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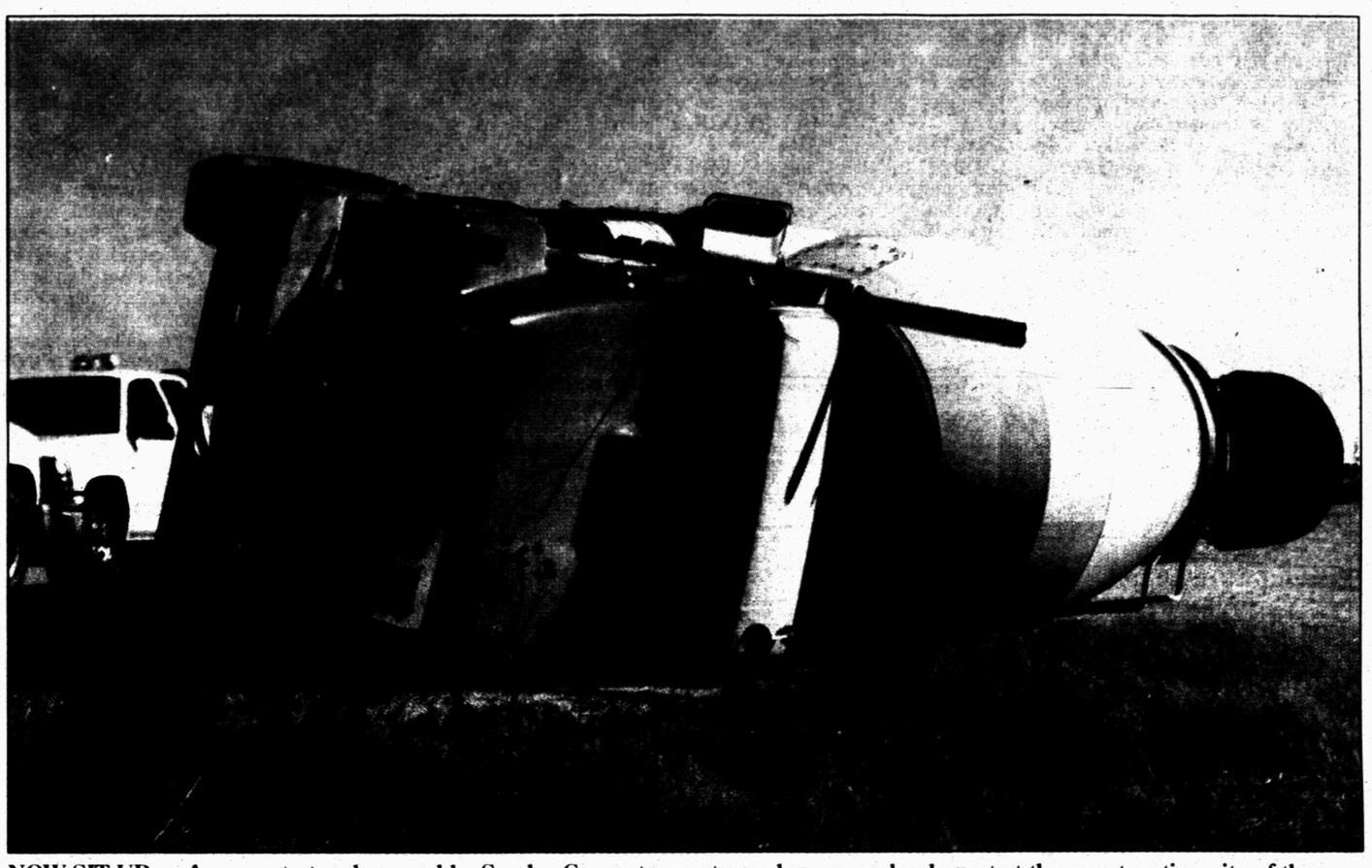
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NOW SIT UP — A concrete truck owned by Snyder Concrete overturned on an embankment at the construction site of the new overpass on north U.S. 84. Wednesday afternoon. Arnold Keller of Snyder, driver of the truck, was not seriously injured in the mishap. (SDN Staff Photo)

Judge makes ruling in sniper trial

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — The jury in the trial of John Allen Muhammad will not be allowed to consider whether the victims of last year's sniper spree suffered from psychological torture as it weighs whether to impose the death penalty, a judge ruled today.

Virginia law allows a jury to impose a death penalty only if it finds at least one of two "aggravating factors": whether Muhammad would present a future danger or whether his crimes showed "vileness."

Under the law, vileness is defined as torture, aggravated battery or depravity of mind.

Prosecutors argued today that the jury should be able to consider whether last year's sniper spree constituted a form of psychological torture.

"People were faced with considering pending death" every time they left their homes during the three-week spree in October 2002, said prosecutor Richard Conway.

Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. agreed with defense lawyers who said there was no evidence of torture. Therefore, the written instructions that will be given to the jury when it begins deliberations later today or Friday will not mention torture.

Sen. Bill Ratliff to retire

AUSTIN (AP) — State Sen. Bill Ratliff, the former acting lieutenant governor who defied his Republican colleagues by opposing congressional redistricting, said today he is resigning from his Senate seat.

Quoting from the Bible, Ratliff said "to every thing there is a season." After 15 years in the Texas Senate, he said, this is his "time for going out."

Ratliff, 67, made the announcement in his district in Mount Pleasant.

Previously Ratliff had said he was almost certain he would not run for re-election when his term expires in 2006.

Community-wide service is 6 o'clock Sunday evening

Scurry County Ministerial Alliance has set the annual community-wide Thanksgiving service for 6 p.m. Sunday in the East Side Church of Christ.



Tom Holcomb, minister of the church, will lead the service.

The SCMA holds the Thanksgiving service in a different church each year with the offering going to support all the ministries of the alliance some of which include $10 for gas for emergency situations; shelter for those traveling through town in need; the food cupboard that serves around 600 people a month with a box of food to last three days; the summer community garden; and the utilities ministry in conjunction with the Community Services for utility assistance.

Special music will be performed by the Community Chorus led by Bill Lyon. The singing quartet includes Terry Bowden, Rick Martin, Gary Martin and Ken Spoor, and the worship service will include congregational singing.

Refreshments will conclude the evening.

The Thanksgiving service is open to the public.

Explosion rocks Istanbul

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Trucks packed with explosives blew up at a London-based bank and the British consulate today, killing at least 27 people and wounding nearly 450.

Security forces were put on highest alert after the blasts at the high-rise headquarters of the HSBC bank and the British consulate occurred five minutes apart at about 11 a.m.

Among the dead was British Consul-General Roger Short, London's highest-ranking diplomat in Istanbul, the Turkish foreign minister said.

The blasts followed two synagogue bombings Saturday that killed 23 people, plus the two bombers.

Bush, at a new conference with Prime Minister Tony Blair, said today's bombings showed terrorists' "utter contempt for innocent life."

"The terrorists hope to intimidate. They hope to demoralize. They particularly want to intimidate and demoralize the free nations. They're not going to succeed," Bush said.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, who was scheduled to arrive in Istanbul on today evening, described the attacks as "clearly appalling acts of terrorism" and suggested a link to the al-Qaida network. "I'm afraid it has all the hallmarks of international terrorism practiced by al-Qaida," he said in London.

A man calling the Anatolia news agency said that al-Qaida and the militant Islamic Great Eastern Raiders' Front, or IBDA-C, jointly claimed responsibility for attacks.

In Washington, a law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the United States was not yet willing to put the blame directly on al-Qaida. Although al-Qaida involvement was still a possibility, it could be the work of groups that share a similar philosophy.

It was the worst single-day toll from terrorism in Turkey since 1977, when gunmen opened fire on leftists celebrating May Day, killing 37 people.

Turkish Premier Recep Tayyip Erdogan vowed to defeat the terrorists and deplored the timing of the attacks during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

"Those who bloodied this holy day and massacred innocent people will account for it in both worlds," he said. "They will be damned until eternity."

Interior Minister Abdulkadir Aksu said today's blasts were "most probably" the work of suicide bombers.

At about the same time today, in Iraq, a deadly truck bomb exploded in front of a U.S.-backed Kurdish political party in the northern city of Kirkuk. Officials pointed to an al-Qaida-linked militant group, Ansar al-Islam, as being behind that blast.

The first Istanbul blast was at the Turkish headquarters of HSBC, the world's second-largest bank, shearing off the facade of the 18-story building and shattering the windows of nearby high-rises.

Body parts, the charred shells of cars and broken glass were scattered around a 9-foot-deep crater in the streets outside the bank. Water gushed from the top floors of the building.

Bystanders bloodied and covered in dust looked dazed as they walked past lines of ambulances. Several people helped carry the limp bodies of victims.

Turkish army troops made a brief appearance on the streets in Istanbul.



EXPLOSION AFTERMATH — The HSBC Bank building is seen after an explosion this morning in Istanbul, Turkey. At least 27 people were killed and 400 injured. (AP Photo)

Early voters cast 102 ballots

Voting continues through Dec. 2

Eligible voters of Scurry County are making their choices known concerning a hospital district as indicated by the number of people who have taken advantage of early voting thus far.

Early voting began Wednesday on the hospital district election at the courthouse and will continue through Dec. 2.

As of noon today, the official count showed that 102 citizens had voted on the issue.

Joan Bunch, Scurry County Clerk, is pleased, but not surprised by the turnout.

"I knew that this election would cause a lot of reaction. I am not surprised and I felt like there would be a good turnout," she said.

As the final day draws nearer, Bunch does not look for a change in the voting momentum.

"There are many people who have very strong feelings about this election. I expect that the response will stay like it is all the way through."

The hospital district election is Saturday, Dec. 6.

Those favoring the hospital district have held three informational meetings, while those opposing the district have held two gatherings.

The latest was a town-hall meeting Tuesday night.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Annie Rowe



In case you haven't heard, we have an election coming up on Dec. 6 to decide if Scurry County should have a hospital district.

Lately, you know there have been questions, meetings, news articles, more meetings, arguments, questions and more questions.

We have sloshed through a swamp of information both pro and con, and there is only one sure answer.

There are no sure answers.

The fact is that whether we want to be forced to vote on this issue or not, we Scurry County residents will be asked to make a decision on Dec. 6.

There is no question that we live in the greatest country on earth. Our system is founded on the "consent of the governed".

Consent?

Yes, the choices that we make in any election will signify our "consent" for the future.

That's why it's important, no imperative, that we all step out and make our voices heard. No matter which side of the issue you finally decide upon.

My magic 8-ball is not giving me a clear prediction for the future, but I believe that our first step has already been made for us with Covenant's exit. Where we go from here is the enigma.

Bill Dickinson says that a district will cure the problem, while Bob Bell backs the county's control.

That's fine.

We live in America and we all have the right to our own opinion.

After attending the meetings addressing both sides of the issues, it's clear that many residents are very concerned about the destiny of the hospital.

Well, the time has come for all eligible voters to test the metal of their views.

The principles of our rights as citizens becomes weaker when less than half of the county's eligible voters are making the decisions that will affect all of us. It's necessary that each of us take hold of our own reins in making the decision about the hospital's control.

And the voting process will only take a few minutes of one's time. So what's the excuse? Absolutely none.

Voting has been made as convenient as it possibly can be. One can vote early, vote by mail, or vote on election day. Whatever you choose, do it.

Personally, I'll have to show up early on Dec. 6 to vote. Then it'll be a morning of police reports and pictures at the newspaper.

If you're lucky enough to have your whole weekend to yourself, it's okay. I'll let you sleep late. But when you do get up, go vote. You have until 7 p.m.

When the votes are tallied, it's all said and done and the pudgy lady sings, our hospital's future will change one way or the other.

Do not be that person who is the first to criticize the outcome of the election, but didn't care enough to vote.

If you don't go to the polls, you're giving up your right to make your voice heard.

Give a little of your day to Scurry County on Dec. 6.

Then you can kick back and enjoy the weekend.

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ASK US

Q—When will one side of the Deep Creek Bridge be completed?

A—Around Dec. 1 it will be opened to traffic as work begins on the remaining side.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



James Whitefield...

...has lived in Snyder for nine years. He is employed by YZ Systems. James is married to Paula Whitefield and is the proud father of Andy, a college student, and Lane, who is a US Marine stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. James enjoys his involvement in church activities and likes to sing.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If you want to be enthusiastic, act enthusiastic. Inner enthusiasm follows.

—William Ellis

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Ira early dismissal

Ira schools will dismiss at 1:15 p.m. Friday for the football game in Kermit and buses will run at that time. A pep rally will be held at 12:45 p.m.

Victory Baptist revival

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

Eastern Star meeting cancelled

The stated meeting today 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 this evening at the high school library.

WTC play

Western Texas College drama department's, *The Time of Your Life*, opens at 7:30 tonight and continues at that time Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students and senior citizens. Call 573-8511, ext. 234 for tickets.

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.

Genealogical Society to meet

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

Poinsettia sale

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

G/T parents meeting

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

Annual Christmas parade

Snyder's annual lighted Christmas parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 6. Line-up begins at 6 p.m. at Moffett Field. For parade entries call 573-3558 for more information. Santa will be at 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.

Deadline for senior dedications

The deadline for senior dedications in the Tiger's Lair Yearbook is Monday, Dec. 1. A message of up to 35 words, a picture and $45 should be mailed to SHS Student Publications, 2901 37th. Call 574-6138 for more information.

SJHS yearbooks

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

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Great American Smokeout lets smokers choose life

DEAR ABBY: Would you please forward my letter to a very good friend of mine? I have never met this remarkable woman, but she has been a big part of my life for a couple of years. I met her through your column. Her name is "Heartbroken Sister."

I recently celebrated my first year of abstinence from tobacco. She was my inspiration. Had it not been for her letter, I would never have been able to stop. Like "Heartbroken's" sister, I, too, am in my early 40s with small children. Like her, I started smoking at 13. That letter broke my heart, but it also made me think about the importance of being responsible for my health. I know she was trying to get through to teenagers, but she wound up saving my life. Her sister didn't die in vain!

Please tell "Heartbroken" that I love her and that she's always in my heart and prayers. Her letter remains posted on my refrigerator where I can see it every day as a reminder of her inspiration and love. — **LYDIA ELDREDGE, POCATELLO, IDAHO**

DEAR LYDIA: Congratulations for conquering your addiction. Your letter warmed my heart. You chose the right time to write. November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month, and today is the 27th annual Great American Smokeout. For those who may not know about it, the Smokeout is an upbeat, good-humored, one-day campaign to encourage smokers to quit for 24 hours — just to prove to themselves they can do it.

The letter that inspired you appeared in my column in November 2000. Today I'm printing excerpts from it because more than half of all smokers start before age 14. A majority of teenage smokers have tried to quit, but can't. They're "hooked." An estimated 2,000 teens a day begin to smoke. Tragically, half of them will eventually die from a smoking-related illness. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: Aug. 4 would have been my sister's 45th birthday. Sadly, she died in October of 1999. She had been a smoker since she was 13.

During her illness, I promised her I would try to stop as many kids as I could from making the same deadly mistake.

Teenagers and Preteens: Smoking isn't "cool." It's deadly! If you don't smoke, please don't ever start. If you do smoke, quit NOW — if you can. Tobacco products are silent killers. By the time you find out you have a tobacco-related illness, it's usually too late.

More than 440,000 people in the United States die of tobacco-related diseases each year. I'm sure each and every one of them thought, "It won't happen to me." That's exactly what my sister thought. She was wrong — dead wrong. Thanks to her addiction, she'll miss her sons' graduations, she'll never attend their weddings or see the faces of her grandchildren. She won't grow old with the husband she loved and who adored her.

Our family is devastated. We miss my beautiful sister with all our hearts. Please help me spread the word. — **HEARTBROKEN SISTER**

READERS: The American Cancer Society informs me that when smokers quit, the benefits begin immediately. Twenty minutes after the last cigarette, blood pressure drops to a level close to that before the last cigarette. Eight hours after quitting, carbon monoxide levels in the blood drop to normal. Twenty-four hours later, the chance of heart attack decreases.

After one to nine months, coughing, sinus congestion, fatigue and shortness of breath decrease, and cilia regain normal function in the lungs, increasing the ability to handle mucus, clean the lungs and reduce infection. One year later, excess risk of coronary heart disease is half that of a smoker's.

After five years, stroke risk is reduced to that of a nonsmoker. After 10 years, the lung cancer fatality rate is about half that of a smoker's, and the risk of oral, throat, esophageal, bladder, kidney and pancreatic cancer also decreases. Fifteen years after quitting, the risk of coronary heart disease is the same as that of a nonsmoker's.

Take it from me — those are all terrific incentives to quit TODAY.

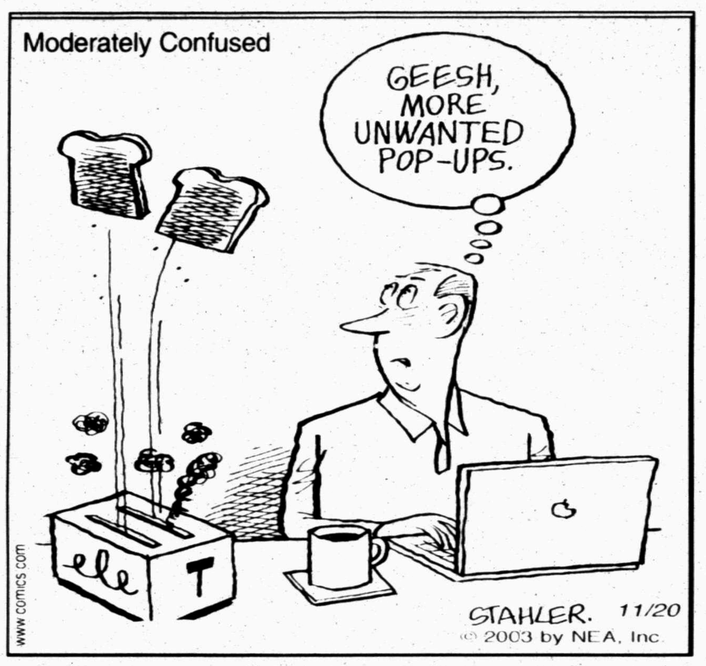
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Lotto Texas — Texas Lottery

RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers

Lotto Texas

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

Winning numbers drawn: 7-8-19-21-25. Bonus Ball: 21.

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

Number matching five of five: 5. Prize: $16,717.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 12. Prize: $2,059.

Number matching four of five: 614. Prize: $86.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 554. Prize: $85.

Number matching three of five: 23,710. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 7,121. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 30,311. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $8 million.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 3-20-23-26-33.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $21,113.

Winning tickets sold in: Chappell Hill, Robbie's 3, 9000 US Hwy. 290 E; Monahans, Kings Court 3, 818 N. Main.

Matching four of five: 139. Prize: $137.

Matching three of five: 4,379. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 42,702. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

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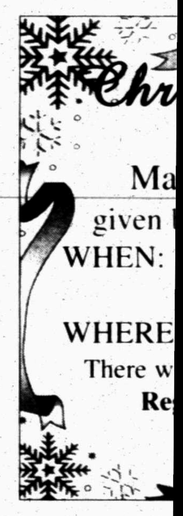
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GIRL SCOUTS DONATION — Snyder Lions Club president Ted Crenwelge presented a monetary gift to the Snyder Girl Scouts represented by Judi Martin, GS service unit president, and Tressie Martin, assistant leader of two Girl Scout troops. Lions Club will not meet Tuesday due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



BABY POSEY HONORED — A baby shower honoring Joshua Posey was held Oct. 15 in the family center of 37th Street Church of Christ. His parents are Robert and Cathy Posey of Rotan. Cathy is shown holding Joshua and his sisters are, from left, Heather, Autumn and Sarah. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th St.; 7:30 p.m.

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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Campbell is sued

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Naomi Campbell has been sued by a former administrative assistant who alleges the supermodel struck her and threw a phone at her during a tantrum two years ago in a Beverly Hills hotel.

The lawsuit, filed Sept. 15 in state Superior Court in Morris County, was reported in Tuesday's editions of The Star-Ledger of Newark.

Simone Craig, 29, of Morristown, alleges Campbell grabbed her by the arms and threw her down on a couch during a tantrum at L'Hermitage Hotel. It also alleges that Campbell held Craig prisoner in the room and yelled at her, "You're going to stay here and do your job."

Bridge

by Phillip Alder

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Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003

From beginner to intermediate

By Phillip Alder

Have you just learned bridge's basics? If so, you are probably feeling overwhelmed. It is the biggest drawback of the game that the "elementary" parts fill a 200-page book. However, if you can get those details straight in your mind, your game will improve at an impressive rate. But are you still plagued with doubt? If so, and you would like to improve your declarer-play, a good place to start is "Bridge Card-play Made Easy" by David Bird (Finesse, 2003).

The book, which includes many quizzes and key pointers, is not for absolute beginners, because it assumes some knowledge. For a player with a little experience, though, it is excellent.

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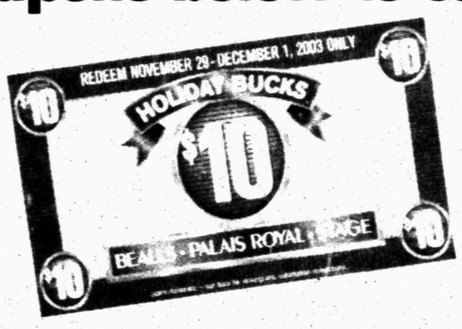
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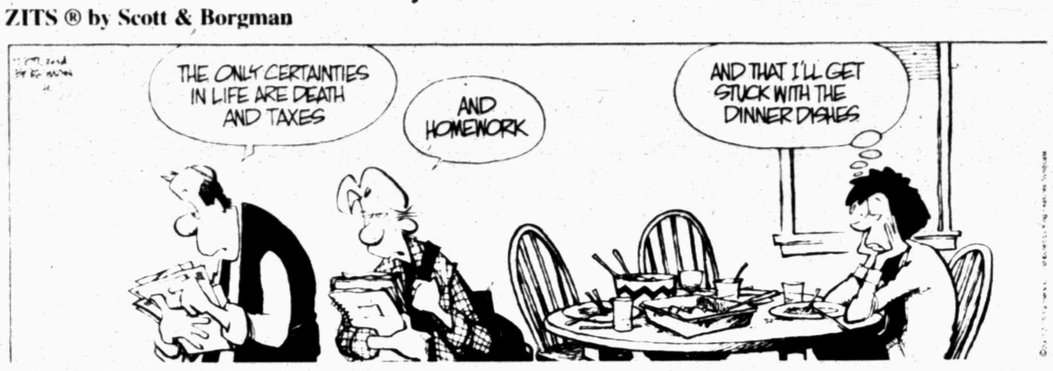


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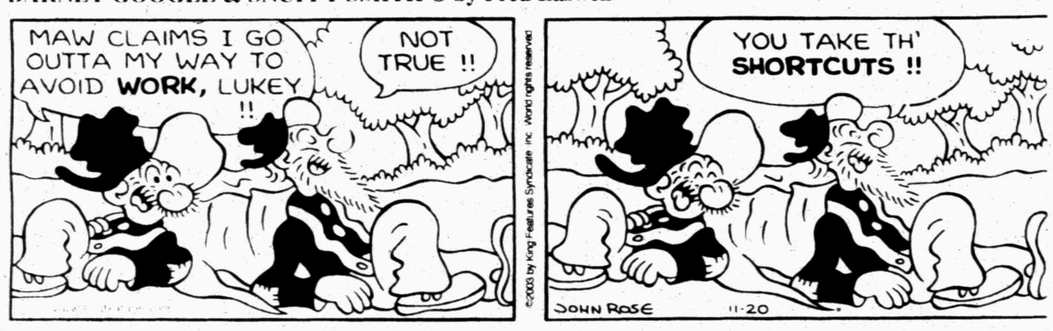
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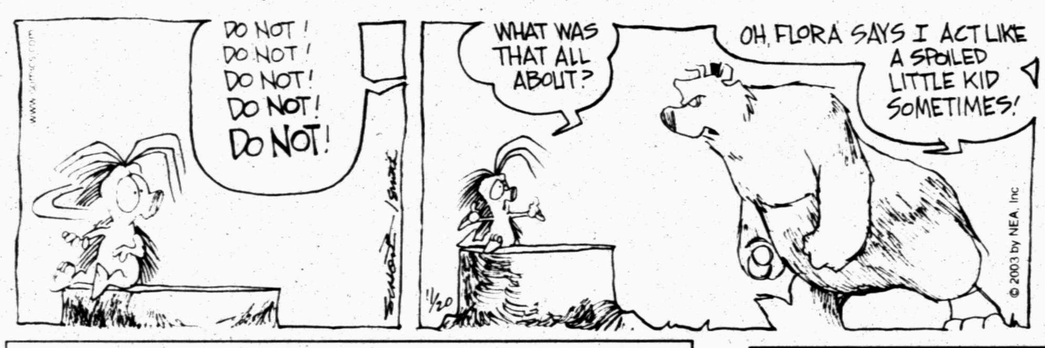
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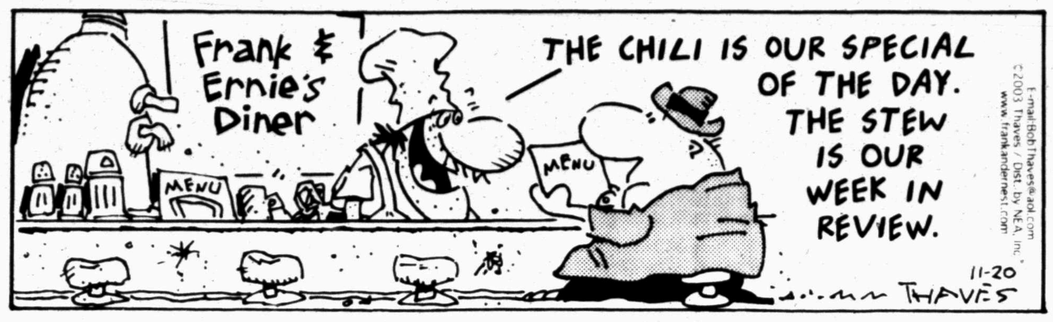
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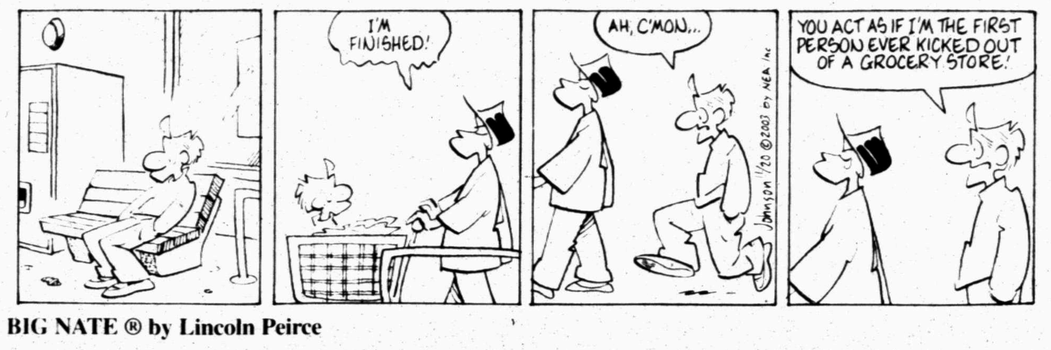
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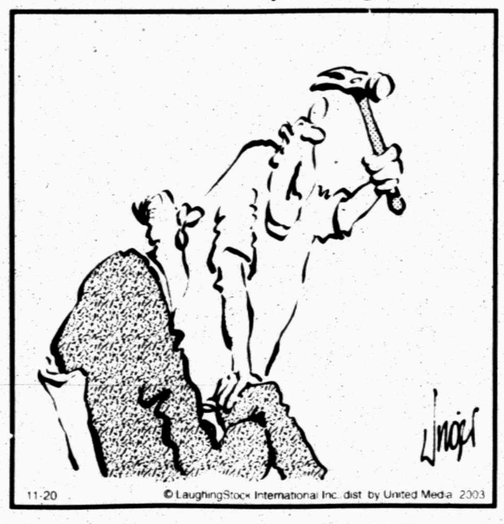
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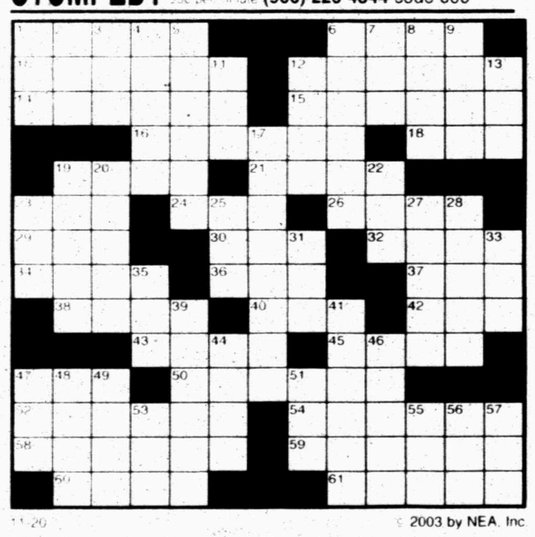
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SPORTS

Tigers making playoff wins 'routine'

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The Tigers continue to work under the same conditions and practice with the same purpose as they did heading into the Sweetwater game.

The only thing different is the date.

Snyder is preparing for Friday's regional playoff game with the Brownfield Cubs, and there has been an air of stability and calm over the practice field this week.

"We've had good practices, and the kids are working hard — they are the same as always," head coach Chad Rogers said. "Our routine and preparations are exactly the same. Nothing has changed, and it's not going to change."

The team also will run out onto the same field where it won the bi-district crown a week ago, another advantage for a Tiger club that has grown increasingly more aggressive and precise since the district opening loss to Sweetwater.

"Any time you have been at a place before it makes it nice," Rogers said. "The kids were successful there, and it keeps the routine going. We are a real routine-oriented team."

The Tigers got vengeance against the Monahans Loboes with a 26-0 domination last Friday. Monahans bounced Snyder from the first round in 2002.

The Cubs overcame a 3-7 regular season, reaching the postseason as a third-place team from district 2-3A, then shocking Borger, 10-7, in the bi-district round.

First-year head coach Kevin Pittman said the team's record, and the close games it played, helped shape his club down the stretch.

Brownfield lost five of their seven games by a combined 17 points.

"We were in so many close ball games that it battle tests your kids," he said. "It helps overcome adversity. That's what we did Friday night against Borger — we had to pull ourselves up off the mat."

The Cubs stunned Borger as Trent Sellers returned a punt 48 yards to the Borger 7-yard line, and the Cubs scored two plays later with only 38 seconds left in the game to advance to the second round for the first time in 15 years.

Pittman said he's not sure if there is an area where the Cubs have an edge over the Tigers.

"I don't know if we have an advantage," he said. "Snyder is a great team and plays in a tough district."

Rogers said the Cubs have a stout defensive front, requiring a solid game from the offensive line.

"They have a good defensive line, and we will have to get on our blocks and stay on them," he said.

Pittman noted the similarities between the programs and the communities.

"The thing I compare us to Snyder is they are treading on new ground like we are," he said. "It's the kind of deal where the teams, the kids and the communities are hungry for success."

Brownfield has not been past the first round since 1988, while the Tigers are in the second round for the first time since 1990 and only the fourth time in school history.

Snyder will continue to operate out of multiple offensive sets for the game, relying on its base wishbone and also the 'I' and its variations.

Defensively, the Tigers rolled out the nickel coverage package the past two weeks, with Boicy Martinez moving out to a defensive back position in obvious passing situations. They will be facing a Brownfield squad that heavily relies on the option.

"They will want to run the ball. (Andrew Cruz) is a good back. He's fast and strong. They are very similar to us offensively," Rogers said. "That means our kids have seen the offense. They were raised on the option."

The Cubs also run a '50' defense similar to the one the Tigers ran in 2002, with four defensive backs, a pair of linebackers and five down linemen.

Both programs returned to the playoffs this season after each earned a district crown and was subsequently knocked from the playoffs last year.

"I think we were satisfied after we won the district and made the playoffs," Pittman said of his team's regular season record. "After losing, the taste of victory has been sweet. It's been fun to watch these kids relish in the success. That's what happened Friday, the kids weren't just happy to be in the playoffs. They wanted to prove they are a better team than the record."

It is a record that, at this late November date, Rogers is paying no attention.

"It has no bearing," he said. "We break the season into five games, and they are 1-0 just like we are."

Kick off is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Grande Communications Stadium in Midland.

Tickets are available at the ad building for $4 for adults and $2 for students. All tickets at the gate are $5.



AFTERBURNER — Malcom Wells, right, provides a boost to quarterback Boicy Martinez during offensive drills Wednesday. The Tigers will put the finishing touches on the game plan today for Friday's regional playoff game with Brownfield. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ming's fourth quarter explosion lifts Rockets past Warriors, 85-83

HOUSTON (AP) — Yao Ming took advantage of the fatigued Golden State Warriors.

Yao scored 15 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter, leading the Houston Rockets to an 85-83 victory over the Warriors on Wednesday night.

Warriors center Erick Dampier was not at his best the final quarter, and Yao could sense it.

"I felt he was low on energy. He wasn't 100 percent," Yao said. "In the fourth quarter, their energy level went down. The difference between the first three quarters and the final quarter was obvious."

Golden State, coming off a loss at San Antonio on Tuesday, took a 71-68 lead early in the fourth. Then Yao scored the Rockets' next 11 points and Cuttino Mobley hit a 3-pointer for an 82-81 lead with 1:30 remaining and Houston never trailed again.

Steve Francis, who also scored 23 points, said the Rockets' fourth-quarter plan should be obvious.

"Sometimes we almost force-feed the ball to Yao," Francis said. "We did that in the fourth quarter tonight and he made good decisions on whether to pass it back out or go in and score. He came up big in the fourth quarter."

Houston led by a point with 15 seconds left, but Yao missed two free throws. Kelvin Cato made a foul shot with 2 seconds remaining for the final margin.

Yao also had 11 rebounds as Houston beat Golden State for the fourth time in the last five meetings. Maurice Taylor returned from a six-game suspension and scored seven points in 15 minutes.

Clifford Robinson scored a season-high 23 points for the Warriors.

Bulldogs sharpen focus for regional round foe Ft. Davis

The Ira Bulldogs know what is at stake.

The program reached this point a season ago, only to watch Sanderson snatch a 46-44 overtime victory in the regional round.

The Bulldogs will get a light workout without pads today, after a smart week of practice following last week's 63-38 dismantling of Rule in the bi-district round.

Ira head coach Toby Goodwin said attitude and focus of his team has been "great" this week, following a rough week of practice after the regular season finale, a 44-24, district-clinching win over Highland.

"The kids knew Friday — and really all of last week — was not up to par. We had a flat week, and it somewhat showed, but the kids recognize that, and it's pleasing to me to see. I'm very proud of these kids," he said.

The Bulldogs go into the regional game at Kermit Friday riding a 10-game winning streak in which they have not scored fewer than 30 points offensively.

A large part of the Bulldogs' offensive success has come from their work out of the shotgun, which Goodwin has employed more this year. Still, Ira, which threw 24 times against Rule — the most pass attempts ever for a Goodwin-led team, may get back to pounding the ball against a small but fast Indians team.

"The shotgun got us to where we are, but I told the boys this week that smashmouth may be a big factor," he said, adding that the Bulldogs are adept at both running and throwing from the shotgun formation. "We can run it out of the shotgun, too. Our advantage will be our team strength."

Goodwin has had the ability to mix up his playcalling throughout the year, given the multiple skill sets of his players.

"We are still running the exact same offense, but my play-calling has been a little different," he said. "I just feel we are so versatile. We have several threats we can hit you with."

The combination of Wes Kellner to Jake Barnes, the leading receiver in the district, keeps defenses honest against the pass, opening the lanes for the three-headed backfield of Jess Wall, Caleb Gutierrez and Joel Lollar.

Goodwin said Ft. Davis brings a lot of speed to the table, which it utilizes in a variety of spread formations to take advantage of one-on-one mismatches.

"It's going to be important for us to keep their guys corralled in the spread," he said. "We are looking at several guys we are going to rotate in to keep everyone fresh."

Defensive coordinator Randy Jones said the team will employ the same defensive attacking philosophy that carried it to this point.

"We are going to be aggressive," he said. "We will have to contain them and make one-on-one tackles. It's really that simple. They will make you play three-on-three, but it's not a track meet. They won't run over us."

The Bulldogs also have the advantage of being healthy for the first time in several weeks.

"I feel very fortunate for us to be as healthy as we are," Goodwin said. Injuries to Wall, Kellner, Justin Taylor and Brandon Graves hit Ira around the same time, but came in the softest part of the district schedule.

"The timing was good, and now we are healthy at the right time," Goodwin said.

He said the year has played out as expected, excluding the blowout loss the Whitharral, which Goodwin now says was the best thing that could have happened to this team.

"I've been very impressed with this bunch," he said. "It's fun to go to practice every day. This is such a different ball club from last year. We have a good mix of seniors and younger guys. I'm real proud of them."

Kick off is slated for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Kermit High School.



ATTENTION TO DETAIL — Ira head coach Toby Goodwin and defensive coordinator Randy Jones watch over the execution during special teams drills Wednesday. Ira will square off with Ft. Davis at 7:30 Friday night in Kermit. (SDN Staff Photo)

Browns RB stabbed

WESTLAKE, Ohio (AP) — William Green's off-the-field problems are worsening.

Cleveland's troubled running back was stabbed in the back on Wednesday, and his fiancee has been arrested on charges she assaulted him in their home.

Asia Gray, who earlier in the day made an emergency call to police saying Green had cut himself, was arrested for felonious assault and domestic violence.

Green sustained a puncture wound under his left shoulder blade during a fight, police said.

Gray, 22, who has had two children with Green, is being held in city jail pending arraignment in Rocky River Municipal Court.

Green, who was arrested last month on drunken driving charges and is currently under suspension for violating the NFL's substance-abuse program, told police earlier in the day that he was injured when he fell down stairs.

Green's wound did not require stitches. Team president Carmen Policy said Green's wound was caused "by a sharp instrument, perhaps a steak knife."

Police responded to a 911 call from Green's home Wednesday morning from an upset Gray, who in a high-pitched voice requested an ambulance for her boyfriend.

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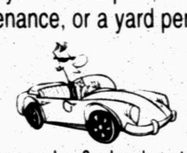
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Two high school girls suspended

CLARKSVILLE, Md. (AP) — Inspired by a high school assignment, Stephanie Haaser leaped onto a cafeteria table, shouted "End homophobia now!" and kissed classmate Katherine Pecore.

Haaser said she was making a statement on behalf of gay and lesbian students because she was bothered by the verbal and physical harassment they face.

Their principal said he respected what the students were trying to do, but they needed to learn more appropriate ways to make a point. Haaser and Pecore were suspended for two days.

"It's highly inappropriate to stand on a table in the cafeteria and make out, whether the kiss was heterosexual or homosexual," said River Hill High School principal Scott Pfeifer. "I don't think there's a school in the country where parents would consider that appropriate behavior."

Haaser, a junior, said she chose to make the statement as part of an English class assignment, which required that she engage in a nonconformist act in the tradition of Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson.

"You hear derogatory comments in virtually every class," Haaser said. "It's not always spiteful — someone might say, 'Oh that's so gay,' where 'gay' means stupid or dumb. But those comments can be really hurtful."

Haaser said teachers who hear such remarks rarely intervene.

River Hill administrators said they pride themselves on the school's respect for diversity. Pfeifer said the school has a Gay-Straight Alliance club and a diversity committee of students, teachers and parents. The school recently celebrated National Coming Out Day.

"I wouldn't put up River Hill as a national model," Pfeifer said, "but I would say we are as sensitive about these issues as anyone."

The incident has sparked debate about tolerance at the school.

A few days after the kiss, juniors Mia Freyer and Anna Boyland staged a brief protest outside the school on behalf of the suspended students. They carried signs that read "Down with Homophobia" and "Don't: Hate and discriminate."

Joshua Lamont, a spokesman for the national Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, said there are just under 2,000 gay-straight alliance clubs at high schools and the number of clubs grew by 50 percent in the past year.

But there has been a growth of intolerance, as well, Lamont said. An annual survey of high school students found that more than 90 percent reported hearing homophobic remarks last year and more than 82 percent reported teachers heard the remarks but did nothing about them, Lamont said.

A third of the students who identified themselves as gay in the survey reported skipping school for fear of verbal or physical harassment.

"I fear harassment is the rule rather than the exception," Lamont said.

Eileen Woodbury, a special assistant to Howard County school superintendent John O'Rourke, said county school officials plan to strengthen staff development on diversity issues.

"I don't doubt that it happens in our schools as well and we're deeply concerned about the professional response," she said.

Haaser said the kiss has raised awareness of the problem.

"It's been wonderful to see and hear the discussion that have taken place at my school since the kiss. People are a lot more aware of the issue," she said. "And I like to think the hurtful, derogatory comments about gays have subsided, at least for a little while."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You'll have no trouble seeing the nobler qualities in people who are in complete agreement with you today. Those who oppose you, however, may be seen in an entirely different light.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The ways and means to add to your resources or other assets will be prevalent today. Unfortunately, however, you could also experience urges to be unduly extravagant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't introduce changes into matters that are presently running smoothly — especially when it comes to your career or work-related issues. Stick to your original game plan.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — When it comes to your affairs today there are two possible reasons why things could go awry: You might not see things for what they are or you could fail to exploit them properly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Friends will be miffed at you if you agree to do something with them today and then back out just when things are getting started. Make an extra effort to try to honor your commitment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Chances are you're going to want things done a certain way today and in your own time. Others can't read your mind, so you'd be wise to keep them out of the picture and go it alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Try to put the same verve and enthusiasm into your work today that you would expend in social areas of your life. Find fun in the task at hand and you'll have a good time performing them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't be hesitant today about standing up for what you believe to be correct. Just because the other guy has a bigger mouth doesn't mean she or he has greater knowledge about the issues at hand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you don't have your wits about you today, you could end up showing more consideration to outsiders than you do toward your kith and kin. Play it safe and treat everybody equally.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Should you be tempted to lay down your tools today before the job is completed, keep in mind that extra effort will pay off with extra dividends. Stay on top of what needs to be done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You may be quite good today in sorting out the financial affairs of others, yet when it comes to dealing with your own resources you could be less diligent and make a mess of things.

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Today's chuckle

Skunk scent mean to discourage thieves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — It would look like a Christmas tree and smell like a skunk.

That's what thieves who snatch pine trees from the University of Minnesota will get for their efforts this holiday season.



Grounds superintendent Les Potts said the university lost seven evergreens to poachers last year. So this year, the university is spraying balsam fir, Scotch pine and anything that could pass for a holiday tree with skunk scent.

For years, Christmas tree thieves have been sawing down trees in the middle of the night.

But last year they lopped the tops off 18-foot trees that were more than 20 years old. The trees probably are permanently disfigured, Potts said.

So, why skunk?

"Can you think of something worse?" Potts asked.

Cold weather masks the smell. But warm, indoor air releases it.

"We'll probably still lose some trees, but I have some satisfaction in knowing that it's not going to work out the way the thief thinks it will," Potts said.

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ExxonMobil	35.34	35.11	35.25	—.19
FootLocker	20.98	19.45	20.29	+ 1.99
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GenElec	29.46	29.04	29.18	—.29
GenMills	44.75	44.52	44.57	—.19
GenMotors	42.18	41.77	41.95	—.26
GaPacific	25.25	24.82	25.15	—.19
Goodrich	26.66	26.41	26.51	—.21
Goodyear	6.50	6.33	6.44	—.04
GtAtlPac	6.93	6.70	6.91	+ .06
Halliburtn	23.40	23.15	23.24	—.19
Hanson PLC	33.90	33.61	33.71	—.40
HarteHanks	21.07	20.86	21.02	+ .01
HomeDepot	35.68	35.25	35.59	+ .13
HoneywellIntl	29.12	28.72	29.09	—.03
IBM	89.74	88.71	89.58	+ .18
IntlPaper	37.41	36.82	37.30	+ .20
JohnsonJn	52.25	51.81	51.87	—.39
KinderMorg	53.85	53.20	53.59	—.08
Kroger Co	18.18	18.01	18.15	+ .06
LockheedM	46.18	45.64	46.08	+ .26
Lowes Cos	58.16	57.30	57.97	+ .42
Lubys	3.82	3.62	3.70	+ .01
LucentTech	3.10	3.03	3.09	+ .01
MarathonOil	29.18	28.95	29.11	—.07
MayDeptStr	29.30	28.70	29.26	+ .24
Medtronic	45.03	44.48	44.84	—.28
Motorola	13.42	13.01	13.41	+ .18
NCR Corp	33.15	32.63	33.06	+ .21
Navistar	40.50	39.87	40.18	—.33
PNM Rescs	27.03	26.70	26.95	+ .15
Penney JC	23.47	23.19	23.41	+ .04
PepBoys	19.15	18.73	19.09	+ .24
PepsiCo	47.94	47.41	47.53	—.41
PhelpDodge	60.00	59.29	59.41	—1.16
PilgrmPrd B	14.00	13.89	13.91	+ .07
Praxair	68.00	67.00	67.99	+ .32
ProctGamb	95.99	95.50	95.90	—.18
RadioShack	30.57	30.05	30.46	+ .13
RoyalDut	44.60	44.36	44.56	—.02
SBC Comm	23.25	22.85	23.05	+ .03
SaraLee	20.49	20.33	20.44	—.13
Scripps EW	91.21	90.78	91.07	—.13
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SherwinW	31.85	31.50	31.80	—.18
SouthernCo	29.09	28.82	28.95	—.14
SwstAirl	17.50	16.66	17.38	+ .01
SprintFON	14.95	14.72	14.84	—.08
SprintPCS	4.26	4.08	4.24	+ .09
Sunoco Inc	45.50	45.10	45.50	+ .11
TXU Corp	21.12	20.93	21.06	+ .01
TempleInland	54.38	53.89	54.35	+ .03
TexInd	28.38	28.11	28.28	+ .10
TexasInst	28.76	27.81	28.30	+ .07
Textron	49.08	48.42	49.08	+ .03
TimeWarner	15.56	15.26	15.53	+ .03
TrinityInds	24.23	24.05	24.20	—.04
TylerTech	8.09	8.01	8.08	+ .03
UnionPacif	63.19	62.80	63.15	—.18
USSteel	22.67	22.50	22.60	—.04
UnitedTech	83.47	82.58	83.40	+ .31
Unocal	31.55	31.30	31.40	—.11
VerizonComm	32.15	31.82	31.95	—.26
WalMart	55.34	55.06	55.24	+ .03
WellsFargo	56.77	56.09	56.73	+ .33
WstnGasRs	43.04	42.58	42.87	
WinnDixie	8.15	8.05	8.10	—.08
Xerox Cp	10.49	10.17	10.47	+ .13
YumBrands	32.99	32.35	32.91	+ .16

Teacher suspended

SMITHFIELD, N.C. (AP) — A high school teacher was suspended for a classroom experiment that caused several students to vomit after drinking large amounts of milk.

Jeff Ferguson, a chemistry and physics teacher at Smithfield-Selma High School, organized the experiment last week to test the body's ability to neutralize acids in milk.

It was intended to show the body can handle only so much before a natural reaction occurs and the person vomits. Out of 42 students in two classes, at least five did just that.

On Wednesday, Ferguson failed to persuade a judge to let him return to the classroom. He wanted a temporary restraining order so that he could return to help his students prepare for end-of-semester exams, but Superior Court Judge Knox Jenkins denied his request.

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Michael Jackson expected to surrender

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Michael Jackson's attorney said today that he has negotiated with authorities for the pop superstar to turn himself in and "confront these charges" on an arrest warrant alleging multiple counts of child molestation.

Attorney Mark Geragos declined to specify when Jackson would return to this oceanside community, where throngs of camera crews and news reporters awaited his possible arrival at county jails and area airports.

"I have made arrangements with the sheriff and the district attorney for Mr. Jackson to come back and confront these charges," Geragos told The Associated Press.

The 45-year-old singer had left Las Vegas in his private jet Wednesday, according to published reports, but his whereabouts were unknown. Geragos did not say in his brief interview where Jackson was.

Jackson was expected to surrender to authorities as soon as today, and law enforcement officials said charges would be filed. He had not been taken into custody as of early today, according to supervisors at Santa Barbara County's two main jails.

A family friend, Steve Manning, told ABC's "Good Morning America" today that Jackson's family came to Las Vegas to support him. "He feels he's been wrongly accused and he's going to fight this tooth and nail," Manning said. "He's at war right now and he's going to use any weapon he has to fight these charges."

His arrest warrant set bail at $3 million, and Jackson was directed to give up his passport, authorities said.

At least seven die in storms across U.S.

BALTIMORE (AP) — Rescuers searched a rain-swollen stream today for a missing construction worker who was swept away with two colleagues as storms flooded roads and overflowed creeks across Appalachia and the Eastern Seaboard.

At least seven people have died since Wednesday as the storms moved northeastward, and emergency crews from Tennessee to Pennsylvania have rescued dozens of drivers from vehicles stalled in high water. In West Virginia, 350 children woke up today morning still at school because roads to their homes were blocked overnight.

The storms were tapering off today after two days of rain, but flooding was still a problem as the rainwater drained into already swollen creeks and rivers.

Several other rivers were expected to crest above flood stage today in West Virginia, where landslides and high water blocked roads and knocked out electricity to hundreds of customers. Gov. Bob Wise declared a state of emergency in 12 counties Wednesday.

"Some of the flooding that happened this time would probably not have happened if we didn't have the flooding last week," said Rob Jelacic, a shift leader at the West Virginia Office of Emergency Services.

In suburban Baltimore, rescuers resumed searching at daylight along a tributary for a construction worker who was swept away Wednesday afternoon with two colleagues.

The three had been working for a private contracting company repairing an 8-foot culvert beneath Interstate 70 in Woodlawn when the water rose dramatically and pulled them into the creek, said Elise Armacost, a Baltimore County Fire Department spokeswoman.

One of the missing workers was found within 20 minutes, but later died at a hospital. A second was found dead about a half-mile downstream from the culvert.

At Baltimore's Chinquapin Middle School, students observed a moment of silence this morning for another storm victim, sixth-grader Darryl McTier, who also died Wednesday afternoon after falling in a rain-swollen creek as he tried to retrieve his book bag.

Less than 2 inches of rain fell in the Baltimore area the ground was already saturated and leaves clogged storm drains created street flooding, National Weather Service meteorologist Chris Strong said.

"We've had a lot of problems with so little rain," Strong said.

In Tennessee, a 10-year-old girl who was in a car crash and a man whose canoe overturned both died in flooding after as much as 4 inches of rain fell in parts of the state Wednesday.

Members of the Carter County, Tenn., rescue squad were able to save two of the man's friends after their canoe overturned in the rising Watauga River.

Hispanic voting strength diluted?

AUSTIN (AP) — Hispanic voting strength has been diluted in South Texas under a Republican congressional redistricting map, some state lawmakers are telling the U.S. Justice Department as the agency decides whether to approve the plan.

The Latino legislators said they have been contacted by officials of the department asking them to voice their objections. The Justice Department enforces the protection of minority districts under the federal Voting Rights Act, and must OK the map if it is to be used in Texas elections.

"Hopefully we can count on having them look at everything not based on partisanship, just based on what's right and what's legal," said Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville.

A spokeswoman for Republican Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said despite the conversations between the Justice Department and Democratic lawmakers, the state's attorneys who are defending the new redistricting plan believe it will be approved.

"We feel confident that the plan will be upheld by the Department of Justice and will be upheld by the three-judge panel in the courts," said spokeswoman Angela Hale.

Democrats in the Texas House and Senate vigorously opposed redistricting all year, and their fights against it included two out-of-state boycotts.

Lucio said he was called recently by a Justice Department official, Luz Lopez Ortiz, and that he told her of his objections to the plan. She was interested in having him put his objections in writing, so he did, Lucio said.

Prosecution rests in plague trial

LUBBOCK (AP) — The prosecution rested Wednesday in the trial of a researcher charged with numerous felonies stemming from his report of missing vials of plague bacteria.

Texas Tech University professor Thomas Butler, 62, is accused of lying to the FBI about the missing vials in his January report, which prompted a bioterrorism scare in this West Texas town. Butler later admitted he accidentally destroyed the vials, according to testimony.

In testimony Wednesday, the final prosecution witness talked about Butler shipping plague samples to Tanzania after confirming the bacteria tested positive.

Among the other charges Butler faces are smuggling, theft, embezzlement and fraud.

Biosafety consultant Barbara Johnson testified that transfers of the unlabeled containers of bacteria are a national security problem because terrorists are known to operate in Tanzania.

Johnson, who works for the private consulting company Science Applications International Corp., also demonstrated how fragile petri dishes can be by crushing an empty one with her hands. Butler used petri dishes to transport plague samples to a U.S. Army research facility in Fort Detrick, Md., according to testimony.

"This is not a safe, recognized way to protect" plague samples," Johnson said. "This leaves everyone at risk."

On cross examination, defense attorney Floyd Holder said terrorists would not have been attracted to the shipments Butler sent to Tanzania because the labels would not indicate a dangerous substance.

"Yoo-hoo, Mr. terrorist, here is some Yersinia pestis for you to use," Holder said, referring to the bacteria that causes plague.

But Johnson responded that not knowing what was inside the packages could be more hazardous.

Three people arrested in Snyder

• Arrests

Three subjects were arrested Wednesday and early Thursday.

The first arrest was made at 4:59 p.m. Wednesday in the 3600 block of College. A 23-year-old man was arrested for driving while license suspended.

Early today, a 24-year-old woman was arrested shortly after midnight in the area of Ennis Creek and Hwy. 84 on a warrant from Eastland County for theft by check.

The final arrest, at 4:39 a.m. this morning, resulted from a caller who requested assistance for a motorist who was parked in the intersection of FM 1606 and Hwy. 208. Officers responded to the location and found that a 61-year-old man was intoxicated. He was charged with public intoxication. All of these subjects were booked into Scurry County Jail.

• Burglary

At 12:44 p.m. Wednesday, a resident in the 2600 block of Ave. V reported that a juvenile had attempted to break into his house. The juvenile had left the scene, but the caller was able to identify him. The officers were able to locate the juvenile.

• Family disturbance

An offense report for family violence was filed just after 3 o'clock this morning.

• Hit and run

A caller reported that an automobile had hit a gas meter in the 1700 block of Ave. T and the driver had left the scene. Snyder officers and the fire department responded to the location. Oncor was notified and the gas was cut off.

Obituaries

Eula Jinkins

1904-2003

Eula Velma Jinkins, longtime Snyder resident, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

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

Born Oct. 20, 1904 in Fannin County, she married Clarence Jasper Jinkins on May 21, 1924 in Electra. He died June 17, 1978. Also a son, C.J. Jinkins, died Sept. 29, 1999.

A homemaker, Mrs. Jinkins had lived in Snyder for the past 25 years, moving from the Austin area. She was a Baptist.

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 and Cody Jinkins, all of Snyder, Cathy Waltz of Robert Lee, Mark Steward of Kerrville and Stephen Steward of Birmingham, Ala.; and nine great-grandchildren.

Alvin Barton

1923-2003

BIG LAKE — The Rev. Alvin Leslie Barton, a former resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Funeral service for Rev. Barton, 80, is set for 1 p.m. Saturday in the Faith Temple United Pentecostal Church in Big Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Born March 20, 1923 in Shawnee, Okla., he married Alice Lee Garner on Nov. 9, 1940.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he had also lived in Kilgore and Midland before moving to Big Lake in 1966 where he founded the Faith Temple United Pentecostal Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Barton of Big Lake; a daughter, Danetta Hill of Big Spring; a son, Jim Barton of Big Lake; two sisters, Hazel Bowerman and Mable Clark, both of Kilgore; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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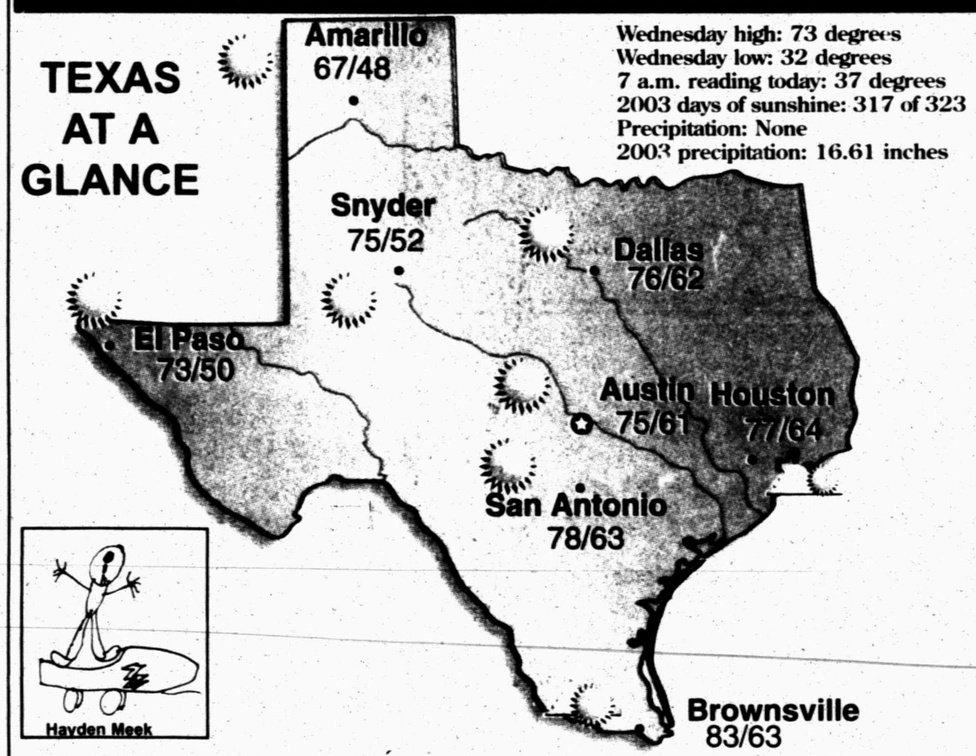
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Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 11/21	Sat 11/22	Sun 11/23
75/52	74/51	59/28
A mainly sunny sky. High around 75F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 20s.
Sunrise 7:19 AM / Sunset 5:40 PM	Sunrise 7:20 AM / Sunset 5:39 PM	Sunrise 7:21 AM / Sunset 5:39 PM

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Wednesday high: 73 degrees
Wednesday low: 32 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 37 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 317 of 323
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 16.61 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	75	56	sunny	El Paso	73	50	sunny	Midland	78	53	sunny
Amarillo	67	48	sunny	Fort Stockton	79	55	sunny	Raymondville	83	61	sunny
Austin	75	61	sunny	Gainesville	74	56	sunny	Rosenberg	78	65	pt sunny
Beaumont	76	64	mst sunny	Greenville	75	60	sunny	San Antonio	78	63	sunny
Brownsville	83	63	mst sunny	Houston	77	64	pt sunny	San Marcos	76	61	sunny
Brownwood	77	57	sunny	Kingsville	83	64	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	74	58	sunny
Corpus Christi	80	66	mst sunny	Livingston	76	61	mst sunny	Sweetwater	76	55	sunny
Corsicana	75	61	sunny	Longview	74	63	sunny	Tyler	74	62	sunny
Dallas	76	62	sunny	Lubbock	74	51	sunny	Weatherford	75	57	sunny
Del Rio	76	61	sunny	Lufkin	76	63	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	73	47	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	72	46	sunny	Houston	77	64	pt sunny	Phoenix	76	50	mst sunny
Boston	56	43	cloudy	Los Angeles	66	50	pt sunny	San Francisco	56	43	pt sunny
Chicago	54	41	cloudy	Miami	78	66	mst sunny	Seattle	39	28	pt sunny
Dallas	76	62	sunny	Minneapolis	36	24	cloudy	St. Louis	66	48	pt sunny
Denver	54	20	windy	New York	58	45	mst sunny	Washington, DC	64	45	sunny

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Fri 11/21	Sat 11/22	Sun 11/23
4	4	4
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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