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Godfrey's leaving won't delay Lorber

The unexpected departure of Lorber's Snyder plant manager will not delay planned construction of the Snyder facility, officials in Los Angeles said Monday afternoon.

Mike Godfrey, selected last July to be manager of Lorber's planned cotton spinning mill, has accepted a job with a textile firm in Georgia.

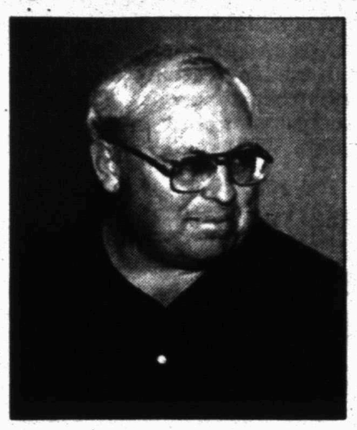
Michael Gruener, Lorber vice president and chief operating officer, said he was made aware of Godfrey's decision just before the Thanksgiving holiday.

"It was a surprise," Gruener said. "We had an excellent working relationship, but it was such an offer that came his way that he could not refuse it."

Gruener said he did not expect the personnel setback to cause any delay in the construction timetable. Site work was begun two weeks ago, and a Lubbock contractor is seeking necessary permits from the state.

Gruener had said earlier that he expects equipment on order to arrive in Snyder in March, and for limited production on the spinning mill to begin immediately.

Planned is a 70,000-square foot building which Lorber calls Phase I and will process 25,000 bales of cotton each year. Long-range plans call for three more phases that would bring the total bales processed to 100,000.



Mike Godfrey

The Development Corporation of Snyder has been working with Lorber, the largest textile facility in Southern California, since 1993.

Since Godfrey arrived in Snyder in July, he has been working with Western Texas College's workforce education department in developing a curriculum to be used to train Lorber employees.

Godfrey was a veteran textile manager, having overseen the construction of 12 plants for the largest Japanese textile company in the U.S.

Godfrey, a resident of Shelby, N.C., apparently left Snyder without informing either DCOS or WTC officials of his plans.

Gruener said a search for Godfrey's replacement would begin immediately. "We had several who were interested when we we hired Mike, so we can proceed full-speed ahead."

Council moves to annex Rip's

Snyder City Council on Monday approved the first reading of an ordinance that will bring the Rip Griffin Truck and Travel Center into the city limits.

Vic Chambers, the city's planning and zoning officer, told the council that the owners of the business had requested the annexation in order to be hooked up to the city's sanitation system.

"The business will have to bear all the costs of the hookup," said Chambers.

City Manager John Gayle said the Willow Park Inn owner has also expressed interest in being annexed into the city.

Mayor David Holt said that in addition to the businesses having city utilities, the city would also benefit from sales tax revenue generated by the firms.

In other action, the council held a public hearing on a grant received by the police department, approved the second reading of two ordinances and opened bids.

Snyder Police Department will soon have several new pieces of equipment to fight crime, thanks to a $13,549 grant from the Department of Justice.

In a public hearing, Police Chief Lannie Lee told the council that the department will purchase four additional hand-held radar units, a data projector to be used in conjunction with a digital camera purchased with grant money last year, night vision equipment for late-night surveillance and a hand-held alcohol-tester.

Chief Lee said the alcohol tester will be used primarily for the detection of alcohol on juvenile drivers.

"With the zero-tolerance of alcohol on juveniles driving automobiles, any detection of alcohol will result in the driver being arrested for driving while intoxicated," said Lee.

He said the alcohol tester will be a great help in that area.

Approved on second reading was an ordinance subdividing lots in the 2200 block of Avenue M and the 2300 block of Avenue I. The council also approved the second reading of an ordinance approving line-item transfers from last year's budget.

Council members agreed to purchase a motor grader for the landfill at a net cost of $13,500. The cost of the grader is $139,550, including a trade-in of $15,000 and an additional cost of an extended maintenance agreement for $1,500 and a guaranteed repurchase at the end of five years for $112,500.

The low bidder was Caterpillar Equipment of Abilene. Other bids were received from AIS Continental of Abilene and Yellowhouse Equipment of Lubbock.

Council members voted to purchase a 1997 Ford Ranger pickup for the water department from the Houston-Galveston Area Council for $13,224 with no trade-in. Wilson Motors and Big Country Autoland also submitted bids.

It was also announced that the city was recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association for excellence in financial reporting.

During the regular meeting, council members covered the agenda in less than an hour.

Council members then spent about an hour in executive session for the purpose of evaluating the city manager. Holt said the council is expected to meet in the near future to finish the evaluation process.

Holt presided and council members present were Vernest Tippens, I.E. Martin and Terry Martin. Jerry Webb and Dayton Robertson were absent.



TREE LIGHTING — Cindy Nix was the featured entertainer during Monday night's Christmas tree lighting ceremony at Western Texas College. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The tongue doesn't weigh much, but few folks are able to hold it."

A recent issue of a magazine put out by the Texas Association of Counties included some humor that has happened in county court.

One such incident was provided by Garza County Judge Giles Dalby.

The judge said he had on-going dealings with a "town drunk" type — sort of like the character on the Andy Griffith TV show who had a key to the poky so he could let himself in whenever the need arose.

Judge Dalby said the man came before him for a DWI violation and the prosecutor suggested probation, since it was the man's first offense. The judge agreed and then read aloud the terms of the probation.

The prosecutor then turned to the defendant and said, "Now you know this means no more shooting craps, no more drinking and fighting, no more honky-tonking and chasing women?"

About that time, the accused fell to his knees and held his head in his hands. "Oh lordy, judge, just take me to jail."

Then there was a tale from San Jacinto County Judge Bob Smith who told about a sweet-looking grandmother-type who appeared before him on a hot check charge.

Sounding pitiful and frail, she told the judge she had been in the hospital with pneumonia.

She told the judge she was unable to clear up the checks at this time, as she had been in the hospital.

The kindly judge was understanding. "Go home, get some rest and come back next month."

As she was about to leave the courtroom, however, the judge made one last request. The next time she came back, he wanted to see her hospital receipts.

She paid her fine that very afternoon.

And while on law enforcement stories, we like the one about the hapless burglar in Antwerp, Belgium.

Surprised while ransacking a house, the thief fell out the back door, clambered over a nine-foot wall, dropped down, and found himself inside the city prison.

Candidates making their bids

Rodgers for district clerk; Izzard for U.S. Congressman

Trina Rodgers, a 17-year veteran in the district clerk's office, announced today that she will be a candidate for that office, subject to the Republican primary.

Also this morning, Republican Rudy Izzard of Abilene officially announced at the courthouse his challenge to veteran U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm.

Rogers, who has served as chief deputy district clerk since 1994, is seeking the seat to be vacated by second-term District Clerk Elois Pruitt who announced last week that she will not seek re-election.

The only other announced local candidate is Precinct 2 County Commissioner Roy Idom, also a Republican.

Wednesday is the first day to officially file for office in the March primaries.

A resident of Snyder for 31 years, Mrs. Rodgers is a 1978 graduate of Snyder High School.

She went to work in the sheriff's office while a high school student and was then hired by District Clerk Polly Underwood in 1979.

"I have been privileged to work for two exceptional district clerks and three outstanding district judges in Scurry County," Mrs. Rogers said. "I believe the best use of my 17 years of experience, knowledge and training would be for me to run for the office of district clerk."

Her husband, Kerry, is employed by Reda Pumps. The Rodgers have two sons. Matt is a junior and Adam, a 7th grader. Mrs. Rodgers is active in the youth department of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Making Snyder the second stop in a three-day tour of the 17th Congressional district, Izzard said he had been asked if he was tough enough to handle the job of congressman.

Izzard said, "If I am tough enough to run against Charles Stenholm, I can handle the rest of the Congressmen as well."



Trina Rodgers



Rudy Izzard

The San Angelo native ran a close race against Stenholm in 1996, polling almost 48 percent of the votes.

Izzard, a dentist, said he favors term limits and would not accept a pay increase while he is in office.

Izzard said he thinks 12 years should be the limit a congressman could spend in office.

"I think our forefathers viewed serving in congress as a public service, not a life-long career," said Izzard.

Izzard now lives in Abilene and said this morning that he and the incumbent (Stenholm) now live right down the street from one other.

"This way, we can keep an eye on each other," Izzard said laughingly.

Izzard added he would be spending a lot of time in Snyder and the smaller communities in the district during the campaign, and that last campaign gave him new insight into the problems of rural communities.

Izzard said, if elected, he would serve on the House Agriculture Committee.

"I would like to breath new life back into rural Texas," said Izzard.

Grand jury hands down 13 indictments

A Scurry County grand jury on Monday handed down indictments against eight people, with offenses including forgery, theft, burglary and delivery of drugs.

Judy Lynn Ginkinger, 26, of 2808 23rd St. was indicted on two charges of forgery by passing. The indictments charge that Ginkinger, who was convicted of felony theft in July, forged checks on Sept. 9 and Sept. 15 at Wal-Mart.

She is free after posting $5,000 bonds on each charge.

Lawrence Eugene Harrison, 21, of 800 35th St. is being held on $5,000 bond after being indicted for burglary of a building. According to the indictment, the burglary occurred on Nov. 9.

Frank Martinez Jr., 46, of 2809 Ave. F was indicted on an Aug. 1 charge of delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine, and on a Sept. 11 charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Bond was set at $5,000 on each count.

Thirty-six-year-old Cameron Wayne Mitchell of 800 28th St. was indicted on two counts of theft. The first indictment was for the theft of display fixtures from Fran Farmer on Aug. 21. The second was for the theft of grocery store merchandise from Lawrence IGA. The latter lists 36 alleged thefts in a period from Aug. 26 through Sept. 14 — as many as five per day.

Bond was set at $5,000 on each of the two indictments.

Two 17-year-old Sweetwater men, Rusty Oneal Oldham and Patrick Allen Cantu, were each indicted on two counts of possession of a controlled substance. Both are charged with possession cocaine and amphetamines on Oct. 31.

Oldham and Cantu are in custody in Sweetwater. They will be transported to Scurry County to face the indictments. Bond was set at $5,000 on each indictment.

Barry Jon Farquhar, 36, of 206 36th St. was indicted for a Nov. 29 offense of driving while intoxicated. He is free on $5,000 bond.

ASK US

Q—How many people applied for the assistant principal's job at the junior high school?

A—Eight, seven from within the local district and one out of district.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 53 degrees; low, 40; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 45; trace precipitation; total for 1997, 23.56 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, upper 30s. SW-W wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy, breezy. High around 55. W-NE wind 15-25 mph.



Amanda Rivera
Breezy

Sunset: 5:40 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:27 a.m.
Of 335 days in 1997, the sun has shone 320 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects.

Arnold Glasow

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Morales to seek rehearing in early-releases from prisons

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals should reconsider a ruling that would make dozens of child molesters and some murderers eligible for early release from prison, Attorney General Dan Morales says.

Glen Castlebury, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, on Monday said prison officials are anxious for another hearing and hope to see the decision reversed.

"We don't want to release any of these people," he said.

The Court of Criminal Appeals, the state's highest court for criminal cases, decided last week that child molesters and inmates convicted of second-degree murder or manslaughter are eligible for mandatory early release.

The program allows inmates to leave prison after their time served plus good-time credits equal their full sentences. It was created when the state faced a severe shortage of prison space.

Lawmakers have abolished the program for future lawbreakers. But federal courts have ruled it illegal to keep inmates already in prison from participating in the program.

Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for Morales, said the attorney general believes the issue regarding child molesters is important and should be reconsidered. Tisdale said Morales will ask the court to set aside its ruling while it reconsiders the case.

Castlebury said the TDCJ is working now to figure out how many people would be immediately affected by the decision if it were to stand. He said previous estimates have ranged around 60 child molesters and fewer murderers.

"We're doing our contingency planning," Castlebury said. "We'll be looking at secure facilities so they can be under lock and key."

Convicted child molester Larry Don McQuay was released from prison last year and sent to a secured halfway house in San Antonio.

The ruling making other child molesters and murder convicts eligible for the program came in an appeal filed by Randy Sullivan Schroeter, who received a three-year sentence in Brazoria County for indecency with a child.

The crime occurred in 1994, Schroeter was convicted in 1995 and he entered prison Dec. 19, 1995.

According to the ruling, Schroeter has accrued almost five years of time credits — enough for him to have been released on mandatory supervision long ago, his attorney argued.

A TIME-TRAVELING CHRISTMAS by Jack & Carole Bender



FCC recommends guaranteed status emergency cellular calls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Emergency 911 calls made on cellular phones must be completed even if a customer's service has lapsed.

The Federal Communications Commission's action Monday essentially treats emergency 911 calls from cell phones just like the same calls from regular phones.

The action clears the way for key parts of rules adopted in June 1996 to go into effect. The FCC had delayed their enforcement to address industry concerns, and minor changes were made. The rules will take effect in about a week, an FCC spokeswoman said.

"When it comes to helping people in emergency situations, we have an obligation to do all that we can to make sure that there are no impediments to their receiving help," said FCC Chairman Bill Kennard.

Millions of 911 calls are made over cellular phones.

On Thanksgiving Day, a couple driving through Missouri tried to alert authorities of a van bobbing and weaving in traffic, but they had trouble reaching 911 over their cellular phone. The van eventually crashed into another vehicle, killing three people.

The FCC's rules would ensure that 911 calls be completed when a cellular customer "roams" into areas in which his or her company does not have an agreement with the local cellular provider to carry the call. For years, those calls typically were not completed. But the FCC now says that the situation is improving and that many cellular companies voluntarily give special treatment to connecting 911 calls.

Also, people whose cellular service had lapsed could call 911 as long as the phone's "mobile identification number" had not changed, the FCC said. The identification number is generally the cellular phone number. The same would apply to cell phone owners who had never subscribed to a cellular service but who have an identification number.

The FCC will also require companies to complete emergency calls from phones without a mobile identification number, usually a phone that has not been activated.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2001, the FCC will require cellular companies to upgrade their networks with technology that tells 911 dispatchers an emergency caller's location to within about 125 yards. In the meantime, starting April 1, cellular companies must give 911 dispatchers the ability to call back the person making an emergency call.

FDA issues stronger warning for new drug for diabetes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new diabetes drug Rezulin is no longer for sale in the United Kingdom, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration warned that patients using it should be monitored carefully for signs of liver damage.

Both actions followed reports that three people died after being treated with the drug, known generically as troglitazone, and more than 100 other patients suffered liver failure.

Glaxo-Wellcome, which markets Rezulin in the United Kingdom, pulled the drug off the market there Monday because of its potential health risks.

Here, FDA officials said they plan to continue evaluating reports of liver problems associated with Rezulin, but assured patients that the benefits of taking the drug outweigh the risks of using it to treat type-II, or adult-onset, diabetes.

"FDA has concluded that liver enzyme levels should be measured in patients taking Rezulin at the start of therapy, every month for the first six months of treatment, every other month for the next six months and periodically thereafter," the FDA said in a statement Monday.

The agency said about 600,000 patients in the United States and 200,000 in Japan take Rezulin, which is prescribed with insulin or another drug known as sulfonylurea in patients whose blood sugar levels are not controlled by other treatments.

The FDA and Warner-Lambert, the drug's manufacturer, first announced the link between Rezulin and liver damage last month after getting 35 reports of liver damage, including liver failure that killed one person and led another to get a liver transplant.

The FDA then asked for additional reports on adverse reactions to the drug.

Two dead in salon shooting

DALLAS (AP) — A 52-year-old man threatened his former sister-in-law by telephone Monday before going to her nail salon and killing her, then killing himself.

The 39-year-old woman, Lang My Le, owned the Nail Expertise salon in a strip shopping center in northeast Dallas, Sgt. Gary Kirkpatrick said. The shooter's identity was not released, pending notification of his family.

The man called Ms. Le about noon Monday and told her to pull her 16-year-old daughter from school. He said he didn't like the teen being in the same school with his 16-year-old daughter, Kirkpatrick said.

Ms. Le told him she couldn't remove her daughter from school and he threatened to come to the salon and kill her.

About 20 minutes later, he arrived at the business. He told Ms. Le, "You've got to get her out of school or I'll blow your brains out," Kirkpatrick said. When she didn't respond, he shot her once in the head and then shot himself.

Ms. Le died at the scene. The man died at Parkland hospital, police said.

Bilano helps with project

FHTNC — Marine Lance Cpl. Joe Bilano, a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School, recently visited Singapore while on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group.

During the port visit, Marines from Bilano's unit participated in a community relations project at a boys and girls brigade camp. Working with minimal equipment in the hot and humid climate, the Marines dismantled a cabin piece by piece, moved the pieces and rebuilt them at the new location on the campsite.

Bilano's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, an aircraft squadron, a support goup and a command element. With the combination of these teams, Bilano's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

He joined the Marine Corps in June 1996.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What's the scoop on herbal cures?

DEAR DR. GOTT: With all the hype about herbal remedies, consumers like me have a difficult time separating fact from fiction. Can you enlighten me? Let's start with echinacea.

DEAR READER: Your confusion is understandable and is shared by many readers. Consequently, I am starting a miniseries of questions and answers about herbal remedies.

Such remedies were extremely popular in the pre-antibiotic era, before World War II. Botanicals enjoyed widespread acceptance then — as they had for centuries — because there were few other treatment options. And, in fact, many herbal remedies were subsequently purified and sold as pharmaceutical agents; for example, aspirin, digoxin, belladonna and penicillin are useful substances derived from plant sources or fungi. Today, herbal remedies are attracting a lot of attention.

Echinacea is such a product. This preparation has been shown to stimulate the immune system and increase the body's production of "tumor necrosis factor," a natural anti-cancer compound. Echinacea enhances our ability to fight off bacterial, viral and fungal infections — and may help to relieve the symptoms of flu. However, the remedy should not be used in people with autoimmune diseases (lupus, rheumatoid arthritis and others) or with multiple sclerosis, tuberculosis or AIDS.

The usual dose is 15 to 30 drops of the tincture two to five times daily. Because echinacea compounds are not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration, the preparations vary in potency. Therefore, experts recommend that consumers purchase echinacea only from reputable sources that list on the label the plant parts used, the name and address of the manufacturer, the batch and lot number, and the dates of manufacture and expiration. Also, echinacea should not be taken continuously for more than eight weeks at a time. When used responsibly, the herbal is free of side effects. (Next time: ginkgo biloba.)

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Fads II: Herbs and Healing Fads." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 63-year-old woman who experiences sexual urges every time I sit down. This has been happening since elementary school; it doesn't matter whether I'm sitting at a meal, playing bridge or in church. I think sex is great, but I have a life and can't be masturbating several times a day just because I'm sitting down. What sort of specialist should I see? My family doctor is of no use. He just blushes and changes the subject.

DEAR READER: Yours is a very unusual problem and, I confess, a new one to me. The most appropriate next step, I believe, is for you to share your experience with a gynecologist. Should you have some physical basis for your position-oriented urges, the specialist should be able to identify it. If your sexual pattern has a psychological cause, the doctor can refer you for counseling. As a general medical doctor, I can't for the life of me imagine why you have these sensations. Perhaps the gynecologist can shed light on this.

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John wrote, "And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). Christians, filled with light and joy, will not hide their faith when confronted by ridicule or evil persuasion, for we know that those who will not allow their pride to be humbled in the face of God will bear His wrath. The Christian, then, should transmit radiance of character to his friends who have not accepted Christ.

This light from Christ that we received through the forgiveness of our sins has found a permanent container. We are vessels of light, striving to shine out with the love and peace we have found. As followers of Christ, we will live with our brothers and sisters in the hope of His infinite mercy and our eternal salvation.

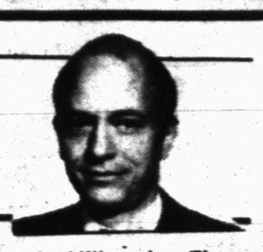
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♦ 9 7
♣ K Q J 8 3

West
♠ K Q J 10 3
♥ J 9
♦ K Q 4
♣ 9 7 6

East
♠ 8 7 6
♥ A 2
♦ J 10 5 3
♣ 10 5 4 2

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♠ K

Back on the shelf

One book, "Killing Defence at Bridge" by Hugh Kelsey, did more for my game than any other. It has just been republished by Gollancz. But it isn't for the faint of heart or lazy. At the top of each page, you see your hand and the dummy. Kelsey sets the scene and assumes you will pause to work out the killing play. Then you read on; finally, the other two hands are at the bottom of the page.

This is one of the simpler deals in the book. To get full value, cover the East and South hands. Against four hearts, you lead the spade king: two, six, four. What now? Also, on which aspect of defense do you think Kelsey lays greatest emphasis?

You must look closely at the exact spade spots. Your partner played his lowest. Could he have a singleton? No, because declarer would have won with dummy's ace. Remember, you are marked with five spades from your overcall. So, partner must have three spades. (With two, partner would have played his higher, starting an echo.) Yet, with a singleton, why didn't South win trick one? The only sane answer is that he has a lone club ace. He hopes to discard that blocking card on dummy's spade ace at trick two, then to throw diamond losers on dummy's top clubs. To thwart him, switch immediately to hearts or clubs.

Kelsey gives greatest emphasis to counting. Five of the other 12 chapters are devoted to it, and it permeates the other seven.

The book is $16.95 postpaid from Baron Barclay (800-274-2221).

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FESTIVE DECOR — Carol Miller, board member of Martha Ann Woman's Club, adjusts a Santa on a hallway table at the clubhouse. Heading the decorations committee, Miller and several other board members have completed holiday decorations in time for many December school, club, company, county and city Yule parties. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Clubs grow quickly...

Computing seniors

SUN CITY WEST, Ariz. (AP) — Can't teach an old dog new tricks, huh? Then try explaining Computers West, by far the largest of the nearly 200 chartered social clubs in this retirement community outside Phoenix.

Bernardine Ginsberg expects membership to hit the 3,000 mark soon, up from 1,600 three years ago when she became club president. When the club recently held an orientation class for new members, organizers expecting a few dozen people were stunned when more than 300 showed up.

"For a community of 30,000 people to have 2,600-plus as members of the computer club — 10 percent of the population — just think of it," said Mrs. Ginsberg, 65. "The interest has been phenomenal."

In Sun City West and around the country, seniors who once thought the Web was something spun by a spider are booting up, logging on and surfing the Internet in increasing numbers. Experts say older people are gradually losing their fear of technology and embracing personal computers.

More often than not, seniors have a special reason for wanting to venture into cyberspace: their grandchildren.

"They've been coming in here by the droves saying, 'I've got to learn how to use the computer,'" said Sam MacDonald, 64, who teaches computer courses at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center. "Their grandchildren are always on the computer or talking about computers and the grandparents don't know what they're talking about.

"They say, 'I've got to catch up with my grandchildren.'"

Keeping in closer touch with her four children and 15 grandchildren scattered from coast to coast is what prompted Helene Carter to plunk down $2,000 recently for a Macintosh computer.

"None of them write letters anymore; they all talk by phone or computer," said Mrs. Carter, a 73-year-old widow who never used a computer in her former career as a bookkeeper. "It was intimidating at first, but I'm learning. I'm by no means an expert, but I send e-mail and explore the Internet."

Former New York City elevator repairman Bill Turvin jokes that when he took early retirement because of heart problems and moved here three years ago, all he knew about computers was "how to crash a hard drive."

He caught the computer bug after joining Computers West. Now Turvin, 56, is chairman of the club's 2,000-strong IBM user's group.

"We have people 75 to 80 years old who come in on a regular basis and I tell them that the computer is like an exercise room for your mind," he said. "Your mind is like any other muscle in your body — if you don't exercise it, it goes to mush."

Besides keeping in touch with friends and relatives via e-mail, Sun City West residents find plenty of other uses for their computers.

"A lot of people are writing their autobiographies," Mrs. Ginsberg said. Her husband, Marvin Ginsberg, 69, used the Internet to find a friend he hadn't talked to in 50 years. The couple also design stained-glass windows and make Christmas cards on their two computers.

Other club members use computers to write their wills and children's books, to trace their family tree and especially to track their personal finances and investments.

Is movie '$imon's Gain?'

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul Simon's new play, "The Capeman," brought protests that the true-life story of a convicted killer glorifies the murder of two innocent boys.

Kim Erker, whose cousin was one of two teen-agers stabbed to death by "Capeman" Salvador Agron in 1959, carried a sign Monday outside the Marriott Marquis Theatre. It read, "Our Loss is $imon's Gain."

"My cousin's murder should not be entertainment," said Erker, who was with three other relatives of murder victims. "There's a million stories in New York City, why pick this one? You don't do a murder musical to jump start your career. Would Paul Simon do this if his son was murdered?"

Producer Dan Klores said "The Capeman" does not glamorize Agron.

"In fact, it examines the human being's search for redemption," Klores said. "Unfortunately, those who object to this artistic endeavor have no accurate information at all. Theater, literature, film, opera and ballet have always wrestled with issues of good vs. evil."

"The Capeman" follows Agron from his membership in The Vampires gang and the much-publicized slayings, through his 20-year incarceration and eventual parole. Agron died of a heart attack seven years later in 1986.

The play's preview period began Monday and it premieres on Jan. 8.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

The Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mother's Club; at 210 Skelly Lane in Sweetwater; 6 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

First Presbyterian Women's Group; MAWC; 12:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; 11:30 Christmas Luncheon; MAWC; "Christmas Traditions and Flowers, " program by Sue Travis; hospitality committee hostesses.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

"Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women, Union Community Center; pot luck supper at 6 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

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

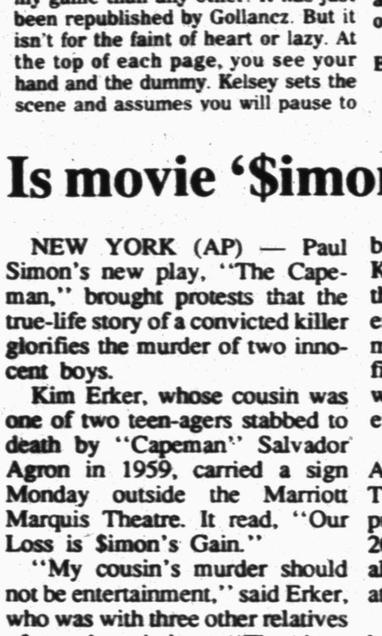
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Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

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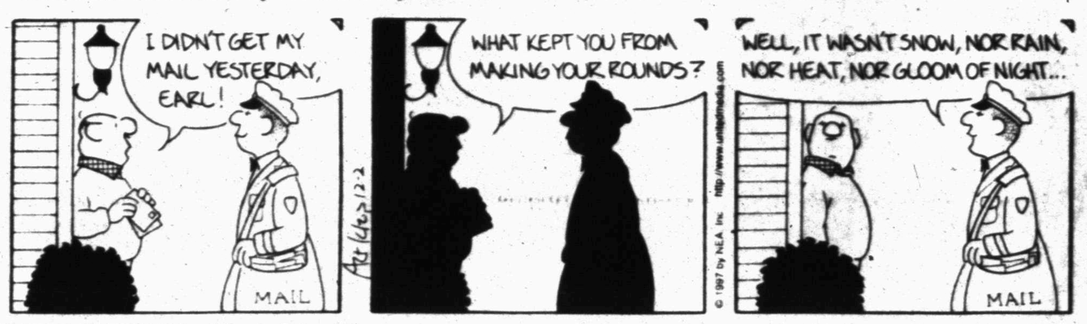


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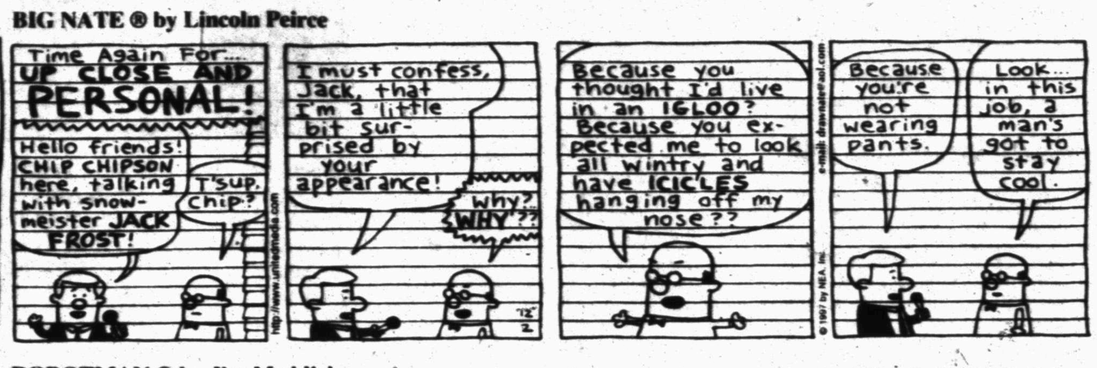
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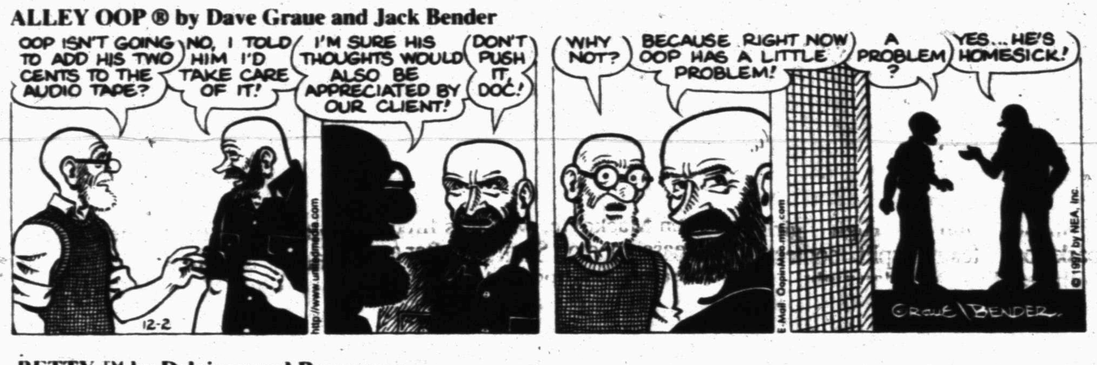
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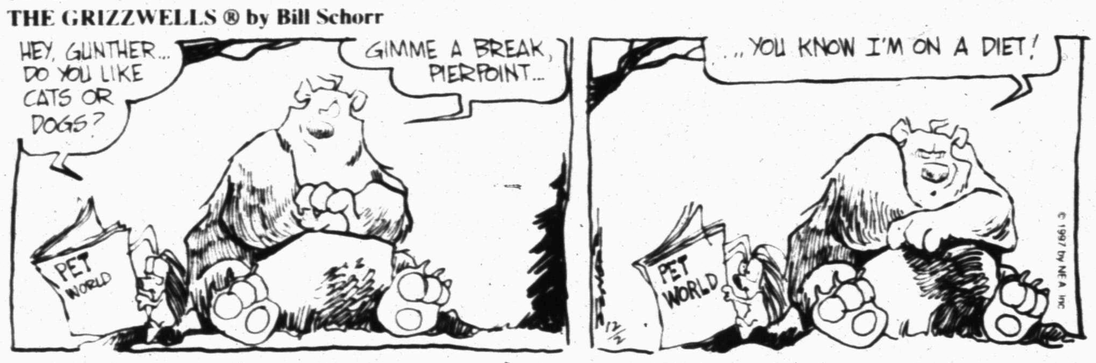
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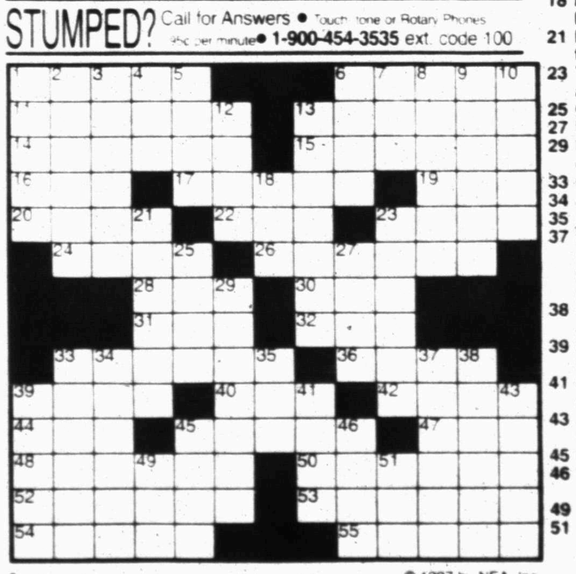
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SPORTS

SHS hoop teams host showdowns

Basketball fans get ready, because there are a couple of showdowns tonight at the Snyder High School gymnasium.

First, the Lady Tigers welcome to town Class 5A Lubbock High at 6 o'clock, followed by a battle between the Tigers and Seminole at 7:30.

The Lady Tigers, fresh off a 57-54 victory over Clyde, carry a 4-2 mark into tonight's action.

Freshmen Ashley Delce and Kameron Kallemeyn, along with junior Mandy Hess, have led the Lady Tigers of late.

Delce poured in 17 points for Snyder on Saturday, with Kallemeyn registering 10.

The Lady Westerners, 2-3 on the year, suffered a loss to Abilene Cooper in the consolation final of the Turkey Classic in their last outing.

The Tigers, after beginning the season 0-2, have posted consecutive victories to even their record at 2-2.

The Snyder charge has been led by senior Jimmy Taylor.

Taylor is coming off a 33-point performance Saturday in the Tigers' 67-55 win over Big Spring.

Seminole comes in as one of the most highly touted teams in West Texas.

The Indians revolve around the play of Chris Ogden.

The 6'6" junior forward is being pursued by some of the top Division I college programs in the country.

However, the Indians do have a blemish on their record.

Seminole got into foul trouble against Muleshoe and eventually fell, 78-76, to the Mules.

Big Spring is the only common oppponent the Tigers and Indians have had, with Seminole topping the Steers, 91-65.

Following tonight's action, the Lady Tigers travel to Bowie at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The Tigers open play in the Frenship tourney Thursday in a rematch with Seminole at 12:15.

Both Snyder junior varsity squads will also host contests tonight.

The JV girls will play at 4:30 in the SHS gym, while the boys begin at 6 o'clock at the junior high.



GOING UP STRONG — Snyder freshman Ashley Delce drives to the basket during action earlier this season. The Lady Tigers (4-2) host Lubbock High at 6 o'clock tonight. Then at 7:30, the 2-2 Tigers square off with the Seminole Indians (SDN Staff Photo)

Jr high splits with Levelland in girls' action

Snyder Junior High girls basketball teams split contests with Levelland Monday night.

Snyder 7th grade squeaked out a 28-27 win over the Lady Lobos, while Snyder 8th fell, 41-17.

It was Zipporah Peoples leading the way with 10 points for the seventh grade. Afton Schwertner poured in eight, Hailey Putnam added six and Chaelyn Robinson chipped in four.

For the eighth grade, Meagan Hatley, Taylor Daniell and Andra Lancaster posted four points apiece.

Loryn Brown and Vanessa Freeman accounted for two each and Katie Voss finished with one.

The Lady Tigers will be on the court again Monday when they host Lamesa at 5 p.m. and 6:15.

Barnett, Brown, Davis head Texas' search list

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds began making contact with candidates for the Longhorns football coaching job on Monday and said that more than one person will be interviewed.

"I have a pretty short list, and contact has been made with candidates," said Dodds, declining to identify anyone on the list. "The interview process will hopefully move quickly. We need to wrap this up as quickly as possible."

Speculation about the successor of John Mackovic, who was fired and reassigned on Saturday after a 4-7 season, has focused on Gary Barnett of Northwestern.

But Dodds said, "We will interview more than one. We have always interviewed more than one."

Dodds said he entered a two-hour, closed-door meeting with the school's 11-member search committee on Monday with a long list of candidates and whittled that down to a "very short list."

When asked if a frontrunner had emerged after the meeting, Dodds said, "I wouldn't say that."

Barnett transformed Northwestern from a cellar-dweller into Big 10 champions in 1995 and took the Wildcats to a second straight bowl game in 1996 before finishing 5-7 this year.

He says he will listen to what Texas officials have to say.

"I just have to wait and hear what's there," Barnett said. "I've been to Austin one time in my life. I have no idea what it's about or anything about it or who they are."

The Chicago Sun-Times, quoting unidentified sources, said Barnett may be interested in going to Texas because he is upset that Northwestern athletic director Rick Taylor, with whom he reportedly has had rifts, has received a contract extension.

Two other candidates, Mack Brown of North Carolina and Butch Davis of Miami, say they are happy where they are, but stopped short of taking themselves out of the running for the Texas job.

"I am perfectly happy here," Brown said. "I'm planning on staying."

Davis, a former Dallas Cowboys defensive coordinator, said, "If they want to call me and say, 'Do you want to talk?' I'll listen to them. But that doesn't mean I have any intention of going."

Davis has a seven-year contract at Miami worth an estimated $650,000 per year. Mackovic's contract paid him roughly $625,000 per year.

Other candidates for the Texas job include Tennessee's Phillip Fulmer, Oklahoma State's Bob Simmons, Mississippi's Tom Tuberville, and Georgia's Jim Donnan.

The search committee includes former Texas coach Darrell Royal; Thomas Hicks, a Texas regent and owner of the NHL's Dallas Stars; former players Bob Moses, Doug English and Alfred Jackson as well as Longhorn Foundation advisory chair Mack Rankin.

Members declined to discuss their meeting.

Lett returns from drug suspension

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys defensive tackle Leon Lett was welcomed back Monday from a yearlong suspension for repeated drug use with a little good-natured ribbing and lot of serious expectations.

Instead of calling Lett by his longtime nickname "the Big Cat," teammates jokingly referred to him as Michael Jordan because he played so much basketball during his layoff.

But the fact Lett returned in good shape is no laughing matter. The Cowboys desperately need him to tighten their run defense — which slipped to 22nd in the NFL during his absence — to keep their slim playoff hopes alive.

"Teams have been running on us pretty good and now Leon's going to have to have something to say about that," Michael Irvin said. "The pressure is on, Leon. I know you just got back, I understand that. I've been there, done that. But, hoss, do you not feel that world above your shoulders? Please, help."

The 6-foot-6, 290-pound Lett didn't seem to have missed a beat while going through drills Monday alongside fellow defensive tackles.

He was quick out of his stance and he threw around a tackling sled as fiercely as ever. The faded No. 78 on his blue practice jersey added to the feeling that he'd never been gone.

"He didn't look like a guy we just got off the street," coach Barry Switzer said. "He looked like the Big Cat. He made plays, had a big smile on his face and was glad to be back."

Lett looked good enough that Switzer expects to use him for about 40-50 snaps Monday night against Carolina.

"He's very athletic," defensive lineman Tony Casillas said. "It won't take him long to get back in the routine."

In addition to helping stop the run, Lett's ability to draw double-teams should help the pass rushers. And, having another fresh body gives the Cowboys more flexibility in their ever-shuffling rotation of linemen.

"Since I saw him walk through the locker room, my legs have started coming back," joked Casillas, who stands to get the most extra rest after having started in Lett's place.

Lett, a notorious non-talker, did not make himself available to reporters after practice. Casillas said Lett was even tight-lipped during practice.

"I think he gave a couple of meows out there, but Leon didn't say a whole lot," Casillas said.

Lett, 29, forfeited more than $1.5 million in salary during his absence, which was caused by a third strike against the NFL substance abuse program.

Marricle hits shot at buzzer for JV victory

Snyder's junior varsity girls basketball team wanted a little excitement.

They got it.

Kaycee Marricle sank a short jumper as the buzzer sounded, giving the Lady Tigers a 33-31 victory over Clyde.

After holding a 21-11 advantage at halftime, Snyder watched its lead shrink to only two points by the end of the third quarter.

Clyde's Sarah Joplin scored six points in the final period to knot the game at 31, before Marricle's last-second shot.

T'Leah Eicke paced the Lady Tigers with nine points, while Terri Moore poured in eight.

Tessa Hildebrand posted seven points, Cameron Mackey chipped in four, Marricle finished with three and Amber Burt added two.

Snyder will be in action at home today against Lubbock High at 4:30.

JV boys rout Steers, 67-43

BIG SPRING — When a team posts numbers like 17 of 21 from the free throw line, 19 steals and only eight fouls, then it can post the number 4-0 on its record.

That's what the Snyder boys junior varsity did.

The Tigers dominated all aspects of the game Saturday, capturing a 67-43 victory over Big Spring to up their mark to 4-0 on the season.

Snyder led 30-23 at halftime, before putting up 37 points to only 20 for the Steers in the final 16 minutes of play.

Jared Hester paced the Tigers with 18 points, while Sonny Cumbie poured in 17.

Snyder found the range on four three-pointers, with Trey Gorman accounting for two of them. Hester and Josh Ward registered one bucket apiece from behind the arc.

The Tigers will be in action again tonight when they host the Seminole Indians at 6 o'clock in the junior high gym.

Snyder JV 67, Big Spring 43

Snyder: Jared Hester, 18; Sonny Cumbie, 17; Trey Gorman, 10; Josh Ward, 7; Layne Scott, 6; Michael Loper, 4; Justin Rossion, 3; Brad Grimmett, 2.

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today

Basketball

Seminole at Snyder JV boys, SJHS gym, 6 p.m.

Lubbock High at Snyder JV & varsity girls, 4:30, 6 p.m.

Seminole at Snyder varsity boys, 7:30.

Roby at Hermleigh varsity girls & boys, 6:30, 8 p.m.

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

Thursday

Basketball

Snyder varsity boys vs. Seminole, Frenship tourney, 12:15.

Snyder 9th girls at Colorado City tourney.

Snyder JV girls at Sweetwater tourney.

Hermleigh varsity boys & girls at Wilson tourney.

Ira varsity girls & boys vs. Roby, Highland tourney, 4:30, 6 p.m.

Friday

Football

Borden County vs. Lazbuddie, six-man state semifinal at Frenship, 7:30.

Basketball

WTC at Blinn, Brenham, 6 p.m.

Snyder varsity boys vs. Lubbock Monterey/El Paso Burgess, Frenship tourney, 8:45 a.m. or 12:15 p.m.

Snyder JV boys vs. Crosbyton, Coahoma tourney, 1:30.

Snyder 9th girls at C-City tourney.

Snyder JV girls at Sweetwater tourney.

Hermleigh varsity boys & girls at Wilson tourney.

Ira varsity girls & boys vs. TBA, Highland tourney, 7:30, 9 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	15	8	5	35	80	63
NewJersey	17	8	0	34	73	46
Washington	13	10	4	30	80	71
N.Y.Islanders	11	11	4	26	70	70
N.Y.Rangers	8	11	9	25	71	76
Florida	8	14	5	21	63	80
TampaBay	4	17	4	12	50	86

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	15	9	5	35	83	71
Montreal	15	10	3	33	85	68
Boston	11	12	5	27	67	78
Carolina	11	13	4	26	75	77
Ottawa	10	13	4	24	68	68
Buffalo	7	12	6	20	64	74

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	18	7	4	40	95	65
Detroit	17	6	5	39	93	63
St.Louis	15	9	3	33	78	61
Phoenix	13	11	2	28	76	73
Chicago	10	13	4	24	59	69
Toronto	8	13	3	19	47	67

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	13	6	8	34	80	68
LosAngeles	12	9	5	29	85	71
Anaheim	11	12	5	27	65	76
Vancouver	9	14	4	22	77	90
Edmonton	8	13	6	22	64	82
SanJose	9	18	2	20	73	91
Calgary	6	15	7	19	70	87

Sunday's Games

Florida 1, N.Y. Rangers 1, tie
Edmonton 6, San Jose 1

Monday's Games

Carolina 3, Boston 1
Pittsburgh 1, Montreal 0
Buffalo 1, Philadelphia 1, tie
Phoenix 3, Florida 2
Calgary 3, San Jose 2, OT
Detroit 3, Vancouver 3, tie

Tuesday's Games

Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Anaheim at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Calgary, 8 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	10	5	.667	-
NewYork	10	5	.667	-
NewJersey	10	6	.625	½
Orlando	10	6	.625	½
Boston	7	9	.438	3½
Philadelphia	4	9	.308	5
Washington	5	11	.313	5½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	14	2	.875	-
Charlotte	9	5	.643	4
Cleveland	9	6	.600	4½
Milwaukee	9	6	.600	4½
Indiana	8	6	.571	5
Chicago	9	7	.563	5
Detroit	6	11	.353	8½
Toronto	1	15	.063	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	10	6	.625	-
Houston	8	5	.615	½
SanAntonio	9	7	.563	1
Minnesota	7	8	.467	2½
Vancouver	7	11	.389	4
Dallas	4	11	.267	5½
Denver	1	12	.077	7½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A.Lakers	13	2	.867	-
Seattle	13	3	.813	½
Phoenix	9	3	.750	2½
Portland	10	5	.667	3
Sacramento	5	11	.313	8½
L.A.Clippers	2	14	.125	11½
GoldenState	1	13	.071	11½

Sunday's Games

*Indiana 101, Philadelphia 89
Atlanta 108, San Antonio 96
Vancouver 97, Detroit 95
Seattle 103, Orlando 81
New Jersey 87, Sacramento 73
L.A. Lakers 105, Toronto 99

Monday's Game

Utah 100, New Jersey 95

Tuesday's Games

Sacramento at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
New York at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Portland, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m.
Seattle at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Utah, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Cleveland at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Little dribblers' sign-up

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Four arrested by law officers

A 26-year-old woman was arrested at the adult probation office at 7:15 p.m. Monday following two grand jury indictments earlier in the day.

Judy Lynn Ginkinger, of 2808 23rd St., was indicted on two charges of forging financial instruments. She is free on bond.

Officers were notified of a disturbance at the back of the Diamond M Museum at 7:34 p.m. Two female juveniles, ages 13 and 14, were arrested for possession and use of an inhalant. They were transported to the sheriff's office and later released to the custody of their parents.

DPS troopers arrested a 37-year-old male at 9:09 p.m. east of Snyder on U.S. Highway 84 for driving while license suspended.

Tommy Sawyer told officers at 1:50 p.m. that someone had stolen a saddle and bridle from a residence in the 3700 block of Galveston. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

In other activity Monday, Bill Lavender notified deputies at 8 a.m. of an oil spill on his property in the 1700 block of Keller. The oil service company was notified and advised they would clean up the area.

A person notified officers at 9:44 a.m. that two dogs had attacked a cat in the 2700 block of Avenue Q. The owners of the dogs were notified and the animals were put up.

An officer was requested in the 1600 block of 8th Street at 9:52 a.m. as a caller said a man was knocking on her door and another man was going into her back yard. An officer was dispatched but before he arrived, the woman called back and said the men were her neighbors and they were putting her dog back in her yard.

An officer was requested at Stanfield Elementary at 2:02 p.m. as some windows had been broken in the gym. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

A woman called dispatchers at 4:19 p.m. and reported she had seen a man on the water tower located on Avenue B. She was advised the man was repairing the structure.

An officer was requested in the 800 block of 27th Street at 12:12 this morning in reference to someone throwing rocks at a residence.

Officers responded to a report of a possible prowler at 1:07 this morning from the 200 block of 34th Street.

FDA approves irradiation to kill harmful beef bacteria

WASHINGTON (AP) — Coming soon to your local meat market: Fresh beef irradiated with cobalt gamma rays?

The Food and Drug Administration today approved use of irradiation to kill harmful bacteria such as E. coli in beef, a decision favored by an industry that was rocked this year by several meat recalls and consumer food safety fears.

Dr. Michael Friedman, acting FDA commissioner, said in an interview that irradiation will become a useful tool in combating food-borne illness, but that ultimate responsibility still will rest with the food handler and preparer.

"We think it is safe and we think it is appropriate," Friedman said of the procedure. "But the consumer should not believe that he or she does not have to use good cooking and handling techniques."

Some anti-nuclear activists have protested irradiation as unsafe, but Friedman said FDA scientists determined that the process does not change the fundamental properties of meat and does not make it radioactive in any way.

"There is no contact with a radioactive substance. There is nothing left on the meat," Friedman said.

Shoppers interviewed this morning at a grocery store in suburban Chevy Chase, Md., indicated that the industry has a big selling job ahead.

"It's just the word — radiation. I'm not sure it's safe," said Lucy Geller, 45. "It would take me a while to be comfortable with it."

Said Elizabeth Weiner, 61: "I really don't know enough about it. Radiation scares me. Of course, E. coli scares me, too."

The FDA acted on a three-year-old petition from Isomedix Inc., a New Jersey company with long experience in medical sterilization that wants to offer meat processors irradiation with cobalt-60 gamma rays.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)-Morningstocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	128	126¾	127	13-16+ ⅝
AT&T Corp	56	11-16	56⅛	56 7-16— ⅛
AirTouch	38	11-16	38	5-16 38 9-16— 3-16
Albertsons	46		45⅞	45 13-16+ 0⅛
AlldSignal s	39	5-16	38¼	39⅛+ ⅛
Alltel	40	11-16	39⅝	39 15-16— 5-16
AmerOnline	78	9-16	76¼	77⅛+ ⅛
AmStoress	20⅜		20⅛	20⅜+ ⅛
Ameritech	78⅜		77⅞	77⅜— 1⅛
Amoco	88	7-16	87	13-16 88 — ¼
AndarkPtr	65⅛		64⅜	65 3-16+ 9-16
Armcolnc	5⅜		5¼	5⅜— ⅛
AtlRichfld s	80¼		79¾	79 13-16+ 7-16
ATMOS Egy	26		13-16	26⅛ 26 13-16
Aviall	15		14⅜	14 15-16+ 7-16
BakerHughes	42¾	41	11-16	42 11-16+ 1⅞
BellAtl	89⅛		88¼	88⅜— ⅛
BellSouth	55	13-16	54⅜	54 11-16—1 11-16
BethSteel	10⅜		10⅛	10 3-16— 1-16
BritPet s	81⅞		81¼	81 13-16+ 1-16
BurlNoSFe	93¼		92⅛	93½+ 5-16
CBS Corp	31¼		30⅛	31 3-16+ 9-16
Caterpillar s	51¾		49⅝	51¾+1 15-16
CenSoWst	25	5-16	24¼	25 3-16+ 1-16
Chevron	79⅝		79	79 5-16— 5-16
Chrysler	35⅛		35	3-16 35 5-16+ 1-16
Coastal	58⅛		56⅞	57 13-16+13-16
CocaCola	66		64	15-16 65⅜+13-16
ColgatePalm s	69	7-16	67	13-16 69 3-16+ 1⅜
ConclMetals	33	7-16	33¼	33 7-16+ 1-16
Cooperln	51⅞		51⅛	51 5-16— 9-16
CyprusAmax	17	13-16	17	7-16 17 13-16+ 9-16
DallSemicn	51	1-16	50	7-16 51 — 5-16
DeltaAirl	116¼		115⅜	116 1-16+ 1-16
DigitalEq	47	3-16	46	5-16 47 — ⅜
Dillards Inc	38	1-16	37	11-16 38 1-16+ ⅛
DowChem	98⅛		98	1-16 98 13-16
DresserInd	38¼		37	38⅛+ 1⅛
DuPont s	62	9-16	61⅛	62 7-16+15-16
EastmanChem	61⅛		60	13-16 60 15-16+ ⅛
EstKodak	61		60⅞	60 7-16— 1
EDS Corp	40	5-16	39¾	40 5-16+ 9-16
Entergy	26⅛		26	5-16 26 5-16— ⅛
Exxon s	62	1-16	61¼	61 13-16+ ⅛
FstBksAm	18¼		17	15-16 18⅛+ 3-16
Flowers s	20		5-16	20⅛ 20⅛
FordMotor	44	15-16	44⅛	44⅜+ ⅜
GTE Cp	51		50	1-16 50⅜— ⅜
GenDynam	86⅞		86	86⅛—11-16
GenElecs	73	15-16	73¼	73 9-16— 7-16
GenMills	75⅞		74⅜	75 7-16+ ⅛
GenMotors	62⅞		61¼	62 3-16+ 7-16
GaPacif	87	7-16	86¾	87⅛+13-16
GlobalMar	26		24⅞	25⅜+ 1
Goodrich	44	9-16	44¼	44 7-16+ ⅜
Goodyear s	63		62⅝	62 15-16+ 3-16
GtAtlPac	30⅜		30	5-16 30⅜+ ⅛
Halliburtn s	53		51⅞	52 13-16+1 11-16
Hanson ADS	25¼		25⅛	25⅛— ⅛
HarteHanks	35		34⅛	34 15-16— 1-16
HomeDepot s	59	5-16	58	9-16 58⅛+ 5-16
HoustonInds	24		23⅞	23⅝— ⅛
IBM s	112	3-16	111¾	111 7-16— 1⅜
IntlPaper	49¾		48	5-16 49⅜+1 1-16
JohnsonJn	64	13-16	64¼	64⅜+ 1-16
K mart	12¼		12⅛	12 11-16— 1-16
Kroger s	37	5-16	36½	37 + ⅜
Litton	51¼		50	7-16 51 + 9-16
LockhdMart	98¼		97¼	97⅝+ 3-16
Lowes Cos	48	11-16	47	15-16 48 11-16+1 7-16
Lubys	19		7-16	19 3-16 19⅛— ⅛
LucentTech	83¼		81¾	81⅛— ⅛
MayDeptStrs	55		54	54 15-16+ ¼
Medtronic s	49¼	48	11-16	48 11-16— ⅛
Mobils	72¼		70	15-16 72⅛+1 3-16
Monsanto	43	3-16	42¾	42 13-16— 3-16
MorganJP	121¾		119¼	119⅜— ⅛
Motorola	65¾	64	13-16	64 15-16—1 7-16
NCR Corp n	29	9-16	29¼	29 5-16— 9-16
NationsBk s	61¾		61¼	61 11-16+ 5-16
Navistar	24		23	9-16 23⅛+ 5-16
Norwests	39		37	15-16 38 15-16+ ¼
OryxEngy	25⅞		24	13-16 25⅛+ ⅜
Penney JC	66	5-16	65¾	66¼+ 1-16
Pennzoil	65	11-16	65⅛	65 9-16— 3-16
PepBoys	25⅞		25⅛	25⅛+ 1-16
PepsiCo	38	3-16	37¾	37 9-16— ⅛
PhelpDodge	65⅝		64	13-16 65 9-16+ ⅜
PhilipPet	49¾		48	7-16 48 15-16+ ⅜
PilgrmPrd	16		7-16	16⅜ 16⅜— ⅛
Polaroid	43		7-16	43 43 7-16+ ½
Praxair	46⅛		45	45⅛+ ⅜
ProctGamb s	79	5-16	76⅞	78 13-16+ ⅜
PubSNwMx	21		20	13-16 21 — 3-16
RoyalDut s	53¾		53	1-16 53 5-16
SBC Comm	74	15-16	73¾	73⅝—1 1-16
SaraLee	53⅜		53	3-16 53 3-16— 5-16
Scripps EW	42		5-16	42 5-16 42 5-16
SearsRoeb	48	15-16	48	3-16 48 9-16+ ¼
SherwinW s	29¼		28	15-16 29 + 1-16
SmthBc ADS s	51¼		50	9-16 50 15-16+ 1-16
SouthernCo	24	5-16	24	1-16 24 3-16+ 1-16
SwstAirl s	24		1-16	23⅞ 23 11-16+ ⅛
Sprint	59½		58⅜	58⅝—1 11-16
SunCo	40⅝		40	5-16 40 5-16— ⅛
TNP Ent	27¼		27⅛	27 11-16
Tandy s	45¼		43	15-16 45⅜+ 1⅜
TempleInland	57¼		57⅛	57⅜+ 9-16
Tenneco	44⅝		44	44 — ⅜
Texaco s	55	5-16	54⅝	55⅛+ ⅛
TexInd s	48¼		47	9-16 48 — 5-16
TexasInst s	51		48⅜	48⅝—3 1-16
TexUtil	40⅞		40⅛	40 3-16— 9-16
Textron s	62		61	61¼+ ⅜
Travelers s	54	3-16	53¾	53⅝— 7-16
TriconGlbR n	34¼	33	13-16	33 15-16— 1-16
TrinityInds	45	7-16	45	7-32 45⅜+ 1-16
TritonEngy	34¼		33⅜	33⅜+ ⅛
Tyler	5⅜		5¼	5⅛— ⅛
US WestCm	45	5-16	44	11-16 44⅞— ⅜
USWstMda	27⅛	26	13-16	26 13-16— ⅛
USX Delhi	19⅝		19⅜	19⅝+ ⅛
USX-Marathn	34⅜		33⅝	34 5-16+ ⅜
USX-USS	32		31	13-16 31 15-16
UnCarbde	45⅞		45	3-16 45⅝+ ⅛
UnionPacif	64	9-16	64	5-16 64½+ 2⅛
UnitedTech s	78⅛		77	9-16 78 9-16+1 1-16
Unocal	39⅜		38	3-16 39⅛+ 1
WalMart	41⅛	40	11-16	40 13-16— 1-16
WstnGasRs	22	5-16	22	22 — 3-16
WinnDixie	41⅜		40⅝	41 5-16+ ⅜
Woolworth	22	7-16	22⅛	22⅜+ 1-16
Xerox Corp	80	3-16	79	1-16 79 1-16—1 1-16
ZenithE	7	11-16	7	9-16 7⅛+ 1-16

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Experimental drug used on hantavirus victim

LUBBOCK (AP) — Medical researchers at Texas Tech say nitric oxide was used to provide dramatic relief of hantavirus symptoms of a 16-year-old boy from Merkel, Texas, but they cautioned that the success of the experimental drug may have been luck.

Dr. Robert B. Rosenberg and other assistant professors from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center pediatrics department described the treatment on Monday during a live satellite broadcast beamed to 750 sites in 36 states, including hospitals, health department and U.S. Veterans Administration facilities.

Heath Henderson of Merkel was suffering from vomiting, fever, intense headache and acute respiratory distress syndrome when he was admitted to University Medical Center in September.

Henderson had contracted hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, a rodent-borne disease which frequently kills its victims by cutting off oxygen transference from the lungs to the blood.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved nitric oxide for limited use in treating severe breathing problems in pediatric and adult patients.

Rosenberg was on the team of pediatric critical care specialists that treated Henderson, and he is the doctor who developed UMC's protocol for nitric oxide use.

"This is not a treatment for hantavirus," Rosenberg emphasized.

"It's an experimental treatment for high blood pressure in the lungs."

Henderson was the first patient in Rosenberg's ongoing 2-year nitric oxide study, one of several nitric oxide studies nationwide.

It's likely that Henderson was the first patient in the nation to receive nitric oxide as a therapy for symptoms caused by hantavirus, said Dr. Joel Kupersmith, dean of the Texas Tech School of Medicine.

"Our review of previous research did not turn up any other example where nitric oxide has been used to treat hantavirus symptoms," Kupersmith said.

Rosenberg and his team have since treated a second patient with nitric oxide, a newborn with serious breathing problems.

Like Henderson, the baby recovered.

But the results in Henderson's case were dramatic, said Dr. Michael J. Romano, another physician on the team who treated the boy.

Within an hour of breathing the nitric oxide through a ventilator, Henderson's condition improved, he said.

"(Nitric oxide) treats pulmonary hypertension ... when the lungs' blood vessels spasm and contract and blood can't get to the lungs to be oxygenated," Romano said. "So this is a possible therapy for pulmonary hypertension, which can be caused by a whole lot of things."

Nitric oxide is a naturally occurring enzyme in the human body that helps regulate blood pressure, Rosenberg said.

And though the two Lubbock cases had positive outcomes, other nitric oxide studies nationwide reflect mixed results, he said.

"The most recent information is not very encouraging," Rosenberg said. "So we're still looking at years before we know if it's going to be helpful for older children and adults."

Data compiled over several years suggest that newborns are more likely to benefit from nitric oxide therapy than older children and adults, he said.

Henderson was Texas' fourth documented case of hantavirus reported in 1997, and the 11th case in Texas since the state began keeping records of the virus in 1993.

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Electronics...

Shoppers ambivalent over new gadgets

NEW YORK (AP) — George McIntyre walked into an electronics store looking for just the thing to upgrade the entertainment system in his bedroom.

Standing before a bank of television sets, the building superintendent from Brooklyn said he is using part of his raise to add a larger screen and theater-quality sound. One prospect was the new surround-sound system costing about $1,500, down from thousands more several years ago.

"I want something I could hook up into the TV system," McIntyre said. "I like to be as comfortable in the bedroom as possible."

Like McIntyre, shoppers across the country often use the holiday season to buy an ever-growing array of electronics goods.

Among the hot items: Rolodex Rex, personal computers costing under $1,000, head-knocking stereo systems and big-screen TVs. Consumers so far seem ambivalent about some of the latest gear, however, including hand-held computers and high-tech digital video disk players.

Analysts and retailers expect electronics sales to modestly exceed last year's holiday season, which was hurt by the lack of a major hot item. Helping sales this year are a fresh wave of interesting gizmos, the strong economy and demand from optimistic consumers.

The hot product may be the Rex. The new computer is the size of a credit card, weighs just 1.4 ounces but stores up to 2,500 names and addresses, appointments, to-do lists and other items — all displayed on a high-contrast little screen. The high-capacity version costs $159 and is sold under the Rolodex brand name by Franklin Electronic Publishers.

"I think it will sell out," said David Goldstein, president of Channel Marketing Corp., a research firm that tracks store sales of computers.

But consumers are biting cautiously on the new digital video disk players. Shopper Carl Grzybek decided against buying one of the new DVD players because some makers had proposed a competing technical standard that could make the equipment obsolete.

The digital video disks, making their debut in stores this holiday season, are supposed to eventually replace video cassettes because they show crisper, clearer movies and games. But the players start at $500 — roughly double VCRs — and don't record programming.

"I'm going to sit back and wait," Grzybek said.

Shoppers also tentatively approached the displays of hand-held computers at a New York computer store. Priced at $600 and higher, the much-hyped computers cost nearly as much as the cheapest desktops but are more limited in what they can do and sport cramped keyboards.

One exception is the PalmPilot, a computer made by a unit of 3Com Corp. The $300 device is smaller and lighter than other hand-held computers but ably performs simple tasks, such as stowing an electronic calendar and address-book data downloaded from a desktop PC.

Also in demand are the new sub-$1,000 personal computers that include monitors and features such as multi-media technology. Thanks to these cheap PCs, sales of all desktops are expected to increase by up to 22 percent during November and December, up from 14 percent a year ago, according to Channel Marketing.

And more consumers are expected to check out the new digital cameras, though cautiously. Makers of the filmless gadgets have lowered prices and improved the picture-taking quality to levels that analysts say is expected to finally attract Christmas shoppers. But consumers still need to spend $600 and more for a model that takes photos as good as a film version costing less than half that price.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Grandma Yearns for Christmas Holiday Where Less Is More

DEAR ABBY: Every year for as long as I can remember, I've sworn I'd never celebrate another Christmas like the last one, but the holidays are near again, and I haven't done anything to change it.

We have six grown children, all married, and many grandchildren. We have never spent less than $25 on gifts for each of them — spouses included. This has become quite expensive.

Along with the expense comes a feeling of wastefulness, one gift becoming lost among all the others. There's nothing I could give my grandchildren that they don't already have, and our children are all doing well financially.

My husband retired this year, and we're living on a lot less money now, but even if our finances were greater, I've lost the desire to contribute to this empty commercialism. I don't want to stop giving completely, but I long to have a more meaningful holiday with my family, sharing the gift of *ourselves* and not our wallets.

How can I tactfully approach the subject of cutting back and still let them know how much I love and appreciate each one?

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DEAR SEARCHING: Yours is a common plight. Honesty is the best approach. Tell your family exactly what you have told me, and offer alternatives. Limit the number of gifts to each person, or limit the dollar amount spent; draw names rather than everyone giving to everyone else; give one gift to each family; ask for no gifts for yourself or your husband, and request instead that the children create something.

As a family, do something for those less fortunate. Spend an evening singing carols at nursing homes and hospitals; gather to bake cookies or prepare a meal for a needy family. Your adult children will appreciate your initiative in reducing their financial burden, and the grandchildren will learn a valuable lesson about the true spirit of Christmas.

Readers, remember the special needs of seniors this season. Most seniors don't want or need expensive gifts. They prefer practical items that make life easier: postcards or lined stationery and plenty of postage stamps; a "certificate" for a service you can perform that is difficult for them; a basket with a variety of canned fruits and vegetables.

A gift of your time to drive them on errands or to church and the doctor, or simply visiting will be appreciated and remembered long after the holidays have passed and the material gifts have been stored away.

Don't forget that many needy children rely on community-sponsored programs if they are to have any Christmas at all. Contributing new toys or clothes to a group in your area will make life brighter for a child living on the edge of poverty. Please consider tucking a book or two into your gift — giving a child the opportunity to learn to love reading is the greatest gift of all.

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DEAR ABBY: In response to the query, "How do you define elderly?" I figure it must be beyond "middle age."

I'm 63 and feel 35, and I define "middle age" as anyone 15 years older than I am.

Thanks for years of entertainment.

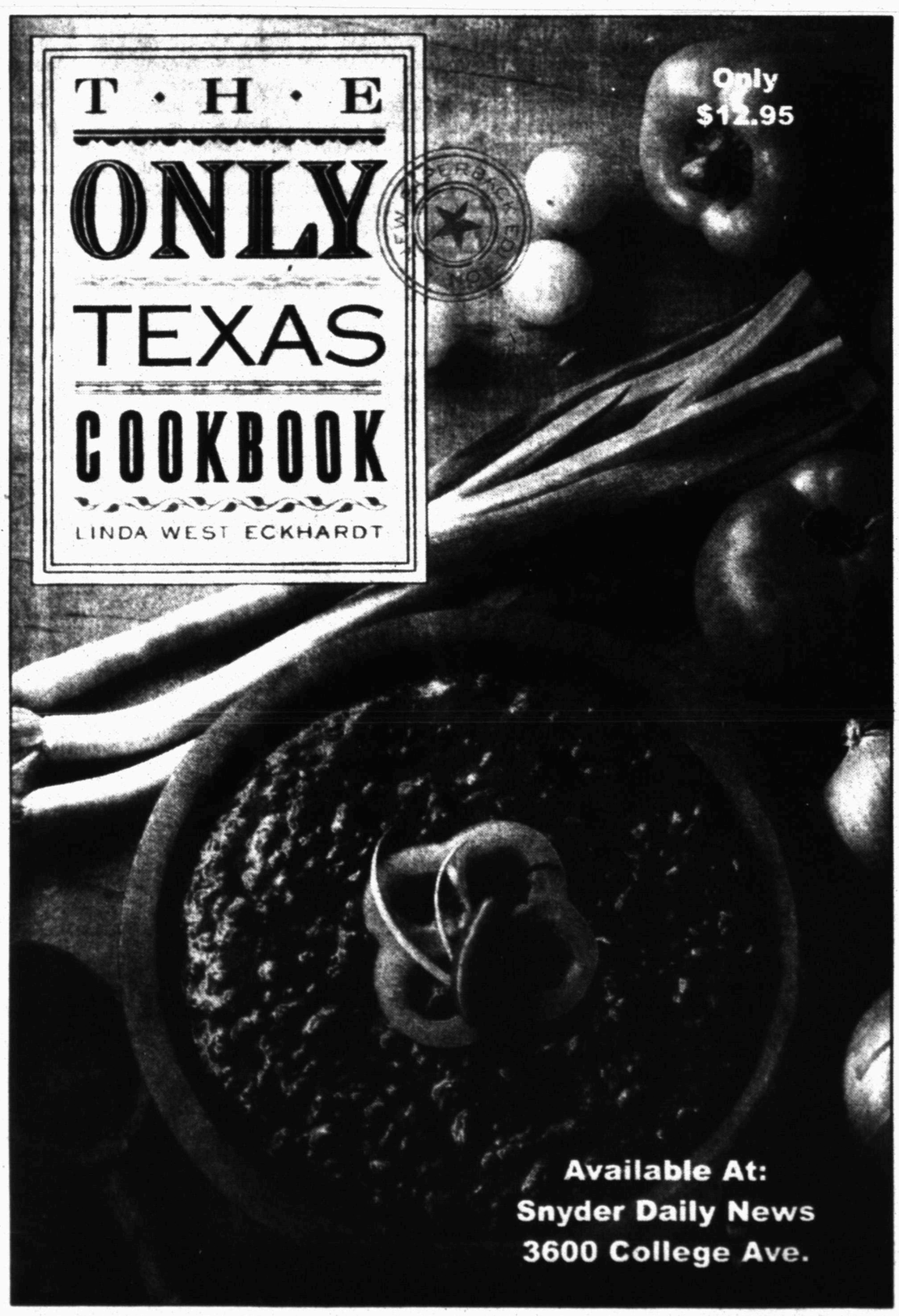
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Mental stress responses, blood vessel blockages linked

DALLAS (AP) — The way people handle stress may be a factor in whether they develop injured blood vessels or blocked arteries, conditions that lead to heart attacks and strokes.

Researchers reported the possible link between mental stress and changes to the cardiovascular system in a study published Tuesday in Circulation, the journal of the American Heart Association.

The study focused not so much on stress as it did on an individual's reaction to stress. The results suggested that people who handle stress well may be less likely to develop certain cardiovascular problems.

Researchers gave 2,682 Finnish men between 42 and 60 years old cognitive and motor-skill tests to perform, then charted changes in their blood pressure.

The tests, given between March 1984 and December 1989, involved having the men press a button when they saw a target on a computer screen or memorize a pattern on the screen and reproduce it.

Researchers then measured changes in blood pressure and heart rate produced by the tasks.

"We don't know how much stress the men were under. We know they showed different responses," said Dr. Thomas Kamarck, an associate professor of psychology at the University of Pittsburgh and the study's lead author.

"Some showed large blood pressure changes and some showed small blood pressure changes to the same standardized tests," he said.

In follow-up studies between 1991 and 1993, researchers checked the men for physical conditions that can cause cardiovascular problems, such as atherosclerosis (blocked arteries).

The top 20 percent of the subjects who reacted most strongly to the stress tests were found to have thicker carotid artery walls than the 20 percent of subjects who had the smallest reaction.

Carotid arteries are the two principle neck arteries that deliver blood from the heart to the brain, and increases in thickness of the artery walls are believed to increase the risk for heart attacks.

A mean artery wall thickness of .89 mm was found among the 20 percent of subjects who reacted most strongly to the stress tests, compared to .85 mm in the lowest 20 percent.

While the difference in thickness between the two groups — .04 mm — may seem small, it signifies a major increase in heart disease risk for the people with thicker artery walls, according to the study.

Previous studies have found that an increase of .1 mm of medial thickness can increase the risk of heart attack by 11 percent, researchers said.

But a cardiovascular expert who was not involved with the study warned that it was too early to determine if the study found a direct link between stress reaction and heart problems.

Blood pressure medicines are studied

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Calcium channel blockers, a widely used and controversial treatment for high blood pressure, may be associated with brain damage and memory loss in the elderly, a new study suggests.

Research performed on patients in four states already taking drugs to control hypertension found those using CCBs and certain diuretics had more brain abnormalities and lower scores on mental tests than those taking other common medicines.

The study, released today and published in the December issue of the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, is the latest in the past two years to suggest CCBs may cause health problems for the estimated 6 million Americans who use them.

However, other reports have reached conflicting conclusions about the effects of CCBs, including whether they raise the risk of cancer. Even the latest study's lead researcher, Dr. Susan Heckbert, conceded more work needs to be done.

"This is an interesting and important finding but there needs to be other studies performed on the issue," said Heckbert, of the University of Washington. "The present study cannot determine whether (CCBs) caused those abnormalities or whether they were present before patients took the drugs."

Calcium channel blockers changed the movement of calcium in and out of cells, reducing blood pressure levels and theoretically reducing the risk of heart attacks and strokes. They are sold under such brand names as Norvasc, Adalat, Cardizem and Procardia.

In the latest study, researchers took brain scans of 1,268 patients being treated for high blood pressure and already using at least one anti-hypertension drug. The participants, all at least 65 years old, also took a test designed to determine intellectual ability.

Patients taking calcium channel blockers and loop diuretics had more "white matter hypersensitivities" spotted in scans than those taking beta blockers and thiazine diuretics. Such abnormalities have been linked in previous studies to high blood pressure and impaired intellectual function, the report said.

The older the patient, the higher the white matter and the lower scores they received on the mental tests. But other things being equal, those taking calcium channel blockers and loop diuretics also had lower scores than those who took the comparable drugs.

Beta blockers and thiazine diuretics are most often the drugs of first choice prescribed by physicians for high blood pressure, while loop diuretics are used by patients already with advanced heart disease, Heckbert said. Diuretics spur the excretory process.

Dr. Richard Havlik with the National Institutes on Aging said in a journal editorial that the results raise the possibility that blood pressure has an adverse effect on a patient's brain.

"However, because of the possible unknown selective factors in this study, watchful waiting for future results and additional research is the order of the day before translation into clinical practice is appropriate," he wrote.

Still, Dr. Curt Furberg, a longtime critic of CCBs, said the results indicate that not enough research has been performed on the drugs despite widespread use since the 1980s.

"This is yet another problem to be added to the list caused by calcium channel blockers," said Furberg, of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center and a study researcher. "The problem is that these and other newer drugs lower high blood pressure but were never properly evaluated for long-term safety."

A cardiologist not involved in the study said the results, while interesting, still need to be viewed with caution.

"It's not unusual that people with hypertension find something like white matter damage in older people," said Dr. Melvin Cheitlin at San Francisco General Hospital and an executive committee member of the council on clinical cardiology of the American Heart Association.

"The question is more important whether the white matter damage was present in those who showed decreased performance," he said.

Diana tribute album goes on sale

LONDON (AP) — A tribute album to Princess Diana, featuring a who's who of musicians, went on sale in Britain on Monday but didn't create the big Christmas rush some had anticipated.

The HMV chain said it had sold 7,000 copies in its 100 stores by late afternoon.

"When a band like Oasis release an album, they can sell 100,000 on the first day. But that is the nature of their fan base," HMV spokesman Gemmaro Castaldo said. "There is a real mix on this album and customers don't expect it to sell out so they are not in a rush to buy it."

"Diana, Princess of Wales — Tribute" features songs by Paul McCartney, George Michael, Bruce Springsteen, Eric Clapton, Sting, Annie Lennox, Peter Gabriel and Luciano Pavarotti.

A spokeswoman for the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, which will receive all the proceeds from the album, said fund officials had intentionally not "hyped" the release and so were not surprised no large lines formed outside music shops Monday morning.

Elton John's "Candle in the Wind," a recording of the song he performed at Diana's funeral after her Aug. 31 death, is not on the album. The best-selling single has helped boost the memorial fund, which helps finance charities Diana supported, to well over $50 million.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1804, Napoleon Bonaparte officially became the emperor of France.

On this day in 1933, Fred Astaire's first movie, "Dancing Lady," was released.

On this day in 1982, the first successful artificial heart implant operation was performed at the University of Utah Medical Center.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Georges Seurat (1859-1891), painter; Adolph Green (1915-), playwright-lyricist, is 82; Alexander Haig (1924-), U.S. Army general-politician, is 73; Julie Harris (1925-), actress, is 72; Edwin Meese III (1931-), U.S. attorney general, is 66; Tracy Austin (1962-), tennis player, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, quarterback Dan Marino passed for 475 yards as the Miami Dolphins beat the Los Angeles Raiders, 45-34.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When a man's stomach is full it makes no difference whether he is rich or poor." — Euripides

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1991, heavy, driving snow in Michigan caused 4-foot drifts in some areas.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Nov. 29) and first quarter (Dec. 7).

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Astro-graph



By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1997

Look for favorable changes in the year ahead regarding important business and social relationships. Bonds you've established will serve as springboards and be envied by others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your nobler equalities will be accentuated today and win you the admiration of your peers. When they give of themselves, you always give more back. 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) Do not be satisfied with the status quo today where your earnings are concerned. Measures can be taken to improve your lot in life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A desire of yours that you thought was out of reach will be imbued with new vitality and hope today. Hop aboard and don't let your optimism waver.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Just because an objective was too tough for another to achieve doesn't mean that you're destined to fail as well. You can succeed where he or she couldn't.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Things can be smoothed out with a friend with whom you've had a recent disagreement. Do not let the day go by without trying to mend the relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) When conversing with people whose views you admire, listen attentively. You could pick up some new ideas on how to achieve your goals and positions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not lock in on ideas that have proven to be unproductive. A revised outlook could bring you success. Start experimenting with new techniques.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A frustrating condition at work could begin to undergo favorable transformations today. Hang in there, because better times are indicated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try to share time today with your closest friends. Events that transpire will help renew your camaraderie and strengthen sincere feelings for one another.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Items you acquire for your home in this cycle could provide you with lasting joy. They might become centerpieces of which you'll not tire readily.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your already strong opinions and ideas are likely to take on even greater intensity today. Supporters will be drawn to the pet causes you espouse.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your feelings of self-worth will be enhanced today and provide you with impetus to strive for grander purposes. Load, lock and fire your best volley.

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"So what would it run me to have my ashes strewn in the Rose Garden?"

Rudy's Senior of the Week!



Senior Ana Herrera is involved in the choir at Snyder High School. After graduation she plans to work to raise money for college or to move back to Houston.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the application of Exxon Corporation for a Sour Gas Pipeline Facility Construction Permit; Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit, Scurry County, Texas.

Applicant: Exxon Corporation, P.O. Box 4358, Houston, Texas 77210-4358 For information, Contact Mr. John Lane at (713) 431-1227.

Facility Description: The project involves the construction of pipelines to gather natural gas produced from wells in Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit and the construction of pipelines to supply CO2 injection gas to wells in the Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit.

Gas Gathering Pipeline

Type: Gas Gathering **Diameter:** 14" and 16" **Length:** Approximately 2.5 miles **Description:** API 5L Grade B, Schedule 20, Cement lined internally and externally coated.
Operating Pressure: 350 to 400 psi. **Expected H2S concentration:** 1725 ppm **Description:** The pipeline is comprised of two sections, each running from a meter site in the field (Site #'s 14-& 16) to Central Tank Battery #5.

CO2 Injection Pipeline

Type: CO2 Injection **Diameter:** 6" and 8" **Length:** Approximately 2.5 miles **Description:** API 5L X-52, Wall thickness .332 (6") and .375 (8") Cement lined internally and externally coated.
Operating Pressure: 2000 to 2500 psi. **Expected H2S concentration:** 1725 ppm **Description:** The pipeline is comprised of two sections, each running from Central Tank Battery #5 to a meter in the field (Site #'s 14 & 16).

Geographic Boundaries of the Radius of H2S Exposure: The H2S Radius of Exposure extends 2285 feet on either side of the pipelines which are located approximately 14 miles southwest of Snyder, Texas and approximately 2 miles northwest of Knapp, Texas.

Land Use and Habitation: The land within the radius of exposure is used primarily for agriculture and for oil and gas production operations. There are no inhabitants of the area comprising the radius of exposure.

A copy of this application is available for public inspection at the offices of the County Clerk, located at the following address: County Clerk, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas, 79549. Any owner or occupant of land within 100 ppm radius of exposure of the proposed sour gas pipeline facility desiring to protest this application can do so by mailing or otherwise delivering a letter referring to Gas Utilities Docket (GUD) No. 8825 and stating their desire to protest to: Assistant Director, Pipeline Safety Section, Gas Services Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. Protests must be received not later than the 30th day after the date this notice of application is published. It is recommended that a copy of this notice be included with the letter. Additional information concerning the protest procedure can be obtained by calling (512) 463-7017.

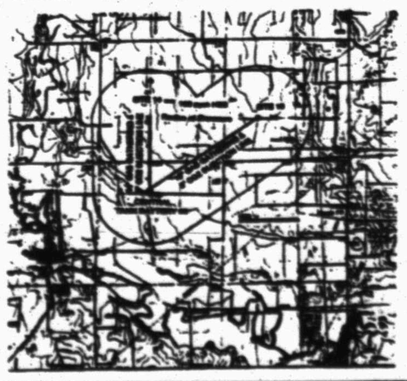


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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Prosecution rests case against Nichols

DENVER (AP) — The prosecution rested its case against Terry Nichols today, leaving jurors with the image of a Marine captain and his comrades buried in rubble after a bomb destroyed the Oklahoma City federal building.

"It went from the concussion of the blast to the noise of the building coming down, the floors falling around us," said Capt. Matthew Cooper, the prosecution's final witness. "Everything lasted about 45 seconds, with the walls falling down, the ceiling tiles, the light fixtures.

"When the noise finally stopped, I was able to dig myself out from the rubble."

The jurors then saw charts of each floor of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, which identified where the victims died.

"The United States rests its case," prosecutor Larry Mackey then declared, wrapping up 20 days of testimony from 98 witnesses.

In Timothy McVeigh's trial, which ended in his conviction and death sentence, prosecutors called 137 witnesses in 18 days.

As with other bombing survivors, Cooper's recollections were subdued, compared to his testimony during McVeigh's trial, when the Marine Corps recruiter described the agonizing wait before the bodies of two fellow Marines were found in the rubble.

At that trial, Cooper said only the legs of Capt. Randy Guzman were visible at first, and a rescue worker recognized the dead man by his blue uniform pants with a red stripe.

Several former Marines helped pull the body out, draped in an American flag. They also recovered the body of Sgt. Benjamin Davis.

Much of the testimony in the past few days has been devoted to trying to link Nichols to the 4,000-pound fertilizer bomb detonated just outside the building. On Monday, an FBI chemist and a British explosives expert told jurors the bomb was consistent with one built of ammonium nitrate — an ingredient found inside Nichols' home in Herington, Kan.

Reno is expected to reject naming idependent counsel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno worked right to the deadline on her expected decision to reject Republican appeals for an independent counsel to investigate telephone fund raising by President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

Clinton, awaiting word, said people outside the Justice Department should not have tried to influence Reno's decision.

"I believe it should be a decision based strictly on the law and not outside political pressure," the president told reporters at a White House ceremony where he named Army Secretary Togo West as secretary of veterans affairs. "I have scrupulously avoided saying anything one way or the other, publicly or privately."

Reno held a 90-minute meeting Monday night with top aides and leaders of the Justice Department campaign finance task force and left for home at 8:20 p.m. with a briefcase of papers.

Asked whether she had reached final decisions, Reno replied as she left: "No. I'm going to make sure I consider every angle."

Today was the deadline for her to tell a special court that selects independent counsels whether she wants them appointed to probe Clinton, Gore and former Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary.

Before she does that, Reno said, she would talk again this morning to FBI Director Louis J. Freeh, who dissents from her other top advisers and task force leaders. They oppose seeking an independent counsel, but Freeh has written a memo advocating one.

New outbreak of infectious Monkeypox in former Zaire

GENEVA (AP) — Scientists are investigating what they suspect is the largest ever outbreak of monkeypox, an infectious and potentially fatal disease similar to smallpox, the World Health Organization said today.

There are 511 suspected cases so far in a remote part of the Congo, although there are no signs that the disease will spread to a wider area, said WHO expert David Heymann.

Monkeypox causes fever, breathing problems and horrific blistering and scarring, but is not as contagious or deadly as smallpox. However, the outbreak has concerned international health experts because it is so closely linked to smallpox, which has been eradicated.

Another concern, according to Heymann, is that nearly 80 percent of those infected are believed to have caught the disease from other humans. In previous outbreaks the figure was just 30 percent, with most cases being passed by infected squirrels and monkeys.

Over the past 12 months, the disease has taken hold in a northern part of Congo, formerly Zaire, where the already disastrous health system further crumbled under the impact of the strife earlier this year.

Zaire also was the site of outbreaks of another rare and serious disease, Ebola, in 1995.

Some of the suspected cases of monkeypox may be chicken pox and tests are still being carried out, said Heymann.

Parade entry deadline near

Wednesday is the final day to enter a float in the Lighted Christmas Parade, which is scheduled for Saturday evening around the courthouse square.

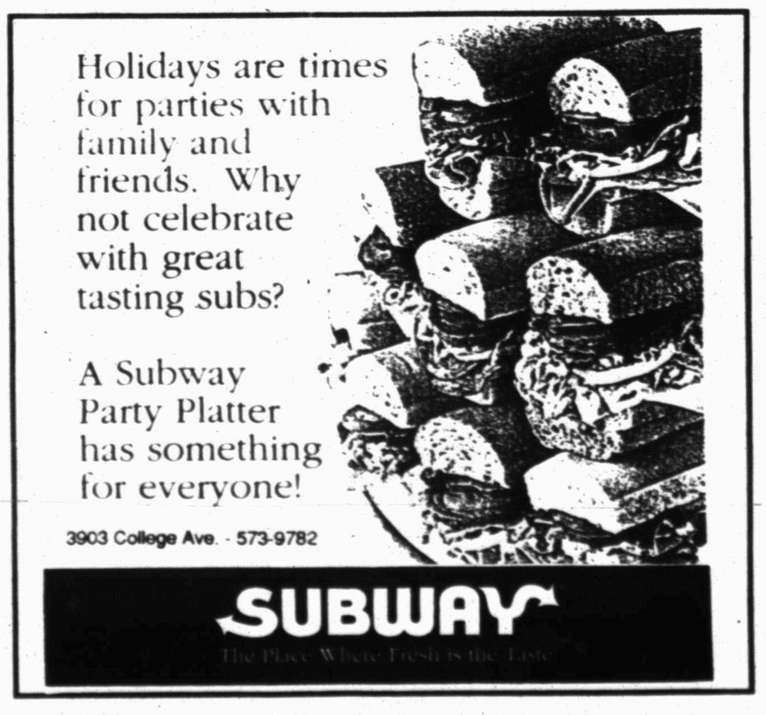
Prizes are to be awarded for most unique and best use of lights.

To enter, call the chamber as soon as possible at 573-3558.

Births

Aaron Nicole Tate announces the birth of her six-pound brother, Logan Ryan Tate. He was born at 4:41 p.m. on Nov. 28 in University Medical Center in Lubbock. Parents are David and Lisa Tate of Snyder.

Grandparents are John and Jean Loyola and John D. and Jimmie Nan Tate, all of Snyder. Great-great-grandmother is Maurine Hunt of Tyler.



Obituaries

'Buddy' Sharp

1914-1997

Funeral service for S.C. "Buddy" Sharp, a longtime Borden County resident, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Clifton Igo, pastor of the Gail First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Sharp, 83, died Monday, Dec. 1, in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital after a brief illness.

Born Aug. 14, 1914 in Swertner in Williamson County, he married Margaret Hallmark on July 2, 1936 in Killeen.

Mr. Sharp moved to Gail in 1943 from Florence, Tex. He was a retired farmer and construction worker, having worked for Dewey Everett doing soil conservation work for some 34 years. He was a member of the Gail First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Sharp, in 1967.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Sharp of Gail; three daughters, Helen Kay Warden of Waverly, Tenn., Beverly Ann Beatty of Abilene and Doris Renee Hobson of Lamesa; three sons, Hollie Leon Sharp of Granbury and Ross David Sharp and Toby Kelton Sharp, both of Gail; a sister, Bernice Henderson of Snyder; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family will greet friends at Bell-Cypert-Seale from 4 to 6 p.m. today.

The family suggests memorials to the Borden County EMS in Gail, 79738.

Mrs. Cherry

1906-1997

COLORADO CITY — Mrs. Nettie Cherry, 95, died Sunday, Nov. 30, in a Colorado City nursing home.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Christian Temple Church with V.W. "Matt" Matlock officiating. Burial will follow in the Dorn Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 8, 1906 in Mt. Pleasant, she moved to Colorado City in the early 1920s. She married Marvin Cherry on Feb. 14, 1926 in Mitchell County.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1969; and by her parents, John Wesley and Bertha Elizabeth Iglehart; five brothers; and three sisters.

Mrs. Cherry was a cook and a member of the Christian Temple Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Mary Delois Lelek, Edith Louise Matlock and Bessie Marcilene Hubbard, all of Colorado City, and Nellie Elizabeth Matlock of Loraine; a sister, Annie Burrow of Austin; 18 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and 26 great-great-grandchildren.

Gary Matlock, Bobby Matlock, Timothy Lelek, Jerry Lelek, Buddy Hubbard and Chipper Hubbard, all grandsons, will serve as pallbearers.

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Bertie Freeman

1897-1997

ABILENE — Bertie Ellen Freeman, the grandmother of Larry Bufkin of Snyder, died Sunday, Nov. 30, in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mrs. Freeman, 100, is set for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. David Cason, pastor of Broadview Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born Nov. 7, 1897 in Lexington, she married Cyrus Freeman Sr. on Dec. 24, 1913 in Pioneer. He died in 1980.

Mrs. Freeman moved from Andrews to Lubbock last September. A homemaker, she was a member of the University Baptist Church in Abilene and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Freeman was preceded in death by two sons and two daughters.

Survivors include two sons, C.W. Freeman Jr. of Tulia and Don Freeman of Lubbock; two daughters, Eva Terry of Grand Prairie and Erlene Bufkin of Andrews; a sister, Florris Hardin of Eastland; a brother, Hancel McCord of Dallas; 17 other grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Harland Hanks

1920-1997

SWEETWATER — Harland Lee Hanks, the brother of Maynor Hanks of Snyder, died Thursday, Nov. 27, in a Midland nursing home.

Military graveside service for Mr. Hanks, 77, was held Monday in the Sweetwater Cemetery.

Born Nov. 4, 1920 in Nolan County, Mr. Hanks was a veteran of World War II. He was a retired truck driver and a Methodist.

Survivors also include a daughter, Cherylene Brazee of East Peoria, Ill.; a son, Darrel Hanks of Greenville, Ohio; another brother, Billy Ray Hanks of Sweetwater; two sisters, Maudie Skrivanek of Ennis and Barbara Cooper of El Toro, Calif.; and several grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Inez Hanks, in 1992.

Jayme Vaughn

1995-1997

MESA, Ariz. — Jayme Ann Vaughn, the granddaughter of Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Vaughn of Hermleigh, died Nov. 17 at her home in Mesa after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Miss Vaughn, age two, was held Nov. 20 in the Mesa City Cemetery under the direction of Bunker's Garden Chapel.

Survivors also include her parents, Jay and Jackie Vaughn of Mesa; and two sisters, Jodi Hardin and Jennifer Vaughn, both of Mesa.

Paid Obituary

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Scurry County 4-H

Scurry County 4-H will meet at 7 tonight in the East Elementary cafeteria.

Scurry Masonic Lodge to meet

The Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 will have its regular meeting at 7:30 this evening.

Christmas lights for sale

Hermleigh Class of 2000 has Christmas lights for sale through Sunday at $8 a set, $10 installed. The class will also install your lights for $5 per 100 lights. Call 863-2720. If there is no answer, someone will call back.

LVN pre-entrance exam

Students wishing to enroll in the March class for licensed vocational nursing at Western Texas College must contact the counseling office to arrange to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through Friday, and interviews may be scheduled through the first week in January.

Call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

Historic Scurry County

Historic Scurry County is asking the public to share their ornaments, cookie cutters, cookie jars and nativity scenes for display at the Cornelius-Dodson House and Dermott School during the holidays. Call Jean Everett at 573-2763 or drop them by CountryPlace anytime or the Dodson House.

'Robin Hood'

Snyder High School drama department will present "Robin Hood" Thursday through Saturday at Worsham Auditorium. Shows are 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. for the final two performances. General admission is $3; orchestra seating $5.

Married For Life

Marriage Ministries International presents Married For Life, an outreach program, at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Union Community Center. Attendance at an Outreach Night is a prerequisite to participation in a Married for Life group. For more information, call 573-7471.

Chili-Frito Pie supper

First United Methodist Church youth will sponsor a Chili-Frito Pie Supper Saturday from 5-7:30 p.m. at the church, 2700 College Ave. Cost is $4 per person. Cinnamon rolls will be served for dessert.

Christmas tour of homes

A holiday tour of homes will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The event is hosted by Historic Scurry County Inc. and the Scurry County Historical Commission. Tickets for the tour are $10 and are available at Eddie's Pharmacy, Countryplace and Bar H Bar Family Outfitters.

"A Christmas Story"

The Western Texas College planetarium will present "A Christmas Story" each Sunday prior to Christmas, starting at 2 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Dunn Baptist holiday dinner

Dunn Baptist Church is planning a holiday dinner at 6 p.m. next Tuesday at the Dunn Community Center. Turkey and dressing will be provided, but those attending are asked to bring covered dishes. Families new to Dunn are especially urged to attend.

Shelled pecan halves

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

Tiger banners for sale

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

Driver's license office

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

Adult basic education

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

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

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

Volleyball team fund-raiser

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

Cash Five

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

9-11-14-31-39

Pick 3

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

6-4-7

(six, four, seven)