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THAT TIME OF THE YEAR — Richard Bross of the Scurry County courthouse maintenance department handles his yearly chore of getting rid of the leaves on the grounds of the courthouse. This chore is facing homeowners as trees seem to be holding on to their leaves longer than normal. (SDN Staff Photo)

County donates land for DPS office building

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County commissioners' court this morning approved the donation of three acres to the state for construction of offices for the Department of Public Safety.

The DPS is currently housed in the Diamond M building, but received approval last week to construct the new building to be located on the southwest corner of the coliseum grounds, adjacent to Kids Kampus and East Elementary.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said the county has housed the troopers, but they have long wanted a building of their own.

"They were at the law enforcement center when there were just three troopers in the county," he said. "Now they have six and we moved them to the Diamond M building and now they have permission to build their own place."

Fritz said the plans also include moving other state offices into the new location, to include Texas Ranger John Billings, the driver's license office and possibly game warden Mel Reed.

Fritz said the state will be responsible for upkeep and maintenance of the building and land and the county will save on utility costs at the Diamond M building. He added that construction could start soon.

The court also approved a request for bids to enclose the coliseum breezeway.

The action will increase marketability at the facility and make the coliseum and annex one large building instead of two separate structures.

Precinct 1 commissioner Ralph Trevey favored the project.

"I think the addition will be valuable to a number of events and I can't see where it would be a hindrance to anybody. I think we need to do this."

Plans call for the breezeway to be enclosed, but several large garage doors will be included to allow access to the coliseum and annex for oversized equipment.

In other business, Ned Underwood was approved for the Scurry County Library board to fill the spot of the late Elwanda Nall.

The court also approved a motion to join the County Information Resources Agency, a division of the Texas Association of Counties.

Membership is free and the county will be provided a website. Other services could involve fees, but they can be declined or accepted on individual basis.

Action was tabled on contracting with Coca Cola for exclusivity at county functions.

The beverage company asked for a 10-year contract, but also offered other benefits, including $70,000 for lights at two Towle Park ball fields and commission benefits of up to $40,000 a year for the county.

The proposal includes 10 percent commission on all soft drink sales.

Company representatives also said funds could be made available to help defray the cost of assembling and disassembling the hardwood basketball court at the coliseum.

Scott Crenwelge, county parks head, said he is trying to get high school basketball back at the coliseum, but the cost of moving the floor is high. Coca Cola could help cover that cost, he said.

The court asked to see a sample contract and tabled an action until its next meeting.

The court also convened in executive session to discuss pending litigation with ex-Cogdell Hospital radiologist Joe Gendreau. No action was taken after the 20-minute closed session.

The court accepted reports from the county extension office and county welfare board.

County Librarian Janie Romine presented her quarterly report and said more than 50,000 books a year are checked out from the local library.

Seventeen line-item transfers were approved.

County Auditor Charlie Bell said this is the time of year when expenditure lines "run low or are depleted entirely" and more transfers are necessary.

Two budget amendments also were approved for the county welfare department.

The amendments included $8,000 for drug expenses, $2,000 for doctor and medical fees and $4,000 for indigent care.

An amendment for $20,000 for hospital expenses also was approved for the department.

Minutes from two previous meetings were approved and bills were paid.

Fritz presided and all commissioners were present to include Trevey, Howard Limmer, Chloanne Lindsey and Roy Idom.

Mixture of snow and ice hits New England

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A nor'easter packing a dangerous mix of snow and freezing rain spread a destructive layer of ice across parts of New England, leaving thousands of people without electricity.

Ice-covered pavement and downed trees made travel hazardous. In Maine, a teenager was killed and 10 other people were injured in a two-vehicle crash on a slick road.

Tens of thousands of people in the Northeast were still without power early today, including more than 58,000 customers of Connecticut Light & Power. High wind in the forecast could bring more weakened limbs crashing down, officials said.

Some customers may have to wait until Wednesday before power is restored, said Frank Poirot, a spokesman for Connecticut Light & Power. Dozens of Connecticut schools were closed today.

The storm formed along the coast of the Carolinas and rolled northward Sunday along a cold front, producing rain from the Carolinas into southern New England. It then hit colder air that turned the rain to snow and ice farther porth. An earlier storm had soaked large parts of the East on Saturday.

Connecticut residents reported loud cracking sounds as the heavy ice overcame trees.

"Every 15 seconds there were thunder shots and the trees were snapping in half," Mark Fleming of Burlington told WVIT-TV. "It was like gunshots going off in the back yard. It was quite amazing."

"It's kind of like a winter wonderland where you look at the North Pole or something where you see all the trees are bent over, the icicles," Dwayne Aldridge of New Hartford, Conn., told WTNH-TV. "It is kind of pretty, but the devastation with the trees is just terrible."

Residents of southern Maine awoke Sunday to the season's first major snowfall, which later turned into freezing rain. Dozens of cars slid off highways and speed limits were reduced to 45 mph on the Maine Turnpike and Interstate 95.

Most parts of Maine had only 3 to 5 inches of snow by the afternoon, but trees sagged under the weight of ice. Some higher elevations got 10 inches of snow.

An estimated 15,000 Central Maine Power customers were without electricity Sunday afternoon, but that number was down to 4,000 by this morning.

Meteor shower set for Tuesday morning

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — This week's Leonid meteor shower may be the largest such display until the end of the century, with possibly hundreds of meteors visible in the sky Tuesday morning.

The annual meteor shower usually delivers only a few visible meteors. Hundreds per hour might be visible as they burn up in the atmosphere this time.

The shower is predicted to have two peaks, each a couple of hours long, during which the most meteors can be seen, according to the lab.

The first peak is expected over Europe and Africa tonight, when observers in North America might see a few meteors skimming the top of the atmosphere, starting around 12:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The shower's second peak, most prominent in North American skies, is expected at around 6:30 a.m. Tuesday. Even though the moonlight will wash out the dimmest meteors, viewers in good locations will be able to see a few meteors or more every minute.

Astronomers predict that the next occurrence of a Leonid storm even close to this magnitude will be in 2099.

Jury is hearing trial testimony

A nine-woman, three-man jury is hearing testimony today in the civil trial of Wilford and Wanda Senn against Primrose Operating, Co., Inc.

This partial re-trial of an earlier case is being heard in 132nd District Court with Judge Ernie Armstrong presiding.

Pre-registration begins at WTC

Pre-registration at Western Texas College begins today for currently enrolled students.

Students who wish to pre-register and who have passed all sections of the TASP test need to make an appointment with the counseling office by calling 573-8511, ext. 313.

Pre-registration will continue through Dec. 13.

Kentucky jail escapees are on crime spree

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (AP) — Two inmates who escaped from a Kentucky jail earlier this month are on a cross-country crime spree and have been linked to two abductions, the latest a 44-year-old South Carolina woman, authorities say.

The escaped inmates also are suspects in the abduction of a Kentucky man as well as a burglary here and numerous car thefts, police said.

"These guys have been hopscotching around the country in different stolen vehicles," said Horry County police Detective Todd Cox.

A videotape confirmed Alice Louise Donovan of Galivants Ferry was abducted Thursday from a Wal-Mart parking lot in Conway, authorities said Sunday.

The inmates, Branden Basham and Chadrick Fulks, also are suspected of abducting James Hawkins, 42, of Hanson, Ky., taking him 40 miles north to Indiana and leaving him bound to a tree, authorities said. Hawkins struggled for hours before freeing himself and summoning help.

Basham, 21, and Fulks, 25, escaped Nov. 4. Basham was serving a five-year sentence for writing a bad check and Fulks was awaiting trial on robbery charges, authorities said.

Blood drive starts here on Tuesday

United Blood Services and the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary are sponsoring blood drives on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The drive Tuesday will be from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

On Wednesday, the drive will be held from noon until 5 p.m. in the donor coach at Cogdell Hospital.

Potential blood donors must be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be at least 17 years old.

All donors will receive a mini-physical and a free T-shirt.

Donors can also register for a free turkey and Chick-fil-A will provide coupons for a free sandwich for all donors.

"We encourage people to donate blood once more before the end of the year," said Rhonda Teal, United Blood Services representative. "Donating in November is a great way to start the holiday season because it reminds us that one person can truly make a difference."

Teal said it takes 150 blood donations each day to keep up with patient needs in West Texas.

"As we know, hospitals don't close for the holidays," said Teal. "The blood you donate now can save someone's life during the holidays."

By Snyder ISD...

Second round of interviews set this week

Snyder ISD's board of trustees will meet at 6 this evening to discuss the second round of interviews with three superintendent candidates.

The trustees have meetings scheduled on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The board interviewed six applicants last week, and following Thursday's session, the list was pared to three for a follow-up interview.

A finalist is expected to be named Dec. 5, with the vote on the hiring coming Jan. 6.

State law requires a 21-day waiting period before a finalist is named and the board voting for the new superintendent.

Prior to the closed session to discuss the applicants, trustees will consider action in support of the Scurry County parks and recreation grant.

The meeting will be in the boardroom of the administration building.

ASK US

Q—Who do we call to complain about the lousy service Cox is giving us on our cable TV?

A—The local manager is Michelle Harper. Her office number is 915-437-4403, and her cell number is 725-0704.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Erica Carrisalez...

... works at McDonald's and is a 2001 graduate of Snyder High School. She has lived in Snyder all of her 19 years with her parents, Jessie and Juanita. She has six brothers and two sisters.

Erica enjoys her job, hanging out with her friends and cruising around town.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Treat pain and rage as visitors.

—Ben Hecht

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

SJHS book fair

Snyder Junior High is hosting a book fair this week through Friday from 7:45 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the library.

East Elementary book fair

East Elementary is having a book fair beginning today. Times today, Wednesday and Thursday are 8-9 a.m., and 2:30-4 p.m. Tuesday times are 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and Friday from 11 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.

Support groups

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

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Firm Foundation of Christianity," followed by "Brighten the Corner."

Ira playoff shirts

The Ira booster club has extra playoff shirts available for sale. Call the school office at 573-2628.

Lions dinner

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet at noon Tuesday but instead will have a partner-in-service dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Bring toys for kids.

Alzheimer information meeting

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

SJHS sets play

Snyder Junior High School's drama department will present *Night of the Living Beauty Pageant* at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Tickets are $2 in advance and $3 at the door. All seats are reserved. Tickets must be picked up at the junior high office.

GED pre-registration, testing dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday at the GED testing center, Western Texas College, building 7B. The math segment of the GED will begin at 8 a.m. Friday. For more information about the GED test, call Molly Kates, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

Workshop for parents

A workshop for parents and other early childhood educators will be held from 1-2:30 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Region 14 Education Service Center. VaLynda Miller, early childhood education consultant, will be the presenter. Call Central Elementary at 573-8592 to register.

Dunn community meeting

There will be a Dunn community meeting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the community center.

Junior high yearbook

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

Community Services raffle

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

Choir poinsettia sale

Snyder High choir members are taking orders for poinsettias available in red, white or in jingle bell variety. Cost is $10 each upon delivery on Monday, Dec. 2. Call 573-6301 to place orders.

Washington, D.C. trip

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

Tiger's Lair on sale

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

Ira Bulldog annuals on sale

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

Canned food drive

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

WTC adult basic education classes

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

WTC pool, gym hours

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

Sr. citizen swimnastics

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

Iraq can make chemical weapons that penetrate U.S. troops' protective gear

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraqi scientists know how to make chemical weapons that can penetrate military protective clothing, and Iraq imported up to 25 metric tons last month of a powder that is a crucial ingredient to such "dusty" weapons.

Iraq told the United Nations the powder was destined for a pharmaceutical company that a former weapons inspector says was ordered by President Saddam Hussein before the 1991 Persian Gulf War to work on chemical and biological weapons.

The powder, sold under the brand name Aerosil, has particles so small that, when coated with deadly poisons, they can pass through the tiniest gaps in protective suits.

Experts inside and outside the U.S. government say they are not certain Iraq has dusty chemical weapons. Declassified U.S. intelligence documents say Iraq produced a dusty form of the blister agent mustard in the 1980s and used it during its eight-year war with Iran.

If Iraq made and used a powdered form of its deadliest nerve agent, VX, it could kill U.S. troops dressed in full protective gear, according to a 1990 Defense Intelligence Agency assessment. Although the military's protective suits have been improved since then, experts say dusty weapons could penetrate the new suits.

Pentagon officials refused to discuss the permeability of the new suits or whether Iraq has weapons that could pass through them. Such information is classified, they said.

The 1990 DIA document said soldiers could protect themselves by throwing rain ponchos over their chemical suits, which would reduce the fatality risk to near zero. One expert wrote later: "One gets the sense that this was recommended in the face of few other options."

The researcher, Eric Croddy of the private Center for Nonproliferation Studies, said dusty VX would be a serious danger to U.S. troops. VX is so toxic that, in its liquid form, a drop on the skin can kill within minutes.

"The effects of dusty VX, depending on how it gets in the body, would be somewhat faster," Croddy said. "It's certainly much more injurious and much more of a severe threat."

Dusty chemical weapons are formed by mixing a liquid chemical agent with a fine powder to coat the powder's tiny particles with the deadly poison. The particles' small size allows them to pass through the fabric of a protective suit and any tiny gaps around the seal of a gas mask.

The latest U.S. military protective suits have a layer of charcoal in the fabric to trap any poisons that might penetrate the outer covering, but particles small enough could pass through even the charcoal layer.

"The closest analogy is, no matter what happens when you go to the beach, you still get sand in your shorts," Croddy said.

The poisonous powder also would settle in the tiniest nooks and crannies of buildings and equipment, making decontamination extremely difficult. VX in its liquid form already is a decontamination challenge; the sticky poison is persistent and cannot be neutralized easily with substances such as bleach.

Even if dusty chemical weapons caused no U.S. casualties, they could force American soldiers to work in clumsy protective gear, decontaminate their equipment and avoid contaminated areas, giving Iraqi soldiers time to mount defenses.

U.S. intelligence reports before the Gulf War said Iraq was capable of making dusty VX. They said that during the 1980s, Iraq imported more than 100 metric tons of Aerosil, a brand of fumed silicon dioxide.

The reports said no evidence was found that Iraq had made dusty VX, and U.N. inspectors were unable to find any hard evidence of that.

In September, The New York Times quoted an Iraqi defector as saying Saddam's chemical weapons scientists secretly began producing dusty VX as early as 1994.

Aerosil, made by the German chemical company Degussa AG, has an exceptionally small particle size: 12 nanometers. That means more than 2,100 of the particles strung together would be as thick as a human hair.

U.N. documents show that Iraq's Samarra Drugs Industry sought 25 metric tons of Aerosil last year under the U.N.-run oil-for-food program, and at least some of that order was delivered last month.

American intelligence agencies were not overly worried about the shipment of Aerosil because the substance has many legitimate uses.

Richard Spertzel, a former chief U.N. weapons inspector in Iraq, was stunned when a reporter told him about the shipment. Saddam ordered the Samarra enterprise to work on chemical and biological weapons in 1989, and his government still controls the company, Spertzel said.

"Do you know how much (dusty agent) a kilogram of that stuff makes? A couple cubic feet," Spertzel said. "This gives me another thing to worry about."

Hasmik Egian, a spokeswoman for the U.N. oil-for-food program, confirmed that Iraq received a shipment of colloidal silicon dioxide in October. Egian would not identify the brand name, source or amount of the silicon dioxide delivered.

Jennings to start production company

NEW YORK (AP) — With the blessing of ABC News, anchor Peter Jennings has formed an independent production company that allows him to make documentaries for other networks.

The formation of PJ Productions, revealed Sunday, was part of the most recent contract extension the "World News Tonight" anchor signed recently to remain at ABC.

It will be under this umbrella that Jennings will continue his "Peter Jennings Reports" documentary series that started on ABC in 1989. ABC has agreed to pay for and air at least four of the reports in prime-time each year, the extent of its financial participation.

What makes this deal different is it gives Jennings ownership of his series and allows him and his executive producer, Tom Yellin, to sell documentaries to other networks — although not competitors CBS and NBC.

Documentaries generally aren't big ratings winners for broadcast networks, but some of Jennings' reports — particularly "The Search for Jesus" — drew a big audience.

Berry's World



Today's chuckle

Thirsty robber caught by police

TAUNTON, Mass. (AP) — Perhaps if he wasn't so thirsty he would have gotten away with it.



Taunton police arrested a bank robbery suspect shortly after he popped into an American Legion two blocks from the scene of the crime for a drink.

"He stopped to have a beer after robbing the bank and that's what did him in," Detective Dennis M. Smith told The Enterprise of Brockton.

Joaquim Grace, 28, entered the Bristol County Savings Bank on Wednesday morning, barged to the front of the line and threatened to shoot a teller and a customer, police said. No gun was shown.

He escaped with an undetermined amount of cash.

Police searched the American Legion after witnesses reported a man running there. The bar manager told police that Grace, a regular customer, had stopped in for a beer and that he appeared to be sweating. He called a cab and left, the manager said.

Police then went to Grace's last known address, where they found the suspect and some of the stolen money.

Grace denied robbing the bank but three bank employees identified him as the robber.

He was charged with armed robbery.

Date Book

Monday, Nov. 18, 2002

Today is the 322nd day of 2002 and the 58th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1865, the New York Saturday Press published Mark Twain's humorous short story "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County."

On this day in 1978, 913 people died in a mass suicide in Jonestown, Guyana, led by the People's Temple leader Jim Jones. Of the dead, 276 were children.

On this day in 1994, Cab Calloway, a popular bandleader, died at the age of 86.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Clarence Day (1874-1935), writer; Eugene Ormandy (1899-1985), conductor and music director; George Gallup (1901-1984), pollster; Margaret Atwood (1939-), writer, is 63; Linda Evans (1942-), actress, is 60.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1966, Sandy Koufax announced his plans to retire from baseball.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The world of books is the most remarkable creation of man. Nothing else that he builds ever lasts." — Clarence Day

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Nov. 11) and full moon (Nov. 19).

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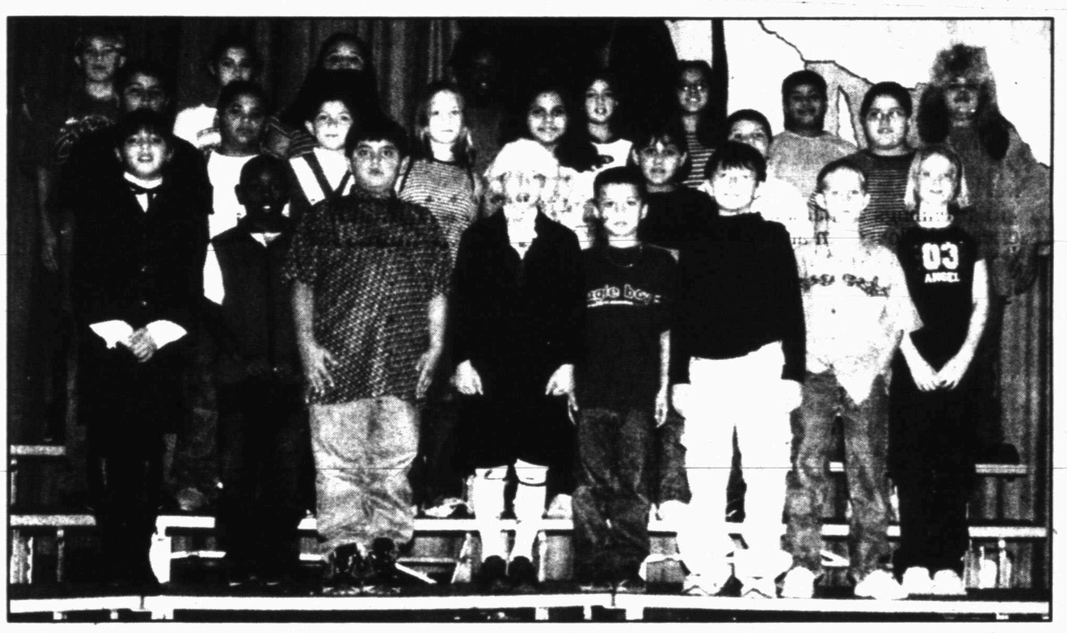
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ADVENTURES OF LEWIS AND CLARK — Northeast Elementary students in Page Shaw's, Vanessa Taylor's and Ann Uptergrove's classes recently presented *The Adventures of Lewis and Clark*. Triesta Lilly is the music teacher. Mrs. Shaw's students (top photo) include bottom row from left, Kana Grimes, Dana Van Winkle, Titus Hestand, Alicia Chaidez, Martha Cabrera, Kayli Brewster, Meagan Smith and Jose Rodarte; middle row, L.A. Jaramillo, Hayley Fry, Shelby Garza, Jacob Kemp, Nathan Manley, Josh Pesina, Jack Lewis, Alan Mehrafshan, and Cherokee Morin; back row, Andres Escareno, J.C. Arellano, Jonathan Verduzco, Daisy Garcia, Cassandra Benitez, Rainie Moore and Andrea Perez. Mrs. Taylor's students (middle photo) include bottom row, from left, Matthew Rios, Jacob Johnson, Tanner Robertson, Kenyon Gafford and Jessica Hibbitt; second row, Jose Aguirre, Bryan Hamlin, Micayla Redman, Kayla Payne, Colton Lane, Benjamin Alfaro; third row, Samuel Vasquez, Humberto Juarez, Amanda Browning, Gabrielle Arrendondo, Ashley Silva and Eva Torres; fourth row, Kimberly Casarez, Eduardo Arellano, Samana Arizmendi, Michael Strong, Jessica Cooper and Keonna Ward. Mrs. Uptergrove's students include (bottom photo) bottom row from left, Lindsey Urias, Nate Rose, Brent Cole, Kanaan Short, Dilland Almanza, Chance Kelly, Zackary Ball and Panda Platts; middle row, Justin Rivera, Roberto Aguirre, Roylee Sanchez, Kayla Shafer, Samidee Barrera, Krystal Martinez, Anthony Segura, Kristi Guerrero; back row, Stephen Kelley, Chelcea Roemisch, Carmen Gomez, Krista Jackson, Cassie Benitez, Jacqueline Alarcon, Larissa Arellano and Quintin Bass. (Contributed Photos)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Husband's explosive temper puts his wife in harm's way

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 10 months, "Stan," is kind, generous, and a hard worker. He does a lot of work around the house and likes to spoil me.

On the downside, Stan has a bad temper. He sometimes acts like an angry child. He'll speed away in his truck when he gets upset about some insignificant thing. There have been times when he's driving me somewhere that he has gotten mad and driven recklessly — speeding and tailgating.

I have begged him to slow down and be careful, but it does no good. When we get home in one piece, I say a prayer of thanks.

Six weeks ago, Stan started taking medication for his panic disorder, but it hasn't helped. Although he calms down and apologizes afterward, the outbursts continue. He has promised to try anger management counseling, but we haven't pursued it yet because of the cost.

Should I go ahead and set up an appointment for him, Abby? What other advice can you offer? — **TEXAS TINA**

DEAR TINA: Before scheduling any appointments for your spouse, his doctor should be notified that his present medication hasn't modified his behavior. After that, your husband should set up his own appointment for the anger management classes. Be supportive, but he must take responsibility for his own actions. There is only so much one can do for another.

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DEAR ABBY: I am an English as a Second Language (ESL) tutor, and would like to respond to the letters about your column being used to teach English to foreign students.

Large numbers of immigrants in my area do not speak English. It's not an easy language to learn. I cringe when I see U.S. citizens walking in the mall sporting T-shirts that state, "Welcome to America: Now Learn Our Language!" Maybe these folks think they're cool, but they must realize that there are countless people in this country who would love to learn English. However, they need tutors.

There is much demand for ESL tutors — for individuals willing to meet with some of these immigrants weekly to conduct a conversation class. Instead of being angry at our new citizens, valuable time could be spent teaching them.

Have any of those people sporting slogans on T-shirts ever tried answering the 100 questions one must study to take the citizenship test? Let me tell you, Abby, I have been stumped by a number of these questions — while my ESL students could rattle off the answers.

If anyone reading this has the time to tutor, it can be a rewarding way to volunteer. Come learn how! The students are deeply appreciative. — **ESL TUTOR IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, N.J.**

DEAR ESL TUTOR: What a wonderful idea. Readers interested in becoming a tutor should contact the local school district, library or community center to see if there are programs in their area.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a regular churchgoer. My pastor said there is no sex in heaven, but my gut feeling is that there is. Is there sex in heaven? — SEXY IN SIOUX FALLS, S.D.

DEAR SEXY: I'm not sure, but if my mail is an indicator, it could be the answer to a lot of prayers.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Journey still haunts immigrants

DALLAS (AP) — About three dozen Mexican immigrants who survived a trip aboard a locked, unventilated tractor-trailer in which two men died last summer are quietly pursuing their new lives in the United States.

With his left arm and chest covered with antibiotic cream and heavily bandaged with white gauze, Guillermo Gallo can't escape the reminders of the trip. He doesn't remember the last few hours of the journey.

"I lost consciousness and I guess that I was more dead than alive," the 32-year-old taco stand owner from suburban Mexico City said. "If I would have been even a little awake, I would have felt my skin burning and would have tried to get up."

"Right now, I need to find a job," said Gallo, who owes about $100,000 for his medical care. "I'm thankful for people who have helped us. It's very hard right now, but I have to think that if I didn't die in the trailer, nor in the hospital, nor in jail ... I'm still ahead."

Also among the immigrants living in the Dallas area who have tried to keep tabs on one another are Guillermo Cabrera, 34, of Veracruz state, and Luciano Alcocer, 41, of Mexico City.

Gallo, Cabrera and Alcocer survived the tractor-trailer ride that began at a mobile home northeast of El Paso and ended at Love's Country Store on Interstate 20 and Polk Street in southern Dallas County on July 27.

The three men have received temporary visas, Social Security cards and work permits. Some have met with private attorneys to determine whether to file lawsuits. They are required to check in with immigration officials every two weeks, reporting where they are living and whether they are working.

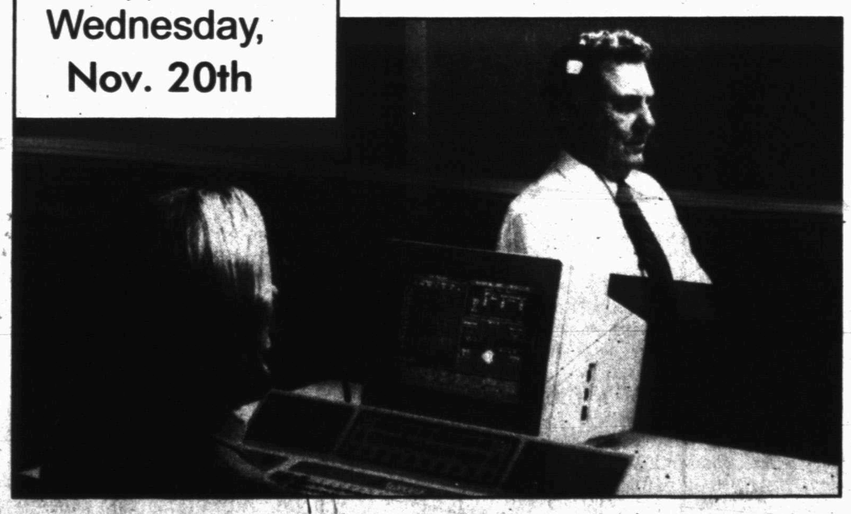
All cling to the hope that their temporary legal status will someday become permanent so that the trip for which they paid smugglers thousands of dollars will not have been in vain.

"Yes, I crossed here illegally and, yes, I know that some people say that we don't deserve anything and we should go home," Alcocer, who works at a golf club restaurant in The Colony, told The Dallas Morning News. "I am willing to work, and I am respecting the laws of this country because right now I'm a guest here, but I hope to be a permanent resident."

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4 Country addr.
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10 Have a cough
11 Harvest machine
13 Vanity
14 Kicker's stand
15 PABA part
16 Oui's opposite
17 Movie-to-be
19 Pedro's mom
21 Pacino and Unser
22 Snowy mo.
23 Encloses
26 Dare
30 Throng
31 By means of
32 Jayhawker st.
33 Part of i.e.
34 Ms. Jillian
35 Himalayan sighting
36 Call the dog
39 Ruminated
40 Impress
41 That ship
42 Coup plotters
45 Mollusk
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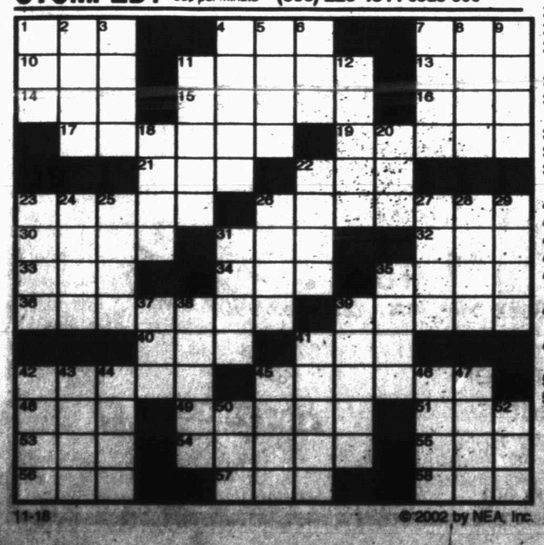
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4 Gangplanks
5 Move like a butterfly
6 Study
7 Make one's way
8 Dr. Franken-stein's servant
9 Missing
11 — out (rescues)
12 Kind of candle
18 Absorbed
20 Crawling insect
22 Harlow or Stapleton
23 Near-miss response
24 — Hashanah
25 — spumante
26 Watermelon source
27 Luau strings
28 Have status
29 Tennyson heroine
31 Hollow
35 Tentlike dwelling
37 Rested
38 Pluck
39 Southwest scenery
41 Anthems
42 Clink or cooler
43 Bruins ech.
44 Lack
45 Sandwich cookie
46 "Beowulf," e.g.
47 Asian princess
50 Pamplona cry
52 Genetic letters

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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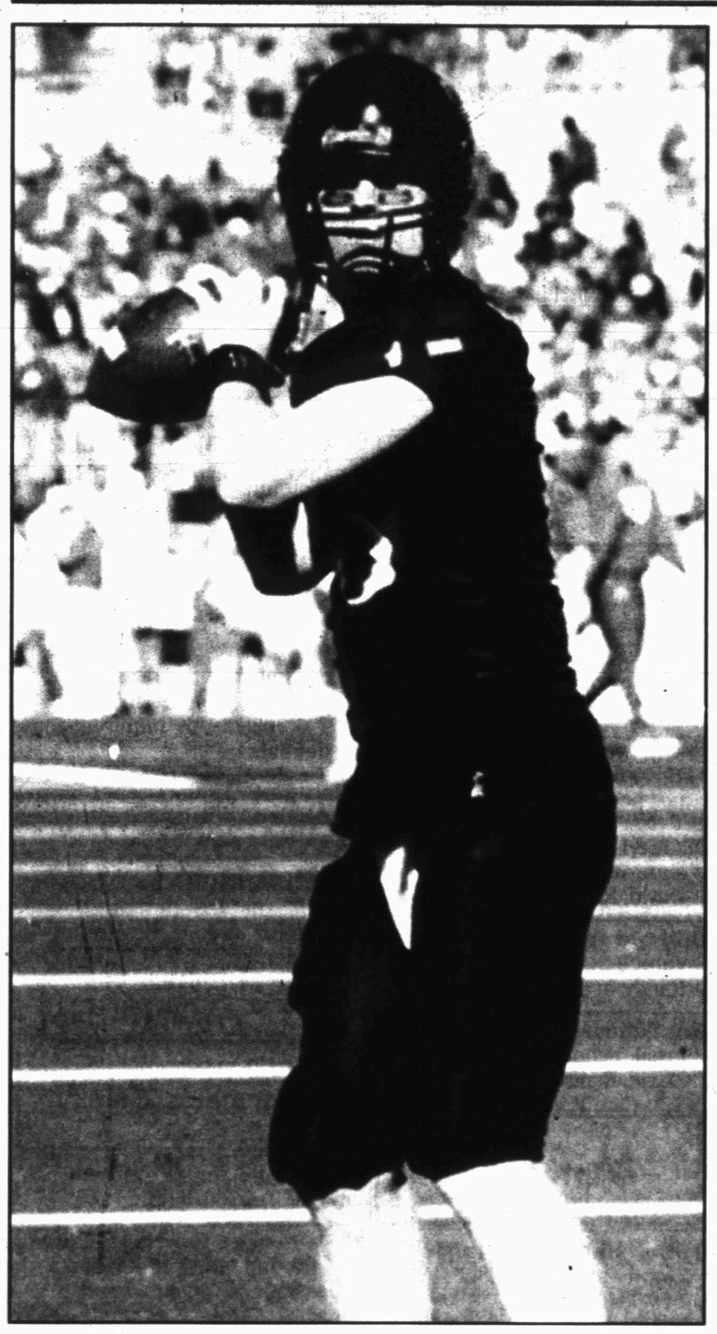
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SPORTS



WARMING UP — Former Snyder Tiger quarterback Sonny Cumbie warms up before Saturday's Texas Tech-Texas shootout. Cumbie is one of two backups to Heisman hopeful Kliff Kingsbury, who threw six touchdown passes as Tech stunned the No. 4 Longhorns in Lubbock. (SDN Staff Photo)

Colorado captures North crown...

Tech one win from South title

By the Associated Press

Oklahoma State defensive coordinator Bill Clay sat in a meeting room a few weeks ago, diagramming Texas Tech formations and talking about the challenges the Red Raiders present.

"What they do," Clay said, "isn't normal."

Texas found that out Saturday. With Kliff Kingsbury directing the quick-hitting passing attack, Tech won 42-38 to end Texas' national title hopes and put the Red Raiders in a position to win the Big 12 South title.

The performance in Lubbock has to be a little unsettling for Tech's next opponent, Oklahoma, which is only one game removed from a loss to Texas A&M in which the Sooners gave up four long touchdown passes.

Oklahoma contained Kingsbury and Tech a year ago, winning 30-13 in Lubbock. The Sooners also get to play Tech in Norman, and the Red Raiders haven't been quite as effective away from Lubbock.

However, they showed Saturday that they can put points on the board against a good defense. They had struggled in previous games against stout defenders, with the exception of a 48-47 overtime victory against Texas A&M in early October.

Tech scored 21 points or less in lopsided losses to Ohio State, Iowa State and Colorado. Texas (9-2, 5-2 Big 12) entered Saturday's game ranked second in the country in pass defense and fifth in total defense. All Kingsbury did against that unit was go 38-of-60 for 473 yards and six touchdowns, lead the Red Raiders back from a 14-0 first-quarter deficit, then match Texas score for score with the game on the line.

"We tried everything and he whipped everything we tried," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

Texas Tech (8-4, 5-2) will be riding high into next week's game. The Red Raiders have won three in a row since their 37-13 loss to Colorado, scoring 62, 49 and 42 points. Kingsbury has been outstanding in all three games, expertly finding the right receiver time after time. He threw to seven players Saturday, led by Wes Welker who had a career-high 14 catches for 169 yards and two TDs.

Next stop: Norman, Okla., where the winner will be the Big 12 South champion. Mike Leach gets another crack at the Sooners and Bob Stoops, for whom he worked as offensive coordinator in 1999 before heading to West Texas.

"We just have to do the same like we did today," Leach said Saturday.

It may not be normal, but it should be interesting.

In their 41-27 victory over Iowa State on Saturday night, the Colorado Buffaloes won the Big 12 North and showed why they figure to be tough for Oklahoma or Texas Tech to reckon with.

If at first the Buffs don't hurt you with Chris Brown, the nation's leading rusher, then they'll just keep pounding with Bobby Purify. Brown had 127 yards on 25 carries before leaving the game in the third quarter with a bruised sternum. Purify got most of the work after that and finished with 174 yards and a touchdown.

"I don't see many teams in the country that Purify couldn't start for," Iowa State coach Dan McCarney said.

QB injuries the story of week 11

By the Associated Press

Tommy Maddox, Donovan McNabb and Brian Griese all suffered major injuries that could shake up NFL playoff races.

Maddox's was the most serious, a bruised spinal cord and concussion that sent him to a Nashville hospital strapped to a stretcher. Trainers and doctors worked on him for at least 15 minutes, then Maddox was lifted onto a stretcher, loaded into an ambulance on the field and taken to Baptist Hospital's trauma unit.

The Steelers lost 31-23 at Tennessee.

McNabb broke his right ankle on Philadelphia's third offensive play in a 38-14 victory against Arizona. Not only did he stay in the game — the injury was diagnosed as a sprain before McNabb underwent X-rays after the game that revealed the fracture — but he threw for four touchdowns.

Eagles coach Andy Reid estimated McNabb could miss six-to-eight weeks.

Griese sprained his left knee in a 31-9 rout of Seattle. An MRI exam was planned Monday. A team spokesman said Griese could be sidelined up to a month, though it's also possible he could play next week against Indianapolis.

Titans 31, Steelers 23

The Titans (6-4) snapped a five-game unbeaten streak for the Steelers (5-4-1). They moved two games above .500 for the first time since December 2000, and remained tied with Indianapolis for the AFC South lead.

Eagles 38, Cardinals 14

Unable to scramble, McNabb stayed in the pocket and threw TD passes of 2 yards to James Thrash, 3 yards to Dorsey Levens, 27 to Todd Pinkston and 9 to Duce Staley in the first half.

McNabb finished 20-of-25 for 255 yards and one interception, but had no rushing attempts for the first time in 53 career starts, including the playoffs.

Broncos 31, Seahawks 9

At Seattle, Griese left late in the third quarter after throwing to Rod Smith for a 16-yard gain to the 1. Seattle rookie Rocky Bernard hit Griese's knee, drawing a penalty.

Clinton Portis ran for 136 yards on 23 carries and Deltha O'Neal returned a late interception 22 yards for a TD for the Broncos (7-3). Steve Beuerlein completed both of his passes for TDs in relief of Griese.

Raiders 27, Patriots 20

At Oakland, Rich Gannon threw for 297 yards as the Raiders (6-4) took control early in the first meeting between the teams since the Super Bowl champions' controversial overtime victory in last season's playoffs.

Tom Brady's ballhandling again figured into the outcome. Chris Cooper forced Brady to fumble shortly before halftime, setting up a touchdown that gave the Raiders a double-digit lead. New England (5-5) rallied late, but couldn't recover an onside kick.

Vikings 31, Packers 21

At Minneapolis, the Packers (8-2), who have lost nine of 11 at the Metrodome, missed a chance to become the earliest team to clinch a division title in a 16-game season. They had won seven straight.

Michael Bennett ran for 130 yards on 20 carries. His 62-yard run just before the 2-minute warning in the fourth quarter set up a 3-yard touchdown run by Moe Williams, his 10th of the year for the Vikings (3-7).

Chargers 20, 49ers 17, OT

At San Diego, Steve Christie, one of the NFL's best kickers in the clutch, made a 40-yard field goal with 4:11 left in overtime.

Moments earlier, San Francisco's Jose Cortez was wide right on a 41-yard attempt. It was Cortez's fourth miss in three weeks, including two in regulation at Oakland on Nov. 3 before he won that game in overtime.

Falcons 24, Saints 17

At Atlanta, the Falcons swept the Saints as Michael Vick passed for two touchdowns and ran for another.

The Falcons also sent a strong message to Saints receiver Joe Horn, who boasted that Atlanta was lucky to win the first meeting 37-35 on a field goal as time ran out.

Buccaneers 23, Panthers 10

At Tampa, the NFL's top-ranked defense forced four turnovers as the Bucs (8-2) took sole possession of the NFC South lead. Tampa Bay has its best record ever after 10 games.

Chiefs 17, Bills 16

At Kansas City, Trent Green actually ran for a decisive 9-yard score with 4:53 to play and Eric Warfield intercepted Drew Bledsoe's final pass to clinch it.

Two pass-interference penalties, including a 36-yarder against Chris Watson, allowed the Chiefs (5-5) to set up Green's unexpected run.

Dolphins 26, Ravens 7

At Miami, the Dolphins (6-4) took sole possession of the AFC East lead — one game ahead of New England, Buffalo and the New York Jets, and held Baltimore (4-6) to a season-low 157 yards.

Jets 31, Lions 14

At Detroit, the road-strong Jets won for the ninth time in 12 games under Herman Edwards and have won an NFL-best 27 away games since 1997.

Chad Pennington threw a career-high four touchdowns, two to Wayne Chrebet. Laveranues Coles caught seven passes for 114 yards, and Curtis Martin ran for 112 yards.

Colts 20, Cowboys 3

At Indianapolis, Marvin Harrison, the NFL's leading receiver, caught 14 passes for 138 yards, becoming the first player to top 1,000 yards this season, and caught his 600th career pass. Harrison reached that mark in 102 games, 16 games faster than anyone in NFL history.

Browns 27, Bengals 20

Cleveland stopped Corey Dillon twice from point-blank range. A crowd of 64,060, the second-largest ever at Paul Brown Stadium, watched the Browns (5-5) stay in playoff contention by keeping Dillon out of the end zone.

Jaguars 24, Texans 21

At Houston, Mark Brunell passed for 224 yards and two touchdowns, ensuring the Jaguars would not lose twice this season to the expansion Texans.

The Jags (5-5), who have won two straight after a four-game losing streak,

Houston (2-8) rallied from a 24-7 deficit when David Carr scored on runs of 2 and 14 yards — the latter with 2:04 left.

Giants 19, Redskins 17

At East Rutherford, N.J., Giants rookie tight end Jeremy Shockey caught 11 passes for 111 yards, Amani Toomer had eight for 95 and Matt Bryant kicked four field goals in a steady rain.

Lady Bulldogs drop game to Stanton, 61-44

The Lady Bulldogs varsity basketball team scored 22 points in the final quarter Friday, only to fall to visiting Stanton, 61-44.

"We are improving," said head coach Brent Parr. "We are getting more confidence, and the more we play, the more confidence we will get."

Ira's Celeigh Sterling led all scorers with 19 points, and Amanda Calley added 10 for the Lady Bulldogs (0-2), who will next host Sterling City Tuesday.

Heather Washington pumped in 18 for the Class 2A Lady Buffaloes (2-0), and Ashley Neweol hit for 13 points.

Shelby Harp added 11 points for Stanton.

Tip off for Sterling City is scheduled for 6 p.m., and the junior high games slated for today at Borden County have been changed to Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Fisk earns 1st team all-district; Crawford named best newcomer

The 2002 District 3-3A All-District team:

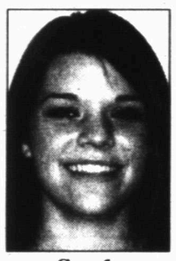
MVP:
Krissa Johnson, Jr., Denver City
Amanda Hiller, Jr., Denver City

Newcomer of the Year:
Sarah Crawford, Jr., Snyder

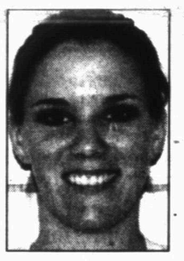
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Tori Winfrey, Jr., Denver City
Abby Droosma, Jr., Denver City
Iliana Castro, Sr., Lamesa
Ashley Hunter, Jr., Lamesa
Jackie Adams, Sr. Seminole
Ashley Harridge, Sr., Seminole
Sarah Hill, Sr., Seminole
Shelley Fisk, Sr., Snyder

Second Team:
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Whitney Baker, Sr., Cooper
Jennifer Beal, Sr., Denver City
Brittney Roberts, Sr., Lamesa
Chelsey Reeves, Jr., Lamesa
Sara Jo Chiles, Jr., Seminole
Sydney Johnson, Sr., Seminole
Chaelyn Robinson, Sr., Snyder

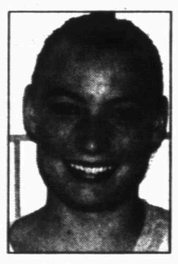
Snyder honorable mentions:
Kelby Drum
Kelsi Johnson
Afton Schwertner
Aaryn Stewart
Ashley Tuttle



Sarah Crawford



Shelley Fisk



Chaelyn Robinson

Hampton to Braves

MIAMI (AP) — Mike Hampton's stay with the Florida Marlins was brief.

A whirlwind weekend sent the left-hander from Colorado to Florida and then to the Atlanta Braves, where he'll try to rejuvenate his career.

The Marlins will get reliever Tim Spooneybarger from the Braves for Hampton, a baseball source said on condition of anonymity Sunday. The source said details must be finalized, the trade must be approved by the commissioner's office, and the players must pass physicals.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY
Basketball: Snyder freshmen girls at Big Spring, 6:30 p.m.
Basketball: Hermleigh Jr. High at Trent, 6 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder Jr. High girls at Big Spring, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY
Basketball: Snyder JV and varsity girls at Brownfield, 5 p.m.
Basketball: Ira Jr. High at Borden County, 5 p.m.
Basketball: Ira varsity girls vs. Sterling City, 6 p.m.
Basketball: Hermleigh vs. Post JV, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
Basketball: Hermleigh at New Home tourney.

FRIDAY
Football: Ira vs. Sands, Gail, 7:30 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder boys varsity vs. Lubbock Cooper, 6 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder varsity, JV and freshmen girls vs. Lubbock Cooper, 4:30 p.m.
Basketball: Ira JV boys at Coahoma, 5 p.m.
Basketball: Hermleigh at New Home tourney.

SATURDAY
Basketball: Hermleigh at New Home tourney.
Basketball: Ira varsity girls at Coahoma, 1 p.m.

AP Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 16, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking:

	Record		Pts	Pvs
1.	Miami (74)	9-0	1,850	1
2.	Ohio St.	12-0	1,766	2
3.	Wash. St.	9-1	1,628	3
4.	Oklahoma	9-1	1,622	4
5.	Iowa	11-1	1,617	6
6.	Georgia	10-1	1,472	7
7.	Southern Cal	8-2	1,341	8
8.	Notre Dame	9-1	1,284	9
9.	Alabama	9-2	1,264	10
10.	Kansas St.	9-2	1,171	11
11.	Texas	9-2	1,124	4
12.	Michigan	9-2	1,060	12
13.	Virginia Tech	8-2	847	13
14.	Florida St.	8-3	796	15
15.	Penn St.	8-3	755	16
16.	Colorado	8-3	754	17
17.	Pittsburgh	8-2	638	18
18.	Maryland	9-2	637	19
19.	Florida	8-3	572	20
20.	Colorado St.	9-2	511	21
21.	LSU	7-3	344	14
22.	TCU	8-1	246	25
23.	Boise St.	10-1	212	—
24.	Texas Tech	8-4	145	—
25.	UCLA	7-3	121	—

Others receiving votes: Auburn 75, N.C. State 43, West Virginia 33, Oregon 20, Marshall 17, Arkansas 14, Virginia 14, Washington 13, Texas A&M 9, Tennessee 7, Hawaii 6, Air Force 5, Kentucky 4, N. Illinois 4, South Florida 4, Oregon St. 3, Iowa St. 2.

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Indonesia's VP criticizes Bali investigation

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia's vice president criticized the investigation into last month's bombings on Bali island as heavy-handed, the first sign of a political backlash to the probe in the world's most populous Muslim nation.

Hamzah Haz, a hardline Muslim politician who has courted well-known militants before, said today that police should change the way they search Islamic boarding schools in their hunt for the suspects.

"I hope raids like the previous ones, which were not pleasant, will not happen again," said Haz, who said before the attacks there was no terrorism in Indonesia.

The Oct. 12 blasts killed nearly 200 people, mostly Australian tourists.

Police hunting for suspects have repeatedly raided the al-Islam boarding school in Tenggelun village in east Java over the past two weeks.

They have arrested one man, identified only as Amrozi, whose family founded the school. At least one other man on a recently released police wanted list was a teacher there.

"The police must change the way they conduct raids in their investigation, so that they do not cause new problems in the future," said Haz, who leads the Muslim-based United Development Party.

He said the raids were creating "anxiety."

Today, a man described as a cousin of Amrozi gave himself up to police in the village, officers said. Sumarno, who goes by a single name, is wanted for questioning about a weapons cache found near Tenggelun last week. He is not believed to be directly linked to the Bali blasts.

Indonesia is a moderate Muslim country with a long tradition of secular rule. Islamic parties, while controlling a third of the legislature, have little influence in everyday life.

Some Muslim politicians have tried to capitalize on rising anti-American sentiment in the country since the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States and the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan.

They have largely been quiet since the Bali blasts.

On Sunday, about 1,000 people protested the arrest of Abu Bakar Bashir, the spiritual leader of Jemaah Islamiyah, a regional terror group that intelligence agencies suspect in the bombings.

Bashir runs a large boarding school, also on Java, but denies any links to terrorism. He was arrested over a string of bomb blasts in 2000.

Today, Bashir's lawyers asked the Supreme Court to declare his detention illegal. A lower court in South Jakarta rejected Bashir's attempt to have his arrest annulled a week ago.

Police on Bali said Sunday at least six men suspected in the blasts were hiding in "sensitive places" within Indonesia.

Today, an intelligence source on the island said officers believed the men were hiding out in religious boarding schools, known as pesantren.

"We are convinced the suspects are hiding in pesantren," said the intelligence source who asked not to named. "This will make it difficult."

There are hundreds of thousands of Islamic boarding schools spread out across the archipelago. Some teach a hardline brand of Islam.

Cuban flies crop-duster to U.S.

MIAMI (AP) — Aldo Gutierrez Jimenez was at a birthday party when he and seven others decided that night was the last they'd be spending in Cuba.

Gutierrez and the others, including his wife, touched down in Key West the next day, completing a brief but tense journey across the Straits of Florida in a Soviet-era crop-duster.

"We've wanted to come (to the United States) for many years," Gutierrez said Sunday. "The opportunity had not presented itself."

All eight were released from U.S. immigration custody late Friday, four days after they arrived in Florida. Gutierrez, who with his wife is staying at the home of an uncle, told The Associated Press he hopes to quickly find work and a place to live.

On the night of the fateful birthday party in Cuba, the pilot, Nemencio Carlos Alonso Guerra, told the group their opportunity to flee the country was at hand, Gutierrez said.

"The pilot made the decision that we would go today," he said. "We made the decision that we could not stay any longer."

The plan required Gutierrez and the others to meet by 8:45 a.m. at an airfield just as Guerra was coming in for a landing. Then, all would dash into the plane and take off for Key West.

Gutierrez, who was a member of the Communist Party and worked as a buyer, said he was responsible for ferrying the others to the airfield in his government-issued, Soviet-built car, a Lada.

But about half a mile from the airfield, "The car broke down," Gutierrez said. "We had to replace a hose. We thought things were going to go wrong."

He said the car's exhaust pipe had melted part of the fuel line and the gas wasn't flowing properly. Without the proper tools, they were forced to improvise.

"We had nothing to cut the hose. We used a hammer to cut one end, then the other," he said. "With another hose that was a little longer, we cut out a piece and we put it in between the ends, and kept on."

The repair took about 10 minutes, during which, Gutierrez said, a state security officer drove by and saw him and two of the other passengers trying to repair the car on the side of the road.

"It was a very tense moment for us. Everyone was saying 'hurry, hurry.' It was very desperate," Gutierrez said.

The group arrived just as Guerra came in for a landing. They had set up a signal: He would circle around once before landing if the trip was still on. He did, the plane coming to a stop a few yards short of the end of the landing strip, Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez said he drove through an opening in bushes lining the airfield, about 150 yards from the nearest security officer, and in less than a minute everyone made it onto the plane for takeoff.

He said the plane ride was tense until he saw the two U.S. jet fighters shadowing them on their way into Key West International Airport.

"I felt a bit calmer then," Gutierrez said. "When we saw them, we knew we would arrive without any problem."

Harry Potter No. 1 movie over weekend

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The "Chamber of Secrets" has been opened, and Harry Potter has found a fortune inside.

"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," the second installment in the fantasy franchise based on J.K. Rowling's novels, took in $87.7 million, the third-best debut weekend ever, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"Chamber of Secrets" came in behind the record $114.8 million that "Spider-Man" grossed in its first three days last spring and the $90.3 million haul of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" a year ago.

Though "Chamber of Secrets" opened in a record 3,682 theaters on a record 8,515 screens, distributor Warner Bros. had not expected the movie to set revenue records. Anticipation had been greater for "Sorcerer's Stone" because it was the first big-screen adaptation of Rowling's tales, said Dan Fellman, Warner head of distribution.

But with generally better audience and critical reaction for the new movie, Fellman said the studio hopes "Chamber of Secrets" will surpass the $317.6 million total of "Sorcerer's Stone."

"The kids have gotten better, the reviews have gotten better. The overall franchise is just growing," Fellman said.

Last weekend's No. 1 film, rapper Eminem's semi-autobiographical "8 Mile," dropped steeply after a huge debut. The movie came in at No. 2 with $21.3 million, down 58 percent from its opening weekend of $51.2 million and pushing its 10-day total to $86.4 million.

The weekend's only other new wide release, Steven Seagal's action thriller "Half Past Dead," opened in fifth place with $8.2 million.

The overall box office rose, with the top 12 movies grossing $165.2 million, up 8.5 percent from the same weekend last year.

In "Chamber of Secrets," Daniel Radcliffe returns as boy wizard Harry, who faces new evil unleashed when a mysterious chamber is opened at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

The movie opened to a smaller audience on Friday than "Sorcerer's Stone," but Warner said its Saturday and Sunday ticket sales slightly exceeded those of the first film.

"It's obvious people have not gotten this character out of their system," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "Despite all the books, the first movie and the DVD of the first movie, people can't get enough of him."

The year's surprise blockbuster, the low-budgeted romance "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," is expected to hit $200 million by Tuesday. The film was No. 6 over the weekend, grossing $4.7 million to lift its total to $199.6 million.

The horror hit "The Ring" became the 17th movie of 2002 to top $100 million. The movie was No. 4 for the weekend with $11 million, raising its total to $101.6 million.

Extending blood thinner treatment reduces deaths

CHICAGO (AP) — Long-term use of the blood thinner Plavix can significantly reduce the risk of death and bad side effects in angioplasty patients, a study found.

The promising results suggest there would be at least 24,000 fewer deaths, heart attacks and strokes combined annually if every U.S. patient who undergoes angioplasty were treated for one year with Plavix, the researchers said.

"We saw a big benefit," said Dr. Eric Topol of Cleveland Clinic. He helped conduct the research and also works as a consultant for Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. and Sanofi-Synthelabo, which market the drug and paid for the study.

Dr. Robert Bonow, president of the American Heart Association, called the results significant and said if confirmed in other studies, they could lead to changes in current practice.

"It's a big deal," Bonow said.

The study appears in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association and also was to be presented at today's session of the AHA's scientific meeting in Chicago.

Plavix, also known as clopidogrel, helps keep blood components called platelets from sticking together and forming clots. The pills are commonly used with aspirin for about one month after an angioplasty.

The study involved 2,116 heart patients aged 62 on average, most of whom underwent a non-emergency angioplasty to open a blocked artery and had a stent implanted to keep the artery from reclosing. Patients were mostly male and white.

Patients took Plavix and aspirin for 28 days after the procedure, which is standard practice. After that, half continued with the combination for a year, and half received a placebo instead, plus aspirin.

After a year, there were 89 deaths, heart attacks and strokes combined in the Plavix patients compared with 122 in the placebo group. That equals a 27 percent risk reduction for the Plavix patients.

The results suggest that with at least 800,000 patients undergoing angioplasties annually, there would be about 24,000 fewer deaths, heart attacks and strokes if they all received the Plavix-aspirin treatment for a year, Topol said.

Plavix is currently recommended for just a month after angioplasty and stenting because that is thought to be the riskiest period for blood clots, Bonow said. Stents are small mesh-like tubes often made of metal and designed to keep an unclogged artery propped open. Exposing blood to the foreign object increases the risk of clots that could cause a heart attack, but tissue gradually grows over the stent and lowers that risk.

The study suggests that using Plavix beyond that initial risky period benefits more than just the stented artery — perhaps also other clogged arteries, Bonow said.

A study published earlier this year in the New England Journal of Medicine suggested that long-term use of Plavix would not be cost-effective because it is much more expensive than aspirin.

Topol said Plavix costs about $80 a month, "which is not trivial," but argued that the benefits found in the study would make the extra cost worth it.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Herbal remedies may not be safe

DEAR DR. GOTT: I take herbal supplements. My doctor is concerned about this and claims that the herbal remedies may not only interfere with my prescription drugs, but may also have side effects of their own. How can this be? For years, I have been convinced that the herbals are safe.

DEAR READER: As a result of extensive lobbying by the herbal remedy industry — and make no mistake; it is an industry — the U.S. Congress, in 1994, passed the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act, which kept the Food and Drug Administration from regulating vitamins and herbal products. In the view of many experts, this act may not be in the public interest. Here are some examples that were reviewed in the Medical Letter (Sept. 30, 2002.)

Aristolochic acid — Widely present in many Chinese herbal preparations for weight loss, this compound has caused kidney failure in more than 100 women. It is known to be nephrotoxic (damaging to kidneys) and is also associated with urinary tract cancers. Despite these dangers, the FDA has no authority to ban the product, which continues to be detected in botanical products exported to the United States.

Kava — This substance often causes extensive liver damage and has been banned in Canada and some European countries. But not in the U.S.

PC Spes — This is an herbal supplement marketed for "prostate health." Several examples, when tested, revealed the presence of warfarin (Coumadin and others), Xanax (a prescription anxiety reliever), Indocin (an anti-inflammatory medicine) and female hormones. Furthermore, the concentration of other active ingredients varied from lot to lot.

Echinacea — The effectiveness of this remedy in preventing colds is unproven and the strength of the plant constituents in the product depends not only on the species and plant part but also on the season of harvesting. Echinacea and other plant-based supplements may contain a wide range of pesticide residues, including some pesticides that have been banned in the United States.

Melatonin — Many brands contain impurities that scientists are unable to characterize; some of these impurities have been linked to a chronic muscle disorder known as eosinophilia-myalgia syndrome.

Glucosamine and chondroitin — U.S. researchers were unable to find a satisfactory source that was consistent; consequently, they had to manufacture the drugs themselves in order to test them.

Many herbal remedies contain significant amounts of contaminants and/or prescription drugs that are not listed on the labels. This sets the stage for potentially hazardous interactions and toxicity when taken with prescription medications.

The Medical Letter concludes: "The main problems with dietary supplements, even if questions about their effectiveness and adverse effects were answered satisfactorily, are that their potency may vary and their purity is suspect. Physicians should tell their patients that we really don't know what's in them."

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

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Albertsons	21.07	20.65	20.85	+ .14
Alltel	50.80	49.94	50.73	+ .79
AmEl Pw	28.14	27.30	27.54	—.05
AndarkPtr	46.25	45.41	45.57	—.55
ATMOS Egy	22.76	22.16	22.22	+ .07
Aviall	8.73	8.58	8.58	—.07
BP PLC	39.59	39.20	39.34	—.03
BakerHughes	30.70	29.91	30.16	—.18
Bank of Amer	69.45	68.00	68.15	—.64
BellSouth	26.90	26.30	26.40	+ .40
BurlNoSFe	26.10	25.55	25.66	—.33
Caterpillar	45.33	44.60	44.81	—.27
CenterPoint	7.25	6.99	7.11	+ .13
ChevronTex	67.99	67.27	67.57	+ .02
Citigroup	37.30	36.27	36.44	—.46
CocaCola	46.29	45.80	45.81	—.16
ColgatePal	53.15	52.55	52.76	—.33
CmclMetals s	16.20	16.00	16.06	+ .01
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DaimlrChry	33.86	33.25	33.46	+ .03
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EDS Corp	15.45	14.75	14.79	+ .04
Entergy	44.10	43.40	43.75	+ .20
ExxonMobil	35.28	34.70	34.86	+ .01
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TexasInst	17.32	16.78	17.30	+ .91
Textron	42.60	41.90	41.99	—.58
TrinityInds	18.95	18.65	18.65	—.26
TylerTech	4.10	3.99	3.99	—.11
UnionPacif	59.29	57.80	58.07	—1.12
USSteel	13.00	12.66	12.74	—.12
UnitedTech	63.54	61.97	62.11	—.91
Unocal	28.08	27.65	27.81	+ .04
VerizonComm	39.80	39.20	39.37	+ .06
WalMart	55.50	54.51	54.73	—.76
WellsFargo	48.50	47.55	47.75	—.27
WstnGasRs	34.50	33.90	34.40	+ .58
WinnDixie	14.85	14.12	14.21	+ .06
Xerox Cp	7.83	7.60	7.79	+ .24
YumBrands s	22.94	22.75	22.81	+ .17

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Police kill gun-wielding man

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston man was fatally shot early Sunday after he fired at two police officers near a nightclub, then led them on a foot chase through downtown.

Michael Richard Barrett, 25, was shot three times. Police said one of the gunshots was self-inflicted. Barrett was pronounced dead at Memorial Hermann Hospital about 1 a.m., shortly after the shooting, which began at Spy nightclub.

According to witnesses, Barrett had been kicked out of the club for fighting. After he entered his car, a gunshot was heard.

Two off-duty Houston police officers working extra jobs as security officers at downtown clubs arrived and found Barrett in his car. The officers noticed Barrett's handgun as he got out and ordered him to drop it.

Instead, Barrett pointed the gun at the officers and fired several shots as he ran away.

Barrett swam across Buffalo Bayou and again was confronted by the officers as he left its banks.

Barrett again ignored orders to drop his weapon and was shot twice.

It later was determined that the third shot was self-inflicted. Investigators found blood and a bullet hole in the seat of Barrett's car and believe Barrett shot himself before officers gave chase.

Police said Barrett had been convicted of drug offenses four times since 1994, and was free on $15,000 bail pending trial on a possession of a controlled substance charge, the Houston Chronicle reported in its online edition Sunday. He also had been convicted of burglary and assault.

Co-pilot plunges from small plane 9,000 feet over Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — The co-pilot of a single-engine aircraft plunged from the plane as it made a steep turn 9,000 feet over the Houston area.

The 45-year-old Houston man apparently jumped or fell from the plane Sunday afternoon near Prairie View, about 20 miles northwest of Houston, federal and local authorities told the Houston Chronicle for today's editions.

An instructor pilot, the only other person on board, was concentrating on a steep turning maneuver when he heard a thump and saw the co-pilot's feet and legs leaving the airplane, Waller County Sheriff's Lt. John Kremmer told the Chronicle.

Kremmer said a search for the pilot in the area's pastures, woods and lakes was expected to resume early today.

Officials said the Cessna 152 had taken off 45 minutes earlier from David Wayne Hooks Airport in Spring. The pilot notified authorities about the incident before returning to the airport.

"The instructor and the aircraft landed safely," said Roland Herwig, spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

Kremmer said the co-pilot — whose identity was being withheld pending notification of relatives — had a pilot's license but could not fly alone because of an unspecified medical condition.

The instructor pilot told investigators that both men were strapped in when the small trainer aircraft took off from the airport.

"He just doesn't know at what point that changed," Kremmer said.

Kremmer said there was no indication the man had a parachute.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002

Your greatest strides in the year ahead are likely to be made in ventures or endeavors that do not require partners. You'll be the most fortunate in situations where you strike out on your own.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Keep your emotions under control today, because relationships could be extremely touchy at this time and even a long-standing friendship could be in jeopardy if a clash of wills should occur.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Attempting to take shortcuts on a task that requires time and patience could lead to undesirable consequences today. You could end up starting all over again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you're in a fiery mood today, avoid groups or cliques. Among large gatherings you're sure to find someone who is spoiling for a confrontation and will single you out for his/her sport.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't volunteer to handle someone else's affairs today. The complications are likely to be bigger than you anticipate and you could find yourself in a real mess.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you're filled with too much self-doubt today, you may close yourself off from sound advice or suggestions that could really be of help to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The sweet seductress of extravagance could overwhelm you today if you're not careful. Don't fall head-over-heels in love with so many things when shopping today that you burn up your credit cards.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — There is a good chance you might find yourself having to deal with an individual who is just as single-minded as yourself. If either is too self-serving, it'll be a no-gain day for each.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Unless you stay on top of all jobs that pop up today and get each out of the way immediately, a critical log jam could quickly be created before your realize it. Don't get squeezed into a corner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Even if you link up with an associate who usually fares well on flyers, this is not a good day to gamble on risky ventures, especially those that give you no time to think. Pass the action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Being born Leo the Lion, King of the Jungle, can cause you to get a bit overbearing from time to time. Today, if your roar is too arrogant or forceful it will make others back away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Give others a chance to present their points of view first today before nitpicking away at their suggestions or ideas. Jumping to conclusions makes you look ill-informed and inadequate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It's great to go along with others, but, if in order to do so you allow yourself to be maneuvered into a position where you have to pay for someone else's mistakes, it's just downright foolish.

Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

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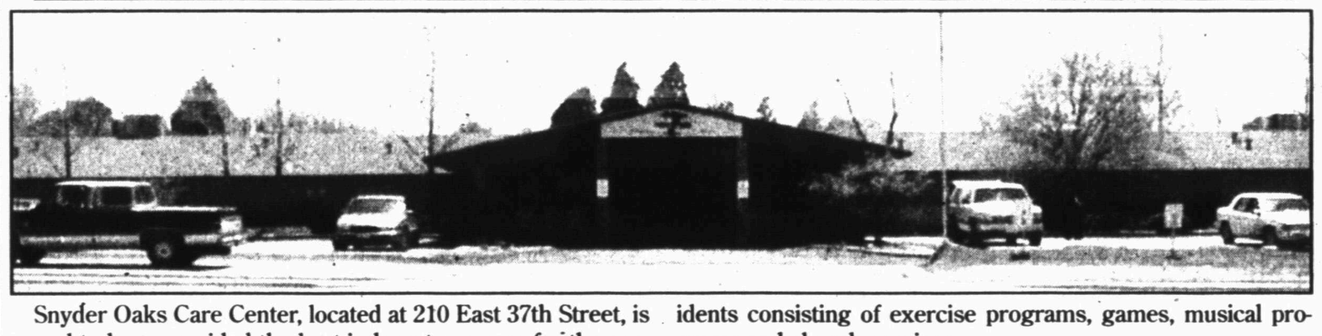
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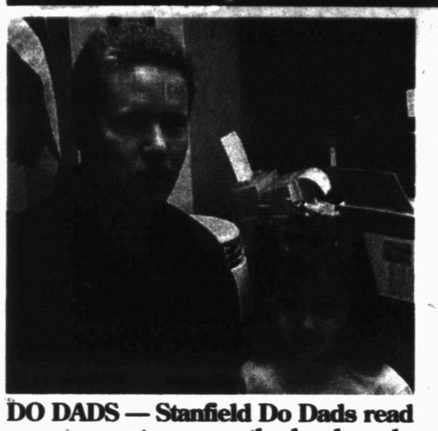
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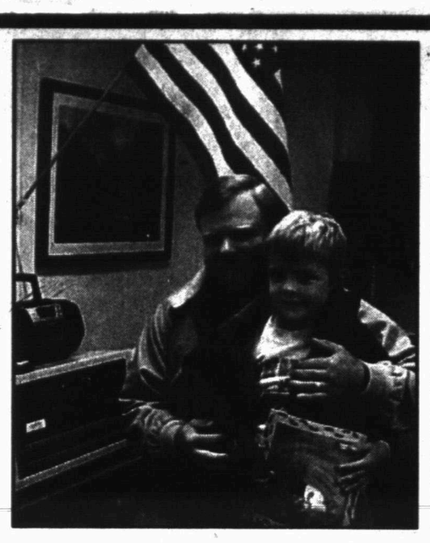
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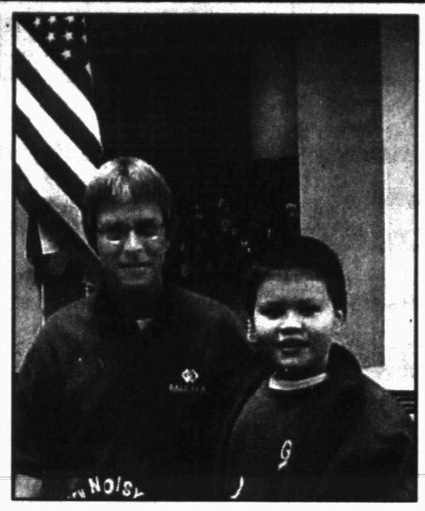
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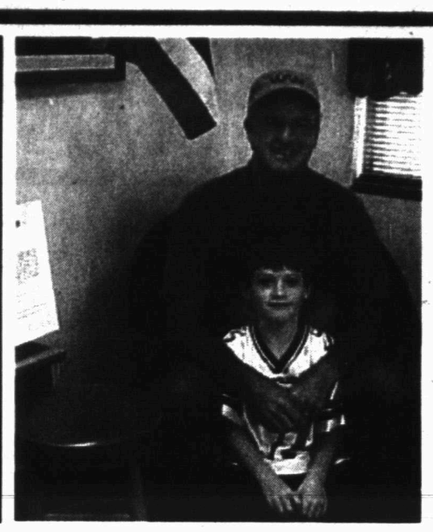
DO DADS — Stanfield Do Dads read a poem or story over the loudspeaker every Monday. Do Dads for October include Steven Krueger who is pictured with his daughter, Kristen. (All Photos Are Contributed)



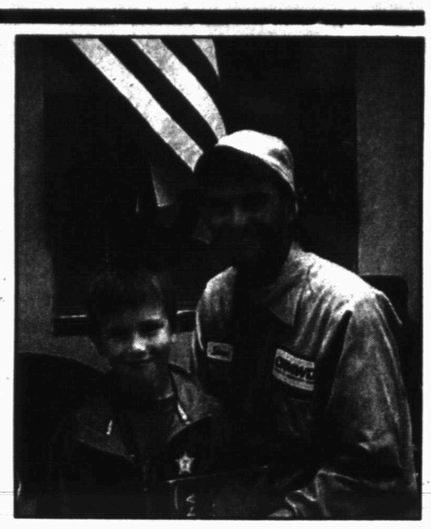
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Researchers use tissue in heart repair research

CHICAGO (AP) — New research suggests doctors may someday fix hopelessly damaged hearts with bits of tissue from other parts of the body.

Preliminary studies conducted in the United States and Europe raise the possibility that cells taken from bone marrow or muscles can be used to revive seemingly dead patches of heart muscle.

"If this proves efficacious, we will improve the quality of life of our patients and their survival. This will replace heart transplants," said Dr. Nabil Dib of the Arizona Heart Institute.

The inability of the heart to pump forcefully enough, a condition called heart failure, is a large and growing health problem afflicting an estimated 5 million people in the United States alone.

Two years ago, a French doctor described a novel alternative: He put millions of immature muscle cells into the badly damaged heart of a 72-year-old man. His heart began to pump more powerfully, although it was unclear whether the benefit came from the new cells or from coronary bypass surgery he received at the same time.

That physician, Dr. Philippe Manasche of Bichat Hospital in Paris, has now repeated the approach on 10 patients, and similar experiments are being conducted by teams in the United States, Germany, England and Poland.

Preliminary but encouraging data on these experiments were reported Sunday at the annual scientific meeting in Chicago of the American Heart Association. Doctors said the shifted cells can live inside the heart's dead scar tissue and show at least some signs of contracting like the original heart muscle.

"This is quite exciting and definitely new," said Dr. Timothy Gardner of the University of Pennsylvania, who is not involved in the studies.

For now, all that researchers can say for sure is that the transferred cells take root and flourish in dead areas of the heart. Whether they make the heart pump more forcefully remains to be proved, although researchers say they see encouraging evidence that this may happen.

"The results so far support the hypothesis that these cells will do some good. It gives us a reason to go on," said Dr. Francis Pagani of the University of Michigan.

Pagani is working with Dib, whose team tested the approach on 16 patients getting either coronary bypasses or temporary pumps to keep them alive until they could have heart transplants.

Ordinarily, the heart pushes out more than half of its blood with each beat. Dib's patients had such bad heart failure that their hearts pumped just 23 percent. After the bypasses and cell injections, this improved to 36 percent, although it was impossible say how much, if any, of the new strength resulted from the extra cells.

Like Manasche, Dib's team begins with immature muscle cells, called myoblasts, obtained from the patients' own thighs. These are grown in test tubes until millions are available. Then they are injected into parts of the heart that died during heart attacks.

"We clearly showed living tissue in the injected scar," Dib said.

Dr. Tomasz Siminiak of the University School of Medical Science in Poznan, Poland, tested the same approach on 10 patients. Improved contraction was seen in scarred areas of the heart within a month of the procedure.

Both Manasche and Siminiak found that patients needed drugs to prevent potentially lethal heart rhythm disturbances in the months following the injections, although this hazard appeared to go away with time.

Drs. Manuel Galinanes of the University of Leicester in Britain and Christof Stamm of Rostock University in Germany are using primitive bone marrow cells instead of thigh muscle cells, and both say their results are similar.

Using heart scans, Galinanes found no change in the way the scarred tissue moved after receiving solely bypass surgery or marrow cell injections. However, he said, "when the two treatments were applied in combination, we saw a very, very significant improvement."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Opening lead: ♠ Q

Monday, Nov. 18, 2002

Wine labels feature the club queen

By Phillip Alder

Earlier this year, I bought a bottle of Australian wine: Peter Lehmann shiraz. The club queen on the label and a club symbol on the foil covering the cork caught my eye. The label explained that Lehmann read Damon Runyon's "The Idyll of Miss Sarah Brown," and he became fascinated by the Queen of Clubs, which represents Miss Brown. Lehmann asked painters to render this queen for the labels on each of his Barossa Valley wines.

Now needing a deal in which the club queen plays a key role, I looked in "Right Through the Pack" by Robert Darvas and Norman Hart (Devyn Press, 1996). How can you make six hearts? West leads the spade queen, and East discards the club jack.

This is my auction. (In the book, East opens a pusillanimous three clubs!) When South pulls his partner's double, he announces an unbalanced hand. North raises because he has such a powerhouse, and if South also has two losing clubs, perhaps West will be void.

Here is one successful line: Win with the spade king (first key play), cross to dummy with a trump, and discard a diamond on the club queen (second key play). Note that if you inaccurately try the club three, West can win the trick and lead a second top spade to remove dummy's late entry.

Let's suppose East continues with another club. You ruff, go to dummy with a trump, cash the diamond ace, ruff a diamond in hand, draw trumps, ruff another diamond, return to dummy with a spade, and discard your two spade losers on the king-eight of diamonds.

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Thousands converge on Army base housing former school

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) — With supporters cheering her on, Caryl Hartjes squeezed through a 10-inch opening in a chain-link fence to risk jail for her beliefs.

The frail, 67-year-old Roman Catholic nun from Fond du Lac, Wis., was among nearly 100 demonstrators, including at least 7 nuns, who were arrested for entering Fort Benning to protest a U.S. military program that trains Latin American soldiers.

About 7,000 protesters gathered Sunday for the 13th annual demonstration by the School of the Americas Watch, which conducts the protests to mark the killings of six Jesuit priests in El Salvador on Nov. 19, 1989.

Some of the killers had attended the Army's School of the Americas, which moved from Panama to Fort Benning, an Army training center, in 1984.

"I go in solidarity with the men and women — especially the children — of South America who were just whisked away and continue to be whisked away," said Hartjes, a hospice worker. "I feel some anger at the outrage of it all. I feel angry at the deliberate treachery and violence."

A line of military police officers awaited Hartjes and the others who crossed the boundary into Fort Benning. The protesters were directed up a hill, where they were arrested.

"This decision to go in is a spontaneous thing. There was no planning," said Bill Quigley, a lawyer representing the protesters. "We're here to support the voices that are trying to make our country's international actions more just."

The protesters who were arrested could face up to six months in jail for trespassing on U.S. government property. Bond hearings were scheduled for today.

The School of the Americas was replaced last year by a Department of Defense school called the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Patriot Resources Inc. will drill the No. 1 LDMU Garnet, an 8,000-foot wildcat located 11 miles southeast of Snyder. Location is in Section 198, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 7703 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 18, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 7702 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Also planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 18, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Borden County

Western Reserves Oil Co. Inc. will drill the No. 1-467 Drum in the Galey field, 12 miles northeast of Gail. Planned for a depth of 7,000 feet, drill site is in Section 467, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Energen Resources Corp. will drill the No. 1067-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 13 miles southwest of Colorado City. Contracted for a depth of 3,250 feet, drill site is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Kent County

Burk Royalty Co. will drill the No. 1-37 Beggs, an 8,950-foot wildcat located 15 miles northwest of Clairemont. Location is in Section 37, Block 7, H&GN survey.

Burk Royalty will drill the No. 1-198 Hall, an 8,950-foot wildcat located 13 miles northwest of Clairemont. Drill site is in Section 198, Block G, W&NW survey.

Garza County

Shenandoah Petroleum Corporation will drill the No. 1 Black Knight in the Lazy JL field, 14 miles north of Gail. Contracted for a depth of 6,500 feet, drill site is in Section 7, Block 30,T7N, B&B survey.

Howard County

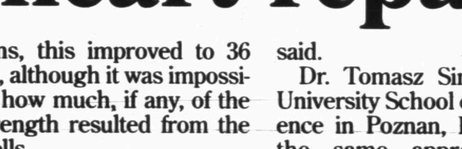
LCS Production Co. will drill the No. 2 Yarbrough in the Would Have field, five miles northwest of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 5,999 feet, location is in Section 16, Block 33, T1N, T&P survey.

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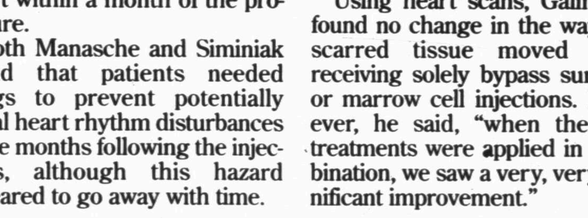
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Homeland security bill showdown looms

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate showdown over what Democrats call Republican special-interest goodies in the homeland security legislation could determine the bill's fate in Congress this year.

The Democratic-controlled Senate was expected to vote Tuesday morning on whether to strip seven GOP items from the bill. Republicans say that move could kill any chance that the Homeland Security Department legislation would make it to President Bush's desk this year.

"With Congress' vote on the final legislation, America will have a single agency with the full-time duty of protecting our people against attack," Bush said over the weekend. In the new agency, he said, "We'll have good people, well-organized and well-equipped, working day and night to oppose the serious dangers of our time."

Senate Democrats say majority House Republicans slipped several provisions into the bill that they say have nothing with homeland security.

"The bill the president supported was 35 pages long. The bill that I've been asked to vote on today or Tuesday is 484 pages long, filled with special interest legislation, loaded up by the House Republicans in the last few days," Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

The most egregious, Democrats say, is language to protect pharmaceutical companies from lawsuits over the vaccines they create and their side effects, including wiping out lawsuits already in court.

"Does this have anything at all to do with homeland security? The answer is no," Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said last week. And one GOP lawmaker, Rep. Dan Burton of Indiana, said he was unaware of the provision when he voted for the bill last week and now wants it removed.

Officers kept busy by weekend DWI arrests

•Arrests

DPS troopers arrested two men on U.S. 84 Saturday evening near the Ave. E overpass for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and public intoxication. Taken into custody were a 28-year-old man and a 23-year-old man.

A one-vehicle accident was reported on FM 1606 Saturday night and troopers arrested a 43-year-old man at the scene for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers took a 31-year-old man into custody at 2:23 a.m. Sunday in the 700 block of College Ave. for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and for driving with a suspended license.

At 2:30 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 28-year-old man in the 700 block of 37th Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

A 30-year-old man was taken into custody at 2:45 a.m. Sunday for public intoxication.

•Fire report

A cotton burr trailer caught fire at the Scurry County Gin Sunday evening. Thirteen firefighters responded at 6:17 p.m. and the fire was put out quickly.

•Accident

Patsy Flores reported damage to her 1999 Ford Taurus sustained in a hit-and-run accident. She didn't know when the accident occurred, but officers provided her the proper forms.

•Theft

Debbie Graham reported a 35mm camera stolen from her vehicle in the Eckerd Drug parking lot. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

•Criminal mischief

Larry Scott reported damage to a window and door at the Snyder High School ag building. A report for criminal mischief was filed and a close patrol was initiated.

•Family violence

A man reported a disturbance at a residence on Ave. G Saturday afternoon and a report for family violence was submitted.

Another disturbance was reported on Ave. M at 5:47 p.m. Saturday and a report was filed.

•Gas drive offs

A clerk at United Fuel reported a drive off worth $5 at 9 a.m. Saturday.

A drive off was reported from Town and Country North at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Births

Jessica and Victor Rios of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Victor Jose Rios, at 5:55 a.m. on Nov. 17 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Victor weighed five pounds, 10 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Gloria and Victor Rios of Snyder and maternal grandparents are Alicia and Jessie Hernandez of Lubbock.

Ten Commandments can't be displayed

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A Ten Commandments monument in the rotunda of Alabama's judicial building violates the constitution's ban on government promotion of religion, a federal judge ruled today.

U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson gave Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, who had had the 5,300-pound granite monument installed in the state building, 30 days to remove it.

Moore testified during the trial that the commandments are the moral foundation of American law. He said the monument acknowledges God, but does not force anyone to follow his conservative Christian religious beliefs.

A lawsuit seeking removal of the monument argued that it promoted the judge's faith in violation of the constitution's ban on government establishment of religion.

"This is a question of whether the politically powerful can impose their views on others," Southern Poverty Law Center attorney Danielle Lipow argued during the trial before Thompson.

Moore testified he decided to locate a monument to the Ten Commandments in the building several months after he was elected chief justice in November 2000.

The monument, which features the King James Bible version of the Ten Commandments sitting on top of a granite block, is one of the first things visitors see upon entering the building.

An appeal was expected. Neither Moore nor his lead attorney, Stephen Melchior, had any immediate comment on the ruling. An assistant to Melchior said they were reserving comment until they had read the opinion.

Moore fought to display a wooden plaque of the commandments on his courtroom wall in Etowah County, before he won election as chief justice.

"The basic issue is whether we will still be able to acknowledge God under the First Amendment, or whether we will not be able to acknowledge God," Moore testified.

Supreme Court will consider new angle in death row cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court broadened its review of the death penalty today, agreeing to consider when death row inmates with bad lawyers deserve a second chance.

Justices will review the case of a man who claims he was unfairly sentenced after being convicted of drowning an elderly woman in her bathtub. The court could use the case of Maryland death row inmate Kevin Wiggins to clarify the threshold for ineffective counsel claims in capital cases.

The subject of bad lawyering has bothered some court members in recent years, and two justices publicly criticized the quality of death penalty lawyers.

As the court reviews the case, Maryland leaders have been reconsidering the death penalty. In this case, and others on that state's death row, the victim was white and the convicted killer was black.

Maryland's governor suspended executions in that state earlier this year while a study is done on whether capital punishment is used in a racially discriminatory way. Nine of the 13 men on Maryland's death row when the moratorium began were black. The governor-elect is expected to resume executions.

Wiggins' appeal becomes the fifth death penalty case that the Supreme Court will review this term. The other four involve mechanics of imposing capital punishment.

The Wiggins case also involves a technical issue — what standard should be used in evaluating ineffective counsel claims.

Wiggins had never been convicted of a crime before, but jurors who considered his sentence may have been confused, his new lawyers said. Public defenders also did not tell the jury that Wiggins, who is mentally retarded, was beaten and raped as a child after being put in foster care when his abusive and alcoholic mother abandoned him.

His new attorneys said there was an inadequate check into his background. They also questioned whether there was enough evidence for a judge to find him guilty in the first place.

A federal judge threw out the conviction and death sentence, but an appeals court reinstated them.

The chief judge of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, J. Harvie Wilkinson III, said he had doubts about Wiggins' guilt, but that Maryland's governor should decide whether to commute the sentence.

"My own view is that (Wiggins) very probably committed the heinous offense for which he stands convicted," Wilkinson wrote. "But I cannot say with certainty that he did so."

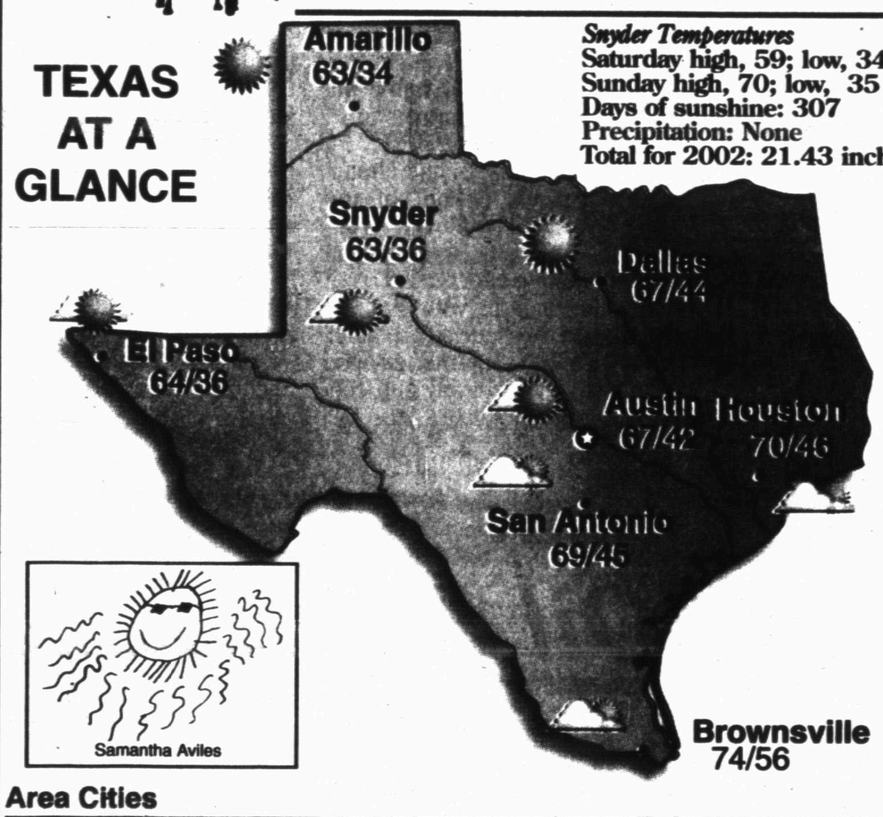
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 11/19	Wed 11/20	Thu 11/21
63/36	60/34	62/36
Mainly sunny. High 64F. Winds NNW at 15 to 25 mph.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise 7:17 AM · Sunset 5:41 PM	Sunrise 7:18 AM · Sunset 5:40 PM	Sunrise 7:19 AM · Sunset 5:40 PM

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Snyder Temperatures
Saturday high, 59; low, 34
Sunday high, 70; low, 35
Days of sunshine: 307
Precipitation: None
Total for 2002: 21.43 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	64	41	sunny	El Paso	64	36	mst sunny	Midland	64	39	sunny
Amarillo	63	34	sunny	Fort Stockton	64	40	sunny	Raymondville	73	50	pt sunny
Austin	67	42	mst sunny	Gainesville	65	38	sunny	Rosenberg	70	47	pt sunny
Beaumont	69	46	pt sunny	Greenville	66	39	sunny	San Antonio	69	45	pt sunny
Brownsville	74	56	pt sunny	Houston	70	46	pt sunny	San Marcos	68	42	pt sunny
Brownwood	67	39	sunny	Kingsville	72	49	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	66	39	sunny
Corpus Christi	70	51	pt sunny	Livingston	69	40	pt sunny	Sweetwater	64	38	mst sunny
Corsicana	68	42	sunny	Longview	65	39	sunny	Tyler	68	42	sunny
Dallas	67	44	sunny	Lubbock	64	36	sunny	Weatherford	67	39	sunny
Del Rio	69	47	pt sunny	Lufkin	68	42	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	66	40	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	53	41	rain	Houston	70	46	pt sunny	Phoenix	80	54	sunny
Boston	45	41	cloudy	Los Angeles	81	57	sunny	San Francisco	66	49	pt sunny
Chicago	51	40	cloudy	Miami	80	68	pt sunny	Seattle	56	45	rain
Dallas	67	44	sunny	Minneapolis	46	33	cloudy	St. Louis	57	41	mst sunny
Denver	58	29	pt sunny	New York	48	42	cloudy	Washington, DC	52	40	rain

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Nov 11	Nov 20	Nov 27	Dec 4

UV Index

Tue 11/19	Wed 11/20	Thu 11/21
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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Obituaries

Don Massingill

1938-2002

Don Roscoe Massingill died Saturday, Nov. 16, at his home in Gail.

Graveside service for Mr. Massingill, 64, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Gail Cemetery with Pastor Dan Crawford officiating. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Born Oct. 9, 1938 in Tarzan, he married Velma VanDyke on Aug. 13, 1956 in Colorado City.

Mr. Massingill was a heavy equipment operator and a member of the First Baptist Church in Gatesville.

He was preceded in death by a son, Terry Dale Massingill in 1996; and by two brothers, Doyle and Howard Massingill.

Survivors include his wife, Velma Massingill of Gail; his mother Nora Massingill of Colorado City; two sons, Karl Massingill of Brownfield and Roscoe Massingill of Fluvanna; four daughters, Anita Turnbo, Jeanetta Claxton, Donna Kubena and Barbara Greer, all of Snyder; two sisters, Edna Ruth Thurman of Alpine and Tina Turner of Austin; three brothers, Kenneth Massingill of San Angelo, Travis Massingill of Colorado City and Jay Massingill of Round Rock; 21 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Odyssey Health Care, 1510 S. Gregg in Big Spring, 79720.

Hilmer Holmes

1914-2002

Hilmer Darrell Holmes, a longtime Scurry County resident, died Sunday, Nov. 17, at his home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.


Hilmer Holmes

Funeral service for Mr. Holmes, 88, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dale Huff, minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ, and Danny Holmes, a grandson, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery.

Born March 27, 1914 in Brady, he married Edna Standefer on Dec. 3, 1938 in Dunn.

Mr. Holmes was a farmer and a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, David Holmes; and by two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Holmes of Snyder; two sons, Darrell Holmes of Snyder and Kent Holmes and his wife Ollie of Borden County; a sister and brother-in-law, Elsie and Bill Hairston of China Grove; three grandchildren, Danny Holmes and his wife Amy of Midland, Dawn Holmes of El Paso, and Christy Vincent and her husband David of Skiatook, Okla.; and three great-grandchildren, Colby and Chelsey Holmes and Brady Vincent.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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