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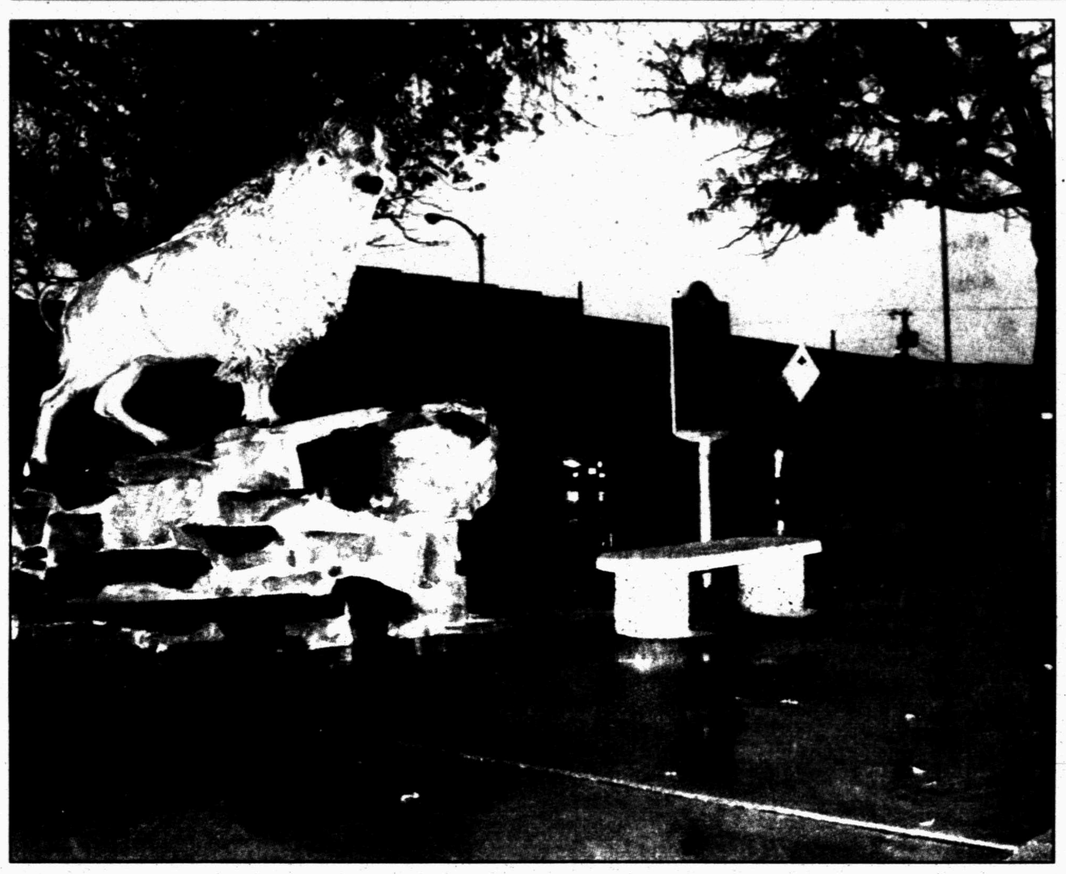

HOME OF THE 'WET' BUFFALO — Snyder commuters were greeted with wet streets this morning as they began the TGIF work day. Occasional showers are expected through Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Public turnout again low at 2nd hospital district meeting

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

Attendance was again light as only four citizens showed for a meeting sponsored by a group in support of a hospital district in Scurry County.

The scheduled one hour meeting Thursday night in Ira did stretch to about 90 minutes as those in attendance asked questions and committee spokesperson Bill Dickinson went into some detail for the answers.

"We want to tell the whole story," said Dickinson, Cogdell Memorial Hospital laboratory manager.

As he did in Hermleigh Monday, Dickinson again presented a number of graphs that put into perspective the losses suffered by the hospital. He also offered examples of profits from other hospitals in Texas that are now members of a hospital district.

While graphs and totals were helpful in illustrating the total losses for Cogdell, they did little to address the specifics of the losses and exactly where the money went as the attendees wanted specifics.

One of the first questions asked had to do with the hospital building itself.

"How much did it cost to build the new entry?" asked one audience member.

Dickinson explained that he had no idea how much it cost because it was part of the "package." In other words, the hospital was remodeled in a number of ways to be within state and federal compliance.

Others wanted to know what services would change, especially for senior citizens.

"Will seniors still have all of the services that they're accustomed to having? I mean when someone needs to be transported to Lubbock, will they still be able to go?"

Dickinson responded that if the district is approved, transportation should remain as it is in that respect.

"Some hospitals seem to be recovering from their losses," said Mark Glass, an Ira resident. "Why can't we study these other hospitals to find out what they're doing?"

"I just feel like we're being railroaded and you guys are driving the train. I think it's just too soon to have a vote on this," said Glass.

Besides Dickinson, Dr. Bid Cooper, chief of the medical staff, was in attendance.

And on the other side of the vote, some 30 people attended an organizational and information meeting sponsored by a group favoring fiscal responsibility at the hospital.

"We had a good meeting," said organizer Bob Bell.

Questions also were asked at this meeting what would happen if the hospital board votes to terminate the management agreement with the local hospital.

"There are professionals available to help if Covenant leaves," said Bell, who said a town hall meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Towle Park Barn.

Unanimous decision...

SISD trustees approve $13K facilities study

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Snyder ISD trustees Thursday evening agreed to fund a $13,000 facilities study.

Robert Gabois of Total Program Management told the board that his company would do the normal "sticks and bricks" assessment of the district facilities, but would conduct the study working from the classroom out.

"We'll provide you with much, much more than a laundry list of fix-it items," said Gabois.

Trustee Luann Burleson questioned how the information gathered by BGR Engineers during the two failed bond issues would be used, and if the information is still useful.

Gabois said it would be reviewed, but added, "A lot of things have changed."

"We will be aware of what is already identified (as problems)," said Gabois. "We'll validate the earlier findings of the architects."

Supt. Ronny Collins, in recommending the evaluation, said the district needs to think of the study as more than just bricks and mortar. "It is more of an evaluation through the education standpoint.

"We'll be looking at the facilities on how to use them best to educate our kids.

"You have to remember, the only technology in place when these buildings were built was electricity."

Gabois said the study will not be about a bond issue, but about a facilities plan. "A bond issue could be a part of it," he added.

Dr. Collins agreed, saying the district needs a facilities plan and a bond issue is not necessarily part of it.

"If we have $200,000 left over at the end of the year, we need a plan in place where to use it. We don't need to spend a lot of time just talking about it," said Dr. Collins.

Gabois said the facility study should get underway very soon, with interviews and other assessments completed by the latter part of January.

The vote on the study was unanimous by the trustees.

Three resignations also were approved Thursday night as junior high teacher Michael Holmes, elementary counselor Charlene Light and Stanfield second grade teacher Sherry Patterson all had submitted resignation letters.

Dr. Collins said the district is not looking to immediately hire replacements, but would do so at a later time.

Collins said all students would be adequately served as a result of shifting one teacher at Stanfield, and using a long-term substitute at the junior high.

"The counseling position will be contracted out," said Dr. Missy Jones, director of personnel.

In other action items, the trustees approved the campus improvement plans and a new teacher appraisal schedule, plus a two-year contract with the Texas General Land Office for electricity for the district.

Also, the trustees accepted the donation of a 2000 Saturn from Saturn of Abilene for the power mechanics class, and approved the district's textbook committee for this school year.

The trustees cast their votes for the nominees for the Scurry County Appraisal District board of directors, with most of the votes going to the district's nominee, Harold Lacik. The other votes were divided evenly among David Beaver, Mark Cullifer, Fred Cross and Donald Tate.

The investment policy was briefly reviewed, and the trustees held a 30-minute executive session concerning an insurance settlement. No action was taken following the closed session.

Board president Mark McCormick presided and all members were present to include Burleson, Richard Chambers, Cathy Peoples, Glenn Clarady, Mike Levens and Doug Neff.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Wade Warren

Composition room gremlins were active at the San Angelo Standard-Times this week and some local fans got pretty upset about their antics thinking the Tigers were the subject of a joke.

Alisa Cain came in the office wanting the address of the newspaper — not their phone number, but the physical address. We think she was going down there to whip them all.

What triggered it all was a story about the Snyder-Monahans game that included a box that listed some fictitious names from Snyder, but all other boxes had the correct names from the various playoff teams.

Staff Writer Jeff McDonald replied to an ol' Tigers' query about what happened.

McDonald wrote that the correct box was re-run and he offered his apologies for their earlier mistake.

"It was not meant to slight or degrade anyone from Snyder," wrote McDonald. "It was just a mistake. What happened was that a page designer mistakenly thought a box was completed when it wasn't. What appeared in the paper, in part, was simply the template with the fake names that every box starts from," wrote McDonald.

McDonald said the newspaper apologized for the error and asked SHS principal Larry Scott to apologize to anyone and everyone at the school on behalf of the Standard-Times.

"Again, sorry for the mistake and the confusion over this regrettable error," he wrote.

We certainly understand how this happened and we hope no one feels the San Angelo paper meant anything derogatory about Snyder and especially the football team.

We know this to be true because the Standard-Times only prints derogatory stories about Odessa, and especially the Permian Panthers.

We also understand how a mistaken template could get into the paper as we have our own templates here at The Snyder Daily News.

For example, one headline over the years read, "School Administrator Resigns."

It's a good thing the headline template didn't get in as it reads, "School Administrator Resigns — or Else."

We had another headline once that said, "City Manager Shows Up for Work."

The template actually reads, "Will the City Manager Ever Show Up for Work at the Same Time Other Employees Do?"

And now for some real levity.

• A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd. While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So it went — step, step, ROAR; step, step, ROAR; all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit.

When asked what he was doing the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."

• A Sunday School class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off the neighbor's wife."

Vicki Shroyer chosen as chamber executive

Vicki Shroyer Thursday night was named executive director of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce following a two-month search to find a replacement for the late Donna Fowler.

Vicki Shroyer

David Harrell, a member of both the search committee and chamber board, said Shroyer will begin her duties Monday.

"It was a tough decision, but any of the four we met with would have done an excellent job," Harrell said.

A fifth candidate, Dennis Newton of Hereford, withdrew his application.

Others on the short list were all Snyder residents – Jackie Greene, Melissa Petty and Susie White.

Shroyer had moved back to Snyder within the past year and has been organizer of the Citizen Corp of Scurry County, a volunteer program for Homeland Security.

Shroyer also has worked on the staff of senators in Austin.

Violence continues in Iraq with civilian shooting, roadside bombing

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gunmen killed a U.S. civilian contractor and a roadside bomb left two soldiers dead, while an Apache helicopter killed seven guerrillas thought to be preparing a rocket attack on an American base, the military said today.

Unrelenting violence in Iraq has pushed Washington to look at speeding up the transfer of power to an Iraqi-led government.

Top U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer is meeting Saturday with Iraq's Governing Council to present them with Washington's ideas on a faster transfer. Council member Mahmoud Othman warned that the Iraqis won't necessarily agree with all the details.

"For our part, we have our own ideas," said Othman, a Kurdish member of the 24-member body appointed Bremer four months ago. "We will listen to Bremer and he will listen to us."

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld cautioned that a swifter handing of sovereignty to the Iraqis would not mean U.S. troops and personnel would leave the country any sooner than necessary.

"What it means is the Iraqis would begin to take on a greater portion of responsibility sooner than the original (plan)," Rumsfeld said today, during a trip to Japan.

U.S. forces kept up their new "get-tough" campaign against the insurgency, and the U.S. Central Command said it will add several hundred staff members to its forward headquarters in Doha, Qatar.

Central Command, based in Tampa, Fla. has continually maintained more than a hundred staff members in Qatar since the base was established in late 2002. Staffing has ebbed and flowed dependent upon operations and exercises.

The civilian contractor was killed and another injured when gunmen attacked a convoy of vehicles Thursday afternoon near Balad, 45 miles north of Baghdad, the military said. The victims were not identified pending notification of relatives.

ASK US

Q—If Ira beats Rule tonight, who will it play in the next round?

A—The winner of the Grady-Ft. Davis bi-district game.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Ben Boyd...

...has lived in Snyder "ever since I can remember". He is the son of Gaylon and Debra Boyd and the grandson of Franklin and Lois Pruitt and Dorothy and Ottus Boyd. Ben is married to Carlye Boyd and is the proud father of Shan. Ben and his wife will both soon be leaving Snyder to begin a career in the Army. Ben enjoys sports, fishing, "guy stuff".

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When life kicks you, let it kick your forward.
—E. Stanley Jones

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

THRiVE simulcast at FBC

THRiVE, a conference for women, will be simulcast from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church. Tickets are $40. Call 573-2631 to reserve tickets. Lunch, snacks and free daycare will be provided. The event begins this evening.

Annual style show, dinner

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

4-H cooking classes

A cooking class, sponsored by Scurry County 4-H, will be conducted Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the extension office. The workshop is for all youth (girls and boys) ages 9-18. Call 573-5423 for reservations.

Child welfare board drawing

The Scurry County Child Welfare Board will be at United Supermarket Saturday offering tickets for $1,000 worth of merchandize from local individuals and businesses. A donation of $10 per ticket is required. The drawing will be held Dec. 6.

AARP meeting

The American Association of Retired Persons will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. Jinny Griffith will be the guest speaker.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Why I Believe," followed by "Why Do Righteous People Suffer?"

LVN testing dates

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

Citizen Corps of Scurry County

The Corps will offer CERT training to anyone that wants to volunteer to help in time of a disaster. FEMA will provide the books and training exercises will be provided by Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland and Fire Marshal Cy Posey. Contact Vicki Shroyer at 573-7886 or go by the office at 1800 26th St. Training will be held Tuesday and Thursday, and Dec. 2 & 9 to qualify for the Homeland Security grant. Class size is limited to 25.

Central Thanksgiving Dinner

Central Elementary's Thanksgiving Dinner will be Thursday. Relatives and friends of students are invited to eat with their students. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday at the school office. Cost is $2.60 for adults and $1.60 for children under five.

GED pre-registration, testing

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

2004 Bulldog annuals on sale

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

Turkey, ham raffle

Members of Phi Theta Kappa at WTC are selling chances for a ham and a $25 gift certificate from United and also a turkey and a $25 gift certificate from United. The drawing will be held Wednesday. For tickets, call 573-8511, ext. 276 for Patty Kuhl, advisor, or 573-9727 for Kristen Early.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conversation District is taking orders through Jan. 31 for windbreak trees. Large trees available are Oaks, Pines, Desert Willows, Golden Raintree, Texas Redbud and Chinese Pistache and more. To place orders, call 573-6317.

United Way packets

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

LAP signup extended

N4xt Friday is the final date to apply for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP), which provides relief to livestock producers who suffered grazing losses due to drought, severe weather and related causes that occurred in 2001. For more information or an appointment call 573-0171. There are no late-file provisions.

Poinsettia sale

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

Annual Christmas parade

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

Choir Christmas program

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

Madrigal Christmas dinners

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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK — West Elementary students of the week for Nov. 3-7 are from left, David Zalman, Natasha Garcia, Eleanor Ashley, Alicia Chaidez and Lauren Levens. (Contributed Photo)

Ferry pilot released from hospital

NEW YORK (AP) — The man at the controls of the Staten Island ferry when it crashed into a pier last month, killing 10 people, has been released from the hospital.

Assistant Capt. Richard Smith, who attempted suicide right after the crash, left St. Vincent's hospital on Thursday, said hospital spokesman Jim McMahon.

Meanwhile, U.S. Attorney Roslynn Mauskopf was to announce today that she is taking over the criminal probe of the crash from the borough's outgoing district attorney, two law enforcement officials said.

Mauskopf, whose district includes Brooklyn and Staten Island, and District Attorney William Murphy agreed that differences between federal and state rules governing immunity of witnesses, grand jury testimony and potential criminal sentencing made a federal prosecution more desirable, a law enforcement official familiar with the decision told The Associated Press on Thursday on condition of anonymity.

The New York Police Department and the Coast Guard will continue to investigate, another law enforcement official said. The FBI is not expected to be involved, the source said.

The decision was expected to be announced at the district attorney's office.

Concurrent probes by the National Transportation Safety Board, NYPD, Coast Guard and city Department of Transportation have focused on the actions of Smith and the captain, Michael Gansas.

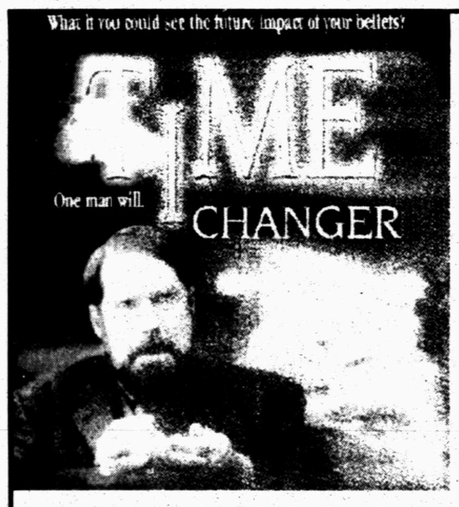
In conversations with emergency responders in the hours after the Oct. 15 crash, Smith and Gansas indicated that Smith had slumped over the controls and Gansas had tried unsuccessfully to pull him away and take over.

But one of the ship's mates said Smith was erect behind the controls in the minutes leading up to the crash and Gansas was not with him in the ship's wheelhouse, an apparent violation of city rules.

Smith and Gansas have not spoken with investigators. Gansas refused to answer questions in a hearing, citing his constitutional right against self-incrimination.

On Thursday, a hearing officer with the Department of Transportation recommended that the city fire Gansas. Gansas' attorneys can appeal the recommendation through a grievance with the DOT or through the city's Office of Administrative Trial Hearings.

A telephone call to the office of Gansas' attorney William Bennett was not immediately returned Thursday.



Calvary Baptist Church would like to invite everyone to attend the showing of the film, Time Changer on Sunday November 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Admission is free.

Calvary Baptist Church

"Life Begins At Calvary"

2405 35th Street Snyder, Texas
573-2191
Larry McAden, Pastor

Date Book

Friday, Nov. 14, 2003

Today is the 318th day of 2003 and the 53rd day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1851, Herman Melville's "Moby Dick" was first published in America.

On this day in 1935, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt officially proclaimed the Commonwealth of the Philippines.

On this day in 1972, the Dow Jones industrial average exceeded 1,000 for the first time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Claude Monet (1840-1926), artist; Aaron Copland (1900-1990), composer; Joseph McCarthy (1908-1957), politician; Prince Charles of Wales (1948-), British royal, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1943, in a game between Washington and Detroit, Redskins quarterback Sammy Baugh became the first NFL player to intercept four passes in the same game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When I speak of the gifted listener, I am thinking of the nonmusician primarily, of the listener who intends to retain his amateur status. It is the thought of just such a listener that excites the composer in me." — Aaron Copland

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Nov. 9) and last quarter (Nov. 17)

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In Next Week's American Profile...

The unexpected breakfast

Get your creative juices flowing for breakfast. Everyday items stand ready in your pantry and refrigerator to be paired with unexpected companions for delicious breakfasts with a twist!

In Addition...
- Breakfast soufflé
- Holiday mailing tips

American Profile
Celebrating Hometown Life

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Friday, Nov. 14, 2003

The League has a better magazine

By Phillip Alder

Tournament bridge is this country is run by the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL). It also mails a monthly magazine to all members. The Bulletin used to be in a small-page format and printed on low-quality paper. But — finally! — starting last January, it enlarged. Now, the paper is good, there are lots of photos, and color is used throughout.

There is a variety of articles for players at all levels. The author for this deal wasn't named. If you were South, how would you try to make four spades after West starts the defense by leading out the top three club honors?

No auction was given. North's three-spade response is a limit raise promising 10-12 support points and at least four spades. Yes, West might have made a takeout double, but it would be thin, especially with only three hearts.

The reader is advised to ruff the third club, draw trumps, and play three rounds of hearts. If the suit divides 3-3, the last heart in the dummy is a winner, on which the diamond queen can be discarded. If, however, hearts break 4-2, declarer can fall back on the diamond finesse.

Fine, but there is a second line: At trick three, discard a low heart. This gives up no chances, and perhaps West will panic, leading a minor-suit card at trick four to donate the contract immediately.

Also, for experts, if West did double, there would be a temptation to play him for four hearts and the diamond king, when he can be squeeze-endplayed.

Full details about the ACBL are available at www.acbl.org.

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Thursday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 16-19-21-25-34.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $48,931.

Winning tickets sold in: Carrollton, Aaron's Mobil, 3655 N. Josey Lane.

Matching four of five: 148. Prize: $149.

Matching three of five: 4,550. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 47,209. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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ADOPT SISD — Snyder ISD's adopt-a- school district partners for 2003-2004 are (top photo) standing from left, Steven Covey, YZ Industries; Beth Dannheim, Scurry County Extension Agency; and Jeff Perez, grocery manager for United Supermarkets; Rod Cottrell, executive director of curriculum and instruction; seated from left, Rip Griffin's Darci Aron, complex manager; and Norma Dominguez, food court manager; R.J. Youngclaus, Kiwanis Club vice president; and Lee Presswood, Western Texas College. Others are (bottom photo) standing from left, Jack McDonald, Rotary Club president; Sandra Salinas, Chamber of Commerce; Tonya Tollison, Hair Razors (Stanfield's adopt-a-school partner); Zola Schlegel, Scurry County United Way; and Supt. Dr. Ronny Collins. Subway and Dairy Queen have also adopted the school district. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

911 tapes say man threatened his children in Dallas standoff

DALLAS (AP) — As a truck driver held his ex-wife and three daughters in a deadly standoff, he questioned her about her love life before threatening to kill the children and himself, 911 recordings of the nine-hour ordeal show.

Investigators say Francisco Fuentes shot and killed two men, including the boyfriend of his ex-wife Sonia Gonzales, and wounded at least three police officers before taking Gonzales and his three daughters hostage on Wednesday. Four other children in the southwest Dallas apartment were rescued by police as the standoff began and Fuentes was later shot and killed by police.

Relatives and friends say Fuentes, 32, of Lancaster was a loving father who was frustrated over custody arrangements for his daughters.

"They will be gone, and you will live with this," Francisco Fuentes is heard telling Sonia Gonzales before he freed her from the Southwest Dallas apartment.

Depictions found in numerous court and police documents of Fuentes as a vile-tempered man driven to repeated acts of violence by the collapse of his marriage and a near-total lack of access to his children were echoed on the 911 tape released on Thursday.

Gonzales, according to police, said her ex-husband told her before releasing her that he planned to kill himself and the children. A voice identified as Fuentes can be heard on the 911 tape asking his former wife about how often she tells an unnamed male that she loves him.

On the tape, Gonzales is heard to reply "I tell him every night." After about a minute of unintelligible remarks, Fuentes is heard to say, "I am going to die, and they're going with me." He is subsequently heard to say: "You will live with this. They will be gone, and you will live with this."

Gonzales and her boyfriend, John Watson, had accused Fuentes of at least 10 incidents of violent behavior since December 2001, records show.

Two aggravated assault cases involving Watson were pending. Accusations against him included threatening to kill his wife, slapping her, forcing her to engage in sexual acts and ramming his car headlong into hers while the couple's 3-year-old daughter was in the back seat, according to court and police records.

Fuentes, according to his older sister and three acquaintances, was a loving man who was increasingly frustrated and fearful that his daughters were being neglected and abused by their mother and Watson. Nancy Fuentes said her nieces told her about a month ago that Watson had been striking them with a belt.

When her brother complained to child welfare authorities, they told him recently that they could not confirm the accusations, Fuentes said.

"He was just living with pain, and he couldn't take it no more," she told The Dallas Morning News.

State District Judge Al Scoggins, after reviewing an affidavit and other testimony in mid-June, awarded Gonzales custody of her three children and imposed a two-year protective order that required Fuentes to stay away from his ex-wife.

Alabama chief justice is ousted over refusal to move monument

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — After being ousted as Alabama chief justice for refusing to remove a Ten Commandments monument from the state courthouse, Roy Moore declared he had "no regrets" and plans to continue the fight that has made him the darling of Christian conservatives.

"You will hear from me again when it comes to the right to acknowledge God," Moore told cheering supporters on Thursday, shortly after a state judicial ethics panel threw him off the bench.

Moore's opponents, meanwhile, announced they would try to prevent Moore from attempting a comeback by running for another seat on the court.

"We intend now to file a complaint with the Alabama State Bar Association asking that Moore be disbarred," said Richard Cohen, president of the Southern Poverty Law Center, one of the three groups that sued Moore over the monument.

The nine members of the Court of the Judiciary handed out the harshest penalty possible, saying Moore left them with no choice by repeatedly insisting he would never obey a federal judge's order to move the 21/2-ton block of granite from the courthouse rotunda.

"The chief justice placed himself above the law," said Presiding Judge William Thompson.

The court emphasized that its ruling was not a judgment about the monument itself, stating, "the acknowledgment of God is very much a vital part of the public and private fabric of our country."

Moore spent eight months designing the monument and helped move it into the building in the middle of the night in 2001. He soon became a lightning rod for criticism from civil-liberties activists who said the stone tablets promoted religion in violation of the separation of church and state.

A federal judge ordered the monument removed, and it was finally wheeled away Aug. 27 to a storage room on instructions from Moore's eight fellow justices.

Moore, 56, had been suspended since August but was allowed to collect his $170,000 annual salary.

Moore's attorney, former state Supreme Court justice Terry Butts, said attorneys are discussing a possible appeal to the Alabama Supreme Court. Moore has 30 days to appeal.

If his removal stands, Gov. Bob Riley will appoint a new chief justice to finish his term, which expires in 2007. Moore could still run for a seat on the court next year, provided he is not disbarred.

Moore did not say if he would seek another public office, but Butts made it clear supporters want him to do so. "I hope his fate will be decided sometime in the future by the voters of this state," he said.

Moore said he plans to make an announcement next week that could "alter the direction of our country." He told reporters the announcement would concern legislation aimed at federal court rulings like the one by U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson that found Moore's monument unconstitutional.

Helicopter gunship kills seven Iraqis preparing to attack base

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. Apache helicopter killed seven Iraqis believed to be followers of Saddam Hussein who were preparing to launch a rocket attack on an American military base, an official said today. U.S. soldiers later found hundreds of rockets and missiles at the insurgents' area.

One other Iraqi was wounded and captured while another escaped after being fired on by the Apache late Thursday in an encampment with bunkers about 20 miles north of Saddam's hometown of Tikrit, said Maj. Josslyn Aberle, spokeswoman of the 4th Infantry Division.

The 4th infantry is based at Fort Hood.

U.S. soldiers later went to the area and discovered more than 600 missiles and rockets in two bunkers and on a flatbed truck, one of three vehicles was destroyed by the Apache fire, Aberle said.

The Iraqis were setting up a rocket to be fired toward the U.S. forward operating base called Speicher, about 11 kilometers (6 miles) to the north, when they were spotted by the Apache.

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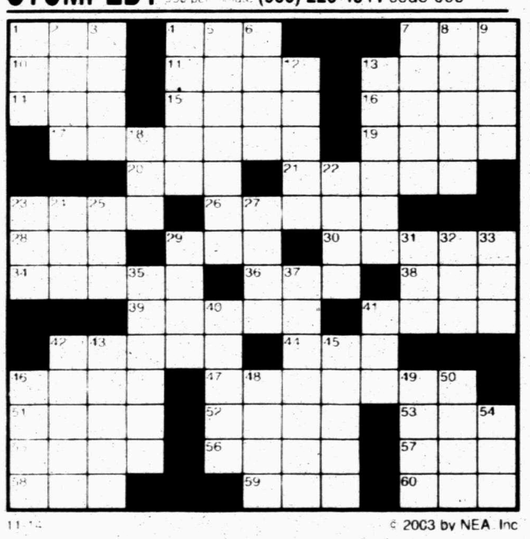

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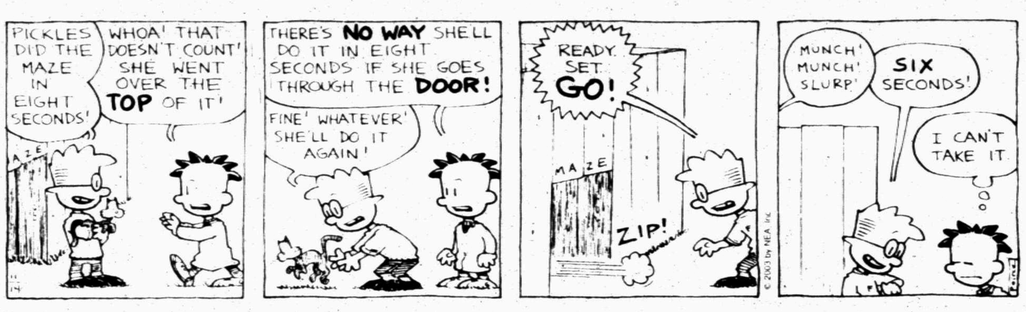

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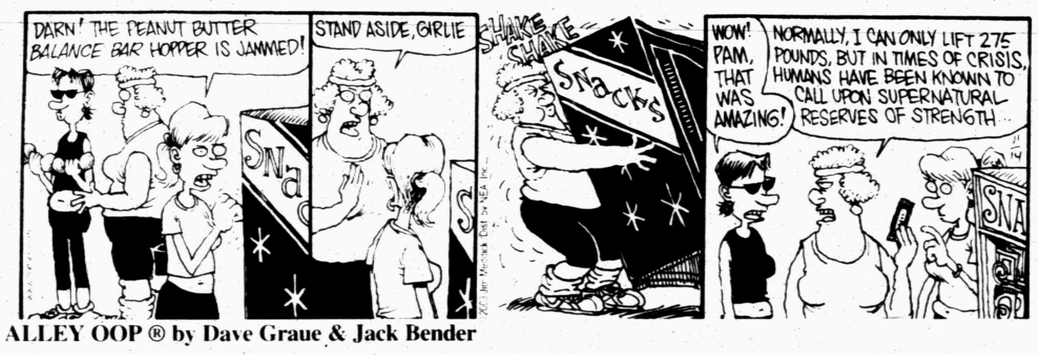

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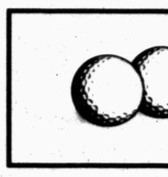

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SPORTS

Sideline Views

by Bobby Allen

The Snyder Tigers have a chance to do something tonight they have not done in 13 years — reach the second round of the playoffs.

Since 1931, the Tigers have won 11 district titles, but have only advanced beyond the first round three times — in 1931, 1978, and 1990.

The 1990 team went to the third round, the only Snyder football team to do that in school history.

Snyder has had success during the regular season, making the postseason eight times since 1990, but head coach Chad Rogers, making his second playoff appearance in as many years, wants qualifying for the playoffs to be a given.

"My goal is not to get into the playoffs," he said.

The coach has separated the season into three phases — the first being the pre-district schedule, the second, district, and the third the playoffs.

Five, five and five. That's how many games it takes to reach the state championship game.

Game 1 starts at 7:30 tonight.

Too short. No arm strength. Can't see over the line.

Doug Flutie heard that his whole career, and at 41, he's still in the NFL.

The same things were whispered about Boicy Martinez after Rogers anointed him the starter to replace T.J. Jones.

Martinez has not only started every game, his efficiency has been a major reason for the Tigers' turnaround late in the season.

Rogers praises the decision-making and poise of his senior signal caller, who has thrown just three picks in 92 pass attempts, completing 43 for 819 and six touchdowns.

Outside the pocket is where Martinez makes his bones, and his speed and elusiveness causes night sweats for defensive coordinators.

He rushed for 522 yards in 10 games, with eight touchdowns. Combined, he has accounted for 1,341 yards — which is 42 percent of Snyder yardage this season — and 14 touchdowns.

In the parking lot of the Mustang Bowl after the Sweetwater game, I spoke with a Merkel coach who was there scouting the game for the Badgers.

When asked which Snyder player the Merkel defense was most concerned with, he said — without a blink — "that quarterback y'all have. He's really good."

Here are some predictions for this weekend's playoff games:

- Sweetwater will crush Kermit;
- Merkel, which reached the playoffs for the first time in 40 years, will have to wait until next year to advance after facing Greenwood Saturday;
- Ira will get by Rule in a much closer contest than anyone would have guessed;
- Borden County will fall to Sanderson.

Snyder will get vengeance for last years' loss to Monahans, controlling the game at the line of scrimmage and chewing up clock.

Tigers 28, Loboes 13.

3A Region I Playoffs

DIVISION I
Region I

Borger (6-4) vs. Brownfield, 7:30, Whiteface Stadium, Hereford.

Snyder (6-4) vs. Monahans, 7:30 at Grande Communication Stadium, Midland.

Graham (9-1) vs. Abilene Wylie (6-4), 7:30, Maverick Stadium, Arlington.

Everman (8-2) vs. Lake Dallas (5-5), 7:30, Lake Dallas High School.

DIVISION II
Region I

Perryton (7-3) vs. Lubbbock Cooper (8-2), 5 p.m., Kimbrough Stadium, Canyon.

Sweetwater (7-2) vs. Kermit (6-4), 7:30 p.m. at Ratliff Stadium, Odessa.

Vernon (7-2) vs. Brady, 1 p.m. Saturday, Mustang Bowl, Sweetwater.

Decatur (9-1) vs. Venus (6-4), 7:30 p.m., Dragon Stadium, Southlake.

Dalhart (6-4) vs. Littlefield (8-2), 8 p.m. at Bivins Stadium, Amarillo.

Merkel (7-3) vs. Midland Greenwood (7-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Angelo State University.

Iowa Park (7-3) vs. Ballinger (7-3), 7:30, Stamford

Sanger (5-5) vs. Kennedale (9-1), 7 p.m. Saturday at Saginaw Boswell.

Baseball to hand out penalties for steroids in 2004

NEW YORK (AP) — Starting next year, steroid users in baseball will be subject to suspensions or fines.

Results of 2003's anonymous tests were announced Thursday and they confirmed what many in baseball suspected: Some players were taking more than vitamins.

Rumors regarding steroids had run high recently as bulked-up sluggers set all sorts of home run records. Stars such as Barry Bonds and Sammy Sosa denied taking the drugs. But former MVPs Jose Canseco and Ken Caminiti admitted they had done it before their careers ended.

"Hopefully, this will, over time, allow us to completely eradicate the use of performance enhancement substances in baseball," commissioner Bud Selig said.

Under baseball's labor contract that took effect on Sept. 30, 2002, testing with penalties begins after any season in which more than 5 percent of survey tests are positive. Of 1,438 anonymous tests this season, between 5 and 7 percent were positive.

From now on, players who test positive will be identified to the commissioner's office and the union.

Starting next year, a first positive test for steroid use would result in treatment and a second in a 15-day suspension or fine of up to $10,000.

The length of penalties would increase to a 25-day suspension or fine of up to $25,000 for a third positive test, a 50-day suspension or fine of up to $50,000 for a fourth and a one-year suspension or fine of up to $100,000 for a fifth. The suspensions would be without pay.

New York Mets reliever Mike Stanton didn't think steroid use had been that widespread.

"It does surprise me a little bit," he said. "But the tests don't lie."

The newly discovered steroid THG was not tested for, and baseball cannot retest because the samples weren't saved. But it already has been added to the banned list for next year.

The NFL, NBA and NCAA test for banned steroids and other prohibited substances, but the NHL does not. For substances other than steroids, baseball tests a player only if doctors agree there is cause.

Olympic athletes are subjected to out-of-competition testing, and far more substances are banned.

Baseball has been testing players with minor league contracts for drugs since 2001 and in September announced that testing would expand to Latin American prospects next year. This year, 1,198 major leaguers were tested for steroids, and an additional 240 were selected for random tests.

Gagne wins NL Cy Young

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A so-so starter, Eric Gagne became a Cy Young closer.

The Los Angeles Dodgers reliever, who had 55 saves in as many chances this season, was nearly as perfect in the NL Cy Young balloting. He received 28 of 32 first-place votes and 146 points to win the honor Thursday from the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Gagne, 5-6 with a 4.92 ERA in 24 starts for the Dodgers in 2001, wasn't sure what job — if any — he would have when he reported the following spring.

Gagne, 27, is the first NL reliever to win the award since San Diego's Mark Davis in 1989, and only the ninth in either league.

San Francisco's Jason Schmidt finished second in the Cy Young balloting with two first-place votes and 73 points. Chicago's Mark Prior got the other first-place votes and was third with 60 points.

The Dodgers' right-hander was 2-3 with a 1.20 ERA and had 137 strikeouts in 82 1-3 innings, an average of 14.98 strikeouts per nine innings.

Gagne had 52 saves in 2002, his first year as a closer, and is the only pitcher to reach 50 in more than one season. He has converted a major league record 62 consecutive chances.

Men's League Basketball

West Texas State Bank remained undefeated in men's league basketball after a 98-64 win over Rotan. Brady Cobb pumped in 33 points, and Ryan Braziel added 31 for the winners. Jason Wishert led Rotan with 25 points.

Snyder National Bank got 13 points from Greg Greer and moved a game ahead of American State Bank with a 55-46 victory. Jeremiah Witte scored 16 for ASB.

Big Country Autoland was idle.

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SNB	**3 - 2**
ASB	**2 - 3**
Rotan	**1 - 3**
Big Country	**0 - 4**

Six-man Region I Playoff

SIX-MAN
Region I/II

Rule (7-2) vs. Ira (9-1), 7:30 p.m., Rotan.

Follett (10-0) vs. Patton Springs (9-1), 8:30 p.m., Groom.

Whitharral (10-0) vs. Wellman-Union (9-1), 7:30 p.m., Ropesville.

Borden County (6-4) vs. Sanderson (9-1), 7:30 p.m. at Buena Vista High School, Imperial.

Aspermont (8-2) vs. Highland (9-1), 7:30 p.m. at Jayton.

Miami (9-1) vs. Valley (8-2), 6 p.m. at Groom.

Amherst (6-4) lost to Meadow (10-1), 63-12.

Grady (7-3) vs. Fort Davis (9-1), 7:30 p.m., McCamey.

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TIGER HEAD — Snyder right tackle Brock Tyrrell inspects the new tunnel entrance in the gym Thursday night. The Snyder football booster club unveiled the new Tiger head while setting up for this morning's pep rally. The players will run through a new tunnel and the head when they take the field against Monahans tonight. (SDN Staff Photo)

Nowitzki, five Mavs hit double figures in victory over Rockets

DALLAS (AP) — This is starting to look more like the old Dallas Mavericks, even with all of the newcomers.

They're starting to win consistently again.

Dirk Nowitzki played through a touch of the flu to score 23 points, leading five Dallas players in double figures, and the Mavericks beat the Houston Rockets 97-86 Thursday night for their third straight win.

"We're coming closer to finding our identity," guard Steve Nash said. "Nellie (coach Don Nelson) has all of these weapons and now we're finding out how we can exploit people."

Newcomer Antoine Walker had 17 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists. He had seven points, and Nash had six of his 16 points, during the game-turning run in the third quarter for Dallas.

"We got clicking. We're going to be a difficult team to stop," said Antawn Jamison, another newcomer, who had 13 points and eight rebounds. "You can't key on only one or two guys. This offense is potent."

Jim Jackson had 23 points for the Rockets (5-2), whose four-game winning streak ended.

Since being held to 71 points in a loss at Toronto last week that Nash missed with a strained shoulder, the Mavs have beaten defending champion San Antonio and had their best overall game of the season in a 125-97 win over New Orleans.

They kept up their streak with another solid performance, and their fifth straight win over the Rockets.

Houston erased a 50-44 halftime deficit with a quick 7-1 spurt out of the break. Jackson hit a 3-pointer and had an offensive putback around Nowitzki to tie it at 51 less than two minutes into the third quarter.

But the Rockets never took the lead, and trailed throughout after Walker passed to Michael Finley for a 13-footer that made it 55-53.

Dallas' deciding 22-8 run started when Walker was fouled by Cuttino Mobley. That was the first of nine fouls by the Rockets in the span, the last leading to Nash's spurt-ending free throws.

"Emotionally, we allowed frustration to not allow us to play as well as we are capable of playing in the second half," Houston coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "We spent too much time preoccupied with officials' calls or non-calls."

Dallas hit 11 of 14 free throws in the third quarter, and finished with 23-for-28 overall.

Walker's free throw with 7:54 left in the third quarter made it 58-55, and by the time he hit a long jumper 4½ minutes later, the lead had grown to 73-63.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	9	2	3	1	22	48	31
New Jersey	8	3	4	0	20	35	28
N.Y. Islanders	8	5	2	0	18	48	36
N.Y. Rangers	6	5	2	2	16	40	37
Pittsburgh	3	8	3	0	9	27	54
Northeast Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Boston	8	2	3	2	21	41	33
Toronto	7	5	4	1	19	41	48
Ottawa	7	4	2	1	17	47	32
Buffalo	7	7	2	0	16	36	45
Montreal	7	9	1	0	15	32	37
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Tampa Bay	8	2	2	1	19	37	24
Atlanta	7	6	3	1	18	48	46
Carolina	5	6	5	0	15	37	38
Florida	6	9	2	0	14	36	42
Washington	4	11	1	0	9	40	48

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	10	3	0	1	21	38	30
Detroit	8	7	1	0	17	50	42
Chicago	6	7	3	1	16	31	45
Nashville	6	8	1	0	13	38	41
Columbus	5	8	1	1	12	33	40
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Vancouver	10	4	2	1	23	56	35
Colorado	9	5	1	1	20	53	43
Edmonton	7	7	2	0	16	48	50
Minnesota	7	8	2	0	16	39	40
Calgary	6	8	0	1	13	31	38
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Los Angeles	8	5	1	1	18	44	37
Anaheim	6	7	1	3	16	34	43
Dallas	7	8	1	0	15	37	44
Phoenix	5	6	3	1	14	37	46
San Jose	3	6	6	2	14	41	50

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Thursday's Games

Carolina 5, Atlanta 1
Philadelphia 4, Vancouver 3, OT
N.Y. Islanders 3, Montreal 1
Ottawa 5, Columbus 2
New Jersey 3, Florida 1
Edmonton 2, Minnesota 0
Nashville 4, Calgary 1
Phoenix 3, Colorado 2, OT
St. Louis 4, San Jose 3, OT
Toronto 4, Los Angeles 4, tie

Today's Games

Boston at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

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Miami	1	7	.125	3
Orlando	1	7	.125	3
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Indiana	6	2	.750	—
New Orleans	6	3	.667	
Detroit	5	3	.625	1
Milwaukee	4	4	.500	2
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Denver	4	4	.500	1
Memphis	4	4	.500	1
Utah	4	4	.500	1
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	5	1	.833	—
L.A. Lakers	6	2	.750	—
Portland	5	3	.625	1
Golden State	4	3	.571	1
Sacramento	4	4	.500	2
L.A. Clippers	2	2	.500	2
Phoenix	3	4	.429	2

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Dallas 97, Houston 86
Minnesota 92, Chicago 89, OT
Portland 112, Sacramento 110, OT

Today's Games

Cleveland at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
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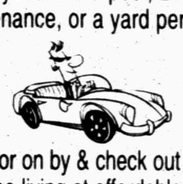

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Merely thinking big or dreaming about victories won't win you any medals today. Goals and ambitions must be earned through concerted effort and productive application.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Dealing with others in a condescending fashion today will make people feel belittled and will provoke undesirable results. Take care not to do anything to cause them to believe you feel superior.

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AT&T Corp rs	19.36	19.05	19.07	—.14
Albertsons	20.44	19.74	20.13	—.12
Alltel	45.53	45.00	45.10	—.43
AmEl Pw	27.50	27.27	27.40	—.09
AndarkPtr	44.40	44.01	44.30	+.36
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Aviall	15.74	15.44	15.44	—.25
BP PLC	42.92	42.69	42.71	+.21
BakerHughes	29.70	29.32	29.54	+.06
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More on Vicks for nail fungus

DEAR DR. GOTT: When I read of your twice-daily application of Vicks VapoRub for toenail fungus, I thought it was another myth. But, because the cost was so reasonable, I gave it a try.

I am now halfway through a jar of Vicks. Initially, after two weeks of treatment, I noted definite improvement. One nail that was thick and partially separated from the nail bed is growing out firm and clear. The effects of Vicks are astonishing and I can eagerly endorse the therapy based on my personal experience.

Is there more than one type of toenail fungus? My doctor says that pills are the only answer and that topical products are useless.

DEAR READER: I suppose that there are different types of fungus that can attack the nails, but this is not the important issue. The key element is to reduce the infected portions of nail as much as possible, by trimming, clipping or filing the yellow, thickened nail and removing as much of the fungal debris under the nail as you can. Then, as the nail grows out, continue to trim away the affected portion.

While the Vicks treatment takes months to be effective, it is cheap and easy — certainly safer than expensive prescription pills that can cause liver damage and other consequences.

When a reader first wrote me about this remedy, I — like you — thought it was another myth, but I tried it anyway, with astounding success. Doctors almost never experiment on themselves by using the medications they prescribe for patients. So here is an example of an old gaffer who did. It worked for me, and — judging by the positive mail I have received — it works for others as well. Remember the key element: clean away the nail. And be patient.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a skin problem for which my doctor suggested a non-prescription ointment, which works fine. However, he said to use it twice a day for two weeks; the instructions with the package say once a day for one week.

When there is a conflict between the instructions of a physician and the recommendations of a manufacturer, how does a patient resolve this inconsistency?

DEAR READER: By checking with the doctor.

For perfectly valid reasons, a physician may choose to revise the instructions in the package insert. In your case, for example, the skin condition may be severe enough to justify an alteration in dosage. When it comes to over-the-counter skin creams, such a modification should not lead to any health problems. Nonetheless, when similar situations develop, a physician is the most reliable resource to resolve the apparent disagreement.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." 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.

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Today's chuckle

Rattlesnake bites man retrieving golf ball

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — When Roy Williamson hit a tee shot off the fairway, the lie turned out to be rougher than he thought.

Williamson, 60, was bitten in the head by a rattlesnake when he went to retrieve his ball from some wetlands.

"I saw my ball pretty much in plain view," Williamson said Thursday, a week after the encounter. "Unfortunately, it was being tended to by a rattlesnake that I didn't see."

He said he picked up the ball and felt something scratch at his right temple as he stood up, slapping at what he thought was a briar. He saw blood, then the rattler — "a good 61/2 or 7 feet long."

The men Williamson was playing with — his son, brother and brother-in-law — came running in response to his screams. He remembers reaching the clubhouse, but the next thing he knew, it was three days later.

Doctors determined that the snake bit him twice, and the venom quickly spread throughout his body.

Alan Cale, general manager of Henderson Golf Club, said his employees roped off the area and posted warning signs. Professional snake handlers were called to assist in rounding up any snakes at the course.

"It's an unfortunate accident, but on a golf course — out in nature — you're going to have wildlife," Cale said.

Williamson said he will play golf again but will be much more careful.

"If I go out now and hit a ball off of the fairway in any fashion or form, I will not go after it," he said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Teen can't shake depression over parents' pending divorce

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old sophomore in high school. Last year I got into trouble for ditching school and had to go to summer school to make up for my lousy attendance. I thought I would feel differently about things this year, but I don't. It's hard to get out of bed in the morning. I never feel like doing anything.

My parents are having trouble, too. Rumors about my dad having an affair were swirling around town, and at a party, some friends told my mom they were true. They struggled to keep their marriage going, but they couldn't. My dad left.

Abby, my entire family seems to be in deep water with no sign of shore. Is there help for us? — **IN DEEP WATER IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR IN DEEP WATER: Divorce is painful, but it is not the end of the world. Tiredness and an inability to concentrate are signs of depression. Please show this letter to your mother. Both of you could benefit from medical and psychological help during this difficult period. If your mother is too distracted to help you, confide in a trusted teacher at school. There IS a light at the end of this tunnel for both you and your mother. You'll get out of the darkness faster with professional help, and please tell her I said so.

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DEAR ABBY: My son, "Frank," is happily married. His wife, "Irene," seems to idolize her extended family. Every occasion we celebrate at their home includes Irene's parents, her "Uncle Craig" and "Aunt Lucy" and her cousins.

The problem is, while I was shopping at a mall recently, I encountered Uncle Craig with his arm around a revealingly dressed young woman. His hand was under the back waistband of her jeans. He acknowledged me with a red-faced nod and kept walking.

I haven't disclosed what I saw to anyone other than my husband, but ever since that encounter, we've avoided the celebrations at Frank and Irene's because we know Craig and Lucy will be there. We're running out of excuses, but I don't think Frank and Irene would believe me if I told them the truth.

I have three grandchildren under the age of 9, and I really miss seeing them. What should I do? — **SAW TOO MUCH IN NEWARK**

DEAR S.T.M.: Don't allow the fact that you caught Uncle Craig with his hand in the cookie jar (or whatever) to separate you from your grandchildren. Go to the family get-togethers and enjoy yourselves. Be civil to Uncle Craig, but keep your distance. Time wounds all heels, and I'm sure this one will be no exception.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing a girl for nearly a year. We are getting serious. She comes over to my house all the time and has met my parents. We all get along really well. The problem is, she will not allow me to meet her parents. I feel as if I am a big secret. What should I do? — **TEEN IN LOVE IN TOLEDO**

DEAR TEEN IN LOVE: Be direct. Ask her why you haven't been introduced. You may discover you are not the secret, and she is worried that if you meet her parents, you won't like her anymore. Or she may be dating without her parents' permission. In other words, the problem may not be YOU.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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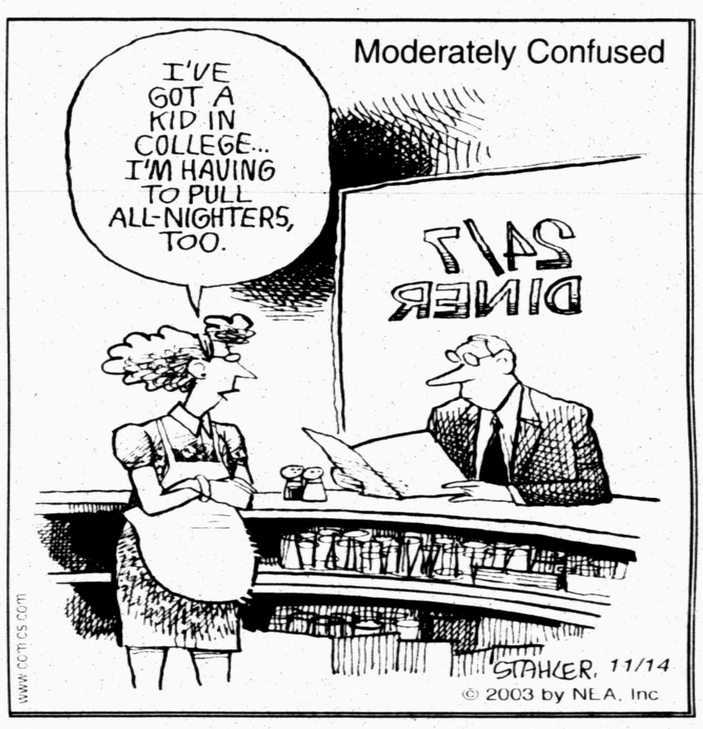

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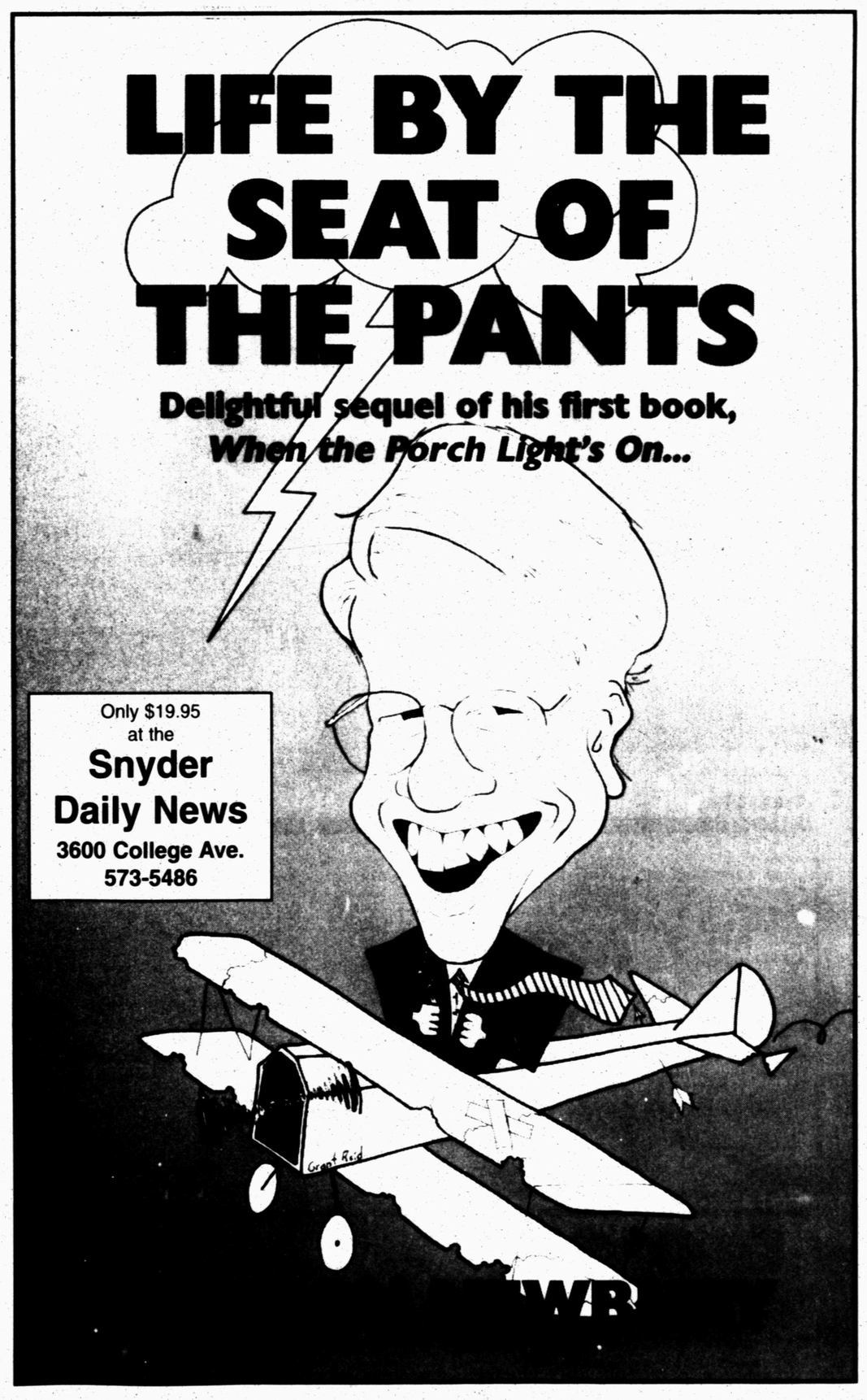

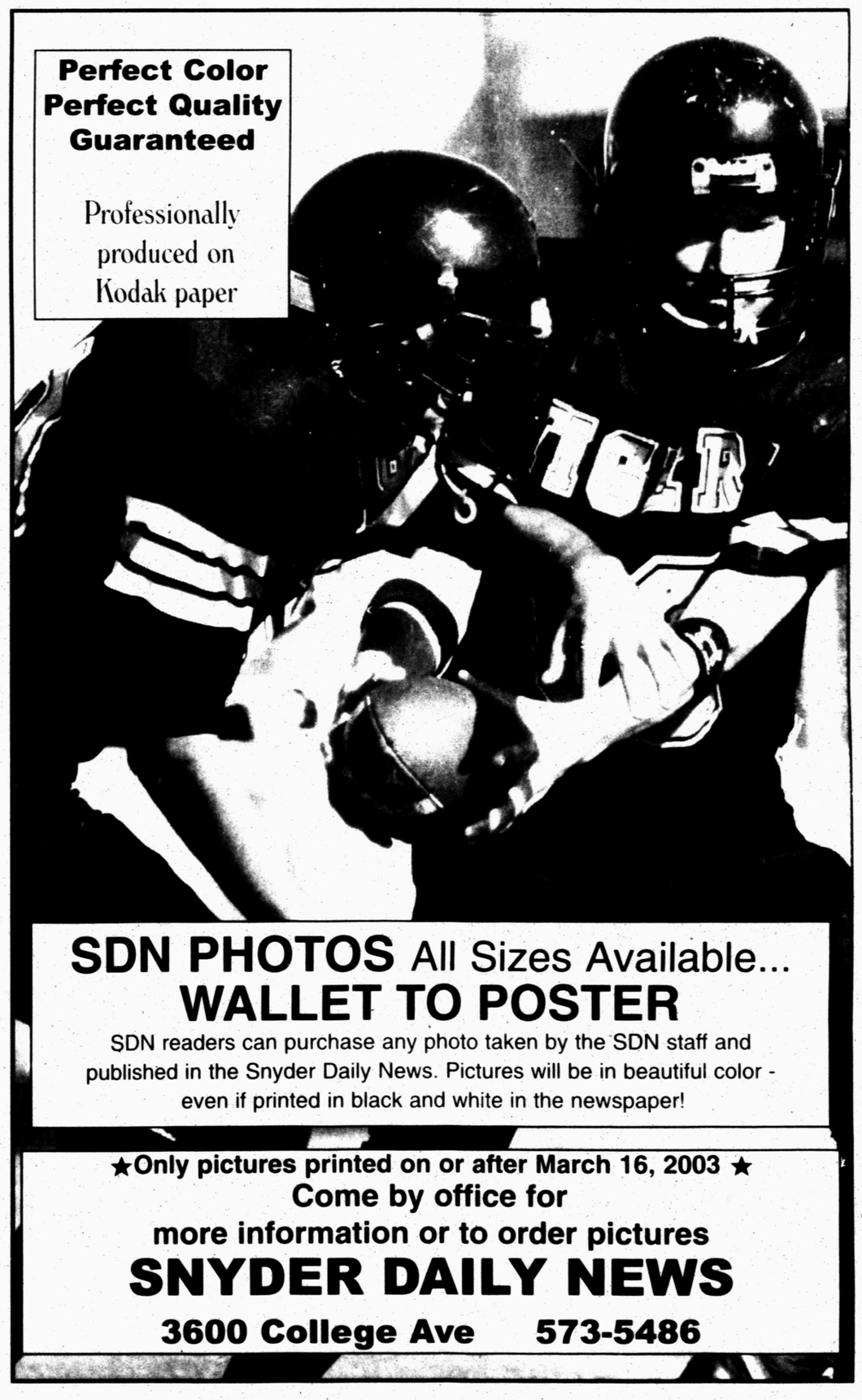

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Jury deliberating Muhammad's fate

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — Jurors began deciding today whether sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad shaped his teenage protege into an expert killer or if there isn't enough evidence to prove he directed the Washington area sniper spree last fall.

The panel of seven women and five men filed out of the courtroom at 9:05 a.m. to begin deliberations in Muhammad's capital murder trial.

"The case is now in your hands," Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette told the jury.

With no direct evidence that Muhammad ever fired a shot in last fall's sniper spree, jurors faced one crucial question: Was he the mastermind who holds ultimate responsibility?

Prosecutor Richard Conway said during closing arguments Thursday that Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo formed "a sniper-spotter killing team" with Muhammad as the "captain." The defense argued that jurors have been "pounded" with emotional testimony that clouds the facts.

Muhammad, 42, is accused of killing Dean Harold Meyers on Oct. 9, 2002 at a Manassas gas station. Like Malvo, he is charged with two counts of capital murder, one accusing them of taking part in multiple murders, the other alleging the killings were designed to terrorize the population.

Throughout the trial, prosecutors have portrayed Muhammad as a father figure to the younger Malvo.

Officials say U.S. troops likely to stay in Iraq for a while

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. occupiers may begin transferring power back to the Iraqi people soon, but American peacekeeping troops will remain in Iraq for some time, Bush administration officials say.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, in an interview with a Nashville television station, said that the number of U.S. troops is likely to be reduced as Iraq builds its own forces.

With the U.S. death toll in Iraq approaching 400 and some polls showing increasing criticism of Bush's handling of postwar Iraq, the administration's aim is to accelerate steps toward an Iraqi takeover and an end to the U.S. occupation.

"It does not mean we would physically leave the country any sooner," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told troops Thursday in Guam. "What it means is the Iraqis would begin to take on a greater portion of responsibility for governing themselves sooner."

President Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, said it was necessary to give Iraqis control more quickly because "they are clamoring for it; they are, we believe, ready for it."

Powell said that a buildup of Iraqi forces "will reduce the risk to our troops and allow us to reduce the number of American troops that will be needed."

Stolen truck recovered

• Stolen vehicle

A caller employed by Cowboy Trucking advised at 9:30 a.m. Thursday that a truck owned by his company had been stolen and was at Rip Griffin's. The truck, a 2000 Mack Vision, was found at that location. Deputies arrested Charles Edward Wilson, 40, Sulphur Springs for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Wilson was booked into Scurry County Jail.

• Arrest

Officers made one arrest at 12:31 this morning. A 30-year-old man was arrested for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and booked into Scurry County Jail.

• Burglary

A caller reported at 8 a.m. Thursday from the 3900 block of Ave. Q a burglary of a vehicle. An officer submitted an offense report for burglary of a vehicle

• Gas drive off

A clerk employed with McD's called Thursday to report that a person filled the tank of a brown Chevrolet Blazer with $16.02 worth of gas and drove east without paying.

Obituaries

Shine Griffin

1918-2003

ABILENE — Lois Loraine "Shine" Griffin, longtime Snyder educator, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, in an Abilene medical center.

Service for Mrs. Griffin, 85, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the South Side Baptist Church with the Rev. Kevin Ueckert officiating. Burial will follow in Ross Cemetery Annex in Baird, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory.

Born Nov. 5, 1918 in Baird, she received both a bachelor of science degree and a master's degree from Hardin-Simmons University.

Mrs. Griffin was a first and second grade teacher with the Snyder ISD for 20 years before retiring in 1980. She moved to Abilene in 1995.

Mrs. Griffin was a member of South Side Baptist Church, the National Educators Association and a life member of the Texas State Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilson Larmer Henry Jr. and Willie Coppins Gilliland Henry; her husband, Joel Wayne Griffin Sr. on Oct. 31, 1994; a son, William Larmer Griffin in 1976; and a brother, Billie Jones Henry in 1993.

Survivors include a son, Joel Wayne Griffin Jr. and his wife, Margie Celeste of Abilene; a daughter, Julia Griffin of Abilene; and a sister, Dorothy Reynolds of Rowden.

The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Odell Williams

1915-2003

A. Odell Williams, 88, died Monday, Nov. 10, in Snyder Healthcare Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Williams, a longtime resident of Snyder, is set for 1 p.m. Saturday in Colonial Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. Raymond Dunkins officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Odell Williams

Born June 21, 1915 in Kerens, Mrs. Williams was a retired schoolteacher and a member of the New Hope Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Sedalia and Hulen Malone of Snyder and Blanche and the Rev. O.J. Archie of Midland; four sisters, Vera (Varie) Williams of Colorado City, Dorothy Daniel of Dallas, and Devora Knox and Tommie Wilson, both of Commerce; a brother, Sherman Wilson of Carrollton; 14 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7-8 this evening at Wright Colonial Funeral Home and the family meal will be in Room A at the Scurry County Coliseum following the service. Donors are asked to take food to the coliseum, not the church.

Mary McCravey

1914-2003

Mary Bess McCravey, longtime Snyder resident, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, at her home in Plano after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. McCravey

Funeral service for Mrs. McCravey, 89, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Sammy Parham officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Nov. 11, 1914 in Frisco, Texas, she married Loyce Douglas McCravey on March 2, 1946 in Snyder. He died Nov. 27, 1967.

Mrs. McCravey lived in Snyder from 1924 until 2000 when she moved to Plano. She worked as a sales clerk in Snyder for Bryant Link, Whitfield's Fabrics, Perry Brothers and Thompson's Shoe Store. She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mamie Ruth Abercrombie; two brothers, Earl and Ellis Abercrombie; and her parents, John and Ottie Hye Abercrombie.

Survivors include a daughter, Belita Nelson of Plano; a grandson, Jason Vranek of Dallas; two nieces, Adalane Hickam of Lago Vista and Helen Filler of Corpus Christi; two nephews, Kirby McCravey and Frank McCravey, both of Snyder.

Friends are contributing to the Starfish Scholarship Fund, 4120 International Parkway, Suite 1150 in Carrollton, 75007.

Family visitation will be from 6:30 to 7:30 this evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Zimmerman

1920-2003

CASA GRANDE, Ariz. — Marjorie Bernice Zimmerman, former Snyder resident, died Monday, Nov. 10, in a hospice care center in Casa Grande.

Zimmerman

Funeral service for Mrs. Zimmerman, 83, is set for 10 a.m. Monday with John Morgan officiating.

Mrs. Zimmerman was born April 20, 1920 in Big Spring and resided in Snyder until she was 16 and attended Snyder schools. She moved to Casa Grande in 1936 and was an elementary school cafeteria worker. Mrs. Zimmerman was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Ethel and Samuel Witten; a brother, Bill Witten; two sisters, Cleo Cummins and Glenna Rogenstein.

Survivors include three daughters, Lynda Hite of Coolidge, Ariz., and formerly of Snyder, Janice Ronquillo and Kaye Braunbeck, both of Casa Grande; five sons, Dennis Zimmerman, Duane Zimmerman, Bobby Zimmerman and Jeff Zimmerman, all of Casa Grande, Jerry Zimmerman of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; two brothers, Max Witten of Roseville, Calif., and L.C. Witten of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two sisters, Gladys Zenzen of Eugene, Ore., and Christine Miller of Yreka, Calif.; two nieces residing in Snyder, Mavadine Morgan and Evelyn Williamson; 27 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

Diane Rose

1940-2003

MIDLAND — Diane Rose, the mother of Matt Rose of Snyder, died Wednesday, Nov. 12.

A memorial service for Mrs. Rose, 63, is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the St. Nicholas Episcopal Church with the Revs. Hal Thacker and Bill Tapley officiating.

Born Feb. 18, 1940 in Wichita, Kan., she was reared in Okeene, Okla., before moving to Farmington, N.M., where she graduated from high school.

She married Dee H. Rose Jr. in Farmington and the family moved to Midland in 1961.

Survivors also include her husband, Dee Rose; another son, Dee H. Rose III; and a daughter, Robyn Tatu.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association or the Alcoholics Anonymous.

Richard Collins

1956-2003

MIDLAND — Richard L. Collins of Austin died Monday, Nov. 10, in Midland.

Graveside service for Mr. Collins, 47, was held today at Fairview Cemetery in Midland. Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Mr. Collins was born on Sept. 13, 1956 in Ballinger and was reared in Midland.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Vollie Jean Burton.

Survivors include a daughter, Miranda Collins of Rising Star; a son, Dustin Collins of Rising Star; his parents, Bobby and Pat Collins of Possum Kingdom and Robert Burton of Lamesa; three brothers, Tim Burton and Bobby A. Collins of Midland and Robert Collins of San Angelo; two sisters, Vicki Slatton of Austin and Terri O'Bannon of Midland; two stepbrothers, Mickey Burnett of Dallas and Tim Burnett of Possum Kingdom Lake; and a stepsister, Vickie Flake of Conroe.

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69/46	**68/46**	**64/38**
A few clouds early, otherwise mostly sunny. High 69F.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Occasional showers. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise 7:13 AM · Sunset 5:43 PM	Sunrise 7:14 AM · Sunset 5:42 PM	Sunrise 7:15 AM · Sunset 5:42 PM

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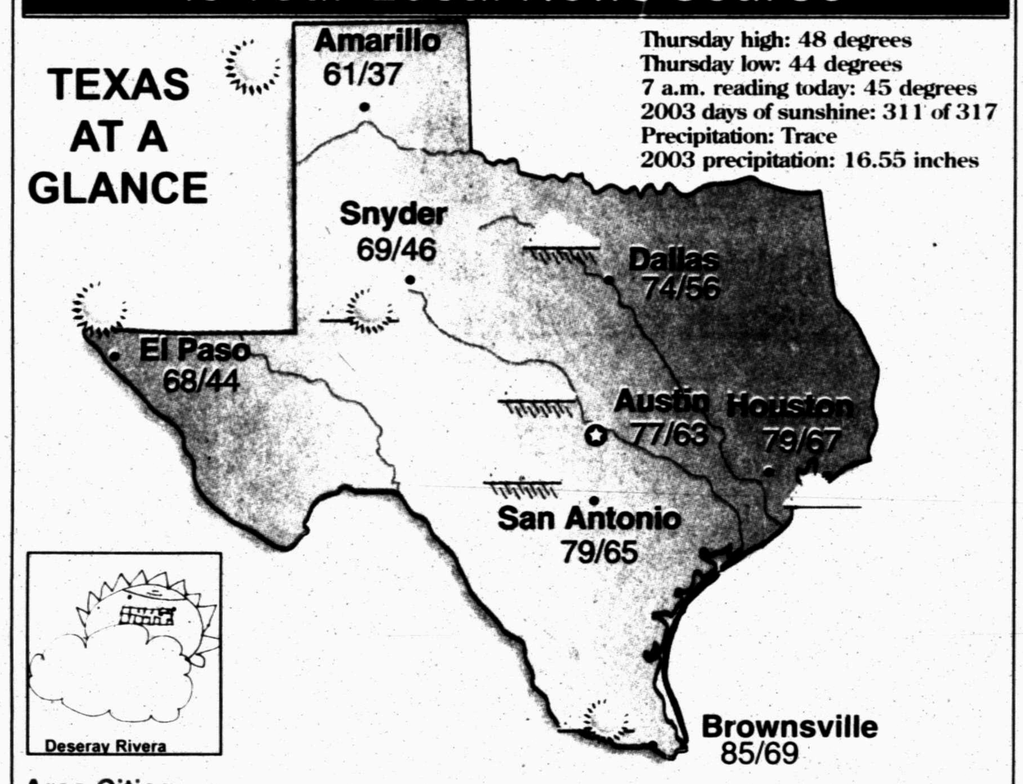

Thursday high: 48 degrees
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2003 days of sunshine: 311 of 317
Precipitation: Trace
2003 precipitation: 16.55 inches

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	71	51	pt sunny	El Paso	68	44	sunny	Midland	70	48	mst sunny
Amarillo	61	37	sunny	Fort Stockton	73	51	mst sunny	Raymondville	86	67	pt sunny
Austin	77	63	rain	Gainesville	72	50	rain	Rosenberg	79	67	cloudy
Beaumont	77	66	cloudy	Greenville	72	54	rain	San Antonio	79	65	rain
Brownsville	85	69	mst sunny	Houston	79	67	cloudy	San Marcos	77	64	rain
Brownwood	74	54	cloudy	Kingsville	85	67	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	72	56	rain
Corpus Christi	82	69	cloudy	Livingston	77	63	rain	Sweetwater	71	50	pt sunny
Corsicana	74	58	rain	Longview	72	62	rain	Tyler	73	61	rain
Dallas	74	56	rain	Lubbock	65	42	sunny	Weatherford	73	51	rain
Del Rio	75	63	cloudy	Lufkin	76	65	rain	Wichita Falls	70	45	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	61	47	pt sunny	Houston	79	67	cloudy	Phoenix	72	51	sunny
Boston	44	32	windy	Los Angeles	64	51	cloudy	San Francisco	58	51	rain
Chicago	51	44	cloudy	Miami	79	70	mst sunny	Seattle	49	42	rain
Dallas	74	56	rain	Minneapolis	47	39	rain	St. Louis	55	48	cloudy
Denver	55	28	mst sunny	New York	52	42	mst sunny	Washington, DC	55	42	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Nov 9	Nov 17	Nov 23	Nov 30

UV Index

Sat 11/15	Sun 11/16	Mon 11/17
Low	Low	Low

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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