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Home of Barbara Birks

Three short of record fall enrollment...

WTC board hears enrollment report

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Western Texas College administrators reported another strong enrollment for the fall semester during the monthly board meeting Monday night.

Dr. Jim Clifton, dean of student services, said 1,649 students are currently enrolled, just three short of the record enrollment last fall.

Full-time equivalents, however, are the highest since the college opened in 1971, he said.

Presently, there are 1,161 part-time students, and 488 full-time students.

"The ratio is 2.3 part-time students to 1 full-time," said Dr. Clifton. "This is about the same ratio that has been followed over the past eight years."

There are 865 male students enrolled and 784 female students.

The fall enrollment when the college opened in 1971 was 649. It first reached 1,000 students in 1973 when it topped that mark by two. In 2001, the fall enrollment was 1,370.

"Dorms and apartments are at 76 percent occupancy," said Dr. Clifton. He also reported that 413 students have some form of scholarships, with 70 of them being athletic scholarships. He also stated that 272 students are attending classes on Pell Grants.

Dr. Clifton also reported on the moving of some offices on the campus. "We're putting people where it will make it better for the students."

The financial aid office has been moved to the administration building, while admissions, counseling and Clifton's office are being moved to the library.

"This should make it easier during registration, and conducting day-to-day business," Dr. Clifton added.

"This is just part of us looking at what we do and trying to do it better," said Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president.

In action items, trustees unanimously agreed to name the new softball field on campus in honor of United Supermarkets.

"To show our respect for the $100,000 gift they gave, we would like to name the softball portion of the complex after United Supermarkets," said Dr. Williams.

"We need to show the proper respect for what they have done for us and acknowledge their outstanding gift to the college," the president added.

Several revisions to board policies were approved.

"These primarily cover the tweaking of the distance-learning program and changes in the maintenance program," said Dr. Williams.

Other reports given Monday were the small class report, and the education report.

During the education report, Sandra Hall and staffers Louis Gonzales and Laura Marquez reported on the Upward Bound Program funded by a grant through the U.S. Department of Education.

Hall said students from Snyder, Sweetwater, Colorado City and Rotan are eligible to participate in the program designed to encourage post-secondary educational opportunities.

Present requirements also include being in grades 9-11, are potential first-generation college graduates, meet federal income guidelines, and demonstrate the desire to attend and succeed in college.

Hall said the staff is still in the learning mode with the new program as the grant was only received in June.

Board chairman Lee Presswood presided and all board members present were Carolyn Barbee, Scott Richburg, Eddie Peterson, Jay Kidd, Jackie Greene and Drew Bullard.

Campus work topic of HISD trustee meeting

Hermleigh ISD trustees will be updated on several campus improvement projects when they meet at 7 o'clock this evening.

Supt. Marvin Beaty will report to the board on work done by architects and engineers on the gym renovation, as well as seeking a budget amendment for $6,000 to fund grounds and maintenance projects for the school.

Bids for a new ag building will be discussed, as will other aspects of the building, plus a contract to demolish an older building across from the school campus will be reviewed.

A budget amendment to fund a new stipend schedule for district employee labor on projects also will be considered.

Trustees also will receive an enrollment update, and meet the student of the month.

The meeting will be in the high school homemaking room.

Sweetwater game upends contest picks

Four entrants had four misses each in last week's SDN Football Contest. Using the tie breaker procedure, all four incorrectly picked Snyder to beat Sweetwater.

Also, two of the four picked 45 total points, the third 49 points, and the fourth 55 points. The actual point total was 38.

Sharing the combined first and second prize, and winning $37.50 each are Michael May of 133 20th Place and Charlie B. Morrow of 700 E. Coliseum Drive.

Jimmy Cain of 6711 Camp Springs Rd. took the $15 third prize. Honorable mention goes to Amanda Johnson.

Winners will be mailed their checks. Another contest appears in today's edition.

PAPERWORK — Billie Giles, under the watchfull eye of Trussha Owen, fills out forms prior to getting a flu shot this morning at the Scurry County Health Unit. The unit will be open special hours Thursday for the shots. They will be given from 7-11 a.m., and from 1:30-5 p.m. Cost is $15 or free with a Medicare card. (SDN Staff Photo)

Man dies from courthouse fall

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A prisoner has died after he reportedly fell from a second-story window of the Tom Green County Justice Center and law officers are investigating why the injuries occurred.

Terry Park Hodges was pronounced dead at the Shannon Medical Center emergency room late Monday afternoon in what was called a "questionable death," according to the Sheriff's Department.

Hodges, 49, either fell or jumped out of a second-floor jail window, a member of Hodges' family said today.

However, Tom Green County Sheriff Joe Hunt would neither confirm nor deny additional details of the death that occurred about 2:30 p.m. Monday.

Justice of the Peace Fred Buck pronounced Hodges dead at Shannon Hospital. Hodges' body was taken to the Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office for autopsy late Monday. Preliminary autopsy results might be available as soon as today, Buck said.

The Texas Rangers are also investigating the case.

Authorities said Hodges was being held at the jail on arson and criminal mischief charges in connection with an Aug. 3 fire at his former business, Park Place Furniture.

A witness passing by the consignment furniture store on the date of the fire saw Hodges standing near a red Jeep outside the business, according to the San Angelo Police Department. Minutes later, the interior of the store was completely burned.

Later, fire investigators said they found a beer bottle with a white cloth stuffed down the neck at the scene of the blaze. Police said they also found another torn cloth inside the Jeep that reportedly matched the one found at the scene of the fire.

A protective order had been filed against Hodges, prohibiting him from damaging or destroying property in connection with a pending divorce.

Andrea Yates back on suicide watch

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman convicted of drowning her children in the family bathtub is reportedly back on suicide watch after her attorney and husband say she began slipping back into a psychotic state that was blamed on the horrific crimes.

Andrea Pia Yates had been showing some signs of recovery from psychotic episodes. But within two weeks, lawyer George Parnham said, her physical condition had deteriorated so much that her prison doctors were considering transferring her to the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, where she could be fed intravenously.

"What I want for Andrea is inner peace," Parnham said Monday. "If in order to block out the psychotic illusions she needs to be heavily medicated, then I m all for that."

Her husband, Russell Yates, said she has been stripped of all her possessions, including her eyeglasses, and is kept alone in her cell for 23 hours each day.

"They do have her on a suicide watch," Yates, who visited his wife Saturday said today. "When she relapsed, they took out all her possessions from her cell. She doesn't have anything — no support, no mail, no nothing."

State prison officials will neither confirm nor deny that Andrea Yates, who was convicted of capital murder in March 2002 for killing three of her five children, is back on suicide watch and under sedation at the Skyview unit. She was placed on suicide watch shortly after her arrest in the June 20, 2001 deaths.

The Clear Lake City woman one month ago was tending a prison garden at the Texas Department of Criminal justice's psychiatric unit in Rusk.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Never go camping if the hotel isn't on a paved street."

State and local fairs with wild animals are shutting down shows following a recent tiger attack on Roy Horn, co-star of the "Siegfried & Roy" magic show in Las Vegas.

Experts are coming forward to say they are not surprised, that wild animals, even those born in captivity, never completely lose that wild instinct.

We saw the show in The Mirage hotel several years ago, and it was impressive — despite the midnight hour. We never did figure how he made those animals disappear.

Roy's co-star, Siegfried, said the show will go on, but officials at the Mirage announced that the show is closed indefinitely and that its 267 employees have been told to look for other jobs.

Another deadly attack by a wild animal had a local connection of sorts.

In July 1998, Roy Baze and his two sons and grandson went fishing in Alaska at the Katmai National and Park and Preserve.

The Baze family, sons Bob and Ben and grandson Benjamin, were ferried by airplane from their lodge to Katmai. Upon landing, they were met by an interesting fellow who introduced himself as Tim Treadwell of Malibu, Calif.

Treadwell explained that he spends his summer camping out in a small tent to study grizzly bears.

A part-time college teacher, Treadwell described himself as a self-taught bear expert. The bears that literally grazed in the meadow outside his tent were even given names by him.

Treadwell told the Baze clan to never run from a bear who can run the 100 in less than 10 seconds despite weighing more than 1,000 pounds.

The bear expert said to stand your ground and to scare 'em away.

Last summer, Robert and his daughter, Elizabeth, after she graduated from medical school, went back to Alaska and encountered the same bear expert.

Treadwell, 46, predicted that one day a rogue bear would likely be his undoing.

It happened just over a week ago. Treadwell and Amie Huguenard were fatally mauled in a bear attack near his campsite. The victims were found by a pilot who had arrived to fly the two to Kodiak.

Park rangers arrived and encountered a large, aggressive male brown bear. The ranger said he fired 11 times with a semi-automatic handgun before the animal fell, just 12 feet away.

As the plane was being loaded, another aggressive bear, about three-years-old, approached and also had to be destroyed.

Treadwell was co-author of "Among Grizzlies: Living with Wild Bears in Alaska." He also appeared once on the David Letterman Show and had described the brown bears as mostly harmless "party animals."

We're reminded of a story about Susan Neves, a former accountant at Cogdell Hospital, who enjoyed jogging before dawn.

On her run in Snyder one morning, Susan came face-to-face with a Bengal Tiger, someone's "pet" in the neighborhood.

Fortunately, the outcome was good — except for the near heart attack and then difficult time she had convincing her family that she really had run onto a real Tiger.

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ASK US

Q—How many students are enrolled at Merkel and Snyder high schools?

A—Merkel has 450 students, while Snyder's enrollment is 747.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Florence Collins...

...is a homemaker who enjoys fishing, reading and hanging out with her sons, Harley Jr., 10, and Tyeron, 6. She previously worked at Cogdell Memorial Hospital and Home Health. Florence moved to Snyder eight years ago from California. Her husband, Harley Collins, is employed at Western Texas College.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Let your tongue speak what your heart thinks.
—Davy Crockett

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

4-H cooking class

A 4-H cooking class for boys and girls will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Extension Office. If interested, RSVP by today.

WTC Lions Club raffle

WTC Lions Club is selling chances for two spring season passes for either baseball or softball. Tickets are $1 each or six for $5. Tickets are available from any WTC Lions Club member. The drawing will be held Dec. 10.

Women's Bible study

Beth Moore's Bible study, *A Woman's Heart*, will start at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity United Methodist Church with Sandra Woodward and Ellie Dryden as leaders. The book costs $13.95. For more information, call 573-3988. Everyone is welcome.

Missions conference

Calvary Baptist Church, 2405 35th, will host a missions conference Wednesday through Sunday. Guests will include Bruce Garner from Mexico, Josh Warneke from Fiji, Jerry Abbott from Hungary and Jeremy Brann, church planter in Marble Falls. The featured speaker will be Mike Haley, pastor of Hallmark Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Services Wednesday and Thursday are at 7 p.m. The missions banquet is at 7 p.m. Saturday. Sunday services are 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, and 10:50 for worship.

Eastern Star

Snyder chapter #450 O.E.S. will have its stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. All members are encouraged to attend.

Church of God revival

Church of God, 21st and Ave. O, will conduct a revival Wednesday through Saturday at 7 p.m. On Sunday services are 9:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Central Elementary parenting seminar

"An Apple a Day is Not Enough: Helping Children Stay Healthy" is the title of the second in a series of parenting seminars sponsored by Central Elementary. Chris Bane, SISD nurse, is the presenter. All parents are invited to the 1:30 p.m. meeting Thursday in Room 5 at Central. Childcare will be provided in the cafeteria.

Volleyball booster club

The SHS volleyball booster club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the gym. All parents of volleyball players are asked to attend to plan a fundraising dinner plus the banquet.

Literary evening

Literary evening at the Scurry County Library, will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday. Jean Everett and Jo Ashley will present a program about personalities who shaped America, including the Southwest. Everyone is invited.

Chili supper

The SHS boys basketball booster club will host a chili supper from 5-7 p.m. Friday in the SHS cafeteria prior to the Merkel football game. Tickets are $5 and be purchased from any SHS basketball player or at the door. Takeouts will be available.

Horseback riding club

Anyone interested in joining a horseback riding club is invited to an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Friday at 1368 Smith Ave. (north on Clairemont hwy)

MAWC sets style show

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have a style show Saturday at the clubhouse. Chico's of Lubbock will show fall and holiday fashions. A luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased by calling 573-3427, 573-6443 or 573-5586.

Snyder missionaries to speak

Charlie and Pat Reynolds, Snyder missionaries to the police in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, will speak at Trinity United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Fall Festival of Fun

The Fall Festival of Fun for birth through 6th graders is set from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Family Life Center. Games, concession and door prizes are planned. Requested donation, one bag of candy.

Lord's Acre

First United Methodist Church's Lord's Acre is planned for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at the coliseum. Booths open at 11 a.m. and a barbecue lunch will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m. Activities and games for children are planned. Everyone is welcome.

Used eyeglasses needed

The Snyder and WTC Lions Clubs, in partnership with the local post office, will pick up used eyeglasses from mailboxes on Friday, Oct. 31. Eyeglasses should be bagged and hung on mailbox.

Gateway needs costumes

Gateway Family Services is in need of used Halloween costumes in all sizes as well as basic arts and craft supplies for children's holiday projects. Donations may be dropped off at the shelter or call 573-1822.

Home for the holidays

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

United Way packets

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

SJHS yearbooks

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

Free tutoring

Free tutoring for students is available Monday through Thursday at the Boys and Girls Club. Schedule a time between 4-7 p.m. or drop in from 5-6 p.m. Tutors will be members of the Student Government Association at Western Texas College. To register call, 573-8511, ext. 276 or 573-3344.

Eight Texas senior citizens killed in wreck

TALLULAH, La. (AP) — A church bus driver told authorities he fell asleep in the moments before slamming into a parked tractor-trailer, killing eight senior citizens and injuring seven others, police said.

The driver, taking the seniors on a tour of historic sites, survived the wreck and spoke with investigators after the Monday morning crash, state police said. He told them that someone on the bus yelled, awakening him just before impact with the tractor-trailer hauling cotton, state police Trooper Julie Lewis said.

Fifteen people were aboard when the bus crashed on Interstate 20 in northeastern Louisiana. The cotton truck driver, who had pulled onto the shoulder to check his brakes, suffered minor head and neck injuries.

In the tiny West Texas town of El Dorado, a piece of paper taped to the office door at the First Baptist Church where the victims belonged delivered the solemn news. The names of six people were typed; two were later added in pencil.

The list included two retired oil workers, a retired nurse and a church nursery worker.

"It's a horrible, horrible loss for all of us, especially here at the church," said member Corrine Hext, 80. "To lose these people, it's like losing one of your family. It's sad and it's going to effect El Dorado for a long, long time."

The thirteen passengers and two drivers were headed toward Vicksburg, Miss., on the second day of what was to have been a 16-day trip sponsored by their church, Lewis said.

The "senior ambassador tour" was to include visits to a Mercedes-Benz factory in Alabama, the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn., and the Civil War battlefield in Gettysburg, Pa. Lewis said each passenger paid $960 for the trip.

"This is a real active group — they have lots and lots of active members," said Carolyn Mayo, Eldorado city secretary, adding that the group usually takes two trips each year.

Lewis said the injured were taken to several hospitals in Mississippi and Louisiana, and at least one was hurt critically. The bus driver, Kenneth J. Thomas, 66, of Eldorado, suffered moderate injuries.

The bus and the truck remained upright on the side of the road after the crash, but the front end of the bus was demolished — pushed up under the rear of the 18-wheeler's trailer. Bales of cotton, seats from the bus, pillows and clothing littered the highway.

Emergency crews said some of the passengers were thrown partly out of the open side of the bus.

Authorities identified those killed as Kennith Richardson, Betty A. Richardson, Delia Pina, Domingo Pina and Mary Ruth Robinson, all of Eldorado; Jean S. Demere and Jimmy D. Teel, both of Water Valley; and Laverne Shannon, of San Angelo.

Date Book

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003

Today is the 287th day of 2003 and the 22nd day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1947, American pilot Chuck Yeager became the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound.

On this day in 1962, the Cuban Missile Crisis, which brought the United States and the Soviet Union to the brink of nuclear war, began.

On this day in 1979, more than 200,000 people took part in the first national gay rights march, which took place in Washington, D.C.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969), U.S. president; C. Everett Koop (1916-), former U.S. surgeon general, is 87; Roger Moore (1927-), actor, is 76; Ralph Lauren (1939-), designer, is 64.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1964, Billy Mills won the 10,000-meter footrace at the Tokyo Summer Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You can't talk of the dangers of snake poisoning and not mention snakes." — C. Everett Koop

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Oct. 10) and last quarter (Oct. 18)

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Today's chuckle

Some scientists see space elevator potential

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — Some scientists at Los Alamos National Laboratory want to build an elevator reaching 62,000 miles into the sky to launch payloads into space more cheaply than the shuttle can.

"The first country that owns the space elevator will own space," said lab scientist Bryan Laubscher. "I believe that, and I think Los Alamos should be involved in making that happen."

Some researchers are working on their own time on technical details.

Five to 10 scientists at any given time are analyzing the economics, technical specifications of how the elevator would work and possible health risks to those using it. Laubscher says they hope the U.S. Department of Energy could someday use the information as a start for investing in a space elevator.

The elevator shaft would be made of a very strong, thin, lightweight material called carbon nanotubes attached to the Earth's equator. The shaft, a 32 million-story-tall cable, would be carried into orbit on a conventional spacecraft, then gradually dropped down to Earth to be attached to a platform similar to an ocean oil-drilling rig.

Solar-powered crawlers would move up and down the shaft, carrying payloads of satellites or probes to be placed in Earth's orbit or beyond. They also would attach additional cables to the main shaft that eventually would become new elevators.

Talent Search junior high students see college play

Snyder Junior High Talent Search students recently attended a theatre production of *The Yellow Jacket* performed by Western Texas College's drama department at the Fine Arts Theatre.

The Yellow Jacket is the most successful adaptation in English of the form and spirit of the Chinese drama. Within one simple conventional set is acted out in charming and naive fashion the whole colorful and romantic drama of a young man's adventure through life.

WTC's drama students said this performance was one of their best. "The students really got into it," said Amelia Sanchez, Talent Search Academic Advisor.

After the performance, students were served pizza and cookies. Students were also provided a campus tour where they went inside a dorm room, viewed classrooms, met instructors and college students, and received information on programs and degrees.

Students were also given TRIO T-shirts and calculators. Mrs. Becky Cottrell, Snyder Junior High counselor, accompanied 55 students to this college experience. Sweetwater and Post middle schools were also in attendance. A total of 120 students and sponsors took part in this cultural and college event.

Talent Search staff who organized and helped with this event were Laura Ritchey, administrative assistant; Julia Lewis, academic advisor; Amelia Sanchez, academic advisor, and Tammy Wesson, program director.

College students, who are members of Student Government, and college recruiter, Deborah Baremore, assisted with campus tours. Drama instructor, Ray Newton, and the art department provided punch and fortune cookies during intermission.

All expenses were paid by a federally funded TRIO program called Educational Talent Search. The main goal of this program is to encourage and assist students in preparing for a college of their choice. Talent Search is planning field trips to other college campuses and workshops on test preparation, money for college, and writing college admission essays for students and parents throughout the year for Talent Search participants in grades 6-12.

For more information, contact the Talent Search office at Western Texas College by calling 325-573-8511 ext. 377 or send email to trio@wtc.edu

No deal was signed

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong lawmakers accused the Chinese government of false advertising after it was revealed that The Rolling Stones wouldn't perform in a concert series, as had been announced.

Organizers had said the Stones had committed to play two November dates, part of a government-sponsored concert festival to help Hong Kong refurbish its SARS-battered image.

But it was revealed Friday that they had never signed a deal and that negotiations had collapsed.

"How could you go around touting the band without a contract in hand?" independent legislator Audrey Eu asked at a Saturday hearing reviewing the finances of the Harbor Fest concert series.

events

LOTTO TEXAS

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Monday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 8-14-30-32-35.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Prize per winner: $0.

Matching four of five: 124. Prize: $582.

Matching three of five: 4,322. Prize: $12.

Matching two of five: 45,179. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 5-8-9
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Snyder Oaks Corner

John Rodriguez

The resident of the week is John Rodriquez. He is 62 years old and is married to Eva Rodriquez. They have been married for 42 years. They have 4 daughters and 4 grandchildren and one on the way. He was born in Knippa, Texas. He was a carpenter and a mechanic. He has always loved to fish, build bird houses and to camp. We are proud to have him as part of our Snyder Oaks family.

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HOME ON TOUR — Trash to treasures explicitly describes the interior of Clarissa Alaniz 3504 44th home to be included in the Martha Ann Woman's Club tour of homes Nov. 2. Clarissa is pictured with her pet, Sassy, at the back door that appears to be a bookshelf. With a knack for "little money and a lot of imagination," Clarissa has furnished her home by turning from garage sale and antique store items into just the right look suited to her European style with a classic flare décor. Other homes on the tour are David and Nila Harrell, 2801 47th; Jim and Carrie Richardson, 2708 28th; Fran Farmer, 11014 Farmer Lane, Ira; and Ben and Christy Smith, 2663 Denson Rd. Tickets are $10 and may be obtained by calling 573-3427, 573-5586 or 573-6443. MAWC board has planned a fall-holiday style show and luncheon to be held Saturday at 11:30 followed by the fashions from Chico's in Lubbock. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Breakfast can be prepared in microwave

The most important meal of the day — breakfast — can be prepared in the microwave. Since we're often in a rush in the morning, the microwave is a speedy way to prepare your morning favorites.

Nationally syndicated TV chef and author Mr. Food, a.k.a. Art Ginsburg, shares tips for cooking our breakfast foods in the microwave. And, he's also included some recipes for tasty breakfast treats to prepare in minutes using your microwave.

VEGGIE FRITTATA

6 servings

"A frittata is basically a quiche without the crust. Teamed up with a salad, it also makes a great lunch or light dinner."

1 tablespoon butter

2 cans (15 ounces each) mixed vegetables, drained

6 eggs

4 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese, divided

1 teaspoon onion powder

¾ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon black pepper

1. Place the butter in a microwave-safe 9-inch deep-dish pie plate; microwave at 100% power for 30 seconds, or until melted.

2. Pour the mixed vegetables evenly over the bottom of the pie plate.

3. In a medium bowl, combine the eggs, 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, the onion powder, salt, and black pepper. Whisk well and pour over the vegetables.

4. Microwave at 100% power for 4 minutes. Stir the outside mixture into the center. Sprinkle the remaining 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese over the egg mixture; microwave at 100% power for 2 minutes, or until the eggs are set. Slice into wedges, and serve.

EGG NACHOS

2 servings

"Here's a different way to start the day - one that's sure to have everyone shouting 'Ole!'"

2 eggs

1 tablespoon salsa

1 cup spicy-flavored tortilla chips

½ cup shredded Mexican cheese blend

1. In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine the eggs and salsa; mix well. Microwave at 100% power for 1 minute; stir to break up the eggs. Microwave at 100% power for 30 seconds; stir to break up the eggs.

2. Place the tortilla chips on a microwave-safe plate. Sprinkle evenly with the cooked eggs. Sprinkle with the cheese and microwave at 100% power for 1 minute, or until the cheese is melted.

SEVEN-MINUTE CINNAMON BUNS

6 to 8 servings

"The last thing we want to do in the morning is get up and start baking. What if I told you that we could have ooey-gooey, fresh-baked cinnamon buns in under 10 minutes? Well, we can..."

1 large package (16.3 ounces) refrigerated buttermilk biscuits (8 biscuits)

1 tablespoon butter, melted

¼ cup granulated sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

¼ cup chopped pecans

½ cup confectioners' sugar

4 teaspoons milk

1. Separate the biscuit dough and cut each biscuit into 4 pieces; place the pieces in a large bowl. Pour the melted butter over the biscuit pieces.

2. In a small bowl, combine the granulated sugar, cinnamon, and pecans. Sprinkle the sugar mixture over the biscuit pieces and toss until evenly coated; transfer the mixture to a microwave-safe 9-inch deep-dish pie plate.

3. Microwave at 70% power for 5 minutes. Remove from the microwave, let cool for 2 minutes then invert onto a serving platter.

4. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the confectioners' sugar and milk to make a glaze; drizzle over the warm cinnamon buns and serve immediately.

FIVE-MINUTE BREAKFAST SAUSAGE

16 patties

"This makes a great go-along for any breakfast sandwich, omelet...you name it! And best of all, it's Southern-inspired and homemade!"

1 pound ground pork

1 teaspoon browning and seasoning sauce

2 teaspoons ground sage

1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

¾ teaspoon salt

¾ teaspoon black pepper

1. Coat a microwave-safe 9" x 13" baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. In a medium bowl, combine all the ingredients; mix well. Form into 16 patties and place in the dish.

2. Microwave at 80% power for 3 to 4 minutes, or until no pink remains in the pork. Serve immediately.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; antiques program by Billy Haynes; hostesses, Gayle Burleson and Doris Spikes; 4 p.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 573-7668 or 573-7625 for the meeting place; 6 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

10-14-03

North
♠ J 10
♥ K 7 3
♦ K Q J 9 3
♣ J 10 5

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♠ A 7 4
♥ A Q 6 5
♦ 8 7 4
♣ A 8 3

East
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♥ 10 8 4 2
♦ 10 5
♣ 6 4 2

South
♠ K Q 8 6
♥ J 9
♦ A 6 2
♣ K Q 9 7

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

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1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

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Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003

Key card-play, bad bidding

By Phillip Alder

When you read a bridge book containing problems, the author will fall into one of three camps. There will be no bidding — the coward's way out. There will be sensible auctions all the time — excellent! Or, some auctions will be absurd — perhaps the worst of all. The latest book to fall into this last category is "Pathways to Better Bridge Defense" by Danny Roth (Master Point Press, 2003).

There are lots of interesting defensive teasers, but some of the bidding is from the twilight zone. The book is marked intermediate, and for defense, which is always difficult, this claim is correct.

Here is a good opening-lead problem. Look only at the West hand. Your right-hand opponent opens one no-trump, promising 15-17 points. After you pass, the responder jumps straight to three no-trump. What would be your opening salvo?

You know that partner is playing third violin; he probably has at most a jack. So, you should aim to win three hearts and two black-suit aces. But how should you attack hearts?

Best is to lead the ace, to get a look at the dummy. If you see king-doubleton on the board, continue with a low heart; a good partner will have four or five cards in the suit. However, when dummy has king-third, you should continue with the heart queen, hoping to pin the jack in declarer's hand.

Strangely, in the book, Roth gave dummy only king-doubleton of hearts, so that a low-heart lead was good enough.

The book is $17.95 postpaid from Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies. Call (800) 274-2221 to order.

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Locals place in Spur Art Show

Paul Hudgins, Virginia Lowrance, Nettie Faye Gardner and Myrtle Joiner had winning artwork in the Spur Art Show on Oct. 2-4. Paul Friske of Abilene was judge.

Hudgins received first place in watercolor western division; first place in watercolor miniatures; second place in watercolor portrait and he sold two paintings.

Lowrance received a first place in oil still life.

Gardner earned an honorable mention in pastel still life.

Joiner received a third place in watercolor landscape and honorable mention in watercolor still life.

All are members of the Palette Club.

WINNERS OF TICKETS — Wesley Kellner of Ira (top photo) receives three tickets to the Texas Tech vs Iowa State football game in Lubbock from Joyce Smith, SDN employee. In the bottom photo, Curtis Mason was also a winner of three tickets. Accepting his tickets is Jeff Mason, his father, from Jackie Lowrance, SDN bookkeeper. Lois Eicke, not pictured, won two tickets. The drawing is from entrees in the weekly football contest. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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The Will of God for Me

What does God want me to do with my life? The will of God is a simple idea. It is the idea that God wants certain things for me. He wants me to do certain things and be a certain way. To talk and think about the will of God is to realize that God really cares about how I live. Often we talk about the will of God in terms of the big events that shape our life. When we come face to face with trials and tragedy it is often a comfort to say to ourselves, "It is God's will." When we say that, we are putting our faith in a God that sees the big picture of life and can fit it all together for good.

When we read about the will of God in the Bible, however, it is different. It is a simple idea, but it is a very dynamic idea in the lives of those who commit themselves to God's will. I Thessalonians 4:1-12 is one of those places where we read about the will of God. In verses 3-8, the apostle tells us that avoiding sexual immorality is the will of God for our lives. Loving one another more and more is the will of God for every Christian, verses 9 and 10. Living responsibly, humbly and working hard to take care of our own needs is God's will for us, verses 11 and 12. Just reading these verses makes us realize that the will of God is not just something that happens to me, it is something that I either do or do not do. Jesus teaches us to pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," Matthew 6:12. He also teaches that if the will of God is done, it has to be chosen by each one of us. We are to "do" the will of our heavenly Father, Matthew 7:21. The will of God is not just something that happens to us. It is a choice we make throughout our lives.

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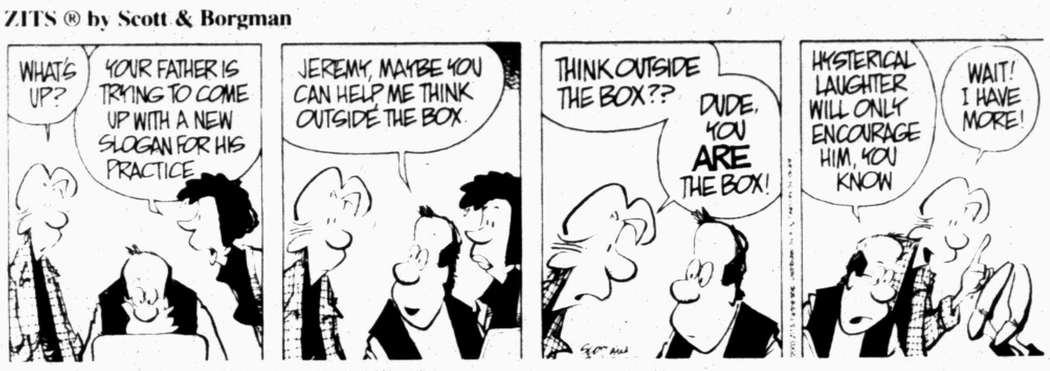

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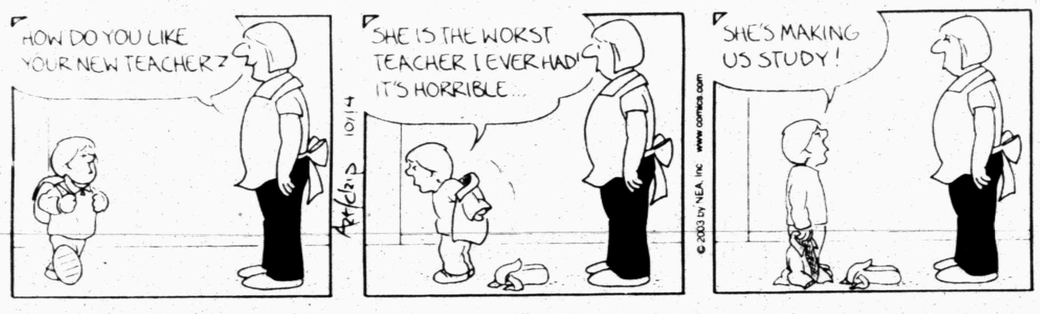

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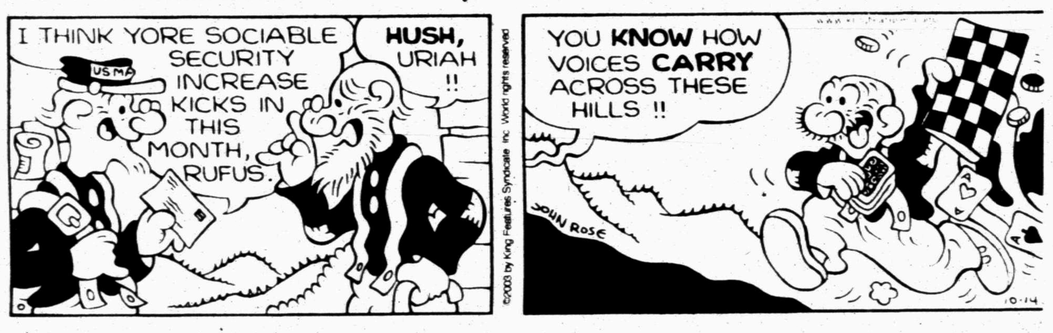

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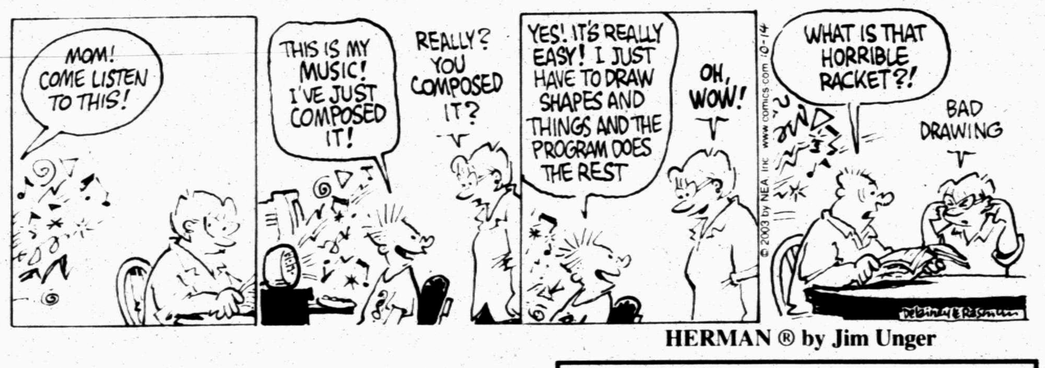

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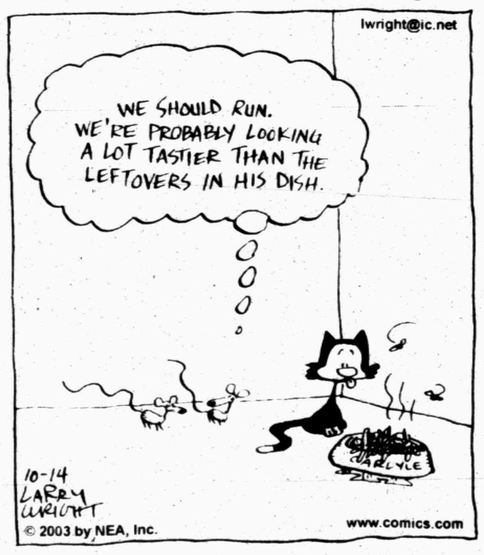

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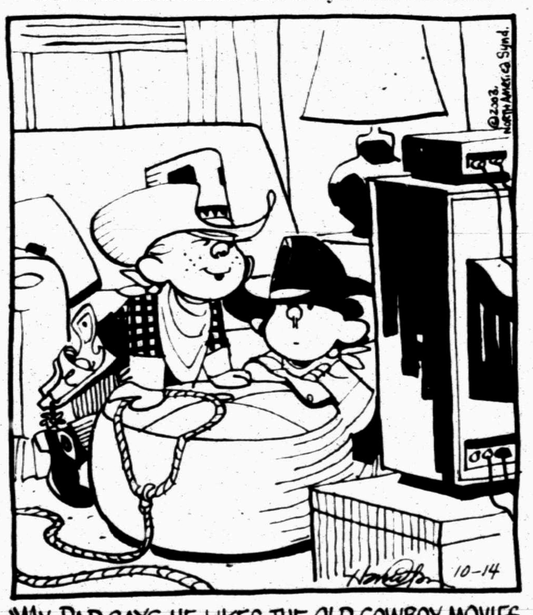

"MY DAD SAYS HE LIKES THE OLD COWBOY MOVIES, 'CAUSE YOU CAN TELL THE GOOD GUYS FROM THE BAD ONES."

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60 Microscopic
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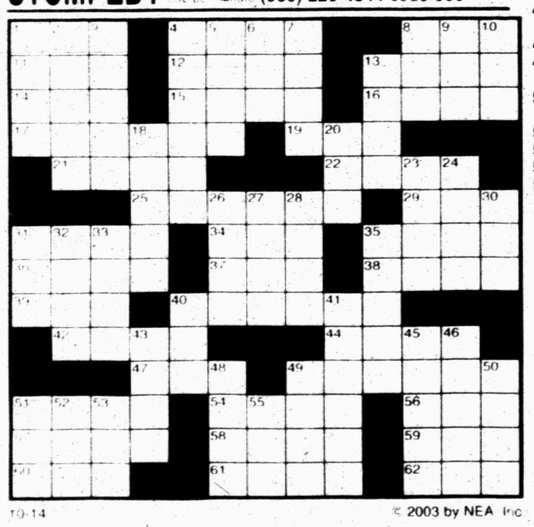

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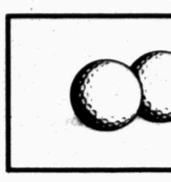

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by Bobby Alle

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SPORTS

Sideline Views

by Bobby Allen

We all figured the American League Championship Series between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees would steal the headlines.

No two franchises are as mythologized (New York) or as eulogized (Boston) ,by the baseball writers and poets, most of which hail from the New England.

But the antipathy and violence that have marked the series so far has turned off at least one viewer (and I blame the Red Sox, who have done the unthinkable — make the Yankees look sympathetic).

One can still see children roaming about the ball yards in the Midwest, Phoenix, Seattle and Texas.

But would you really want to take your three-year-old to a game in Boston? How about Yankee Stadium?

As an old Army buddy of mine said about this series: "You might as well stay at home and punch yourself in the face," rather than wear a Derek Jeter jersey in Fenway Park.

It's the beauty of sport to have a healthy dislike for an ancient rival. In our house we are sick that the Cubs are close to winning the NL pennant.

But when that dislike turns into a hard-boiled rage — fueled by "highlights" of past donnybrooks, the most recent of which happened 30-odd years ago, you get:

— bullpen pitchers stomping a groundskeeper for waving a towel;

— a 72-year-old coach with metal rivets in his head deciding to bullrush — and take a swing at — the opposing pitcher;

— a clean-up hitter walking and cursing his way towards the mound with a bat in his hands because he didn't like the pitch location — even though it was nowhere near him.

Baseball the way it ought to be?

It may be good for ratings and as fodder for smirking teleprompter readers, but it sure is a blow to those of us who still believe in things like class and dignity.

And those of us who would like to still take our kids to a ball game without forcing them to wear earplugs and a crash helmet.

The Dallas Cowboys truly have been one of the feel-good stories of the young NFL season. Bill Parcells has taken a rag-tag bunch of perennial also-rans and turned them into a tight, well-prepared group of overachievers.

But Parcells is not buying into the turnaround hype just yet, and neither should we.

As fun as the early part of the season has been for Cowboy fans, the party is about to end. You don't have to be a soothsayer to predict a few losses in the coming schedule.

After getting rebuilding Detroit Sunday, Dallas has to travel to Tampa Bay before hosting Washington and the Bills.

Then they get the Patriots and the Panthers, who just beat undefeated Indianapolis and Peyton Manning Sunday.

Dallas then draws Miami for Thanksgiving.

Hold the champagne. There will be time enough for it later if the Cowboys win nine games this year.

Wakefield knuckles down; Sox tie series

BOSTON (AP) — Tim Wakefield left the New York Yankees' hitters frustrated and frazzled, too. Only he did it with a floater instead of a head-high fastball.

Now Derek Lowe has a chance to put the Boston Red Sox ahead in the AL championship series.

"There's no time to be looking back," Boston manager Grady Little said Monday night after the Red Sox's 3-2 win evened the best-of-seven series at two. "You just need to be looking forward and stay focused on what you need to try to do."

Lowe, the Game 2 loser, opposes David Wells today, trying to move Boston within a victory of its first World Series appearance since 1986.

"You can't get caught up on how big the game is," Lowe said.

Postseason pressure certainly hasn't gotten to Wakefield, who is baffling batters with pitches that float toward the plate mostly at 65-70 mph.

"They're still trying to figure him out," Red Sox catcher Doug Mirabelli said.

After consecutive wins by the Yankees, the day off caused by Sunday's rainout seemed to slow New York's momentum — as did Wakefield's knuckler.

Hard to believe, but Boston is two wins for the AL pennant even though Nomar Garciaparra has no postseason RBIs and is hitting .216 in the playoffs (8-for-37).

"Everybody feeds off everybody else in there," Todd Walker said. "No matter who we put in there, we've got nine guys who can hit."

Walker and Trot Nixon hit solo homers for Boston, which despite leading the major leagues in offense hasn't scored more than five runs in any postseason game. Pinch-hitter Jason Varitek added a key RBI grounder in the seventh, speeding to first to just avoid an inning-ending double play.

Most significantly, there were no more fights between the old foes.

"Being rained out yesterday got everybody cooled down," Wakefield said.

Wakefield beat Mike Mussina for the second time in the series, which now must return to Yankee Stadium later this week.

Until the ninth, New York's only run came home on Derek Jeter's fifth-inning double that hit third base. But after Scott Williamson struck out Nick Johnson leading off the ninth, pinch-hitter Ruben Sierra closed New York within a run with a homer, ending a streak of 19 1-3 shutout innings for Boston's much-maligned bullpen.

Williamson, who had relieved Mike Timlin to start the inning, then struck out David Dellucci and Alfonso Soriano to earn the save.

After Sunday's rainout, fans had a festive time on the warm autumn night, booing Yankees catcher Jorge Posada, who screamed Saturday at Pedro Martinez after the Boston pitcher hit Karim Garcia with a pitch. Posada went 0-for-4 with two strikeouts, leaving seven runners on base.

They also chanted "We want Nelson," a reference to New York reliever Jeff Nelson, involved in Saturday's ninth-inning bullpen scuffle. Nelson entered to boos in the eighth just after Felix Heredia hit Walker in the shoulder. There was no hint of trouble on this one — Walker went directly to first base and said he wasn't upset.

Still, there was at least one dispute — but even then, it was resolved quickly and civilly.

After Nelson's first pitch, Boston manager Grady Little came out to talk to the umpires, who then checked the pitcher's belt and glove. But they didn't find anything against the rules.

"We had some indication that we saw a little something out there," Little said. "We didn't know."

Nelson didn't mind, saying it probably was in retaliation for New York asking umpires to check Timlin in the opener.

"His ball moves a lot, my ball moves a lot. It didn't bother me," Nelson said.

Wakefield improved to 4-0 in LCS play — he went 2-0 for Pittsburgh in 1992 against Atlanta. His eight strikeouts matched his season high, and he allowed just five hits.

Rams rout reeling Falcons

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Look out NFL, the St. Louis Rams have a stingy defense to go with their precise offense.

Veteran Aeneas Williams forced two early turnovers as the Rams outclassed the Atlanta Falcons 36-0 Monday night. Atlanta managed only 209 yards in St. Louis' first shutout in two years.

It was the Rams' first home shutout since 1993, when they played in Anaheim.

"Give credit to the defense," star receiver Torry Holt said. "A goose egg!"

Williams, playing free safety this year for the first time after a stellar career as a cornerback, has 52 career interceptions, second to Oakland's Rod Woodson among active players. He picked off Doug Johnson's ill-advised first-quarter pass in the end zone, then knocked the ball free from Atlanta tight end Alge Crumpler and recovered the fumble in the second period.

Both turnovers set up long drives for points as St. Louis took a 10-0 halftime lead.

"A shutout is so difficult to do in the NFL, and the progress of this defense is truly amazing," coach Mike Martz said. "The young corners continue to make plays, we're getting pressure up front and excellent linebacker play. I'm very proud of our defense."

Marc Bulger threw for 352 yards and two touchdowns to Holt.

"I really didn't feel like I played an NFL game tonight," Bulger said. "I hardly got hit."

Lamar Gordon, in his third start this season replacing injured Marshall Faulk, rushed for a career-high 92 yards and Holt had 11 receptions for 161 yards to spark the offense. Veteran receiver Isaac Bruce displayed his versatility with the second pass completion of his career.

St. Louis (3-2) won its ninth straight home game and handed the Falcons (1-5) their first shutout defeat since 1993.

DRAWING WINNER — Judy Moss, center, won a new golf bag from a drawing to benefit the SHS golf program at the annual Putters and Duffers tournament. Lonny Terry, left, of Golf Course Service donated the bag. SHS golf coach Ricky Hunter is also pictured. (Contributed Photo)

7th Gold spikers top Lamesa

LAMESA — The Snyder seventh-grade Gold spikers used 15 points from Kailea Shaw to edge Lamesa, 21-25, 27-25 and 26-24, Monday.

Stephanie Rodriguez had six points in the second game, while Brittney Rivera added an ace in the win.

Rivera and Wallace posted two points each, and Larissa Blackard added five in the first game of the match for the junior high Lady Tigers.

"The girls fought for each point and played really well," coach Halea Huestis said.

The eighth-grade Gold team fell in two games to Lamesa, 10-25 and 16-25.

Crystal Rodriguez tallied six points and Jordan Derryberry added two.

The eighth Black team got seven points, including two aces, from Devin Davidson in the opening game, but fell in three, 26-24, 11-25 and 20-25.

"These girls finally started playing up to their potential and stepping up to the challenge," coach Bradi Johnson said. "They gave Lamesa a good fight."

Angela Almanza had an ace in her five service points. Audrey Jones notched three points, and Allison Sharrock added two.

The seventh-grade Black squad fell to Lamesa, 8-25, 10-25.

All four junior high teams will play their final matches of the season Monday against Colorado City at Snyder. Matches will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Biron saves game for Sabres

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Martin Biron made 18 saves in his season debut, and Miroslav Satan and Daniel Briere each had a goal and an assist as the Buffalo Sabres beat the Dallas Stars 4-3 on Monday.

After two shutout losses to start the season, Biron and the Sabres ended the slide against the Stars, who won their first two games by a combined score of 7-2.

"We came in yesterday with a business mentality for practice," Biron said. "We knew we had a big test coming up this afternoon."

The Sabres passed that test, but just barely, thanks to Biron.

With 1:07 remaining and the Stars on the power play, Bill Guerin was left standing alone to the left of Biron. Guerin took a quick backhand and started to raise his hands to signal a goal before Biron dived and snagged the puck right above the goal line.

"I went one way and the puck ended up going the other way," Biron said. "I just threw my glove up in the air and I was fortunate enough and lucky enough that it caught the glove and stayed out of the net."

Biron has been the No. 1 goalie for the Sabres since Dominik Hasek forced his own trade to Detroit in 2001.

Parcells says season too young to talk turnaround

IRVING (AP) — A four-game winning streak and first place in the NFC East are not enough to convince coach Bill Parcells that he's really turning around the Dallas Cowboys.

OK, the Cowboys (4-1) are just one win shy of matching their total from each of the past three seasons. Convinced yet of a turnaround?

Not Parcells.

"My idea of turning a team around is when you've been a contender for two or three years in a row, that it's obvious to everyone that you're a lot better than you were when you started," Parcells said Monday. " Five weeks into a season, I couldn't make that statement with any basis to it."

The Cowboys extended their winning streak with a 23-21 win Sunday over Philadelphia. That broke a six-game losing streak to the division rival in which they had been outscored by an average margin of 23 points.

The day after, Parcells didn't sound like the coach whose team has a one-and-a-half game lead in the division over the Washington Redskins. He's definitely not ready to discuss the possibility of making the playoffs.

"I'm not trying to squelch our confidence or change the attitude or say we're over our heads. But I really don't know. We'll see," Parcells said.

Dallas has won four in a row during the same season for the first time since 1998. Next up is a game Sunday at Detroit (1-4).

"I think we're starting to believe that we can win, that if we continue listening to our coaches and preparing ourselves that good things happen," said quarterback Quincy Carter. "But we've got to understand we're 4-1. It's a good position, but it's a long season. We don't want to get ahead of ourselves."

The victory over the Eagles certainly wasn't a textbook performance.

Dallas had a quick lead when Randal Williams returned an attempted onside kick 37 yards for a touchdown, scoring in just three seconds for the fastest score to open a game since the NFL started using a scoreboard clock in 1970.

Billy Cundiff's 51-yard field goal just before halftime broke a 7-7 tie. A 37-yard pass by backup halfback Aveion Cason set up a 1-yard TD, and Cundiff kicked two more field goals in the fourth quarter — on a drive that stalled after first down at the 3, and after Zuriel Smith's 54-yard kickoff return following Philadelphia's go-ahead touchdown.

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Brunell has elbow surgery

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jaguars quarterback Mark Brunell had surgery on his left elbow and will be out at least a few weeks. The surgery was done to alleviate swelling on his throwing elbow. Coach Jack Del Rio said it would be at least two or three weeks before Brunell could throw again.

OSU LB suspended for choking Wisconsin QB

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State linebacker Robert Reynolds was suspended one game for jamming his fingers into the throat of Wisconsin quarterback Jim Sorgi and choking him. Reynolds will miss the eighth-ranked Buckeyes' homecoming game Saturday against No. 9 Iowa at Ohio Stadium, coach Jim Tressel said.

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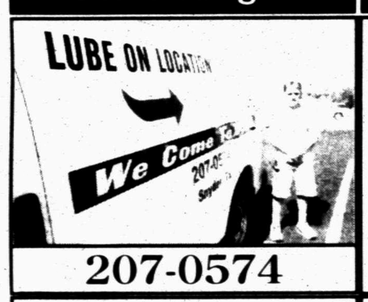

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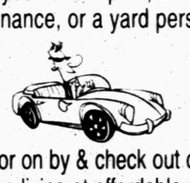

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Nearly one-quarter of the 130,000 American troops in Iraq still have not been issued the newest body armor, which has ceramic plates to stop rifle rounds. Delays in funding, production and shipping mean the last of the needed 30,000 sets of body armor won't be delivered to Iraq until December — more than eight months after the war began.

Congress approved $310 million in April to buy 300,000 more of the bulletproof vests, including 30,000 for troops in Iraq. But only about $75 million has reached the Army office overseeing the vests' manufacture and distribution, said David Nelson, an official in that office.

Angry members of Congress have denounced the Pentagon, saying as many as 44,000 troops lack the best vests because of a sluggish supply chain. Relatives of some soldiers have resorted to buying body armor in the United States and shipping it to their troops, congressional critics say.

"I got a letter from a young soldier in Baghdad saying that the men in his group were concerned that they had cheap armor that was incapable of stopping bullets. And they wondered why they could not have the best protection possible under the circumstances," said Rep. Ted Strickland, D-Ohio.

The House version of an $86.7 billion Iraq spending bill passed last week includes $251 million for body armor and for clearing unexploded munitions, although it's unclear whether additional money would speed the process at this point. President Bush's original request included no more money for body armor.

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Several soldiers serving in both countries have credited the Interceptor vests with saving their lives.

Each vest and its plates weighs more than 16 pounds and costs more than $1,500.

Nelson, the Army's deputy product manager for outfitting soldiers, said the shortfall in Iraq came because the military's need for body armor outstripped its ability to make and deliver the Interceptor plates.

The Army already had boosted production to supply soldiers fighting in Afghanistan when planning for the Iraq war began in earnest last year, he said.

Production of the plates surged a year ago from about 3,000 per month to 6,000 to 10,000 per month, Nelson said. Current production is about 25,000 plates per month, he said, and the Army is working to double that to 50,000 per month.

"It's not a question of money, it's a question of capacity to manufacture these devices," Gen. Richard Myers, the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, told a Senate committee last month. "We're making them as quickly as we can."

Of the American soldiers in Iraq who already have the body armor, some received it before arriving in Iraq and others after their deployment.

Nelson said the Army originally hired three companies to make the plates: Armor Works LLC of Tempe, Ariz.; Ceradyne Inc. of Costa Mesa, Calif; and Simula Inc. of Phoenix.

The Army recently added three more companies to make the inserts, Nelson said: Point Blank Body Armor Inc., a division of DHB Industries, of Carle Place, N.Y.; ProTech Armored Products, a subsidiary of Armor Holdings Inc., of Jacksonville, Fla.; and ForceOne LLC, of Spruce Pine, N.C.

Hundreds evacuated after ammonia leak

ELLINGTON, Conn. (AP) — A leak at a juice company sent a cloud of ammonia over a town early today, leading to the evacuation of about 1,000 people.

The leak from a tank was reported about 2 a.m. at the Natural Country Farms plant and wasn't plugged until around seven hours later, officials said.

The leak developed after a 2-inch pipe flange came loose in an area where 8,000 gallons of anhydrous ammonia, used as a refrigerant, is stored, fire officials said. Crews in chemical protection suits were sent in to stop the leak.

"It's going to clean itself up once we ventilate," Assistant Fire Chief Gary Feldman said. "It's not like an oil spill, where we've got a bunch of gunk to clean up. It's just going to dissipate."

Environmental tests found that even in areas of heavy concentrations of the ammonia, the gas didn't reach a level considered dangerous, officials said.

Earlier, police knocked on doors in this northeastern Connecticut town to notify people of the leak. About 1,000 people left their homes; some decided to stay and were allowed to do so.

Among the evacuees were Diana Gamage and her two children, age 15 and 12.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Indications for a pacemaker

DEAR DR. GOTT: I thought I was a healthy man of 76. What a dream! Both my primary care doctor and a cardiologist recommend a pacemaker. A test showed that my natural pacemaker is not functioning properly. Is this a lifetime problem I must deal with?

DEAR READER: Often, as we age and arteriosclerosis affects blood circulation to the heart, the natural pacemaker (called the sino-atrial node) begins to malfunction. This may be associated with periods during which the heart beats too slowly, followed by an inappropriately rapid pulse.

Termed "sick sinus syndrome," this abnormality can lead to lightheadedness, fainting, fatigue and other symptoms. In some cases, the patient is totally unaware of the disturbed cardiac rhythm, which is, however, visible on an electrocardiogram.

When sick sinus syndrome reaches a dangerous level — for example, if the pulse consistently falls below 40 beats per minute, or the heart actually stops for several seconds — patients with the disorder are at risk of unconsciousness or cardiac arrest. At this point, cardiologists consistently recommend implantation of a battery-driven device, called an internal pacemaker, to keep the heart beating normally.

The artificial pacemaker is placed into the heart by threading a wire into one of the cardiac chambers and attaching it to a battery pack that is implanted under the skin of the chest wall, during a simple, risk-free procedure.

Most modern pacers do not fire all the time; they sense if the natural pacemaker is cutting out and kick in when necessary. The fact that the pacemaker can be set to overcome a slow pulse enables doctors to prescribe medication to prevent bursts of rapid pulse, which, if administered without a functioning artificial pacemaker, could depress the pulse rate still further.

If your physicians have counseled you to have an implanted pacemaker, you should have one. Without it, your cardiac function will continue to deteriorate and you are at risk of hurting yourself and others if you faint and fall or are driving when your pulse rate drops too low. Thus, although your problem is permanent, it can be overcome, allowing you to lead a normal life.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm supposed to take calcium for osteoporosis, yet when I read labels, one says phosphate and the other lists carbonate. Which is the best to use?

DEAR READER: It doesn't matter; either will do. The phosphate and carbonate substances are just compounds to which the calcium ions are attached. During digestion, the body splits off the calcium and uses it for metabolism and for strengthening bones.

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

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

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	14.71	14.15	14.37	—.10
AOL TimeWrn	15.99	15.56	15.70	—.05
AT&T Corp rs	20.15	20.01	20.06	—.09
Albertsons	20.70	20.55	20.59	—.22
Alltel	48.95	48.23	48.44	—.47
AmEl Pw	29.65	29.44	29.59	—.02
AndarkPtr	42.70	42.27	42.67	—.41
ATMOS Egy	24.74	24.59	24.73	+.14
Aviall	13.98	13.78	13.98	+.20
BP PLC	44.23	43.97	44.17	—.56
BakerHughes	30.93	30.51	30.68	—.05
Bank of Amer	83.50	81.74	82.17	+.43
BellSouth	23.85	23.44	23.60	—.35
BurlNoSFe	29.63	29.44	29.59	+.01
Caterpillar	76.58	76.00	76.27	—.63
CenterPoint	9.83	9.70	9.79	+.01
ChevronTex	74.47	74.02	74.38	—.07
Citigroup	49.30	48.53	48.93	
CocaCola	44.40	43.85	44.39	+.25
ColgatePal	58.45	58.05	58.18	+.10
CmclMetals	21.24	20.85	21.00	+.14
ConocoPhill	57.99	57.33	57.55	—.43
Cooper Inds	50.84	50.43	50.62	—.23
DaimlrChry	36.82	36.38	36.80	—.03
DeltaAirl	15.00	13.87	13.91	—.81
Dillards Inc	16.40	16.22	16.40	+.01
DowChem	34.90	34.54	34.72	+.19
DuPont	40.89	40.23	40.29	—.21
EastmanChem	32.51	32.10	32.17	—.27
EstKodak	23.20	22.71	23.19	+.25
EDS Corp	22.08	21.83	21.96	+.12
Entergy	53.62	53.40	53.53	+.03
ExxonMobil	38.48	38.20	38.44	—.04
FootLocker	17.50	17.33	17.39	—.09
GenDynam	85.19	83.42	84.81	+2.19
GenElec	29.20	28.66	29.19	+.26
GenMills	45.08	44.72	44.73	—.24
GenMotors	43.60	43.25	43.57	+.03
GaPacific	26.32	26.01	26.19	—.19
Goodrich	26.35	26.07	26.26	—.01
Goodyear	7.19	7.09	7.13	—.01
GtAtlPac	7.90	7.75	7.80	—.02
Halliburtn	24.30	24.12	24.15	—.20
Hanson ADS	35.57	35.45	35.55	+.18
HarteHanks	19.18	19.10	19.18	—.03
HomeDepot	35.51	35.25	35.38	—.12
HoneywellIntl	28.96	28.57	28.77	
IBM	92.95	92.43	92.71	—.49
IntlPaper	39.24	38.99	39.02	—.12
JohnsonJn	50.75	50.00	50.58	+.79
KinderMorg	56.39	55.89	56.39	+.49
Kroger Co	19.22	19.09	19.13	—.13
LockheedM	46.76	45.81	45.98	—.62
Lowes Cos	58.08	57.45	58.01	—.03
Lubys	2.44	2.43	2.43	—.05
LucentTech	2.38	2.32	2.35	—.03
MarathonOil	30.35	30.02	30.08	—.27
MayDeptStr	27.39	27.02	27.15	—.35
Medtronic	44.90	44.10	44.72	+.45
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ProctGamb	95.82	95.27	95.77	+.27
RadioShack	30.37	29.80	30.13	—.12
RoyalDut	46.56	46.26	46.52	—.04
SBC Comm	21.70	21.28	21.41	—.29
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Scripps EW	91.50	88.50	90.78	+2.79
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SherwinW	32.13	31.89	32.10	+.03
SouthernCo	29.42	29.27	29.37	—.04
SwstAirl	18.83	18.57	18.69	—.17
SprintFON	15.68	15.41	15.48	—.22
SprintPCS	5.84	5.72	5.73	—.04
Sunoco Inc	42.41	41.83	41.94	—.46
TXU Corp	23.06	22.89	22.96	—.02
TempleInland	50.26	49.88	49.92	—.34
TexInd	27.60	27.20	27.25	
TexasInst	25.58	25.06	25.44	—.14
Textron	45.44	44.88	45.27	+.13
TrinityInds	26.51	26.00	26.00	—.50
TylerTech	7.85	7.70	7.77	+.02
UnionPacif	58.34	58.00	58.13	—.43
USSteel	20.25	19.82	20.18	+.41
UnitedTech	83.75	83.10	83.37	+.16
Unocal	31.77	31.35	31.59	—.18
VerizonComm	31.90	31.10	31.30	—.58
WalMart	59.10	58.68	58.95	
WellsFargo	55.95	54.80	54.97	—.08
WstnGasRs	41.35	41.05	41.25	—.17
WinnDixie	8.55	8.31	8.31	—.15
Xerox Cp	11.17	11.05	11.07	—.21
YumBrands	32.60	32.20	32.46	—.01

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Escaped inmate surrenders

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — After three days on the run, a murder suspect who escaped from jail by climbing down a 60-foot line of knotted bedsheets surrendered to state police at his rural home.

Hugo Selenski, who escaped Friday night from the Luzerne County Correctional Facility, was taken into custody Monday night at his home in Kingston Township, said state police Trooper Tom Kelly.

Police had gone there earlier in the evening but were refused entry by Selenski's girlfriend, Christina Strom, Kelly said. About 45 minutes after they left, Selenski's attorney called to arrange the surrender, he said. Strom has not been charged with helping Selenski hide.

"He's in custody, we're happy and it ended apparently without anyone being hurt," Kelly said.

Selenski was being held without bail after arraignment on charges of escape and possession of weapons or implements for escape.

Selenski, 30, and his cellmate, Scott Bolton, 39, removed a 12-inch-by-18-inch window from the seventh floor of the jail. Bolton, who fell and was captured on a rooftop, remained hospitalized in critical condition with multiple internal injuries and broken bones.

Selenski used a jail mattress to protect himself against razor wire atop a metal fence to complete his escape.

He had been jailed since June, when he was charged with murdering two people whose bodies were exhumed from behind his home near Wilkes-Barre, which is about 100 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2003

In the year ahead, many obstacles or pitfalls that had previously stymied you can now be overcome with relative ease. Once past them, you will have many opportunities to put some of your bigger concepts into action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Instead of thinking only about the moment at hand, look ahead a bit today and give some thought to your future interests. Constructive plans can be developed that will prove to be very fruitful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Associates and friends view you very favorably at this time and are likely to do what they can to assist you when and where you need them. Don't be afraid to request favors today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Social arrangements you make today could offer you some special advantages, so it behooves you to plan something fun with friends. Take the time to relax and enjoy yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Any activity or endeavor you engage in today where you fully utilize your talents, skills or abilities will not go unnoticed or unrewarded. Aim high and strive to do your best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Persons who have optimistic and expansive outlooks will have a strong positive effect on your attitude today. This frame of mind will attract all things good, making for a very pleasant day.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Instinctively, you'll have an acute awareness of what resources are at your disposal today and how you can make the most of them. By following your instincts, you can go far.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This is a good day to shore up a personal relationship that needs a little tending. Make an effort to spend some quality time doing something together that warms the heart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Any effort you put forth today to fulfill your ambitious objectives should turn out to be successful, especially if your plans include working with others for a common cause.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your pleasant personality and positive outlook on life serves as a magnet today for drawing people to you. The good that happens to you today will be frosting on the cake.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You won't have to order people about or badger them into complying. In your own quiet way you'll have an enormous influence in helping to steer them in the right direction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This is not a day to be a loner; your restless spirit needs to be around people in order to bring out your most sparkling qualities. If you don't have any plans, take the time to make some.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Both today and tomorrow look extremely encouraging for your goals. To optimize time, start now and don't put off until later anything you can do immediately.

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HERMLEIGH JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS — Hermleigh Junior High School cheerleaders for 2003-2004 are from left, back row, K'Ana Garcia and Casey Williamson, both seventh graders; and Melanie Kariainen, 6th grader; front row from left, Naomi Arellano and Lorinda Williams, both 6th graders; and Marissa Davis and Lauren Zamora, both 7th graders. Kelly Dacus is the sponsor. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Flu shots are good protection — and won't give you the flu

DEAR ABBY: Each year in the United States, influenza kills 36,000 people and hospitalizes 110,000 more. Influenza's impact could be greatly reduced if your readers would put "schedule flu vaccination" on their to-do lists today.

The vaccine is extremely effective. Despite this, many people for whom flu vaccine is recommended fail to get immunized. Some presumptions that keep people from being vaccinated:

MYTH 1: The flu shot can give you the flu.

FACT: The influenza shot cannot give you the flu. The injectable vaccine is made from "killed" influenza virus.

MYTH 2: If you don't get the vaccine in October or November, it's too late.

FACT: Although it's best to be vaccinated in October or November for maximum protection throughout the flu season, people who are immunized in December, January and February are protected.

MYTH 3: Only people 65 and older need the influenza vaccine.

FACT: Flu vaccine is recommended for everyone age 50 and older. But ANYONE 6 months or older can benefit from it. It's hard to believe, but children 24 months and younger are hospitalized with flu complications at the same rate as people 65 and older.

The following are some of the people for whom influenza vaccine is recommended in the United States:

(1) People 50 and older.

(2) Anyone 6 months and older who has medical problems such as heart or lung disease (including asthma), diabetes, kidney disease or a weak immune system.

(3) Women who will be 14 or more weeks pregnant between December and March, which is flu season.

(4) Health-care workers.

(5) Caregivers who work with or live with people with the problems listed above.

(6) Anyone who wants to avoid the risk of spreading the flu (and its possible complications) to a loved one or friend. Flu vaccine protects not only you, but also the people you care about.

A nasal spray form of influenza vaccine is newly licensed in the U.S. this year. For more information about it, your readers should consult their health-care professionals. **— DEBORAH WEXLER, M.D., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IMMUNIZATION ACTION COALITION**

DEAR DR. WEXLER: Thank you for your timely reminder. From personal experience, I can say that neither I nor my husband has contracted the flu since we began getting flu shots. Other excellent candidates who should consider being immunized include police and fire personnel, teachers, bus drivers, and people who come in contact with the public.

Readers, if you have questions about influenza vaccine, or any other vaccine, you can find reliable information by calling the National Immunization Information Hotline: (800) 232-2522, or visit the Web site: www.vaccineinformation.org.

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Ex-TSU police chief: Theft probe blocked

HOUSTON (AP) — The attorney for a fired Texas Southern University police chief contends the school interfered with the theft investigation of an employee and finally blocked it with the dismissal.

The former chief, Cordell Lindsey, testified Monday in his whistle-blower lawsuit against TSU that he had worked with the Harris County District Attorney's Office without seeking permission from university administrators.

But Assistant state Attorney General Lara Johnson Grant, representing TSU, told jurors that Lindsey was fired because he failed to turn over financial data in the investigation to the university auditor and had obtained a subpoena through the District Attorney's Office without seeking permission from the TSU general counsel.

Lindsey contends in his lawsuit that he was fired in February 2001 for refusing to stop investigating then-special events coordinator Tiffany Thompson for allegedly stealing $4,000 in university funds.

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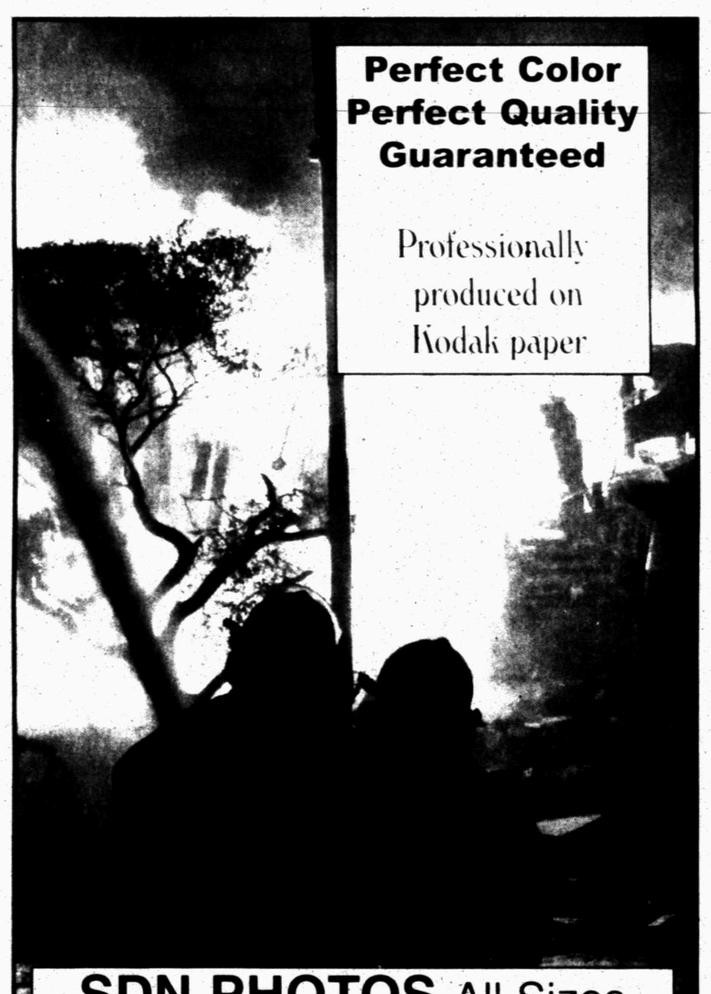
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To avoid splitting the prize money a TIE-BREAKER slot will be provided on each entry blank. Pick the total points of the score for that game and in case of a tie the one who picks the winner and nearest number of total points will receive the prize money. The same formula will apply to second and third place winners. In case of a perfect score, the formula would apply for the $250 cash prize. To win the $1000 cash prize, all twenty games must be picked correctly, plus the exact score must be predicted on the tie-breaker.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Sniper suspect trial gets underway today

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — John Allen Muhammad entered innocent pleas and greeted potential jurors with silence today as the death-penalty trial of the 42-year-old sniper suspect got under way a year after a series of deadly shootings terrified the Washington area.

Muhammad pleaded innocent to capital murder and firearms charges. He initially remained silent when asked a routine question by Circuit Judge Roy E. Millette Jr., but later answered after whispering with an attorney.

Muhammad, wearing a white button-down shirt and tie, told Millette he understood the charges and that he was ready for the trial.

"I'm prepared for it, yes," he said.

The case, which is expected to last up to six weeks, was moved some 200 miles out of metropolitan Washington to this southeastern Virginia city after defense lawyers argued that every northern Virginia resident could be considered a victim because the shootings made them afraid.

Some legal experts have said it will be difficult to select impartial jurors from a community where people may still have felt vulnerable as the attacks mounted. Intense media coverage of the case will also make it difficult to find unbiased jurors.

Some 120 potential jurors were being brought to the courtroom in groups of around 40 to fill out a lengthy questionnaire. After the first group was brought in, Millette introduced Muhammad and the lawyers in the case. The attorneys said, "Good morning," while Muhammad stood and said nothing to the prospects.

Eleven of the prospects were excused when they indicated a weekslong trial would be a hardship.

Millette warned the prospective jurors they would have to disregard pretrial publicity.

Supreme Court will take on church-state fight over pledge

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said today it will decide whether the Pledge of Allegiance recited by generations of American schoolchildren is an unconstitutional blending of church and state.

The case sets up an emotional showdown over God in the public schools and in public life. It will settle whether the phrase "one nation under God" will remain a part of the patriotic oath as it is recited in most classrooms.

The court will hear the case sometime next year.

The justices agreed to hear an appeal involving a California atheist whose 9-year-old daughter, like most elementary school children, hears the Pledge of Allegiance recited daily.

A national uproar followed a federal appeals court ruling last year that the reference to God made the pledge unconstitutional in public schools. That ruling, if allowed to stand, would strip the reference from the version of the pledge recited by about 9.6 million schoolchildren in California and other western states.

In other cases today, the court:

—Turned aside an appeal of a lower court decision which upheld laws in nine states that permit doctors to give marijuana to sick patients.

—Agreed to decide whether border officers can randomly search gas tanks of vehicles coming into the country as part of stepped-up security measures that the Bush administration said are indispensable to the war on drugs and terrorism.

—Said it will take a fresh look at the complex question of how to protect children from online smut without resorting to unconstitutional censorship.

The First Amendment guarantees that government will not "establish" religion, wording that has come to mean a general ban on overt government sponsorship of religion in public schools and elsewhere.

Justices to rule on gas-tank searches along the border

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed today to decide if border officers can randomly search gas tanks of vehicles coming into the country, security measures the Bush administration argued are important in the war on drugs and terrorism.

An appeals court had said that officers can visually inspect gas tanks, but not dismantle them unless they have reason to suspect wrongdoing.

Critics, including the White House, argued that the decision would make it easier to sneak weapons, drugs and even people into America. On the other side, lawyers said it's unconstitutionally intrusive, and potentially hazardous, for vehicles to be taken apart at border stops.

Solicitor General Theodore Olson told the court that gas tank discoveries account for about a fourth of the drug seizures along Southern California's border. "The government's interest also extends to the prevention of smuggling of aliens and of bombs, explosives, or other implements of terrorism that likewise may be concealed in gas tanks," Olson wrote in a filing.

Justices will schedule arguments next year in the case of Manuel Flores-Montano, whose station wagon was searched at the Otay Mesa Port in California in February 2002. After a mechanic removed the gas tank, officers found 37 kilograms of marijuana bricks.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals said that the government could not use the marijuana as evidence because the search was unconstitutional.

His lawyer, John Lemon, said the Bush administration was overstating the threat of terrorist smugglers using gas tanks. There is no proof, Lemon wrote in filings, that gas-tank rulings by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, or any other court, "in any way circumscribe the nation's ability to defend itself."

The 9th Circuit decision is binding in border states like Arizona, California, Montana, and Washington state.

Lemon said appeals courts in New Orleans and Denver had reached similar conclusions, something Olson disputed.

The Fourth Amendment protects people from unreasonable searches and seizures, but the Supreme Court has held that people entering the United States can be subjected to routine searches without suspicion.

At issue here is whether such gas-tank searches are routine, or whether reasonable suspicion is required before a search.

One arrested here Monday

• ***Assault***

At 8:52 p.m. Monday, Roger Garza requested to speak to an officer as he had been assaulted by another man. Officers filed a report for Class A assault.

• ***Arrest***

Officers filed a report for Class A assault, family violence at 12:29 this morning and took a 24-year-old male into custody. He also had outstanding DPS warrants for speeding, no liability insurance, no valid inspection sticker and failure to appear.

• ***Theft***

A woman in the 2700 block of 23rd Street notified officers at 2:44 p.m. Monday that some tires had been stolen from her residence. Upon investigation, officers stated it would be a civil matter and the woman was advised of the proper steps to take.

At 7:20 p.m. Monday, an offense report for theft of a dog was made from the 3800 block of Noble Drive. Officers filed a report for Class B theft.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Stanley Clark told deputies at 5 p.m. Monday that someone had damaged a gate and fence on CR 473. An offense report for Class C criminal mischief was filed.

• ***Obscene gestures***

An attempt to locate was made on a vehicle whose driver was making obscene gestures toward children in the 2600 block of Avenue W. Officers were given a description of the vehicle and its license plate.

• ***Gas drive offs***

Two gas drive offs worth $16 and $25.50 were reported from Town & Country East Monday afternoon around 5 o'clock.

• ***Vandalism***

A criminal trespass warning was issued Monday morning against a woman after a subject had dumped chemicals around a tree in the 200 block of 35th Street.

Obituaries

Rocky Gill

1981-2003

Rocky Gill, a lifelong resident of Scurry County, died Sunday, Oct. 12, from injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident in Winkler County, 19 miles west of Andrews.

Service for Mr. Gill, 21, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

Rocky Gill

Born Oct. 17, 1981 in Snyder, he had lived in both Snyder and Hermleigh and was a 2000 graduate of Hermleigh High School where he played football, basketball and baseball. He was also active in FFA and showed pigs at livestock shows. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, auto racing and was involved, along with his mother, in coaching his sister's softball team. Mr. Gill was employed as a mechanic for Grimmett Bros.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Sharon Davidson.

Survivors include his parents, Roy and Cindy Gill of Hermleigh; two sisters, Brandy Sorrells and husband, Nathan, and Carly Gill, all of Hermleigh; his grandparents, Ed and Dorothy Gill of Snyder and J.B. Davidson of Andrews; a great-grandmother, Dena Rankin of Levelland; a nephew, Dylan Sorrells of Hermleigh; and his fiancée, Tisha Hill of Andrews.

The family suggests memorials to the Hermleigh Cemetery Association, Box 1 in Hermleigh, 79526.

James Land

1931-2003

KILLEEN — Funeral service for James Albert Land, brother of John Land of Snyder, is set or 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Killeen Memorial Park.

Born March 17, 1931 in Longview, he retired from the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant in 1970 after 20 years of service. He had been awarded the Bronze Star, Korea Service Medal with five bronze stars, the Vietnam Defense Medal with two loops, the National Defense Medal with oak leaf cluster and the combat infantry badge.

Mr. Land was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion.

He married Helga Elsbeth Leis on April 21, 1956 in Hanau, Germany. A resident of Killeen since 1970, Mr. Land was former owner of Furniture Claims Service and also was a former employee of Cole's Furniture Service.

Survivors include his wife, Helga Land of Killeen; three sons, Roland Land of Tacoma, Wash., David Land of Harker Heights and Richard Land of Killeen; two daughters, Bonnie Land of Cowarts, Ala., and Belinda Skeen of Harker Heights; three other brothers, Clifford Land and Leonard Land of Levelland and Jerry Land of Cadiz; three sisters, Bonnie Stogsdill of Levelland, Shirley McDonald of Breckenridge and Emma Brakebill of Idabell, Okla.; and eight grandchildren.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 10/15	Thu 10/16	Fri 10/17
73/54	78/57	71/53
Mainly sunny. High 73F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise 7:47 AM / Sunset 7:11 PM	Sunrise 7:48 AM / Sunset 7:10 PM	Sunrise 7:49 AM / Sunset 7:09 PM

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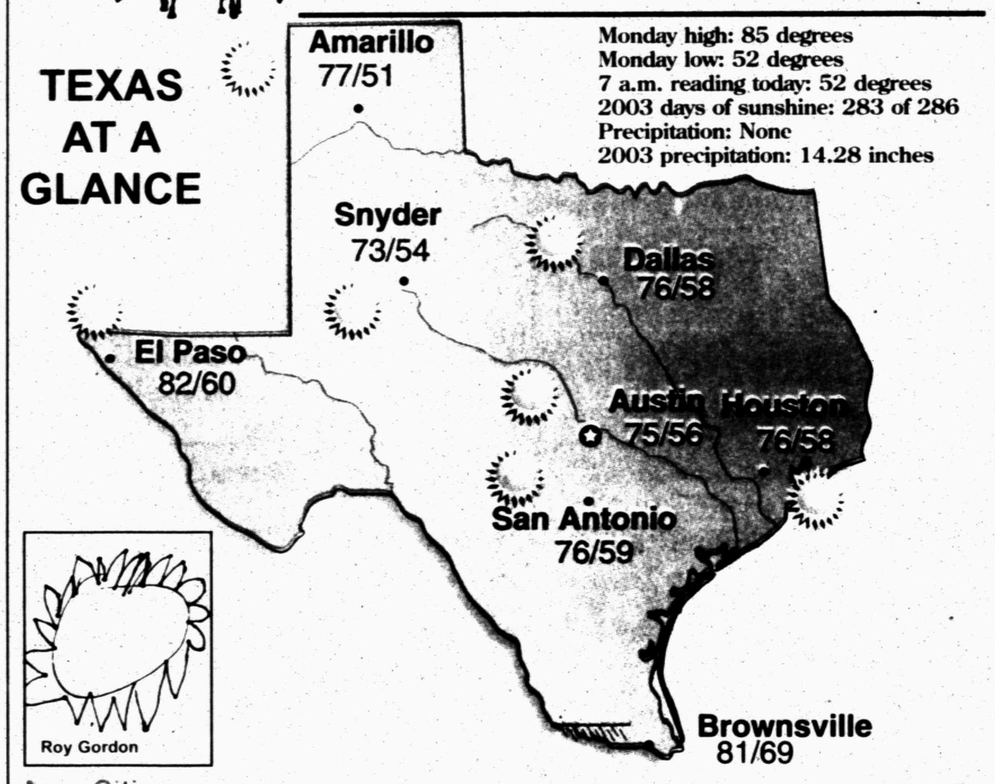
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Monday high: 85 degrees
Monday low: 52 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 52 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 283 of 286
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 14.28 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	74	58	sunny	El Paso	82	60	sunny	Midland	77	59	sunny
Amarillo	77	51	sunny	Fort Stockton	79	59	sunny	Raymondville	80	65	rain
Austin	75	56	sunny	Gainesville	75	52	sunny	Rosenberg	77	57	sunny
Beaumont	76	54	sunny	Greenville	75	52	sunny	San Antonio	76	59	sunny
Brownsville	81	69	rain	Houston	76	58	sunny	San Marcos	76	56	sunny
Brownwood	76	55	sunny	Kingsville	78	63	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	75	51	sunny
Corpus Christi	76	64	mst sunny	Livingston	76	51	sunny	Sweetwater	74	56	sunny
Corsicana	76	54	sunny	Longview	75	50	sunny	Tyler	75	54	sunny
Dallas	76	58	sunny	Lubbock	78	56	sunny	Weatherford	75	52	sunny
Del Rio	78	64	sunny	Lufkin	76	52	sunny	Wichita Falls	77	55	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	69	44	sunny	Houston	76	58	sunny	Phoenix	96	72	sunny
Boston	62	45	t-storm	Los Angeles	75	59	mst sunny	San Francisco	66	52	mst sunny
Chicago	60	42	mst sunny	Miami	85	71	rain	Seattle	53	48	rain
Dallas	76	58	sunny	Minneapolis	56	38	pt sunny	St. Louis	67	50	mst sunny
Denver	67	37	mst sunny	New York	64	44	windy	Washington, DC	68	47	windy

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Oct 10	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1

UV Index

Wed 10/15	Thu 10/16	Fri 10/17
7	7	7
High	High	High

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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