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Home of Rachel Cave



THANKSGIVING CANOES — West Elementary first graders Chance Rogers, Josh Molter and Bridget Beam (from left) consult on the proper technique for constructing Indian canoes this morning in Willita Farmer's class. Snyder students were to dismiss at 2 p.m. today for the Thanksgiving holiday with classes to resume Monday. Ira released at noon and Hermleigh observed its regular schedule. (SDN Staff Photo)

Split vote ends post-employment benefits at Cogdell Hospital

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

In a split decision this morning, Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers voted to discontinue any post-employment benefits of any kind to employees who retire after today.

The board also voted to continue paying $140 per month for health insurance premiums for two current retirees, Juanita Chaidez and Carl Burleson, until each reach the age of 65, or become a beneficiary for the Medicare program, whichever is sooner.

Health benefits for one other retiree, Pat Scott, will end at the end of this year.

The motion stated that Scott is currently receiving benefits provided through the Medicare program, and that is considered her primary insurance with the hospital policy secondary.

Also, if Chaidez or Burleson become employed, hospital benefits will cease.

Dink Foree voted against the motion while Bill Voss, Terry Williams, Dr. Charles Church and E. D. Walton voted for it.

"This was a difficult decision, but under the circumstances, it was appropriate," said board chairman Carl Williams.

The circumstances Williams referred to is the sky-rocketing medical insurance expenses faced by the hospital.

Chief Financial Officer Joe Wright told the board that the hospital's health insurance costs at $1.332 million are twice what was budgeted, and out-of-pocket costs through self-insurance are in excess of $400,000.

"We're not the only one facing high insurance costs," emphasized Williams.

Foree said the board's action went against previous discussions about keeping qualified employees on the hospital staff.

"We're always talking about what to do to keep employees, now we're taking things away," said Foree.

That sentiment was echoed by Snyder citizen Bobby Jones whose wife works at the hospital.

"You're pulling the rug out from under your employees," said Jones. "I've heard repeatedly that you have no money, but you've spent millions on expansion out here. You have money for that, but not for your employees."

Wright explained that the money for the expansion came from certificates of obligation issued by the county, while health insurance premiums are paid out of operating expenses.

"We're doing what we have to do to keep the hospital going," said Dr. Church.

In action items this morning, the board approved the low bid of $199,092 for heating and air conditioning work on portions of the hospital to include the Med 2 area, and the specialty clinic hallway.

Bruce Thornton Air Conditioning Inc., of Lubbock was awarded the bid over one submitted by Armstrong Mechanical.

Also approved were policies related to helipad safety and keeping the emergency entrance area accessible and free of obstructions, and the monthly financial statements.

An in-service presentation was presented by the staff of the Cogdell Rehab Department and Christy Brown, administrative assistant.

The board also held an executive session for the yearly evaluation of hospital CEO George Parsley. The board met for just over an hour and took no action when reconvening in open session.

Williams presided at the meeting and all board members were present.

Bill to aid insurance companies

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush signed legislation today that will "get our economy back on its feet" should another terror attack saddle the insurance industry with catastrophic costs.

"With this new law, builders and investors can begin construction in real estate projects that have been stalled for too long, and get our hard hats back to work," Bush said in an East Room bill-signing ceremony, his second in two days. "We're defending America by making America more secure."

Under the bill, the government wouldn't step in on any claims less than $5 million. Insurance companies would pay a deductible in 2003 equal to 7 percent of the premiums they received the previous year. The deductible would rise to 10 percent in 2004 and 15 percent in 2005. The federal government would then cover 90 percent of everything above the deductible with insurance companies paying the other 10 percent.

Bush said he was tacking on a regulation to "make sure no taxpayer dollars will be spent on legal settlements without the approval of the secretary of the Treasury." The secretary will have to approve any settlements involving government reimbursements, White House officials said. The criteria by which such settlements will be judged was not clear today.

The president created the Homeland Security Department on Monday.

The terrorism insurance bill had been a top priority for the president since shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks. From the White House and from the campaign trail, Bush argued that the inability of companies to get affordable insurance for large construction projects was costing the economy thousands of jobs.

The GOP's success in this month's midterm elections gave Bush leverage to insist that Congress complete the bill in the lame-duck session before adjourning for the year.

WTC-Ritz play to debut on Dec. 6

Launching the holiday entertainment season in Snyder, the Ritz Community Theatre and the Western Texas College Theatre Department join hands again to present *The 1940's Radio Hour* by Walton Jones. The production opens Friday, Dec 6.

The evening begins with dinner at 7 p.m. in the Western Texas College student center followed by the show in the Fine Arts Theatre. Dessert will be served in the lobby after the show. The dinner theatre will run again on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8, with lunch at 12:30 followed by the show. There will be a matinee on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. with no meal.

A different time is evoked in the show, a live broadcast of The Mutual Manhattan Variety Cavalcade from the Hotel Astor's Algonquin Room on Dec. 21, 1942. The spirit of that bygone era, when the world was at war and pop music meant "The Chattanooga Choo-Choo" and "Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy," is captured as the audience gets a peek at the backstage travails of the characters as they strive to make the live show happen.

"Totally exhilarating hour of singing ... and funny commercials." — New York Daily News. "This is fun with a capital fun." — ABC-TV.

This family-oriented production has a cast of some 15, backed by a community choir of 15 singers directed by Sam Robertson and accompanied by Judy Brown. The music includes a potpourri of Christmas and swing favorites, plus a few surprises.

Dinner tickets are $20 for adults, $17 for seniors and students, and $13 for Ritz season ticket holders and WTC faculty, staff and students.

Reservations are required for the dinner theatre. Tickets for the Saturday matinee are $7 for adults and $5 for seniors and students.

Major roles will be filled by Chris Hensley, Rebekah Thornton, Emily Hataway, Myra Hayes, K.K. McClain, Meagan Bailey, Corey Knipe, Chris Shoemake, Jacob Brumley, Tedrick George, Ryan Ballard, Michael Gonzales, Eric Henry, Lacey Rowe, Holly Gwyn, Monica Rose, Brandy Birkenfeld and Mandi Mitchell. Cameo appearances will be made by Dr. Ed Barkowsky and Margaret Presswood. Chris Burchfield will serve as lighting and sound technician.

Tie-breaker decides final football contest

One entrant with five misses was good enough to take first place in last week's final SDN football contest of the season.

Second and third place winners were chosen from a field of 11 who each had six misses. The tie-breaker procedure was used to choose those winners.

Stan Pavlik of 3002 41st St. won the $50 first prize. Jeff Reed of P.O. Box 432 won the $25 second prize. Billy Bob McMullan of 2804 35th St. won the $15 third prize.

Winners will be mailed their checks.

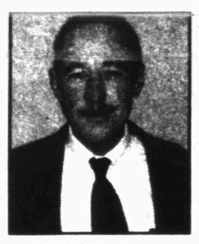
Parker's resignation from WTSB official

Greene, long-time Snyder banker, to serve as president in interim

Bill Parker, president of West Texas State Bank the past 16 years, has resigned.

The announcement came in a two-paragraph statement following a board of directors meeting this morning.

"West Texas State Bank wishes to announce the resignation of Mr. Bill Parker as President and CEO of West Texas State Bank," read the prepared release.



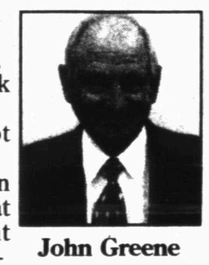
Bill Parker

"We thank Mr. Parker for 16 years of dedicated service and wish him the best in any and all future endeavors."

The announcement said John Greene, executive vice president, would assume all responsibilities as president in the interim period.

Greene, executive vice president, has been with the bank for some 40 years.

Parker has not been in the office since Thursday, and bank officials would not comment other than to say that a joint announcement would be made early this week.



John Greene

Neither Parker nor bank directors would comment further concerning the surprise departure. Parker moved to Snyder from Midland in 1986.

Greene, a native of Snyder, has worked at the bank since his graduation from Snyder High School in 1962. Greene also is a director of the bank.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Be thankful you don't already have everything you want. There would be nothing to look forward to."

If it weren't for overeating and time off, Thanksgiving could become an extinct holiday as retailers start displaying Christmas items even before Halloween.

But Thanksgiving is a benchmark, as it signals the "official start" of the holiday shopping season.

It also starts the overeating season.

We won't touch turkey, maybe because it reminds us of the brother-in-law.

However, lots of folks stay with the traditional Thanksgiving fare. Last year, American on an average chomped down on 17.75 pounds on turkey. No, not all of it in one day.

Just 675 total million pounds were eaten last Thanksgving. Each Thanksgiving, about 45 million birds are consumed, compared to 22 million at Christmas

The biggest turkey ever raised was 86 pounds. Human turkeys generally weigh more.

A 15-pound turkey has about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat. And white meat has fewer calories, but who's counting this week.

Just think how difficult it was to catch a turkey in those early Thanksgiving years. Wild turkeys can fly up to 55 miles per hour and can run 20 mph. A commercially-raised turkey can't fly, so there are plenty in the supermarkets.

And the public relations folks say turkeys sometimes get a bad rap for making people feel stuffed and sleepy after a big family gathering.

According to the experts, it's not the turkey, but the other stuff normally associated with the traditional Thanksgiving meal.

In other words, just have one scoop of whipped cream on that large slice pumpkin pie.

One woman is glad when the turkey season is over.

She spends the holiday season fielding customer calls for one turkey processing company.

Recently she got a telephone call from a man who complained about his bird tasting like plastic.

It seems that he forgot to remove the turkey from its bag before putting it in the oven.

Maybe that's why we've never developed a taste for it.

Happy eating!

ASK US

Q—What constitutes a hard freeze?

A—A temperature of 26 degrees for at least four consecutive hours.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Jeannie Smith...

...has lived in Snyder 35 years. She works part-time at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Her husband, James, is employed at Western Texas College. They have three children, twins James Jr. and Jermaine, and Mattie Smith who works at United. Hobbies include fishing, working in her garden and cooking.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Winners make their goals; losers make excuses.

—Nido Qubein

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Scurry Unit ACS to meet

The Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. today in the Stanfield Elementary teachers' lounge. All board members and those interested in volunteering are invited.

Angel project

The angel project done for Carole Haynes is a continuing effort and anyone who has a decorated angel may drop it off at Stanfield Elementary.

Community Services raffle

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

Choir poinsettia sale

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

FBC services televised

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

Washington, D.C. trip

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

Tiger's Lair on sale

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

Support groups

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

Chevron retirees dinner

Retired Chevron SACROC employees will have a Christmas dinner at 6 p.m. Monday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Cost is $8.50. Reservations must be made by Friday by calling Bob Stewart at 573-6898 or Bob Barbee at 573-6733.

Canned food drive

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

White Buffalo Festival T-shirts

White Buffalo T-shirts featuring a train are on sale at the Whistle Stop or the coliseum office for $7 each.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

WTC pool, gym hours

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

Sr. citizen swimnastics

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

WTC PE building to close

The PE building at Western Texas College will close at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, for the fall semester and will reopen for the spring semester on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 a.m.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

East Texas districts close due to illness

TYLER (AP) — High student absence rates associated with a flulike illness spreading in East Texas have prompted several small districts to shut down.

The trend has apparently reached Tyler, closing one private school early for the Thanksgiving holidays. St. Gregory Catholic Elementary School on Monday reported 28 percent, or 101 students, absent out of 359 students, said Principal Kathy Harry.

Gilmer Independent School District, located about 30 miles northeast of Tyler, closed Monday after 601 of its students had been sent home by the end of the school day with flulike symptoms.

"In my 20 years of school, I have never seen a district close, but then again I have never seen this kind of sickness either," Gilmer Superintendent Rick Albrigton said today. "Doctors said this was extremely virulent, so we made the decision to close until next week."

Albrigton said the Monday spike in the rate of absenteeism rose close to 25 percent.

Union Grove Independent School District will also be closed until Monday after the district saw 18 percent of its student population out due to illness.

Earlier, Winona ISD closed because 23 percent of students and 12 teachers were absent, while Big Sandy remains closed until next week after absenteeism reached 25 percent.

Dire straits blamed on publicity

GALVESTON (AP) — A Sante Fe father says the felony charges against him for shackling his 12-year-old daughter, and the publicity surrounding the case, have plunged him into dire straits, ruining his chances of finding a job and forcing him to live in a tent.

Ronnie Eugene Robbins, 33, has said he had no choice but to restrain his daughter after a judge threatened criminal charges if the girl's parents couldn't stop her from skipping school.

Robbins said he began living in a two-person tent in his mother-in-law's backyard after he was ordered to stay away from his daughter until the investigation was complete. The tent was provided by a German media crew who took up a collection to pay for it.

Robbins, who mows lawns for a living, said his family's income was meager before his Oct. 31 arrest, but that the case has made things worse.

"We were just keeping our heads above water, living day to day, paycheck to paycheck, but we were making it," Robbins said today. "Now we've been left to drown in an ocean of lies, poor legal advice, homelessness, poverty, loneliness and worries."

Scrounging to find a lawyer, Robbins this past weekend placed a six-page letter on the windshields of cars parked at the newspaper's island office.

"If this letter should reach the eyes of a good lawyer, would you please contact me," the letter said, leaving a number for his mother-in-law's house. "I have no money at present, and I'm still being subpoenaed to court and fined."

Some family members support Robbins, saying he would never hurt his children.

"He's a great guy," said his brother-in-law, Adam Williams. "He's family, and I love him as a brother."

Robbins was arrested late October after a woman called police to report seeing a girl whose ankles were chained at a gas station.

The girl was filling a container, while a man told her that he had only paid for $1 worth of gasoline and threatened to break her legs if she pumped any more than that, police said.

Robbins on Monday said that he had no intention of breaking his daughter's legs, and he was using a figure of speech.



HAVING FUN — A good behavior treat for these Snyder Junior High School students included a bag of popcorn and relaxing on the grounds of American State Bank, an SJHS adopt-a-school partner. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Researchers create tough new rice strain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Biologists have boosted the rice plant's resistance to drought, cold and salt water by adding genes from a common bacteria. The hardy new rice strain is expected to thrive in fields and climates where the grain previously could not be grown, researchers say.

Scientists at Cornell University say they fused two genes from the E. coli bacterium and then inserted them into a common variety of rice to make the tough new strain.

The genes added a sugar, called trehalose, to the rice plant and made it more hardy, said Ajay K. Garg, a Cornell researcher and first author of the study appearing this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The genes are active only in the rice plant's stem and leaves and do not appear in the grain, he said.

Several more years of experiments, including growing crops in large scale test fields, must be performed before the new rice strain can be certified for general agricultural use, he said.

Garg said trehalose is found in small amounts in many types of plants, insects, fungi and bacteria, but it is a major component in the growth of plants that survive long periods of drought and resume vigorous growth once they get water again.

The addition of the trehalose had the same effect on the rice plant, he said.

"We can withhold water for 10 days and the plant seems to die," said Garg. "But when water is added, it is restored."

Normal rice plants would be beyond recovery after 10 days without water, he said.

Garg said experiments also showed the transgenic rice plant is about twice as resistant to salt water and will withstand temperatures about 10 degrees lower than other rice plants.

This means farmers will be able to grow rice in fields where it once was impossible due to salty or dry soils, or because of chilly climates, Garg said.

Laboratory studies also showed the new rice strain is up to 15 percent more efficient in photosynthesis, the process of converting sunlight and nutrients into plant growth. This suggests the strain will have a higher grain yield than ordinary rice plants, said Garg.

The researchers have now grown the new rice strain through five generations and the stress-resistant genes are maintained and active in each succeeding generation, said Garg.

The Cornell researchers are patenting the new rice strain, but Garg said they will then release it for general use.

"We want to put this into the public domain so people everywhere can use it," he said.

Garg said his team is now turning its attention to corn, wheat, millet and soybean plants. He said researchers are experimenting to see if adding trehalose genes will make those grain crops more resistant to drought and other stresses.

On the Net:
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences:
http://www.pnas.org/

Date Book

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002

Today is the 330th day of 2002 and the 66th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1862, Charles Lutwidge Dodgson sent 10-year-old Alice Liddell a story, titled "Alice's Adventures Under Ground," as a Christmas present. The manuscript was noticed by novelist Henry Kingsley, who suggested that Dodgson turn it into a book. In 1865, the book was published under Dodgson's nom de plume, Lewis Carroll.

On this day in 1922, British archeologist Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon entered King Tut's tomb. It was the first time the tomb had been entered by humans in more than 3,000 years.

On this day in 1927, Ford announced the introduction of the Model A.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Sarah Grimke (1792-1873), anti-slavery and women's-rights activist; Eric Sevareid (1912-1992), broadcast journalist; Charles M. Schulz (1922-2000), cartoonist; Tina Turner (1939-), singer, is 63.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1956, Rev. Bob Richards won a record-breaking second gold medal in the pole-vaulting competition of the Olympic games in Melbourne, Australia. He went on to become the first athlete featured on a Wheaties box.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia." — Charles M. Schulz

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Nov. 19) and last quarter (Nov. 27).

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events

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(Day) 1-8-1
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Cash Five
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BSP CEREMONIES — XI Alpha Alpha Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met recently at the Snyder Country Club. Following dinner, rituals and a welcoming ceremony were held. Carla Allen, Norma Cumbie and Lois Cave received their Exemplar Degree in BSP, top photo, from left. In the middle photo, new members Pam Parsley, left, and Hope Heaton, right, received the Ritual of Jewels badge. Janeen Schoolcraft, president, is shown center. In the bottom photo, transferee Ronda Robinson (left) was honored with a welcome ceremony. She is pictured with Schoolcraft. (Contributed Photos)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 11-26-02
♠ 5 4
♥ 7 2
♦ A Q 8 7 6 2
♣ A J 2

West
♠ Q J 10 7
♥ A Q 3
♦ J 3
♣ 9 8 5 3

East
♠ K 8 6
♥ K J 9 4
♦ 10 4
♣ Q 10 7 4

South
♠ A 9 3 2
♥ 10 8 6 5
♦ K 9 5
♣ K 6

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
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Opening lead: ♠ Q

Useful pointers said on paper

Marty Bergen has published "Marty Sez 2" (Bergen Books, 2002). Like the original "Marty Sez," it contains useful snippets to improve one's game. This book has 12 chapters, 10 on bidding, one on declarer-play and one on defense. It ends with the 79 tips listed and a glossary.

You cannot go far wrong applying the advice — if you apply it correctly! I liked this recommendation. Look only at the South hand. Your partner opens one diamond. You respond one heart, bidding four-card suits up the line. Partner rebids two diamonds. What would you do now?

With only 10 high-card points, one's immediate reaction is to make a game-try, either two no-trump or three diamonds. However, partner must have at least six diamonds, and your king is magic. Also, you have an ace and king — quick tricks — on the side. You should immediately leap to three no-trump.

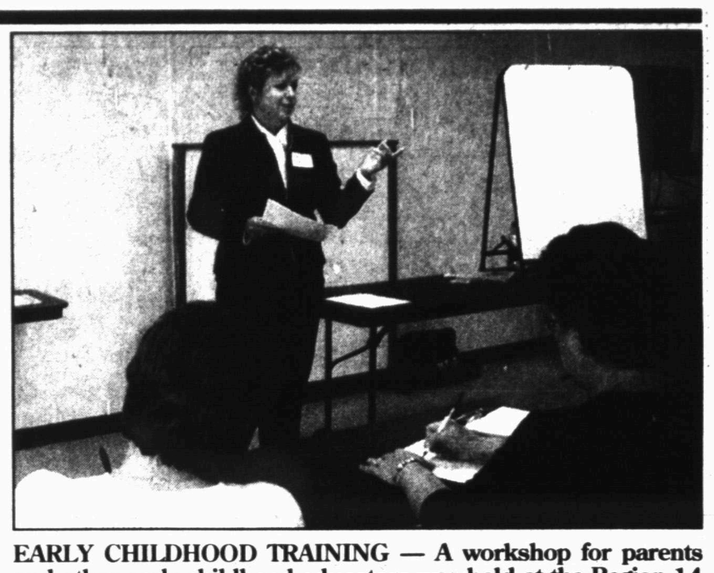
Note that partner has only 11 high-card points; he isn't accepting any game-tries. But you have nine quick tricks (assuming East doesn't have all four diamonds and the opponents don't take the first five heart tricks). Even if you change North's club ace into the heart ace, you still have a play for three no-trump. On a good day, you would receive a club lead around to your king.

This bid comes with no guarantees, but it is the percentage action.

Also, Bergen has put his "Points Schmoints" book onto an interactive CD-ROM.

The book is $16.00 and the CD-ROM $25.00 postpaid from Bergen. Call (800) 386-7432 to order.

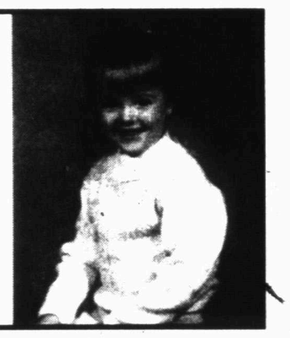
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EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAINING — A workshop for parents and other early childhood educators was held at the Region 14 Service Center Thursday. The session was supported by and funded in part by Accelerated Schools Project, Central Elementary and was led by VaLynda Miller, early childhood consultant. Participants included SISD teachers, Head Start personnel, parents and WTC child development teachers. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Happy 18th
To Our Little
Soprano

Love
Dad, Mom, Jason & Jared



Community Calendar

THURSDAY

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 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.

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Births

Jimmy Luna and Desiree Flores of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Jimmy Lee Luna Jr., at 9:45 p.m. on Nov. 25 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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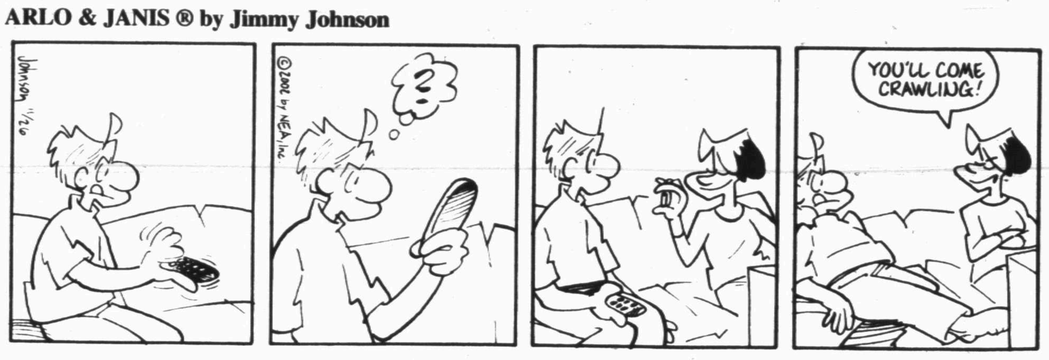
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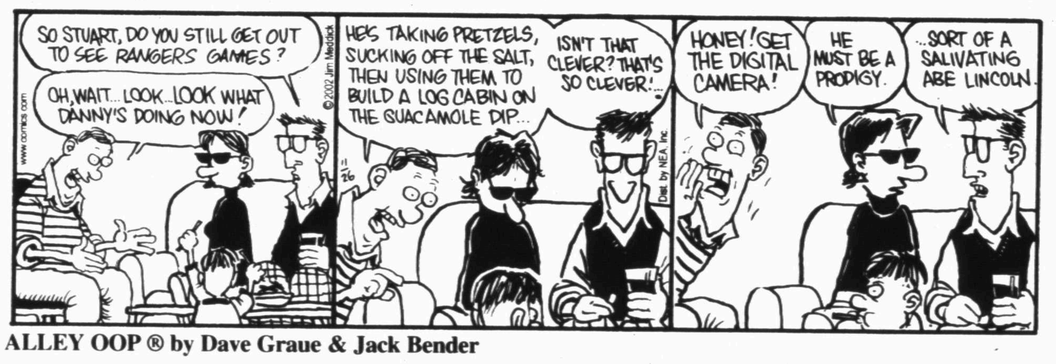
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5 Container
8 Cow's mouthful
11 Beery or Webster
12 Fruit cooler
13 Speed-skater — Heiden
15 Time and —
16 Fjord terr.
17 Mantra chanter
18 Rumor, perhaps
20 Flour grinder
22 Lagoon enclosure
25 Twitch
26 Fast jet
27 Lick
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31 Viking name
33 Mont. neighbor
34 Bear constellation
38 Pac-10 team
39 Morse code signal
40 Red meat
41 Lined up
44 Paleozoic, e.g.
45 Pool stick
48 Gypsy man
49 Viper
51 Rectangular
53 Strong soap
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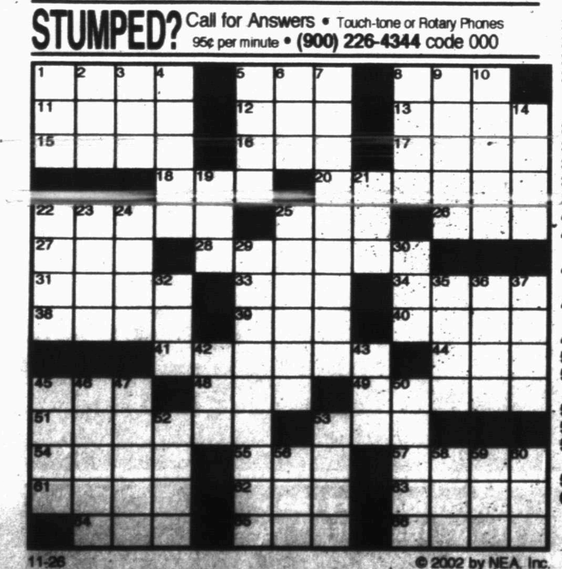
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10 Small coins
14 Golf or dessert —
19 — de France
21 Slippery surface
22 Felipe or Moises
23 Powder base
24 Fiery gem
25 Monotony
29 Arcade amusement (2 wds.)
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36 Dried-up
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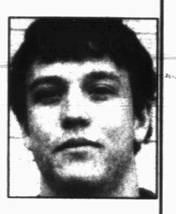
Bulldogs capture nine all-district selections

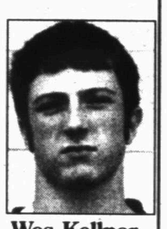
2002 All-District six-man team

District MVP: Eric Dickerhoff, Ira

1st Team Offense

Tight Quarterback — Wes Kellner, Fr., Ira
Spread Quarterback — Ryan Lucas, Jr. Loraine
Running Backs — Eric Dickerhoff, Sr., Ira
Marcos Calderon, Jr., Highland
Utility Back — Josh Gutierrez, Sr., Ira
Center — Corey Gillespie, So., Highland
Blocking Ends — Jake Barnes, Jr., Ira
Bosco Covington, Jr., Highland
Receiving Ends — Jess Wall, Jr., Ira
Tim Huddleston, Sr., Ira
Kicker — Wes Kellner, Fr., Ira


Eric Dickerhoff


Wes Kellner

1st Team Defense

Safety — Eric Dickerhoff, Sr., Ira
Linebackers — Josh Gutierrez, Sr., Ira
Michael Allen, Sr., Ira
Landon Graham, Sr., Westbrook
Ends — Marcos Calderon, Jr., Highland
David Padilla, So., Highland
Punter — Jake Barnes, Jr., Ira
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Josh Gutierrez

2nd Team Offense

Tight Quarterback — Jared Matlock, So., Westbrook
Spread Quarterback Chance Millican, Sr., Trent
Running Backs — David Padilla, So., Highland
Landon Graham, Sr., Westbrook
Utility Back — George Davila, Jr., Loraine
Center — Jeff Fine, Sr., Ira
Blocking Ends — Jeb Harwell, Jr., Trent
Sterling Burleson, Sr., Westbrook


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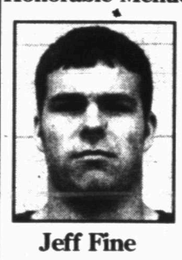

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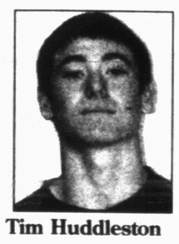
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Safety — DJ Vanderpool, Jr., Loraine
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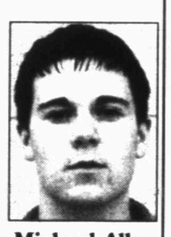
Colt Rich, Sr., Westbrook
Landon Graham, Sr., Westbrook

Honorable Mention: Joel Lollar, Fr., Ira


Jeff Fine


Tim Huddleston


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Lady Tigers remain undefeated

The Lady Tigers remained undefeated on the young season after a 46-32 win over host Clyde Monday.

Sirena Medrano scored 13 points, and Zipporah Peoples added 11 and seven boards to help Snyder improve to 4-0 on the season.

Haley Putnam added eight points, and Sequoia Powell helped the cause with five offensive rebounds.

The Lady Tigers scored 19 in the second period, and finished off Clyde by holding them to 11 points in the second half.

"Haley did a good job defensively," said assistant coach Stephanie McKnight. "The whole team played well defensively, and Sirena had a good game for us."

McKnight said defense has been the strength of the squad this season.

The Lady Tigers host Lubbock High tonight at 6:30 before breaking for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Basketball: SHS varsity, JV and frosh boys at Big Spring, 6 p.m.

Basketball: Ira varsity and JV boys vs. Westbrook, 5 p.m.

Basketball: SHS varsity, JV and frosh girls vs. Lubbock High, 5 p.m.

Basketball: Hermleigh varsity boys and girls at Lueders-Avoca, 6:30 p.m.



TEAM DEFENSE — Marcus Villarreal (20) and Tucker Early (42) defend against an inlet pass from Monterey's Greg Luke (32). The Tigers fell, 62-46. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers fall to big Monterey squad

Despite an obvious size disadvantage, the Snyder Tigers held their own with the Monterey Plainsmen Monday, falling 62-46, after a slow start that put them in a 15-point hole to open the game.

"I told the guys this may be the best team we play before Christmas," Head Coach Bud Birks said.

The Tigers fell behind 20-5 after the first period, but scored 17 in the second, as the team picked up its intensity after seeing what Monterey offered offensively.

"The thing I like about this group is they are tough, physical kids," Birks said. "We are an aggressive defensive team."

Monterey, composed of strictly basketball players, looked sharper on offense than the Tigers, revealing the difference between the amount of time each team has had to practice together.

"Those kids are straight basketball and eight out of 10 of our guys came from football," Birks said. "So they have had three months of practice and we have had three days."

Point guard T.J. Jones led the Tigers with 13 points, and Lee Scott drained a pair of threes on his way to 12 points.

The Plainsmen were led by center Terry Nunley, who scored 20 points through three quarters. The Tigers shut Nunley out in the fourth.

Josh Mendoza scored eight tough points inside, before fouling out late in the ballgame.

Birks said he is pleased with the progress his squad has made in the few practices they have had together.

"I try to instill in them that they need to get better each game, so they are playing their best ball in January," Birks said.

The junior Tigers fell to the Monterey JV, 58-28.

Isaac Ramon, Lico Castillio and Jordan Roberson each scored eight points for the JV, who suffered through a poor shooting night from the floor.

The Snyder freshmen boys battled back from 17 points down at Andrews, but came up just short, losing 63-62.

The team got big contributions from many players, including 13 points from Blake Scott and 12 points from Dustin Williams and Garrett Pinson.

Jason Cave and Bryan Clifton added 10 each and Chris Smith had five for the freshmen, who travel with the varsity and JV to Big Spring tonight.

Tip off is scheduled for 7:30 for the varsity.

Jr. High cagers grab three of four from Andrews Monday

The junior high Lady Tigers traveled to Andrews Monday and came away with three victories in four games.

The eight-grade "A" team beat Andrews, 40-30, behind a 14-2 third quarter run.

Katy Crenwelge led all scorers with 14 points, as well as grabbing nine boards, and Jordan Stansell snatched 16 rebounds to complement her eight points.

Terran Ragland had an all-around performance, scoring eight points, swiping four steals, while pulling down two rebounds and dishing for three assists.

"This group of girls is very team-oriented and are doing a great job playing together and achieving together," Head Coach Catina Rhodes said.

Kaitlyn Greenlee had six rebounds and four points, while Brianna Bernal had five boards and four points.

Cheyenne Roemisch and Candace Chandler knocked down key buckets for the team.

The eight-grade "B" team also handled their Andrews adversaries Monday, 26-21.

The girls played sound defense, recording 21 steals in the contest, led by four Ashley Luecke and Jaedi Baze.

Baze and Sydney Wright led all scorers with six points each, and Luecke and Courtney Tyrrell both played well on the boards, hauling in nine and eight rebounds respectively.

Teisha McGlouthin had four points, three steals, three assists and two rebounds.

Both eight-grade teams will be off for the holiday, and will resume the season Monday at Merkel.

Audrey Jones scored 18 points to help the seventh-grade gilrs beat their Andrews counterparts, 35-14 Monday.

Snyder led 14-0 after the first period, and used the early edge to run away with the win.

Alex Urias had five points for the seventh-graders, and Allison Sharrock and Kelly Holdren added four each.

Devin Davidson and Cayelea Rhodes scored two each for the victors.

The "B" team played Andrews to a 10-10 tie in the first quarter, only to drop the game, 42-22, after being shut out in the second quarter.

Vallie Foreman had 10 points for the junior ladies, and Tatum Norwood and Destiny Neagle scored four points apiece.

Ashley Lopez and Alex Castillo both hit a basket in the loss.

The seventh-graders will join the eigth-grade teams in Merkel Monday, with tip off slated for 5 p.m.

Eagles top 49ers, 38-17

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Filling in tremendously for injured Donovan McNabb, Koy Detmer passed for 227 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for another score before leaving with a dislocated left elbow late in the Eagles' 38-17 win over San Francisco Monday night.

Detmer's big night began and ended with a fall. He tripped on the first play from scrimmage, and he hurt his elbow late in the third quarter, his legs flailing in excruciating pain after his awkward landing. Before he was carted off, the Eagles' entire bench emptied onto the field to wish him well along with the Niners' defense.

Nobody will know how long Detmer will be out until he's re-examined in Philadelphia on Tuesday, but third-stringer A.J. Feeley, who finished for Detmer, expects to start Sunday against St. Louis.

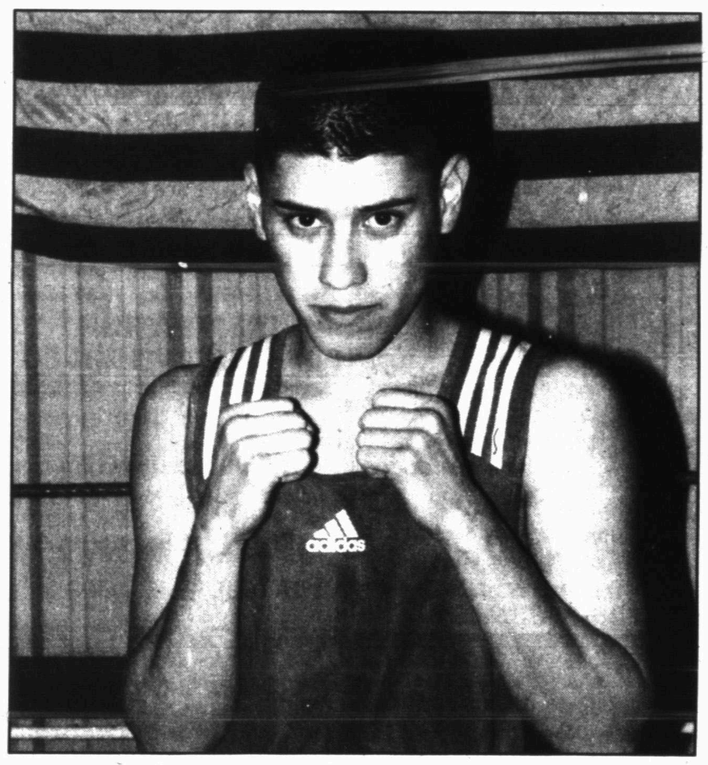
Before the fall, Detmer completed 18 of 26 passes while executing with remarkable precision for a player who'd thrown just 17 passes since 1999. McNabb is expected to miss the rest of the regular season with a broken ankle, but in Detmer's first start since 1999, he was outstanding for nearly three quarters.

"Koy's a pretty tough nut, so if he's rolling around out there, you know there's something wrong," coach Andy Reid said. "It wasn't a cheap shot or anything."

Using all of his many options in Reid's unpredictable game plan, Detmer carved up the 49ers' confused secondary and staked the Eagles (8-3) to a big lead. In particular, Reid picked on rookie Niners defensive back Mike Rumph incessantly.

Detmer, his arm still pulsating with pain after team doctors shoved his elbow back in its socket, stood on the sideline with a grin on his unshaven face, watching his teammates finish off the Niners in a one-sided meeting of division leaders.

Feeley hadn't thrown a pass all season, but hit Chad Lewis for a 1-yard TD moments after Detmer left — and the Eagles were all but assured of a conference victory that might turn out to be pivotal.



LOCAL PUGILIST — Snyder's Johnny Vasquez, Jr. left today for Copenhagen, Denmark for the 23rd Copenhagen Boxing Cup Championship. Vasquez, a featherweight, is the 2002 USA Boxing national champion. Boxers from more than 20 nations will compete. (SDN Staff Photo)

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother, 74, suffers from fatigue, muscle pain, weight loss, constant viral infections, arthritis and muffled ears. We live in an isolated region with poor medical care, and I'd like to know what tests she should have to restore her immune system. Maybe I could bypass her doctor altogether.

DEAR READER: An unwise choice.

Really, I don't know where to begin. Your mother's problems seem so extensive that a definitive answer is beyond the scope of a short health column such as mine. Nonetheless, allow me to recommend an appropriate approach.

People who feel ill should first visit with their family practitioners, before anticipating what medical testing might be involved. Today, there is an unjustified over-emphasis on medical testing. Patients plug into the Internet (or family members) to figure out which tests are necessary — and then present their doctors with lists. At worst, this is nuts; at best, it's putting the proverbial cart before the horse. Tests are only part of the complicated discipline of medical diagnosis.

A capable physician will carefully question and examine a patient, thereby creating a limited number of diagnostic possibilities. Then, the practitioner will order blood tests or imaging studies to confirm, reject or modify his differential diagnosis.

Although you admit to living in a medically under-served community, I urge you to take your mother to a physician or clinic. The quality of her life is obviously suffering; many of her symptoms are treatable, if not curable. The place to start is in the doctor's office.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a woman, 77, who has always been fastidious. However, for the past two years, I've suffered from an offensive body odor. I shower regularly, use a vinegar douche and change my underwear daily, yet the odor persists. Could my problem be an infection?

DEAR READER: As we age, our body odors often change. This is probably due to hormonal alterations. On occasion, liver and kidney diseases will cause offensive body odor; these afflictions can be diagnosed with blood and urine tests.

Also, women after menopause may develop odiferous vaginal secretions caused by the change of life. These can be helped by estrogen creams.

Finally, as you suspect, various infections can lead to body odor, especially if the inflammation affects the urinary system or reproductive tract.

You should bring this symptom to your doctor's attention. With proper therapy, your problem can be solved.

In the meantime, try bathing with an anti-bacterial soap, such as Dial (and others). Stop douching, because this practice may do more harm than good by furthering the inflammation in your vaginal area. Consider using a scented deodorant on parts of your body, such as underarms, that seem to be contributing to your difficulty.

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

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Victims of the Washington-area sniper receive foundation funds

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — A charitable foundation has distributed thousands of dollars to Washington-area sniper victims, the first money distributed to survivors of the shootings and families of those killed during the spree.

Checks for $18,571.43 from the Victims' Rights Foundation were either hand-delivered or mailed over the weekend to the families of 10 people killed and the four people wounded in the region in September and October, said foundation head Gregory Wims.

The foundation raised $260,000 from 2,000 donations. Gifts ranged from a $3.50 money order to $70,000 from an affordable housing charity. Additional money will be raised through Dec. 31.

The funds will help families get through the holidays "without wondering where the mortgage payments are coming from or where the car payments will come from," said Ellen Alexander, a Montgomery County police official who has worked with the sniper victims.

About 15 funds have been established since the sniper attacks, many that specifically help children and other survivors of people who died. The Victims' Rights Foundation and an account set up by Montgomery County are among the few that benefit the victims as a group.

John Muhammad, 41, and John Lee Malvo, 17, are charged with murder in Maryland and Virginia in attacks that left 10 people dead and three others critically wounded in the Washington, D.C., area. They are also charged with an Alabama slaying.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	8.61	8.01	8.10	—.15
AOL TimeWrn	16.22	15.76	15.84	—.37
AT&T Corp rs	28.00	27.51	27.66	—.33
Albertsons	23.43	22.91	22.95	—.67
Alltel	54.10	53.31	53.32	—1.08
AmEl Pw	30.19	28.70	28.90	—1.28
AndarkPtr	45.94	45.47	45.55	—.40
ATMOS Egy	23.05	22.36	22.46	—.54
Aviall	8.12	7.86	7.99	—.03
BP PLC	37.78	37.43	37.50	—.38
BakerHughes	31.75	30.30	31.33	—.44
Bank of Amer	71.20	69.63	69.63	—1.57
BellSouth	28.37	27.60	27.70	—.66
BurlNoSFe	25.10	24.65	24.72	—.38
Caterpillar	48.46	47.00	47.00	—1.68
CenterPoint	7.60	7.38	7.48	+.02
ChevronTex	67.57	66.75	66.75	—1.00
Citigroup	38.60	37.55	37.70	—.95
CocaCola	45.19	44.58	44.66	—.25
ColgatePal	51.10	50.50	50.70	—.34
CmclMetals s	16.11	15.70	15.77	—.33
ConocoPhill	48.50	47.65	47.80	—.64
Cooper Inds	36.10	35.44	35.45	—.35
DaimlrChry	35.10	34.15	34.30	—.50
DeltaAirl	13.60	12.65	12.95	—.05
Dillards Inc	17.49	17.09	17.30	—.18
DowChem	29.79	29.25	29.51	—.36
DuPont	43.41	42.71	42.88	—.82
EastmanChem	36.85	36.27	36.37	—.37
EstKodak	37.35	36.82	36.91	+.09
EDS Corp	18.00	17.36	17.77	+.14
Entergy	44.26	43.55	43.74	—.51
ExxonMobil	34.37	33.95	34.05	—.55
FootLocker	12.98	12.81	12.96	—.04
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GtAtlPac	8.10	7.70	7.72	—.39
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TexInd	24.62	24.05	24.13	—.62
TexasInst	19.56	18.85	19.10	—.42
Textron	42.61	41.59	41.72	—1.36
TrinityInds	19.20	18.97	19.00	—.11
TylerTech	4.39	4.26	4.35	—.05
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UnitedTech	64.70	62.90	62.91	—1.90
Unocal	29.00	28.70	28.84	—.20
VerizonComm	41.00	39.90	40.13	—.87
WalMart	53.74	53.31	53.31	—.51
WellsFargo	47.12	45.85	45.99	—1.12
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Largest identify-theft ring in U.S. history broken up by feds

NEW YORK (AP) — Three men have been charged with allegedly running a high-tech scheme to steal credit information from thousands of victims, a crime authorities said represented "every American's worst financial nightmare multiplied tens of thousands of times."

Losses from the scam were put at $2.7 million and could grow as more victims are identified, U.S. Attorney James B. Comey said Monday. He warned consumers to check their accounts for signs of tampering.

Some victims had their bank accounts drained, addresses changed, lines of credit opened and new credit cards issued without approval. "A lot of people were ruined financially and their credit was ruined," Comey said.

Comey said credit information for some 30,000 people was stolen and authorities are trying to determine how many of those individuals were victimized.

"With a few keystrokes, these men essentially picked the pockets of tens of thousands of Americans and, in the process, took their identities, stole their money and swiped their security," Comey said.

Authorities said the scheme began about three years ago when Philip Cummings, a help-desk worker at Teledata Communications, sold passwords and codes for downloading consumer credit reports to an unidentified person. Teledata, a software company, provides banks with computerized access to credit information databases.

Cummings was allegedly paid roughly $30 for each report, and the information was then passed on to at least 20 other people, who set out to make money from the stolen information, prosecutors said.

"The potential windfall was probably far greater than the content of a bank vault, and they didn't even need a getaway car. All they needed was a phone and a computer, or so they thought," said FBI Assistant Director Kevin P. Donovan.

More than 15,000 credit reports were stolen from Experian, a credit history bureau, using passwords belonging to Ford Motor Credit Corp., officials said.

They said thousands of other credit reports were stolen from companies such as Washington Mutual Finance Co. in Crossville, Tenn.; Dollar Bank in Cleveland; Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Illinois; the Personal Finance Co. in Frankfort, Ind.; the Medical Bureau in Clearwater, Fla.; Vintage Apartments in Houston; and Community Bank of Chaska in Chaska, Minn.

Victims have reported losing money from their bank accounts, seeing their credit cards hit with unauthorized charges, and having their identities assumed by strangers.

Comey said one sobbing victim telephoned prosecutors to say someone stole her identity, opened a $35,000 line of credit and cashed a check for $34,000.

"So that's now on her back, that $34,000," he said. "The people that take the hit ultimately will be all of us, although in the short term it will be the companies that paid on the credit cards, the banks that lent them money."

Comey urged consumers to pay closer attention to their financial statements and credit histories and learn how to protect themselves through the Federal Trade Commission's Web site.

Comey said there was no reason to suspect a terrorism connection, with simple greed the apparent motive. He said prosecutors were sending letters to the more than 30,000 victims, offering help.

He said the investigation was still in its early stages, though prosecutors had "found the guys who opened the fire hydrant of fraud."

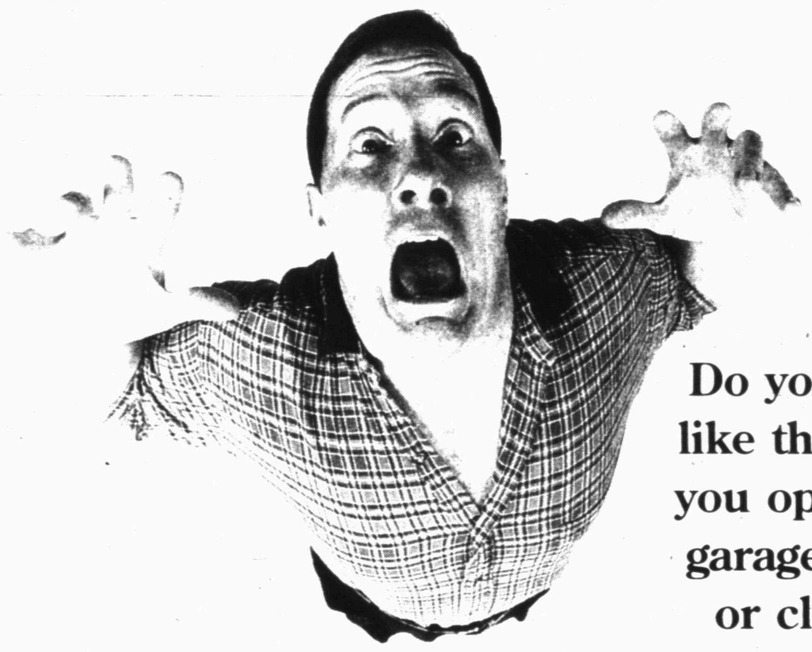
Cummings, 33, of Cartersville, Ga., was released on $500,000 bond after an appearance in Manhattan federal court Monday at which he did not speak.



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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Single mom keeps secret her lover's double life

DEAR ABBY: I am a 37-year-old single mom of one. For the past seven years I've led a secret life, because the man I'm in love with is married. (I'll call him Mike.) Mike made a commitment to me to love me forever, and I believe him. He gives me the world.

My family loves Mike to death. They think we should be married because we make such a "perfect couple." They do not know he's married. I've kept this secret from them all these years. Mom went to her grave not knowing Mike has a wife.

I should mention that this man is 18 years my senior. When I met him, his marriage was "on the rocks." Mike was up-front with me about how he would never divorce because of his kids. He doesn't love his wife.

It's been a wonderful seven years. He's the only guy I've ever loved. I can't get enough of him. Should I sit tight and hope a divorce is in the future? — **I'VE GOT A SECRET IN TEXAS**

DEAR I'VE GOT A SECRET: From what you have written, your lover has clearly stated that he does not intend to divorce his wife. I wouldn't hold my breath if I were you. He appears to like things just as they are.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband of two years, "George," is a terrific person. I have a teenage daughter, "Jill," from a previous relationship who lives with us, and they've always gotten along beautifully.

About two years ago I had a falling-out with my sister and we didn't speak more than 10 words until last week, when she offered me a truce. I gratefully accepted.

The problem is that Jill continued a relationship with my sister while we were feuding, and my husband found out about it. George won't forgive and forget. He hasn't talked to Jill in a week, and I have been caught in the middle. Yesterday I upset George further when I failed to give him my full attention, and now he isn't speaking to me either! Abby, what can I do to restore the peace in our home? — **TIRED OF THE TENSION, AKRON, OHIO**

DEAR TIRED: I don't approve of your husband's tactics. The terms "passive aggression," "manipulation" and "withholding" all come to mind. Your daughter is old enough to have the right to carry on a relationship with any relative she chooses. As to how to restore peace in your home — family counseling would be helpful.

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DEAR ABBY: My parents get drunk every weekend. Dad's OK by Monday morning, but Mother stays drunk all Monday and Monday night.

Is this normal? I need to know in a hurry. I'm afraid to give you my name and address. — **TEENAGER IN MOBILE, ALA.**

DEAR TEENAGER: Your parents' behavior is NOT "normal." They need help — and so do you. Please talk to a trusted aunt, uncle, neighbor, minister, the parent of one of your friends, a teacher, nurse or coach at your school. A responsible adult needs to know what is going on in your home and how it is affecting you.

In addition, check your phone directory for the Alateen listing. The organization provides information and emotional support to young people in your situation — and right now you need support from understanding friends.

Please let me know how you are doing. I care.

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Charges won't be filed in 82 Rampart cases

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After three years, millions of dollars and untold damage to the reputation of local law enforcement, Los Angeles may finally be able to turn the page on a police corruption scandal that began when a renegade officer was caught stealing cocaine from an evidence room.

The investigation into the department's anti-gang unit in the Rampart area west of downtown officially ended Monday with the district attorney deciding not to file criminal charges in 82 remaining cases.

"Rampart showed us that there are some bad law enforcement officers who themselves became the gangsters that they were supposed to be policing," District Attorney Steve Cooley said in a report closing his office's probe at the Rampart station.

At the center of the scandal was former officer Rafael Perez and his partner, Nino Durden. Perez spent months talking to investigators and making allegations of vast police wrongdoing including shootings, thefts and planting of weapons on suspects.

About 100 criminal cases were overturned because they were considered tainted by involvement of officers implicated in the investigation.

In the end, Perez himself emerged as the main culprit and many of his accusations against others were apparently undermined by his own lies. His ultimate lack of credibility made him all but useless as a witness against others.

Perez and Durden both faced state and federal prosecutions. They pleaded guilty to charges stemming from the shooting and framing of a man in 1996 that left him paralyzed. Perez is serving a two-year term; Durden is serving five years.

Cooley said he would not be filing criminal charges in 82 remaining incidents, involving Perez and eight others. The cases had remained under investigation as a group rather than being dropped individually to determine whether some pattern might emerge.

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Snyder Oaks Corner



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Maybelle Ainsworth has been at Snyder Oaks since December, 1993. She has been married for 77 years and has one daughter and three grandchildren.

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Texas Tech's Schmidly headed to Oklahoma State

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — The regents who govern Oklahoma State University stayed within the Big 12 Conference to find a new president, naming David Schmidly of Texas Tech to run their institution.

Schmidly, whose hiring was approved at a special meeting Monday, has been Tech's president for two years. He was the unanimous choice of a 27-person search committee from OSU that interviewed 10 candidates.

"I guess this is what we can call the worst-kept secret in Oklahoma," Schmidly said after being introduced with his wife, Janet. Then, showing off a striped black-and-orange tie, he said, "You can tell we're ready to be Cowboys."

Schmidly, 58, takes over for James Halligan, who announced his retirement in May after nine years on the job. Schmidly will take over on or before Feb. 1. At that time, Halligan will become president emeritus and serve as a professor of chemical engineering.

The regents approved a five-year contract for Schmidly worth $250,000 in salary per year. He also will receive a deferred incentive payment of $75,000 each year and a $20,000 automobile allowance.

Schmidly said he will work to make Oklahoma State "one of the premier academic institutions in the United States."

Speaking to the regents, he said, "I promise you this — Janet and I will put all of our energy, all of our efforts and all of our love into this university. We intend to see that good things happen at Oklahoma State University, and we don't intend to be second fiddle to anybody."

He vowed to make OSU "the most student-centered university anywhere in the country," and called the faculty the "heart and soul" of the university.

"Let me assure you I am committed to the faculty," he said. "If there is anything I am, it is a faculty person."

At a news conference Monday night in Lubbock, Schmidly said that once he begins at OSU he will develop a strategic plan to help the university grow, much as he did after becoming president at Texas Tech.

"I don't know if it'll have the same elements as the one we had (at Tech), but I think it'll have a lot of the same things," he said. "They have a lot of the same issues we face. Oklahoma and Texas are similar in a lot of ways in terms of higher education."

Schmidly said Oklahoma State's first contact with him was a call from Halligan. Schmidly said he wasn't interested at first, "but they were very persistent."

As president of Oklahoma State and chief executive officer of the OSU system, Schmidly will oversee campuses in Stillwater, Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Okmulgee, as well as OSU's Center for Health Sciences and Medical School.

Schmidly said one thing that appealed to him about the job is the way the OSU system is structured.

"What's going on in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Okmulgee, and the manner in which all of that is brought together as one university, multiple campuses, is one of the very major reasons Janet and I are excited about this opportunity," he said.

"I'm convinced we can create something very, very powerful as a result of that structure and with this opportunity."

He said the university will need to become more efficient and continue strong fund-raising efforts in order to deal with the current budget crunch. Schmidly said he had a chance to meet Gov.-elect Brad Henry last weekend at the Texas Tech-Oklahoma football game.

"We'll just have to work with the state leadership," he said. "We will make our case for the importance of investing in higher education and for the importance of investing in Oklahoma State."

Schmidly said he planned to be on hand this week when Oklahoma State plays in-state rival Oklahoma.

"There's only one thing left to do, and that's beat those Sooners," he said.

Hispanics angry medals awarded to officers who shot immigrant

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Hispanic leaders are infuriated by Police Chief Mark Kroeker's decision to award medals to two police officers who killed a mentally ill Mexican immigrant.

Kroeker said Monday that he didn't mean to offend the Hispanic community by awarding the medals last week, and that his actions were misunderstood.

Gail Castillo, executive director of the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce in Portland, said she and other leaders have asked for a meeting with Mayor Vera Katz, and a protest rally was scheduled for today in downtown Portland.

Police shot and killed Jose Santos Mejia Poot, 29, at a psychiatric hospital on April 1, 2001, after he broke free of his restraints and charged officers with a metal pipe. A grand jury and an internal police investigation later cleared officers Jeffrey M. Bell and Christopher A. Davis of any wrongdoing.

The incident caused an uproar among Hispanics and civil rights leaders, prompting protests against Portland police and scrutiny of the psychiatric hospital's operating practices. The hospital eventually closed.

Kroeker said the medals were given to recognize that the two men acted in accordance with police procedure in the face of potential danger.

"Disrespect is the message that's been received, not what was intended," Kroeker said.

But the victim's family responded angrily.

"They don't deserve medals because they took someone's life," said Dulce Parra, Mejia Poot's cousin.

Today's chuckle

Couple wins lottery for lifetime

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Winners of a $9.7 million Virginia Lotto jackpot 11 years ago, Clyde and Edith Shinault could afford to spend $60 a week on lottery tickets.



Now they can afford to spend more.

The Shinaults, who won a big jackpot in 1991, bought a scratch ticket last week that will provide them $1,000 a week for life.

"They are the largest two-time winners in the history of the Virginia Lottery," said Lottery Director Penelope Kyle.

"When she said 'whoopee,' I had thought she had a hundred dollar winner," Clyde Shinault said Monday.

The odds of winning were 1.2 million to one.

Edith Shinault will receive quarterly checks worth $13,000 before taxes as long as she lives. She is 59.

The couple continues to receive a $335,000 check each May.

While they have used those winnings to travel and purchase a larger house, their good luck will benefit their three grown sons and their families, they said.

"We have all the money we need, what with our savings and investments and the yearly checks," Clyde Shinault said.

They haven't given up on playing the lottery, though.

"We could hit it again," he said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002

Important changes that you make in your life in the year ahead will affect those who are the closest to you. Fortunately, the moves you make will prove to be beneficial for everyone involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Be very careful what you say and to whom, and take note of who is within earshot when you open your mouth. What you say could be fed back to your competition and ruin your chances for gain.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If your advice is not solicited today, do not offer any suggestions or ideas to associates. Although you may mean well, they could see it as interference.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — In order to prevent being bored to tears today, be smart and avoid the company of anyone who always does all the talking but seldom has anything to say. You may not have the tolerance for it at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It's interesting, but people in general may be forgiving of any large faux pas today, but they aren't likely to put up with small, petty infractions. They could come down pretty hard on you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Before you open your mouth and reveal your plans to a companion today, stop and think whether the person with whom you're conversing should know about them in the first place. Be careful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's not like you to simply talk about making changes to something that has given everybody fits and then do nothing about it. Back up your words with action today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — To avoid disappointment today, double-check to make certain the person you need to see is available and able to meet with you. Even if you have made plans with him/her, confirm the appointment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Unless you organize and plan your time today, you may merely run around in circles. You will kick up plenty of dust, but to no avail of accomplishing anything.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today, you may mistakenly convince yourself that the only activities worth doing are those that will cost big bucks. Interestingly, they may turn out to be the least enjoyable to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You're asking for it if you bring up topics today that you know have the potential of getting everybody in the family uptight. For peace in the household, avoid all volatile issues.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your splendid imagination will be in full gear today. There is just one problem: You may have the tendency to focus on negative visions instead of positive ones.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Watch your step today if you are dealing or handling funds that belong to someone other than yourself. Not that you'd do anything deliberate, but you could get careless with small financial transactions.

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

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Dale Huff, Minister

The Urgency of Thanksgiving

It is a right thing, a very right thing that as a nation we have a day set aside to give thanks. Nothing that we do as a nation is as appropriate as giving thanks to God for the blessings he has showered on us. We do not deserve these blessings. We have done nothing to earn these blessings, but God has given us blessings anyway. We have the privilege of living in the most affluent nation on earth. Often, the poor of our community are wealthy in comparison to the rest of the world. A visit to communities in the third world can be a little disorienting. Why do they have so little and we have so much? After we search through all the historical, political and economic reasons for the great gulf between our standard of living and most of the rest of the world, we really come up with one answer. God has blessed us.

There is a warning that Moses gave to Israel as God brought them into the promised, land. He anticipates prosperity that God would give to Israel and says:

> When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God. ..Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large ahd your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God.
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> Deuteronomy 8:10-13

Praising God for the blessings He has given us is urgent. If we fail to give thanks, things change. Our heart becomes proud and we forget the Lord. Let us take time to reflect on what God has given us and be thankful, every day.

Dale Huff

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Mid East peace talks set with limited goals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has modest goals for a conference it will host next month to plot peace moves in the Middle East despite the increasingly violent struggle between Israel and the Palestinians.

Even while announcing the talks to be held in Washington on Dec. 20, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said it is impossible to make headway toward a Palestinian state amid violence and terror attacks on Israel.

"We see no excuse for such attacks," Boucher said Monday. "We're pressing the Palestinians to do all they can to end immediately the terror and violence."

The conference — drawing together officials from the United States, Russia, Europe and the United Nations — will be aimed at developing a roadmap for Mideast peacemaking, Palestinian statehood and reform within the Palestinian Authority.

The idea is "to make progress where we can," Boucher said, adding that ending the violence and restoring security will be on the agenda.

Boucher affirmed the Bush administration was solidly behind Israel in combatting terror. But he also expressed concern that Israel's response was claiming civilian casualties, including British U.N. official Iain Hook, who was shot by Israeli troops last Friday in the West Bank town of Jenin.

With all the violence, the administration decided to go ahead with a meeting of the so-called quartet in Washington.

Secretary of State Colin Powell will host the meeting. U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, Danish Foreign Minister Per Stig Moller and Javier Solana of the European Union are expected to attend.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon sent a deputy, Natan Sharansky, to Washington earlier this month to tell Vice President Dick Cheney and Powell that peacemaking should be deferred until the Palestinian Authority moves toward reform.

At a minimum, Sharansky said, peace efforts should be put on hold until Israel and the Palestinians hold elections in January.

But Powell decided to proceed anyway, holding to the position that peacemaking cannot be set aside while terror is rampant — a view shared by a number of European and Arab governments.

Administration presses Riyadh to expose groups of terrorists

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is pressing Saudi Arabia to monitor Islamic charity groups to make sure contributions do not fall into the hands of terrorists, a senior U.S. official said today.

The drive was launched months before recent news reports that a charitable contribution by Princess Haifa al-Faisal, wife of the Saudi ambassador to the United States, may have indirectly helped two of the men who participated in the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in New York and Washington.

U.S. interagency teams have made several trips to Saudi Arabia and the Saudis have sent officials here in an effort to identify groups that may be a source of funds for terror operations, a senior U.S. official said today.

Undersecretary of State Alan Larson, Assistant Secretary of State William Burns and Francis Taylor, who headed the State Department's office to counter terror, are among the American officials who have gone to Riyadh in the past few months.

"I think we have seen the Saudi government do a lot," department spokesman Richard Boucher said Monday. "We have had a very strong response. I think we are satisfied with the cooperation we have gotten so far."

However, Boucher added: "More needs to be done. We have not done everything we can. We want to be working more with the Saudis."

The senior official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the administration is looking for new ways to identify groups with possible ties to terrorists but has not approved any new plan.

New residents arrive

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The newest residents of the international space station arrived with drinks and bear hugs for the crew they were replacing, and settled in for a four-month stay.

"Coffee," astronaut Donald Pettit announced as he floated into the space station from the docked shuttle Endeavour on Monday. He carried straws and bags of drinks for the three inhabitants who were about to move out.

The one American and two Russians who had been on board since the spring were thrilled to see Endeavour, their ride home. Besides a fresh space station crew, the shuttle delivered another girder that will be installed during three spacewalks, set to begin today.

"You guys look pretty good out there," space station astronaut Peggy Whitson radioed as Endeavour made its final approach. The shuttle closed the gap more slowly than usual and docked a half-hour late, prompting Whitson to joke: "It looks like you guys fly that like you stole it."

The two spacecraft came together 250 miles above the South Pacific, ending a round-and-round-the-world chase that began with Endeavour's weekend launch. It marked the close of a six-month stint aboard the space station for Whitson and cosmonauts Valery Korzun and Sergei Treschev.

When the three checked into the space station on June 7, they were supposed to leave in October after 4½ months. But shuttle problems extended their stay.

Local officers field family violence call on Monday

Family disturbance

A woman told officers Monday night that her daughter was out of control. Officers responded and advised a report for family violence would be submitted. The woman also requested a close patrol in reference to problems with a 17-year-old male with a criminal trespass warrant to stay away from the residence.

Overdose

A woman requested an ambulance at her residence on 37th Street at 5:30 p.m. Monday and reported her 22-year-old son had overdosed on medication. The son was transported to Cogdell Hospital and an offense report for overdose was submitted.

Disorderly conduct

Officers responded to a noise complaint in the 3700 block of Dalton Ave. Monday evening. A report for disorderly conduct was filed.

Criminal mischief

Fran Farmer reported an unknown substance smeared on the windows at First American Bank Monday morning, but requested no report be made.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Tiger Mart reported a gas drive off worth $20.69 just before noon Monday.

Obituaries

Barbara Allen

1926-2002

Barbara June Allen, a resident of Fluvanna, died Sunday, Nov. 24, in Golden Plains Nursing Center in Post after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Allen, 76, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Born June 20, 1926 in Los Angeles, she married Wyman Allen on Dec. 2, 1945 in Yuma, Ariz.

A homemaker, Mrs. Allen had moved to Fluvanna from Norman, Okla., in 1988. She was a member of the Jehovah's Witness Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, James Macy Allen, on March 9, 1989; two sisters, Shryley VonPooen, Patricia Wiro; and one brother, David Atkinson.

Survivors include her husband, Wyman Allen of Fluvanna; a daughter, Katherine Diana Harless of Norman; a brother, Warren Atkinson of Shelan, Wash.; a sister, Dores Bosnyck of California; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Jimmy Harrison

1921-2002

COLORADO CITY — Jimmy Harrison, the father of Patti Palmer of Snyder, died Saturday, Nov. 23, at his home.

Funeral service for Mr. Harrison, 81, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Ted Spear, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born June 26, 1921 in Mitchell County, he married Billie Margaret Gregory on Aug. 10, 1942 in Corpus Christi. She died June 5, 1997.

Mr. Harrison joined the U.S. Army Air Force on Aug. 15, 1942 and received numerous medals and citations while making a total of 35 bombing missions over Germany and German-occupied Europe.

A lifelong resident of Colorado City, Mr. Harrison was a painting contractor and a farmer-stockman. He served as a deacon of the First Baptist Church, was a 32nd Degree Mason, a longtime member of the Lions Club, and a director of the First National Bank.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, J.L. and Georgia Chayne Harrison; a son, Jim Harrison; a brother, Luther Harrison; and a sister, Thelma Harrison.

Survivors also include a son-in-law, Jim Palmer of Snyder; five grandchildren, J.K. Palmer, Josh Palmer, Cory Harrison, Bryan Harrison and Whitney Lombardo; three great-grandchildren; two nephews; and two special friends, Roeburta Henderson and Luis Salazar.

Manuel Prado

1923-2002

BIG SPRING — Manuel Prado Sr., father of Martha Noyola of Snyder, died Sunday, Nov. 24, at his home following a lengthy illness.

A vigil service will be held at 7 this evening at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Regan officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park with military honors.

Born on Jan. 19, 1923 in La Feria, he married Consuelo Fernandez in 1950 in La Feria. He had served in the U.S. Army during World War II. A Catholic, he had been a resident of the Lomax Community for 36 years. Mr. Prado had farmed, working for Hall Ranch, Everett Lomax & Neil Fryar.

Survivors also include four sons, Mario Prado of La Feria, Morie Prado of Corpus Christi, Jorge Prado of Big Spring, Carlos Prado of Odessa; 12 grandchildren, Michael, David, Robert, Iliana, Christopher, James, Eric and Danielle Nicole Prado, Adrian, Joey, David Noyloa and Christopher Longoria; and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be James Prado, David Prado, Robert Prado, David Noyola, Adrian Noyola, Joey Noyala, Michael Prado and Christopher Longoria.

Zenaido Sanchez

1932-2002

SWEETWATER – Zenaido Sanchez, the father of San Juan Sanchez of Snyder, died Monday, Nov. 25, at his home.

Funeral service for Mr. Sanchez, 70, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Fr. Michael Rodriquez officiating. Burial was to follow in the Sweetwater Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Born June 5, 1932 in Mexico, he married Eulalia Gomez in 1959 in San Carlos, Mexiço. He lived in the Sweetwater area for 50 years and had worked for H&H Feed Lot. Mr. Sanchez was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Eulalia Sanchez of Sweetwater; three other sons, Lupe Gomez and Jesse Sanchez of Sweetwater and Jose Luis Garcia of Mexico; four daughters, Leticia Rodriguez of San Marcos, Virginia Sanchez, Sandra Sanchez and Sotera Sanchez, all of Sweetwater; four brothers; five sisters; and 13 grandchildren.

Alfred Reissig

1925-2002

HOUSTON — Mass for Alfred Reissig of Houston is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church.

Mr. Reissig, 77, died Monday, Nov. 25.

Born April 16, 1925 in Slaton, he married Hilda Bartels on Nov. 11, 1946 in Hermleigh.

A building contractor, Mr. Reissig moved from Lubbock to Houston in the 1960s.

Survivors include his wife, Hilda Reissig of Houston; three sons, Dick and Curtis Reissig of Houston and Lee Reissig of Comfort; two brothers, Bud Reissig of Lubbock and Jake Reissig of Conroe; two sisters, Jeannette Simek and JoAnn Dillard, both of Lubbock; and seven grandchildren.

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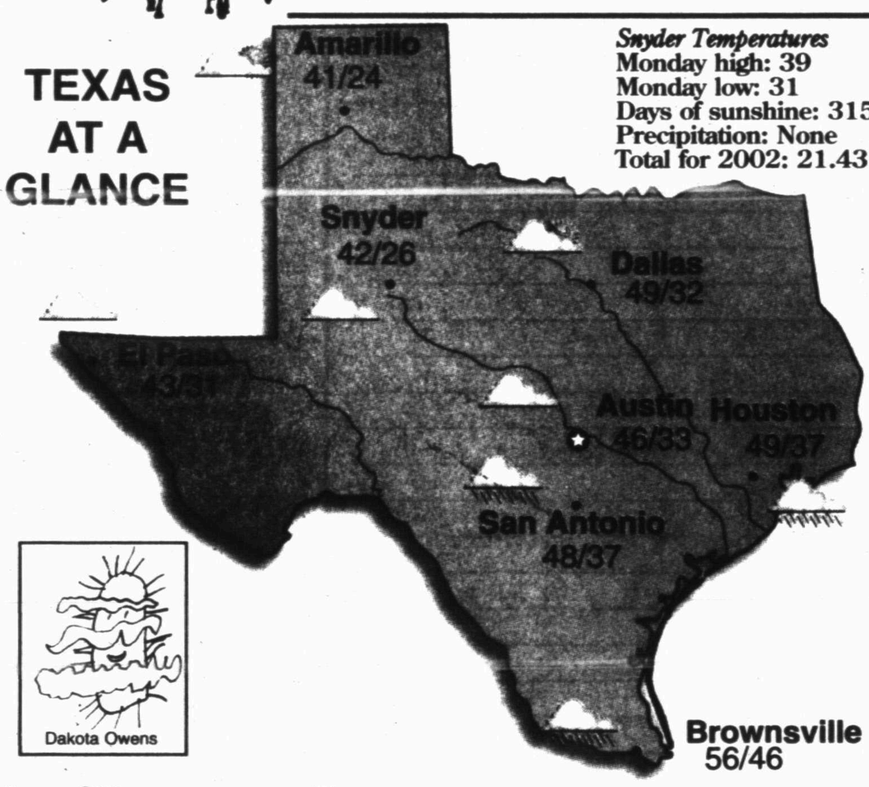
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 11/27	Thu 11/28	Fri 11/29
42/26	45/27	48/32
Cloudy. High 42F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.	Cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	Cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise 7:24 AM, Sunset 5:38 PM	Sunrise 7:25 AM, Sunset 5:38 PM	Sunrise 7:26 AM, Sunset 5:38 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Snyder Temperatures
Monday high: 39
Monday low: 31
Days of sunshine: 315
Precipitation: None
Total for 2002: 21.43 inches

Dakota Owens

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	45	29	cloudy	El Paso	43	31	cloudy	Midland	42	29	cloudy
Amarillo	41	24	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	44	31	cloudy	Raymondville	54	40	rain
Austin	46	33	cloudy	Gainesville	46	25	pt sunny	Rosenberg	49	37	rain
Beaumont	48	36	rain	Greenville	47	26	pt sunny	San Antonio	48	37	rain
Brownsville	56	46	rain	Houston	49	37	rain	San Marcos	47	34	rain
Brownwood	46	29	cloudy	Kingsville	51	37	rain	Sulphur Springs	47	26	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	48	39	rain	Livingston	47	31	rain	Sweetwater	45	27	cloudy
Corsicana	48	30	cloudy	Longview	46	27	pt sunny	Tyler	48	31	pt sunny
Dallas	49	32	pt sunny	Lubbock	42	27	pt sunny	Weatherford	48	26	pt sunny
Del Rio	50	39	cloudy	Lufkin	48	32	cloudy	Wichita Falls	46	26	pt sunny

National Cities

Atlanta	48	27	rain	Houston	49	37	rain	Phoenix	66	50	rain
Boston	33	24	snow	Los Angeles	76	52	sunny	San Francisco	65	47	pt sunny
Chicago	28	16	pt sunny	Miami	81	63	pt sunny	Seattle	56	40	pt sunny
Dallas	49	32	pt sunny	Minneapolis	28	19	pt sunny	St. Louis	32	19	pt sunny
Denver	37	18	pt sunny	New York	35	25	mixed	Washington, DC	41	26	mixed

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Wed 11/27	Thu 11/28	Fri 11/29
Minimal	Low	Minimal

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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