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Attend the Lighted Christmas Parade at Towle Park 6:30 p.m. Saturday

Visit with Santa Claus at Towle Park 4-6 p.m. Saturday

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Home of Danny Gambol
Angie Coker

Polls open 7 a.m. until 7 p.m....

Hospital district vote is Saturday

Voters will have opportunity Saturday to determine if Cogdell Memorial Hospital will be governed by a hospital district, or remain as a county hospital.

Voting locations will open at 7 a.m. Saturday and remain open until 7 p.m.

"Just get out and vote and express your opinion," said County Clerk Joan Bunch. "We would really like to see a big turnout."

Barring any problems in tallying the votes, results should be available by around 8:15 Saturday night, said Bunch.

The results will be posted on the Snyder Daily News web site beginning with the early voting totals shortly after 7 p.m. Saturday.

Bunch said the voting tally test was held Thursday morning in the county courtroom and everything went well.

Cash flow problems at Cogdell Memorial Hospital prompted a petition drive by hospital employees to call Saturday's election.

Advertisements in favor of the hospital district have been placed by Bill Dickinson, the hospital's lab manager, and by Bill Harris, Cogdell's anesthetist.

Bob Bell has placed advertisements against the district.

As a result of poor cash flow, hospital administrators met with the commissioner's court in August and asked for and was granted $300,000 to meet its obligations at the time.

Also, an additional $375,000 was granted by the commissioners for 2004.

Since that time, the hospital has been granted sole community provider status that should generate in the neighborhood of an additional $800,000 yearly in increased Medicare payments.

Opponents of the hospital district say the increased revenue generated by the sole provider status and sound fiscal management should generate enough money that another taxing entity is not needed.

They also say that the hospital district would have to borrow money to operate until tax money becomes available.

County tax assessor Diana Williamson said the district would begin receiving tax money in November 2004.

Opponents also cite initial costs of more than $100,000 in appraisal costs and the collection of taxes.

Proponents say decreased reimbursement from dispro payments and the steadily rising bad debt situation at the hospital necessitates the additional money the hospital district would provide. Hospital district supporters say the additional money is necessary if the hospital is to maintain the same level of services.

Physicians associated with Covenant Healthcare Center and Cogdell's ER have signed a resolution in support of a hospital district.

On the ballot, voters can vote yes or not for the district.

If the district is created, Carl Williams, Bo Robinson, Charles Church, Terry Williams, Bill Voss, Dink Foree and J.B. Tate will serve as the temporary directors until an election is held in the spring.

Voting Pct. #	Precinct Name	Voting Place
5	Fluvanna	Fluvanna Comm. Center
6	Union	Union Comm. Center
7	Northwest Snyder	Scurry County Library
8	West Central Snyder	School Admin. Building
9	Ira	Ira Comm. Building
10	Southwest Snyder	Towle Park Barn
11	Dunn	Dunn Comm. Center
12	Central/Southeast Snyder	South side of Coliseum
13	Hermleigh	Hermleigh Comm. Center
14	Loyd Mountain	Northeast Comm. Center
15	North/NE Snyder	North side of Coliseum

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Commissioner Pct #3 Box 8, 9, 10
Commissioner Pct #4 Box 11, 12, 13

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Wade Warren



Tomorrow is a big day in Scurry County as citizens have the opportunity to express their opinion on whether to form a hospital district.

Polls open at 7 in the morning and will remain open for a full 12 hours, so those who did not vote early should have ample opportunity to cast a ballot.

It won't take long as there's only one little oval to fill in. You don't even have to write yes or no.

It'll take longer to fill in the six little ovals on the new Mega Million lottery form for tonight's first drawing.

More than likely, your one vote tomorrow will have a bigger impact than the bucks you spend on the lottery ticket today or tomorrow.

See you at the polls and it won't even cost you a buck.

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Saturday is also the annual Lighted Christmas Parade sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

The event will be held in Towle Park for the first time due to all the work on College Avenue.

We expect the change of scenery will add something to the parade as observers should be able to get a good glimpse of all the entries as they wind through the park.

Marble Falls has a Christmas parade in a park adjacent to Lake Marble Falls and they do it up right.

Trees are covered in thousands of white Christmas lights and the attraction draws tourists for several weeks around the holiday season.

That might be something to consider in Towle Park if there are any trees left by next Christmas.

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We often hear people talk about Christmas Spirit, but don't often see it in action.

Ashley Black is a youngster who is a great example of the Christmas Spirit.

Ashley and her mom, Debbie, just recently moved to Dallas from Snyder but she has plenty of proud kinfolks still in town.

Ashley donated some 10 inches of her hair to the Locks of Love that makes wigs for youngsters who are undergoing treatment for cancer.

She is the granddaughter of Jack and Barbra Jones and great granddaughter of O.P. and Ruth Tate, and Barbara and Wallace Jones. Her aunt, Gina Jones, gave her the haircut.



Brother Joshua and Ashley

For county attorney...

Mike Hartman files for March primary

County Attorney Mike Hartman has filed for another term and joins three other incumbent office holders in the county for the March 9 primary elections.



Mike Hartman

Hartman will be seeking his third term and will be running in the Republican primary.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey and Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer filed earlier in the week as did District Attorney Dana Cooley.

Trevey, the only Democrat to file thus far, is seeking his fourth term while Limmer is running for the third time.

Cooley will be seeking her third term and she also has served 1½ years of an unexpired term when Ernie Armstrong was appointed district judge.

Other terms expiring this year include those of Sheriff Darren Jackson, tax assessor-collector Diana Williamson and District Judge Ernie Armstrong.

Those wishing to file as Democrats should contact county party chairman Jerry Gannaway, while Republicans should contact Drew Bullard.

County Clerk Joan Bunch reminds candidates that after filing with the county chairman, they should go by her office and pick up the proper paperwork for filing campaign donations, expenditures and other information.

Nationwide, the terms of President George W. Bush will expire, as will the terms of all U.S. Representatives.

Rep. Charlie Stenholm Wednesday filed in the current 17th District pending action on redistricting.

SISD choirs set concerts

Snyder ISD choir students will present their special concert at 2 p.m. Sunday at Worsham Auditorium.

Performing *The Christmas Suite* by Mark Brymer will be the combined high school, junior high and West Elementary honor choir students.

The $5 admission will also include a Christmas dessert buffet in the Snyder High School student center. Tickets may be purchased from any high school or junior high school choir member.

Choir directors Ronda Haire, high school; Marci Dennis, junior high; and Judy Brown, West Elementary, invite the public to feast on a variety of holiday desserts while listening to Christmas music.



Cinderella and Prince Charming

Santa Claus and Cinderella will be in Snyder Saturday

Christmas will be in the air Saturday in Snyder.

Santa will fly in and ride from the fire station to Towle Park at 3:45 p.m. Santa will visit with the young and young-at-heart from 4 until 6 p.m. in the tent across from the pavilion by the lighted oak tree.

"This is really going to be a lot of fun," said Vicki Shroyer, executive director of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. "It's going to be fun for the little kids and also us bigger kids."

The annual Lighted Christmas Parade will begin at 6:30 also at Towle Park. The procession will include floats decorated with Christmas lights, cars, the Snyder High School marching band, a horse-drawn carriage and honored guest, Santa Claus.

The Ritz Theatre, along with the chamber of commerce, will present *Cinderella*. Performances will be at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are $5 per person and are available at the door.

Refreshments will be available at the park.

Bremer warns of more attacks on U.S. troops

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The top U.S. administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, warned today that attacks against coalition forces will likely escalate over the next few months as the occupation authority prepares for a transfer of sovereignty to a new Iraqi government.

The warning came after a roadside bomb hit a U.S. military convoy in Baghdad, killing one soldier, the military said. Two Iraqi civilians also died and 13 were injured, hospital workers said.

Also today, President Bush named longtime family troubleshooter, former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, to oversee the job of getting Iraq out from under its crushing debt.

"Secretary Baker will report directly to me," Bush said. in a statement read by White House press secretary Scott McClellan.



Santa Claus reminds everyone that there are **20** days until Christmas

ASK US

Q—How are both groups, for and against the hospital district, funding their advertising?

A—Support is provided for both sides through private donations.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Billie Dupuy...

...has been a resident of Snyder for 42 years and is retired from Snyder ISD where she worked in the cafeteria for 27 years. She has two daughters, Sue Burnett and Paula Brown, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Billie enjoys sewing, embroidery and she "loves to read." Her favorite novelist is Danielle Steele.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Sometimes the good Lord has to hit us with a sledgehammer to knock some sense into our heaads.
—George Jones

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Christmas parade

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

Christmas kisses and family fun

The Anti-Drug Connection will have a hot chocolate and homemade cookie booth in Towle Park during Saturday's Santa's visit and parade. Sprigs of mistletoe will be sold to encourage Christmas kisses. Families are invited.

City landfill closed Saturday

The city landfill will close Saturday for training.

Turkey Shoot

The Scurry County Rodeo Association will hold a Turkey Shoot from 10 a.m. until dark Saturday. All proceeds benefit the rodeo club. The cost is $4 per round. For more information contact L.J. Mueller at 573-3712.

Child welfare board fundraiser

The Scurry County child welfare board is offering tickets for $1,000 worth of merchandise. A donation of $10 per ticket is requested for a drawing to be held Saturday. Tickets are available from any board member or by calling 573-7053 or 573-2376.

Choir Christmas program

"The Christmas Suite" will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday 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.

SHS volleyball boosters

The SHS volleyball boosters will meet at 4 p.m. Sunday in the girls gym to plan the volleyball banquet set for Dec. 18.

United Way to meet

Scurry County United Way board meeting will be at noon Monday at 2311 Ave. T. A Dutch Treat lunch will be provided.

SHS senior dedications

Senior dedications for Tiger's Lair Yearbook will be accepted through Monday. Cost is $45 with picture and 35-word limit. Call 574-6138.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Most Important Thing," followed by "the Word of God."

Snyder Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will not meet at its regular time Tuesday but will have a Partner-In-Service meeting at 6:30 that evening at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. WTC drama students will present *Crappie, Texas Christmas.*

Food Cupboard donations

Snyder Ministerial Alliance seeks donations to the Food Cupboard, nonperishable items only. Contributions can be dropped off at the Food Cupboard on Tuesday between 8 to 11 a.m. Food may also be taken to your home church or to First United Methodist Church from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., where it will be picked up.

Early Head Start's new building

Scurry Community Services invite you to the grand opening of Scurry County Early Head Start's new building at 2802 Second St. from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday.

Doodle Bug writers club

Members of the Doodle Bug writers club invite all writers to meet at 1 p.m. every other Tuesday at the Golden Village Terrace community room. For more information call 574-1817, 573-7369, or 573-5819.

LVN testing dates

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

WTC Lions Club raffle

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

First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church sponsors a support group for persons facing difficulties – including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. It meets on the first floor Adult 6 Department at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

WTC spring pre-registration

Pre-registration at WTC continues through next Friday. Students should call or go by the counseling center to make an appointment. The number is 573-8511, ext. 313. Students who have not passed THEA (formerly TASP) and are in DRE, DMT and DEN classes must wait until grades are posted.

Coat drive underway

SISD, local businesses and organizations are sponsoring a coat drive through Dec. 15 to assist children and families in need. New or slightly used clean coats, hats, gloves and scarves of all sizes are needed. Collection sites are Humble Smith, Snyder CADA, chamber, WTSB, ASB, FAB, Texas Savings and SNB. If necessary, call 574-6012 or 573-1141 to schedule a collection. Coats will be distributed Dec. 17-18 at 1904 37th St. Schools will get coats prior to Christmas holidays. School principals may call above numbers to request a coat, etc.

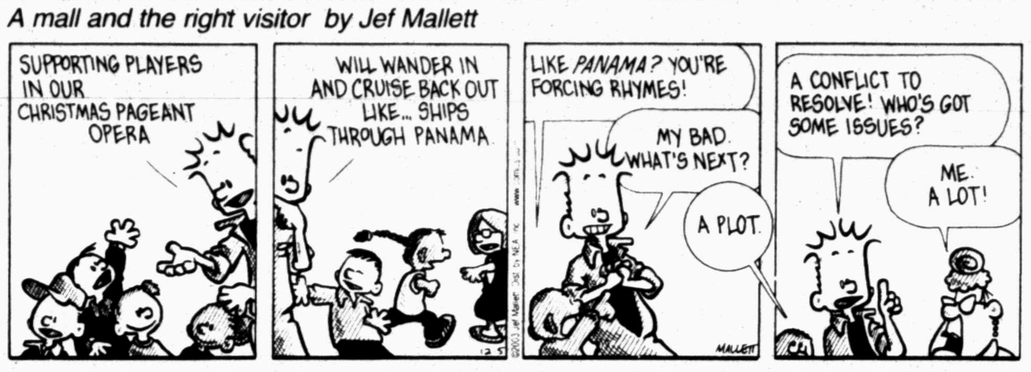
Madrigal Christmas dinners

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.

House decorating contest

The house decorating contest will be judged from 6:30-10:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 17. To enter your home, contact the chamber at 573-3558.

A mall and the right visitor by Jef Mallett



Man breaks into 33 city halls

GEORGETOWN (AP) — A man caught trying to steal cash and checks from Cedar Park City Hall on Thursday morning confessed to breaking into at least 33 other city halls across Texas, authorities said.

David Woods, 33, was arrested about 1 a.m. after a city worker who noticed him roaming the building called police.

Police caught Woods holding checks and an undisclosed amount of cash from utility payments. He was charged with burglary of a building, a state jail felony, and remains at the Williamson County Jail in lieu of $100,000 bond.

The Georgetown man later gave police a written confession to burglaries at 33 other city halls, including Dallas, Grapevine, North Richland Hills, Pflugerville, Elgin, Wichita Falls, Killeen, Temple, Waco, Galveston and Huntsville.

"He's admitted burglarizing more than 30 city halls in Texas and we suspect it's going to rise to 40 or 50," Cedar Park police Lt. Jeff Hayes said. "Apparently, he was pretty successful the first few times and didn't want to change."

Police said Woods targeted money left for utility payments and fines.

"It's a risky target, because many city halls have alarms," Hayes said. "It's just what he was comfortable with."

In October, a Texas Ranger Task Force warned Texas law enforcement agencies after a string of similar burglaries.

Victoria's utility billing office, part of the city hall complex, was burglarized in October and about $14,000 was reported missing.

McKinney police have issued an arrest for Woods after he confessed to the burglary of the city's utility building office during the July 4th weekend. An unspecified amount of money was taken, police said.

"I don't know how many other burglaries he's admitted to, but other agencies appear to be lining up and filing warrants," McKinney police Capt. Robert Dean said.

Today's chuckle

Sheriff apologizes for search at Wal-Mart

GOLDSBORO, N.C. (AP) — The Wayne County sheriff has apologized for misinterpreting a judge's order that he originally said forced him to send deputies to Wal-Mart to find potential jurors.



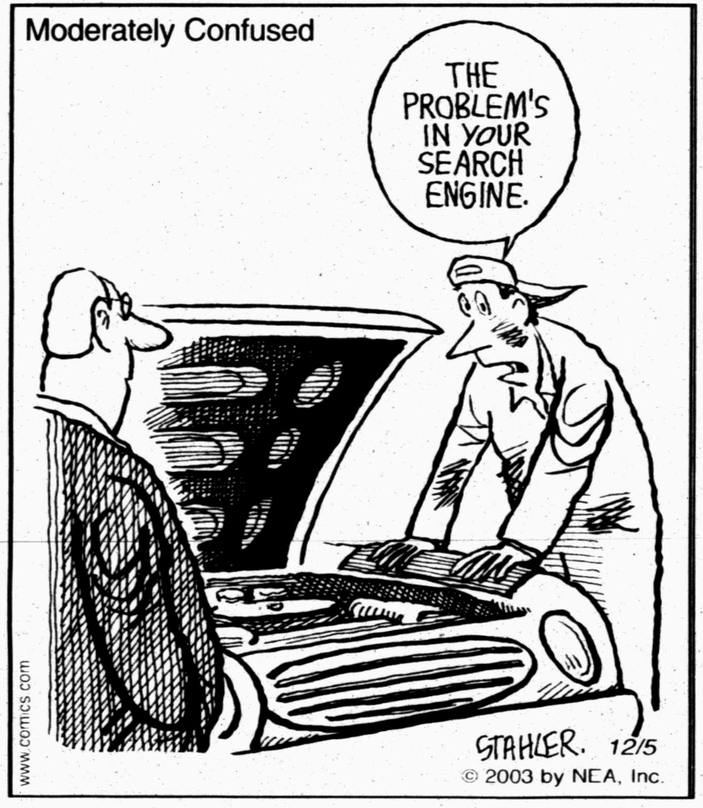
The order simply required Sheriff Carey Winders to send deputies to a public place. Their search at the discount store on Nov. 26 — the day before Thanksgiving — resulted in confrontations with people shopping for Christmas gifts.

"I will accept the responsibility for them going there," Winder said Tuesday. "But we would've had to go to Target, the mall or a public place, like the library, to get them. The bottom line is that he didn't say for us to go to Wal-Mart but to a public place."

"I apologize to the judge," the sheriff said.

Superior Court Judge Ripley Rand issued the order when not enough potential jurors could be found for a murder trial. Deputies found 50 candidates at Wal-Mart, and at least one of them was seated for the trial, which began Tuesday.

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Date Book

Friday, Dec. 5, 2003

Today is the 339th day of 2003 and the 74th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1776, the fraternity Phi Beta Kappa was founded in Williamsburg, Va.

In 1791, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna.

In 1955, Martin Luther King Jr. launched a bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala.

In 1955, the American Federation of Labor (AFL) and the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) agreed on a merger.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Martin Van Buren (1782-1862), eighth U.S. president; George Armstrong Custer (1839-1876), U.S. Army officer; Walt Disney (1901-1966), cartoonist and filmmaker; Strom Thurmond (1902-2003), governor, senator; Little Richard (1932-), singer, is 71; Jose Carreras (1946-), opera singer, is 57; Frankie Muniz (1985-), actor, is 18.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1951, "Shoeless Joe" Jackson died in South Carolina. Though he was one of baseball's greatest hitters, his reputation was forever tarnished for his alleged involvement in the "Black Sox" scandal of 1919.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you can dream, you can do it. Always remember this whole thing was started by a mouse." — Walt Disney

TODAY'S FACT: The first South American country to win independence from Spain was Paraguay, in 1811.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 75 — rounds fought by John L. Sullivan and Jake Kilrain in the last sanctioned bare knuckles boxing championship (1889).

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Nov. 30) and full moon (Dec. 8).

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Auction will help pay off tax debt

ATLANTA (AP) — Grammy Awards won by Peabo Bryson for "Beauty and the Beast" and "A Whole New World" will be auctioned Friday and Saturday to help pay his $1.2 million tax debt.

The auction also will include a grand piano, the keys to the city of Miami, several gold records, a sound board and mixer, African art, hundreds of shoes, a large old-fashioned wood bed and a yellow-and-black spotted Italian jacket.

Bryson, 52, won a Grammy in 1992 for his recording of "Beauty and the Beast" with Celine Dion and another in 1993 for "A Whole New World (Aladdin's Theme)" with Regina Belle.

The Internal Revenue Service wouldn't say what the starting bids would be.

"We would like for the items that will be auctioned off to satisfy the debt that is owed the federal government. Will they? We don't know yet," IRS spokesman Mark Green said Thursday.

All of Bryson's property was seized from his Atlanta home Aug. 21 for back taxes owed since 1984, Green said.

Neither Bryson nor his lawyer were available for comment Thursday.

"This is the last resort with any taxpayer," said Eric Erickson of the IRS.

Diabetic reaction blamed

FLANDREAU, S.D. (AP) — Prosecutors claim Rep. Bill Janklow made a conscious decision to speed up and blow through a stop sign — a move that resulted in the death of a motocyclist.

Janklow's lawyers contend the Republican didn't eat that day, and a diabetic reaction caused him to miss the stop sign and collide with the motorcyclist Aug. 16.

On Thursday, Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle testified on behalf of the defense at Janklow's manslaughter trial. Daschle said he was on stage with Janklow for about an hour at a Korean War veterans event the day of the crash.

"I didn't see him eat" or drink anything, Daschle said in his testimony, which lasted less than five minutes.

The senator added that he and Janklow — the state's lone representative in the House — are friends. "I think he's a very truthful person," Daschle said of the Republican.

Janklow, 64, is charged with second-degree manslaughter, running a stop sign, reckless driving and speeding in the crash that killed Randy Scott, 55, of Hardwick, Minn.

Janklow faces a maximum 10 years in prison if convicted of the manslaughter charge. A guilty verdict would also prompt the House ethics committee to investigate.

Three other people also testified Thursday they didn't see Janklow eat anything the day of the crash.

Leslie Simdorn, a former Janklow intern, said Janklow did not eat any of the barbecue available at the veterans event out of concern he may spill on his clothes.

"He did ask (chief of staff Chris Braendlin) for a hot dog," said Simdorn, who said she did not see him eat one. Braendlin testified Wednesday that Janklow hadn't had anything to eat all day.

An emergency medical technician said Janklow didn't appear to be suffering from low blood sugar after the accident, but he said Janklow did accept a Coke and some candy at the scene — two items that diabetics do not usually take unless they are low on sugar.

On Thursday, an accident reconstruction expert testified that Janklow was going 63 mph or 64 mph at the time of the crash — less than the Highway Patrol's estimate of 71 mph.

Engineer Robert O'Shea said he used evidence from the state and information taken from an electronic sensing device in the car — data that state troopers were not able to download.

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LOTTO TEXAS™ TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Thursday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 11-25-33-36-37.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Prize per winner: $0.

Matching four of five: 140. Prize: $470.

Matching three of five: 5,125. Prize: $9.

Matching two of five: 47,518. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 4-5-3
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VOTE YES!

Myth

No tax money until November 2005.

Hospital broke - no one will lend any money.

County will give hospital $753,000.00 yearly.

Hospital will be OK with sole community provider and tax money from county.

Good fiscal management is the answer to all our problems.

The hospital did not need new ER and entrance.

If Snyder creates a new taxing entity, the people will have no say how the taxes are spent.

Hospital district taxes will force businesses to leave town.

A tax district will cost $100,000.00 in appraisal cost and collections.

Vote "No" and your taxes won't go up.

Fact

Money will be available November 2004 and each month thereafter.

Reputable lender will make money available with guaranteed tax base.

County commissioners only agreed to additional funding for the hospital for 2003-2004, $395,000.00 for indigent care, and the remainder for bond debt.

Balanced Budget Act 1997 is still in effect and will continue to cut reimbursements. This affects all hospitals.

Good management is necessary, but is not a cure-all for reduced reimbursements from government programs, insurance companies, and bad debt. How much can we cut without reducing quality of care and services?

The hospital would have been fined if they had not met new HIPPA privacy regulations. Expansion in ER went from 5 to 9 beds, new Stress Test room, new ICU, surgery waiting room. Gift Shop, Chapel, new ER waiting room. Ambulance and patient entrances, and new admitting area to serve the community better.

Citizens of Scurry County will elect the board, and it will be accountable to the people. The hospital will no longer be under the County Commissioners.

120-130 communities, with Hospital tax districts, have money in the bank to meet their community needs.

If the district uses established tax valuations, and the county tax collector, at 20 cents with $947 million estimated county wealth, the district would collect approximately 1.9 million. A rate of 0.005% equals $9,500.00 in collection fees.

Our doctors want a hospital district!

A district will help give the hospital a sound financial future.

A district will help attract new businesses, as they will see a community that is committed to quality health care.

A district will help the hospital plan for the long term.

If the district fails, the county commissioners will have no choice **but to raise taxes!** Either way, your taxes will go up to help support the hospital.

Let our family take care of your family. Our desire is to maintain the highest quality of health care for our community. Thank you for allowing us to be of service.

VOTE YES ON DECEMBER 6!

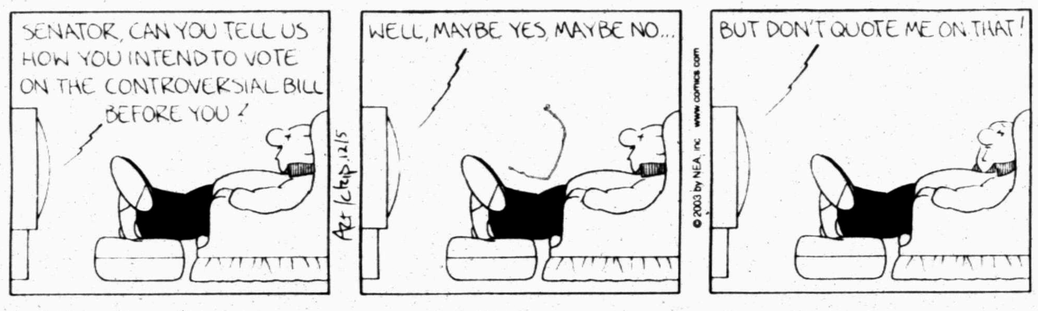
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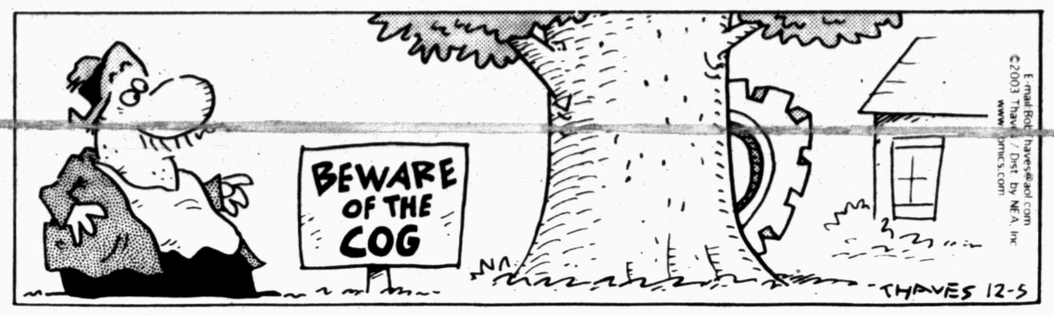
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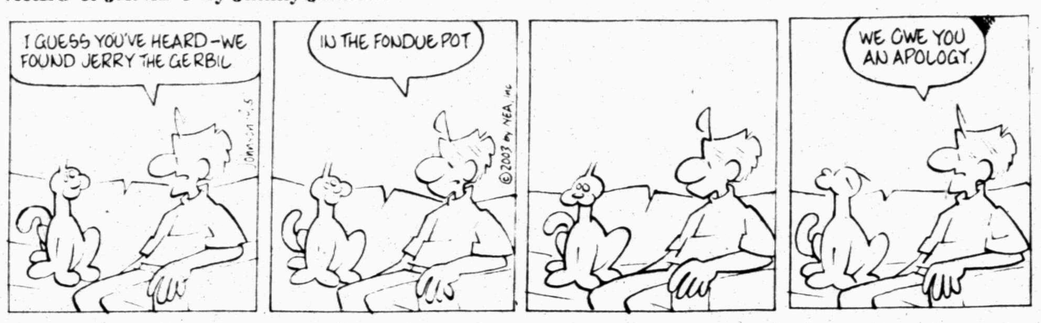
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ACROSS

1 Long easy stride
5 Turf
8 Short snooze
11 Fragrance
13 Furrow maker
14 Yale alum
15 Fuss with makeup
16 Resistance unit
17 Very little
18 Too
20 Absolute
22 Fable writer
24 Geologic division
25 TD passers
26 Tailless cat
28 Tulsa's st.
32 Make doilies
33 Writer — Harte
34 Cut (off)
35 Piece of news
37 Fictional plantation
39 Compass dir.
40 Paris father
41 Hera's son
42 DJ's albums
43 Negative prefix
45 Oven gloves
47 Melon throwaways
50 Post-it message
51 Flight board info
52 Hail, to Caesar
54 River mammal
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59 Hobby shop buy
60 Brink
61 Meek
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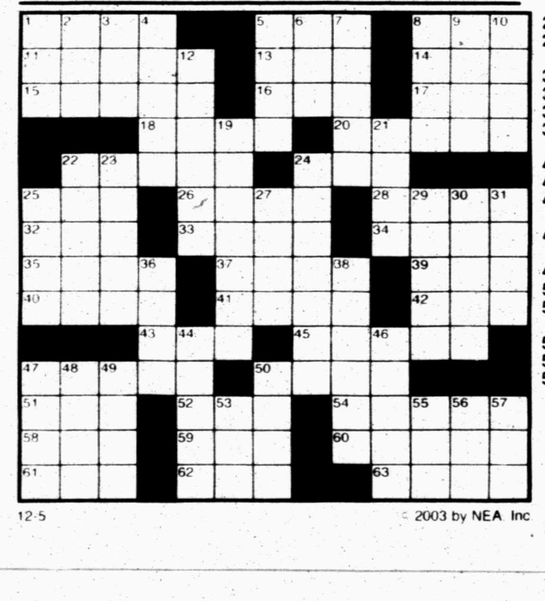
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3 Luau fare
4 Peel and Bovary
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9 Toward shelter
10 Quay
12 Composure
19 Plain
21 New Mexico town
22 Diminish
23 Aromatic chemical
24 Radical
25 Swab brand (hyph.)
27 Not far away
29 Prepared to propose
30 Says "yeth"
31 Primates
36 Repair
38 Isaac — of sci-fi
44 Japanese port
46 Carries
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49 None
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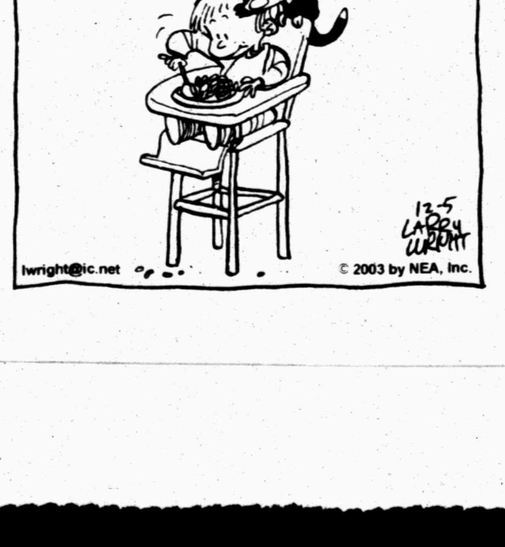
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SPORTS

Bonds gives testimony in BALCO drug case

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Halfway through his nearly 5½-hour stint in the grand jury room, Barry Bonds popped his head into the hallway and asked: "Is my mother here?"

In fact, she was. But she left long before Bonds finished his testimony to grand jurors focusing on possible tax and drug violations by a California lab that supplied nutritional supplements to Bonds and other sports stars.

Bonds, wearing a sports jacket and tie, became the highest-profile athlete to appear before the grand jury.

The six-time National League MVP entered the grand jury room late Thursday morning accompanied by attorney Mike Rains and left in the late afternoon — though it was unclear how long he testified.

"It went fine," Bonds said as he was led by two bodyguards and two federal marshals to a freight elevator that was held for him. He was taken directly to the garage of the federal courthouse, then driven away as a marshal stopped traffic.

Bonds' wife and mother sat in a nearby hallway during most of his appearance.

Benito Santiago, a free-agent catcher who spent the past three seasons as Bonds' teammate with the San Francisco Giants, testified for 45 minutes later in the afternoon.

His attorney, David Cornwell, fears athletes who appear before the grand jury will be unfairly ostracized.

"My only concern is that there seems to be almost an undercurrent that stigmatizes these guys, which I think is inappropriate," Cornwell said.

Bonds has attributed his muscular development over the years to intense weight training, proper diet and a regimen of nutritional supplements from companies such as the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, or BALCO, that is at the heart of the grand jury probe.

Bonds repeatedly has denied using steroids.

Thursday's appearance gave grand jurors the chance to ask the Giants slugger under oath whether his growth has been entirely natural.

Other athletes that already have appeared before the grand jury include track star Marion Jones and her boyfriend, 100-meter world record-holder Tim Montgomery, four Oakland Raiders players and Olympic champion swimmer Amy Van Dyken.

An appearance before the grand jury, or being subpoenaed to testify, does not mean an athlete is a target.

Local basketball teams get tourney schedule underway

Snyder 51, Ft. Stockton 36

ANDREWS — The Tigers advanced in the championship bracket of the Gym Bice Classic after slipping past Fort Stockton, 51-36.

Lee Scott had a game-best 17 points, and Marcus Villarreal knocked in 11 for the Tigers, who are scheduled to play at 7 tonight against Fabens, which beat Andrews' junior varsity team. Andrews JV was a late substitution for Presidio, which backed out of the tournament Thursday.

The winner of that game will face the winner of Andrews-Pecos in the championship game at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Snyder 66, Roosevelt 19

LAMESA — The Lady Tigers are getting the defensive play they hoped for at the beginning of the season.

Snyder improved to 4-2 after shutting out Lubbock Roosevelt in the first quarter of a 66-19 victory in the opening game of the Lamesa tournament.

The Lady Tigers led 22-0 after the first quarter, and pushed their lead to 37-8 at halftime.

Roosevelt never got into the game, as the Lady Tigers outscored them 29-11 in the second half.

Erin Burleson had a game-high 14 points, and Jordan Stansell hit six field goals for 12 points.

Sarah Henson scored six of her 10 points in the runaway first quarter, while Sirena Medrano and Terann Ragland added seven and eight, respectively.

Teddi Crenwelge pumped in six, and Emily Jones and Anna Henson added four each.

The Snyder freshmen pounded Odessa Permian, 63-27, behind 26 points from Candace Chandler. Kaitlyn Greenlee added 15 for the Lady Tigers.

The Lady Tigers were scheduled to play Odessa Permian at 10:30 this morning in the second round of the tournament.

Ira 50, Westbrook 40

BLACKWELL — The Ira Lady Bulldogs outlasted Westbrook Thursday, winning the fourth quarter battle to claim a 50-40 win over Westbrook in the debut game of the Oak Creek Classic.

Lindsey Wilson paced Ira with 22 points, and Kelbi Pitner added 14 as the teams went back and forth through the first half.

Westbrook jumped out to a 14-10 lead before the Lady Bulldogs stormed back with a 20-point second quarter to a hold a 30-27 lead after two periods.

Amanda Calley added five for Ira.

Westbrook 60, Ira 53

The Bulldogs fell shy in their opener at Blackwell, getting outscored, 19-9, in the final quarter in a 60-53 loss to Westbrook.

Jake Barnes was the focal point for the Ira offense, scoring 33. Jess Wall contributed 12 and Corbin Clements and Justin Taylor added four points apiece.

Hermleigh 44, Southland 39

WILSON — The Lady Cardinals are in the championship game.

Hermleigh edged Southland, 44-39, Thursday to set up a meeting at 6 tonight against Wilson for the first place trophy in the Lynn County Cotton Classic.

Alana Culp led all scorers with 16 points, and Brittany Jones contributed nine points.

Brittany Kelly had seven and Alicia Culp hit for six. Georgeann Smith added a trey and Christy Gracia and Amy Botts had two each.

Southland 73, Hermleigh 49

The Hermleigh Cardinals' slow start cost them at Wilson, as Southland raced to an insurmountable 45-12 halftime advantage en route to a 73-49 win.

Keenon Garcia led the Cardinals with 21 points, and Shane Berry added 14 for Hermleigh, which was scheduled to play the loser of the Spade-Wilson game at 4:30 this afternoon.

Jonathan McClure tallied five points, and Justin Williamson and Robby Anderson added two each.

Hermleigh was upended Tuesday by Lueders-Avoca, 80-49.

Intriguing match-up awaits UT

AUSTIN (AP) — Burnt orange against the maize and blue. Maybe a Mack Brown-Bobby Bowden rematch is in the works. Uga vs. Bevo?

No. 6 Texas (10-2) is in position for an at-large bid for the school's first Bowl Championship Series game, and there are plenty of intriguing matchups possible.

Of course, if Kansas State somehow pulls off a huge upset and beats Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game, the Longhorns get bumped out of the BCS altogether.

Assuming the planets stay in their current alignment, here's a look at some potential matchups for the Longhorns, with the most likely destinations the Fiesta or Rose bowls.

—Florida State: Brown vs. Bowden in the Fiesta. The coaching matchup alone catapults this into a huge game for the Longhorns.

Before he came to Texas, Brown built North Carolina from nothing into an Atlantic Coast Conference title contender. The only thing standing in his way was Saint Bobby (as the locals call him) and some of the greatest Florida State teams Bowden has produced.

Bowden is Division I-A's winningest coach while Brown has yet to win a conference title, a dubious distinction the Seminoles coach gets much of the credit/blame for.

Brown finished an undistinguished career as a running back at Florida State, and a Fiesta Bowl win over his alma mater and ACC arch nemesis would be one of the biggest of Brown's career.

It would also be the first meeting between the schools. Longhorns fans would no doubt love making fun of Florida State being a women's school from 1905 to 1947, the year Blair Cherry coached Texas to a 10-1 record and a Sugar Bowl win over Alabama.

—Michigan: Talk about a blockbuster matchup. While Texas seems more likely headed to the Fiesta bowl, the possibility of a Texas-Michigan Rose Bowl is too fun to not think about.

The Longhorns and the Wolverines be a TV network's dream. It would be the first meeting ever between the first (Michigan) and fourth (Texas) winningest programs of all time. The chance to see Michigan's famed striped helmets lined up across from the Longhorns logo alone would be worth watching.

Plus, the Texas and Michigan traditions of Darrell Royal, Earl Campbell, Bo Schembechler and Tom Harmon, North vs. South, etc., would generate stories for weeks leading up to the game.

—LSU: A border battle in the Fiesta and a tasty Southeastern Conference-Big 12 matchup. It was a juicy story line in last year's Cotton Bowl but hardly seems like it would be much of an attention grabber again.

While Texas would be giddy about being in the BCS, the Tigers are likely to be angry about any scenario that leaves them out of the Sugar Bowl and a shot at the national title. LSU would have the incentive of trying to avenge last year's loss in the Cotton Bowl.

— Georgia: Another pairing of tradition-steeped programs that would be a Fiesta Bowl mismatch in the mascot department. Bevo would squash Uga. The steer must outweigh the bulldog by about 2,000 pounds.

— Ohio State: Enough with the tradition. Texas and Ohio both like to claim to be the most football-crazed state and a Fiesta Bowl matchup would help settle the argument.

Sports Briefs

Bribery charges dropped

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A judge threw out all charges against two men accused of bribing IOC members to bring the 2002 Olympics to Salt Lake City, saying Friday that government prosecutors hadn't proved their case.

Reds remove interim tag from manager Miley

CINCINNATI (AP) — Dave Miley was hired to manage the rebuilding Cincinnati Reds, who removed the interim tag from his job title.

Miley went 22-35 as interim manager last season. He took over after manager Bob Boone and general manager Jim Bowden were fired on July 28.

Edmonds has shoulder surgery

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Cardinals center fielder Jim Edmonds had shoulder surgery, and the team expects him to be healed by spring training.

The operation "just to clean out whatever was causing this discomfort and irritation" the seven-time Gold Glove outfielder developed recently during workouts, Cardinals spokesman Brian Bartow said.

Edmonds, a career .293 hitter, batted .275 last season with 32 doubles, 39 home runs and 89 RBIs.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Philadelphia	10	10	500	—
Boston	7	11	389	2
New Jersey	7	11	389	2
New York	7	12	368	2½
Washington	6	11	353	2½
Miami	5	13	278	4
Orlando	1	17	056	8
Central Division				
Indiana	15	4	789	—
Detroit	14	6	700	1½
New Orleans	13	6	684	2
Toronto	10	8	556	4½
Milwaukee	9	9	500	5½
Atlanta	6	13	316	9
Chicago	5	13	278	9½
Cleveland	4	15	211	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Denver	12	6	667	—
Dallas	12	7	632	½
Houston	10	7	588	1½
Utah	10	7	588	1½
Minnesota	10	8	556	2
Memphis	9	8	529	2½
San Antonio	9	10	474	3½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	16	3	842	—
Sacramento	12	4	750	2½
Seattle	9	6	600	5
Portland	9	7	563	5½
Golden State	8	8	500	6½
L.A. Clippers	6	8	429	7½
Phoenix	7	10	412	8

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia 83, Chicago 82
L.A. Lakers 114, Dallas 103

Today's Games

Atlanta at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Memphis, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 8 p.m.
New York at Portland, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Philadelphia	15	3	5	1	36	76	46
New Jersey	13	5	6	0	32	58	39
N.Y. Rangers	10	9	5	2	27	72	67
N.Y. Islanders	9	13	2	0	20	62	67
Pittsburgh	6	13	4	1	17	47	84
Northeast Division							
Toronto	14	6	5	2	35	74	68
Boston	12	5	4	4	32	69	63
Ottawa	12	8	2	3	29	80	56
Buffalo	12	12	2	1	27	62	70
Montreal	11	11	2	1	25	55	60
Southeast Division							
Atlanta	12	11	3	1	28	78	79
Tampa Bay	11	6	4	1	27	53	42
Carolina	7	10	7	1	22	50	62
Florida	9	14	4	0	22	57	74
Washington	8	16	1	1	18	66	78
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
Detroit	15	9	3	0	33	92	64
St. Louis	14	6	2	1	31	63	52
Nashville	14	10	1	0	29	66	62
Columbus	8	13	3	1	20	53	69
Chicago	6	13	4	3	19	49	74
Northwest Division							
Vancouver	14	7	3	2	33	82	62
Colorado	14	7	3	1	32	77	61
Calgary	11	8	1	3	26	55	56
Edmonton	10	12	3	0	23	67	76
Minnesota	9	12	4	0	22	53	57
Pacific Division							
Los Angeles	13	10	1	1	28	63	57
San Jose	8	7	9	2	27	63	64
Phoenix	9	9	6	1	25	64	76
Dallas	11	12	3	0	25	58	64
Anaheim	8	9	4	5	25	56	71

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Thursday's Games

Phoenix 3, Buffalo 2
Toronto 6, Boston 0
Ottawa 4, Tampa Bay 1
Nashville 4, Columbus 2
N.Y. Rangers 4, N.Y. Islanders 2
Detroit 4, St. Louis 4, tie
New Jersey 3, Washington 0
Calgary 4, Vancouver 1
Colorado 2, San Jose 2, tie
Los Angeles 3, Dallas 0

Today's Games

Montreal at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Anaheim at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Lakers rout Mavericks

DALLAS (AP) — After cruising through four games against Eastern Conference-leading Indiana, Midwest Division-leading Dallas and reigning champion San Antonio, Karl Malone is getting a grip on the potential of the Los Angeles Lakers.

"I think we can get even better and better than we are now," Malone said.

That's a scary thought for the rest of the league, especially the Mavericks, who lost to the Lakers 114-103 Thursday night. It's their second loss this season to them, fifth straight dating to last season and 46th in the last 51 meetings.

Shaquille O'Neal continued his usual tormenting of Dallas, contributing 25 points and 19 rebounds, then taking delight in handing the Mavericks their first home loss this season. Dallas had been 10-0.

In the only other NBA game on Thursday, Philadelphia edged Chicago 83-82.

MOVIES

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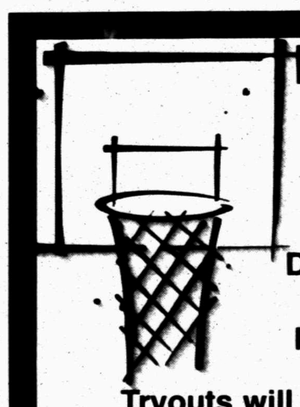
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Texas power plants have worst emissions

AUSTIN (AP) — A Bush administration proposal that would reduce toxic mercury pollution at some coal-fired power plants will probably have the biggest effect in Texas, which releases more mercury into the air than any other state through 19 plants.

But the new plan could create mercury "hot spots" with higher mercury pollution in the state because power plants would purchase pollution "credits" from utilities that emit less pollution than allowed rather than instituting their own cuts, environmentalists and some emissions traders warned Thursday.

"Utilities in Texas have already made significant pollution reductions," said Tom "Smitty" Smith, executive director of Public Citizen in Austin. "It is unlikely that anytime soon these companies would make another round of investments in pollution control devices. They'll most likely buy reductions from plants elsewhere."

The cap-and-trade program to reduce mercury would be proposed later this month, allowing market forces to determine which plants will cut mercury pollution to meet a 70 percent nationwide reduction by 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said.

A report by three advocacy groups on Thursday ranks Texas worst in the nation in the amount of mercury emitted into the air by power plants. It criticized the Bush administration proposal on mercury pollution rules.

The report by the Texas Public Interest Research Group, Public Citizen and the Sustainable Energy and Economic Development Coalition said Texas power plants emitted 8,992 pounds of mercury into the air in 2001, the most recent year for which figures were available.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	12.18	11.29	12.10	+ .24
AT&T Corp	20.43	20.16	20.22	— .04
Albertsons	20.99	20.08	20.2[illegible]	— .88
Alltel	45.23	44.88	45.10	+ .13
AmEl Pw	28.45	28.14	28.43	+ .30
AndarkPtr	47.88	47.40	47.76	— .02
ATMOS Egy	24.71	24.50	24.65	+ .06
Aviall	16.00	15.83	15.83	— .27
BP PLC	43.74	43.42	43.63	— .05
BakerHughes	30.14	29.55	30.13	+ .51
Bank of Amer	75.75	75.29	75.30	— .18
BellSouth	27.69	27.34	27.43	— .09
BurlNoSFe	30.86	30.55	30.62	+ .06
Caterpillar	77.12	75.38	76.51	+ .57
CenterPoint	9.84	9.65	9.68	— .24
ChevronTex	78.15	77.60	77.98	+ .36
Citigroup	47.29	46.70	46.75	— .43
CocaCola	47.00	46.67	46.70	— .44
ColgatePal	53.85	53.47	53.80	+ .11
CmclMetals	26.71	26.49	26.58	— .04
ConocoPhill	59.91	59.54	59.86	+ .27
Cooper Inds	55.24	54.62	54.95	— .30
DaimlrChry	41.46	40.93	41.17	+ .09
DeltaAirl	11.92	11.28	11.80	+ .11
Dillards Inc	15.87	15.53	15.55	— .18
DowChem	39.00	38.77	38.93	— .37
DuPont	43.72	43.44	43.52	— .44
EastmanChem	37.29	36.86	37.12	— .29
EstKodak	24.00	23.71	23.74	— .16
EDS Corp	23.48	23.10	23.35	— .01
Entergy	54.89	54.59	54.86	+ .32
ExxonMobil	37.13	36.83	36.85	— .17
FootLocker	21.58	20.66	21.57	+ .36
GenDynam	84.51	83.68	83.68	— .66
GenElec	29.39	28.97	29.11	— .04
GenMills	46.00	45.66	45.89	+ .16
GenMotors	46.42	45.91	46.29	— .16
GaPacific	28.49	28.03	28.40	— .07
Goodrich	27.75	27.65	27.68	— .24
Goodyear	7.10	7.02	7.07	— .03
GtAtlPac	7.28	7.18	7.22	+ .03
Halliburtn	24.02	23.44	23.96	+ .41
Hanson PLC	35.72	35.65	35.70	+ .17
HarteHanks	21.61	21.46	21.53	— .14
HomeDepot	35.12	34.27	34.74	— .37
Honeywellint	30.20	29.80	30.04	— .16
IBM	91.30	90.52	90.93	— .42
IntlPaper	39.73	39.30	39.47	— .40
JohnsonJn	49.79	49.20	49.25	— .29
KinderMorg	55.75	55.23	55.34	— .41
Kroger Co	17.71	17.58	17.61	— .03
LockheedM	47.57	47.23	47.23	— .32
Lowes Cos	56.90	55.32	55.96	— .71
Lubys	3.75	3.61	3.66	— .06
LucentTech	3.07	3.02	3.04	— .03
MarathonOil	30.25	30.06	30.23	+ .07
MayDeptStr	29.04	28.59	28.74	— .24
Medtronic	46.75	46.52	46.62	— .10
Motorola	13.40	13.10	13.29	— .06
NCR Corp	35.05	34.64	34.89	— .11
Navistar	42.51	41.92	42.36	+ .02
PNM Rescs	27.92	27.67	27.85	— .07
Penney JC	24.74	24.28	24.52	— .22
PepBoys	20.76	20.54	20.54	— .26
PepsiCo	48.45	48.15	48.35	+ .20
PhelpDodge	65.65	64.64	65.03	— .15
PilgrimsPride	15.00	14.80	14.84	— .19
Praxair	73.90	73.33	73.48	— .42
ProctGamb	96.68	96.28	96.28	— .51
RadioShack	29.19	28.65	29.13	+ .24
RoyalDut	46.65	46.25	46.46	— .05
SBC Comm	24.51	23.93	24.20	+ .19
SaraLee	21.15	21.06	21.08	— .04
Scripps EW	92.57	92.31	92.40	— .25
SearsRoeb	52.50	50.69	50.70	— 1.89
SherwinW	33.85	33.49	33.62	— .36
SouthernCo	29.96	29.64	29.94	+ .06
SwstAirl	16.50	15.84	16.07	— .53
SprintFON	15.14	14.98	15.04	+ .02
SprintPCS	4.65	4.50	4.51	— .11
Sunoco Inc	50.00	49.25	49.87	+ .27
TXU Corp	22.54	22.25	22.54	+ .24
TempleInland	60.05	59.43	59.56	— .49
TexInd	29.10	29.00	29.00	— .17
TexasInst	30.56	28.69	28.78	— .36
Textron	51.76	50.87	51.15	— .61
TimeWarner	16.43	16.25	16.34	— .02
TrinityInds	26.49	26.36	26.36	— .18
TylerTech	8.03	7.81	7.98	+ .01
UnionPacif	66.50	65.27	66.05	+ .80
USSteel	26.52	25.94	26.38	+ .25
UnitedTech	87.97	87.43	87.59	— .36
Unocal	33.88	33.56	33.69	— .05
VerizonComm	33.49	33.01	33.41	+ .16
WalMart	53.65	52.70	53.40	+ .38
WellsFargo	56.95	56.58	56.59	— .33
WstnGasRs	46.50	46.00	46.15	— .01
WinnDixie	8.60	8.48	8.50	— .12
Xerox Cp	12.49	12.34	12.40	— .09
YumBrands	34.40	33.80	33.94	— .84

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TEAMS ADVANCE — Ira's junior creed speaking individual placed first and the senior individual placed second recently at the Lone Wolf District FFA leadership contest held in Colorado City. The senior parlimentary procedure team also placed second. Everyone advanced to the Area II contest. FFA students are standing from left, Jessica Odom, junior creed; Sarah McCown, senior creed; Terryn Autry, Sara Caldwell and Rachel Caldwell, parlimentary procedure team. Seated from left are parlimentary procedure members Amber Sanchez, Whitney Payne, Ashton Smith and Brittany Dickerhoff. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



SECOND PLACE — Ira's junior and senior skills teams recently placed second in the Lone Wolf District FFA leadership contest held in Colorado City. They advanced to the Area II contest. Senior skills members standing from left are Joel Lollar, Wes Kellner, Chris Dobbs and Chad Nickerson. Junior skills team members seated from left are Corbin Clements, Jared Bailey, Jon Beaird and Kelbi Pitner. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Fed prosecutor from Baltimore found dead

BALTIMORE (AP) — Jonathan Luna was known as a highly skilled attorney inside the courtroom and a champion of minorities and the poor outside of it.

Law enforcement authorities have vowed to do everything they can to find who was responsible for the death of the 38-year-old assistant U.S. attorney, who was found stabbed to death in a Pennsylvania creek Thursday.

"Let there be no doubt. Let there be no doubt that everyone in law enforcement, local police, state police, the United States Marshals Service, ATF, FBI, are united," said U.S. Attorney Thomas DiBiagio. "We will find out who did this, and we are dedicated to bringing the person responsible for this tragedy to justice."

Luna was discovered face-down in the water behind the parking lot of a well-drilling company in Lancaster County, Pa., about 70 miles from Baltimore, police said. His car was near the body, police said.

Luna was prosecuting Baltimore rapper Deon Lionnel Smith, 32, and Walter Oriley Poindexter, 28, who were accused of dealing heroin and running a violent drug ring from their Stash House Records studio. Smith recorded under the name Papi Jenkinz.

Luna and the men's defense attorneys negotiated through the afternoon Wednesday and reached a plea bargain on the drug charges at the end of the day, said U.S. District Judge William D. Quarles Jr., who presided over the case.

The two men pleaded guilty in court around noon Thursday.

Smith pleaded guilty to distribution of heroin and possession of a weapon for the purposes of drug trafficking. Poindexter pleaded guilty to distribution of heroin to a government witness. The charges against Smith carry up to 25 years in prison, and those against Poindexter carry up to 60 years.

Authorities did not say whether the case had anything to do with the slaying. Smith and Poindexter were behind bars at the time.

Luna got a phone call at his home Wednesday night and left the house about midnight, said a federal law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity. His wife reported him missing, and the FBI later began looking for him.

Luna's body was found around daybreak not far from an exit on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The judge said Luna had been stabbed and shot, but the police report only mentioned stab wounds.

Luna was married and had two children. He grew up in New York City, attended Fordham University and went on to law school at the University of North Carolina.

He was an associate at Arnold & Porter in Washington in 1993-1994. He moved on to the Federal Trade Commission from 1994 until 1997. He then worked as a prosecutor in Brooklyn before coming to Baltimore.

Luna, who was black, was a champion of the disadvantaged, often writing letters to the editor on behalf of minorities and the poor.

In 1991, he wrote a letter to the editor of The New York Times, saying he was "offended" at the title of a recent series of articles on the Mott Haven section of the south Bronx where he grew up. The series was titled "Life at the Bottom."

Luna wrote that there were people in the neighborhood like his parents who were "struggling every day to make a life for themselves and their families in Mott Haven. My dad struggled in the restaurant business, while my mom stayed at home to raise my brother and me."

Quarles described Luna as a "wonderful young man, responsible, charming and highly intelligent. He had genuine trial skills as a lawyer and juries loved him."

Attorney General John Ashcroft called it a "tragic death."

"I express our deepest condolences to Jonathan's family, colleagues and friends," Ashcroft said. "We share his family's grief and will provide any support and assistance to help them through this difficult time."

Smith's attorney, Kenneth Ravenell, called Luna a "a good friend."

"I was kind of his mentor in many ways," Ravenell said. "He'd call me often and discuss things outside of what we did on cases."

Luna had also prosecuted cases against a man who videotaped a neighbor child as she slept in her home and against a man who plotted to burn down a home to force six Mexican men out of a neighborhood.

In another case, he tried three men involved in a violent crack distribution network in Baltimore. All the defendants entered guilty pleas.

Other federal prosecutors have been the target of violence in the past.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas C. Wales was shot to death in Seattle three years ago in an unsolved murder. The search for the killer has focused on at least one of the cases he had prosecuted.

Federal prosecutor Larry Barcella, now in private practice, was the target of a thwarted murder-for-hire scheme by ex-CIA agent Ed Wilson, whom Barcella had helped put behind bars for selling weapons and explosives to Libya. Barcella lured Wilson out of hiding and into federal custody in 1982.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Mom gets silent treatment for not signing son's loan

DEAR ABBY: I have a son who is 33. He has four children and lives in another state. About a year ago, he asked me to co-sign on a house loan. I refused. Now he won't speak to me. He didn't even attend his grandmother's funeral.

I don't know how to bridge this gap between us except by signing the note. I really can't afford it, but I miss my son and grandchildren. — **HURTING IN OHIO**

DEAR HURTING: Under no circumstances should you give in to your son's emotional blackmail, particularly since you cannot afford it. If you do, it will be only the beginning of what he will demand from you. And if you try to refuse, the scenario will repeat itself.

Continue to send your grandchildren birthday and holiday greetings, and let's hope your son grows up before they do.

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DEAR ABBY: There is a subject in my house that's causing conflict: school sports. Neither of my children is interested in playing. They do well academically. They take advanced classes and music, as well as dance and gymnastics outside of school.

My husband insists they participate in a school sport. He says they'll never be accepted into college without a school sport, and if they are, they won't be eligible for a scholarship. Is this true? — **WONDERING ABOUT SCHOOL SPORTS IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR WONDERING: No, it's not. I posed your question to Hanan Eisenman, media coordinator of admissions at the University of California. He says the University of California does not require high school athletics for eligibility. Eligibility for admission is based on grades from college preparatory courses and on scores on the appropriate admissions tests.

Like most selective colleges, the university also looks for talent and leadership in a broad range of areas, only one of which is sports. The vast majority of scholarships are based on qualifications such as academics and financial need, not high school sports. By far the most important criterion for admission for virtually all colleges and universities is academic achievement.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my boyfriend, "David," for a year. He moved in with me four months ago. We generally get along great, even though he hasn't given me his share of the rent since his hours were cut at work. Frankly, it feels like we are more like roommates or friends than lovers, but I was sure I would never meet anyone who could compare.

Last weekend I was out of town, a bridesmaid in my best friend's wedding. David was unable to attend, so she matched me up with a groomsman I'll call Chad. Well, the chemistry between us was so thick you could have cut it with a knife.

Chad and I can't ignore the connection we made. He has invited me to visit him. I don't know what to do. I am having serious doubts about my relationship with David. Should I give Chad a chance? — **BRIDESMAID IN WAITING IN CONNECTICUT**

DEAR BRIDESMAID: Absolutely! But before your relationship with Chad goes any further, you must level with David. Remember, honesty is the best policy — and in the long run it is better for all concerned.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003

You will have greater latitude in the year ahead in directing your own course of action when it comes to realizing your ambitious undertakings. The better prepared you are to be at the helm, the bigger your successes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Unless you utilize your time productively today, you will end up feeling restless and unfulfilled. Do something meaningful to you so that your day doesn't end up seeming wasted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Important dealings you have with others today will work out better for you if you conduct your affairs in a social setting. A convivial environment promotes cordial relations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Running around doing a bunch of errands won't bother you one bit today. In fact, you'll thrive on it. So what better time to shop for those hard-to-find items for the home than now?

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Whereas normally you could be hesitant to express your ideas, today you'll have no trouble asserting your thoughts when you think your suggestions are better than your companions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The conditions are well suited today for turning financial transactions with even nominal potential into something rather profitable. If you have anything on the burner, work on it now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Progressive activities are exceptionally favored at this time. Try to devote as much of your time as possible today to creative and imaginative endeavors that capture your fancy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A large goal you establish for yourself can definitely be achieved today. However, it won't happen through wishful thinking. It'll take knowledge, hard work and tenacity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There won't be any doubt about where you stand or how you feel about things today. You'll state your case clearly and back up your words with action and deeds.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Once you set your mind on a specific goal or direction, you will not be deterred today. Don't waste this determination on minor objectives, set your sights on higher and bolder targets.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you are putting together a group arrangement today, make certain your teammates are as enthusiastic over and involved with the activity as you are. Similar desires multiply your chances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you are prepared to exert yourself both mentally and physically today, your time will be productively spent. Even if it's mending something instead of building it, it'll be satisfying.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Others will find the enthusiasm and warmth of spirit you radiate very appealing today. Don't be surprised when people gravitate toward you whenever and wherever you enter the scene.

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Commuter train bombing kills 36

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia (AP) — A bomb tore through a commuter train today near the separatist region of Chechnya, killing 36 people and wounding scores of others in an attack that President Vladimir Putin said was intended to disrupt this weekend's parliamentary elections.

Authorities said a male suicide bomber triggered the explosion and three other attackers also were involved. At least two of the women may have jumped from the train before the blast.

The rebel Chechen government denied it was responsible for the blast, the second fatal attack on the rail line near the breakaway republic since September.

The 8 a.m. explosion ripped open the side of train as it approached a station near Yessentuki, about 750 miles south of Moscow, hurling passengers to the ground. Others were trapped under a mound of twisted, burning wreckage for hours.

At least 148 wounded were hospitalized, and another 29 suffered only slight injuries, said Maj. Gen. Nikolai Lityuk of the Emergency Situations Ministry.

Authorities found undetonated grenades still strapped to the legs of a male suicide attacker, the Interfax news agency quoted Nikolai Patrushev, head of the Federal Security Service, as saying. Experts gingerly entered the wreckage to remove the explosives and later detonated them, Russian television reported.

Patrushev said two women jumped from the train just before the explosion, Interfax reported. The male suicide bomber has not been identified. Patrushev did not say what happened to the third alleged female attacker.

They also found the remnants of a bag believed to have carried the bomb, the security agency said. The device was estimated to have the force of 22 pounds of TNT, said Vladimir Rudyak, a spokesman for the local prosecutor's office, and blew one of the train cars onto its side.

It was not known if the death toll of 36 included the male attacker.

Putin called the attack "an attempt to destabilize the situation in the country on the eve of parliamentary elections" on Sunday.

"The international terrorism that has challenged many countries continues to represent a serious threat for our country," Putin said. "It is a ruthless, serious, treacherous enemy.

Inmate executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A former mechanic with an extensive criminal record in Oklahoma was executed Thursday night for fatally beating an 80-year-old woman he'd known since childhood.

Ivan Murphy, 38, was the second convicted killer executed in as many nights in Texas and the 24th this year. The total is the highest in the nation.

"This is a celebration of life, not death," Murphy said in a brief final statement while strapped to the death chamber gurney. "Through Jesus Christ we have victory over death."

He thanked Pope John Paul II and others for prayers, love and support. "I want to thank everybody around the world and Father, let your will be done."

As the drugs began taking effect, he gasped several times. Ten minutes later, at 6:24 p.m., he was pronounced dead.

Strawberry ice cream in a plastic bowl helped convict Murphy of the 1989 slaying of Lula Mae Denning at her home in Denison, about 70 miles north of Dallas and just south of the Texas-Oklahoma border.

"We dusted the inside of a Cool Whip bowl and found his fingerprint," said former Grayson County District Attorney Robert Jarvis, recalling evidence in Murphy's capital murder trial. "He told officers he hadn't been there in 20 years. He was lying about that."

Besides the fingerprint, jewelry taken from the victim was linked to Murphy and traces of the woman's blood were found on his clothes.

"I wasn't there," he insisted in a recent death-row interview. "No way I can be associated with this crime. I know I got framed."

All his appeals were exhausted, Murphy said Wednesday.

Murphy had a record for theft in Grayson County and was paroled in 1985 to McAlester, Okla., after serving 61/2 months of a three-year prison term. In Oklahoma, he had multiple convictions and prison terms for concealing stolen property, larceny of an automobile and grand larceny.

A week after the Denning slaying, he was arrested in Hugo, Okla., on two counts of shooting with intent to kill. Murphy said he was responding to someone who shot at him.

"I was wrong for having a gun," he said. "But that's what happens when you're weak. To me, I was at the wrong place at the wrong time. It's a case of bad luck. I know I didn't kill nobody. I'm not a killer."

A Murphy accomplice, Douglas Stoff, also was convicted in the slaying. He received a life term.

Police were summoned to Denning's home after she couldn't be reached by phone.

"I remember a little old lady sitting in her chair with her blood splattered all over the wall and the ceiling and dripping down on the newspaper," Jarvis said. "She died in her own chair in her own living room. It was horrible.

19-year-old arrested for forgery

• Arrest

One arrest was made in the 1300 block of 26th on Thursday. A 19-year-old man was taken into custody at 12:03 p.m. for forgery. He was booked into Scurry County Jail.

• Criminal Mischief

Two reports of criminal mischief were reported Thursday. At 8:16 a.m., an employee at Eckerd Drug in Varsity Square Shopping Center discovered damage had been done to the front door.

The second call was received at 10:51 a.m. A homeowner in the 1800 block of 25th reported that someone had apparently shot a front window of the house with a pellet or a BB gun.

• Burglary

A homeowner reported Thursday at 12:35 p.m. that his home in the 1800 block of Ave. I had been broken into and a firearm had been stolen.

• Grass fire

A grass fire was reported at 7:37 p.m. Thursday on CR 132. Snyder Fire Department extinguished the blaze.

Obituaries

George Jones Jr.

1946-2003

George I. Jones Jr. was found dead at his home in Snyder on Monday, Dec. 1.

Graveside service for Mr. Jones, 57, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Memorial service is set for 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church in Snyder. The Rev. Jim Hill, minister, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.



George Jones

Born March 13, 1946 in Lubbock, Mr. Jones was postmaster at Colorado City and was to retire in March. He had served as an elder and a music director in the Snyder First Christian Church.

He had coached girls basketball and boys soccer in Lubbock several years.

His son, Chet, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Pam Jones of Snyder; his mother and father, Ava and G.I. Jones of Lubbock; and a brother, Don Jones of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials to the Lubbock Children's Home, P.O. Box 2824 in Lubbock, 70408.

Mrs. Thompson

1948-2003

Claudia Thompson died Thursday, Dec. 4, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. Thompson, 55, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on July 28, 1948 in Cooper, she married Curtis Thompson in 1972 in Salina, Kan. Mrs. Thompson was a nurse and had worked in homes and hospitals. She moved to Snyder from Midland five years ago and had previously lived in Salina. She was a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Donny Ray Thompson; and a brother, Donny Ray Shelton.

Survivors include her husband, Curtis Thompson of Snyder; two daughters, Vickie Thompson of Salina and Mattie Mae Thompson of Fort Worth; four sons, Benny Ray Thompson of Salina, Curtis Thompson Jr. of Hutchinson, Kan., Michael Wayne Thompson of Pueblo, Colo., and Sylvester Thompson of Springs, Colo.; two sisters, Patricia Shelton of Wichita, Kan., Doris Taylor of Salina; four brothers, Jimmy Charles Shelton of Kansas City, Claudine Shelton of Salina, David Shelton of Liberal, Kan., and John Shelton of Pueblo, Colo.; and 20 grandchildren.

Tommy McMahan

1920-2003

G.T. "Tommy" McMahan, former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, in Brownwood Regional Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. McMahan, 83, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate. Interment will follow in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Born May 31, 1920 in Greenville, he married Juanell Word on June 16, 1972 in Snyder.

Mr. McMahan, a Baptist, was retired from the U.S. Postal Service, and was a former post commander at the American Legion, a lifetime member of the VFW, and had worked for American Airlines.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Peter and Curtis McMahan; and a sister, Dorothy Tibbits.

Survivors include his wife, Juanell McMahan of Brownwood; two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Karlene McMahan of Hobbs, N.M., and David and Sherry McMahan of Castaic, Calif.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Dawn and David Fish of Snyder; a stepson and his wife, Claude and Ruth Ann Smith of Snyder; a sister-in-law and her husband, LaJean and Bill Shaw of Gail; another sister-in-law, Sue McMahan of Twenty Nine Palms, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be from 7-8 tonight at the funeral home.

Lola Galasso

1909-2003

Lola Galasso, 94, died Thursday, Dec. 4, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Galasso was set for 3 p.m. today in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger with Buster Scales officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 29, 1990 in Ballinger, she married Vincent Galasso on July 21, 1945 in San Angelo. He died in 1984.

Mrs. Galasso was a retired bookkeeper.

Edwin Heath

1917-2003

MIDLAND — Edwin L. Heath, the father of Jana Ward of Snyder, died Friday, Nov. 7.

A memorial service for Mr. Heath, 86, is set for 1 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Gary Dyer and the Rev. Bob Hopkins officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 23, 1917 in Wichita Falls, he was a graduate of Midwestern State University and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1945-46. He married Lois Bryan on June 15, 1946.

He was employed by Gulf Oil for 32 years, retiring as a supervisor in the land division. He was ordained as a deacon at Faith Baptist Church in Wichita Falls in 1953 and has been a member of the Midland First Baptist Church since 1961.

Survivors include his wife, Lois of Midland; a son, Rick Heath of Midland; two sisters, Lucille Bowles of San Antonio and Margaret Stuckey of Wichita Falls; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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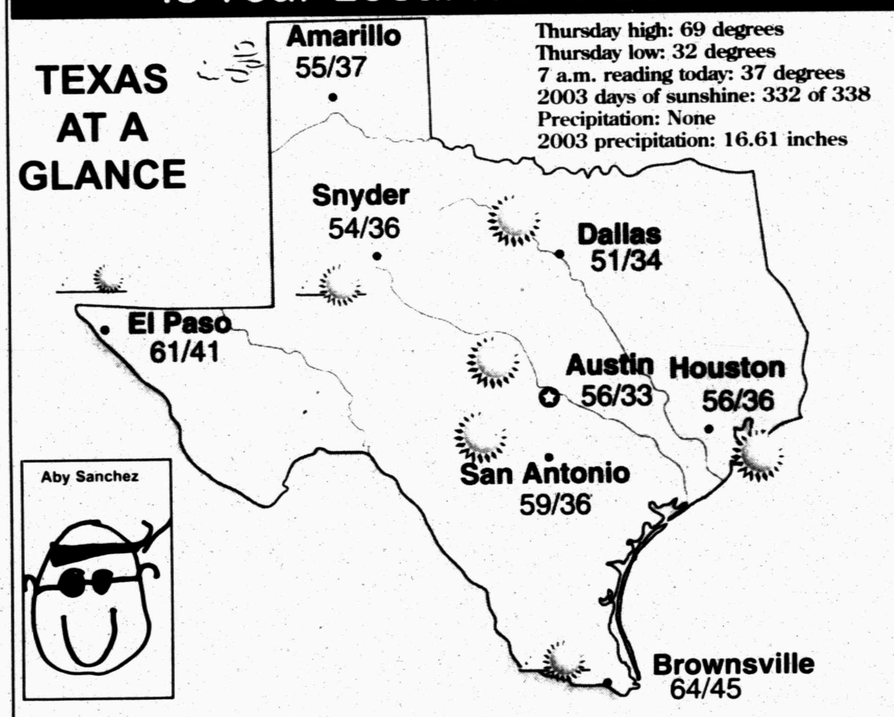
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

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54/36	69/51	64/32
A few clouds from time to time. High 54F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.	Fair. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 30s.
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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Thursday high: 69 degrees
Thursday low: 32 degrees
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2003 days of sunshine: 332 of 338
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 16.61 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	53	38	sunny	El Paso	61	41	pt sunny	Midland	57	38	sunny
Amarillo	55	37	windy	Fort Stockton	62	41	sunny	Raymondville	63	42	sunny
Austin	56	33	sunny	Gainesville	49	31	sunny	Rosenberg	56	36	sunny
Beaumont	55	35	sunny	Greenville	49	31	sunny	San Antonio	59	36	sunny
Brownsville	64	45	mst sunny	Houston	56	36	sunny	San Marcos	57	33	sunny
Brownwood	54	34	sunny	Kingsville	61	41	sunny	Sulphur Springs	51	31	sunny
Corpus Christi	59	42	sunny	Livingston	54	31	sunny	Sweetwater	54	38	mst sunny
Corsicana	52	33	sunny	Longview	53	31	sunny	Tyler	52	31	sunny
Dallas	51	34	sunny	Lubbock	56	36	sunny	Weatherford	50	31	sunny
Del Rio	58	40	sunny	Lufkin	55	32	sunny	Wichita Falls	51	33	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	46	28	pt sunny	Houston	56	36	sunny	Phoenix	77	52	pt sunny
Boston	30	27	snow	Los Angeles	68	55	pt sunny	San Francisco	58	50	rain
Chicago	37	27	pt sunny	Miami	69	51	pt sunny	Seattle	48	42	rain
Dallas	51	34	sunny	Minneapolis	26	22	cloudy	St. Louis	43	32	mst sunny
Denver	55	32	pt sunny	New York	34	26	snow	Washington, DC	34	24	snow

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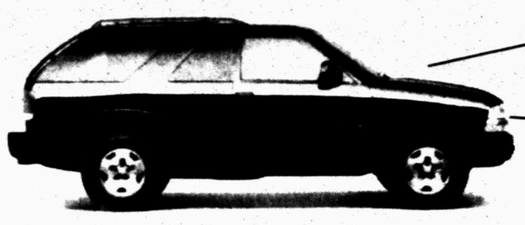
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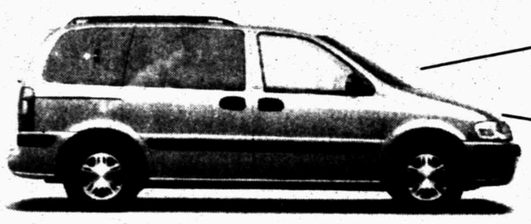
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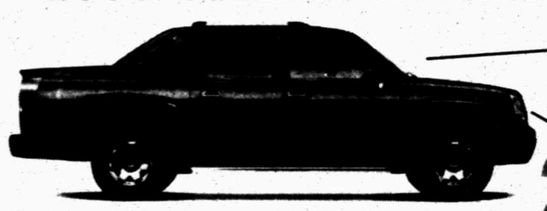
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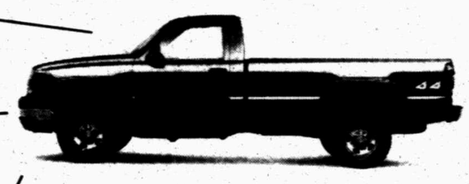


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