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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

THURSDAY
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Home of Keith Ward

Memorial service Saturday morning...

Company G to hold final reunion

The famed Company G's annual reunion begins this evening at the Willow Park Inn with some informal get-togethers.

As it stands now, this weekend's reunion will be the last for the group that was organized in Snyder in 1924.

"This is our 30th reunion and as it stands now, it will be our last," said Wernette Smith, reunion organizer.

In honor of Company G, the Snyder Rotary Club will place U.S. Flags around the courthouse square and along College Avenue. Also, the Scurry County Museum is planning a special display for the group from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Headquarters for the reunion again will be at the Willow Park Inn.

The first organized activity, besides today's informal visiting, will be a barbecue dinner at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

The memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Willow Park Inn led by Chick Murphy, followed by the banquet back at the woman's club. The public is invited to the memorial service Saturday morning.

The company was comprised of Company G of the 142nd Infantry, 36th Division, of guardsman from Scurry County.

The company's history actually dates to World War I where it saw action in France. However, the company was deactivated after the armistice.

Capt. John E. Sentell reorganized it in Snyder on April 18, 1924.

As part of the Texas National Guard, the company carried 65 men and three officers, but as Hitler overran Europe and the United States moved closer to war, the company was enlarged to 250 men.

On Nov. 25, 1940, it was mobilized under the command of Captain Tim O'Cook. Some 106 from Scurry County were included in Company G at that time.

G Company's first stop was at Camp Bowie in Brownwood, where the men trained for more than a year. They were then sent to Camp Blanding in Florida to participate in jungle training.

They also trained in the Carolinas at Cape Cod, Mass., and the A.P. Military Reservation in Virginia.

Company G's first assignment was hard duty in North Africa and they were part of the first wave in the Salerno Invasion of Italy.

Men from the company participated in the bitter assault on the Maggiore Pass, fought in the Battle of Cassino, the breakout of the Anzio beachhead and in the liberation of Rome.

Many of the men were killed and most were wounded before the company was relieved about 140 miles north of Rome.

It was refitted and took part as a unit of the 7th Army in the invasion of Southwestern France.

During the war, the 36th Division was credited with 15 Congressional Medals of Honor, 2,354 Silver Stars, 80 Distinguished Service Crosses, 5,407 Bronze Stars, 88 Air Medals and 12 Unit Citations.

During this same time, the division captured 175,806 of the enemy.

The division participated in 366 days of combat operation and 132 days of consecutive combat.

ONE INJURED - A two-vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of Ave. H and 26th Street at 10:55 a.m. Wednesday. Involved were a 2001 Ford Windstar van driven by Margaret Villaneuva, 26, of 500 29th St. and a 1999 Buick Century driven by Diana Hernandez, 42, of 602 32nd St. Snyder EMS transported Hernandez to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where she was treated and released. Villaneuva refused treatment at the scene. Officer Mike Ward investigated the accident. (SDN Staff Photo)

Head Start gets $226,750 grant

Scurry County Community Services Inc. is the recipient of a $226,750 grant announced by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Tex.).

"We are so thrilled to have received this grant," said Head Start director Ricky Fritz. "It is going to be used for some much-needed improvements."

Fritz said that one of the first items on the agenda for improvements would be a new roof for the Head Start building.

Fritz added, "$150,000 will go for a new roof on our building. There has been some discussion about the necessity to update and improve several of the school buildings around the area. This money will go to fund our new roof and it's one thing that the tax payers won't have to pay for."

The remainder of the funds will go for continuing education for the Head Start teachers and a new computer program for the offices.

"The new computer program will improve our record keeping system. We will now be able to keep better fiscal records. Plus we'll be able to update records on the children such as immunizations and tests. I believe it's going to make a big difference." he said.

Scurry County Community Services, Inc. provides services to over 200 children in the area.

Bone marrow drive Friday for SHS grad

A bone marrow drive is set Friday for a recent Snyder High School graduate with cancer.

The drive to benefit Nick Gutierrez, 18, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church parish hall at 3005 Ave. A.

Gutierrez graduated from Snyder High School last May and his illness has prevented him from attending college this fall.

A simple blood test to help find a match for Nick will be available for those ages 18 to 60.

Nick is the son of John and Mae Gutierrez of Snyder. He has three sisters, Amanda Baez and her husband John, Naomi Barrera and her husband Chris and Norma Gutierrez; and one brother, John Gutierrez Jr.

Nick was diagnosed with cancer in September and he takes chemotherapy every 21 days in Lubbock.

According to American Cancer Society volunteer Terrisu Mann, donations may be made in his name at West Texas State Bank.

Fall Fest tonight on WTC campus

Western Texas College, Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection and the United Way will host a Fall Fest this evening from 6 to 8:30.

Young children will be able to collect candy and prizes while playing games in a safe environment on the college campus. The festivities will take place at the WTC gym.

The games have been created with young children in mind so that they can win candy and prizes.

The booths will include a concession stand, the wall of doors, a football throw, Nerf gun shoot, a haunted house toss, putt-putt, a cake walk, a treasure hunt, duck pond, pumpkin throw and a lollipop tree.

Tickets are required at all booths and the concession stand. The cost will be four tickets for $1. Children and grownups are invited to wear their favorite costumes.

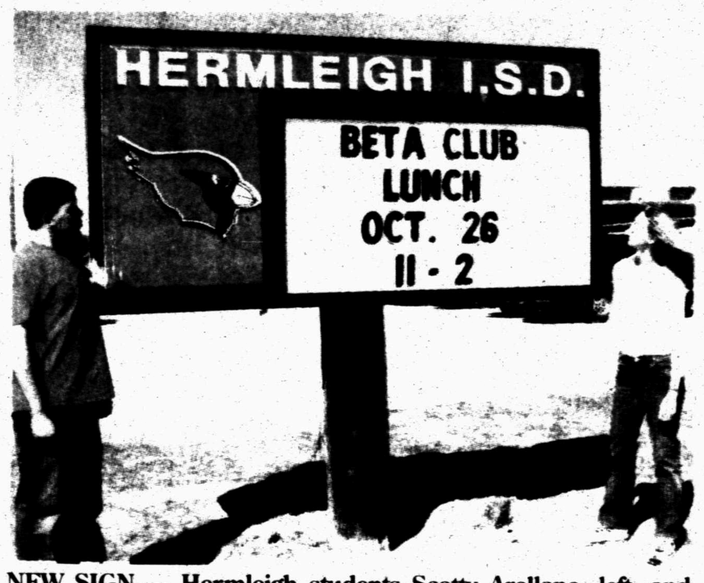
At 6:30 this evening...

Hermleigh board to meet

Hermleigh school trustees will meet in a called session at 6:30 p.m. today in the high school distance learning lab.

Action items include ag department transportation, bids on the school's new ag barn, and nominating a person to serve on the Scurry County Appraisal District board of directors.

The trustees also will have board training at the Region 14 Service Center in Snyder.



NEW SIGN — Hermleigh students Scotty Arellano, left, and Valerie West look at the new sign installed at the school. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Annie Rowe

(Editor's note: Annie Rowe joined the staff of the Snyder Daily News this week as a staff writer. Rowe is moving from a ranch west of Colorado Springs, Colo. where her husband, Tom, is rounding up stray steers in the snow. He, and son Cody will be joining Annie and daughter, WTC sophomore Lacey, as soon as they can. The new staff writer has newspaper experience in Oklahoma, as well as in Colorado. She is a journalism graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University.)

As both a new resident of Snyder and a new reporter to the Snyder Daily News, I thought I would take the opportunity of writing my first column as a chance to introduce myself.

When I first moved to West Texas, I never thought of returning to college.

I worked as a pen rider on feedlots just outside of communities with names like Muleshoe, Lazbuddie, Bovina, Dodd, Friona, and Dimmitt.

I'm sure those of you in Snyder are familiar with your neighbors to the Northwest. But believe it or not, it's because of those jobs that I decided to go to college.

My first day as a pen rider was the first snow of the winter of '88. The ground was frozen and very soon, so were all of my Southern extremities.

In my brilliance I reasoned that if I got off my horse and walked through the pens, my body temperature would rise from subzero to the normal 98.6.

I stepped off of my trusted steed, Snuffy, just in time to sink very nearly up to my waist in waste. (The cow kind!)

I managed to drag myself back upright and for the first time in my life, learned that manure will freeze at very near the speed of sound, even when it's on the inside of a boot.

It was about then that the idea of an alternative career began to cross my mind. I began to study degrees and make decisions about where I'd like to go to school. After much consideration and soul searching, I came to a few conclusions.

First, I love to talk therefore; communications would be a good field. Second, I'm nosey. Ha-ha! Journalism would be perfect. Third, I don't do math. Oh, a newspaper is where I'll go!

So that's the condensed version of how I got to Snyder. I just hope youngsters can learn from what I've been through.

If you perhaps have a seventeen or eighteen-year-old who may be considering the possibility of not attending college, just send them off to one of the nearby feedlots.

No drill sergeant on earth can do what a cow with scours can!

County okays mower lease

Scurry County commissioners' court met in a special session this morning and approved the lease/purchase of a John Deere TC 125 mower. The price of the mower is $11,960.

The mower will be for the county's parks and recreation department.

County Judge Rod Waller presided and commissioners present were Howard Limmer, Ralph Trevey, Chloanne Lindsey and Jerry House.

ASK US

Q—Are tickets available at the SISD administration buildings for Friday's game in Lamesa?

A—Tickets will be on sale at the ad building until 2 p.m. Friday.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Brandy Birkenfeld

...has lived in Snyder for 10 years and is a 20-year-old student at Western Texas College. Her parents are Patrick and Susan Birkenfeld. She also has a brother and sister, Slade and Brittany Birkenfeld. Brandy enjoys theatre, music and playing guitar. Her favorite "old timey" band is Heart and her favorite "new day" band is Coldplay.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A man is what he thinks about all day long.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

SHS volleyball booster club

The SHS volleyball booster club will meet at 6 p.m. today in the high school gym.

Used eyeglasses needed

The Snyder and WTC Lions Clubs, in partnership with the local post office, will pick up used eyeglasses from mailboxes Friday. Eyeglasses should be bagged and hung on mailbox.

Snyder Oaks trick-or-treat

Snyder Oaks Care Center invites trick-or-treaters to come by between 6-7:30 p.m. Friday.

Snyder Healthcare Halloween

Residents of Snyder Healthcare invite children to trick or treat from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday.

Girl Scouts open house

Snyder Girl Scouts are celebrating their founder's birthday from 4:30-6 p.m. Friday at the Girl Scout Hut. It marks the second anniversary of the vandalism at the Hut. For more information, call Judy Martin at 573-7556.

Christmas exhibit at museum

Scurry County Museum needs several items for its Grand Ole Opry exhibit opening Nov. 9. Needed by Friday are radios, record players, 1950s country records, vintage country musical and instruments and Grand Ole Opry memorabilia. Call 573-6107 for more information.

Lord's Supper Church

Lord's Supper Church, 119 36th St., Ave. B The church will have a fall festival from 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the church. Chances for a DVD or TV are being given for a donation.

SHS band boosters

SHS band boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the band hall.

Sophomore parents, students meeting

Parents of SHS sophomores and students will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the student center to discuss fundraisers.

VFW meeting

VFW Post No. 8231 will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the post home.

TSA booster club

TSA booster club will meet at 7:15 p.m. Monday in the SHS shop building. Club members are asked to bring tickets and money for the fundraiser.

Stanfield parent council

Stanfield parent council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the teachers' lounge in the front hallway.

Veterans badge of honor

Pictures of veterans, past and present, are needed for a badge of honor wall at Wal-Mart as part of Veteran's Day Nov. 11.

THRiVE simulcast at FBC

THRiVE, a conference for women, will be simulcast from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the First Baptist Church. Tickets are $35 until Saturday. After that they will be $40. Call 573-2631 to reserve tickets. Lunch, snacks and free daycare will be provided. The event begins Friday, Nov. 14.

First Baptist support group

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

Citizen Corps of Scurry County

Training for the Citizens Corps of Scurry County will begin Nov. 13. Call Vicki Shroyer at 573-7886 to sign up. This is Red Cross training for disasters.

Social Security Administration

Due to the Veterans Day holiday, representatives of the Social Security Administration will be at the Senior Citizen's Center on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Annual style show, dinner

The American Cancer Society has set its second annual style show and dinner, honoring cancer survivors, will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Cancer survivors are treated to pampering and a dinner. Cancer survivors who wish to participate should call Terrisu Mann at 573-1031.

Cooking classes rescheduled

The county 4-H cooking classes have been rescheduled for Nov. 15 and Dec. 13. The basic cooking workshops are open to girls and boys, 8-18. They will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the extension office. Call 573-5423 to make reservations.

Home for the holidays

Scurry County's annual home for the holidays, sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension, is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the First United Methodist Church. Tickets are $8 each and must be reserved by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12. Call 573-5423 to reserve tickets.

Turkey, ham raffle

Members of Phi Theta Kappa at WTC are selling chances for a ham and a $25 gift certificate from United and also a turkey and a $25 gift certificate from United. The drawing will be held Nov. 19.

United Way packets

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

LAP signup extended

Nov. 21 is the final date to apply for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP), which provides relief to livestock producers who suffered grazing losses due to drought, severe weather and related causes that occurred in 2001. For more information or an appointment call 573-0171. There are no late-file provisions.

Investigation continues into infants' deaths

BROWNWOOD (AP) — A forensic anthropologist this week will try to determine what killed three infants whose mummified remains were found in the crawl space of a rural West Texas home.

Deena Roberts found a bag containing the infants on Oct. 23 in the home she and her husband purchased in July 2000 from the estate of James Edward Bowling.

The bodies are of newborn infants, according to preliminary autopsy findings by an Austin medical examiner. The initial examination did not reveal the cause of death or sex of the infants, said Dr. Elizabeth Peacock of the Travis County Medical Examiner's office.

Travis County Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Robert Bayardo said it looked as though the infants' bodies had been hidden for several years. He said the second-floor crawl space's cool, dry air, as well as the way the bodies were wrapped, prevented them from decomposing.

If the infants died from trauma, the cause of death probably can be determined, Bayardo said. But it may be impossible to determine if they died of suffocation or natural causes because the internal organs are not present, he said.

"This is very, very unusual," Bayardo told the Brownwood Bulletin. "It's sad."

The bodies were scheduled to be sent today to Dr. Harrell Gill-King, a forensic anthropologist at the University of North Texas.

Stephen Roberts, Deena Roberts' husband, said he is worried about how the discovery will affect his wife and children. As he posted "No Trespassing" signs on his property Wednesday, he said the discovery has been horrifying for his family.

"My wife found the bag, and this incident has traumatized her," he said in the Abilene Reporter-News.

Investigators have said they do not consider the Robertses suspects in the case.

Stephen Roberts said the house was not secure when the family moved in and had been vacant for some time, though he did not know how long.

According to Brown County records, the property was owned by Joe D. Hopkins from 1987-1988. It was then held by the Veterans Land Board from 1988-1992 and purchased by James Edward Bowling in 1992. Bowling died in 1999, and his wife died in 2000, so the home was sold by the estate.

Records show that the house was built in 1987.

Investigators began interviewing former residents and anyone connected to the home this week. Chief Deputy Mike McCoy said once investigators knew how long the infants had been dead they would be better able to focus the investigation.

Today's chuckle

Emu leads pest control workers on chase

CPENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — A 6-foot-tall emu led a half-dozen pest control workers on a 90-minute chase through woods and brush before the flightless bird was snared and then gang-tackled.

Gene Ham has caught raccoons, opossums, coyotes, deer, squirrels, foxes and other critters in his job with Jones/Hill Pest Control, but Tuesday's chase was his first encounter with an emu, an ostrich-like bird native to Australia.

"That was by far the toughest thing we've ever caught," Ham said. "It was quick, and it put up a tough fight once we caught it."

The emu, wrapped in a blanket and with shredded duct tape clinging to its clawed feet, was taken to The Zoo near suburban Gulf Breeze after being caught west of Pensacola near Perdido Bay.

The bird will be quarantined for at least 30 days and get veterinary care before joining other emus at The Zoo, said zoo president Pat Quinn.

It may have escaped from an emu ranch or been deliberately released, Quinn said. Emus are raised mainly for their lean but beef-like meat.

Oil made from the birds' fat can be used to treat joint swelling and stiffness and as a skin thickener to reduce the appearance of aging, according to the American Emu Association.

Emus feed on grasses, insects and sometimes small reptiles in the wild. They can run up to 40 mph and deliver lethal blows with their feet.

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1998 Buick LeSabre Great Car	$5,500
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RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-20-40-41. Bonus Ball: 28.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 4. Prize: $9,281.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 19. Prize: $1,773.

Number matching four of five: 682. Prize: $106.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 577. Prize: $111.

Number matching three of five: 25,041. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 7,778. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 37,217. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $21 million.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 3-14-24-30-34.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $43,300.

Winning tickets sold in: Austin.

Matching four of five: 113. Prize: $173.

Matching three of five: 4,062. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 40,471. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Pick 3

(Day) 6-1-3
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Date Book

Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003

Today is the 303rd day of 2003 and the 38th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1811, Jane Austen's "Sense and Sensibility" was anonymously published. Though a few people knew the identity of the author, most people only knew that it was written "by a Lady."

On this day in 1938, Orson Welles broadcast his radio version of H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds." The broadcast included news bulletins describing the invasion of Earth by Martians. The broadcast terrified American listeners, who believed the invasion to be actually taking place.

On this day in 1961, "Runaround Sue," by Dion, was topping the music charts.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Adams (1735-1826), U.S. president; William Halsey (1882-1959), U.S. naval hero; Ezra Pound (1885-1972), poet and translator; Ruth Gordon (1896-1985), actress; Louis Malle (1932-1995), film director; Henry Winkler (1945-), actor-producer, is 58.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, at the Munich Olympics, Lyudmila Tourischeva won a gold medal in the all-around gymnastics event.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A slave is one who waits for someone to come and free him." — Ezra Pound

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Oct. 25) and first quarter (Nov. 1)

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LIONS INDUCTED — Lions District 2T2 Governor Arlee Jackson from Lubbock, right, inducted two new Lions members Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. From left are Jim Petty, sponsor; J.R. Torrez, new member; Derwin Thompson, new member; and Carl Burleson, sponsor. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

RICHARDSON HOME ON TOUR — Jim and Carrie Richardson's home at 2708 28th is one of five in the Martha Ann Woman's Club fall tour of homes. Two rooms of their spacious modern home included a party room, top photo, and the formal living room and dining room. Bailey, 12, Wes, 14, pictured, and a brother Brad, 16, enjoy the room decorated in Coca-Cola. Coke was first served only at soda fountains, and memorabilia features a facimile of the area complete with stools Bailey and Wes are seated on. The doublewide glass doors open into a garden area complete with a pool. In the bottom photo, Jim, an ExxonMobil employee, and Carrie, consumer family sciences teacher at Snyder High School, relax in the living room adjoining a dining room. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased by calling 573-3427, 573-5586 or 573-6443. Other homes on tour include Clarissa Alaniz, 3504 44th, David and Nila Harrell, 2801 47th, and two rural home of Fran Farmer, 11014 Farmers Lane, Ira, and Ben and Christy Smith, 2663 Denson Rd. Proceeds are used for the upkeep of the MAWC. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

Snyder Lions Club installs two new members at meeting

Lions District 2T2 Governor Arlee Jackson installed two new members into the Snyder Lions Club Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Freda Buckner, zone chairman from Roby, introduced local Lions Club member and region chairman Mac McCown who then introduced Gov. Jackson. Jackson installed J.R. Torrez, director of workforce at WTC, and Derwin Thompson, retired from West Texas State Bank. Carl Burleson sponsored Thompson and Jim Petty sponsored Torrez. David Spiegel, a new member who was unable to attend, was sponsored by Kinney Robinson.

Jackson has been a Lions member for 36 years and is now a member of the Century II Club in Lubbock. Earning his master's degree from Eastern New Mexico University, his career included being a counselor at Texas Tech and he recently retired from Lubbock ISD.

He commended McCown for his service as 2002-03 president of the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville and challenged the club to encourage disabled children to attend the summer camp.

Jackson presented president Ted Crenwelge a President's Bronze Award for outstanding service earning 200 percent participation in Texas Lions Camp. The award is a result of giving a donation plus $20 per member. The club also received a plaque of appreciation from the Boys and Girls Club, presented by director Chad Welch.

The post office and the Lions have joined in the effort to collect eyeglasses over the state to be recycled, tested and tagged according to their strength in Midland. The Lions follow through with distributing them to Mexico, Brazil or areas where people are in need of them.

Snyder Lions are asking everyone to place their unused eyeglasses in a plastic bag and hang it on the mailbox Friday. Postmen will pick up the glasses when they deliver mail.

Peanuts will be sold by Lions Saturday at Wal-Mart with proceeds used for local projects.

Lions meet every Tuesday at noon at the MAWC.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♣ 10 8 7

West
♠ 5 4
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♣ J 6

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♣ K Q 9 5 4 3 2

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♥ Q J 10 5 3 2
♦ Q
♣ A

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

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3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ??

Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003

Small-page format, large content

By Phillip Alder

Most bridge magazines aim at serious tournament players. Bridge Plus bucks that trend, including material for all levels of ability except beginner. You get 72 small-format pages every month with bidding and play quizzes, and a variety of articles. But be warned that the bidding usually follows Acol principles, with weak (12-14) no-trumps and four-card majors.

This deal was reported by Kitty Teltscher. It was used in the 2001 movie "Gosford Park." The scriptwriter, Julian Fellowes (who won an Oscar for his work), produced the auction, then Ned Paul, a bridge teacher, came up with the layout. What do you think of the bidding? Can East-West defeat four spades or four hearts?

The bidding is certainly reasonable. South, who was played by Maggie Smith, might have rebid four hearts, but a slam was feasible. And if South were 4-5 in the majors, the 4-4 fit would often play better than the 5-3 because you get two discards on the uneven side suit.

Laurence Fox (West) led the diamond ace, Camilla Rutherford (East) dropping the three. West cashed the heart ace and gave his partner a heart ruff, but that was the end of the defensive party. Declarer could win any return, draw trumps and claim.

If West had led the ace and another heart, the contract could have been defeated. West can get back on lead with a diamond and give his partner a second heart ruff.

Here, four hearts is unbeatable, but if spades were 3-1 and hearts 2-2, four spades would be better.

Full details are available at www.bridge-plus.co.uk.

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Nothing is useless to the man of sense; he turns everything to account.

—Charles Fontaine

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Births

Cristina Maria Jesusa Olivares was born to Luciano Olivares and Sylvia Herrera of Snyder at 8:26 a.m. on Oct. 28 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Cristina weighed six pounds, four ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Maria Ferrusca of Snyder and Luciano Olivares of Mexico. Maternal grandparents are Manuel and Jesusa Herrera of Snyder.

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Slander cannot destroy the man...when the flood recedes, the rock is there.

—Chinese proverb

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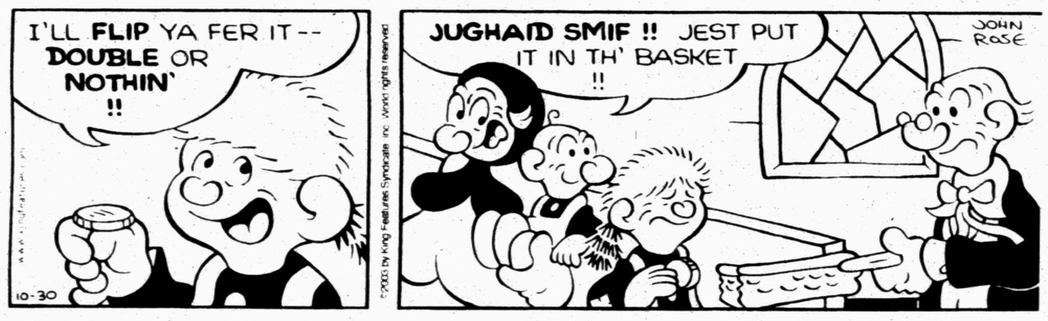

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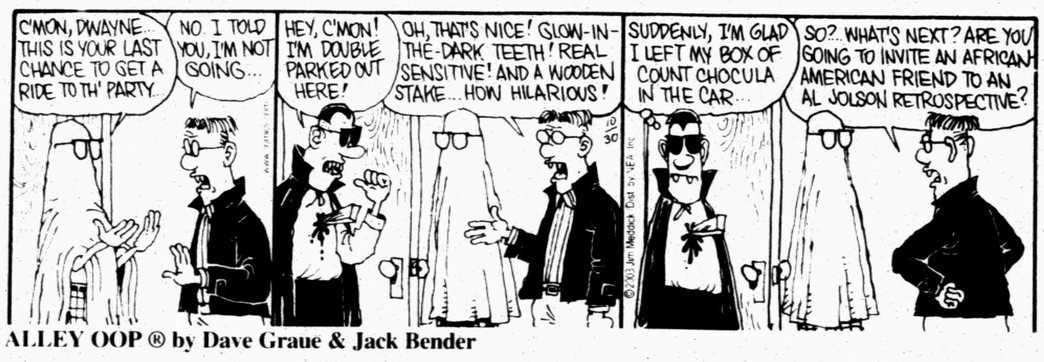

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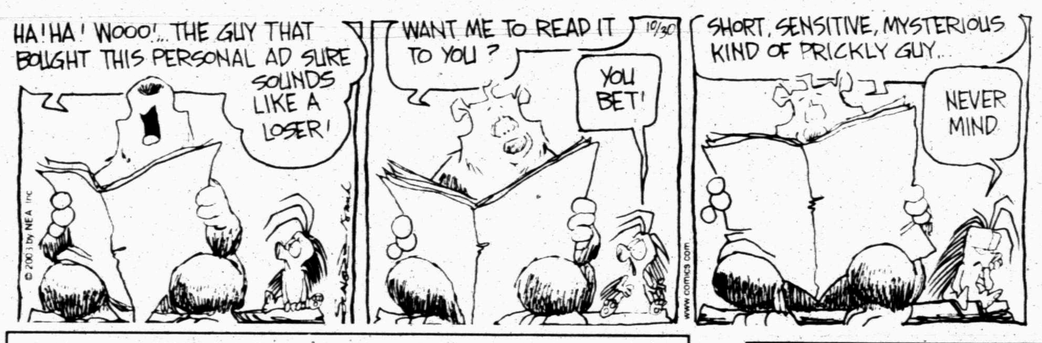

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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1 Knife handle
5 Wanders
10 Kids' rides
12 Brown-sugar candy
13 Respect
14 Gasoline rating
15 Unskilled laborer
16 John, in Aberdeen
18 Pirate's quaff
19 Went forth
23 Actor — Vigoda
26 Aunt, in Mexico
27 Lady's honorific
30 Cosmetic buy
32 More nimble
34 South Seas wear
35 Start a fire
36 Head, in Montreal
37 Paddle cousin
38 Serpent
39 Made fit
42 Machine tooth
45 Flower adornment
46 Social org.
50 Reluctant
53 Kind of mutual fund (hyph.)
55 Cope
56 Funds for research
57 Driving hazard
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1 Faucet hookup
2 Wild about
3 Debt securers
4 Plumbing joint
5 Sinbad's bird
6 Many times
7 On the horizon
8 Cafe handout
9 Appear
10 Get-up-and-go
11 Cheerful
12 Pop singer — Tennille
17 Ga. neighbor
20 Made amends
21 Realm
22 "That — Cat!"
23 Capp and Jolson
24 Canoe or yacht
25 To be, to Balzac
28 Verdi opera
29 Gibson and Torme
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32 Zipping over the ice
33 Standing, slangily
37 Unseal, to Blake
40 Away from the wind
41 Protest song composer
42 Valve lifters
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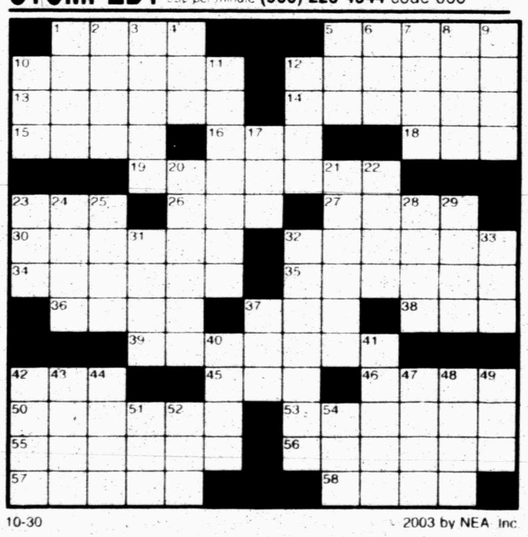

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SPORTS

Tigers look for early lead at Lamesa

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The Tigers have been spooked in the first half in the last two games of the district schedule, but they have been downright scary in the fourth quarter.

Snyder seeks its third straight win in district on Halloween, when it travels to Lamesa to take on the 2-6 Golden Tors.

The Tigers will look to build off another fourth-quarter comeback, as they put 21 points up in the final 12 minutes to best Seminole, 28-16.

The Tigers have fallen behind early, trailing at halftime in their last two district games this season. The only game they led at half was against Sweetwater, but a pair of second half fumbles killed their comeback chances.

The team scored 20 points in the second half against Merkel, including 13 in the fourth to claim a 24-21 win.

Tiger head coach Chad Rogers said he wasn't concerned how the team went about getting the victories.

"It doesn't matter as long as we keep getting wins," he said. He added that the team's physical training has helped at the end of games.

"It comes back to the work these kids do in the weight room," he said. "Late in the game, the conditioning takes over."

Snyder (4-4, 2-1) will face off with a Lamesa team that has failed to put up any points in district, getting outscored 96-0 in the first three games against Denver City, Seminole and Sweetwater.

Rogers said his team is not preoccupied with continuing any kind of scoreless streak.

"We aren't talking shut out," he said. "We just want to go in, get better and win the game."

Rogers said despite the Golden Tors' struggles — they have scored just 39 points in eight contests, and have given up a district-worst 193 points on defense — they are still a dangerous district foe.

"We are not looking past them," he said. "We have had a good week of practice. Our focus right now is taking care of Lamesa."

One of Lamesa's victories this season came on a 7-0 shutout over Monahans, which beat Midland Greenwood. The Tors have an experienced defensive line that averages 202.5 pounds, and is led by senior prospect Brandon McCurley at right defensive end.

Offensively, the Tors run the wing-T with a pair of juniors in the backfield in quarterback Bryan Brown and running back Joseph Hill.

Snyder rolled up 277 yards on the ground against the Indians, and will give Lamesa a healthy dose of running backs Malcom Wells and Isaac Ramon.

The Snyder defense, which limited Seminole to 163 total yards, continues to improve down the stretch.

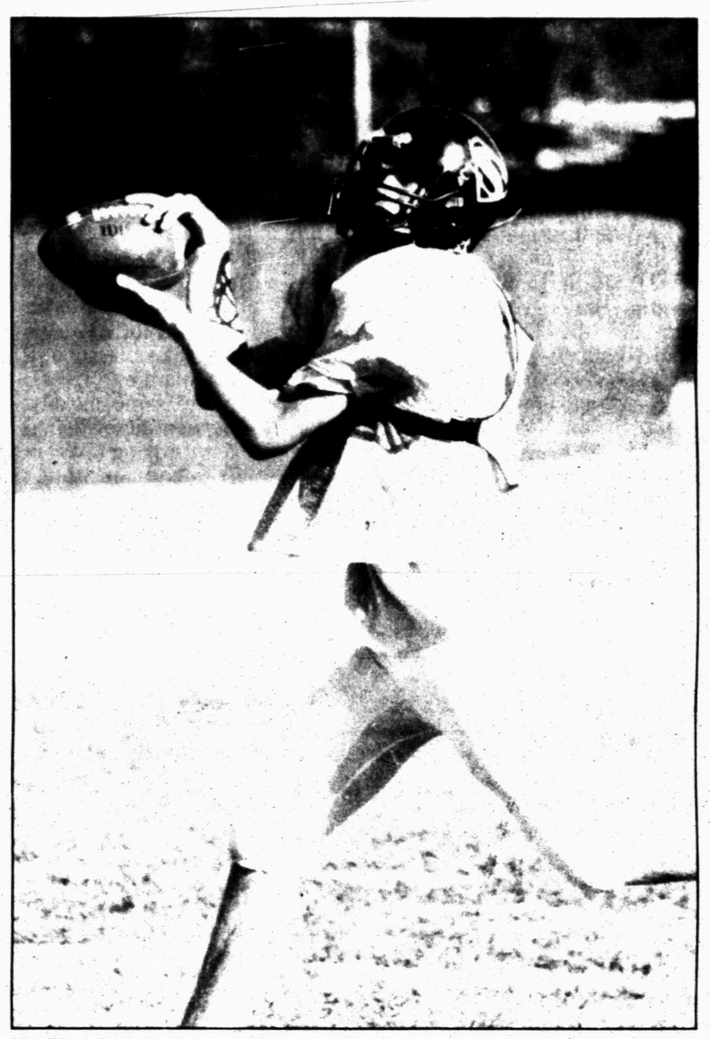
Junior varsity call-up D'Angelo Davis has brought pressure on opposing quarterbacks since getting a start against Merkel two Fridays ago.

"That comes from playing on the JV," Rogers said. "He is playing at game speed and has gotten the playing experience he needed, rather than sitting on the bench with the varsity."

The playoff scenarios are wide open in 3-3A, with Sweetwater leading 3-0, while Snyder and Merkel are tied at 2-1. Denver City and Seminole, which battle each other in Denver City Friday, are at 1-2.

Merkel and Sweetwater will lock horns at Mustang Bowl, and a Badger win could leave a three-way tie atop the district.

Kick-off in Lamesa will be at 7:30 p.m.



EASY PICKINGS — Snyder junior varsity gridder Dustin Williams pulls in an interception during varsity drills Wednesday. The Tigers are preparing for a district showdown in Lamesa Friday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Mavs use fourth quarter surge to upend Warriors

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki had 29 points and 15 rebounds and the Dallas Mavericks used a solid fourth quarter to spoil Golden State's opener with a 95-87 victory, their 18th straight against the Warriors.

Nowitzki scored five straight points as the Mavericks took control in the fourth quarter and Antoine Walker added 20 points and 14 rebounds for Dallas, which hasn't lost to the Warriors since 1999 and regrouped after losing its opener to the Los Angeles Lakers a night earlier.

"The fact is, we struggled the whole game again, until we made shots down the stretch and executed," Don Nelson said. "It was a situation where we had to win this game. We needed to start playing a little bit better. It was a game you couldn't leave this arena and not come away with a win."

Cliff Robinson scored 18 points and three others — Erick Dampier, Calbert Cheaney and Mike Dunleavy — had 14 for the Warriors, who played without three starters.

Nick Van Exel was sidelined after having arthroscopic knee surgery and is expected to miss two more weeks, Troy Murphy has a foot injury and Jason Richardson was serving the first game of a three-game suspension for assaulting his former girlfriend.

"We played with one of the best teams in the league right to the wire," Dunleavy said. "You can't say we've thrown in the towel."

The matchup featured the two teams involved in a nine-player trade in August that sent Antawn Jamison to the Mavericks and brought Van Exel to Oakland. Dallas barely resembles the team that reached the Western Conference finals last season, losing to eventual NBA champion San Antonio.

"We've just got to gut out wins," Walker said. "Some might not be pretty."

Jamison spent five years as the Warriors' franchise player and led them in scoring last season, but now is the Mavericks' sixth man.

Red Sox place Ramirez on waivers

BOSTON (AP) — The Red Sox placed All-Star slugger Manny Ramirez on irrevocable waivers, The New York Times and the Boston Herald reported Thursday.

The move means any major league team can have Ramirez — if it is willing to pay his salary. The outfielder has five years and $104 million remaining on a $160 million, eight-year contract. He is scheduled to make $20.5 million next season.

When contacted by The Associated Press, Red Sox spokesman Kevin Shea said: "The waiver procedure is a confidential procedure, and we're prohibited from commenting on it. We're not permitted to say whether a player is on or is not on waivers."

A phone message left by the AP for Ramirez's agent, Jeff Moorad, was not immediately returned.

Ramirez hit .325 this year, one point behind teammate Bill Mueller for the AL batting title, and had 37 homers and 104 RBIs. The Red Sox won the wild card and advanced to AL championship series before losing to the New York Yankees in seven games.

The left fielder was placed on waivers just two days after Boston announced it would not bring back manager Grady Little, who led the team to 188 regular-season wins the past two years.

Mens' League Basketball

Ryan Braziel scored 28 points and Brady Cobb checked in with 21 as West Texas State Bank defeated American State Bank, 89-85, in overtime in the lone game Wednesday. Jeremiah Witte led ASB with 27 points, and Leroy Mills added 18.

WTSB	**1-0**
SNB	**1-0**
ASB	**1-1**
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Big Country	**0-1**

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Football: Snyder JV vs. Lamesa, 7 p.m.
Snyder frosh vs. Lamesa, 5 p.m.
Snyder junior high at Lamesa, 5:30 p.m.
Borden County junior high vs. Loop, 5:30 p.m.
Hermleigh junior high at Ira, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football: Snyder at Lamesa, 7:30 p.m.
Hermleigh at Ira, 7:30 p.m.
Borden County at Loop, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Tennis: Vernon at Snyder, 9 a.m.

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the film room.

Tiger Moms

The Tiger Moms will meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 10 a.m. each Tuesday at Scurry County Golf Course. Format is least putts-back nine. A luncheon and business meeting will follow, and 2004 officers will be installed.

Baseball/softball booster club

The baseball and softball booster clubs will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the film room.

Maddux, Wells file for free agency

NEW YORK (AP) — Atlanta pitcher Greg Maddux filed for free agency and New York Yankees left-hander David Wells filed provisionally, not waiting for the team's decision on his 2004 option. Phillies pitcher Kevin Millwood also was among the 16 players who filed, raising the total to 149 in the four days since the World Series ended.

Culp qualifies for regionals

Hermleigh's Alana Culp took seventh place at the district cross-country meet at Hamlin last Saturday, crossing the line in 12:43 to qualify for the regional meet.

Culp

Culp will travel to Arlington Nov. 8 to run the regional course at Vandergriff Park. Culp's group is scheduled to run at 10:25 a.m.

Nuggets shock Spurs, 80-72

DENVER (AP) — One game into his NBA career, Carmelo Anthony made it clear that he's a team player.

"When people look at us, they are going to notice that we won our first game," Anthony said after the Denver Nuggets beat San Antonio 80-72 Wednesday night.

"They aren't going to look at how many points I had. I don't care if I only average four points. I will be happy if we win."

Anthony had 12 points and seven rebounds in his NBA debut despite picking up two fouls less than two minutes into the game and being hounded by one of the NBA's best defenders, Bruce Bowen, into 4-of-15 shooting.

"I was a little anxious in the first half," said Anthony, the third overall pick in the draft after leading Syracuse to the NCAA championship as a freshman. "I picked up the early fouls. In the second half I kept my composure and we won the game."

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said Anthony "is going to be a great player, but I think everybody already knows that. He's got a great way about him. A disposition. He really feels confident in his game. I think his experience at Syracuse did him a lot of good in that respect."

Andre Miller added 16 points, Earl Boykins 13 and Nene 12 for the Nuggets, who overcame poor shooting to knock off the defending NBA champions.

The Nuggets shot 29.2 percent from the field, and the Spurs made only 26.8 percent of their shots — a record low for a Denver opponent.

Tim Duncan had 17 points on 7-of-22 shooting and 21 rebounds for San Antonio, which opened its season at home Tuesday night with an 83-82 win over Phoenix.

Marcus Camby had 20 rebounds for Denver.

James shines in debut

By the Associated Press

LeBron James was a smash hit, even though his team lost.

The Cleveland rookie had a dazzling NBA debut, flashing an all-around game worthy of all that hype in the Cavaliers' 106-92 loss to the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday night.

"It was the first I've seen of him, and I was real impressed. He's the real deal," Sacramento center Vlade Divac said.

The 18-year-old James had 25 points, nine assists, six rebounds and four steals, wowing the boisterous Sacramento crowd with skills no teenager had ever displayed at this level.

"Running up and down with the NBA players, it's a dream," James said. "I was just fortunate to get some shots, and they fell through. Most of the moves I used in high school, I could use here."

James' point total was by far the most by any recent prep-to-pro rookie, eclipsing the 10 points scored by Jonathan Bender of Indiana in 1999 and Amare Stoudemire of Phoenix last year.

The No. 1 overall draft pick was a smash hit, rallying Cleveland back from an early 19-point deficit. He gave the Cavs their first lead by feeding J.R. Bremer for a 3-pointer that made it 85-83.

Girls golf places sixth at Abilene

The Snyder varsity girls finished in sixth place in Division I at Abilene last Friday and Saturday.

The team shot a 332 the first day at Maxwell, following it up with a 375 Saturday at Diamondback.

Head coach Ricky Hunter said the team was just six shots off the lead at the end of the first round, but lost some 30 strokes to the leaders Saturday.

Brooke Jackson paced the Lady Tigers, stroking an 82 in the first round and an 89 in the final round for a total of 171.

Cami Trout posted a 175. She fired an 80 Friday and a 95 Saturday. Christi Williams carded an 83-94 177.

Kendra Martinez finished with an 87-103 190, while teammate Heather Derrington had a 90-97 187.

The varsity girls will next tee-off Dec. 5-6 in San Antonio.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
Orlando	1	0	1.000	—
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000	—
Washington	1	0	1.000	—
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Miami	0	2	.000	1½

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Indiana	1	0	1.000	—
New Orleans	1	0	1.000	—
Toronto	1	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	0	1	.000	1
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
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Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1

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Minnesota	1	0	1.000	—
Utah	1	0	1.000	—
Dallas	1	1	.500	½
San Antonio	1	1	.500	½
Houston	0	0	.000	½
Memphis	0	0	.000	½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	1	0	1.000	—
Sacramento	1	0	1.000	—
L.A. Clippers	0	0	.000	½
Seattle	0	0	.000	½
Golden State	0	1	.000	1
Phoenix	0	1	.000	1
Portland	0	1	.000	1

Wednesday's Games

Boston 98, Miami 75
Toronto 90, New Jersey 87
Indiana 89, Detroit 87
Orlando 85, New York 83, OT
New Orleans 88, Atlanta 83, OT
Minnesota 95, Milwaukee 89
Washington 99, Chicago 74
Utah 99, Portland 92
Denver 80, San Antonio 72
Sacramento 106, Cleveland 92
Dallas 95, Golden State 87

Today's Games

L.A. Clippers vs. Seattle at Saitama, Japan, 4:30 a.m.
New Orleans at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.

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Scurry County Country

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By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Deer Hunters and Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a deadly disease affecting the nervous system of deer and elk. The illness has received much publicity in the U.S. recently because of its similarity to "mad cow disease".

Dr. Byron Wright, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist, said the disease has been found in 12 states and two Canadian provinces, which has caused widespread concern among hunters.

"People are wondering if it is safe to harvest and eat venison because of the disease," said Wright.

"First of all, CWD is not the same as mad cow disease. While CWD and 'mad cow' both belong to a family of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs), they are not the same malady. Secondly, no scientific evidence currently exists proving CWD is transmissible to humans.

"It is also important to remember that despite extensive testing, CWD hasn't even been found in Texas."

Wright encourages awareness and surveillance for CWD, but insists that hunters should continue to enjoy the time-honored tradition of hunting Texas deer.

He said CWD was first recognized in the late 1960s as a syndrome among captive mule deer at research facilities in Colorado. The disease is terminal, with no vaccine or treatment for infected animals. The suspected mode of transmission among deer and elk is through the animal's saliva, feces and urine.

"There is still a lot to be learned about the disease," said Wright. "We are not totally sure how it's caused. Scientists believe abnormal infectious protein particles are responsible. These proteins recruit other normal proteins to take on a malignant form.

"The disease concentrates in certain parts of the body, including lymphatic tissue, brain matter, the spinal cord, and the spleen. The time from exposure to the onset of clinical symptoms in wild deer still isn't clear."

Even though the disease hasn't been found here, Wright said hunters should be on the lookout for sick deer and elk. Symptoms of CWD include emaciation, excessive drooling, staggering and an overly-wide posture with head and ears carried low. Infected animals may exhibit a combination of these symptoms.

A deer exhibiting one or more of these symptoms does not necessarily mean the animal has CWD. The disease's presence can only be verified through laboratory tests.

Wright said there is a risk that CWD could come to Texas through interstate movement of elk and deer for husbandry purposes. Therefore, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) have enacted stringent entry requirements on cervids (deer and elk) to stop CWD from entering Texas. Any importations of elk, black-tailed deer, mule deer and white-tailed deer must be in accordance with TAHC regulations.

"For the health of Texas deer and the potential negative impacts to the hunting industry, it is imperative that we abide by the regulations governing cervid movement," said Wright. "This is one case where an ounce of prevention is certainly worth a pound of cure."

Wright said good common sense and general health principles dictate people should never eat any sick animal — irrespective of CWD.

Texans hunting in other states where the disease is endemic in free-ranging deer and elk can follow some common sense precautions including:

1. Never eat sick animals.

2. Never eat the brain, spinal cord, eyes, tonsils, lymph nodes or spleen of any deer or elk — even a healthy one.

3. Wear rubber or latex gloves when field dressing game.

4. Minimize exposure to brain and spinal tissues, particularly when removing the head and antlers from the body and use tools reserved only for this purpose.

5. Clean field-dressing equipment and work area with a 50/50 solution of chlorine bleach and water and soak knives for one hour.

6. De-bone all meat.

7. Remove all lymphatic nodes from the parts of the carcass to be eaten.

8. Process animals separately to avoid mixing meat and trimmings.

Texans hunting in other states or any Canadian province should check with the state game agency in that area for any restrictions on transporting harvested game.

Texas hunters who find deer they suspect exhibit symptoms of CWD are asked to mark the area and notify TPWD officials at (800) 892-1112, then press 5 for wildlife and 1 for general information.

More CWD information is found at the TPWD website at http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/hunt/chronic_wasting_disease/.

For in-depth precautions on processing venison from states where CWD occurs and for information on locating the lymph nodes in deer, go to http://datcp.state.wi.us/ah/agriculture/animals/disease/chronic/pdf/venison_safety_2side.pdf

?Weather Whys?

Topic: Sundogs

Q: I've heard the term 'sundog' several times. What is a sundog?

A: A sundog usually is seen as two bright spots of light in the same horizontal plane as the sun, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University.

"The bending or refracting of the sun's rays as they pass through air filled with ice crystals forms a pair of small, bright rainbow-like spots. The ice crystals refract the light to form a bright spot that for centuries has been called a 'sundog.' They are sometimes called 'mock suns' or even by the scientific name, parheli, which means "with the sun," Odins says.

Q: So where is the best place to see a sundog?

A: You can see sundogs during cool or cold days, from winter to early spring, and often the eastern United States is one of the best locations, adds Odins.

"Typically, any conditions in which clouds contain plate-like ice crystals that are in the same plane as the sun can produce sundogs. These colored spots can be several different colors that range from red to yellow to blue because the light is refracted similarly as light through a prism. Because of the extremely cold conditions, sundogs are a frequent occurrence in the North and South poles."

ABOUT WEATHER WHYS...

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Rainfall helps reservoir levels

AUSTIN (AP) — Heavy rainfall in northern Mexico has resulted in fresh water flows into reservoirs that could allow Mexico to make substantial payments on its water debt to the United States, according to a new Texas report.

Figures from the International Boundary and Water Commission show that Mexican water storage as of Oct. 22 totaled 4.3 million acre feet, the largest storage volume the country has held in the Rio Grande Basin in more than a decade.

An acre foot is enough to cover an acre of land in water a foot deep.

"More than one million acre-feet of inflows reached Mexican storage during the first three weeks of October following the conclusion of the 2003 irrigation season and water-year," the report states.

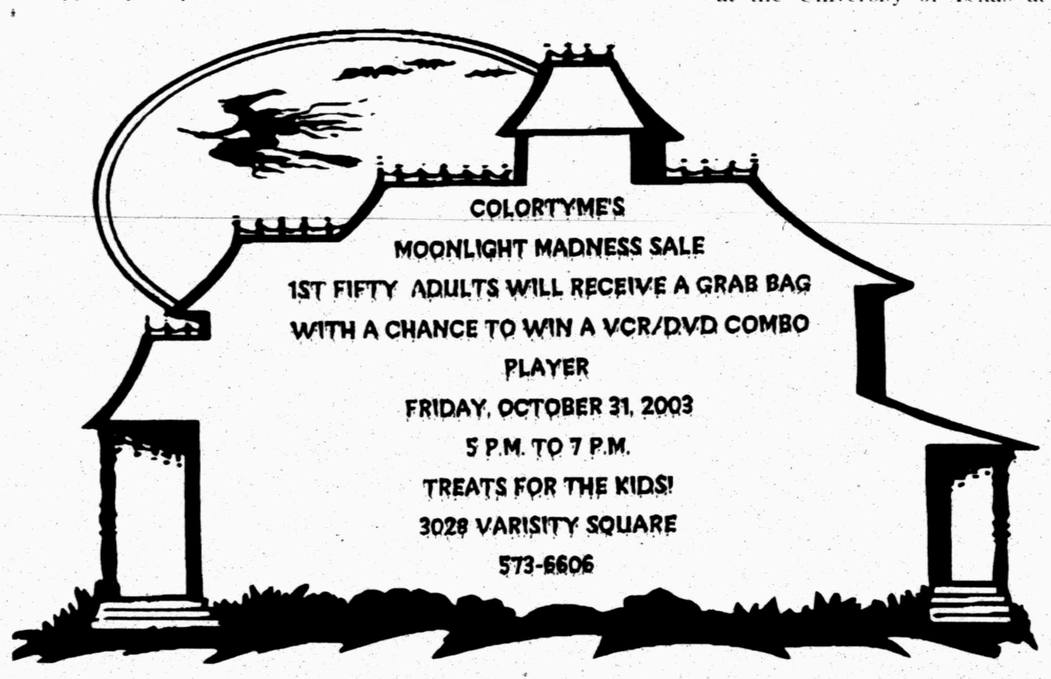
The Center for Space Research at the University of Texas at Austin prepared the report for state Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. Her office made a copy of the report available Wednesday.

Combs has pressed repeatedly for Mexico to pay the water it owes the United States under a 1944 water-sharing treaty. She says the water is needed to help South Texas farmers. The treaty stipulates that the United States and Mexico share water from the Rio Grande and Colorado River.

Mexico has said it has met its obligations under the treaty during President Vicente Fox's administration by delivering the minimum annual average required under the treaty.

As of mid-October, Mexico owed the United States 1.35 million acre feet of water, according to the report.

Heavy October rainfall in Mexico was generated by the disintegration of hurricanes Olaf and Nora, followed by the formation of a persistent low-pressure system over northeastern Mexico and South Texas. That system triggered days of widespread flooding in the Mexican states of Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, the report states.



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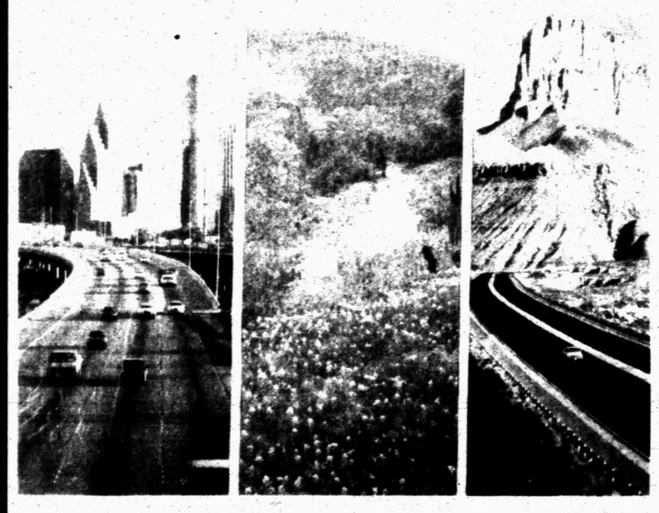

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Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,061 head of cattle for the Wednesday, Oct. 22, sale. Market was active and demand good. Cattle 600 pounds and over were under some pressure. Lightweight cattle 250 to 500 pounds were fully steady. Bred cows and pairs were higher, packer cows and bulls were $1 to $2 lower than previous week .

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Pairs: 775-1115
Packer cows: 40-46.75
Packer bulls: 52-59.75

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc had a run of 825 head of livestock for the Thursday, Oct. 23, sale. Cows were $2 to $5 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were $3 to $5 cheaper. Trading and demand were good

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Halloween Safety

Halloween will be Friday and with that in mind we want to be sure we make this holiday special, fun, and safe. This is the time to be extra cautious and prevent possible safety hazards so that Halloween can be an exciting and positive experience.

Costume Safety

- Choose a costume made of flame-retardant material.
- For good visibility, add reflective tape to the costume or bag the child is using to carry or choose a costume in bright material and colors.
- If using face paint, make sure it is non-toxic and hypo-allergenic.
- Swords and other props should be made of flexible material, so they don't pose a hazard if fallen on.

Trick-or-Treating Safety

- Children should be supervised by an adult when trick-or-treating. Stay in well-known neighborhoods.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Drive slowly.
- Avoid shortcuts, alleys, and backyards. Stick to well-lit streets and sidewalks.

Candy Safety

- Have children bring home all candy for inspection.
- Feed kids a good meal before trick-or-treating so they will not be tempted to eat the candy before returning home.
- Throw out homemade candy or treats, unwrapped candy, fruit, and drinks.

Crop Report

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Although rain caused the citrus harvest in the Rio Grande Valley to get off to a late start, quality is still very good, reports the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Most citrus harvesting is two or three weeks behind, said Dr. Julian Sauls, extension citrus specialist in Weslaco.

Harvest began in the last few days of September, he said.

For a couple of weeks, the weather was favorable for citrus, but rains in early October forced harvest crews out of the orchards, he said.

Ideal weather conditions for citrus are hot days and warm nights during the growing season. Cooler weather during harvest helps citrus develop its color and increase in size.

"Citrus is not an annual crop, so once planted, the orchards remain for many years," Saul said.

"It is really too early to tell how yields will be right now. Grapefruit is picked during the first several months of the season, so only the largest fruit are harvested, allowing the remaining fruit to increase in size as the season progresses," he said.

PANHANDLE: soil moisture very short to adequate. Dry weather allowed corn harvest to rapidly proceed; it is now about 95 percent complete; yields have been reported as good to excellent. Sorghum harvest is about 25 percent complete. Cotton is rated mostly poor to fair. Soybean and sunflower harvests are about 85 percent complete. Peanut harvest is about halfway through. Wheat planting is near completion; stands are rated mostly fair to good. Wheat pasture is rated excellent in most areas. Range conditions are rated poor to fair. Cattle are in good condition.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture short to adequate. Cotton defoliation and harvest increased this week due to favorable conditions. Sorghum, sunflower and peanut harvest are in full swing. Pumpkin harvest is winding down; both quality and price have been good this year. Winter wheat is in good condition. Irrigated wheat has emerged, but dryland acreage is still waiting on a good rain. Ranges and pastures are in fair condition. Supplemental feeding continues.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture short to adequate. Cotton farmers are busy defoliating and harvesting; yields are average. Peanut harvest has begun. Wheat crop is in critical need of rainfall. Early planted wheat is suffering due to dry conditions and armyworm damage. Irrigated wheat is doing well. Hay producers are finishing up final cuttings. Livestock conditions are fair as most ranchers are beginning to supplement cattle with hay and protein.

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Homicide detective killed

HOUSTON (AP) — A 28-year veteran homicide detective, shot to death as he worked alone in his cubicle at Houston Police Department headquarters, was known for meticulous investigative work that provided leads in cold murder cases, colleagues say.

Sgt. Larry Boyd Smith was mourned today as police investigations continued into his death. Smith was pronounced dead Wednesday afternoon by attending physicians at Ben Taub Hospital and the 61-year-old man's identity was released after relatives were notified, police spokesman Robert Hurst told The Associated Press early today.

"He was one of the finest homicide detectives, and such a perfect gentleman," retired HPD Capt. Bobby Adams, who spent 12 of his 43 years with the department leading the homicide division, told the Houston Chronicle.

"He ... carried himself so well that you were always proud to send him anywhere."

Adams recalled the detective as someone who "always had a smile on his face."

Hurst said an investigation is under way by homicide and internal affairs investigators. Police did not immediately release details of the shooting.

The shooting occurred just before 4 p.m. Wednesday at Smith's sixth-floor cubicle as Acting Police Chief Joe Breshears was conducting an unrelated news conference. Breshears was called from the room to be informed of the shooting and returned to continue the news conference.

In a brief statement outside the hospital, Breshears describe the dead officer as "a man dedicated to this city. It's a tremendous loss to the Police Department. He was a good man. He was a great man. He will be missed."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Age-related arthritis vs. inflamation

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis have a genetic basis? What is the difference between the two? Are there home remedies to alleviate the pain and stiffness of the conditions?

DEAR READER: As we age, we become less efficient at repairing damaged tissue. During our younger years, normal wear and tear is so quickly repaired that we easily ignore the miraculous process. The joints are a prime example.

When we engage in everyday activities, the joint linings tend to wear down. When we're young, the body's reparative processes compensate for this. In older adults, however, the joint linings remain thin and worn, leading to stiffness, pain and swelling. Called "osteoarthritis," this condition will affect every one of us, sooner or later, to one degree or another. The use of ibuprofen or prescription medications will help to relieve symptoms, but there is no antidote for the aging process.

In contrast, rheumatoid arthritis is an autoimmune disease, marked by severe inflammation of the joints that can affect children as well as adults. The cause is unknown, but experts theorize that the body's immune system inappropriately attacks the joint linings, leading to pain, swelling and eventual destruction of the joints unless treatment is given. Such therapy involves anti-inflammatory drugs, cortisone, methotrexate, Enbrel and others.

Neither form of arthritis is inherited, to my knowledge; however, you can understand from my brief description that osteoarthritis does "run" in families whose members live to ripe old ages.

There are no satisfactory home remedies for these forms of arthritis — or any form, for that matter.

As a general rule, patients with age-related osteoarthritis suffer fewer handicaps and can medicate themselves with over-the-counter medications, whereas patients with inflammatory arthritis — such as the rheumatoid variety — usually require medical attention and prescription drugs.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Osteoarthritis." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My tinnitus is driving me nuts. Do you know anything about treating it with Valium, Elavil or B-12 shots? I'm ready to try anything.

DEAR READER: A constant noise in the ear (tinnitus) can be very annoying. It is sometimes caused by ear infections or wax accumulation, both of which can be treated.

Tinnitus is also part of the aging process and is a common consequence of ear damage from environmental noise. Obviously, aging is untreatable; however, prudent protection of the ears in noisy environments will prevent damage.

The methods of treatment you mention, including tranquilizers, anti-depressants and vitamin shots, don't work and are really not worth trying. You should be examined by an otolaryngologist to see if there is any therapy for your condition. If not, you'll have to learn to live with it.

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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Daughter born to McCartneys

LONDON (AP) — Paul McCartney's wife Heather Mills has given birth to a girl, the couple said Thursday.

Beatrice, the couple's first child, was born Tuesday at a London hospital and weighed 7 pounds, her parents said in a statement.

"She is a little beauty. We couldn't be prouder," the 61-year-old former Beatle McCartney and Mills, 35, said, adding that they were "ecstatic."

A spokeswoman for the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth said Beatrice Milly McCartney was born three weeks premature and delivered by Caesarean section.

Spokeswoman Claire Hornick said the baby and mother were doing "very well," and added that Mills and McCartney were still in the hospital Thursday.

The Daily Mirror newspaper had reported earlier Thursday that the child was a boy.

The baby is Mills' first child. McCartney has three adult children Stella, Mary and James, and a stepdaughter, Heather, from his marriage to first wife Linda McCartney, who died in 1998 from breast cancer.

The baby was named after Mills' late mother Beatrice and McCartney's aunt Milly, Hornick said.

Mills, a former model who lost a leg in a motorcycle accident and raises money for children disabled in war, married McCartney at an Irish castle in June 2002.

Earlier this year, she expressed fears she would never have a child because of a series of health problems.

"The chances of me getting pregnant are about that much," she said in a television interview, holding up her thumb and finger an inch apart.

The couple announced in May that Mills was pregnant.

Suicide threat reported

• Suicide threat

A call was made to Scurry county officers Wednesday evening from an individual at Rip Griffins Truck Stop who was concerned about a person threatening to commit suicide. The responding deputy transported the person to the Sheriff's department where a representative from MHMR met them. Afterwards, the subject was transported to Big Spring State Hospital.

• Arrests

Snyder and Scurry county officers Wednesday served several warrants that resulted in six arrests. A majority of the warrants served were the result of traffic and motor vehicle violations. However two of the arrests were for theft by check and one criminal trespass charge.

• Gas drive off

The clerk at the Town and Country North on Wednesday reported to officers at 12:56 p.m. that a subject in a white Ford pumped $21 worth of gas, then drove away without paying. Officers were alerted to look for the vehicle.

• Loud music

A caller notified police at 7:38 p.m. Wednesday concerning loud music at a residence on Brickplant Road. The officer made contact with the occupants who complied by turning the music down.

• Hit and run

An officer was requested at the Sonic Drive-in at 8:27 p.m. Wednesday pertaining to a hit and run. The officer submitted a private accident report.

Markets

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AMR Corp	14.00	13.42	13.65	+ .40
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Albertsons	20.10	19.88	19.92	+ .04
Alltel	48.03	47.60	47.76	+ .08
AmEl Pw	28.75	28.43	28.47	— .27
AndarkPtr	43.30	42.74	42.82	+ .48
ATMOS Egy	24.93	24.71	24.83	+ .07
Aviall	15.65	15.45	15.49	+ .19
BP PLC	42.95	41.74	41.75	— .50
BakerHughes	27.47	27.00	27.07	+ .09
Bank of Amer	75.30	74.20	74.94	+ .58
BellSoutr	26.00	25.75	25.90	— .10
BurlNoSFe	28.98	28.47	28.62	
Caterpillar	74.00	72.94	73.36	— .10
CenterPoint	10.02	9.89	10.00	+ .01
ChevronTex	73.10	71.03	71.83	—1.27
Citigroup	47.98	47.28	47.37	+ .13
CocaCola	45.98	45.54	45.69	— .16
ColgatePal	53.00	51.64	51.69	— .53
CmclMetals	24.85	24.65	24.78	+ .06
ConocoPhill	57.15	56.43	56.95	— .02
Cooper Inds	52.18	51.80	52.04	+ .28
DaimlrChry	37.43	36.93	36.99	+ .47
DeltaAirl	13.50	13.20	13.32	+ .22
Dillards Inc	16.61	16.02	16.05	— .32
DowChem	37.72	37.41	37.46	+ .26
DuPont	40.30	39.72	39.83	— .02
EastmanChem	33.05	32.59	32.61	+ .03
EstKodak	24.54	24.22	24.43	+ .27
EDS Corp	22.45	21.45	21.60	— .25
Entergy	54.29	53.96	54.00	— .09
ExxonMobil	38.10	36.34	36.37	—1.44
FootLocker	18.15	17.97	18.06	+ .16
GenDynam	85.87	83.93	83.93	— .69
GenElec	29.25	28.93	29.04	+ .21
GenMills	45.27	45.00	45.22	+ .21
GenMotors	43.35	42.95	43.10	+ .15
GaPacific	26.99	26.54	26.68	+ .13
Goodrich	27.92	27.66	27.79	+ .23
Goodyear	6.85	6.75	6.81	+ .09
GtAtlPac	5.55	5.30	5.55	+ .35
Halliburtn	23.72	23.25	23.27	— .25
Hanson PLC	34.20	33.90	34.20	— .33
HarteHanks	20.08	20.00	20.02	+ .06
HomeDepot	38.00	36.67	36.67	— .56
HoneywellIntl	30.50	29.48	30.22	+ .74
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TexasInst	30.49	29.17	29.40	+ .22
Textron	49.65	48.97	49.51	+ .29
TimeWarner	15.57	15.27	15.27	— .02
TrinityInds	25.50	25.32	25.42	+ .07
TylerTech	7.95	7.82	7.87	+ .15
UnionPacif	61.95	61.50	61.72	+ .49
USSteel	22.72	22.11	22.69	+ .94
UnitedTech	85.00	84.62	84.87	+ .30
Unocal	31.81	31.23	31.26	— .54
VerizonComm	33.53	32.55	32.70	— .11
WalMart	59.15	58.54	58.76	— .09
WellsFargo	54.99	54.60	54.85	— .04
WstnGasRs	41.76	41.40	41.59	— .17
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TSB ADOPTS STANFIELD — Texas Savings Bank has adopted Stanfield Elementary School. Pictured at the adoption ceremony are from left Brandon Hall, Brett Banks, Luke Stephens, Mary Ann Juarez, SISD adopt a school coordinator; Kendra Stephens, TSB vice president, and Jeffrey Martin, TSB president. The children who presented the plaque have a parent who works at the bank. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Sheet metal shop worker dies when car crashes into business

ROBERT LEE (AP) — A worker at a sheet metal shop died Wednesday when a car involved in a chase crashed into the wall of the business.

Authorities identified the victim as Lax Kent Cole, 45, of Robert Lee. Cole, his boss and one of his co-workers had been working outside when they saw the car driven by Heidi Jean Haussecker, 19, of Midland coming toward them.

The men fled, with Cole seeking shelter in the building. The men said they were hoping to avoid the speeding vehicle, but Cole was crushed to death by the car, the San Angelo Standard-Times reported.

"It's horrible to see a car coming at you," business owner Josue Rodriguez told the newspaper.

He described Cole as a good, dependable and good-hearted person. "This is devastating to me," he said.

Haussecker was booked into the Tom Green County Justice Center on a charge of aggravated robbery, said Melinda Scherf, a police communications operator for the state Department of Public Safety.

Haussecker could face more charges, Lt. Judy Altom of the DPS said.

DPS Lt. Mike Thomson said the case involves two stolen cars. He said Haussecker is accused of stealing a car in Big Spring early Wednesday and driving to San Angelo, where police say her car rear-ended one driven by an older woman. Thomson said Haussecker took that woman's car.

The vehicle Haussecker was driving crashed through the wall of Gideon's Sheet Metal after troopers shot two of the tires in an attempt to disable the vehicle. She was taken to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo where she was treated and released to authorities, Thomson said.

Cole's family and friends gathered to mourn Wednesday afternoon.

"This is going to take a lot out of this town," Tawnia Swafford, a Cole family friend, told the newspaper. "It just gives me chills just thinking about it."

Haussecker is expected to be arraigned this morning, Thomson said. He also said FBI agents are investigating and may pursue a federal carjacking case.

Haussecker was on probation on a criminal mischief charge. She had also been arrested on charges of assault causing bodily injury, public intoxication and resisting arrest, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Online predator lures child into obsessive relationship

DEAR ABBY: I had to write after reading the letter from "Brokenhearted Mom in Virginia." My 14-year-old daughter developed an Internet relationship with a now 21-year-old man when she was 10. By the time she was 12, he was drawing her into a deeply dysfunctional relationship. Unbeknownst to her, he was a mental patient who was obsessed with suicide and self-mutilation.

Without going into a lot of detail, it took more than a year to permanently end this relationship and purge this person from our lives. When our daughter tried on her own to extricate herself, he threatened to commit suicide and take her with him, as well as kill her family. We were finally able to get him locked up in a mental facility. We were also able to obtain a restraining order to keep him away.

Abby, please impress upon "Brokenhearted Mom" that her daughter is a child and does not see the situation in the same light as she does. Her friends may be encouraging and enabling the relationship. The daughter will most likely see it as an "us against them" situation.

"Mom" must assert control and pay a visit to her local police station. She should speak to an officer about her options, and make sure to document the relationship as best she can. She should also obtain copies of all correspondence between the man and her daughter. There is software that can capture their conversations to a file.

When it comes to obtaining a restraining order, "Brokenhearted Mom" will need evidence of the relationship because it is likely her daughter will refuse to cooperate. Once the police become involved, they will probably contact the perpetrator and warn him. If that doesn't work, a restraining order is next, and if he violates that, he will be arrested.

It's important to bear in mind that the daughter will need professional help in recovering from a relationship with a pedophile. She's going to be very, very angry at her mother. A therapist can help her deal with this. In fact, a therapist should be contacted for help BEFORE any action is taken to end the relationship. It will be a very difficult behavioral period.

And last, please, please move the computer to a central location where a parent can supervise exactly what his or her child is doing at all times. Internet access should not be allowed when a parent cannot be around. I learned this lesson the hard way. Access to the telephone may also have to be limited for a time. Caller ID is extremely helpful, because you can block the stalker's number. — **WISER NOW ON THE EAST COAST**

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Obituaries

Elbert Buchanan

1920-2003

Elbert Buchanan, 83, died this morning at his home on North Ave. N.

Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd was called to the home at 8 a.m. today and ruled death by natural causes. Local arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Services are pending with Laurel Land Funeral Home in Fort Worth.

Ina Mae Hardin

1912-2003

Ina Mae Hardin, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, Oct. 26, at her home in Garden Grove, Calif., after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Hardin, 91, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. A son, Robert Hardin of El Paso, will officiate.

Born June 30, 1912 in Loraine, she was married to E.J. Hardin on Feb. 2, 1930 in Abilene. He died on Nov. 10, 1980.

Mrs. Hardin moved from Snyder to Escondido, Calif., and had lived in Garden Grove the past seven years.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Margie and Corley McNitt of Garden Grove; two other sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Peggy Hardin of Snyder and Cary and Beth Hardin of Decatur; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Harold Robbins

1941-2003

Harold Edward Robbins, longtime Scurry County resident, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, at his home in Snyder following a lengthy illness.

A memorial service for Mr. Robbins, 62, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. He will be cremated.

Mr. Robbins

He was born on March 23, 1941 in Brownfield and married Rita Camp on April 28, 1961 in Sweetwater.

Mr. Robbins moved with his family to Hermleigh in 1948 from Brownfield and graduated from Hermleigh High School in 1959.

Mr. Robbins owned and operated Merchants Motor Freight in Snyder for 12 years and farmed and ranched. He retired in 1996 after 11 years with the Scurry County Sheriff's Department.

Survivors include his wife, Rita Robbins of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Richard Marath of Arlington; his mother, Faye Robbins of Abilene; a sister and brother-in-law, Geenita and Morris Sturdivant of Cly 'e; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Darlene Robbins of Snyder and Ted and Diane Robbins of Lubbock; and a granddaughter, Kiara Marath of Arlington.

Visitation will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Edwin Gwinn

1939-2003

GAIL – Edwin Earl Gwinn, 64, died Tuesday, Oct. 28, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Gwinn is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Gail Cemetery. The Rev. Randy Hardman, pastor of the Gail First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Ed Gwinn

Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 24, 1939 in Roaring Springs, he married George Ann Smith on Sept. 14, 1980 in Gail.

Mr. Gwinn was a ranch hand for the Muleshoe Ranch in Borden County and he was a member of the Assembly of God.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Dale Gwinn.

Survivors include his wife, George Ann Gwinn of Gail; two sons, Jimmy Gwinn of Elgin and Tom Gwinn of Gail; a daughter, Susan Gwinn of Olympia, Wash.; three stepdaughters, Renee Claborn, Lisa Elmendorf and Belinda Baker, all of Lubbock; a stepson, Lance Claborn of Lubbock; two sisters, Dorothy Guin of Lockney and Gloria Lee of Spur; a brother, Howard Gwinn of Lubbock; and 11 grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6-8 Friday night at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the Borden County EMS.

Robert Taylor

1919-2003

Memorial services were held for Robert Andrew Taylor, Sr., October 18th at Huntington Park Church of Christ in Shreveport, Louisiana. Floyd Johnson, minister of the church, conducted the service, assisted by Tim Ketchersid, grandson-in-law, of Farmers Branch, Texas.

Robert Taylor

Robert Andrew Taylor, Sr. passed from this life at 5 a.m. at Willis-Knighton Hospital on Tuesday, October 14, 2003 at 84 years of age in Shreveport. Bob was the only child of Charles and Myrtle Taylor, born June 6, 1919 in San Antonio.

Graduating from high school in Uvalde, TX., he married Margie Kellogg of Uvalde on June 14, 1939. He was hired in high school to work for J.C. Penney Co., and they transferred him to Del Rio in 1942 as assistant manager.

War interrupted life, as they knew it. Bob was inducted at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio into the Army Air Corp Cadets, April 18, 1944. He was discharged at Randolph Field in San Antonio, November 2, 1945.

In 1950, Bob was transferred to Penney's in Abilene as assistant manager. February 27, 1954, he was assigned the Penney store in Snyder. He worked for Penney's for 21 years.

W.F. Beall Company hired Bob for a store manager position at Benton Road in Bossier City in June of 1958. Next he was manager of the Cedar Grove store in Shreveport. He was promoted to buyer for the W.F. Beall Company and retired as an executive at the corporate level, retiring December 1978 after 21 years with Bealls.

Interests included tennis, table tennis, travel and sports. In Del Rio, he was president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. In Snyder he was president of the Chamber of Commerce, director of the Rotary Club and headed up the United Way Fund. He and Marie were members of 37th Street Church of Christ. Marie worked for Pollard Motor Co. and Line Oil Co.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Myrtle Taylor; and a sister-in-law, Willie Belle Carman.

He is survived by his wife, Marie, of Shreveport; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Junior McCormick of Snyder; son and daughter-in-law, Bob, Jr. and Angela Taylor of Bossier City. Also surviving him are brother-in-law, Ralph Carman of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; brother-in-law, Pierce Kellogg of Uvalde; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jack and Polly Slaughter of Uvalde. Grandchildren include Jeanne Ketchersid of Farmers Branch; Cindy Schroeder of Roswell, Georgia; Trey Taylor of Bossier City; Daphne Ciufo of Woodridge, Virginia' Charlie McCormick of Wayne, Pennsylvania; Shannon and April Taylor, both of Bossier City. He was blessed with fifteen great-grandchildren.

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E.G. Brumley

1909-2003

MIDLAND — E.G. "Slick" Brumley, who worked in the Snyder oilfield boom, died Tuesday, Oct. 28, in Odessa.

Funeral service for Mr. Brumley, 94, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Alamo Heights Baptist Church in Midland with the Rev. Rodney Williams officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickel & Welch Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 13, 1909 in Many, La., he married Winnie Mae Spraberry on Aug. 23, 1930 in Mt. Zion, La. She died in 2001.

Mr. Brumley also worked in the oil boom at Kilgore and in many Permian Basin fields. He also spent six months working in the oilfields in Israel and two years in Brazil.

He later owned a grocery store and service station in Atlanta, Texas before retiring in Midland where he was a member of the Alamo Heights Baptist Church.

He also was preceded in death by three sons, Ernest Brumley Jr., James Brumley and William Brumley; two brothers, Clarence and Ray Brumley; and two sisters, Eunice Greer and Vivian Stark.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Luckett of Enid, Okla., and Betty Hall of Midland; three sisters, Gladys Carter of Many, La., Ruby Parker of Andrews and Opal Clark of Shreveport; seven grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Jesse Kitchens

1934-2003

ROBY — Jesse Kitchens, the brother of G.W. Kitchens of Snyder, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, in an Abilene hospital.

Graveside service for Mr. Kitchens, 69, is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the Roby Cemetery with Dr. Jeff Reid officiating.

Born May 11, 1934 in Hylton, he married Doris Rogers on Dec. 26, 1954 in Roby.

A U.S. Force veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Kitchens was a retired fields claims representative for the Social Security Administration and had moved to Abilene from Farmington, N.M. He was a member of the Pioneer Park Baptist Church.

Mr. Kitchens was preceded in death by his parents, E.C. and Amanda Kitchens; and a brother, Dale Kitchens.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Kitchens of Abilene; a son, Wayne Kitchens of Childress; a daughter, Susan Seider of Clyde; two other brothers, Claude and Clyde Kitchens, both of Odessa; and four grandchildren.

Insurgents blast targets in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents blasted a freight train west of Baghdad today and exploded a bomb near a convoy in a northern city, injuring a U.S. soldier, as international organizations continued their exodus from Iraq.

In Baghdad, police said a motorist was arrested after trying to throw a hand grenade into a police station on the edge the capital's "green zone," the heavily guarded headquarters of the U.S. occupation.

Police said the man was from Fallujah, one of the centers of resistance to the occupation.

A top U.S. diplomat today blamed al-Qaida for recent attacks in Iraq. In Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, U.S. soldiers raided six houses after receiving tips that the inhabitants were helping establish a "new terrorist network" there, a military spokesman said. .

The freight train was carrying military supplies near Fallujah west of Baghdad, when an improvised bomb set four shipping containers ablaze. No casualties were reported, but the attack sparked a frenzy of looting by Iraqis who carried off computers, tents, bottled water and other supplies.

A soldier from the 2nd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division was slightly wounded early today when a bomb exploded near a U.S. convoy in the northern city of Mosul, the military said.

The United Nations said Wednesday it was temporarily pulling its remaining international staff out of Baghdad, joining other organizations in withdrawing after Monday's deadly suicide car bombing at the Baghdad headquarters of the Red Cross.

The International Committee of the Red Cross and Medecins Sans Frontieres, or Doctors Without Borders, said it, too, was pulling its workers out of Baghdad.

"We have asked our staff in Baghdad to come out temporarily for consultations with a team from headquarters on the future of our operations, in particular security arrangements that we would need to take to operate in Iraq," U.N. spokeswoman Marie Okabe said.

She said it was not an "evacuation," and that staff in the north would remain.

Okabe declined to give more details, but about 60 U.N. staff members were believed to be in Iraq, including some 20 in Baghdad, after Secretary-General Kofi Annan ordered most others out in late September.

The United Nations scaled down its staff following the Aug. 19 truck bombing at its Baghdad headquarters that killed 23 people, including the top U.N. envoy to Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello, and a smaller blast near the U.N. offices last month.

The Red Cross said it would remain in Iraq but would scale back the number of international staff and increase security for those who stay.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 10/31	Sat 11/1	Sun 11/2
83/56	74/58	79/56
A few passing clouds, otherwise generally sunny. Warm. High 83F.	Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	Clouds giving way to sun in the afternoon
Sunrise 7:00 AM, Sunset 5:54 PM	Sunrise 7:01 AM, Sunset 5:53 PM	Sunrise 7:02 AM, Sunset 5:52 PM

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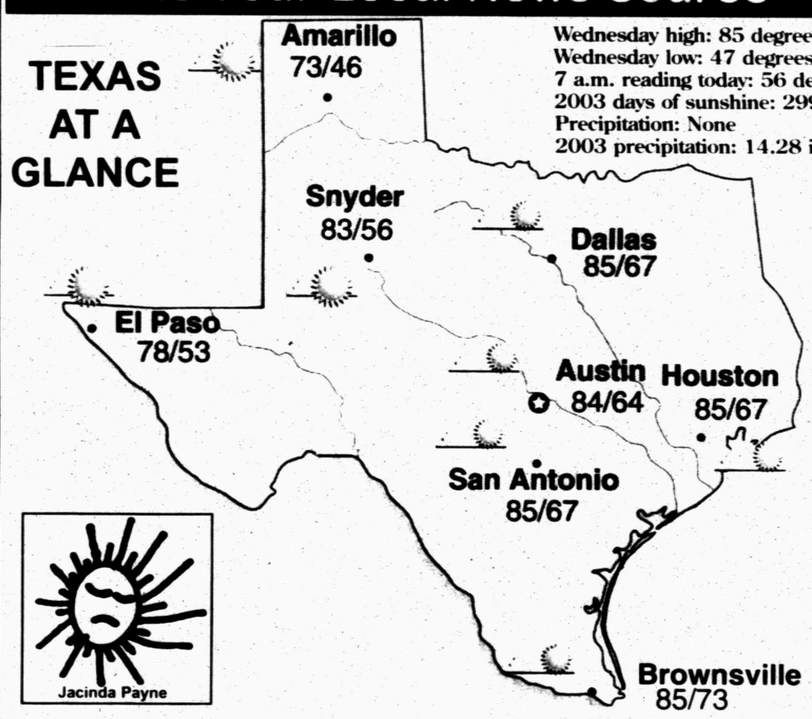

Wednesday high: 85 degrees
Wednesday low: 47 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 56 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 299 of 302
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 14.28 inches

Jacinda Payne

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	84	63	mst sunny	El Paso	78	53	mst sunny	Midland	83	60	sunny
Amarillo	73	46	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	83	60	sunny	Raymondville	85	71	pt sunny
Austin	84	64	pt sunny	Gainesville	84	63	pt sunny	Rosenberg	85	67	pt sunny
Beaumont	84	65	pt sunny	Greenville	84	64	pt sunny	San Antonio	85	67	pt sunny
Brownsville	85	73	pt sunny	Houston	85	67	pt sunny	San Marcos	85	65	pt sunny
Brownwood	86	62	pt sunny	Kingsville	86	70	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	84	63	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	84	71	pt sunny	Livingston	84	62	pt sunny	Sweetwater	84	61	mst sunny
Corsicana	84	63	pt sunny	Longview	84	62	pt sunny	Tyler	84	63	pt sunny
Dallas	85	67	pt sunny	Lubbock	81	54	mst sunny	Weatherford	84	63	pt sunny
Del Rio	84	69	pt sunny	Lufkin	85	62	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	85	61	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	53	mst sunny	Houston	85	67	pt sunny	Phoenix	86	59	pt sunny
Boston	64	52	mst sunny	Los Angeles	61	56	rain	San Francisco	60	47	windy
Chicago	69	50	rain	Miami	85	76	pt sunny	Seattle	48	29	sunny
Dallas	85	67	pt sunny	Minneapolis	41	25	cloudy	St. Louis	76	61	cloudy
Denver	47	32	cloudy	New York	69	55	mst sunny	Washington, DC	74	55	pt sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Oct 25	Nov 1	Nov 9	Nov 17

UV Index

Fri 10/31	Sat 11/1	Sun 11/2
5	4	5
Moderate	Low	Moderate

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Oct. 31, 2003

More harmonious conditions in general will be in the offing for you in the year ahead. You will be taking the bull by the horns to strike up the right balance between your worldly interests and your social life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It will turn out to be an exercise in futility today if you attempt to promote something in which you truly don't believe. First and foremost, be honest with yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you fail to open up about a matter that is bothering you today, associates will lose patience with you. They won't be good at playing guessing games.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Frivolous involvements today will take you away from something on which you should be spending your time that would make you money instead of depleting your coffers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Should something testy develop today (and you allow yourself to get dragged into it), don't let it cause you to lose your cool. Your image and reputation will suffer if you handle it poorly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you fail to plan your agenda today, you could find yourself in the position of being imposed upon by others doing things that you'd rather not. They won't wait for you to say no.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Follow your inner voice today if it warns you to avoid certain group associations. Getting involved with the wrong people could prove to be more costly than you anticipate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't expect to advance your self-interests today if you are stubborn or uncooperative with others. A failure to work harmoniously with cohorts will greatly lessen your chances for success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — By attempting to do too much, you'll spread yourself too thin where your work is concerned today, and all you will get for it is a lot of aggravation and precious little productivity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Assets entrusted to your care must not be treated too casually today. If you manage matters poorly or are careless about them, you'll be held accountable for any losses.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you find that a family member is a bit more sensitive today, try not to do anything abrasive that could hurt this person's feelings. The bruises could end up far more severe than you'd want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Any work entrusted to you today that demands the utmost concentration must be treated with the seriousness it deserves or a major goof could ensue. Be on your toes at all times.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be careful not to give in too easily today to those in your charge. If you allow a chancy activity to prevail and things don't go as expected, you'll have to hold yourself to blame.

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