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MY TURN

by Annie Rowe

I received my Texas Monthly magazine a few days ago. Since the weather provided me with cold, drizzle and overcast skies last weekend, I had the perfect opportunity to kick back and read the new issue cover to cover.

I eagerly turned to an interview with Walter Cronkite, the granddaddy of all journalists, and in it was mentioned that Jayson Blair, the ex-New York Times reporter who plagiarized a story by Macarena Hernendez, was working on a book deal to write about his misdeed.

Wait just a cotton pickin' minute, I thought.

How can someone steal another's hard work and take 100 percent credit rewarded with an undisclosed amount of money to explain how he did it?

That's just another way to illustrate the unfairness of life.

My 20-year-old daughter, a WTC student, commented about how there are a select number students who give all for academics, while others will tag onto the shirttails of somebody else to complete a project or take credit for some assigned work.

I presented her with Blair's resplendent example.

He is working on a book while Macarena Hernandez is still hoofing it as a staff reporter in San Antonio. Blair and Hernendez were both interns at the New York Times. Both were offered jobs upon completion of their internships. Blair was able to accept. However, Hernandez' father was killed in an auto accident about the same time. She is one of those people who values family above money so she passed on the prestigious Manhattan position to return to Texas to be with her mother and eventually joined the Express-News staff.

Last April, Blair reported that he had interviewed Juanita Anguiano, whose son, Edward was missing in Iraq. The problem was that he never did the interview. He simply lifted the published story from Hernandez, who had visited with Anguiano a week earlier, and like some swiped high school term paper, placed his name on it.

Instead of expressing regret for his actions, he expounded on his mistreatment and began shopping for a book deal.

I work among an extremely dedicated staff here at the SDN. And I can tell you for a fact every word that we put onto a page is as true as we know it to be and not one of us has a book deal, as far as I know.

But we do respect the First Amendment and, most important, we respect ourselves.

I told this point of view to my daughter as she brooded a bit about diligence to a craft while some skimmed the cream of hard work off others.

I explained that while the temptation of not adhering to honesty and trust may seem like an easy way out, it's never the right way to conduct one's life. Blair gave up his credibility to be labeled a liar in his field. Hopefully, menial book sales will reflect the mistrust of the public.

Above all, I hope my daughter learned that while she may never get rich in her chosen field, she'll have a priceless commodity in self-respect.

Both at 6:30 p.m....

Meetings today on hospital vote

The second of three planned meetings by members of a committee formed to promote the upcoming hospital district election will be at 6:30 this evening in the Ira school library.

The third meeting of the group will be Monday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Also at 6:30 this evening, those who do not favor passage of the Dec. 6 vote will hold an organizational meeting at the Texas Savings Bank.

Bob Bell is the chairman of this group and Carl Burleson serves as secretary-treasurer.

Last night, a group met informally in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital boardroom to discuss the ramifications of the hospital district vote, and the possible termination of the hospital's management contract with Covenant Health Systems.

Three current hospital board members, Bill Voss, Terry Williams and Bo Robinson, were in attendance last night, as were Doctors James Burleson, Marcia Odal, Tom Kerr and John Gregg.

Also present were several current employees of the hospital.

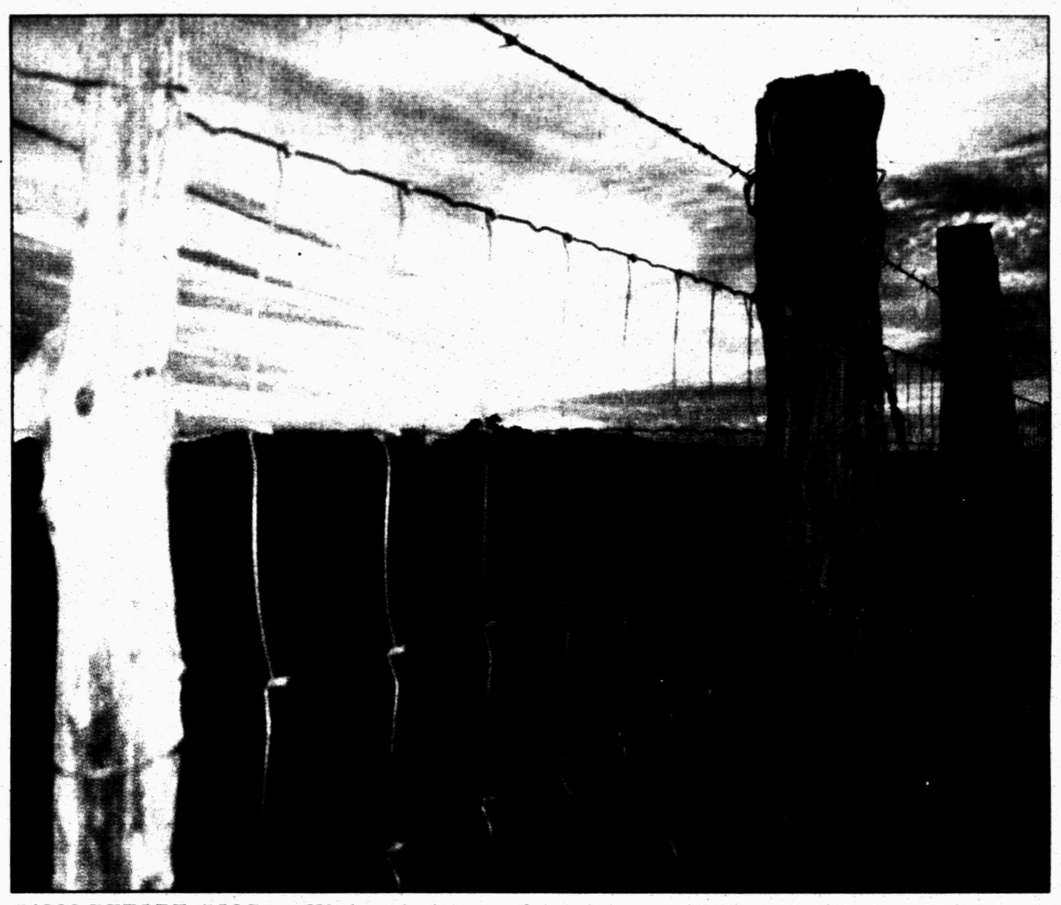
In addition, a called hospital board meeting has been posted for 7 p.m. Monday.

The management agreement with Covenant Health Systems and the Arapaho Home Health contract are on the agenda to be terminated.

Board secretary Charles Church called the meeting after letters were received from board members Dink Foree, Bill Voss and Terry Williams requesting it.

Another item on the agenda is the setting of future meeting times and dates.

Foree is expected to lead the discussion on all three items.



CALM BEFORE COLD — Wednesday's peaceful sunset provided a colorful show before residents were greeted with this morning's cooler temperatures. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

At county clerk's office...

Still time to get mail ballots for district vote

Scurry County residents who, for one reason or another, may not be in the county to vote in the Dec. 6 hospital bond election, may be eligible to vote by mail if they meet certain criteria.

Voting by mail is an uncomplicated way to vote without the necessity of visiting the polling boxes on Dec. 6. The county clerk's office is required to follow a list of guidelines. In order to qualify for voting by mail, a resident must meet one of the following: be over 65 years of age, have a disability, be in jail or otherwise confined, or experience an absence from the county on election day and for all of the early voting period.

"We're ready," said County Clerk Joan Bunch. "We're looking for a large turn out."

Voters with inquiries about early voting or other questions may contact the County Clerk's office at 573-5332.

Troops increase activity

NASIRIYAH, Iraq (AP) — In a crackdown on insurgents, U.S. troops destroyed an empty dye factory in Baghdad today and chased attackers seen firing mortars, while the death toll from a suicide bombing at an Italian paramilitary base rose to 31.

The suicide bombing was the deadliest attack against the coalition since the occupation in Iraq began.

Italian Defense Minister Antonio Martino blamed the attack on Saddam Hussein loyalists and al-Qaida terrorists. The death toll is expected to rise because one of the injured Italians is brain dead.

The bombing in this relatively quiet Shiite Muslim city 180 miles southeast of Baghdad prompted Portugal to send 128 elite police officers originally slated for Nasiriyah to Basra instead. A Japanese government spokesman indicated Tokyo will likely postpone sending troops until sometime next year.

British Maj. Gen. Graeme Lamb, commander of the multinational division in the southeast, insisted the coalition "won't be deterred" by the attack. President Bush declared today: "We're going to prevail."

Martino told Italian state television after arriving in Nasiriyah that Italy has "fairly reliable intelligence" that the Fedayeen Saddam, the ousted leader's former paramilitary force, was responsible, along with "regrouped al-Qaida terrorists."

Shocked residents of Nasiriyah blamed outsiders.

"Those who committed this crime are alien to the city. We have no problems with the Italians," said Abbas Jabbar.

Hours after the bombing Wednesday, U.S. forces attacked a dye factory in southern Baghdad. A Pentagon spokesman said the facility was a "known meeting, planning, storage and rendezvous point for belligerent elements."

Postmaster transferred to Ozona

Dale Lipsett is ending his 5½ year tour of duty as Snyder's postmaster Friday.

He will be replaced by Robert Anderson of San Angelo as the officer in charge until a permanent postmaster is named.

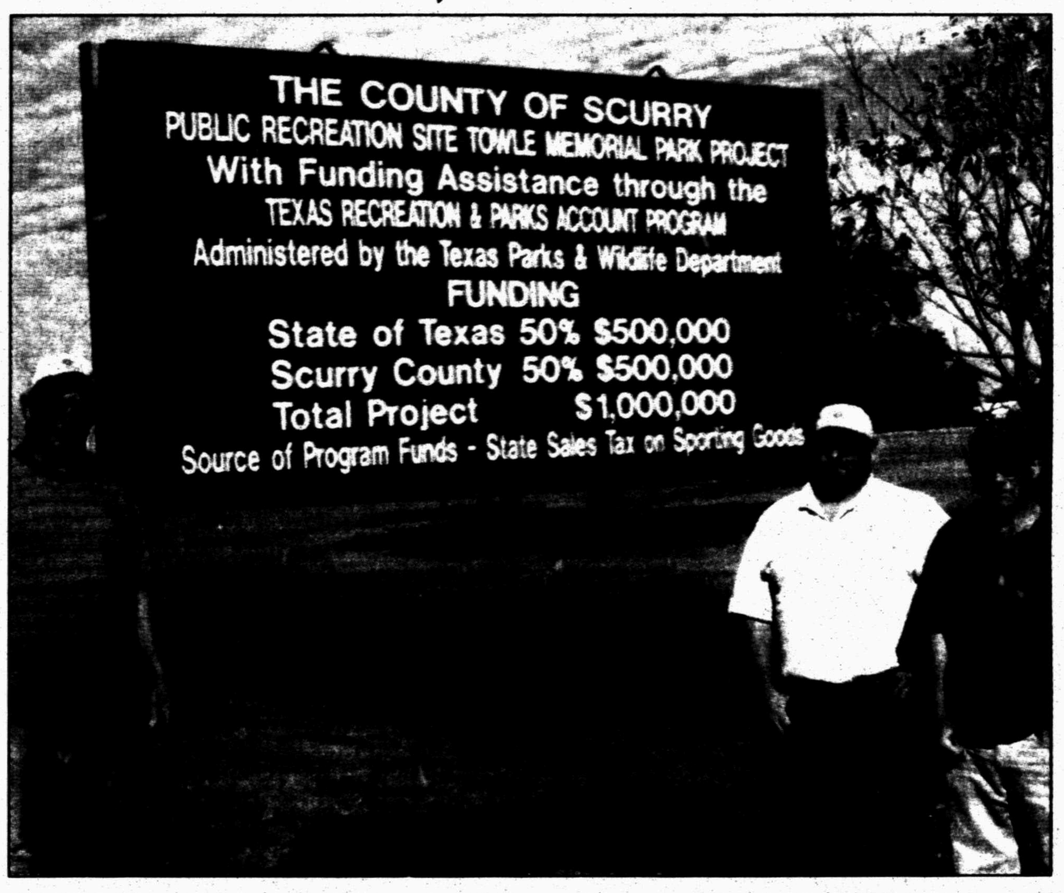
Dale Lipsett

"I came to the Snyder post office as the officer in charge and served in that position for about four months before being named postmaster," said Lipsett.

Lipsett has been named the postmaster at the Ozona facility that is only 40 miles from his home in Eldorado.

Lipsett's time here is notable as he had a full crew for only a short time during the 5½ years.

"I only had a full crew for 18 weeks during my time in Snyder," said Lipsett.



FIRST STEP — Employees of Scurry County parks department put the finishing touches to the Towle Memorial Park project sign. "This is the first step in the new project," said parks director Scott Crenwelge. Pictured with Crenwelge, center, are Tommy Johnson, right, and Neil Evans. The park will undergo major renovations as part of the $1 million matching grant with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. The state is funding $500,000 and local contributions-matched that total. (SDN Staff Photo)

Campus improvement plans on SISD agenda

Snyder ISD board members will hear yearly campus improvement plans when they meet in regular session at 6 o'clock this evening.

The trustees also will hear a presentation from Robert Gabois of Total Program Management on a district-wide facilities study.

Other items include: a closed session pertaining to a possible insurance payment settlement; the teacher appraisal policy; an electric sales agreement with the Texas General Land Office; and the approval of the textbook committee.

Trustees also are to consider a donation of a vehicle from Saturn of Abilene, and approve a resolution electing directors to the Scurry County Appraisal District.

The district's executive director for business, Karen Waller, will review the district's investment policy.

As per recent policy, a list of resignations and retirements will be presented at the board meeting.

The meeting will be in the boardroom at the administration building.

ASK US

Q—If the hospital district is formed, will our county taxes be reduced? Where will the money now paid to the county for support of the hospital go?

A—Those decisions will be made by the commissioners' court.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Kathy Landes

...has lived in Snyder for 25 years. She is a speech pathologist for the Snyder school district. While she enjoys her job, she also delights in spending time with her family. Kathy is the wife of Gary Landes. She is the mother of Ryan, 24, and Nick, 19. Kathy is also a proud mother-in-law to Andrea.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Hospitality in the prairie country is not limited. Even if your enemy passes your way, you must feed him before you shoot him.

—O. Henry

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church sponsors a support group for people facing difficulties — including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. It meets on the first floor Adult 6 Department at 6:30 this evening.

THRiVe simulcast at FBC

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

Annual style show, dinner

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

4-H cooking classes

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

AARP meeting

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

LVN testing dates

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

Citizen Corps of Scurry County

The Corps will offer CERT training to anyone that wants to volunteer to help in time of a disaster. FEMA will provide the books and training exercises will be provided by Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland and Fire Marshal Cy Posey. Contact Vicki Shroyer at 573-7886 or go by the office at 1800 26th St. Training will be held Nov. 18 & 20, and Dec. 2 & 9 to qualify for the Homeland Security grant. Class size is limited to 25.

GED pre-registration, testing

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be next Thursday at the GED testing center, Western Texas College, Building 7B, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The math segment of the GED will begin promptly at 8 a.m. on the following day, Friday, Nov. 21. For more information, call Betty Thompson, 573-2310 or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

2004 Bulldog annuals on sale

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

Turkey, ham raffle

Members of Phi Theta Kappa at WTC are selling chances for a ham and a $25 gift certificate from United and also a turkey and a $25 gift certificate from United. The drawing will be held Nov. 19. For tickets, call 573-8511, ext. 276 for Patty Kuhl, advisor, or 573-9727 for Kristen Early.

Windbreak trees

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

United Way packets

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

LAP signup extended

Nov. 21 is the final date to apply for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP), which provides relief to livestock producers who suffered grazing losses due to drought, severe weather and related causes that occurred in 2001. For more information or an appointment call 573-0171. There are no late-file provisions.

Poinsettia sale

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

Annual Christmas parade

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

Choir Christmas program

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

Madrigal Christmas dinners

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

2004 Tiger's Lair yearbook

2004 Tiger's Lair yearbooks can still be ordered for $45 for the book only with additional options available for an extra costs. For more information, call 574-6138.

SJHS yearbooks

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

WTC Lions Club raffle

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

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE — Snyder High School's Academic Challenge Team defeated Abilene Christian High School to advance to the next round of competition. That episode will air at 6 p.m. Saturday on KTXS, Channel 12. SHS will take on Jim Ned High School in January. That episode will air in February. Pictured at the competition are, from left, Austin Owens, Josh Kemp, captain; Matthew Kerr and Josh Payne. Not pictured is Seth Cooper, alternate. (Contributed Photo)

ADOPT SHS — Snyder High School has three adopt-a-school partners for 2003-2004. From left are Stan Pavlik, The Shack; Dink Foree, KSNY; Amy Braziel, Pizza Hut; and Supt. Dr. Ronny Collins. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Gunman, two others killed, 4 wounded

DALLAS (AP) — A daylong standoff between police and a gunman ended Wednesday with the man and two other people dead and four officers wounded. Seven children and a woman held as hostages were released unharmed.

SWAT team officers shot and killed Francisco Fuentes, 32, who had held them at bay for nine hours and fired twice at officers. Fuentes who had been in a standoff with police that ended peacefully two months earlier.

A police report said Fuentes broke into an apartment about 2:45 a.m. and fatally shot one man in the chest with a shotgun. He went into a bedroom where the woman and other man were sleeping and shot the man in the head. Fuentes then barricaded himself in the bedroom with the hostages.

Police hadn't determined the motive in the hostage-taking and killings, and they were questioning the woman who had been held hostage, spokesman Sgt. Gil Cerda said. Fuentes was the father of at least two of the children, police said.

The police report identified the woman as Fuentes' wife, though acquaintances described her as his ex-wife. The men killed were identified as Mario Rios, 30, and John Watson, 31.

In early September, Fuentes was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after a five-hour standoff with police that ended peacefully in the nearby suburb of Lancaster. Police Commander Pat Stallings said Fuentes barricaded himself alone in a house after shooting at Watson's car.

Date Book

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003

Today is the 317th day of 2003 and the 52nd day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1953, during the Red Scare, an Indiana Textbook Commission member charged that the story of Robin Hood was communistic. Over the course of the Red Scare period in American history, books like "The Grapes of Wrath" were banned and Hollywood films were pressured into conforming to "all-American" themes.

On this day in 1970, East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) was devastated by a 100-mph tropical cyclone. An estimated 500,000 people were killed.

On this day in 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edwin Booth (1833-1893), actor; Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894), writer; Louis Brandeis (1856-1941), Associate Justice on U.S. Supreme Court; Whoopi Goldberg (1949), actress, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini knocked out lightweight Duk Koo Kim in the 14th round. Kim died several days later of head injuries he had received in the fight.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding." — Louis Brandeis

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

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Lotto Texas Texas Lottery Results

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 29-8-43-37-38 Bonus Ball: 3.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated Prize: $4 million

Number matching five of five: 0. Prize: 0.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 9. Prize: $2,629.

Number matching four of five: 394. Prize: $130.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 384. Prize: $118.

Number matching three of five: 16,835. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 5,102. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 24,193. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $5 million.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 23-28-37-22-19.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $41,281.

Matching four of five: 131. Prize: $142.

Matching three of five: 4,411. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 45,393. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Pick 3

(Day) 6-0-2

(Night) 7-9-5

Innocent plea given

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Courtney Love pleaded innocent Wednesday to two felony drug counts after ridiculing the charges in a rambling monologue to reporters before the court appearance.

The complaint against the 39-year-old singer-actress said she illegally possessed two painkillers when she was treated at a hospital for an Oct. 2 overdose. The two painkillers, hydrocodone and oxycodone, can be prescribed legally.

She called the charges "retarded."

"I didn't even break a law. I didn't even shoplift," Love said before the hearing at Beverly Hills Municipal Court.

The drug charges stem from an incident last month that began with Love allegedly trying to break into the Los Angeles home of her former boyfriend. After her release, Beverly Hills police and paramedics were called to Love's home and had to take her to a hospital for treatment of a drug overdose.

Love's attorney, William Genego, told The Associated Press that Love had not intentionally overdosed but rather had taken the wrong medication by mistake. Genego said Love turned over a bag of pills to police after they were called to her home. The drug charges stem from Love not having a prescription for three pills in the bag, Genego said.

West

West Elementary sixth grade students received the following awards during the first six weeks.

Outstanding Students

Samana Arizmendi, Eleanor Ashley, Samantha Barrera, Remington Bloom, Tye Burton, Monica Clanton (2), Brent Cole, Devyn Deloera (2), Jacie Eveland, Rachel Gault, Michael Guardado, (2), Gina Guerrero, Kristi Guerrero (2), Arielle Hudddleston, Jacob Johnson, Humberto Juarez, Raven Luna, Sasha Mayorga, Samantha Medrano, Allen Mehrafshan, Tanya Ramirez, Ashley Silva and Eva Torres.

Most improved

Lawrence Jaramillo, Jessica Kenly, Jessica Morgan, Tanner Robertson, David Sosa and Alex Yruegas.

Citizenship

Alyna Alvarez, Eleanor Ashley, Remington Bloom, Shahala Essery, Michael Guardado, Alex Hernandez, (2) Mario Hernandez, Titus Hestand, Lawrence Jaramillo, Kenny Kincaid, Raven Luna, Andrea Martinez, Samantha Medrano, Kylie Moreland, Brian Muniz, Janie Ornelas, Ashley Silva, Jonathan Tarter, Eva Torres, Juan Torres and Jonathan Verduzco.

Primary students received the following awards.

Outstanding

Jason Alvarez, Alyssa Doucette, Austin Elliott, Emily Guerra, Priscilla Guzman, Christopher Haynes, Hill Landon, Tyler Hillard, Megan Leatherwood, Jordyn Mathis, Sarah McWilliams, Michael Northcutt, Genaro Olvera, Joel Ortegon, Tate Logan and Taryn Velasquez.

Most improved

Anissa Alvarez, Emanuel Cabrera, Kutter Derryberry, Angel Duran, Abigail Espinoza, Mikel Espinoza, Jacob Gonzales, Jose Luis Hernandez, Chance Hicks, Bryce Jones, Matthew Northcutt, Gage Robertson, Alichia Simmons and Hayden Taylor.

Citizenship

Lakeisha Brown, Neil Cooper, Alyssa Doucette, Diamond Escobedo, Kaiden Gamble, Jaci Hawthorn, Christopher Haynes, Mireya Medina, Lacey Morris, Anthony Rocha, Ashlee Rub, Geraldine Rub, April Slaughter, Courtney Velasquez and Swade West.

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WEDDING SHOWER HELD — Shannon Hall, bride-elect of Sam Robinson, was honoree at a bridal shower on Nov. 9 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. From left are Tizzy Hall and Donna Stehley, grandmothers of the future bride, Jamie Hall, her mother; the honoree; Tina Robinson, mother of the prospective groom, and Sara Robinson, his sister, both of Norman, Okla. Shannon and Sam will marry at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 20 in Maui, Hawaii. (Contributed Photo)

BRIDAL SHOWER — A bridal shower was held on Nov. 8 in the home of Laddie and Lou McMillan for Zack and Kallie Tuttle. The couple married Oct. 18 in Fredericksburg. Pictured from left are Leslie and Dylan Billingsley, sister-in-law and nephew of the bride; Ashley Tuttle, sister of the groom holding Laney Tuttle, daughter of the groom of Levelland; Brenda Billingsley, mother of the bride; Barbara McWhorter, grandmother of the bride from Abilene; Kallie Tuttle, the bride of Levelland; Carole Kincer, grandmother of the groom from Lubbock; and Carole Tuttle, mother of the groom. (Contributed Photo)

Carol Burnett gets an apology from CBS for missing tribute

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Carol Burnett got a public apology after a tribute to her was left out of CBS' 75th anniversary special.

"I am sorry that during the excitement of a 'live 3 hour television event' the wonderful film piece we prepared that paid tribute to the 'Carol Burnett Show' was not aired," executive producer Gil Cates said Wednesday in an open letter addressed to "Dear Carol" and published in trade papers.

Cates noted that Burnett received a "glorious standing ovation" from the audience in the New York ballroom where the Nov. 2 show was held.

"Sometimes 'goofs' happen. We all feel bad about that. I promise that won't happen on the 100th," Cates wrote in the ad that was published in Daily Variety and The Hollywood Reporter.

There was a touch of irony in the incident. In 2001, CBS scored big ratings with a special on Burnett's 1967-79 variety show. Its popularity triggered a nostalgic flood of tributes to other old series.

It was a skipped cue that failed to bring up clips of Burnett's show before she took the stage, Cates said in an interview Wednesday. Burnett didn't complain and he apologized to her the next day, he said.

He said he took the ad out, in part, to explain to those in the TV industry who might have wondered why Burnett's show had been omitted.

Burnett was surprised by the ad, said her publicist, Deborah Kelman.

"She's been in live TV her whole life and she certainly understands it and that goofs can happen. She didn't feel an apology was necessary," Kelman said.

75 wedding gowns stolen from store

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Jennifer Schultz-Hurt can't understand it. Neither can Lincoln police.

Why would someone steal 75 wedding gowns from Schultz-Hurt's store?

Sometime between 6 p.m. Monday and 10 a.m. Tuesday, the gowns, valued at $37,500, were taken from the Bridal Gown Outlet, said Police Capt. Terrence Sherrill.

Schultz-Hurt said neither money nor jewelry went missing. The burglars also left behind the standard, more popular dress sizes, Schultz-Hurt said. Taken were mainly sizes in the 1 to 2 range, as well as several 22-plus sizes.

"I'm baffled. I'm just so in shock," she said. "Who would do this?" And for what purpose?

"It is strange," Sherrill said, who added police have no suspects.

It's the second time the store has been burglarized since it opened in 1992.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North
♠ K 5 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ J 10 6 3
♣ A 10 9

West
♠ Q J 6
♥ J 9 8 5 4
♦ Q 2
♣ 7 4 3

East
♠ A 10 9 4
♥ 10 7
♦ 7 5 4
♣ 8 6 5 2

South
♠ 8 7 3
♥ K 6 2
♦ A K 9 8
♣ K Q J

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 5

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003

Think bad thoughts; get good results

By Phillip Alder

Many would agree with Thomas Hardy here: "Pessimism ... is, in brief, playing the sure game. You cannot lose at it; you may gain. It is the only view of life in which you can never be disappointed. Having reckoned what to do in the worst possible circumstances, when better arise, as they may, life becomes child's play."

It is like that at the bridge table. If you assume the worst possible distribution and find a way to make or break the contract anyway, then, when the layout is more favorable, you will cruise home easily — although with less satisfaction.

In today's deal, you are South, the declarer in three no-trump. How would you plan the play after West leads his fourth-highest heart?

As North put his dummy down, he said, "This will be easy." Little did he know!

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Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

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Births

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Her paternal grandparents are Delores and Samuel Davis Sr. of Midland. Her maternal grandparents are Elena and Gilbert Gonzales of Snyder.

Betsy Dominguez of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter, Kalyn Joy Dominguez. She was born at 8:57 a.m. on Nov. 12 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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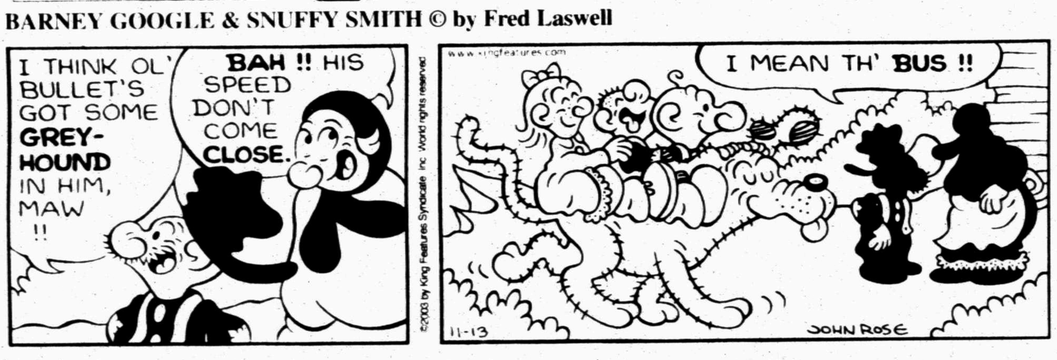

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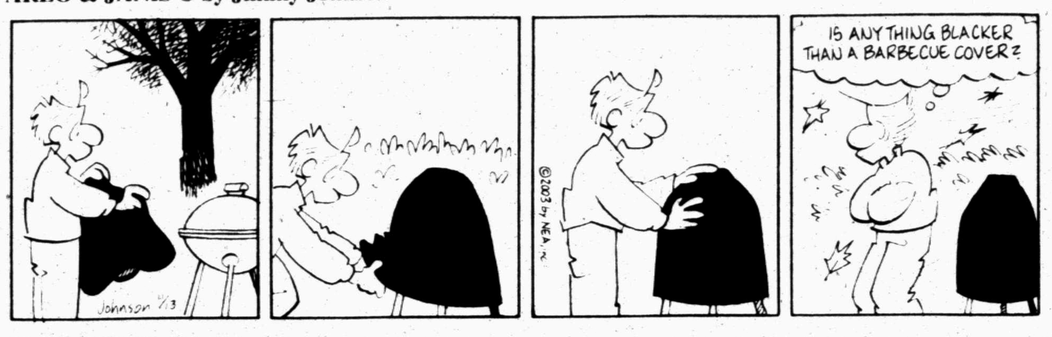

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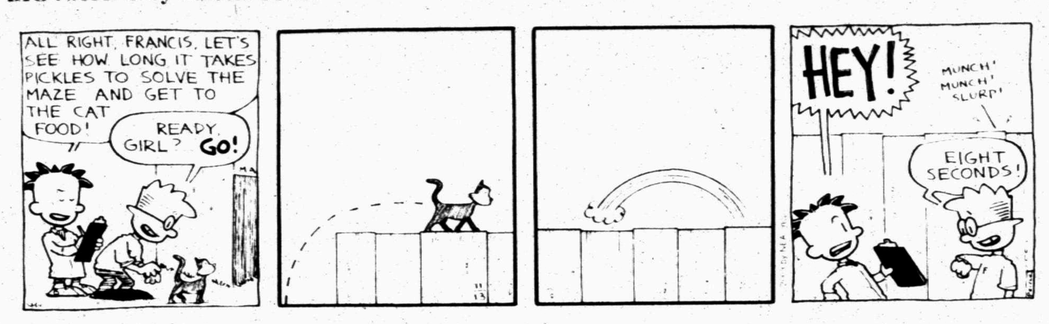

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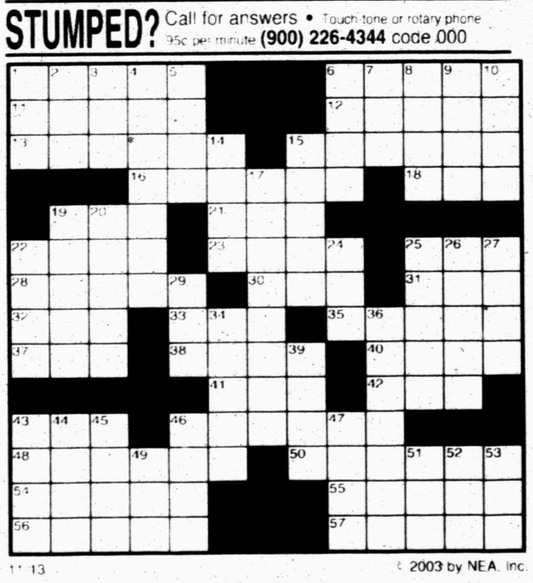

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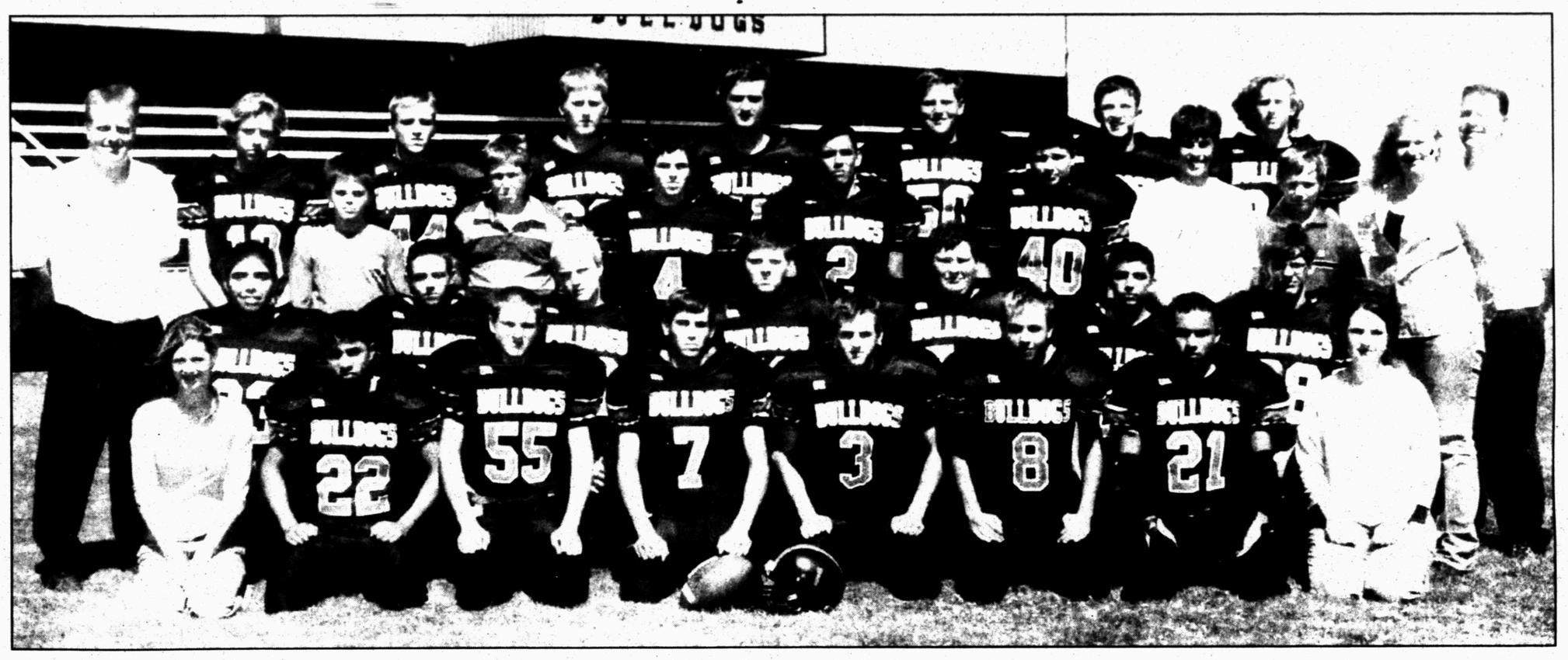

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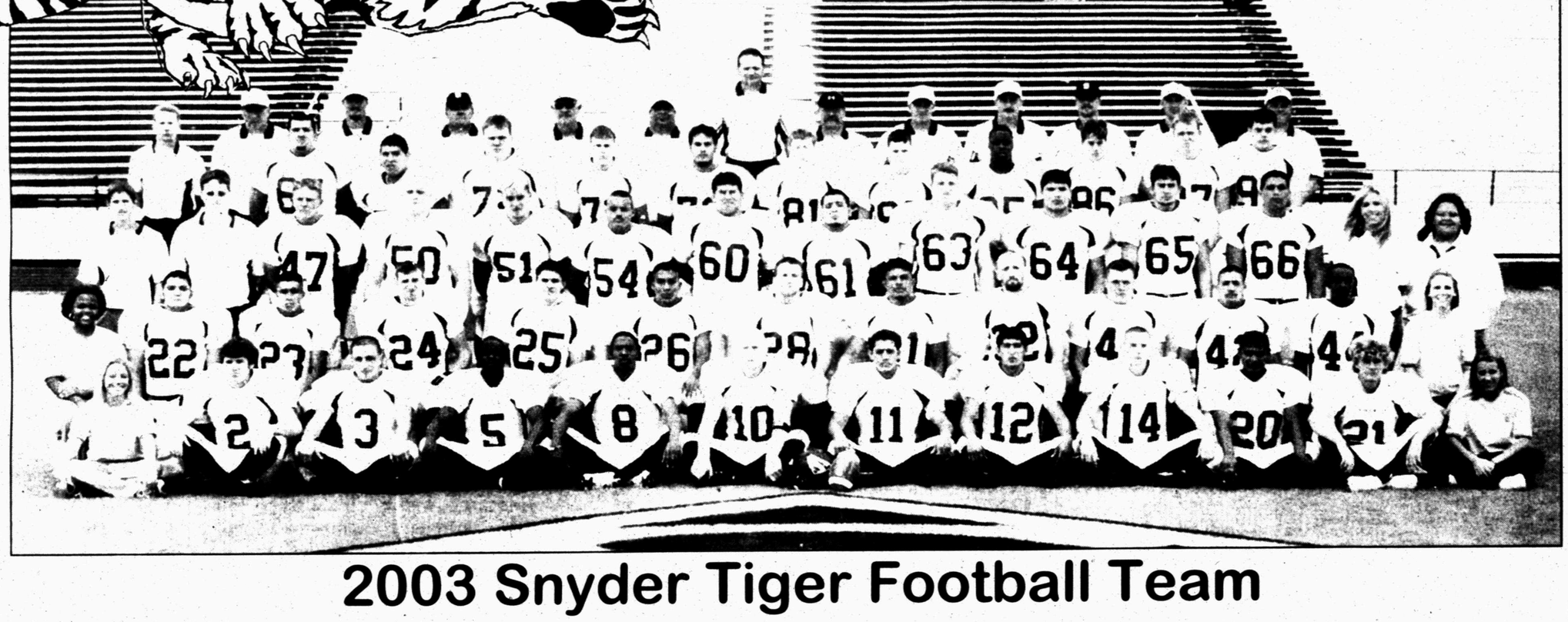

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SPORTS

Tigers, Loboes take similar paths to postseason

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

Familiar opponents found themselves in similar circumstances this season.

The Snyder Tigers overcame an 0-3 start to win six of their last seven, grabbing the second seed in District 3-3A and a second consecutive playoff berth.

The Monahans Loboes suffered a trio of defeats to 3-3A teams, before shocking 2002 state finalist Midland Greenwood in the District 4-3A opener en route to the district title.

Now the teams will meet in a rematch of last year's defensive battle in the bi-district round, a 7-6 Loboes win.

The Tigers practiced at Grande Communications Stadium — the site of Friday's match-up — before the season began in anticipation of this very scenario.

"I told the kids we'd be back," Snyder head coach Chad Rogers said.

Rogers points to the Merkel game as the turning point of the season, when he saw his team's demeanor on the sidelines when he decided to go for it on fourth-and-goal from the one-inch line.

Snyder trailed 14-0 after the first quarter, but clawed their way back to tie the game, setting up a goal-line situation at the end of regulation.

The Tigers failed to get it into the end zone, but claimed a double overtime victory for the first of four straight victories to close out the season.

"They knew we believed in them, and that they believed in us," he said.

Monahans opened their district schedule with a shocking, 35-34, upset over Greenwood, catapulting them to an unblemished district record.

Ironically, it was not a win, but a 7-0 loss to Lamesa that Monahans head coach Larry Hanna said turned around the Loboes' season.

"It took a game like that to wake us up," he said, adding that his team did not play up to its abilities early on. "Our team knew that. We have good players, a good scheme and a good system. We had some issues as a team, but we came together."

He also said the win over Greenwood gave the team confidence heading into its final four games.

"It gave us momentum," he said. "We knew we had to play good to win, and it was a confidence builder, playing at a high level against a good team."

Hanna said the key to his club is twofold.

"I think it's confidence and aggressiveness, on both sides of the ball," he said.

Both coaches said their teams are playing their best ball going into the playoffs, and had high praise for their opponent.

"Coach Hanna knows what he's doing, and he always gets his teams ready to play in the postseason," Rogers said.

"(Snyder) is a good program. They are well-coached and have good athletes, and that combination will be tough to deal with," said the Monahans coach."

Monahans and Snyder each played Merkel, Lamesa and Seminole. Snyder beat Seminole, 28-16, while Monahans was beaten soundly by the Indians, 41-16. Monahans also fell to Merkel in addition to Lamesa, while the Tigers topped both of those clubs.

Neither coach puts much stock in last year's outcome in the playoffs, nor how each fared against common foes this year.

"None," Hanna said regarding what impact last year would have on this year's game, "You're talking about two different teams, with different players and different standings. This year, we are the first place team, and we were third last year. It's hard to pay attention to common opponents. Those were losses we learned from."

Rogers concurred.

"It's a new season and new teams," he said. "We haven't talked about it as a revenge game. We are taking it as another game."

Neither is concerned with potentially wet weather, either. Rain is in the forecast for Friday morning, with temperatures dropping into the low 50s for game time.

Rogers said the experience his team has had in a variety of situations — close losses, blowout wins and come-from-behind victories — would serve them well in the postseason.

"Obviously, that experience helps," he said. "These kids have been in tight games. They are excited to be playing ball, and being one of 32 teams still playing in the whole state of Texas (in Region I)."

Rogers said the experience also has helped him.

"The more players do something, the better they get, and it's the same for coaches."

Rogers said defense would be the key to the game, and he feels his unit has played stronger in each game.

"They have gotten better and better, and they are very aggressive," he said. "They like to hit and like to play the game the way it's supposed to be played. We're playing our best ball right now."

He said the early-season struggles and the late-season push highlighted the character of his team.

"I'm proud of the way this team stuck together. It's important for teams to respond," he said, noting the team had a solid week of practice: "The intensity is good, and the kids are having fun. We are concentrating better and the focus is there. And this team is not satisfied."

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

GOING OVER THE DETAILS — Snyder head coach Chad Rogers huddles with Malcom Wells, left, and Demetrius Brandon at Wednesday's practice. The Tigers are gearing up for Friday's bi-district showdown with District 4-3A champion Monahans in Midland. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ira regroups for postseason run after emotional victory

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The challenge for the eighth-ranked Ira Bulldogs that head coach Toby Goodwin has had to deal with this week is getting his team back into focusing for Friday's playoff game with Rule after last week's district-clinching, 44-24, victory over arch-rival Highland.

Toby Goodwin

"We feel good, but we can't be satisfied with the win last week," Goodwin said. "We have been hungry all year long. It was a great win, and an emotional win, but now it's time to let it go."

This marks the fourth consecutive season the Bulldogs have reached the postseason, and this week's match-up with the Rule Bobcats is another in a string of tough, first-round games.

"They are a big-play team," Goodwin said. "We will have to contain them."

Rule sports one of the fastest players in District 7 in running back Kolt Kitley, and Goodwin said keeping him in check would be the key for the Ira defense.

"He has great speed, and we will have to get to him," Goodwin said.

Rule's only two losses came against ranked New Castle and eventual District 7 champion Aspermont, which battles Highland Friday.

Since opening the season with a 52-6 loss to second-ranked Whitharral, Ira has outscored its last nine opponents, 516-101, and have topped 50 in eight of those nine contests, and scored 60 or more in four of those.

Rule is also a scoring machine, having racked up 522 points, while giving up 268. The Ira defense has allowed just 74 points since the Whitharral game.

Goodwin credits the balance of his offense for the scoring output.

"It's nice to have a run and a passing threat," he said. "It really helps the offense flow because one complements the other."

He said winning the district was important.

"It's a combination of winning the district and being the top seed," he said. "Your first goal is to get into the playoffs, but you always want to win your district. Being the top seed is a better road to take."

Goodwin said he reminded his team this week that one loss ends the season.

"It's win or go home," he said. "It's the playoff, and anything can happen, so you have to show up ready to play."

The game is scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff at Rotan High School.

Six-Man Pairings

SIX-MAN
Region I/II

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amherst (6-3) vs. Meadow (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Levelland.

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

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

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

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

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

DIVISION II
Region I

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Spurs crush Nets in Finals rematch

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — With Tim Duncan and Tony Parker back in the lineup, the San Antonio Spurs are starting to look like the team that beat the New Jersey Nets and won the NBA title last season.

That's a lot better than what Nets coach Byron Scott saw in his team.

Scott accused the Nets of playing scared Wednesday night after the two-time defending Eastern Conference champions lost to Duncan and the Spurs 85-71 in their first meeting since the NBA Finals.

"It's the first time we played that way, just scared to play," Scott said after the Nets lost for the fifth time in eight games.

"I don't know if it's because we didn't get off to a good start playing a team that has all its weapons. They want to get back on track, and it looked like we were scared to play the way we're capable of playing."

Duncan and Parker had a lot to do with that.

Duncan had a season-high 31 points and 12 rebounds, and Parker added 17 points, six rebounds and four assists, making the Spurs 2-0 since they returned from ankle injuries.

Much like in the playoffs, the Nets had no answer for either Duncan or Parker.

McKeon, Pena top managers

NEW YORK (AP) — Jack McKeon calls himself an "old goat." He can add "wise."

The 72-year-old manager of the Florida Marlins was voted NL Manager of the Year for the second time after transforming a last-place team into a World Series champion.

"This is something that topped off all the good things that happened to us this year," he said Wednesday after the voting was announced.

Kansas City's Tony Pena won the AL honor after the Royals rebounded from their first 100-loss season to stay in contention until the final week.

McKeon received 19 of 32 first-place votes and 116 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, becoming the first manager to win the award after taking over a team during the season.

He is the third-oldest in major league history, trailing Hall of Famers Connie Mack (88) and Casey Stengel (75). He thanked the Marlins for hiring him.

"They had the courage to go out and hire an old goat like me," he said in Miami. "I wanted one more crack."

Sports Briefs

Former heavyweight sues Stallone over "Rocky"

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Former heavyweight boxer Chuck Wepner is suing actor Sylvester Stallone for a share of the profits from the "Rocky" movies, claiming the series was based on Wepner's career.

Wepner, who went nearly 15 rounds in a 1975 loss to Muhammad Ali, claims in a lawsuit filed in Superior Court in Jersey City that Stallone repeatedly credits that fight as the inspiration for the film.

Wepner's attorney, Anthony Mango estimates the five "Rocky" films and associated products have brought in over $1 billion and said Wepner is entitled to part of that.

Sanders, Elway top list of Canton semifinalists

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — John Elway and Barry Sanders, both in their first year of eligibility, head the list of 25 semifinalists for induction to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2004.

The semifinalists were chosen by the Hall's board of selectors from the announced list of 67 nominees. Among other selections were wide receivers Cliff Branch, Art Monk and Steve Tasker, who is also listed as a special teams player; quarterback Ken Stabler; and punter Ray Guy.

Reigning MVP Gannon out for season

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Rich Gannon, last year's NFL MVP, will miss the rest of the season and have surgery on his throwing shoulder. The Oakland Raiders placed the quarterback on injured reserve.

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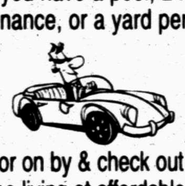

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Study: For LDL cholesterol, no such thing as 'too low'

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A new study offers an answer to doctors' long-running debate over how far heart patients should lower their bad LDL cholesterol: As low as possible.

"There is no such thing as too low an LDL. That's what the data seems to show," said Dr. Steven Nissen of the Cleveland Clinic. He presented the results Wednesday at a meeting of the American Heart Association in Orlando.

He conducted the first head-to-head comparison of popular statin drugs. The results suggest that lowering cholesterol more aggressively than the current national guidelines recommend can completely stop dangerous clogging of the arteries.

Nevertheless, other experts caution that it is too soon to rewrite federal guidelines, although that may be in the offing as several new studies tackle this issue in the next few years.

The latest study compared two statin pills, Lipitor and Pravachol. It found that Lipitor did a considerably better job of both lowering cholesterol and controlling the insidious buildup of gunk inside the arteries when given to people with serious heart disease.

Exactly why, though, is unclear. The benefit could not be totally explained by the lower cholesterol levels. Researchers wondered if some other property of Lipitor, such as it stronger effect on inflammation, accounted for its more potent effects.

The study was sponsored by Lipitor's maker, Pfizer. Another similar but larger study is nearing completion, sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squibb, which makes Pravachol.

Guidelines recommend getting LDL, the bad cholesterol, down to 100. But many have wondered whether lower is better. The latest study lowered that target to 80 and found the more rigorous treatment seemed to stop artery clogging in its tracks.

The study involved 654 adults with LDL over 125 who had symptoms of coronary disease. They were randomly assigned to get either 40 milligrams of Pravachol or 80 milligrams of Lipitor, the top doses available of the two drugs. At the time the study began in 1999, Lipitor was considered to be the most powerful statin on the market.

The doctors used highly sensitive intravascular ultrasound to watch what happened to the buildup, known as plaque, in volunteers' heart arteries. After 18 months of typical follow-up, average LDL was 110 in the Pravachol patients and 79 in those on Lipitor.

The volume of plaque in their arteries increased almost 3 percent in the Pravachol patients, while it actually regressed a fraction of 1 percent in those on Lipitor. However, the shrinkage was too small to be statistically meaningful.

Even when people on Pravachol reached the same LDL levels as those on Lipitor, their plaque buildup was worse. Nissen speculated that Lipitor's especially powerful effect on inflammation of the blood vessels could be the reason.

In this study, Lipitor lowered this inflammation, as measured by a substance called C-reactive protein, by 36 percent, while Pravachol reduced it by 5 percent.

"I think Pravachol is a good drug," Nissen said. "I just think it's not the best drug. I do respect that all statins work. But there are differences across the class."

Julie Keenan, a spokeswoman for Bristol-Myers Squibb, noted that the study did not measure actual heart complications, such as heart attacks and death, and earlier studies have shown that Pravachol reduces the risk of both.

Dr. Christopher Cannon of Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital is directing Bristol-Myers Squibb's comparison of the two drugs and said that study will judge which one does a better job of keeping people alive and healthy.

He said Nissen's finding that Lipitor is more effective at blocking plaque is "fascinating," but he asked, "Is it important?"

Meanwhile, Dr. Raymond Gibbons of the Mayo Clinic said cardiologists will demand hard evidence that more aggressive cholesterol lowering saves lives before they make wholesale switches in therapy.

"We are not treating the people who need it, period, to even moderate LDL levels," Gibbons said. "We are not getting them to even 110. This study suggests we need to go to a new level."

Guidelines from the National Institute of Health's National Cholesterol Education Program, last revised two years ago, set LDL under 100 as the target for treatment in people with heart disease.

Today's chuckle

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ATLANTA (AP) — Stephen Cooke's mistake is turning out doubly lucky.

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"When I saw that one of my three tickets was a winner, I was in shock. I didn't even think to check my other tickets," he said.

Cooke says he plans to buy a cabin on a lake and spend time fishing.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

The ravages of old age

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am writing about my husband, who was recently rushed to the emergency room because of chest pain. He was kept in hospital for three days and had numerous normal tests, including blood analysis, a CT scan, a stress test, a PET scan and a cardiac ultrasound. The doctors found nothing wrong, but he is weak and can barely walk across the room. No shortness of breath, however. I put him on multivitamins. He is 91. What is left to do?

DEAR READER: Of all the many consequences of old age, weakness is the most common. As we age, our muscles shrivel and become less efficient; we are forced to modify our physical activities and move more slowly. While I am not suggesting that age alone is playing a major role in your elderly husband's problem, I am sure that it is a factor. Frankly, I'm a bit surprised that he had a normal stress test. With his history of exercise intolerance, he must have had difficulty completing the exercise portion of the test. And I am equally surprised that his ultrasound exam was also normal, because I'd expect that the echocardiogram would reveal age-related weakness of the cardiac muscle.

Inasmuch as his diagnosis is far from clear, I recommend that he place himself under the care of an internist. Such a medical specialist can review the testing that your husband had in the hospital, order further testing if appropriate, and advise him about therapy. For example, a conditioning program (through your local hospital or fitness center) might help resolve your husband's weakness. Or your spouse may need special treatment (or medication) that the doctor can prescribe.

In my opinion, a well-trained, caring internist is your best option. Continuing the multivitamins is OK.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've just returned from my fifth ocean voyage, which was a little rough for several days. When I landed, I found myself weaving, dizzy and nauseated. Why does this happen?

DEAR READER: This phenomenon is common in sailors. While people are at sea, the balance mechanisms in the ears adapt to the motion of the waves. When they land, such voyagers often experience a sensation of rolling and instability that may last several hours, until the balance mechanism readjusts.

This "landsickness" is a normal physiological reaction that will resolve itself without medication.

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

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Alltel	46.01	45.63	45.71	— .24
AmEl Pw	27.57	27.35	27.46	— .04
AndarkPtr	43.71	43.35	43.44	+ .09
ATMOS Egy	24.62	24.52	24.59	
Aviall	15.60	15.48	15.52	— .03
BP PLC	42.41	42.12	42.23	— .37
BakerHughes	29.70	29.48	29.28	— .04
Bank of Amer	75.82	75.35	75.48	— .33
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CenterPoint	9.80	9.71	9.75	+ .01
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Citigroup	47.52	47.21	47.41	+ .32
CocaCola	47.04	46.56	46.75	— .33
ColgatePal	52.65	52.33	52.38	— .34
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DaimlrChry	37.96	37.60	37.86	— .03
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DuPont	40.74	40.48	40.52	— .16
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GenDynam	83.11	82.20	83.07	— .01
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NCR Corp	35.51	35.09	35.13	— .45
Navistar	41.96	41.86	41.94	+ .01
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UnitedTech	85.82	85.13	85.74	— .46
Unocal	31.37	31.09	31.18	— .08
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WalMart	57.87	55.76	55.79	—2.17
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WstnGasRs	43.50	42.74	43.30	+ .42
WinnDixie	7.80	7.72	7.76	+ .01
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NATIONAL FINALIST — Rowdy Cumbie, Snyder FFA member, is a 2003 proficiency national finalist in diversified crop production and placement. From left are Laurie Langstratt, director of public relations; Dan DeLano, assistant vice president and national marketing manager, and Paul Ward, field supervisor, both represent Rain and Hail LLC; and Cumbie. The contest is also sponsored by American Farm Bureau Insurance Services Inc. (Contributed Photo)

NATIONAL FINALIST — Michael Parsley, Snyder FFA member, is a national proficiency finalist in forest management and products, entrepreneurship and placement. From left are Jim Collins, director of community relations for John Deere; Ervin Bielmyer, Smurfit and Stone Container Corp; and Parsley. Another sponsor is the DaimlerChrysler Corp. Fund (Contributed Photo)

NATIONAL FINALIST — Laci Hackfeld (right) Snyder FFA member, is a proficiency national finalist in small animal production and care and placement. Also pictured is Cindy Ettestad, past-president the National FFA Alumni Association. (Contributed Photo)

3 SHS FFA compete in proficiency contests at National FFA meet

Three Snyder FFA members competed in the Proficiency award program at the 2003 National FFA Convention held Oct. 29-Nov. 1 in Louisville, Ky.

Rowdy Cumbie, 18, competed in the dversified cop poduction; Michael Farsley, 16, forest management and products entrepreneurship; and Laci Hackfeld, 19, small animal production and care.

Preferring to spend a day on the tractor than anything else was a good motivator for Cumbie to develop a successful diversified crop SAE. He has been able to work for a number of area farmers raising wheat, Sudan hay, alfalfa and sorghum and has become proficient in working with most types of farm machinery.

Cumbie, the son of Bobby Jack and Gwen Cumbie, is a 2003 graduate of Snyder High School. He hopes to one day start his own custom farming operation.

Parsley has been able to help area producers rid themselves of mesquite trees and begin a business of selling cut firewood for himself.

He is a junior at Snyder High School and hopes to attend Texas Tech University to study wildlife management. He is the son of George and Pam Parsley.

Developing an early fascination for veterinary work, Hackfeld earned herself a position in a local veterinary clinic. Hackfeld started out at the clinic cleaning the work areas but soon began to assist during exams and operations. She is a 2002 graduate of Snyder High School She plans to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. She is the daughter of Brum and Karen Pinkerton.

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The 10,000-mile long Mid-Atlantic Ridge, an underwater chain of mountains that extends southward from Iceland, is the longest mountain range in the world.

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Idaho is also known as the Gem State.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Pastor's affair with woman was in fact sexual abuse

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the letter from "Fallen and Wants to Get Up." She's the woman who had an affair with her pastor and quit his church in an attempt to end it, but he wouldn't leave her alone. She also mentioned he pockets some of the tithe money.

Your advice to her was right on. She should report the "Pastard" (kudos for the nickname!); however, there is more going on than an affair. "Fallen" has been sexually exploited by that slimeball. The emotional damage experienced by these victims is devastating. Many of them become suicidal. They don't understand what happened to them.

We are taught to place unquestionable trust in professionals in the helping professions. When ethical boundaries are crossed or nonexistent, these victims are severely damaged. This is a subject no one wants to talk about. Sexual misconduct and/or exploitation by a professional — be it a pastor, doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist, teacher, lawyer, firefighter or policeman — is a criminal offense in 24 states.

Allow me to direct your attention to www.advocateweb.org. We provide support, resources and a community of survivors for these victims. We understand how "Fallen" feels. We educate the public as well as offending professionals. We will help her and others to understand and heal from this gross violation. — **CINDY BOLING, VICE PRESIDENT, ADVOCATEWEB**

DEAR CINDY: I'm pleased to help. "Fallen's" letter brought in a flood of mail. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Fallen" was a good start, but it didn't go far enough. In addition to being a thief and a hypocrite, Pastor Jones is also a sexual predator. It is always the pastor's responsibility to set the boundaries, just as it is with any other professional.

"Fallen" should contact the FaithTrust Institute (www.faithtrustinstitute.org) for support on her journey of healing from this insidious form of abuse. — **SEMINARY STUDENT IN INDIANA**

DEAR SEMINARY STUDENT: Thank you for wanting to help. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: Having been on the staff of two large churches and on the executive leadership board of my former church, I predict that church membership, its staff and the larger church body will do nothing — or, if pushed, will do everything in their power to deflect blame to the weakest person.

Pastors and many church members are well-connected in the community. Maintaining the image of the church is more important to them than disciplining their own or caring for a repentant member. "Fallen" does not appear to be strong enough to see her husband, her lover and her church turn into enemies. — **NO NAME, NO CHURCH**

DEAR NO NAME: Don't bet on it! All she needs is God on her side, a good lawyer, and to understand the extent to which she has been victimized.

DEAR ABBY: Your response to the fallen wife and mother was on the mark. However, I take exception to the "Pastard" remark. We have enough foul language in this world without your adding to it. — **C.F. IN FRESNO, CALIF.**

DEAR C.F.: I have received both castigation and congratulation for my remark. I don't regret coining the term. The B-word is more accurate, but this is a family newspaper.

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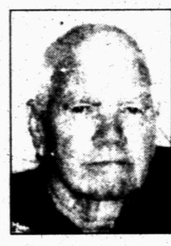

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Obituaries

Odell Williams

1915-2003

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

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

Odell Williams

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

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

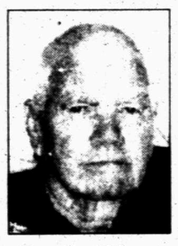
Visitation will be from 7-8 p.m. Friday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Dee Lockhart

1932-2003

Dee Harold Lockhart, a native of Scurry County, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Lockhart, 71, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Faith Baptist Church with the Rev. Larry White, pastor of the church, and Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Dee Lockhart

Born March 11, 1932 in Snyder, he married Bobbie Magness on May 16, 1952 in Lovington, N.M.

A lifelong resident of Snyder, Mr. Lockhart worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 30 years and was a member of the Faith Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and church treasurer.

Two brothers and six sisters preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Lockhart of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Michael Goebel of Hermleigh; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Marilyn Lockhart of Snyder; three sisters, Beatrice May and Beryl Shuler of Sweetwater and Jessie Lockhart of Midland; three grandchildren, Kelli Harmon and her husband Brad of Garland, Chris Goebel of Snyder and Holly Goebel of Lubbock; one great-grandson, Will Harmon of Garland; a special son, Roy Magness of Snyder; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 7 this evening at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the Odyssey Hospice, 1510 S. Gregg in Big Spring, 79720; or to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Mary McCravey

1914-2003

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

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

Mrs. McCravey

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

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

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

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

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

Family visitation will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Willard Parker

1935-2003

ODESSA — Willard Ray Parker, a former Snyder resident, died Thursday, Nov. 6, at his home in Odessa.

Service for Mr. Parker, 67, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Heights Baptist Church with the Rev. Jess Little officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Mr. Parker worked for Dickies Rental in Snyder from 1984-89. He was preceded in death by his parents, Blois T. Parker and Dorothy Houchins Parker Pasho; an infant son and a daughter.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Parker of Odessa; three brothers, Tommy D. Parker of Bedias, Texas, Charles M. Parker and John D. Pasho of Irving; and two sisters, Betty Chenoweth of Cody, Wyo., and Charlotte Dowell of McCaulley.

Mrs. James

1916-2003

LUBBOCK — Ernestine R. James, a native of Scurry County, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, in Vinita, Okla.

Funeral service for Mrs. James, 87, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Resthaven Chapel with the Rev. Clint Stephenson, minister of the Westmont Christian Church, officiating.

Born Oct. 8, 1916 near Snyder, she was a 1932 graduate of Snyder High School and attended North Texas State University before moving to Lubbock in 1940.

She married A.E. "Cotton" James on Aug. 16, 1947 and he died in 1981.

She worked with her husband in the insurance business and was an auxiliary volunteer for Methodist Hospital and a member of the Westmont Christian Church.

Survivors include her brother and his wife, Glenn and LaJuana Robison of Vinita.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or to the Lubbock Meals on Wheels.

Mrs. Zimmerman

1920-2003

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

Funeral service for Mrs. Zimmerman, 83, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Church of Christ with Jerry Warren officiating.

Born April 20, 1920 in Big Spring, Mrs. Zimmerman was an elementary school cafeteria worker. She had lived in Snyder before moving to Casa Grande in 1936. She was a member of the Church of Christ and a bowling league.

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

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

Shine Griffin

1918-2003

ABILENE — Service for former Snyder resident Shine Griffin, 85, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday at South Side Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Ross Cemetery annex in Baird.

Family visitation will be from 7-8 p.m. Friday at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory in Abilene.

Peace talks likely

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — With a Palestinian political crisis resolved, Palestinian and Israeli officials said today they expect their leaders to meet for peace talks — possibly within 10 days.

Strong winds sweep through several states

By The Associated Press

Strong wind kicked up by a fast-moving cold front swept through much of the Midwest and Great Lakes, knocking out power to hundreds of thousands, tossing buildings and spinning a crane "like a weather vane."

One person drowned in a flooded creek in West Virginia, and near-blizzard conditions were in the forecast in parts of upstate New York.

"It's a little breezy," said meteorologist Bob Hamilton in Buffalo. "Right now we've got wind gusts coming of about 60 to 65, and that's just the beginning."

High winds were expected to continue today as the front moved eastward, dropping a mix of rain and snow. New York-area airports had delays of up to 45 minutes, and conditions there were expected to worsen.

More than 600,000 customers lost power around the region, including more than 240,000 in Michigan, where wind gusts of up to 74 mph knocked down trees and power lines.

No more than 5,000 insurgents in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The forces opposing the U.S.-led military coalition in Iraq total no more than 5,000 insurgent fighters, the top American general in the region said today.

Gen. John Abizaid said that despite the relatively small numbers, the insurgent forces have considerable training, funding and supplies.

Abizaid said the largest and most dangerous portion of the opposition forces consists of loyalists of ousted president Saddam Hussein. Foreign fighters also pose a threat and are entering Iraq through porous borders, Abizaid said.

"The goal of the enemy is not to defeat us militarily," Abizaid said in a news briefing from U.S. Central Command headquarters in Florida. "The goal of the enemy is to break the will of the United States of America, to make us leave."

While there is evidence that pro-Saddam insurgents, foreign fighters and terrorists are cooperating on a regional level, there is no evidence of national coordination, Abizaid said. "It could develop, but it hasn't yet," he said.

The opposition forces are getting money from stashes left over from Saddam's regime and from some sources outside Iraq "that are not clear to us," Abizaid said.

Minor accident reported

• Minor accident

A minor accident occurred in the Cinema parking lot at 10:39 a.m. Wednesday. The mishap involved a 1993 Chevrolet Silverado pickup, driven by Marvin Morrell of Snyder, and a 2000 Ford Taurus driven by Misty Cortez, also of Snyder. Bridget Sifuentez and a child were passengers in the Cortez vehicle. There were no injuries reported.

• Harassment

A caller reported from the 100 block of 36th at 7:41 p.m. Wednesday that a former boyfriend was harassing her. The responding officer spoke with the woman and maintained a close patrol of the residence. He also made contact with the man involved and advised him of the complaint.

• Cars racing

A caller made a report last night at 8:55 p.m. of two Camaros racing up and down College Ave. An officer was dispatched and located one of the drivers and explained to him the consequences should the racing continue.

• Gas drive offs

A clerk at Town and Country East reported at 11:06 a.m. that two gas drive offs had occurred earlier Wednesday. The stolen gas amounts were $22.88 and $40.39. No vehicle descriptions were available.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 11/14	Sat 11/15	Sun 11/16
57/49	67/49	68/51
Cloudy with rain...ending by afternoon. High 57F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s	Cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s
Sunrise 7:12 AM Sunset 5:43 PM	Sunrise 7:13 AM Sunset 5:43 PM	Sunrise 7:14 AM Sunset 5:42 PM

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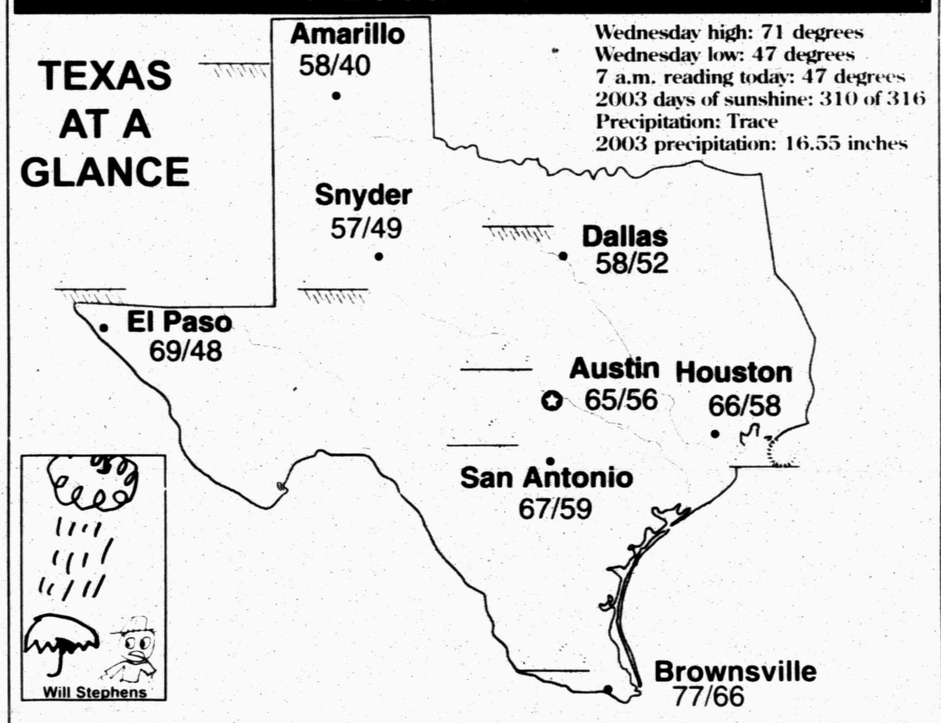

Wednesday high: 71 degrees
Wednesday low: 47 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 47 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 310 of 316
Precipitation: Trace
2003 precipitation: 16.55 inches

Will Stephens

	Hi	Lo	Cond.		Hi	Lo	Cond.		Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	59	53	rain	El Paso	69	48	rain	Midland	61	50	rain
Amarillo	58	40	rain	Fort Stockton	69	53	rain	Raymondville	76	64	cloudy
Austin	65	56	cloudy	Gainesville	54	47	rain	Rosenberg	67	58	pt sunny
Beaumont	65	53	pt sunny	Greenville	57	49	rain	San Antonio	67	59	cloudy
Brownsville	77	66	cloudy	Houston	66	58	pt sunny	San Marcos	66	56	cloudy
Brownwood	61	52	rain	Kingsville	74	63	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	58	48	rain
Corpus Christi	71	64	pt sunny	Livingston	64	51	pt sunny	Sweetwater	58	52	rain
Corsicana	60	51	cloudy	Longview	59	48	cloudy	Tyler	60	50	cloudy
Dallas	58	52	rain	Lubbock	57	45	rain	Weatherford	57	48	rain
Del Rio	64	59	cloudy	Lufkin	63	50	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	52	46	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	57	37	mst sunny	Houston	66	58	pt sunny	Phoenix	73	51	sunny
Boston	41	30	windy	Los Angeles	66	52	pt sunny	San Francisco	60	50	rain
Chicago	51	37	mst sunny	Miami	77	66	mst sunny	Seattle	52	46	rain
Dallas	58	52	rain	Minneapolis	48	36	mst sunny	St. Louis	48	40	rain
Denver	54	32	pt sunny	New York	46	36	windy	Washington, DC	48	34	windy

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Fri 11/14	Sat 11/15	Sun 11/16
2	3	3
Minimal	Low	Low

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

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Neither sides gets damages

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge said Wednesday that neither Rosie O'Donnell nor the publisher of her former magazine deserved damages in their dispute over its demise.

Minutes after both sides rested in the case, state Supreme Court Justice Ira Gammerman issued his surprising comments concluding the two-week trial.

"It seems to me ... we're just dealing with bragging rights here, who wins and who loses," said Gammerman, who heard the case without a jury.

The judge's remarks effectively left neither side as the victor in a trial where O'Donnell's image as the "Queen of Nice" took some hits and where the publisher was accused of manipulating the magazine's financial figures. The judge did leave open the possibility that O'Donnell could ask for publisher Gruner+Jahr USA to cover her legal fees.

Gammerman said there was no evidence or testimony during the contentious trial indicating that either side had caused the other to suffer damages.

Both parties invested money, the magazine lost money, and then it folded, he said. "There's no evidence that the magazine would have made any money at all," he said.

Gammerman's comments from the bench were not legally binding, although he offered no indication to either side that he would reverse his opinion. The case began two weeks ago.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Nov. 14, 2003

More opportunities than usual might be afforded you in the year ahead. However, don't make the mistake of thinking this trend is ongoing. Put all that comes your way to good use while things are cooking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you choose to go out on the town today, make certain you can afford that which you select to do. Plus, make doubly certain your cohorts are willing to pay their fair share.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It's never a good time to take for granted important things where your career or work is concerned, and today is no exception. If you get too complacent, it could be your downfall.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It may just be easier to see things as you would like them to be today instead of as they actually are, but it won't be the smart thing to do. You'll make things needlessly difficult for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't slow up on your investigative work today before plunking any hard-earned money down on a speculative venture. Chances are you'll discover things aren't all that they seem to be.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You can expect poor results if your join forces with someone today who treats serious issues lightly. Be picky about your cohorts when it comes to something that's important to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You'll not suffer from a lack of creativity today, but that which you conceive might count for little because you could be a bit too lazy to do anything about translating your ideas into action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It might be easier to get involved with someone that your better judgment tells you to avoid than it is to find other outlets today. If you ignore your instincts, you may regret it later.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — In order to be successful today, you must personally manage your own obligations instead of trying to palm them off onto someone else. Things you do not do yourself could run amuck.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — This may not be a good time to start any program or project that requires self-discipline and follow-through, whether it be dieting or a work-related endeavor. Your resolve is too weak.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — When it comes to shopping today, it isn't likely you'll have much control over your extravagant whims and spending habits. If possible, put your purchasing off until another day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — In your efforts to beautify your home today, it is best to understate your artistic expression rather than to overstate it. Being ostentatious could severely damage the look you're trying to achieve.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Usually you strive to be realistic about most things, but today you might feel the world owes you something. Unfortunately, it may not agree and disappointment is likely.

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FBI defends DNA evidence

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — An FBI scientist Wednesday denied that a DNA sample used to link Laci Peterson to a hair on her husband's boat was contaminated.

Bruce Budowle was called by prosecutors to rebut testimony from a defense expert who had criticized the DNA techniques used to analyze the hair, found in pliers in the boat Scott Peterson said he took fishing the day Laci disappeared.

The defense witness had said that testing of mitochondrial DNA was less reliable than other DNA tests and susceptible to contamination.

Budowle said the database the FBI used to determine the probability that the hair could have been from the 27-year-old Modesto woman was large enough that scientists were confident of their findings.

SCHOOL SPIRIT — Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh cheerleaders each earned their school a $100 donation from United Supermarkets when they decorated a wall at the store with their school colors. From left are Leticia McJimsey, Hermleigh sponsor; Jeff Perez, grocery manager; Kristi Goodwin, Ira sponsor; and Sandra Fulford whose daughter, Whitney, is an SHS cheerleader. Not pictured is Rhonda Ward, Snyder sponsor. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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