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Home Of Kevin Rose



ANGEL WATCH — Angels and other Christmas decorations adorn the square and College Avenue as the holiday season is upon us. City of Snyder employees Curtis Sharp, Ismael Gonzalez and Anson Luna (from left) are pictured as they hoisted one of the angels decorating the square. The angels were made by the outside work force of the Price Daniel Unit from material purchased by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Aggie campus pulls together for healing

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — This is when the collective focus of the Texas A&M campus is supposed to be on the revelry and rivalry surrounding a football game.

For generations of Aggies taught to hate the University of Texas, this week is about the traditions leading up to the regular-season finale against the Longhorns.

In the wake of the bonfire-building accident that killed 11 A&M students and a recent graduate, the tone has changed.

"Say what you will about bonfire and say what you will about the Aggie tradition, but the campus really pulled together this week," said Todd Wood, a student who attended a packed memorial service Sunday at Texas A&M United Methodist Church.

"We have been rivals for a long time," Wood said. "If we go at it with the same 'Beat the Hell out of TU' attitude, it will just be the same."

The game and many of the decades-old traditions surrounding it will go on this week, but much of the attention will be on healing and continuing the search for answers to why the tragedy happened.

"Right now, Aggies are more concerned for Aggies than they are for a rivalry," said A&M junior Rob Clarke. "That attention they would focus has been turned."

Local, state and federal officials planned to meet today to plan an investigation strategy. This year's bonfire, set for Thanksgiving night, has been canceled and university leaders will decide the future of the tradition at a later time.

"I think that's in the heart of everybody that we want it to continue," said Texas A&M President Ray Bowen. "But I think at this point in time, not understanding exactly what happened, it would be best if we left out on the table the possibility upon analysis that we would have to make a hard decision and that this would be the last bonfire.

"None of us want that to happen. I wouldn't want to speculate about what is going to happen, but our hearts are with the students that made that observation" that the bonfire should continue, Bowen said.

The deaths profoundly affected a University of Texas student leader who attended a memorial service in College Station Thursday night, hours after the thousands of logs being used to make the bonfire came crashing down.

"For all of us Longhorns who discount A&M in our never-ending rivalry, we needed to realize that Aggieland is a special place," Eric Opiela, the student body vice president at Texas, wrote on CNN's Web site.

"It is a family. It is a family that cares for its own, a family that reaches out, a family that is unified in the face of adversity, a family that moved this Longhorn to tears."

Texas A&M officials canceled classes Wednesday to give students extra time with their families.

"Thanksgiving couldn't have come at a better time," said Amanda Arriaga, a student leader at the Memorial Student Center on campus. "Half of the students are going home with their families, the rest have family coming up for the most part.

"I know the next few days are going to be kind of strange, but the next few days are part of the healing."

The mourning has prompted postponement of Tuesday's Elephant Walk to Nov. 29. The Elephant Walk is an A&M tradition in which graduating seniors turn their responsibilities as the school's storied "12th Man" over to the junior class.

At sunset Thursday, the day the bonfire was to be set, a vigil is planned at the accident site. The annual yell practice will be held at the stadium afterward.

"Usually yell practice is a rowdy and fun event," Ms. Arriaga said. "It will be more of a modified yell practice and pretty solemn this year."

Among the modifications: no student-led renditions of the chant to "Beat the Hell out of TU."

"Because they've done so much for us this past week, we are not going to do that to them, that's our respect to them," Ms. Arriaga said.

JFK assasination still raising many questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hours after President Kennedy was assassinated, FBI agents reportedly listened to a tape of a phone call that a man identifying himself as "Lee Oswald" had placed to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City.

They made a startling discovery: The voice on the tape was not Oswald's, government records say.

This controversial tape has been a question mark in the assassination investigation since Kennedy was killed. The assassination occurred 36 years ago today and only now have new details about the tape come to light.

The CIA said years ago that the tapes on which it recorded the call were erased. Documents released in recent years said otherwise. The latest and newest of declassified documents offer more evidence that the tapes survived.

The discovery that the voice on the tape was someone other than Oswald was a "disquieting discovery because the man who impersonated Oswald was still at large," said John Newman, an ex-military intelligence analyst, author and professor at the University of Maryland.

Oswald was in Mexico City in September and October 1963. During his one-week stay, he contacted the Soviet Embassy and the Cuban consulate, inquiring st a memo on Nov. 25, 1963.

"Speculation about Oswald's motivation ought to be cut off and we should have some basis for rebutting (the) thought that this was a communist conspiracy or ... a right-wing conspiracy to blame it on the communists."

In a telephone interview last week, Katzenbach said he does not know anything about the FBI listening to a tape in Dallas. "Whether I knew anything about it at the time, or what I knew about it at the time, I don't recall," he said.

Oswald's trip to Mexico City was only briefly addressed by the Warren Commission, which concluded in 1964 that Oswald was the lone gunman who killed Kennedy.

His activities in Mexico City were investigated vigorously by the House Select Committee on Assassinations, which re-investigated the Kennedy murder in the 1970s. The committee then raised the possibility of an Oswald impersonation but said there was not sufficient evidence to "firmly" conclude that it happened.

Many more details about the trip, however, have surfaced in CIA and FBI documents released by the Assassination Records Review Board. The board, set up by Congress to amass all assassination-related records, opened tens of thousands of pages before it closed down in 1998.

Firemen slate 70th banquet

Snyder Fire Department will hold its 70th annual Thanksgiving Banquet Tuesday evening.

The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. in the Snyder Country Club ballroom, and awards for service and attendance will be presented.

The highlight of the annual event is the naming of Fireman of the Year.

Last year, the honor went to Phillip Kincheloe.





MOVIE PLANE - Winston Field manager Rodger Sullenger poses with a 1928 DeHavilland aircraft that recently refueled at the airport. The airplane has been used in 20 movies, including an Abbott and Costello movie titled "Flying Fools" in 1951. The aircraft is owned by Dr. Ace Powers of Albuquerque. (Contributed Photo)

Council schedules meeting this evening

Snyder's city council will meet in a special session this evening to consider a contract with an engineering firm for services related to the city's water-line replacement grant.

The city has received a $250,000 grant from the Texas Community Development Program to replace water lines in the northeast area of the city, including the areas around Northeast Elementary and North Elementary.

The city sent out request for proposals for engineering services and two firms – Parkhill, Smith and Cooper and Hibbs and Todd – responded.

The council will select one of the firms this evening at a cost not to exceed $41,000.

The city will replace some 19,000 linear feet of water lines with the grant funds with the entire project costing $365,550. The city's share of the grant is $115,550.

The council will also consider engineering services for relocating some sewer lines along 37th Street. The relocation is necessary due to the upcoming widening of the street by the Texas Department of Transportation.

In other matters, the council will hear a recommendation for computer software for the city and consider amending one portion of the city's promotion policy.

The meeting is set for 6:30 in the city council chambers at city hall.

Two schools get early start for holiday

Two school districts in the county will dismiss early Tuesday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Students in Snyder public schools will be released at 2 p.m. Tuesday while Ira students will get out at 1:30 p.m.

Hermleigh school students will dismiss at the regular time, 3:35 p.m.

All three schools will be out Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with classes resuming on Monday.

Western Texas College residence halls close at 10 p.m. Tuesday. The campus will also be closed Wednesday through Friday, with classes resuming Monday.

All financial institutions in town will be closed Thanksgiving Day only, opening as usual on Friday.

County and city offices will be closed both Thursday and Friday.

An exception is the city landfill, which will be closed Thanksgiving, open Friday, and closed Saturday.

The Scurry County Library will close Thursday and not reopen until Monday.

Snyder Post Office employees will have the day off Thursday. No mail will be delivered or placed in boxes. The office will be open as usual on Friday.

The Texas Workforce Commission, located on the WTC campus, will also take Thursday and Friday off.

Scurry County Museum, also located on the college campus, will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

ASK US

Q—Will Covenant Health Care hold its Cure for the Cold coat drive this year?

A—No, but the local food cupboard is accepting coats for distribution every Tuesday morning from 9-12.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Sunday, 72 degrees; low, 36; high Sunday, 76; low, 42; 7 a.m. Monday, 44; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.80 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair, cooler. Low, upper 30s. W wind10-20 mph, becoming N, increasing to 15-25 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High, mid 60s. N wind 10-20 mph.



Erik Arias
Cooler

Sunset: 5:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:18 a.m.
Of 325 days in 1999, the sun has shone 318 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier.

—Colin Powell



MARKETING TEAM — The national semi-finalist Marketing Plan Team include from left, Missy Hicks, Riley Tatum, Cliff Beights. (Contributed Photo)



SENIOR FFA KNOWLEDGE — The national champion Senior FFA Knowledge Team includes left to right, Megan Anderson, Nikki Guerrero, Janette Allen, Jessica Bradshaw and Johnna Ferris. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder FFA members bring home several national awards

For the sixth year in a row, members of the Snyder FFA chapter returned from the national FFA Convention as national champions.

Thirty-eight members of the Snyder FFA (Future Farmers of America) chapter spent one week in Louisville, Ky, attending the national FFA convention.

During the week, several members competed in national contests, while others received national awards, participated in the National FFA Chorus or worked as members of the Courtesy Corps.

The Junior FFA Knowledge Team, consisting of Jacinda Judah, Laura Greenwood, Cassi Guerrero, Bradley George and Tara Trammell, led the charge as they swept the competition in route to their national championship.

After competing against five-member teams from across the nation, the team from Snyder finished in first place.

In individual rankings, Judah finished first; Greenwood was second, Guerrero was third, George was fourth and Trammell was fifth.

Larry English was the alternate for this contest. This marks the first time in history that a single team had the top five individuals and the sixth year in a row that Snyder has been the national champions.

In the Senior FFA Knowledge Team contest, Snyder continued a three-year winning streak by claiming the national championship. Megan Anderson, Nikki Guerrero, Janette Allen, Jessica Bradshaw and Johnna Ferris proved to be the best in the nation by narrowly beating out Minnesota in second and New Mexico in third.

In the individual placings, Ferris was the fourth overall, Allen was sixth, Guerrero was eighth, Bradshaw was10th, and Anderson was 12th.

Ferris said, "It may not have been a blowout like the Junior Team but we still proved to be the best in the country."

Another team that advanced to the national competition by defeating every team in Texas was the Marketing Plan Team, consisting of Missy Hicks, Riley Tatum and Cliff Beights. These individuals developed a business plan for the Snyder area called "Fantastic Fall Flowers." Then they prepared a 15-minute marketing plan to sell the idea to a board of directors.

The team advanced through competition from across the country to the semi-final round where they were upset by even-



HIGHEST DEGREE — Cody Cribbs achieved the highest degree that can be earned in the FFA, the American FFA Degree. (Contributed Photo)

tual national champion and runner-up, Michigan and Minnesota.

Although they didn't win, they proved to be among the best by finishing among the top six teams, said David Frazier, SHS ag science teacher and FFA advisor.

According to one judge, "Snyder, Texas has once again proven to be the most eloquent speaking team in the field. I'm extremely impressed."

Another member from Snyder received the highest degree than can be given to FFA members. Cody Cribbs, a 1997 SHS graduate, was among the country's elite when he received the American FFA Degree. Each year, this award is bestowed upon less than one percent of the national membership.

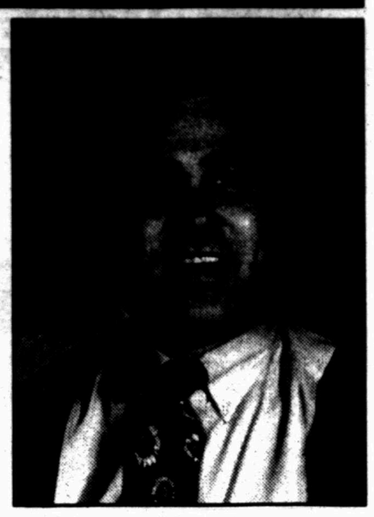
Calli Pierce, a 1999 SHS graduate, was selected from applications across the country to participate in the National FFA chorus.

The 100-member chorus entertained the nearly 47,000 members that attended the convention. This is Pierce's second year to participate in the chorus. It is an "extreme honor," Frazier said.

Snyder FFA also received the Two-Star Chapter rating which ranks them among the top agricultural science programs in the country. The chapter was selected last spring to represent Texas. To receive this award, the chapter had to participate in every area of the national program of activities and be selected among the top agricultural science programs within their respective state.

Snyder was also chosen to send delegates known as Courtesy Corp members who are responsible for conducting work during the convention. A unique aspect of the national FFA convention is that it is conducted entirely by FFA members. Among those chosen to attend in this capacity were Shannon Chambers, Riley Tatum, Malorye Miller, Cindy Nachlinger, Libby Aparicio, Jennifer Williamson, Shane Kitchens, Audra Mathis, Jenna Neff, Cassie Callaway, Kasey Nachlinger, Rebecca West, Kasey Wemken, Brandi Shaffer, Sarah Pierce, Justin Pechacek, Bryan Long, Tyler Riggan, Russel Wall, Chris Sorrells, Zach Billinglsey, Brodie Pierce and Rowdy Cumbie.

Ag science teachers attending the national convention included Frazier and Jerry Conring. Several parents also attended. They included Doug Neff, Lanette Callaway, Terri Beights and Carla Bradshaw.



David Frazier

Frazier wins top award

David Frazier, agriculture science teacher and FFA advisor at Snyder High School, was recently named national winner of the H.O. Sargent Award which recognizes various individuals who promote diversity within the agriculture industry and FFA (Future Farmers of America). Frazier was nominated for the award last spring by the Snyder FFA chapter officer team. After winning at the district and area level, Frazier was chosen to represent Texas at the national level. He was chosen among all of the other state winners and was recognized at the 72nd National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky.

Frazier has taught at Snyder for the past nine years, and he has been instrumental in the growth of FFA membership from 68 when he began to over 225 for the current school year.

Under his direction, several programs have been implemented that encourage students from all segments of SHS' population to become involved in the FFA program.

Frazier said, "FFA is such a powerful influence on students. Whether it is classroom lessons, responsibility, leadership development or decision making skills, the FFA has a program that allows students to perfect their skills. I wish everyone alive could experience the excitement of the FFA."

New art museum director cancels show

DETROIT (AP) — The new director of the Detroit Institute of Arts has canceled an exhibit of modern art that was to include potentially offensive artwork combining religious and sexual themes.

The move follows a controversy in New York City over an art museum that displayed an image of the Virgin Mary that used elephant dung.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has criticized the exhibition, but federal courts have blocked his move to cut off funding for the Brooklyn Museum of Art.

The Detroit exhibit was to feature a vial of urine from Andres Serrano's highly publicized photograph of a crucifix submerged in urine.

It also was to include a work called Bathtub Jesus with a doll wearing a condom. And it was to include a video of British artist Tracey Emin in a menstruation ritual.

Graham Beal became the museum's director seven weeks ago. Beal's first official act was to cancel the exhibit, which had been in the works at the museum for two years, The Detroit News said today.

"You can't ignore it," artist Jef Bourgeau told the newspaper.

Teens may be turning away from drugs

EW YORK (AP) — The latest survey from the Partnership for a Drug-Free America finds that drug use among teen-agers' is leveling off, with more teens rejecting the notion that drugs are cool.

"This trend means we have to keep up our efforts," said Barry McCaffrey, director of the White House drug control policy office. "The teen-age notion that everyone is doing drugs and that there must be something wrong with me has to be dispelled."

The 12th annual survey, released today, shows that 40 percent of teens questioned felt "really cool" kids did not use drugs. By comparison, 35 percent of those surveyed in 1998 agreed with that statement, indicating more kids are turned off by drugs now than before.

Among 13- to 15-year-olds, 8 percent believed marijuana smokers were popular, down from 13 percent last year and 17 percent in 1997, the survey found.

The survey found other evidence that the role of drugs in teen culture was dissipating:

— Thirty-five percent of teens felt that "most people will try marijuana sometime," down from 40 percent a year ago.

— The number of teens agreeing with the statement "it seems like marijuana is everywhere these days" dropped to 48 percent this year, down from 52 percent last year and 59 percent in 1997.

— While 48 percent of teens last year felt musicians made drug use look tempting, that figure was down to 42 percent this year.

— Trial use of marijuana, inhalants, methamphetamine, LSD, cocaine and crack were all down. The dropoff in cocaine and crack trial use was the first since 1993.

"The tide appears to be turning," said Partnership chairman James E. Burke. "Across the board ... teen-agers are disassociating drugs from critically important badges of teen identity."

But Burke said the war against drugs was far from over: "It's too early to declare a major turnaround in drug-related attitudes and drug use."

The Partnership for a Drug-Free America, launched in 1987, is a non-profit coalition of communications industry professionals aimed at reducing the demand for illegal drugs.

Its latest survey questioned 6,529 teens aged 13-to-18 nationwide. The survey's margin of error was plus or minus 1.8 percentage points.

Victim of brick attack improves

NEW YORK (AP) — Transplanted Texan Nicole Barrett, who was smashed in the head with a brick in a seemingly random attack, is recovering slowly.

"She is listed in critical but stable condition, and she is improving every day," said Peter Schettman, a spokesman for Bellevue Hospital.

Barrett has uttered a few words and has begun to move her arms and legs, the New York Post and the Daily News reported Sunday.

Barrett, who moved to New York about a year ago, was attacked on a crowded street near Grand Central Terminal on Nov. 16. The assailant struck Barrett's head with a six-pound paving stone and disappeared into the crowd on 42nd Street. Police are still searching for the attacker, who is believed to be homeless.



JUNIOR FFA KNOWLEDGE TEAM — The national champion Junior FFA Knowledge Team includes left to right, Laura Greenwood, Jacinda Judah, Bradley George, Cassi Guerrero, Tara Trammell. (Contributed Photo)

Oil Patch News

Borden County

RK Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 1-R Newton, a 7,800-foot re-entry wildcat located seven miles northeast of Gail. Location is in Section 38, Block 30, T6N, T&P survey.

Texaco will drill the No. 1332 Jo-Mill field unit, 15 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 7,700-feet, location is in Section 3, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Nolan County

R.L. Askins will drill the No. 1 Morrow unit in the Mulberry field, four miles northeast of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 4,999 feet, location is in Section 68, Block 5, T&P survey.

Ben M. Patterson has completed the No. 3-270 Thorne in the Ray field, five miles west of Blackwell. The well was finaled to produce 30 barrels of oil and 20 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,057-064 feet, and location is in Section 270, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

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Holiday cards are mailed early

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The Thanksgiving turkey isn't just on the dinner table any more. It's showing up on greeting cards, especially from businesses.

As usual, they just want to beat the competition. Cards wishing traditional messages like "happy holidays" and "happy new year" now are being mailed before Thanksgiving, sometimes with fall scenes and harvest symbols replacing wintry landscapes and Christmas wreaths.

"A lot of companies want their customers and clients to know that they understand and appreciate the importance of family," said Jody Zitsman, executive vice president of Columbus-based cardSupply.com, which sells holiday cards online to businesses and individuals.

"What better time than Thanksgiving to say we're thinking of you and are thankful for your business or support in the past year?"

Democratic State Sen. Linda Furney sends Thanksgiving cards to colleagues, school superintendents in her district and local groups.

A cornucopia is on the front. The message inside says, "Wishing you health, happiness, and success as we enter a new Millennium."

"It's a way to show appreciation. That's the purpose of the holiday," said Furney, of Toledo. "We're not living at Pilgrim times, but we should take a lesson from them and say thanks to people at this time of year."

CardSupply.com's Thanksgiving card sales are up 200 percent from last year and now represent 25 percent of the company's holiday cards sales, said Zitsman, who declined to give exact sales figures.

The company uses its Internet site to offer more than 2,000 card designs, which are customized with the sender's name and shipped directly from the publisher, she said. The company only sells online, and requires a minimum purchase of 25 cards.

A.K. Caldwell, a marketing coordinator for Raymond James Capital Inc., of St. Petersburg, Fla., purchased 3,000 Thanksgiving cards from cardSupply.com for brokers, lenders, investment bankers and attorneys across the country.

The front of the card has three maple leafs, "something simple but elegant," Caldwell said. The message inside: "May you enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving Day, a joyous holiday season and a prosperous healthful happy new year."

"Of course we're trying to maintain a relationship with our contacts," said Caldwell, who works for a subsidiary of Raymond James Financial Inc., an investment firm. But "we want to beat the rush and send them out at Thanksgiving because our office is just flooded with Christmas cards."

Clients range from businesses, such as ALLSTAR Real Estate Services in Fort Myers, Fla., to business schools, such as the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

"They don't like to be stuck in the crunch of 10,000 Christmas cards on somebody's desk around the holiday season. So this card arrives early and it's noticed," Zitsman said.

She said businesses make up the majority of cardSupply.com's Thanksgiving sales, and she doesn't expect that trend to change.

"I wouldn't think 'Gosh, Thanksgiving is coming up. I better go send a card to Aunt Sue,'" she said.

Cleveland-based American Greetings, the nation's second-largest card company after Hallmark, aims its Thanksgiving cards at two audiences: family members separated by distance ("missing you") and friends who are like a part of the family.

Sue Nevett, an assistant manager at a Hallmark card store at The Mall at Tuttle Crossing in suburban Columbus said Thanksgiving card sales there are rising. She said Kansas City, Mo.-based Hallmark shipped enough to fill 8 feet of shelf space, and the store had about 3 feet left the week before the holiday.

"We do very well, but people do tend to wait until the last minute," Nevett said.

One of those waiting until the last minute was Michelle Ross, 25, who combed over the Hallmark cards, trying to find the perfect one for family and friends she won't see Thursday.

"Unfortunately I don't live close to a lot of the people that I'm close to," said Ross, a business analyst who lives in nearby Canal Winchester but grew up near Huntington, W.Va. "It's my way of showing them I care."

Less fines collected for pollution; some worry about drop

FORT WORTH (AP) — Despite increasing scrutiny of the state's environmental condition, regulators collected less money from polluters during the last fiscal year than they have since 1992.

Only $4 million was collected through Aug. 31, the end of fiscal 1999.

That's down from $4.6 million in 1998, $4.1 million in 1997 and $6.9 million in 1996. A 10-year high of $9.1 million was collected in 1993, a year after the state collected just $3.5 million in penalties.

Critics say the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is too cozy with industries it regulates and Gov. George W. Bush's administration has gone easy on polluters.

"We're seeing some things that otherwise might have been caught by inspectors going unpenalized," Ken Kramer, director of the Texas branch of the Sierra Club, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Kramer told the newspaper that Bush's "whole approach to regulation has been primarily one of laissez faire, in which business and industry is allowed to call the shots. In that type of atmosphere, there's not going to be any tough enforcement."

Bush officials defended the governor's record.

Berry's World



"Nice work on Santa's reindeer. Now can you name Snow White's friends, the Seven Dwarfs?"

Man receives death sentence

FORT STOCKTON (AP) — A West Texas jury decided last week that a thrice-convicted cop killer should die for his crimes — the suspect's third death sentence in 10 years.

The 12-member panel deliberated for less than three hours before deciding Charles Edward Smith should die by lethal injection for the 1988 shooting death of a Pecos County lawman.

Smith, from Kansas, showed no reaction Thursday as District Judge Brock Jones read his order to place Smith on death row.

Defense attorney Martin Underwood said he planned to appeal the sentence.

"We're in the appellate mode once again, which is nothing new to us," Underwood told the Odessa American.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has already overturned Smith's two previous death sentences. After Thursday's punishment was handed down, Underwood said he would file another appeal with the higher court in "a couple months."

The family of slain officer Tim Hudson shouted with joy and clapped when Jones read the verdict.

Hudson's daughter, Gwen Hudson-Simmons, said she was eager to see Smith die for the murder.

"This has gone on long enough. I hope for a speedy execution," she told the newspaper.

According to testimony and court records, Smith and his cousin escaped from a minimum-security prison in Kansas in August 1988.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Balloon Artist's Fees Require Some Inflating

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am a balloon artist, earning my way through college. I entertain children, families, individuals and couples by creating characters in all shapes and sizes. My services are requested in restaurants, at parties and special events, most often without contracted compensation.

Since balloon artistry is not a common occupation, many people do not realize I depend on tips for my income and to cover the cost of supplies. (Some characters require several balloons to make.) Moreover, those that do tip are not quite certain how much is customary. I would like to suggest the following guideline: $1 per balloon used in the character.

It is heartwarming to watch small children enjoying a balloon made especially for them. I wish I could afford to make them free for everyone.

ENTERTAINER FOR A LIVING

DEAR ENTERTAINER: This is the first I've heard of balloon artists having to make their living on tips, and I'm sure it will be to many of my readers.

Since your college education depends on running a small business, you must guarantee that you at least break even. Do that by informing potential clients that you charge a minimum amount per day or evening. (After that, what you earn in tips can be called a "balloon payment.") Alternatively, you can post a sign listing the price of your creations, at $1 per balloon.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Mother on the Defensive," who resented her friends disciplining her children, really got my attention. You're going to get lots of mail on that one!

Haven't you seen people who have tunnel vision when it comes to their children's behavior? If you have, apparently you haven't been cooped up with them on vacation.

I never permitted any child to do things in my home that my own children were not allowed to do. If their parents ignored the misbehavior, then I spoke up and told their children to stop running, screaming or whatever.

VOICE OF REASON IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR VOICE: You're right; I received a barrage of letters from readers who thought I was too easy on the mother. Many of them related stories about visiting children who walked on white couches and porch railings, had tantrums if fragile knickknacks were placed out of their reach, and one who fell off a diving board and broke his arm after having been told to stay away from it. The common denominator in all of them was parents who tolerated the behavior while completely ignoring their function as responsible adults.

"Mother on the Defensive" stated that her children had been "humiliated" by her friends, and were "hesitant to do anything around them for fear of being disciplined." I interpreted that to mean the discipline was excessive, and advised the mother to make it plain to their friends that should the children need discipline, she and her husband would administer it.

However, if no one is supervising the children and stepping in when things get out of hand, someone should. And if the parents fail to assert themselves, another adult must.

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Man returns to party with gun; kills 3

ANGOLA, Ind. (AP) — A man angry at being thrown out of a party in northeastern Indiana returned with a gun early Sunday, killing three people and injuring two others before taking his own life, authorities said.

Among the injured was a Steuben County sheriff's deputy who responded to the 911 call. Deputy John Araque, 31, was hospitalized in fair condition with three gunshot wounds to the hip and pelvis, authorities said.

Police said Kevin R. Noles, 36, of Angola had been kicked out of Fat Boy's, a neighborhood bar, and had wandered next door to a bonfire outside an apartment building. When partygoers there escorted him back to the tavern, he threatened to return with a gun, police said.

About 2 a.m., Noles kicked down the apartment door and began shooting, said Sheriff Joel Working. He said Noles apparently did not know the victims.

Roommates Ray Spaulding, 56, and Ronald J. Stevens, 32, were killed. Julianna M. Schenkel, 25, later died at a hospital in Fort Wayne, where Victoria Martin, 24, was listed in serious condition. A third man was able to escape.

Araque was shot after he approached Noles to ask him if he had called police, Working said. He said Noles opened fire without warning, then fled into the woods.

Indiana State Police Detective Mark Heffelfinger said Araque returned fire and wounded Noles. About 15 minutes later, police using tracking dogs heard a gunshot in the woods and found Noles dead of an apparent suicide.

Police said Noles had had several minor run-ins with local police but they did not have a complete criminal history.

Date Book

Monday, Nov. 22, 1999

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1718, British soldiers killed Edward Teach, who was also known as Blackbeard the Pirate.

On this day in 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated as he rode in a motorcade in Dallas, Texas.

On this day in 1972, President Richard Nixon ended a 22-year-old ban on travel by Americans to mainland China.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Eliot (1819-1880), novelist; Charles de Gaulle (1890-1970), French statesman; Wiley Post (1899-1935), aviator; Hoagy Carmichael (1899-1981), composer-pianist; Rodney Dangerfield (1921-), comedian, is 78; Robert Vaughn (1932-), actor, is 67; Billie Jean King (1943-), tennis star, is 56; Jamie Lee Curtis (1958-), actress, is 41; Boris Becker (1967-), tennis player, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1917, the National Hockey League was founded.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "One can't impose unity out of the blue on a country that has 265 different kinds of cheese." — Charles de Gaulle

TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (Nov. 23).

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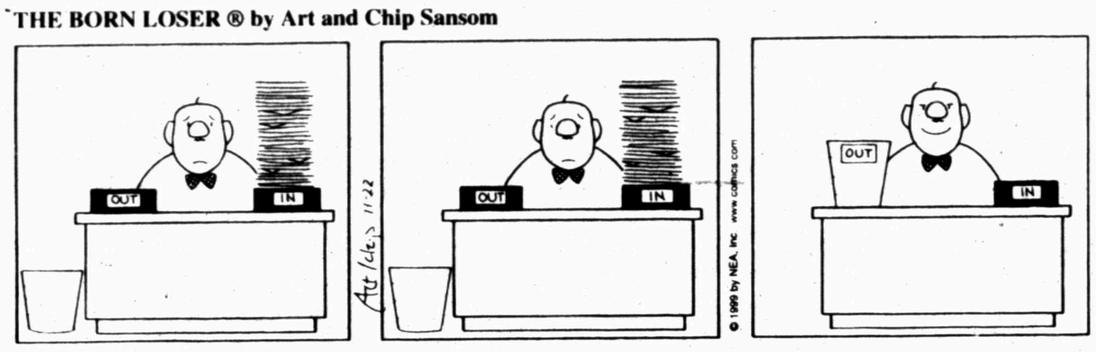


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ACROSS

1 Serpents
7 Reflection
12 Spiritualists' meeting
13 Traps
14 7-Up competitor
15 Aquatic mammals
16 Small amount
17 Bandleader Brown
18 New Zealand parrot
21 One of the flavors in 14 Across
23 Lap dog, for short
26 Aide (abbr.)
28 Cub scout groups
29 Compass pt.
30 Greek peak
31 Eternal
33 Downwind
36 Egyptian sacred bull
37 Lodge
38 Seized
40 Advise
41 Court divider
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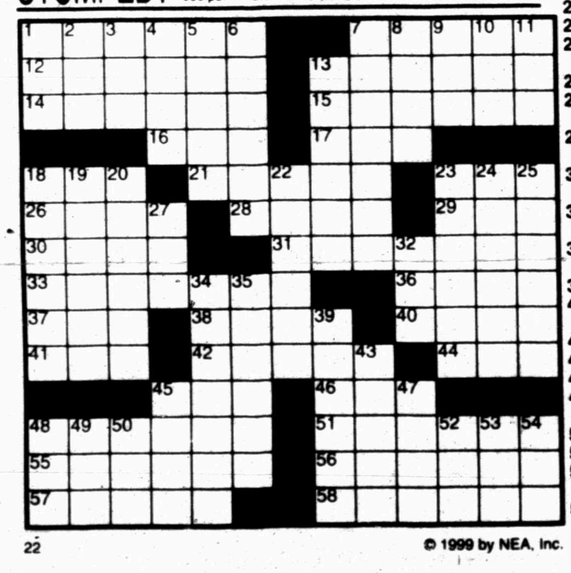
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10 Neighbor of Fr.
11 Double curve
13 Goodbye (2 wds.)
18 Porcelain clay
19 Ancient Jewish ascetic
20 Concurrence
22 Pasture
23 Made a baby-bird sound
24 Type of kick
25 States of disorder
27 Child's marble
32 Guardian spirit
34 Brings into harmony
35 Uses the oven
39 Stabbed
43 Conference site, 1945
45 Crystallize
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50 Ms. Lupino
52 Greek letter
53 Southeast Asian holiday
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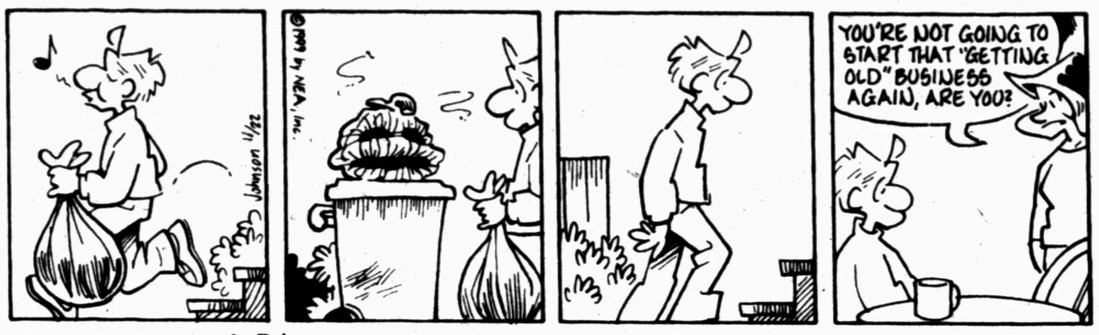


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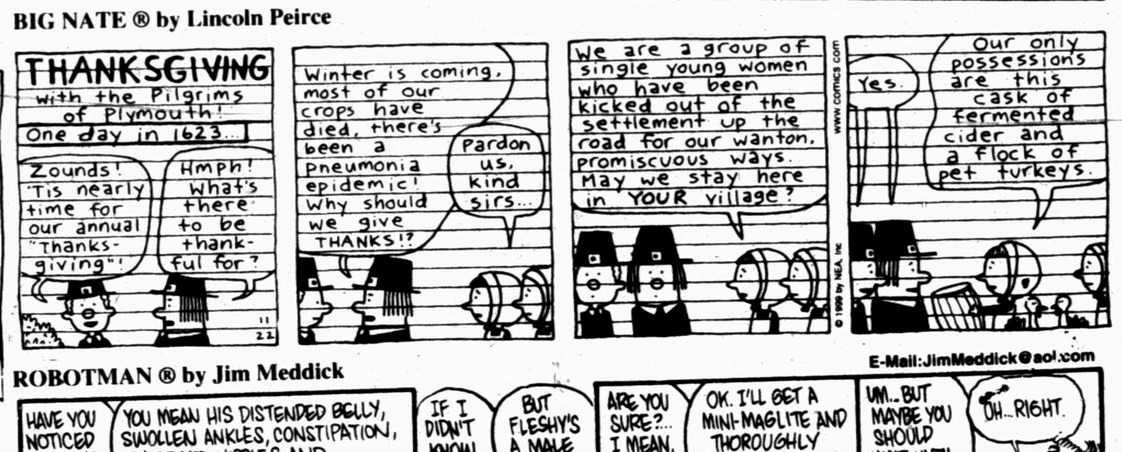
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SPORTS

Cowboys wilt in Arizona, 13-9

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — A broken hand couldn't stop Emmitt Smith, but in the end, the Arizona Cardinals did.

The Dallas running back, playing with his right hand in a soft cast, gained 127 yards on 29 carries. But he couldn't get a yard when he needed it most in Arizona's 13-9 victory Sunday.

The yard he couldn't get, Smith said, "seemed like a mile."

Late in the game, trailing 13-7 with second-and-2 on the Arizona 10, Dallas gave the ball to Smith three straight times, and the NFL's No. 3 career rusher gained 1 yard.

On fourth-and-1 at the 9, Kwamie Lassiter and Ronald McKinnon stopped Smith for no gain with 3:22 to play, and the Cardinals held on to beat Dallas for only the third time in their last 19 regular-season games.

"We talked in the huddle that somebody's got to step up and make the play," Lassiter said. "Either it's coming out, or we're going to punish him for carrying it."

Arizona defensive coordinate Dave McGinnis, a graduate of Snyder High School, called Lassiter's play "one of the better face-up tackles by a free safety that I've seen in a lot of years."

Smith, who broke his hand two weeks ago against Minnesota, ran into the back of one of his teammates as he hit the line.

"I just lost my momentum, and before I knew it, everyone was on top of me," he said.

Dallas has led in the second half of all five of its losses.

"We're not getting the execution we need in the second half," Cowboys coach Chan Gailey said. "We're not good enough to lose scoring opportunities."

Arizona punter Scott Player took an intentional safety with 1:49 remaining to cut the lead to 13-9, then Deion Sanders, who also had his first interception of the season, returned the free kick 31 yards to the Cardinals 43.

"They respect me so much they even took a safety, and you say my game is gone," Sanders said.

Dallas (5-5) drove to the 22, but on fourth-and-3, Jason Garrett threw a short pass to Rocket Ismail, who was stopped by Aeneas Williams and J.J. McCleskey at the 21 with 12 seconds remaining.

With Troy Aikman out with a concussion for the second week in a row, Garrett completed 16 of 29 for 111 yards and a touchdown.

Dave Brown threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Rob Moore on a flea-flicker play, and Chris Jacke kicked field goals of 21 and 38 yards as the Cardinals (4-6) beat an NFC opponent with a winning record for the second week in a row. Last week they knocked off Detroit 23-19.

Smith gained 83 yards on 18 carries in the first half, and had 44 yards on 11 carries in the second.

"We got so jacked up to play we were missing tackles. We had straight shots on him in the backfield and we wanted to hit him so hard he was making us miss," Arizona coach Vince Tobin said. "We just had to settle down."

On the first series of the second half, the Cardinals scored on a 69-yard, four-play drive, 14 more yards than they gained in the entire first half.

Adrian Murrell gained 16 yards, and Brown threw 30 yards to David Boston on the first two plays of the half. On second down from the 21, Brown gave the ball to Murrell, who pitched it back to the quarterback. Brown then hit Moore near the end zone sidelines to put the Cardinals up 10-7 with 13:10 left in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, Jacke kicked a 38-yard field goal to put Arizona ahead 13-7.

The Cowboys dominated the first half statistically yet led only 7-3.



DEER HUNTER — Riley Raschke stands next to the nine-point White Tail he killed during the youth hunting season. Raschke tagged the deer on the Tolbert Ranch north of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Lady Dusters split games at tourney

BIG SPRING — After a scheduling foul-up resulted in Western Texas missing the opening game of the Howard College Classic, the Lady Dusters rebounded by picking up their first win of the season.

The Lady Dusters missed Thursday's contest with New Mexico JC, but responded Friday with a 70-59 victory over Lubbock Christian University's junior varsity.

"When Howard College got its new coach, a couple of teams from Arizona backed out of the tournament, and so the schedule changed," WTC coach Valery Jackson said. "We were never informed that the event had been changed from Friday and Saturday to Thursday and Friday."

Against LCU, sophomore wing Heather Moon poured in 13 points to lead WTC, with freshman post Cassie Wilson posting 11. Stormy Chandler led LCU with 14 points.

The Lady Dusters got their shot at New Mexico on Saturday, suffering an 81-71 setback to their conference foes.

Danielle Brown and Crystal Williams finished with 15 points apiece. Wilson turned in another strong performance, tallying 12 points in the paint.

"Cassie played her best game of the season against New Mexico," said Jackson. "In fact our team played its best game against New Mexico. It's the first time that we played for two full halves. The girls played hard. I know we're going to improve by the time conference rolls around, and I expect a different outcome the next time we play New Mexico."

Western Texas enters the Thanksgiving break with a 1-8 record. The Lady Dusters will be in action again Nov. 30 at Ranger.

SDN Sports Briefs

Basketball games changed

Snyder's JV and varsity boys basketball games scheduled for Friday at Frenship have been moved to Saturday, due to the football playoffs.

JV action will begin Saturday at 11:30, with the varsity getting underway at 1 o'clock.

Vikings' RB arrested in Miami

MIAMI (AP) — Minnesota Vikings running back Leroy Hoard was arrested outside a Miami Beach nightclub early Saturday and charged with possession of a controlled substance and disorderly conduct.

Police said they found what they believe to be the drug ecstasy in Hoard's pocket when arresting him following a fight with his girlfriend.

Hoard has rushed for 416 yards and four touchdowns this season.

Seminoles remain No. 1

(AP) — Florida State (11-0) easily retained the top spot in The Associated Press' poll after completing its third perfect regular season with a 30-23 win over Florida.

Virginia Tech (10-0) held No. 2 and Nebraska moved to No. 3.

Wisconsin improved one to No. 4, followed by Florida, Tennessee, Texas, Alabama, Kansas State and Michigan.

Florida State received 66 first-place votes and 1,746 points from 70 sports writers and broadcasters.

Virginia Tech had four first-place votes and 1,681 points; Nebraska had 1,607 points.

Michigan State improved four places to No. 11, followed by Marshall, Minnesota, Southern Mississippi, Penn State, Georgia, Arkansas, Mississippi State, Purdue and Georgia Tech.

East Carolina was No. 21, followed by Boston College, Mississippi, Texas A&M and Louisiana Tech.

TCU ball carrier sets record

FORT WORTH (AP) — TCU's LaDainian Tomlinson rushed for an NCAA Div. I record 406 yards on 43 carries with six touchdowns in Saturday's 52-24 victory over UTEP.

U.S. wins World Cup by five shots

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The United States recaptured the World Cup Sunday, beating Spain by five strokes with Tiger Woods shooting the best total score in tournament history for the largest victory margin.

Woods' 21-under-par 263 and Mark O'Meara's 282 sent the United States past Spain 545 to 550.

O'Meara managed only a 6-over 77 Sunday, but Woods shot 65 and the United States took the $400,000 team prize. Spain's Miguel Angel Martin shot 68 for 273, and Santiago Luna 72 for 277.

Woods won $100,000 for best individual score, his fifth personal triumph in six tournaments and ninth in 13. It was his 13th straight victory when leading after 54 holes. Woods finished nine shots ahead of New Zealand's Frank Nobilo.

Ireland finished third in the 32-team field, followed by Argentina and Sweden.

Boxer in critical condition

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Stephan Johnson, who took two brutal punches to the head and was placed on oxygen in the ring, was in critical condition with a brain injury following his junior middleweight bout against Paul Vaden.

His manager said after Saturday night's bout that surgery was planned. But the wife of the 31-year-old boxer said Sunday her husband was not operated on and was in critical condition.

Johnson, fighting professionally since 1987, is 27-8-1.

The scheduled 12-round fight was the undercard of the Michael Grant-Andrew Golota heavyweight bout in which Grant stopped Golota in the 10th round.

Dykes announces retirement

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes, who made a career out of upsetting rivals Texas and Texas A&M on the way to becoming the Red Raiders' winningest coach ever, announced his retirement after Saturday's 38-28 win over Oklahoma.

The announcement came after a week of rumors that Tech already was hunting for a new coach.

"There really wasn't any pressure put on me. This is something that I've been thinking about for a long time," said Dykes, 61.

Dykes offered no specific reason for his retirement, but said, "It was time for a bit of fresh air."

Texas Tech went 6-5 this season and was 82-67-1 under Dykes, who joined the school in 1984. The Red Raiders have recently gained notoriety for playing spoiler to Texas A&M, beating the Aggies this season 21-19 while they were ranked No. 5.

Dykes posted victories over Texas A&M six times, including three of the last four, and also beat Texas six times. He led Tech to four straight bowl games, was Southwest Conference coach of the year three times and was the first Big 12 Coach of the Year in 1996.

Along with surprise victories this season over Texas A&M, Colorado and Oklahoma, the Red Raiders were upset by Missouri, Oklahoma State and lowly North Texas, and were embarrassed last week by Texas. Postseason losses like last year's 35-18 beating by Mississippi in the Independence Bowl also spawned a sense among many Texas Tech fans that the team wasn't living up to its potential.

"A lot of people in this world don't have any fun, but I've had a ball," Dykes said.

Dykes, like many of Tech's key players, is a product of West Texas football. He was a head coach at three Texas high schools before landing an assistant coaching job at Texas in 1972, under Darrell Royal. He returned to high school coaching at Midland Lee in 1980, leading the team to a 34-11-1 record before going to Tech.

Locally, Dykes was best known for his good-natured coaching style and friendly disposition.

Local Sports Schedule

BASKETBALL

Monday

Snyder 9th boys at Abilene High, 5 and 6:15

Snyder 7th and 8th boys at Andrews, 5 and 6 p.m.

Andrews at Snyder 7th and 8th girls, 5 and 6:15

Tuesday

Snyder JV boys and girls at Levelland, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Snyder varsity girls and boys at Levelland, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Snyder 9th girls at Abilene High, 6 p.m.

Blackwell at Ira girls and boys, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Hermleigh girls and boys at Westbrook, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Saturday

Snyder JV and varsity boys at Frenship, 1:30 and 1 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Saturday

Borden County vs. Groom, six-man quarterfinal playoff at Floydada, 6 p.m.

Freshman boys top Tors

LAMESA — Snyder used double digit scoring from three different players Saturday to register a 56-51 victory over Lamesa in boys freshman basketball action.

Josh Mendoza, Tyler Pollard and T.J. Jones all finished with double digits for the Tigers, who opened up a 29-22 halftime lead.

Mendoza poured in 18 to lead all scorers, with Pollard draining 12, and Jones adding 10.

Clay Williams and Logan Hill dropped in five points apiece. Josh McGaha tallied four points, and Chance Greenwood chipped in two.

The Tigers will be in action again this evening when they visit Abilene High at 5 p.m.

NFL Glance

All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Miami	8	2	0	.800	219	183
Indianapolis	8	2	0	.800	294	198
Buffalo	7	4	0	.636	211	166
New England	6	4	0	.600	225	201
N.Y. Jets	4	6	0	.400	167	174
Central						
Jacksonville	9	1	0	.900	257	102
Tennessee	8	2	0	.800	206	181
Pittsburgh	5	5	0	.500	182	140
Baltimore	4	6	0	.400	173	181
Cleveland	2	9	0	.182	116	284
Cincinnati	1	10	0	.091	161	336
West						
Seattle	8	2	0	.800	236	164
Oakland	5	4	0	.556	185	162
Kansas City	5	5	0	.500	219	167
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	156	217
Denver	3	7	0	.300	194	205
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Washington	6	4	0	.600	310	270
Dallas	5	5	0	.500	235	182
N.Y. Giants	5	5	0	.500	170	188
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	128	196
Philadelphia	3	8	0	.273	166	256
Central						
Detroit	6	4	0	.600	218	197
Minnesota	6	4	0	.600	237	199
Tampa Bay	6	4	0	.600	158	138
Green Bay	5	5	0	.500	192	209
Chicago	5	6	0	.455	190	221
West						
St. Louis	8	2	0	.800	323	135
Carolina	4	6	0	.400	227	221
San Francisco	3	7	0	.300	163	281
Atlanta	2	8	0	.200	127	235
New Orleans	2	8	0	.200	170	226

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay 19, Atlanta 10
New York Jets 17, Buffalo 7
Carolina 31, Cleveland 17
Green Bay 26, Detroit 17
Indianapolis 44, Philadelphia 17
Miami 27, New England 17
Tennessee 16, Pittsburgh 10
Seattle 31, Kansas City 19
Baltimore 34, Cincinnati 31
Chicago 23, San Diego 20, OT
Arizona 13, Dallas 9
Washington 23, New York Giants 13
St. Louis 23, San Francisco 7
Jacksonville 41, New Orleans 23
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Monday's Game

Oakland at Denver, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 25

Chicago at Detroit, 12:40 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.

NBA Glance

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	8	2	.800	—
Boston	6	4	.600	2
New York	6	6	.500	3
Orlando	5	6	.455	3½
Philadelphia	5	6	.455	3½
Washington	2	8	.200	6
New Jersey	1	9	.100	7
Central Division				
Toronto	7	3	.700	—
Indiana	6	4	.600	1
Charlotte	6	5	.545	1½
Milwaukee	6	5	.545	1½
Detroit	5	6	.455	2½
Cleveland	4	5	.444	2½
Atlanta	3	7	.300	4
Chicago	1	9	.100	6
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	8	3	.727	—
Minnesota	5	2	.714	1
Utah	6	4	.600	1½
Denver	4	5	.444	3
Dallas	4	7	.364	4
Vancouver	3	6	.333	4
Houston	2	10	.167	6½
Pacific Division				
Portland	10	1	.909	—
Sacramento	7	1	.875	1½
Seattle	9	3	.750	1½
L.A. Lakers	8	4	.667	2½
Phoenix	7	4	.636	3
L.A. Clippers	3	7	.300	6½
Golden State	2	7	.222	7

Saturday's Games

L.A. Clippers 98, Washington 89
Miami 110, Boston 92
Indiana 107, Cleveland 98
Orlando 107, Atlanta 103
Portland 100, Charlotte 96, OT
Philadelphia 100, New Jersey 96
San Antonio 106, Dallas 90
Utah 111, Milwaukee 100
Denver 95, Chicago 86
Seattle 110, Houston 107
New York 86, Golden State 79

Sunday's Games

Minnesota 105, Vancouver 81
Detroit 113, Milwaukee 94
Phoenix 99, Seattle 86
Sacramento 110, Houston 105
Toronto 111, L.A. Lakers 102

Monday's Games

Indiana at Boston, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.

Major College Football Scores

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 28, Liberty 12
Bowling Green 33, Cent. Florida 30, OT
Charleston Southern 37, Jacksonville 17
Clemson 31, South Carolina 21
Delaware St. 42, Howard 25
E. Illinois 20, E. Kentucky 14
East Carolina 23, N.C. State 6
Florida St. 30, Florida 23
Furman 40, Chattanooga 35
Georgia 20, Mississippi 17
Hampton 34, Morgan St. 14
Jackson St. 58, Alcorn St. 6
Louisiana-Lafayette 37, Wofford 34, OT
McNeese St. 38, Nicholls St. 0
Miami 55, Rutgers 0
Middle Tennessee 24, ETSU 7
Murray St. 53, Kentucky Wesleyan 0
North Carolina 38, Duke 0
Southern Miss. 30, Louisville 27
Stephen F.Austin 29, Northwestern St. 14
Tennessee 56, Kentucky 21
Troy St. 35, Jacksonville St. 16
UAB 28, Tulane 20, OT
Valparaiso 52, Austin Peay 23
Virginia 34, Maryland 30
Wake Forest 26, Georgia Tech 23
William & Mary 31, Richmond 14

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma St. 34, Baylor 14
SMU 28, Tulsa 14
SW Texas 20, Sam Houston St. 14
TCU 52, UTEP 24
Texas Tech 38, Oklahoma 28

MIDWEST

Boston College 31, Notre Dame 29
Cent. Michigan 27, Ball St. 21
Illinois 29, Northwestern 7
Kansas 31, Iowa St. 28
Kansas St. 66, Missouri 0
Memphis 21, Cincinnati 13
Miami, Ohio 43, Buffalo 0
Michigan 24, Ohio St. 17
Michigan St. 35, Penn St. 28
Minnesota 25, Iowa 21
N. Illinois 30, E. Michigan 23
Purdue 30, Indiana 24
S. Illinois 52, W. Kentucky 14
SW Missouri St. 31, Indiana St. 14
Tennessee St. 35, SE Missouri 28
Toledo 45, W. Michigan 21
W. Illinois 24, Drake 0

FAR WEST

New Mexico St. 22, North Texas 9
Sacramento St. 31, Cal Poly-SLO 26
San Diego St. 37, UNLV 7
Southern Cal 17, UCLA 7
Stanford 31, California 13
Utah 20, BYU 17
Utah St. 37, Nevada 35
Washington 24, Washington St. 14
Wyoming 42, New Mexico 28

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Winner gets million-dollar check from Regis

NEW YORK (AP) — He wanted to be a millionaire. Now, he is.

John Carpenter, who went all the way on Friday's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," collected his million-dollar check this morning from Regis Philbin on "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee."

"Don't cheat on your income tax," co-host Kathie Lee Gifford told the 31-year-old winner, an Internal Revenue Service agent, "because the whole world knows what you've won."

"I wouldn't dream of it," Carpenter said.

On the hit ABC quiz show, where Philbin also serves as host, Carpenter had run the gauntlet of 15 double-or-nothing questions, finally picking Richard Nixon as the president who appeared on the television series "Laugh-In."

"This guy's got ice water in his veins," Philbin marveled on his talk show. "In fact, on a couple of those questions he looked across the table and sneered at me."

"When I looked at the tape, I looked a little more cocky and self-assured than I really wanted," Carpenter said. "But I knew the answers as soon as I saw the questions."

Carpenter, who lives in Hamden, Conn., was the first "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" contestant to win the top prize.

Bridge by Phillip Alder

North 11-22-99
♠ 10 9 8
♥ A 3
♦ K Q J 2
♣ 7 6 5 4

West
♠ A J 6 5
♥ J 9 4 2
♦ 8 6
♣ 10 8 2

East
♠ K 7 4 3 2
♥ 10 7
♦ 10 9 3
♣ Q J 3

South
♠ Q
♥ K Q 8 6 5
♦ A 7 5 4
♣ A K 9

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	6 ♦	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 6

The top and middle

By Phillip Alder

As the holiday season approaches, it is time to cover possible gifts for your bridge-playing friends, or for yourself. This week, let's look at the independent English-language magazines. First, The Bridge World. Always known as the magazine for the expert, late last year it added 12 pages called Bridgeworks. This section includes material for the intermediate player. Then, in January, it also increased page size.

Here is a Bridgeworks Test Your Play from last August's issue. How would you declare six diamonds after West leads a trump?

If diamonds are 3-2, you should aim for these 12 tricks: four hearts, three diamonds, two clubs, two spade ruffs in hand and one heart ruff in the dummy. Yet if diamonds are 4-1 (unlikely, given the trump lead), you will need to go for five hearts, four diamonds, two clubs and one spade ruff in hand.

To accommodate both possibilities, after winning in hand with the diamond ace, exit with the spade queen. The defenders will probably persevere with another trump. Is the suit splitting 3-2? If so, ruff a spade in hand, cash the heart king, lead a heart to dummy's ace, ruff a spade in hand, ruff a heart in the dummy, draw trumps, and claim. If the diamonds are 4-1, though, ruff a spade, draw trumps, and hope the hearts are 3-3.

If the defenders switch to hearts at trick three, win with dummy's ace, ruff a spade, and play a trump to dummy. Then, based on the diamond division, proceed as above.

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Dr. Gott



By Peter Gott, M.D.

You can't get flu from medicines

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What's with the TV ads for medications claiming that certain drugs can cause flu? I always thought flu was an infection.

DEAR READER: And you're absolutely correct. Influenza, familiarly known as flu, is a disease caused by viruses, leading to malaise, fever, cough, body aching, and — in some patients — bacterial pneumonia and death.

I, too, have seen the ads to which you refer and I object to the advertising agencies' cavalier shorthand: Rather than saying the product may cause muscle aches, malaise and other flu-like symptoms, the copywriters have taken a shortcut that is patently misleading. People get the flu from viruses, not from medications. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For a thorough intestinal cleansing, would you suggest a full colon cleansing or will a regular enema suffice?

DEAR READER: Neither is necessary, unless administered under medical supervision for specific conditions, such as fecal impaction.

As weird as it sounds, there are perfectly healthy people walking around and behaving normally, who are obsessed with intestinal cleansing. They incorrectly believe that colonic "toxins" build up and the only way to neutralize such evils is to undergo repeated enemas — what we in medical school used to term "3-H enemas": high, hot and helluva lot. These unfortunate people have chosen to be victimized by their bowels and even pay perfectly good money to be treated by alternative practitioners who subject them to periodic colonic irrigations — so the people are doubly victimized. This whole procedure is claptrap, yet another way to separate the sucker from his or her money.

I am fully prepared to receive letters of outrage from such "colonic therapists." In response, I will now state that there has never been a reputable medical study showing that routine colonic irrigation plays the slightest role in maintaining good health.

By way of an aside: There are times when, for medical reasons, a patient must have a squeaky clean intestine. For example, in preparation for colonoscopy or special colon X-rays. In such instances, the intestine must be free of fecal material in order for the tests to be interpreted properly; it wouldn't do to have the patient FOS (full of stool), as interns describe it. To accomplish this goal, physicians instruct their patients to use a drink that always — and I mean always — causes total colonic cleansing, without enemas or irrigations. Known as Golytely, this product (which contains polyethylene glycol and minerals) will usually evacuate all material in the bowel within four hours. It is the dynamite — no, I take that back; the atomic bomb — of all laxatives.

If you believe that you need periodic colon cleansing (a concept that I discourage), discuss your concerns with your doctor and ask if Golytely might be an option.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Monday, Nov. 22, 1999

Larger strides than normal can be made in the year ahead by teaming up with others who have new knowledge to share. Through a combined effort, each other's interests can be advanced.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Inspirational ideas tend to come through associations with others today. File any good thoughts away for future reference, because you'll soon be able to put them to good work. Major changes are ahead for Scorpio in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope 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.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Should you be asked to do a bit more today than is your customary lot at work or home, do so willingly. There will be extra dividends awaiting you for extra effort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't be surprised if companions seem to look to you at this time to provide direction, particularly concerning social activities. Your leadership qualities are very pronounced today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This is a good day to clean up any responsibilities you've been sweeping under the rug, because you'll be equally as strong a finisher today as you are a starter.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's a strong chance that some type of outside interest may command your total attention today. However, you won't mind a bit, it'll prove to be fun diversion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep on striving to be first, because you'll have a lot of reserve upon which to draw today when you find yourself in competition with others. If you don't let up, you'll win.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Instead of sitting on your good ideas, put them into practice today. If you should make a mistake while experimenting with a concept, you'll be able to correct it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A change you won't initiate concerning a matter of personal importance may occur today. However, it's likely to be something from which you'll realize extra benefits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're not likely to be in any mood to be tied down today with persons who tend to drag their feet. Make certain those with whom you choose to associate are active people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you haven't received credit for something you've handled successfully recently, try to find a way to bring it to the attention of the powers that be today. They need to know.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is an excellent day to communicate with people who are important to you either socially or for contact purposes. There's a lot of good information in the mill to be shared.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Where your motives and actions are unselfish, good things are likely to result today. Be sure to look out for the needs of others and they will reciprocate in kind.

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Your Birthday

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1999

More emphasis than usual might be placed on your social or group involvements in the year ahead. The better you're able to get along with everyone, the more success you'll have.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you get too closely involved today with a person whose objectives aren't in harmony with yours, you can expect it to turn out to be a frustrating day. Team up with kindred spirits. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. 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) It's best not to depart from how things have always been done or try to improvise on your own today, especially at work. If things go away, your excuses won't hold water.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Should you find yourself in a social situation today where you feel awkward or don't feel like you fit in, make a hasty exit. If that's impossible to do, be sure to smile, don't frown.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Unfortunately, pats on the back are not apt to be forthcoming today, even if your efforts are dedicated to trying to do more for those with whom you associate. It's not you, it's the day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep your rap sessions with important associates on subject or as light as possible. Heavy topics, such as politics, philosophy or religion should be avoided today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't get yourself in a position today where you could be weighed down with additional long term obligations. Purchase only merchandise you truly need and avoid extravagances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you find yourself in an arrangement with a testy, strong willed individual today, do not allow him or her to take on the decision making for that which could affect your interests.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You could make the mistake today of thinking others are likely to pick up the slack regarding a shared responsibility. Sadly, they'll be believing the same of you and it won't get done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Use your sense of humor to lighten things up if you run into heated opposition from a least expected quarter in your group involvement today. Don't take anything personally.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be extra mindful of your behavior while out in public today, because your image could be in jeopardy. Someone could be gunning for anyone who happens along in order to ventilate his or her pain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you fail to give credit today where credit is due, you could alienate a good companion. Everyone needs to feel appreciated when they do something nice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Although your financial trend looks rather encouraging at this time, this could be a day of correction. Any overpayment of funds could now be called to adjust itself.

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High	Low	Last		
AMR Corp			58	56¼ 57 — ¼
AT&T Corp s			49½	47 49 1-16+ 2¼
Albertsons			36¼	36 1-16 36¾— ¾
AlldSignal			60 11-16	60 5-16 60 9-16— ¼
Alltel			87 11-16	86 86 5-16— 1½
AmOnline s			163	158 5-16 161⅞+ 3¼
AndarkPtr			33 15-16	33 1-16 33⅛+ 3-16
AtlRichfld			96¼	95 7-16 95¾+ 5-16
ATMOS Egy			22 9-16	22½ 22½— ¼
Aviall			8 1-16	7¾ 8 1-16
BP Amoco s			61 5-16	60 11-16 60 11-16+ ¼
BakerHughes			28 3-16	27¾ 27¾+ ¾
Bank of Amer			64 11-16	63 13-16 64¼— 1
BellAtl			64¼	63 63¼—1 9-16
BellSouth s			43 9-16	43 43 3-16— ¼
BethSteel			6 5-16	6¼ 6¼— 3-16
BurlNoSFe			2927¾	28 1-16—1 5-16
CBS Corp			53 9-16	52 13-16 52¾—15-16
Caterpillar			49	47¾ 48½—11-16
CenSoWst			20 9-16	20¾ 20 7-16— 3-16
Chevron			93¾	92¼ 92¼— 5-16
Citigroup s			55 11-16	54 7-16 54 13-16—1 11-16
Coastal			39	1-16 3838 — 1¼
CocaCola			64	61½ 63¼+ 3¼
ColgatePal s			57	55¾ 55 15-16—15-16
ComclMetals			33¼	33 3-16 33 3-16— 3-16
CooperIn			43¾	4343 — ⅜
CyprusAmax			19	18¾ 18¾— 1-16
DaimlrChry			70 13-16	70¼ 70 9-16—1 1-16
DallSemicn			59½	58¼ 58¾—15-16
DeltaAirl			48 7-16	47 15-16 47 15-16—15-16
Dillards Inc			19¼	18¾ 19 — ¼
DowChem			122¼	121 121 9-16— 1½
DuPont			60 15-16	60 3-16 60 9-16— ⅜
EastmanChem			39 9-32	38¾ 39 — ⅜
EstKodak			65¾	6565¾— ¼
EDS Corp			63¾	63 63 3-16
Entergy			27 7-16	27¼ 27¾+ 1-16
Exxon			80 1-16	79 5-16 79 9-16— ¼
FstBksAm				18¼ 18¼ 18¼
Flowers			16 15-16	16¼ 16½— 3-16
FordMotor			50¾	50¼ 50 11-16+ ¼
GTE Cp	75 11-16	73 1	GtAtlPac	25¾ 25½ 25⅝— ⅛
Halliburtn			44 3-16	42 11-16 44 +1 15-16
Hanson ADS			40 13-16	40¼ 40 11-16+ ⅜
HarteHanks			20¾	20¼ 20¾+ ¼
HomeDepot			82¼	81 3-16 81½— ¾
IBM s			107 3-16	104 5-16 105 13-16+ 1¾
IntlPaper			53¾	52 5-16 52 7-16— 3-16
JohnsonJn			105¼	104¾ 104¾—11-16
K mart			9¾	9¼ 9 3-16
Kroger Co s			23 1-16	22¼ 22 15-16— 3-16
Litton			46 3-16	45 3-16 45 5-16—15-16
LockheedM			21¼	20 9-16 20¾— ½
Lowes Cos			55 1-16	53¼ 53¾— 1¾
Lubys			11 11-16	11½ 11 9-16
LucentTech s			78 9-16	76 7-16 77¾— 1¾
MayDeptStr s			32¼	32 7-16 32½— 5-16
MediaOne				72¾ 7072¾+ 2¾
Medtronic s			39 7-16	37 11-16 37 13-16— ⅞
Mobil			105	104 104¼—13-16
Monsanto			46½	45¼ 45¼—1 9-16
MorganJP			137¾	136 11-16 136¾— 1¾
Motorola			125¾	122¼ 122 13-16—2 9-16
NCR Corp				33¾ 32½ 33
Navistar			37½	36¾ 37¾— ⅛
Penney JC			22 9-16	21 9-16 21 11-16—13-16
PepBoys			9 5-16	9 1-16 9¼— 1-16
PepsiCo			35 3-16	34¾ 35 + ½
PhelpDodge			54¾	54 54 3-16— 7-16
PhilipPet			50¾	49 9-16 50¾+ 5-16
PilgrmPrd B			7 15-16	7¼ 7 15-16+ 1-16
Polaroid			20	19 13-16 19¾— ⅛
Praxair				47 46 5-16 46¾
ProctGamb			111	109¾ 110 11-16+ 3-16
PubSNwMx			16¾	16¼ 16 11-16+ 3-16
ReliantEngy			25 9-16	24¾ 24¾—13-16
RoyalDut			63¼	63¼ 63 9-16+ 3-16
SBC Comm			51 7-16	50¾ 50¾— ¾
SaraLee s			25 7-16	24¼ 25¼— 9-16
Scripps EW			48 5-16	48¼ 48 5-16— ⅛
SearsRoeb			31¾	31 3-16 31 5-16— ⅜
SherwinW			21¼	21¼ 21 7-16— 1-16
SmithklBchm			67¾	66¼ 67 3-16— ¾
SouthernCo			24¼	23 15-16 23 15-16— ½
SwstAirl s			16 9-16	16 5-16 16 5-16— 3-16
SprintFON s			74	73¼ 73 13-16— 1
SprintPCS			93 7-16	88 1-16 89½—3 15-16
Sunoco Inc			27 5-32	26 15-16 27 — 1-16
TNP Ent			41 3-16	41 1-16 41 3-16— 1-16
Tandy s				71¼ 69 15-16 70 — 1
TempleInland			63 5-16	62¾ 62¾— ⅛
Texaco				64 11-16 6464¼
TexInd			34 3-16	33 11-16 33 15-16— 5-16
TexasInst s				98 95¾ 95¾—2 5-16
TexUtil			36 15-16	36½ 36¾—11-16
Textron			74¼	73 73 9-16—13-16
TriconGlbR				42½ 41¾ 41¾— ⅛
TrinityInds				28¾ 28¼ 28¾— 3-16
TritonEngy				25 23¾ 24 1-16+ 5-16
TylerTech				4 44 + 1-16
US West Inc			66 5-16	65 11-16 65¾— 7-16
USX-Marathn				29¾ 29½ 29 9-16
USX-USS			25 3-16	24 9-16 24¾— 1-16
UnCarbde			61 15-16	61 61 7-16— 11-16
UnionPacif				49¾ 48¾ 48¾—1 7-16
UnitedTech s			56 9-16	55 7-16 55¾—1 5-16
Unocal				35¾ 34¾ 35 1-16+ 1-16
Venator Grp			7 7-16	7¼ 7 7-16+ 5-16
WalMart s				57¼ 56½ 56¾— 1¾
WellsFargo			47 3-16	46 9-16 47 — ½
WstnGasRs			14 11-16	14¼ 14 3-16— ½
WinnDixie			27¼	26 13-16 26 13-16— ¾
Xerox Cp s			30	28 13-16 28 13-16+ ¼

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Patterson	15 7/16	+1/16
Dell	41 9/16	+1/4
Wal Mart	56 7/8	-1 1/4
Compac	25 11/16	-9/16
Dol. Gen.	23 7/8	-9/16
GTE	74 7/16	-1 7/8
SBC Comm.	51 7/16	-1/16
Tx Instr.	96 1/4	-1 15/16
LU	77 7/16	-1 1/16
Cisco Sys.	87 7/16	-11/16

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Series of political missteps hurting campaign

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A series of political missteps in her campaign are raising questions about Hillary Rodham Clinton's transition from first lady of the United States to Senate candidate from New York.

Some supporters say she is a phenomenal campaigner. Detractors find her campaign skills falling amazingly short.

"Clearly now, Democrats are beginning to acknowledge what very hopeful Republicans are observing, which is Mrs. Clinton doesn't appear to be ready for prime time," said New York-based GOP consultant Jay Severin, who is not directly involved in the race.

One of those Democrats is Ronnie Eldridge, a member of the New York City Council from Manhattan's Upper West Side, a liberal bastion.

Calling Mrs. Clinton "the weakest candidate," Eldridge said Saturday: "I just think there are too many problems inherent in the campaign. ... The more I talk to people, and the more you hear from people, the more dissatisfaction you hear. I'm afraid that this is a very risky candidacy."

Judith Hope, chairwoman of New York's Democratic Party, counters: "I think she's one of the best people I've ever seen on the campaign trail. Her one-on-one campaigning skills are phenomenal."

Mrs. Clinton's political pedigree is impressive. She has been a key player in each of her husband's campaigns, the most trusted adviser to a man many consider the best campaigner since President Reagan.

A New York Democrat who helped on President Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign, Hank Sheinkopf, observed: "One doesn't learn to be a candidate except by being a candidate. You could have participated in a thousand campaigns, but being a candidate is a very different dynamic."

It is a lesson Mrs. Clinton seems to have been learning the hard way as she decides whether to formally enter the race.

—In June, the lifelong Chicago Cubs fan donned a New York Yankees hat at a White House ceremony honoring the 1998 World Series champions. It drew Bronx cheers for the Illinois-born Mrs. Clinton.

—In early September, she came out against her husband's offer of clemency for imprisoned Puerto Rican nationalists — without bothering to consult political leaders of New York's sizable Puerto Rican community.

—This month, her likely Republican opponent, New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, began running television ads across upstate New York. Mrs. Clinton approved a plan to counter with ads financed by "soft money" from the national Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, even though her campaign claims to have plenty of money. Republicans were quick to bring up her husband's questionable 1996 campaign-financing activities.

—Mrs. Clinton went to the Middle East, a perfect opportunity to further court the Jewish vote so crucial in close New York elections. At the last minute, she added a visit to Ramallah on the West Bank, where she sat silently Nov. 11 as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's wife, Soha, accused Israeli security forces of causing cancer among Palestinians through the use of "poison gas." Only hours later, and after Giuliani went on the attack, did she criticize Mrs. Arafat's comments.

A television ad financed by the Republican Jewish Coalition was to begin airing today criticizing Mrs. Clinton for having "sat by silently" during the assertions.

"When Arafat was finished, Hillary gave her a hug and a kiss. ... Arafat spreads hatred and lies and Hillary embraces her," the ad states.

Mrs. Clinton's spokesman Howard Wolfson in a statement Sunday called the ad "a new low."

A spokesman for Giuliani's nascent campaign, Bruce Teitelbaum, said: "We have no connection whatsoever to the ad, but it's certainly their right to run the ad. It seems perfectly appropriate."

A poll published Sunday in the New York Post found 48 percent of New York Jews support Mrs. Clinton now, compared with 43 percent who supported her before her trip. But the poll said 53 percent of likely voters statewide think the first lady shouldn't run, compared with 45 percent who think she should.

"Clearly, it's been a bumpy transition from celebrity first lady Clinton to candidate Clinton," said pollster Lee Miringoff, head of the Poughkeepsie, N.Y.-based Marist College Institute for Public Opinion.

"She has an amazing lack of skill in this arena," said Republican political consultant Keiran Mahoney, who is not involved professionally in the Senate race. "She's running maybe the worst major campaign I've ever seen."

Group seeking stricter rail safety standards

NORTH CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Small groups of railroad safety advocates — most of whom lost friends and family members in train-car collisions — have come together to form a national umbrella organization to crusade for safer railroad crossings.

"I think it's frustration that brought us all together. What's driving us is losing our children and our loved ones at these crossings," said Vicky Moore, who lost her 16-year-old son, Ryan, in a 1995 train-car collision that killed two others and seriously injured three, including Ryan's older brother Jason.

More than 30 state-level railway safety activists from six states came to North Canton on Saturday to set goals for the National Rail Safety Coalition.

"We need to push these issues into the national discussion," said Sherry Fox, executive director of RailWatch, a nonprofit railroad-safety organization based in Houston. "The fact that we're getting together is already an accomplishment."

The fledgling national umbrella organization wants to pressure railroads and governments to do away with unguarded rail crossings and demand more accountability from railroads for accidents, Moore said.

The group also want more public education on rail-safety issues and to serve as a source of support for others who have lost loved ones in car-train collisions.

In addition, group members hope to lobby for uniformity of railway signs and safety standards.

The group hopes to draw 500 participants to its first national conference in Washington next fall.

Mrs. Moore and 23-year-old Scott Gauvin, from Springfield, Ill., founded the grass-roots group in September. Gauvin contacted Mrs. Moore after listening to her speak during an interview on CNN. After a discussion, the two discovered that many people, like them, were fighting for stricter regulations on their own or in smaller groups with little power.

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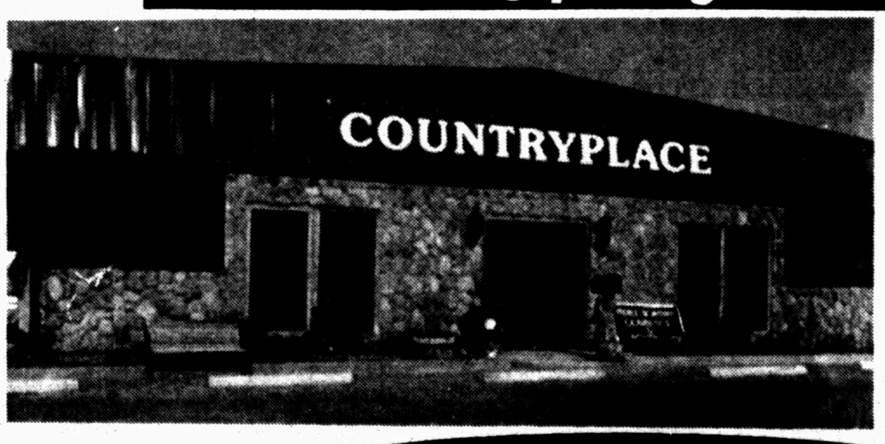
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Bush skips 2nd GOP debate

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — George W. Bush didn't make it to Arizona's first presidential debate, but he certainly was the center of attention.

Throughout the night Sunday, the four Republican candidates who did attend — Arizona Sen. John McCain, magazine publisher Steve Forbes, former diplomat Alan Keyes and Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch — took turns trying to distinguish themselves from the front-running Texas governor and encourage Bush to debate.

While Bush has skipped three debates, he is scheduled to participate in a Dec. 2 event in New Hampshire with all the leading candidates. A second Arizona debate is to be held Dec. 6, but McCain does not plan to be there.

Forbes said voters deserve to see and compare all of the candidates side-by-side.

"We're here answering questions," Forbes said. "He was absent."

Keyes said he didn't mind Bush's absence.

"This election isn't about talking to G.W. Bush. He isn't talking to anybody else," he said. "I want to talk to you not to him."

While Bush did not participate Sunday, his wife Laura was in Phoenix and Tucson for campaign visits.

"Governor Bush will be participating in three debates during the first half of December, including one in Arizona Dec. 6," said Mike Hull, the Bush campaign's executive director for Arizona. "Tonight, he is in Bryan, Texas, attending a memorial service for the 12 students tragically killed in an accident at Texas A&M University this week. The comments made by other candidates disparaging Gov. Bush's absence tonight were out of line and uncalled for."

When they weren't talking about Bush, the candidates did outline some of their goals should they win the White House.

McCain told a home state crowd that he would protect Social Security by separating it from the overall federal budget and allowing people to invest some of their Social Security deductions in personal accounts. "You've got to keep Congress' hands off of it."

Forbes said Bush's approach to government places to much emphasis on federal programs while he would like to reduce the role of government in education, taxes and other areas. "He believes in the bureaucrats," he said. "I believe in the people."

Keyes focused much of his attention on uplifting America's morality. "Our biggest crisis right now is our moral crisis," he said. "We need to live up to our vocations as citizens."

Hatch said that one of his priorities would be to "abolish the Internal Revenue Service and end its tyrannical reign."

It was also an opportunity for the Republicans to criticize the policies of President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, who is seeking the Democratic nomination against former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley.

Each of the candidates Sunday night took turns attacking the Clinton administration's foreign policy, suggesting the president has involved America in too many conflicts where it does not have a vested interest.

Financial firms seek new world partners

NEW YORK (AP) — While Congress was holed up in the Capitol recently bickering about how to loosen banking laws, Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon.com was in San Francisco announcing a venture with NextCard to create a credit card for Amazon.com's 13 million customers.

While seemingly unrelated, Amazon.com's entrance into the financial industry shows just how timely President Clinton's signature was Nov. 12. The new law ends Depression-era restrictions that have prevented mergers between banks, brokerage firms and insurance companies.

The financial industry can now move faster to catch up with trends in consumer spending and investing. Today, traditional white-shoe investment banks and small-town credit unions are squaring off against new competitors like E Trade and Amazon.com.

"There will be considerable mergers and acquisitions across banking, securities and insurance," said Alan Blinder, former vice chairman of the Federal Reserve, now a fellow at the Brookings Institution.

For decades, consumers have been taking their money out of savings accounts and certificates of deposit and investing it through mutual funds and pension funds and brokerage accounts. In 1980, for example, traditional banks held almost 40 percent of consumers' assets. Last year, they held just under 25 percent.

Mutual funds have seen their share of consumers' assets soar from 4 percent to 21 percent during the same period.

The new law, the Financial Services Modernization Act, "will really accelerate the trend toward bigger, more complicated financial institutions," Blinder said.

Names of likely takeover targets already are swirling on Wall Street. In the insurance industry, the buzz includes names such as ReliaStar Financial, American General, Jefferson Pilot and Torchmark, according to Insurance Investor magazine.

In the brokerage industry, speculation has focused on acquisition candidates like A.G. Edwards, Legg Mason, PaineWebber and Lehman Brothers.

The buyers are most likely to be large banks, which despite their loss of business, have stronger performing stocks they can use as currency to buy insurance and brokerage firms.

The goal is to offer customers a wider range of products. The risk, however, is that the business cultures of these very different companies won't mix.

Regulators and lawmakers have long worried about this.

"In contrast with the pinstriped, genteel image of the banker, the broker is the scrappy kid down the block — bare-fisted, rough-and-tumble, and kind of proud of it," Arthur Levitt, Securities and Exchange Commission chairman, told a House Banking Committee in 1997. Bank regulators, he added, work to defend those institutions from failure, while securities regulators defend brokerage firms' "right to fail."

Most experts agree consolidation should make the financial industry more efficient.

Even small, community banks are finding new ways to compete against the new behemoths like Citigroup, the nation's largest bank and the pioneer of one-stop financial shopping after a special waiver allowed it to start ahead of the rest of the industry.

Law eyes auto accident-staging ring

DALLAS (AP) — It took Jennifer Resnick five years of courtroom battles to prove she was one of thousands of victims snared by staged-accident rings each year that authorities say seem to be thriving, primarily in Texas and California.

For Resnick, 24, her five-year nightmare began in early October 1994. She was waiting alone in her car at a traffic light on Preston Road when a car ahead of her moved into the intersection when the light turned green. Suddenly, and for no apparent reason, the driver suddenly hit his brakes.

Ms. Resnick rear-ended the car, which carried three people, causing minor damage to both vehicles.

Shaken and scared, the young teacher knew that night that the crash wasn't her fault. She saw no other cars or obstructions that could have forced the Nissan to stop short.

She was eventually proven right.

Robert Cox, a local agent for the National Insurance Crime Bureau of Palos Hills, Ill., estimates that more than $17 million in losses resulted from accident claims eventually processed as fraud cases in the Dallas-Fort Worth area in the last five years.

But he says the national toll from such fraud has been an estimated $3 billion in the same five-year period.

Ms. Resnick wasn't hurt in the crash, but the lengthy ordeal left her feeling vulnerable on the highway.

"It was a great growing-up experience for me," Ms. Resnick, a sixth-grade teacher at Wilson Middle School in Plano, told The Dallas Morning News. "But it left a bad taste in my mouth."

Innocent drivers face possible injuries and higher insurance rates. Many were sued by scammers, who claimed even more money in settlements with insurers.

Authorities in California say at least two innocent people have died in staged accidents in that state.

Similar tragedies in Texas and other states might not have been recognized as deliberate acts, insurance attorneys and government investigators say.

"The problem is that if someone really gets creamed, they (the scam artists) don't file any claims. They just evaporate," said David Kassabian, an Arlington lawyer representing State Farm Mutual Insurance Co. in a lawsuit against several alleged scammers.

Such conspiracies cost insurers about $630 million each year, according to the Illinois-based Insurance Research Council.

Career criminals aren't the only ones involved in the scheme, according to the FBI, Secret Service and Internal Revenue Service.

"We've seen these rings involve doctors, lawyers, physical therapists, other health-care specialists and accountants," U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins told the newspaper.

"It's definitely organized criminal activity," Coggins said of the schemes that have surfaced in the Dallas area. "We know there will be more cases prosecuted."

But authorities say the schemers have lost the upper hand.

Kassabian served on a legal team that recently secured a recommended judgment for more than $1.5 million against a bankrupt Los Angeles attorney, whose Texas office was found to have filed bogus lawsuits against Ms. Resnick and nine other Dallas-area drivers.

State District Judge David Evans exonerated Ms. Resnick in her crash, citing evidence he said proved that the suits against her and the nine others were orchestrated by people associated with former Dallas resident Byron Morales. Morales, 33, has pleaded guilty to a federal charge of conspiracy to commit mail fraud. And he has admitted staging several accidents while working out of the California lawyer's Dallas office.

Human rights' abuses focus of demonstration on Sunday

FORT BENNING, Ga. (AP) — More than 3,000 protesters, many wearing black robes and white death masks, marched onto Fort Benning on Sunday to protest human rights abuses they say are committed by graduates of the Army's School of the Americas.

Many of the protesters carried coffins and crosses bearing the names of victims of violence in Latin America. Actor Martin Sheen made the sign of the cross over a child-sized casket while several other demonstrators lay down on a street pretending to be dead and splattered themselves with red paint.

Sixty-five of the most disruptive demonstrators were taken to a processing center to be photographed and fingerprinted, then given a letter banning them from the post for three years, said post spokesman Rich McDowell. Twenty-three of them already were barred from the installation.

"Those 23 repeat offenders have been cited (for trespassing) and will be appearing before a federal magistrate," McDowell said. A trespassing conviction could lead to a six-month sentence.

The rest of the protesters, including Sheen, were loaded onto buses and removed from the base.

The Army estimated that about 3,100 of a total of 8,000 demonstrators crossed onto the base while the rest protested outside. The group that organized the protest, School of Americas Watch, said the total number of protesters was closer to 12,000.

The School of the Americas is best known for its training of Latin American officers who were fighting communist insurgencies. It has long been criticized for human rights abuses later committed in Latin America by some of those graduates.

The annual demonstration commemorates the Nov. 16, 1989, killings in El Salvador of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her young daughter. A United Nations panel found that 19 of the 26 Salvadoran officers involved had been trained at the school.

The Rev. Roy Bourgeois, the priest who has spearheaded the decade-long protest against the school, said he will continue to speak out as long as combat courses are taught there.

Network, affiliates seek to calm fears sparked by movie on TV

NEW YORK (AP) — In "Y2K" the movie, power outages darken a chunk of the East Coast and a nuclear meltdown threatens when computers misread the year 2000 as 1900.

With the made-for-TV movie about a world gone haywire this New Year's Eve, NBC and its affiliates tried to ease any fears viewers might have with disclaimers — it's just a movie — and news stories about the so-called Y2K computer glitch.

"This program is a purely fictional thriller," said an NBC disclaimer before the movie. "The characters and situations are not based on fact. This program does not suggest or imply that any of these events could actually occur."

The Y2K glitch could result from programming shortcuts that used two digits to denote the year. Experts have warned that systems could fail if computers are not fixed to properly read 2000.

In the movie, Times Square goes dark at midnight and star Ken Olin single-handedly averts a nuclear meltdown.

Several NBC affiliates ran stories about actual Y2K preparedness after the broadcast.

KARK-TV in Little Rock interviewed Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who said state offices, utilities and banks are ready for the new century.

"I don't think it's necessary to dig a big hole in the backyard and store 3,000 gallons of water in it," Huckabee said.

In Pennsylvania, a state agency bought air time during a break in the movie to calm viewers' concerns.

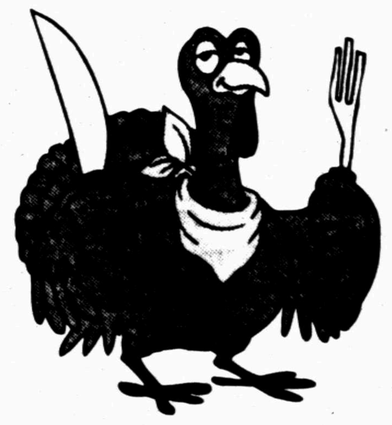
"We believe Pennsylvania's utilities are ready," said the commercial from the state Public Utility Commission that aired on Pittsburgh's WPXI-TV. "We want to make sure the only interruption you experience from us is the one you're watching."

Some local NBC affiliates set up telephone banks to answer viewers' questions during the movie.

In Denver, KUSA-TV commissioned a poll that found most Coloradans are not worried about the so-called Y2K bug. Nonetheless, the station set up a phone line for viewers to call in with Y2K-related questions and assembled a panel of 15 experts to answer them.

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School reopens where girl shot

DEMING, N.M. (AP) — Holding hands and praying, about 150 students and adults formed a human chain halfway around Deming Middle School today to remember a 13-year-old girl gunned down on campus last week.

Candles, red roses and a half-dozen teddy bears adorned the school grounds for the vigil in memory of Araceli Tena, who died of a bullet wound to the back of her head.

A fellow student, Victor Cordova Jr. of Palomas, Mexico, is charged with the Friday shooting.

Erica Orozco, 11, a seventh-grader whose locker was next to Araceli's, said she wanted to return today "to see how all my other friends are, to get used to coming back."

She did not witness the shooting, but said, "I feel like it's going to happen again. I feel very scared."

"You don't know how to cope with something like this here," said Mary Alvarado, 35, whose 11-year-old daughter, Amanda, attends the school. "Eventually, we'll get over it, but this is way overwhelming for everybody."

Superintendent Carlos Viramontes said 40 to 50 counselors were available on campus today when classes resumed. It wasn't immediately known how many of the schools' 750 students were in attendance.

Some parents wanted Deming to remain closed until after the Thanksgiving holiday.

One of the students' classmates said in Sunday's Albuquerque Journal that Cordova had boasted the day before the shooting that he would open fire on his school.

Richard Ramirez said Cordova brought .22-caliber bullets to Deming Middle School to show them off Thursday, the day before police say he shot Tena.

"He (Cordova) told us, 'Watch, I'm going to make history blasting this school,'" the 13-year-old told the newspaper.

Ramirez said he did not report the incident to school authorities because he feared Cordova would seek revenge. "I was scared," he said.

Heavy fog blamed for accident

WHITE HAVEN, Pa. (AP) — Heavy fog is being blamed for a deadly chain-reaction crash involving four charter buses loaded with Penn State University students returning from a shopping trip to New York City.

Students began returning to campus on Sunday, several hours after the crash that killed two people — a female student and one of the bus drivers — and injured at least 106 others.

Seven people remained hospitalized today, university officials said.

Many students said they were sleeping when the caravan of buses rolled into fog sometime after midnight Sunday on Interstate 80, about 14 miles southeast of Wilkes-Barre.

"The fog was awful — we got off the bus and we couldn't even see each other right away. We didn't realize the extent of it until we got off the bus," said Jessica Miller, a freshman from York who was on the second bus that crashed. "I saw a girl holding her teeth in her hand. It was just unbelievable."

The four buses were among six carrying 280 students home from New York. University President Graham Spanier said the buses drove into a "very thick wall of fog."

In the ensuing chain-reaction wreck, three buses smashed into one another and a fourth hit a guard rail. A pickup truck and two cars also became tangled in the wreckage.

The driver of the second bus that crashed, Robert Clifford Burge, 50, of Altoona, was killed. The student killed, identified by the coroner as Denise Orndorff, 23, of Ohiopyle, was in the first row of seats on the bus behind Burge's, Spanier said.

Crews towed away the last of the buses late Sunday morning. Its back end was smashed in. Nearby, an old pillow and a couple of Penn State baseball caps lay in the high grass along the side of the road, as well as a paperback entitled "The Nightmare Chronicles."

Students who weren't injured gathered at the nearby Church of Saint Patrick after the crash until more buses arrived to take them back to State College. The trip had been organized by Penn State's Association of Residence Hall Students.

Senior Jamie Harmer was among a group of students who jumped from a window of one of the crashed buses and waited in the fog for help.

"It was absolutely surreal," she told the Centre Daily Times newspaper of State College. "That's the only word I can think of to describe it. The one bus looked like a sardine can. It was just torn open."

Obituaries

Altha Eubank

1906-1999

Mrs. Altha Eubank of Bowie, formerly of Snyder, died Friday, Nov. 19, in Bowie.

Funeral service for Mrs. Eubank, 93, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Kevin Huddleston, a minister with the Johnson St. Church of Christ in San Angelo, officiating. Burial will follow in Ira Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home from 7 until 9 this evening.

Mrs. Eubank was born on May 25, 1906 in Mesquite. She married Wiley Eubank on Sept. 20, 1924 in Ira. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bowie.

She was a former member of Bowie Garden Club and a charter member of Bowie Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Wiley Eubank of Bowie; a brother-in-law, Wayne Eubank of Snyder; numerous nieces and nephews; and a caretaker, Nancy Harrison of Bowie.

Memorials may be made to Bowie Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, 705 East Greenwood Ave., Bowie, Tex. 76230.

James Davidson

1914-1999

James Geddie Davidson, a lifelong resident of Scurry County, died Sunday, Nov. 21, at his home in Hermleigh.

Funeral service for Mr. Davidson, 85, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Glenda Johnson, pastor of the Hermleigh Methodist Church, will officiate, assisted by Carl Nunn, retired minister.

Born April 16, 1914 in Camp Springs, he married Georgia Ann Peterson on Nov. 28, 1936 in Snyder. She preceded him in death. He then married Opal Loveall.

A retired farmer, Mr. Davidson was a member of the Hermleigh United Methodist Church, a member of the Hermleigh Masonic Lodge for 51 years, was a 32nd Degree Mason, York Rite Mason and a Shriner.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Davidson of Hermleigh; a son and daughter-in-law, Billy Mac and Judy Davidson of Snyder; a daughter, Pat James of Ruidoso, N.M.; a sister, Harriet Sheehan of San Antonio; two grandsons, Gerald James of Rotan and Jimmy Pat James of Fairview; a granddaughter, Angie Lynn Davidson of San Angelo; four great-grandchildren, Rachel James and Brian James, both of Rotan, and Alyssa James and Jessica James, both of Fairview; two stepsons, five step grandchildren; and one step great-granddaughter.

The Hermleigh Methodist Church will provide lunch for the family at 11:30 Wednesday at the Hermleigh Community Center.

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Rolan Hassell

1904-1999

SEMINOLE – Rolan Knox Hassell, the brother of Mary Clark of Snyder, died Thursday, Nov. 18, at his home in Alamogordo, N.M.

Graveside service for Mr. Hassell, 96, was set for 1 p.m. today in the Gaines County Cemetery South with the Rev. Derrel Evins officiating.

Born Sept. 10, 1904 in Eskota, Mr. Hassell had lived in Seminole from 1951-60 before moving to Weatherford and then to Alamogordo four months ago.

A Baptist, he was a general contractor in Seminole and was a member of the Texas Quarter Horse Association.

Survivors also include his wife, Kathleen Hassell of Alamogordo; a son, Howard Hassell of Ruidoso, N.M.; a brother, Joseph Hassell of Odessa; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Carolyn Stone

1947-1999

POST – Carolyn Faye Stone, Borden County justice of the peace, died Friday, Nov. 19, in Lubbock's University Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Stone, 52, was set for 2 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church in Post with the Rev. Buddy Payne officiating. Burial was set for 4 p.m. today in the Gail Cemetery.

Born Sept. 1, 1947 in Midland, she married Jerry Stone on June 3, 1965 in Post. Mrs. Stone had served as justice of the peace in Borden County since 1976.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Stone of Gail; a daughter, Kristi Carruthers of Burnet; a son, Cody Stone of San Angelo; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carlisle of Post; and two grandchildren.

Burglary, assault being investigated

Snyder police are investigating a report of a burglary and aggravated assault that occurred late Sunday night.

A 16-year-old male suspect has been identified, but no arrest has been made.

Officers were called to J.D. Norvell's residence in the 3700 block of Muriel at 9:47 p.m. Sunday in reference to his home being burglarized.

Norvell stated that the subject was still in his home when he arrived and his nephew chased the suspect. The subject allegedly assaulted the nephew with a skateboard.

An offense report for burglary and an offense report for aggravated assault were filed.

A 27-year-old female was arrested over the weekend for shoplifting, a Class C theft, at Lawrence IGA.

An employee of the grocery store requested officers at 4:56 p.m. Saturday in reference to the shoplifter. An offense report for Class C theft was also filed and the subject was issued a criminal trespass warning.

At 10:31 p.m. Saturday, officers submitted an offense report for assault/family violence.

An offense report for Class A assault was filed at 7:56 p.m. Sunday and a 34-year-old male was arrested at 12:12 a.m. today in the 600 block of North Avenue Q.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 45-year-old male into custody at 7:45 p.m. for no driver's license, no liability insurance, expired motor vehicle inspection sticker, and displaying a fictitious inspection sticker. He was picked up two miles east on U.S. Hwy. 84.

Public intoxication resulted in the arrest of a 44-year-old male at 5:11 p.m. Sunday in the 200 block of 33rd Street.

Snyder Fire Department was called to Terry Vanwinkle's residence, 210 33rd Street, at 11:44 a.m. Saturday in reference to the residents smelling smoke. There was no fire, only a short in the electrical breaker box.

Death of Kermit teen ruled accident

Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds has ruled the death of an 18-year-old Kermit man an accident.

Jeremy Everett was found dead Sept. 23 in his vehicle on the Colorado City Highway, just south of Dunn.

Reynolds ruled the death accidental by intoxication of Hydrocodone.

Although it was an overdose, Reynolds said Everett was not trying to kill himself.

Hydrocodone analgesics combined with acetaminophen are used to treat mild to moderately severe pain, according to the Health Center Internet Website.

Common prescription names of Hydrocodone medications include Dolacet, Lortab, and Vicodin. Everett was diabetic.

Reynolds said autopsy results were delayed because the reports were analyzed in Pennsylvania.

Hospital

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Baseball booster club meeting

The SHS baseball booster club will meet at 7:30 tonight in the SHS student center. All baseball parents, especially those with upper classman, are urged to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 tonight are "The Four Horseman of the Apocalypse," followed by "Is the World Out of Control?"

Tiger Times yearbook

The Snyder Junior High yearbook is on sale through Tuesday. Copies may be ordered by paying $14 now, or paying a deposit of $7 with the balance due when the yearbooks arrive in the spring. Orders will be accepted in the school office or room 110. There will be no extra copies.

3 on 3 tourney

The Boys and Girls Club will sponsor a 3 on 3 Tournament Friday and Saturday. There will be a boys and a girls division for ages 11-12 (Grades 5 and 6). There may be up to four players per team and entry fee is $35 per team. Entry deadline is Wednesday. Call 573-3344.

Choir Poinsettia sale

The SHS choir and booster club are selling Christmas Poinsettias during November. Red, white and a jingle bell variety are available for $10. Place orders with any choir member or call the high school. Poinsettias will be here next Monday and will be available for pickup or delivery that week.

Quilting Club

The Rock and Roll Quilting Club meets from 8 a.m. until noon each Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center. Everyone is invited for free quilting lessons. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Tiger's Lair senior dedications

Dedications for the SHS yearbook are due Dec. 1. The cost is $40. To reserve a space, call Katie Henson at 573-6301.

Christmas open house

The Scurry County courthouse will host an open house on Saturday, Dec. 4, immediately following the lighted Christmas parade. Refreshments will be served.

Library extends hours

Scurry County Library has extended its Saturday hours and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-W-F and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

WTC planetarium open

The planetarium at Western Texas College is now open with its fall lineup of new programs, developed for specific age groups: pre-K and kindergarten, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, and grades 7 through adults. The 60-seat planetarium is open for group showings, by reservation, for Friday morning and afternoon programs. It is also available, by reservation, for group showings Thursday through Saturday evenings. For reservations, call Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ASC Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

WTC nursing program

Students wishing to enroll in the March class for Licensed Vocational Nursing at Western Texas College need to contact the counseling office to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through Dec. 7 and interviews will be scheduled through Jan. 10. Classes begin March 1. Contact the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313, or toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC.

Support groups

Support groups for Cancer, Grief and Divorce Recovery meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at First Baptist Church. For information call 573-263. A new group for sexual assault survivors will meet at a confidential time and location. For information call 573-1822. Childcare is provided.

Pick 3

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

1-8-3

(one, eight, three)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 18, 23, 29, 32, 37 and 43.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $7 million.

Report: Most computers fixed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Stephen Horn, who gave failing grades to many federal agencies when he began tracking their Y2K preparations in 1996, says in a final report today that the government for the most part has succeeded in fixing its computers.

Horn, R-Calif., also singled out the Justice Department for not completing work on three mission-critical systems and said that of 43 federal programs deemed crucial to Americans, 18 still have work to do.

Those programs include child nutrition, food stamps, Medicare and Medicaid, public housing and unemployment insurance.

Air traffic control systems still need to complete some system-to-system testing and there are concerns about how the aviation operations of other countries will be affected by the computer bug.

Horn and other lawmakers emphasized that domestic flights will be safe. "Nothing will fly that is not totally safe," said Rep. Constance Morella, R-Md.

"We have come a long way since we began examining this enormous technological challenge four years ago," Horn said at a news conference.

He gave "A" grades to 12 of the 24 largest federal departments and agencies, all of which reported that their computer systems are 100 percent Y2K compliant.

He said four departments — Defense, Health and Human Services, Justice and Treasury — still have a few mission-critical systems to fix, and he gave a "D" mark to Justice. "The department does have a contingency plan," he said.