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POINSETTIAS ARRIVE — Christmas poinsettias have arrived at Snyder High School and choir students will begin delivering them today. Pictured counting the poinsettias are sophomore choir students Kristen Early (left) and Amber Trusty. (SDN Staff Photo By Joyce May)

Ex-Houston mayor is indicted in Louisiana

BATON ROUGE (AP) — Former Houston Mayor Fred Hofheinz was indicted by a federal grand jury today along with businessmen Guy Thompson and Cecil Brown in connection with an investigation of ex-Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards' administration.

The charges included bribery, conspiracy and extortion in connection with a planned Louisiana juvenile prison, an effort to bring professional basketball to New Orleans, and an attempt to obtain trash disposal contracts for a company owned by Thompson.

The indictment charges that Hofheinz formed three companies to do business in Louisiana: Viewpoint Development, to develop a juvenile prison facility in Jena, La.; Top Rank, to bring a professional basketball team to New Orleans; and Bayshore Environmental, to obtain city trash disposal contracts for Thompson's company Evergreen Global Resources.

The indictment said Brown, a longtime associated of Edwards, demanded and received bribe money from Hofheinz with respect ot all three projects.

The indictment says Brown threatened Hofheinz and his partners, saying that a high-level state official, would use his influence to interfere with the projects if the money were not paid.

Hofheinz was expecting today's indictments. He had told the Houston Chronicle on Sunday that the allegations are untrue and stem from the government's decades-long attempts to convict Edwards of wrongdoing.

"This matter would not be happening if not for the U.S. Attorney's interest in Edwin Edwards," Hofheinz said.

Edwards was tried twice on federal racketeering charges during the 1980s, but ultimately won an acquittal. When he retired from politics in 1996, he estimated he had been before 22 grand juries.

Hofheinz, who served as mayor from 1974 to 1977, said he and others became involved in several business ventures at the behest of two Texas businessmen, brothers Michael and Patrick Graham.

Patrick Graham received a three-month sentence last year for not paying his 1990 federal income taxes. He also pleaded guilty to a theft charge for accepting $150,000 as part of a plan to get a convicted murderer out of prison.

Graham told federal investigators in 1996 that he had put up more than $800,000 that Hofheinz paid to Brown, a cattle dealer from Eunice, La.

The money was meant as a downpayment for getting Hofheinz's company, Viewpoint Development, to construct the private prison, prosecutors alleged.

Hofheinz appeared before a federal grand jury in 1997 with documents about the prison and a mid-1990's business venture that involved the creation of a company called Top Rank of Louisiana, which sought to purchase the Minnesota Timberwolves basketball team and move it to New Orleans.

Hofheinz also was connected to Evergreen Global Resources, a company that wanted to convert New Orleans garbage into usable products, federal prosecutors have alleged.

Holiday blood drive to get underway Tuesday

The first day of the community-wide blood drive will be held from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

This week's drive is the final of the year conducted by United Blood Services and Scurry County Advisory Council.

On Wednesday, Cogdell Memorial Hospital employees will be able to donate blood from noon until 5 p.m., and on Thursday, the Price Daniel Unit will hold a drive from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Only employees of the unit donate blood.

Donors will have the opportunity to be awarded food coupons from several local food service establishments, plus a special incentive.

Local donors will have the opportunity to win a one night get-away in Lubbock, which includes a hotel stay and dinner for two.

Pam Harris, community relations representatives for UBS, said blood supplies are precariously low for this time of year.

"This is especially true for type O-positive and O-negative," Harris said.

"Unfortunately, hospital patients do not take a holiday. We need the community's support to make sure we can adequately serve the area during the upcoming holiday times," said Harris.

Blood donor requirements are simple, as anyone who is in good health, have not donated blood in the last eight weeks, weighs at least 110 pounds and at least 17 years old can donate.

All donors must present some type of identification, such as a drivers license, social security card or a passport.

In addition to the night in Lubbock, donors will also be eligible to receive coupons from local merchants.

These merchants include Dairy Queen, which will donate coupons for DQ sundaes. Whataburger will have a coupon good for a medium drink with the purchase of a dessert and Taco John will have a coupon for a small soft drink and order of Potatoes Ole'.

Wal-Mart will give a coupon for a medium drink with any food purchase as will Long John Silvers. Wal-Mart will also award every fifth donor with a six-pack of cola.

Golden Corral will have coupons worth $1, while Gill's Fried Chicken will have coupons to give to every other donor for a regular order.

McDonald's will offer 20 assorted coupons and Burger King will have coupons for 10 Whopper burgers, plus 12 coupons for a hamburger, small fry and drink. Ken's Chicken will donate 50 coupons for a quick pack and small drink.

The Shack will donate two "Sunday Dinner for Two" coupons, and Jaramillo's Restaurant will have coupons for nine $5 gift certificates, as will the Spanish Inn, Pizza Hut, Rudy's and Lota' Burger.

Grandy's will donate 12 coupons for "Sinnamon Rolls," while the Rusty Spur Café at the Wagon Wheel Ranch will donate two $12.50 gift certificates.

Tiger Health and Fitness Center will donate a $20 gift certificate, while Lulu's Beauty Shop will give a coupon for $2 off on each haircut.

Local businesses advertising the drive on their outdoor signs include Golden Corral, Hackfeld's, McWilliams Pharmacy, Pizza Hut, The Shack and the Scurry County Coliseum.

Precinct 3...

Accountant Joe Bass to run for commissioner

Joe Bass, a local accountant, announced today that he is a candidate for Precinct 3 county commissioner, subject to the Republican primary in March.

Bass, who was reared in Snyder and attended Snyder schools, is the first candidate from either party to formally announce.

Friday is the first day that candidates may officially file with either county party chairman. Drew Bullard is GOP chairman and Billy Haynes is the county Democratic chair.

Bass is seeking the office held by Howard Limmer, also a Republican, who unseated Democrat C.D. Gray Jr. three years ago. Earlier, Limmer indicated that he would seek re-election.

Bass, the former accounting manager for YZ Industries, returned to his hometown after serving more than 20 years as an air traffic controller in the U.S. Air Force.

A veteran of Desert Storm, Bass was twice awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He retired from the Air Force in 1993.

Bass attended Abilene Christian University where he received a bachelor of applied studies degree in accounting in December, 1996.

He joined the accounting department at YZ Industries in April, 1997. He was later promoted to the position of accounting manager.

Bass said he originally had planned to relocate to YZ's new corporate headquarters in Conroe, but resigned in September when he and his family decided it was best for the family to make Snyder their permanent home.

Since returning to Snyder, Bass has served on the Scurry County airport zoning board and also is past president of Historic Scurry County Inc.

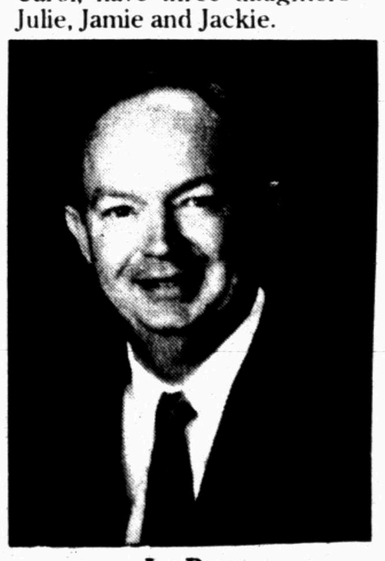
Bass said he has more than 20 years of leadership and management experience. "This includes developing multi-year budgets, operations management and personnel management."

Bass said his platform is based on three principles – question everything, think independently, and act responsibly.

"Independent and creative thinking seems to be what is needed on some of the important issues facing today's local government," Bass added.

Bass and his wife of 23 years, Carol, have three daughters – Julie, Jamie and Jackie.

GIFT WRAPPING — Bealls clerk Billie Abell wraps a gift for a holiday shopper as the Christmas shopping season is well underway in Snyder. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)



Joe Bass

Area sales tax rebates

City	Nov. '99	Nov. '98	+/-	Year '99	Year '98	+/-
Abilene	$2,349,257.64	$2,483,705.23	-5.41%	$21,695,424.26	$21,710,620.87	-0.06%
Big Spring	$314,281.25	$367,490.95	-14.47%	$3,174,533.36	$3,370,577.38	-5.81%
Colorado City	$39,257.47	$47,202.94	-16.83%	$384,013.43	$406,405.21	-5.50%
Lamesa	$86,927.69	$109,547.60	-20.64%	$792,124.66	$844,277.72	-6.17%
Lubbock	$2,376,559.72	$2,347,298.31	1.24%	$23,482,836.62	$23,166,704.26	1.36%
Post	$21,420.64	$20,438.58	4.80%	$194,663.26	$211,660.02	-8.03%
Roby	$2,836.79	$3,286.33	-13.67%	$22,946.69	$21,564.30	6.41%
Rotan	$17,751.33	$16,214.70	9.47%	$117,812.81	$115,942.88	1.61%
Snyder	$124,619.89	$116,908.50	6.59%	$1,312,994.47	$1,338,389.07	-1.89%
Sweetwater	$181,947.57	$198,612.99	-8.39%	$1,720,894.60	$1,759,898.65	-2.21%

SALES TAX REBATES — Sales tax rebates for the City of Snyder were up 6.59 percent in November compared to the same period last year. Snyder received $124,619.89 this period, compared to $116,908.50 in November 1998. November's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected by monthly tax filers in September and by quarterly filers on July, August and September sales, and reported to the Comptroller in October.

ASK US

Q-What is the coldest temperature ever recorded in Texas, and where was it?

A-The lowest temperature was at Seminole on Feb. 8, 1933 – a minus 33 degrees.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 83 degrees; low, 40; high Sunday, 84; low, 39; 7 a.m. Monday, 39; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.80 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; fog possible. Midnight, low, 40-45. S wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy, high around 70; S wind 5-15 mph.

Randy Loveall
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
5:41 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:24 a.m.
Of 332 days in 1999, the sun has shone 325 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Genius is the ability to put into effect what is in your mind.

—F. Scott Fitzgerald

NASA to crash tiny probes into Mars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Two softball-size probes are literally on a collision course toward the Red Planet in search of water and test technology that could revolutionize solar system exploration.

"We're not your average mission — we're slamming into a planet at 400 mph," said Deep Space 2 project manager Sarah Gavit at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The hardy devices are cruising along with the Mars Polar Lander, which will begin its controlled descent on Friday some 18 seconds before the probes.

Unlike the lander, the probes' 77-mile fall will not be slowed by pricey parachutes or thrusters. They will penetrate the planet like lawn darts.

Deep Space 2 is risky — just ask anyone who has destroyed a laptop computer by dropping it. If successful, though, fleets of microprobes could be sent to study more planetary territory at less cost and risk than current spacecraft.

The $29.6 million Deep Space 2 probes are part of NASA's New Millennium program, a series of inexpensive missions testing untried technology for future spacecraft. Ten systems will be tried out during the Mars mission.

For four years, Gavit and her team have been throwing models out of airplanes over the Mojave Desert and firing electronics out of air guns in Florida to find designs and materials that might survive the force of smashing into the surface.

After about 20 attempts, they finally arrived at a design that should withstand the force of impact, which will be 60,000 times stronger than gravity on Earth.

Each probe will be protected from the heat of entry by a gray basketball-size aeroshell that will shatter as it hits the surface Friday. Most of the weight is located at one end of each unit to ensure stability, similar to badminton birdies and lawn darts.

Impact will cause a silver, bullet-like penetrator to separate from the center of each probe and plunge up to 2 feet into the ground. A cable will connect it to the orange aboveground unit holding an antenna and batteries.

Even with successful tests on Earth, there's no guarantee of survival on Mars. The 8-pound probes might hit rocks and shatter. The antennas could be swallowed up by soft dusty soil. A sudden gust of wind could blow them upside down during flight.

"We've got a pretty robust design, but it's like throwing one of these things out here in the middle of Pasadena and saying it has got to penetrate no matter where it lands," Gavit said. "If it lands in the middle of the freeway, it's not going to penetrate."

The probes should crash to the surface about a mile from each other and 35 miles from the lander in an area about 500 miles north of the planet's south pole.

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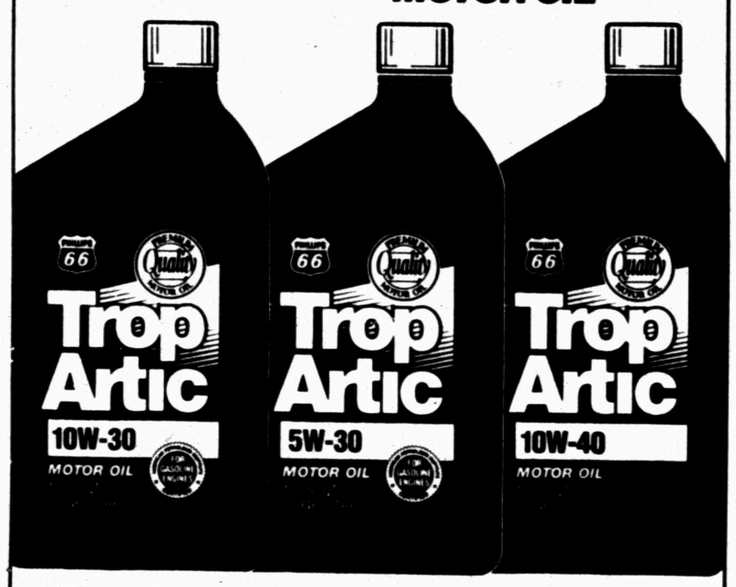

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Athiests want cross removed

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Atheists are threatening to file suit to remove a 60-foot cross from a cliff that overlooks this city.

Chicago talk-show host Rob Sherman together with the group Idaho Atheists say they intend to file suit in federal court next year to have the lighted cross removed from Table Rock.

"It's blatantly unconstitutional," Sherman, a former spokesman for American Atheists, said in today's editions of The New York Times. The group promotes separation of church and state.

The Idaho Jaycees built the cross on public land in 1956 and purchased the plot for $100 in 1972 to avoid a potential constitutional challenge from the American Civil Liberties Union.

Sherman contends the sale was rigged.

"Whenever government editorializes about religion by putting a religious symbol on public land, it creates a climate of bigotry, intolerance, hatred and tyranny against non-Christians in general and against atheists in particular," Sherman said.

The threat of a lawsuit has spurred an outpouring of donations to the Jaycees, in case they have to go to court to defend the cross.

On Saturday, an estimated 10,000 people rallied on the Statehouse steps to show their support for the cross.

"It is in private property that the roots of all freedom exist," Lt. Gov. Butch Otter told the crowd. "You want to build a church, you want to start a religion, go get yourself a piece of private property. That's the way it is and that's the way it should be. And that's the way that cross is up on the hill."

The Idaho Jaycees have vowed to stand their ground.

"This is our cross," President Eric Landaluce told the Times. "I challenge Rob Sherman to take this all the way to the Supreme Court."

American Atheists is also challenging a 109-foot cross on Mount Davidson in San Francisco. A cross on public land in Eugene, Ore., has already been removed after a challenge by the ACLU.

Report: Future of U.S. kids in jeopardy

By The Associated Press

Teen pregnancy, abuse and neglect at home, inadequate child care, poor schools and lack of health care are among the biggest dangers threatening America's children, according to a new report.

The report, "Ten Critical Threats To America's Children: Warning Signs for the Next Millennium," also lists such threats as substance abuse, poverty, absent parents, crime and dangers in the environment.

The study is the work of the National School Boards Association, the National League of Cities, Hollywood, Fla.-based Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and Youth Crime Watch of America.

"The problems confronting our children truly are challenges to all of America," said Mary Ellen Maxwell, president of the National School Boards Association. "Either we meet these challenges or they will become obstacles to our future."

Each of the 10 threats is listed with possible solutions — like raising the minimum wage and universal health care. The report was to be released today at a news conference in Washington, D.C.

Ron Sachs, spokesman for the coalition which put together the report, said its purpose was to raise awareness of the problems, not to advance specific legislation.

"What these groups have done is to say there needs to be a national agenda on children's issues," Sachs said. "These problems are not new. They are chronic; they are pervasive."

Clarence Anthony, president of the National League of Cities, and mayor of South Bay, Fla., said the report includes common sense solutions to problems.

"This report is not about gloom and doom — it's about the obstacles our children face and embracing a national agenda that will benefit them in the next millennium," Anthony said.

Safety advocates focus on teaching kids

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Working with powerful machinery designed to cut, chop and crush and animals that kick with deadly force, farmers and their families work in one of the nation's most dangerous industries, federal statistics show.

It's also one of the few industries that depends on child labor and is exempt from many child-labor laws, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

As many as 300 children and adolescents are killed on farms nationwide each year, said Marilyn Adams, founder and president of Farm Safety 4 Just Kids, a national organization that seeks to educate farm families.

In 1986, her son Keith, 11, was killed while supervising the loading of a grain wagon on their Iowa farm. Adams and her husband, Darrell, had kept Keith home from school that day because they needed another hand. His father found him unconscious in the wagon, and he was rushed to a hospital, where he died a few hours later.

A year later, Adams and her family formed the safety education organization "so that no other parent would have to bear that kind of grief," she told The Columbus Dispatch.

"We gave (Keith) an adult responsibility and left him alone," she said. "He was so proud to be trusted by his father that day, but in reality he was not capable of doing what we thought he could."

Between 800,000 and 1.5 million children work in agriculture, according to the Labor Department.

No laws restrict the number of hours a child living on a family farm can work, and there are few restrictions on what kind of work they can do, Adams said.

Farming is the only occupation in which an 8-year-old, such as Jacob Pearce Detwiler of West Liberty, Ohio, could help his grandfather, John Detwiler, with the corn harvest.

Jacob died Oct. 5 when he fell into a grain truck and suffocated before anyone realized he was missing, according to investigative reports.

Farmers oppose regulations on their activities and those of their children, said Greg Field, a farmer near LaRue, Ohio. He examined his own safety practices after his 2-year-old nephew, Max Kasmenn, nearly drowned in a hog manure pit.

"Farmers would have a different view than the politicians would because kids are a big part of getting the work done on a farm," Field said.

Farm parents get their children involved in the operation for a number of reasons, said Dee Jepsen, extension associate for the Agricultural Safety and Health Department at Ohio State University.

They want to pass along their tradition of hard work, responsibility and the satisfaction of accomplishment. But too frequently, they assign tasks that are beyond their children's abilities, she said.

"There would be fewer injuries and deaths if parents learned more about how a child develops before they assign chores," said Mary Fleming, an occupational health nurse and farm safety researcher at Grady Memorial Hospital in Delaware, Ohio. "Many parents don't realize that machinery is more complicated and dangerous than when they were kids."

Organizations such as the Ohio Farm Bureau have developed safety programs over the past decade to reach students in schools, 4-H Clubs and Future Farmers of America groups.

Safety experts hope that by focusing on children, a safer future is possible.

"I know from hard experience that it's really hard to get adults to change their behavior," said Sue Oberhauser, a real-estate agent, wife of a Perry County farmer and a volunteer safety coordinator for the Ohio Farm Bureau.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1999

Try to associate in the year ahead with people who have high standards and are high achievers. Your success might be substantially influenced by those with whom you pal around.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Victory will be achieved today through brains, not brawn, especially in competitive affairs. You don't have to be stronger than the other guy, just smarter. Astro-Graph year ahead predictions make great Xmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the Zodiac. Mail $2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state the Zodiac signs you desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be a good listener instead of a good talker today. It is through careful attention that new, useful knowledge can be achieved and not through hearing what what you already know.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your ability to accurately assess the merits of ideas and suggestions of others, plus knowing the type of spin to put on them to make them better is why you'll be successful today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take the adequate time necessary to carefully weigh and balance your alternatives before engaging in any decision making today and you'll come up with the wisest options.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't let your ego call the shots when it keeps you from doing what you must today. If there is something that hasn't worked out too well, be prepared to make the necessary changes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) How fair you come off in the eyes of others today will have an influence on how well you do when dealing with them. Fortunately, your actions will earn their respect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's only the final end results that count in the long run, so if the early stages don't go exactly as you thought today, regroup and start all over again.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Make that contact today with a friend or associate you've been wanting to reach. Something quite interesting which could be helpful to you may come out of touching base.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Put to good use that propensity you have today for turning a profit. Each gain might be small, but they could all add up to a tidy little sum at this time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If there's a point you've been trying to make with another, put your thoughts down on paper first. In your instance today, the pen could be mightier than the spontaneous word.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be more attentive to your own counsel today than you are to the advice of well-meaning people and your commercial dealings should wind up being quite successful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Usually you do better when you search your inner-self for answers you're seeking, but today discussing issues with a close friend might prove the most helpful.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Altura Energy will drill the No. 6407 Cogdell Canyon Reef field unit, 15 miles northeast of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 614, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Altura Energy will drill the No. 6105 Cogdell Canyon Reef field unit, 15 miles northeast of Snyder. Contracted for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 614, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Altura Energy will drill the No. 6408 Cogdell Canyon Reef field unit, 15 miles northeast of Snyder. Also planned for 7,200 feet, location is in Section 652, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Altura Energy will drill the No. 6406 Cogdell Canyon Reef field unit, 15 miles northeast of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 614, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation will drill the No. 14 Van Norman in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles northwest of Ira. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 2 Kim in the Happy field, 13 miles south of Post. Planned depth is 5,100 feet, and drill site is in Section18, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 3-B Slaughter in the Happy field, 12 miles south of Post. Planned depth is 5,200 feet, and location is in Section 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kent County

Hollis R. Sullivan Inc. will drill the No. 242 Branch, a 5,000-foot wildcat located eight miles northeast of Jayton. Location is in Section 242, Block F, H&TC survey.

Gunn Oil Co. will drill the No. 3 Ble-McArthur, a 6,400-foot wildcat located 21 miles northwest of Clairemont. Location is in Section 142, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Howard County

Midland Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 2 Bull Winkle, a 4,800-foot wildcat located one-half mile southeast of Vincent. Location is in Section 12, Block 26, H&TC survey.

Santa Fe Snyder Corporation will drill the No. 1-1 Echols Metcalf unit in the Hutto south field, two miles south of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 8,300 feet, location is in Section 2, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Bettis, Boyle and Stovall will drill the No. 1 Akers unit in the Que field, 15 miles west of Roby. Planned for a depth of 4,500 feet, drill site is in Section 48, Block 3, H&TC survey.

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Delynn Hackfeld, 2000 Ford Mustang from Wilson Motors.

Merle M. Riggs, 2000 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Leon and Kathy Pemberton, 2000 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Jose and Terry Pina, 1999 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Associates Leasing and Arrow Construction Co., 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling, 2000GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Gelco Corp. and Neo Fluid Systems, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Bob Lee, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Roy and Susan Rosson, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Joe D. and Beverly Copeland, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Roger J. Pavlik, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

H.C. and Texa Ball, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Maria Beltran and Manuel Salazar, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Kristy and Gregg Glass, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Wayne and Rita Knox, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Phyllis Elkins, 2000 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Jim and Theresa Ervin, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Ricky and Stephanie Miller, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Abraxas Petroleum Corp., 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Elizabeth P. Longbotham, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Jerry Lynn Leatherwood and Judy Kaye Leatherwood, both of Snyder.

Brian David Hilburn of Midland and Tracey Mae Palacious of Snyder.

Michael Wayne Burton and Melissa Sue Black, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Scurry County vs. Hydro-Test Services Inc., formerly Massey Rental and Sales Inc., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. West Texas Machine Inc., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Consolidated Tool and Supply, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Jimmy Alton Elam and Rhonda Gale Elam, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Sara Ruth Fritz and Ricky Dale Fritz, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Pamela Joy Murray and Jackie Dale Murray, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Leroy and Nona Key to Troy A. Greenlee, all of Section 109, Block 97, H&TC survey.

William Max Rainwater and Karen Sue Rainwater Ritchey to William Max Rainwater, all of Lot 4 in Block 5 of the W.T. Manry's Addition.

Lewis and Lorraine Treadway to Patricia Nix, Lot 7 in Block 2 of the Morningside Subdivision of Blocks 9-10, 15-16 and 25-26 of the Adams Addition.

Roy McCowen to Trinidad C. and Maria R. Herrera, tract one being 110.45 acres in Section 150, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being 2.37 acres in the southeast part of Section 150, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Polly A. Echols and Helen B. Wadleigh, Co-Trustees of the James L. and Helen B. Wadleigh Living Trust, and Co-Trustees of the James L. Wadleigh Estate Trust, to Max Allen Blackwell, Lots 1-3 in Block 2 of the Wadleigh Addition.

National Zoo's panda dies at the age of 28

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hsing-Hsing, the giant panda who arrived in America as a symbol of U.S.-China detente and quickly transcended politics to become the most beloved attraction at Washington's National Zoo, has been put to sleep.

Zoo officials said they decided Saturday to end Hsing-Hsing's life because of his deteriorating condition in recent days from kidney disease first detected last May. He was 28, well beyond the life expectancy of about 20 for pandas living in the wild.

Hsing-Hsing was given a lethal injection early Sunday after being treated Saturday to his favorite foods — blueberry muffins, sweet potatoes and the staple of the panda's diet, bamboo shoots.

"It doesn't get any more difficult than this," said Lisa Stevens, associate curator of mammals at the zoo. "Seeing an animal still struggle to live and weighing that against what's humane."

Hsing-Hsing's death leaves five pandas in American zoos — three in San Diego and two that arrived earlier this month at Zoo Atlanta. There are some 130 giant pandas in zoos around the world, all but 16 in the animal's only native habitat, China.

The panda is one of the world's most endangered species, with estimates — believed by many to be outdated and overly optimistic — of about 1,000 surviving in China's mountains.

Even before Hsing-Hsing's death, the National Zoo was negotiating with China to obtain a pair of pandas for research and breeding. Deputy Director McKinley Hudson said it would be a long process, particularly because the National Zoo, a unit of the Smithsonian Institution, doesn't have the financial resources of some private zoos.

Zoo Atlanta has agreed to pay $1 million a year over 10 years to China for research and conservation efforts in exchange for receiving pandas on loan. Hudson said the National Zoo has offered China $2.5 million, or $250,000 a year.

Hsing-Hsing and his female partner, Ling-Ling, arrived in Washington in April 1972, a gift from the Chinese government just two months after President Nixon made his historic visit to Beijing that reopened U.S.-China contacts.

Pandas have been notoriously difficult to breed in captivity, and Hsing-Hsing and Ling-Ling were unable to produce an heir. Ling-Ling, who died in 1992, gave birth four times to five cubs, but none survived longer than four days.

One cage in the Panda House was still covered Sunday with get well-cards sent by children from around the country. Another was empty except for a mourning photo of Hsing-Hsing and a small tire he used for clawing. Two small boys wearing panda masks peered in.

Ellen Besner, 24, who lives nearby, shed a tear and spoke of how she had made weekly trips to the zoo and sent e-mails to wish Hsing-Hsing well during his illness. "I know he was sick and old, but it's just so sad," she said.

Lyle Irvine, also of Washington, said she had been a visitor to the Panda House, which attracts millions of people every year, since 1982. "It was love at first sight. I was just captivated," she said.

Stevens said Hsing-Hsing's body would undergo a thorough necropsy so that specialists can gain knowledge of the diseases that afflicted him. She said they hope to learn more about the anatomy and physiology of the panda.

'Campaign of stark differences,' Forbes says

NORTH CONWAY, N.H. (AP) — Question time for Steve Forbes, and the schoolteacher from Freedom wanted to know how the Republican presidential candidate could fit his libertarian ideas about taxes in with his restrictive view on abortion.

He did not try, but said persuasion is the answer, that only with a national consensus could the Constitution be amended to add the abortion ban he wants. "Otherwise, it doesn't happen," he said.

Dawn Alexander Tapper, a teacher in nearby Ossipee, was not persuaded.

Banning abortion would worsen social ills, she said later. An independent, Tapper can vote in either party's primary in New Hampshire and she is leaning to Vice President Al Gore anyhow. But she wanted to hear Forbes on his flat tax plan — 17 percent in place of the income tax and the Internal Revenue Service code.

The tax plan was central to Forbes I, the multimillionaire publisher's 1996 presidential campaign that fell flat after a brief burst toward the top of the GOP field. Forbes II in 2000 includes the flat tax among a broader set of social issues, like abortion, which he played down before.

"This is a campaign of stark differences," he told libertarians at a New York City luncheon. Forbes said he stands for "leave us alone government," and said Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the Republican presidential leader, has disparaged the idea.

One stark difference is the way Forbes is running his uphill bid for the GOP presidential nomination in 2000 compared with the election strategies of four years ago. He says "my broad-based message" will make him a stronger contender, and ultimately, the conservative alternative next year.

The old pieces and the new ones do not always fit together. Also, there is no evidence yet that the new strategy is succeeding. "This is just the beginning," Forbes said.

It would take huge shifts to Forbes to make him competitive with Bush or Arizona Sen. John McCain, according to public opinion surveys of the six-man field. Forbes runs third, more than 20 points behind each of them in polling for the Feb. 1 primary. In Iowa, polls looking to the Republican caucuses on Jan. 24 give Bush an even wider margin over Forbes. McCain is not competing there.

At a breakfast in Wolfeboro, N.H., Forbes was asked how he can beat the Republican establishment. "The only way they'll pay attention is if you make your voices heard on February 1," Forbes said. "Then they'll try to become our new best friends."

In North Conway, a supporter told Forbes that a silent majority will turn out for him. "You've made my day," Forbes said.

In 1996, after running fourth in Iowa and New Hampshire, Forbes won with free-spending, TV attack campaigns in Delaware and Arizona.

Chairman dies in plane crash

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Divers have pulled the last of four bodies from the wreckage of a float plane piloted by the head of a Mexican health food restaurant chain.

William S. "Tiger" Warren, the 48-year-old chairman of Portland-based Macheezmo Mouse, was flying to the family's summer home in Washington with his three sons — Jack, 14; Will, 13; and Rob, 9 — after a Thanksgiving gathering, family members said.

The plane went down about 3 p.m. Saturday near the Washington side of the Columbia River, about 45 miles east of Portland, shortly after it took off, said Dave Cox, spokesman for the Skamania County, Wash., sheriff's office.

"Witnesses said the plane was taking off, banking sharply to the left," Cox said, "and then went down."

Dive teams on Saturday had retrieved two bodies — a man believed to be Warren and a child. Two other bodies were pulled from the plane Sunday.

Warren's 8-year-old daughter, Lucy, had stayed behind in Oregon with her mother, Geraldine, who was divorced from Warren and now is married to Portland stockbroker H. Gerald Bidwell.

Warren, his ex-wife and Bidwell had just emerged from a long ordeal as witnesses against a disgruntled investor who blamed Bidwell for a $50,000 stock loss.

Daniel Loren Jenkins Jr. was convicted Nov. 19 of soliciting aggravated murder for calling Warren and offering to "whack" Bidwell if Warren would pay him for it.

Warren immediately called police. Evidence and testimony at trial showed that Jenkins had stalked the Bidwells for months, made harassing phone calls, sent death threats via e-mail and threatened the lives of their six children — including the four children of Warren and his ex-wife.

Gerald Bidwell told The Oregonian newspaper shortly after the family learned about the crash that his wife was devastated.

"She will miss them very much," Bidwell said. "Fate can be cruel."

Warren took Macheezmo Mouse public in 1994, turning his shares into a $9.2 million investment in one day.

But the chain of 13 Mexican-style restaurants since has struggled. The company, which hit a high of about $11 a share when it went public, was trading for just pennies recently.

Warren, who also had a short career making films, was a friend of Portland filmmaker Gus Van Sant, who said the name for the restaurant chain was actually a nickname for Warren.

"He was very macho but wasn't very big," Van Sant said. "He had a great ability to talk to anybody. He was a great guy."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Irritated Mammographer Needs To Stand in Patient's Place

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Frustrated and Unappreciated," the mammographer who found it irritating to be asked, "Is this all you do, all day long?" was right on the mark. However, "Frustrated" also needs to gain a deeper understanding of her patients, as well as sensitivity toward them.

Has it not occurred to her that perhaps that question was an attempt at "small talk" by women who felt uncomfortable having a mammogram? Because of my medical and family history, I have had mammograms yearly since I was 35. After 10 years, I still do not find the procedure of having the mammographer touch me to lift, pull and smash a personal part of my body between two plates of plastic something I look forward to or feel comfortable with. Usually the mammographer is a different health-care professional from the prior year, therefore, a stranger. I have had mammographers who made me feel as much at ease as possible, but I have also experienced a few who treated my breast as if a woman was not attached to it.

"Frustrated" needs to understand and empathize. It's important she remember that her job in performing mammographies is more routine for her than it is for her patients. Perhaps understanding this will help her to focus on her patients' feelings, and not become frustrated over a question.

DOES IT, BUT DOESN'T LIKE IT, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

DEAR DOES IT: I suspect that the reason the majority of women "do it but don't like it" has something to do with modesty, and also the fact that it's like stepping up to a slot machine that reminds us of our potential mortality. In fairness to the majority of mammographers, I have found them to be efficient, gentle and caring. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to "Frustrated and Unappreciated Mammographer":

Please, do not think for a minute that you are unappreciated. Without your dedication and professionalism, I and many others would be a statistic instead of a survivor. Breast cancer, which has no symptoms, would go undetected without you.

I thank God every day that you "do what you do all day long." I am forever grateful that you were a part of my life. We may not have a chance to thank each of you personally, but for me and all of those others, I say, "Thank you! We need you."

Each day you go to work, another lucky woman may be saved. Together, we will someday wipe out this disease. I am forever in your debt.

JOY HOPKINS, MARCO ISLAND, FLA.

DEAR JOY: (You are aptly named!) When people are stressed out or ill, they're often unable to express their gratitude to the caring individuals who go the extra mile on their behalf. Your letter is sure to be appreciated not only by mammographers nationwide, but by every health-care professional who reads it.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm being married next year and I need to know — when I send out "save-the-date" cards for my wedding, do I send them to everyone I'm inviting, or only to out-of-town guests? I'm not sure which way to go. What's your advice?

LAURA IN PHOENIX

DEAR LAURA: "Save-the-date" cards are typically sent to announce forthcoming charity events. You should not send one for a wedding. Your wedding invitations — which should be sent four to six weeks in advance — should be enough notice.

However, if you think that some of your prospective guests might have a schedule conflict at that time, telephone them with the good news and ask them to save the date.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Schulz to leave hospital soon

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — Cartoonist Charles M. Schulz, who was diagnosed with colon cancer two weeks ago, could be released from the hospital this week.

Schulz has been undergoing chemotherapy at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital since the cancer was discovered Nov. 16. He has lived in Santa Rosa, which is about 60 miles north of San Francisco, for 40 years and has been active in the community.

"It looks like Sparky will be going home midweek sometime," said Edna Poehner, his secretary and family friend, using Schulz's nickname.

Poehner said that Schulz, who turned age 77 on Friday, has been "doing a fair amount of walking" at the hospital. His colon cancer was discovered while undergoing emergency surgery to remove a blockage in his abdominal aorta.

The cartoonist, whose artistry has brought him and the cast of "Peanuts" worldwide fame, has received a "mind-boggling amount" of cards and letters wishing him well, Poehner said.

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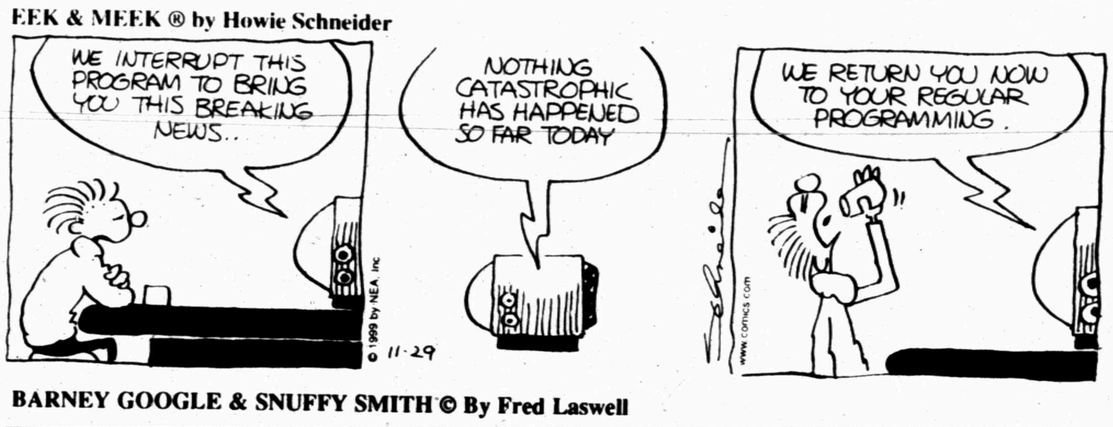

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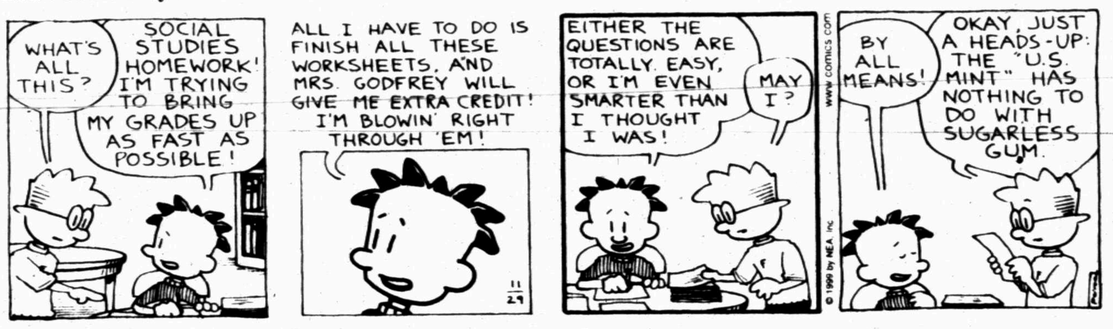

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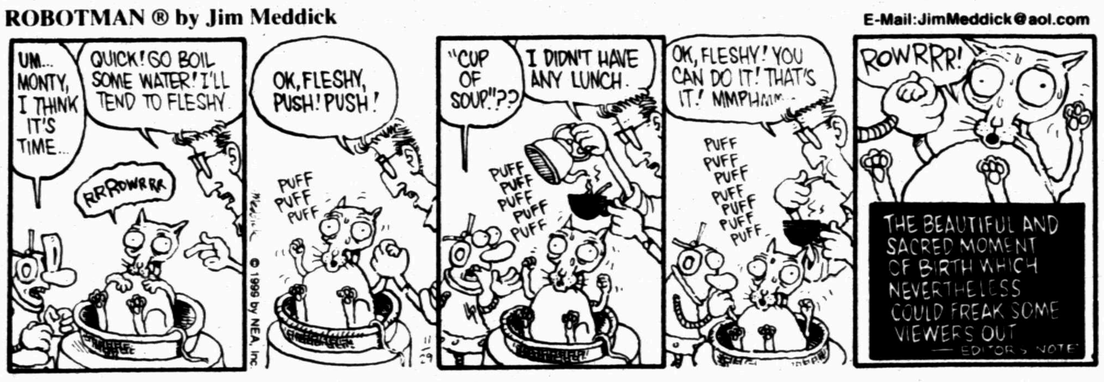

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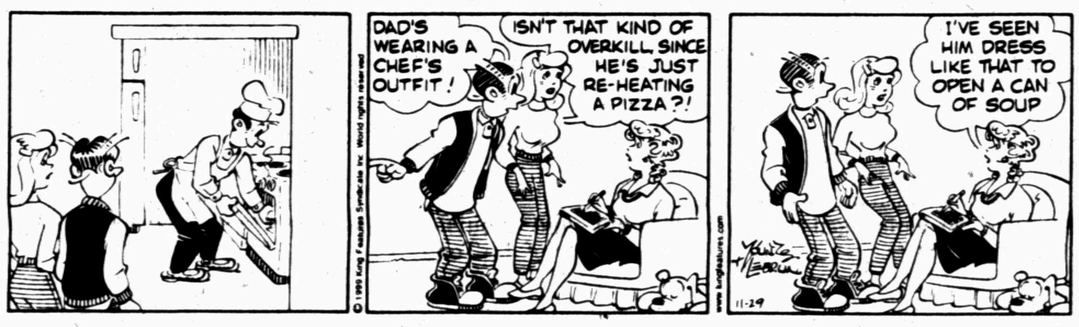

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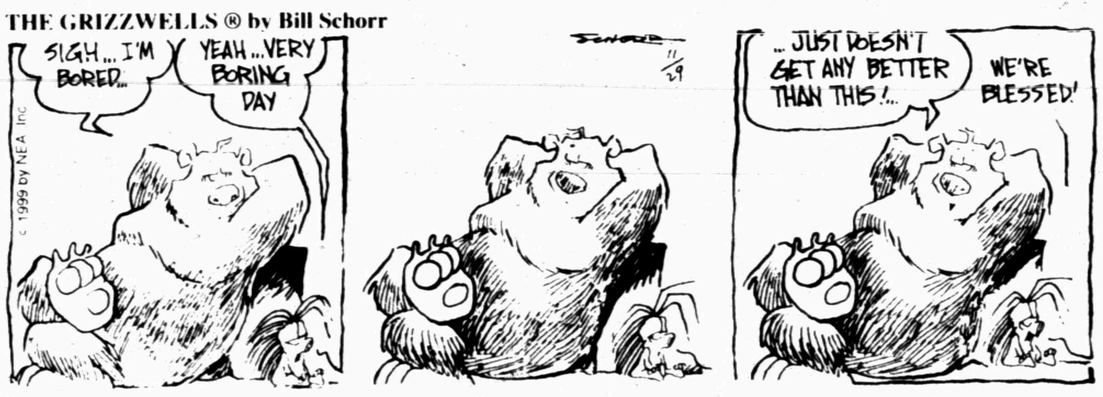

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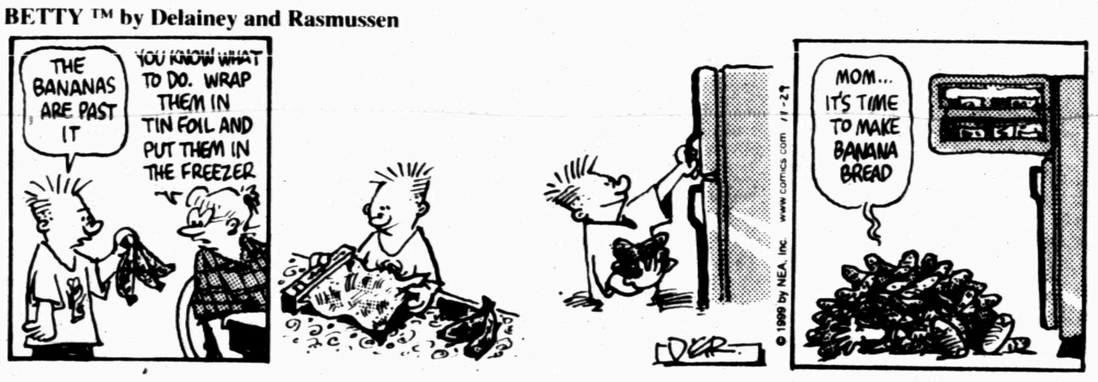

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ACROSS

1 Trinket
7 Sugar units
12 Incapable of producing offspring
13 South —
14 Putting cargo on ships
15 Did as told
16 Airline info
17 Green Bay's st.
18 Tax agcy.
21 City in Utah
23 Anger
26 First-rate (2 wds.)
28 Author Gardner
29 Negatives
30 Construction beam
31 Narrow strip of land
33 Hoffman/Cruise movie (2 wds.)
36 Spouse
37 Indisposed
38 Displeases
40 British machine gun
41 Romaine
42 Hazy
44 Dutch town
45 Lively dance
46 "I think, therefore — —"
48 Type of birth
51 Actress Marlo —
55 Turn (something)
56 React to smelling salts (2 wds.)
57 Daily record
58 Emulated Perle Mesta

DOWN

1 Beer holder (abbr.)
2 Drivers' org.
3 Type of bean
4 Soft cheese
5 Slow (mus.)
6 Employ
7 Filing —
8 Luau strings
9 Male child
10 Paris summer
11 Melancholy
13 Pegs
18 Of medicine
19 Snook, e.g.
20 Slow animals
22 Beverages
23 Cell occupant
24 Planned an auto course
25 Ancient Jewish ascetic
27 Sea eagle
32 Brit. Navy abbr.
34 Imitation
35 Correctly
39 Sew
43 Internet search engine
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47 Female parents
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49 Baseball stat
50 Spacewalk, to NASA
52 Was introduced to
53 Consumed food
54 Turf

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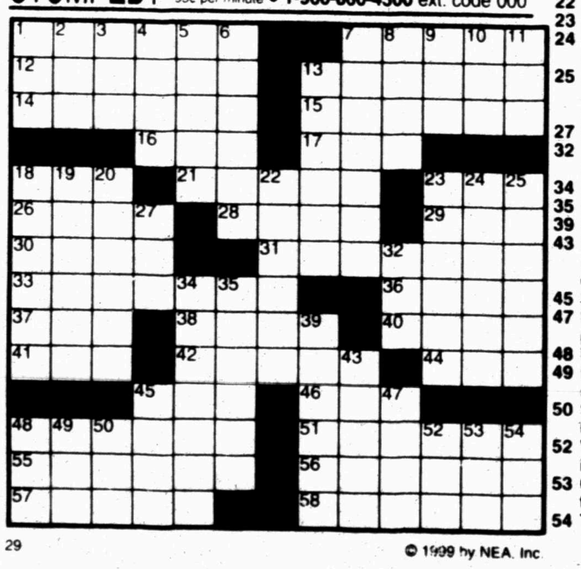

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SPORTS

Groom upends Coyotes, 20-12

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

FLOYDADA — With thoughts of last year's playoff loss still on their minds, the Groom Tigers made just enough plays to outlast the Borden County Coyotes.

Groom scored the winning touchdown early in the fourth quarter, then held off a Coyote threat in the final minute to register a 20-12 six-man quarterfinal win.

With the victory, the Tigers avenge last year's playoff loss to Borden County. Groom will face Rule in the semifinals.

The Coyotes, who advanced to the state title game the last two seasons, end their campaign with a 10-3 record. But Coach Bobby Avery had no regrets about his team's season.

"At the start of the year, nobody really knew what to expect," Avery said. "Everybody talked about how we had lost all of our great offensive players. But the guys we have can still play some defense. I'm extremely proud of the way these kids battled all year, but Groom just physically outplayed us tonight."

In what turned out to be a defensive battle, the Tigers came up with their biggest stand in the final minute.

Trailing 20-12, Borden County took over on its own 3-yard-line with 2:33 left in the contest.

A pass from Kevin Pinkerton to Robert Stamper moved the ball to the 21, before three straight carries by Ed Rodriguez put the Coyotes at the Groom 21 with 1:10 remaining.

But the Tigers' defense stiffened from their, turning the Coyotes away in the final minute.

"We had to try a few different things," Avery said. "I thought we would be able to go to the spread and then run the ball. But it didn't work as well as I thought it might. So we switched our backfield around some, to give Groom something different to look at."

Both teams struggled offensively, and it was a defensive play in the final period that made the difference.

With Borden County regaining the momentum as the fourth quarter opened, Groom's defense came up with a big play to turn the tide. Clay Ritter picked off a pass at his own 26-yard-line, then weaved his way through the Coyotes for a 54-yard touchdown and a 20-12 Tiger advantage.

"We had too many penalties and turnovers at crucial times," said Avery. "There were a lot of times when we would do something positive on offense, and then commit a penalty or turn it over."

The Coyotes threw two interceptions and lost one fumble on the night, but stayed in the game thanks to two fumble recoveries by Rodriguez.

Groom jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the first period when Clay Ollinger sprinted 45 yards to paydirt.

The Coyotes, who were held to only two yards in the first quarter, trimmed the deficit in the second period with a two-yard touchdown pass from Pinkerton to Rodriguez. The two-point kick was blocked for an 8-6 halftime tally.

Borden County struck first in the second half when Rodriguez slashed through the Groom defense on his way to a 62-yard touchdown.

The Tigers answered four minutes later on a plunge by Wade Ritter. Following the failed conversion, Groom held a 14-12 advantage, before Clay Ritter's interception return in the final period.

TACKLING A TIGER — Borden County seniors Kevin Pinkerton (5) and Ramon Griffin (13) gang up on Groom's Wade Ritter, while teammate Joseph Hardman (1) moves in to assist during six-man quarterfinal action Saturday night in Floydada. The Coyotes' season came to an end with a 20-12 setback to the Tigers. (SDN Staff Photo)

Second-half burst lifts Frenship past Tigers

WOLFFORTH — The Frenship Tigers are highly respected on the South Plains, when it comes to basketball. And Saturday they showed why.

Frenship had four players finish in double digits, to propel it to a 73-52 victory over the Snyder Tigers.

Snyder, now 2-2 on the season, kept the contest close through the first half, before Frenship pulled away in the final two quarters.

Led by Luke McDonald, who signed a letter of intent with Division I Drake University, Frenship poured in 24 points in the third period, while holding Snyder to 13.

McDonald registered eight points in the eight minute span, and finished the day with a game-high 20 points.

Greg McAnaw paced Snyder with 14 points, which included a 7-of-8 effort from the free-throw line.

Snyder trailed by only eight points at halftime, 28-20, thanks in part to McAnaw's eight points in the second quarter.

The Tigers will be in action again Tuesday when they host Seminole at 7:30.

Snyder returns to Wolfforth on Thursday for the Cotton Pickin' Shootout. The Tigers will square off with San Angelo Central at 2:30 Thursday in a first round match-up.

Snyder	08	12	13	19	— 52
Frenship	16	12	24	21	— 73

Snyder
Cumbie 2 3-4 7, McAnaw 3 7-8 14, Pinkerton 1 0-0 2, Hester 2 0-0 4, Kerr 0 4-4 4, Thornhill 1 0-2 2, Scott 1 2-2 4, Loper 1 1-2 3, Knirsch 1 5-5 7, Wofford 2 0-2 5. **Totals 14 22-29 52.**

Slaton
McDonald 10 0-0 20, Green 4 4-6 13, Jones 5 2-4 12, Gilliam 4 2-3 10, McGaha 3 2-3 8, Caballero 3 0-1 6, Newton 1 2-2 5. **Totals 30 12-19 73.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 2 (McAnaw, Wofford), Frenship 2 (Green, Newton). Total fouls: Snyder 19, Frenship 16. Fouled out — Hester.

Noles, Hokies remain atop poll

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

Stanford's first appearance in the AP Top 25 this season came at the right time — for the Rose Bowl, anyway.

The Cardinal (8-3), last-play 40-37 winners over Notre Dame on Saturday, were ranked No. 22 in this week's Associated Press' Top 25 poll, and allowed the Rose Bowl to avoid the embarrassment of having an unranked team in its Jan. 1 game.

Stanford, the Pacific-10 Conference champions, will play No. 4 Wisconsin (9-2) — the Big Ten champs. The last time an unranked team played in the Rose Bowl was 1984, when unranked UCLA upset No. 4 Illinois 45-9.

Florida State and Virginia Tech again were 1-2 in the AP poll as the top six teams were unchanged. Texas, a 20-16 loser to Texas A&M Friday, slipped out of the Top 10 from No. 7 to No. 12.

The Seminoles (11-0) received 64 first-place votes and 1,744 points from the 70 sports writers and broadcasters on the AP panel. The Hokies (11-0) had six first-place votes and 1,685 points, and No. 3 Nebraska (10-1) had 1,599 points.

Virginia Tech completed a perfect regular season with a 38-14 win over Boston College on Friday. Nebraska beat Colorado 33-30 in overtime Friday, and plays Texas on Saturday in the Big 12 title game.

The last regular-season poll will be released Dec. 5; the final AP poll will be released Jan. 5.

Wisconsin was No. 4, followed by No. 5 Florida, No. 6 Tennessee, No. 7 Alabama, No. 8 Kansas State, No. 9 Michigan and No. 10 Michigan State.

Florida (9-2) plays Alabama (9-2) in the SEC title game Saturday, and Tennessee (9-2) completed its regular season with a 38-10 win over Vanderbilt on Saturday.

Marshall (11-0), which goes for the Mid-American Conference title against Western Michigan on Saturday, was No. 11, followed by No. 12 Texas, No. 13 Minnesota, No. 14 Penn State, No. 15 Southern Mississippi, No. 16 Mississippi State, No. 17 Georgia Tech, No. 18 Texas A&M, No. 19 Purdue and No. 20 East Carolina.

Georgia, a 51-48 loser to Georgia Tech, fell five places to No. 21, followed by No. 22 Stanford, No. 23 Miami, No. 24 Arkansas, and No. 25 Boston College.

Mississippi and Louisiana Tech dropped out of the Top 25.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, the top five matched the AP's.

The Bowl Championship Series standing will be released today. Florida State and Virginia Tech are expected to be first and second again.

Frenship 68, Snyder 29...

JV boys fall to Frenship

WOLFFORTH — Frenship took control from the opening tip Saturday to register a 68-29 victory Saturday, in boys' junior varsity action.

Frenship raced to a 31-14 halftime lead, before pouring it on in the second half. The host Tigers outscored Snyder, 27-6, in the final period.

Tate Thompson's nine points led Snyder's effort. Chris McLeod added five points, and Wade Pinson dropped in four.

Tovares Brandon, Shay Franks and Jamaal Pruitt tallied three points apiece, with Nick Landes chipping in two.

Snyder will be in action again Tuesday when it hosts Seminole at 6:30.

NBA Glance

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All Times EST				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Miami	10	3	.770	—
Boston	7	7	.500	3½
New York	7	7	.500	3½
Orlando	7	7	.500	3½
Philadelphia	7	8	.467	4
Washington	4	10	.286	6½
New Jersey	2	12	.143	8½
Central Division				
Toronto	9	5	.643	—
Charlotte	8	6	.571	1
Milwaukee	8	6	.571	1
Cleveland	6	6	.500	2
Detroit	7	7	.500	2
Indiana	7	7	.500	2
Atlanta	5	9	.357	4
Chicago	1	12	.077	7½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
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San Antonio	12	3	.800	—
Minnesota	6	5	.545	4
Utah	7	6	.538	4
Denver	6	6	.500	4½
Dallas	5	9	.357	6½
Vancouver	3	10	.231	8
Houston	3	11	.214	8½
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	9	1	.900	1½
Portland	13	2	.867	—
Seattle	11	3	.786	1½
L.A. Lakers	10	4	.714	2½
Phoenix	9	4	.692	3
L.A. Clippers	4	9	.308	8
Golden State	2	10	.167	9½

Saturday's Games
New York 99, Orlando 96
Miami 89, Washington 86
Cleveland 106, Charlotte 89
Atlanta 94, Boston 84
Dallas 95, Chicago 83
Minnesota 113, Vancouver 82
Philadelphia 82, Milwaukee 79
San Antonio 106, Denver 87
Phoenix 120, New Jersey 90
Toronto 106, Golden State 88
Portland 88, L.A. Clippers 71

Sunday's Games
Orlando 108, Detroit 99
Seattle 102, Indiana 91

Monday's Games
Dallas at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 10 p.m.
Houston at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

NFL Glance

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
All Times EST						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
Indianapolis	9	2	0	.818	307	204
Miami	8	3	0	.727	219	203
Buffalo	8	4	0	.667	228	173
New England	6	5	0	.545	232	218
N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	173	187
Central						
Jacksonville	10	1	0	.909	287	125
Tennessee	9	2	0	.818	239	202
Pittsburgh	5	6	0	.455	202	167
Baltimore	4	7	0	.364	196	211
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	188	356
Cleveland	2	10	0	.167	137	317
West						
Seattle	8	3	0	.727	239	180
Kansas City	6	5	0	.545	256	201
Oakland	5	6	0	.455	240	226
Denver	4	7	0	.364	221	226
San Diego	4	7	0	.364	183	252
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington	7	4	0	.636	330	287
Dallas	6	5	0	.545	255	182
Arizona	5	6	0	.455	162	220
N.Y. Giants	5	6	0	.455	194	222
Philadelphia	3	9	0	.250	183	276
Central						
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	239	214
Minnesota	7	4	0	.636	272	226
Tampa Bay	7	4	0	.636	174	141
Green Bay	5	5	0	.500	192	209
Chicago	5	7	0	.417	207	242
West						
St. Louis	9	2	0	.818	366	147
Carolina	5	6	0	.455	261	249
San Francisco	3	7	0	.300	163	281
Atlanta	2	9	0	.182	155	269
New Orleans	2	9	0	.182	182	269

Sunday's Games
Arizona 34, New York Giants 24
Cincinnati 27, Pittsburgh 20
Jacksonville 30, Baltimore 23
Buffalo 17, New England 7
St. Louis 43, New Orleans 12
Washington 20, Philadelphia 17, OT
Minnesota 35, San Diego 27
Tennessee 33, Cleveland 21
Indianapolis 13, New York Jets 6
Tampa Bay 16, Seattle 3
Kansas City 37, Oakland 34
Carolina 34, Atlanta 28
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Monday's Game
Green Bay at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

Local Sports Schedule

BASKETBALL

Today
Snyder 9th boys at Sweetwater, 5 and 6:15
Denver City at Snyder 7th and 8th boys, 5 and 6:15
Abilene Cooper at Snyder 9th girls, 6 p.m.
Snyder 7th and 8th girls at Denver City, 5 and 6:15

Tuesday
Western Texas at Ranger, 7 p.m.
Lubbock High at Snyder JV and varsity girls, 4:30 and 6 p.m.
Seminole at Snyder JV and varsity boys, 6 and 7:30
Ira girls and boys at Roby, 6:30 and 8 p.m.
Hermleigh girls and boys at Lueders-Avoca, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Texas High School Football Playoff Pairings

CLASS 5A
DIVISION I

Semifinals
Midland Lee (13-0) vs. Mesquite (9-4), 3 p.m. Saturday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa.
Aldine Eisenhower (12-1) vs. Edinburg (10-3), 5 p.m. Saturday, Harlandale Memorial Stadium, San Antonio.

DIVISION II

Quarterfinals
Region I
South Grand Prairie (12-1) vs. Abilene (11-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving.
Region II
Plano East (11-2) vs. Garland (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium, Irving.
Region III
Katy (12-1) vs. Galveston Ball (12-1), 11 a.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston.
Region IV
SA Marshall (10-3) vs. SA Holmes (12-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Gustafson Stadium, San Antonio.

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I

Semifinals
Hereford (12-1) vs. Waco Midway (10-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene.
Texas City (12-0) vs. Alice (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston.

DIVISION II

Quarterfinals
Region I
Canyon (11-2) vs. Stephenville (13-0), 7 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving.
Region II
Greenville (11-2) vs. Ennis (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving.
Region III
La Marque (11-1) vs. Port Neches-Groves, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Astrodome, Houston.
Region IV
Schertz Clemens (13-0) vs. San Marcos (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Converse Judson.

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I

Semifinals
Lamesa (11-2) vs. Texarkana Liberty Eylau (12-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Birdville ISD Stadium.
Gatesville (11-2) vs. Mathis (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos.

DIVISION II

Quarterfinals
Region I
Childress (12-1) vs. Crane (13-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock.
Region II
Alvarado (11-2) vs. Commerce (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Rockwall.
Region III
Marlin (12-1) vs. Robinson (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco.
Region IV
Sealy (12-0) vs. Hondo (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Victoria.

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I

Semifinals
Boyd (13-0) vs. Canadian, 7 p.m. Saturday, Vernon.
Mart (13-0) vs. Comfort (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pflugerville Connally.

DIVISION II

Quarterfinals
Region I
Stratford (11-2) vs. Sonora (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Plainview.
Region II
Celina (13-0) vs. Gunter (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Denton ISD Field.
Region III
Elysian Fields (12-1) vs. Alto (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Homer Bryce Stadium, Nacgodoches
Region IV
Refugio (12-1) vs. Mason (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Southwest High School, San Antonio.

CLASS 1A

Quarterfinals
Regional I
Wheeler (12-0) vs. Rankin (9-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock.
Region II
Aspermont (12-1) vs. Paducah (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock.
Region III
Celeste (9-3) vs. Detroit (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pennington Field, Bedford.
Region IV
Charlotte (10-2) vs. Bartlett (12-1), 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston.

SIX-MAN

Semifinals
Groom (12-1) vs. Rule (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Floydada
Richland Springs (10-3) vs. Gordon (12-1), TBA

Men's College Basketball Scores

EAST
Maine 92, Brown 82
Niagara 84, Albany, N.Y. 77
Siena 82, Bethune-Cookman 71
SOUTH
Southern U. 91, West Alabama 50
Va. Commonwealth 82, Colorado 78, OT
MIDWEST
Butler 82, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 55
FAR WEST
Long Beach St. 78, S. Illinois 77
San Francisco 78, UC Santa Barbara 67
UNLV 85, Georgetown 69
TOURNAMENT
City Bank-Aloha Airlines Big Island Championship
Cincinnati 75, Iowa St. 60
Third Place
Arkansas 79, Santa Clara 60
Fifth Place
Rhode Island 65, Mercer 59
Seventh Place
Cleveland St. 77, Hawaii-Hilo 74
Hawaii Pacific Thanksgiving Classic Championship
LSU 95, Fresno St. 85
Third Place
SW Missouri St. 83, Wyoming 75
Fifth Place
Toledo 74, Oakland, Mich. 65
Seventh Place
Fla. International 91, Hawaii Pacific 50
SoCon Holiday Hoops Classic Championship
Mississippi 57, Wis.-Green Bay 53
Third Place
Oregon St. 53, Clemson 35
Fifth Place
Furman 68, Old Dominion 65
Seventh Place
S. Carolina St. 71, Cent. Florida 70
Sparkletts Invitational Championship
St. Bonaventure 75, N.C. Charlotte 66
Third Place
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Southern Miss. 65, Murray St. 62
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Evansville 71, Valparaiso 66
Fifth Place
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The WCTWDB is comprised of the following 19 county area: Brown, Callahan, Colemen, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

Funding allocations for the WIA Year-Round Youth Program for the period January 1, 2000 to June 30, 2000 are approximately $200,000.

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A copy of the RFP can be obtained by contacting the WCTWDB, (915) 672-8544, attention Karen Spaar, P.O. Box 3195, Abilene, Texas 79604.

A bidders conference will be held Friday, December 3, 1999 at 10:00 AM at Region XIV Education Service Center, 1850 Hwy 351, Abilene, Texas. Attendance at the conference is not required to submit a proposal.

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Development Board
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'Toy Story 2' blows away competition

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The playthings lived up their buzz.

"Toy Story 2," Disney and Pixar's animated sequel about Woody, Buzz Lightyear and their toy buddies, opened with a five-day take of $80.8 million, according to industry estimates Sunday.

The sequel far outpaced the previous Thanksgiving holiday record of $45.7 million set last year by "A Bug's Life," produced by the same studios.

James Bond won the battle of explosion movies as "The World Is Not Enough" took the No. 2 spot with $35 million from Wednesday to Sunday, dropping from first place in its second weekend. Arnold Schwarzenegger's "End of Days," about an ex-cop who takes on Satan, premiered in third with $31 million.

"We rolled right over Arnold and the devil," said Larry Gleason, president of worldwide distribution for MGM, which released the Bond film. The movie has grossed $76.3 million in 10 days.

The No. 2 movie last weekend, Tim Burton's comic horror tale "Sleepy Hollow," fell to fourth place with $27.4 million.

"Toy Story 2," the follow-up to the computer-animated hit of 1995, was expected to do record business, but its take far exceeded Hollywood analysts' projections. The film has gathered rave reviews, with many critics saying it's better than the original.

"These are unbelievable numbers," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks the box office. "We're breaking all kinds of records."

The movie averaged a whopping $24,969 a screen in 3,236 theaters, compared with $11,065 on 3,163 screens for "The World Is Not Enough" and $11,960 in 2,592 theaters for "End of Days."

It was a record-breaking weekend overall, with the top 12 films taking in $209.9 million over five days, easily beating the all-time Thanksgiving high for all movies of $182.3 million set last year. The gross for the top four movies alone this Thanksgiving was just $10 million short of that overall record.

"Toy Story 2," with Tom Hanks and Tim Allen reprising the voices of Woody the cowboy and space ranger Buzz Lightyear, had the third-highest gross all-time for a five-day opening, behind $105 million for "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace" and $85 million for "Independence Day."

The movie took in $57.5 million Friday to Sunday, breaking the industry record for a three-day animated debut of $40.9 million by Disney's "The Lion King," the studio's top grossing movie at $312 million.

"Toy Story 2" likely will top $200 million domestically, said Chuck Viane, head of distribution for Disney. The original "Toy Story" grossed $192 million in the United States.

It was the fifth Thanksgiving in a row that Disney debuted the top-grossing movie. "Toy Story 2" technically opened a week earlier, playing in one Disney-owned theater in Los Angeles before going nationwide.

The weekend's other big release was "Flawless," starring Robert De Niro as a stroke victim who takes singing lessons from a drag queen. It opened in 12th place with $2 million over five days.

The movie "Tumbleweeds," acclaimed for a powerhouse performance by Janet McTeer as a mother on the run from bad relationships, opened in five New York and Los Angeles theaters with $45,730 for an impressive $9,146 average. The movie goes into wider release next month.

Internet companies buy Super Bowl ads

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Zapolin, chief executive and a co-founder of Computer.com, hopes just three new TV ads will eventually put his 5-month-old Internet company into the financial black.

Until then, it will certainly push his e-business deeper into the red.

Zapolin's Maynard, Mass.-based company, dedicated to educating and advising computer novices, is spending about $3 million for a Super Bowl package that includes one ad during the game and two in pregame shows.

"If I had to spend 10 times that amount, I could still probably rationalize the return," Zapolin said.

He's not alone. Some Internet companies are paying more to advertise on January's Super Bowl telecast than they have generated in revenue, helping push the average commercial price to a record of about $2 million.

As many as a dozen "dot-com" advertisers are expected to rub shoulders with Anheuser-Busch, Pepsi-Cola, Federal Express, Visa and other longtime Super Bowl advertisers on the Jan. 30, 2000 telecast on ABC.

Industry insiders say price evidently has been no object as the average charge for a 30-second Super Bowl commercial has soared 25 percent from the old high of $1.6 million in the last NFL championship game telecast. Super Bowl ad prices are typically the most expensive on TV.

Marvin Goldsmith, ABC's head of sales and marketing, declined to comment on the prices but said a strong economy and advertisers' renewed appreciation of broadcast TV's ability to reach a huge audience quickly helped sales.

The price increase is a testament to the Super Bowl's perennial ability to attract the biggest TV ratings of the year even as audiences for broadcast networks have steadily eroded.

"There are very few of these platform events that offer the opportunity to reach the masses in a concise period," said Bob Flood, who oversees the national TV ad purchases made by DeWitt Media in New York.

The online marketers in particular want to use the Super Bowl as "a showpiece for their Internet address and to say to the world that we are playing with the big boys," said Bill Croasdale, a top commercial buyer at Western Initiative Media in Los Angeles.

But paying more for a 30-second commercial than you have generated in sales is a bold move even on a day when excess is the norm.

"We have not generated a dime yet," conceded Ethan Russman, marketing director of Angeltips.com which is paying $2 million for Super Bowl exposure with startup money it has raised mostly from European and Asian investors.

Russman compared Angeltips.com's recently launched Web site to a "dating service" that matches entrepreneurs with investors looking for new business concepts. He said the exposure from two ads in the game and a pregame show should build credibility and trust for the company.

"There is nothing else in the advertising and marketing world that matches the Super Bowl," he said.

British expatriot trades success to champion cowboys

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Life's been a wild ride for C.J. Hadley. Deemed "uneducable" at 15, this British-born renegade who traveled the globe and tasted success now finds herself a struggling magazine editor and defender of a tradition in the American West.

But the Range magazine editor — whose previous assignments included test driving the lunar rover at Cape Canaveral, Fla., as an editor at Car and Driver magazine — wouldn't have it any other way.

Hadley, 58, greets a visitor with a 10-minute monologue peppered with salty language as she rails against perceived threats to ranchers in the West: endangered species, government regulation, wilderness designations.

"I'm hot today," she said, sniffing at her own fury. "Anyway, what did you want to ask me?"

Range: The Cowboy Spirit on America's Outback touts itself as "the leading forum for divergent viewpoints in the search for solutions that will halt the depletion of a national resource — the American cowboy."

The magazine evolved from a brochure prepared for members of Congress in 1991 to show that ranchers are not the "bad guys" others portray them to be in public land disputes, Hadley said.

The glossy pages extoll the romance of the open range and lighthearted features relate the humor of people who ride in the saddle and have gained longevity despite a lifetime of eating beef.

But there's an often irreverent tone directed at federal bureaucra- birth announcements and notices of "other significant life events."

The company, founded in March in Orlando, Fla., expects to generate less than $1 million in revenue for its first year, according to chief executive and founder Michael Budowski.

But he said it is spending $3.5 million to $4 million for a Super Bowl package that includes one commercial in the game, four ads before the game and an exclusive sponsorship of a 30-minute pregame program.

Budowski said the chance to reach close to 100 million viewers so quickly, in hopes they will check out the Web site, makes it worthwhile.

"One of the things with the Internet is that everyone is vying for position. We want people to come in and get as comfortable with our store as they are with their local grocery store," he said.

Dot-com advertisers have bought about 20 percent of the available commercials in the Super Bowl, industry insiders estimated. That is a big increase from a year ago when lingerie retailer Victoria's Secret created a stir by advertising its Webcast of its annual fashion show.

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Albertsons	36	35¼	35½	— 1
AlldSignal	58 5-16	57 9-16	57 9-16	— ¼
Alltel	87 11-16	87¼	87½	+ ¼
AmerOnline s	83¾	80	81 7-16	—1 15-16
AndarkPtr	30 9-16	30 1-16	30 5-16	— ¼
AtlRichfld	96¼	94¾	94¾	— 7-16
ATMOS Egy	22 5-16	22 3-16	22 3-16	— 3-16
Aviall	7 9-16	7½	7½	+ 1-16
BP Amoco s	61 9-16	61 1-16	61 1-16	
BakerHughes	25¾	24 15-16	25 1-16	— ¾
Bank of Amer	60 3-16	58 5/8	58¾	— 2¼
BellAtl	63¾	62 3-16	62¼	— ¾
BellSouth s	44¼	43 7-16	44¼	+ 1¼
BethSteel	6 1-16	66	— ¼	
BurlNoSFe	28 15-16	28	28 7-16	— ½
CBS Corp	52¼	51 3-16	52	
Caterpillar	47¾	46 5-16	46½	— 1¼
CenSoWst	19 15-16	19¾	19 9-16	— 7-16
Chevron	100	87 13-16	87¼	— 1¼
Citigroup s	54 3-16	53 7-16	53¼	— ¾
Coastal	35 7-16	34½	34¾	— ⅜
CocaCola	67 3-16	65¾	66 11-16	+ 5-16
ColgatePal s	54	53¼	53 9-16	—1 5-16
ComclMetals	32½	32 5-16	32 5-16	— 7-16
CooperIn	43 3-16	42¾	43¼	— 3-16
CyprusAmax	18 5-16	18	18	— ¼
DaimlrChry	68¼	67 13-16	68 1-16	— 1¼
DallSemicn	59 1-16	58 7-16	59	+ 3-16
DeltaAirl	49¾	48¾	49 1-16	— 1-16
Dillards Inc	19 3-16	18 9-16	18¾	+ 5-16
DowChem	122¼	118¾	118½	— 3¼
DuPont	60	58 11-16	59 3-16	— 1
EastmanChem	38 13-16	38½	38¾	— 5-16
EstKodak	63¾	63¼	63¾	— ¼
EDS Corp	64 1-16	62¾	64	+1 11-16
Entergy	26¾	26 9-16	26¾	— 5-16
Exxon	79	77 9-16	78½	+ ½
FstBksAm	18¼	18⅛	18¼	
Flowers	16 3-16	15¾	16 1-16	— ¼
FordMotor	51 5-16	50 5-16	51 3-16	+ 9-16
GTE Cp	73¼	71 15-16	72	— 1¼
GenDynam	51	50¾	50½	— ½
GenElec	135	132 15-16	133 5-16	—2 5-16
GenMills s	37¼	37 5-16	37⅛	— ½
GenMotors	72¾	71¼	72¼	+ 1¼
GaPacGP s	39¾	38¼	38 13-16	— ¼
GlobalMar	15 5-16	14¾	15	— ½
Goodrich	22 15-16	22 5-16	22¼	+ 5-16
Goodyear s	33 25-32	33¾	33 11-16	— 7-16
GtAtlPac	25 15-16	25½	25½	— ½
Halliburtn	39¼	38	38¼	—1 11-16
Hanson ADS	44 1-16	43 3-16	43¾	+2 7-16
HarteHanks	20 9-16	20	20	— 7-16
HomeDepot	80½	79 9-16	80⅛	— ⅜
IBM s	104 15-16	103¾	103¾	— 1¼
IntlPaper	51 5-16	50¾	50¾	— 3-16
JohnsonJn	103 5-16	101 13-16	103 5-16	+ ¼
K mart	9¾	9¼	9½	+ ⅜
Kroger Co s	23¼	22 9-16	23	— ⅜
Litton	43 13-16	43	43¾	— ⅜
LockheedM	20 1-16	19 13-16	19 15-16	+ ¼
Lowes Cos	51 13-16	50¾	50 11-16	— ½
Lubys	11¾	11¼	11¼	
LucentTech s	77	75¼	76 7-16	—1 1-16
MayDeptStr s	34½	32¼	34 3-16	+1 15-16
MediaOne	83	82¼	82¼	+ 2¼
Medtronic s	38 9-16	38	38½	— ⅜
Mobil	104	102	103 5-16	+ ¼
Monsanto	44 11-16	43¾	43 13-16	—13-16
MorganJP	132¼	130 11-16	130¼	—2 11-16
Motorola	121	117 7-16	120 9-16	+1 17-32
NCR Corp	33 3-16	32¼	33	+ 1-16
Navistar	38	37½	38	+ 5-16
Penney JC	22 9-16	22	22¾	+11-16
PepBoys	9 9-16	9 5-16	9¼	+ ¼
PepsiCo	34 15-16	34 1-16	34¼	— ¼
PhelpDodge	52½	51¼	51 7-16	— ¼
PhilipPet	48	47 7-16	48	+ ¼
PilgrmPrd B	7 9-16	7 7-16	7½	
Polaroid	19 7-16	18½	18¼	— 7-16
Praxair	44 7-16	44 1-16	44 3-16	— ⅛
ProctGamb	112½	110¼	110 11-16	— 2 5-16
PubSNwMx	16¼	16	16	— ⅜
ReliantEngy	24¼	23¾	23 13-16	— ½
RoyalDut	60¾	59 5-16	59¼	—1 5-16
SBC Comm	52¼	51 7-16	51 15-16	— 1-16
SaraLee s	24 1-16	23½	23 9-16	— ¼
Scripps EW	47 5-16	47¼	47 5-16	+ 1-16
SearsRoeb	31 7-16	30¾	31¼	+ 3-16
SherwinW	21¼	20 15-16	21¼	— 3-16
SmithklBchm	68½	67 13-16	68 1-16	+ 7-16
SouthernCo	23¾	22¾	22¾	—13-16
SwstAirl s	16½	16 3-16	16¼	
SprintFON s	72¼	72 5-16	72 11-16	— ⅜
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UnCarbde	61½	59¾	59¾	— ¼
UnionPacif	48¾	47¾	47¾	—13-16
UnitedTech s	55 11-16	55	55½	+ ¼
Unocal	33¼	32¾	33¼	—1 1-16
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WalMart s	58 15-16	58	58½	+75-256
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Xerox Cp s	28¾	27 13-16	27 15-16	— ¼

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Elder care can cut into pay increases

BOSTON (AP) — Time spent looking after an elderly relative can hurt a caregiver's career and pocketbook, according to a study released today.

The study, conducted by the National Center for Women and Aging at Brandeis University and the National Alliance for Caregivers, found that two-thirds of people who act as caregivers had to pass up such gains as promotions, pay raises, training opportunities and pension benefits.

But caregiving also satisfied a sense of family duty and love.

"People tell of stresses they feel but none of them sound angry because many expected the obligation and see it as a private matter," said Dr. Phyllis Mutschler, executive director of the National Center for Women and Aging. "But people are also saying, 'I can't be effective at work.'"

The study centered on 55 people who spent more than eight hours per week providing unpaid care.

Among the 30 subjects who could provide detailed financial information, the average loss over a lifetime was $659,139 in wages, pension and Social Security benefits, the study found.

The project's participants came from a 1997 study of 1,509 people which found that 1 in 4 families had at least one member who had provided care for an elderly relative or friend in the past year.

The 55 subjects were all over age 45 and had provided either physical or administrative care for a parent, spouses, sibling or friend for an average of eight years.

The respondents reported making frequent work sacrifices, both large and small.

Sixty-nine percent reported arriving late or leaving work earlier than normal. Sixty-seven percent reported taking time off during the day to attend to an elderly dependent.

Sixty-four percent of respondents said they used sick days or vacation time for caregiving duties. Twenty-two percent said they took a leave of absence, and 20 percent reduced their career from full- to part-time. Sixteen percent quit their jobs, and 13 percent retired early to devote more time to an elderly person.

Some said caregiving affected their ability to advance at work.

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Today is the 333rd day of 1999 and the 68th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1872, Horace Greeley died, just three weeks after losing the presidential election to U.S. Grant.

On this day in 1961, a chimpanzee named Enos was launched into Earth orbit aboard a Mercury-Atlas V rocket that took off from Cape Canaveral.

On this day in 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned in a boating accident near Santa Catalina Island, in California.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gaetano Donizetti (1797-1848), composer; Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888), writer; Busby Berkeley (1895-1976), director; C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), writer; Adam Clayton Powell (1908-1972), politician-minister; Madeleine L'Engle (1918-), writer, is 81; Chuck Mangione (1940-), musician, is 59; Garry Shandling (1950-), comedian, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1890, in the first Army-Navy football game, Navy defeated army 24-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been." — Madeleine L'Engle

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

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Live Christmas tree industry likely to boom despite drought

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — Despite a summertime drought, Virginia's cut-your-own Christmas tree industry is expecting a multi-million dollar boom this season.

Growers around the state are already reporting brisk sales since tree farms opened over the weekend.

"I had some people come out before Thanksgiving wanting trees," said Willard Hamill, owner of Hamill Christmas Tree Farm in Roanoke. "Stores are starting to put up Christmas decorations right after Halloween. That puts people in the holiday spirit earlier than usual."

Matt Reynolds, a grower in Moseley, sold about a dozen trees last week. "People seem really anxious to get them up and decorated," Reynolds said.

According to legend, the Christmas tree was introduced to America in Virginia in 1842, when Charles Minnigrode began decorating trees in Williamsburg. Now, more than a million trees are harvested each year in the state.

The busiest time for growers typically is the weekend after Thanksgiving and the first weekend in December. But families seem to be getting an earlier start because of the cut-your-own Christmas tree trend, said Tom O'Halloran, president of the Virginia Christmas Tree Growers Association and owner of Glengary Tree Farm in Culpeper.

He said the state's cut-your-own Christmas tree industry is expected to bring in about $34 million this year — up from $20 million last year.

Growers also attribute the increase in sales to environmental concerns which may prompt some families to make the switch from artificial trees to real trees. Artificial trees are petroleum-based and are not biodegradable.

"Besides, it's more fun for families to walk around a farm, pick out what they like and take it home," said Ronald Skewes, who operates a tree farm in Nokesville. "They bring their video recorders and really make a family outing of it."

Growers say Virginia's trees look good this year despite a third straight dry season. A summertime drought that hit Virginia may mean some trees won't be as green as they normally would, O'Halloran said.

The hardest hit will be the seedlings planted this spring, which may be smaller when they are ready for harvest in about eight years, the time needed to grow a 7- to 8-foot Christmas tree.

11-year-old speeder arrested in Georgia

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (AP) — An 11-year-old boy was arrested Saturday after police chased him in a stolen car at speeds of more than 100 mph.

The boy, whose name was withheld because of his age, was charged with several traffic violations and forgery because he had a counterfeit $100 bill, police said.

"We've never seen anything like this before with someone this young," police spokesman Chris Lagerbloom said.

It started when police tried to stop a reckless driver traveling south on Georgia 400, a major freeway connecting Atlanta with its northern suburbs.

"When they attempted to stop him, he sped off," Lagerbloom said. "He topped out at about 110 miles an hour."

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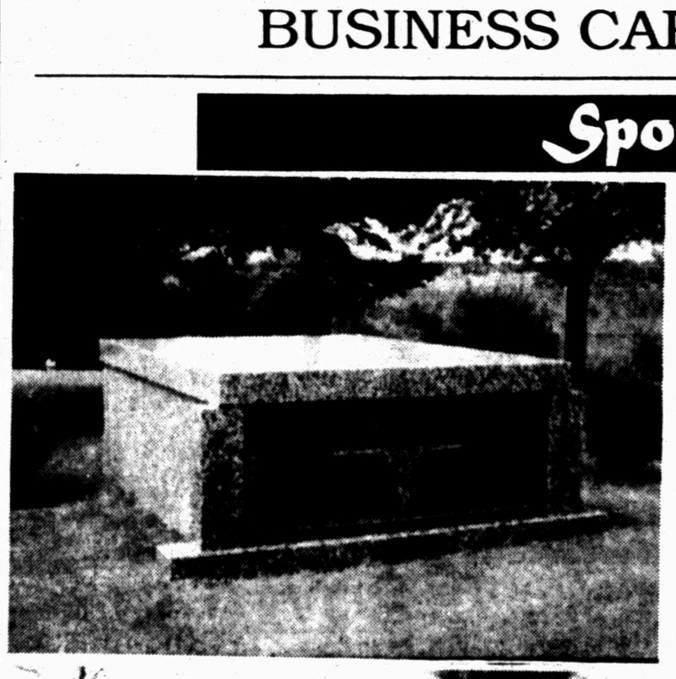

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Michael Fortier's parents living a nightmare

DALLAS (AP) — All parents wonder "what if," but not maybe like the parents of Michael Fortier. Paul and Irene Fortier live everyday with one huge "what if" hovering over their lives.

What if their youngest son Michael had told authorities about his former Army buddy's plot to bomb the Alfred P. Murrah federal building in Oklahoma City. Would the 168 people who died in the bombing be alive and well?

The couple even came close to suicide after Michael testified as the government's main witness and pleaded guilty to knowing about Timothy McVeigh's plan. Michael was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

The dark thoughts and tears have been fought off with prayers and therapy.

"It gives me guilt, because I put him in this world," Irene Fortier told The Dallas Morning News for Sunday editions. "It makes me feel like it's my fault that all these people are dead and there's all this destruction. You still ask why. Why didn't he say something? Somebody tell me why he didn't say something."

The Fortiers, of Kingman, Ariz., told the Morning News that in many ways they were sentenced to a lifetime of anguish. One of their five children from their 38-year marriage made a poor choice that has ruined his lives and the lives of countless others.

"We got old," Paul Fortier said of the 55 months which he and his wife say is more like 55 years. "We used to do things together. Now, the only vacation we get, we go see Michael."

The Fortiers spoke to the newspaper of their love for their son and their bewilderment at his past drug use and antigovernment feelings. They talked of their fears for his future and his children and their pain for the victims and survivors of Oklahoma City.

The couple worked hard to be good parents to their five children. They took them to Mass every week, enrolled them in religious education classes and tried to teach them right from wrong.

The Fortiers describe Michael's childhood as uneventful and normal. But they noticed that Michael changed after a stint in the Army.

"Bitter, moody, jumpy all the time — I noticed it," Mr. Fortier said. "It just kept snowballing and it was worse when McVeigh came around."

The couple says they were shaken by the bombing and seeing McVeigh led out of the Noble County Courthouse in Perry, Okla. in handcuffs and wearing an orange jumpsuit.

The FBI showed up at their door a couple of days later. They were asking about Michael's relationship with McVeigh and the nightmare began.

"I felt like I was living in a fantasy world — like nothing was real around me," said Mr. Fortier.

Mrs. Fortier coped by turning to prayer. She said she has prayed more in the last four years than she's prayed in her whole life.

The couple moved four times around Kingman within the year after the bombing. They thought about leaving the area of 13,000 people, but decided there was no reason to do that, since they had done nothing wrong.

And they continued to work at their jobs, Paul as a forklift driver and Irene as a factory worker.

But they say everywhere they go, they're treated like pariahs.

Mrs. Fortier relates a story of making an appointment with her company's counselor, hoping therapy would help her cope.

"The first thing that man says to me, he looks at my name and says, 'Fortier? Are you related to the famous Fortier? Or should I say the infamous Fortier?' "

The Fortiers says their true friends have stuck by them and their family continues to be strong.

They are concerned about their son's life after prison, and have thought about the possibility that he might enter the federal witness protection program after his release.

But what they'd really like to do is talk to their son and have him tell them the whole story from the beginning.

"We want to know everything," said Mrs. Fortier. "We have a right to know."

Mrs. Fortier said she wrote a letter to McVeigh to urge him to explain to the people of Oklahoma City what went through his mind.

"I told him that he needs to explain to people," she said. "People need to know. You can't just do something like that and not say you're sorry or at least say something."

She said McVeigh responded to her letter, sending a hand-printed postcard thanking her for writing. He said he was working on her suggestion.

And although she says she doesn't hate McVeigh, but wants to know, why Michael?

"Somehow, Tim, after the incident at Waco, you came to Kingman to find Michael," she wrote to McVeigh. "I have asked myself this question so many times, why Michael? Was he a person who was easily influenced, a vulnerable guy you had known in the service. Out of all the people you had met, why Michael?"

Police say unskilled robbers committing slew of robberies

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Authorities believe the city's newest bank robber is more brazen than bright.

A man in his 30s wearing a baseball cap and sunglasses entered a Bank One branch on Saturday. Appearing to brandish a gun, he demanded cash from three tellers and fled with a bag of money.

Police found a toy gun in a nearby grocery parking lot, and they believe that was the robber's weapon.

While Saturday's robber is free — so far — authorities cite a list of inept local bank robbers who haven't been so fortunate.

Gerald Wayne Atkinson, a drifter from Illinois, was convicted last month of unarmed robbery and attempted robbery in San Antonio and sentenced to 57 months in jail.

Police say Atkinson walked into a bank in March and handed a receptionist a holdup note. The startled employee apologized, saying she didn't handle money. Atkinson snatched back his demand note and hurried out the door.

Atkinson showed up at a nearby bank a few hours later, waited in line and handed a teller his letter — a polite note, ending with "Thank you." He walked away with cash but was quickly captured by officers still investigating his botched first job.

Karlton Halbert may be San Antonio's oldest serial robber, embarking on a 15-month crime spree at age 69.

The retired insurance agent was arrested in 1995 after trying to spend $300 in bills that had been tainted red by an exploding dye pack. Officers who searched Halbert's home found a hold-up note, more marked money and a wig that helped witnesses identify him.

"It wasn't very smart, that's for sure," the now 75-year-old grandfather of 10 told the San Antonio Express-News. He was released in May from a Fort Worth jail after serving a four-year sentence for unarmed bank robbery.

Hollywood sometimes portrays bank robbers as brilliant thieves who precisely carry out complicated schemes to outwit bankers and police. Experts say reality is much different — that many robbers act impulsively and are often unarmed.

"Usually it's just an opportunity that presents itself — people just wanting some quick money," said Lt. Michael Akeroyd of the San Antonio police department's bank robbery unit. "They may be temporarily unemployed, trying to impress a girlfriend or strung out on drugs."

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

How much exercise is enough?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 51 and work hard 8 hours a day in a mill. My wife and I walk on weekends. Does this activity meet the exercise requirements for good health?

DEAR READER: In all likelihood, yes, but without following you around and watching what you do, I cannot necessarily conclude that your pattern of exercise is healthful. Moreover, there is no universally accepted "exercise requirement" for adults. In fact, experts are divided about how much physical activity is appropriate for middle-aged adults. Recent studies have shown beneficial effects from merely walking briskly for 30 minutes a day, five or six days a week.

The combination of weekend walking and weekday physical labor is probably giving you all the strenuous activity you need. The key point may well be: Are you tired at the end of the day?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Last year, my gynecologist diagnosed cervical stenosis. Last week, my urologist told me that my urethra is narrowing. What's going on? I'm 64.

DEAR READER: Cervical stenosis means that the opening through your cervix into the uterus has become smaller. This is a common event in post-menopausal women and does not affect health in any way. An additional consequence of menopause is narrowing and loss of elasticity of the urethra, the tube leading from your bladder. Urethral stenosis can cause difficulty in voiding, incontinence and repeated urinary infections. It is usually treated by dilation or stretching.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Menopause." 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: What causes build-up of wax in the ears? Are commercial ear-wash products safe to use?

DEAR READER: Cerumen (ear wax) has a useful function (to protect the sensitive ear drums from injury). Nonetheless, it does tend to accumulate in some people to the extent that it affects hearing and must be removed. Wax build-up is due both to the nature of the wax — hard or gummy — and the anatomy of the ear canals — angulated or straight. Also, excessive hair growth in the ear canals inhibits the natural drainage of cerumen.

When used according to the manufacturers' directions, commercial ear-wash products are safe and usually solve the problem of impacted ear wax. Check with your doctor first, however, to make sure there is no reason that you shouldn't use these products.

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DR. GOTT

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 11-29-99
♠ K Q 2
♥ ---
♦ J 5 4
♣ A K 9 7 5 4 2

West
♠ J 9 8
♥ A K 8 6 3
♦ 10 9 8
♣ 10 3

East
♠ 6
♥ 10 9 7 4 2
♦ K Q 7 6
♣ Q J 8

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

From paper to chips

By Phillip Alder

More and more computer bridge projects are being produced. So, this week, let's have a look at them. First is "Deep Finesse," which is written by William Bailey. It carries out double-dummy analyses of any number of cards. You type in a full or partial deal, then tell the machine who the declarer is, who has the lead, what is the strain of the contract (suit or no-trump), and how many tricks are needed. Very quickly you learn whether or not it is possible. If the goal is attainable, the cards that may successfully be led to the next trick are marked with a W, and those that won't work with an L.

Here is one of Bailey's example deals, dating from the 1930s. Can South make six spades after West leads a top heart? Remember that you may play by looking at all 52 cards.

Perhaps you know how to bid these hands; I don't! My only observation is that that South hand, with two aces and a good six-card suit, is a one-spade opening, not a weak two-spade bid.

After ruffing in the dummy, cash the ace-king of clubs, discarding a heart from hand. Ruff a low club with the spade ace, play a trump to the dummy, and lead a winning club, discarding your last heart. West may ruff and return a heart, but you ruff in hand, play a trump to dummy, which pulls West's final fang, and run the clubs in peace.

A free demo version of "Deep Finesse" is available for immediate download at www.deepfinesse.com. If you like what you see, it costs $45 to receive the full version.

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W. Somerset Maugham's novel, "Of Human Bondage," was published in 1915.

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2 _____ 3 _____

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NAME _____ **AGE** ____ **SEX** __

1 _____

2 _____ 3 _____

Child #3

NAME _____ **AGE** ____ **SEX** __

1 _____

2 _____ 3 _____

Child #4

NAME _____ **AGE** ____ **SEX** __

1 _____

2 _____ 3 _____

Child #5

NAME _____ **AGE** ____ **SEX** __

1 _____

2 _____ 3 _____

For families with more than 5 children, please attach a separate sheet of paper.)

Toys will be picked up from the Girl Scout Hut (2501 35th Street) on Thursday, December 23, 1999. Each family will be notified by phone of their pick up time, so please list a phone #. Only adults will be allowed to pick up toys. Please send all applications to: **TOYS FOR TOTS, c/o Judi Martin, 3106 Hill Avenue, Snyder, Texas 79549-3845. For more information, call 573-3525 or 573-6725. Applications will be accepted through Saturday, December 18, 1999.**

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Break-in delays start of WTO meeting

SEATTLE (AP) — The World Trade Organization's effort to launch a new round of global trade talks, the largest trade event ever held in the United States, could be shaping up as one of the biggest protest events as well. WTO critics are calling it the "Battle in Seattle."

Authorities were forced to delay for more than two hours the start of today's activities after an apparent attempted break-in at the convention center overnight.

Hundreds of reporters and delegates were kept waiting outside as the Secret Service conducted a second security sweep of the huge building. The center had been cleared of all reporters and delegates at 10 p.m. Sunday night for a planned check for bombs and the installation of metal detectors before the start of formal events today.

WTO spokesman Hans-Peter Werner said the Secret Service performed a second sweep in the early morning hours after someone had apparently tried to break into the building where negotiations among trade ministers from 135 nations will take place this week.

Before the formal opening of the WTO meeting on Tuesday, the WTO had planned a full day of discussions among more than 700 non-governmental organizations such as environmental groups and labor unions in an effort to reach out to groups that have been critical of WTO policies.

The WTO, the Geneva-based group that sets the rules for world trade, has become a magnet for hundreds of protest groups who see it as the embodiment of failings in the global economy ranging from environmental degradation to abuses of human and worker rights.

About a mile to the north of the convention center, four demonstrators scaled a giant construction crane today to hang a five-story banner protesting WTO policies on the environment.

Obituaries

Margarita Ayala

Marqarita Ayala

1912-1999

Margarita F. Ayala, 87, died this morning at Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ayala, born June 24, 1912 in Pearsall, was a homemaker and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

She married Augustine Ayala on Jan. 16, 1931 in San Antonio. He died on Feb. 28, 1977. She was also preceded in death by one sister.

Survivors include one daughter, Dolores Ayala of Snyder; one sister, Maria Ayala of San Antonio; two nieces, Lydia Martinez of Lubbock and Rachel Lara of Kerrville; one nephew, Rudy Duckworth Sr. of Snyder; and two great-nephews, Rudy Duckworth Jr. and Anthony Duckworth, both of Snyder.

Lillian McCollum

1902-1999

Funeral service for Lillian Ruth McCollum is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate.

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Forest Park Cemetery in Houston.

Mrs. McCollum, 97, died at 1:32 p.m. Sunday in Snyder Healthcare Center after a lengthy illness.

Born on Oct. 24, 1902 in Covington, she was the daughter of the late George and Cora Martin Hartley who lived in Scurry County.

She married William Hugh McCollum on Jan. 13, 1922 in Hill County. He died June 22, 1967.

Mrs. McCollum was a longtime resident of Houston and worked at Itasca Cotton Manufacturing Co. for a number of years. A member of the Church of Christ, she had been a resident of Snyder since 1992.

She was also preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

Mrs. McCollum is survived by a number of nieces and nephews, including Nona and Leroy Key and Jan and Lea Thomas, all of Snyder.

Charles Spence

1910-1999

PECOS – Charles T. Spence, the father of a Snyder resident, died Saturday, Nov. 27, at his home in Pecos.

A memorial service for Mr. Spence, 89, was set for 4 p.m. today in the Pecos Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Greer Willis officiating. Cremation was planned.

Born Aug. 12, 1910 in San Diego Calif., he was an U.S. Air Force veteran. A graduate of the College of Mines at El Paso (now UTEP), Mr. Spence had been a resident of Pecos since 1951. He was a retired farmer and a Presbyterian.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Spence of Pecos; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Jacalyn and Jeff Lowrance of Snyder, Elizabeth and Carley Carpenter of San Diego, Carolyn and Mike Tegeler of San Angelo and Mary Spence of London; a son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Yvonne Gunter of Garland; seven grandchildren, Courtney Lowrance, Brooke Lowrance, Taylor Lowrance, Kira Gunter, Alicia Gunter, Martin Gunter and Michal Tegeler.

The family suggests memorials to the Emmanuel Assembly of God Church, Box 1123 in Pecos, 79772; or to a favorite charity.

Edith Callaway

1910-1999

BROWNWOOD – Edith Callaway, the mother of Sharlot Stone of Gail, died Saturday, Nov. 27, in a Brownwood nursing home.

Funeral service for Mrs. Callaway, 89, were set for 10:30 a.m. today at the Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was to follow in Rocky Creek Cemetery.

Born in Mt. Vernon, she married Price Kimbrell in 1932. In 1985 she married H.A. "Ted" Callaway.

A former resident of Lamesa, she had worked at Furr's, J.C. Penney and the Klondike school cafeteria.

Survivors include her husband, Ted Callaway of Lake Brownwood; another daughter, Sherry Everts of Hutchinson; two stepsons, Jerry Callaway of Brownwood and Dan Callaway of Pflugerville; two sisters, Ruby Harris of Granbury and Helen Hodges of Cotulla; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Felony drug charges send woman to jail

Snyder police officers arrested a 37-year-old female late Saturday night for the manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance.

Frances Medrano Silva of 413 33rd was taken into custody at 10:59 p.m. in the 4100 block of College Avenue.

She was in possession of more than one gram, but less than four grams of a substance believed to be cocaine. Officers said the substance will be sent to a laboratory for confirmation.

Silva was also charged with possession of marijuana.

Eight other subjects were jailed over the weekend.

At 3:45 p.m. Saturday, officers took a 42-year-old male into custody in the 1900 block of Kings Highway for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

Possession of drug paraphernalia sent a 19-year-old man to jail Saturday. Officers arrested him in the 900 block of 23rd Street at 5:59 p.m.

A 41-year-old female was taken into custody by officers at 8:56 p.m. Saturday in the 1300 block of 19th Street on a warrant for public intoxication.

At 12:36 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 21-year-old subject in the 2300 block of Avenue J for public intoxication.

A 19-year-old male was arrested at 12:52 a.m. Sunday in the 900 block of 21st Street for disorderly conduct/fighting.

Driving while license suspended resulted in the arrest of a 39-year-old male at 10:13 a.m. Sunday. Department of Public Safety troopers arrested him at U.S. Hwy. 84 milepost 428.

A 37-year-old male was booked into jail at 10:17 a.m. Sunday on a Taylor County warrant for theft.

DPS troopers arrested a 24-year-old male at 12:31 p.m. at U.S. Hwy. 84 milepost 420 on a Parmer County warrant for speeding.

Numerous offense reports were filed over the weekend.

Eva Fuentez of 1404 7th Street notified officers at 7:37 a.m. that her vehicle's tire had been cut and her screen door had been torn. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

At 10:38 a.m. Saturday, Carol Gulseth reported damage to several rental properties in the 2000 block of 26th Street. An offense report for Class A criminal mischief was filed.

An offense report for Class B theft was submitted Saturday in reference to the theft of a 10-month-old pit bulldog. Roy Gutierrez reported the incident at 3:41 p.m. from 115 Browning.

A clerk with Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive reported a gas drive-off in the amount of $16 at 4:21 p.m. Saturday. An offense report for Class C theft was filed.

At 5:36 p.m. Sunday, officers filed an offense report for Class B criminal mischief in reference to a subject breaking the back glass of a vehicle owned by Kelly Gonzales.

Penny Mayes of 323 24th Street reported a stolen bicycle at 10:52 p.m. Sunday.

Officers worked a two-vehicle accident at 12:17 p.m. Saturday at the intersection of 25th Street and Avenue E. Involved were a 1988 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Luis Mendoza Macias, 50, of Post and a 1999 Dodge pickup driven by Daniel Glen Holley, 23, of 314 20th Street.

11 injured in sword attack

LONDON (AP) — Worshippers returned today to pray at a Catholic church where a naked man wielding a 3-foot sword went on a rampage during a Mass, injuring 11 people before being tackled near the altar.

Eden Strang, 26, was charged Monday with one count of attempted murder in connection with the attack at the suburban south London church. Eight people remained hospitalized, including one with critical injuries.

Scotland Yard said it knew of no motive for Sunday's attack at St. Andrew's Church in Thornton Heath, other than that the suspect was allegedly suffering from "severe depression."

"At this moment, there isn't need for a lot of words. Silence is all we can offer — silence and prayers," Father John O'Toole told Britain's GMTV today after saying a morning Mass for about 100 people.

Many who attended the service left the church in tears and were consoled on the outside steps by priests.

The attack took place Sunday as about 300 parishioners were singing.

Witnesses said the man burst into the congregation, lashing out at people with a gold and silver sword. The elderly and those who were too slow or stunned to get out of the man's way took the brunt of the attack.

Births

Troy and Kristi Menix of Snyder are parents of a daughter born in Cogdell Memorial Hospital at 12:05 a.m. on Nov. 28. She weighed seven pounds, 11 ½ ounces.

Nora Hernandez of Snyder announces the birth of her son at 10:55 a.m. on Nov. 26 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed six pounds, five ounces.

Freda McKnight of Snyder announces the birth of her six-pound, 14-ounce son. He was born at 1:15 a.m. on Nov. 27 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Nov. 26-Nora Hernandez, Freda McKnight, Joe Trice; Nov. 27- Jessie Leyva, Kristi Menix; Nov. 28-Rudolph Norwood of Dunn, JoAnne Ritchie, Leoda Wright, Margarita Fuentes, Jessica Odom of Ira and Stephanie Ruiz.

DISMISSALS: Nov. 26-Vallie Forman; Nov. 27-Nora Hernandez and baby boy; Nov. 28-Jessie Leyva.

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ONGOINGS

Northeast family night out

Northeast Elementary will hold its family night out from 6-8:30 this evening at the Rusty Spur Café at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Bring your coupons.

Choir Poinsettia sale

Poinsettia plants sold by SHS choir have arrived and they will be available for pickup or delivery during the week.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 this evening are "The Salt of the Earth," followed by "Why Did Jesus Come?"

Genealogy meeting

The Scurry County Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Anyone interested in genealogy is welcome.

Basketball parents meeting

Varsity and JV boys basketball parents will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the SHS student center.

Ira picture retakes

Picture retake day for Ira School will be Tuesday for anyone who was not photographed in September or anyone wanting to get another package made. Also, pictures will be taken for the basketball teams as well as class favorites (grades 9-12), junior FFA, NHS, Student Council, high school FFA, FHA, and FCA.

Tiger's Lair senior dedications

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

Girls softball boosters

Girls softball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the West Elementary cafeteria.

Rotary Christmas dinner

Members and spouses of the Snyder Rotary Club will have a Christmas dinner and party at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. To make reservations call 573-6963 or 573-0187 by today.

Auxiliary Discovery Toys show

The Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor a Discovery Toys show from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday in the hospital board room.

Christmas open house

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

Faith Baptist Church anniversary

Faith Baptist Church will have 30th anniversary services Sunday. Services will be at 10 and 10:50 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. Chris Boatman of Aransas Pass will preach and singing will be presented by the Alton Wiedel family of Fort Worth.

Quilting Club

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

Library extends hours

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

WTC planetarium open

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

Road to Recovery program

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

WTC nursing program

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

Support groups

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

Pick 3

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

2-0-1

(two, zero, one)

Lotto Texas

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

The jackpot was an estimated $10 million. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 13, 24, 26, 31, 39 and 49.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $13 million.