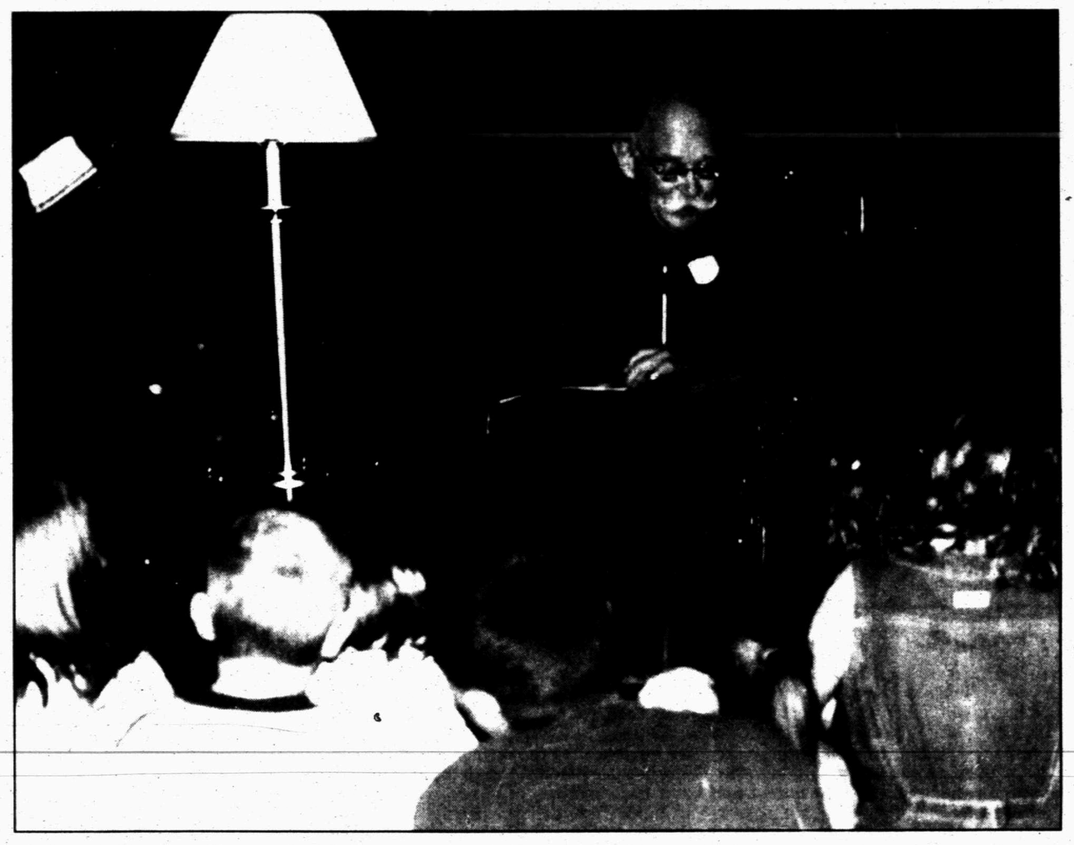


CHRISTMAS STORYTIME – Dr. Edward Barkowsky, professor of English at Western Texas College, continues a Christmas Happening tradition as he tells a holiday story to children who attended the WTC Christmas Happening last night. Barkowsky was part of a number of participants who celebrated the lighting of the official WTC Christmas tree. (SDN Staff Photo)

City-owned animal shelter in the works

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

After touching on the subject of a city-owned animal shelter during recent budget workshops, it appears such a facility is on the horizon.

"The last two budget sessions we talked about an animal shelter," said Councilman Ron Shaw who has researched a facility along with Snyder police chief, Steve Warren.

"We're talking about more stringent animal control, so we'll need more space," said Shaw.

The councilman said he and Chief Warren recently visited the animal shelter operated for the city by Dr. Charles Church.

"They're doing a good job with what they have," said Shaw.

Besides the possibility of picking up more animals, the present shelter is facing some changes as mandated by state law.

"I think a city-owned facility would be a win-win situation for everyone," said Shaw.

The council and the administration will be considering several sites within the city limits for the new facility.

City Manager John Gayle said the city would be mindful of how close a shelter is placed to a residential area.

He also said the city did not need a shelter that is "gold plated," a view also expressed by councilman Terry Martin.

"We don't need a showplace," added Martin.

Chief Warren also said grant money might be available for such a facility.

In the one action item Tuesday night, the council approved a mutual-aid pact between the city and other communities involving shared services when needed for fire fighting and police work.

A city committee met Monday on the subject for more than three hours to fine-tune the document before presenting it to the council for approval last night.

Mayor Francene Noah presided at the Tuesday night called meeting and all council members were present.

Dewhurst: redistricting talks over

DALLAS (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has vowed never to allow congressional redistricting to come up again in the Texas Senate this decade, even if the freshly redrawn district boundaries fail to survive court challenges.

Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott has told GOP leaders that the new boundaries they sought are sound and will not buckle under legal scrutiny.

But Dewhurst, a Republican who presides over the state Senate, allowed for the possibility of court defeat Tuesday in addressing the editorial board of The Dallas Morning News.

"He says it's defensible," Dewhurst said. "It's difficult for me to argue. ... I know I'm going to take some criticism of this, but if it's not defensible, we are not going to take this up again this decade."

A three-judge panel is expected to decide the legality of the map, designed to bolster Republican strength in the Texas congressional delegation by up to seven seats. The plan also is undergoing review by the Justice Department.

Democrats now hold a 17-15 majority in the congressional delegation. They wanted to keep existing districts.

Dewhurst said he had preferred a safer Senate proposal over the more aggressive House approach that was adopted by the Legislature.

Democrats have argued that the new map violates the rights of minorities under the federal Voting Rights Act. For instance, they point to the dismantling of the 24th District represented by Rep. Martin Frost, D-Arlington. Under new boundaries, many of Frost's minority constituents were parceled to nearby suburban areas.

Dewhurst said congressional leaders played a key role in persuading state lawmakers to choose the more aggressive proposal.

"We were besieged by visits from members of Congress," he said. "We had a groundswell in the House that carried over into the Senate to go to a map favored by a lot of members in Congress."

For Monday...

Covenant contract on board agenda

A called hospital board meeting for Monday evening was posted just after 10 o'clock this morning.

The management agreement with Covenant Health Systems and the Arapaho Home Health contract are on the agenda for possible termination.

The meeting was called by board secretary Charles Church after letters were received from board members Dink Foree, Bill Voss and Terry Williams requesting the 7 p.m. meeting.

Another item on the agenda is the setting of future meeting times and dates.

Foree is expected to lead the discussion on the items according to the agenda.

Clean report...

Hermleigh ISD receives audit report on Tuesday

Hermleigh's school board approved the 2002-2003 audit during its regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday night.

Supt. Marvin Beaty said the audit got a clean report from CPA Cheryl Merritt.

"She did make some minor suggestions concerning the flow of paperwork," said Beaty. "But overall, it went well."

The school chief said the board tabled action on the concrete slab for the school's new ag building until the next meeting.

Trustees approved the purchase of a 7,500-square foot building Friday evening in another called session.

The trustees adopted the 2003-2004 district improvement plans and Beaty said more emphasis is to be placed on developing reading skills this school year.

In other action, the board agreed on a cellular telephone contract that will provide a telephone for the high school and junior high to be used on out-of-town trips, plus a phone for the superintendent.

Donald Tate will be the district's nominee to the Scurry County Appraisal District as voted on Tuesday night, and several TASB policies were approved.

Beaty also addressed the board concerning the search for an English teacher for next semester. "We've started the process to begin interviewing for an English teacher."

Beaty also said Josh Beasley is the Hermleigh Junior High student of the month, while Justin Williamson received the high school honor.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Jo Ann Nunley

Mother Nature is changing her attire from shades of green adorned with bright colored blooms to predominate shades of orange, golds and reds.

The cooler, brisk winds that have periodically made their way across our part of the country are sporadically changing our surrounding colors — unlike our neighboring northern states who have the advantage of weather conditions working in their favor that makes the change more uniform. Many take fall tours through northeastern states to view natural beauty at its best, and that tops the lengthy list of my "to do when I retire."

Legend says that Jack Frost creates autumn's splendor of hues of reds and purples by pinching the leaves with his icy fingers and adding yellow, gold and brown as he moves from tree to tree with his paintbrush on frosty nights.

But science says that chlorophyll, necessary for the growth during the growing season necessary for tree growth during the growing season, gives leaves their green color.

Color pigments in the leaves determine whether it will turn red, yellow or orange such as yellow pigment in our pecan tree leaves.

The best weather for the formation of brilliant reds is bright sunny days followed by cool nights of around 45 degrees, but above freezing. These weather conditions allow the maximum development of red pigments in the leaves.

If a rainy or cloudy spell happens near the time when colors should be at their peak, it reduces their intensity.

Colorful autumn leaves go hand-in-hand with such fall activities as harvesting pumpkins, "pickin'" cotton and watching migrant birds. But finally the flow of nutrients to the leaves slows to a halt and the stems weaken and that's when a gust of wind or rain will bring the leaves tumbling to the ground.

Children seem to especially love to run and play in the fallen colorful, crisp fall leaves and the older set loves to enjoy their beauty on the trees knowing the near future will include a lot of work raking and disposing of them.

Not too long after the job is done though and a few month of extreme cold weather has plagued us that we look forward in anticipation to seeing them appear again.

In West Texas, we depend on the faithful mesquite tree budding out and the arrival of the scissortail to tell us Mother Nature is ready for another change of attire.

Chamber interviews to be held Thursday

The board of directors of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce on Thursday will interview the five finalists for the executive director's position.

Mike Thornton, chamber president, said interviews would start at 1 p.m.

"Dennis Newton will interview first at 1 o'clock," said Thornton. "He will be followed by Jackie Greene at 2, Melissa Petty at 3, and Vicki Shroyer at 4 o'clock."

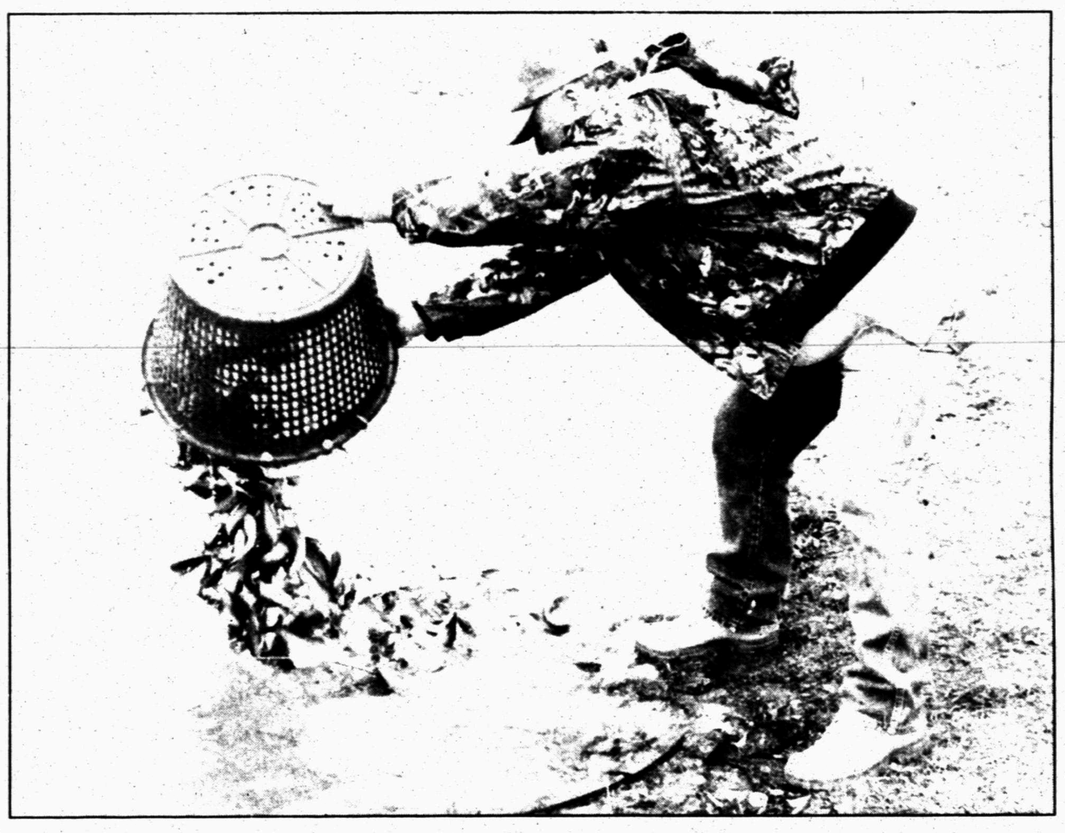
The final interview of the day will be at 5 p.m. with Susie White.

Newton is a retired county agent from Hereford, while Greene is an owner and supervisor of Jack's Roadboring. Petty is a human resource specialist at the Price Daniel Unit.

Shroyer is the organizer of the Citizen Corp of Scurry County – the volunteer program for Homeland Security.

White is presently the medical records receptionist at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She was previously employed at the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch.

Thornton said he had "no idea" when the board would make the choice known. "That's the board's call."



CATFISH ON THE MENU — Jerry Howell of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department stocks the Towle Park pond with 67 pounds of blue catfish Tuesday, a total of 557 fish. A fishing license is required to catch the fish, with a minimum length of 12 inches for channel and blue cat, reminds game warden Mel Reed. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—When will the pep rally be for the Snyder-Monahans bi-district game?
A—At 8:15 a.m. Friday in Tiger Gym.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Sara Cearly...

...is a student at Northeast Elementary School in Vanessa Taylor's 5th grade class. Sara, the daughter of Robby and Joanne Cearly, has lived in Snyder all of her life. Sara enjoys playing softball and Girl Scout activities.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Courage is fear holding on a minute longer.
—George S. Patton

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Central Elementary School seminar

"Bully-proofing Your Child: Helping your child deal with harassment" is the topic of the third in a series of Thursday afternoon seminars hosted by Central Elementary School. All parents of young children are invited to attend the program conducted by Snyder ISD counselor Charlene Light. The time is 1:30 p.m. and will be in Room 5. Free child care will be provided in the cafeteria. Call 573-8592 for more information.

Veterans Day Service

The First Baptist Church's Veterans Day Service will be broadcast at 3 p.m. Thursday over Cox Communications Channel 2.

First Baptist support group

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

Citizen Corps of Scurry County

The Corps will offer CERT training beginning Thursday 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 also will be held Nov. 18 & 20, and Dec. 2 & 9 to qualify for the Homeland Security grant. Class size is limited to 25.

THRiVE simulcast at FBC

THRiVE, a conference for women, will be simulcast from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church. Tickets are $40. Call 573-2631 to reserve tickets. Lunch, snacks and free daycare will be provided. The event begins Friday.

4-H cooking classes

A cooking class, sponsored by Scurry County 4-H, will be conducted Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the extension office. The workshop is for all youth (girls and boys) ages 9-18. Call 573-5423 for reservations.

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.

Home for the holidays

Scurry County's annual home for the holidays, sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension, is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church. Tickets are $8 each and must be reserved by 5 p.m. Wednesday. Call 573-5423 to reserve tickets.

GED pre-registration, testing

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be Thursday, Nov. 20, 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. on the following day, Friday, Nov. 21. 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.

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.

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 Nov. 19. For tickets, call 573-8511, ext. 276 for Patty Kuhl, advisor, or 573-9727 for Kristen Early.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conversation District is taking orders through Jan. 31 for windbreak trees. Large trees available are Oaks, Pines, Desert Willows, Golden Raintree, Texas Redbud and Chinese Pistache and more. To place orders, call 573-6317.

United Way packets

United Way packets are now being distributed to businesses and will be picked up by Nov. 21. Packets are bright orange. For more information, call 573-5311.

LAP signup extended

Nov. 21 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.

Annual Christmas parade

Snyder's annual lighted Christmas parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 6. Line-up 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.

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.

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.

Fire loss donations

Donations for the Ed and Dorothy Broker family who lost all their possessions in a house fire Sunday can contact Cindy Sharp at D&D Auto, or call 573-6391, or 573-3822 in the evenings.

GETTING READY — Jennifer Sawyer at Hackfeld's, left, helps cancer survivor Margaret Presswood pick out clothes to model at Saturday's second annual American Cancer Society style show and dinner at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Date Book

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003

Today is the 316th day of 2003 and the 51st day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1799, astronomer Andrew Ellicott Douglass made the first known record of a meteor shower in North America.

On this day in 1969, Seymour Hersh, an independent investigative journalist, broke the story of the My Lai Massacre in Vietnam. During the massacre, hundreds of Vietnamese civilians were rounded up and U.S. soldiers were allegedly given instruction from 1st Lt. William L. Calley to "finish them off." Calley was the only member of those involved in the murders to be held accountable. He was eventually pardoned by President Richard Nixon.

On this day in 1980, Voyager I came within 77,000 miles of Saturn, sending back pictures that revealed Saturn's hundreds of rings (rather than the six that it had previously been thought to have) and helping scientists to discover further moons around the giant planet.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902), reformer; Auguste Rodin (1840-1917), sculptor; Grace Kelly (1929-1982), actress and princess of Monaco; Nadia Comaneci (1961-), gymnast, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1892, William "Pudge" Heffelfinger was paid $500 to play in a football game. He is considered the first professional football player.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The moment we begin to fear the opinions of others and hesitate to tell the truth that is in us, and from motives of policy are silent when we should speak, the divine floods of light and life no longer flow into our souls." — Elizabeth Cady Stanton

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Nov. 9) and last quarter (Nov. 17)

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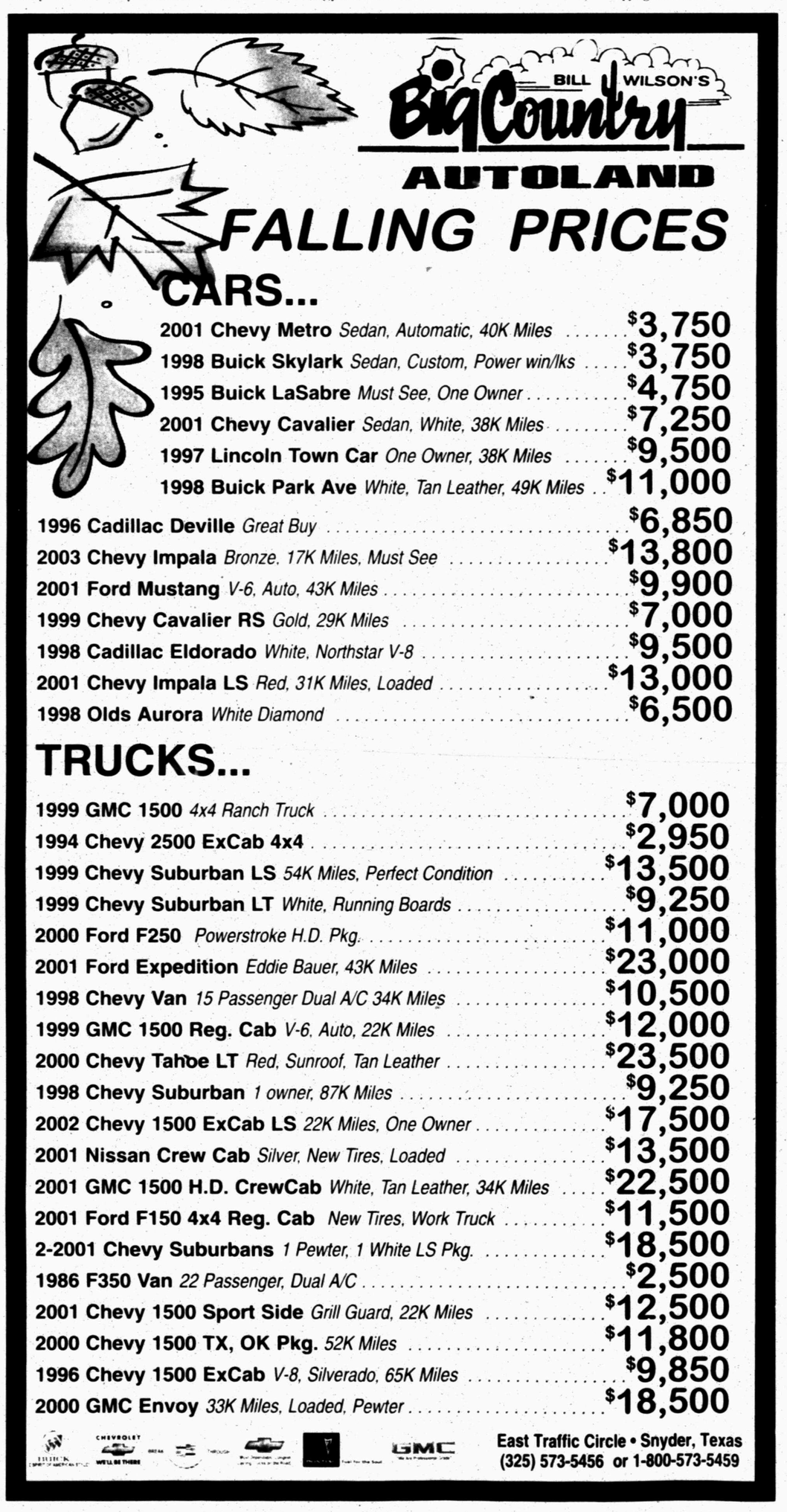

Style show set Saturday

The American Cancer Society's second annual style show and dinner honoring cancer survivors is set for 7 p.m. Saturday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Cancer survivors will be pampered beginning at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Cancer survivors will model clothes from four stores — Hackfeld's, Barbee Medical Supply, Bealls and Main Street Market in Rotan.

The Baile Folkorica de Guadalupe dancers will entertain.

Open to the public, tickets are $12.50 each and may be purchased from the Scurry County Credit Union or Stanfield Elementary.

For more information, call Terrisu Mann at 573-1031, Terri Powell at 573-6568 or Barbara Gowin at 573-7512.

C. Slater's wife is arrested for abuse

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Actor Christian Slater received stitches for a cut on his head and his wife, Ryan Haddon, was arrested after she was accused of hitting him with a drinking glass during a fight in their Las Vegas hotel room, authorities said Tuesday.

Police initially reported the actor received 20 stitches, but his spokeswoman, Kelly Bush, said Slater received nine after the scuffle Monday at the Hard Rock hotel-casino.

Slater, 34, was treated at Desert Springs Hospital in Las Vegas, where a hospital spokeswoman said she could release no information.

Haddon, a television producer, was taken to the Clark County jail on a misdemeanor battery charge, said Las Vegas police Lt. Juanita Goode.

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Tuesday's Lottery Numbers

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 14-17-26-34. Bonus Ball: 6.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: $575,000.

Number matching four of four: 12. Prize: $1,565.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 36. Prize: $63.

Number matching three of four: 1,487. Prize: $21.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 979. Prize: $21.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 6,399. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 11,475. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: $750,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 3-13-18-23-26.

Number matching five of five: 3.

Prize per winner: $15,049.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Kroger 740, 7747 Kirby Drive; Weatherford, Pic Up Mart, 102 West Park Avenue; Houston, Stop N Go No. 2389, 1003 Richmond.

Matching four of five: 231. Prize: $88.

Matching three of five: 5,161. Prize: $9.

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9th grade picked for all-region

The following Snyder High School ninth grade choir students were selected to the Junior High All-Region Choir on Oct. 25 in Lubbock.

They will perform in the All-Region Choir Concert at 5 p.m. Saturday at Monterey High School in Lubbock.

Making the Junior High Mixed Choir regional choir are Starla Early, soprano 1, 7th chair; Allie Brewster, soprano 1, 14th chair; Michael Mann, tenor 1, 26th chair; Brandon Robbins, bass 1, 7th chair; and Kyle Sanchez, bass 1, 13th chair.

Named to the Junior High Treble regional choir are Sydney Wright, soprano 1, 20th chair; Jaedi Baze, soprano 1, 29th chair; Amanda Rivera, soprano 1, 38th chair; Teisha McGlouthin, alto, 23rd chair; and Natalie Martinez, alto, 25th chair.

ALL-REGION CHOIR — These ninth graders will perform with the junior high all-region choir Saturday at Monterey High School. Back row from left are Brandon Robbins, Kyle Sanchez, Michael Mann and Teisha McGlouthin. Front row from left are Amanda Rivera, Jaedi Baze, Allie Brewster, Sydney Wright, Starla Early and Natalie Martinez. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

3 police officers shot after freeing children

DALLAS (AP) — Three police officers were wounded early today after freeing four children from a gunman during an apartment standoff, with law officers fearing at least two casualties remained inside the dwelling.

Three children were believed to still be hostages of the shotgun-wielding suspect inside the apartment three hours after he began the standoff with officers, a police spokesman said. Police said they were able to rescue four of the children when they entered the apartment.

But the three Dallas officers were shot as they tried to enter a room in the apartment where the gunman was holed up, said Senior Cpl. Gil Cerda, a police spokesman.

"There's possibly two deceased persons in the bedroom inside with the shooter," Cerda said.

The officers were taken to nearby Methodist Hospital where they were in good condition, said nursing administrator Tom Hall.

Most newly hired nurses are over 50 or from foreign land

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hospitals hired 100,000 new nurses last year, the vast majority over age 50 or foreign-born — easing but not ending a severe, nationwide nursing shortage, a new analysis found.

The surge of older nurses is welcome but only temporarily helpful, because they'll retire at the same time hospitals need even more nurses to keep up with the aging population, said study co-author Peter Buerhaus, associate dean of Vanderbilt University's nursing school.

The number of foreign-born nurses is sure to continue growing, a trend that hospitals and policy makers must plan for so that decisions on how to incorporate and train these workers can be made, said the report, published in the journal Health Affairs.

The current nursing shortage began in 1998, fueled by, among other things, longer hours and increasingly demanding working conditions that caused experienced nurses to leave the field.

The government has projected [illegible] fall of half a million nurses by 2015.

Buerhaus [illegible] Bureau employment survey to analyze trends in nursing employment, and found that hospitals hired 100,000 new nurses last year, a 9 percent increase from 2001. (Nursing employment in non-hospital settings, such as nursing homes and doctors' offices, dropped almost 1 percent.)

Almost all the new hires were over 50 or foreign-born.

There are several possible reasons for the sudden jump. Wages for hospital nurses grew by nearly 5 percent last year, providing an incentive for some nurses to re-enter [illegible] field. A [illegible] economy may have led some nurses back to work if their spouses had [illegible] ad-ing that married nurses accounted for almost all of the increase.

Also, hospitals also may have felt pressure to hire more staff because of media reports that the nursing shortage was harming patient care, he wrote.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Poison is dangerous solution to problem of mailbox spiders

DEAR ABBY: As a longtime postal carrier, I found the letter you printed from the carrier in Las Vegas interesting and frightening. I, too, find spiders in mailboxes. Sometimes I shoo them out; sometimes they run and hide. When they're black widows, I usually try to squish them. But I never want my customers to spray poisons into or around their mailboxes!

Once a poison has been applied to the mailbox, it will be transferred not only to the letters placed inside but also to the hands that retrieve them and the nose that inhales while the person is standing at the mailbox.

Furthermore, spiders are not easy to poison. The spray has to land on the spider to be effective. I have seen people drench their mailboxes with spray because harmless ants have used it as a temporary shelter. (The ants would have moved on in a few days.) However, the TV Guide the family will be handling the entire week is now soaked in poison.

Please warn readers to look inside their mailboxes before reaching in. It's a safer way to avoid contact with spiders, and it's simpler. **— SUSAN S., NORTH HIGHLANDS, CALIF.**

DEAR SUSAN: Call me an arachnophobe, but if I saw a black widow spider, my first reaction would be to call an exterminator. However, I have heard from several other mail carriers, and all echoed your sentiments.

Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You don't need to use bug spray in the mailbox. A mothball in the mailbox will keep ALL the critters out! **— JANET L., BOWLING GREEN, MO.**

DEAR JANET L.: I'm pa[illegible] [illegible]edy, but if [illegible] who decide to try it have sensitivity to mothballs, I urge them to think twice and consult their physician first. (And please remember to ask your postal carrier if he or she is allergic.)

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DEAR ABBY: When I was growing up, my older sister, "Lisa," beat me up frequently. It started when I was 3 and she was 6. The beatings continued until I was 12. Then she started doing other things — like spraying hairspray in my eyes and telling our parents I did it to myself, or breaking the zipper on my backpack just as I was getting on the school bus. One time, Lisa maneuvered me into the back seat of my brother's car and whispered for him to slam on the brakes. She held on and laughed while I was thrown against the front seat and cut my head.

My parents never said a word to her, and my mother always sided with her against me. I went through years of depression but finally graduated from college and got on with my life.

Now that we are adults, Lisa thinks we should be friends. I think now, after all she did to me, she should leave me alone and let me live in peace. What do you think? **— TIRED OF HER ABUSE IN ARIZONA**

DEAR TIRED: I agree. Your sister was a malicious brat, but I fault your parents for turning a blind eye instead of stopping the abuse. I don't blame you for wanting little or nothing to do with your childhood abuser. Under the circumstances, it's a logical decision. The time for building a close and loving relationship was years ago.

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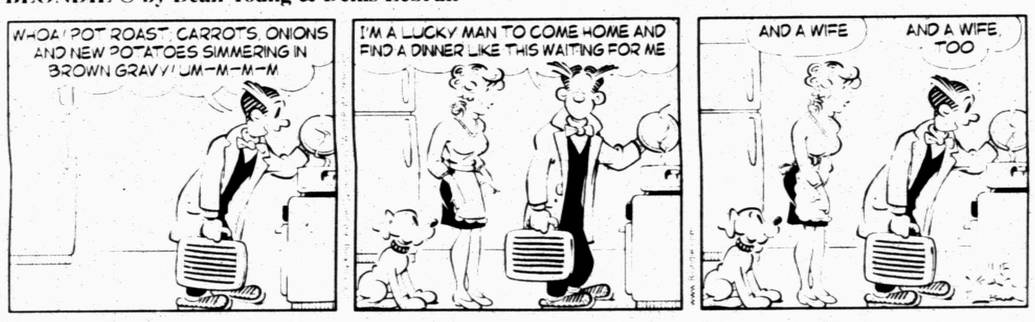

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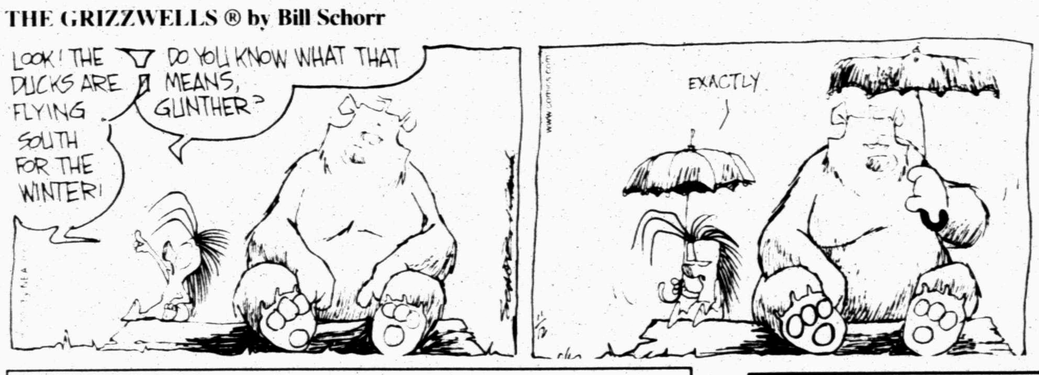

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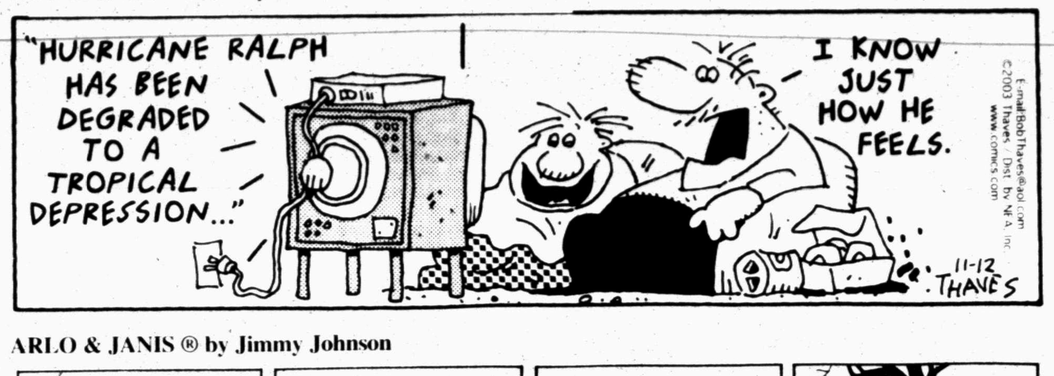

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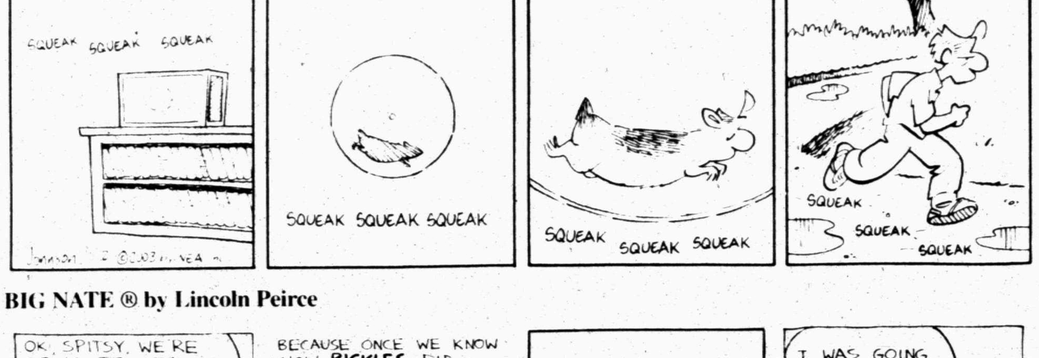

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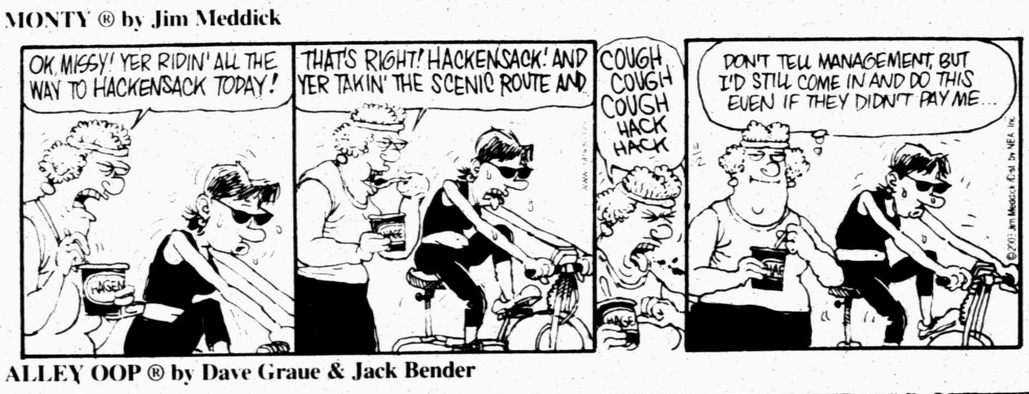

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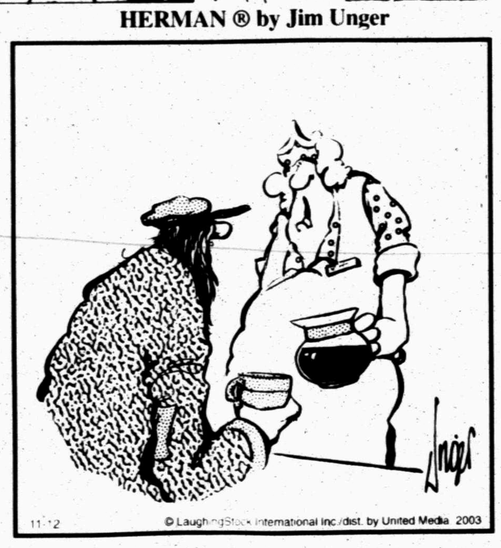

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ACROSS

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6 Observing
12 Coronets
14 Geronimo's tribe
15 Major highway
16 Literary device
17 Trippet
18 Londoner's drink
19 Santa Fe hrs.
21 Harbor
23 Diamond —
26 Circuit
27 Harley, to some
28 Pay by mail
30 Be wrong
31 Seine site
32 Japanese port
33 Take the helm
35 Zilch
37 Earth, in combos
38 Quota
39 Mother rabbit
40 Space widths
41 Hubbub
42 Aberdeen boy
43 Double curve
44 Actress Ruby —
46 Under par
48 Enzyme secretion
51 Deadened
55 Unfolded, as a flower
56 Appear
57 Thinks fit
58 Check for typos

DOWN

1 Give — — go
2 Former space lab
3 Serving of butter
4 Upright
5 Tomb Raider — Croft
6 Bad-tempered
7 Aunt Bee's kin
8 Burritos' kin
9 Here, to Pierre
10 Pucksters' org.
11 Go right
13 Mascot
19 George's wife
20 Meal or ranch
22 Schedule
24 Photos
25 Compares
26 Reduced
27 Bring on board
28 Cattle-call reward
29 Southwest art colony
34 Blowing away
36 Antiseptic
42 Is ahead
43 "— Gantry"
45 Level
47 Clod
48 Instant lawn
49 Copy
50 Flower garland
52 Certain sib
53 It may be fragile
54 Rock's — Leppard

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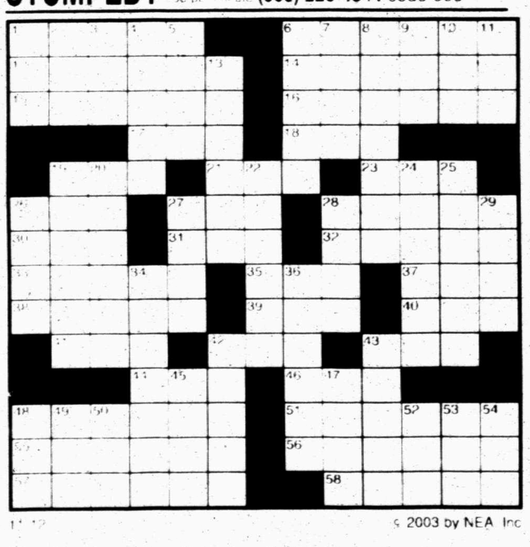

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SPORTS

SHS hoops teams see good, bad after initial scrimmages

The scrimmage schedule is all about locating strengths and weaknesses and putting together the varsity and junior varsity rosters, and also about seeing how well a team responds to the first outside competition of the season.

The Snyder Tigers tackled Abilene High and Haskell Tuesday, and head coach Bud Birks was fairly pleased with what he saw.

"The kids played hard and smart — which is what we'll have to do," he said. "I saw a lot of good things for this early in the season."

Snyder took three of four quarters from both clubs Tuesday.

The Tigers play Abilene and Saturday's opponent, Lubbock Monterey, annually, which Birks said offers his team a look at contrasting styles before the preseason gets underway.

"Abilene is a press, run and gun team, and Monterey is a disciplined, half-court team," he said. "It gives us a look at both styles. Monterey will force us to play good defense and be in the correct position."

Birks said that Larry Scott set up the scrimmage schedule when he was head coach, and the program has maintained it against the 5A schools.

"You want to play teams that are traditionally better than you," he said.

With several potential players in the midst of preparation for the football playoffs, the scrimmages give other players an opportunity to get quality minutes.

"You get a really good look at these other guys to see what they can do. They are getting lots of reps," Birks said.

Girls head coach Mike Martin also used the first scrimmage against Ballinger to get an idea of what areas his team needs to work on, and to gauge the personnel on both the JV and varsity rosters.

"We got a lot out of it," Martin said of Tuesday's scrimmage with Ballinger. "Some things showed up that we were not aware of before."

Martin said he was not happy that his team was beaten on the boards by the smaller Ballinger lineup.

"We struggled rebounding. Ballinger is really quick and has good shooters," he said. "I was not pleased with the passing. The defense at times played good, but Ballinger took advantage of some things. We are not ready to quit practicing. Hopefully, we'll get it straightened out."

Martin said the scrimmages give him an idea of which players belong on which roster.

"We're still not set on varsity and JV," he said. "We got some idea of the consistency."

The girls will start at 10 a.m. Saturday against Big Lake, Ira and Kermit, with the boys scheduled to get underway at 1 p.m. against Monterey.

FIRST SCRIMMAGE — Snyder Lady Tiger Brianna Burks, right, maneuvers for position following a free throw in the junior varsity scrimmage against Ballinger. The Lady Tigers will play their final scrimmages at 10 a.m. Saturday against Kermit, Ira and Big Lake. (SDN Staff Photo)

Junior Lady Bulldogs fall

Laura Juarez scored all 12 points for the junior high Lady Bulldogs, as Ira fell to Grady, 40-12, in the season opener for both teams Monday.

Ira will host Borden County at 6 p.m. Monday.

The Ira varsity girls will participate in Saturday's scrimmage at Snyder, which will also feature Big Lake and Kermit, before opening the season at home Tuesday against Blackwell at 6:30 p.m.

Rockets blow out Heat in battle of Van Gundys

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff Van Gundy beat his brother, and then made excuses for him.

"Tonight had nothing to do with intensity, effort or energy, we just outsized them," the Houston Rockets coach said. "They don't have much size or shooting ability. We have size and shooters."

In only the second time brothers coached against each other in an NBA game, Jeff's Rockets beat Stan's Miami Heat 90-70 on Tuesday night.

The Van Gundys joined Herb and Larry Brown as the only coaching matchup between brothers in league history. The Rockets won their fourth in a row and Miami lost its seventh straight to remain the only winless team in the league.

"You could assemble a staff of Red Auerbach, Red Holzman, and Phil Jackson and it wouldn't matter," Jeff said. "That's just a small, small team."

After rehashing their childhood together for several days leading up to Tuesday's game, Jeff Van Gundy was glad the game was over.

"The last three days, any time I've tried to think about basketball, I've been reminded about pingpong in childhood," Jeff said.

"I almost feel guilty. It's like why were you blessed with talent and he wasn't? There was a huge talent discrepancy and huge size discrepancy, which we're happy about, but we're going to have to play better to continue to win."

The Rockets pulled away in the third quarter, led by Yao Ming, who had a career-high seven blocked shots, and Cuttino Mobley, who scored a season-high 30 points and shot 5-of-8 from 3-point range. Eddie Jones led Miami with 21 points.

Halladay wins AL Cy Young

NEW YORK (AP) — Roy Halladay was left behind at the end of spring training two years ago, sent to the low minors by Toronto. Now, he's left the rest of the league's pitchers behind.

Halladay was an overwhelming winner of the American League Cy Young Award on Tuesday, easily beating out Chicago's Esteban Loaiza.

"When I went down that far, and really had no idea what I was going to do to get it back until I found that help, (it) was a little scary for me," he said from Hawaii during a telephone conference call.

After winning a major league-high 22 games, including 15 consecutive decisions, Halladay received 26 first-place votes and two seconds for 136 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Nash, Mavs pound Hornets

DALLAS (AP) — Steve Nash's value to the Dallas Mavericks in unmistakable. Just ask his teammates.

"He's our MVP, penetrating, dishing it out," Dirk Nowitzki said.

Nash had 17 points and 11 assists to help the Mavericks rout the New Orleans Hornets 125-97 Tuesday night.

Nash missed all of one game and three quarters of another last week due to a strained left shoulder. Without him, Dallas lost at Washington and Toronto.

"The two games he missed, we lost," Nowitzki said. "It's important to have him in there, throwing his little body around."

Danny Fortson had his best game of the season for the Mavericks, scoring nine points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Acquired in a trade with Golden State, Fortson averaged eight minutes in his first five games for Dallas.

"I know I've been working harder," Fortson said. "When you don't play, it makes you work harder."

The Mavericks had their most complete effort of the season against the Hornets, shooting 58 percent from the field, finishing with 40 assists and holding a 45-30 rebounding edge.

"Coming together with the group we have, we're bound to have some explosions like tonight," Nash said. "Hopefully this was a glimpse."

The Hornets cut a 19-point deficit in the second period to 66-60 early in the third. Then Nash hit a 3 that started a 23-2 burst capped by Antawn Jamison's dunk.

"It started with our defense," Nowitzki said. "They only scored 16 points in the quarter. We need to focus on defense, especially man-to-man. We were rotating and rebounding."

Walker had 21 points and Michael Finley added 20 in Dallas' most-lopsided victory of the season.

"Being around each other for an extended time, we're starting to get to know each others' tendencies," said Jamison, who had 12 points.

Baron Davis had 25 points, 20 in the first half, for the Hornets and David Wesley added 18.

Rangers will listen to offers for Rodriguez

NEW YORK (AP) — The Texas Rangers are willing to field trade offers for star shortstop Alex Rodriguez, The New York Times reported today.

"It would be less than honest for me to say we're not listening," Rangers manager Buck Showalter told the newspaper. "If people call you about a player, even if it's a player you love the way we love Alex, you have to at least listen."

Especially because Rodriguez costs the Rangers so much.

He has seven years and $179 million remaining on the record $252 million contract he signed with Texas before the 2001 season. He also has a no-trade clause, which he would have to waive before any potential deal could be completed.

Rodriguez, 28, might agree to that for a chance to win soon. The Rangers have finished last in the AL West for four straight seasons.

At the general managers' meeting in Phoenix, Texas GM John Hart made it clear that his team is not trying to move Rodriguez and said the possibility of a deal was a long shot, The Times reported.

"He's our cornerstone player," Hart told the newspaper. "But if the phone rings in this business, you pick up the phone and listen.

Rodriguez suggested in late July that he would be willing to accept a trade if the team doesn't improve, but later changed his tone.

"The optimism is obvious. I hope that this winter we get a few small pieces and keep going," Rodriguez said at the end of the season. "We don't need a miracle. We don't need a total facelift."

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	4	3	.571	—
Philadelphia	4	4	.500	½
New Jersey	3	4	.429	1
Washington	3	4	.429	1
New York	2	5	.286	2
Orlando	1	6	.143	3
Miami	0	7	.000	4

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	6	2	.750	—
Detroit	5	2	.714	½
New Orleans	5	3	.625	1
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	1½
Toronto	4	3	.571	1½
Chicago	3	5	.375	3
Cleveland	2	5	.286	3½
Atlanta	2	6	.250	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	5	1	.833	—
Dallas	5	3	.625	1
Utah	4	3	.571	1½
Denver	4	4	.500	2
Minnesota	4	4	.500	2
San Antonio	4	4	.500	2
Memphis	3	4	.429	2½

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	4	1	.800	—
L.A. Lakers	5	2	.714	—
Portland	4	3	.571	1
Sacramento	4	3	.571	1
Golden State	3	3	.500	1½
Phoenix	3	3	.500	1½
L.A. Clippers	2	2	.500	1½

Tuesday's Games

Boston 78, Indiana 76
Philadelphia 112, Washington 105
Seattle 89, Minnesota 87
Houston 90, Miami 70
Dallas 125, New Orleans 97
Sacramento 97, Detroit 91
Portland 83, Toronto 80
L.A. Clippers 115, Atlanta 103

Today's Games

Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Orlando, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	8	2	3	1	20	44	28
New Jersey	7	3	3	0	17	30	25
N.Y. Islanders	7	5	2	0	16	45	35
N.Y. Rangers	5	5	2	2	14	34	35
Pittsburgh	3	7	3	0	9	25	48

Northeast Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	8	2	3	2	21	41	33
Toronto	7	4	3	1	18	36	39
Ottawa	6	4	2	1	15	42	30
Buffalo	7	7	1	0	15	34	43
Montreal	7	8	1	0	15	31	34

Southeast Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	8	2	2	1	19	37	24
Atlanta	7	5	3	1	18	47	41
Florida	6	8	2	0	14	35	39
Carolina	4	5	5	0	13	31	30
Washington	3	11	1	0	7	33	47

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	9	3	0	1	19	34	27
Chicago	6	6	3	1	16	29	39
Detroit	7	7	1	0	15	44	40
Columbus	5	7	1	1	12	31	35
Nashville	5	8	1	0	11	34	40

Northwest Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	10	4	2	0	22	53	31
Colorado	9	5	1	0	19	51	40
Minnesota	7	7	2	0	16	39	38
Edmonton	6	7	2	0	14	46	50
Calgary	5	7	0	1	11	24	32

Pacific Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	8	5	0	1	17	40	33
Dallas	7	7	1	0	15	35	39
Anaheim	5	7	1	3	14	29	42
San Jose	3	6	6	1	13	38	46
Phoenix	4	6	3	1	12	34	44

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Tuesday's Games

Boston 4, Edmonton 3
Ottawa 5, Atlanta 3
Columbus 1, Montreal 1, tie
Florida 4, Tampa Bay 0
Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Minnesota 1, Vancouver 0
Colorado 4, San Jose 3

Today's Games

New Jersey vs. Buffalo at Rochester, N.Y., 6 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Calgary at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	2	0	.778	184	155
Miami	5	4	0	.556	168	141
Buffalo	4	5	0	.444	149	158
N.Y. Jets	3	6	0	.333	166	173

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7	2	0	.778	254	171
Tennessee	7	2	0	.778	255	174
Houston	3	6	0	.333	162	244
Jacksonville	2	7	0	.222	172	231

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	5	4	0	.556	206	182
Cincinnati	4	5	0	.444	186	200
Cleveland	3	6	0	.333	135	171
Pittsburgh	3	6	0	.333	176	217

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	9	0	0	1.000	287	150
Denver	5	4	0	.556	210	171
Oakland	2	7	0	.222	162	211
San Diego	2	7	0	.222	174	243

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	2	0	.778	181	136
Philadelphia	6	3	0	.667	159	166
N.Y. Giants	4	5	0	.444	172	195
Washington	4	5	0	.444	176	212

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	7	2	0	.778	178	163
New Orleans	4	5	0	.444	189	205
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	188	141
Atlanta	2	7	0	.222	157	250

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	3	0	.667	251	205
Green Bay	4	5	0	.444	244	210
Chicago	3	6	0	.333	151	211
Detroit	3	6	0	.333	152	207

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	6	3	0	.667	213	174
St. Louis	6	3	0	.667	246	181
San Francisco	4	5	0	.444	202	152
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	130	235

Sunday's Games

St. Louis at Chicago, noon
Houston at Buffalo, noon
Baltimore at Miami, noon
Washington at Carolina, noon
Jacksonville at Tennessee, noon
Atlanta at New Orleans, noon
Arizona at Cleveland, noon
Kansas City at Cincinnati, noon
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, noon
N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis, 3:05 p.m.
San Diego at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.
Minnesota at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 3:15 p.m.
Dallas at New England, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 17

Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Good Guys	100	70
Culligan	96.5	73.5
Robert Early's Weld	94	76
WTP Energy	92	78
Timely Pawn	91	79
The Shack	87.5	82.5
Circle M Welding	86	84
Anadarko	81	89
B.J. Services	79.5	90.5
Ghost	45.5	124.5
Team 10	30	10
Snyder Brick & Tile	26	14
Turkey Hunters	24	16
Outcasts	24	16
Team 8	21	19
WTP Energy	20	20
Snyder Iron & Metal	19.5	20.5
Timely Finance	18.5	21.5
Moments Captured	16	24
JB's	16	24
Snyder Lanes	16	24
Phantom Team	9	31

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High game: Barney Tate, scratch, 221; Rick Mammolite, handicap, 253.

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Team	W	L

High series: Scratch: Mark Glasscock, 596, Dana Stone, 500.
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Art Carney dead at age 85

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — With a turned-up porkpie hat and slapstick shtick, Art Carney turned "The Honeymooners" sidekick Ed Norton into one of the most memorable characters in television history.

He later took home the 1974 Oscar for best actor in "Harry and Tonto," but it was as the upstairs sewer worker neighbor to Jackie Gleason's Ralph Kramden in the 1950s that Carney will be best remembered.

Carney, who had been ill for some time, was buried during a small, private ceremony Tuesday, two days after he died in Chester. He was 85.

Kramden and his not-too-bright bowling buddy, Norton, appeared in various forms from 1951 to 1956, and the show — still in syndication on cable stations — was revived briefly in 1971.

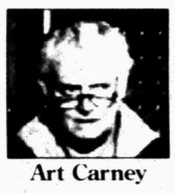
With his unbuttoned vest over a white T-shirt, Carney's Norton with his exuberant "Hey, Ralphie boy!" became an ideal foil for Gleason's blustery, bullying Kramden. Carney won three Emmys for his role and his first taste of fame.

"The first time I saw the guy act," Gleason once said, "I knew I would have to work twice as hard for my laughs. He was funny as hell."

In one episode, Norton and Kramden learn to golf from an instruction book. Told to "address the ball," Norton gives a wave of the hand and says, "Hellooooo, ball!" In another episode, Norton inadvertently wins the award for best costume at a Raccoon Lodge party by showing up in his sewer worker's gear. Another time, the loose-limbed Norton teaches Kramden a finger-popping new dance called the Hucklebuck.

"I loved Art Carney," said actor Billy Bob Thornton. "I was a huge fan of 'The Honeymooners' and I loved Jackie Gleason, who was a genius. But I was probably more struck by Art Carney than Gleason. You just couldn't wait for him to come through the door again."

Carney told a Saturday Evening Post interviewer in 1961 that strangers were always asking him how he liked it down in the sewer. "I have seasonal answers," he said. "In the summer: 'I like it down there because it's cool.' In the winter: 'I like it down there because it's warm.' Then I've got one that isn't seasonal: 'Go to hell.'"


Art Carney

After "The Honeymooners," Carney battled a drinking problem for several years. His behavior became erratic while costarring with Walter Matthau in the Broadway run of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" in the 1960s. He dropped out of the show and spent nearly half a year in a sanitarium.

His career resumed, and in 1974 he was cast in Paul Mazurksy's "Harry and Tonto" as a 72-year-old widower who travels from New York to Chicago with his pet cat. He stopped drinking during the making of the film.

When it won him his Oscar, Carney wisecracked: "You're looking at an actor whose price has just doubled."

"Art was, and is one of the most endearing men I have ever met," the late actress Audrey Meadows (the wisecracking Alice Kramden on "The Honeymooners") wrote in her 1994 memoir "Love, Alice." She called him a "witty and delightful companion who went out of his way to help each new actor find his niche" on the show.

Carney was born into an Irish-Catholic family in Mount Vernon, N.Y., on Nov. 4, 1918, and baptized Arthur William Matthew Carney. His father was a newspaperman and publicist.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

End-of-life issues

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 88, a great-grandmother and a woman who has lived a long and productive life. Now my health is being brought down by advanced age and accompanying diseases.

I do not want drooling, incontinent and comatose "golden" years, mandated by mindless, overzealous medical intervention. I want to keep my appointment with eternity. I do not need counseling, spiritual guidance or antidepressants. I want and need to die, going gently into the last goodnight.

I view human existence as three stages: conception and birth, living and dying. For all of the many wondrous things that doctors did for me during the first two stages, I am enormously grateful. For abandoning me in this third stage by forcing your cruel and unwanted "life at any price" mindset upon me, shame on you.

DEAR READER: I am publishing your provocative and touching letter because you express yourself so effectively — and, I believe, you speak for millions of adults whose end-of-life issues are a concern — a concern because their wishes are disregarded or trivialized by the medical profession. Thank you for writing. I look forward to other readers' comments on this important topic.

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DEAR READER: You are correct that the inhalation of mineral oil can cause serious lung disease. Called lipoid pneumonia, it is the avoidable consequence of using petrolatum products in the nose or mouth, a practice that should be avoided.

I am not, however, aware of any dangers from applying mineral oil to the skin. It is not absorbed through the skin and is not, I'm certain, a cause of dementia. In fact, one of the drawbacks of topical mineral oil is that it is not absorbed into the skin, so it is not particularly effective therapy for dry skin. (It does work by coating the skin with a water-repellant oily layer that prevents evaporation of moisture from the skin.) Therefore, I feel comfortable reassuring you that your use of cosmetics and sunblocks containing mineral oil will not affect your health.

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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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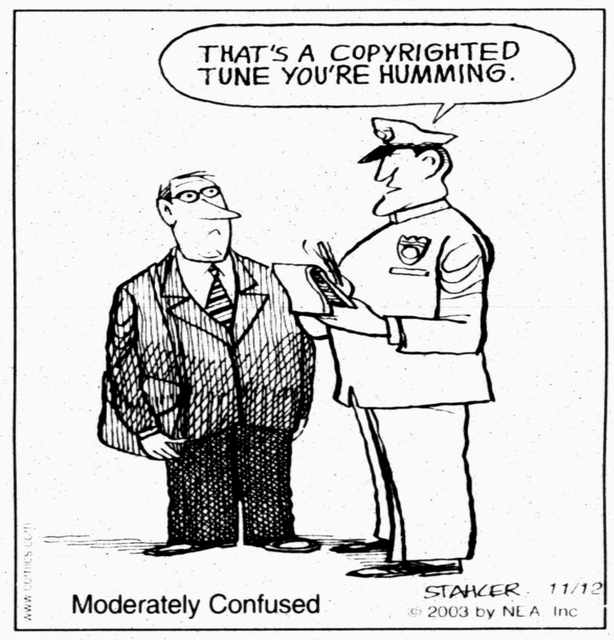

Police arrest one on warrants

• Arrest

Snyder officers made one arrest at 10:52 p.m. Tuesday in the 1700 block of 20th Street. A 22-year-old female was taken into custody on a city warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility and a Coke County warrant for minor in consumption of alcohol. She was booked into the Scurry County Jail.

• Assault

A caller reported at 2:29 p.m. Tuesday from Cogdell Memorial Hospital that a juvenile had been assaulted. An officer advised that he would speak to the parents and submit a report.

• Threats

A report was made by a caller from Dairy Queen on Coliseum Drive at 2:12 p.m. Tuesday that an individual was threatening her. An officer located the man in the 1300 block of 28th Street and issued a warning for criminal trespass.

• Juveniles

A resident called at 12:12 p.m. Tuesday to report juveniles going into a cellar in her neighbor's back yard which was behind her residence in the 3000 block of 40th. An officer identified three juveniles. He spoke with the neighbor and she agreed to notify the property owners of the incident.

• Hit and run

A caller reported at 5:50 p.m. Tuesday that her car had been involved in a hit-and-run accident in the Wal-Mart parking lot. A police officer was able to locate the other driver still at the location. A report for a private property accident was submitted.

• Reckless driver

A caller traveling behind an 18-wheeler on U.S. 84 reported at 10:29 p.m. Tuesday that the truck appeared to be driving erratically and had turned into the Allsup's parking lot in Hermleigh. A deputy checked on the driver and advised that he was sleeping and everything appeared to be in order.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 11-12-03
♠ 9
♥ K Q 10 7
♦ J 7 5 4
♣ Q 6 5 3

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

East
♠ K J 10 8 5
♥ 9
♦ K 10 2
♣ K 8 4 2

South
♠ A Q 7 6 4
♥ A J 5 3
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

In considering one heart — one no-trump and one spade - one no-trump, Bergen avoids the question of whether or not a pair is using the one-no-trump-forcing response, which is popular in the tournament world. But if you would like some information about that, he published "Understanding 1NT Forcing" last year.

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Once you have decided, move into the South chair. How would you plan the play in four hearts after West has led either the club jack or a low trump?

After a club lead, win with your ace, cash the spade ace, and cross-ruff the next seven tricks. That's nine winners in, and you still have the heart ace to come.

A trump lead is best, because dummy rates to be short in spades. Since this reduces the number of trump tricks to seven, an extra winner is needed. Capture the first trick in the dummy (vital) and take the spade finesse. When it wins, cash your two black-suit aces and cross-ruff home.

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One-topic booklets continue to appear

By Phillip Alder

Marty Bergen has jumped onto the short-length-booklet bandwagon. His latest is "Better Rebidding with Bergen" (Bergen Books, 2003).

Bergen covers all possible uncontested auctions that begin with one of a suit and a one-level response, from one club — one diamond to one spade — one no-trump.

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Lubys	2.70	2.64	2.64	+ .03
LucentTech	3.30	3.25	3.26	— .01
MarathonOil	29.15	28.90	28.93	— .18
MayDeptStr	29.75	29.35	29.35	— .23
Medtronic	44.20	43.92	44.02	+ .17
Motorola	13.75	13.40	13.65	+ .33
NCR Corp	35.33	34.78	35.21	+ .36
Navistar	40.75	40.27	40.71	+ .61
PNM Rescs	27.60	27.40	27.56	+ .25
Penney JC	23.68	23.50	23.56	— .09
PepBoys	19.32	19.19	19.26	+ .08
PepsiCo	47.97	47.71	47.89	— .04
PhelpDodge	61.17	60.40	60.63	— .34
PilgrmPrd B	13.99	13.87	13.93	+ .06
Praxair	69.50	68.80	69.47	+ .34
ProctGamb	96.52	95.51	96.49	+ .56
RadioShack	31.83	31.50	31.79	+ .30
RoyalDut	44.37	44.19	44.28	+ .03
SBC Comm	23.52	23.35	23.36	— .18
SaraLee	20.20	20.06	20.12	+ .06
Scripps EW	92.86	92.18	92.84	— .14
SearsRoeb	53.38	53.18	53.25	— .07
SherwinW	33.19	32.60	32.99	— .08
SouthernCo	29.27	29.12	29.25	
SwstAirl	18.71	18.39	18.61	+ .20
SprintFON	15.54	15.33	15.49	+ .11
SprintPCS	4.40	4.27	4.36	+ .07
Sunoco Inc	44.45	44.04	44.45	+ .36
TXU Corp	22.50	22.29	22.41	+ .08
TempleInland	55.16	54.70	54.80	+ .10
TexInd	28.54	28.10	28.54	+ .49
TexasInst	30.50	29.50	30.31	+ .65
Textron	50.00	48.96	49.92	+ .92
TimeWarner	15.73	15.55	15.71	+ .14
TrinityInds	25.86	25.54	25.70	+ .14
TylerTech	8.04	7.75	8.00	+ .11
UnionPacif	63.57	63.40	63.48	— .15
USSteel	23.95	23.34	23.36	— .34
UnitedTech	85.24	84.66	84.90	— .01
Unocal	31.24	30.92	31.19	+ .20
VerizonComm	32.44	32.21	32.23	— .21
WalMart	58.35	57.98	58.03	— .25
WellsFargo	56.38	55.75	56.35	+ .42
WstnGasRs	42.70	42.45	42.57	+ .16
WinnDixie	7.78	7.68	7.73	
Xerox Cp	10.30	10.19	10.21	— .08
YumBrands	34.27	34.05	34.13	— .04

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Scurrying Around Snyder

Continued From Last Week
Freezing Guidelines

Freeze food at 0 degrees F or below. Avoid overloading your freezer with too much food for freezing at one time. Shirley Corriher, author of the award-winning book "CookWise" (William Morrow), writing in "Fine Cooking Online," recommends adding only about 10 percent of the freezer's available capacity at a time. Leave space between packages so air can circulate around them. Then, when the food is frozen, stack or move the foods closer together.

It's hard to give an exact recommended storage time for specific foods. While a food will remain safe indefinitely at 0 degrees F, the quality declines over time. The suggested times listed by the foods in this article represent the shorter range of the various times recommended in the literature.

During freezing, the water in food freezes and the resulting ice crystals can affect the texture of foods. Baked goods low in moisture freeze well with little change in their texture. This includes breads, rolls, cakes, cookies and piecrusts. These same types of foods thaw rapidly. High-fat frostings also freeze well.

Thawing/Reheating/Heating Guidelines

Precooked foods, lower in moisture content — such as breads, cakes and cookies — usually can be thawed safely at room temperature. Baked goods higher in moisture content and containing eggs or dairy products — such as cheesecakes, etc. – should be thawed in the refrigerator. These products could cause food-borne illness if they're kept at room temperature for more than 2 hours (This includes total cooling and serving time).

Thaw most baked foods in their freezer wrapping to prevent drying out and condensation of moisture on the surface. For quickest thawing and to help prevent condensation, thaw on a wire cooling rack to allow air to circulate around all sides of the frozen food.

For refrigerator thawing, about 24 hours should be sufficient for most foods to thaw. For thawing at room temperature, allow about one to two hours for the food to thaw.

Some foods can be heated directly from the frozen state. Be sure your container is rated as freezer-to-oven or microwave safe by the manufacturer before baking in it.

Check directions on plastic freezer bags for whether they're recommended for microwave use. (Note: In general, sandwich and snack bags should NOT be used for freezing or microwaving.) Manufacturers of some popular brands advise you can "defrost" and "reheat" in their freezer bag. But, they advise against microwaving food on "high" in them.

Opening the bag one inch to vent is recommended. You're also advised to be careful if reheating foods high in fat or sugar. These foods reheat quickly and may cause the bag to melt. Check manufacturer's directions for the SPECIFIC brand of plastic bag you're using.

CAUTION: Watch closely and be careful when opening plastic bags as steam can build up and cause burns. Place in the microwave on a microwave-safe plate or dish.

Check if freezer plastic wrap is microwave safe. Follow the manufacturer's directions for microwave use.

As a general rule-of-thumb, use a PRE-HEATED oven when reheating baked goods or heating unbaked frozen foods. This helps avoid overbrowning and/or drying out baked products.

Colorado City Markets

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 736 head of cattle for the Wednesday, Nov. 5, sale. Market was active and demand good. Feeder and stocker steers and heifers 600 lbs. were steady, 600 lbs. steers were $1 to $3 lower. Bred cows were steady. Pairs too few to test test. Packer cows and bulls were $3 to $4 higher.

Feeder Steers:
300-400: 106-132
400-500: 103-112
500-600: 88-110
600-750: 79-89

Feeder Heifers:
300-400: 97-109
400-500: 90-104
500-600: 83-92
600-750: 75-86

Replacement cows:
Bred cows: 575-710
Packer cows: 40-48.75
Old Shelly: 32-36
Packer bulls: 52-62.75

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Tips for Field Judging Antlers

"How big is he? Will he make the record book? I think he'll go 160, no wait a minute, maybe 155.

These are the questions racing through a hunter's mind when field judging the quality of a live buck's antlers in a hunting situation, according to Dr. Byron Wright, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist at Uvalde.

"There are standards for what constitutes a 'record book buck'," he said.

"The Boone and Crockett Club has long been recognized as the big game records keeping authority for North America. True, there are some other very fine organizations across the U.S. that keep their own record books, but Boone and Crockett is still the most widely recognized. Their standards say a typical whitetail deer must score 160 inches to make the awards category and 170 inches for the all time category. Non-typical white-tailed deer must score 185 for awards and 195 for all time.

"Assuming you have the basics down for scoring white-tailed deer, let's discuss a few tips you may find helpful when sizing-up that trophy buck as he sneaks up to your feeder. Time is a problem when judging antlers 'on the hoof' and snap judgements often have to do. If you have time, try to separate the buck's rack into sections and then mentally add-up the values. For example, if each main beam looks about 17 inches long, the total would be 34 inches.

Then mentally figure his 'G1s' or brow tines, multiply by two and move on to the rack's 'G3s' and so on.

"The truth is, it doesn't do much good to guess antler scores if you never check your accuracy against known scores," according to Wright. There are a few easy tricks that will help you determine whether a prospective buck will measure up to your expectations.

"What about tine length? One approach is to find some standard of measurement and use that as a gauge. Train yourself to identify what eight inches looks like at a distance and then decide if the tine is eight inches or half that long."

Wright said antler mass is another prime consideration trophy hunters consider. He said there are some techniques for judging live-deer antler mass through your weapon's cross-hairs, but these tactics are less than satisfactory. According to Wright: "...when a buck has good antler mass, you'll know it!"

Wright said the spread of a deer's rack is one of its most endearing qualities. He said the animal's antler spread always looks greater from behind. "If that's the only view you get, be prepared, he may not be as wide as you think," said Wright. "Tip-to-Tip ear spread on a white-tailed deer in Texas can run from 12 to 16 inches depending on the deer's size and how he's holding his ears.

Ear spread certainly varies across the state, but 13-14 inches is probably accurate for most of our bucks. Mentally measure the buck's spread by comparing the rack's inside width to the tip-to-tip spread of the buck's ears."

So, what characteristics are most important when making a scoring evaluation? Wright said if the hunter is dealing with a main frame 10-point buck, total tine length is probably going to be the prime scoring factor, or about 35 percent of the total score.

He said main-beam length is likely to be second with its contribution being about 30%. Circumference should contribute about 20% of the overall score.

"The spread of the antlers is usually the least important factor," said Wright. "While often impressive and attractive, spread will not likely provide more than about 15% of the total score.

"When you're in a hunting situation, the question remains, 'how big is he?' When the time comes, you'll have to be the judge. But whether he's a Boone and Crockett record or just another nice buck, there will always be other intangible factors beyond good antlers that make that particular buck a 'trophy.'

?Weather Whys?

Topic: Windy Cities

Q: You sometimes hear Chicago called the "windy city." Is it really the windiest city in the United States?

A: It's not even close, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University. "Both the National Weather Service and the National Climatic Data Center publish a list of the top ten windiest cities in the U.S., and Chicago is not among the leaders in either list," Odins says.

"Chicago's label as the 'windy city' might refer to several stories. One is that most of the city's streets run east and west, causing the winds that come from Lake

Michigan to blow briskly through the streets and these winds appear to be stronger than in surrounding areas. Other stories say that windy city label refers to Chicagoans who apt to boast or brag about their hometown or even the numerous rumors that blow through the city."

Q: So what are the windiest U.S. cities?

A: "The top three are in Alaska, according to the National Weather Service," Odins adds. "Those are St. Paul Island, averaging 17.4 miles per hour per day; Cold Bay (16.9) and Barter Island (13.2).

The National Climatic Data Center lists Dodge City, Kan. tops at 14 miles per hours, followed by Amarillo, Texas (13.5) and Rochester, Minn. (13.1). Chicago is considered average in terms of wind speed at 10.4.

It is topped by Boston (12.5), and New York's Kennedy Airport is 12.2. Even Milwaukee (11.5), Dallas-Fort Worth (10.7) and San Francisco (10.6) have average wind speeds higher than Chicago. As far as an actual place in the U.S., the windiest spot is Mount Washington Observatory in New Hampshire, which has a daily wind speed of 35.1 miles per hour."

ABOUT WEATHER WHYS....

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COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

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

	ONE YEAR AGO 11-10-02	LAST WEEK 11-3-03	THIS WEEK 11-10-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	17.57	17.77	18.03
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	18,841	19,245	19,778
PERCENT FULL	9.39	9.59	9.86
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	1.20
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

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

	ONE YEAR AGO 11-10-02	LAST WEEK 11-3-03	THIS WEEK 11-10-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	38.83	40.60	40.47
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	38,557	43,521	43,127
PERCENT FULL	7.42	8.41	8.34
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	1.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION

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

	ONE YEAR AGO 11-10-02	LAST WEEK 11-3-03	THIS WEEK 11-10-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	28.41	26.86	26.79
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	220,259	204,931	204,267
PERCENT FULL	39.73	36.97	36.85
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.30

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 11-3-02 10-28-03	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 11-10-03 11-4-03	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 11-10-03 11-4-03
BIG SPRING	4,272,857	3,820,000	4,740,000
ODESSA	16,584,143	14,902,714	18,716,000
SNYDER	1,938,000	1,751,143	2,084,000
MIDLAND	20,495,371	18,466,557	25,179,600
SAN ANGELO	13,154,571	11,595,571	13,760,000
STANTON	280,857	258,857	287,000

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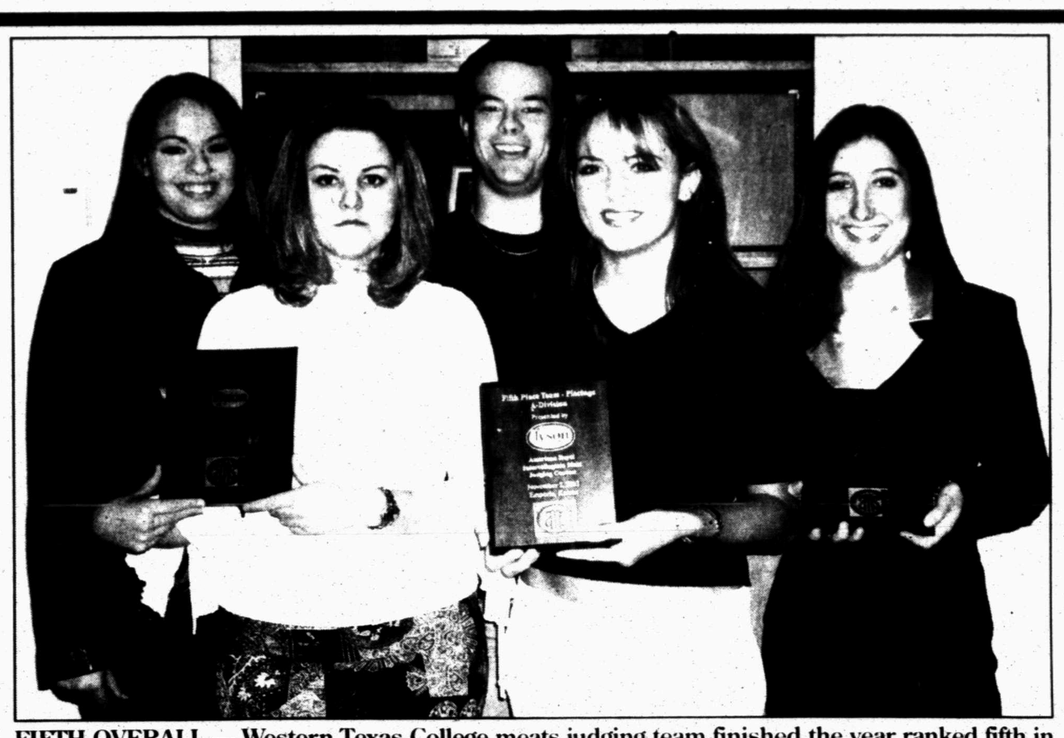
WTC 5th overall in judging

The Western Texas College Intercollegiate meats judging team finished the year ranked fifth in the nation.

Sarah McLaughlin of Alamogordo, N.M., was 10th in overall beef judging. Nathan Shrode of Colorado City placed eighth in pork judging and 10th in placings.

Other members of this year's team are Casey Mund of San Angelo, Rebecca Griffin of Alamogordo, Laci Hackfeld of Snyder and Lisa Parker of Roscoe.

Seventeen teams and 120 students from across the nation competed in the competition sponsored by the American Royal Livestock Show and Tyson Foods.



FIFTH OVERALL — Western Texas College meats judging team finished the year ranked fifth in the nation. Front row from left are Sarah McLaughlin and Rebecca Griffin. Back row from left are Laci Hackfeld, Nathan Shrode and Lisa Parker. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Two more officials quit Kerry campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry's press secretary and deputy finance director quit Tuesday, adding to the bitter turmoil on Kerry's team after the dismissal of his campaign manager.

Robert Gibbs, chief spokesman for the Massachusetts lawmaker, and deputy finance director Carl Chidlow quit in reaction to the firing of Jim Jordan, abruptly let go by Kerry Sunday night. Both expressed dissatisfaction with the campaign, according to officials.

Gibbs will be replaced by Stephanie Cutter, a former spokeswoman for Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and currently the spokeswoman for the Democratic National Convention, the officials said.

Jordan was replaced Monday by Mary Beth Cahill, who was Kennedy's chief of staff. The switch, less than three months before voters in Iowa participate in the first-in-the-nation caucuses, was designed to jump-start Kerry's campaign by signaling to fund-raisers and activists that he was addressing problems that have caused his campaign to slump.

Today's chuckle

Truck driver crashes while changing clothes

LAPORTE, Ind. — A truck driver crashed his semitrailer while trying to change clothes as he drove at 60 mph on a northern Indiana highway.

Terry Gilmore, 59, of Ohio, told investigators he had set his cruise control so he could change while driving on U.S. 6 Monday night, the LaPorte County Sheriff's Department said.

He misjudged a curve and rolled off the road and into two fences, police said. Gilmore was not seriously injured, but was taken to LaPorte Hospital as a precaution.

The crash caused officers to close a portion of the road for more than three hours.

A witness told investigators she found Gilmore naked when she went to check on him right after the accident. No charges were filed, police said.

Aguilera cancels final two concerts

LONDON (AP) — Pop singer Christina Aguilera canceled the final two concerts of her British tour, saying she had acute bronchitis.

The 22-year-old pop singer apologized to fans who were expecting to see her perform at the Telecast Arena in Newcastle on Monday and at Manchester's MEN Arena on Tuesday.

"I am terribly sorry for any inconvenience caused, but my doctor has ordered me to my bed and told me I cannot perform for at least 10 days," Aguilera said.

Woman gave police killer suspect's name

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A woman said she repeatedly gave investigators the name of serial killings suspect Derrick Todd Lee during the months that three women were murdered, but she was ignored.

Collette Dwyer, a firefighter, said authorities ignored her tip because Lee is black and police said they were looking for a white man.

"Every time one of these women was killed, I knew it was him," Dwyer said Tuesday. "I called people and no one listened. I called a lot of people."

Lee, 35, was arrested in May after a nearly yearlong search for a killer linked to the murders of six Louisiana women through DNA evidence. He remains in prison awaiting trial for two of the murders and has pleaded innocent.

Baton Rouge Police Chief Pat Englade confirmed that Dwyer gave investigators Lee's name, but did not know if they told her they were looking for a white man. He said a state trooper and an FBI agent followed up on her tip.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003

Your innate qualities will be greatly enhanced in the year ahead when you're placed in a larger leadership role within your sphere of influence. You'll live up to what's expected of you more than ever before.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It won't be Lady Luck that favors you in competitive situations today, although others might think so. It will be your powerful concentration on winning that gets you the gold medal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — By managing your financial affairs wisely today, a situation that wasn't slanted to your advantage could turn out to be larger and more prolific for you than it'll be for anybody else.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Someone in a high place who has considerable confidence in your ability may ask a job of you today. The way you'll handle the matter will justify his or her faith in you and gain you big rewards.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You'll be far more adept at coping with difficult, complicated situations today than you normally might be, especially in financial or career-related areas. Don't be afraid to take on something big.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Opportunity may knock in a big way today, giving you the chance to advance a personal interest that you thought was nearly impossible to achieve. Believe in yourself and the rest will follow.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Although it might be a bit frustrating not to move at the speed you'd like to today, it will be necessary to proceed at a steady but sure pace, no matter what you put your hand to.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Something for which you've been hoping has excellent chances of becoming a reality today if you don't leave anything up to chance. Work every detail out as you move cautiously forward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You could do well in your career or financial dealings today if you are willing to wait things out. Patience will be your biggest ally when it comes to staying put and letting things peak.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It will be a what-you-know world today. The more learned you are and the better prepared you are to handle the opportunities that are at hand, the larger your achievements will be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Even if the changes are not noticeable to anyone else, you could sense, and be right, that today's the day to take advantage of a financial situation you've waited a long time to cash in on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your greatest benefits today are likely to come from teaming up with a solid, no-nonsense person whom others might shy away from. You'll see the value in having this tough cookie as an ally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Ambitions have better than average chances of being fulfilled today if you are motivated and prepared to do all that it takes to get the job done. The race will be won by preparation and sweat.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Obituaries

Ima Emerson

1922-2003

Funeral service for Ima L. Emerson, longtime Snyder resident, is set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Henson, pastor, officiating. Graveside service is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Rock Hill Cemetery in Quitman with the Rev. Arlis Banks, retired minister, officiating.

Ima Emerson

Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Emerson, 81, died Sunday, Nov. 9, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born Jan. 10, 1922 in Quitman, she married William H. "Bill" Emerson on March 27, 1948 in Sweetwater.

Mrs. Emerson was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Emerson of Snyder; a son, Widgeon C. Emerson of Quitman; two daughters, Ann Mueller of Fresno, Calif., and Mina McCutcheon of Huntington Beach, Calif.; two aunts, Sula Redden of Sweetwater and Willie Hayden of Quitman; a nephew, John Lingo of Quitman; a niece, Melinda Cain of Winnsboro; six grandsons, Richard Hudler and Vincent Hudler of Fresno, Rex Hudler of Tustin, Calif., Marcus McCutcheon of Huntington Beach and Justin Emerson and Dustin Emerson, both of Quitman; and six great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be from 6-8 this evening at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Odell Williams

1915-2003

A. Odell Williams, 88, died Monday, Nov. 10, in Snyder Healthcare Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Williams, a longtime resident of Snyder, is set for 1 p.m. Saturday in Colonial Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. Raymond Dunkins officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Odell Williams

Born June 21, 1915 in Kerens, Mrs. Williams was a retired school teacher and a member of the New Hope Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Sedalia and Hulen Malone of Snyder and Blance and the Rev. O.J. Archie of Midland; four sisters, Vera (Varie) Williams of Colorado City, Dorothy Daniel of Dallas, and Devora Knox and Tommie Wilson, both of Commerce; a brother, Sherman Wilson of Carrollton; 14 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

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Dee Lockhart

1932-2003

Dee Harold Lockhart, a native of Scurry County, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. Lockhart, 71, are set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Faith Baptist Church with the Rev. Larry White officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale.

Born March 11, 1932 in Snyder, he married Bobbie Magnus on May 16, 1952 in Lovington, N.M.

A lifelong resident of Snyder, Mr. Lockhart was a postal carrier for 30 years and was a member of the Faith Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and church treasurer.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Lockhart of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Michael Goebel of Hermleigh; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Marilyn Lockhart of Snyder; three sisters, Beatrice May and Berle Shuler of Sweetwater and Jessie Lockhart of Midland; three grandchildren, Kelly Harmon and her husband Brad of Garland, Chris Goebel of Snyder and Holly Goebel of Lubbock; and one great-grandchild, Will Harmon of Garland.

Mary McCravey

1914-2003

Mary Bess McCravey, longtime Snyder resident, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, at her home in Plano after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. McCravey, 89, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Sammy Parham officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. McCravey

Born Nov. 11, 1914 in Frisco, Texas, she married Loyce Douglas McCravey on March 2, 1946 in Snyder. He died Nov. 27, 1967.

Mrs. McCravey lived in Snyder from 1924 until 2000 when she moved to Plano. She worked as a sales clerk in Snyder for Bryant Link, Whitfield's Fabrics, Perry Brothers and Thompson's Shoe Store. She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mamie Ruth Abercrombie; two brothers, Earl and Ellis Abercrombie; and her parents, John and Ottie Hye Abercrombie.

Survivors include a daughter, Belita Nelson of Plano; a grandson, Jason Vranek of Dallas; two nieces, Adalane Hickam of Lago Vista and Helen Filler of Corpus Christi; two nephews, Kirby McCravey and Frank McCravey, both of Snyder.

Friends are contributing to the Starfish Scholarship Fund, 4120 International Parkway, Suite 1150 in Carrollton, 75007.

Family visitation will be from 6:30-7:30 Friday at the funeral home.

Mr. Graichen

1930-2003

DUMAS, Ark. — Guenther Graichen, father of Ingrid Mullen of Snyder, died Monday, Nov. 10, in a Dumas hospital.

Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. today in the Dumas Funeral Home.

He was born on Oct. 10, 1930.

Survivors include his wife, Hildegard Graichen of Dumas; two other daughters, Heidi Cole of Burnet and Gisela Cantrell of Dumas and her husband, Tommy; two sons, Dietmar Kravs of Houston and his wife, Birgit, and Berndi Kraus of Germany; 11 grandchildren, Gary Little, Dieter Mullen, Sherry Brooks, Susie Mullen, Paula Young, Dona Hamilton, Michael Cole, Stuart Cole and Katie and William Stilz; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Blanch Rister

1920-2003

SWEETWATER – Blanch Rister, a resident of Snyder the past three years, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Rister, 83, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Charles Day, minister of the Ave. D Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in the Drummond Cemetery in Taylor County.

Born March 7, 1920 in the View Community, she married Halbert Rister on Aug. 25, 1940 in Caps. He died in 1985.

Mrs. Rister attended school in View and had lived in Sweetwater for 15 years before moving to Snyder. A Baptist, she also had lived in Merkel for many years.

She also was preceded in death by two granddaughters, Loraine Pittman and Kylee Inman; a son-in-law, Zeph Pittman; and three brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include three daughters, George Ann Pittman of Troy, Theda Hanshew of Sweetwater and Carla Berry of Big Spring; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Karl Menges

1968-2003

Karl William Menges went home to be with his Heavenly Father after he was involved in an automobile accident on November 10, 2003.

Karl was born in Orange County, California on September 10, 1968. He met his beloved wife, Laura, while attending Snyder High School and they were married on June 25, 1987 and celebrated 16 years together. They have four children, John, 15, Clayton, 12, Jacob, 10 and Victoria 7.

Karl Menges

Karl learned the trade of building while attending Snyder High School and was considered a master builder/welder by all those who knew his work. He was greatly loved by his family and was considered by him to be the center of his world. A man who in the last years of his life had a deep love for his Savior, Jesus, and spoke of this love to those he came in contact with. He was a member of Paul Ann Baptist Church where he attended regularly with his family.

He is survived by his wife and children; and his parents, Murrel and Betty Menges of San Angelo; one sister, Kathie Boulware of San Angelo; two brothers, Danny Menges and Eric Menges, both of Longview; 14 nieces and nephews.

A memorial fund has been set up for the family of Mr. Karl Menges at Texas Bank of San Angelo in lieu of sending flowers.

Pallbearers will be Danny Menges, Eric Menges, Shawn Rhodes, John Menges, J.P. Baker and Chuck Hardgrave.

Family visitation will be 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 12, 2003 at Johnson's Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 13, 2003 at Paul Ann Baptist Church with Rev. Kirt Dauphin officiating. Burial will follow at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens with Johnson's Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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Truck bomb in southern Iraq kills at least 25 people

NASIRIYAH, Iraq (AP) — A suicide truck bomber attacked the headquarters of Italy's paramilitary police in this southern city today, killing 25 people — including 17 Italians — and possibly trapping others in the debris.

It was the deadliest toll suffered by non-American coalition forces since the occupation began in April, and the first such attack in Nasiriyah, a relatively quiet Shiite Muslim city. The bombing appeared aimed at sending a message that international organizations are not safe anywhere in Iraq.

Col. Gianfranco Scalas said 17 Italians were killed: 11 Carabinieri paramilitary police, four army soldiers, an Italian civilian working at the base and an Italian documentary filmmaker. A spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition said at least eight Iraqis were also killed. About 15 people were wounded, although their nationalities were not known, Italian officials said.

"Unfortunately, it's not possible to exclude the presence of other fatalities," Defense Minister Antonio Martino told parliament.

There were fears of others trapped beneath the debris, and bulldozers worked to clear rubble. As night fell, however, soldiers said rescue efforts had ended.

Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi called the bombing a "terrorist act," while Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi pledged that it wouldn't derail his country's commitment to helping Iraq.

Witnesses said the truck driver got past guards after a car ran a roadblock, distracting the sentries.

The truck rammed the gate of the Italian compound and exploded in front of the Carabinieri building, which was the former chamber of commerce building, a coalition spokesman, Andrea Angeli, said.

He said the force of the explosion blew out windows in another building across the Euphrates River. All the vehicles parked outside the stricken building exploded in flames.

Angeli said secondary explosions from ammunition stored in the compound rocked the area moments after the main blast.

Also today, U.S. troops in Baghdad accidentally fired on a car carrying a member of the Iraqi Governing Council. The council member, Mohammed Bahr al-Uloun, escaped injury but the driver was wounded.

And a roadblock in Fallujah, a restive city west of the capital, U.S. troops fired on a truck carrying live chickens Tuesday night, killing five civilians.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 11/13	Fri 11/14	Sat 11/15
42/37	**47/43**	**60/49**
Cloudy with occasional showers. Cooler. High 42F. Winds ENE at 10 to 20 mph.	Showers possible. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 40s.	Overcast. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise 7:12 AM, Sunset 5:44 PM	Sunrise 7:12 AM, Sunset 5:43 PM	Sunrise 7:13 AM, Sunset 5:43 PM

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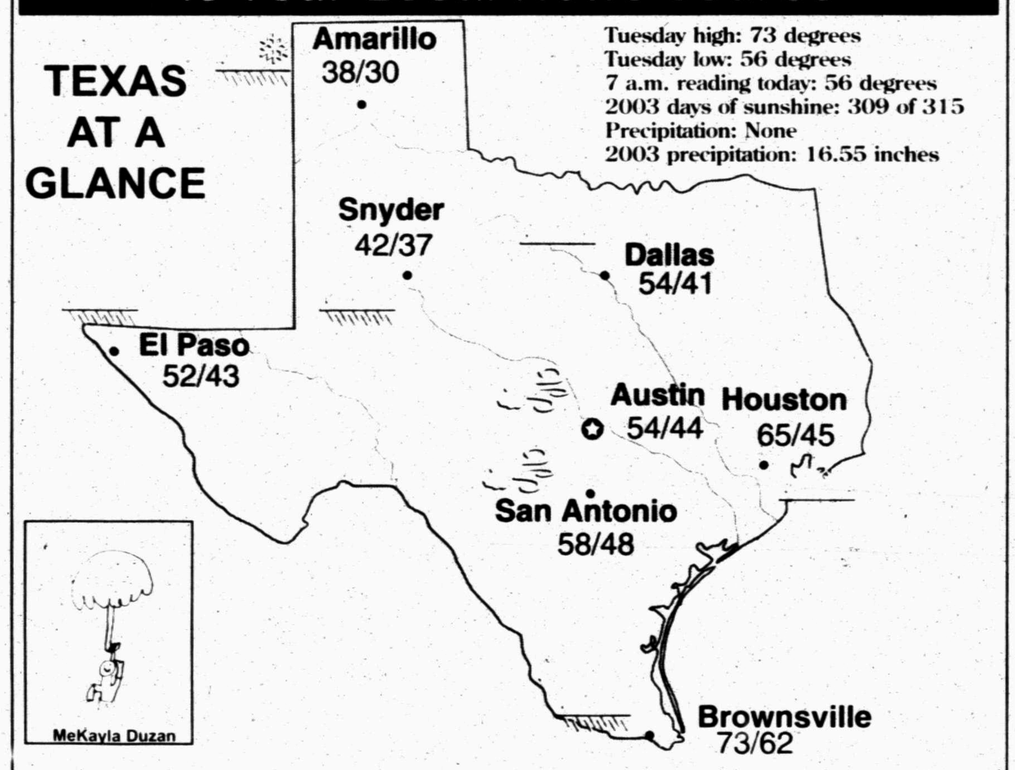

Tuesday high: 73 degrees
Tuesday low: 56 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 56 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 309 of 315
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 16.55 inches

	Hi	Lo	Cond.		Hi	Lo	Cond.		Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	45	40	cloudy	El Paso	52	43	rain	Midland	43	38	rain
Amarillo	38	30	frz rain	Fort Stockton	46	41	cloudy	Raymondville	72	59	pt sunny
Austin	54	44	windy	Gainesville	52	37	cloudy	Rosenberg	65	45	cloudy
Beaumont	65	43	cloudy	Greenville	55	38	cloudy	San Antonio	58	48	windy
Brownsville	73	62	rain	Houston	65	45	cloudy	San Marcos	56	44	windy
Brownwood	48	40	cloudy	Kingsville	69	55	windy	Sulphur Springs	55	38	cloudy
Corpus Christi	67	55	windy	Livingston	62	39	cloudy	Sweetwater	43	40	cloudy
Corsicana	57	39	cloudy	Longview	56	38	cloudy	Tyler	57	39	cloudy
Dallas	54	41	cloudy	Lubbock	39	34	rain	Weatherford	48	37	cloudy
Del Rio	58	48	cloudy	Lufkin	61	39	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	48	38	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	59	30	mst sunny	Houston	65	45	cloudy	Phoenix	72	53	pt sunny
Boston	55	33	rain	Los Angeles	66	53	mst sunny	San Francisco	62	50	mst sunny
Chicago	42	27	sunny	Miami	83	70	mst sunny	Seattle	57	41	mst sunny
Dallas	54	41	cloudy	Minneapolis	39	27	sunny	St. Louis	47	27	mst sunny
Denver	42	31	mixed	New York	55	34	windy	Washington, DC	53	31	windy

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Nov 9	Nov 17	Nov 23	Nov 30

UV Index

Thu 11/13	Fri 11/14	Sat 11/15
2	3	2
Minimal	Low	Minimal

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

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