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Home of Fred Ramirez

By Cogdell board...

Hospital assisted living policies are approved

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Policies and procedures for the assisted living floor at Cogdell Memorial Hospital were approved during this morning's meeting of the hospital board of managers.

Tracey Williamson of the hospital's social services department told the board that the hospital has made application for an assisted living license, and the staff is making preparations for two inspections required before a license is issued.

Williamson said when completed, there would be space for 24 patients.

Williamson said the floor had been licensed for acute care, but was not up to date in its requirements for such.

"When I took over the fourth floor, it was 12 years behind in health care regulations," said Williamson.

The basic monthly charges for the unit when complete will be $70 to $130 per day, depending on the amount of assistance a person requires.

"This will not include telephones, televisions, or other supplies," said Williamson, noting the previous cost was $99 per day.

"And we supplied everything," she said. "We were striving to be the best place in town, but we were also the cheapest in town."

Other changes noted by Williamson is that meals will now be served buffet style, and a washer and dryer has been added for residents to do their own laundry if they so desire.

Board member Dink Foree questioned Williamson on why it had taken so long to change from the old designation to the assisted living status.

"You said you found out in 2001 that we were not in compliance, why did it take so long to change," questioned Foree.

Williamson replied that she was told the hospital was waiting on its sole community provider status that was received in October.

"The previous board was told that assisted living was being looked at as a revenue stream," said Foree. "This other information was never brought to us."

"It will eventually be a money-maker," said Williamson. "Making the fourth floor assisted living was the right choice."

The vote on policies and procedures was unanimous.

Action on the geriatric psychiatric program was tabled at the suggestion of Nick Blythe.

"I suggest we table action on this until we get other issues solved, including the appointment of a permanent administrator."

Jean Hataway of the hospital's accounting office gave the financial report.

"As of today, we have $507,000 even after the payroll was covered," said Hataway, noting the hospital received a large Medicare payment on Monday.

In the administrative report presented by acting administrator Cheryl Chance, she noted that Teresa Stahl had been appointed alternate administrator for the home health unit.

As the board took a break before going into a closed session to consult with attorneys, board chairman Carl Williams expressed his appreciation to the staff for its work during the change of administrators.

"I would like to personally thank Cheryl and all the managers for stepping up at this time," said Williams.

The board went into executive session at 8:15 and reconvened in open session at 9:35 a.m.

All members were present and Carl Williams presided.

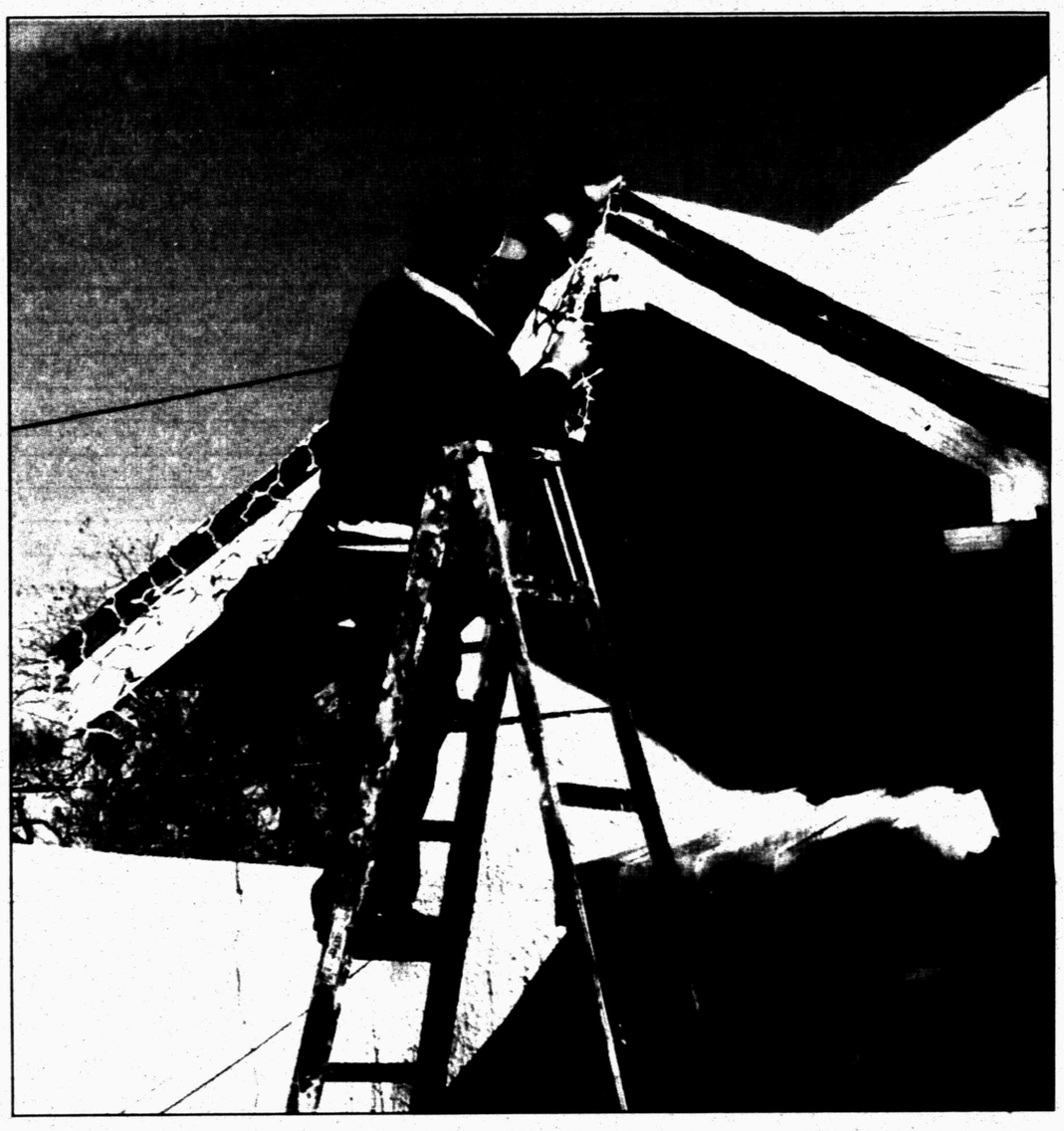
Monday afternoon, the administrative transition committee conducted a conference telephone call with a representative of TORCH – the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospital Hospitals concerning an interim financial officer and administrator.

The committee agreed that the first position that needed to be filled was that of a financial officer.

Chance and Blythe also were at the meeting and concurred with the board's thoughts on that matter.

As a result, the board posted an agenda for an emergency meeting at 2 this afternoon to contract with TORCH in order to have an interim CFO at the hospital beginning Monday.

Committee members are Charles Church, Terry Williams and Bo Robinson.



YULETIDE EXPRESSIONS – Expressions of Christmas are appearing all over the community. Duane Seay rises to new heights to light his home on Ave. W with Christmas cheer. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If you overeat on Thanksgiving Day, you can be thankful that you don't have to eat it the next day."

Somebody sent us this Thanksgiving poem:

'Twas the night of Thanksgiving,
But I just couldn't sleep
I tried counting backwards,
I tried counting sheep.

The leftovers beckoned —
The dark meat and white
But I fought the temptation
With all of my might.

Tossing and turning
With anticipation
The thought of a snack
Became infatuation.

So, I raced to the kitchen,
Flung open the door
And gazed at the fridge,
Full of goodies galore.

I gobbled up turkey
And buttered potatoes,
Pickles and carrots,
Beans and tomatoes.

I felt myself swelling
So plump and so round
'Til all of a sudden,
I rose off the ground.

I crashed through the ceiling.
Floating into the sky
With a mouthful of pudding
And a handful of pie.

But, I managed to yell
As I soared past the trees...
Happy eating to all —
Pass the cranberries, please.

May your stuffing be tasty.
May your turkey be plumb.
May your potatoes 'n gravy
Have nary a lump.

May your yams be delicious
May your pies take the prize,
May your Thanksgiving dinner
Stay off of your thighs.

Happy Thanksgiving!

And if you are really looking for something for which to be thankful, consider this:

Those B1 bombers who fly over Snyder all the time are on our side.

Thanksgiving holidays begin for all students

The holiday begins.

Students at Western Texas College begin their Thanksgiving break today. The dorms will close at 2 p.m. and will reopen at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Snyder schools also dismissed today in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Students will not return to class until Monday.

Both Hermleigh and Ira schools will dismiss classes at 3:30 p.m. today and will also be out of school until Monday.

The post offices in Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh will close in observance of Thanksgiving on Thursday, but will reopen on Friday.

City hall and the Scurry County courthouse will be closed both Thursday and Friday.

The Scurry County Library will be closed Thursday through Sunday.

The city landfill will have a revised schedule. The landfill will close Thanksgiving Day, but will reopen on Friday. It will then be closed on Saturday and resume normal hours on Monday.

Plan now for increase...

Natural gas prices to go up

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

If predictions come true, natural gas and propane customers could see a rise in heating costs this winter.

According to the office of State Sen. Jeff Wentworth, some Texans could pay an increase up to 55 percent.

"To ease the effects of higher natural gas prices, residential customers should lower thermostats when out of the house. Energy use also may be decreased by weatherizing the house with better weather stripping, installing storm windows and doors, insulating water heaters and caulking around door and window openings," he said.

In Snyder, paying to keep warm will be no exception. To ensure that customers are not caught by surprise, TXU gas is sending out a notice in its November gas bills. Also included in this notice are energy-saving recommendations and information about TXU Average Billing, a free service that makes bills more predictable every month.

"Providing reliable service at a reasonable cost is out commitment to our customers," said Randell Ward, TXU Gas manager.

"Natural gas prices, just as with any other commodity, are subject to supply and demand. Over the past few years, we as a nation have not seen a significant increase in our supply as demand has increased," he said.

TXU Gas manages the cost of natural gas through a mix of long-term contracts, purchases on the spot market and placing natural gas in storage for use during peak winter days.

"This minimizes the impact of price changes on our customers and ensures that we have an ample supply of natural gas," said Ward.

While there are many methods for bill management, conserving natural gas use is key to keeping the cost low.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs provides energy assistance and help with winterizing homes.

In Scurry County, there are two organizations that are available for possible help with winterizing homes.

The Rural Development office in Abilene offers help to qualified applicants. The agency's number is 690-6162. Also, the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging, 672-8544, is available for assistance with weatherization.

Ward says that the TXU office in Snyder encourages customers who are interested in average billing to come by their office or call 1-800-460-3030.

Johnson top contest winner

Michael Johnson of 3106 Ave. K was the top prize winner in last week's SDN Football Contest. With just three misses, Johnson grabbed the $50 prize money.

Second and third places were determined from a field of seven with four misses each. The tie-breaker procedure determined the order of finish.

Rhonda Maytubby of 3609 44th won second place and $25.

Pat Hudgins of 1102 E. 17th in Colorado City took third prize of $15.

Another contest appears in today's edition.

As an extra bonus, those entering the football contest this week will be eligible for a drawing for Texas Tech basketball tickets.

To be given away are four tickets to the Red Raider-UTEP game on Dec. 3. Also available are two tickets to the Lady Raiders' game against Wyoming on Dec. 6.

Former officer found not guilty

DALLAS (AP) — A former Dallas narcotics officer was found not guilty today of charges that he lied about a scheme in which drug informants planted fake drugs on people, sending dozens of innocent immigrants to jail.

Former Senior Cpl. Mark De La Paz was the arresting officer in several cases that were dismissed after tests revealed the purported drugs were actually gypsum powder or other legal substances.

Jurors deliberated five hours beginning Monday afternoon before reaching their verdict.

De La Paz had been charged with five counts of deprivation of rights under the color of law and one count of making false statements to federal officials. He could have received up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

Prosecutors had alleged De La Paz lied in arrest warrants about seeing drug transactions take place between four innocent Mexican immigrants and confidential informants.

Prosecutors also charged De La Paz with lying to a Dallas County assistant district attorney and an FBI agent about seeing the drug transactions.

Paul Coggins, De La Paz's defense attorney, said he rested the defense after calling just one witness because he knew the government had not proved its case.

ASK US

Q—Since school offices will be closed for Thanksgiving, will there be other places to buy tickets early for the Snyder-Wylie game?

A—KSNY will sell tickets until 5 p.m. today and until noon Wednesday and Friday.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Nancy Bowlin...

...a native of Borden County, has been a resident of Snyder for 23 years. She traveled extensively for many years before retiring and moving to Snyder. She and her husband, Gene, enjoy hunting and camping. Nancy also enjoys quilting.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small package.

—Ben Franklin

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Senior Center dance

The Prowlers will play at the Senior Citizens Center dance at 6:30 this evening.

Genealogical Society to meet

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 tonight in the county library. The program is "Martin Preuitt Jr. and the Revolutionary Battle of King's Mountain." Visitors are welcome.

Poinsettia sale

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

VFW auxiliary meeting

The VFW Auxiliary Post 8231 will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the post home. Members are urged to attend.

Deadline for Tiger's Lair

The deadline for senior dedications in the Tiger's Lair Yearbook is Monday. A message of up to 35 words, a picture and $45 should be mailed to SHS Student Publications, 2901 37th. Call 574-6138 for more information.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Making the Most of It," followed by "The King Who Played the Fool."

Ira School photos

The following Ira students will be photographed next Tuesday: K-11 retakes and new students. Also, class favorites 6-12; junior and high school basketball. Group pictures (and officers): Junior and high school FFA, FCA, NHS, Student Council. Envelopes for basketball pictures and retakes will be passed out on Monday.

Ira 2004 calendars

Ira's junior class is selling 2004 calendars featuring students from K-12. Cost is $10. Contact sponsors Vicki Flowers or Ron Baker at 573-2628 for orders. Deadline is Dec. 4 for Christmas delivery.

Sophomore family night out

Sophomore family night out will be Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Spanish Inn. You must present your coupon with your receipt. For more information, call Lynette Cooper at 573-1558.

G/T parents meeting

A meeting for parents of gifted and talented students will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the West Elementary auditorium.

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 Towle Park from 4-6 p.m. the same day. Anyone interested in having a booth in the park may call 573-9811.

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.

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.

Early Head Start's new building

Scurry Community Services invite you to the grand opening of Scurry County Early Head Start's new building at 2802 Second St. from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

LVN testing dates

Testing dates at WTC for LVN ASSET will be 1:30 p.m. on 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.

WTC spring pre-registration

Pre-registration at WTC continues through Dec. 12. Students should call or go by the counseling center to make an appointment. The number is 573-8511, ext. 313. Students who have not passed THEA (formerly TASP) and are in DRE, DMT and DEN classes must wait until grades are posted.

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.

Extra cookbooks available

Extra Home for the Holidays cookbooks can be purchased at the Scurry County Extension Office for $5 each.

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.

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.

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.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Gun used for protection stops suspect

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — An Arkansas man knew his parents were in trouble long before they faced down an Oklahoma murder suspect on an East Texas road.

Samuel Peebles Jr. had seen the "Most Wanted" photos of Scott James Eizember. He knew someone had tried to call Eizember's former girlfriend from his mother's cell phone.

He also knew what Eizember did not — that Dr. Samuel and Suzanne Peebles never traveled without a gun. They kept it for protection.

"It's something we do here in the South," the younger Peebles said Monday.

For 37 days, Eizember had been the subject of a manhunt in northeast Oklahoma. He was accused of killing an elderly Depew, Okla., couple, beating another woman and wounding a 16-year-old boy. Authorities described him as psychotic and expressed fears their suspect would kill again.

But the 54-year-old Nashville, Ark., emergency room doctor and his 50-year-old wife, a registered nurse, saw only someone in need when they came upon Eizember lying on or along a road near Waldron, Ark., Sunday afternoon. He appeared injured.

They did what people knew them to do in such situations — offered help, their son said.

"He has stopped and helped several people in accidents and car wrecks," Peebles said of his father.

After feigning injury and gaining access to the couple's van, he said, Eizember pulled a gun and forced the couple to drive south "toward Mexico, where he said he wanted to go."

He also made a call on the Peebles' cell phone — to his former girlfriend in Depew, Okla., the woman law officers believe he was stalking, Peebles Jr. said.

Eizember was suspected of killing A.J. and Patsy Cantrell on Oct. 18 to use their home to watch the neighboring home of Kathy Biggs' mother.

The call alerted law officers who contacted the Peebles' family to tell them they believed the couple had fallen into danger.

"We knew he had them, but we didn't know where they were," Peebles Jr. said.

The wait for news was agonizing.

Meanwhile, the younger Peebles said his father tried to reason with the couple's abductor. He finally persuaded Eizember to let him stop to use the restroom along a rural road in East Texas.

That's when the doctor grabbed the .22-caliber pistol his wife kept in the driver's side door panel.

He fired four shots, three of them striking Eizember, Peebles Jr. said. The fourth was a misfire.

Eizember lunged at Peebles, overpowering the 5-foot-8, 180-pound doctor, his son said. Peebles Sr. broke his thumb when he jammed it into Eizember's gun in an attempt to prevent it from going off.

The suspect beat the doctor in the head with his gun so hard the gun broke, authorities said. The suspect then turned on Mrs. Peebles and beat her.

Authorities caught up with a wounded Eizember about 10 miles away. Angelina County Sheriff Kent Henson said Eizember confessed to the slayings as well as the abduction of the Peebles.

The Peebles were treated and released at a Lufkin, Texas, hospital and spent a day recuperating at a hotel before returning home, their son said.

He called them heroes.

"We are so happy to have them coming home," Peebles Jr. said. "This is going to be one of our greatest Thanksgivings."

Surgeons complete second operation

NEW YORK (AP) — Surgeons on Monday cut and divided some of the major blood vessels shared by 19-month-old twin boys from the Philippines who are joined at the top of their heads.

Carl and Clarence Aguirre's brains also were gently pushed apart during a 51/2-hour operation at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx. It was the second major surgery for the twins in a monthslong procedure that should climax with their separation sometime next year.

Surgeons said the conjoined twins handled Monday's operation well and were taken to the pediatric intensive care unit to recover.

Lead surgeon James Goodrich said the final separation could be accomplished in the third or possibly fourth operation.

On the Net:
Montefiore Medical Center, http://www.montefiore.org

Kiwanis/Goodfellows

Scurry County families may apply for Kiwanis/Goodfellow food donations by filling out this form. The deadline to apply is December 6th. Applications should be mailed to Kiwanis/Goodfellows, P.O. Drawer 112, Snyder, Texas, 79550

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1944, 160 department store shoppers in England were killed by a German V-2 rocket.

On this day in 1952, "The Mousetrap," an Agatha Christie mystery, opened at the Ambassadors Theatre in London. More than 10 million people have since seen the production, which holds the record for the longest continuously running play in history.

On this day in 1963, John F. Kennedy was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919), tycoon and philanthropist; Virgil Thomson (1896-1989), composer and music critic; Joe DiMaggio (1914-1999), baseball great; John Larroquette (1947-), actor, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1950, the Michigan Wolverines and Ohio State Buckeyes played in the driving snow in a game that would later be dubbed "Snow Bowl."

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Too many kids today are playing major league ball and don't belong there." — Joe DiMaggio

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Nov. 23) and first quarter (Nov. 30)

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TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Monday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 8-10-12-18-20.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $45,114.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Quick Way Grocery & Washateria, 11722 Cullen.

Matching four of five: 177. Prize: $115.

Matching three of five: 5,272. Prize: $8.

Matching two of five: 49,705. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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The County will fund the hospital with $395,000 (indigent care) and $358,000 (payment on bond for improvements) each year.

This has been in the budget for the past two years and will be in the budget for the coming years without any increase in taxes at the present value.

A Hospital District will have to raise taxes to operate at a minimum of 20¢ per $100 valuation.

A Hospital District will not have any tax money until late 2005. It will have to borrow money to finance operations until tax money is available.

The Hospital Board is now obligated to find a new CEO and Financial Officer.

The board must instruct and stay on top of a new fiscal direction for Cogdell Hospital.

A county owned hospital will receive its operation funds from the county (ie $753,000 yearly).

No new taxes.

VOTE NO

Pd. by Bob Bell, Chairman for Citizens Against Hospital District Committee

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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK — In celebration of Children's Book Week, Scurry County librarians planned an evening "PJ" storytime Thursday. Children wore their pajamas and brought their sleep toy with them. Librarians read books and led learning activities. Rasjha Daniel Ravon, 8, left; Tyler Williams, 7, center; and Julian Murillo, 3, listen to a story read to them by children's librarian, Linda Jones. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

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Beyond Thanksgiving....

Giving thanks to God for the many blessings He gives us which we do not deserve is right and good. I Thessalonians 5: 16-18 contains a short list of the will of God for every Christian. First, we are told to "rejoice always." Second, we hear Paul saying, "pray without ceasing." Finally, the Scripture says, "In everything give thanks." This is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus, Paul goes on to write. God wants us to rejoice, pray and give thanks all of the time. It is a great antidote to a critical and complaining spirit, but it also is simply right in the eyes of God. It is what He wants us to do and what we need to do.

To stop and give thanks to God as a nation is a most excellent thing to do. It is surely one of our best national traditions. But before we congratulate ourselves on being a part of country that does give thanks to God, it is good to ask one question. Do we really give thanks to God for all that he has done for us and given us? In Luke 12: 48 we read these words from Jesus:

> From everyone who have been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

Of all the people in the world, we are the people who have been given much. God gave His Son for the whole world, John 3:16. He has showered down on us material blessings far beyond what He has given anyone else. What will we do with them? How will we respond to all that God has given? Beyond giving thanks, will we serve Him and live for Him? That is really what He is seeking. That is why Jesus died, II Corinthians 5: 14, 15. Will we respond with love and obedience to the marvelous gifts of God, or will we simply give God a nod and feel proud that we did?

Dale Huff

Bridge

by Phillip Alder

North 11-25-03
♠ Q 4 3
♥ A K J
♦ A Q J
♣ K J 10 9

West
♠ J 10 9 7 6
♥ 10 8 5 4 2
♦ 7 4
♣ 4

East
♠ 8
♥ Q 9
♦ 9 8 6 5 3
♣ 7 6 5 3 2

South
♠ A K 5 2
♥ 7 6 3
♦ K 10 2
♣ A Q 8

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	7 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003

It may show up late in the day

By Phillip Alder

Raymond Chandler wrote, "The law isn't justice. It's a very imperfect mechanism. If you press exactly the right buttons and are also lucky, justice may show up in the answer."

At the bridge table, if you play the right cards, sometimes you get justice — you make or break the contract. But sometimes whatever you do is doomed to failure. Then your primary feeling will probably be frustration.

To avoid frustration on this deal, you must maintain concentration throughout — you can do it! How would you plan the play in seven no-trump after West leads the spade jack?

North used two doses of Gerber to check that the partnership had all the aces and kings. Then he hoped they also had 13 winners.

South could see 12 tricks: three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and four clubs. It seemed as though he needed to find either spades 3-3 or the heart finesse working. But there was one other possibility.

South won the opening lead in hand and played a spade to dummy's queen. East's club discard was a blow, but declarer didn't panic. He cashed dummy's heart ace, ran the minor-suit winners, discarding a heart from hand on the fourth club, and played a spade to his king.

The deal had counted out, and everyone had two cards left. South held a spade and a heart. Dummy retained the king-jack of hearts. West had had to keep his spade winner, so when declarer led his last heart and saw that West's remaining card was not the heart queen, he went up with dummy's king, dropping — justifiably? — the queen offside.

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Holiday grief needs special help

The holidays are normally a time of celebration, but for someone experiencing the recent loss of a loved one, this time can be overwhelming. Sometimes anticipation of a holiday can be more difficult than the arrival of the day itself.

For help managing your grief or the grief of loved ones during this season, VITAS Innovative Hospice Care, the nation's leading provider of hospice services, offers this advice:

Plan ahead. Be realistic about how you can enjoy the holidays with friends and family. Ask them for help.

Don't be afraid to retire some cherished traditions and begin new ones. Let the children decorate. Open presents the night before. Burn a candle in honor of your absent loved one.

Draw comfort from doing something for others, such as giving a donation in memory of your loved one or inviting a dinner guest who would otherwise be alone.

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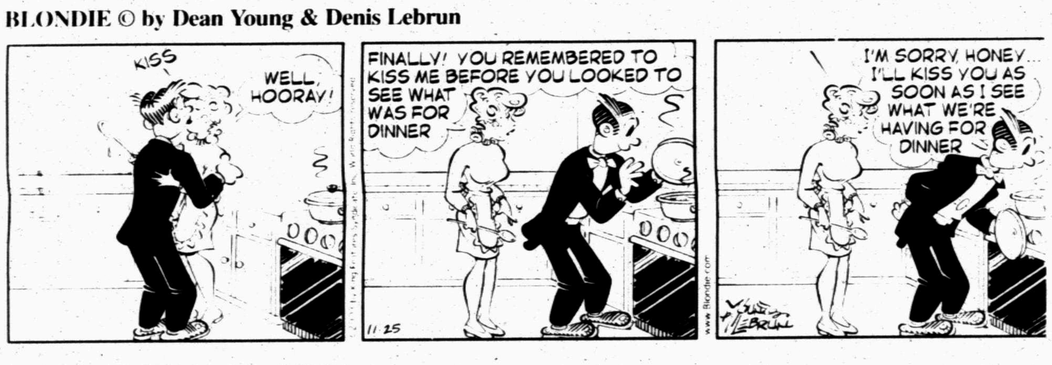

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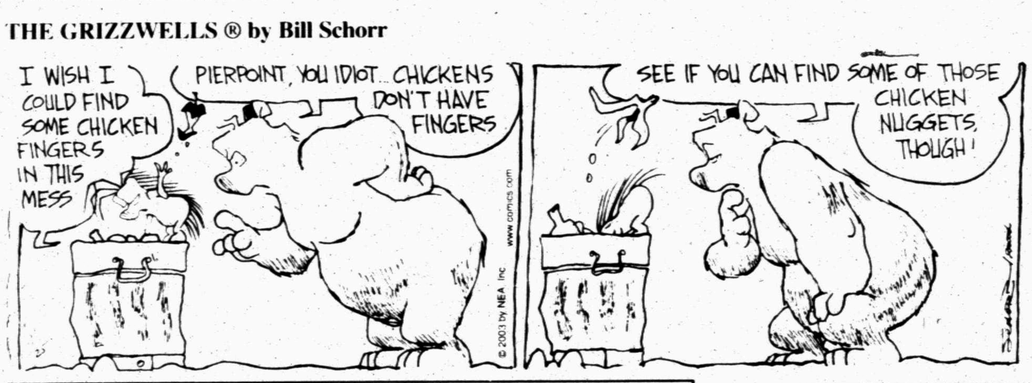

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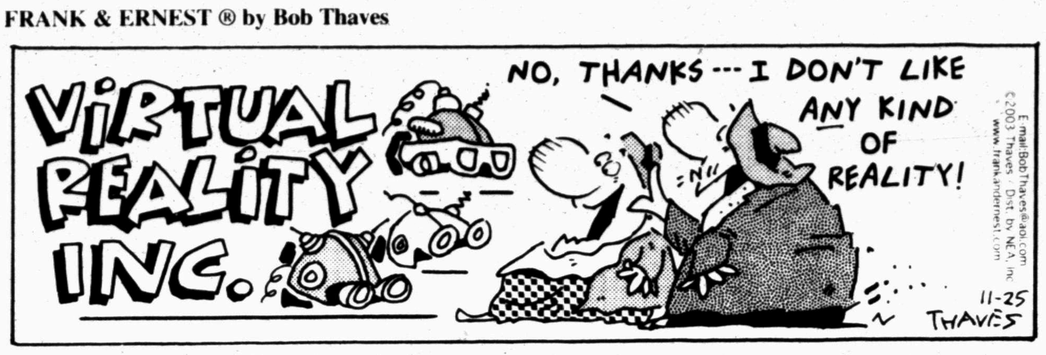

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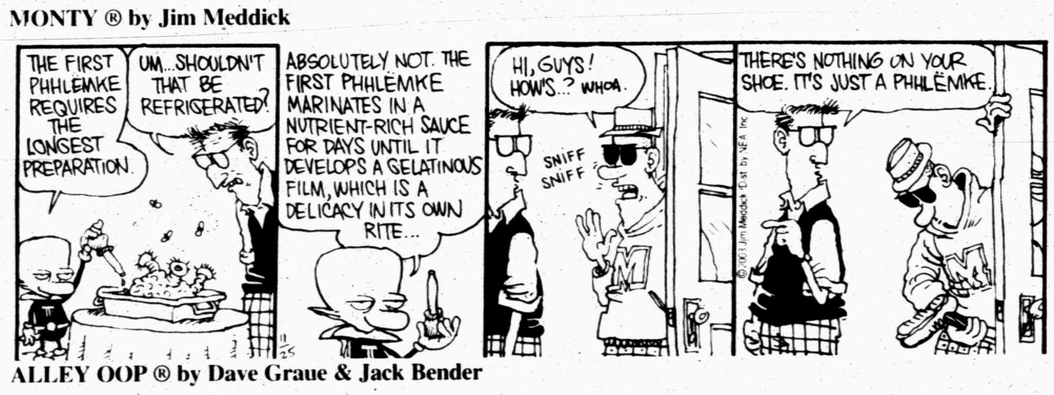

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8 "My gal" of song
11 Burning
12 Off in the distance
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15 Nonflying bird
16 Zilch
17 Decays
18 Hardtop
20 Pop
21 Sparkplug feature
23 Mattress problem
24 Tan color
27 Annapolis inst.
29 Candied item
32 Thorny shrub
33 Ed Asner's — Grant
34 Lumberjack's tool
35 Dallas cager
36 Carry
37 Fitzgerald of jazz
38 High peak
39 No longer hungry
40 Prom attendee
41 Weaken
42 Feminine principle
44 Blows gently
47 — longlegs
51 Submit
52 A famous Henry
55 Historical period
56 Ship's bottom
57 Hard facts
58 Like valleys
59 Wind dir.
60 Lady's honorific
61 RN helper

DOWN

1 Percent endings
2 Ten cents
3 Tire feature
4 Huge flower
5 All — — sudden
6 Naughty
7 Lingerie item
8 Shoulder gesture
9 Love, to Pedro
10 Many
14 JFK visitor
19 The chills
20 Pasture sound
22 Stop (2 wds.)
23 Cozily
24 Ms. Bombeck
25 Ember
26 Invitation addendum
28 Vital force
29 Ivy League school
30 Wheel joiner
31 Stingy
37 Long-active volcano
39 Scale notes
41 Panache
43 Common phrase
44 Stir-fry pan
45 What Ali stung like (2 wds.)
46 Charges
48 Hollow
49 Let fall
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52 Vigor's partner
53 Claire or Balin
54 "— — tree falls ..."

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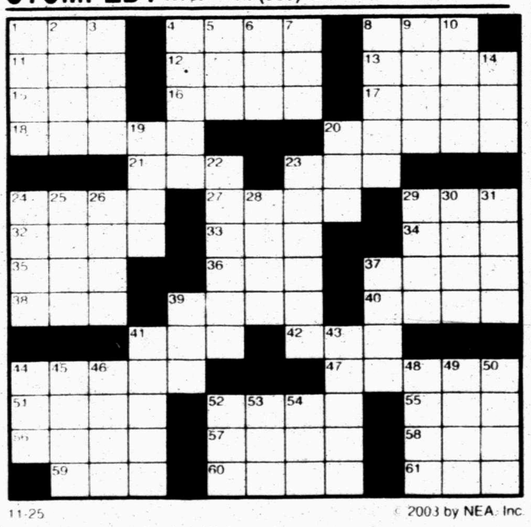

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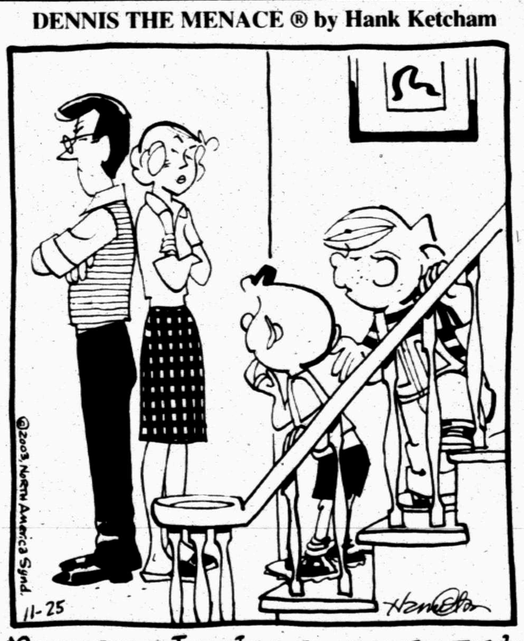

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SPORTS

Ladies take charge early; Monterey pummels boys

The Lady Tigers got four three-pointers from Erin Burleson in the first quarter, racing to a 16-5 lead that stood up for a 61-46 pasting of visiting Clyde.

Burleson led the way for Snyder with 26 points, 14 of which she hit in the decisive opening period, as the Lady Tigers' defense harassed Clyde's ball handlers into turnovers which they converted into transition points.

Burleson also connected on five of six from the free-throw line.

The Lady Tigers (2-1) took a 31-12 lead into the locker room at halftime, allowing several players to contribute minutes and points.

Sirena Medrano scored six of her 11 points in the third period, and Stacey Williamson hit five free throws and a field goal to add seven points.

Teddi Crenwelge and Sarah Henson combined for nine points inside, while Terann Ragland and Jordan Stansell added three each.

Emily Jones and Anna Henson each hit a free throw for the Lady Tigers, who will travel to Frenship tonight in the last game of the week. Tip-off is scheduled for 6.

The freshmen slipped past Big Spring, 60-56, Monday behind 22 points from Candace Chandler and 19 from Katy Crenwelge.

Monterey 66, Snyder 28

After a solid opening quarter, the Snyder Tigers were shut out in the second period by Lubbock Monterey, which cruised to a 66-28 win Monday.

Snyder led, 15-12, at the end of the first period, before Monterey turned up the intensity in the second quarter, according to Snyder head coach Bud Birks.

"They got more physical defensively and offensively," he said. "Instead of being tough with the ball, we let them take it from us. They are bigger and stronger than us, but we've got to do better."

Birks said Monterey forced the Tigers (0-3) out of their offense, resulting in poor shot selection.

"Once they got after us, we started taking what I call 'degree of difficulty' shots," he said.

Lee Scott led all players with 14 points, including six from behind the arc.

Austin Hatfield had seven and Cade Simpson hit a trey in the loss.

The freshmen moved to 1-1 on the season with a 51-47 triumph over their Monterey counterparts.

Ryan Mitchell had a game-high 17, while Tagaba Kyei and Stetson Kincheloe added 10 each.

The Tigers host Big Spring at 7:30 tonight, and Birks said he wants to see some resilience from his team.

"I want to see us respond, be tough and get after it, and not back down," he said.

TRAFFIC JAM — Snyder Lady Tiger Erin Burleson looks for a way out against Clyde's Brooke Howard during the first quarter of Monday's game. Burleson scored 14 points in the opening quarter to lift Snyder to a 61-46 win. (SDN Staff Photo)

SJHS boys split with Steers

The Snyder Junior High cagers split with Big Spring Monday, with the Gold teams emerging victorious.

The seventh-grade Gold team got 10 points from Riley Davis in a 31-23 win over the Steers. Jared Cave and Tony Perales scored six each, Jesse Conner added four, Gage West contributed three and Emmanuel Hernandez had two.

The eighth-grade Gold squad used 15 points from Lance Day to crush Big Spring, 48-25. Brent Bollinger and Ryan Claxton posted seven points apiece, while Dustin Murdock and Blane Knipe had six each.

Brooks Gafford and Travis Hatfield both added three points, and Allen Jones knocked down a free-throw attempt.

The Black clubs lost a pair of close games to the Steers.

The seventh-graders were unable to capitalize on Gabriel Acosta's 17 points in the 32-24 loss. Josh Sorrells had three points, and Kenneth Turner and Brian Thompson each chipped in two.

The eighth-grade squad got 10 points from James Simmons and eight from Chad Franks in falling to Big Spring, 35-27.

Josh Ornales scored five and Ryan Gonzales pumped in four points.

All the junior high teams will break for the holidays, before hosting Andrews at 5 p.m. Monday.

Warren Spahn dies at 82

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. (AP) — Warren Spahn stood up to Casey Stengel when he was 21 and fought against Germany a year later. Then, he returned to the major leagues and won 363 games after his 25th birthday.

The man was tough, pitching professionally for 24 seasons in an era when pitchers routinely completed games on three days rest.

Spahn, the winningest left-hander in baseball history and a leader of the dominant Milwaukee Braves teams of the late 1950s, died at his Broken Arrow home Monday, family members said. He was 82.

"He was a hard-headed, hard-nosed, loving man," said Niki Spahn, his granddaughter. "He was the strongest man I ever met."

The Hall of Famer baffled batters with his high leg kick and teamed with Johnny Sain in the famous "Spahn and Sain and pray for rain" tandem.

Spahn helped pitch the Braves to a 1957 World Series championship and National League pennants in 1948 and 1958. A 14-time All-Star, Spahn won 20 games 13 times, tying Christy Matthewson for the most in NL history.

Spahn was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1973, his first year of eligibility, receiving nearly 83 percent of the votes. Spahn led the NL in victories eight times, including five seasons in a row from 1957-61, and led the league in strikeouts from 1949-52.

"Warren Spahn was a fighter and a winner," said New York Yankees manager Joe Torre, who played with Spahn for the Braves. "He made catching in the big leagues a lot easier for me because he took me under his wing along with Lew Burdette."

Spahn's big league career began in 1942, but had a three-year hiatus marked by a demotion from Stengel and service in World War II. Over 21 seasons, Spahn played with the Boston and Milwaukee Braves, the San Francisco Giants and New York Mets.

He pitched no-hitters against Philadelphia on Sept. 15, 1960, and against San Francisco the following April 28. He pitched an NL-record 5,243 2-3 innings and hit 35 homers, a league record for pitchers.

He completed 382 of 665 starts and had 2,583 strikeouts.

"He is one of the greatest pitchers in the history of the game," commissioner Bud Selig said. "More importantly, he was my friend. I will miss him."

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Defense leads Bucs past Giants

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers hope winning will make questions about Keyshawn Johnson go away.

"We've got a run we know we can make, and it started today," cornerback Ronde Barber said after the Super Bowl champions revived their playoff hopes with a 19-13 victory over the New York Giants on Monday night.

"I hope we can remember this feeling," Barber added. "It has been a long time since we tasted success, and we finally got one."

The Bucs (5-6) snapped a three-game losing streak in their first outing since Johnson was deactivated for the rest of the season because of differences with coach Jon Gruden, who decided the star receiver had become disruptive in the locker room.

Charles Lee, one of the receivers getting more playing time because of Johnson's absence, scored on a 53-yard reception. He finished with five catches for 91 yards — not bad for a guy who didn't have any this season before Monday night.

Brad Johnson threw for 269 yards and one touchdown. Tampa Bay's defense did its part, too, forcing four turnovers by Kerry Collins and sacking the Giants quarterback three times.

Thomas Jones scored on a 1-yard run and Martin Gramatica finished a long, second-half drive with a 21-yard field goal.

"We didn't make big mistakes, not a lot of penalties on offense, we had a lot of turnovers on defense, which always helps us," Barber said. "We played more fundamental ball. That's the bottom line."

The loss was the third straight, and sixth in eight games, for New York (4-7), which watched its playoff prospects all but disappear with five games remaining.

Still, coach Jim Fassel and his players haven't abandoned hope of salvaging the season.

"We'll keep fighting. We're not out of it yet," said Giants running back Tiki Barber, Ronde's twin brother. "We're not the type of team, the type of players who will quit on a season. We'll keep going forward."

Tampa Bay's defense redeemed itself after yielding winning drives the previous three weeks. John Lynch's interception with under four minutes helped ensure the outcome after Frank Walker returned an interception 56 yards for a touchdown to trim New York's deficit to 17-13 with just under 13 minutes to go.

HJHS places fourth in Trent hoops tourney

The Hermleigh Junior High Cardinals dropped a one-point game to Merkel to open the Trent Junior High tournament, 26-25, before getting bounced by Trent in the third-place game.

Brett McClure led the junior high Cards with nine points in the game. Jeremy Eaton and Derek Anderson recorded five each, while J.P. Smith, Sean McClure and Julian Fuentes added two apiece.

McClure led the Cards with five points in the Cards' 27-17 loss to Trent. Eaton, Smith, Anderson, Taylor Beaty and Dustin Dacus all added two points.

McClure was named to the all-tournament team.

The Hermleigh Junior High girls also finished in fourth place at the tournament.

The team fell to Merkel, 33-20, in the opener, despite 13 points from K'Ana Garcia.

The junior high ladies then fell to Roscoe in the third-place contest, 42-10.

Brailee Sanchez had four points, Casey Williamson put in three, Lauren Zamora contributed two and Marissa Davis hit one free throw for the squad.

8th grade girls stop Big Spring

The eighth-grade girls 'A' team used a total team effort to top Big Spring, 39-19, Monday.

Every player scored and six players pulled in rebounds as the junior high Lady Tigers got off to a winning start to the season.

Audrey Jones led the team with 11 point and seven boards, While Caylea Rhodes and Alex Urias each had six points, four rebounds and a steal.

"The girls played good team ball. We had some good looks to the bucket and our press defense is coming along," coach Canita Rhodes said.

Kelly Holdren added six points and three rebounds for the winners. She also posted a steal.

Jordan Derryberry chipped in with two points and four boards, while Allison Sharrock hit a field goal and grabbed a rebound.

Devin Davidson hit for six points for the team, which will

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Your Birthday

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003
A number of beneficial happenings could come your way in the year ahead with little or no effort expended on your part. However, you mustn't get careless about them and think your luck has a never-ending source.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Early on you may have to distinguish between being assertive or merely aggressive. If you start ordering people around, it could incite a rebellion and ruin what should have been a great day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Opportunities (or other things that come easy for you today) must be properly utilized and not squandered. Beware of sidetrack developments that could take you off course.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Get your chores out of the way early today, no matter how distasteful they may be. Fun involvements could be in store for you, and you'll not want to be burdened with duties.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Do not be lackadaisical today regarding matters that affect your career. You could be missing out on an extremely lucky happening that could prove to be quite valuable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Consider the long-range benefits from a matter instead of merely today's happenings before you chuck anything. Smooth roads may have a chance to replace that bump in the road you're now experiencing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Although you may feel you're under obligation to someone, that person may not feel the same way. Listen to a friend who is trying to point out that fact to you today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be realistic concerning a matter you're in the middle of negotiating today and you won't be disappointed. Without honest equality, the entire bargaining situation could fall flat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be sure to show proper acknowledgement and gratitude early on to those who pitch in and work at your side today. With everyone feeling good about themselves, the work will go smoother.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't push a change of plans onto your peers today that they don't willingly want to go along with. The more gracious you are, the happier the day will become.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Much to your dismay you'll discover right off the bat today that wishful thinking could induce needless trouble and unhappiness. Use good judgment and it'll be another story.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If intentions were graded, we'd all walk away with high marks, but unfortunately, they aren't. If you don't wish to fail today, be a producer instead of merely a talker full of empty promises.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Lady Luck is working on your behalf today where your material interests are concerned. However, if you're a poor steward of what she generates, it will all count for nothing.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm very concerned about the sodium content of processed foods. Canned soups, freeze-dried vegetables and frozen dinners are particularly notorious in this regard.

When I pointed this out to a young mother who was shopping in a supermarket and stocking up on these products, she angrily retorted, "My kids love them!" Are we, as a society, being set up for blood pressure, cardiac and kidney problems as adults?

DEAR READER: Possibly. I share your concern about the high salt content of processed foods. For hypertensive patients (who may not read labels), such products are more than unhealthful — they are downright dangerous, because people with high blood pressure must avoid excess dietary salt.

I can't predict the consequences of excessive salt intake in today's youngsters. Clearly, some of them will develop hypertension. But others may have no complications whatsoever — except that they will become accustomed to salty foods. This in itself could lead to problems as the children become adults. I would feel more comfortable — as I'm sure you would — if parents discouraged their children's consumption of excess dietary salt. Most food contains ample supplies of salt. We don't need to use saltshakers, and probably shouldn't. Likewise, overly salty foods (such as dill pickles, anchovies, salted nuts/pretzels/chips and processed frozen products) should be considered to be occasional treats, not nutritional necessities. Parents owe it to their children to teach them healthful diets, not simply provide stuff that tastes good and can set the stage for unhealthful dietary practices.

When many of my readers were growing up, they were told at the dinner table, "You can't have dessert until you have eaten your vegetables." Maybe we need to reconsider this prohibition for the current permissive parents who continue to encourage their kids to eat more and unwisely. The present epidemic of serious, pediatric overweight needs to be addressed in the home. And moderation in the intake of high-sodium junk food should be the first point of attack.

Thank you for writing and sharing your concerns.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Shame on you! You had no right to tell readers about Margaret Hamilton's living in a nursing home. Famous or not, she is entitled to privacy, even after her death.

DEAR READER: I believe that you have overreacted.

In the first place, her living arrangements were a matter of public record. In addition, I did not name the assisted living facility, discuss Mrs. Hamilton's health issues or break any confidences. Also, I had only high praise for her.

While I am well aware of patient privacy issues and I respect them, let's not carry them to extremes. If an elderly person receives mail in a nursing home, people are going to assume she lives there. In our information-overloaded modern culture, privacy considerations are, at best, relative.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I so enjoyed your column about Margaret Hamilton, the "Wicked Witch." It put a smile on my face and warmed my heart. What a wonderful experience to share with your readers!

DEAR READER: Now that's more like it. I'm glad I could brighten your day — without threatening patients' right to privacy.

Readers may write Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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AT&T Corp	19.86	19.66	19.85	+ .05
Albertsons	20.93	20.68	20.77	— .08
Alltel	44.79	44.51	44.73	+ .07
AmEl Pw	27.55	27.38	27.53	+ .08
AndarkPtr	45.01	44.68	44.93	— .17
ATMOS Egy	24.78	24.60	24.77	
Aviall	15.49	15.38	15.49	+ .13
BP PLC	42.72	42.47	42.60	— .35
BakerHughes	28.50	28.20	28.49	+ .13
Bank of Amer	75.04	74.60	75.02	+ .12
BellSouth	25.82	25.65	25.73	— .08
BurlNoSFe	29.60	29.11	29.59	+ .20
Caterpillar	75.10	73.60	74.97	+ 1.63
CenterPoint	9.66	9.57	9.60	+ .01
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Investigator: Lay, Skilling's neglect helped Enron to fail

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp.'s former top two executives as well as former directors, accountants and inside and outside attorneys are in "a circle of responsibility for Enron's financial demise" whether or not they are legally culpable, the bankruptcy court-appointed examiner concluded.

In his fourth and final report made public Monday, Neal Batson said sufficient evidence exists to prove former Enron chairman Kenneth Lay and former chief executive Jeffrey Skilling failed to adequately oversee Enron's use of financing methods to hide debt and inflate profits, which ultimately led to the energy company's collapse.

The 1,134-page report said "they failed to respond appropriately to the existence of 'red flags' indicating that certain senior officers" were misusing such transactions to distribute inaccurate financial statements.

The report, which culminates a 19-month investigation that has cost more than $85 million, also said Lay and Skilling neglected to sufficiently examine deals that involved partnerships once run by former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow, who faces 98 charges of money laundering, fraud, insider trading and other counts. Fastow has pleaded innocent and is slated for trial in April next year.

Neither Lay nor Skilling has been charged with any crimes, and both have consistently maintained they were unaware of any financial skullduggery.

Lay resigned about seven weeks after Enron went bankrupt in December 2001. Skilling resigned abruptly more than three months before the company failed, citing personal reasons.

Batson said the company could seek to force Lay and Skilling to repay millions of dollars in loans and spread that cash among creditors because the loans weren't approved by the entire board.

From May 1999 through October 2001, Lay borrowed $94 million from Enron and repaid it with company stock, the report said. In May 1999 Skilling repaid $2 million in loans with stock. Only the board's compensation committee allowed both to repay loans with stock, the report said.

"I am highly encouraged," said Michael Ramsey, one of Lay's attorneys. "There is no allegation of crime, no claim of intentional wrongdoing, and no assertion of fraud on the part of Ken Lay. After a nearly $100 million investigation, the bankruptcy examiner suggests only negligence, which we strongly deny."

Skilling's attorney, Bruce Hiler didn't immediately return a call for comment. Enron spokesman Eric Thode declined to comment on Batson's report.

Batson said Enron's culture drove officers to manipulate finances to pump up the stock price and ensure fat bonuses for meeting earnings targets — but they had plenty of help.

Outside accountants at Arthur Andersen LLP — convicted last year of obstruction of justice for destroying Enron-related documents — helped design accounting techniques to beautify Enron's books and failed to closely examine some deals, the report said.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Blast from husband's past sends up red flare for wife

DEAR ABBY: I am the third woman in my husband's life. "Don" had two loves before me. Last week, his first love, "Kristin," called him out of the blue and told him she'd had a horrible dream about him. She said she had awakened sobbing, convinced he had been severely injured or was in some kind of trouble. Kristin went on to say that she had looked him up on the Internet after her dream, and lo and behold, she'd discovered that he works only blocks away from her. She asked him to have lunch with her.

My sixth sense is usually excellent — and it is screaming that this gal is on the prowl. Her third marriage is shaky, and I believe she has my husband in her sights. Don disagrees. He says I should trust him; he hasn't seen her in 40 years and it would be a harmless lunch.

I say he would be starting down a slippery slope.

Don and I have been married 20 very happy years. Even though I trust Don that nothing physical will happen, I'm afraid old feelings will be rekindled.

Am I unreasonable in asking Don not to see this woman? — **SCARED ON THE EAST COAST**

DEAR SCARED: There is nothing unreasonable about telling your spouse that the sudden appearance of his first love has made you feel vulnerable. It's honest communication. According to my mail, it is not unusual for old flames to flare up again.

According to professor of psychology Dr. Nancy Kalish — author of "Lost and Found Lovers: Facts and Fantasies of Rekindled Romances" — such romances are wonderful for single, divorced and widowed men and women. The success rate for them is high, 72 percent overall.

However, in her original sample of more than 1,000 men and women, more than one-third of the reunions began while at least one of the people was married to someone else. Her ongoing research since the advent of the Internet and reunion Web sites reflects that that percentage has more than doubled. It should be noted that these people were not always "looking for trouble." What began as an innocent contact simply didn't remain that way. Half of those who said they'd had affairs said they'd had happy marriages and would never have cheated with anyone other than the person from the past.

Conclusion: Married men and women should know the risks before contacting an old love.

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DEAR ABBY: Six months ago I lost my wife of 18 years to cancer. I now feel ready to test the waters and begin dating. My problem is I don't know where to begin.

I am in my mid-40s, in good physical shape, and financially comfortable. However, my circle of friends is small, and Internet chat rooms and singles bars have no appeal for me.

Have you any suggestions for someone who wants companionship but doesn't know where to look? — **SINGLE IN SACRAMENTO**

DEAR SINGLE: The more people that know you are eligible and looking for a serious relationship, the quicker you will meet someone. Start letting people know that you are now ready to begin dating. Make a list of things that interest you — anything from cultural events, politics, charitable causes, bowling, square dancing, etc. — and get involved in some of them. All of them provide opportunities to meet new people.

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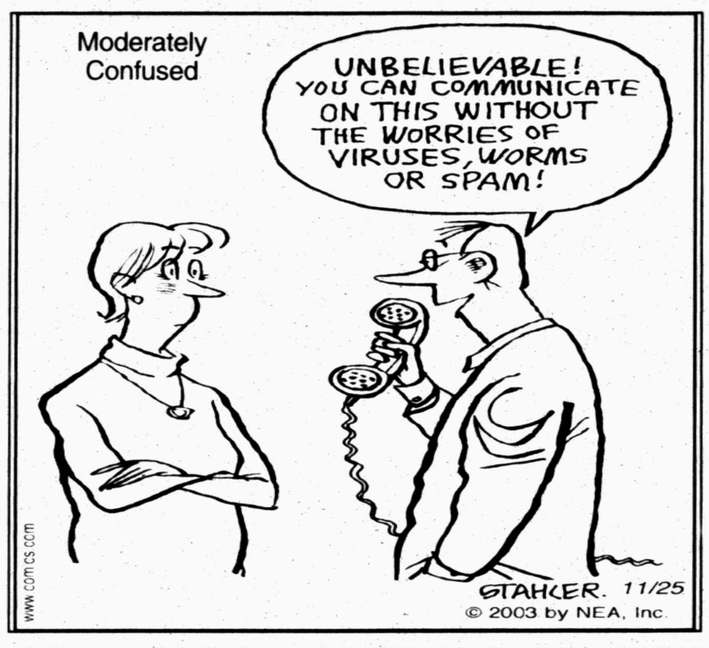

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2. $900,000.00, from the sole provider, will be paid on a discharged basis and this amount is dependent on the number of patients in these categories, so this figure is not carved in stone. The $753,000.00, payment by the county to the hospital, in 2004, if the district fails, will be paid in two payments. $395.000.00 will be for indigent care (the amount the county has given over the last several years,) and the remainder will be for payment on the bonds for the renovations.

3. **According to financial reports at the end of September, 2003, it was costing $51,000.00 per 24 hour period to keep the doors open. $395,000.00 will operate the hospital for 7.75 days.**

4. If you add $900,000.00 from the sole provider ship (if this is firm) and $753,000.00 from the county, if the district fails, and subtract it from the bad debt at the end of September, which was $1,900,00000, **that still leaves the hospital short for next year, 2004, by some $247,000.00**.

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Senate approves Medicare drug benefit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate gave final congressional approval today to the most sweeping changes to Medicare since its creation in 1965, including a new prescription drug benefit for 40 million older and disabled Americans. The 54-44 vote sends the bill to President Bush, who is eager to sign it into law.

Supporters said the $395 billion measure, which gives private insurers a large new role in health care for seniors, was a long overdue change for the 38-year-old Medicare program.

Drug coverage won't begin until 2006, although seniors next year will be able to purchase a drug discount card that officials said could reduce their pharmacy bills by 15 to 25 percent.

Seniors "will finally have the prescription drug coverage they need and the choices they deserve," Senate Majority Bill Frist of Tennessee said. "At the same time, it preserves traditional Medicare."

Democratic opponents complained that the bill was a giveaway to insurers and drug companies. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said it will dump seniors "in the cold arms of the HMOs."

While Frist and others called it a bipartisan vote, the tally fell largely along party lines. Forty-two Republicans, 11 Democrats and an independent backed the legislation. Nine conservative Republicans joined 35 Democrats in opposition.

The GOP-controlled House passed the bill near dawn on Saturday on a 220-215 vote, also split by party affiliation.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said Republicans would pay a price in coming elections because "seniors by an overwhelming margin oppose this legislation."

Republicans relished their political triumph on an issue that Democrats have long exploited in political campaigns.

Bush sees signing the bill as fulfilling both his and many lawmakers' campaign promises.

"Modernizing Medicare will make the system better and enable us to say to seniors we kept our promise," Bush said after visiting Army troops Monday at Fort Carson, Colo.

When the legislation made it through the Senate for the first time, in June, Daschle and Kennedy were part of the overwhelming 76-21 vote for the bill. In months of closed-door negotiations, majority Republicans and two Democratic senators forged a compromise bill that most Democrats believed was skewed to favor private insurers at the expense of traditional Medicare.

"It didn't have to be this way," Kennedy said.

At its heart, the Medicare legislation was designed as a grand bargain, with the new drug coverage for all Medicare beneficiaries long sought by Democrats combined with a Republican-backed plan to give private insurance companies a vast new role in health care for the program's beneficiaries.

Glen Campbell gets arrested after traffic accident in Phoenix

PHOENIX (AP) — Country singer Glen Campbell, whose hits included "Rhinestone Cowboy," struck another car while driving drunk and left the scene, then later kneed a police officer while demanding to see the police chief, authorities said today.

He was freed early today on $2,000 bail on charges of extreme drunken driving and hit and run. He also was arrested on suspicion of assaulting a police officer.

Campbell, 67, was arrested Monday at his home after a collision at a Phoenix intersection in which nobody was hurt, police Sgt. Randy Force said. A witness had followed the car, called police on a cell phone and directed them to a home in the Biltmore area, Force said.

"Officers contacted the driver of that BMW who was Glen Campbell," he said. "Based on his appearance and demeanor, they believed he was intoxicated and took him into custody."

Departmental policy prevents authorities from releasing the results of blood-alcohol tests, Force said, but extreme drunken driving applies when results are above 0.15 percent. The legal limit for drivers in Arizona is 0.08 percent.

He posted bail on the charges of suspicion of extreme drunken driving and hit and run. While being processed at a police station, police said Campbell became angry and kneed Sgt. Bill Niles in the thigh. Niles was not hurt.

That prompted police to arrest him again, on suspicion of assault. He was taken to jail and appeared in Superior Court just before midnight. A court commissioner, Steve Kupiszewski, placed him on supervised release, requiring him to check in periodically with court monitors, who could test him for alcohol and drugs.

"There was a lot of, 'Do you know who I am. I'm Glen Campbell' ... I shouldn't be locked up like this.' He asked to speak to the chief of police," Niles said.

Moments before his appearance in front of Kupiszewski, Campbell, wearing an Arizona Diamondbacks polo shirt, shorts and tennis shoes, seemed relaxed.

"There's a first time for everything," Campbell told his lawyer, Larry Debus.

The other car involved in the collision was driven by Charles Root, 32, a waiter. Root said police took him to a house where he identified a man standing in a yard as the person who hit him. Later, he was told it was the singer.

"It didn't look like him at all. He had on a ball cap and was wearing shorts and a T-shirt," Root told the East Valley Tribune.

Jury deciding Tech professors' fate set to begin deliberations

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Texas Tech University professor says he has no memory of destroying 30 vials of potentially deadly bacteria and admitted to doing so only after an FBI agent convinced him he did it.

Dr. Thomas C. Butler, world-renowned in plague studies, testified Monday that FBI Agent Dale Green told him in an interview that investigators had eliminated theft from his lab and then went on to sway him toward accidental destruction.

"He convinced me it happened, even though I didn't remember destroying them," Butler testified. "He wanted the concept, 'I had made a mistake,'" Butler said.

Jurors are expected to hear closing arguments today and begin deliberating Butler's fate on 69 charges — 68 felonies and one misdemeanor — that stemmed from an investigation following his report. It sparked a bioterrorism scare in this West Texas city in January; President Bush even was told of the incident.

In a statement written later, Butler said he accidentally destroyed them.

Butler, 62, faces charges he smuggled plague samples into the United States, illegally transported them within the country and filed a false tax return.

He also faces theft, fraud and embezzlement charges that stem from shadow contracts prosecutors say he illegally negotiated with pharmaceutical companies. Butler testified they were "companion consultancies" and that there is nothing wrong with them.

Butler, who testified for about 13 hours over three days, said last week that federal authorities told him he would not be arrested if he signed a statement saying he accidentally destroyed the vials.

More than 60 witnesses have testified and as many as 1,000 exhibits were entered as evidence.

Defense attorneys tried to show that Butler had no intent to violate the law when he brought plague samples into the United States from Tanzania and then to government offices around the country.

Butler testified Monday he would handle the samples' importation otherwise now.

"I didn't know at the time I needed a permit," Butler said. "I know now I should have gotten one and would do it differently if I did it again."

Teen arrested for driving while license suspended

• Arrest

An arrest was made at 10:29 p.m. Monday in the area of Hwy. 208 and mile marker 254. State troopers took into custody a 17-year-old male for driving while license suspended. He was booked into Scurry County Jail.

• Unattended death

A caller requested an ambulance at 1:05 p.m. Monday to a residence in the 300 block of 31st. The caller reported that her mother was at that location and was unconscious and did not appear to be breathing. An officer was dispatched and the Justice of the Peace was contacted. A report for an unattended death was submitted.

• Fight

An unknown caller reported at 7:20 p.m. Monday that two women were fighting in the parking lot of Wal-Mart. Officers located a 52-year-old woman and a 47-year-old woman engaged in an argument, but the women did not want to file charges.

• Poachers

A caller reported at 9:44 p.m. Monday that he had spotted two poachers in the Loyd Mountain community. A deputy was able to locate two individuals.

Obituaries

Wanda Cody

1943-2003

Funeral service for Wanda Cody, 60, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate and interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Wanda Cody

Mrs. Cody, a longtime Snyder resident, died Monday, Nov. 24, at her home.

Born Aug. 25, 1943 in Idabel, Okla., she married Wayland Cody on July 12, 1958 in Hugo, Okla.

Mrs. Cody retired from Pioneer Furniture in 1984. For many years she was a volunteer for the Scurry County Association for Retarded Citizens.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lonnie Gasaway; her mother, Helen Wortham; and her stepfather, J.D. Wortham.

Survivors include her husband, Wayland Cody of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ricky and Ann Cody of Snyder and Gary and Debbie Cody of Cedar Hill; a daughter, Tammy Cody of Snyder; three sisters, Beth Freeman of Wheatland, Okla., Lillian Vails of Luther, Okla., and Laverne Welch of Snyder; a brother Ronnie Gasaway of Oceanside, Calif.; and four grandchildren, Randall Cody, William Cody, Tolitha Collins and Devin Collins, all of Cedar Hill.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 7 this evening at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Dewey Fields

1923-2003

DE LEON — Dewey Edmond Fields, grandfather and great-grandfather of Mark Fields and Karson Valentine of Snyder, died Monday, Nov. 24, in Providence Hospital in Waco.

Service for Mr. Fields, 79, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Sandhill Cemetery.

Mr. Fields was born on Dec. 18, 1923 in Comanche County to the late Lucien and Mary Haynes Fields. He married Mary Jeanne Fields on June 6, 1948 in De Leon. She died Nov. 15, 1991.

Mr. Fields was an independent surveyor and served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He had resided in and around De Leon most of his life and was a member of St. Joe Baptist Church.

He also is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, James Evan Fields and wife Angela of Waco; and James Lucien Fields of DeLeon; one daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Don Cox of Collinsville; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 11/26	Thu 11/27	Fri 11/28
67/37	**58/29**	**60/34**
Sunny skies. High 67F. Winds W at 15 to 25 mph.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	Fair. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise 7:23 AM / Sunset 5:38 PM	Sunrise 7:24 AM / Sunset 5:38 PM	Sunrise 7:25 AM / Sunset 5:38 PM

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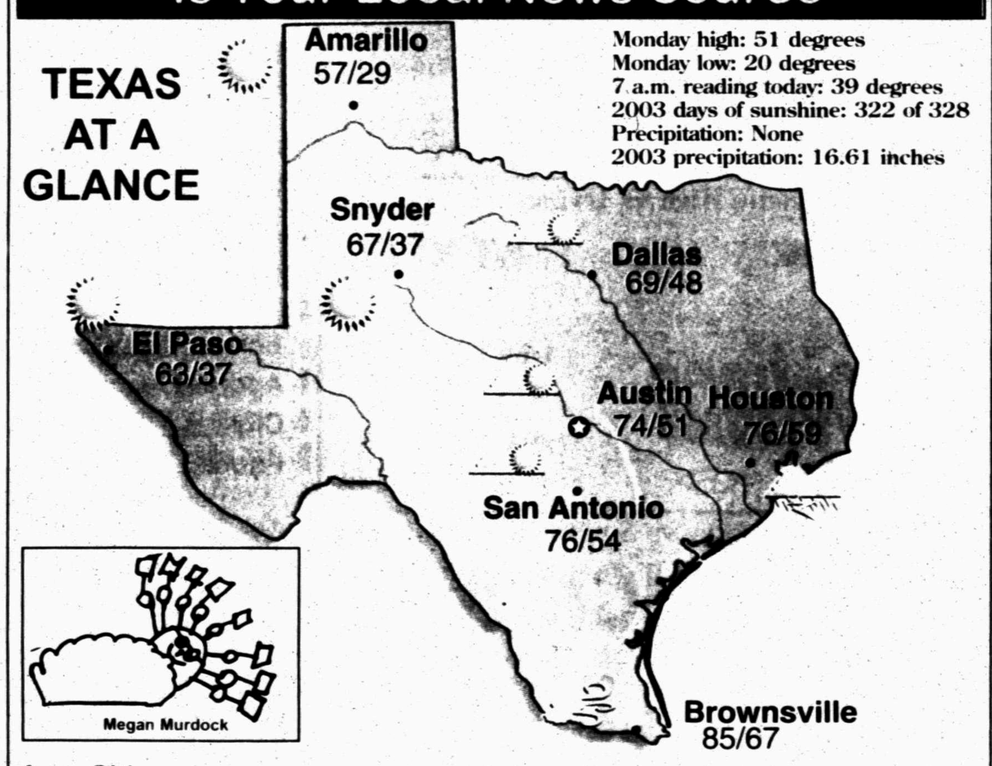

Monday high: 51 degrees
Monday low: 20 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 39 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 322 of 328
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 16.61 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	69	42	sunny	El Paso	63	37	sunny	Midland	68	38	sunny
Amarillo	57	29	sunny	Fort Stockton	70	42	sunny	Raymondville	85	63	pt sunny
Austin	74	51	pt sunny	Gainesville	67	42	pt sunny	Rosenberg	76	59	t-storm
Beaumont	74	60	t-storm	Greenville	67	44	pt sunny	San Antonio	76	54	pt sunny
Brownsville	85	67	windy	Houston	76	59	t-storm	San Marcos	75	52	pt sunny
Brownwood	72	45	mst sunny	Kingsville	83	61	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	68	45	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	80	62	cloudy	Livingston	72	54	t-storm	Sweetwater	69	41	sunny
Corsicana	70	47	pt sunny	Longview	68	50	t-storm	Tyler	69	49	pt sunny
Dallas	69	48	pt sunny	Lubbock	64	33	windy	Weatherford	69	43	pt sunny
Del Rio	74	52	pt sunny	Lufkin	71	55	t-storm	Wichita Falls	66	39	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	61	47	pt sunny	Houston	76	59	t-storm	Phoenix	68	45	sunny
Boston	49	36	pt sunny	Los Angeles	67	51	sunny	San Francisco	58	43	sunny
Chicago	46	38	cloudy	Miami	81	71	pt sunny	Seattle	47	40	rain
Dallas	69	48	pt sunny	Minneapolis	35	24	pt sunny	St. Louis	51	46	rain
Denver	37	18	pt sunny	New York	50	40	pt sunny	Washington, DC	53	41	cloudy

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 8	Dec 16

UV Index

Wed 11/26	Thu 11/27	Fri 11/28
Low	Low	Low

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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