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Home of Korie Allen

Hermleigh ISD meeting attracts a large crowd

Some 40 people attended a called meeting of the Hermleigh ISD board of trustees Tuesday night and if fireworks were expected, none were forthcoming.

The trustees did meet for just over an hour in closed session as both Supt. Jerry Church and girls coach Becky Ponder were listed on the agenda as discussion topics.

Following the closed session, board vice president Tim Dacus reported that no action was taken during the executive session, and none was taken after they reconvened in open session.

Dacus was presiding in the absence of Alan Culp.

The agenda also called for discussion on the contract for girls coach Becky Ponder and the employment and duties of Church.

When these agenda items came up, Dacus said there was no action needed on either item.

The trustees did have a split vote on one board policy update, voting 4 to 2 to have trustees okay the hiring of all at-will employees.

Previous to this action, this duty fell solely on the superintendent. At-will employees are everyone except teachers and includes custodians, cafeteria workers and bus drivers.

Voting for the policy change were Dacus, Joe Roemisch, Roy Gill and Larry West. Voting no were David Higgins and Sherene Digby.

Candy Jones addressed the board concerning a newly-adopted board policy of feeding students in a restaurant following out-of-town activities or events.

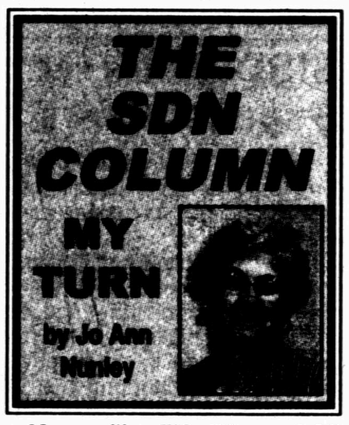
"This makes students get home late when they could have been fed at the school's concession stand and gotten back to Hermleigh at a decent hour," said Jones.

She suggested the decision to feed the students in a restaurant should be made on a case by case basis, depending on where the event is and when.

Dacus agreed and said the matter would be discussed at the next meeting and suggested the administration and board members come up with guidelines.

Supt. Church said he would provide a list of upcoming out-of-town activities for the board to use in developing the guidelines.

The meeting got underway just after 7:30 and adjourned at 9:24 p.m.



Names like *Fifi, Diamond Lil, Sentimental Journey, Texas Raiders, Flying Fortress, Devil Dog, Miss Mitchell, Show Me, and Yellow Rose* belong to "heavy metal" bombers that played a vital role during World War II and belong to the Commemorative Air Force (CAF).

These planes with painted pictures on the nose of the aircraft to depict their names capable of a range of 3,700 miles with a 20,000-pound bomb load, the B-29 was operated solely in the Pacific Theater. They are probably best remembered as the aircraft that dropped the atomic bombs on Japan, causing Japan to surrender Aug. 15, 1945. We were five years old at that time.

Living a short while in Oceanside, Calif., due to our father being in the Navy and our mother working in an airplane factory during the day, there was constant news reports of battles won and lost.

The Fina-CAF Airshow at the Midland International Airport sparks the desire to hear all we can about the World War II era.

And they do put on a show for all ages — educational and entertaining.

Veterans from World War II, Korean and Vietnam can reminisce and enjoy the show and it is a history lesson for the younger generation.

Before the aerial show begins, a large number of the planes were open for spectators to view and even walk through, such as the large impressive cargo plane. To walk through and view the mechanics is awesome to someone who doesn't even know what a piston looks like.

But, to think of the many, many young men that flew the planes that never returned home — all for our freedom - is overwhelming.

The battle of Midway with the Tora airplanes, complete with simulated bombs, sound included, dropping with the mushroom black smoke rising to the low-flying planes and the announcer loudly explaining the battle was our favorite segment of the air show.

Each time we hear the sound of the B-1 bombers from Dyess Air Force Base as they pass over in their training process, we have the feeling of security of protection of our home and our nation. We have great respect and renewed appreciation for those with the intelligence to operate the high-tech equipment.



ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL — U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, campaigning for re-election, spoke to about 30 Western Texas College faculty members Tuesday and made other stops around Snyder. Stenholm, D-Stamford, took a minute after speaking to visit with WTC employees, from left, Tammy Shirley, Linda Wright and Jennifer Beard. The congressman is being challenged by former Abilene city councilman Rob Beckham, a Republican, who will be part of a political forum at WTC Thursday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Stenholm hoping for ag chair after election

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, speaking to about 30 faculty members at Western Texas College Tuesday, addressed several issues facing the nation and said he hopes to be chairman of the House agricultural committee after the Nov. 5 election.

Stenholm, D-Stamford, is currently the ranking Democrat on the committee, and if his party gains the majority after the upcoming election, he will chair the group.

"Right now there are 14 contested races and if we win seven of them, then I'll be chairman of the ag committee," he said. "So I'm real interested in these races."

Rep. Stenholm said he is proud of his position on the ag committee because of the industry's impact on his congressional district.

The congressman also weighed in on current events, from the escalating situation with Iraq to the sniper shootings near Washington D.C.

"The war on terrorism is real and losing is not an option. I have no doubt that Saddam Hussein has the worst chemical weapons imaginable and given the time he will develop nuclear ones as well. Men like Saddam have got to be eliminated."

Stenholm said the recent shootings on the East Coast are terrifying because Americans are not used to being targeted.

"Terrorism is something we've all become accustomed to seeing on television in a far off place. It's always happening to somebody else, but now we have to be ready for it in Snyder, Texas."

Other topics the congressman touched on included repealing the estate tax on all estates up to $6 million and also marriage penalties.

He also said the economic game plan underway is not working.

"Two years ago we had a projected surplus of $5.6 trillion, and instead of paying down the national debt and fixing social security and Medicare, we passed a tax cut that I didn't vote for.

"Now the surplus has been totally eliminated and we're looking at a $2 billion deficit. The economic game plan we're under is just not working."

Stenholm is seeking re-election and is challenged by former Abilene city councilman Rob Beckham, a Republican.

Hospital auxiliary will host meeting

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will host approximately 100 District 6A and 6B auxiliary members at the Martha Ann Woman's Club Thursday.

Events will get underway at 8:30 a.m. with registration, and the welcoming address by Donna · Fowler, executive director of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

Topics to be discussed include privacy laws by Cogdell Memorial Hospital administrative assistant Christy Brown. Other discussion items are hospice, gift shops, fundraisers and snack bars.

Visitors will take a tour of Cogdell Hospital from 2:15 until 3 p.m., and will conclude the meeting at 3 o'clock.

President Marge Rode of Victoria will preside over the business meetings and will address the gathering.

Rode began her hospital volunteering in 1957 at Citizens Memorial Hospital, now Citizens Medical Center in Victoria. She has been involved in almost every aspect of auxiliary work.

Rode became a state board member in 1987 after serving as district coordinator.



HEADQUARTERS OPENING — Local Democrats opened an office on the courthouse square Tuesday to remain open through the November general election. Incumbent Democratic candidate for Precinct 4 commissioner Chloanne Lindsey, from left, visited with George Mraz, Kathy Gannaway and local Democratic Chairman Jerry Gannaway. (SDN Staff Photo)

At 10:30 a.m....

Political forum set at WTC Thursday

The Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College will be the scene Thursday for a political forum for local, state and national candidates that represent Scurry County.

The forum will begin at 10 a.m. and the public is invited.

WTC political science instructor Kyle Smith is organizer of the event and said ramifications of the Nov. 5 general election will greatly affect everyone in Scurry County.

"The biggest thing in this election is that we're going to have a new state representative and Thursday will be an opportunity for local citizens to hear from both candidates," Smith said. "It's important that whichever candidate wins that race, remembers Snyder and Western Texas College when they get to Austin."

Vying for the post being vacated by Rob Junell is Republican Scott Campbell and Democrat Jeri Slone.

"Whoever wins will come from San Angelo and we just need to make sure they understand how important Snyder and WTC are to this region," Smith said. "We're guaranteed a freshman legislator down there and with the loss of representation we've faced recently, we need someone who can get down there and really scrap for us."

Smith also said Congressional hopeful Rob Beckham, R-Abilene, will be at the forum, as will a representative of U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, who is unable to attend.

Another important aspect of the forum, according to Smith, is participation by local candidates.

"The grassroots politics of local government is extremely important to people because they affect us every day," Smith said. "We have several of our local races highlighted in Thursday's forum."

Scheduled to attend are Precinct 4 candidates Chloanne Lindsey, incumbent Democrat, and Keith Hackfeld, local merchant and Republican.

Republican candidate for Precinct 2, Robbie Floyd, will attend, as will County Judge hopeful Janet Stribling, a Democrat.

The candidates will discuss their platforms and goals. Time also will be allowed for questions.

ASK US

Q—Is the chamber of commerce sponsoring the lighted Christmas parade again this year?

A—Yes, the event is set for Saturday, Dec. 7.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Jackie A. Roberson...

...a secretary for the parks and recreation department, has lived in Snyder her whole life. She and husband, Eric, a TxDOT employee, have a one-year-old son, Carter. Her parents are Weldon and Denise Beck and her in-laws are Jimbob and Penny Roberson. She enjoys being with friends and family.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.

—Franklin P. Jones

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Library's literary evening

Scurry County Library's literary evening of story telling and western poetry will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the library.

District auxiliary meeting

Cogdell Hospital auxiliary will host the District 6A and 6B of the Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries convention starting Thursday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

FSA producer meeting

The Scurry County Farm Service Agency will hold a producer meeting at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Fine Arts Theatre on the WTC campus. An update on the new farm program will be given.

FBC services televised

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

Jr. Girl Scouts afghan

The Snyder Jr. Girl Scouts are in need of 8½ x 9 inch crocheted squares to finish an afghan. If you have any squares that you would like to donate, take them to the crafts department at Wal-Mart through Friday.

Mini cheerleading camp

Hermleigh high cheerleaders will host a mini cheerleading camp from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the school gym. Lunch will be provided. Cost is $20 per child and $15 for another child in the same family. Mini cheerleaders will perform Friday, Oct. 25, at Hermleigh's homecoming. Call Joyce Lionberger at 863-2755 or the school at 863-2452.

UIL marching contest

Snyder High School's marching band will participate in the UIL marching contest Saturday in Plainview. There will be a sendoff for the band at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the band hall. The band will compete at 11:30 a.m.

Heart Walk

The American Heart Association annual Heart Walk in memory of Dr. W.B. McSpadden will be held Saturday starting at 9 a.m. at American State Bank. Sponsors and walkers are needed. Call Dee Chasteen at 573-2913 for more information.

Ennis Creek reunion

Ennis Creek reunion will be held Saturday at the home of Chuck and Velma Lou Lear, 8558 N. Ennis Creek Road. For more information call 573-8335 or 573-9478.

Hobbs ISD homecoming

Hobbs ISD homecoming is Saturday. Registration is from 9-10 a.m., following by a business program from 10 a.m. until noon, and the luncheon will be from noon until 2 p.m. Meal is $10 per person. Reservations are appreciated for the luncheon and may be made by calling Pat Porter at 735-2322 (day), or 735-3337 (night).

Faith Revival Church program

Faith Revival Church will host Los Herederos Del Rey in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday at the church located at 3212 Ave. J.

Hobbs Baptist 80th anniversary

Hobbs Baptist Church will have it 80th anniversary Sunday. Ex-pastors will speak, there will be "dinner on the ground" and an "old-time" gospel sing is planned. All ex-members and other interested persons are invited. RSVP by Friday to Carla Guinn Bavousett at 573-8948 if you will be there for the meal.

WTC Lions Club fundraiser

The new Western Texas College Lions Club is selling $5 chances on a new Gateway 500S computer with printer. The drawing will be held Oct. 26. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 230.

Northside Baptist Church concert

Toney Brothers will be in concert at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at Northside Baptist Church. No admission will be charged but a love offering will be accepted.

WTC changes

The gym, pool and weight room at Western Texas College will close at 5 p.m. on Oct. 31 for the WTC United Way Fall Fest to be held on campus.

Woman of Influence

Area women are invited to attend a live simulcast broadcast of *Becoming a Woman of Influence* at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church. Registration Saturday begins at 7 a.m. Cost is $39 per person. Lunch is included and free childcare will be provided. The deadline to reserve space is Friday, Oct. 25. Call 573-2631 for more information.

Junior high yearbook

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

Call to poets

Mesquite Country Writers Guild, publishers of the poetry newsletter, *Bards of a Feather*, request poems for publication in the Winter issue 2003, one poem per contributor, 20 lines or less. Theme: Winter, New Year, Valentine, March winds. Deadline is Nov. 1. Payment, one copy of *Bards*. Send poem to Pam Mauldin, Box 237, Ira, 79527 or e-mail to upside@netwest.com.

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.

Small Italian town shocked by rampage

CHIERI, Italy (AP) — Stunned Italians were looking inward after a man shot and killed his ex-wife and six others before turning the gun on himself in this quiet suburban town, the latest in a series of domestic slayings.

The Tuesday morning massacre happened in a pair of adjacent, two-story homes in Chieri, a relatively well-off town of about 32,000 people, in Italy's industrial north.

The gunman, Mauro Antonello, a 40-year-old construction worker, former security guard and gun collector, reportedly had a bitter breakup two years ago with his wife, Carla Bergamin.

Antonello left a videotaped message for the couple's 7-year-old daughter, who was at school when the slayings occurred, to "explain why you have been left without me," the Turin-based La Stampa newspaper reported today. "It was all mom's fault. It was she who didn't want to go back with me, who didn't want to reunite our family."

The man also reportedly left notes in the trailer he rented last week and where he spent the night before carrying out the massacre. "I kill you because I love you," he reportedly wrote to the people he would shoot.

"I'm shocked, all those people shot. What can you say?" asked 15-year-old Andrea De Stefani, with a group of friends in a downtown piazza. Like hundreds of others, De Stefani had gone to the scene of the shooting earlier in the day.

"This is a small village where everybody knows everybody. We're tranquil people," said Mario Verniano, who works at a gas station a few yards from Bergamin's house.

"I used to see them. I still can't believe it happened," he said.

Bergamin, 40, her mother, brother, sister-in-law, as well as two neighbors and a woman who worked in the Bergamin family textile factory, were shot and killed before Antonello took his own life.

Police said they found a number of pistols and an automatic weapon.

The rampage was the latest in a series of killings in the wealthy Italian north — and sent shockwaves throughout the country.

For many Italians, the most disconcerting aspect of the crimes is that most were allegedly committed by family members, neighbors or youngsters — not the immigrants that politicians, and many people, tend to blame for crime in Italy.

Giuseppe Roma, director of the Rome-based think tank Censis, which maps trends in Italian society, said that while poorer southern Italy tends to be a more open society, well-off small towns like Chieri often tend to be closed unto themselves, "almost paranoiac."

On Monday, a former customs police official in northern Reggio Emilia shot and killed his wife and daughter and injured the daughter's boyfriend in a botched murder-suicide that the gunman filmed with a video camera, police said.

Gunman Renzo Finamore, who had been hospitalized in critical condition, was reported dead today by RAI state television.

Two weeks ago, in another northern suburb, Leno, near Brescia, police found the body of a missing 14-year-old, Desiree Piovanelli, who had been stabbed to death in what allegedly had been planned as a gang rape.

Three teenagers, including one who lived next door, and a 36-year-old neighbor who lived across the street have been arrested in that case, which has been front-page news and a frequent topic for late-night talk shows.

County flu clinic set Monday-Wednesday

The Scurry County Health Unit Flu Clinic will be held Monday through next Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center. Hours each day will be 9-11:30 a.m. and from 1:30-4 p.m.

Those encouraged to get the influenza vaccine are people six months of age and older at risk for getting a serious case of influenza or influenza complications, and people in close contact with them, including all household members.

An annual flu shot is recommended for:

- Everyone 50 years of age or older;
- Residents of long-term care facilities housing persons with chronic medical conditions;
- Anyone who has long-term health problems with heart disease, kidney disease, lung disease, asthma, metabolic disease, such as diabetes or anemia;
- Anyone with a weakened immune system due to HIV/AIDS or another disease that affects the immune system, long-term treatment with drugs such as steroids, cancer treatment with X-rays or drugs;
- Anyone six months to 18 years of age on long-term aspirin treatment (who could develop Reye Syndrome if they catch influenza);
- Pregnant women who will be past the third month of pregnancy during the flu season (usually November through March);
- Physicians, nurses, family members, or anyone else coming in close contact with people at risk.

A Medicare card or $10 will be required.

We think our boss is

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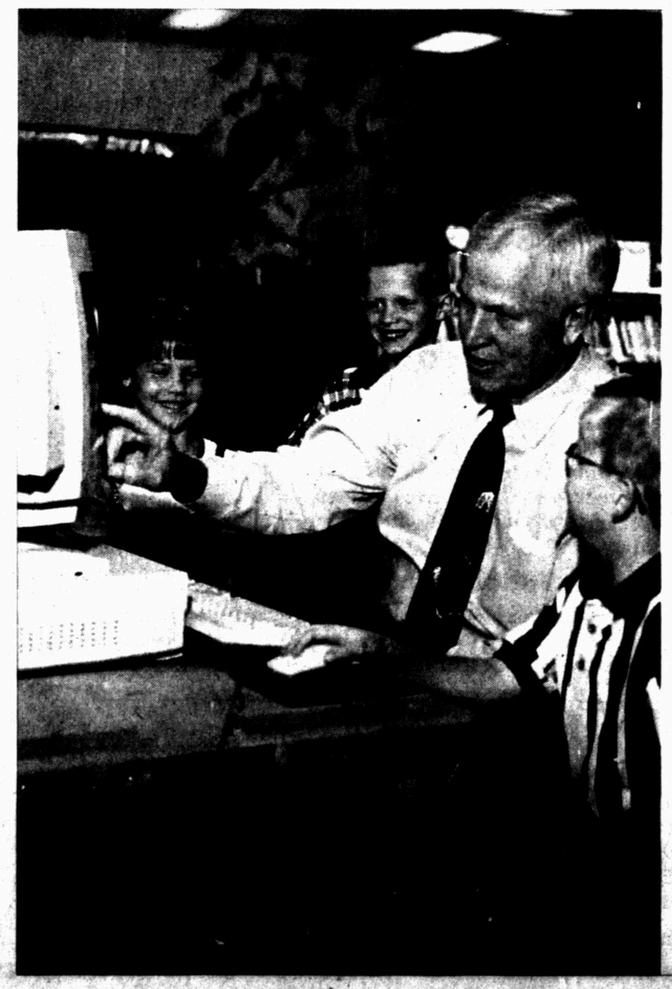
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Date Book

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002

Today is the 289th day of 2002 and the 25th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1793, Marie-Antoinette, widow of Louis XVI (who had been beheaded a few months earlier), was beheaded in France on charges of treason.

On this day in 1916, the first birth control clinic in America was opened. Margaret Sanger, Ethel Byrne and Fania Mindell established the clinic in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, New York.

On this day in 1946, 10 Nazi officials were executed for their war crimes during World War II.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Noah Webster (1758-1843), lexicographer; Oscar Wilde (1854-1900), writer; Eugene O'Neill (1888-1953), dramatist; William O. Douglas (1898-1980), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Angela Lansbury (1925-), actress, is 77; Suzanne Somers (1946-), actress, is 56; Tim Robbins (1958-), actor, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1983, the Baltimore Orioles won the World Series in game five by defeating the Philadelphia Phillies 5-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Language is not an abstract construction of the learned, or of dictionary makers, but is something arising out of the work, needs, ties, joys, affections, tastes, of long generations of humanity, and has its bases broad and low, close to the ground." — Noah Webster

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Oct. 13) and full moon (Oct. 21).

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RESULTS

Tuesday's Lottery Numbers
Texas Two Step
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
9-16-18-24
Bonus number 15
Pick 3
(Day) 1-6-5
(Night) 8-6-3
Cash Five
5-12-19-24-29

SISD choirs set 3 special shows

Snyder ISD choirs are busy preparing for three special programs and two all-region contests.

The high school's fall choir concert is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Worsham Auditorium.

The junior high's fall concert is planned for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Worsham Auditorium. There will be no admission charge for either concert.

A special choir program with a patriotic theme is planned before the Snyder-Seminole grid game. The high school and junior high school choirs will combine along with all of the sixth graders at West for a special patriotic program to begin at 7 p.m.

The combined choirs should total 400 students who will sing a patriotic song in honor and memory of all heroes, past and present, who have given service to their country.

The song was written after Sept. 11, 2001 to memorialize servicemen, firemen, policemen and other heroes today.

Eighteen ninth graders and almost 40 junior high students also will be in Lubbock Saturday for all-region competition.

Rhonda Haire directs the high school choirs and Marci Dennis is the junior high director.

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EDUCATION.

As a parent and former teacher, Charlie Stenholm believes that we must renew our commitment to providing our children with a first-rate education.

That's why Charlie worked with President Bush to pass comprehensive education reform--real reform that emphasizes discipline, higher standards, and accountability for students and teachers.

"We showed what can happen when you set aside partisan politics and put families and children first. It's a lesson we should never forget." ***— Charlie Stenholm***

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Oct. 17, 2002

In the year ahead your ambitions and efforts can yield some of the largest fruits you've ever harvested. This is because you'll be highly disciplined and will channel your energies in very productive areas and ways.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Before instantaneously jumping in and accepting an offer today that looks too good to be true, you had better take the time to check it out to see if it is worth the price. You could get duped. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you take too much for granted today, chances are you will not fully capitalize on your opportunities. At the end of the day, when you realized what you missed, it'll be too late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Fear and doubt could be your worst enemies today. If you let your doubts and apprehension prevail, it'll cause you to fail at something that is extremely important to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Just because you understand the depth of the problems of another today is no reason you should take them upon yourself. If you follow emotion instead of common sense, it'll be pretty costly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Someone who let you down previously may make you some lavish promises today that she or he has no intention of keeping. Remember, "Fool me once, shame on you, but fool be twice, shame on me."

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your lack of tenacity and attention span could be instrumental in a loss of productivity today. Excuses won't suffice, nor will attempting to bluff your way out of things. You'll have to pay the piper.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be patient while waiting for another to do something for you that you're unable to do for yourself. This person will come through if you don't upset the apple cart by being pushy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Be generous and giving toward others today, but first start being so with your spouse. His or her feelings will be hurt if your generosity extends only to outsiders you're trying to impress.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Words can be used to show appreciation or to scorn. Whichever purpose you choose to use them for will yield unto you that which you intended for another.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Sometimes you knowingly place yourself in the position of having to appease someone you love. Today, however, you might allow your generous nature to become abused.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Rarely do you kid yourself from seeing things for what they are, but today the illusion might be so enticing that you'll allow a faulty game plan to go forward. You'll accomplish absolutely nothing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Get your head screwed on straight today or you'll end up catering to those who use you, while ignoring those reliable pals who always come through for you.

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Play written for wife

NEW YORK (AP) — It pays to be married to the playwright.

Ruby Dee will star in "A Last Dance for Sybil," a new play her husband, actor Ossie Davis, wrote for her.

The drama, described as an unlikely love story about power and freedom, opens Nov. 17 at off-Broadway's St. Clement's Theatre. Preview performances begin Nov. 6. A production of Woody King Jr.'s New Federal Theatre, "A Last Dance for Sybil" will be directed by Edward Smith with Lloyd Richards on board as supervising director.

Dee, 77, has appeared in such landmark stage productions as "A Raisin in the Sun," "Boseman and Lena," "To Be Young, Gifted and Black" and "Purlie Victorious," which Davis also wrote.

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Government panel issues new caution on safety of HRT

WASHINGTON (AP) — Estrogen and progestin supplements shouldn't be used by women hoping to prevent bone loss or other chronic ailments, the government says.

In July, federal scientists broke the news that long-term use of the combination hormone therapy significantly increased women's risk of breast cancer, heart attacks and strokes.

That announcement caused dismay and confusion for millions of American women. Many used the combination not just in hopes of long-term health but to relieve short-term menopausal symptoms such as hot flashes and night sweats, and wondered how long they could safely use hormones for that purpose.

Now the independent panel charged by the government to set the nation's disease-prevention guidelines has weighed in, with recommendations not likely to stem the confusion.

The clear risks of routine estrogen-and-progestin use outweigh the few long-term benefits, such as helping maintain bone strength, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force said Tuesday. But when it comes to menopause symptom relief, the panel urged women to discuss their personal disease risks with their health provider in choosing whether to try hormones.

For example, most discussion of hormone therapy's risks has centered on long-term use, yet the risk of heart attack actually rises in the first year women take the pills, task force co-chairwoman Dr. Janet Allan said. A woman with high cholesterol or high blood pressure might make a different decision on using hormones for hot flashes than a healthier woman would.

"This is tough for women," Allan acknowledged.

The task force last examined hormone therapy in 1996, calling the evidence too sparse to decide whether women should use it.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Careers and kids have dulled marriage's luster

DEAR ABBY: I am 37 and my husband, "Bernie," is 41. We have been married for 15 years. Our children are 2 and 4. Between our work and caring for the kids, Bernie and I have lost the ability to enjoy each other's company.

In the past, I considered Bernie my best friend. Now he's no longer able to laugh or lighten up. For instance, when we occasionally hire a baby sitter and go out for dinner, all he'll talk about is how much the dinner costs and his "plan" for when we return home. He'll say, "I will pay the sitter; then we'll get the children ready for bed. While I get their pajamas, you start the bath water ..." He goes on and on — as if we don't do these same things every night of the week! I told Bernie he acts like I am a maid he just hired, but he seems compelled to repeat our routine regardless.

Bernie gives me no longing looks or loving smiles. I wear attractive clothes, offer to pay for dinner and tell funny stories. Nothing I do puts him in a good mood. He seems to be happy only when he's with his golfing buddies. His excuse is, "You're a mother now." Please help me. My self-esteem couldn't be lower. — **LONGING TO SHARE HAPPINESS**

DEAR LONGING: Your husband may have an obsessive-compulsive disorder that would explain why he repeats the ritual of putting the children to bed. Medication has proven to be helpful for it, if a person is willing to admit there is a problem and discuss it with a doctor.

His loss of interest in you "because you are a mother" and his retreat to the golf course are problems that can be resolved only through psychotherapy for him and marriage counseling for the both of you. Please don't wait to ask your doctor for a referral. If Bernie refuses to go, go without him. This is not your fault, so please don't blame yourself. Your husband appears to have more baggage than a carousel at O'Hare airport.

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DEAR ABBY: Thirty-four years ago, when I was 16, I became pregnant. My parents sent me to a home for unwed mothers where I placed my baby for adoption upon birth.

Two years ago, my birth daughter located me. I agreed to meet her and her family. She had been adopted by a loving and devoted couple. Unfortunately, both parents have recently passed away. The young woman has now decided that I should take on the role of mother to her. She has made it clear that she thinks that I "owe it to her."

Abby, this person is a stranger to me. I do not have a mother/daughter bond with her, and quite honestly, I have no desire to create one. I have my own family and do not want my life turned upside down. I am willing to be her friend or acquaintance, but NOT her mother.

I wish I had never agreed to meet her or to let her know my identity. Why can't she just accept that I will never be a mother to her and leave me alone? — **BIRTH STRANGER**

DEAR BIRTH STRANGER: The young woman is clinging to you because the parents who raised her are dead and she thinks you're all she has. She is an adult. Tell her the truth. You gave her life, and besides friendship, that's all you're able to give her.

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Supporters don't want indicted San Antonio councilman to quit

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — One of two city councilman accused of selling their votes on a city contract says he won't step down and that Mayor Ed Garza's request for his resignation has angered a lot of people.

About 75 people, identifying themselves as representatives of the Community of Churches for Social Action, rallied Monday on behalf of the councilman, John Sanders, chanting, "Do not resign, do not resign."

Following last week's indictment of Sanders and Enrique Martin, Garza asked them to resign because of the effect the controversy could have on the council and the city. Both refused, saying they owe it to their constituents to remain in office.

By Monday, Garza's stand had gained the support of only one other member of the City Council, Julian Castro, the San Antonio Express-News reported Tuesday.

Martin's and Sanders' resignations could help the council avoid an internal power struggle that would make it more difficult to lure a Toyota manufacturing plant to the city and to hammer out an acceptable deal for the PGA Village golf resort, Castro said.

"It has created chaos at City Hall," Castro said of the allegations concerning Sanders, Martin and two representatives of a law firm who were named in the indictment.

Sanders said that the indictment can be a distraction for the council if they make it a distraction. "I'm not going to be a poster boy for (Garza's) leadership campaign."

On Tuesday, Garza set up an ethics task force and named former Mayor Lila Cockrell to head the panel, called the Commission on Integrity and Trust in Local Government.

"I love this city so much that I hate to see this kind of cloud hanging over the city and its operations," Cockrell said in the San Antonio Express-News. "We hope to get it back on track."

Garza said about a dozen people have been asked to serve on the commission, and added that a preliminary report would be ready by next month.

Those who already have agreed to be on the commission are former city councilman Bob Ross; Richard Gambitta, University of Texas at San Antonio political science professor; and Charles Cotrell, president of St. Mary's University.

Sanders and Martin were accused in a federal indictment last week of taking $12,000 in bribes in exchange for their vote in favor of a San Antonio law firm to collect municipal court fees and fines.

Also named in the indictment was Juan Pena, a partner in the firm that was then known as Linebarger Goggan Blair Pena and Sampson, and Henry J. "Jack" Pytel Jr., a lobbyist hired by the firm.

Today's chuckle

Girl bowled over by proposal

FLAT ROCK, Mich. (AP) — Kristi Painter didn't bowl a perfect game last week, but she still ended the night on quite a roll.



The 18-year-old college student was bowling her second game of the night when her ball came back with tape over the thumb hole. "I thought my dad was playing a joke on me," Painter told The Monroe Evening News.

Inside was an engagement ring.

"I was unwrapping it and someone hollered, 'Kristi, look!' It said, 'Kristi, will you marry me?' on the scoreboard. Then, Steve came down and gave me a big hug."

Steve Hill and Painter's father, Eric Painter, had concocted the bowling alley proposal together.

"It was really exciting," said Painter, who plays for the Flat Rock Senior Girls League. "I didn't have a clue."

The newly engaged Kristi still had to finish her game. She started by picking up the 10-pin that stood there waiting during all the excitement.

"After all the stuff that happened, I had to go shoot a 10-pin," she said. "And I made it. They said if you can get engaged and still get the 10-pin, that's pretty good."

The couple is planning a December 2004 wedding.

"My dad says we can have the rehearsal dinner at the bowling alley," Kristi Painter said. "I don't think so."

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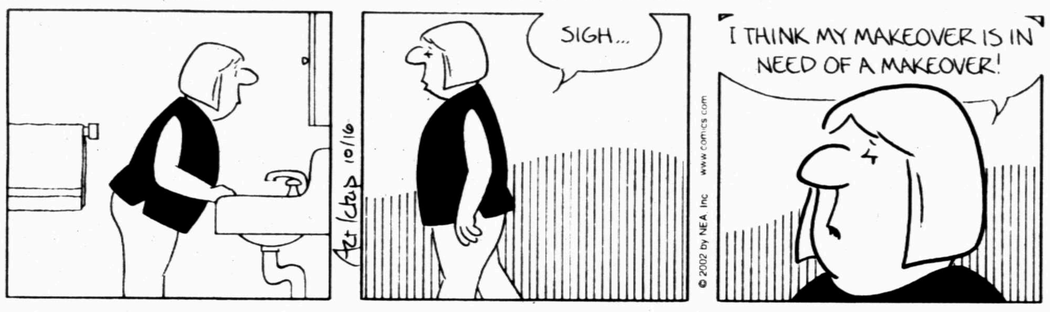
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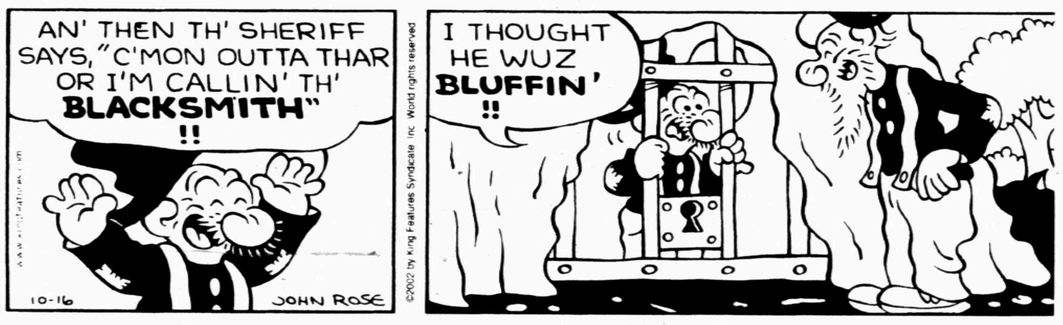
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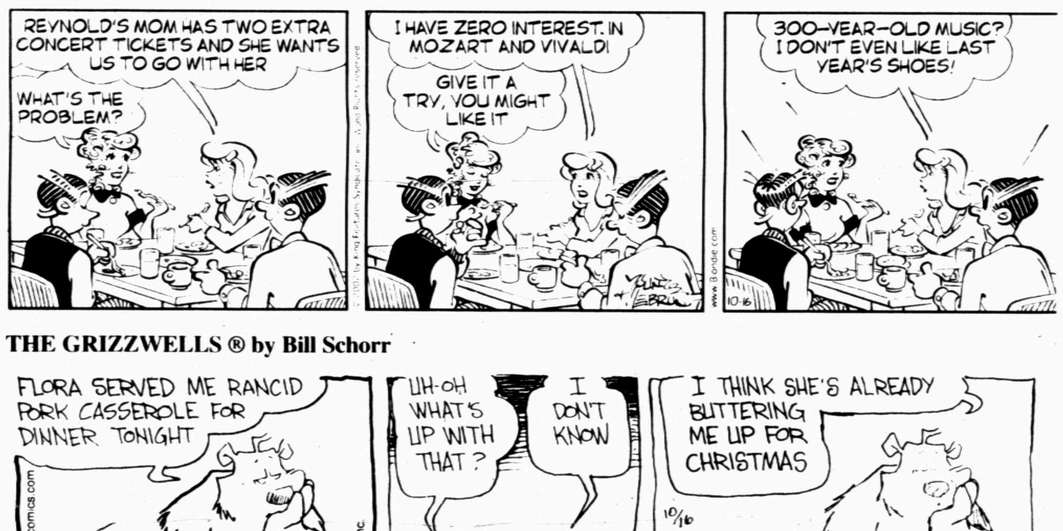
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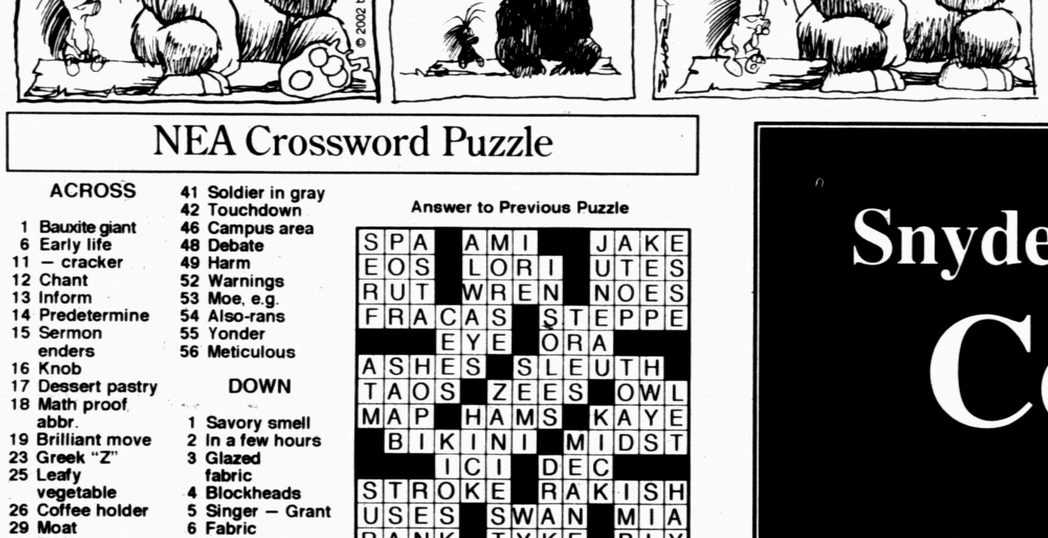
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17 Dessert pastry
18 Math proof abbr.
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38 Shade of green
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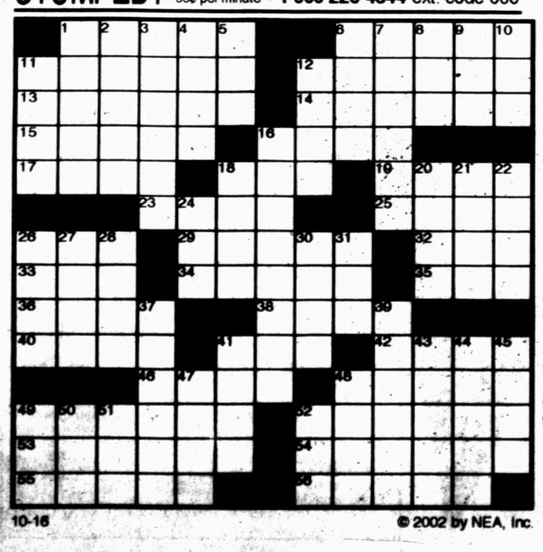
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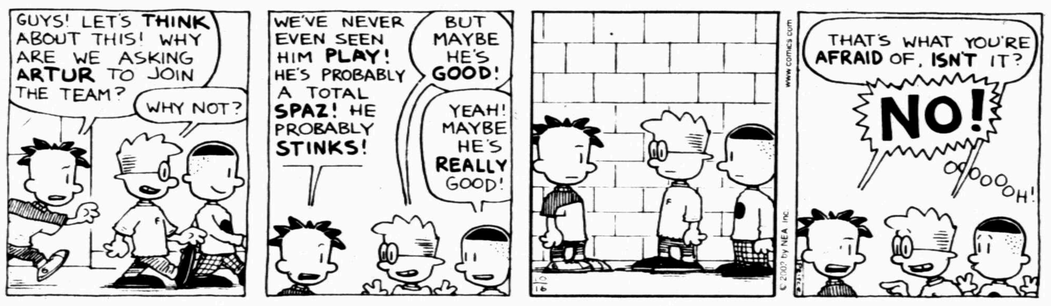
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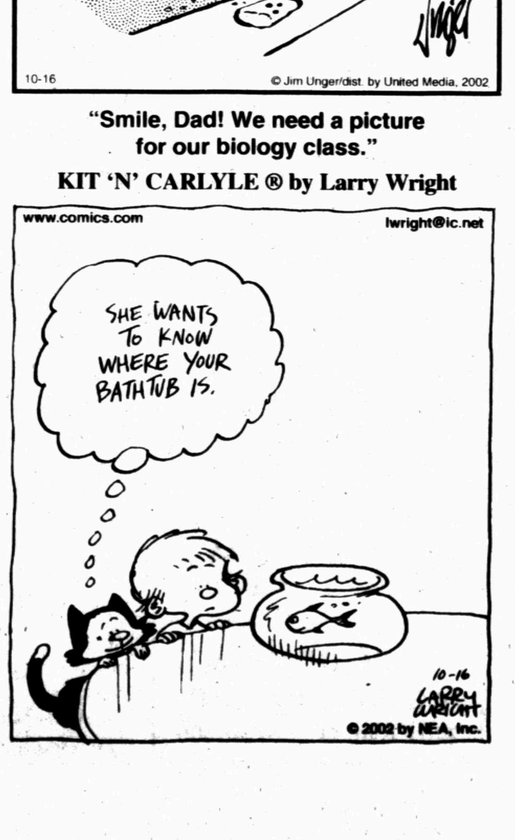
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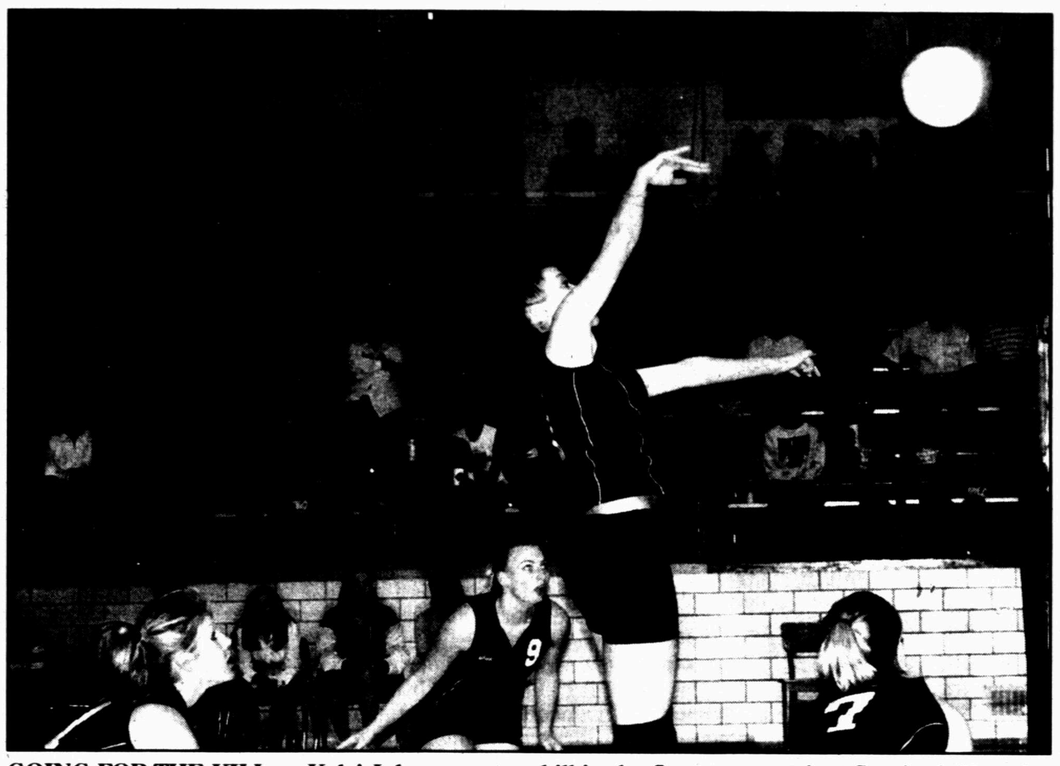
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"Smile, Dad! We need a picture for our biology class."

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SPORTS



GOING FOR THE KILL — Kelsi Johnson gets a kill in the first game against Seminole Tuesday while her teammates set up behind her. Snyder fell behind 6-0 in the first game before coming back to make it 10-15. Snyder lost the match 10-15, 7-15. The volleyball teams next travel to Denver City Saturday to take on the undefeated Lady Mustangs. (SDN Staff Photo)

Spikers fall to Seminole; JV and freshmen come up short

The Lady Tigers volleyball squad fell behind 6-0 in the first game Tuesday against Seminole, before rallying back only to come up short, 10-15, 7-15.

"It was an exciting match," head coach Laura Moses said. "Everybody did an excellent job, but we need to get into mentally at the start."

Shelley Fisk again played well for the spikers, with 11 assists, five digs and four blocks.

Chaelyn Robinson had a solid all-around game, with nine digs, five kills and three service points.

"Our defense is working well together," Moses said. "Overall they really played well."

Kelsi Johnson added seven digs and six points for the Tigers, who fell to 4-4 in district play.

Kelby Drum had four assists and three blocks, and Missy Vasquez contributed four digs and three points for Snyder, who are in fourth place in district.

"To make the playoffs, we need to beat Denver City or Lamesa," Moses said.

Snyder will get its first crack Saturday, as they travel to Denver City to take on the Mustangs, who are 9-0 in district play.

The Seminole JV beat the junior varsity squad 4-15, 5-15, and coach Wendi Parks said the team needs to get more intense on defense.

"We didn't play defense and we didn't move our feet," she said.

Parks said the team missed a lot of serves, which put them in an early hole they could not climb out of.

Freshman coach Shelly Hayes said her team put out the effort in falling short 4-15, 13-15.

Glyn Wright and Sarah Henson each had five points, and Shaela Thompson and Jessica Taylor had three points each.

"Shaela had a good game hitting the ball," Hayes said. "We just started off too slow. We let them control the game instead of playing our game."

She said the team came on hard in the second game, but couldn't overcome the early deficit.

"It was a good team effort in the second game," she said. "We just started off too slow."

The JV and freshmen teams will travel with the varsity to take on Denver City Saturday, with first serve slated for 10 a.m.

Sports Calendar

THURSDAY
Football: Snyder JV vs. Merkel, 7 p.m.
Football: Snyder 9th vs. Merkel, 5 p.m.
Football: Snyder junior high at Merkel, 5 p.m.
Football: Ira JV vs. Grady, 7 p.m.
Football: Ira junior high at Westbrook, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY
Football: Snyder varsity at Merkel, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Westbrook at Ira, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Sands at Borden County, 7:30 p.m.
Tennis: Snyder at Wichita Falls tourney.
SATURDAY
Volleyball: Snyder varsity, JV and freshmen at Denver City, 1 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Hermleigh football game cancelled

Hermleigh has cancelled Friday's varsity football game against Highland, and no make-up date is scheduled. The Cardinals have suffered injuries to the extent that they only have four players healthy enough to suit up.

SCGA turkey shoot

The SCGA women's golf association will hold a turkey shoot Saturday at the Scurry County golf course. It is an 18-hole handicapped scramble, and is open to anyone who has played in a swinger or couple event this year. Shotgun start will be 9 a.m. and entry fee is $25 per couple. Call Barbara Leatherwood at 573-5088 or 514-0172 to register.

Three-person scramble

There will be a three-person day-night scramble at the WTC golf course Oct. 26. Cost is $60 per team and $20 per person, and fee includes entry into the putting contest. The front nine scramble will begin at 5 p.m. and the back nine will start at 7:30. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

Men's league basketball

Men's league basketball sign-ups are underway, with play to begin in the middle of this month. For more information or to sign up, call Bryan at 573-3916.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Scurry County golf course. Format this week is guess your score.

Football booster club raffle

The SHS football booster club members are selling raffle tickets for a $10,000 CD. Cost is $25 per ticket with 1,000 tickets to be sold. Call Steve Rich at 573-4800 for more info.

White Sox reduce Thomas' salary

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago White Sox invoked a contract clause that drastically reduces Frank Thomas' salary, clearing the way for the two-time MVP to become a free agent.

The White Sox sent Thomas a letter on Oct. 6 telling him they were invoking a "diminished skills" clause in his contract, a lawyer with knowledge of the talks said on condition of anonymity. That clause would reduce his base pay to $250,000, and defer most of his nearly $10 million salary.

Jags DT Brackens out for the season

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Tony Brackens decided to end the charade, calling it quits on a season in which his injured knee kept him from practicing regularly or playing up to his standards.

The Jacksonville Jaguars placed their all-time sack leader on injured reserve, allowing him to have surgery on the ailing left knee that made him a shell of his former Pro Bowl self.

Rockies, Tigers hire coaches

The Colorado Rockies hired former major leaguers Sandy Alomar, Jamie Quirk and Dave Collins as coaches and rehired Rick Mathews as bullpen coach.

Kirk Gibson returned to the Detroit Tigers, joining manager Alan Trammell's staff as a bench coach on the team he led to a World Series title.

Stars shut out Oilers

DALLAS (AP) — Jere Lehtinen scored twice and Marty Turco made 21 saves for his sixth career shutout as the Dallas Stars remained unbeaten in four games with a 3-0 victory over the Edmonton Oilers Tuesday night.

Lehtinen got his first two goals of the season.

Boselli placed on IR

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans placed Tony Boselli on injured reserve Tuesday, giving up hope that the five-time Pro Bowl offensive tackle could recover enough from three shoulder surgeries in the past year to help the expansion team this season.

The Texans thought Boselli would be a cornerstone for the offensive line this season, blocking for rookie No. 1 draft pick David Carr, at the crucial left tackle spot. Although he hasn't played in more than a year Boselli insists his career isn't over.

"I'm confident I'll be back out there," Boselli said. "Obviously it's not the timetable I wanted. If I thought there was no chance I'd play again, we'd quit and go a different direction but I'm confident I can play football still and that's the direction we're going in.

"They want me out there and I want to be out there. We just have to wait a little longer."

Boselli played in three games for the Jacksonville Jaguars last season before injuries to both shoulders put him out for the season. He was placed on injured reserve by the Jaguars last Oct. 22.

Boselli had been making progress since joining the Texans but he wasn't gaining strength fast enough to allow him to compete.

"Once we hit September, we're on a clock," Casserly said. "We have 17 weeks to play 16 games. If you're objective is to have him play this season, at some point you have to accelerate certain processes."

Boselli's strength simply wasn't enough.

"We were never going to put Tony on the field (unless) he was totally healthy and able to play at a winning football level," Casserly said. "We were never going to compromise him just to get him on the field."

Team physical Dr. Walter Lowe thinks Boselli has plenty of football left in him.

"I wouldn't go there. I don't even want to have that talk today," Lowe said. "I don't think any of us think it's fourth and 20. "I think Tony believes he'll play again. I believe he'll play again.

"We have a ways to go to get to that point."

Boselli started practicing with the team in early September after experiencing increased strength in August. But he wasn't ready for the season opener on Sept. 8 and his strength gains decreased over the past two weeks.

"It's a time related problem where Tony's strength wasn't increasing at a rate to get him to the point to where he could play in the time we have left," Lowe said. "It's not that his strength wasn't increasing, it just wasn't progressing to where he could play football."

When Boselli was unable to start the season, the Texans moved rookie second round pick Chester Pitts from guard to left tackle and he has started all five games.

Injuries in the offensive line have been a problem all season.

Guard Ryan Schau recovered from a knee injury and started last week's game against Buffalo. Tackle Ryan Young has resumed workouts following a groin injury and could play Sunday against the Cleveland Browns.

"For the first time this week, we'll have our full complement of players out there after making this decision with Tony," coach Dom Capers said. "There's been uncertainty trying to measure Tony's progress.

Lakers owner collapses at charity fundraiser

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles Lakers owner Jerry Buss collapsed at a fund-raising dinner Tuesday night and was rushed to a hospital, where he was in stable condition.

Buss was taken to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where hospital spokesman Johnny Hagerman declined to release any details other than the Lakers owner's condition.

Buss was attending the Carousel of Hope Ball in Beverly Hills when he became ill at about 10 p.m. Team spokesman John Black said Buss was conscious as he was taken away by ambulance.

"Apparently he was seated there and he just collapsed," Black said.

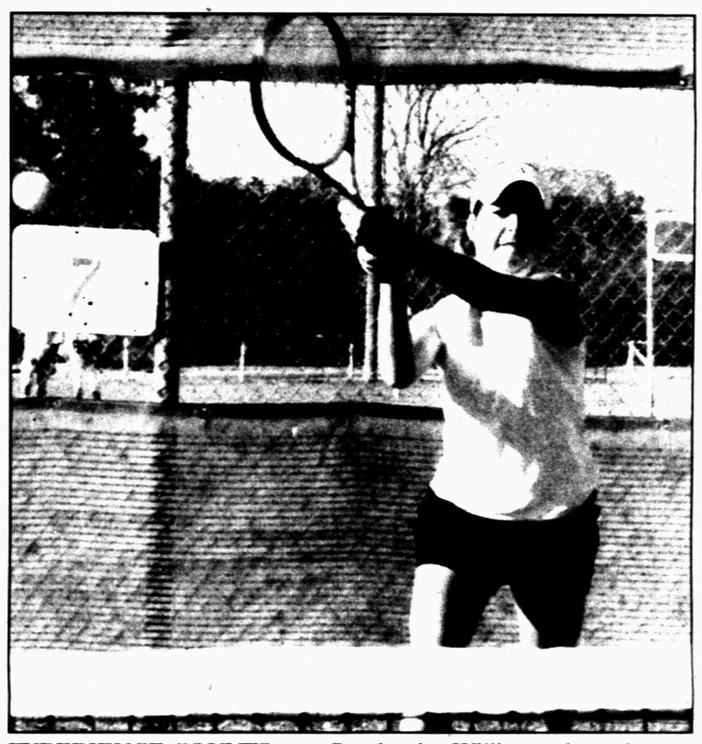
CNN's Larry King said he was sitting across from Buss when the owner was stricken while blues musician B.B. King was performing.

"I looked down and suddenly he turned white and sort of keeled over," King told KCAL-TV. "Oprah Winfrey and I and others started jumping up, trying to get him to stop playing and get some attention for Dr. Buss, who was obviously in big trouble. I mean he had turned total white."

King said two doctors at the ball rushed to Buss' aid and emergency crews arrived soon after.

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Saturday, Oct. 26
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Sunday, Oct. 27
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EXPERIENCE COUNTS — Stephanie Williams launches a backhand volley during her match Tuesday. Williams helped the girls sweep Levelland. (Contributed Photo)

Netters beat Levelland, prepare to finish season

The Snyder girls tennis team once again dominated an opponent, sweeping every singles and doubles match against Levelland Tuesday.

Snyder won the match 16-5, and Pat Vargas again cruised, winning quickly, 6-1, 6-0.

Andra Dunham, Cozy Jones and Afton Sutter all won in straight sets, and Stephanie Williams lost only two games in her two-set victory.

Jackie Beccue and Kara Brumley also made short work of their Levelland foes, with Brumley taking a 6-4, 6-2 win and Beccue controlling her match 6-1, 6-2.

"The girls are all veterans, so they expect to play well," head coach Ted Phillips said.

Vargas and Dunham lost but three games in winning their doubles match, and Sutter-Beccue and Jones-Brumley also won in straight sets.

On the boys side, Horacio de Paz, Curt Phillips and Tanner Reed won in straight sets, and Phillips said the team had similar results as the last time it played Levelland.

"We haven't lost any ground," he said. "Horacio, Curt and Tanner played as well in the singles matches as they have all year."

Phillips and Adam Rodgers teamed up to win a three-set doubles match, and de Paz and Reed disposed of their opponents in straight sets.

Joseph Ynguanzo and Stephanie Williams dominated their mixed doubles match, winning easily by a score of 6-1, 6-3.

The tennis team wraps up the fall season Tuesday, when they travel to Midland College to take on Midland Christian at 3:30 p.m.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Risks of hormone replacement therapy

DEAR DR. GOTT: What will be the fall-out of the study on hormone replacement therapy?

DEAR READER: Enormous. To the millions of women on HRT, a recent study reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association was definitely not good news. The investigators discovered that women taking Prempro had a significant risk of coronary disease, stroke, blood clots in the lungs and breast cancer.

In a review of the study, the Medical Letter (a definitive source of information about drugs) concluded that the consequences of HRT "are clear. No cardiovascular benefits were demonstrated, and serious adverse effects occurred."

This finding casts doubt on the advisability of long-term therapy in post-menopausal women. Consequently, many authorities are now advising such women to avoid hormone replacement therapy altogether. Some gynecologists maintain that the potential benefits of HRT — such as a reduction in menopausal symptoms, hip fractures and colorectal cancer — outweigh the risks I mentioned. Consequently, I urge all women on HRT to have a frank and in-depth discussion with their gynecologists regarding the risk/benefit ratio in each individual case. But, in my view, such women would be better off avoiding chronic hormone-replacement therapy.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: During routine ultrasound testing to rule out an abdominal aortic aneurysm, I was found to have a cyst on one kidney. (No aneurysm.) My doctor says to ignore it but, at 79, I am concerned about any health issue and, frankly, I'm worried that the cyst should be biopsied or removed. Are my fears justified?

DEAR READER: Probably not. I often tell patients that modern medical testing — especially imaging studies — may give patients and doctors more information (and aggravation) than they need, because of the discovery of unexpected inconsequential findings. A kidney cyst is a good example.

Your physician was, quite properly, curious about whether your aorta — the major artery that supplies blood to the body — could have stretched or dilated. This is a serious issue because such an aneurysm may rupture or leak. Fortunately, I gather, your aorta is normal.

However, in the process of diagnosing one problem, the doctor inadvertently discovered another: the renal cyst.

Such cysts are common, cause no symptoms and do not lead to health consequences. The key element here is that the cyst is filled with fluid; it is not solid, which would suggest quite a different problem.

Therefore, I endorse your physician's position. Ignore the cyst. If, however, your level of apprehension rises (despite medical reassurances), you could certainly undergo a second ultrasound exam in six to 12 months to confirm that the cyst's characteristics are stable.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Regarding your column in the necessity of athletic supporters for certain events, what about the potential reproductive problems inherent in prolonged sitting on a motorcycle? Certainly the pressure and the "bounce" must have some effect on both men and women.

DEAR READER: I am not aware that motorcycle riding is harmful to the reproductive apparatus. For the most part, motorcycle saddles are wide and padded, so most of the pressure and bounce is transmitted to the ischial tuberosities, the "sit bones," not to the delicate soft tissues in that area. Of course, motorcycle riding — like any sitting activity — can cause a sore bottom if overdone, but I do not believe that recreational riding is a hazard to reproductive health.

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Oversights let convict teach

HOUSTON (AP) — A man spent three years teaching special-education classes in Houston despite a criminal record as a sex offender.

Officials said Tuesday that criminal and work history checks on Juma Sandi Amara, 53, found nothing to prevent the Houston district from hiring him.

But a quick look at Amara's record, available over the Internet, turns up convictions in Harris and Fort Bend counties for indecent exposure, theft and tampering with government documents.

Checks with other state agencies revealed his fraudulent work experience.

He was arrested Friday at Madison High School, where he taught, and charged with two counts of tampering with government documents.

HISD spokeswoman Lisa Bunse said the district checks an applicant's paperwork against a state database of licensed teachers.

"We really rely on what's on an applicant's paper license until we get results back from the state," she said.

State Trooper Jerry Kaelin said Amara, an immigrant from Sierra Leone, in western Africa, held fake teacher certification and driver's licenses under several aliases.

"I don't want to bad-mouth HISD, but they dropped the ball on this one," Kaelin, of the Department of Public Safety's Counterfeit Document Task Force sais.

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By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Junior Master Gardener (JMG) Volunteer Training Slated for October 26

Are you interested in service learning projects for children? Are you interested in a hands-on curriculum? Want to promote leadership and life skills in children? Do you want to learn more about the Junior Master Gardener Program? The Texas Association of Extension Agents and the Texas Cooperative Extension will be hosting a Junior Master Gardener (JMG) Training in Lubbock on Saturday, Oct. 26, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., at the TAMU Research & Extension Center located east of I-27 on FM 1294, Frankford Exit, just north of Lubbock.

The purpose of the training is to prepare and equip teachers and volunteers with the knowledge needed to implement the Junior Master Gardener program with youth. The registration fee is $35, which includes training, a leader's guide, snacks and lunch.

The JMG program is an international youth gardening program of the Texas Cooperative Extension and 4-H. The activities engage youth in novel, hands-on group and individual learning experiences that promote good gardening, development of appreciation for the environment and cultivate the mind. The curriculum incorporates service learning to promote volunteerism in children and culminates with certification. The program is committed to helping people become good stewards of science through the environment and gardening by encouraging them to make a difference in their home, community and country. To learn more, visit the JMG Website:

The workshop participants will take part in hands-on activities and projects that are featured in the JMG Handbook and Teacher/Leader Guide. The workshop will include an overview of the Level One (grades 3-5) and Level Two (grades 6-8) curriculum materials and program design, as well as how to start a JMG group. Teachers: The JMG curriculum is aligned to the TEKS for Math, Science, Social Studies and Language Arts. You will also receive five professional development credits for participating in the training.

Registration forms are available now. To receive a registration form, please contact Greg Gruben at the Extension Office at 915-573-5423 or Amy Erwin at 806-675-2347. Registration deadline is Friday.

Sponsors for the Junior Master Gardener training are: District 2 Association of 4-H Agents; Texas Cooperative Extension; Gerry's Greenhouse, Lamesa — Randy Adcock, Owner; The Garden Patch, Lubbock — Roberta J. Davis, Owner; Home Depot, Lubbock; Treehouse Nursery, Seminole — Steve Haralson, Owner; Watermaster Irrigation Supply, Inc., Lubbock; and Wet Texas Irrigation, Lubbock - Casey Schumacher, owner.

As mega-growers start to go organic, U.S. farmers watch

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The growth of organic farming has some small producers worried that they may be gobbled up by giant food companies that are also going organic.

Companies such as H.J. Heinz Co., General Mills Inc. and Frito Lay are getting into the organic market to take advantage of a new national law that will give organic products a stamp of approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The logo means the item contains no genetically modified material, no irradiation, and few, if any, chemicals or products.

When the law goes into effect Oct. 21, it will be a victory for California farmers, but one that comes with skepticism.

Some worry that offering more organic foods at cheaper prices will drive out small farmers, and others worry that the government may protect corporate agribusiness rather than smaller operations.

"In early years, we were trying to woo bigger companies and they wouldn't have anything to do with us," said Warren Weber, who started growing organic lettuce in Northern California in the 1970s. "Now they're embracing it, but you've got a lot of people who are very hostile to the industrialization of the organic farmer."

For big food companies, the organic market means money. Last year, consumers spent $11 billion on organic foods and the industry has seen several years of near 20 percent growth.

Scurrying Around Snyder

Beth Dannheim, CEA—Family and Consumer Sciences, 2605 Avenue M, Snyder, Texas 79549

SLOW COOKER SAFETY

Opening the front door on a cold winter evening and being greeted by the inviting smells of beef stew or chicken noodle soup wafting from a slow cooker can be a diner's dream come true. But winter is not the only time a slow cooker is useful. In the summer, using this small appliance can avoid introducing heat from a hot oven. At any time of year, a slow cooker can make life a little more convenient because by planning ahead, you save time later. And it takes less electricity to use a slow cooker rather than an oven.

Is A Slow Cooker Safe?

Yes, the slow cooker, a counter top appliance, cooks foods slowly at a low temperature — generally between 170 and 280 F. The low heat helps less expensive, leaner cuts of meat become tender and shrink less.

The direct heat from the pot, lengthy cooking and steam created within the tight-covered container combine to destroy bacteria and make the slow cooker a safe process for cooking foods.

Safe Beginnings

Begin with a clean cooker, clean utensils and a clean work area. Wash hands before and during food preparation.

Keep perishable foods refrigerated until preparation time. If you cut up meat and vegetables in advance, store them separately in the refrigerator. The slow cooker may take several hours to reach a safe, bacteria-killing temperature. Constant refrigeration assures that bacteria, which multiply rapidly at room temperature, won't get a "head start" during the first few hours of cooking.

Thaw and Cut Up Ingredients

Always defrost meat or poultry before putting it into a slow cooker. Choose to make foods with a high moisture content such as chili, soup, stew or spaghetti sauce.

Cut food into chunks or small pieces to ensure thorough cooking. Do not use the slow cooker for large pieces like a roast or whole chicken because the food will cook so slowly it could remain in the bacterial "danger zone" too long.

Use the Right Amount of Food

Fill cooker no less than half full and no more than two-thirds full. Vegetables cook slower than meat and poultry in a slow cooker so if using them, put vegetables in first, at the bottom and around sides of the utensil. hen add meat and cover the food with liquid such as broth, water or barbeque sauce. Keep the lid in place, removing only to stir the food or check for doneness.

Settings

Most cookers have two or more settings. Foods take different times to cook depending upon the setting used. Certainly, foods will cook faster on high than on low. However, for all-day cooking or for less-tender cuts, you may want to use the low setting.

If possible, turn the cooker on the highest setting for the first hour of cooking time then to low or the setting called for in your recipe. However, it's safe to cook foods on low the entire time – if you're leaving for work, for example, and preparation time is limited.

While food is cooking and once it's done, food will stay safe as long as the cooker is operating.

Power Out

If you are not at home during the entire slow-cooking process and the power goes out, throw away the food even if it looks done.

If you are at home, finish cooking the ingredients immediately by some other means: on a gas stove, on the outdoor grill or at a house where the power is on.

When you are at home, and if the food was completely cooked before the power went out, the food should remain safe up to two hours in the cooker with the power off.

Handling Leftovers

Store leftovers in shallow covered containers and refrigerate within two hours after cooking is finished. Reheating leftovers in a slow cooker is not recommended. However, cooked food can be brought to steaming on the stove top or in a microwave oven and then put into a preheated slow cooker to keep hot for serving.

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 750 head of cattle for the Thursday, Oct. 10, sale. Cows were steady. Calves and were $2 better. Trading and demand were good.

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32-39
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Slaughter bulls: 41-49.50
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500-600: 75-85
600-700: 72-79
700-800: 65-77
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500-600: 72-81
600-700: 70-75
700-800: 63-73
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 72-85
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WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

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

	ONE YEAR AGO 10/14/01	LAST WEEK 10/7/02	THIS WEEK 10/14/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	15.48	16.41	16.21
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	14,903	16,617	16,252
PERCENT FULL	7.43	8.28	8.10
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.70
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

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

	ONE YEAR AGO 10/14/01	LAST WEEK 10/7/02	THIS WEEK 10/14/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	43.41	38.87	38.89
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	52,657	38,468	38,524
PERCENT FULL	10.18	7.44	7.45
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		1.70	0.60

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

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

	ONE YEAR AGO 10/14/01	LAST WEEK 10/7/02	THIS WEEK 10/14/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	32.79	27.64	27.59
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	267,903	212,551	212,060
PERCENT FULL	48.33	38.34	38.25
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	1.75

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

2002 INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 10/7/02 10/1/02	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 10/14/02 10/8/02	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 10/14/02 10/8/02
BIG SPRING	5,654,286	4,522,857	5,250,000
ODESSA	21,497,571	14,686,286	17,751,000
SNYDER	2,630,000	1,862,143	2,220,000
MIDLAND	28,780,143	18,721,000	21,541,000
SAN ANGELO	17,631,714	12,777,571	15,940,000
STANTON	47,143	100,714	134,000

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Indonesia pledges terror crackdown

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Criticized internationally for ignoring demands that it crack down on terrorism, Indonesia pledged today to press ahead with tough new anti-terror laws and formed an international investigative team to hunt for the culprits in the Bali nightclub bombing.

Police in Bali said they had detained two Indonesian men for further questioning after an initial round of interrogation following Saturday's blast. The men are a security guard and the brother of a man whose identification card was found at the bomb scene.

U.S. Ambassador Ralph Boyce disclosed that in the month before the Bali attack, he and other American envoys had discussed with Indonesian officials possible attacks against U.S. targets.

But Boyce said that the warnings were not specific to Indonesia. They coincided with a temporary closure of embassies in Jakarta and other regional capitals because of terrorist threats during the Sept. 11 anniversary.

Boyce also said that a man who allegedly attempted to hurl a small bomb at the office of the honorary U.S. consul in Denpasar on Saturday had been injured when the device exploded prematurely. He said it was his understanding that the man was then apprehended, but police spokesmen denied that anyone was detained after that explosion.

Even as the government in Jakarta vowed to fight terrorism more aggressively, Indonesia's security minister Susilo Bambang Yudhyono claimed that Jemaah Islamiyah — an al-Qaida-linked Islamic extremist group identified by Australia and others as a likely culprit — does not even exist in Indonesia.

And the spiritual head of Jemaah Islamiyah denied the group existed at all, along with denying that al-Qaida was tied to the attack, which killed at least 183 people — most of them foreign tourists — and left hundreds more injured.

"There is no link between al-Qaida and the bomb blast," Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Bashir told reporters, calling the accusations "the invention of infidels."

Foreign Minister Hassan Wirayuda told reporters the government was working on giving President Megawati Sukarnoputri authority to impose, by decree, a long-stalled anti-terrorism law. There was no indication when a decree would be handed down, but Megawati would be expected to seek approval from parliamentary leaders before doing so.

Three arrests made Tuesday

•Arrests

Officers arrested a 32-year-old man in the 4500 block of College Ave. Tuesday morning for assault, family violence.

A 41-year-old man was taken into custody on several outstanding warrants for failure to appear, open container in a motor vehicle and public intoxication.

At 1:15 a.m. today, officers arrested a 26-year-old woman in the 3900 block on warrants for violating a promise to appear and for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

•Family violence

Officers responded to a residence Tuesday after a man reported a disturbance with his girlfriend and an offense report for family violence was submitted.

•Attempted suicide

A man reported a 19-year-old woman threatening and attempting suicide Tuesday. Snyder EMS responded to the residence and the woman was transported to Cogdell Hospital and MHMR was notified. An offense report for attempted suicide was filed.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country East reported a gas drive off worth $18.30 Tuesday morning, but had no other information.

Births

Amber Garcia and Nick Bredemeyer of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Nikole Bredemeyer, at 10:53 p.m. on Oct. 15 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Emily Nikole weighed seven pounds, four ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Betty Bredemeyer of Hurst and Kerry and Bess Ann Bredemeyer of Justice. Maternal grandparents are Mario and Melissa Garcia of Snyder.

Investigation for sniper continues

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AP) — The Washington-area sniper's latest slaying has yielded the most detailed clues yet in the search for the elusive killer: information about license plates and the description of a man in a white van seen fleeing the attack.

In another development, the Pentagon has agreed to provide aerial surveillance in the hunt for a sniper who has terrorized the Washington, D.C., suburbs for the past two weeks, killing nine and injuring two.

The new clues surfaced in the Monday night slaying of FBI employee Linda Franklin after she and her husband loaded their purchases from a Home Depot into their car.

For the first time, witnesses were able to give information about license plates on vehicles they said were fleeing the scene. Some described a light-colored Chevrolet Astro van with a burned-out rear taillight.

At least one witness saw a male sniper aim and fire, then flee in a van, The Washington Post reported today. The newspaper cited anonymous law enforcement sources.

"There was some additional information that we were able to get from (Monday) night's case, and I am confident that that information is going to lead us to an arrest in the case," Fairfax County Police Chief Tom Manger said.

Robert Young, a Washington construction worker, was among witnesses who returned to the shopping center Tuesday to talk with police. He said he had heard a muffled gunshot and seen a white van Monday night.

Young said as he backed his truck out of his parking spot, a white Astro van with two men inside tried to turn into his lane. He said the driver appeared very agitated to find his way blocked and instead drove by a neighboring restaurant and out of sight.

Young described the driver as a short man of slight build who appeared to be Middle Eastern. "I got a good look at the guy," he said.

The driver "seemed to be excessively irritated because he couldn't pull into my lane," he said. "I thought this fool was going to want to get out of the van and duke or something. But he didn't. He kept on going."

Band contest set Saturday

The Snyder High School band, under the direction of Donnie Reston, will enter its first marching contest of the season at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Plainview Bulldog Stadium.

If they bring home a first division, they will advance to area marching contest in Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

A sendoff for the band is planned for 7:30 Saturday morning at the band hall.

Obituaries

Herman Ornelas

1916-2002

Funeral service for Herman Ornelas, 86, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Carlos Salgado, elder, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.



Mr. Ornelas

Mr. Ornelas, a retired farmer, died Tuesday, Oct. 15, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born May 28, 1916 in Ojinega, Mexico, Mr. Ornelas farmed in the Colorado City area from 1930 until his retirement in 1992. He moved to Snyder six months ago.

Mr. Ornelas received his U.S. citizenship in 1965 in ceremonies in Abilene. He married Sotera Ybarra on Nov. 4, 1940 in Colorado City. Mr. Ornelas was a Jehovah Witness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Matilde and Elena Ornelas; a sister, Juanita Alvarez; and two brothers, Esteban Ornelas and Damas Ornelas.

Survivors include his wife, Sotera Ornelas of Snyder; three sons and daughters-in-law, Herman Jr. and Vicki Ornelas of Del Rio, Joe and Rachel Ornelas of Odessa and Matt and Sara Ornelas of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Gus Gonzales of Austin; a sister, Petra Torres of Colorado City; four brothers, Jose Ornelas, Leandro Ornelas and Eulalio Ornelas, all of Colorado City, and Espiridion "Speedy" Ornelas of Sweetwater; 18 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 7 to 8 this evening at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Joel Ornelas, J.J. Ornelas Jr., Matt Ornelas Jr., Joey Gonzales, Ronnie Ornelas, Josh Ornelas and T.J. Ornelas. All are grandsons.

Frank Conard

1920-2002

COLORADO CITY — Frank Conard, 82, died Tuesday, Oct. 15, in a local hospital.

Services for Mr. Conard are set for 2 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jake Chaney and Claudine Chaney officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 27, 1920 in Stanton County, Kan., he married Billie Faye Waller on Aug. 27, 1942 in Rockwall.

A U.S. Army Air Corp veteran of World War II, Mr. Conard had been a resident of Colorado City since 1963. A rancher, he was the Texaco consignee in Colorado City from 1963-85. He also owned several service stations and restaurants during that time. He also did custom combining and was a saddle maker.

Mr. Conard was a member of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship and had appeared on Primetime Christian Network many times.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Hazel Henry Conard.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Faye Conard of Colorado City; two sons, Frank Conard and wife Christi of Sweetwater and Erick Conard of Leander; two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Roy Wilson of Colorado City and Anne and Don Vanderslice of Stanton; a brother, Bob Conard of Cassville, Mo.; and a sister, Fern Burns of Lamar, Colo.; six grandchildren, Jess Conard, Alison Conard, Matthew Wilson, Heather Vanderslice, Stephanie Vanderslice and Joshua Vanderslice; and four step-grandchildren, Krista Richardson, Mike Wilson, Kathi Carter and Kyla McGuffin.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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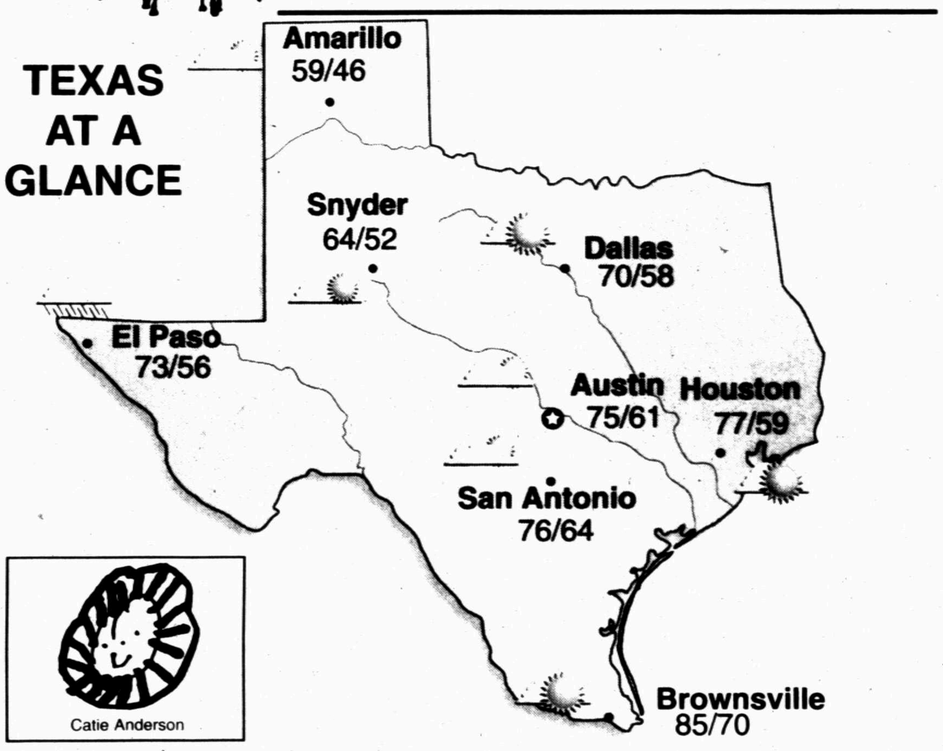
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 10/17	Fri 10/18	Sat 10/19
64/52	68/53	72/49
A mix of clouds and sun in the morning followed by cloudy skies during the day.	Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s.	Partial sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
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Area Cities

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Abilene	66	57	pt sunny	El Paso	73	56	rain	Midland	67	58	cloudy
Amarillo	59	46	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	72	57	cloudy	Raymondville	85	66	mst sunny
Austin	75	61	pt sunny	Gainesville	68	52	mst sunny	Rosenberg	78	59	mst sunny
Beaumont	76	56	mst sunny	Greenville	69	52	mst sunny	San Antonio	76	64	pt sunny
Brownsville	85	70	mst sunny	Houston	77	59	mst sunny	San Marcos	76	61	pt sunny
Brownwood	72	57	pt sunny	Kingsville	83	65	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	70	51	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	80	67	pt sunny	Livingston	75	53	mst sunny	Sweetwater	67	55	cloudy
Corsicana	72	56	sunny	Longview	71	52	mst sunny	Tyler	72	56	sunny
Dallas	70	58	mst sunny	Lubbock	61	51	cloudy	Weatherford	68	53	mst sunny
Del Rio	77	66	pt sunny	Lufkin	75	54	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	66	53	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	65	43	mst sunny	Houston	77	59	mst sunny	Phoenix	84	62	mst sunny
Boston	61	50	pt sunny	Los Angeles	67	56	drizzle	San Francisco	67	51	windy
Chicago	41	37	mixed	Miami	85	68	pt sunny	Seattle	67	47	sunny
Dallas	70	58	mst sunny	Minneapolis	42	33	sn shower	St. Louis	52	38	rain
Denver	60	37	mst sunny	New York	62	48	mst sunny	Washington, DC	61	47	pt sunny

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Oct 13	Oct 21	Oct 29	Nov 4

UV Index

Thu 10/17	Fri 10/18	Sat 10/19
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