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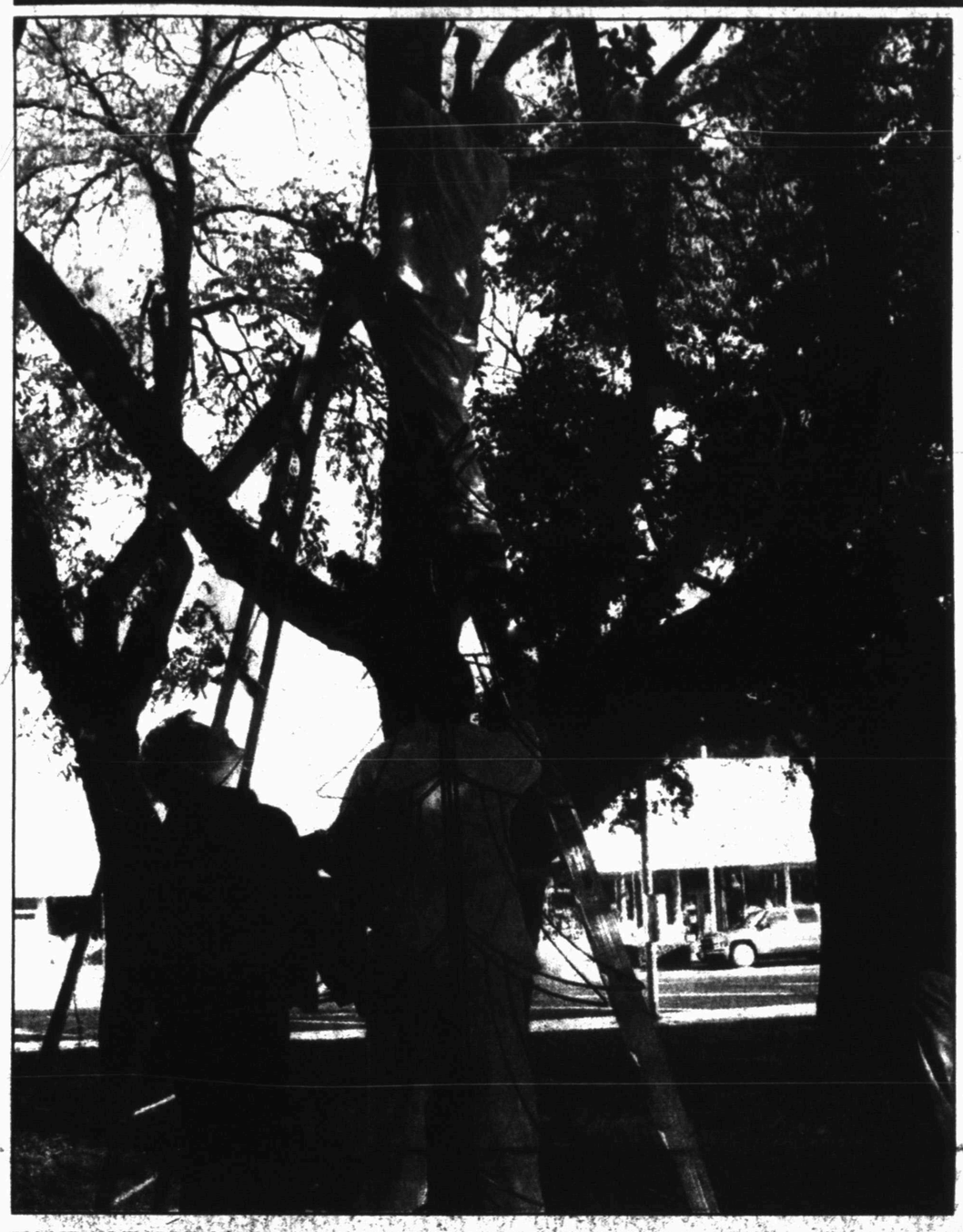

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS — Price Daniel inmates L. C. Davis, top, and Danny Urban assist Snyder Chamber of Commerce mirector Donna Fowler in assembling Christmas decorations on the courthouse lawn this morning while Price Daniel correctional officer Tony Steelman looks on. Fowler is holding one of 20 metal Christmas trees that will be lighted and placed on the courthouse grounds. (SDN Staff Photo)

Says Secretary Rumsfeld...

Special forces involved in Afghanistan fighting

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (AP) — U.S. special forces have been involved in ground combat in Afghanistan, killing Taliban and al-Qaida fighters, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said today. No Americans have died in the operations, he said.

"They are armed and they're participating," the Pentagon chief said, describing the ongoing battle to erase the al-Qaida terrorist network and the Taliban militia that supports them.

"They have gone into places and met resistance and dealt with it," Rumsfeld said. He declined to say specifically how many forces are there. "We have hundreds."

Troops from U.S.-allied countries also are on the ground, Rumsfeld said, but he would not identify those countries.

As a result of ground action in the south of Afghanistan, he said, "It is becoming less and less hospitable for al-Qaida to be around."

He spoke to reporters while flying here to address the graduating class at the Naval Training Center. The center, the only boot camp for Navy enlisted men and women, graduates 55,000 recruits a year.

Rumsfeld said high-level Taliban leaders have been captured by opposition Afghan forces and American officials are planning to interrogate them.

Rumsfeld's comments came after U.S. officials declared they were "tightening the noose" around Osama bin Laden's terrorist network with selective air attacks and clandestine direct action on the ground.

"We have not had anyone killed but they have been in situations," Rumsfeld said of the U.S. ground operations in Afghanistan.

The defense secretary said there's "a good deal happening" in the south of the country where Taliban and al-Qaida fighters have fled as the opposition has overtaken large parts of the country.

Talking about tribes in the south, Rumsfeld said, "They have been moving into towns and villages and cities and putting pressure on the Taliban to leave."

Asked what the U.S. special forces are doing in the south, he said, "They are looking for information. They're interdicting roads. They're killing Taliban that won't surrender and al-Qaida that are trying to move from one place to another."

He said special forces are also looking for airfields where transport aircraft can land supplies as operations continue in the area.

Rumsfeld didn't specify how many combat incidents U.S. ground forces had been involved in. At times U.S. forces were overrun but were able to call in airstrikes to fend off their attackers.

One of the incidents took place near Mazar-e Sharif, he said.

He pledged to keep up the pressure through the Muslim holy time of Ramadan, including hunting down terrorist leader Laden and his cohorts "as rapidly as possible."

A second group of Marines, meanwhile, is heading to the Arabian Sea.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "War is a good geography teacher."

Lots of favorable comments were received this week at the SDN office about last weekend's special veterans' edition.

Extra copies were printed, and one person wanted 50 to send to relatives.

While all of the SDN staffers contributed to the production of the special salute to our military men and women, the design and composition was made possible primarily by veteran staffer **Nancy McFatridge.**

Nancy is one of our oldest, oops! Meant to say longest-tenured employees. Nancy deserves to take a bow.

Also, thanks to readers for contributing some 330 pictures.

We also had lots of comments about our observation of the congested and dangerous parking situation at the new post office.

We're awaiting a reply from Congressman **Charles Stenholm** to find out if there are any federal guidelines for parking lots at government buildings.

Stay tuned!

Received this e-mail of local interest.

"Thursday, 11-80-1 **Arel Faver** of Snyder, **Charlie Wade Boren** of Burleson, **Bill Shied** of Arlington, **Doug McGlaun** of Fort Worth and **Bobby Hicks** of Richardson – all graduates of Snyder High School, classes of '45 and '46 – met at the home of Bill Sheid in Arlington."

The message further said they reminisced of the "olden days" in Snyder. They had lunch and then met at the home, workshop and showroom of Charlie Boren's in Burleson.

"Charlie is a well-known and successful wood sculpture. If you lived in Snyder, say from 1942 to 1947, rest assured you were discussed."

The undefeated **Ira Bulldogs** begin their playoff march tonight at Klondike, just south of Lamesa. The first post-season encounter is with Ropesville.

The Bulldogs are coached by **Toby Goodwin**, a SHS graduate who was a quarterback for the Snyder Tigers.

If you can't go and root for the Bulldogs, there's another playoff game, right here in Snyder.

Colorado and Post square off at 7:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium. Head coach for the Antelopes is another SHS grad, **Richard Gorman.**

Enjoy the weekend!

By DCOS...

Brick company's incentive package sees some changes

The Development Corporation of Snyder board of directors Thursday afternoon approved a new job-creation incentive agreement for Snyder Brick and Tile.

DCOS executive director John DeLille made the recommendation that the new agreement be based on gross wages, not the number of employees.

The agreement with the brick company is for a three-year period and will pay $50,000 per year based on a $1 million annual payroll.

"However, if the company closes its doors, it will not be paid anything," said DeLille.

DeLille said all the discussions between the plant and the DCOS were based on incentives totaling around $150,000.

"This is about all they will be getting from the DCOS," said DeLille.

In addition to the financial incentive, the only other action items were the approval of the financial statements and the payment of the bills.

DeLille also said all incentive payments to Lorber Industries have been stopped due to the closing of the plant.

"Our agreement called for another $15,000 in payments for a T1 telephone line, and about $20,000 more in job creation payments," said DeLille

"Those payments have been stopped," said DeLille.

Board president David Cotton presided and members present were Mike McWilliams, Mark Cypert and chairman emeritus Roy Baze.

Dayton Robertson and James Brown were absent.

New York will get $20 billion

NEW YORK (AP) — Homeland security Director Tom Ridge, standing next to rumbling machinery in the World Trade Center rubble, today affirmed the Bush administration's commitment to $20 billion in aid to the city.

"I just wanted to assure you on behalf of the President of the United States that his word is as good as gold," Ridge said after visiting the site of the Sept. 11 attacks with Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. "If you need the $20 billion, and you probably will, you're going to get it."

The attacks will cost the city's economy an estimated $83 billion in capital losses, cleanup and loss of economic output, according a report released Thursday by the New York City Partnership & Chamber of Commerce.

Ridge spoke on a platform that has been inscribed with messages in pen and marker to memorialize lost loved ones. Excavating machines could be seen moving below ground in a smoking pit, and two giant shards of the facade of the north tower jutted up in the distance.

"I think those who would undermine our way of life and those who would bring this tragedy to the greatest city in the world have picked the wrong city, the wrong country, the wrong leaders," he said.

Ridge walked onto the site with Giuliani, Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen and Richard Sheirer, who oversees the Office of Emergency Management.

Ridge shook hands with ground zero workers and had his picture taken with several, becoming another of many officials and dignitaries who have toured the site to get a sense of the destruction. Russian President Vladimir Putin visited Thursday.

"It's good that they all come to see what's really going on," construction worker Jimmy Pumilia said.

Before leaving the site, Ridge signed a banner in memory of the international victims of the attacks, writing the message "Good will triumph over evil. God bless you all."

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	2.34
East of city	2.90
West of city	4.75
CRMWD office	3.80
Lake Thomas	7.25
Hermleigh	2.50
Fluvanna	4.70
Polar	4.00
Loyd Mountain	1.00
Camp Springs	1.00
Dunn	3.00
Ira	4.60
Dermott	4.00
Union	1.00
Gail	1.00
Knapp	3.50
Hart Ranch	2.00
Gins	
Farmers Co-Op (E)	2.50
Sc. County (W)	2.50
Inadale	1.80

Totals as reported by area residents for Wednesday and Thursday.

Rain forces cancellation of some events

Wet grounds have caused the cancellation of at least two activities planned in Snyder on Saturday, as well as the closing of the landfill on Saturday.

The FFA turkey shoot has been cancelled due to muddy roads leading to the site, and the scout trash pick up day has also been cancelled due to muddy ditches.

Organizers of these events said if they are rescheduled, the times would be announced.

Border security between U.S., Canada is examined

OTTAWA (AP) — Canada and the United States agreed today on Cabinet-level cooperation to improve border security and speed the flow of trade despite heightened security concerns after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and Canadian Finance Minister Paul Martin met prior to a weekend gathering in Ottawa of G-20 finance ministers to discuss concerns that tightening movement across the 4,000-mile border would harm trade crucial to both economies.

O'Neill said the talks, which he characterized as excellent, focused on using technology and other resources to change the way traffic moves across borders.

Tighter security after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks has caused long delays for truck transportation at some border crossings.

ASK US

Q—How much has Lake Thomas risen after recent rains?

A—The CRMWD reported a rise of 1.32 feet to an elevation of 2,215.9 feet with water still flowing into the lake.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 60 degrees; low, 52; 7 a.m. Friday, 56; 1.06 inches precipitation; total for 2001, 18.39 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, 40% rain chance; low upper 40s; SE winds 5-10 mph. Saturday, morning fog possible, cloudy, 20% rain chance; high mid 60s.

Justin Gonzales
Cloudy

Sunset: 5:46 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:13 a.m.
Of 319 days in 2001, the sun has shone 307 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.
—Marcus Aurelius

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Two rescued Americans celebrate freedom

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — After a cold, sleepless night in a steel shipping container, American Heather Mercer and her seven aid worker colleagues found themselves in a new prison south of Kabul, with rockets crashing down on the contested town.

Men banged on the prison doors. The eight, held in five separate prisons for more than three months, believed their Taliban captors were returning, and their fate seemed increasingly uncertain amid chaos closing in on them.

To their surprise, an anti-Taliban soldier "came in with reams of ammunition around his neck. He was shouting, 'you're free, you're free,'" Mercer said today at a news conference in Islamabad, a day after the aid workers were whisked from Afghanistan by U.S. Special Forces helicopters.

Mercer called their nighttime pickup from the Afghan city of Ghazni, "a Hollywood rescue."

Looking rested after a day with relatives in Islamabad, Mercer and fellow American Dayna Curry — both graduates of Baylor University in Waco, Texas, recounted their ordeal, which began with their arrest Aug. 3 on charges of attempting to convert Muslim Afghans to Christianity.

Mercer, 24, and Curry, 30, were upbeat, sustained by their Christian faith, the support of their families and efforts by the U.S. government. They even had kind words for their Taliban captors.

"Considering the circumstances, the Taliban always treated us well," Mercer said. "There were Taliban who treated us as sisters."

The pair described endless hours of waiting inside Taliban prisons and weeks without any contact with the outside world. To pass the tedium, they prayed, sang religious songs, exercised, hand-washed their clothes, played cards and even "killed flies."

The boredom was broken by the thunder of the U.S. bombing raids in and around Kabul that began Oct. 7.

"Our building was shaking, our prison was shaking, all we could do was sit in the hallway and pray with all our hearts that the building wouldn't be damaged in any way," Mercer said.

The Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States and the ensuing war in Afghanistan complicated their case and may have delayed their release, the two said.

Taliban Supreme Court judges had indefinitely postponed the aid workers' trial, saying they feared their anger over U.S. airstrikes could hamper their ability to make a fair ruling.

Curry said that before their arrest, the workers for Shelter Now International, a German-based aid group, traveled freely in Kabul and regularly held talks with Afghans, who would discuss Islam and ask the foreigners about Christianity.

Of the Taliban accusations, "Eighty percent of the charges against us were false," Curry said.

She acknowledged that at the request of one Afghan family she had come to know, Curry made photocopies from a book about Jesus, and also showed the family a "Jesus film," actions that apparently caught the notice of the Taliban religious police.

In addition to the two Americans, four Germans, two Australians and 16 Afghans were arrested. The Afghans were also freed Tuesday, when the Taliban pulled out of the capital, abandoning the jail.

The Taliban interrogated the aid workers for 22 hours over the first three days of their captivity, the Americans said. Conditions were harsh, but the Taliban never mistreated them, they said.

The Taliban allowed, and even encouraged them to pray and sing, asking only that they be quiet during the Muslim prayer times.

However, Afghan prisoners were routinely abused, they said.

"We saw some pretty atrocious things," Mercer said. "Women were being beaten until they bled. Women were being arrested because they ran away from their husbands who beat them."

As the Taliban fled the Afghan capital early Tuesday, the eight thought they were about to be freed. Instead, the Taliban put them in the steel container and began driving them to Ghazni, about 75 miles south of Kabul.

"I was in the fetal position all night" trying to stay warm, Curry said.

On Tuesday morning, the six women and two men were removed and placed in the jail in Ghazni, winning their freedom two hours later when the anti-Taliban forces stormed the town.

"All of a sudden we looked out the window and saw all of the Taliban running out of the city, fleeing," Mercer said. "We thought that was the Taliban coming back and this was the end of the road. All of a sudden an opposition soldier comes in with reams of ammunition around his neck and he just started screaming, 'you're free you're free.'"

The commander took the aid workers to his home and contacted the International Committee of the Red Cross, which passed word to U.S. officials.

While the eight were waiting to be picked up by the helicopters, the women burned their head coverings, providing a beacon that helped the aircraft locate them in the pre-dawn darkness Thursday.

Arriving at a Pakistani air base just outside Islamabad, Curry hugged her mother Nanny Cassell, while Mercer raced to embrace her father John Mercer.

"The first thing we did was get our hair done, because it was a mess," Curry said. They went to a party at the German Embassy Thursday night, and had a phone call from President Bush.

Dead Sea Scrolls will be published

NEW YORK (AP) — Half a century after the first of the Dead Sea Scrolls was found in desert caves, archaeologists celebrated the near completion of the publication of the ancient texts.

"It's a very happy moment that we can say today that all this is completed," Emmanuel Tov, the project's editor in chief, said Thursday at the New York Public Library.

"After 54 years of excitement, expectation, tribulation, much criticism and a little praise, with the help of much inspiration and even more perspiration, the publication has been finalized."

The scrolls, which date from 250 B.C. to A.D. 70, were discovered between 1947 and 1956 in 11 caves overlooking the western shores of the Dead Sea.

For decades, access to the complete scrolls was tightly guarded by a small group of international scholars. After the release of bootlegged copies of some of the texts and an archive of scroll photographs, a new group of nearly 100 scholars took charge of the scrolls in 1991. Tov, a professor at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, was named to head the project, pledging to expedite its publication.

The 900 scrolls and commentaries in 37 volumes were primarily written in Hebrew and Aramaic on more than 15,000 leather and papyrus documents. They were found near the ruins of the ancient settlement Hirbet Qumran, nine miles south of Jericho in the West Bank.

They are believed to have been written by the Essenes, an austere and insular Hebrew sect.

Scholars consider the scrolls a treasure of Jewish history and religion. They provide insights into what the Hebrew Bible looked like more than 2,000 years ago. They also contain prayer texts, biblical interpretations, fragments of poetry, compositions on wisdom and various sectarian documents.

Tov and his colleagues said that nothing in the scrolls is likely to shed a negative light on Judaism or early Christianity as once was thought possible. Tov said Jesus was not mentioned in any of the scrolls, noting that most of the scrolls were written before Jesus was born.

The work "leads us to believe that the Bible went through many stages of changes," Tov said. "It gives us the opportunity to chart the development of the biblical books."

Tov's team, overseen by the Israel Antiquities Authority, has issued 28 volumes; two more are in their final stages. They are published by Oxford University Press under the general title "Discoveries in the Judean Desert."

An introductory volume is to be published early next year with a history of the project and a list of all the texts in the various volumes.

events

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RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

3-18-22-23-32

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

9-4-3

Date Book

Friday, Nov. 16, 2001

Today is the 320th day of 2001 and the 56th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1818, the U.S. Senate agreed to admit John H. Eaton of Tennessee, despite the fact that he was only 28 years old. The Constitution requires that senators be 30 years old.

On this day in 1914, the 12 regional banks of the Federal Reserve System opened for business.

On this day in 1973, the Skylab 4 mission — astronauts Gerald Carr, William Pogue and Edward Gibson — rocketed into Earth orbit to rendezvous with Skylab. They remained aboard the space station for 84 days, performing experiments and making observations.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: W.C. Handy (1873-1958), composer; George S. Kaufman (1889-1961), dramatist-critic; Paul Hindemith (1895-1963), composer; Burgess Meredith (1909-1997), actor; Donna McKechnie (1942-), dancer, is 59; Jo Jo White (1946-), basketball player, is 55; Dwight Gooden (1964-), baseball player, is 37; Lisa Bonet (1967-), actress, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1927, in a high-school football match in Connecticut, Haven High School defeated Sylvia High 256-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We are all like Scheherazade's husband, in that we want to know what happens next." — E.M. Forster

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (Nov. 15).

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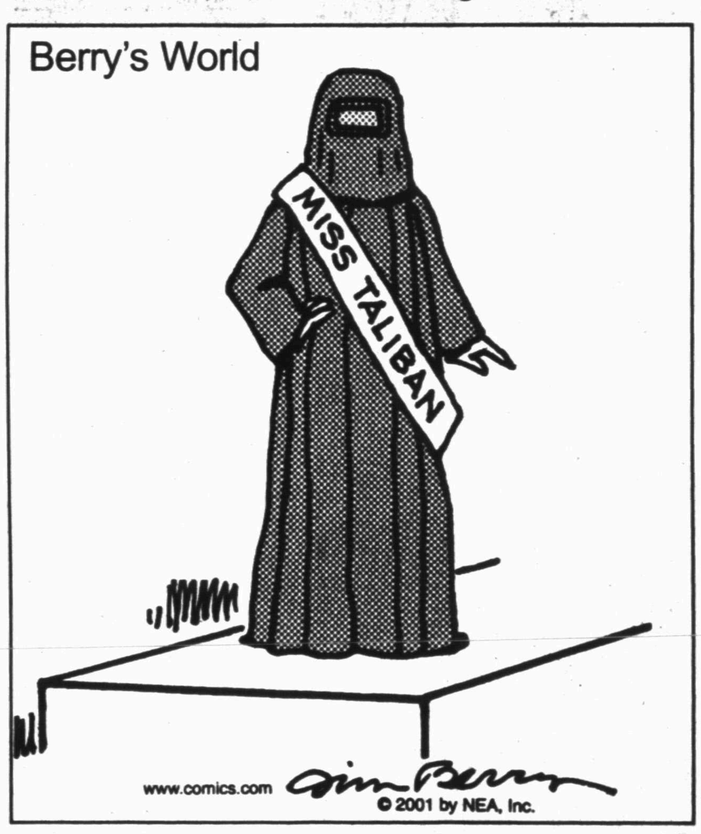
Berry's World



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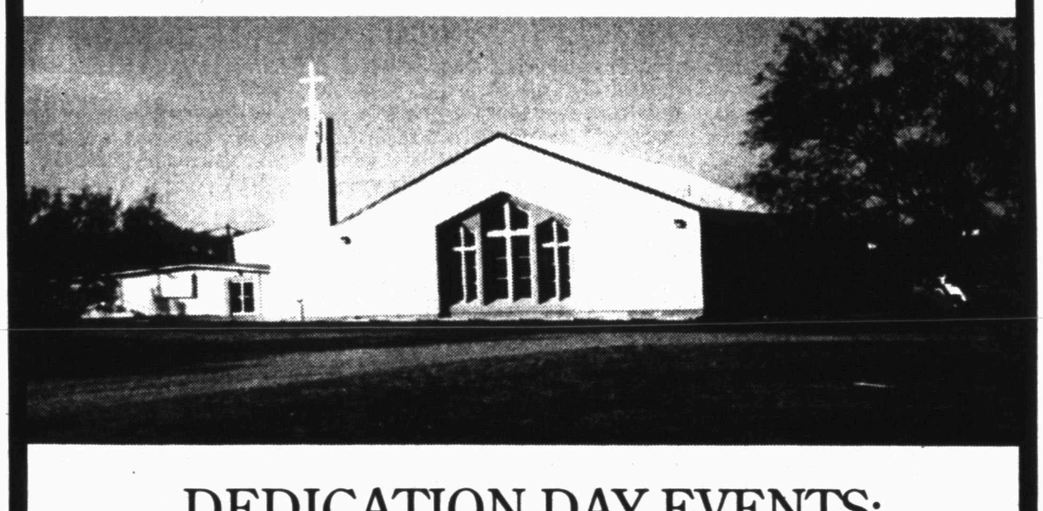
Sunday, November 18, 2001



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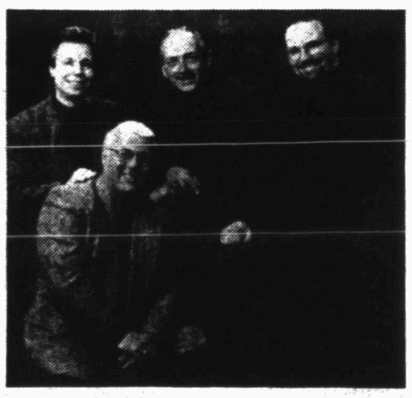
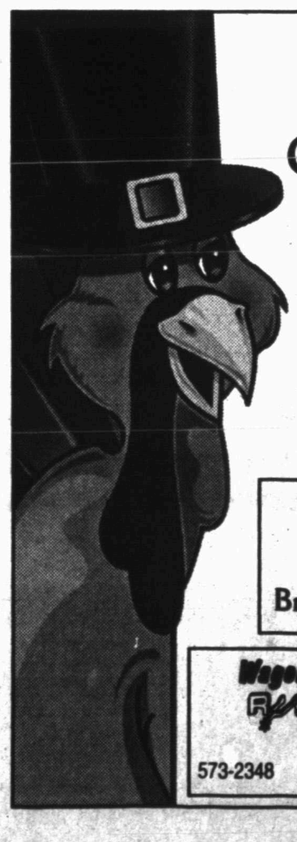


9:45 a.m.
Shiloh Quartet in Concert

10:50 a.m.
First Worship Service in New Sanctuary

2:00 p.m.
Public Dedication and Open House

Calvary Baptist Church
2405 35th Street Snyder, Texas 79549



Billy Ray's Out Of Town
so.....
Come Eat Thanksgiving Dinner
with us at the
Wagon Wheel Ranch
Sunday, November 18
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

MENU

Turkey and Ham	Green Bean Casserole
Dressing	Cranberry Sauce
Mashed Potatoes	Salad Bar
Broccoli & Rice Casserole	Rolls

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Former Kentucky convict shares lottery winnings

ASHLAND, Ky. (AP) — Just a few months ago, David Edwards was an ex-con who had lost his job, needed back surgery and had no idea what he would do when his unemployment checks ran out.

Then the unbelievable happened — he won $41 million in the Powerball lottery.

Now, he's giving a chunk of his winnings — $700,000 so far — to those who need it. He bought playground equipment for children, purchased cars for the working poor and paid off medical bills for the sick.

"I'm having a great time," he said. "You just don't know what it does for me to be able to help other people."

There's just one caveat to his generosity: Edwards doesn't appreciate people knocking his door down to ask for a handout.

"There's a lot of people out there who are just takers," he said. "They want to hound you. They feel like you owe them. They try to reach me in every way. It's been pretty hard to go through that."

Edwards refused to specifically identify any of the people or groups he has given money to. Some, however, have publicly thanked him, including a Westwood boys' club that received $50,000, a volunteer fire department that received $40,000 and an elementary school that got $16,000.

"I don't even know how he found out we needed it to tell you the truth," said Carl Thompson, superintendent of the Fairview school district in the blue-collar community of Westwood, where parents and teachers were trying to scrape together money to buy playground equipment. "It was a surprise to us, and we were thrilled with it."

Edwards had become so popular among people with hard-luck stories that he had to move away from his home outside Ashland.

"I was told that people would come out of the woodwork at me," the 46-year-old divorcee said. "I didn't know how true that would be."

He chose a $1.5 million home with a pillared front and marble floors in Palm Beach Gardens, a community surrounded by golf courses in South Florida. His assortment of automobiles includes a Lamborghini, Ferrari, Bentley and Shelby. A rusted Cadillac and an aging Pontiac parked at his old house in Westwood look like they haven't been driven since his lucky day.

An ex-con who spent 10 years in prison for robbing a gas station, Edwards said he had to scrape by after being released in 1997 because few companies were willing to hire a man with a record.

Security contractor's permit revoked

BOSTON (AP) — The nation's largest airport security firm was barred Thursday from working in Massachusetts because of its felony convictions, probation violations and continued lapses at Logan International Airport.

Col. John DiFava, superintendent of the state police and interim head of security at Logan, suspended the state operating license of Argenbright Security Inc.

The company will be allowed to continue staffing security checkpoints at Logan through the busy Thanksgiving holiday to minimize disruption, DiFava said. The order affects one other airport in the state, Hanscom Field in Bedford.

"I felt we had ample cause and it was time to move," DiFava said.

The airlines that use Argenbright would choose its replacement. At Logan airport, Argenbright handles security for Delta Air Lines, Delta Shuttle, US Airways and America West.

On Tuesday, an Argenbright employee left an exit door unattended for four minutes at a Delta concourse. Hundreds of travelers had to repeat security screenings.

In late September, a traveler walked from a parking garage to a US Airways gate without going through a metal detector because Argenbright employees left a checkpoint unattended.

The company pleaded guilty last year in Philadelphia to violating federal rules on aviation security, including hiring convicted felons. It paid a $1 million fine, was placed on probation and agreed to conduct background checks on employees.

In federal court last month, Argenbright admitted it violated the terms of its probation by failing to conduct the background checks.

State police said the company's conviction alone would have been enough to revoke the license, but the recent lapses at Logan made the action necessary.

Argenbright, based in Atlanta, can appeal the decision at a hearing Nov. 30. In an effort to correct problems and regain the confidence of airlines and travelers, the company last week replaced its chief executive and announced a companywide restructuring.

Security at Logan has come under scrutiny since Sept. 11.

Downey tells court he is focusing on rehabilitation

INDIO, Calif. (AP) — Robert Downey Jr. told a judge Thursday he is focused on his drug rehabilitation, and his attorney said the actor plans to return to the big screen one day.

"Furthering my endeavor in recovery ... is really my priority for right now," Downey said at a hearing to evaluate his progress since he was placed on probation in July for drug offenses.

Downey said he had been spending time with his son and his family.

"I've been able to re-establish contact with my family. That's the only privilege I consider myself really to have at this point," Downey said.

Riverside County Superior Court Judge Randall D. White ordered Downey to return in March 2002 for another evaluation hearing.

"With some humility I'd like to let the court know I appreciate your allowing me to continue," Downey said.

Downey did not talk to reporters. His attorney, James Epstein, said Downey has turned down numerous acting offers while recovering.

"You'll have Robert again, I promise, on the screen. But for now, he's focusing on his personal life," Epstein said.

Downey, nominated for an Oscar for "Chaplin" and an Emmy for "Ally McBeal," was arrested at Merv Griffin's Resort Hotel and Givenchy Spa in Palm Springs a year ago. Authorities allegedly found drugs in his hotel room.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Nov. 17, 2001

Several projects you've developed over the last couple of years could take on greater significance in the year ahead. These involvements could produce a step toward larger advancements.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There is nothing slow about your focus or getting into gear today. You'll keep your eye squarely on the target and will put forth the effort necessary to achieve your aims.

Know where to look for romance, and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — What makes you such a good salesperson today is that you take the time to tell your story in a fascinating and orderly manner. Those you are trying to sell to will be enchanted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although this may be a day off for you, chances are you'll want to spend it by yourself doing your own thing. You may not be in the mood for socializing today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Per[illegible] you want to do and the independence to enact your plans will be important to your overall success today. You need to be your own person.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Assess critical matters from a philosophical perspective today, and you will be able to circumvent some pretty high hurdles. This mode of thinking makes you formidable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Something for which you've had high hopes may show itself to be feasible today. However, it will still take initiative on your part to make it a reality.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It won't take much for you to get in a work mode and put forth the necessary effort today to fulfill an ambitious objective. You're up to the challenge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Because you will be able to maintain a philosophical outlook today, you'll be able to deal with even a sobering development. It's your attitude that makes this a winning day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Personal gain is likely today; however, it may come through areas not considered customary channels of earnings. Don't be afraid to play ball in new arenas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Before making any social plans today, it behooves you to discuss the possibilities with your mate or with those with whom you plan to spend the day. They could have some good ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Once you decide to take on an important objective today, your apprehensions will begin to evaporate because each successful step emboldens you to take the next.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — In order to advance self-interest today, you will have to use logical and creative means. Your optimism will work wonders for believing in your own abilities.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Petite blonde worries that she's selling herself short

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating the same guy for a little over a year. We get along well, laugh a lot, have the same outlook, similar goals. He says I'm his best friend.

My problem? I'm not his "type." I'm a petite blonde. He prefers chunkier women with dark hair. He says if there was one thing he could change about me, it would be for me to gain about 20 pounds. (I'm 5 feet tall and weigh 105.)

He has become "confused" a few times during the relationship, and the last time he said he needed to decide which was more important, someone he's connected with or someone who is his type. The sex is good but not earth-shattering, because my physical attributes don't do it for him. He doesn't want to rip off my clothes each time he sees me, and I thrive on that kind of lust.

He keeps coming back, and I feel like a jerk for allowing him to stay each time. I love him, but I'm unclear whether I'm selling myself short and if I deserve someone who loves me the way I am. I'm afraid if he stays with me, eventually he will want his type and leave. He's 37; I'm 33. What should I do? — **BETWIXT AND BETWEEN IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR B AND B: Loving him isn't enough. Not once in your letter did you indicate that he says HE loves YOU. You say he's critical of your appearance and strays when the spirit moves him. You are indeed selling yourself short. For a lifetime partner, you deserve better.

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DEAR ABBY: Your "pennies from heaven" stories have been delightful. I have one that does not involve money, but the result was just as heartwarming.

The year was 1945. I was a member of General Patton's army, fighting our way across Europe. Infantry combat is pure hell, so when there was a rare lull in the fighting, an orchestra from our division band was brought in to cheer us up. In a wooded glade somewhere in France, they played all the favorites of the day, and we were reminded again of what we were fighting for.

A soldier with a clear, sweet voice began singing "Pennies From Heaven." However, it wasn't the familiar version. These satirical lyrics told the story of a GI coming home to his wife after serving overseas, and being met by his beloved holding a brand-new baby girl named "Penny."

The refrain of that song I'll never forget. "Every time he asked, she'd say, 'Penny's from heaven.'" There were many verses, and the soldier sang each one with a straight face. At another time under different circumstances, we probably would have found the song mildly amusing. That day it was the funniest song my buddies and I had ever heard. No money changed hands that day, but the laughter was a gift from God at a time when we had very little to laugh about. — **WALLACE HARMON, DALLAS**

DEAR WALLACE: No amount of money could equal the enjoyment you fighting men got from the slightly naughty version of "Pennies From Heaven."

Laughter is a great unifier. People who laugh together become one, if only for a little while.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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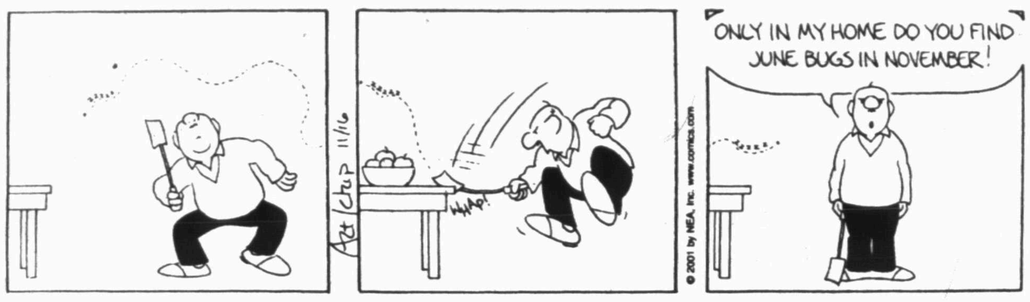

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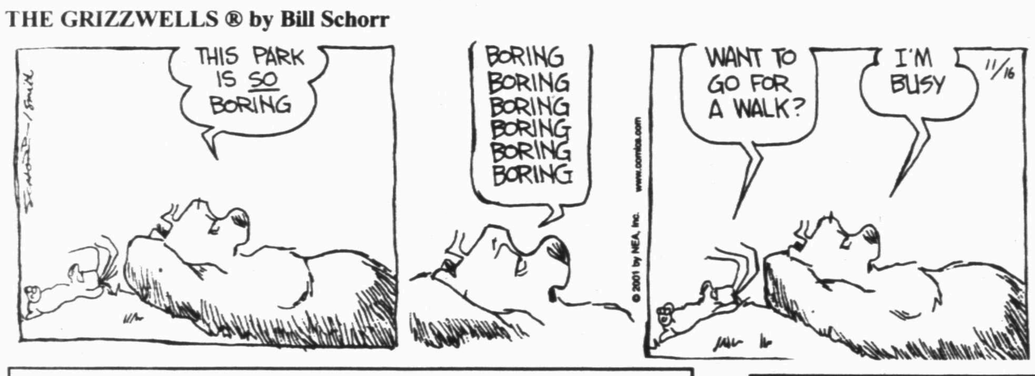

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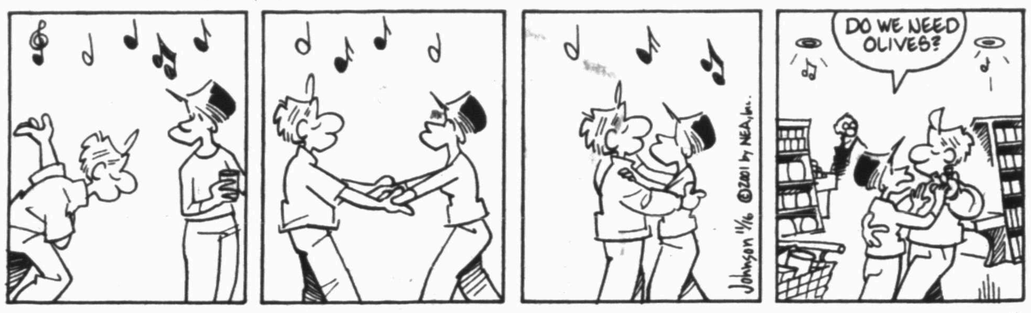

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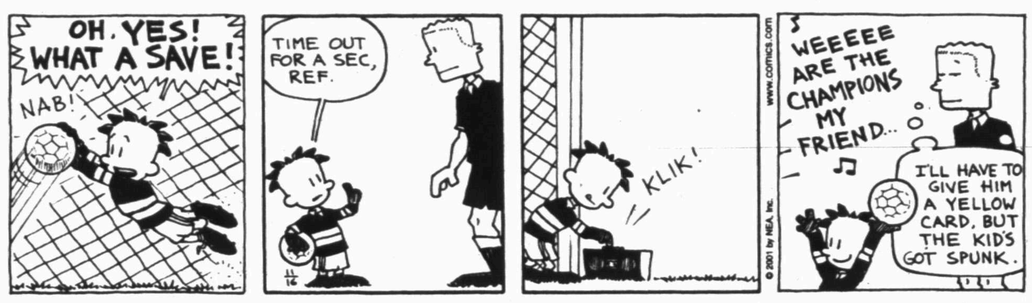

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12 Brown seaweed
13 Dorm covering
14 Slow run
15 Hunter's wear
16 Southeast Asian
17 Hotel's price
18 Ski slope bump
20 Drops in the slot
22 Ecol. bureau
23 Sort
24 High points
27 Truly
30 To's opposite
31 Turkish official
32 Misdeed
34 Path of virtuous conduct
35 Possess
37 Putter's org.
38 Hearths
40 Bedding plant
42 Knot
43 Frontiersman Carson
44 Newsstand
46 Captive's plea
49 Gopher st.
50 Ostrichlike bird
52 Limerick locale
54 What George wouldn't tell
55 Mr. Basketball Holman
56 Foundry refuse
57 Bunks
58 Baker's meas.
59 Zest

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2 Clean out, as a pipe
3 Tickle Me doll
4 Vertex
5 Country estate
6 Caviar
7 Idaho neighbor
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9 Europe-Asia range
10 Decays
11 Summer, to Pierre
19 Pkg. deliverer
21 "Hawkeye" Pierce
24 Behind, on a ship
25 Rocky ledge
26 Where heather grows
27 McKellen and Holm
28 Sports network
29 Excavates
33 Opposing vote
35 Elevator developer
36 Leisure time
39 Makes up for
40 Dessert cart item
41 Certify
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51 Long March leader
53 Souffle ingredient

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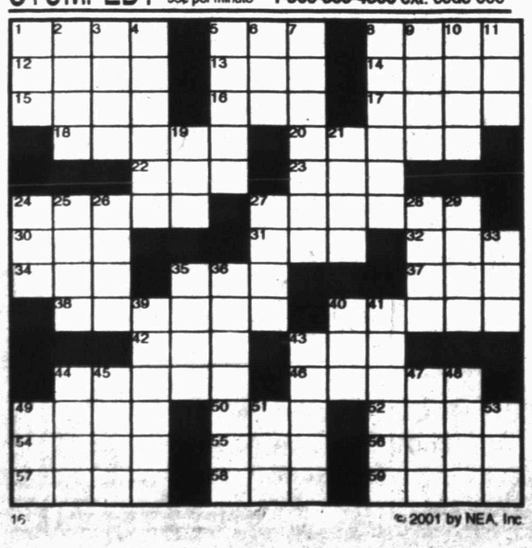

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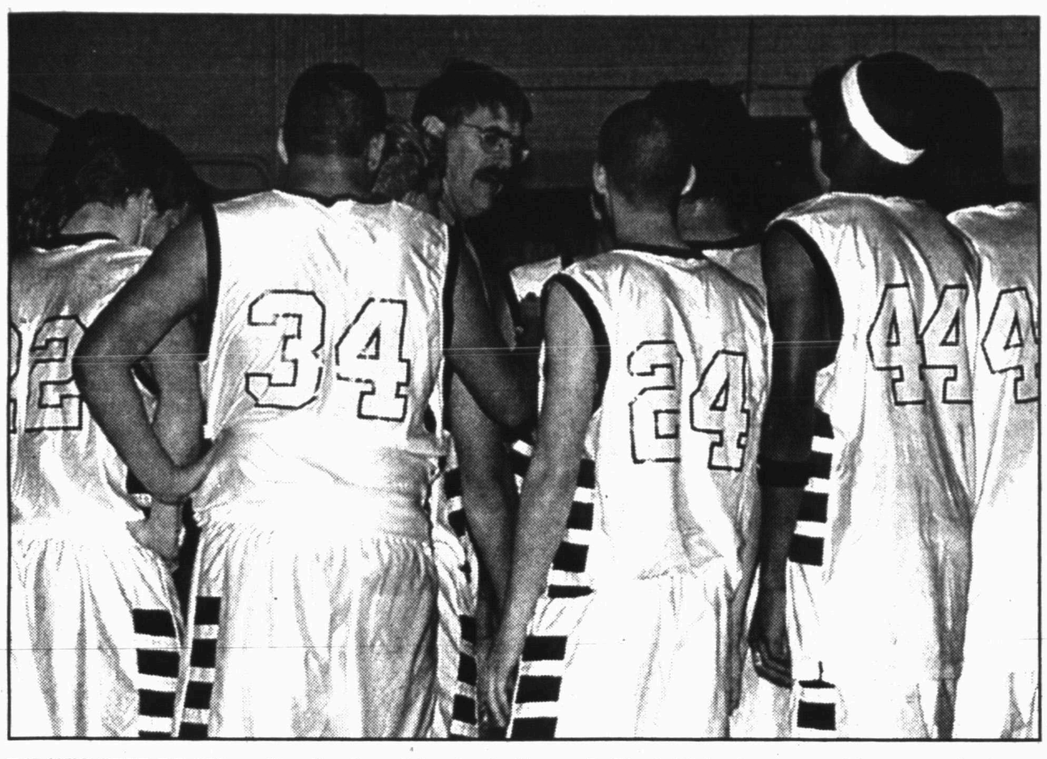

THAT'S THE PLAN — Snyder boys' basketball coach Bud Birks instructs his team during a timeout Tuesday night against San Angelo Central. The SHS boys and girls are both in action tonight against Clyde at the SHS gym. (SDN Staff Photo)

Grid playoffs, hoops fill tonight's calendar

A pair of playoff football games and two non-district basketball contests fill tonight's local sports schedule.

On the gridiron, the Ira Bulldogs square off with the Ropes Eagles in a six-man bi-district tilt at Klondike, while the Post Antelopes face the Colorado City Wolves in a Class 2A match-up at Tiger Stadium. Both games get underway at 7:30.

Indoor at the SHS gym, the Snyder Lady Tigers host their home opener against Clyde at 6:30. The Snyder boys also play host to the Bulldogs at 8 o'clock.

Ira enters the playoffs with an unblemished 10-0 mark and can advance to the area round with a victory over Ropes (7-3).

"We've played them once this year and won, so I think both teams are familiar with each other," said Ira coach Toby Goodwin. "It's just a matter of executing. The team that makes the fewest mistakes will win."

The torrential rains that soaked parts of West Texas missed the Klondike area. This morning the school reported only an inch and claimed the field is in good condition.

The Post-Colorado City battle at Tiger Stadium features a pair of teams built on quickness. Both offenses have their share of speed, but the difference could be on defense.

Post (7-3) has only two two-way starters, while Colorado City (6-4) lines up with nine.

"That's been an advantage in the past. Whether it will be tonight, it's hard to tell," said Post coach Richard Gorman. "We have a lot of depth, so we always want to make sure that we're still in the game come the second half. Then we can try to wear them down in the final two quarters."

In tonight's hardwood match-ups, both Snyder squads hope to even their records at 1-1 after dropping their season openers on Tuesday.

The Lady Tigers, who lost a 40-34 decision to Midland Lee, won't change their offensive philosophy against Clyde, but must concentrate on the defensive end.

"Our execution on the offensive end was pretty good against Midland. Our shots just didn't fall," said Lady Tiger coach Mike Martin. "But our shooting will get better as the season progresses.

"Clyde has a big post player that we haven't seen before this year, so it will be a good test for us. We have to keep her off the boards and limit her chances."

In the boys' match-up, the Tigers are eager to get back on the floor after falling to San Angelo Central, 60-55, in the final minute on Tuesday.

Like the Lady Tigers, the SHS boys also face the task of defending a dominant post player. The Tigers surrendered 36 points to Central's Bryan Young in the opener.

"The big kid that Clyde has is extremely effective, but he's more post-oriented than Young was," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "We have to do a better job with our backside defensive help so he doesn't get easy shots. We also need to get more pressure on the ball, and do a good job of rebounding."

The Lady Tigers will be in action again Tuesday at Lamesa, while the Tigers host Merkel on Monday.

The winners of tonight's football games advance to next weekend's second round of the playoffs.

Leach takes insider knowledge into game against Oklahoma

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech coach Mike Leach doesn't feel like he has any real advantage, even though he was Bob Stoops' first offensive coordinator at Oklahoma.

The No. 3 Sooners (9-1, 5-1 Big 12), who need a win to maintain control of the Big 12 South Division, are still running the pass-happy attack Leach installed. But the Red Raiders (6-3, 4-3) are running their own version of that offense.

"It's not an advantage because they know a lot about our system," said Leach, in his second season at Tech after spending 1999 at Oklahoma. "I know all those guys, coaches. But once the game starts, it gets pretty analytical. It's not half as interesting or organized as you might think."

Texas Tech has won three straight Big 12 games for only the second time ever.

The Red Raiders are the Big 12's top passing team, and rank sixth nationally, at 336 yards per game. Junior Kliff Kingsbury has thrown for 2,902 yards and his 19 touchdown passes are only three less than Texas' Chris Simms.

Naysayers claim Kingsbury's numbers are skewed because of Leach's incessant aerial attack. Stoops isn't among them.

"I think he's a very good quarterback," Stoops said. "He's a talented guy who can move as well as throw, so I'm sure he'd fit in about any system there is. He's a quality player — a good athlete and a good arm."

Leach agreed, saying Kingsbury continues to be unheralded.

"I think it's unfortunate he's not a sung hero," he said.

Oklahoma's defense will have a hard time duplicating its feat of the past two games, when it held both Texas A&M and Tulsa to less than 100 yards passing.

While Texas Tech is just trying to get into another bowl game and possible break into the Top 25, the Sooners want to keep alive their chances to defend their national championship.

The Sooners can survive a loss and still win the Big 12 South Division and advance to the league's championship game. But it can't make it to the Rose Bowl with another loss.

Oklahoma needs a win to match idle No. 5 Texas at 6-1 in the South. If the two teams end tied, the Sooners get the spot in the Big 12 championship game by virtue of their 14-3 win over the Longhorns in October.

The Sooners end their regular season Nov. 24 against Oklahoma State. That's a day after the Longhorns play Texas A&M.

Tech officials said security will be beefed up for the game in response to a melee that broke out on the field and in the stands after Tech upset then No. 24-ranked Texas A&M 12-0 two weeks ago. No players were involved in the scuffle that injured at least one person.

Cold shooting dooms Mavs against Pistons

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Jerry Stackhouse had 28 points and eight rebounds, and Cliff Robinson added 24 points to lead the Detroit Pistons to a 115-89 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night.

Robinson also helped limit Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki to 3-for-14 shooting and 10 points. Detroit won for the fifth time in six games, avenging a season-opening loss to the Mavericks.

Detroit had a season-high in points, and finished with 31 assists.

Ben Wallace had 10 points, 12 rebounds and five blocked shots for the Pistons, and rookie Zeljko Rebraca added a career-high 16 points in a reserve role.

Michael Finley led the Mavericks with 19. He and Nowitzki shot a combined 11-for-32 for just 29 points, 17 under their per-game average.

Detroit built a 10-point lead late in the second quarter and seized control with a 17-2 run to close the half. Stackhouse capped the run with a 3-pointer at the buzzer. Robinson had 20 points in the half, including seven in the final four minutes.

Dallas trailed 62-37 at the half, and climbed back into contention by scoring the first nine points of the second half, cutting its deficit to 62-46.

Detroit countered with a 7-0 run, but the Mavericks closed within 81-67 by the end of the quarter.

The Pistons put the game out of reach with an 8-2 run at the start of fourth. The outburst included 3-pointers by Stackhouse and Chucky Atkins.

Frosh girls notch pair of victories

Snyder's freshman girls tipped off the hoops season Thursday with a pair of victories over Lubbock Wilson.

Snyder Gold rolled over Wilson, 52-28, and Snyder Black notched a 24-14 win.

The Gold squad got 13 points from J.J. Farmer and 10 more from Stacey Williamson.

Kayla Guerrero dropped in eight points. Briana Burke tallied seven. Heather Zajicek and Heather Holmes posted four points apiece, while Kelsi Shaw and Rebecca Aguirre finished with two each, and Kassey Burney chipped in one.

Snyder Black was paced by Mosheka Williams who poured in 16 points.

Ashley Villegas added four points, and Rachel Clanton and Marissa Munoz scored two apiece.

Sports Briefs

Clemens wins sixth Cy Young

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Yankees ace Roger Clemens won a record sixth American League Cy Young Award.

Clemens, 20-3 with a 3.51 ERA and 213 strikeouts, received 21 of 28 first-place votes and 122 points, beating Oakland's Mark Mulder (60 points) and Seattle's Freddy Garcia (55) in voting by a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Clemens is the only pitcher to win more than four Cy Youngs, and he is the first player to win a BBWAA award on three teams. He won the Cy Young for Boston in 1986, 1987 and 1991, then won it for Toronto in 1997 and 1998. He also was the AL MVP in 1986.

Olympics bribery scandal dismissed

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Less than three months before the games begin, a judge dismissed all remaining charges in the bribery scandal that tainted Salt Lake City's Winter Olympics.

U.S. District Judge David Sam tossed out 10 fraud counts and a conspiracy charge that federal prosecutors had filed against Salt Lake City bid leaders Tom Welch and Dave Johnson.

U.S. team trails by four shots

GOTEMBA, Japan (AP) — Throwing away a stroke with David Duval's penalty for a practice putt, the United States opened their World Cup title defense with a 6-under-par 66 to drop four strokes behind Canada, Scotland and Sweden.

While Tiger Woods and Duval failed to take full advantage of the scoring-friendly best-ball format, Canada's Mike Weir and Ian Leggatt shot a 62 to match Scotland's Andrew Coltart and Dean Robertson and Sweden's Niclas Fasth and Robert Karlsson.

Duval was assessed a two-stroke penalty on the 16th hole for taking a practice stroke after missing his birdie putt. The two strokes were added to his birdie on the par-3 17th, forcing the team to count Woods' par.

Lakers edge Rockets in OT

HOUSTON (AP) — Phil Jackson found fault with the Los Angeles Lakers even while their season-opening winning streak reached seven games.

Shaquille O'Neal had 30 points and 13 rebounds, the last one coming as the buzzer sounded in overtime, leading the Lakers to a 98-97 victory over the Houston Rockets on Thursday night.

"This is the only team we've played over .500," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "We're coasting on a pretty easy schedule right now. We gave them life on a couple of plays by missing foul shots. It almost made for a long night in Houston."

The Lakers won despite squandering a 15-point lead in the third quarter. O'Neal scored seven points in overtime and the Lakers held on, improving to 7-0, their best start since the 1997-98 team opened 11-0.

"Their team didn't give up and it turned out to be a better game," Bryant said. "I'm not surprised. They generally play us pretty well. They are a team that opens up the floor."

Freshman boys fall to Wilson

Snyder's freshman boys came up short in their season openers Thursday against Lubbock Wilson.

Snyder Gold dropped a 56-40 decision, and Snyder Black fell, 27-18.

Lico Castillo and Zack Garcia poured in 16 points each to pace the Gold squad. Austin Hatfield drained five points. Jonathan Garza added two and Jason Ramos chipped in one.

Snyder Black got eight points from Kasey Melton and five more from Jerome Delce. Jonathan Overby netted four points. Jared Fletcher tallied two and Eric Munoz finished with one.

National Basketball Association

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

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Atlantic Division

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New Jersey	6	1	.857	—
Boston	5	2	.714	1
Orlando	5	5	.500	2½
New York	4	5	.444	3
Philadelphia	3	5	.375	3½
Miami	2	6	.250	4½
Washington	2	6	.250	4½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	5	1	.833	—
Detroit	5	2	.714	½
Indiana	6	4	.600	1
Toronto	5	4	.556	1½
Charlotte	3	4	.429	2½
Atlanta	2	6	.250	4
Cleveland	2	7	.222	4½
Chicago	1	7	.125	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	6	1	.857	—
San Antonio	6	2	.750	½
Dallas	6	3	.667	1
Houston	5	4	.556	2
Denver	4	5	.444	3
Utah	3	6	.333	4
Memphis	0	8	.000	6½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	7	0	1.000	—
Sacramento	6	2	.750	1½
Golden State	5	4	.556	3
Portland	5	5	.500	3½
L.A. Clippers	4	4	.500	3½
Phoenix	4	5	.444	4
Seattle	3	6	.333	5

Thursday's Games
New York 83, Miami 74
Detroit 115, Dallas 89
Portland 101, Memphis 85
Orlando 101, Denver 82
L.A. Lakers 98, Houston 97, OT

Friday's Games
Utah at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Golden State at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Boston at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Utah at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.
Chicago at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
New York at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Toronto at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

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Four die as storms roll across Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Dive teams found the body of a missing woman this morning and were continuing to search for a missing man and possibly others from cars swept off a bridge into Brushy Creek.

Flooding from record rainfall Thursday has claimed four lives after thunderstorms and high winds battered Central Texas. The missing man was last heard from while he stood atop his car in the creek, northeast of Austin near Hutto, talking on his cellular phone to relatives.

Tracy Karol, a Williamson County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman, said a woman who was rescued by helicopter along with two firefighters told of a missing friend who had been with her. Authorities believe the body they recovered this morning about 600 yards downstream was that woman.

"We've also found another car which was swept over the guard rail into the creek," Karol said, adding that it was overturned and that there may be more bodies trapped inside.

The search team was working under overcast skies, but the driving rain and lightning of Thursday night was gone.

However, rains were expected to resume today across the heavily saturated middle part of the state, where up to 13 inches of rain fell and three precipitation records were broken in Austin and San Antonio, the National Weather Service said.

Patty Gonzales, a spokeswoman for the city of Austin, said residents were placing false hope in diminishing rainfall.

"The ground is saturated and more rain is expected today. We are still under a flash flood warning," Gonzales said early today.

"We've had some problems convincing people that they need to leave," she said. "Just because it's stopped raining doesn't mean it's not going to flood. The creeks are continuing to rise and flooding continues to be very possible."

On Thursday, cars bobbing on Austin streets turned into temporary rivers. Firefighters plucked stranded motorists from their vehicles. Waters swamped some businesses.

Four victims died when their vehicles were washed away by floodwaters.

The body of Bertha Vargas, 32, was found at 2:20 p.m. Thursday, more than four hours after the car in which she was riding was swept off a state highway near Rocksprings in Edwards County, about 90 miles northwest of San Antonio. Vargas, an Amarillo resident, was pregnant.

Becky Kott, an Edwards County EMS worker, spoke to a man who called for help after seeing Vargas and three others hanging on to tree limbs above the waters.

"When he went back to the scene, he saw the girl, (Vargas) and her father in another tree," Kott said. "She was screaming for him to help, and he couldn't do anything. The water was rising and she was swept away."

In Blanco County, 40 miles north of San Antonio, Santos Perez Lasoya, 64, of San Antonio drowned after he tried to get his pickup across a flooded low-water crossing on a county road around 9 a.m., officials said.

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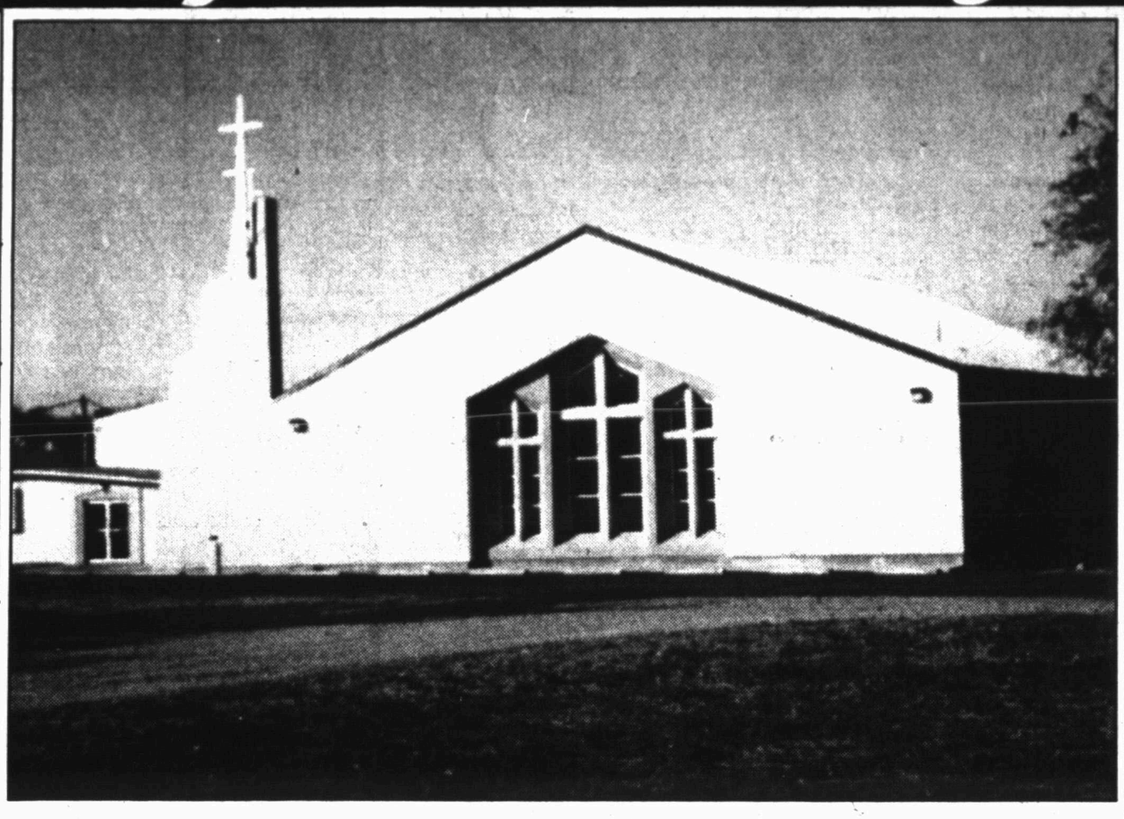

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U.S. to conduct missile-defense testing

CRAWFORD (AP) — The United States will push ahead with aggressive testing of missile defenses, White House officials said after President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin ended their summit without agreement on the disputed program.

"The timeline has not really changed," national security adviser Condoleezza Rice told reporters after Bush bid his Russian counterpart a warm farewell Thursday at Bush's central Texas ranch.

"The president continues to believe that he has got to move forward with the testing program in a robust way, so that we can really begin to evaluate the potential for missile defenses," Rice said.

Putin, who went to New York, told National Public Radio later Thursday that, since he and Bush have a common goal of ensuring security, "We will, at the end of the day, be able to arrive at a solution that will be acceptable for everyone."

His Russian guests gone after three days of talks in Crawford and Washington, Bush and his wife, Laura, settled in for a long, quiet weekend on their remote ranch.

Already, there were active discussions about when Bush would make a reciprocal visit to Russia. Aides expect a springtime trip.

"Given that I'm from Texas and kind of like the warm weather, I was hoping to wait a couple of months," Bush joked Thursday at the final joint appearance of Putin's four-day visit to the United States.

Putin reaffirmed his opposition to testing any kind of a weapons system that could intercept missiles aimed at the United States and its allies. Such tests would violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty as it is currently interpreted.

Putin also said that, no matter what Bush does, "Under no circumstances could it lead to any tension in the relations between Russia and the United States."

U.S. officials said they viewed the remark as a signal that Putin won't try to stand in the way of coming missile tests. That understanding, however, fell far short of a formal deal to make the ABM flexible enough to allow testing, which had been Bush's hope for the summit.

Distracted by the war against terrorism, both leaders seemed to push the issue down the road.

"We shall continue our discussions," Putin said.

Aides said Bush's trip to Moscow next year might offer a fitting setting to resolve the ABM debate.

A provision in the treaty permits either party to withdraw on six months' notice. Already, the Pentagon, as recently as last month, postponed parts of missile-shield testing that might violate the Cold War-era treaty with the Soviet Union.

The Bush administration, eyeing the schedule for future testing, knows negotiations now are running out of time.

"I think that everybody, including the Russians, understands that we're soon going to run up against certain constraints of the treaty," Rice said.

In the meantime, both sides committed to continued talks.

"No particular 'kaboom' breakthrough is to be expected at any particular time, but they are continuing to work the issue," Rice said.

"And we'll see how long we can go before we have to actually begin the testing and development program."

On the separate issue of reducing Russian and U.S. strategic nuclear stockpiles, which both presidents promised after their Tuesday meetings at the White House, Putin said Thursday the question of whether warheads should be disarmed or destroyed must be decided in negotiations.

Bush countered: "We are talking about reducing and destroying the number of warheads."

Rice later used wording that suggested Bush should not have spoken so definitively. "We are in the process right now of examining precisely how this drawdown takes place," she told reporters.

On the Net: Transcript of Bush-Putin schoolhouse appearance: http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/11/20011115-4.html

Aqueduct plan irks farmers in Valley

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A proposed aqueduct in the Mexican state of Chihuahua is an indicator for some Lower Rio Grande Valley farmers of the country's refusal to settle a water debt, which leaves some agriculturalists north of the border facing bankruptcy.

The dispute between the United States and Mexico over water debt has left South Texas farmers short more than one million acre-feet of water.

Wayne Halbert, general manager of the Harlingen Irrigation District, said he's worried about Mexico's plans to build an aqueduct to capture water from the last reservoir in Chihuahua on the Rio Conchos, a tributary of the Rio Grande. That water would be piped to the city of Chihuahua.

In the event of a full repayment of the water debt, Texas growers' water supply would double, but full repayment is unlikely.

Chihuahua officials, such as Gov. Patricio Martinez, have indicated intentions to use all their water to develop more agricultural land in what is becoming an increasingly verdant desert, Halbert said.

"The purpose of Chihuahua officials appears to be development of the water that's there," Halbert said.

The state of Chihuahua holds the source of the water that Valley farmers say they're due.

Eduardo Issa, technical director of the state Department of Water and Sanitation, confirmed the plans for an aqueduct, but he couldn't comment on other water-use plans.

"Right now, we're just studying the aqueduct," Issa said.

A Mexican official involved in water negotiations said the federal government has the final say.

"Above everything else, Mexico intends, as soon as there is water available, to honor its treaty commitments," said Alberto Szekely, an adviser to Mexico's foreign minister.

Szekely said he wasn't aware of Chihuahua officials' plans, but those plans would have no bearing on treaty compliance.

"Nothing in the treaty prevents the parties from using the water," he said in today's editions of the San Antonio Express-News. "If there are any projects like that or others, they're going to depend on one essential element: that there is enough water for the Mexican users and the American users at the same time."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Friday, Nov. 16, 2001

From the land Down Under

By Phillip Alder

There are two independently published bridge magazines in the antipodes. First, the monthly Australian Bridge, which contains 36 large pages. Despite Australia's being part of the British Commonwealth, Acol isn't the ruling system. Five-card majors and strong no-trumps are in the majority. The content, though, is aimed at tournament players, probably because this is what the editor, Stephen Lester, understands. (If fitting into this category, would you buy a magazine purely for social players?)

Here is an excellent defensive deal from Paul Marston, the publisher. Against three no-trump, partner leads the club queen. Sitting East, after winning with the ace, how would you continue?

When defending, first count the high-card points. You have 12, there are nine in the dummy, and declarer has shown 15-17 (or 16-18). That leaves 2-4 (or 1-3) for partner, and you already know from his lead that he has the queen-jack of clubs. So, forget about help in hearts. Also, returning a club is useless. Declarer will win with the king and establish dummy's diamonds. Instead, you must shift to a spade, removing one of dummy's entries to the diamonds.

Declarer crosses to hand with a heart and runs the diamond jack (partner signaling with the seven, high from a doubleton). Now you have two choices: Duck, win the next diamond cheaply, and lead a second spade; or win immediately and play a spade. In the latter case, you must duck the second diamond. Declarer is left with only eight tricks: three spades, three hearts, one diamond and one club.

Full details are available at www.australianbridge.com.

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Search to begin for Earhart's plane

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — The disappearance of Amelia Earhart and her lost plane is one of aviation's most enduring mysteries. A cable television magnate says he's prepared to spend millions of dollars to solve it.

Sixty-four years after Earhart's plane disappeared somewhere over the Pacific Ocean, Mike Kammerer says he knows where Earhart's plane went down, as she neared her goal of becoming the first woman to fly around the world.

As early as next year, Kammerer and his partner Jeff Leach plan to search up to 2,000 square miles of ocean floor near the equator between Australia and Hawaii using an unmanned submarine.

"We are convinced we absolutely know where she is," Kammerer said Thursday during tests of the submarine.

"This is one of the biggest mysteries of all time, and to solve that mystery would be huge," said

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Grapefruit juice interferes with many medications

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've learned that grapefruit juice may affect the metabolism of several drugs. Because of this, my doctor has recommended that I not take my medicine with grapefruit juice. How much time can safely elapse between the juice and the medication?

DEAR READER: As I have written before, grapefruit juice — by interfering with certain enzyme systems in the body that also metabolize medications — can cause the concentration of such drugs to reach toxic levels. The sheer number of these medicines is extensive, far too long to list in a column such as this. Until recently, patients were advised to avoid grapefruit juice for hours after taking medicines.

However, that prohibition is inadequate. A recent study has shown that the drug/grapefruit interaction may last at least three days. Based on their findings, the researchers urge patients who take daily medicine (that may be affected by grapefruit) to avoid ingesting the juice altogether. Other alternatives, such as orange juice, may be more appropriate.

Those readers who regularly take prescription medicines should check with their pharmacists about potentially dangerous interactions with grapefruit juice. If such an interaction is possible, grapefruit juice should be stricken from the diet.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Does the lead in pipes and plumbing constitute a health hazard? I live in an old house and am concerned.

DEAR READER: Absolutely. The two major causes of lead poisoning in this country are lead-based paints and lead plumbing.

Lead paint, which was standard decades ago, can chip and peel. When children ingest these particles, the youngsters can become poisoned. A far more insidious source is lead plumbing — again, the standard years ago. Water in these pipes can leach out lead, leading to unacceptably high levels in drinking water.

I urge you to have your water tested and, if necessary, have your pipes replaced with harmless copper. While lead may not truly be a problem in your house, the possibility must be addressed because chronic lead toxicity is serious, often fatal and can be avoided.

Incidentally, while you're awaiting the results of your water analysis, ask your physician to order blood lead-levels for all the adults and children who live in your house.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with granuloma annulare on my arms and legs. The lumps are getting worse, and they're ugly. What can I do?

DEAR READER: The cause of this chronic and harmless skin disease is unknown. Granuloma annulare is characterized by gradually enlarging, yellow or pink, raised nodules in the skin. The lesions may be worsened by exposure to sunlight. Although the condition typically runs its course in months or years, high-potency cortisone creams may hasten recovery.

Therefore, treatment usually consists of prescription products and reassurances from the doctor. The affliction does not reflect an underlying disease, except that adults with granuloma annulare have a higher incidence of diabetes. Patients with this skin condition should be under the care of dermatologists.

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Scurry County families may apply for Kiwanis/Goodfellow food donations by filling out this form. The deadline to apply is November 30th. Applications should be mailed to Kiwanis/Goodfellows, P.O. Drawer 112, Snyder, Texas, 79550

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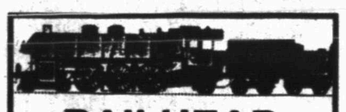

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Four dead in crash of twin-engine plane

GRAHAM (AP) — Four people have died in the fiery crash of a twin-engine plane that had been missing for four days, law officers say.

A helicopter's crew on Thursday spotted the wreckage of the Piper Cheyenne Twin Turbo in a mesquite flat near Loving, northeast of Graham.

The plane burst into flames on impact Monday night and the victims were badly burned, said Young County Sheriff Carey Pettus. He said the pilot had flown toward a non-directional beacon 41/2 miles northeast of the airport, where he should have made a turn to come back in to land.

"The last report was at 10:59 p.m.," Pettus told the Wichita Falls Record-News in today's online edition. "He reported he was two miles from the runway."

The sheriff said a friend, Tommy Littlepage, was listed on flight records as the plane's pilot. His passengers were listed as Young County Precinct 1 Constable Delwin Burch, another friend of Pettus, along with David and Terri Brown.

All are Graham residents.

"There was no way to identify them," said Pettus. "There's no way to identify the aircraft at this point. Apparently it was a very severe impact."

Pettus described Littlepage, who owned oilfield supply business Tommy's Well Service, as an experienced twin-engine pilot.

The sheriff said weather could have been a factor, with some ground fog reported at the time. The search for the craft did not begin until Tuesday afternoon, after friends and family members of the four realized they were missing.

Littlepage missed a business meeting Tuesday morning with Randy Cantin, his son-in-law.

About 120 people joined law enforcement officers to search on foot, on horseback, from the air and from four-wheelers. The Civil Air Patrol coordinated the air search while the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department supervised searchers on the ground.

Crews had been looking for the plane in a wooded area near Graham Municipal Airport, about 60 miles south of Wichita Falls.

Meanwhile, family members and friends huddled in a hangar at the airport much of Thursday.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Nov. 15- Dorothy Fudge, Charlie Richardson, Nina Hunter, Charles Thomas and Maria Torres.

DISMISSALS: Pauline Carrisalez, Theresa Rakov, Kenneth Rinehart, Bobby Shroyer, Velma Elder, Tonya Hernandez, Elbert Hill, Nelda Reneau and Roy Sutton.

CENSUS: 47 (Med. II-6, Med. III-14, CCU-4, Long-term Care-23)

Births

Makayla Snow White, daughter of Stacy and Lena White of Snyder, was born at 9:22 a.m. on Nov. 13, in Odessa Regional Hospital. Makayla weighed five pounds, 13 ounces. She was also welcomed by siblings, Anthony, Zachary, Isaac and Destiny.

Maternal grandparents are Terri and Mike Brasher of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Julian Jones of Snyder and the late Ouida Jones. Paternal grandparents are Bobby White of Snyder and Becky White of Snyder and great-grandparents are Verline White of Snyder and the late Robert White.

Police officers arrest man for assault, family violence

•Arrests

Dispatchers were alerted to a disturbance between a couple near Kids' Kampus at 9:50 a.m. Thursday. Officers responded and arrested a 34-year-old man for Class A assault and family violence and an offense report was submitted.

A DPS trooper took a 48-year-old man into custody on U.S. 84 just after midnight today for driving while intoxicated. He was booked into jail and the vehicle was released to the owner.

Officers were dispatched to the VFW at 4:40 a.m. today and arrested a 40-year-old man on charges of public intoxication. He was transported to the jail and his vehicle was left at the scene.

•Burglary

Don Jenkins contacted police officers Thursday afternoon in reference to a stolen cellular phone. An officer spoke with Jenkins and advised a report for burglary of a vehicle would be submitted.

•Criminal trespass

A woman requested an officer Thursday afternoon concerning being harassed by a woman. Officers spoke with both women and issued a criminal trespass warning prohibiting contact between the two.

•Prowlers

Virginia Silva requested an officer in the 200 block of 34th Street Thursday evening after hearing noises at the back door of her residence. Officers checked the area and initiated a close patrol.

Sara Jamison requested a close patrol of her mother's residence Thursday night in reference to someone prowling around the home Wednesday. She reported someone placing patio chairs against the door and moving a swing.

Officers started a close patrol.

•High water

Dispatchers received several reports of high water due to heavy rainfall from around the county Thursday.

The first report was of high water on U.S. 350 in Ira. A DPS trooper responded to the area and advised that the road was clear, but there was water on FM 1606.

A sheriff's deputy reported flooding on Brickplant Road and Hwy. 208 and Snyder EMS paramedics reported high water at the intersection of 21st Street and Ave. E. Information was forwarded to the city street department.

U.S. airstrike kills Osama bin Laden's top deputy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mohammed Atef, a top deputy of Osama bin Laden accused of helping plan the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center, is believed to have been killed by a U.S. airstrike in the last two days, U.S. officials said today.

"This guy was bin Laden's military specialist since the early 1990s, widely thought to be bin Laden's successor in the event of his death," said one official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The airstrike took place near Kabul, the Afghan capital, said the official, who added U.S. intelligence has credible evidence Atef was killed. Another official said Atef's body has not been located.

Atef, an Egyptian, has been indicted for involvement in the U.S. embassy bombings in Africa in 1998.

Obituaries

Herschell Lewis

1916-2001

Funeral service for Herschell Ralph Lewis, a lifetime resident of Scurry County, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Charles Anderson of Abilene and formerly of Snyder and Dale Huff, minister of 37th Street Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Mr. Lewis, 85, died Thursday, Nov. 15, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Born Jan. 30, 1916 in Ira, he married Iva Irene Thompson on Sept. 1, 1938 in Snyder.

Mr. Lewis was a retired farmer and a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a son, Melvin Ralph Lewis, in 1940; and two brothers, Stanley Lewis and Richard Lewis.

Survivors include his wife, Iva Irene Lewis of Snyder; a sister, Doris Goldsmith of Abilene; and a brother, Oather Lewis of Abilene.

H.T. Bridges

1922-2001

ABILENE – H.T. "T-Bone" Bridges, the father of Roy T. Bridges of Snyder, died Tuesday, Nov. 13, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Bridges, 78, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel with William Layne officiating. Burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born Dec. 11, 1922 in Crystal Falls, he was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, participating in the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

He married Doris Charles on June 3, 1951 in Breckenridge. Mr. Bridges moved to Abilene from Breckenridge in 1952 and retired as a pump specialist from Superior Iron Works after 35 years. He was a member of the South Side Baptist Church and the VFW.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, and a grandson.

Survivors also include his wife, Doris Bridges of Abilene; three daughters, Debbie Vallery of Broussard, La., Vicki Watson and Kelly Pace, both of Abilene; two sisters, Helen Meeks and Bea Palmer, both of Breckenridge; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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Lloyd Reed

1926-2001

DALLAS — Lloyd Eugene (Gene) Reed, brother of Etta Wilson of Snyder, died Saturday, Nov. 10, in Pilot Point, Tex.

Following cremation, graveside service for Mr. Reed, 75, will be held at 1 p.m. next Friday in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery with Dr. David Mosser, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Graham, officiating.

Born March 4, 1926 in Gail, he married Mervine Thurman on Oct. 15, 1946 in Lamesa. He served in the 201st Army Air Forces Base Unit from 1944 to 1946. Mr. Reed was retired as drilling superintendent and owner operator of Nu-Mex Drilling Co. in New Mexico and Oklahoma. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Giles and Rosa Bolch Reed; and a brother, J.T. (Tommy) Reed.

Survivors also include his wife, Mervine Reed of Ruidoso, N.M.; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Mary Reed of Los Alamos, N.M.; a daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and David Maddy of Graham; five grandchildren, Trevor Maddy of Dallas, Jason Maddy of Hyde Park, N.Y., Nick Reed of Los Alamos, N.M., Wendy Eddy of Tulsa, Okla., and Sandy Crain of Tulsa; and two great-grandchildren.

Leida Tidmore

1913-2001

ATHENS — Leida Browning Tidmore, grandmother of Phyllis "Pete" Haley of Snyder, died Wednesday, Nov. 14, in East Texas Medical Center in Athens.

Funeral service for Mrs. Tidmore, is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Athens First Baptist Church. Dr. Kyle Henderson and the Rev. Danny Buster will officiate.

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Monday in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home in Athens.

Born March 6, 1913 in Kenta, Okla., to the late Walter Dyer and Rosa Smith Williams, she lived in Levelland from 1944 to 1965 when she moved to Athens. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, and assisted her husband in farming. Her first husband, Roy "Bill" Browning died in 1967. She was also preceded in death by a son, William Eugene Browning in 1952.

Survivors include her husband, Ellis Tidmore of Athens; a daughter, Tiajuana Padon of Arlington; another granddaughter, Rebecca Stokes of Weatherford; five great-grandsons, Charles Kittles and his wife, Karen, Kyle Haley and his wife, Stacy, Jack Haley and his wife, Misty, Jason Anderson and Jeff Anderson; two great-great-granddaughters, Leslie and Olivia Haley; and a daughter-in-law, Janie Tidmore of Athens.

Great-grandsons Charles Kittles, Kyle Haley, Jack Haley, Jason Anderson, Jeff Anderson and James Kittles will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Texas Baptist Men, 333 N. Washington in Dallas.

Ola Chaney

1914-2001

Ola Chaney, 87, died Thursday, Nov. 15, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Services for Mrs. Chaney are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born May 9, 1914.

Mrs. Chaney was preceded in death by her husband, A.E. Chaney; and a son, Leonard Chaney.

She is survived by three sons, Fred Chaney and Maxie Chaney, both of Snyder, and Henry Chaney of Heavener, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

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ONGOINGS

Korean War display

The Scurry County Museum is honoring veterans of the Korean War with displays of memorabila through Dec. 4.

Scurry Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 will meet at 7:30 this evening for work in the Fellowcraft degree.

Emmaus Thanksgiving dinner

The Mesquite County Emmaus Thanksgiving dinner is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. RSVP today by calling 573-7567. Last names A-L will bring desserts, while M-Z will bring salads or vegetables.

Hermleigh Beta Club garage sale

Hermleigh Beta Club will have a garage sale beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Hermleigh Community Center. To donate items, call Mary Spieker at 863-2245, or take them by the school.

Dunn Cemetery Association

Dunn Cemetery Association will have a work day and annual meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday. Attempts will be made to identify unmarked gravesites, plus some curbing, weeding and fencing will be done. Call 573-4336 or 728-5590 for more information.

St. Elizabeth rummage sale

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 3005 Ave. A, will have a rummage sale from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at the Parish Hall.

SHS drama production

Snyder High School's drama department will present *Our Country's Good* at the Ritz Theatre Saturday and Monday at 7:30 p.m. and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices are $4 for students and $5 for adults.

Community Thanksgiving service

A community-wide Thanksgiving Service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church. The community choir will need to meet at 5:45 p.m. at the church.

AARP Chapter 2063

The AARP will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. Sammie Jarrell will present a program on her mission trip to Guatemala.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Four Great Expectations," followed by "A Legacy of Division."

GED testing

GED testing will be held Friday, Nov. 30 at Western Texas College. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

SHS Madrigal Dinners

SHS' annual Madrigal Dinners are set at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3-4 at the high school student center. Tickets are $15 per person per performance and are available at the high school office. No refunds will be given for unused tickets. Reserve tickets will be held until the day of the performance. Wednesday, Nov. 28, is the deadline to purchase tickets.

VFW membership drive

The VFW is currently conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is restricted to veterans who served overseas in times of conflict or war. For more information, contact the post commander Jim Bailey at 573-5338.

Head Start registration

Registration for Scurry County Head Start will continue from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. weekdays during November. Children must be three years old and meet income guidelines or have a disability. Bring a certified birth certificate, immunization record, child's social security card and proof of income.

Red Cross volunteers needed

Red Cross volunteers are needed for Snyder and Scurry County. Please contact Sherry Faulkenbery at 573-1974 after 5 p.m.

Northeast fundraiser

Northeast Elementary is selling lapel and hat flag pins for $2 each. Call 573-2643 or stop by the school.

Noon prayer service

The First Presbyterian Church hosts a prayer service from noon until 12:30 p.m. each weekday. Everyone is invited.

Senior yearbook dedications

Senior dedications for the Tiger's Lair yearbook are due Dec. 1. Cost is $45 for message and color photo. Orders are still being taken for the yearbook. Cost is $45 for which a deposit of $20 is required. Balance is due Feb. 1. If additional options are purchased, the deposit is $30. For information call 573-6301, ext. 35.

FBC support groups

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

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is now accepting submissions for the winter issue of *Bards of a Feather*. The deadline is Dec. 15. The theme is open. Mail submissions to Pam Mauldin, Box 237, Ira, 79527 or e-mail to upside@nwol.net.

Military support group

Family members, volunteers, friends, and active or inactive soldiers of Scurry County interested in forming a local Military Support Group are asked to contact Dale or Elaine Byrd at 573-8088 after 4 p.m., or e-mail dbyrd@nwol.net. The purpose of this group is to provide an avenue of mutual support, assistance, community resources, and a network of communication.