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Trustees toss out low bid in favor of local company

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

A recommendation to accept the low bid by a Midland firm for 11 computers for Snyder ISD kindergarten classrooms was ignored by trustees Thursday night, as they chose instead to accept the bid of a local firm.

The administration had recommended that the low bid of $20,372 be accepted from Custom Computers.

Trustees, however, unanimously voted to award the bid to Bullard's Computer Solutions for $20,405 — a figure $43 higher than the lowest bid.

Supt. Gayle Lomax prefaced the discussion on the purchase of the computers by noting the district purchases locally when it legally can, but noted the Midland firm was the low bidder.

Trustee Luann Burleson disagreed strongly with the recommendation and made note of the fact that a local automobile dealer had missed the bid on two pickups by less than a $100 in September.

"That made me sick," said Burleson. "And this really makes me sick."

"This is very upsetting to me," she said.

She read a list of items that local individuals and businesses are asked to buy throughout the year from school children to support various school activities and asked, "How many people from Midland bought these?"

"I don't question their (Custom Computers) ability, it's an issue of local support.

"I think the law allows us to use good judgment in expending funds.

"This is not good judgment when someone here can provide equal — maybe better — service," she said.

Burleson then made the motion to accept Bullard's bid. It was unanimously approved.

Three other bids were received ranging from $21,208 to $27,100.

Trustees also formally approved the hiring of high school counselor Dixie Haggard as assistant principal at the junior high.

Board president Charles Anderson lamented the fact that Haggard was announced as the assistant principal before the board had taken action on filling the position.

"A person is not officially hired until he or she is approved by the board," said Anderson. "I don't think this was handled very well."

The announcement that Haggard was to be selected as the person to fill Roy Rosson's post was made at a faculty meeting at the junior high on Dec. 1.

In other action Thursday, trustees approved campus improvment plans from throughout the district and approved, on second reading, local policy updates as mandated by the special election in August.

Trustees also met in two executive sessions.

Pat Scott and her husband, Gary, said this morning they addressed the board regarding punishment administered to their son in respect to an alleged "mooning" incident which occurred in November.

The senior was assessed one day of in-school suspension and 10 days of detention hall, as was another senior student.

Mrs. Scott said her son was accused of passing a note while in ISS and was assessed another day of ISS.

She protested this additional day to the board, and made a request to be able to sit by her son while he is in detention hall.

Following the open session, the board upheld the punishment given to the student and denied Mrs. Scott's request to attend detention with her son.

The board met with the Scotts for some 40 minutes.

In a 12-minute executive session, the board continued its evaluation of Supt. Lomax.

The board is to meet with Lomax Monday at noon, and action on his evaluation will then be taken in open session.

Anderson presided Thursday. All board members were in attendance to include Burleson, Richard Chambers, Mark McCormick, Glenn Clarady, Mike Levens and Janet Stribling.



TEAMWORK — Participants in the local STAR Program are taught the value of teamwork and to help fellow participants. Although a little short, two young girls in the program are making an attempt to help carry a telephone pole during physical training this week. Currently, 11 juveniles are in the program. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The reason a woman's mind is cleaner than a man — she changes it more often."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors: Marshall Day, in the Gatesville Messenger, noted that a fellow named Jeff Foxworthy is making zillions polking fun at fellow downhomers — or rednecks as he prefers to call 'em.

Said Day, "I'm not sure exactly what qualifies a persons as a redneck, but there are a handful of the criteria that seem to hit really close to home.

"So if a 'handful' and 'close to home' are acceptable, then I guess we are one.

"I don't think he considers anyone living north of some certain parallel a redneck unless they happen to be transplanted there from true redneck country. But, be as it may, here are a few things you supposedly won't ever hear a southerner say:

--We don't keep firearms in this house.

--We can't feed that to the dog.

--We're vegetarians.

--I'll have grapefruit instead of biscuits and gravy.

--Who's Richard Petty?

--I just couldn't find a thing at Wal-Mart today.

--I've got it all on a floppy disk.

--My fiancee, Paula Jo, is registered at Tiffany's.

--Checkmate.

--Hey, here's an episode of "Hee Haw" that we haven't seen."

It must be the stress of the holiday season, but Larry Crabtee, in the Vernon Daily Record, told a good one — or maybe a bad one. You be the judge.

A piece of string walked into a bar and ordered a beer.

The bartender looked down and said, "Sorry, we don't serve your kind in here."

The string went out the door, twisted himself into a pretzel and pulled hard on both ends.

The string then unraveled himself at one end and walked back into the bar. He sit down and again tried to order a beer. The bartender looked down and said, "Hold it. You're that piece of string that was just in here, aren't you?"

And the string replied, forcefully, "No, I'm a frayed knot."

Judge rules against Microsoft

Company can't force makers to bundle Windows, Internet browser

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. must stop, at least temporarily, forcing computer makers to install its Internet browser program as a condition of buying the widely used Windows operating system software, a federal judge ruled in an antitrust lawsuit brought by the Justice Department.

U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson issued a preliminary injunction against Microsoft on Thursday. He also appointed Harvard Law School professor Lawrence Lessig, a leading national expert in technology law, to be a "special master" and rule May 31 on the legal issues raised in the case.

A clear concern for Microsoft now is the impact of Jackson's order on its planned release of Windows 98, successor to the hugely popular Windows 95 operating system. Windows 98, due out next spring, is to fully integrate the Internet browser with the operating system.

Microsoft spokesman Greg Shaw said the effect "is a little unclear."

"We hope the matter will be resolved before then," he said in Redmond, Wash., Microsoft's headquarters.

Microsoft's stock slipped $1.69 to $137.37 a share this morning in response to the ruling, which came after the stock market closed Thursday. Shares of Microsoft's biggest rival in the browser business, Netscape Communications Corp., jumped $2.56 to $28.81.

Attorney General Janet Reno said the ruling was a victory for American consumers.

"It will help ensure a competitive market and prevent Microsoft from using its dominance to gain an unfair advantage in the browser market," Reno said.

The Justice Department had asked Jackson to hold Microsoft in contempt and fine it $1 million a day for allegedly violating a 1995 court order aimed at preventing anti-competitive practices in the software market. But Jackson declined.

He did tell Microsoft that, pending a final ruling based on Lessig's findings, Microsoft "shall cease and desist ... from the practice of licensing the use of any Microsoft personal computer operating software (including Windows 95 or any successor version thereof) ... on the condition, express or implied, that the licensee also license and pre-install any Microsoft Internet browser software."

Browsers, such as Microsoft's Internet Explorer and its competitor, Netscape Communication Corp.'s Navigator, enable computer users to find and retrieve information on the Internet.

Jackson said forcing Microsoft not to bundle Internet Explorer with Windows 95 "will not cause a significant hardship" for the company since it already sells the product separately.

Shaw said the company was pleased the judge did not hold it in contempt.

Culp named to Hermleigh board

Hermleigh ISD trustees on Thursday appointed Alan Culp to fill a vacancy on the board.

Culp, a Hermleigh graduate, is employed by Production Builders.

He replaces Chip Roemisch, who resigned from the board to move to Coahoma. Culp will serve until May, when an election will be held to fill out the remainder of the term.

Culp joins David Higgins, Tony Lambaren, Tim Dacus, John Williamson, Burton Sandefur and Sherene Digby on the board.

In other business, the board reviewed the annual report card from the state, approved policy updates and paid the bills.

Trustees also began their annual evaluation of the superintendent, Jerry Church. That evaluation will continue in January.

Lindsey seeks commissioners post

Chloanne Lindsey, deputy county auditor, filed today for the Precinct 4 commissioners post, seeking nomination on the Democratic ticket.

Mrs. Lindsey, a 1962 graduate of Snyder High School, has been employed in the county auditor's office since 1989.

"With a financial background and my nine years in the auditor's office working with yearly budgets, department heads and the citizens of Scurry County, I feel like I would be a great asset to commissioners court," Mrs. Lindsey said.

"I look forward to the opportunity of serving the people of Precinct 4 and Scurry County."

A resident of Scurry County since 1950, Mrs. Lindsey is the only candidate for the position. Incumbent commissioner Jerry Gannaway announced last week that he will return to farming full-time rather than seek a third term.

Mrs. Lindsey was manager of Beneficial Finance from 1972-82, worked for the city water department from 1983-1987 and owned Express It from 1987-1989 before going to work for the county auditor's office.

She is a member of North College Avenue Baptist Church and chairperson of the Scurry County Welfare Board.

She and her husband, Lee Roy, have two sons — Ronny, a staff sergeant in the Air Force, and Michael, an employee of BJ Services.

Her action leaves only one post up for election in March without a candidate — Precinct 2 peace justice. That office is currently held by John Williamson.

Incumbents have dominated in filing for office so far. They are Democratic incumbent County Treasurer Charlie Bell and Republican incumbents County Judge Ricky Fritz, Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom, County Clerk Joan Bunch and Precinct 1 Peace Justice Charlie Reynolds.

The only other candidate is Trina Rodgers, long-time employee with the district clerk's office. Mrs. Rodgers is seeking the Republican nomination as District Clerk. The current clerk, Elois Pruitt, has said she will not run again.

None of the candidates are opposed.

The filing period runs through Jan. 2. Anyone interested should contact Democratic Party Chairman Billy Haynes or Republican Party Chairman Drew Bullard.

The primary elections are set for March 10.

Early voting is Feb. 23 through March 6.



Chloanne Lindsey

5th DWI nets 10-year sentence

A Scurry County man who pleaded guilty to his fifth drunk driving violation was ordered to serve 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Roberto Garcia Vera, 38, of 1811 19th Street Thursday pleaded guilty to a July 26 driving while intoxicated offense. District Judge Ernie Armstrong assessed a 10-year prison sentence. Vera had two previous DWI convictions in both Scurry and Garza counties.

Also entering a guilty plea Thursday was Steve Bernard Rose, 26, of 413 34th Street. Rose was charged with the July 10 burglary of a habitation owned by Melinda Treat.

Rose will sentenced to seven years in TDC.

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FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 35 degrees; low, 22; 7 a.m. Friday, 23; no precipitation; total for 1997, 24.26 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low around 20. N wind 5-15 mph. Saturday, sunny, warmer. High 50 55. NW wind 10-20 mph.

Joel Solis
Sunny

Sunset: 5:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:34 a.m.

Of 345 days in 1997, the sun has shone 330 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.

Proverbs 27:22 (KJV)

Teen convicted in slaying loses court appeal

AUSTIN (AP) — A teen-age dropout convicted of killing a 16-year-old high school student over a girlfriend has lost an appeal, but his lawyers said they'll take the case to a higher court.

Shane Edward Drousche was convicted of murder and sentenced to 60 years in prison in the 1995 Williamson County death of C.W. Dean, who was kicked and beaten. Dean was dating a 16-year-old girl who had recently broken up with Drousche.

The evening of Nov. 29, 1995, then-17-year-old Drousche unsuccessfully tried to renew his relationship with the girl, according to Thursday's 3rd Court of Appeals opinion. Angry about his overtures being rejected, Drousche drove to Dean's home, telling friends he was going to beat up Dean, according to the court opinion.

Drousche found Dean sitting on a car in his driveway. He asked Dean whether he had heard about his threat. Dean said he hadn't and, when Drousche said he planned to beat him up, replied, "Yeah, whatever."

According to the court opinion, Drousche then began to beat Dean. When Dean fell to the ground, Drousche kicked him several times. The attack culminated with Drousche backing up several steps, running toward Dean as he was kneeling on the ground, and kicking him hard in the head, the opinion said.

One of Drousche's friends who was there said the kick was like someone punting a football, the court said. Drousche and his friends drove away, leaving Dean twitching on the ground, the opinion said.

"Appellant told them (his friends) that he felt good about the beating and bragged that he had never hit anyone that hard. During the entire encounter, Dean never raised a hand to hit the appellant," the opinion said.

Dean was found by two girls, including the one he was dating. They called to his mother, who came out and tried to revive him. The teen-ager was dead when emergency medical services arrived.

On appeal, Drousche argued that the trial judge erred by refusing to tell the jury to consider whether he caused Dean's death "under the immediate influence of sudden passion arising from an adequate cause."

If "sudden passion" is proven, the offense is lowered from a first-degree felony to a second-degree felony, which carries a lower range of imprisonment — two to 20 years.

The three-judge panel of the 3rd Court that considered the case, however, affirmed the trial court's judgment.

Church of the Hills
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concert Wednesday Evening, December 17 at
7:00 p.m. at the
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1st Christian planning musical

First Christian Chorus will present the Christmas musical, "Born a Savior, Born a King," at Sunday's 10:50 a.m. worship service.

Robert Bailey, minister of music, serves as the choir director while his wife, Reba, church organist and pianist, will accompany.

Jerry Englert is soloist with incidental narration by Frances Stevenson, Pam Jones, Linda Englert, Laura Johnson, Rick Freeman and Charley Johnson.

Other singers include Hattie Kinder, Leesa Johnson, Glenda Freeman, Shelly Englert, Amanda Johnson, Marisa Click, Jared Bailey, George Jones, Ross Blanchard and Jeremy Bailey.

"Stan Pethel, composer, combines traditional and original material to bring a new dimension to the Christmas celebration," Bailey said.

Dr. Tim Griffin, pastor, invites the community to participate in the musical event in the sanctuary of First Christian Church located at 2701 37th St.

Datebook

Dec. 12, 1997

Today is the 346th day of 1997 and the 83rd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1851, U.S. Cabinet member Joel Poinsett died.

On this day in 1897, "The Katzenjammer Kids" first appeared in the New York Journal.

On this day in 1899, the wooden golf tee was patented by George Bryant of Boston.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Jay (1745-1829), U.S. statesman-jurist; William Lloyd Garrison (1805-1879), anti-slavery leader; Gustave Flaubert (1821-1880), writer; Edward G. Robinson (1893-1973), actor; Frank Sinatra (1915-), entertainer, is 82; Bob Barker (1923-), announcer-animal rights activist, is 74; Ed Koch (1924-), politician, is 73; Connie Francis (1938-), singer-actress, is 59; Dionne Warwick (1941-), singer, is 56; Tracy Austin (1962-), tennis player, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, Miami quarterback Gino Torretta won the Heisman Trophy.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Our country is the world — our countrymen are all mankind." — William Lloyd Garrison

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1969, western Washington's worst tornado to date tracked five miles between Des Moines and Kent.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon.

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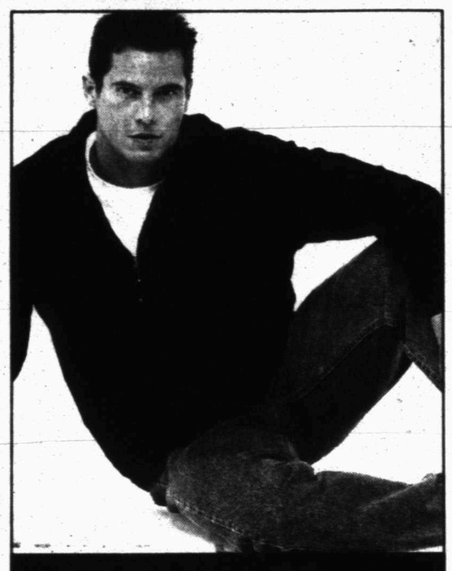
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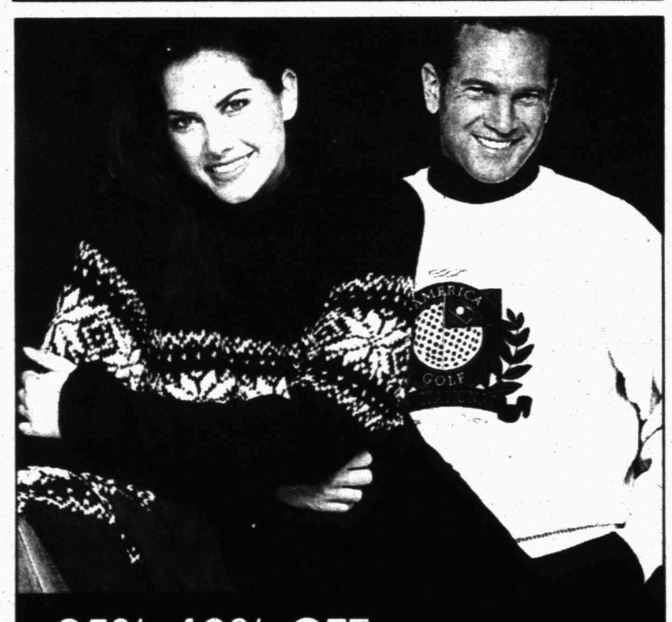
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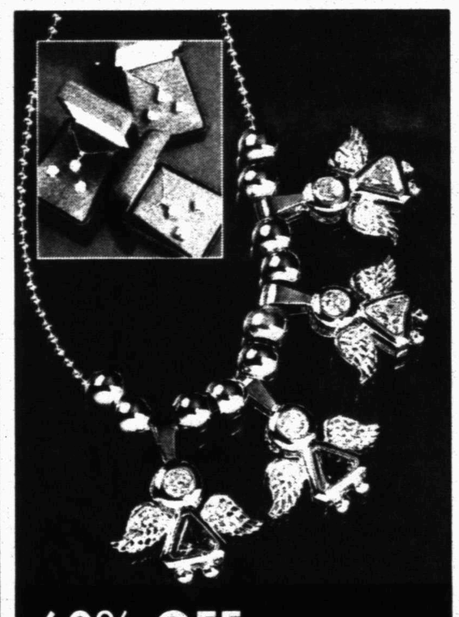
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Accreditation official calls military school 'impressive'

HARLINGEN (AP) — An accreditation official who toured the Marine Military Academy to investigate whether students are being adequately supervised says he was impressed with the school.

Jesus Chavez, superintendent of the Harlingen school district, declined to comment on any specific observations from Thursday's tour of the academy, which instructs 450 students in grades eight through 12.

However, he said, 'It's an impressive school.''

Chavez and Walter Howard, an education professor at the University of Texas-Brownsville, visited the academy on behalf of its accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. They plan to submit a report of their findings to the association.

The inspection came in the wake of a lawsuit filed last month by the parents of 11 former cadets, alleging inadequate supervision allowed their sons to be beaten and sexually abused by their classmates.

A lawyer representing the parents, who have not been identified, had contacted accreditation officials about the allegations.

The visit also was prompted by the alleged throat-slashing in October of a cadet. Two other cadets have been accused of attacking their classmate while he was asleep.

MMA President Harold Glasgow said he met with Chavez and Howard before their tour of the campus and discussed steps the academy had taken to beef-up supervision and security.

Additional duty officers patrol at night, and the school is installing alarms on dormitory exits and locks on individual rooms, he said. The academy also plans to add four cameras in each dormitory to allow duty officers to monitor the hallways at night.

''We're searching to put the best security system for our kids in that we can,'' he said.

Glasgow said he also pointed out that MMA is the only private boarding school in the country that has drill instructors and their wives living inside dormitories with students.

''I really wanted them to see exactly what we have,'' Glasgow said.

Randy Fleuriet, an attorney representing the academy in the lawsuit, said school officials were unable to address the allegations of abuse because they have not yet been provided with the names of the plaintiffs.

''Because these are mystery plaintiffs who do not have the courage to identify themselves, MMA cannot respond to these inflammatory allegations at this time,'' Fleuriet said, adding that the academy welcomed the scrutiny of accreditation officials.



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'Cyberbooze' said common on Internet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ads for easy-to-buy liquor are popping up all over the Internet to create yet another headache for parents trying to monitor what their children are exposed to in cyberspace, an advocacy group says.

''First it was cyperporn. ... Now it's cyberbooze,'' Americans for Responsible Alcohol Access said in a statement Thursday. ''It's growing as fast as direct shippers can set up Internet home pages and toll-free phone numbers.''

The group, newly formed, is backed by liquor wholesalers unhappy about losing sales, and income, to mail orders and the Internet.

The small but growing number of companies offering direct-to-home delivery of the wines and beers they advertise in cyberspace say the anti-booze campaign is an attempt by liquor wholesalers to put them out of business.

''They are used to getting their cut of every ounce of alcohol that comes into a state,'' said Jim Lowe, a spokesman for Hogshead Beer Cellars, a specialty beer-of-the-month club based in Greensboro, N.C. ''Wholesalers are the ones completely behind this.''

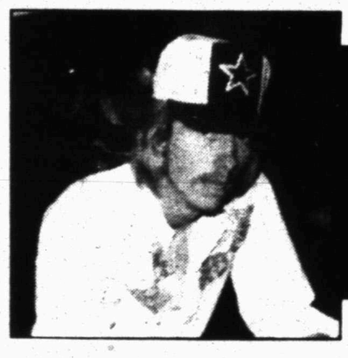
The organizers of Americans for Responsible Alcohol Access acknowledge their effort is funded largely by liquor wholesalers. They say it is also supported by ''safety-minded organizations.''

Washington lobbyist Barry McCahill, the group's director, declined to be interviewed. New York Attorney General Dennis Vacco was to discuss the issue at a news conference today.

Cyberspace merchants acknowledge that unsupervised teen-agers with a computer and access to the Internet can, with a few mouse clicks, feast their eyes on all manner of nakedness.

But they contend that marketing alcoholic beverages on the Internet is vastly different.

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By Phillip Alder



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	♦ A 9 8 6 5 4	
	♣ A K 3	
West		East
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♥ K 9 8		♥ 10 3
♦ Q 2		♦ J 10 7
♣ 6 2		♣ Q J 10 9 5
	South	
	♠ J 7 6	
	♥ A J 7 6 2	
	♦ K 3	
	♣ 8 7 4	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♠	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

The reliable guideline — most of the time

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H.G. Wells, in discussing humans, claimed, "Not one is altogether noble nor altogether trustworthy nor altogether consistent." This applies in bridge too: the first to opponents, the last two to lines of play.

When you are declarer, if you can take a ruff in the shorter trump hand (generally the dummy), it is usually the right line of play. However, there is one well-known exception: when you wish to set up and run dummy's long side suit. Then you might need that trump as a late entry.

How would you try to bring home four hearts in this deal? West cashes a top spade before switching to the club six, East playing the queen under dummy's king to show his sequence.

South did well to bid two hearts, thus getting to a desirable game contract.

The first declarer crossed to his diamond king, ruffed a spade in the dummy, and ran the heart queen. After winning with the king, West returned his second club, stranding declarer. He couldn't establish and run the diamonds because there wasn't a dummy entry left.

This was the pointless finesse in action because West was marked with the heart king from his opening bid. The second declarer, after playing a diamond to his king at trick three, led a trump toward dummy's queen.

West had no defense. If he ducked the king, South would win with dummy's queen, play a trump to his ace, return a diamond to the ace, and ruff a diamond. However, West won with the king and returned his second club to dummy's ace. Declarer cashed the diamond ace, ruffed a diamond high, drew trumps ending with dummy's queen, and ran the diamonds.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

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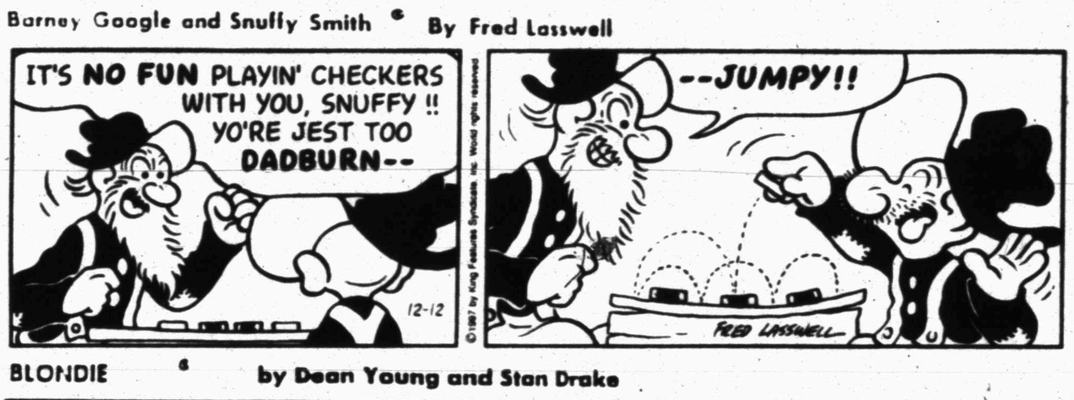
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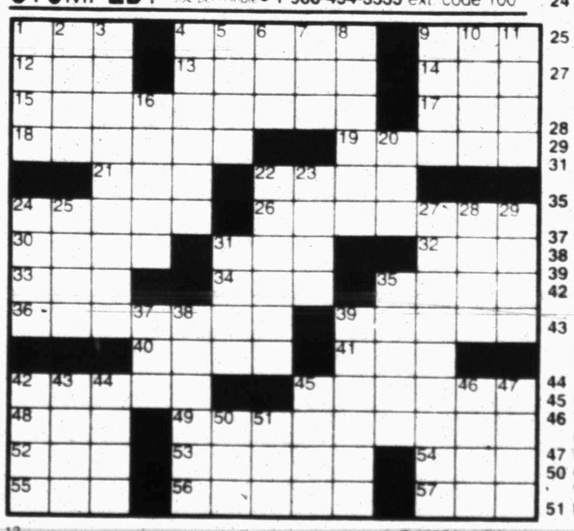
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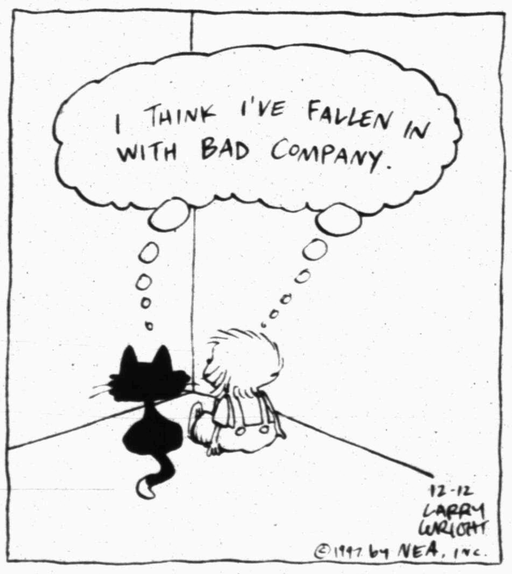
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SPORTS

Snyder falls 68-57 in tourney opener

SEMINOLE — The Tigers and Indians are so familiar with each other, it's starting to look more like a sibling rivalry than a hoop battle.

After splitting contests last week, the host Indians won the grudge match, 68-57, Thursday in the opening round of the Seminole Classic.

"Our kids played really hard tonight," Snyder coach Bud Birks said. "Every player that got out on the court was getting after it.

"We played well. Seminole is a very good team and they had to play extremely well to win tonight, and they did."

The Tigers, now 4-6 on the season, were to have faced Clint at 1:30 this afternoon. Clint fell to Andrews, 85-44, in the first round.

The Tigers came out hot, holding the early 10-4 lead before ending the first quarter trailing, 21-17.

But in the second, the Indians stepped it up a notch.

Seminole strung together a 10-0 run spanning almost 5 minutes, to seize a 35-21 advantage.

"The run that they made in the second quarter was the key point in the ballgame," Birks remarked. "We had to play catch-up after that, but they (Seminole) didn't miss many shots to let us back in."

The Tigers managed to mount a small rally of its own to close out the half.

Chris Riggins connected on an 8-foot jumper as the second quarter ended, cutting the deficit to 35-29.

In the third, the two teams traded baskets for the first four minutes before Jimmy Taylor added some excitement at the 3:56 mark.

Taylor blocked a shot attempt by Chris Ogden, then dribbled the length of the floor for a one-handed dunk over the Seminole junior.

The third quarter ended with the Indians on top, 49-40.

Snyder would get no closer than six points for the remainder of the game, despite 36 points from Taylor.

Ogden, considered to be one of the top players in the state, was held to only 14 points.

However, freshman Eric Sheets picked up the slack for Seminole.

Sheets finished with 21, while going six for six from the free throw line.

In other first-round action, Denver City notched a 66-39 victory over Pampa and Lamesa toppled Dimmitt, 73-52.

The Tigers will play, depending on the outcome of this afternoon's contest, Saturday at either 1:30 in the consolation final or 10:30 a.m. in the 7th-place match-up.

SNYDER — Fabre 1 2-2 5, McNair 2 0-0 5, Riggins 4 1-1 9, Taylor 16 4-9 36, Mandrell 1 0-0 2. Totals 24 7-12 57.

SEMINOLE — Clay 9 0-0 19, Ogden 5 3-5 14, Sheets 7 6-6 21, Alvarado 2 0-0 4, Browning 2 0-0 4, Hernandez 1 0-0 2, Shain 2 0-0 4. Totals 28 9-11 68.

Snyder	17	12	11	17 — 57
Seminole	21	14	14	19 — 68

Three-point goals: Snyder 2 (Fabre, McNair); Seminole 3 (Clay, Ogden, Sheets). Total fouls: Snyder 17, Seminole 16. Fouled out: none.



CATCH! — Snyder's Jimmy Taylor leaps to pass over Seminole defenders during the Tigers' 68-57 loss Thursday night. Snyder's Chad Carter (50) prepares to make the catch, while Alvin Fabre and Justin McNair (14) look on. Taylor finished the contest with a game-high 36 points. The Tigers were to have faced Clint this afternoon at 1:30 in second-round action of the Seminole tournament. (SDN Staff Photo By Eric Drennan)

Lady Tigers notch 48-44 tourney win

ABILENE — The Lady Tigers had been struggling with their post game, but Alicia Peoples made sure that wasn't the case Thursday afternoon.

Peoples, coming off a 15-point performance Tuesday, poured in 10 more to help Snyder down Eldorado, 48-44, in opening round action of the Wylie tournament.

The Lady Tigers, now 6-4 on the season, were to have faced Haskell at 12:30 this afternoon.

Haskell was a 53-43 winner over Hawley in the first round.

Snyder grabbed the early lead against the Lady Eagles, holding a 17-8 advantage at the close of the first quarter.

By the end of the third period, the Lady Tigers had stretched the margin to 16 points at 45-29.

But Eldorado mounted a rally in the final eight minutes, outscoring Snyder, 15-3.

Kameron Kallemeyn matched Peoples with 10 points of her own, while Brooke McGuire drained two three-pointers.

SNYDER — McGuire 3 0-0 8, Hall 3 0-0 7, Daniell 0 1-2 1, Delce 1 0-0 2, Kidd 3 0-0 6, Hess 1 0-0 2, Kallemeyn 5 0-1 10, Peoples 4 2-2 10, Murray 1 0-0 2. Totals 21 3-5 48.

ELDORADO — Mitchell 2 3-5 8, M. McCravey 3 3-4 10, Finley 2 1-2 5, K. McCravey 3 0-0 7, Jones 2 0-0 4, Sessom 2 6-12 10. Totals 14 13-23 44.

Snyder	17	13	15	3 — 48
Eldorado	8	14	7	15 — 44

Three-point goals: Snyder 3 (McGuire 2, Hall); Eldorado 3 (Mitchell, M. McCravey, K. McCravey). Total fouls: Snyder 11, Eldorado 16. Fouled out: M. McCravey.

Coyotes to battle for state title

It's a game played for one trophy (a golden football), one title (state champions) and three words ("We're number one!").

It's the Texas Six-Man State Championship.

And it's for all the marbles.

The Borden County Coyotes, undefeated at 14-0, square off in the state title contest with the 13-1 Panther Creek Panthers at 2 p.m. Saturday at Abilene Wylie Stadium.

For the Coyotes it will be their first trip to the championship event, while Panther Creek — which won the crown in 1992 and '93 — will be looking for its third trophy in six years.

Borden County advanced to Saturday's game by drubbing Lazbuddie, 68-22, last week in the semifinals.

The Panthers' berth did not come as easily.

Panther Creek had to score a touchdown in the final 19 seconds to top Trinidad, 36-32.

Both teams feature explosive offenses centered around the running game.

The Coyotes' workhorse is Fernando Baeza.

The 6'1" 160-pound junior has chewed up nearly 1,500 yards on the ground, while finding the endzone 27 times.

Baeza posted all five of Borden County's touchdowns in its quarterfinal win over Silverton.

For the Panthers, it's Luis Delgadillo who gets most of the work.

The 5'9" 175-pound senior was the state's leading rusher in six-man action last year and has gained over 1,800 yards this season.

Through the air, Coyote QB Colt McCook has thrown for over 1,700 yards as compared to 1,400 for Panther QB Brent Dawson.

One additional weapon for Borden County is kick returner Ed Rodriguez.

The fleet-footed sophomore outran Lazbuddie defenders for touchdowns of 82 and 77 yards on kickoff returns.

On the other side of the ball, the Panther defense is also led by Delgadillo, who many coaches say is even better defensively than he is offensively.

The Coyote attackers are led by a host of players.

Juniors Ryan Grant and Bryce Dye occupy the defensive line. Clint Scott mans the linebacking spot and Oscar Baeza heads up the secondary from his cornerback position.

Grant has registered 74 tackles and six sacks, while Dye is coming off playoff performances of 10 and 12 tackles.

Scott, a 5'8" 160-pound senior, has racked up 82 tackles and recovered three fumbles.

Oscar Baeza, who also sports 11 offensive TDs (five receiving and six rushing), has also had strong postseason outings. The senior, and older brother of RB Fernando, accounted for 14 tackles against Silverton.

As for the men in charge, it will be both coaches' first appearance in the championship game.

Borden County's Bobby Avery is now in his 15th season on the sidelines.

On the other side of the field, Mitch Lee came to Panther Creek in 1994, missing out on the Panthers' title victories over Fort Hancock and Dell City.

A Coyote win would make Borden County the third consecutive state champion with an undefeated record, with Amherst and Gordon accomplishing the feat in 1995 and '96.

Panther Creek suffered its only loss of the season in the district opener.

The Panthers fell to May, the District 10 champion and state quarterfinalist, 80-74.

Rice returns to line-up

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Jerry Rice's is making an improbable return to the San Francisco 49ers 3½ months following knee surgery for one reason: hard work by the top receiver in NFL history.

"I started Sept. 20 and I only took one day off," Rice said, and that was only at the insistence of doctors.

"I didn't want to take it off," Rice said.

Barring a setback in practice this week, he'll make his return to uniform Monday night against Denver. Rice, who had reconstructive surgery the day after tearing two ligaments and damaging cartilage in his left knee in the Aug. 31 opener at Tampa Bay, was upgraded Thursday to probable from doubtful.

"Basically, I'm doing everything exactly like I was doing before I got injured," Rice said. "I was running good routes, coming out of my cuts and I felt like I was very explosive."

Rice, 35, resumed practicing with the team on a limited basis last week. Wednesday, team physician Dr. Michael Dillingham, who operated on Rice's knee, cleared him to practice without any restrictions and for the past two days, he has been involved in all the team's workouts, including bump-and-run drills against defensive backs.

"It's surprising that he's available this early," coach Steve Mariucci said. "In the back of our minds, we were preparing not to have him at all. But we didn't put him on injured reserve and after he cut his own cast off, we started thinking, 'Maybe the playoffs.' Then he's running around stadiums before our games and he's going, 'shoom, shoom,' running back and forth and pretty soon it's sooner than that. It's all pretty remarkable."

It was initially believed Rice wouldn't play again until next season. But Rice, who holds most every significant NFL receiving record, never agreed with that prognosis. Five weeks ago, he predicted he would be in uniform for the Denver game and a declaration once greeted with skepticism now is well within reach.

"I don't think I'm rushing the situation," Rice said. "I think a lot of people are going to say, 'Well, why is Jerry back on the football field and all that?' They're entitled to their own opinions. I feel like I'm ready and I have always been the type, you know, I like to earn my money. I'm looking forward to getting back out there."

Mariucci said Terrell Owens and J.J. Stokes, who have played well in Rice's absence, would start at the wideouts Monday, and Rice would be worked into the game as a reserve. Rice will be limited to 10-15 plays.

"For him, I think it's basically trying to get his feet under him and get some confidence to go out and play," quarterback Steve Young said. "I think for he and I, timing shouldn't be a problem."

Rice, who will wear a brace on his knee, said he thinks he'll settle into his routine after the first hit.

"I think once I get out there and the blood starts flowing, I'm not going to worry about that," he said. "If you go out there and be aggressive and do what you're supposed to do, everything else is going to take care of itself."

Lady Bulldogs escape with a 44-34 victory

BLACKWELL — The Ira Lady Bulldogs don't mind a little adversity.

Ira topped the host Lady Hornets, 44-34, in the opening round of the Blackwell tournament, despite not having two of its top scorers.

The Lady Bulldogs did not start Terri Robinson and Jamme Goolsby due to illness.

The victory moves Ira's record to 11-0 on the season, setting up tonights 6 o'clock match-up with Trent.

The Lady Bulldogs held a slim 8-4 lead at the end of the first quarter before Goolsby entered the contest in the second.

Goolsby poured in eight points in the second period, giving Ira an 18-17 lead at the half.

Defense would be the name of the game for the Lady Bulldogs in the final two quarters, as Ira held Blackwell to only 17 second-half points.

Goolsby finished with a game-high 17 points, while Robinson poured in 12.

Korby Calley had two three-pointers to end with seven, with Morgan Clements chipping in two.

The contest with the Lady Gorillas, an overtime winner over Irion County, will be a rematch of last week's championship game at the Highland tourney.

Ira won that contest, 47-41.

Sports Briefs

Little dribblers' sign-up

Sign-ups for boys' Little Dribblers ages 9-12 will held until 7 p.m. tonight at Scurry County Boys & Girls Club. Registration fee is $20.

Tryouts for all age groups will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday at Travis gym. For more information contact the Boys & Girls Club at 573-3344.

Men's golf association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will have its monthly tournament, weather permitting, Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

This month's format is skins. For more information call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	14	5	.737	-
Orlando	16	7	.696	-
NewYork	12	9	.571	3
NewJersey	11	10	.524	4
Washington	9	12	.429	6
Boston	8	11	.421	6
Philadelphia	5	13	.278	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	15	5	.750	-
Cleveland	14	6	.700	1
Charlotte	12	7	.632	2½
Chicago	12	8	.600	3
Indiana	11	8	.579	3½
Milwaukee	11	10	.524	4½
Detroit	10	12	.455	6
Toronto	2	19	.095	13½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	12	5	.705	-
Utah	12	8	.600	1½
SanAntonio	11	10	.524	3
Minnesota	8	12	.400	5½
Vancouver	7	14	.333	7
Dallas	5	15	.250	8½
Denver	2	17	.105	11

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	16	5	.762	-
L.A.Lakers	15	5	.750	½
Phoenix	13	5	.722	1½
Portland	13	6	.684	2
Sacramento	7	14	.333	9
L.A.Clippers	4	17	.190	12
GoldenState	3	15	.167	11½

Wednesday's Games

Charlotte 104, Washington 101
Cleveland 102, Denver 83
Toronto 104, Philadelphia 97
Orlando 106, Chicago 98
Boston 96, Milwaukee 91
Golden State 93, L.A. Lakers 92
San Antonio 102, L.A. Clippers 87
Portland 93, Indiana 85

Thursday's Games

New York 107, Minnesota 103
Detroit 103, New Jersey 99
Orlando 100, Dallas 90
Cleveland 79, Milwaukee 77
Phoenix 94, Atlanta 78

Friday's Games

Washington at Boston, 6 p.m.
Denver at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 8 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Washington at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	20	9	0	40	86	53
Philadelphia	16	9	6	38	88	73
Washington	15	11	5	35	93	83
N.Y.Rangers	9	13	11	29	84	91
N.Y.Islanders	12	15	4	28	83	86
Florida	10	15	5	25	75	89
TampaBay	5	20	4	14	54	98

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	18	10	5	41	93	78
Montreal	18	10	4	40	98	76
Boston	14	12	5	33	76	80
Ottawa	13	14	4	30	79	74
Carolina	12	15	5	29	85	91
Buffalo	9	14	6	24	73	79

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	21	8	4	46	106	70
St.Louis	20	10	3	43	99	74
Detroit	19	7	5	43	105	74
Phoenix	13	14	4	30	83	87
Chicago	10	14	6	26	66	77
Toronto	10	14	5	25	65	78

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	16	7	9	41	96	81
LosAngeles	12	13	5	29	90	85
Anaheim	11	15	6	28	70	91
Edmonton	9	16	7	25	75	98
SanJose	10	18	3	23	79	96
Calgary	8	18	7	23	84	101
Vancouver	9	18	4	22	89	111

Wednesday's Games

Florida 5, Carolina 2
Montreal 4, St. Louis 3, OT
Calgary 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
New Jersey 4, Edmonton 2
Colorado 2, Toronto 2, tie
Phoenix 3, Chicago 3, tie
Dallas 3, Tampa Bay 0
Washington 3, San Jose 3, tie
Pittsburgh 3, Anaheim 0

Thursday's Games

Boston 2, Buffalo 1
St. Louis 2, Ottawa 1
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Islanders 3

Friday's Games

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DEAR READER: This is the last in my series on herbal remedies.

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Remember, too, that herbals usually do not produce results as quickly as synthetic pharmaceuticals, because they are less potent.

Herbals should not be taken in quantities that exceed the manufacturer's directions. Moreover, they can adversely react with other drugs (and plant remedies) in the body. For example, herbal laxatives such as cascara and senna can increase the potency of digoxin; juniper and dandelion can cause dangerous elevations in the blood levels of lithium.

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In short, herbal remedies probably have a place in the treatment of diseases. But the consumer must be wary of impure products and should meticulously investigate the source of the products.

Here are six representative references for further information:

(1) Books:

— "Handbook of Medicinal Herbs" by J.A. Duke (CRC Press, 1985).

— "The Honest Herbal: A Sensible Guide to the Use of Herbs and Related Remedies" by V.E. Tyler (Haworth Press, 1993).

(2) Journals:

— Alternative Therapies in Health and Medicine, InnoVision Communications, Aliso Viejo, Calif.

— The Lawrence Review of Natural Products (Facts and Comparisons), St. Louis, Mo.

(3) Online:

— The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Genome Information System, at http://probe.nalusda.gov/.

— The Alternative Medicine Home Page, at http://www.pitt.edu/~cbw/altm.html.

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Alltel	39	5-16	38¾	39 + ¼
AmerOnline	88¾	86	5-16	87 +13-16
AmStoress	19	15-16	19¾	19¾
Ameritech	78½		77⅝	78½+15-16
Amoco	87	15-16	87	5-16 87 11-16+ 7-16
AndarkPtr	61	7-16	60	11-16 60 15-16— 5-16
ArmcoInc			5	4⅜ 4⅜
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ATMOS Egy	26	13-16	26	11-16 26 11-16— 1-16
Aviall			14⅜	14 5-16 14⅜
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BellAtl	89	9-16	89	1-16 89 7-16+ ¼
BellSouth	55¾	55	1-16	55 11-16+ 7-16
BethSteel	8	9-16	8	3-16 8¼— 3-16
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BurlNoSFe	94¾	94	94	5-16+ ⅜
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CocaCola	64	7-16	64	64 3-16+ 9-16
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LucentTech	77⅞	76¾	76	9-16+ 3-16
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Monsanto	42¾		42¼	42⅜+ 3-16
MorganJP	118⅛	116	9-16	116¾+ ⅞
Motorola	58	3-16	56⅝	57 1-16+ ⅜
NCR Corp	28⅛		27⅞	27 11-16— ⅜
NationsBk s	63¾	62	13-16	63 + ⅜
Navistar	23	11-16	23¼	23 11-16+ ¼
Norwests	37¼		36¾	37 3-16+ ⅜
OryxEngy	25	5-16	24	11-16 25¼+ 5-16
Penney JC	62¼	62	3-16	62⅜— 3-16
Pennzoil	68	3-16	67⅞	67¾+ 5-16
PepBoys	24	11-16	24½	24 9-16— 1-16
PepsiCo	35	15-16	35½	35 9-16+ 5-16
PhelpDodge	64¼		63¼	64 1-16— 1-16
PhilipPet			48¾	48 48⅛— 1
PilgrmPrd	15	7-16	15⅛	15 7-16+ 1-16
Polaroid	44	3-16	43¼	43¾— 1⅜
Praxair	45	15-16	45	45 — 1-16
ProctGamb s	80	7-16	79	5-16 80¼+ ⅛
PubSNwMx	20¾	20	13-16	20 13-16+ ⅛
RoyalDut s	53	3-16	52	13-16 52 15-16— 5-16
SBC Comm			72	70½ 70⅝+ ⅜
SaraLee	53	13-16	53¼	53⅜+ ⅛
Scripps EW	44		43½	43 15-16+13-16
SearsRoeb	45	13-16	45	3-16 45 9-16+ ⅛
SherwinW s	29¼		27⅞	28 9-16— 9-16
SmthBc ADS s			51	1-16 50 50⅜+ ⅛
SouthernCo	23	3-16	23	1-16 23⅛+ 1-16
SwstAirl s	25	11-16	24	15-16 25 11-16+ ⅞
Sprint	58½	57	15-16	58 7-16+11-16
SunCo	43¼		42¾	42 13-16+ ½
TNP Ent			28⅛	28 28 — ⅛
Tandy s	41	3-16	40	5-16 40½+ 1-16
TempleInland	52	5-16	51⅞	51¾— 9-16
Tenneco	41	40	1-16	40 1-16— 5-16
Texaco s	54⅞	53	11-16	53⅛—11-16
TexInd s	46½		46⅜	46 7-16— ⅛
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TexUtil	39⅝		39½	39¾+ ⅛
Textron s	64	62	13-16	63¾+ 1
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TrinityInds	41½		41¼	41½+ ⅛
TritonEngy	31¾		31¼	31 3-16— ⅛
Tyler	5¼		5	5¼+ 1-16
US WestCm	45½		44¾	45½+ ⅛
USWstMda			28	1-16 27¾ 27⅞
USX Delhi	19	11-16	19⅜	19 11-16
USX-Marathn	34		33¾	33⅝— 9-16
USX-USS	29½		29¼	29½+ ⅛
UnCarbde	46⅜	46	5-16	46 5-16— 1-16
UnionPacif	62¼	61	3-16	61 7-16— 7-16
UnitedTech s	73¾		73⅛	73 11-16+11-16
Unocal	38½	37	15-16	38½+ 7-16
WalMart	40	5-16	39¾	40¼+ 7-16
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WinnDixie	42¼	41	13-16	41 15-16+ ¾
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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997

In the year ahead you might get involved in various joint ventures. Your business affairs will enhance your social life and your social life will end up advancing your commercial interests.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your judgment is a bit questionable today and steps you take may have to be retraced. Be prepared to do with your back what you failed to do with your head. 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 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Usually you like to work at your own pace, but today you might not be able to do so, owing to the demands foisted on you by others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You cannot rely upon others today to bail you out of situations where you are in over your head. You must purge self-created smears.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Though your intentions will be good today, don't make major decisions without consulting your mate. His or her interests might conflict with yours.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Details are important today and they should not be overlooked. Be careful, however, not to let trivial points obscure the larger purpose.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Use prudence and caution today in an involvement where there is something of value at stake. Foolish gambles could inflate and distort your chances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even if your way of doing things is far better than the methods of your associates today, you may have to make some concessions in the interest of harmony.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you're likely to be very imaginative, but you may use this splendid faculty to anticipate negative results rather than positive ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Generally speaking, your financial trends have vitality, but they might be subjected to some occasional strains. This may be one of your down days.

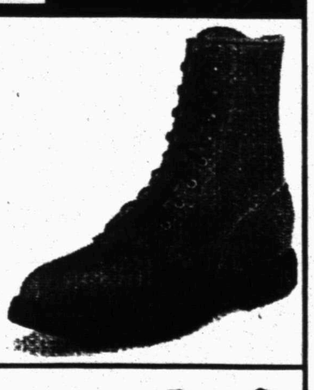
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Objectives you establish for yourself today may be hard to achieve. Do not attribute this to outside circumstances, but to your own faulty tactics.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You may have to contend with an arrangement today that is similar to one you handled poorly in the past. Try to profit from your mistakes.

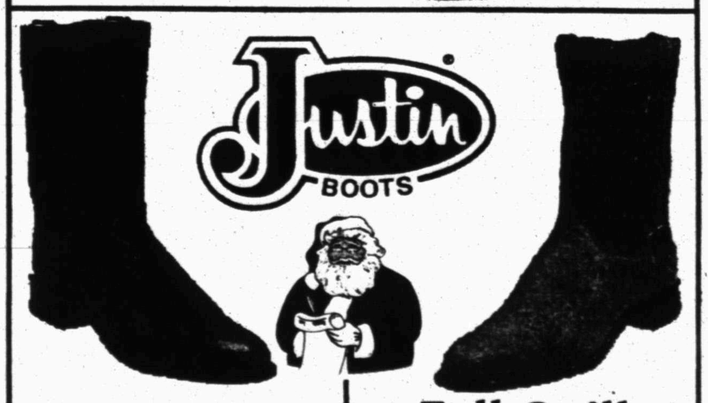
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Expectations have good chances of being fulfilled if they are pursued in a pragmatic manner today. Be a conscientious doer instead of just a dreamer.

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Worst fears correct: parents charged in deadly fire arson

WESTON, W.Va. (AP) — After a fire killed five children in their home, some neighbors feared the unthinkable — that the five adults who escaped without a scratch were somehow to blame.

The adults had watched, along with their horrified neighbors, and wailed as firefighters pulled out five little bodies, children ages 3 to 10.

As suspicion of them mounted in the days afterward — partly because the house was engulfed in flames before firefighters arrived from just two blocks away — a friend Margaret Mayo gave them the benefit of the doubt. Stop placing blame, she urged. Let the children rest in peace.

Her hope gave way to a feeling of betrayal and the worst fears of some in this Appalachian town were realized: Two parents and a stepfather were accused of pouring gasoline in the house, then setting the fire to cash in on an insurance policy.

"They should pour gasoline on them and burn them," Mayo said Thursday. "I would never believe they did this from the way they cried."

Ricky Brown, his wife, Barbara, and Janette Ables were jailed on $250,000 bond, awaiting a preliminary hearing on first-degree arson charges filed Wednesday. A grand jury will decide whether they also will be charged with murder.

Two other adults who were in the house were not charged.

State Fire Marshal Walter Smittle would not say whether the three meant to kill the youngsters or if they died in an arson plot gone horribly wrong. He refused to disclose the amount of the policy on the house, owned by Brown.

With news of the arrests, rage swelled across this town of 5,000.

"The fact that anyone could kill their own children is beyond comprehension," said neighbor Francie Yeager. "I can't imagine anyone being that evil."

Three weeks to the day since the Nov. 21 fire, debris is piled in the driveway. Among the charred planks and sooty clothing is evidence that children lived there: a baseball, a stuffed green frog, small blackened shoes.

A crucifix with holiday flowers and a soggy teddy bear rested at the corner of the house. Two Christmas ornaments lay on the sidewalk.

Brown, whose three stepchildren died, has said one of the children started the fire by playing with matches. He said his fire extinguisher didn't work.

Mayo first believed his account.

Other people's minds were made up earlier. Neighbor Sharon Pinkney said she had contacted child welfare authorities after a screaming 3-year-old was locked outside in the rain.

Ms. Ables' stepmother, Catherine Buhl, spoke harshly of the younger woman and said she believes her deceased 5-year-old granddaughter, Rayshell, went hungry at times, The Exponent-Telegram of Clarksburg reported today.

"She sold her food stamps," Ms. Buhl said of Ms. Ables. "She'd say she needed money for diapers and turn right around and go to the bar."

When Rayshell would visit her grandmother, the girl would eat until "she was about to pop."

Neighbor Scott Hathaway said the children were often neglected while their parents partied late into the night. He said he believes the children are better off now.

"That's a bad thing to say," Hathaway said. "But they won't have anything to worry about this Christmas. They're with God now."

Puff Daddy nominated five times

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Puff Daddy leads the pack of nominees for the American Music Awards to be handed out next month.

The hip-hop newcomer collected five nominations Thursday. His "No Way Out" landed him a nomination for best soul/rhythm & blues album. He's also in the running for male soul artist of the year, along with Babyface and Keith Sweat.

Tied for second-most nominations were Spice Girls and the Wallflowers with three apiece.

Research center worker killed by virus passed from monkey

ATLANTA (AP) — The employee at Yerkes Primate Research Center didn't think much of the tiny substance that struck her eye as she helped move a caged rhesus monkey.

Ten days later, the woman's eye was inflamed. Four weeks later, she died after contracting the herpes B virus.

The woman's death, announced Thursday, is the first known case in which the virus is believed to have been transmitted through the eye, said Yerkes spokeswoman Kate Egan.

"I don't know what it was, urine, feces ... we just don't know," Ms. Egan said. The virus, common among rhesus and macaque monkeys, is either harmless or causes mild disease in the primates. It is deadly to humans.

The woman, identified by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution as Elizabeth R. Griffin, died Wednesday after a roller-coaster battle with the virus. She appeared fine after initial treatment for her eye, then worsened.

Griffin, 22, who graduated this year with a degree in biology from Agnes Scott College, was a member of the primate research team. She was wearing a lab coat, gloves and a mask, but had no eye protection while helping to move the cage that was covered in a protective mesh to further limit contact.

"During this transfer, as she tried to look into the cage to check the status of the monkey, something came out," Dr. Tom Gordon, Yerkes' associate director of scientific programs, told reporters.

"Because it was so minor an event, it was not even viewed by the individual as serious. She didn't see it as an accident or an injury," he said. Symptoms developed about 10 days later.

Griffin was admitted to Emory University Hospital about four weeks ago. She responded well to anti-viral medication at first, said Dr. Carl Perlino, an associate professor in Emory's Department of Medicine.

"She did do well for perhaps eight to 10 days and then actually went home," Perlino said. "The day after she was sent home, I got a call saying she was developing weakness in her legs."

Griffin's condition worsened and she returned to the hospital where she died.

The virus isn't known to travel through the air, so the woman didn't think she was putting herself in any danger by not wearing eye protection, Ms. Egan said.

"In every other case we know of, the infection is from a bite or a scratch or a needle stick," she said.

"This was an extraordinary low-risk kind of activity by any measure we have," Gordon said. "There's no way you can get bitten or scratched doing what she was doing."

Herpes B virus is fatal in 70 percent of humans who contract the disease. Gordon said only 40 cases of monkey-to-human transmission have been recorded since 1933, when the first case was reported in a human. The cases came from bites, scratches and pricks from needles, the center said.

Griffin's colleagues held a memorial service for her at a chapel on Emory's campus Thursday, lauding her service to the research center.

The Yerkes center, which holds about 2,800 primates, performs tests on 15 primate species to find cures for AIDS, cardiovascular disease, Parkinson's disease and cancer.

Police pursue stolen Houston city bus

HOUSTON (AP) — Dozens of police officers late Thursday chased a Houston city bus, apparently stolen, eastward on Interstate 10 before a tire blowout stopped the vehicle near Baytown.

Broadcast reports said a lone driver was aboard the bus, which police pursued at speeds of 50 mph to 55 mph for more than 1½ hours until the blowout that stopped the vehicle near the Harris-Chambers county line.

A police spokesman did not return a telephone call late Thursday. Reports said the bus was stolen.

The chase proceeded through Houston for about an hour before the bus got on I-10 going east. Police cars surrounded the bus and officers tossed out stinger darts, but the vehicle rolled on.

The vehicle crossed at least two spikes laid across traffic lanes to flatten its tires.

Police were in close pursuit along with wrecker drivers hoping for business.

The Metro bus was boarded about 10 p.m. near the University of Houston by the suspect, who went through about a half-dozen traffic lights, entered Interstate 45 south and then took Loop 610 past the Astrodome and Galleria to I-10 where he headed east past the Houston Ship Channel. Near there, law officers placed spikes on the road to disable the bus.

After a detour through a subdivision, the suspect re-entered I-10 and continued east toward Beaumont when the rear drivers' side tire blew out. The bus continued forward on the rim for almost a half-hour, showering sparks on the road.

There were unconfirmed reports the bus driver may have been injured in the hijacking.

Alcohol gets blamed for accident

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Alcohol was blamed for an accident that killed a teen-ager who overcame the loss of an eye to become a Tae Kwon Do champion.

John Letzkus, 18, died and three passengers were injured, one critically, when a 1990 Honda Civic skidded and rolled into Laguna Madre late Wednesday, police said.

The occupants were trapped under four feet of water for five to eight minutes, officials said.

Alcohol contributed to the accident and Letzkus was speeding, police said.

Asa Pancoast, 17, was reported in critical condition late Thursday at Spohn Memorial Hospital.

Joseph Toliver, 17, and Craig Fitzgerald, 20, who were in the back seat, broke the car's rear window to escape, police said. They were treated and released at the hospital after the accident.

Friends said Letzkus lost an eye in an accident with a BB gun when he was about 8, but overcame the handicap to become accomplished in Tae Kwon Do, winning state and national awards.

Robert Kelly, 27, who practiced the martial art with Letzkus for eight years, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that Letzkus had the drive to be the best in the sport, and hoped to make it to the Olympics.

Letzkus overcame the loss of depth perception caused by having only one eye to become one of the best fighters Kelly had seen, he said, adding that Letzkus was passionate about the sport and about winning.

"He went to the national championships in '93 with a broken arm and still brought home third place," Kelly said. "He just never gave up."

Fitzgerald told police that the group had been drinking at a party shortly before the accident.

Letzkus was driving the car south on Laguna Shores Road in excess of 80 mph in a 40 mph zone when he rounded a curve and lost control of the vehicle, according to a police report.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Confident Wife Thanks Absent Husband for Being Such a Heel

DEAR ABBY: After spending yet another night alone while my husband was out having a few beers with his friends, I decided to write him the following thank-you note:

Thank you for the countless times you've gone out with your friends and left me home alone; it's made me realize I'm pretty good company.

Thank you for withholding your affection; you taught me I can live without it.

Thank you for refusing to help me do anything around the house; it's made me realize I can do just about anything myself.

Thank you for finding reasons not to spend time with me; it's made me learn to appreciate spending time alone.

Thank you for never sitting down to talk to me; the quiet time has allowed me to re-evaluate my life.

But most of all, and I mean this sincerely, thank you for giving me nine lonely years to realize with conviction that I can walk away from you and survive!

YOUR 'IN NAME ONLY' WIFE

DEAR IN NAME ONLY: Your farewell letter gives new meaning to finding the good in every bad situation. I'm sorry your lessons had to be learned the hard way. Perhaps your letter will educate others and save them from the pain you experienced.

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DEAR ABBY: On the last night of baseball's World Series, I settled in front of the television to watch this deciding game. At the bottom of the ninth inning, my wife asked me to change the channel to her favorite Sunday evening program. This is a program that comes on every week. The last game of the World Series comes on once a year.

I did not want to change the channel, and an argument ensued. I relented, but I was so angry I went for a one-hour walk to cool off while she watched her program. I returned to find my wife pouting because I didn't watch her program with her.

You, being a woman, will have a real problem deciding who should have given in. Abby, please don't suggest two televisions. Come right out with your response.

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DEAR FRANK: I had no problem at all deciding. This is not a man/woman issue. It is about common courtesy and consideration. I think your wife should have conceded.

P.S. Do you own a VCR? It could have averted a disagreement, and allowed you both to have viewed her favorite program at a later time.

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DEAR ABBY: I can bear it no longer. I want to know what other people think of "clapping" in church after the choir — or an individual — sings. I am so weary of it.

I always thought that you sang in church to praise the Lord, not as entertainment. Most choir numbers or solos are very moving. Then to hear this rousing applause just galls me. People never used to clap in church after performances. Why have they started now?

I think it is rude rather than complimentary. A church should be a place of worship where people offer their talent to God — not an entertainment center.

After the service ends, there is plenty of time to say you enjoyed their singing.

P. MEYERS IN MISSOURI

DEAR P. MEYERS: A spontaneous outburst of applause in appreciation of the choir — or soloist having delivered an exceptionally moving performance — is understandable, although I have never witnessed it.

Discuss your concerns with your pastor and church leaders. If they find it objectionable, they can pass the word to the congregation that applause during a worship service is inappropriate.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Police kill murder suspect, free children

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Police stormed a house before dawn today and safely rescued two young children, killing the murder suspect who had held them hostage for three days.

Four-year-old Malcolm Phillips and his 2-year-old cousin, Tedi Priest, were reunited with their mothers, who cradled the youngsters outside the house in a misty rain.

"I was so happy. I had all smiles," said Tedi's grandmother Margaret Vickson. The girl's uncle, Alphonso Wright, said, "I had faith they were going to come out OK."

John Edward Armstrong had been holding the two at gunpoint in their duplex since Tuesday morning, when he burst into their home while fleeing police who suspected him of a fatal shooting.

He ordered the children's mothers out and kept the two toddlers. A father of three himself, he had apparently treated them well, but police became concerned as he repeatedly broke promises to free them.

"There were concerns about what he would have done. He had nothing to gain by giving up. He knew what charges were facing him," said Police Chief William Kennedy. "We gave Mr. Armstrong every opportunity to come out peacefully. He did not."

Armstrong had previously taken only cat naps each night. But early this morning, a police listening device — a button-size thing that had been dropped into the house through a broken window — detected the sound of him snoring. Kennedy ordered the raid.

It was shortly after 5 a.m. when seven SWAT team members burst into the duplex and found Armstrong sleeping in a back bedroom, the children sleeping on either side of him.

Armstrong woke up and struggled with officer Scott Perkins. Police gave no detail on precisely what happened next, but in the end, Perkins was wounded in the hand, Armstrong was killed and the children were free.

In a reunion illuminated by police spotlights, Tedi was in tears as her mother, Iris Vickson, hugged her tight. Adrienne Phillips smiled broadly as she held her son and patted his cousin on the back. The children's fathers are brothers.

The children were checked out at a hospital and pronounced fine.

Jackson receives 26 months for Bill Cosby extortion plot

NEW YORK (AP) — Autumn Jackson, who tried to extort $40 million from Bill Cosby by threatening to tell tabloids she is his illegitimate daughter, was sentenced today to 26 months in prison.

U.S. District Court Judge Barbara Jones left open the possibility of reducing that pending completion of a rehabilitation program in prison.

Under federal sentencing guidelines, Ms. Jackson had faced between 57 and 71 months in jail.

Cosby, in a taped TV interview on Thursday, said that "whatever comes down is just fine with the Cosby family."

Ms. Jackson's lawyer, Robert Baum, argued that his client had been manipulated and naive and asked for a reduced term.

Prior to sentencing, Ms. Jackson, 23, made a tearful statement, apologizing for her actions.

"I've had a long time to think about what I've done and I'd like to apologize to the court and Mr. Cosby," she said.

"I only hoped that Mr. Cosby would be here and I would be able to apologize to him in person for letting him down .... and causing his family so much pain."

She said she had recently gotten married and wants to start a family.

"I knew Mr. Cosby held great expectations for me and believed in me when no one else would and I let him down. I'm so sorry," she said.

The judge said that Ms. Jackson could enroll in a special six-month program that includes academics, physical wellness and counseling. If completed, an inmate may serve the balance of the sentence in home confinement or an alternative program.

Federal prosecutors had told the judge before sentencing that it was imperative that punishment "reflect the gravity and reprehensibility of Jackson's offense."

Baum maintained that Ms. Jackson "appreciates that she acted inappropriately" and was pained knowing "that she will never have any relationship with the famous man she has always believed to be her father."

Texas Tech fraternity suspended

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Texas Tech fraternity has suspended several members indefinitely and has itself been suspended temporarily in connection with the Dec. 5 trashing of a historic building in Lubbock.

The national office of Phi Kappa Psi also is investigating, chapter adviser and Lubbock attorney Tom Pitts said Thursday.

The fraternity has agreed to pay for the damage to the Butler House, an old Tudor Revival-style house built in the late 1920s. Pitts said only a handful of people did the damage, which he said he believes can be repaired for less than $20,000.

Don Curry, who owns the home near the Texas Tech campus, said fraternity members apparently went on an "Animal House" binge Friday night of last week, urinating on the floors, smashing holes in walls, ripping down a ceiling fan, burning a spot on a hardwood floor and writing profanities on windows, among other damage.

"The most important thing is that we have caused embarrassment to Texas Tech, the Greek system and to the student body," Pitts said. "On behalf of the fraternity, I would like to apologize."

"A lot of people work very hard to do a lot of good things," Pitts said. "The thoughtlessness of a few of our brothers destroyed a lot of good work."

Community service will be one of the fraternity's biggest missions for the next few years, Pitts said. "We will try to restore the trust and respect that we so foolishly threw away."

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Assault tip investigated

Scurry County Sheriff's Office is investigating the possible sexual abuse of a child, reported Thursday morning by Children's Protective Services.

Sheriff Darren Jackson said the investigation is still underway and declined to provide any details at this time.

In other activity involving area law enforcement officers, police were informed at 8:29 a.m. Thursday about a burglary at the Pal-O-Mar flea market. That investigation is also continuing.

Officers are also looking into a couple of criminal mischief cases — a screen was ripped at a storage building at Fast Oil Change and someone broke flood lights and damaged the front door at Snyder Electronics. Those were reported Thursday morning.

At 4:03 p.m., Liz Delora contacted police in reference to the theft of a band instrument at Northeast Elementary. An offense report was filed.

A DPS trooper arrested a 30-year-old man at 2:46 p.m. Thursday along U.S. Highway 84 for possession of marijuana.

Police were called to the 1400 block of 20th Street at 11:29 p.m. following a disturbance complaint. Officers arrested a 32-year-old male for Class C assault, family violence.

Officers also responded to complaints involving threats, telephone harassment and barking dogs. No reports were filed in those cases.

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Audit gets SISD board approval

Snyder Independent School District's board of trustees approved the district's 1996-97 audit without comment Thursday night, as presented by Don Ashmore of the Abilene accounting firm of Davis, Kinard & Co.

In his presentation, Ashmore said the audit revealed, "Opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency."

Among the accounting firm's findings was the fact that the district's bank balances were not fully covered by federal depository insurance and/or pledged securities by the bank on the date of the highest cash balance of the year.

The report said that in order to minimize the district's risk, the firm recommended the district monitor bank balances of deposits to insure the funds are adequately collaterized throughout the year.

The report also suggested the district improve its filing of documents concerning purchases.

It stated numerous invoices — funded by local money — could not be found by accounting personnel during the audit.

Ashmore told the board that he did not question the purchases due to the fact that they reflected action found in the minutes of board meetings, but said if the purchases had been funded by federal or state grants, they would have been considered unallowable due to the lack of invoices.

Other recommendations from the accounting firm involved a more simple way of filing employee payroll deductions authorizations, recording loan payments for the district's energy conservation plan, and performing periodic reconciliations of certain funds as opposed only year-end reconciliations.

Ashmore also said the district should be aware of possible problems in the district's information systems as to what affect the year "2000" might have.

He said systems which track years in two digits may not recognize "00" as a year, or may interpret "00" as 1900.

Lee McNair, the district's assistant superintendent for business, said this morning that the changes in accounting procedures suggested by the audit have already been implemented.

The audit is required by Texas law and must be submitted to the Texas Education yearly in December, said McNair.

Obituaries

Ethel Glass

1906-1997

SWEETWATER — Ethel Glass, the mother of Marshall Burrus of Snyder, died Thursday, Dec. 11, in Rolling Plains Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Glass, 91, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Cate-Spencer and Trent Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Lyndel Hix will officiate, and burial will follow in the Loraine Cemetery.

Born Aug. 9, 1906 in Hamilton County, Mrs. Glass was a homemaker and a longtime member of the Broadway Baptist Church. She had been a resident of Sweetwater since 1955.

Survivors include two daughters and their husbands, Ivy and Doyle Graham of Sweetwater and Patsy and Dealon Stanley of Big Spring; a son and daughter-in-law, Marshall and Shirley Burrus of Snyder; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-granchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Sue Mize, Snyder; Richard White, Colorado City.

DISMISSALS: Wilma Scott, Richard White, Kelsey Guerra, Jenny Hughes, Brandon Porter.

CENSUS: Long-term, 26; Medical, 17; ICU, 2; Total, 45.

Births

Sherri and Ray Don Campbell are the parents of a daughter, Sarah Rene Campbell, born at 3:17 p.m. on Dec. 11 in Abilene. She weighed six pounds, four ounces.

Grandparents are Gerry and Linda Messick of Aspermont and great-grandparents are Travis and Sue Collom of Snyder. She is the niece of Cliff and Sandi Price of Fluvanna.

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Legion/VFW Christmas party

The American Legion and VFW will hold a Christmas party from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion. Ladies are asked to bring a dessert. Men and women need to bring a $10 gift.

First Baptist musical

"Everlasting Light," a Christmas carol for a dark world will be presented by the music ministry of the First Baptist Chruch at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

'A Christmas Story'

The Western Texas College planetarium will present "A Christmas Story" this Sunday and next Sunday at 2 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

Heritage Village open house

Heritage Village will be open from 2 until 4 p.m. Sunday. Visitors can see the nativity scenes in the Dodson House and cookie jar collection in the Dermott School.

AARP installation dinner

The AARP installation dinner will be held at 5 p.m. Monday at Rudy's. All members are encouraged to attend.

Bible study video tapes

Mike Tackett of Merkel appears on the Key to the Kingdom series, airing weekly on Cable Channel 2. Robert Oglesby of Richardson narrates The Story of the Bible. The next video, "God's Blessings," airs at 7 p.m. Monday, followed by Lesson 2 of The Story of the Bible.

Blood pressure clinic

Total Home Health of Post will have a free blood pressure clinic from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fluvanna Cafe.

Safety awareness program

Total Home Health of Post will host a free safety awareness program and Christmas tea from 3-4 p.m. Wednesday in the Golden Terrace Apartments meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

Watson in concert

Church of the Hills presents Johnny Ray Watson in concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday. A fellowship will follow the service. Those attending may wish to bring a snack. The church is located off the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and FM 612. Look for the lighted cross on the hill.

Support group ministry

Three support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. For more information, call the church office at 573-2631. Anyone is welcome to attend and child care will be provided.

'Does Santa Really Care?'

Snyder First Church of the Nazarene, 2462 S. 208, will present "Does Santa Really Care?" at 10:45 a.m. Dec. 21. Everyone is invited. Santa will be there.

Shelled pecan halves

Snyder High School Technology Student Association (TSA Club) is selling shelled pecan halves at $6 per pound. Contact a club member or call 573-6301 to purchase.

Tiger banners for sale

Snyder Girls Hoops Club is selling Tiger banners for $25. Call 573-1769 or 573-4283. They will deliver.

Driver's license office

The Texas Department of Public Safety driver's license office will be closed each Monday through Jan. 9.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs.

Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Snyder High yearbooks

Snyder High School yearbook staff is still taking orders for the 1998 Tigers Lair. Books are $35 through Dec. 19 and may be ordered with a $15 deposit. Mail orders to Student Publications, Snyder High School, 2901 37th St. Call 573-6301 for more information.

Volleyball team fund-raiser

Snyder High School Lady Tigers volleyball team is selling 'Win Win Discount Cards' good through Nov. 30, 1998. The cards are $5 each and can be obtained from players, boosters or at the school office. The cards entitle the bearer to discounts at a number of local businesses.

Cash Five

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

10, 18, 20, 32, 35

(ten, eighteen, twenty, thirty-two, thirty-five)

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

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Home Of Susan Scott

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Nobody ever forgets where the hatchet is buried."

If you think the holidays are going to the dogs...then where do dogs go for the holidays?

For devoted owners who want their best friend to have a positive holiday experience — we guess to ward off canine depression — there is no short supply of answers.

Pet owners can choose from more than 100 doggy resbrts located in the U.S. Last year, for instance, more than 90 canine guests woke up in Detroit on Christmas morning to see what Santa had left in their stockings.

Later in the day, there was a feast of turkey and doggy gravy. And don't worry about Fido putting on extra holiday pounds. There are planned activities such as romping around the sprawling wooded estate.

Winford Kennels doesn't cater to ordinary dogs. Its clients hail from affluent, upscale neighborhoods in Detroit, all expecting nothing less than five-star service.

Explained one pet owner, "I'm de-nesting now, so they're like my children." We think that means that all the kids have left home.

Her "children" are Chelsa, an English springer spaniel, and Patty, a greyhound. Last Christmas they relaxed in luxury while their owner was caught up in a whirl of holiday parties, followed by a Caribbean vacation.

Another owner described it as a "doggie Ritz." The owner was overwhelmed with the attention. "They treat him like a human being, not just an old dog."

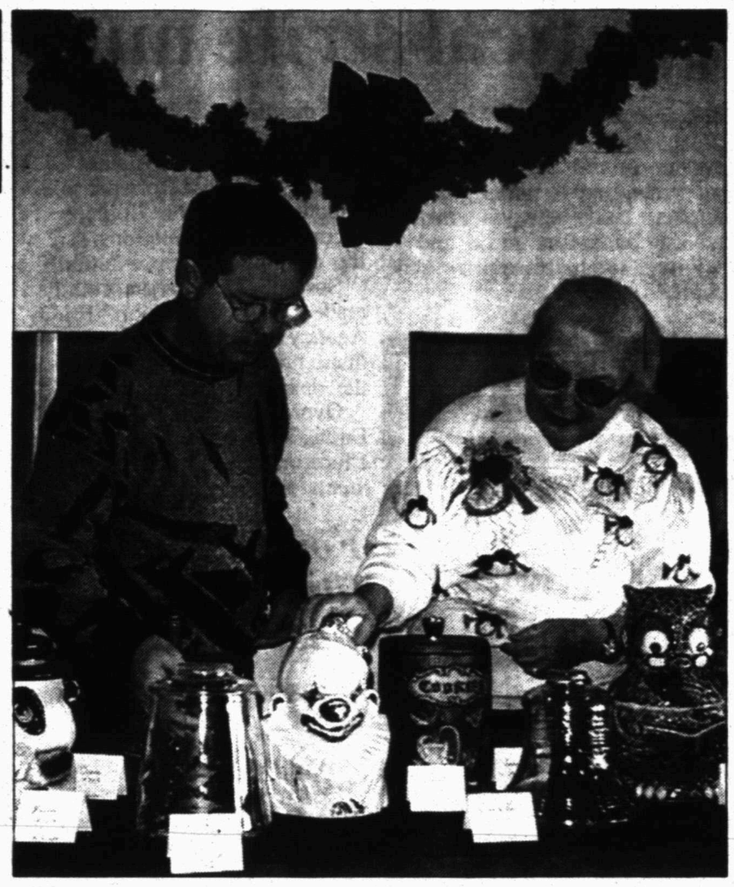
But the doggie hotel's management says their place is not for just any hound. "Being away from home in a kennel during the holidays can be stressful, but we work to make them happy."

Nobody has told us how pets know it's the holidays. We suppose it's all those gifts under the tree with Fido's name on 'em.

But the doggie hotel does aim to please. Staff treats "guests" to their favorite games, frequent strolls, swimming classes and even visits to the hairdresser.

One finicky schnauzer eats only hamburgers from McDonalds, so a staffer daily makes a 25-minute drive to bring home dinner.

We wonder if they leave cookies and milk out for Santa.



OPEN HOUSE — Richard Hester and Lois Bartels ready one of the displays for the Heritage Village open house set for Sunday from 2 until 4 p.m. The village is located on the grounds of Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

Closing arguments begin Monday in bombing trial

DENVER (AP) — Attorneys in the second Oklahoma City bombing trial are putting the final touches on closing arguments this weekend after meeting privately with the judge to complete jury instructions.

After a three-day break, the jury of seven women and five men will return to court Monday to hear closing arguments before U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch hands them the case against Terry Nichols.

Deliberations could begin as early as Monday afternoon.

"I can't imagine a case for either side where closing arguments are going to be as important as they are in this one," said Denver attorney Andrew Cohen, a legal analyst for the trial. "The evidence is so complex and the case is so circumstantial and it's lasted for so long. And the jury can't take notes or ask questions.

"It's going to be absolutely critical for the prosecution especially to make it make sense to jurors."

Matsch, who met with attorneys Friday, warned jurors a day earlier to avoid news accounts and even skip company holiday parties in case coworkers wanted to discuss the case. He said he will not sequester the jury.

Nichols, who didn't testify during the trial, faces the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy in the April 19, 1995, blast that killed 168 people. Timothy McVeigh, 29, was convicted on identical charges earlier this year and sentenced to die.

During six weeks of testimony, jurors heard from about 200 witnesses and saw a variety of evidence, from the 250-pound axle of a Ryder truck traced to McVeigh to a receipt for ammonium nitrate fertilizer wrapped around two $50 gold coins and found in Nichols' kitchen drawer.

But most of the crucial government evidence lies in records from a telephone calling card, motel room receipts and storage shed rental leases that prosecutors say establish a timeline for the bomb plot.

The defense, meanwhile, attempted to raise reasonable doubt by questioning that timeline and suggesting that other conspirators were involved.

Defense attorneys attacked the FBI's handling of bomb-related evidence and the prosecution's theory that Nichols and McVeigh constructed the bomb on April 18, 1995, at Geary State Fishing Lake near Herington, Kan.

Prosecutors called two witnesses who said they saw a Ryder truck at the lake that day, but a string of defense witnesses told jurors they saw a Ryder truck at that lake as much as a week earlier.

Other defense witnesses said they saw McVeigh with other men who didn't fit Nichols' description at key times during the weeks before the bombing.

But, Cohen said, they failed to establish an alibi for Nichols on April 18, 1995, and failed to poke holes in claims that Nichols robbed an Arkansas gun collector to help finance the bombing.



Write Santa!

Snyder Daily News is accepting letters to Santa for publication in its Dec. 24 issue.

Letters may be brought to the newspaper office at 3600 College Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 949.

Letters must be received by 5 p.m. Wednesday in order for them to be forwarded to the North Pole in time for Christmas.

Annual awards honor six unheralded heroes

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Dr. Bill Thomas believes there's too much emphasis on nursing in nursing homes, too little on creating a homey atmosphere: the smell of an herb garden, the laughter of children, the kinship of community.

In seven years, his educational foundation has helped transform 300 of them into congenial places humming with activity and purpose. He was one of six "unsung heroes" honored Friday by the 1997 America's Awards.

Among the recipients were a retired Virginia postal worker who has managed to give away almost $100,000 and a millionaire in Nebraska who has embarrassed corporations into lowering the fat content of their food products.

The awards, created in 1990 by the late minister and author Norman Vincent Peale, annually cite unappreciated Americans who personify the country's character and spirit. Each winner receives $1,000.

When Thomas took his first job as a medical director in a nursing home, "I realized something really big was missing," he said. "I could give the residents all the right medicines and they could still die of loneliness."

With a $200,000 state grant, Thomas helped transform the Memorial Nursing Home in New Berlin near Binghamton into a vibrant habitat. He piped in ragtime jazz, brought in cats and parakeets, put up indoor trellises and set aside curving gardens of flowers, herbs and vegetables.

Children are part of daily life, with after-school programs, a day-care center and a colorful playground and picnic area for families.

Richburg plans to file by petition

Scurry County has another candidate for county commissioner — or will have, as soon as Scott Richburg rounds up enough signatures.

He's filing by petition to be placed on the Democratic Party ballot for the Precinct 4 commissioners post, currently held by Jerry Gannaway.

Gannaway announced last weekend that he won't seek re-election.

Richburg is the second person to file for the office. Earlier Friday, deputy county auditor Chloanne Lindsey filed, also as a Democrat. There is no Republican candidate for the job as yet.

Richburg made public his intentions by selecting J.B. Tate Jr. as his campaign treasurer. Now, the Hermleigh High School graduate will have to gather roughly 50 signatures from registered voters in the precinct.

He said he decided to file by petition rather than paying a fee because, "If I run for office, I want to know there are people in the precinct who wish to see me on the ballot as a candidate."

Richburg is a 1969 graduate of Hermleigh High School. He holds an engineering degree from West Point and completed 36 graduate hours toward a master's degree in business.

He is a Vietnam-era veteran, resigning from the military in 1978 as a captain.

Until returning to Texas in 1994, Richburg spent 16 years in New York City, where he worked as a systems engineer for major companies such as Honeywell and Johnson Controls, and ran his own construction business.

He is currently employed as an account executive for Simplex, a Massachusetts-based company specializing in building systems. He serves a 70-county area in West Texas.



Scott Richburg

"I have an extensive background in engineering, project management and business operations. I have had fiscal and performance responsibility for the success of multimillion dollar projects and operations," said Richburg.

"This experience has taught me to be a problem-solver and a decision-maker, and to be honest and accountable for everything that I do. These are skills and traits that I think anyone in a leadership role must possess and continually strive to improve.

"Today, county leadership is faced with a decreasing tax base and a need to provide the same, if not better services to the people. To deliver what is necessary is going to require proactive management, the ability to plan for the future, and a commitment to serve the people.

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Medicare...

President asks for legislation to end prescription overcharges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vowing to end a "fraud tax" he said is costing the Medicare system billions of dollars a year, President Clinton called on Congress Saturday to pass legislation that would bar doctors from charging more for prescriptions than the true cost.

"We must put a permanent stop to this," the president said in his weekly radio address.

Clinton said that clamping down on drug overpayments would save $700 million over five years. He noted that a recent report by the inspector general of the Department of Health and Human Services found that what Medicare pays for drugs "bears little or no resemblance to actual wholesale prices that are available to physicians and suppliers that bill for these drugs."

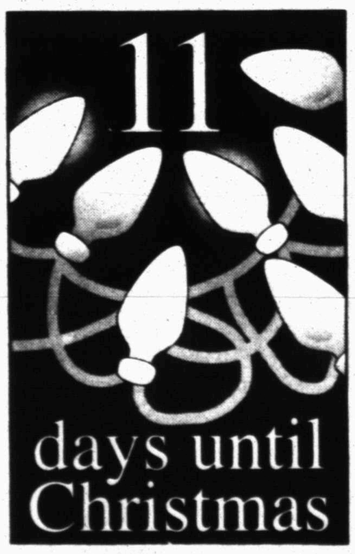
Under current practices, Medicare pays a "sticker price" set by manufacturers rather than the average price actually charged by wholesalers, Clinton said.

"For more than one-third of these drugs, Medicare paid more than double the actual wholesale prices, and in some cases pays as high as ten times the amount," the White House said in a fact sheet.

Clinton said his proposal, to be included in his budget for the 1999 fiscal year, is one of a series of actions he has taken to curb waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicare system.

He said that since taking office in 1993 more prosecutors have been assigned to drive "scam artists and fly by night operators out of Medicare entirely." The result is a 240 percent increase in the conviction rate and a savings of some $20 billion.

Clinton also noted that he has ordered a moratorium on all new home health care providers coming into the Medicare program, a new renewal process for home health agencies currently in the system and a doubling of audits to weed out bad care providers.



County to set 1998 holidays

Setting holidays for 1998 is the only new item of business awaiting Scurry County Commissioners Court when it meets at 10 a.m. Monday.

The court will also consider line-item transfers and budget amendments, plus review the extension office report. December minutes of the county welfare board are also on the agenda.

Monday's session is the court's next-to-last scheduled meeting for the year as it plans to meet for the last time on Dec. 22.

No action taken by Snyder council

Snyder City Council met through the noon hour Friday to continue the evaluation of city manager John Gayle.

No action was taken following the meeting. Gayle was ill and unable to attend.

The council is evaluating Gayle following a new city policy of awarding merit raises based on work evaluations.

Mayor David Holt said earlier that since all city employee merit raises are based on evaluations, Gayle should be evaluated also.

Gayle had not had a formal evaluation in several years.

ASK US

Q—What is the capacity of the new juvenile detention center recently opened in Post?

A—It is designed to house 48 defenders. As of last week, there were 15 juveniles in it.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 40 degrees; low, 20; 7 a.m. Saturday, 22; no precipitation; total for 1997, 24.26 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear. Low, mid-20s. W-NW wind 5-10 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny. High near 60. W-NW wind 5-10 mph.



Staci Lee
Sunny

Sunset: 5:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:35 a.m.
Of 346 days in 1997, the sun has shone 331 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It is not the going out of port, but the coming in that determines the success of a voyage.

Henry Ward Beecher

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Crawford acquitted by jury

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A jury acquitted former Ingleside mayor Mark Crawford of capital murder Friday after telling the judge that six hours of deliberations had not produced a verdict.

Crawford was accused of kidnapping and gassing to death his Houston business partner, Nick Brueggen, 49, then burying him behind a building Crawford used near Aransas Pass.

This was his second trial on the charges. Crawford's first trial ended with a hung jury deadlocked at 10-2 in favor of conviction. The second trial was moved to San Antonio because of publicity in the Corpus Christi area.

Defense attorney Bill May said Crawford is an innocent man who was put through 18 months of turmoil.

"It was obvious the state's witnesses had lied in court, and it was pretty obvious Mr. Crawford had been framed for a murder he hadn't committed," May said.

On Thursday, jury foreman Raul Martinez told state District Judge Ronald Yeager that jurors were "having a pretty hard time" reaching a verdict.

The jury requested transcripts of the testimony of Texas Ranger Oscar Rivera regarding a conversation in which Rivera said Crawford told him he was in Houston on the day police say Brueggen was killed.

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DISD told political strife must conclude

DALLAS (AP) — State education officials urged Dallas public schools administrators that the district's board must stop fighting and focus on the schools' children.

A review committee from the Texas Education Agency, inspecting the district's two low-performing schools and an alternative school, told Dallas Independent School District officials that recent strife among board members and between trustees and administrators must end if they are to help improve the schools.

If the district is to progress, "a united board with clear focus on educational achievement is needed," Carolyn Roberts, senior director of TEA's division of accountability evaluations, said in the committee's presentation.

Several TEA representatives made the presentation Friday. Agency officials will send the district a formal written report in the next 45 to 60 days.

Overall, the state officials gave Dallas school administrators and educators high marks for improvements they've undertaken.

They largely were in line with previous comments by state Education Commissioner Mike Moses in a letter to board members last month, in which he expressed concerns about board members' roles in leading the district.

Moses followed up on the letter by meeting with board members individually Tuesday.

Review committee members, some TEA officials and others from school districts statewide spent much of the week at Pinkston High School in West Dallas and Onesimo Hernandez Elementary School near Love Field. Scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test at the two schools placed them in the state's low-performing category.

Four years ago, 37 Dallas schools fell into that category.

The TEA review team found that Pinkston, despite district support, still lacked enough certified math teachers. They also said the district was short about 600 certified bilingual teachers.

Interim Schools Superintendent James Hughey said he valued the comments.

"You don't pull the wool over a school person's eyes," he said.

"Basically, we're here every day and we recognize that there are needs in each of these areas, and we're going to address those.

Former resident films elementary student activities

MESQUITE — Jayson Limmer, son of Howard and Carolyn Limmer, produces a weekly educational television program about the activities of elementary school children.

He is a production assistant in the Mesquite school district's instructional television division.

The program, "The News," airs on cable television in Mesquite.

A puppet, Donkey Boy, usually opens each of the programs which range in length from 10 to 15 minutes. Each show usually features about four different segments which basically show students talking about the projects or activities at their school.

One recent broadcast included a living wax museum produced by Shands Elementary fifth graders.

Limmer picks the students for each broadcast at random. He prefers students who are both enthusiastic and interested in whatever they are doing.

Limmer's broadcast is a one-man show because he schedules the shoots and tapes and edits them. An average week has about 10 events and about 80 minutes of tape.

After he took over the program in January of this year, Limmer added more visual and sound effects.

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BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Donut

TUESDAY
Biscuit
Cream Gravy

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast Taco

THURSDAY
French Toast Sticks

FRIDAY
Scrambled Eggs

LUNCH

MONDAY
Chicken Nuggets
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Macaroni and Cheese
Fruit Cocktail

TUESDAY
Chef Salad w/Crackers
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Buttered Corn
Pears

WEDNESDAY
Submarine Sandwich
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Tater Tots
Fresh Apple
Ice Cream

THURSDAY
Turkey and Dressing
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Green Beans
Spice Cake
Homemade Roll

FRIDAY
Hamburger on a Bun
Corn Dog
Lettuce & Tomato
French Fries
Orange Halves

Hermleigh School Menu

BREAKFAST

All meals are served with milk.

MONDAY
Fruit
Oatmeal
Toast

TUESDAY
Juice
Toast & Jelly

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Toast & Jelly

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Pancake Pups

THURSDAY
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast

FRIDAY
Fruit
Cinnamon Rolls

LUNCH

MONDAY
Frank Wraps
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Cherry Cobbler

TUESDAY
Barbecued Chicken
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Hot Rolls
Ginger Bread

WEDNESDAY
Chili
Cheese Wedges
Relish Cup
Crackers
Apple Wedges

THURSDAY
Turkey/Dressing/Giblet Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Fruit Salad

FRIDAY
Ham Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Potato Chips
Orange Slices

Snyder School Menu High School & Junior High

All meals are served with variety of milk. All breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast and fruit juice.

MONDAY
Donut

TUESDAY
Biscuit
Cream Gravy

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast taco

THURSDAY
French Toast Sticks

FRIDAY
Scrambled Eggs

LUNCH

MONDAY
Pizza
Stuffed Potato w/Cracker
Tossed Salad
Corn on the Cob
Fresh Apple

TUESDAY
Patty Melt
Corn Dog
Tater Tots
Ranch Style Beans
Peaches

WEDNESDAY
Chili Dog
Rib Sandwich
Fried Okra
Mixed Vegetables
Ice Cream

THURSDAY
Turkey and Dressing
Mashed Potatoes

Diarrhea vaccine OK'd by FDA panel

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — American infants soon may have another vaccine to swallow — the first protection against a virus that causes severe diarrhea that puts 55,000 U.S. children in hospitals each year and kills 1 million in other countries.

Scientific advisers to the Food and Drug Administration concluded unanimously Friday that the vaccine against rotavirus, Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories' RotaShield, is safe and effective.

The FDA is not bound by the panel's conclusion, but typically follows its advice. If the FDA agrees, the vaccine would be given to infants to swallow in three doses, at ages 2 months, 4 months and 6 months.

The vaccine promises to cut by up to 80 percent the most severe rotavirus-caused illnesses, but it will not wipe out the intestinal virus altogether, the panel cautioned. Still, vaccinated children who do get sick have milder cases.

"It blunts severe disease," explained adviser Dr. David Karzon of Vanderbilt University.

Rotavirus is the leading cause of severe diarrhea in childhood, attacking the lining of the small intestine. The constant diarrhea can cause severe dehydration, and children often suffer vomiting as well. About 75 percent of children are infected before age 5, with the youngest infants often the sickest.

In the United States, 3 million children are sickened each year, 500,000 need a doctor's care and 55,000 are hospitalized with severe illness, the government says. But good care, especially replacing lost fluids, limits deaths here to no more than 40 a year. The medical bills total about $400 million.

In developing countries with poorer health care, rotavirus is much serious, killing about 1 million children worldwide every year.

"This is an endemic disease and all children are at risk," said Dr. Roger Glass of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Clearly a vaccine would be of use."

Alarmed by the toll, the National Institutes of Health began developing a vaccine in the 1980s and licensed its discovery to Wyeth. Today, RotaShield has been tested on about 16,000 children around the world.

On Friday, Wyeth presented three of those studies — in 24 U.S. cities, in Indians living in Arizona and New Mexico, and in Finland. RotaShield cut the number of rotavirus cases between 49 percent and 68 percent, depending on the study.

It was most effective against severe diarrhea, cutting those cases by some 80 percent. No vaccinated child suffered the dehydration that is rotavirus' biggest danger.

The vaccine cut the need for doctor or hospital care by 73 percent, the studies showed. The children who still got sick suffered milder disease and were well about a day sooner than unvaccinated children.

Ira School Menu

MONDAY
Steak Fingers
Creamed Potatoes
Peas
Biscuits
Choice of Milk

TUESDAY
Sloppy Joes
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Choice of Milk

WEDNESDAY
Ham & Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
Green Beans
Creamed Potatoes
Jeweled Jello
Stuffed Celery
Rolls
Choice of Milk

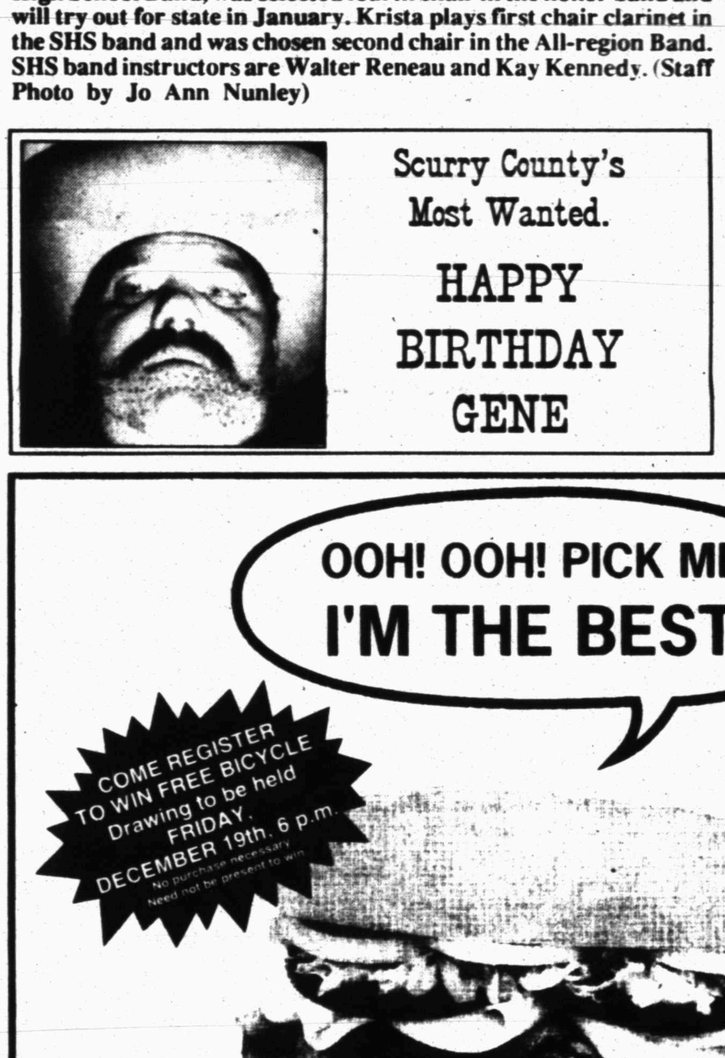
THURSDAY
Tacos w/Chili
Vegetable Salad
Refried Beans
Pears
Choice of Milk

FRIDAY
Sandwiches
Chips
Cookies
Choice of Milk

Far from home

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Feeling sorry for yourself because you're far from home this holiday season? Think of David Wolf, up on Mir.

"We'll enjoy the light show on the Earth instead of our own Christmas light," Wolf said Friday from the Russian space station. "Actually, our consoles here look a lot like Christmas lights a lot of the time."



All-REGION BAND MEMBERS — Corey Ballard and Krista Villarreal earned All-region band honors during tryouts in Lubbock. Corey, who plays first chair French Horn in the Snyder High School Band, was selected fourth chair in the honor band and will try out for state in January. Krista plays first chair clarinet in the SHS band and was chosen second chair in the All-region Band. SHS band instructors are Walter Reneau and Kay Kennedy. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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2nd opinion sought

CROSS PLAINS (AP) — Cross Plains school trustees want a second opinion on the extent of structural damage caused to the high school building by the fire set by arsonists early Sunday.

Superintendent Jackie Tennison said Friday that structural engineers hired by the school's insurance company examined the building Thursday but have not reported their findings or recommendations.

Neither have insurance adjusters given an estimate of the damage caused by the fire, smoke and water. Early estimates have ranged up to $1.5 million.

Part of the building cost $400,000 to construct only a year ago. That addition included the biology lab, which was heavily damaged.

A 18-year-old former student and two 16-year-old juniors have been accused of starting the fire.

The building housed about 250 students from seventh through 12th grades.



SERVICE AWARDS — Walls' employees who received service pins and awards Monday include Jessie Asberry, John Banks, Rachel Barrera, Lisa Brandon, Elida Chavez, Marie Contreraz, Patsy Fisk, Delia Franco, Diana Garcia, Norma Garcia, Belinda Grant, Shirley Groce, Leona Holloway, Lina Kellner, Richard Payne, Kathy Pemberton, Benita Rios, Oralia Rodrigues, Nellie Rodriquez, Betty Souder, Tomasa Vasquez, Irma Deleon, Marie Durst, Billie Holladay, Tami Wishert, Marie Lambaren, Margaret Martinez and Jimmie Tate. Katherine Ogburn is not pictured. (Contributed Photo)

Walls' employees given service awards

Service certificates and pins were awarded to 29 employees in the Snyder facility of Walls Industries on Monday. Presenting the awards were David Wittie, plant manager; and Ron Istre, senior vice president of manufacturing and distribution.

Receiving five-year pins were: Jessie Asberry, John Banks, Rachel Barrera, Lisa Brandon, Elida Chavez, Marie Contreraz, Patsy Fisk, Delia Franco, Diana Garcia, Norma Garcia, Belinda Grant, Shirley Groce, Leona Holloway, Lina Kellner, Katherine Ogburn, Richard Payne, Kathy Pemberton, Benita Rios, Oralia Rodrigues, Nellie Rodriquez, Betty Souder and Tomasa Vasquez.

Those receiving 10-year awards were: Irma Deleon, Marie Durst, Billie Holladay and Tami Wishert.

Marie Lambaren, Margaret Martinez and Jimmie Tate received 20-year service awards.

In presenting the awards, Istre said the contribution of all the people honored has been a major factor in making Walls the leading name in the apparel industry.

Walls Industries, Inc., a Cleburne-based apparel firm has eight locations in Texas and employs over 1,400 people. This year 202 employees were honored with service awards totaling 2,025 years of combined service to the company.

Morales announces $1 million judgment in pest control case

AUSTIN (AP) — A pest control services business has agreed to pay damages and fees totaling more than $1 million to the state and consumers, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said Friday.

The final judgment and agreed permanent injunction were filed simultaneously in state district court with Morales' lawsuit against Monticello Leasing Corp., doing business as Sears Termite and Pest Control, and David Terry, the company president, according to the attorney general's office.

Company spokeswoman Joanne Barratt said of the amount cited by Morales, $700,000 represents customer refunds the company began making voluntarily months ago.

"We are part of the Sears Roebuck family. We always have and always will stand behind our 'satisfaction guaranteed or your money back' policy. We are here to take care of our customers' concerns, needs and complaints at any and all times. We stand behind our products and services to the fullest extent," said Ms. Barratt, vice president of corporate operations for the termite and pest control division in the state.

"If any of our customers have concerns, they can call us at any time. We will give it our utmost attention," she said.

The company provided residential pest control services in cities including Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Temple, according to Morales' office.

Bell battle over

THE COLONY (AP) — A dispute over a church's chimes has been settled.

Calvary Christian Center agreed to lower the volume of its electronic bells and not to ring them as often, according to an agreement announced Friday.

The church is in The Colony, about 20 miles north of Dallas.

The bells are activated by computer and have been ringing each hour from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., but a neighbor filed a complaint, alleging that he and his wife couldn't sleep during the daytime.

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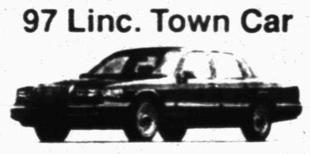
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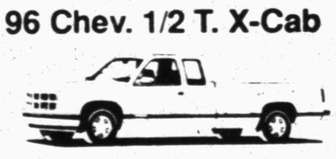
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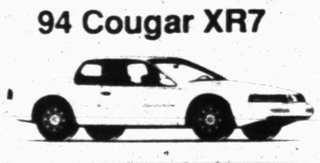
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NEW LOCATION — Tiger Health and Fitness' relocation to Snyder Shopping Center was celebrated with a ribbon cutting Tuesday morning sponsored by the chamber of commerce. Owners are Kerry (not pictured) and Angela Hatley who is holding her son, Kaden. Also present were Donna Fowler, center, chamber manager, and Gold Coat members, from left, C.R. Perez, Bill Dryden, John DeLille, Dink Foree, Max von Roeder, Daryl Thomas, Nancy Smith and Kent Wright. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

No warrants issued

DALLAS (AP) — An investigation has begun into computer records that appear to have been changed to allow convicted criminals to remain free even after their appeals ran out, The Dallas Morning News reported Friday night.

The story was on the newspaper's web site.

Officials in the district attorney's office and sheriff's office told the newspaper that because of changed computer records, some arrest warrants apparently were not issued after defendants' appeals were denied.

That omission, coupled with an erroneous computer entry, left the false impression in court records that a convict was already in the penitentiary, investigators said.

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Sheriff must remove names from cars

ROSENBERG (AP) — Fort Bend County's sheriff must remove his name from county patrol cars, according to a Texas attorney general's opinion.

County commissioners in the suburban Houston county sought the opinion after Sheriff Milton Wright, in office since January, had his name included in the decal on new patrol cars. They complained it violated their new generic sign policy for the county.

One commissioner also criticized it as a "rolling billboard" for Wright.

No big deal, the sheriff said after learning of the opinion Friday.

"Nothing to it. We'll take them off," he told the Houston Chronicle. "I'm not going to get in a fight with them about this. I've got better things to do with my time."

County Judge Mike Rozell said commissioners probably will discuss the opinion in their next meeting.

"Sounds pretty cut and dried to me," Rozell said of the opinion. "I was pretty convinced all along that an elected official couldn't do it."

Rozell complained that the decals served as tax-funded advertising for the sheriff.

"I work for the taxpayers and taxpayers shouldn't pay to have me advertise on a county vehicle," he said. "It's a great campaign strategy."

Wright, however, said the decals made by a Florida company cost the same with or without his name.

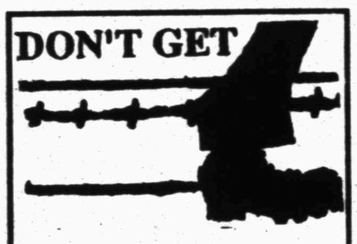
He has said previously that he got the idea to put his name on the cars after the Sheriff's Department received calls from people who had confused officers from another agency with sheriff's deputies.

Search begins

BROWNWOOD (AP) — Authorities have turned to a videotape for clues into the disappearance of a 30-year-old Brownwood woman.

Mollie Barrientes was last reported seen on Saturday night at a lounge just north of Brownwood.

A home video shot by someone at the bar shows the mother of three dancing with a man, and officials said Friday they think the two may have left together.

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SPORTS

Lady Westerners fall to Seward CC

LIBERAL, Kan. — Western Texas College coach Valery Jackson summed up the game with a single sentence.

"It doesn't matter how hard we play. If we can't hit our buckets, we can't win."

The Lady Westerners struggled from the field Friday night, falling to Seward County, 99-58.

WTC, now 3-8 on the season, was to have faced Dodge City Saturday afternoon in second-round action of the Pizza Hut Classic.

The Lady Westerners, who were 0-11 from three-point range in the first half, watched as Seward County connected on 63 percent of its shots in the opening 20 minutes.

Seward's Leslie Uppendahl went into the locker room with 22 first-half points, including four buckets from behind the arc.

"We were just off," Jackson stated. "And Uppendahl was getting free on screens. She had too many open looks at the basket, so we made a few changes with our defense."

The major change was giving Tonelle Hanna responsibilty for guarding Uppendahl.

The charige worked.

Hanna held the Seward scorer to only seven points over the final 20 minutes of play.

Hanna came through on the offensive end as well, finishing with 10 points.

"Tonelle played a real good game for us," Jackson remarked. "I liked both her defensive and offensive effort. I think she played more relaxed than she usually does and that really helped."

WTC's Christy Wells led the Lady Westerners with 14 points.

Following Saturday's contest, WTC won't be in action again until its Jan. 2 match-up against Central Arizona at Odessa.

The Lady Westerners open conference play Jan. 12 at Scurry County Coliseum against New Mexico.

WESTERN TEXAS — Miller 1 4-6 5, Hanna 4 2-2 10, Vizcorrondo 2 0-0 2, Wells 7 0-0 14, Otuoiro 2 2-2 7, Kimbley 2 1-3 5, O'dhuougo 1 5-9 6, Kilibwa 3 0-0 6.

SEWARD COUNTY — Uppendahl 9 6-7 29, Johnson 5 5-6 15, Crooks 9 6-10 24, Alexander 5 0-0 10, Ramos 3 2-3 9.

Halftime score: Seward County 56, WTC 28. Three-point goals: WTC 1 (Otuoro); Seward County 6 (Uppendahl 5, Ramos). Fouled out: none.



FAKED OUT — Snyder's Alvin Fabre drives past a Seminole defender during tournament action earlier in the week. Fabre posted a season-high 10 points Friday as the Tigers trounced Clint, 62-44. (SDN Staff Photo By Eric Drennan)

Tigers rout Clint, 62-44

SEMINOLE — Alvin Fabre and Brady Cobb picked a good time to have their best outings of the year.

Fabre and Cobb posted 10 points apiece — season-highs for both players — as the Snyder Tigers trounced Clint, 62-44, Friday night.

Snyder, now 5-6 for the year, were to have faced Dimmitt Saturday afternoon in the consolation final of the Seminole tournament.

The Tigers held a slim 14-12 lead at the close of the first quarter, but extended the margin to 30-24 by halftime.

Snyder then took control on the defensive end, allowing only 10 points in each of the final two periods.

Jimmy Taylor followed up his 36-point performance in the Tigers' opening-round loss to Seminole with 24 against Clint.

Snyder is still without the services of starting forward Toby Delce.

The 6'2" senior is expected to miss one month of action after suffering his second concussion of the season a week ago.

Delce was forced to watch all of last season from the sidelines after breaking both wrists.

Hornets down 'Dogs

BLACKWELL — The Ira Bulldogs ran up against a Class A powerhouse Friday night.

The Irion County Hornets posted 52 first-half points before cruising to a 91-66 victory over Ira in the semifinals of the Blackwell tournament.

The Hornets, who had 53 points from only two players, held a 27-21 first quarter lead, which they extended to 52-35 by halftime.

Any hopes of a Bulldog comeback were nullified in the third period.

Irion County put the game away by registering 23 points in the third, while allowing only eight.

Ira, paced by 27 points from Jerek Brown, managed to outscore the Hornets in the fourth, 23-16.

But the Bulldogs could get no closer, as Irion County held on for the 91-66 win.

Also in double digits for Ira was Logan Daves with 15 points.

The Bulldogs were to faced Highland Saturday afternoon in a battle for third place.

Lady Cards rally for win

ROBY — The Lady Cardinals came out cold, but finished up hot.

Hermleigh, which mustered only five points in the opening quarter, put up 40 second-half points to cruise to a 63-51 victory over Roby JV.

The Lady Cardinals were to have faced Abilene JV Saturday afternoon in the consolation final of the Roby Roundball Classic.

Trailing 24-23 at halftime, Hermleigh warmed up in the final quarters.

The Lady Cardinals grabbed a 46-40 lead entering the final period, thanks in part to Jennifer Roemisch who finished with a game-high 19 points.

Melissa Brasuel, who poured in 15, helped preserve the 63-51 Hermleigh win.

Brown builds UT staff

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas coach Mack Brown has taken the same approach to hiring his assistants as the school did in hiring him.

Find experience.

Brown has hired seven assistant coaches, six of whom are former offensive and defensive coordinators and have experience recruiting in Texas.

"When you bring in a coordinator, he's an experienced decision maker. He can think," Brown said.

"This is a pressure job, and guys get a lot of questions. These guys understand when there is this much importance at an institution on their football program that they better be able to handle some hard questions and hard decisions."

Brown introduced new offensive coordinator Greg Davis, 46, who held the same position with him at North Carolina and is a former quarterbacks coach at Texas A&M, and defensive coordinator Carl Reese, 54, who coached one of the best defenses in the country this season at Louisiana State.

Brown also announced the hiring of:

—Tight ends coach Tim Brewster, 37, who held the same position at North Carolina under Brown.

—Wide receivers coach Darryl Drake, 41, who spent the past year as offensive coordinator at Baylor.

—Defensive ends coach Hardee McCrary, 45, the defensive coordinator at Rice this season.

—Offensive line coach Tim Nunez, 50, the offensive coordinator at Marshall this season.

—Defensive backs coach Everett Withers, 34, the defensive coordinator at Louisville the past three seasons.

Brown has yet to fill the positions of running backs coach and defensive line coach and said he is in no rush to make those decisions.

He said all seven coaches would hit the road recruiting over the next week.

Brown praised Davis for his ability to oversee a pro-style offense that players can grasp quickly.

"For quarterbacks here who are worried about how difficult it will be to pick up the new system, it's an easy system but an effective system," Brown said.

Davis said, "We want to be a pro-style attack that can go out and rush for 300 yards if we need that to win or pass for 300 yards if we need that.

"We will be a predominantly two-back team that will feature four receivers on third down."

Brown praised Reese for turning LSU's defense into one of the stingiest in the nation.

The Tigers allowed only 16.2 points a game this season, putting their defense first in the SEC and 11th in the nation in scoring defense. LSU also ranked second in the league in pass efficiency defense.

"Carl can handle pressure," Brown said. "LSU has beaten Florida two of the past three years and that's an impressive achievement when you consider stopping Florida's offense."

Reese said he will build a defense focused on speed.

"I'll take speed over size any day because speed kills," Reese said.

Lady Bulldogs suffer first loss at tournament

BLACKWELL — After losing to Ira in last week's Highland tourney championship, the Trent Lady Gorillas got their revenge.

Trent handed the Lady Bulldogs their first loss of the season, 38-31, Friday night in the semifinals of the Blackwell tournament.

Ira, led by Terri Robinson's 12 points, was held to single digits in three quarters.

Leading 6-3 entering the second period, the Lady Bulldogs saw their lead evaporate.

Trent posted 13 points in the second, while surrendering only 5 for a 16-11 advantage at halftime.

Ira tried to mount a comeback, cutting the deficit to six points heading into the final eight minutes of play.

But once again a stingy Lady Gorilla defense allowed only eight points in the fourth quarter for the 38-31 victory.

The Lady Bulldogs, now 11-1 on the year, were to have faced Westbrook Saturday afternoon in a third-place match-up.

SDN Sports Week

Monday

Highland at Hermleigh Junior High, 6 p.m.

Ira Junior High at Sands, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Ira varsity girls & boys at Patton Springs, 6:30, 8 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	14	6	.700	½
Orlando	16	7	.696	-
NewYork	12	9	.571	3
NewJersey	11	10	.524	4
Boston	8	11	.450	5½
Washington	9	13	.409	6½
Philadelphia	6	13	.316	8
Central Division				
Atlanta	16	5	.762	-
Cleveland	14	6	.700	1½
Charlotte	13	7	.650	2½
Indiana	12	8	.600	3½
Chicago	12	9	.571	4
Milwaukee	11	10	.524	5
Detroit	10	12	.455	6½
Toronto	2	19	.095	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	12	6	.667	-
Utah	13	8	.619	½
SanAntonio	11	10	.524	2½
Minnesota	8	12	.400	5
Vancouver	8	14	.364	6
Dallas	5	16	.238	8½
Denver	2	18	.100	11
Pacific Division				
Seattle	17	5	.773	-
L.A.Lakers	16	5	.762	½
Phoenix	13	5	.722	2
Portland	13	7	.650	3
Sacramento	7	14	.333	9½
L.A.Clippers	4	18	.182	13
GoldenState	3	16	.158	12½

Friday's Games

Boston 97, Washington 88
Philadelphia 106, Denver 91
Charlotte 79, Chicago 77
Indiana 104, Miami 89
Utah 68, Dallas 66
Seattle 111, Portland 98
Vancouver 95, Golden State 88
Atlanta 83, L.A. Clippers 74
L.A. Lakers 119, Houston 102

Saturday's Games

Washington at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Orlando at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Houston at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.



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SPORTS

Utah edges Mavs, 68-66

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks call it Slowtime. Their opponents will call it something less complimentary.

The Utah Jazz survived Dallas coach Don Nelson's painful new slow-down offense for a 68-66 win Friday night in the lowest-scoring NBA game this season and the fifth-lowest in league history.

Faced with a road game against a far taller and quicker team, Nelson instructed his players to hold the ball at the top of the key on each possession until less than 10 seconds remained on the shot clock.

"I just thought that if we didn't do this, we wouldn't come close to winning," Nelson said.

His strategy kept Dallas close but didn't prevent the Mavs' fourth straight loss and 16th in their last 18 games.

Utah set a franchise record for fewest points and fewest field goals (23) in a game. Only a layup by Erick Strickland as time expired prevented Dallas from setting its own record for fewest points.

"That was a strange, strange game," Utah center Greg Foster said.

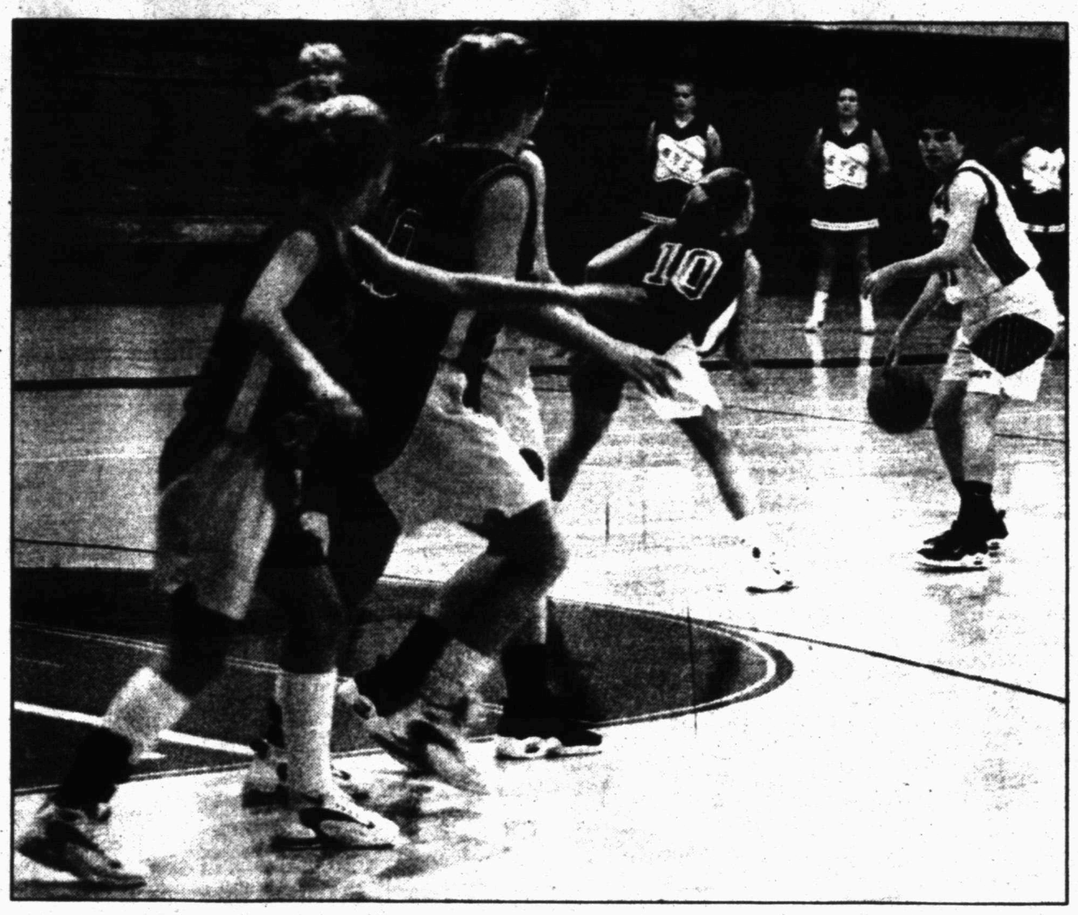
The Mavericks might have stolen a win if they hadn't shot less than 40 percent from the field.

"They missed some open shots tonight, and if they had made those shots, we would have been in trouble," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "They tested our patience."

The Jazz committed 18 turnovers and shot less than 44 percent themselves, but still collected their seventh straight home win. The Mavericks had just 25 rebounds, one more than their franchise low.

The two teams combined for just seven field goals and 28 points in the fourth quarter. Neither team scored more than 19 points in any quarter or held a lead larger than six points.

Karl Malone led the Jazz with 23 points, while Michael Finley and Dennis Scott had 21 each for the Mavericks.



NOBODY OPEN — Snyder's Mandy Hess looks to pass during basketball action earlier in the week. Hess posted a team-high nine points Friday, leading the Lady Tigers to a 49-46 victory over Haskell. (SDN Staff Photo By Eric Drennan)

Cowboys playing for pride

CINCINNATI (AP) — Troy Aikman hasn't felt this way since he was a rookie.

With two games left in the season, the Dallas Cowboys (6-8) have virtually nothing at stake. Talk of the postseason has all but vanished; playing for pride is in.

It's quite a comedown for a team that's been to the playoffs every year since 1991 and won three Super Bowls.

"It's the first time that I've gone through it since my rookie year in 1989," Aikman said. "It's a different circumstance, no question about it. I think this is maybe one of the most difficult things to do, when you get towards the end of the season and for the most part your playoff hopes are gone."

They're not entirely gone, but close enough. In order for the Cowboys to get a wild-card berth, they have to beat the Cincinnati Bengals (5-9) on Sunday and the New York Giants a week later.

In addition, Washington, Detroit and Carolina have to lose their last two games, Philadelphia has to lose to Atlanta, and Atlanta has to lose to Arizona.

In effect, they have about as much chance of making the playoffs as Cincinnati, which has no chance at all.

"We're preparing for a team in the same situation — they're not playing for anything, except they're playing at home for their fans," coach Barry Switzer said. "They've been in this situation for a long time and they're probably better prepared to play in it than we are, psychologically."

He's right about that. Since 1991, the Bengals have become experts at playing their best when it no longer matters.

In the past seven years, the Bengals have gone 9-47 in the first half of the season and 26-28 over the final eight games. For the second consecutive year, they're finishing with an impressive rush.

Last year, they went 7-2 after Bruce Coslet replaced Dave Shula as head coach. This year, they started 1-7 and came together when the playoffs were out of the picture and Boomer Esiason replaced Jeff Blake as the starting quarterback.

Cincinnati has scored 114 points in the last three games, one of the best spurts in franchise history. The Bengals are coming off a 41-14 victory over the Tennessee Oilers that represented their biggest margin of victory in nearly seven years.

It was impressive by every measure. Corey Dillon set a rookie record by rushing for 246 yards and the Bengals piled up 515 total yards with Esiason running the show.

"You have what might be the best-functioning offense in football for the last four or five weeks," Esiason said.

The Bengals have been re-energized by Esiason's return and are looking forward to the Cowboys' visit.

"They're still Dallas," offensive tackle Willie Anderson said. "Everybody grew up wanting to play for Dallas or against Dallas. My family wants to see me play, but they also want to see Troy, Emmitt, Deion and the guys."

The fans are caught up as well. The game sold out on Aug. 21; the only other sellout this season was for a game against Pittsburgh.

Some fans were looking forward to seeing Deion Sanders return to the stadium where he played baseball last summer for the Reds. But there will be no Deion on Sunday — at least, not in uniform. He's sidelined by a cracked rib.

His teammates aren't doing much better. Aikman was temporarily knocked out of a 23-13 loss to Carolina on Monday night, but plans to play on Sunday. The rest of the offense is one big wound — tight end Eric Bjornson is out with a broken shin, Emmitt Smith is severely limited by a shoulder injury, guard Nate Newton has a sprained knee and tackle Erik Williams has a rib injury.

"This is a team that's wounded in more ways than one," Coslet said. "I think they're physically wounded, their pride is wounded and they're dangerous.

"They've been champions for a long, long time, and we will not take that lightly."

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
NewEngland	9	5	0	.643	334	253
Miami	9	5	0	.643	327	272
N.Y.Jets	8	6	0	.571	307	274
Buffalo	6	8	0	.429	220	316
Indianapolis	2	12	0	.143	244	362
Central						
Pittsburgh	10	4	0	.714	342	270
Jacksonville	9	5	0	.643	354	295
Tennessee	7	7	0	.500	298	283
Baltimore	5	8	1	.393	291	310
Cincinnati	5	9	0	.357	308	367
West						
KansasCity	11	3	0	.786	321	212
Denver	11	3	0	.786	417	250
Seattle	6	8	0	.429	305	332
Oakland	4	10	0	.286	294	377
SanDiego	4	10	0	.286	256	358

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y.Giants	8	5	1	.607	257	248
Washington	7	6	1	.536	282	227
Philadelphia	6	7	1	.464	268	317
Dallas	6	8	0	.429	273	263
Arizona	3	11	0	.214	244	326
Central						
GreenBay	11	3	0	.786	360	251
TampaBay	9	5	0	.643	268	217
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	302	317
Detroit	7	7	0	.500	352	283
Chicago	3	11	0	.214	235	380
West						
SanFrancisco	12	2	0	.857	332	210
Carolina	7	7	0	.500	237	253
Atlanta	6	8	0	.429	274	315
NewOrleans	5	9	0	.357	197	292
St.Louis	4	10	0	.286	259	328

Saturday, Dec. 13
Washington at New York Giants, 11:30 a.m.
Pittsburgh at New England, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 14
Dallas at Cincinnati, noon.
Detroit at Minnesota, noon.
Tennessee at Baltimore, noon.
Jacksonville at Buffalo, noon.
Miami at Indianapolis, noon.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, noon.
Tampa Bay at New York Jets, noon.
Arizona at New Orleans, 3 p.m.
Green Bay at Carolina, 3 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 3 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 15
Denver at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

NCAA BASKETBALL SCORES

EAST
No major team scores reported from the EAST.

SOUTH
Boston U. 73, N.C. Charlotte 71
Miami 80, Georgia St. 64
North Georgia 76, Troy St. 72

MIDWEST
No major team scores reported from the MIDWEST.

SOUTHWEST
No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.

FAR WEST
Gonzaga 87, Montana 80
Utah 78, Azusa Pacific 58

TOURNAMENTS
Boilermaker Invitational
First Round
Purdue 87, Tenn.-Martin 56
San Francisco 85, Idaho St. 56
Carrier Classic
First Round
Miami, Ohio 71, La Salle 66
Syracuse 85, Texas Southern 73
Cougar Classic
First Round
Brigham Young 83, Weber St. 70
Pepperdine 62, Auburn 55
Indiana Classic
First Round
Indiana 72, Wis.-Green Bay 58
South Alabama 52, Alcorn St. 42
TCU Tournament
First Round
Baylor 72, Louisiana Tech 69
Texas Christian 106, Miss. Valley St. 83

Lady Tigers notch berth in title game

ABILENE — The Lady Tigers' leading scorer didn't even finish with double digits.

But it didn't matter, because the Snyder defense picked up the slack.

The Lady Tigers edged Haskell, 49-46, Friday to earn a berth in Saturday night's Wylie tournament championship.

Snyder, now 7-4 on the season, will face Colorado City at 6:30 Saturday in the title contest.

The Lady Tigers pounced on Haskell early for a 20-13 first quarter lead.

But in the second and third periods, the tide of the game changed.

Snyder could muster only 13 points over the 16-minute span.

But as the Lady Tigers' offense went South, their defense came to the forefront.

Snyder kept the pressure on Haskell, surrendering only 18 points over the two quarters.

The defensive effort kept the Lady Tigers in the ballgame until they could find their offensive stride in the final period.

Holding only a two-point advantage, Snyder kept pace with Haskell in the fourth.

The Lady Tigers posted 16 points over the final eight minutes for the 49-46 victory.

Mandy Hess led the Snyder effort with nine points.

Lakers top Rockets, snap losing streak

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers stopped two streaks at once against the Houston Rockets.

Rick Fox scored a season-high 30 points and Kobe Bryant had a career-high 27 as the Lakers snapped a three-game losing streak and ended the Rockets' nine-game winning streak with a 119-102 victory Friday night.

"We needed this in a big way," Fox said. "Not so much because it was Houston or because of the three-game losing streak, but more because of the way we started the season and the expectations we were having for ourselves."

The Lakers, who won 11 straight to start the season, had lost their previous three games against Cleveland, Portland and Golden State.

Kobe Bryant scored 12 straight Lakers points at the end of the third quarter and the start of the fourth to break open a close game.

Bryant scored all of his points over a 12:47 span of the second half. The Lakers' bench outscored Houston's reserves 44-39.

Clyde Drexler scored 21 points to lead the Rockets, who hadn't lost since Nov. 16 at Phoenix. Charles Barkley added 18 points and 14 rebounds.

With Los Angeles ahead 69-68, Bryant scored nine points in a 16-4 spurt that ended the quarter and made it 85-72.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	21	9	0	42	91	55
Philadelphia	17	9	6	40	91	75
Washington	15	12	5	35	97	89
N.Y.Rangers	9	14	11	29	87	95
N.Y.Islanders	12	15	4	28	83	86
Florida	11	15	5	27	79	92
TampaBay	5	20	4	14	54	98
Northeast Division						
Pittsburgh	18	10	6	42	95	80
Montreal	18	11	4	40	100	81
Boston	14	12	5	33	76	80
Ottawa	13	14	4	30	79	74
Carolina	12	16	5	29	87	94
Buffalo	10	14	6	26	76	81

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	21	9	4	46	106	71
St.Louis	20	10	3	43	99	74
Detroit	19	8	5	43	107	77
Phoenix	13	14	5	31	85	89
Chicago	10	15	6	26	68	80
Toronto	10	14	5	25	65	78
Pacific Division						
Colorado	16	8	9	41	97	84
Anaheim	12	15	6	30	76	95
LosAngeles	12	13	5	29	90	85
Edmonton	10	16	7	27	78	100
SanJose	11	18	3	25	80	96
Calgary	9	18	7	25	87	102
Vancouver	9	18	4	22	89	111

Friday's Games
Buffalo 3, Carolina 2, OT
Florida 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
New Jersey 5, Montreal 2
Edmonton 3, Detroit 2
Philadelphia 3, Chicago 2
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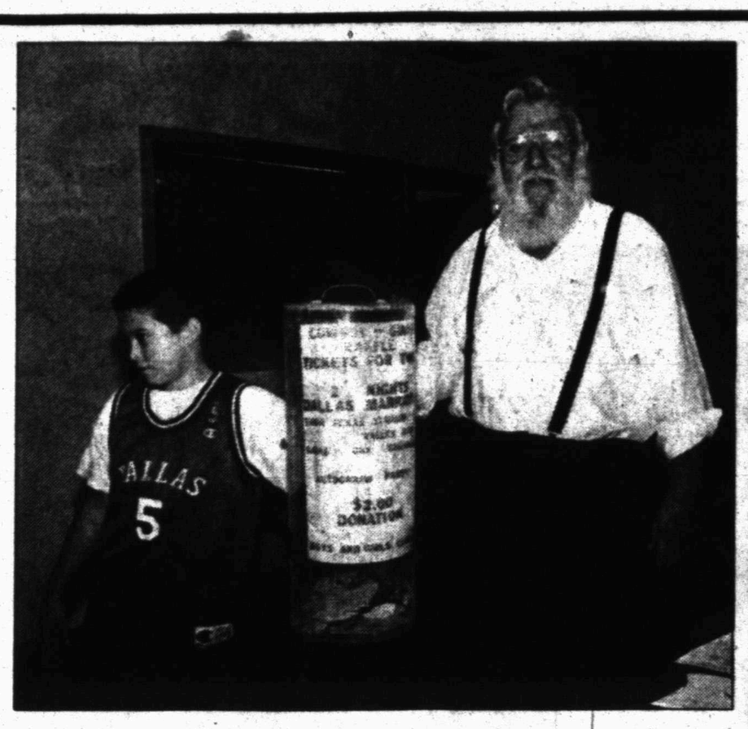
Skier gets injured

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — A Boulder man broke his back when he jumped or fell from an unmanned Vail ski lift hours after the slopes closed for the day. He was trying to crawl to safety in the dark when a rescuer on a snowmobile found him.

Brendon Dwyer, 21, apparently got on Vail Mountain's High Noon lift Thursday afternoon around 3 p.m., after lift operators had left for the day. Dwyer was left in a chair on the mountain's cold, isolated backside and at some point either jumped or fell to the ground.

Vail spokesman Paul Witt said it is not clear how ski patrol who sweep the area for lingering skiers and snowboarders after the lifts close missed Dwyer, who was reported missing by three friends.

Dwyer was found four hours after the lift closed. He apparently was trying to crawl to the lift base when rescuers spotted him.



WINNING TICKET DRAWN — Lico Castillo, member of Snyder Boys and Girls Club, is shown drawing Shirley Hines' name to win an expense paid trip to the Cowboy/Giant game on Dec. 21. Also included is a tour of Valley Ranch and Texas Stadium. Overseeing the drawing was Jack McGlaun, executive director of the club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



HOLIDAY STRESS — Even little angels get stressed out over the holidays. Allison Downing, left, and Brianne Perry were showing the effects of preparing for Snyder's annual Christmas parade. Their faces will surely brighten up as they realize there are only 11 more days until Santa arrives in Snyder. (SDN Staff Photo)

UP Railroad to begin regular routes Monday

HOUSTON (AP) — Six weeks after halting service to free the gridlock on its rail system, Union Pacific Railroad will resume carrying containers and truck trailers between Chicago and Texas on Monday.

Three trains carrying standardized containers and trailers will resume service Monday between Chicago and Houston, Dallas and San Antonio, Union Pacific spokesman John Bromley told the Houston Chronicle for its Saturday editions. Nationwide service should resume normal speeds by early January, he said.

Most customers have chosen the costlier method of trucking cargo between the affected areas.

Since Union Pacific offers the most direct service between Texas and Chicago, it should regain most of the business it lost after its Nov. 1 move, said Paul Broussard, owner of Paul Broussard & Associates, a Houston-based transportation and logistics service company.

But the U.P. will have to extend itself to woo back the business of some customers forced to find other ways of shipping.

"U.P. may find that it will be hard to gain a lot of the ground that they lost," said Rebecca Moya, sales manager for DanTransport Corp., a freight forwarding company in Houston. "They're going to have to fight to get some of their business back."

And the railroad may not be past it problem yet. Broussard said he has not seen much congestion relief in Houston because of the service suspension.

"I hardly think they accomplished an awful lot with that," Broussard said. "It was probably more damaging from a public relations perspective than anything else."

Bromley said by freeing up the trains on this route, it allowed other trains carrying chemicals and plastics to move more quickly along the same corridor.

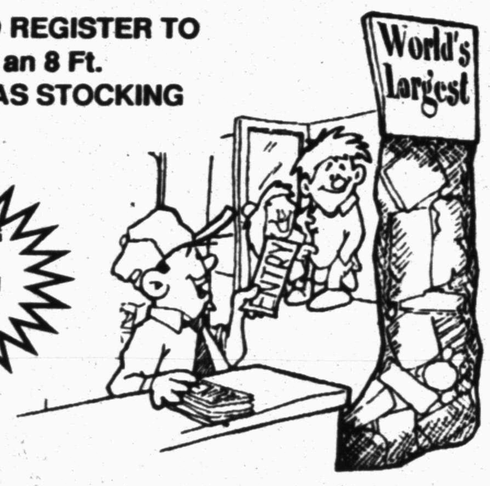
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Speech results at SHS

Snyder High School's speech students have recently competed in speech tournaments, Lewsiville on Nov. 22 and Midland Greenwood on Dec. 6.

Twelve SHS students attended the Lewisville meet, competing against 32 5A schools from the Dallas area. Thomas Bishop advanced in poetry semis, Nickolas Means, domestic extemporaneous, and Michael Hensley, original oratory.

The students competed against 28 schools in the Midland Greenwood Tournament.

Means placed first in persuasive extemporaneous; John Gutierrez and Katy Cooper, fourth place in duet acting and fifth in duet improvization; Lyndell Lee and Suzanne Bogard, 7th place in duet acting.

Those advancing to semis were Cooper and Bishop, cold reading; Allison Bowden, poetry; Kyle McClendon, Dallas Jones and Lee, all persuasive extemporaneous; and Michael Roberts, informative extemporaneous.

In January, the students will compete in Seminole on the 9th and 10th; Texas Tech on the 16th and 17th and at Monahans on the 24th.



SPEECH WINNERS — These Snyder High School speech students have placed at recent tournaments. In front are Katy Cooper and Suzanne Bogard; in back are, John Gutierrez, Thomas Bishop, Lyndell Lee and Nickolas Means. Not pictured are Michael Hensley, Dallas Jones, Kyle McClendon, Allison Bowden, and Michael Roberts. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Fake checks passed

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Three women arrested in Virginia have ties to a nationwide ring believed to have passed $600,000 in fake traveler's checks, a U.S. Secret Service spokesman said Friday.

Investigators believe the phony $100 Visa traveler's checks were printed in California, said Larry Kumjian, special agent in charge of the Secret Service's Norfolk office.

Most of the checks have been passed in Texas, California and Virginia, Kumjian said. In Virginia, the checks are believed to have hit Hampton Roads, Williamsburg and Richmond, he said.

The ring is still believed to be operating and the case remains under investigation, he said.

"It's a good-quality counterfeit," he said. "Their object is to get genuine currency back."

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Early release policy blasted

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — With the two young cousins who had been held for three days safely rescued and their captor slain by police, the mayor is criticizing Florida's early release of criminals.

Before dawn Friday, SWAT team members stormed the house where the children had been held and shot murder suspect John Armstrong to death during a struggle.

Under the glare of spotlights, police emerged from the house and handed the pajama-clad children — 4-year-old Malcolm Phillips and his 2-year-old cousin, Tedi Priest — to their mothers.

"The crisis did not need to happen," Mayor Glenda Hood said Friday. "How many more families will we endanger with career criminals who are dumped into our neighborhoods before their sentences are served?"

Armstrong, 39, had previous convictions for robbery, burglary and attacking his wife. He was due for release from prison on a robbery conviction May 24, 1998.

Instead, he was freed in March, among about 400 inmates released under a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that restored early-release time the state awarded inmates to relieve prison crowding.

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Three injured during scuffle

EL PASO (AP) — A man convicted of attempted capital murder attacked two detention officers Friday as they were preparing to move him from a holding cell to a courtroom for his sentencing hearing.

Ernesto Sapien, 36, apparently broke one officer's nose and appeared to have bitten the other during a brief, but furious struggle inside the cell. He also managed to grab one officer's gun, but never got off a shot, said Capt. Al Hernandez, commander of the El Paso County Jail.

"He only had it in his possession for a few seconds and then the officers were able to get the weapon away from him," Hernandez said.

Sapien was convicted Thursday of shooting a police officer in the leg and then engaging backup officers in a shootout last year.

He faces five to 99 years in prison for six counts of attempted capital murder, six counts of aggravated assault on a public servant and two counts of deadly conduct. Sapien's sentencing has been postponed.

Hernandez said Sapien will likely face additional charges stemming from Friday's assault on the detention officers.

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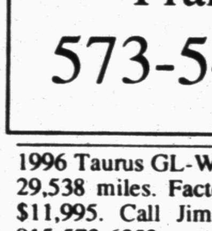
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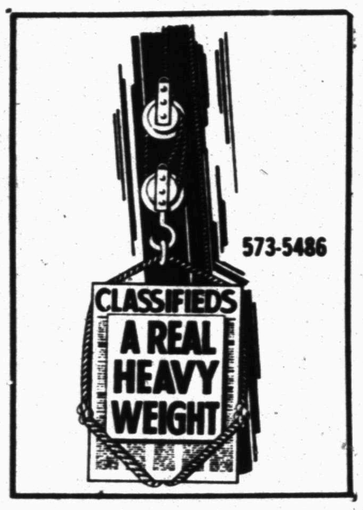
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Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

Affair That's Survived Death And Divorce Must Now End

DEAR ABBY: I have started this letter many times, not finishing it because I know the answer to the advice I seek. I am a 48-year-old woman, married to a wonderful man for 10 years.

For the last 21 years, I have been having an affair.

It started when my first marriage came apart. My lover is a handsome younger man. Over the years I divorced, he married, I remarried, he became a widower — and we continued our affair.

To our family and friends, we are old friends. We are thrown together for all occasions and no one has ever suspected. As the old song goes, "Daytime friends, nighttime lovers."

I know this affair must end. It has to, before we hurt and disappoint our families and friends. I love him and always will. But I need to know how to end it after all these years.

NAMELESS

DEAR NAMELESS: The first step is to tell your lover exactly what you have told me — that you want the affair to come to an end. Ask him to help by limiting the number of social occasions when you will be thrown together. (An eligible, attractive widower must get many invitations, not to mention offers.) You are both adults, and with mutual cooperation you can eliminate the opportunities to succumb to temptation.

The alternative would be to tell your husband what has been going on all these years. That, I guarantee, would end it.

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DEAR ABBY: Here is my 2 cents for "Bent Out of Shape in San Francisco." It is sad that he lost his car and tried to keep the female, but his priorities are screwed up. They should be:

1. Fix car.
2. Dump girlfriend.

Since he bought the car 30 years ago, he is about my age (50). I, too, have a classic car that I drove off the dealer's lot in 1968. I've never found a woman I would trade the car for. Classic cars are too hard to find nowadays, and the restoration costs are high.

Most of the women I've met bailed out when the going got tough, and yet my car (and motorcycle) are still there taking me to job interviews and getting me through the difficult times.

It's far better to be alone and lonely than to be married and lonely.

PAT IN FONTANA, CALIF.

DEAR PAT: Sorry about your bad luck with females. However, far more women stick it out rather than bail out when times get tough. Fiftieth wedding anniversaries are common, and that's testimony to the ability of many females to last for the duration of a run of bad luck. Furthermore, they're a lot softer and warmer to snuggle up to than cold steel and leather on a chilly night.

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DEAR ABBY: A few years ago you printed the way to determine a dog's age. Would you please send me that column, or print it again?

GLINN IN RENO, NEV.

DEAR GLINN: I'm pleased to oblige. The first year of a dog's life is equal to 15 in a human's. The second year is the equivalent of nine more years of human age, making the dog 24 years old. After that, each year equals four more years of human life. Interestingly, the smaller the dog, the longer its life. So when a pup has been with its owner for 16 years, its age would be equivalent to an 80-year-old human.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a single father with primary custody of my 11-year-old daughter, "Nadine." She and I are very close. She lives with her mother on weekends. However, since her mother works out of state, on some weekends she doesn't make it home to be with Nadine.

Abby, I have a rule that my daughter cannot have her girlfriends spend the night at our home. It's because I'm afraid of being accused of misconduct with her friends. I would never behave inappropriately, but today, men must be careful that there is no possibility of suspicion. I would not feel comfortable with Nadine spending the night at the home of a friend who lived alone with her father, and I think most parents probably would feel the same way.

Am I cheating my daughter by not allowing her friends to sleep over? Am I wrong to protect myself from the possibility of accusations? Or am I being paranoid?

'OVERLY CAUTIOUS' OR 'RIGHT ON'? TAMPA, FLA.

DEAR RIGHT ON: In light of the social climate today, your caution probably is wise. However, explain to Nadine why you have the rule. She is old enough to understand.

Your daughter need not miss out on the girlhood ritual of sleep-overs — she could have her friends spend the night when she is with her mother.

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DEAR ABBY: As a public service, please print my letter.

If you put an ad in the lost-and-found section of the newspaper, chances are it will end up on the Internet. When it does, rest assured someone will contact you and offer to return your lost item — if you wire money to pay for the shipping costs.

Do not, I repeat, *do not* fall for this scam! Chances are, the crooks do not have the item and never did. They see an opportunity to cheat you. They are counting on your emotional attachment to the lost item. They'll rip you off and laugh all the way to the bank.

How do I know? Our daughter lost her beloved dog. She was ripe for this scam, and fell for it.

If people get a response to their lost-and-found ad, they should "accept" the offer, obtain the name and location of where the crook will claim the money, then notify police. At the very least, the police should be asked for advice. These people must be stopped.

VICTIM'S MOM, SUN CITY WEST, ARIZ.

DEAR VICTIM'S MOM: Thanks for the warning. It seems that we must all be on our toes these days to protect ourselves.

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DEAR ABBY: I want a new bicycle, but my mother says I will have to earn it. I am too young to get a job. Can you tell me how to get some money for a new bike?

YOUNG READER IN NORFOLK, VA.

DEAR YOUNG READER: You may be too young for a grown-up job, but you are not too young to earn money by doing chores and odd jobs for neighbors.

Talk to your mother about taking on some of the chores at home. For example, ask her if she will pay you for sweeping the driveway or the kitchen, or taking the trash out every day. You could also ask your neighbors to hire you for such things as raking leaves, walking their dog, sweeping their sidewalks or pulling weeds. There are always small jobs for which people would be happy to pay you.

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CHUCKLE FOR TODAY:

It's sad for a girl to reach the age
Where men consider her charmless,
But it's worse for a man to attain the age
Where the girls consider him harmless.

— Anonymous (Forbes magazine)

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Quentin Tarantino's new film different from 'Pulp Fiction'

NEW YORK (AP) — Quentin Tarantino didn't want to go bigger than "Pulp Fiction," so he took a different tack with his latest flick.

His twisty caper-comedy "Jackie Brown" is decidedly low-key by Tarantino standards. There are only four murders in the movie, a shockingly low count compared with "Pulp" and 1992's "Reservoir Dogs."

"It's definitely not 'Pulp Fiction II,'" Tarantino says in the Dec. 19 issue of Entertainment Weekly. "We screened it in Seattle, and people were like, 'This is not what we thought it would be.'

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Weigh costs and benefits of prednisone

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of polymyalgia rheumatica and temporal arteritis, my wife has had to take prednisone (15 milligrams) daily since 1989. Now she has osteoporosis, spinal compression fractures and hypertension. What can she do?

DEAR READER: Polymyalgia, a disease of unknown cause, is associated with severe muscle and joint pains. When it affects the temporal artery, it can lead to visual impairment, even blindness. The only successful treatment is prednisone, a powerful cortisone derivative that shuts down the immune system and produces many complications, including diabetes, hypertension, osteoporosis, mood changes and weakness.

Unfortunately, your wife is — as the saying goes — caught between a rock and a hard place. She probably needs the prednisone to protect her sight, but at what cost? She really should discuss this conundrum with her family physician.

However, here's what I do for patients in a similar situation:

Initially, high doses of prednisone are needed for several weeks. Then I begin a slow reduction in dose — by, say, 5 milligrams a week. During the reduction phase, which may take months, I closely monitor the patient's vision, symptoms and blood tests. (The erythrocyte sedimentation rate is a blood test that is ordinarily a useful and inexpensive measure of disease activity.)

As long as the patient remains well and the ESR is low, I continue to reduce the drug until it can be stopped.

As another option, I prescribe "alternate-day therapy," skipping the medicine (or using a much lower dose) every other day.

Both these techniques significantly lower the risk of complications from the prednisone.

In my opinion, your wife should gradually reduce her dose of prednisone, under her doctor's supervision. During this period, she should also be treated with drugs to lower her blood pressure and prevent further osteoporosis. Let me know what happens.

To give you further 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 P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a friend who needs a $75,000 operation that he cannot afford. Are there organizations that provide funds for low-income people who require expensive treatments?

DEAR READERS: To a large extent, this depends on which state your friend resides in. If he is not eligible for Medicare, state help in the form of Medicaid or welfare may be available. The criteria for eligibility and the actual amounts of the reimbursements vary from state to state. Your friend should check with a licensed social worker or the Welfare Department in his community.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 50 years old and weigh 280 pounds. My back bothered me for years until 1995, when I had surgery to repair a herniated disc. About six months later, I accidentally tripped and strained my back. An MRI showed a new herniated disc and a lot of arthritis. Despite physical therapy, I continue to have pain. In addition, my left leg has become weak, I experience pain during the straight-leg raising test, my left foot is numb, and I occasionally lose bowel and bladder control.

My doctors won't operate until I lose at least 50 pounds. What should I do?

DEAR READER: Lose 50 pounds and have the surgery.

Your symptoms, your examinations and the MRI test prove that yet another disc has slipped out of place and is pressing against the spinal nerves. You are at definite risk for a permanent neurological handicap if you don't seriously address the problem. Understandably, your doctors are reluctant to re-operate because your obesity puts you at risk for dangerous complications such as stroke or heart failure.

I believe that your options are limited. You've simply got to get on a weight-reduction program now.

Ask your family physician to suggest a diet, send you to a dietitian for advice, or refer you to a weight-reduction support group. Once you have trimmed down, surgery should help you immensely.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Weight Control Through Calorie Control." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been told that caffeine destroys the vitamins and minerals in the body. What is your opinion?

DEAR READER: Recent reports have confirmed the safety of caffeine-containing beverages, provided they are consumed in moderation. Therefore, you can safely enjoy your morning coffee or tea — or a soda later in the day — without fearing that your vitamin and mineral levels will be depleted.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have received a flyer claiming that "stabilized oxygen" or "vitamin O" can help lung disorders. The company states that such oxygen is present only in hydrogen peroxide and that, to be effective, it must be drunk several times a day. Is this a scam?

DEAR READER: You bet — and not a particularly sophisticated one either.

Oxygen breathed in from a tank or concentrator really does help people with advanced lung disease, because it enters the bloodstream and partially overcomes the oxygen deficit that such patients have. Hydrogen peroxide doesn't produce such effects and could actually be harmful if taken in quantity.

Oxygen therapy should be prescribed and supervised only by appropriate professionals, such as MDs or inhalation therapists. There is no such thing as "stabilized oxygen" or "vitamin O." Throw the flyer in the trash — or better yet, report this hoax to the Better Business Bureau in your community. Honestly, what some people will do for a buck!

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 14, 1997

Being both penny-wise and pound-conscious is a practice you should follow in the year ahead. Your chart shows potential for accumulation that could come in small and large amounts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Usually when you make a decision, it's difficult to sway you from your position. Today, however, you might be vacillating and indecisive. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that will govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you make any mistakes today at work, make an effort to try to correct them instead of covering them up. Errors will surface eventually.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Chatty people could turn you off today. If you attend a social gathering, don't sit next to someone who tends to drone on and on and on.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Avoid criticizing your family members today. If you fail to overlook minor annoyances, be prepared to have your own behavior put under a microscope.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not portray yourself as a nit-picker who is inclined to make mountains out of molehills. When dealing with others today, tolerance is required.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A smooth-talking promoter might sell you something today that has little worth to you. Do not believe everything a spellbinder says.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Where major issues are concerned today, you and your mate are likely to be in accord. However, you could be poles apart over petty matters.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An inquisitive acquaintance with ulterior motives might try to pry a confidence from you today. Be guarded; he or she is skillful in drawing others out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might have something on the back burner today for which you have high expectations. Keep mum about it, because it may take longer to do than you think.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In your haste to make your mark in the world today, don't trip over little things. Keep one eye on your destination and the other eye on your footpath.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Usually you pick up on things quickly, but today the light on your thinking cap might be set on dim. Turn up the power a bit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're careless with your possessions today, it might lead to some unpleasant experiences. Losing even a little could be emotionally significant.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 15, 1997

In the year ahead, exciting social and commercial involvements could develop for you with a new set of friends and associates in each category. The events will seem like they are automatic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This could be a day when emotions won't fit too well into your commercial arrangements. Think twice before bringing friends into a business involvement. Astro-Graph year-ahead predictions make great Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail $2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state the zodiac signs you desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Small, thorny issues between you and your mate mustn't be allowed to fester into something larger today. You would be wise to leave the battlefield.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your powers of concentration might lose much of their vigor today, so take extra care when working on a complex and detailed matter.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your optimism could make you vulnerable in your commercial dealings today. Do not kid yourself into thinking you'll get a sweetheart deal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Before making any major decisions that affect your family, you'd be wise to hold an open forum to determine whether everyone is in accord.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This might be one of those strange days in which you start a bunch of assignments simultaneously, but not see any of them through to completion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Being wasteful with your resources today would be a strike against you; helping another mismanage his or her funds would be inexcusable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today if you compare a family member's abilities against those of an outsider, it will provoke discontent. Do not judge your clan harshly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Tensions of the day might make you feel stressed out and restless. Improve your disposition by dedicating yourself to productive endeavors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not respond impulsively to a friend's tale of woe today. Before opening your heart and your purse, do some investigating to verify his or her story.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not fool yourself into imagining that associates will drop everything to assist you today. Success may slip past you if fail to do the job yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be very careful today that you don't project the impression you're better than friends or co-workers. Their response could deflate your ego.

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Postal paychecks delayed; time cards lost in the mail

DALLAS (AP) — The phrase "lost in the mail" is hitting painfully close to home for some Dallas-area postal workers this holiday season.

About three dozen temporary mail carriers for the U.S. Postal Service didn't get paid this week because their time cards, sent by express mail, never made it to the Dallas office, said Bobby Eubanks, customer service supervisor for Coit Station in the Dallas suburb of Plano.

The 35 workers were given money orders for 65 percent of the pay they normally earn for a 40-hour week.

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Officers installed

Snyder Board of Realtors installed new officers Tuesday at the country club.

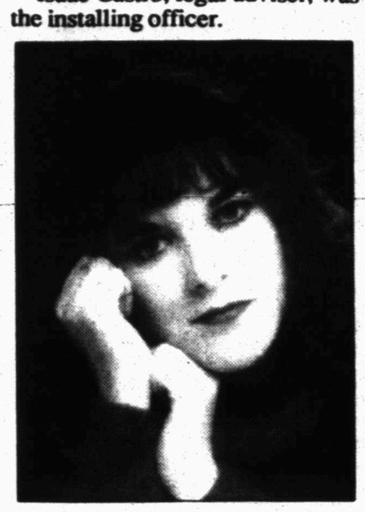
The new president is Annette Waller. Bill Dryden is vice president and a director. Other directors are Elizabeth Potts and Ford Spikes.

Faye Blackledge is the secretary-treasurer.

Isaac Castro, legal adviser, was the installing officer.



NEW OFFICERS — Snyder Board of Realtors installed new officers Tuesday. From left are, Elizabeth Potts, Bill Dryden, Annette Waller, Ford Spikes and Isaac Castro, installing officer. Faye Blackledge is not pictured. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



Rebecca Ramey

Ramey earns B.S. degree

Rebecca Ramey, a Hermleigh High School graduate, received her bachelor of science degree from McMurry University Saturday.

Ramey was a multidisciplinary studies major in the fields of education and Spanish with a minor in French.

She utilized the consortium of Abilene colleges and took numerous classes at Abilene Christian University and Hardin Simmons University also. She spent May term this year studying in Mexico.

Ramey was instrumental in reviving Gamma Sigma Women's Social Club and held various officers including two years as president.

She was a member of Alpha Phi Omega, a service club, and made a mission trip to Louisiana. She also served four years as a varsity cheerleader.

Ramey is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an education honor society, and a member of Sigma Delta Pi, a Spanish honor society.

She graduated cum laude with a 4.0 GPA in both education and Spanish.



Stephanie Fambro

Fambro gets B.S. degree

Stephanie Ann Fambro received her bachelor of science degree in child development and family relationships from the University of Texas in Austin Dec. 6.

She is completing her internship with the Children's Advocacy Center of Travis County in Austin.

Stephanie is the daughter of Densell and Jeanie Fambro and a 1993 graduate of Snyder High School. She is planning to remain in Austin and work with children who have been abused.

Those who have fond memories of life on their grandparents' farm didn't have to get up at dawn to milk the cows and feed the chickens.

Imports of European cattle, sheep banned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fears that mad cow disease could cross the Atlantic Ocean prompted federal officials to ban imports of all cattle, sheep and related products from Europe until the risk is fully assessed.

Previously, the Agriculture Department had restricted imports of cattle, sheep and many products such as fresh meat and bone meal, from nine European countries where the disease was known to exist.

The action announced Friday expands that ban to other European countries.

"We made this decision to protect human and animal health, to protect the security of our export markets, and to protect the safety and integrity of our food supply," said Michael V. Dunn, assistant agriculture secretary for marketing and regulatory programs.

No case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy — the proper name of the neurological disorder fatal in cattle — has ever been reported in the United States. Eating meat from cattle tainted by the disease is believed to cause the brain-wasting Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans, which has killed at least 20 people, mostly in Britain.

Dunn said the decision to expand the import restrictions came after two animals diagnosed with mad cow disease in Belgium and Luxembourg went into the animal food processing system. In addition, British scientists earlier this month discovered that the disease can infect additional parts of the animals, including bone marrow.

"This import policy is science-based and consistent" with international guidelines, Dunn said.

The Agriculture Department will lift the import restrictions for any country that shows it has a mad cow surveillance program that conforms to international standards and contains adequate controls for imports, Dunn added.

European Union officials in Washington did not return telephone calls seeking comment Friday night.

Locals on honor roll

SWEETWATER — The admissions and records office at Texas State Technical College just released the President's Honor Roll for the fall 1997 quarter. Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to be recognized.

The following students from Snyder have been named to the honor roll: Steven Freeman, vocational nursing, and Dale Harris, computer/network electronics technology.

Births

Thomas Rocha Jr. and Consuelo Salinas are parents of a son, Elyas Anthony Rocha, born at 4:37 p.m. on Dec. 9 in St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed six pounds, 13 ounces.

His grandparents are Shorty and Janie Salinas, and Thomas and Mary Ann Rocha, all of Snyder.

Datebook

Dec. 13, 1997

Today is the 347th day of 1997 and the 84th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1918, Woodrow Wilson became the first president to visit European countries while in office.

On this day in 1974, George Harrison became the first rock-and-roll artist to be invited to the White House.

On this day in 1978, the Philadelphia mint began stamping Susan B. Anthony dollars.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Heinrich Heine (1797-1856), poet; Alvin York (1887-1964), U.S. World War I hero; Ross MacDonald (1915-1983), writer; Dick Van Dyke (1925-), actor, is 72; Christopher Plummer (1929-), actor, is 68; John Davidson (1941-), singer, is 56; Ferguson Jenkins (1943-), baseball great, is 54; Ted Nugent (1949-), musician, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1942, the Washington Redskins defeated the Chicago Bears, 14-6, in the NFL championship game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "No author is a man of genius to his publisher." — Heinrich Heine

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1992, Boston was hit by a strong storm that caused 23-foot coastal waves and 78-mph winds.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

Dec. 14, 1997

Today is the 348th day of 1997 and the 85th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1799, George Washington died at Mt. Vernon at the age of 67.

On this day in 1911, the South Pole was located and visited by Roald Amundsen, his 4 companions, and 52 sled dogs.

On this day in 1984, Madonna scored her first No. 1 hit with "Like A Virgin."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nostradamus (1503-1566), physician-seer; Tycho Brahe (1546-1601), astronomer; Spike Jones (1911-1965), bandleader; Don Hewitt (1922-), TV-news producer, is 75; Charlie Rich (1932-), singer, is 65; Lee Remick (1935-1991), actress, Patty Duke (1946-), actress, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1953, the Brooklyn Dodgers signed pitcher Sandy Koufax.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We are reassured almost as foolishly as we are alarmed; human nature is so constituted." — Victor Hugo

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1945, a record snowstorm in Buffalo, N.Y., produced over 3 feet of snow; travel was paralyzed.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon.

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The United States Air Force has scheduled Community Meetings in Southwest Texas and Northern and Eastern New Mexico to inform the public of an upcoming military airspace training proposal called the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative. The Air Force asks concerned citizens, organizations and agencies to attend. The Air Force is seeking input to better develop alternatives for the proposed initiative. This training proposal would change the use of existing military high-altitude and low-altitude training airspace in Northern and Eastern New Mexico as well as Southwestern Texas, and includes the use of several 15-acre sites for ground-based electronic training facilities. The Community Meetings will also include discussion of the Environmental Impact Analysis Process and outline the need for active public involvement throughout the process, including Public Scoping Meetings planned for the January-February 1998 timeframe.

Community Meetings are scheduled at the following locations:

Crane, TX
December 9, 1997
7 - 8:30 p.m.
Northside Community Building
113 Catherine

Monahans, TX
December 10, 1997
7 - 8:30 p.m.
Ward Co. Convention Ctr.
400 E. 4th St.

Ft. Davis, TX
December 11, 1997
7 - 8:30 p.m.
District Courthouse
Corner of Court & Main

Snyder, TX
December 16, 1997
7 - 8:30 p.m.
Chamber of Commerce Boardroom
2302 Ave. R

For further information, contact the Public Affairs Office, 7th Bomb Wing, 650 Second Street, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, 79607-1960; telephone (915) 696-2861.