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At Cogdell Hospital...

Quality medical care continuing

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

While a committee meeting and a called board meeting focused on changes, the underlying theme Tuesday night at Cogdell Memorial Hospital was that quality medical care is still being provided.

Dr. Bid Cooper, the hospital's chief of staff, said the hospital is operating as normal. "The medical staff is tending to patients in the same fashion as always."

Dr. Cooper's comments were the result of a management change at the facility Monday that saw the CEO leave and the 15-year affiliation with Covenant Health System come to an end.

Director of Nurses Cheryl Chance, who is the acting administrator since George Parsley left Monday, said a meeting was held Tuesday morning with department heads.

"The morale at the hospital is good," said Chance.

Also attending the transition committee meeting were Nick Blythe, Ken Roark and Christy Brown.

Blythe is head of the respiratory department and also heads the Rural Health Clinic, while Roark is the director of the pharmacy. Brown is the administrative assistant in the CEO's office.

Hospital board members on the committee are Terry Williams, Dr. Charles Church and Bo Robinson.

During the hour-long transition committee meeting, members agreed to seek interim CEO applicants from two firms that provide the service — the Nielson Healthcare Group and the Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals.

The committee also said Blythe would be considered for the interim post as he has served as administrator at three smaller hospitals.

Blythe said he would serve in the interim, but was not interested in the position on a permanent basis.

Concerns expressed during the committee meeting were mainly on the financial end of the hospital operations.

Brown said the financial reports for October were completed Tuesday by out-going Chief Financial Officer Jared Squires and were on her desk ready for next week's board meeting.

"We're okay with the financials until November closes out," said Brown. "But we'll need someone in here by Dec. 1."

Chance, Roark and Blythe all agreed that patient care would continue without interruption, but it was the financial aspect that caused concerns.

"It's the finances that scare me," added Chance.

Blythe did say he is familiar with hospital finances, but did not have formal training in that aspect, adding that in the three administrative posts he held he wore both hats.

"The CEO was also the CFO due to the size of the hospitals," Blythe noted.

In the called board meeting, members were given the information about the interim CEO search, as well as copies of a letter from the home health agency management company stating it was terminating its contract immediately.

Jason Bullard, president of Arapaho Healthcare Resources, wrote that in light of recent events at the hospital, the company did not feel that it would be able to recruit a replacement administrator.

Pam Parsley, wife of the former CEO at the hospital, wrote a letter Monday to the Texas Department of Human Services stating she was resigning her position, effective Tuesday.

The hospital board apparently did not receive a formal letter of resignation as none was presented in board documents Tuesday night.

The board approved the termination letter from Arapaho, and agreed that Wanda Kenner would serve as the director of the agency.

Action on the appointment of a rehabilitation coordinator was tabled. Pam Parsley also served in this capacity.

As the meeting was concluding, board member Dink Foree said he had heard various members of the staff had received raises recently.

"I don't think that's right if it's true, and we need to check into that," said Foree.

"I agree 100 percent," said chairman Carl Williams.

Williams presided at the called meeting and members present were Foree, Terry Williams, Church and Robinson. Bill Voss was absent.



PLAY TO OPEN — Western Texas College's drama department will open William Saroyan's *The Time of Your Life* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Fine Arts Theatre. Cast members are from left, Caleb Durham, Rhealan Wagnon, Chris Hensley, Jason Brumley and Lacey Rowe. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Town hall meeting on hospital district attracts some 50 citizens

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

Some 50 residents attended a town-hall meeting Tuesday night hosted by a group opposed to the formation of a hospital district.

Snyder resident Bob Bell organized the meeting that lasted just over an hour to field questions that citizens had concerning what affect a hospital district would have on medical services and local taxes.

Early voting started this morning for the Dec. 6 election and at noon, 25 people had voted.

In addition to Bell, hospital board member Dink Foree was present as was County Judge Rod Waller. Bill Dickinson, spokesman for the group in support of a hospital district, could not attend due to a previous commitment.

Bell opened the session by stating "First and foremost, the hospital will stay open — no ifs, ands or buts."

"If this district is passed, there will be a tax rate increase of 20 cents to start with, but the rate can increase up to 50 cents. If it passes on Dec. 6, the board can meet on Dec. 17 (when the election is certified) and set the taxes at 50 cents for 2003," Bell said, prompting a moan from several audience members.

The Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 286.162, states a hospital district board may impose taxes for the entire year in which the district is created.

"As of right now, the hospital has no cash," he said. Foree backed up the statement.

Bell went on to say that, if passed, the hospital district would have to find someone to make a loan as soon as it takes over.

"Now how many bankers do you know who will loan money to you if you're already in debt and don't have any means of making any money? I don't know of any," Bell added.

Bell said that once a district is in place, it couldn't be changed. He told of other counties where districts had been voted in, and then later the hospital was still closed.

"Those people are still paying taxes on hospitals that they don't have," he said.

One resident voiced the main inquiry that is on the minds of many — what services would be lost if the district should not pass.

Foree was quick to answer. "There will be no services lost if the district is not passed."

"How did we get in this mess in the first place?" was another question.

"It's hard to know where to start," said Bell. "It was not just one thing. The problems have been caused by bad management in many areas."

Another in attendance questioned how the hospital would operate if the district vote did not pass.

Foree explained that in addition to the money that will be obtained from the county, the hospital has also been granted a sole community provider status which will result in approximately $800,000 to $900,000 in extra revenue next year.

Toward the end of the meeting, Foree expressed his outlook for the hospital's future.

"I believe that if we hire our own CEO, look at some of the things we are doing with the rural health clinic and the sole community provider status, we will be able to control our own hospital from our own county," said Foree.

WTC drama department will debut production

Western Texas College's drama department will debut *The Time of Your Life* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Additional performances of William Saroyan's Pulitzer prize-winning play will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students and senior citizens.

The Time of Your Life is set in a waterfront honky-tonk in San Francisco during the 1930s. The play offers glimpses into the lives of a dozen dreamers including lonely hearts and beer hall philosophers.

Cast members include Brandy Birkenfeld as the Newsboy; Courtney Carr, as the drunk; Caleb Durham as Willie McCarthy; Meagan Bailey as Joe; Amber Ward as Nick; Chris Hensley as Tom; and Rhealan Wagnon as Kitty Duval.

Others are Nathaniel Stow as Dudley; Tedrick George as Harry; Ryan Ballard as Wesley; Lacey Rowe as Lorene; Amanda Mitchell as Blick; Jonathan Devitt as Arab; Stacie Sorrells as Krupp; Jacob Brumley as Kit Carson; Monica Rose as Elsie; Casandra Darlin as a lady and Michael Hembree as a gentleman.

Ray Newton is the director while Michael Hembree will direct the music. Casandra Darlin, Monica Rose, Rhealan Wagnon and Stacie Sorrells are in charge of electronic sound design; Lacey Rowe, light design; Mon Yu, light technician; Sonya Vinson, costume design; Michael Hembree, Shade Blackwell, Mon Yu and Heather Pokrant, set construction.

There will be a 15-minute intermission, but no curtain call.



RELAX, IT'S ONLY BLOOD – United Blood Services held its blood drive Tuesday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Leesa Johnson tries to relax through the process while Lonnie Jarrett looks on. The drive moved to Cogdell Hospital today. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Shirley A. Gorman



As Thanksgiving Day approaches, here is some food for thought, courtesy of the Internet.

Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving in America.

The Pilgrims who left England in 1609 were bound for Holland and religious freedom.

However, they became dissatisfied and left a few years later, traveling to the New World. English investors called The Merchant Adventurers financed their trip. To pay for their passage and supplies, the Pilgrims agreed to work for their backers for seven years.

The Mayflower set sale on Sept. 6, 1620 with 44 Pilgrims called "Saints" and 66 "Strangers." The trip was long and cold and all food had to be eaten cold because of the fire danger on the ship. Many people became sick and one died before land was sighted on Nov. 10.

The Saints and Strangers put aside the differences that had arisen during the long voyage and created the Mayflower Compact, which guaranteed equality for the two groups who joined together to form one group — the Pilgrims.

Land was first sighted off Cape Cod but the Pilgrims did not settle until they reached Plymouth. The harbor was excellent and there was an abundance of fish.

Many Pilgrims died during that first long, cold and harsh winter. The cold, snow and sleet kept them from building their settlement. Less than 50 of the 110 Pilgrims and Mayflower crew survived.

On March 16, 1621, Samoset, an Indian brave, approached the settlement and greeted the settlers in English, which he had learned from the fishing boat captains who sailed off the coast.

Another Indian, Squanto, spoke better English and he showed the Pilgrims how to perform crucial tasks, such as tapping the maple trees for sap. He also pointed out the poisonous plants from the medicinal ones.

Squanto showed the Pilgrims how to plant corn, and other crops. Things were definitely looking up for the settlers as they had built homes, harvested crops and stored an abundance of fish in salt and cured meat over smoky fires.

William Bradford, the Pilgrim governor, set aside a day for thanksgiving for the colonists and also the Indians living nearby. The celebration lasted three days and included lots of food and games.

However, the Pilgrims did not fare as well during the next two years. In response, to the hot and dry spell that left crops dying in the fields, Gov. Bradford set aside a day of fasting and prayer.

After it began to rain, he declared Nov. 29 to be a day of Thanksgiving. This date is believed to be the real true beginning of the Present Day Thanksgiving holiday.

The annual day of Thanksgiving has continued through the years. Congress suggested a day of national thanksgiving in the late 1770s.

New York State adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom in 1817. Many of the other states followed suit by the middle of the 19th century.

President Abraham Lincoln declared a national day of Thanksgiving. Since then each president has proclaimed a Thanksgiving Day, usually the fourth Thursday of each November as the holiday.

ASK US

Q—What was the salary of the last CEO at Cogdell Hospital?

A—The county reimbursed Covenant Health Systems $13,830 per month for salary and benefits.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Kenneth Parker...

...a physical education teacher at East Elementary, has lived in Snyder since 1971. He is married to Kathye Parker, Snyder High School secretary, and he has three sons, Steve, Jay and Daniel. Kenneth enjoys hunting, fishing and golf.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Nothing is interesting if you're not interested.
—Helen Macinness

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Victory Baptist revival

A revival at Victory Baptist Church continues through Friday with Randy Cotton as evangelist. Services are at 7 p.m.

Hermleigh boosters

Hermleigh booster club will meet at 6 this evening in the school cafeteria.

Utility bill help

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

Eastern Star meeting cancelled

The stated meeting Thursday of Order of Eastern Star is cancelled due to several members being ill.

Study skills workshop

A study skills workshop for talent search junior and high school students is set from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday at the high school library.

GED pre-registration, testing

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

United Way packets

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

LAP signup extended

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

Shiloh in concert

The Shiloh Quartet will be in concert at 9:45 a.m. Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church, 2405 35th Street.

Thanksgiving dinner

The Thanksgiving dinner for retired teachers is set for noon Monday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Power of Influence," followed by "Keep the Marriage Bed Undefiled."

Snyder Lions Club

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday due to the Thanksgiving holidays.

Poinsettia sale

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

Annual Christmas parade

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

Child welfare board fundraiser

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

Choir Christmas program

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

LVN testing dates

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

WTC spring pre-registration

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

Madrigal Christmas dinners

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

2004 Tiger's Lair yearbook

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

SJHS yearbooks

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

2004 Bulldog annuals on sale

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



WINNER — Kristin Krueger, far right, won $5 for writing the best story at Stanfield Elementary School. Making the presentation were Brett Sorrells and Madeline Moreno. Sorrells and Moreno are members of Margie Martinez' class, which judged the entries. Krueger is in Sherry Patterson's class. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Scott Peterson will stand trial

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — Prosecutors who encircled Scott Peterson in a loose-knit web of circumstantial evidence won the battle to have him stand trial on murder charges for the death of his wife and her unborn son.

Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge Al Girolami ruled Tuesday that prosecutors had shown during an 11-day preliminary hearing that there was sufficient evidence the crimes were intentional, deliberate and premeditated.

Peterson, 31, being held without bail, now faces a Dec. 3 arraignment. He has pleaded innocent and his lawyers plan to file a motion to dismiss the charges and ask to move the case out of Modesto.

Peterson smiled and waved to his parents as he left the courtroom following the ruling, which was anticipated by the defense since prosecutors had to meet the relatively low standard of probable cause.

The hearing provided only glimpses at the evidence police have amassed in 27,500 pages of reports since a pregnant Laci Peterson was reported missing on Christmas Eve. Her remains and those of her son washed ashore in April about three miles from where Scott Peterson said he was fishing on a new boat.

A battle over a 6-inch strand of dark hair found on the boat dominated testimony, with prosecutors winning the right to introduce a disputed form of DNA analysis to link the hair to Laci Peterson, 27.

During the hearing, Laci Peterson's sister testified that Scott Peterson said he had golf plans on Christmas Eve, throwing into question his story about going fishing the day he said his wife vanished. And a detective also testified that officers found a loaded gun in Peterson's truck and that he initially denied having an extramarital affair.

But prosecutors omitted some of the most important details: where they believe Laci was killed, what weapon was used, how her body was disposed of and why her husband allegedly wanted her dead.

Defense lawyer Mark Geragos has complained that police tried to pin the crime on Scott Peterson from the beginning and failed to investigate leads pointing to other suspects. The defense contends Laci Peterson was abducted and they have promised to find her killer.

Geragos criticized the preliminary hearing process, which allows police to testify about statements witnesses made during the investigation, without those witnesses being subject to cross-examination.

Date Book

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003

Today is the 323rd day of 200 and the 58th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address speech in Gettysburg, Pa.

On this day in 1969, Charles "Pete" Conrad and Alan Bean became the third and fourth men to walk on the moon.

On this day in 1985, American President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev held their first summit meeting.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Rogers Clark (1752-1818), U.S. soldier and frontiersman; James A. Garfield (1831-1881), U.S. president; Tommy Dorsey (1905-1956), musician; Ted Turner (1938-), broadcasting executive, is 65; Jodie Foster (1962-), actress and director, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1966, in college football, Notre Dame and Michigan State fought to a 10-10 tie.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The President is the last person in the world to know what the people really want and think." — James A. Garfield

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Nov. 17) and new moon (Nov. 23)

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Today's chuckle

Toothbrush could be oldest unearthed

BERLIN (AP) — German archaeologists have unearthed what could be Europe's oldest toothbrush.

The brush, dug up at the site of a former hospital in the western city of Minden, is at least 250 years old, said officials with the Landscape Association of Westfalen-Lippe, which oversees the excavation.

While the bristles have rotted away, the brush's 4 inch handle made of animal bone is carved at the other end into a tiny spoon believed to be used for cleaning out the owner's ears.

The toothbrush is almost identical to one found earlier this year near Quedlinburg, about 100 miles farther east. Experts dated that brush at around 1750, making it the oldest found in Europe at the time, and suggest the latest find may have been come from the same workshop.

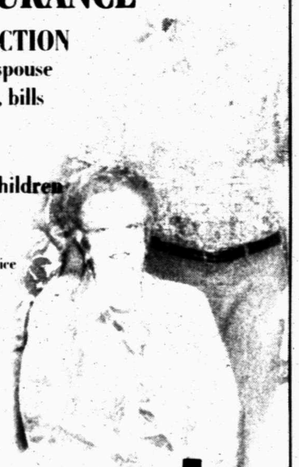
Toothbrushes first became widely used in the 18th century, as tooth-rooting sugar became a fixture in the diet of wealthier Europeans.

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Stanfield starts writing contest

The second grade students at Stanfield Elementary School are working to become young authors and to evaluate his/her own writing and the writing of others.

They have started a new writing contest to jump-start their efforts. The program is entitled "Let's Write."

Each week students are given a story starter and a picture prompt. The story starter relates to the theme of the week.

Each classroom will take turns judging the composition based on creativity, humor and sentence flow.

One student will be chosen to win $5 and have his/her article published in the Stanfield Stampede Newsletter.

This program hopes to promote a general love of writing and to help students with the TAKS writing test.

During the week of Oct. 27-31, the students wrote stories on "If I were any animal.... Kristin Krueger from Mrs. Sherry Patterson's class was the award- winning author.

Margie Martinez' students judged the stories that week.

Space theme park idea to be studied

HOUSTON (AP) — The Astrodome could have a future as a space theme park.

The Harris County Sports and Convention Corp., which is looking for a project compatible for Reliant Park, approved the concept last month as presented by the Astrodome Redevelopment Corp.

The Astrodome was long home to the Houston Astros and the Houston Livestock Show.

The Astros now play in Minute Maid Park. The Houston Texans and the livestock show take place in Reliant Stadium.

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Tuesday's Lottery Numbers
Texas Two Step

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

Winning numbers drawn: 4-20-26-31. Bonus Ball: 10.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: $200,000.

Number matching four of four: 13. Prize: $1,127.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 34. Prize: $52.

Number matching three of four: 1,126. Prize: $23.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 762. Prize: $22.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 5,266. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 9,281. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: $250,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 10-19-21-27-31.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $22,032.

Winning tickets sold in: Sulphur Springs, Super Handy 4, 208 College St; Bacliff, Bacliff Food Mar, 4627 Hwy. 146.

Matching four of five: 141. Prize: $141.

Matching three of five: 4,656. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 46,214. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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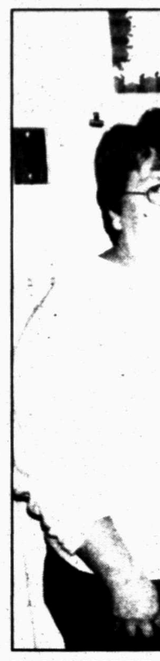
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WORKSHOP ON BULLYING — Charlene Light, SISD counselor, recently presented a workshop on bullying at Central Elementary School. From left are Gail Gilliam, Mary Hernandez, Light and Dixie Haggard, SISD director of special programs. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Wellstone crash finding seeks changes in charter industry

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A federal board's ruling that pilot error caused the crash of Sen. Paul Wellstone's plane caused new grief for his supporters and prompted calls for changes in the charter industry.

After determining the twin-engine plane stalled before crashing 21/2 miles short of an airport runway, the National Transportation Safety Board asked the Federal Aviation Administration to study equipping planes to alert pilots when their airspeed falls too low.

"It's very important that out of tragedy, good can come," said NTSB Chairwoman Ellen Engleman.

Investigators said the King Air A100 carrying the Minnesota Democrat, his wife, daughter and three campaign workers lost altitude and veered off course on its approach to Eveleth-Virginia Municipal Airport in northern Minnesota on Oct. 25, 2002. The crash killed all eight aboard. Wellstone was near the end of a campaign for a third term.

The NTSB discounted the possible role of ice on the wings and a runway beacon, focusing instead on the training and actions of pilot Richard Conry, 55, and co-pilot Michael Guess, 30.

Clouds could have obscured their view, but inattention to instruments was a bigger factor, according to board findings.

John Clark, the NTSB's director of aviation safety, said the pilots were flying too fast as they approached and didn't lower their landing gear soon enough. Trying to compensate, they slowed from 190 mph to 87 mph in the final 90 seconds of the flight, Clark said.

Another NTSB staff member who looked into the crash, Dave Kitchgessner, told the board that the pilots should have gone around for another attempt at landing.

During the probe, investigators also learned of two instances when co-pilots took the controls from Conry as he flew Wellstone to campaign appearances. Just three days before the fatal crash, Conry activated the wrong switch and caused the plane to pitch downward when it was 300 feet off the ground. The co-pilot corrected his action.

Sam Kaplan, a lawyer for the Wellstone estates, said the NTSB's findings only add to the sorrow the of victims' survivors and friends.

"One was always hoping the report would indicate that this went well beyond the ability of any human being to prevent," Kaplan said.

Jeff Blodgett, Wellstone's campaign manager in his three Senate races, was more pointed in his reaction.

"Those two pilots should have never been allowed to fly people in that plane, and I hope the people who allowed those pilots to fly with such precious cargo are held responsible," Blodgett said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Dorm couple's coupling is too close for rooommate's comfort

DEAR ABBY: I am a freshman in college and live in a dorm with one roommate, "Mary." Mary has had a boyfriend for two years. I'll call him "John." John goes to school a couple of hours away and visits Mary on weekends once or twice a month. This usually isn't a problem for me, as I can plan ahead to go home for the weekend, or go out with friends so Mary and John can have the room to themselves for a few hours.

Yesterday, on short notice, Mary told me that John was spending the night. I frantically tried to make plans to be "elsewhere," but nothing worked out. I told Mary I'd camp out in our dorm lounge, but she said not to worry because John was dead-tired and wanted to go to sleep right away. After he arrived, I sat at my desk doing homework on my computer and listening to music with headphones while Mary and John watched TV in bed.

When I glanced over at them a half-hour later, they were having sex! I didn't know what to do. I tried to ignore them and continue "studying," but it was very distracting to have my roommate and her boyfriend "going at it" 5 feet away. When I woke up this morning, they were doing it again! I pretended to be asleep until they went to breakfast.

Mary has never done anything to embarrass me before. Talking about the incident would make me extremely uncomfortable, but I know something needs to be said before John visits again. Should I talk to Mary — or just pretend this nightmare didn't happen? — **ANONYMOUS ROOMIE IN A WELL-KNOWN COLLEGE TOWN**

DEAR ROOMIE: Take the bull by the horns. Tell Mary that although you are open-minded, you're not a voyeur — so in the future, she should take that X-rated show elsewhere. It may be embarrassing, but if you don't speak up, the situation will become even more embarrassing. It's your room, too, and what your roommate did was inappropriate and disrespectful.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old boy, and I have finally found the girl of my dreams. "Lisa" is sweet, kind and very cute. She's my first love. I always want to make her happy and I never want to be without her.

There is only one problem. I'll be 18 in a few months. Lisa is only 15 and won't be 16 until next year. I'm afraid people will make us separate because I will soon be an "adult." This just hit me and I'm out on a limb. I love her so much. Is there anything I can do? — **SHOT IN THE HEART**

DEAR SHOT IN THE HEART: Since Lisa's parents have not yet objected to the age difference, the chances are they will not do a "180" when your birthday arrives. However, if you are concerned about this, the wisest thing to do would be to talk to her parents about it. Sometimes when you confront a problem head-on, it's not as insurmountable as you fear.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for 30 years. He's been a wonderful stepfather to my three children — always a good "dad" and a loving and generous grandfather to their kids.

My husband's older sister died last summer, and four months after that his brother passed away. I felt strongly that my children should have shown their sympathy and respect by sending their stepdad flowers, or at least a card in his time of grief. None of them did anything — not even a phone call.

Abby, am I wrong, or were they? What is the proper action for adult stepchildren to take under these circumstances? — **FEELING HURT IN GEORGIA**

DEAR FEELING HURT: Your children should have telephoned their stepfather and extended their condolences. If they live close by, they should have come to you and offered assistance. If travel was a problem, they should have written a condolence letter or sent a card. To have ignored their stepfather's loss was insensitive.

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Grammy-winning composer dies at 55

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Kamen, the Grammy-winning and Oscar-nominated composer who fused hard-rock riffs with classical styling in albums for Pink Floyd and provided music for the "Lethal Weapon" and "Die Hard" movies," has died at age 55.

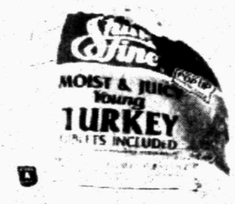
Kamen collapsed in his London home Tuesday from an apparent heart attack, according to his publicist, Jeff Sanderson.

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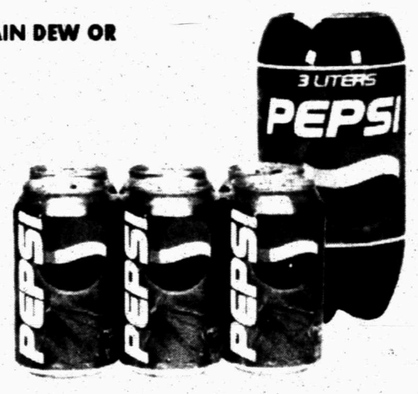


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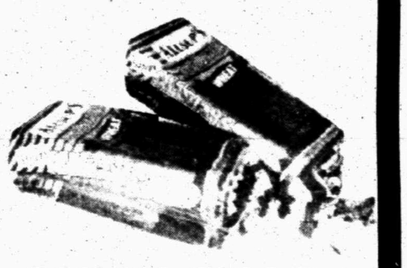
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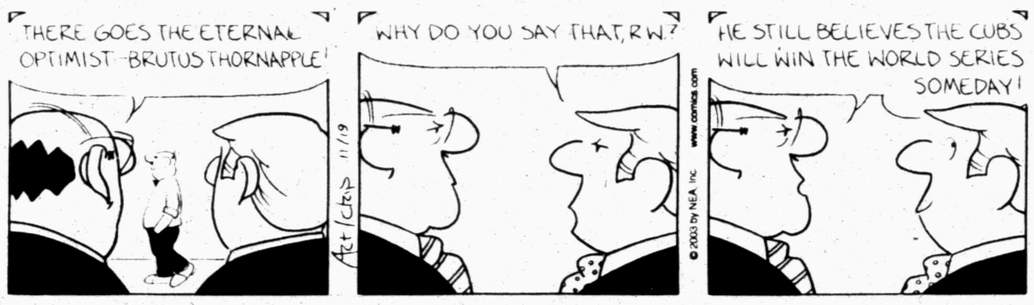
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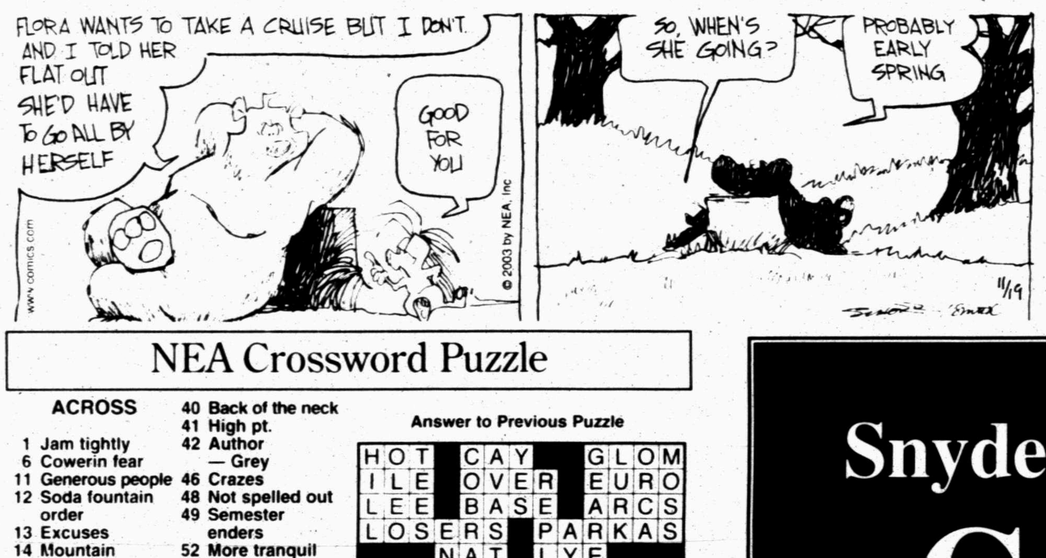
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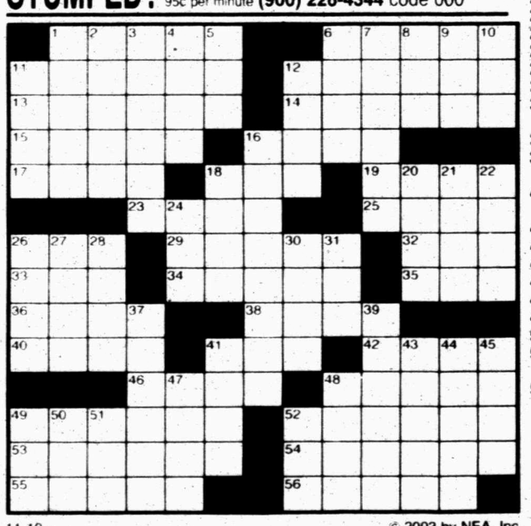
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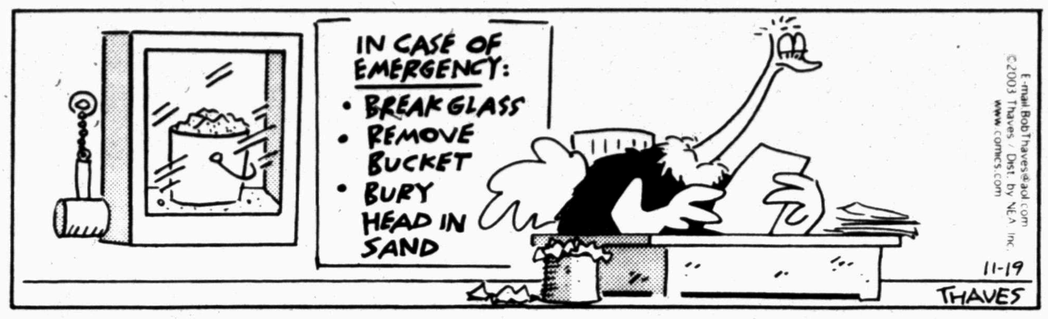
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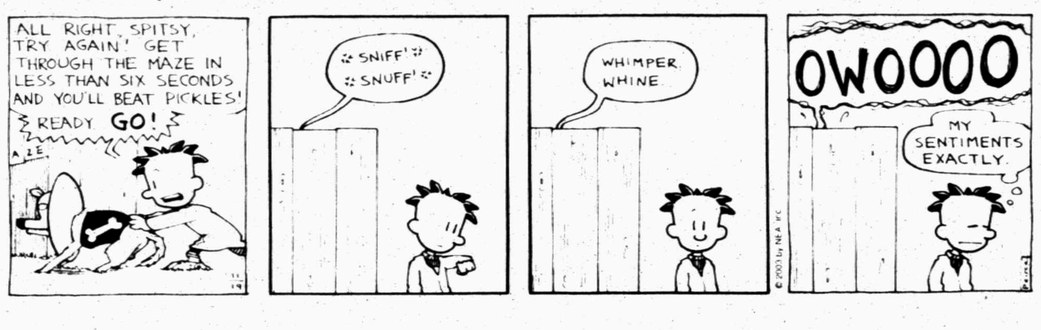
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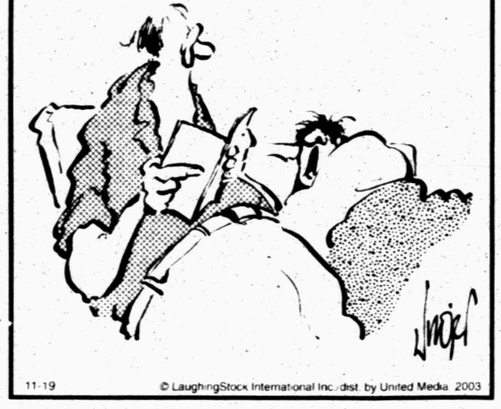
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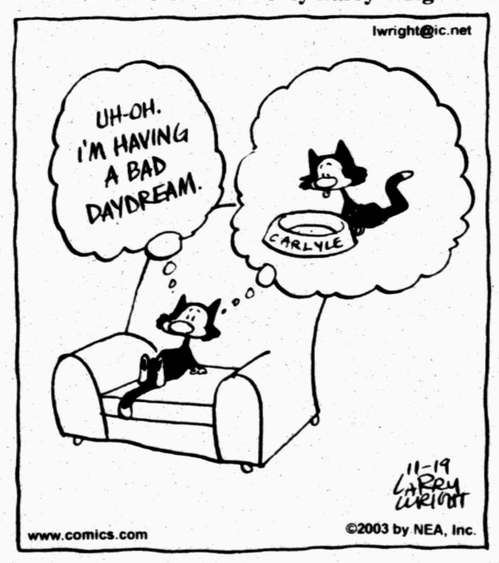


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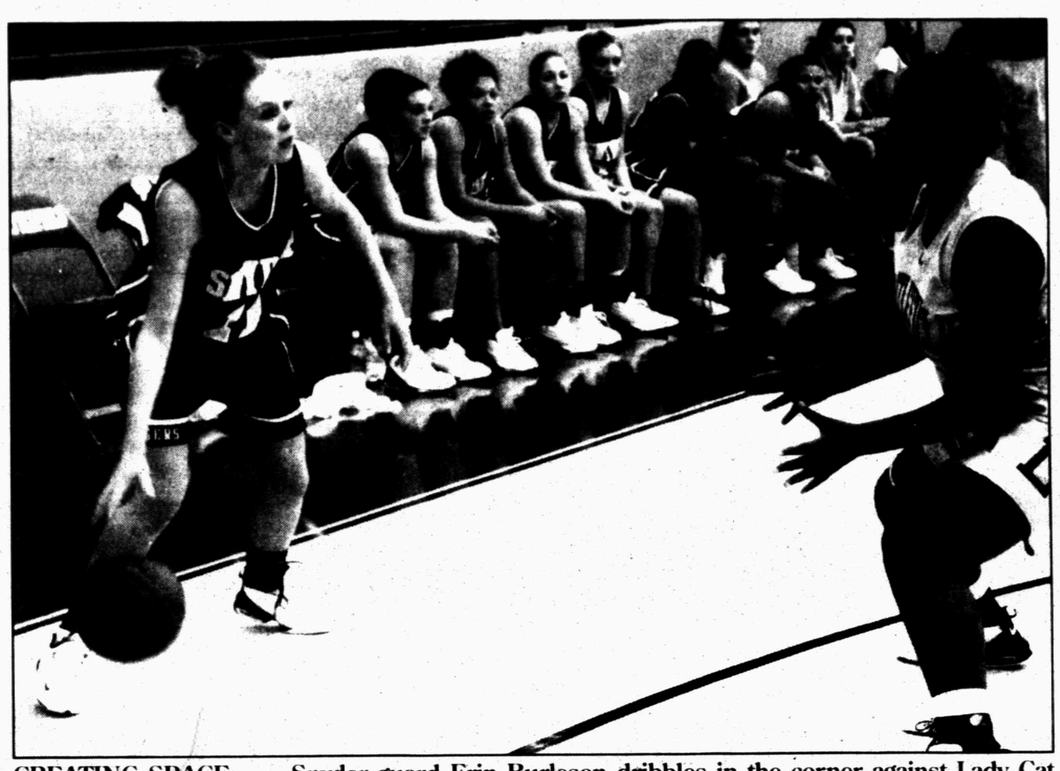
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SPORTS



CREATING SPACE — Snyder guard Erin Burleson dribbles in the corner against Lady Cat Tawanami Mitchell during the team's season opener in Littlefield. The Lady Tigers were stopped, 49-40. (Photo courtesy of Jimmy Ivey, *Lamb County Leader-News*)

Cold shooting, jitters doom Lady Tigers in season debut

The Snyder Lady Tigers fell in their season opener to the Littlefield Wildcats Tuesday night, unable to overcome a cold shooting streak en route to a 49-40 loss.

Erin Burleson led the charge, scoring 15 of her 18 points in the second half. She finished with six boards and three assists, and added four from behind the arc.

Head coach Mike Martin said the teams' shooting percentage was the difference in the game.

"Our shooting percentage was very low — probably due to nervousness and shot selection," he said.

The game was the first varsity game to be played in the new Wildcat Gymnasium, which was completed last spring.

Despite getting behind midway through the first period, Snyder battled back to get to within one point. The score was 28-27 with over a minute remaining in the third. Snyder would eventually take the lead 31-32 with 6:54 left in the fourth.

Sophomore Sirena Medrano added eight points, while freshman Terann Ragland hit two treys in scoring seven points.

"Our young players showed their inexperience. We made some bad judgments at critical times," Martin said. "I did see some positives throughout the game."

Sarah Henson and Jordan Stansell added three and four points, respectively.

Tawanami Mitchell, who recorded 18 points, 11 rebounds, three assists, and two blocks, led Littlefield.

The Snyder freshman girls got double-digit scoring from Katy Crenwelge (16) and Candace Chandler (10), but could not overcome Denver City in a 42-38 loss in the season opener.

Kaitlyn Greenlee tallied seven points and Amber Acosta added five in a losing effort.

"The girls played very hard. We made a few mistakes, but it is early in the season and it can be corrected," coach Todd Pollard said.

The junior varsity topped Littlefield, 44-40.

The Lady Tigers have rescheduled Friday's games against Lake View to Saturday, with the varsity getting underway at 3 p.m. at the SHS gym.

Ira girls rout Blackwell

While the Ira boys are still toiling on the gridiron, the Lady Bulldogs are hitting the hardwood running.

Kelbi Pitner scored 15 points and pulled down eight boards as Ira used a 10-point halftime advantage to top Blackwell, 51-39, in the season opener for both clubs.

The Lady Bulldogs took a 22-12 lead into the locker room at half, after holding Blackwell to five second quarter points.

Senior Lindsey Wilson pumped in 14 points and hauled in 10 boards — six on the defensive end — to help Ira pour in 29 points in the second half. Wilson also had a pair of steals and two assists.

Amanda Calley hit three shots from long range to account for all of her nine points. She also added four rebounds and three assists.

Brittany Dickerhoff posted six points, Whitney Payne added three and Amber Sanchez and Shae Allen each added a two-point field goal for Ira.

The Lady Bulldogs' games at Lubbock Roosevelt have been rescheduled from Friday to Saturday, with the JV going at 6 p.m. and the varsity tipping off at 7:30 p.m.

Lady Cards get blowout win to start campaign

The Hermleigh Lady Cardinals used a 27-13 halftime advantage to spring past Paint Creek, 54-23, to get the season underway with a victory.

The Lady Cards used a stifling defensive effort, allowing Paint Creek to score just four points in the first and final quarters. The Lady Panthers hit just eight field goals on the evening.

Alana Culp drilled eight field goals and went 2 for 4 from the charity stripe to lead the Lady Cards with 18 points. She scored 11 in a 22-point second quarter.

Brittany Kelly fired in 12 points, while Alicia Culp notched seven.

All the Lady Cards got into the act as every player that suited up scored.

Amy Botts hit four of her five points in the final period, Brittany Jones pumped in four and Christy Garcia and Valerie West added three apiece.

Danni Webb also hit a field goal for two points.

The Cardinals jumped out to a 24-19 halftime lead against the Panthers, but were outscored down the stretch to fall, 49-45.

Keenon Garcia drained two treys in scoring 16 points to lead all scorers in the game. Jonathan McClure hit six of his 12 points in the fourth quarter and was perfect on both of his free throw attempts.

An inability to draw fouls hurt Hermleigh late, as Paint Creek hit seven of 14 from the free throw line in the final stanza, while the Cards did not attempt a free throw in the final eight minutes.

Shane Berry posted 11 points for the Cardinals, and Joakim Ludvik and Dustin Williamson scored two points each.

The Cardinals and the Lady Cardinals resume play Friday in the Lueders-Avoca tournament.

Sports Briefs

Baseball/softball booster clubs

The SHS baseball and softball booster clubs will meet at 8 tonight in the film room.

SHS basketball games resheduled

The boys and girls basketball games have been rescheduled from Friday to Saturday because of Snyder's scheduled playoff game with Brownfield. The girls are slated for a 3 p.m. start, and the boys will follow at 4:30 at Snyder gym.

Littlefield comes up big inside, tops Snyder 43-37

The Snyder Tigers dropped the opening game of the season, getting beat inside in a 43-37 loss to Littlefield.

Head coach Bud Birks said the team played hard and aggressive, but could not handle the Littlefield Wildcat's size.

"We had trouble with their height, and they killed us inside," he said. "We weren't tough enough and didn't battle hard enough."

The Tigers had a hard time containing the post play of Littlefield's Jensen Sexton, Joe Richards, and Taylor Richardson.

Sexton finished the game with 16 points, 15 rebounds, and four blocks. Richardson finished with 11 points, nine rebounds, and six blocks. Richards finished with six points, six rebounds, and four assists.

The Tigers scored almost all of their points on the perimeter, with Lee Scott connecting for 26 points. The Tigers struggled from behind the arc, hitting just 5 of 16 3-point attempts.

Birks said the team had a sound game defensively against Littlefield's guards. Snyder forced 25 turnovers in the game.

"We played hard defensively on the perimeter, harassing the ball handlers and we got in their passing lanes," he said.

Birks said the players learned some lessons in the defeat, with Littlefield playing better under the basket both defensively and offensively.

"The kids realize that, no bigger than we are, we have to do things like block out," he said.

Birks added that the adjustments the team needs to make to counter their lack of size are things they have been working on already.

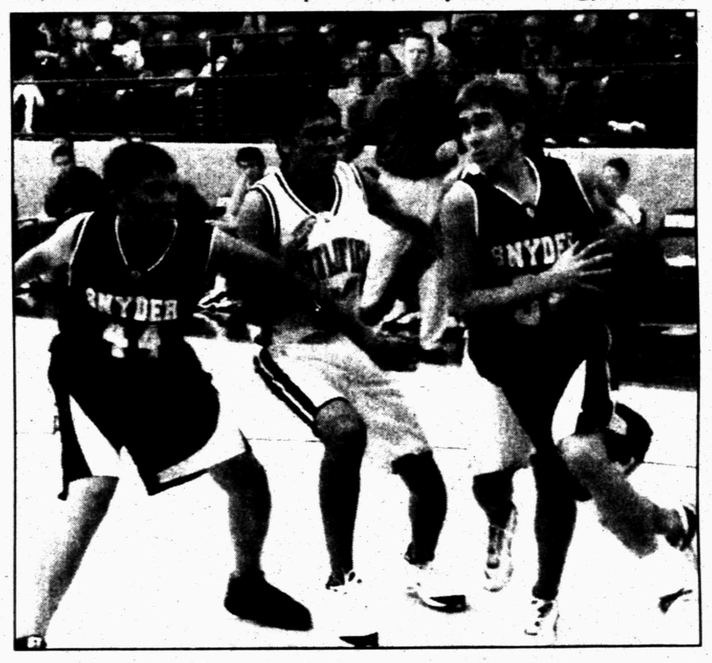
"It's nothing novel. It's things we've been doing, and we've got to do them better," he said. "We do it in practice, and the kids think they are doing it in the game, but it has to become a habit."

He said the shooting also must improve from the perimeter, as the team had several open looks to the basket.

"This early in the year you start to pinpoint areas of concern when you go against teams that are different. We better get tougher inside," he said.

Tucker Early and Austin Hatfield each contributed four points, while Brandon Bragg hit a 3-pointer to tie the game at 21-21 late in the first half.

The Tigers' game Friday against San Angelo Lake View has been changed to 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the SHS gym.



PENETRATION — Snyder wing player Lee Scott works around a screen from teammate Bryan Clifton in Tuesday's season opener against the Wildcats. Scott scored 26 points, but the Tigers were beaten inside, falling 43-37. (Photo courtesy of Jimmy Ivey, *Lamb County Leader-News*)

Bucs deactivate Johnson

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Keyshawn Johnson sounded relieved.

Tampa Bay's star receiver wants out of town, and the Buccaneers agree it's best he go.

"It's been a good run," Johnson said after the Super Bowl champions announced Tuesday that they were deactivating the disgruntled two-time Pro Bowl selection for the rest of the season.

"I'm sorry it ended this way, but I'll move on," Johnson said. "I've had a pretty good career, and I'll continue to have a successful career and be a force in this league."

The Bucs shelved the eighth-year pro, saying he had become disruptive during a disappointing 4-6 start for the defending champs, who have lost three straight and are in danger of missing the playoffs.

Coach Jon Gruden insisted the move wasn't personal. Johnson, unhappy with his role in the Bucs' offense, said it was.

"They can say whatever they want. I know what happened," Johnson said. "I'm not going to bad mouth anybody, but how could it be anything but personal? I produced when I got the opportunity. I did everything asked of me."

Johnson was the Bucs' third-leading receiver with 45 catches for 600 yards and three touchdowns.

But he never understood why he wasn't more involved in Gruden's game plans. He voiced his concern to the coach and general manager Rich McKay last month, telling them that he wanted to leave after this season.

Johnson thinks he can play at a high level for five more seasons and would like to finish his career with a team that appreciates his abilities.

"It's a shock. I thought we would get through the year," Johnson said. "Why would you do that when you're trying to win another championship?"

The Bucs said they would deactivate Johnson for the remaining six games. He will be paid his full salary, and was not fined, McKay said.

Bonds wins record sixth MVP award

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — After 18 major league seasons, Barry Bonds still has worlds to conquer. He wants a World Series ring, and he's still pursuing the career home run record.

The San Francisco outfielder has one more goal in mind: He wants to keep making Bobby Bonds proud.

Barry Bonds won a record sixth National League MVP award Tuesday, becoming the first player to receive the honor in three consecutive years. At 39, he has enjoyed one of the most remarkable careers in the modern game — but Bonds has no plans to slow down.

"I'm looking very much forward to next season," said the Giants star, who has won twice as many MVP awards as any other player. "I started training just two weeks after the season. I'm training even harder this year than I did last year. I really want to see if I can put things together without my father for the first time."

Bobby Bonds, his three-time All-Star father, died in August. When Barry returned to the Giants, he led them to the NL West championship.

"This award is more special to me than any award I've ever received because it's dedicated to my father," Bonds said. "He has been my hitting coach my entire life, ever since I was a little kid. I miss him dearly. It's a really emotional time for me right now."

Tech bombs Davidson

LUBBOCK (AP) — Jarrius Jackson, a freshman, and junior college transfer Joseph Works showed their athleticism, agility and finesse in Tech's season opener.

Jackson and Andre Emmett each scored 17 points as Texas Tech defeated Davidson 89-58 in a first round preseason NIT game Tuesday night.

Works added 13 points in 14 minutes.

Tech (1-0) trailed only briefly in the first half before going ahead for good. By the 2:52 mark in the second half, the Red Raiders had built a 35-point lead and were up 89-54.

Emmett, the leading scorer in the Big 12 last season was 8-for-15.

Spurs find shooting touch

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tim Duncan had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili each added 19 points to lift the San Antonio Spurs over the Golden State Warriors 94-81 on Tuesday night.

The defending NBA champs were hitting just 38 percent from the field through 11 games this season, but shot 50 percent against the Warriors.

The Spurs, who shot 47 percent shooting in a 95-71 victory over Washington on Saturday night, also found their missing outside shot. San Antonio hit 10 of 17 3-pointers, including 5-of-5 during a 20-6 run in the fourth quarter against the Warriors.

Hedo Terkoglu, acquired in the offseason for his outside range but was just 4-of-18 on 3-point attempts, went 3-for-3 from beyond the arc and finished with 11 points.

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Woman's Column

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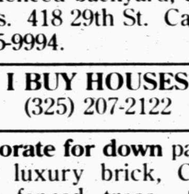
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New whale species reportedly found

By The Associated Press

Japanese scientists say they have identified a new species of whale — a remarkable discovery if confirmed.

The animal is a type of baleen, the family of whales that strain tiny plankton and other food from seawater, the researchers say.

"Can you imagine? An animal of more than 10 meters was unknown to us even in the 21st century," said Tadasu Yamada of Tokyo's National Science Museum, the senior author of the study that appears in this week's issue of the journal Nature.

Most baleens grow to enormous proportions, like the blue whale, which at 75 feet long and more than 100 tons is believed to be the largest animal that has ever lived.

By comparison, the new species is on the small side at about 30 feet long — about the size of a motor home — and slender.

While new species of smaller creatures such as insects, birds and amphibians are discovered every year, it is very unusual for scientists to identify a new mammal, particularly one so large. Most whale species were described during the 18th and 19th centuries when commercial whaling drove many to the brink of extinction.

Scientists currently recognize 70 whale species, including as many as 12 types of baleen whales. But little is known about the subtle differences among many types of whales that are seldom seen by humans.

The Japanese researchers made their discovery through DNA analysis of nine adult whale carcasses. Eight — five females and three males — were killed in 1970 for research in the eastern Indian Ocean and the Solomon Sea. At the time, scientists assumed they were undersized fin whales.

A ninth whale — a female — was killed accidentally in the Sea of Japan in 1998. Fisherman towed it to Tsunoshima Island, where Yamada examined it. Later, he began comparing it to preserved samples of the eight whales in his nation's fisheries research collection. The anatomical and molecular comparison took several years to complete.

Nearly every whale carcass raises new possibilities. It could take additional studies over several years before other biologists accept the new whale species.

According to the Nature study, the new species shows several differences from fin whales, including external features, bone structure and DNA. The researchers named the new species Balaenoptera omurai in honor of the late Japanese whale researcher, Dr. Hideo Omura.

Besides being smaller than fin whales, the new species has fewer baleen plates in its mouth, Yamada says. Baleen is a hornlike substance that forms filaments that hang down from the roof of the mouth to strain food from seawater.

DNA analysis performed on samples from three of the whales showed they differ from fin whales by five nucleotides, or base pairs of amino acids, in sections of the whale genome used for comparison.

Some U.S. researchers are skeptical of the Nature report.

James Mead, curator of marine mammals at the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, said there are at least seven other whale species that share the same traits, and a more careful comparison is needed before a new species is accepted.

"I am disappointed in the lack of thorough comparison with other species of allied whales," Mead said.

Harvard whale researcher Joe Roman said the evidence for classifying them as a new species was "compelling and certainly warrants further study."

Researchers on both sides of the Pacific said the questions surrounding the nine whales demonstrates how little is known about them. They condemned whale-hunting, even for scientific purposes.

In 1986, the International Whaling Commission imposed a moratorium on commercial whaling. Japan, however, takes hundreds of whales a year under a scientific exemption, usually selling them for food and other products after they are studied.

Norway has ignored the ban since 1993 and resumed commercial hunting, while Iceland resumed scientific whaling this year.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Chest and abdominal pain should be addressed

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 50, in pretty good shape but have been troubled by pain in my mid-abdomen and sternum. I assumed the symptom was caused by sit-ups and leg exercises; however, a friend suggested that I might have a hiatal hernia. If this is the cause, please explain the affliction, its cause and cure.

DEAR READER: Rather than explaining hiatal hernia, a weakness in the muscular ring where the esophagus joins the stomach (often leading to heartburn and abdominal discomfort), I'd prefer to encourage you to see your family physician. The pain you describe could have numerous causes: coronary artery spasm, ulcers, liver or gallbladder disorders, pancreatic inflammation, and abdominal aortic aneurysm, to mention a few. You really need testing and X-rays.

Of course, this type of discomfort could well be the result of muscle strain from overdoing your exercises. In this case, your doctor should be able to diagnose such a harmless condition by examination alone.

Abdominal and sternal pain is a medical "red flag" for both men and women. Get to your doctor.

Here is a brief personal experience that brings this message home.

This afternoon, while grocery shopping, I was stopped by an elderly gentleman who has been my patient for more than 20 years. He complained of chest pain and wondered what to do about it. In place of whipping out my stethoscope, tearing off his shirt (to the delight of the assembled customers) and giving him a cursory exam in front of the meat counter, I encouraged him to leave his shopping cart and proceed directly to hospital, a mere quarter mile away. He said he would if the pain hadn't disappeared in 10 minutes.

This is an unsatisfactory resolution. I offered to call the ambulance, an option he refused. But he certainly needed testing; heart pain is all too often ignored or trivialized by the people who have it. I'd rather refer a patient with chest pain to the ER and be told that his heart was normal, and that he didn't have to be there, than to miss a diagnosis of heart attack in progress. My patient, fortunately, went to the ER and was OK.

So, while your abdominal pain remains undiagnosed, I am uncomfortable. Check with your primary care physician.

And, readers in general, if you didn't get my message, let me repeat it: chest pain should always be investigated quickly when it occurs.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm really worried. My testicles are much larger than normal. They're now the size of melons. I'm 65 and don't have a doctor. What kind of specialist should I see?

DEAR READER: A urologist. And don't wait. Progressive testicular enlargement could — but not always — have a serious cause, such as cancer.

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

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

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North		
	♠ J 7 5		
	♥ J 8 5		
	♦ A 4		
	♣ 10 8 7 4 2		
West		**East**	
♠ 10 9 8 2		♠ A 6 4 3	
♥ 7		♥ 6 4	
♦ K Q 5 2		♦ J 9 8 6	
♣ A Q 9 3		♣ K J 5	
	South		
	♠ K Q		
	♥ A K Q 10 9 3 2		
	♦ 10 7 3		
	♣ 6		

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
4 ♥	Dbl.	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	5 ♥	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ??

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003

If one string knots, try another

By Phillip Alder

Katherine Walker, an author who died in 1916, wrote, "I believe in the total depravity of inanimate things, ... the elusiveness of soap, the knottiness of strings, the transitory nature of buttons...."

Now look only at the West hand. What would you lead against five hearts doubled after that exciting auction?

This layout arose during the Biarritz Festival, held last August in that picturesque town in the southwest of France. South opened four hearts in the hope of silencing the opposition, but West made a well-judged takeout double. Note that four spades would fail by one trick, but North understandably took the push to five hearts.

West led the spade 10, East winning with his ace. If East had shifted to a diamond, South would have maneuvered to discard his club loser on dummy's spade jack and to ruff a diamond in the dummy, losing only one spade and one diamond.

Instead, East cashed the club king before switching to diamonds. But South unknotted a second string. He won with dummy's diamond ace, ruffed a club high, played a trump to dummy's eight, ruffed another club high, overtook the heart 10 with dummy's jack, and trumped a third club high. Declarer unblocked his spade king, led the heart three to dummy's five, and discarded his two diamond losers on the spade jack and club 10 for plus 650.

Well done if you led anything but a spade; you guessed well and could have defeated five hearts.

The Biarritz Festival features only one long session a day. So, one has time to savor other healthy activities like tennis, golf, and drinking red wine!

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Snyder High Students will provide their **Christmas Cheer project** again this season. This project, called **Students Helping Seniors** is in its 4th year. Juniors and seniors volunteer to put Christmas lights/decorations for the senior citizens in Snyder. This is a free service to this segment of our population. It gives the students a chance to spread a little Christmas cheer and allows the older population a chance to meet the great kids we have here in Snyder.

Anyone interested is encouraged to fill out the application form and send it to:

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Christmas 2003

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Date to put up lights _____
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Alltel	44.35	44.11	44.35	+ .10
AmEl Pw	27.05	26.82	27.05	+ .32
AndarkPtr	44.72	44.35	44.65	+ .15
ATMOS Egy	24.50	24.40	24.48	+ .09
Aviall	15.23	15.00	15.20	+ .10
BP PLC	42.76	42.35	42.45	+ .34
BakerHughes	29.00	28.71	28.72	— .07
Bank of Amer	74.16	73.91	74.03	+ .08
BellSouth	25.52	25.25	25.25	— .31
BurlNoSFe	29.44	29.16	29.23	— .02
Caterpillar	71.91	71.34	71.82	+ .53
CenterPoint	9.58	9.46	9.47	— .03
ChevronTex	73.89	73.15	73.76	+ .22
Citigroup	45.71	45.10	45.56	
CocaCola	46.84	46.56	46.79	+ .29
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KinderMorg	54.17	53.31	53.86	+ .96
Kroger Co	18.10	17.91	18.08	+ .19
LockheedM	45.69	45.42	45.65	+ .15
Lowes Cos	57.48	56.94	57.27	+ .10
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LucentTech	3.12	3.00	3.07	+ .04
MarathonOil	29.10	28.93	29.04	+ .09
MayDeptStr	28.95	28.40	28.48	— .03
Medtronic	45.22	44.65	45.03	+ .45
Motorola	13.02	12.50	13.00	+ .23
NCR Corp	33.18	32.66	32.88	— .07
Navistar	40.28	39.93	40.09	+ .01
PNM Rescs	26.70	26.50	26.62	
Penney JC	23.43	23.22	23.32	+ .04
PepBoys	19.03	18.76	18.85	— .18
PepsiCo	47.55	47.20	47.42	+ .22
PhelpDodge	61.55	60.78	61.09	— .30
PilgrmPrd B	14.05	13.80	13.82	— .13
Praxair	68.20	67.70	68.19	+ .21
ProctGamb	96.20	95.00	96.05	+ .39
RadioShack	30.65	30.06	30.11	— .54
RoyalDut	44.68	44.46	44.61	+ .23
SBC Comm	23.29	22.92	22.97	— .14
SaraLee	20.54	20.35	20.53	+ .35
Scripps EW	92.05	91.18	91.30	— .74
SearsRoeb	54.16	53.49	53.75	— .41
SherwinW	32.08	31.83	32.00	+ .14
SouthernCo	29.00	28.77	28.85	+ .16
SwstAirl	17.60	17.13	17.22	— .30
SprintFON	14.98	14.76	14.77	— .13
SprintPCS	4.07	3.80	3.94	— .15
Sunoco Inc	45.10	44.80	45.07	+ .14
TXU Corp	21.12	20.87	20.92	
TempleInland	53.96	53.66	53.91	— .14
TexInd	28.46	28.17	28.20	— .28
TexasInst	28.25	27.66	28.09	+ .23
Textron	48.20	47.72	48.14	+ .16
TimeWarner	15.50	15.28	15.41	— .11
TrinityInds	23.81	23.39	23.52	— .31
TylerTech	7.92	7.72	7.92	+ .22
UnionPacif	63.32	62.90	63.04	— .28
USSteel	22.67	22.52	22.60	— .10
UnitedTech	83.63	82.59	83.39	+ .15
Unocal	31.71	31.50	31.53	— .07
VerizonComm	32.85	32.08	32.19	— .27
WalMart	55.05	54.55	55.02	+ .30
WellsFargo	56.40	55.55	56.22	+ .07
WstnGasRs	43.02	42.88	42.90	— .05
WinnDixie	7.98	7.86	7.97	+ .10
Xerox Cp	10.31	10.17	10.21	+ .04
YumBrands	33.08	32.83	33.04	— .08

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Freezing Specific Foods

Quick Breads (coffeecake, fruit, nut breads)

(Note: Traditional low-fat muffins and biscuits are of maximum quality right out of the oven. Quality decreases when they are frozen)

Prepare and bake as usual. Cool. Package and freeze. Thaw at room temperature in original wrapping. Slice fruit and nut breads while partially frozen to prevent crumbling. Foil-wrapped coffeecakes may be reheated in foil in a 325 degrees to 350 degrees F. oven for 15 to 20 minutes or until hot.

Suggested freezer storage time: 2-3 months.

Yeast Breads (Rolls, sweet rolls, bread, coffee cake)

Make as usual. Cool. Package and freeze. Thaw in original wrapping at room temperature. To serve warm, reheat in foil-covered container or in foil wrapping at 300 degrees F for 15 to 20 minutes; 5 to 10 minutes for rolls.

Suggested freezer storage time: 3-6 months.

Cakes

General Information — To prevent crushing, place wrapped or bagged cakes in sturdy containers in the freezer. If you freeze slices of cake, put a double layer of freezer wrapping between slices. Avoid cream-type fillings as these often decline in quality when frozen. Cakes may be frozen unfrosted or frosted.

Unfrosted — Wrap unfrosted cakes before freezing. Frost after cake is thawed. Thaw unfrosted cakes in their original wrapping at room temperature.

Frosted — The best frostings for freezing are fudge frostings and uncooked powdered or confectioner's sugar frostings made with fat. Cooked frostings, seven minute frostings and other egg-white-based frostings don't freeze well. Freeze frosted cakes before packaging to prevent the wrapping from sticking to the frosting.

Thaw frosted cakes in the refrigerator. Remove the immediate wrapping so it won't stick to the frosting as the cake thaws. Thaw the unwrapped cake on a serving plate in its protective container or a cake keeper. This prevents possible cross-contamination from other foods and accidental damage to the delicate frosted surface as you add and remove refrigerated items.

If space limitations force you to thaw a frosted cake completely uncovered, place it on the top shelf of the refrigerator. Choose a location where cross-contamination and bumping, etc. will be avoided.

Angel Food, Chiffon, Sponge, Layer, Loaf, Cupcakes — Prepare and bake as usual. Cool. Wrap tightly and then store in a sturdy container. Angel, chiffon, and sponge cakes are very delicate; store on top of other foods as an added precaution to prevent crushing.

Suggested freezer storage time: varies, about 2-3 months should be satisfactory for most cakes.

Cookies

Prepare and bake as usual. (NOTE: Meringue-based cookies and cookies containing beaten egg whites, such as macaroons, don't freeze well. Also, fragile cookies don't freeze well.) Cool thoroughly. Pack in a rigid container to help keep them from breaking. Place moisture-vapor-resistant freezer wrapping between layers.

Remember, too much air in a container can lower the quality of a food. If you don't have enough cookies to fill the container, you might place the separated layers of cookies inside a large plastic freezer bag or surround them with freezer wrapping within the container. Thaw in original wrapping at room temperature.

Suggested freezer storage time: 3-6 months.

Pies

General Information — Meringue toppings toughen in the freezer. Custard and cream pies get watery after thawing and aren't recommended for freezing.

Choose a pan suitable for the freezer, such as the disposable aluminum foil pie plates found in many supermarkets, or rust-proof metal pie pans. Freezer/ovenproof glass also might work but needs to be handled with more care.

If you're using an aluminum foil pie plate, compare its capacity to that of your regular pie pan. An easy way to obtain a general idea of differing volumes is to fill your regular pie pan with water. Then pour the water into the foil pan. Measure the amount of liquid left in your regular pan; reduce the amount of filling by about that much.

A soggy crust can be a problem with frozen filled pies. Brush the inside of the bottom crust lightly with melted butter or margarine before adding the filling to help prevent a soggy crust.

As filled pies are higher in moisture content and take longer to cool/heat/reheat than many baked goods, pies can be trickier to freeze than many foods. The best advice: Do a trial run with freezing a favorite pie before you freeze it for a special event. Here are an assortment of tips that may help you decide how to most successfully freeze your favorite pies.

Unbaked Pie Crust — Prepare your regular crust recipe. Place in a freezer-suitable pie plate. If the pastry will be baked unfilled, prick the bottom of the crust in several places. Stack the pie pans, separating them with two layers of freezer paper. Put in a freezer bag or overwrap with aluminum foil. To use, while still frozen, bake at 475 degrees F until light brown (about 8 to 10 minutes) or add filling to the frozen crust and bake as usual.

Suggested freezer storage time: 6-8 weeks.

Fruit, Mince, Nut Pies, Unbaked — Prepare as usual. The flavor of a pie is fresher when it's frozen before baking. Some sources suggest using quick-cooking tapioca to thicken pie filling instead of your usual thickener. Cornstarch and flour are more likely to separate when the pie is thawed.

Here are some general guidelines if you'd like to adapt your recipe for quick-cooking tapioca: Approximately 1 tablespoon of quick-cooking tapioca is equal to 1½ teaspoons cornstarch or 1 tablespoon flour.

Mix the fruit, tapioca, sugar and flavorings and let stand in a bowl for 15 minutes before placing in your pie shell. This helps the tapioca hydrate and absorb the fruit juice. If you find that juicier pies tend to boil over more when baked from the frozen state, add an extra tablespoon of tapioca next time.

Continued next week

Marketing workshops slated in Lubbock

LUBBOCK — Farmers and ranchers can gain a better understanding of futures and options and how to effectively use them as marketing tools at two one-day workshops slated for Dec. 18. and March 4, said a Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

"These workshops are designed to help producers improve their pricing and marketing strategies through the study of futures and options," said Dr. Jackie Smith, Texas Cooperative Extension ag economist-marketing specialist based in Lubbock.

"In order to take advantage of profitable pricing opportunities, producers must know how to evaluate market alternatives."

"These workshops will focus on evaluating price alternatives. All pricing alternatives are directly or indirectly linked to the futures market.

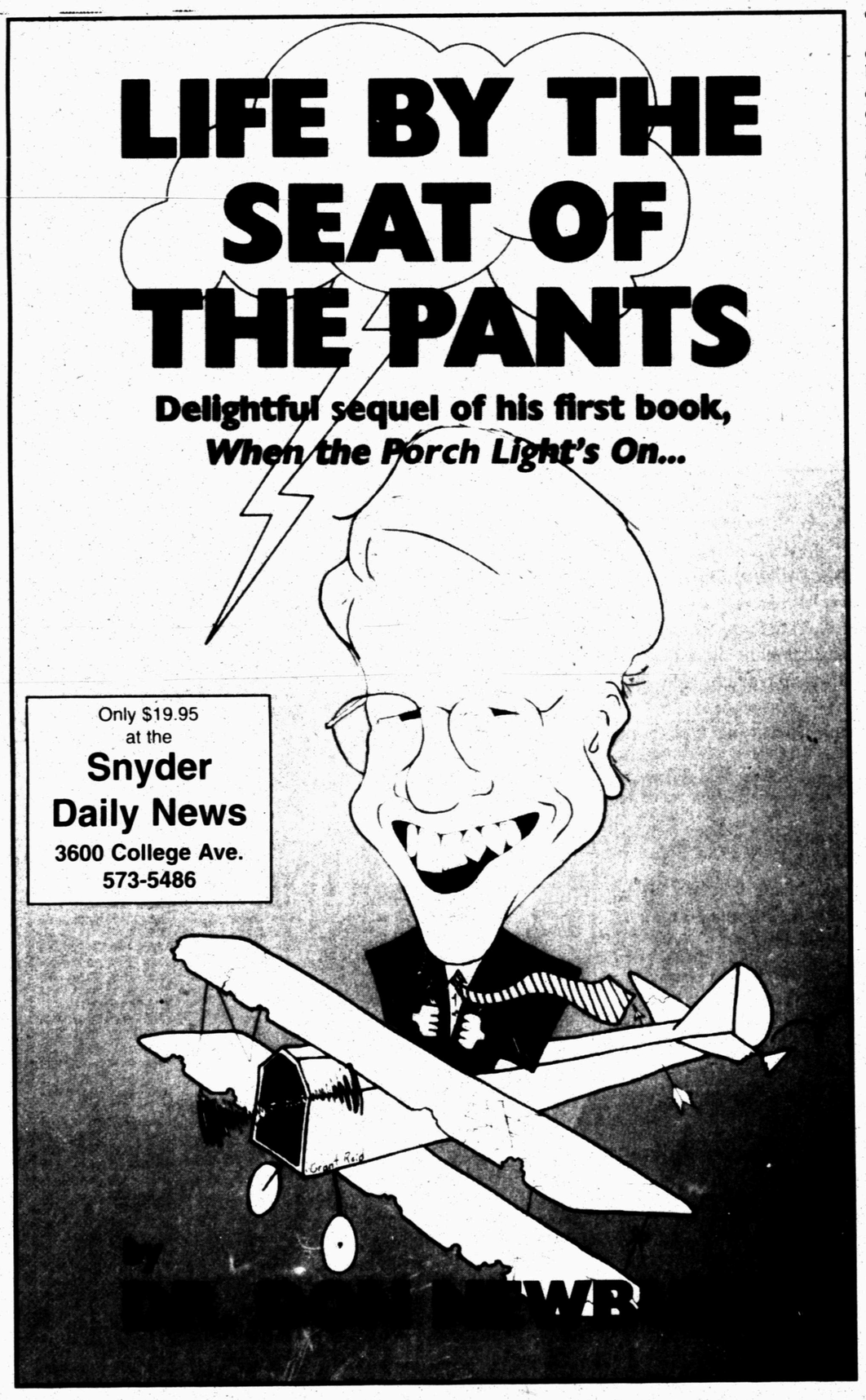
So, we will be closely studying the basics of futures and options, fundamental and technical analysis, and pricing strategies using these tools."

Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock will host both one-day workshops. The center is north of Lubbock on Interstate Highway 27 — take exit 11, turn right on FM 1294 and drive one-half mile east.

Smith will teach both workshops — which are designed for those with a beginning knowledge of the futures market.

"Each workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.," Smith said. "Registration costs $30 per person for each workshop."

Producers can register, or get more information by calling 1 806-746-6101; or by contacting Greg Gruben at the Scurry County Extension Office at 325-573-5423.



?Weather Whys?

Topic: Smog

Q: What exactly is smog?

A. The word was originally coined to mean a combination of smoke and fog and refers to unhealthy air that becomes trapped over a certain location.

Today, smog is synonymous with air pollution, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University. "Probably the biggest contributor to smog today is the exhaust from car engines," Odins explains.

"Smog conditions tend to worsen in the summer when the combination of light and heat form a chemical reaction in the air. In certain areas, such as Los Angeles, this smog can last for days and it looks like a brown cloud over the city.

"The polluted air is trapped by a warm layer of air, called an inversion, and it can make life miserable for people with breathing problems and even result in death."

Q: What are some of the worst places for smog?

A. In the United States, Los Angeles and recently Houston have recorded continued smog events, but other cities have even worse smog incidents, Odins adds.

"Mexico City is considered the most polluted city in the world and has terrible smog problems, and Buenos Aires, Beijing and Cairo have similar problems.

"Probably the most documented smog event in history occurred in 1952 in London. In November of that year, smog enveloped the city for more than a week and was so thick that airline travel was halted and river traffic on the Thames came to a standstill.

"In some places, visibility was less than 25 feet. The bad air resulted in the deaths of at least 4,000 people, while some accounts say more than 12,000 persons died. English citizens were so outraged at the chain of events that several laws were passed, among them the City of London Act of 1954 and the Clean Air Act of 1956 that curtailed emissions all over the city.

"'The Great Smog of 1952' is often pointed to as the best example of how air pollution can produce harmful effects to the human body."

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For more information, please contact Keith Randall at (979) 845-4644 or kr@univrel.tamu.edu. Suggestions for futuretopics may be directed to news@univrel.tamu.edu.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Garden Checklist for November/December, 2003

- Gourds on display for fall decorations will last longer if they are carefully cleaned, waxed and kept in a dry place. Inspect occasionally for signs of mold.
- Prolong the life of holi-day season gift plants by pro viding proper care. Check to see if the pot wrap has plugged up the bottom drainage. Don't overwater. Keep out of drafts from heating vents and open doorways. Fertilizer is seldom needed the first few months.
- Berrying plants, such as holly and yaupon, may be pruned now while they can be enjoyed as cut material inside the house.
- Place orders for seeds this month so you will have them available when you are ready to plant. By ordering early, you will be more certain of getting the varieties you want.
- Don't get in a hurry to prune woody plants. Late December through February is usually the best time to prune them.
- Drain gasoline from power tools and run the engine until fuel in the carburetor is used up.
- Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in a readily accessible location. The lawn and plants may need water during a prolonged dry spell.
- November through February is a good time to plant trees and shrubs. In the Panhandle, planting is often delayed until February or early March.
- Continue to set out cool season bedding plants, such as pansies, violas, stock, snapdragons, and dianthus.
- Prepare beds and individual holes for rose planting in January and February. Use composted manure, pine bark, and similar materials mixed with existing soil.
- Plant those springflowering bulbs if you haven't already done so.
- Want to start cuttings of your favorite Christmas cactus? As soon as it has finished blooming, select a cutting with 4 or 5 joints, break or cut it off, and insert the basal end into a pot of moderately moist soil. Place it on a windowsill or other brightly lit area. The cuttings should be rooted within 3 to 4 weeks.

Financial skills seminars slated in Lubbock for farmers, ranchers

LUBBOCK — Farmers and ranchers who want to improve their financial records and record keeping skills should plan to attend two upcoming software seminars, said a Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

Each seminar includes two classroom sessions. The first, Excel with Agricultural Applications, is set for Dec. 4, and March 25.

The second seminar, QuickBooks, is scheduled for Dec. 11 and Jan. 15. Both seminars are designed for those with basic computer skills and some general computer experience.

Extension economist Jackie Smith will teach the Excel seminar. The instructor for the QuickBooks seminar is Jay Yates, Extension risk management specialist.

Each seminar will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center north of Lubbock. The center is located ½-mile east of Interstate Hwy. 27 on FM 1294.

"Excel is a spreadsheet program that enables you to do basic financial planning and budgeting. It is especially useful for agricultural enterprises," Smith said. "We will provide instructions on how to set up useful spreadsheets with basic formulas, and demonstrate how to use these tools in different operations.

"This seminar is for those with basic computer skills and some general computer experience."

"QuickBooks is a powerful, user-friendly record keeping program used by many farmers, ranchers and other businesses, Yates noted."

"We will include a comparison of QuickBooks and QuickBooks Pro, and demonstrate how to use Easy Step Interview to set up a new farm-ranch enterprise on the computer," Yates said.

"We will also demonstrate how to create a chart of accounts and how to use them to generate management reports.

"We will also cover management of loan and asset data for at-a-glance enterprise reports; how to track income and expenses for each enterprise; cash flow management; making payroll and generating financial reports. This seminar is designed for new and novice QuickBooks users."

Seminar registration costs $30 per person for each individual seminar. Lunch will be provided for all classes. For more information on these educational seminars, or to register, call Smith or Yates at the Lubbock center at (806) 746-6101; or contact Greg Gruben at the Scurry County Extension Office at 325-573-5423.

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WINS TICKETS — Bill Clayton won two tickets to a Texas Tech men's basktball game in a Snyder Daily News promotion. Jacalyn Lowrance, SDN employee, presented the tickets. (Staff Photo)



WINS TICKETS — Shonie Bean won two tickets to a Texas Tech men's basketball game in a promotion sponsored by the Snyder Daily News. (Staff Photo)

Sun sets on Barrow, Alaska until Jan. 23

BARROW, Alaska (AP) — The sun is setting on America's northernmost city and won't be seen again for two months.

After Tuesday, residents of this city of 4,400 people on the Arctic Sea, about 330 miles from the Arctic Circle, may see a snippet of sun above the horizon for a few more days, depending on their elevation and the distorting effects of the atmosphere. But after that, the sun will not be seen again until Jan. 23.

"The sun is greatly overrated," said Bob Bolger, who works with computers.

To give people a chance to soak up the last few rays Tuesday, Barrow was planning a "Goodbye to the Sun" two-mile run, bike, ski and walk.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003

Your desires to be active and on the move could be considerably heightened in the year ahead. If you start to make plans early in the cycle, you could ease your restlessness, along with accomplishing much in the process.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Have more faith in yourself and your abilities today or else you could allow yourself to enter into situations believing that others can do things far better than you and fail before you begin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Take extra care in involving yourself in investment-type situations that require a cash outlay on your behalf. Make certain you know exactly what you're getting yourself into.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'll perform best today when acting alone, so try not to be too dependent upon others. Partners could bog you down, or even worse, take you down a dead-end street.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A poor attitude about what needs to be done today will make distasteful tasks even more difficult to perform. You may not be able to control your list of duties, but you can control your thinking.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Keep your guard up today or else you could be drawn into a sticky situation with friends that has political overtones. No matter which side you choose to be on, it'll be the wrong one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be smart and don't bring up volatile issues that disturb the family. Keep your nose clean and the day will be a happy one. Poke it into the wrong subjects and it'll be different story.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Sometimes your fixed positions can cause others to stir up a battle of wills. Try to be more flexible and give those with whom you spend your day the right to their own opinions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You know better than to go to places that could tempt you to delve into funds earmarked for essentials, so stay away from them today. Keep your spending to times when the sales are on.

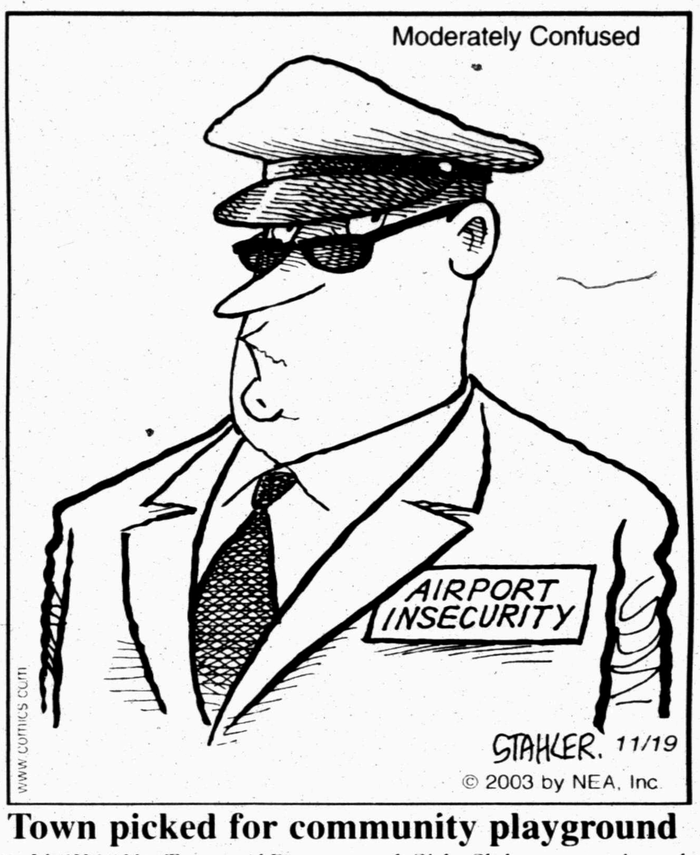
CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There's an old Chinese proverb that says, "If you can be patient in one moment of anger, you will escape 100 days of sorrow." Today, beware of tendencies to blow up at inappropriate moments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Normally you're pretty sure of yourself and view life in happy terms. However, today you could have a tendency toward self-doubt and negative thinking and toss in the towel too early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today you must be very certain that the things you think you want will truly please you once you have achieved your ends. If not, your eager quest will be in vain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Plan your moves carefully today or you may experience a great deal of distress from doing things the hard way. Seek out the routes of least resistance so that you don't deprive yourself of success.

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WINS TICKETS — Scott Gilliland won two tickets to the Texas Tech and Oklahoma football game in a Snyder Daily News promotion. SDN employee Donna Browning made the presentation. (Staff Photo)

Town picked for community playground

JACKSON, Tenn. (AP) — When country group Lonestar was given the chance to have a community playground built in a town of their choice, they picked this West Tennessee city, which was wracked by tornadoes earlier this year.

Lonestar will join The Boys and Girls Club, community volunteers and employees of The Home Depot to build the playground.

The project is part of The Home Depot Humanitarian Award, which Lonestar won at the Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas last spring.

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Bush defends war in Iraq in state visit

LONDON (AP) — Welcomed to Britain with royal pageantry and a smattering of anti-war protesters, President Bush today defended the war in Iraq, saying military might must at times be used to confront the continuing, global danger of terrorism.

"In some cases, the measured use of force is all that protects us from a chaotic world ruled by force," Bush told academics gathered at Banqueting House.

During a 3 1/2-day state visit here, Bush was seeking to puncture what he views as misconceptions on this side of the Atlantic about the American-led Iraq invasion.

"There are principled objections to the use of force in every generation and I credit the motives behind these views," Bush said, mindful of the bitter opposition among many in Britain and across Europe to the U.S.- and British-led war in Iraq. Demonstrators had lined his motorcade route and protesters chanted outside as he spoke.

The president added: "Those in authority, however, are not judged only by good motivations. The people have given us the duty to defend them and that duty sometimes requires the violent restraint of violent men."

Prime Minister Tony Blair, who has faced strong criticism from the British public for remaining America's staunchest ally in the Iraq war, also defended Britain's close relationship with the United States and the coalition's handling of the situation in Iraq.

"It really is about time we started to realize who our allies are, who our enemies are, stick with the one and fight the other," Blair said earlier before the House of Commons, to loud cheers.

In the morning, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip gave a royal salute to the American leader, greeting Bush at Buckingham Palace.

As ceremonial cannon blasts from a 41-gun salute shook the palace, Bush and his wife, Laura, moved down a receiving line with the queen and prince.

John Muhammand's former wife testifies about past threats

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — The ex-wife of convicted sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad testified at his sentencing today that he had threatened to kill her three years ago, after the couple separated.

"He said ... 'You have become my enemy, and as my enemy I will kill you,'" Mildred Muhammad told the court.

She said John Muhammad also said in early 2000, the year they divorced, that he wouldn't let her raise their three children. He took the children with him to the Caribbean shortly afterward, though Mildred Muhammad regained custody the following year. After that court hearing, in Washington state, Mildred Muhammad said her ex-husband stormed after her.

"I ran down the hall because of the way he was coming toward me. For me, I knew it was hostile. I knew he was coming for me," she said.

She left with the children for her home in Clinton, Md., that night and said she didn't see her ex-husband again until today's hearing.

John Muhammad was convicted Monday of capital murder in the sniper shooting of Dean Harold Meyers, one of the 10 people shot to death during three weeks of attacks that terrorized the Washington area last fall.

Prosecutors have said one of Muhammad's motives for the sniper killings may have been revenge against his ex-wife and that she might have been the ultimate target, with the other attacks meant to make her shooting appear the work of a random sniper so Muhammad could gain custody of their children. The judge, however, barred prosecutors from making that argument at trial, saying they lacked evidence.

The jury is now hearing evidence on which sentence — life without parole or the death penalty — to recommend.

During the hearing, Mildred Muhammad was guarded by two deputies. She left the witness stand when John Muhammad approached during a bench conference.

In nearby Chesapeake, fellow sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo's capital murder trial also resumed today with testimony from Myrtha Cinada, whose father, 72-year-old Pascal Charlot, was the fifth victim of the sniper attacks.

Cinada fought back tears as she talked about how her pastor called to tell her her father had been fatally shot on a street corner in Washington, D.C.

Malvo is being tried in another sniper slaying, that of FBI Analyst Linda Franklin, shot outside a store in northern Virginia.

Girl who drowned in flooded car only fatality during storm

HOUSTON (AP) — A high school senior who may have been overcome by fumes in a flooded car was the first and only known fatality from this week's storms that spawned as many as 21 tornadoes.

An autopsy Tuesday showed Karla Quezada drowned during Monday's torrential rains, said Rudy Flores, spokesman with the Harris County Medical Examiner's office.

Quezada and Carlos Rodriguez were still within sight of their Sharpstown High School campus when they tried to drive through high water, which rose up to the seats in their van.

Quezada, 17, fell facedown into the water inside the vehicle and was unresponsive, said a witness. Her 18-year-old boyfriend was unconscious in the driver's seat and the van's engine was still running, the witness said.

Toxicology results, to be released in another three days, will indicate if Quezada became unconscious from the car's exhaust fumes.

"We thought we were gonna get through it," Rodriguez told the Houston Chronicle.

When the couple became trapped, Quezada spoke to her father by cell phone.

"The last thing he heard from them was, 'We are trying to get out of here,' " said Quezada's uncle and godfather, Mario Hernandez.

He said he tried to drive to the school after the girl's father called him, but the high water prevented him from reaching the area.

Sharpstown High students had seen the couple in their flooded van on the street facing the school's back fence and went for help. A teacher waded out to check on them, officials and parents said Tuesday. Rescuers pulled both students from the van and found a strong pulse on the unconscious Rodriguez, but began CPR on Quezada. Efforts to revive her failed.

Both were taken to the high school, then by Life Flight helicopter to Memorial Hermann Hospital. Quezada was pronounced dead and Rodriguez was treated and released, hospital officials said.

Many motorists were stranded during the storms and emergency crews made numerous rescues from high water. The twisters and high winds damaged office buildings, businesses, apartments and homes. More than 50 people were treated by Emergency Medical Services in Fort Bend County, mostly for minor injuries, and transported eight of them to area hospitals.

Home broken into for second time

• Burglary

A caller reported at 7 p.m. Tuesday that his home in the 2000 block of 26th had been broken into for a second time in recent days. An officer filed the information as supplemental to the original burglary. There was no report of any items taken.

• Arrests

Two arrests occurred in Snyder on Tuesday.

A 24-year-old man was taken into custody at 3:32 p.m. from the 3400 block of Ave. U on a warrant issued from Kerr County for violation of probation.

A second arrest was made in the area of 20th Place at 4:31 p.m. when an individual contacted officers about another man breaking the antenna off of his car. When officers arrived and assessed the situation, a 35-year-old man was taken into custody for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

• Fighting

An officer was requested at Snyder High School in reference to two juvenile females fighting. Officers issued citations for disorderly conduct to both girls and they were released to their parents.

• Gas drive offs

Two convenience stores reported gas drive offs Tuesday.

A clerk at Rip Griffin's reported at 4:49 p.m. that a person drove away without paying for $30.53 worth of fuel.

The second theft was reported at 6:11 p.m. from Town and Country North. The clerk reported that a person drove away without paying for $19.92 worth of fuel.

Births

Edward and Mary Ann Leal of Snyder are parents of Kaleb Michael Leal born at 6:34 p.m. on Nov. 17 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Kaleb weighed eight pounds.

Paternal grandparents are Alfred Leal of Levelland and the late Consuelo Leal. Maternal grandparents are Rax and Josie Leal of Snyder.

Urbano Hernandez and Ashley Flores of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Ryan Eli Flores. He was born, weighing six pounds, five ounces, at 7:34 p.m. on Nov. 12 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents are Urbano and Mary Hernandez and Ernest and Connie Flores, all of Snyder.

Obituaries

Francis Lightfoot

1923-2003

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

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

The Lightfoots were farmers in Dalhart and moved to Abilene in 1938. He died in 1984 and is buried in Snyder. Mrs. Lightfoot moved to El Paso in 1997.

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

Eula Jinkins

1904-2003

Eula Velma Jinkins, longtime Snyder resident, died early today in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Service for Mrs. Jinkins, 99, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born on Oct. 20, 1904 in Fannin County, she married Clarence Jasper Jinkins on May 21, 1924 in Electra. He died June 17, 1978.

A homemaker, Mrs. Jinkins had lived in Snyder for the past 25 years, moving from the Austin area. She was a Baptist. A son, C.J. Jinkins, also preceded her in death on Sept. 29, 1999.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Jack Steward of Fort Worth; one son, Larry J. Jinkins of Snyder; one sister, Opal Miller of Clinton, Miss.; a daughter-in-law, Jan Jinkins of Snyder; six grandchildren, Cindy Brewster, Christy Waltz, Cody Jinkins, all of Snyder, Cathy Waltz of Robert Lee, Mark Steward of Kerrville and Stephen Steward of Birmingham, Ala.; and nine great-grandchildren.

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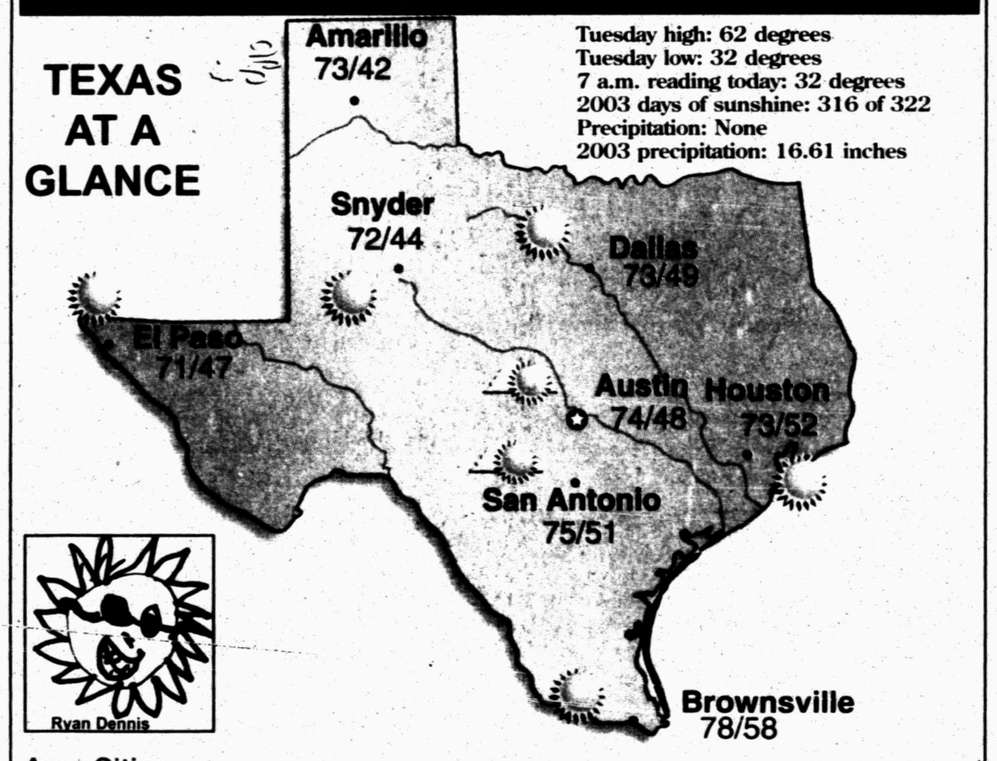
Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 11/20	Fri 11/21	Sat 11/22
72/44	72/45	71/36
Mainly sunny. High 72F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise 7:18 AM Sunset 5:40 PM	Sunrise 7:19 AM Sunset 5:40 PM	Sunrise 7:20 AM Sunset 5:39 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Tuesday high: 62 degrees
Tuesday low: 32 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 32 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 316 of 322
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 16.61 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	72	47	sunny	El Paso	71	47	sunny	Midland	73	45	sunny
Amarillo	73	42	windy	Fort Stockton	75	47	sunny	Raymondville	78	55	sunny
Austin	74	48	mst sunny	Gainesville	72	44	sunny	Rosenberg	73	51	sunny
Beaumont	72	50	sunny	Greenville	72	46	sunny	San Antonio	75	51	mst sunny
Brownsville	78	58	sunny	Houston	73	52	sunny	San Marcos	74	49	sunny
Brownwood	75	47	sunny	Kingsville	77	55	sunny	Sulphur Springs	73	45	sunny
Corpus Christi	74	57	sunny	Livingston	72	45	sunny	Sweetwater	73	46	sunny
Corsicana	74	47	sunny	Longview	72	45	sunny	Tyler	73	46	sunny
Dallas	73	49	sunny	Lubbock	74	43	windy	Weatherford	73	44	sunny
Del Rio	72	51	mst sunny	Lufkin	73	45	sunny	Wichita Falls	74	43	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	65	42	sunny	Houston	73	52	sunny	Phoenix	78	53	sunny
Boston	59	47	rain	Los Angeles	70	53	pt sunny	San Francisco	59	47	pt sunny
Chicago	59	43	sunny	Miami	76	61	mst sunny	Seattle	43	31	rain
Dallas	73	49	sunny	Minneapolis	54	34	pt sunny	St. Louis	65	43	sunny
Denver	64	36	mst sunny	New York	55	44	rain	Washington, DC	57	44	rain

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Nov 17	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 8

UV Index

Thu 11/20	Fri 11/21	Sat 11/22
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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