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Home of L.B. & Estelene Taylor

IT'S ALMOST TIME! — Four-year-old Tiffany Gonzales isn't sold on this costume as she tries to find just the right one this morning with help from her grandmother Lupe Montoya. Snyder's little ghouls and goblins will take to the streets tomorrow night to do some Halloween "trick or treating." (SDN Staff Photo)

Stephen Hurst...

Accident near Crane injures former resident

From wire, local reports

CRANE — Several charred helmets were strewn about the scene of an oil field accident west of Crane where a New Jersey man was killed and eight people were injured after a flash fire at an oil well 10 miles west of Crane Tuesday afternoon.

One of those injured was former Snyder resident and 1973 graduate of Snyder High School, Stephen Hurst, 48.

The Odessa American reported today that Hurst had surgery Tuesday night after being transported from the scene of the explosion by ground ambulance.

Cathy Hurst, his sister of Midland, said at noon today that her brother's condition had been upgraded from critical to good, despite the loss of his right hand.

"He will have to have skin grafts on his left hand and on his abdomen," said his sister.

"Stephen has been moved to a private room and we are all optimistic about his recovery," said Mrs. Hurst.

His sister said Hurst was self-employed in oilfield chemical treatment.

Hurst currently lives in Monahans.

Investigators were on the scene today, according to a spokesman at the Crane County sheriff's department.

"A flow line apparently ruptured and ignited a flash fire," said Mark Henkhaus, district director for the Midland office of the Texas Railroad Commission. "We still don't know what caused this."

Crews were doing a heat-related process to melt paraffin in a well Tuesday, Crane County Sheriff Danny Simmons said.

The Texas Railroad Commission was notified of the accident and law officers secured the site Tuesday night, according to Simmons.

Henkhaus said the rupture occurred about 30 feet from the well owned by Midland-based CrownQuest Operating.

DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange said three people in critical condition were taken to hospitals in Lubbock and Odessa. One person died at a hospital.

Five people taken to Crane Memorial Hospital were treated and released. A couple of people refused treatment at the scene, Mange said.

CrownQuest CEO Tim Dunn said he didn't have details on the explosion, but he said it occurred while a chemical company was performing a paraffin treatment in the flowing, producing well.

"I want to express my deepest sympathy for any of the families involved," Dunn said. "I'm quite sure that there will be a lot of analysis to try to see what occurred."

Dunn said the workers involved in the explosion were employees of a New Jersey-based chemical company, not CrownQuest, which has about 20 employees.

Les Hale, a DPS communications officer, identified the worker killed as Sam Miller, 57. Miller's hometown wasn't immediately available.

The injured were identified as Tippy Beck, 33, of Gardendale; Larry Simmons, 53, of Clyde; Greg Skelton, 29, of Big Spring; Tommy Morrison, 49; Michael "Skeet" Rabon, 54, of Midland; Kal Opparo, 55 and Jerry Fuller, 52, of Midland.

Beck and Simmons were hospitalized in Lubbock. The remainder were taken to Crane County Hospital and had been released late Tuesday.

Hometowns were not immediately available for Opparo and Morrison, but they were thought to be from New Jersey.

Les Hale, a DPS communications officer, said the line contained hydrochloric acid and air was being injected into the line at the time of the explosion. The accident occurred about 3:30 p.m.

"We don't know that any fuel or gas or any element was released into the environment," Hale said. "There was no uncontrolled flow."

The blowout occurred on private property. The accident was near Highway 329. Henkhaus said it involved Krump 48 Well No. 2.

HVAC update on agenda...

Hospital board meets Thursday

The Cogdell Memorial Hospital administration will seek approval Thursday morning for a new heating and air conditioning system for two areas of the hospital — the Specialty Clinic and Med-3.

Action on the proposal is expected at the regular meeting of the board of managers at 8 a.m.

Other agenda items include the monthly medical staff report from Dr. James Burleson, and the approval of the monthly financial report and the certification of the accounts payable.

Christy Brown, administrative assistant, will lead an in-service discussion on the board's role in granting credentials to the medical staff, and George Parsley, CEO, will update the board on the CRNA search.

Parsley also will report on the emergency department renovation and the open house planned for Wednesday, Nov. 6.

The move into the emergency room is set for the next day.

Man sentenced to 12 years in prison Tuesday

A 28-year-old Snyder man Tuesday was sentenced to 12 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Christopher Michael Silva of 2511 College pleaded guilty to an April 29 charge of burglary of a habitation.

132nd District Court Judge Ernie Armstrong also ordered Silva to make $120 in restitution to the homeowner, Salvador Luna.

MADD REP TALKS TO TEENS —Michelle Jackson, with the Odessa Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), at right, spoke to junior high and high school students Monday and Tuesday. Using glasses that simulate the visual perception after having consumed two alcoholic beverages, she used students to demonstrate the effect the drinks have on a person. MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking. Pictured from left are Jake Alaniz, Adriana Herrera, Rudy Martinez and Brittany Mayes. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Incentives on DCOS agenda

The Development Corporation of Snyder board of directors will consider paying the second of three job incentive payments to Snyder Brick and Tile during a called meeting at 7:30 a.m. Thursday.

The payment is $50,000.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Jo Ann Nunley

We are barefoot, wet and muddy, and all the way across the large back yard with gardening tools in hand, and the telephone rings inside the house.

It might be a friend calling to chat, the husband, or one of the grandchildren needing something or someone with a message of importance — so the race is on to answer before they hang up.

We finally make it to the great invention of Alexander Graham Bell and answer with a pleasant "hello."

After a moment of silence a voice comes on asking if we are the lady of the house. We make our first mistake by answering "yes." Then the well-rehearsed, persistent sales pitch begins.

Right away we remember we do not do business over the phone and respectfully reply to evidently deaf ears "We are not interested, thank you though." Mistake number two.

We realize that they are only doing their job, trying to earn a paycheck even though infringing on our private time at home, but kindness and politeness gets no results with the person on the other end of the line trying to convince us that what they are selling is something we really can't live without. Mistake number three is feeling bad about hanging up while the person is reading in his monotone voice, (sometimes with a hard to understand accent), that doesn't understand the meaning of "no thank you."

We've all read about, or maybe even known someone that has almost lost their home or life savings from misleading telemarketers that seem to prey on the elderly. Con artists know older consumers are more trusting and polite and are more likely to be home when calls are made.

We should be aware of ways we could become a victim:

- A consumer is solicited by phone or mail, usually through illegal telemarketing.
- The caller befriends the consumer through personal conversation about church, military service, children, or grandchildren, and sometimes makes home visits.
- The consumer doesn't report to authorities what happened unless it becomes a crises.
- The consumer is uncomfortable telling family members what happened.

Relatives of elderly consumers can do some periodic but respectful detective work that can reveal the threat of telemarketing or other scams by looking for — a surplus of magazine subscriptions and trinkets through the mail, phone callers you've never heard of who seem familiar to your relative or fear or concern about answering the phone.

Many have signed up with a state Do-Not-Call registry, but even this service has been infiltrated by rip-off artists who trick the consumer into giving up personal information such as Social Security number, bank account number, credit card number and others.

This is personal information that should never be shared with anyone we don't know. The Federal Trade Commission works for the consumer to prevent deceptive and unfair business practices in the marketplace and free information may be obtained by calling 1-[illegible]-382-4357.

ASK US

Q-How long has it been since Snyder has received this much rain in October?

A-So far, the month's rainfall total is 5.67 inches. In 1986 October's rainfall was 6.53. In 1988, the total was 5.52 inches.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Lyn Lancaster...

...an interior designer at Classic Interiors, has lived in Snyder 21 years. She and husband, Wade, a partner in Walton Construction have two children, Andra, 19, a freshman at the University of North Texas and Cale, 14, a freshman at Snyder High. Lyn enjoys spending time with her family, as well as gardening and sewing.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Unless we come apart and rest awhile, we may just plain come apart.

—Vance Havner

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Northside Baptist Church concert

Toney Brothers will be in concert at 7 tonight at Northside Baptist Church. No admission will be charged but a love offering will be accepted.

GED testing dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be Thursday at the GED testing center, Western Texas College, Building 7B, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The math segment of the GED will begin promptly at 8 a.m. Friday. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

FBC services televised

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

Western hats sought

The Scurry County Museum is looking for loans of cowboy or cowgirl hats to use in this season's western Christmas exhibit. The items are needed by Thursday and will be on display until Dec. 13.

Call to poets

Mesquite Country Writers Guild, publishers of the poetry newsletter, *Bards of a Feather*, request poems for publication in the Winter issue 2003, one poem per contributor, 20 lines or less. Theme: Winter, New Year, Valentine, March winds. Deadline is Thursday. Payment, one copy of *Bards*. Send poem to Pam Mauldin, Box 237, Ira, 79527 or e-mail to upside@netwest.com.

SHS band fundraiser

A $1 donation buys a chance to win two tickets to the Texas Tech and University of Texas football game on Nov. 16, a $25 gift certificate to Logan's Roadhouse Restaurant and a one-night stay at Ashmore Inn in Lubbock. One name will be drawn during halftime of the last Snyder home game on Friday.

Football T-shirt sale

SHS student council will sell football t-shirts before home games at the front stadium gate. Shirts also are available by calling Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Daniel Unit motorcycle run

The Price Daniel Unit will have a motorcycle run and rally Saturday to benefit the Scurry County United Way. Entry fee is $15 and it includes a meal. Send registration fee to Price Daniel Unit, Attn. Debra Cheyne, 938 S. FM 1673, Snyder, 79549. For more information, call the unit at 573-1114, ext. 317 or 327.

White Buffalo Festival T-shirts

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

Tour of homes

The annual Tour of Homes, sponsored annually by Martha Ann Woman's Club, will be held Sunday. Homes on the tour include David and Donna Holt, Bill and Nancy Harris and Ray Max and Judy Grimmett. Tickets are $10 each and may be ordered by calling 573-6443 or 573-5586.

Support groups

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

FBC support groups

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

Woman of Influence

Area women are invited to attend a live simulcast broadcast of *Becoming a Woman of Influence* at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church. Registration Saturday begins at 7 a.m. Cost is $39 per person. Lunch is included and free childcare will be provided. Today is deadline to reserve space. Call 573-2631 for more information.

Lord's Acre

Lord's Acre, hosted by the First United Methodist Church, will be held Sunday, Nov. 17, starting with a brisket meal with all the trimmings from noon to 1:30 p.m. Price is $7 for adults and $4 for those under the age of 11. There will be an auction at 12:20 p.m. and the event also will feature crafts, baked goods and homemade items.

Ira Bulldog annuals on sale

The 2003 Bulldog annuals are on sale. Reserve your copy from now until Nov. 26. Cost is $26 with your name on the cover or $22 without. The supply is limited, so reserve your copy as soon as possible. To order, contact Becky Hudgins at Ira School.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

WTC pool, gym hours

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

Sr. citizen swimnastics

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

NEW GRADUATES — Graduates from Snyder Oaks Certified Nurses Assistants School were from left, Dianne Brady, Ernest Sosa, Brandy Sorrels and Belinda Hart. Instructor Maggie Barnes, RNC, is not pictured. (Contributed Photo)

Enron Corp. sues over bank draft

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp. has filed a lawsuit claiming the Bank of America acted improperly when it seized $123 million from Enron's account three business days before the company filed for bankruptcy.

The lawsuit filed Tuesday in New York bankruptcy court says Enron had sought to transfer the funds to Citibank, which has a claimed debt of more than $2 billion. But Bank of America withdrew the money on Nov. 28, giving itself preferred status over the thousands of other creditors owed billions of dollars by Enron.

The company filed bankruptcy on Dec. 2.

"Bank of America engaged in malicious and inequitable conduct and took grossly unfair advantage of Enron to benefit itself at the expense of Enron's other creditors," the lawsuit said.

Enron wants the money returned along with interest. It is also seeking punitive damages, attorney fees and a reduction of the bank's standing in the bankruptcy proceedings.

The lawsuit also says Bank of America applied about $43 million against Enron debt held by the bank and is holding $80 million as security for 11 letters of credit issued to other parties on Enron's behalf.

An Austin-based spokesman for the bank told the Houston Chronicle that he had not seen the lawsuit. Officials at the bank's headquarters in Charlotte, N.C. didn't return phone calls left by the newspaper.

The Bank of America action is the largest adversary proceeding Enron has filed since it sued Dynegy for $10 billion for terminating a proposed merger. The companies eventually settled on a $25 million payment to Enron.

Date Book

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002

Today is the 303rd day of 2002 and the 39th day of fall.

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

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

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

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Adams (1735-1826), U.S. president; William Halsey (1882-1959), U.S. naval hero; Ezra Pound (1885-1972), poet and translator; Ruth Gordon (1896-1985), actress; Louis Malle (1932-1995), film director; Henry Winkler (1945-), actor-producer, is 57.

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

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people, who have a right ... and a desire to know." — John Adams

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Oct. 29) and new moon (Nov. 4).

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Central Texas man given life sentence

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Bandera man has been sentenced to life in prison in the slaying deaths of two men in separate robberies earlier this year, including the beheading of a truck driver.

George Wayne McBroom, 32, faced capital murder charges for the slayings, which would have made him eligible for the death penalty. But on Tuesday, he entered into a plea agreement with prosecutors.

Prosecutors said they accepted the deal because McBroom has a fatal illness.

"He has to do 30 years before being eligible for parole, and he would not have lived long enough to get a death sentence executed," Assistant District Attorney Rita Spiegel said in a story in Wednesday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

McBroom was arrested in Arizona in September after he was caught driving a car stolen from San Antonio. He was charged with killing Mark Monfore, 48, a Brownfield truck driver.

Berry's World

THE MONSTER IN THE BEDROOM CLOSET.

Memorial turns into a rally

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Tears gave way to foot-stomping and cheers at a memorial service for Sen. Paul Wellstone as friends and relatives urged Minnesotans to honor his memory by putting a Democrat in his seat.

The entreaty came as former Vice President Walter Mondale, who attended the service, prepared to become Wellstone's replacement on the ballot.

During a 31/2-hour tribute at a University of Minnesota sports arena Tuesday night, more than 20,000 people cried and cheered for Wellstone, his wife, daughter and five other victims of a plane crash last Friday.

For the first two hours, speakers remembered the eight with poignant anecdotes. But when Wellstone's friend and longtime campaign treasurer Rick Kahn took the stage, he adopted the late senator's fiery speaking style and abruptly demolished the leaky dike that had held back most political speech since the accident.

"If Paul Wellstone's legacy in the Senate comes to an end just days after this unspeakable tragedy, our spirits will be crushed, and we will drown in a river of tears," Kahn said. "We are begging you, do not let this happen."

Four large screens then showed Mondale in the crowd. Mondale, 74, is expected to take Wellstone's ballot spot after a Democratic party meeting this evening. Party sources said Mondale would speak to the gathering, and was expected to file formal paperwork either today or Thursday.

Mondale, a Minnesota senator before going to the White House with President Carter, quickly emerged as the consensus choice of Democratic elders concerned about holding Wellstone's seat, one of a handful of races around the country that will determine which party controls the Senate.

Wellstone's sons, David and Mark Wellstone, and Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, one of Wellstone's closest friends in the Senate, also stoked the crowd to fight for Mondale, though none of them mentioned him by name.

Republicans quickly criticized the partisan tone of the memorial. "I was frankly stunned. It was over the top," said Sarah Janecek, a Republican consultant.

Even some Wellstone supporters in the crowd said they were a bit uncomfortable. "I think Kahn probably crossed that line," said Tom Moore, a University of Minnesota employee. "He can be forgiven, though. He was basically preaching to the choir and the choir needed to hear it."

Added Sharon Rezac, attending with a Democratic women's group from Park Rapids: "With Paul, you can't separate the personal from the political, and this was his night."

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002

Nothing will come easily for you in the year ahead, but if you're willing to work toward your aims and goals, a number of channels for success will open up. Life works when you work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You can't let your guard down for one minute today in a situation that requires extreme courtesy and tact. Monitor your words and behavior carefully so you don't do anything disrespectful. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astrograph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — What you are the most anxious to hide is usually what gets exposed, creating undesirable repercussions. Don't get yourself involved in anything conspiratorial or clandestine today in the first place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Frivolous activities will cut down your momentum for doing something more important today. Know your priorities and keep them in order.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Unless you fully understand what is of real value to you today, the objectives you're striving for will turn out to be empty promises. Take time to evaluate your needs and desires.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Although you may be quite competent in handling personal and practical situations, you may be all thumbs today in social matters due to unwarranted suspicions of others. Be more trusting.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — In an involvement with friends today where expenses are jointly shared, make sure everyone understands what to expect for their money. Otherwise, someone could feel cheated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Any alliance you enter into today that is predicated on a flimsy premise will not possess true harmony of purpose and will thus be destined for failure. Set solid objectives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Spending all your energy focusing on excuses instead of the tasks at hand will be a monumental waste of time. Nothing will be accomplished and you'll have double the work to do tomorrow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Chances are, trying to bring up business where others are together to relax won't go over very well today. If you attend a social gathering, leave your promotions at the office.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be certain anything you purchase today can be returned should you later be dissatisfied. What appears attractive in a store setting may not look so good at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It is always best not to make assumptions about things that are not logically thought out — as today's turn of events will prove, when plans about which you were complacent start drifting off course.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you handle your material affairs irresponsibly today, it could turn out to be a rather expensive day for you. Make certain you get dollar value for every buck you plunk down.

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Name added to airport

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — The Sonny Bono Concourse has been added to the Palm Springs International Airport.

Bono, of the '60s singing duo Sonny & Cher, was the area's congressman until his death in a 1998 skiing accident.

Earlier this year, officials designated a 40-mile stretch of Interstate 10 as the Sonny Bono Memorial Freeway. The section runs from just west of the Highway 111 cutoff near Palm Springs to Dillon Road in the Coachella area.

Vietnam fire claims more than 50 lives

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam (AP) — A massive blaze tore through a large building in downtown Ho Chi Minh City, killing at least 54 people. State-controlled newspapers said today that the toll could rise to more than 100.

Rescuers searched frantically following Tuesday's blaze for dozens of people believed still trapped today inside the six-story building, where a wedding reception with more than 500 guests had been taking place.

An American insurance company with offices there was also conducting a training seminar for about 100 employees when the fire erupted. Six staff members of the American International Assurance Co. were still missing, a company official said.

Firefighters battled the inferno for hours, but inadequate equipment and intense flames and heat kept them from reaching many victims inside the Saigon International Trade Center, a six-story building that housed shops, offices of foreign firms, and a popular dance club.

The official Vietnam News Agency said at least 54 people were confirmed dead. Hospital officials said more than 100 were hospitalized, many with serious injuries — some from burns and some from jumping out of the six-story building's windows.

State-run Vietnam Television reported today that 100 body bags were needed. "There are still no clear figures of dead, missing or injured, but the loss of life could be very big," the television said.

But the Lao Dong (Labor) newspaper quoted firefighter Nguyen Van Quy as saying: "We have counted about 100 bodies at various floors of the trading center, including one of a foreigner." Other state media gave a similar estimate today.

Several hundred weeping relatives anxiously waited outside a hospital mortuary. "Our whole family has gone to many hospitals around the city since Tuesday trying to find my sister, who was inside the building, but no luck so far," said Tran Thi Thanh Tuyen.

Ho Chi Minh City, formerly named Saigon, is Vietnam's southern commercial center and largest city. Ho Chi Minh City Mayor Le Thanh Hai said the fire was the city's worst in both loss of life and property damage.

Firefighters used ladder trucks to help some people escape from the roof but they were unable to reach at least one man who cried for help from a window because they lacked the proper equipment. Flames raged at other windows.

"What is worrying is that firefighters were not equipped with the necessary equipment to put out the fire," Vietnam Television said. "It took them more than three hours to bring the water hose inside the building, and sometimes they did not have enough water."

Today's chuckle

Sky-diving dog sparks criticism

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Animal lovers are howling over a sky-diving dog.

The parachuting Dachshund, known as Brutus the Skydiving Dog, is scheduled to perform at this weekend's Air and Space Show at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

"What we feel is this is cruelty to animals," said Shirley Cram, shelter director and treasurer for the Volunteers for Inter-valley Animals. "It's exploiting the dog. It certainly isn't fun for that dog to jump out of that plane."

Brutus' skydiving partner disagrees.

"He gets all excited when I'm getting my gear ready," said Ron Sirull of Delray Beach, Fla., contending Brutus enjoys his aerial activities. He added, "He's totally up for it."

Sirull said his dog's veterinarian and the Arizona Humane Society have signed off the activity being safe for man's best friend.

Brutus is tucked into a special pouch affixed to his owner's chest for the jump and dons custom-made goggles for what Sirull calls his "fleafall." While Sirull has 1,000 jumps, Brutus has logged 100.

"That's equal to 700 jumps in dog years," his owner joked.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Music videos leave this woman singing the blues

DEAR ABBY: I am an African-American reader, and as a young black woman I am fed up with the images of young women in our music videos of today. We are displayed as sex objects, and those images are imprinted into the minds of our young children. Boys think that girls are supposed to be treated the way rappers and singers treat women in the videos, and young girls think the only way to secure male attention is by being half-naked.

We, as women, are losing our sense of self-respect. We should take pride in our minds, not just our bodies.

Should we blame ourselves for participating in such videos, for allowing our young boys and girls to watch this on TV, or for not protesting?

I feel so overwhelmed. Who do we blame? Where does it end? How do we stop this? — **NOT JUST BREASTS AND THIGHS IN BALTIMORE**

DEAR N.J.B. & T: Don't get caught up in the blame game. I agree that people — not just women — should take pride in their minds and not just their bodies. One important way to accomplish this is to stress to children that what is on television is, for the most part, meant to be entertainment —not an accurate reflection of life. Children need to understand that as glamorous as life seems to be in the music videos, the REAL road to success lies in getting a good education and learning to respect themselves and others.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm about to be married for the second time. My parents love my fiance, "Greg," unlike my first husband whom they despised. We spend a lot of time with my parents. Greg and my father get along extremely well. The wedding is this month. We have planned a cruise for our honeymoon.

We have invited my parents to join us on the cruise because their anniversary is this month, and they have never been on a cruise. My parents thought it was a wonderful idea.

Now, however, they are wavering about whether to go because my younger sister has told Mother she doesn't want them to go, and she doesn't understand why we would invite them on our honeymoon in the first place! I am very angry and upset that they would consider changing their plans in order to make my sister happy. Should I confront her about her jealousy? Why would she deliberately sabotage our relationship with the folks when things between us are so great? — **BRIDE-TO-BE IN RALEIGH, N.C.**

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: Because your sister is insecure. She views you and your fiance's relationship as threatening to her position in the family structure. Confronting her about her jealousy and insecurity will only fan the flames. It is your parents who must stand their ground and refuse to be manipulated out of the trip of a lifetime. Your sister is out of line, and your parents must be strong enough to lovingly, but firmly, put her in her place.

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DEAR ABBY: Last night, a really cute guy kissed me. He says he wants nothing further to do with me unless I will have sexual relations with him — then he will date me. I like him a lot and really want this to work out. What should I do? — **GOING ON 16 IN OHIO**

DEAR GOING ON 16: He may be cute, but you have described a user and a loser. A reader once sent me the following — and it applies to you:

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"When I let him, I lost him."

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Survey finds many parents rate themselves poor at raising kids

NEW YORK (AP) — Sixty-one percent of parents rate their generation as "fair" or "poor" at raising children, according to a study that shows parents are struggling in instilling values in their kids.

The findings are part of a nationwide survey of parents conducted by Public Agenda, a nonpartisan think tank. The survey found big gaps between parents' efforts to teach good values to their children and their perceived success in doing so.

While 83 percent said it is "absolutely essential" to teach self-control and self-discipline, only 34 percent said they have succeeded in teaching those values.

Ninety-one percent said it is essential to teach honesty, but only 55 percent said they have succeeded in doing so.

The report also found that 53 percent of parents believe they are doing a worse job than their own parents did.

"This study suggests that, despite the efforts parents are making, they're having trouble," said Deborah Wadsworth, the president of Public Agenda. "They have no difficulty laying out a vision of the values they think essential to impart to their child, but succeeding at the job is another matter."

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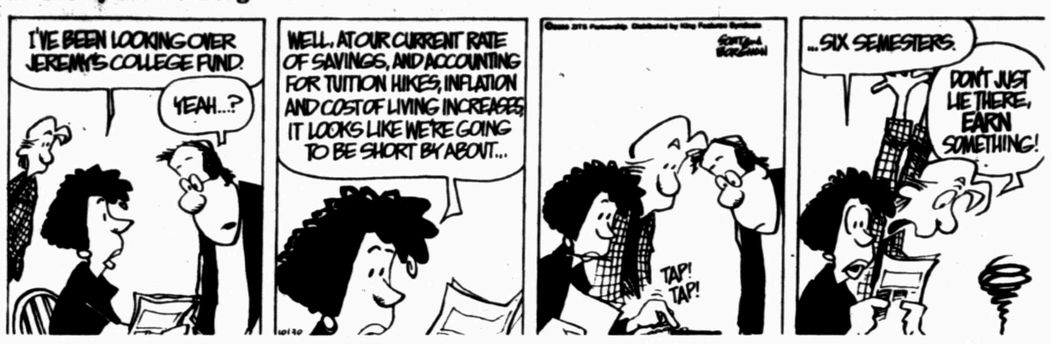

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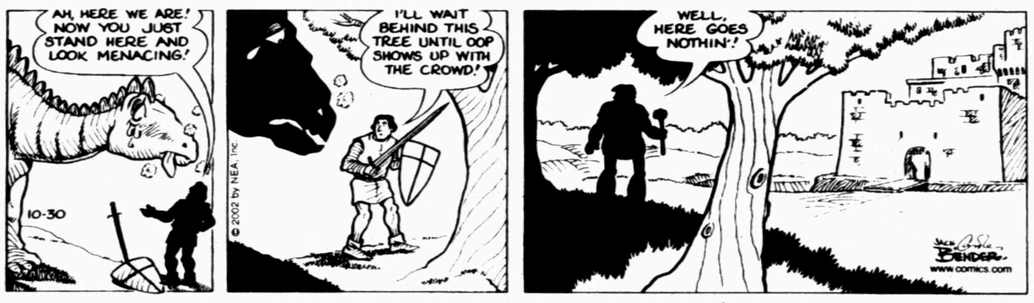

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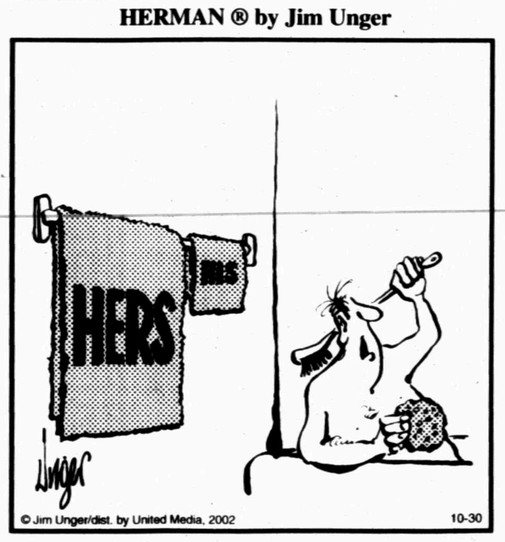

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ACROSS

1 Cancel
5 Tuna habitat
10 Baked item
12 Long-eared pooch
13 Schedule
14 Not plain
15 Give medicine
16 Chinese dynasty
18 Tokyo, formerly
19 Move slightly
21 Prevent
25 Sky chart
29 Horse –
30 Contributor
32 Marlins' city
33 Opening remarks
34 Jangles
37 Piece of prose
38 Laths
40 Kind of rack
43 Fuss
44 Metal filament
48 Esteems
50 Did not cook (2 wds.)
52 Hams it up
53 Mislead
54 Rare gas
55 "What – could I do?"

DOWN

1 Down the tubes (hyph.)
2 All-purpose vehicles
3 Bowling alley
4 Inc. cousin
5 Above, in verse
6 Reed
7 "Yikes!"
8 Choir member
9 Born as
10 Walk softly
11 Diamond Head locale
12 Striped antelope
17 Woodworking tool
19 IQ, informally
20 Whirlpools
21 Benedictine title
22 Saga
23 Blue-green color
24 Humorist – Bombeck
26 Charged particles
27 Picnic intruders
28 Mr. Dithers' wife
31 Cowboy – Rogers
35 Juice holder
36 Blue
39 Frog's cousin
40 Catcher's base
41 Ever's partner
42 Dog in Oz
44 Oasis feature
45 Debtors' notes
46 Uncouth
47 Bastille Day season
48 Witch's spell
49 Stimpy's pal
51 Jeans go-with

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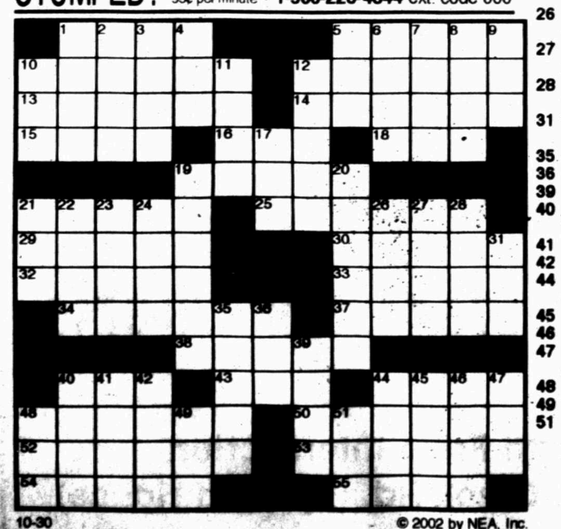

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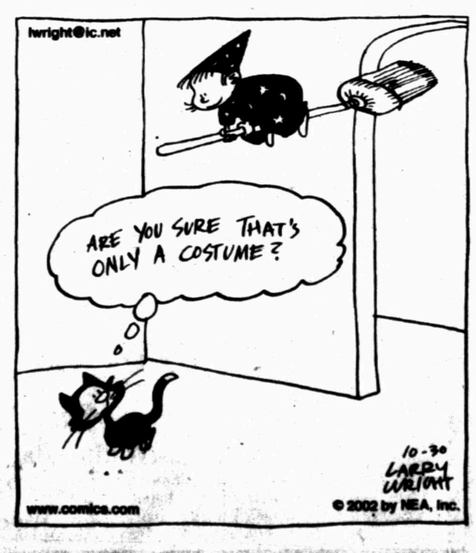

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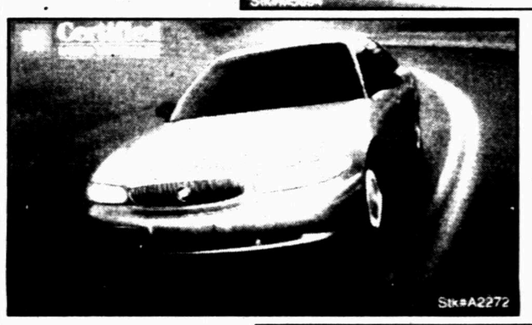

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Concerns about cancer followup

DEAR DR. GOTT: In the past three years, I've had both breasts removed because of cancer and, last year, had an excision of a melanoma on my back. My previous oncologist insisted on annual checkups to detect and treat any remaining (or new) cancerous tissue.

However, my employer has changed insurance companies, and my new HMO doctor says that such follow-up is unnecessary. She insists that I check myself for lumps and skin lesions. I don't feel comfortable with this advice. Should I follow it or go out of plan and pay out of pocket?

DEAR READER: Although you are probably cancer-free at this time, you are undoubtedly at risk for trouble in the future. Thus, I share your concern. In my opinion, your HMO is more focused on the bottom line than on the health of its participants.

The first step I would take is to scream bloody murder. The HMO needs a lesson in ethics and appropriate medical care. Return to your original oncologist for a planning session. If he still believes that annual follow up is prudent, he can write to the HMO appeals board and request that the company pay for you to go out of plan and/or provide you with yet another opinion from a qualified cancer specialist. You are not helpless in this situation. If the consensus is to examine you at regular intervals, the HMO will probably back down and acquiesce — especially if there is even a hint of legal action. But, at this point, your priority is to obtain objective and sound opinions about your best option. Let me know how this plays out.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Your weight loss diet advises readers to avoid sugar and flour. Does that include 100 percent whole-wheat flour? I've always understood that bread and rolls made with whole-wheat flour are acceptable.

DEAR READER: Not with my diet, which I've tried to keep simple: No sugar, no flour.

I'm sending you a copy of my newly updated and completely revised Health Report (that includes the no sugar, no flour diet) "Losing Weight." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Although I live in Pakistan, I am fortunate to read your column in my newspaper. My question for you concerns contact lenses. Because of myopia, I have worn thick glasses since I was a child. Lately, I have considered trying contact lenses. However, a friend insists that such lenses often cause retinal ulcers. Is she correct?

DEAR READER: No, she is not correct. Contact lenses do not affect the retina. In rare instances, however, these lenses can cause irritation of the cornea, the clear tissue at the front of the eyeball. I want to emphasize that this complication is very infrequent and is usually caused by ill-fitting lenses. Providing you have your lenses fitted by a qualified eye professional, your risk of corneal ulceration is minimal. Try the new lenses. I am sure that they will be beneficial.

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Local entities participate in treat or trick

Local ghost and goblins are invited to trick or treat these businesses on Halloween, from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

The annual event is sponsored y the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connections. Several High School groups will assist with this project.

Taking part in the trick or treat event will be Scurry County Courthouse, Sun Loans, Snyder Insurance, Stewart Surveying, Stephens Office Supply, Nextel, Classic Interiors, Democratic Headquarters, Republican headquarters, Western Auto, American Legion (will set up in front of Rent To Own on east side of square), Pleasure's Mine, the Whistle Stop, Ben Murphy's office, Carol's Place, Mike Brown, Hugh Boren and Son, Colortyme, Scurry County Probation, Snyder Area CADA and Snyder Abstract.

Off of the square participants include Snyder Chamber of Commerce, KSNY, Scurry County Library, Higginbotham, Thomspon Insurance (Germania), Scurry County Appraisal District, Timely Finance, Hair Razors, city hall, Cox Communications and State Farm Insurance on 30th Street.

Cockpit recorder reveals harrowing last moments

WASHINGTON (AP) — During the final moments of American Airlines Flight 587, the pilots struggled in vain to keep the plane aloft after encountering turbulence from another jetliner's wake, a taped transcript shows.

The cockpit voice recorder captured the conversation between Capt. Edward States and co-pilot Sten Molin during the 103-second flight, which ended when the tailfin broke off and the plane crashed into a residential neighborhood in New York City on Nov. 12, 2001.

All 260 people aboard the Airbus A300-600 died, as did five in the Queens neighborhood where the aircraft crashed. It was the second-deadliest crash on U.S. soil.

"Hang onto it! hang onto it!" States implored as the plane hit turbulence from a Boeing 747 flying five miles ahead.

"Let's go for power, please," Molin said.

A second later came a loud bang, which investigators believe was the tailfin snapping off. Then came the roar of air rushing against the aircraft and alarms sounding in the cockpit.

"What the hell are we into (inaudible)?" Molin said. "We're stuck in it."

States' last recorded words came five seconds later: "Get out of it! Get out of it!"

The National Transportation Safety Board released the transcript Tuesday, the start of a four-day public hearing on the crash. Investigators also revealed two videotapes of the flight, one from a construction crew and one from a security camera at a toll booth.

Members of the victims' families, sitting in the hearing room, were stunned to see the videotapes. One showed the plane taking off and, later, smoke billowing from the crash in the distance. The other showed a tiny, grainy image of the plane as it descended from the sky, developing into a light smudge along its trajectory.

Robert Benzon, NTSB investigator in charge, said the smudge could have been misting fuel, smoke or flame that spread from the plane after the engines broke from the wings.

"It was very painful for us," said Belkis Lora from New York City, who lost her brother Jose. "I was crying because it reminded me of what happened."

Most of the passengers were flying home to the Dominican Republic.

WINNERS — Ira sixth through eighth grade reading students in Ricki Jones' class wrote stories and then decorated pumpkins to go with the stories' themes or characters from the stories. First picture — Aryn Calley and Austin Calley, most original; Leeja Mauldin, best all-around. Second picture — Sixth grade winners were, Jamie Dobbs, scariest; Shandy McMullen, funniest; Seth Sanchez, cutest. Third picture — Seventh grade winners were, Tony Martini and Mark Barnes, funniest; Kaci Waller, cutest; Colby McMullen, scariest. Fourth picture — Eighth grade winners were, Kelbi Pitner, cutest; Kate Wall, funniest; Corbin Clements, scariest. (Contributed Photos)

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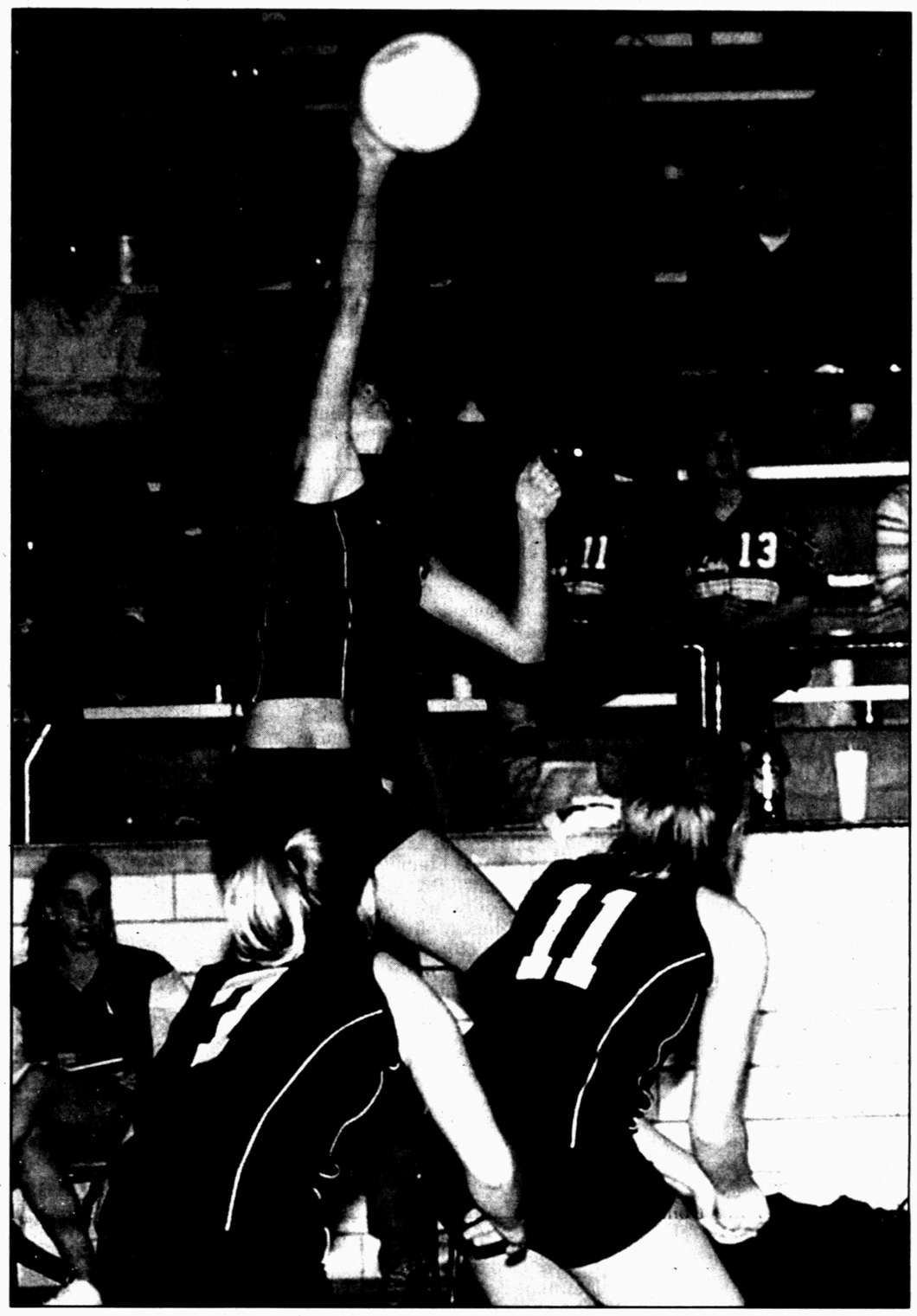

GOING FOR THE KILL — Senior Afton Schwertner spikes a Sweetwater volley during the first game Tuesday night, while Shelley Fisk (7) and Kelby Drum (11) look on. The win gave the Lady Tigers a 6-6 district record to close out the season. (SDN Staff Photo)

Volleyball squads close season with victories

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The Snyder varsity volleyball team closed out the regular season with a flourish, dispensing Sweetwater 15-4, 15-1 Tuesday, finishing with a 6-6 record in district play.

"All the girls wanted the season to go on longer," Head coach Laura Moses said. "The support we received from the school and the community was fantastic."

The team will lose seven players this year, with Ashley Tuttle, Zipporah Peoples, Dara Chambers, Chaelyn Robinson, Afton Schwertner, Shelley Fisk and Aaryn Stewart all graduating.

Moses said she is used to the transition that is an inescapable part of varsity sports.

"I'm happy for the girls who are graduating," she said. "We are looking forward to the future, but each one of the seniors will be dearly missed for one reason or another."

Moses said that although the season is over, she still expects to see the girls in other activities.

"I'll see most of them in softball, so this is not an end."

The seniors got plenty of time on the front row, with Shelley Fisk ending an outstanding season with an outstanding match, as she contributed 12 assists, seven points and four kills against the Lady Mustangs.

Aaryn Stewart responded in her final game, notching 13 points, including three aces, in putting on a serve clinic.

Ashley Tuttle, who missed much of the season with injury, made up for lost time in recording six kills.

Chaelyn Robinson had another strong all-around game, as she had six digs, three kills, two points and one block.

Zipporah Peoples and Afton Schwertner each recorded two kills on the evening, with Peoples getting a crucial dig, and Schwertner getting two blocks.

Dara Chambers added a scintillating kill and a dig for the Lady Tigers.

Junior Kelby Drum, seeing limited action on the front row, helped seal the win in the final game with an ace, seven assists, two digs and one kill to go along with her four points.

Moses said next season should be wide-open in district as far as who will be at the top.

"We have just as much of a chance as anyone else," she said. "No school is consistent every year. This year the top three (Lamesa, Seminole and Denver City) were up on us in intensity and game experience."

Moses said the remaining players know what she expects, so goals for next season will be higher.

"The expectations will be raised," she said.

The junior varsity club got off to a slow start on the season, but came around to earn three straight wins to close out the season, handily beating Sweetwater 15-2, 15-9.

"We finally came together as a team," coach Wendi Parks said. "The season was tough, and we started out not playing as a unit, but by the end of the season everyone was playing well."

She said the bench players adapted to their roles, and improved defensive play helped end the season on a roll. She added that the players knew their positions and responsibilities by the end of the year, something they struggled with early on.

Rachel Clanton led all scorers with 10 points, and Beth Clements pumped in six points and spiked five kills.

Jacy Beccue had nine spikes and four points, while Courtney Cox finished up her solid season with seven spikes and four points.

The freshmen club also finished on a high note, dispatching Sweetwater 15-2, 15-9, and ending the season with a winning record, going 6-5 in district and 15-13 overall.

Frosh coach Shelly Hayes said she enjoyed the players she coached this season.

""I had a great time with this bunch of girls, and I want to wish them luck in their future endeavors."

Glyn Wright had 10 straight service points against the freshmen Lady Mustangs on her way to 11 total points.

Teddi Crenwelge contributed four points, and Ciara Latta added six points in the decisive game.

Emily Jones, Shaela Thompson and Amber Luecke also had key points in the match.

Hayes said community support was a major factor on the season.

"I want to thank all the parents for their support," she said.

Spurs down Shaq-less Lakers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — While the San Antonio Spurs were naturally pleased about winning their sixth straight season-opener, they weren't in a celebratory mood because of how it came about.

Reserve Malik Rose had 16 points and 11 rebounds to lead a balanced attack Tuesday night as the Spurs beat the short-handed Los Angeles Lakers 87-82.

"We played terrible, it was a terrible game," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "I'm thrilled that it'll count as a victory as the season goes on, and disappointed in our play."

The three-time defending NBA champion Lakers, who played without Shaquille O'Neal and Rick Fox, shot a miserable 31.8 percent (27-of-85) while losing their first season-opener in 11 years.

The Spurs weren't much better, shooting 36.6 percent (26-of-71).

But it was good enough.

The difference was at the foul line, where the Spurs went 32-of-46 to the Lakers' 24-of-30.

In other season-openers Tuesday night, the Sacramento Kings routed the Cleveland Cavaliers 94-67 and the Orlando Magic topped the Philadelphia 76ers 95-88.

Fourteen games are scheduled for Wednesday night.

O'Neal, MVP of the last three NBA Finals, is recovering from surgery on his arthritic right big toe. He's expected to be sidelined another two weeks.

Barrel racing comes to coliseum

Scurry County Coliseum will be the site of barrel racing each Tuesday evening until the end of February.

Exhibitions begin at 5:30 p.m., with an entry fee of $4 per ride or three rides for $10.

The youth class races will start at 7:30 p.m., with an entry fee of $15, with 80 percent to jackpot.

The youth class will be a 3D format with one-second splits.

The open 4D races will get underway at 8 p.m. A $25 entry fee will apply, with 80 percent to the jackpot.

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Sports Briefs

Football booster club raffle

This is the last week to purchase $25 raffle tickets from the football booster club for a $10,000 CD.

Drawing will be held during Friday's game against Lamesa.

Contact Steve Rich at 573-4800 or any booster club member to purchase.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Scurry County golf course. Format this week is blind nine.

Volleyball supper

The volleyball booster club will host a supper at 5 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria. Menu is brisket wrap, beans and dessert for $5.

Brewers hire Ned Yost to manage club

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Atlanta Braves coach Ned Yost was hired as manager of the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday, returning to the team where he was a backup catcher in the 1980s.

The 47-year-old Yost agreed to a two-year contract with a club option for 2005. Financial terms were not announced.

Seahawks sign Jeff George

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks, needing help at quarterback after Trent Dilfer's season-ending torn Achilles' tendon, signed veteran Jeff George. Coach Mike Holmgren emphasized that Matt Hasselbeck will remain the starter and George is coming in to fill a role.

Super Bowl MVP, former Cowboy Brown arrested

COLLEYVILLE (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys Super Bowl MVP Larry Brown has been arrested on 18 counts of writing bad checks at Las Vegas casinos.

Brown, the MVP of Super Bowl XXX after intercepting two passes, was released from the Tarrant County Jail on Monday after agreeing to pay nearly $44,000.

Dan Bowman, a Clark County attorney in Las Vegas, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that Brown made out 18 checks to casinos between December 2001 and March.

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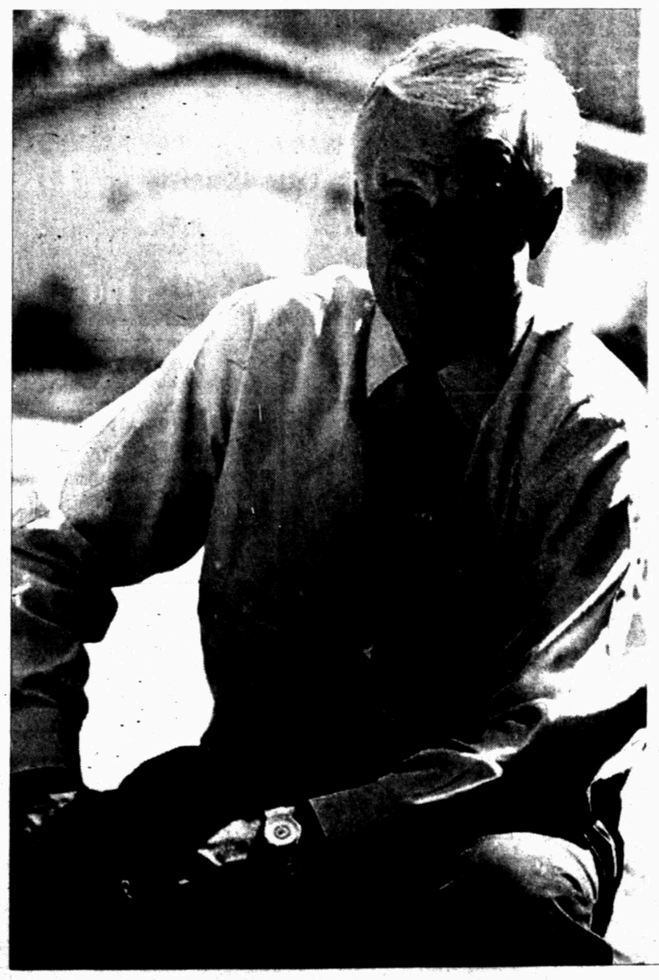

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CITATION

STATE OF TEXAS §
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TO: All unborn and unknown heirs of Epifania P. Silvas, Deceased.

There is presently pending in the County Court of Scurry County, Texas, in Cause No. 5628, an Application to Determine Heirship and to Declare No Administration Necessary filed by Juan Silvas ("Applicant"). Each of you is hereby commanded to appear and answer before the Honorable County Court of Scurry County, Texas, in Snyder, Texas, on or before 10:00 a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of issuance of this Citation, which is the date of publication which this newspaper bears, to answer the petition of Juan Silvas which joins as parties Sandy Alvarado, Felipe Carrillo, Tina Soliz, Jessie Carrillo, Seferino Carrillo, Martin Carrillo, John Carrillo, Oralia Garcia, Alice Carrillo, Celia Garcia, and all unknown heirs of Epifania P. Silvas, Deceased.

On October 23, 2002, Juan Silvas filed his Application to Determine Heirship, and to Declare No Administration Necessary, seeking to have the heirship of the said Epifania P. Silvas declared.

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Snyder Oaks Trick or Treat

Snyder Oaks Care Center will have treats for all goblins on Halloween from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 10-30-02
♠ J 10 3
♥ A Q J 10 9
♦ Q 10 9
♣ 5 3

West
♠ Q 9 8 5 2
♥ 7 5 4
♦ A K
♣ J 9 8

East
♠ 7 6 4
♥ K 8 6 3
♦ 8 4
♣ 10 7 6 4

South
♠ A K
♥ 2
♦ J 7 6 5 3 2
♣ A K Q 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	1 ♠	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002

From 1926 until today

By Phillip Alder

Bridge Magazine started in England in May 1926. Its first editor died one month before World War II started, so the publication had a hiatus lasting until the appearance of the January 1949 issue. But it has been arriving monthly in mailboxes ever since. Now it is in a large-page format with a content aimed primarily at the serious tournament competitor, for whom it makes an excellent read.

Here is a tester from Patrick Jourdain's Problem Corner. Looking only at the North-South hands, how would you try to make three no-trump? West leads a low spade to your king. It is easy if the spades break 4-4, but what if they are 5-3, as West's overcall suggests?

Obviously, South might have gone to five diamonds, but that would have been no challenge.

If you play on diamonds, West will establish his spades first, and you will lose three spades and two diamonds. You could take the heart finesse, which is all right if it wins, but here it loses, and East will return a spade to defeat you.

The right line isn't easy to spot. You should play a heart to dummy's ace, then lead the heart queen and discard the spade ace.

If the defenders establish West's spades, they must let you into the dummy, and you win two spades, four hearts and three clubs. However, if they shift to a club, you have time to force a dummy entry in diamonds and will lose at most one spade, one heart and two diamonds.

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Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	4.80	4.53	4.80	+.22
AOL TimeWrn	14.50	14.21	14.35	—.08
AT&T Corp	13.21	12.94	13.16	+.19
Albertsons	27.54	27.02	27.40	+.05
Alltel	50.10	48.88	50.04	+.98
AmEl Pw	25.85	25.11	25.62	+.44
AndarkPtr	43.32	42.56	43.03	+.90
ATMOS Egy	21.85	21.73	21.84	+.09
Aviall	9.15	8.81	8.90	+.05
BP PLC	37.78	36.79	37.50	+.72
BakerHughes	29.55	28.35	29.41	+1.07
Bank of Amer	70.56	69.68	70.56	+1.12
BellSouth	26.99	26.25	26.80	+.54
BurlNoSFe	25.75	25.41	25.65	+.15
Caterpillar	41.15	40.09	41.13	+.67
CenterPoint	7.03	6.70	7.00	+.36
ChevronTex	71.92	70.70	71.56	+1.41
Citigroup	37.10	36.16	36.73	+.23
CocaCola	46.99	46.11	46.91	+.53
ColgatePal	56.10	55.60	55.81	+.12
CmclMetals s	16.65	16.28	16.52	—.16
ConocoPhill	48.30	47.55	47.95	+1.21
Cooper Inds	31.95	31.45	31.80	—.10
DaimlrChry	33.79	32.60	33.19	—1.29
DeltaAirl	10.34	9.85	10.29	+.18
Dillards Inc	16.45	15.92	16.03	—.42
DowChem	25.92	25.54	25.60	—.28
DuPont	41.71	40.85	41.47	+.27
EastmanChem	36.34	35.63	36.19	+.31
EstKodak	33.81	32.88	33.24	—.05
EDS Corp	13.97	13.74	13.80	—.14
Entergy	44.65	43.40	43.72	+.07
ExxonMobil	34.03	33.30	33.77	+.54
FstBksAm	40.49	40.27	40.49	+.24
FootLocker	10.08	9.86	10.05	+.15
GenDynam	79.25	78.49	78.95	+.47
GenElec	26.82	25.33	25.62	—.23
GenMills	41.19	40.69	40.79	—.14
GenMotors	33.40	32.55	32.89	—.84
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Goodyear	9.05	7.65	7.89	—.93
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HarteHanks s	19.40	19.05	19.18	+.10
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Honeywellintl	24.15	23.81	24.10	+.12
IBM	77.47	76.02	77.41	+.67
IntlPaper	35.92	35.21	35.58	—.31
JohnsonJn	57.25	55.86	57.17	+.92
vjK mart	70	64	67	—.02
KinderMorg	35.90	35.66	35.67	—.20
Kroger Co	15.55	15.15	15.48	—.01
LockheedM	58.50	57.40	58.36	+.92
Lowes Cos	43.72	42.62	43.30	—.41
Lubys	5.15	5.07	5.15	+.05
LucentTech	1.15	1.03	1.14	+.13
MarathonOil	20.61	20.23	20.48	+.47
MayDeptStr	23.85	23.20	23.64	—.49
Medtronic	44.60	43.99	44.24	—.43
Motorola	9.06	8.60	8.99	+.11
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Navistar	20.07	19.62	20.03	+.28
PNM Rescs	21.80	21.15	21.74	+.54
Penney JC	19.71	19.00	19.29	—.52
PepBoys	11.66	11.23	11.40	—.25
PepsiCo	44.16	43.21	43.96	+.30
Pharmacia	43.10	42.10	42.90	+.48
PhelpDodge	30.79	30.25	30.64	—.12
PilgrmPrd B	6.19	5.95	6.00	—.19
Praxair	52.24	51.21	51.98	+.58
ProctGamb	89.89	88.02	88.53	—.48
RadioShack	21.39	20.90	21.25	—.20
RoyalDut	41.25	40.71	41.00	+.89
SBC Comm	25.72	25.00	25.58	+.33
SaraLee	23.20	22.85	22.94	—.11
Scripps EW	77.21	76.10	76.42	—.58
SearsRoeb	27.21	26.51	26.88	—.35
SherwinW	27.68	26.85	27.09	—.59
SouthernCo	30.79	30.31	30.40	+.13
SwstAirl	14.92	14.53	14.91	+.19
SprintFON	12.70	12.46	12.55	+.09
SprintPCS	3.07	2.86	3.02	+.10
Sunoco Inc	30.49	29.14	29.96	+1.07
TXU Corp	14.70	13.45	14.61	+1.79
TempleInland	41.67	40.81	41.17	—.49
TexInd	23.00	22.60	22.85	—.23
TexasInst	15.51	14.99	15.40	+.35
Textron	40.31	39.65	40.02	—.01
TrinityInds	15.30	15.21	15.28	+.10
TylerTech	4.30	4.20	4.25	—.09
UnionPacif	60.63	59.71	60.37	+.56
USSteel	12.12	11.64	12.12	+.11
UnitedTech	62.17	61.40	62.17	+.92
Unocal	27.85	27.35	27.59	+.63
VerizonComm	37.90	36.60	37.70	+1.10
WalMart	55.22	54.23	54.70	—1.77
WellsFargo	51.08	50.44	50.98	+.83
WstnGasRs	33.50	32.60	33.39	+.92
WinnDixie	16.62	16.31	16.56	+.08
Xerox Cp	6.10	5.82	6.08	+.06
YumBrands s	23.30	22.55	23.17	—.44

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

This article by Skip Richter, CEA-Horticulture, appeared in "The Montgomery County Garden Gazette," Volume 2, Number 4, August-September 1996

Fall vegetable gardening is in many ways better than its spring counterpart. Many vegetables, such as broccoli and cauliflower, seem to do best in the fall. The quality of beans, peas, root crops and many other veggies is superior when grown in the cooler days of fall.

Almost anything grown in spring will do well in the fall, with the possible exception of sweet corn. I paused to reflect back over past seasons at what appear to be the most important factors in getting a fall garden off to a good start...and the result is the following pontification. Like the original ten, folks who think these are optional are headed for disappointment.

1. Thou shalt not read gardening books and magazines published north of a line running from Dallas to Charleston, or West of San Antonio.

Another way to put it is to never read a gardening book or magazine article by someone whose vocabulary doesn't include the words "ya'll (i.e., "the whole group on you'uns") and "fixin" (i.e., about to do"). Or, if you do, let it be recreational and not to learn "how to." To take advice from another region is about as dependable as watching the Weather Channel's forecast from San Francisco, Seattle, or Newark to determine if you need to take an umbrella with you today or how to dress for working in your garden.

2. Select Ye a Site With Full Exposure to the Sun.

Unless you are planning on growing mushrooms, 6 to 8 hours of full sunlight is important. If you have a spot a bit too shady, try putting your leafy greens and cole crops (like broccoli) there. They will put up with less light, but even they won't like it.

3. Prepareth the soil well before thou planteth thy crop.

Soil (properly pronounced like the name of King David's predecessor – Saul) is critical to plant growth. The importance of soil preparation cannot be overstressed. At least half of your success has been determined before the first seed or transplant ever hits the ground.

To plop your new seeds and transplants down into the barren, parched August wasteland, among the cremated remains of your spring garden, is tantamount to a death sentence. Proper soil pH and optimum nutrition are best set before planting.

Incorporate well-decomposed organic matter and fertilizer according to soil test results. In the absence of a soil test, apply 1 pound of 15-5-10 and 2 pounds of K-Mag per 100 square feet.

4. Provideth thy garden with optimum drainage.

Although we've been assured the "40 days and 40 nights" ordeal will not be repeated, we often experience slightly less here in Texas. Most veggies detest "wet feet." Unless your soil is very well drained, raised beds are a lifesaver. Remember, "It's easier to water a desert than to drain a swamp." When long rainy spells come in the fall, you will be glad you took the time to prepare raised beds before planting.

5. Thou Shalt Thoroughly Water thy Plot before Planting.

Farmers know that the single most important watering a crop receives is the one before it's planted. Seeds germinate and grow best in soil that has already received a good deep soaking.

6. Choose ye adapted vegetable species and varieties.

Unless you love the challenge of growing Brussels sprouts, head lettuce, and rhubarb, avoid these and other poorly-adapted veggies. Most types of vegetables have at least a few varieties that do well here.

Many even offer built-in disease and insect resistance. Here in the South, we have a short season between summer heat and the first freeze, in most years. Therefore, it is best to select early-maturing varieties (ones with short days-to-harvest intervals) to avoid having an almost-ripe bean crop freeze.

7. Thou shalt not plant a plant too early, nor shalt thou plant it too late, but on its appointed day shalt thou plant it.

Follow recommended planting dates closely. There is nothing more frustrating than pampering an early-September planting of corn or tomatoes through the season, only to have it "stall out" in the cool days of fall and never reach maturity before the first frost.

Likewise, lettuce and spinach planted in early September will never see the light of day. We have a "window" of time in the fall when many of our warm-season veggies can effectively ripen. Planting too late is setting yourself up for disappointing results.

Scurrying Around Snyder

Beth Dannheim, CEA—Family and Consumer Sciences, 2605 Avenue M, Snyder, Texas 79549

This time each year, I hear discussions and get telephone calls concerning which apples are best for baking and which are better for snacking. Clip out the following and put it in your recipe file/book, then you will have it handy for next year.

Snacking Apples: Red Delicious, Royal Gala, Pink Lady, Braeburn, Fuji, Cameo, Empire, Jonagold.

Baking apples: Granny Smith, Golden Delicious, McIntosh, Rome, Spartan, Cortland

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Home for the Holidays is scheduled for Nov. 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Snyder. The cost is $8.00 per person and will include a cookbook, a "tasting bee" of holiday foods, food safety, gift wrapping ideas, Christmas crafts, garnishing, and door prizes.

The event is limited to the first 100 who register. Call 573-5423 to reserve your space.

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Can You Eat Your Jack-O-Lantern Pumpkin?

It's fall and thoughts turn to pumpkin pie and to Halloween jack-o-lanterns. But, can you use a pumpkin for BOTH a jack-o-lantern AND for eating?

Young children can enjoy creating jack-o-lanterns by drawing the eyes and mouth on the pumpkins with markers. They can be creative and have a good time and the pumpkin is still safe for eating.

Pumpkin pie tastes great this time of year and is also an excellent source of nutrients. The bright orange color of pumpkin is a dead giveaway that pumpkin is loaded with an important antioxidant, beta-carotene.

Current research indicates that a diet rich in foods containing beta-carotene may reduce the risk of developing certain types of cancer and offers protection against heart disease. Beta-carotene offers protection against other diseases as well as some degenerative aspects of aging.

Here are some tips on preparing a pumpkin for making pumpkin pie. Work on a clean surface. Before cutting, wash the outer surface of the pumpkin thoroughly with cool tap water to remove any surface dirt that could be transferred to the inside of the pumpkin during cutting.

Preparing the Pumpkin

Start by removing the stem with a sharp knife. Cut in half with a sharp knife. In any case, remove the stem and scoop out the seeds and scrape away all of the stringy mass. A messy job, but it will pay off.

Cooking the Pumpkin

Boiling/Steaming Method: Cut the pumpkin into rather large chunks. Rinse in cold water. Place pieces in a large pot with about a cup of water. The water does not need to cover the pumpkin pieces. Cover the pot and boil 20 to 30 minutes or until tender, or steam 10 to 12 minutes. Check for doneness by poking with a fork. Drain the cooked pumpkin in a colander. Reserve the liquid to use as a base for soup. Follow the steps outlined below in Preparing the Puree.

Oven Method: Cut pumpkin in half, scraping away stringy mass and seeds. Rinse under cold water. Place pumpkin, cut side down on a large cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees F for one hour or until fork tender. Then follow the procedure outlined below in Preparing the Puree.

Microwave Method: Cut pumpkin in half, place cut side down on a microwave safe plate or tray. Microwave on high for 15 minutes, check for doneness. If necessary continue cooking at 1-2 minute intervals until fork tender. Continue as outlined below in Preparing the Puree.

Preparing the Puree

When the pumpkin is cool enough to handle, remove the peel using a small sharp knife and your fingers. Put the peeled pumpkin in a food processor and puree or use a food mill, ricer, strainer, or potato masher to form a puree.

Pumpkin puree freezes well. To freeze, measure cooled puree into one-cup portions, place in ridged freezer containers, leaving ½-inch headspace or pack into zip closure bags. Label, date, and freeze at 0 degrees F for up to one year. (Note: Transfer hot foods to shallow containers to speed cooling. You can place loosely covered foods in the refrigerator while still warm; cover when food is completely cooled.) Use this puree in recipes or substitute in the same amount in any recipe calling for pack canned pumpkin.

NOTE: Don't let your cooked pumpkin set at room temperature longer than two hours in the process of making puree.

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (200,604 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 10/28/01	LAST WEEK 10/21/02	THIS WEEK 10/28/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	15.23	16.40	16.42
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	14,516	16,599	16,636
PERCENT FULL	7.24	8.27	8.29
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		1.35	0.90
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (517,262 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 10/28/01	LAST WEEK 10/21/02	THIS WEEK 10/28/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	42.90	38.79	38.72
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	51,134	38,245	38,051
PERCENT FULL	9.89	7.39	7.36
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.50	1.30

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 10/28/01	LAST WEEK 10/21/02	THIS WEEK 10/28/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	32.38	28.23	28.40
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	263,172	218,429	220,157
PERCENT FULL	47.47	39.40	39.72
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.50	1.10

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

2002 INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 10/21/02	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 10/28/02	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 10/281/02
	10/15/02	10/22/02	10/22/02
BIG SPRING	4,058,571	3,638,571	3,945,000
ODESSA	13,712,857	13,154,571	15,255,000
SNYDER	1,883,000	1,681,429	1,914,000
MIDLAND	18,342,714	15,763,429	17,704,000
SAN ANGELO	7,544,143	5,934,714	14,198,000
STANTON	94,857	98,857	120,000

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Two more Moscow hostages die from gas

MOSCOW (AP) — Two more hostages freed from a Moscow theater died from the effects of a gas pumped in during their rescue, health officials said, as politicians praised the Kremlin's handling of the crisis despite the heavy toll.

With the new deaths overnight in hospitals, there were contradictory reports over the total number of hostages killed during the stand-off. Lyubov Zhomova, a spokeswoman for the Moscow health committee, said the deaths brought the total to 119 killed, all but two from the gas. Another official said the total was 120.

Meanwhile, Danish police said they detained a top aide to Chechen rebel President Aslan Maskhadov, after Russia sought his extradition, saying the rebel envoy was suspected of involvement in the hostage-taking, as well as other terrorist attacks.

A judge ordered the aide, Akhmed Zakayev, who was in Copenhagen attending a World Chechen Congress, jailed until Nov. 12 pending an investigation.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has vowed to crack down on "terrorists" it says were behind the raid, in which Chechen rebels held the theater for 58 hours until the special forces swept in Saturday. All 50 rebels were killed.

Amid criticism from the abroad, Russia broke days of silence over what gas was used. Health Minister Yuri Shevchenko said the gas was based on fentanyl, a fast-acting opiate with many medical applications, including as an anesthetic, Russian news agencies reported.

But in Germany, blood and urine samples from two Germans freed from the theater and since flown home showed traces of halothane, another gas used in anesthetia, the doctor who treated them said today.

Dr. Thomas Zilker, a toxicology professor at Munich University Clinic, said he believed the incapacitating gas likely contained other substances as well.

U.S. officials have said the knockout gas was an aerosol form of fentanyl or a derivative. The U.S. ambassador to Moscow, Alexander Vershbow, criticized Russia Tuesday for not immediately providing more information about the gas.

"It's clear that perhaps with a little more information at least a few more of the hostages may have survived," he said.

In Moscow, families and friends held funerals for victims of the hostage crisis.

At a small chapel at Moscow's Kalitnovo cemetery, Vladimir Zhulyov's relatives were joined by dozens of colleagues of the cellist, who played in the orchestra for the musical and died from the gas.

Zhulyov's mother, Zinaida, and his wife, Yelena, wept as his coffin was lowered into the ground under a cold drizzle.

Several accidents investigated

Accidents

Snyder officers responded to several accidents around town Tuesday.

At 12:09 p.m., they were dispatched to the intersection of College Ave. and 25th Street.

Involved in the mishap were a 1979 Chevrolet Nova driven by Joe Botts, 60, of 204 29th Street and a 2001 GMC pickup driven by Lynn Smith, 55, of 6443 CR 2173.

The fire department was dispatched because of gasoline spilling onto the road and Snyder EMS also responded, but no one was transported. An offense report for a major accident was submitted.

Just before 8 a.m., an accident was reported involving a 1986 Chevrolet S-10 driven by Kimberli Rivera, 16, of 408 34th Street. Rivera lost control of the vehicle and struck a telephone pole, but was not injured.

Another accident was reported at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Involved were a 2001 Pontiac Aztec driven by Haley Hemphill, 19, of Colorado City and a 1998 Pontiac Firebird driven by Rocky Gill, 21, of 6986 N. Bus. 84 and no injuries were reported.

Arrest

Deputies arrested a 68-year-old man near 37th Street and Midland Ave. for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 3:40 p.m. a man was taken into custody at the Justice of the Peace office on a warrant for violation of compulsory school attendance laws.

Deputies arrested a 17-year-old man on Ave. R with warrants for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle Tuesday.

Theft

Maryann Garcia reported the theft of an equalizer from her car Thursday and a report was submitted for burglary of a motor vehicle.

Close patrols

A woman requested a close patrol of a residence on Canyon Drive. in reference to evicting subjects.

A man in the 2100 block of Ave. O reported someone possibly putting sugar in his gas tank and requested a close patrol of his home.

A woman on Ave. O reported hearing someone in her yard at 11:50 p.m. Tuesday and requested a close patrol of the area.

Obituaries

Felix Gutierrez

1942-2002

Felix R. Gutierrez Jr. of Midland died Sunday, Oct. 27, in Midland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Gutierrez, 59, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Fr. Roy Badillas of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Felix Gutierrez

Born Feb. 2, 1942 in Austin, Mr. Gutierrez was a carpenter.

Survivors include four daughters, Estella Molina and Nancy Gutierrez, both of Las Vegas, Christina Gutierrez of Rhode Island and Amy Gutierrez of Palm Springs, Calif.; three sons, Felix Gutierrez III of Midland, Edward Gutierrez of Las Vegas and Gregory Gutierrez of Snyder; three brothers, Juan Gutierrez and Felipe Gutierrez, both of Snyder, and Isidro Gutierrez of Midland; six sisters, Patty Terrazas, Esther Martinez, Maria Zamora and Helen Rocha, all of Snyder, Eloisa McCarty of Alvarado and Janie Ybarra of Colorado City; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Samuel Tuggle

1951-2002

Samuel Cleveland Tuggle, a former resident of Snyder, died Monday, Oct. 28, in Pioneer Rehab in Irving.

Mr. Tuggle, 50, will be cremated and a memorial service will be planned at a later date. Interment will be in Hillside Memorial Gardens and arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 18, 1951 in Fort Worth, Mr. Tuggle had worked for Snyder Janitorial Service before moving to Irving.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Tuggle and Jerry Tuggle, both of Waco; a brother, Bobby Tuggle of Clyde; a sister, Lola Wagner of Snyder; and several nieces and nephews.

Gay Sherrill

1934-2002

ROTAN — B. Gay Sherrill, a former resident of Snyder, died Monday, Oct. 28.

Graveside service for Mrs. Sherrill, 68, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Belvieu Cemetery near Rotan with Calvin Jackson officiating.

Born Sept. 1, 1934 in Big Spring, she was a graduate of Snyder High School and the University of Houston. She moved to Midland from Washington, D.C. in 1989 and to Lubbock on Oct. 14.

Mrs. Sherrill was a training branch chief for the Department of Army in Washington. In Midland, she was manager of the Book Pack and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include a son, James Belton Hargrove of Idalou; a brother, John Bruce Cox of Rotan; a sister, Loel Forrest of Snyder; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Mary 'Lou' Spence

1915-2002

Mary "Lou" Spence, our beloved Mother, Grandmother (Meme), sister and friend went to be with our Heavenly Father on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She will be missed by everyone who has known and loved her.

Mary Louise Brooks Carnes Spence was born Jan. 14, 1915 in Terrell, Texas, to Ben F. and Elizabeth Brooks Sr.

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Cemetery with the Rev. Brenda Wilson, minister of the First Christian Church, officiating. Mrs. Spence was a seamstress.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rayford Spence; and a sister, Imagene McGowan.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Randy Weaver of Snyder and Kay and R.C. (Bob) Bennett of Midland; one son and daughter-in-law, Gene and Evelyn Carnes of Midland; a brother, Ben F. Brooks Jr. of Boerne; three grandchildren, Gary D. Wood of Bakersfield, Tex., Daysha K. Weaver of Denton, and Jay Spence Weaver of Snyder; and a great-grandson, Justin Wood of Wylie.

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Fed charges add to questions over prosecution of sniper suspects

GREENBELT, Md. (AP) — New federal weapons and extortion charges against sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad added to the debate over which jurisdiction will be the first to prosecute him and his alleged partner in the attacks.

Muhammad, 41, and John Lee Malvo, 17, already are charged with murder in Maryland and Virginia in the attacks that left 10 people dead and three others critically wounded. They are also charged with an Alabama slaying last month and are suspected in a February killing in Washington state.

Both have been in federal custody since shortly after their arrest.

A senior Justice Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, rejected any notion that Muhammad or Malvo appeared ready to confess while local police had them in custody in Rockville, Md.

The official said that both suspects immediately invoked their right not to speak to interrogators outside the presence of an attorney and that Malvo spoke only to say he was hungry or to demand: "Leave me alone so I can get something to eat."

Malvo would not even say he was in the car with Muhammad when the two were captured at a Maryland rest stop, the official said.

The federal charges could take precedence, though Attorney General John Ashcroft said negotiations are continuing over where the two men will first stand trial.

Montgomery County State's Attorney Douglas F. Gansler, who filed six murder charges against the two on Friday, said Montgomery County, which had the most victims and was the center of the investigation, has the moral and emotional authority to try the case first.

Gansler said federalization of the trials would disappoint county residents and the victims' relatives.

Hermleigh church slates fall festival

Hermleigh Central Baptist Church's Fall Festival will be held at the church at 438 Wheat, Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

All are invited to attend. There will be games, a hayride (weather permitting). Large groups are asked to bring candy.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 10/31	Fri 11/1	Sat 11/2
52/42	**51/40**	**55/40**
Cloudy. High 52F. Winds ESE at 10 to 15 mph.	Few showers. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.	Showers possible. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise 7:00 AM, Sunset 5:54 PM	Sunrise 7:01 AM, Sunset 5:53 PM	Sunrise 7:02 AM, Sunset 5:52 PM

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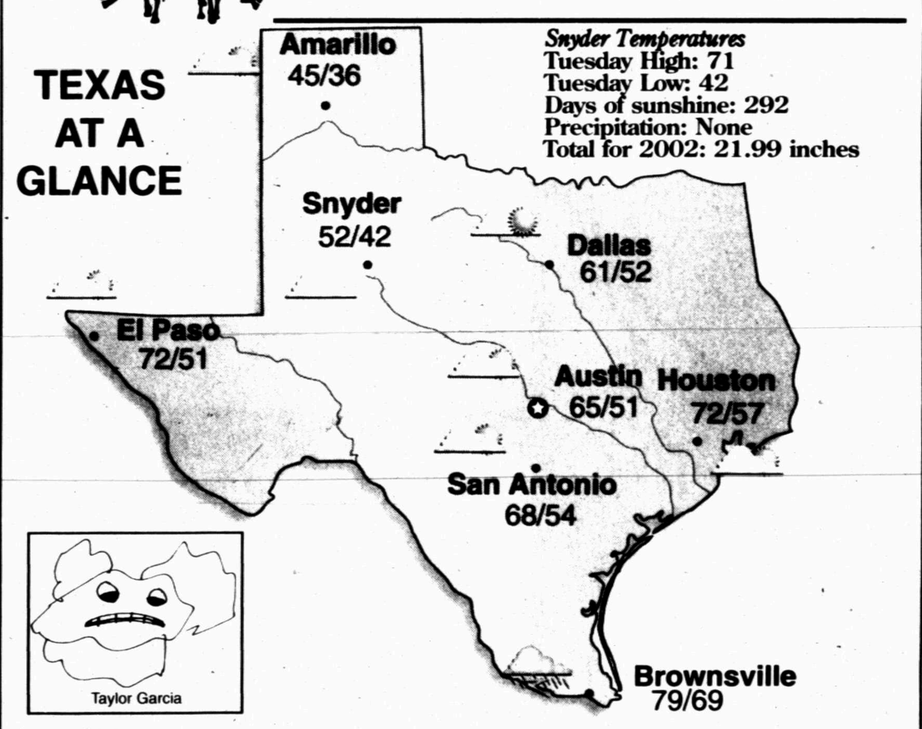

Snyder Temperatures
Tuesday High: 71
Tuesday Low: 42
Days of sunshine: 292
Precipitation: None
Total for 2002: 21.99 inches

Taylor Garcia

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	53	46	cloudy	El Paso	72	51	pt sunny	Midland	56	45	cloudy
Amarillo	45	36	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	61	50	pt sunny	Raymondville	79	64	t-storm
Austin	65	51	pt sunny	Gainesville	58	46	cloudy	Rosenberg	73	57	pt sunny
Beaumont	72	55	pt sunny	Greenville	60	45	cloudy	San Antonio	68	54	pt sunny
Brownsville	79	69	t-storm	Houston	72	57	pt sunny	San Marcos	65	51	pt sunny
Brownwood	58	46	pt sunny	Kingsville	78	62	rain	Sulphur Springs	62	47	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	75	63	pt sunny	Livingston	70	54	pt sunny	Sweetwater	53	44	cloudy
Corsicana	61	50	pt sunny	Longview	65	47	pt sunny	Tyler	66	52	pt sunny
Dallas	61	52	cloudy	Lubbock	48	41	cloudy	Weatherford	59	46	cloudy
Del Rio	68	58	rain	Lufkin	69	53	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	50	45	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	61	41	mst sunny	Houston	72	57	pt sunny	Phoenix	82	60	pt sunny
Boston	47	35	pt sunny	Los Angeles	70	56	pt sunny	San Francisco	62	49	pt sunny
Chicago	46	33	cloudy	Miami	87	72	pt sunny	Seattle	53	35	pt sunny
Dallas	61	52	cloudy	Minneapolis	35	19	pt sunny	St. Louis	50	36	cloudy
Denver	34	17	sn shower	New York	49	38	rain	Washington, DC	51	40	rain

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Oct 29	Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 20

UV Index

Thu 10/31	Fri 11/1	Sat 11/2
Low	Low	Minimal

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

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