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Home of Jim Shearer

Up to 320 electrical generating turbines planned...

Borden County banking on wind

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Recognizing the ups and downs of income derived from the oil industry, Borden County commissioners' court has quietly put wheels — or blades — in motion to ensure the long-term financial stability of the county.

Cielo Wind Power of Austin has secured leases along the Caprock in the northwest portion of Borden County where plans are rapidly taking place to locate 250 to 320 wind turbines.

"We've hit a home run," said County Judge Van York. "With the oil values going down, we needed to do something to secure the future for this county and its citizens and we believe this is it."

Borden County rancher Ralph Miller has leased land for the wind turbines and he is as excited as county officials about the long-term benefits for Borden County.

"Just think about what this project will do for Borden County," Miller said as he stood next to a monitoring tower on top of the Caprock.

This slim tower is recording wind direction and speed and is checked once a week by Cielo employees from San Angelo.

"This tower will be dwarfed by the wind turbines," said Miller. "Each of those towers will be 250-feet high and their blades are 160-feet long."

The elevation where the turbines will be placed is 2,900 feet above sea level and is only 15-feet below the elevation of Lubbock.

The planned project is designed to generate 300 megawatts, and as a comparison, the Lubbock Power and Light generating station on the Slaton Highway generates 250 megawatts, added Miller.

The electricity generated will be transmitted to a TXU site between Snyder and Gail, and eventually sent into the electrical network.

"The electricity that will be generated right here has already been contracted for by the city of Austin," Miller noted.

He said the project would eventually add $300 million to the tax base of Borden County that now stands at $200 million.

Other landowners who have leased land to Cielo include Martin Parks, Jennie Smith, Steve Beavers and Bob Jordan.

In order to attract the company to Borden County, the commissioners' court did what most entities have to do to attract new industry — grant tax abatements.

"The county granted Cielo a 10-year tax abatement, but we will receive $50,000 per year for the 10 years and then the turbines will go on the rolls at their taxable value," Judge York said.

The county granted the abatement in increments of 80 units each and each of the four increments will stand alone in the tax abatement process, Judge York said.

"If 80 turbines go on line one year and then 80 the next, we'll reap $50,000 per year from each 80 units," said the judge.

As part of the process, the county declared a 40-section area as a reinvestment zone.

President of Cielo, Walter Hornaday of Austin, said a time line has not been pinpointed to begin construction.

"We're not ready to announce the construction time line just yet as there are still numerous loose ends to tie up."

Hornaday said the project is good news not only for Borden County, but neighboring counties as well.

"We just completed a project in the Panhandle that employed 250 people at the peak construction time."

Hornaday added the Panhandle project now employs about 10 people to operate the project, and they are mostly local residents.

The Borden County project is expected to employ 300 at the peak construction period, and one person for every eight units when in operation.

Hornaday was very complimentary of the Borden County officials and the community as a whole in working with Cielo.

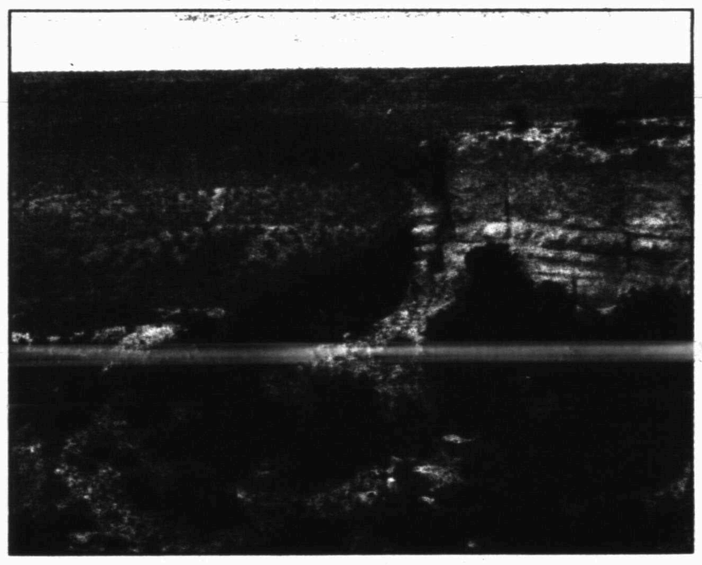
"Without the support of the officials and community members in Borden County, we would not be able to develop the project," said Hornaday.

Cielo has projects in other areas of Texas, including one on King Mountain near McCamey that is billed as the world's largest wind power project.

Other completed company projects are near Pecos, El Paso, Ozona and White Deer.

Miller added that the project in Borden County has involved numerous environmental studies. "You can't imagine the environmental studies that are conducted before a project like this gets underway.

"Everyone wants to make sure it is environmentally sound, and that no archeological spots are disturbed," he said.



CHECKING IT OUT – Cielo employees Bryan Molder, left, and Jason Menefee check out information generated from a test tower on the Caprock in Borden County. The wind turbine company has plans to build up to 320 turbines in Borden County at a cost of $1 million each. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "You have to wonder how many mail-order catalogues you'd get if you'd actually bought anything from 'em.

The advertising folks are telling you to hurry, there's not much buying time left.

The only holiday gift book that doesn't come to our house is Neiman Marcus. Guess they know they're out of our price range.

But it is interesting to look, and Snyder's Ann Smartt always shares her copy with us.

The most expensive gift in this year's Neiman Marcus Christmas book is a collection of Andy Warhold portraits, and the collector who offered them for $3 million says he doesn't care if they go unsold in these troubled economic times.

A Seattle investment banker who commissioned the portraits in 1978 said he has three other sets that he will give to his children."If this one doesn't sell, I can have another child."

It might be cheaper to give 'em away.

Even if the portraits don't end up under someone's tree, the exclusive retailer is confident that other gifts in the 76th annual holiday gift book will be in Santa's bag.

This season's book has about 500 gifts. Among the standouts, for a mere $7,500, is a His and Hers offer to become the first action figures in town. The 6-inch life-like figures can be an exact replica of your current shape. Or if you like, you can have custom-made abs of steel.

Another novel item is your very own Marcus private jet card. For only $190,000, you can enjoy 25 hours flying time in a seven-seater Cessna Citation V Ultra. Or you can upgrade, for $299,000, for 25 hours in a Gulfstream IV-SP that carries up to 13.

Other unique gifts are Burberry London taxis for $58,900 each; a $160,000 tour for six people to distilleries in Scotland; a $550,000 diamond collar; and a $15,000 Balinese hut made of bamboo.

There's a yacht for $258,500 and a limited edition Cadillac for $85,000.

For pet lovers suggested gifts include a $95,000 plaid dog jacket, a $90 collar, a $135 leash or a dog bowl for fifty bucks.

We think we'll just sit out some cheese and let Santa work his own magic.

Area students inch toward semester end

Area college students are down to the wire with just a few days of school left this semester and students will have plenty of time to recuperate over the extended break.

Final exams begin Monday at Western Texas College and the campus will shut down for the Christmas break Friday.

Dormitories will close at 10 a.m. Friday, to re-open Sunday, Jan. 12.

Campus employees also will enjoy an extended holiday, as offices will close at 3 p.m. Friday. The campus will re-open Jan. 6.

Registration for spring semester classes begins Jan. 13 and classes get back underway Jan. 15.

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh public school students also will get several days off for the holidays, dismissing students Friday, Dec. 20.

Ira students head back to school Jan. 2, with teachers reporting a day earlier.

Hermleigh students will hit the books Jan. 6. Teachers report back for in-service Jan. 3.

Snyder students report to class Jan. 7 with teachers on campus a day earlier for a workday.

Christmas parade shines again

The annual lighted Christmas parade begins at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, with entrants lining up at 6.

The parade, a holiday tradition in Snyder, will originate at Snyder Shopping Center and continue north to the square.

The first place float will be rewarded with a $100 prize. Second and third places are worth $75 and $50 respectively.

Donna Fowler, chamber manager, said organizations that decide to participate are welcome to "just show up" as the parade begins lining up.

Santa Claus also will make an appearance before the parade. The jolly old fellow will be at the courthouse gazebo from 4-6 p.m.

High-speed chase nets man six years in prison

A minor traffic violation that resulted in a high-speed chase has landed an Amarillo man in prison.

Joseph Erik Bean, 27, pleaded guilty Thursday in 132nd District Court to a charge of evading arrest.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Bean to serve six years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The chase began at 2:36 a.m. on Oct. 1 when Snyder police officer Kyle Burleson tried to stop Bean whose 1994 Chevrolet pickup ran a red light at 25th Street and College Ave. Bean went through another red light at 37th Street and two other officers joined in the pursuit.

At speeds up to 80 miles per hour, the chase ended in Howard County after officers used spike strips to flatten the tires on the pickup.

Police were baffled as to why the driver tried to avoid officers as there were no outstanding warrants on Bean.

In other district court action, 50-year-old Emma Salazar Salgado of Sweetwater will serve six years in the TDCJ prison system following a guilty plea for a June 2 charge of felony driving while intoxicated, a fourth DWI conviction.

Sherlyn Timora, 49, of 1061½ Graves Drive, pleaded guilty to a March 30 charge of forgery.

Timora was sentenced to two years in a state jail facility, probated for five years. She also was fined $750 and ordered to make $8,423 in restitution to Victor and Irene Beinhauer of Hermleigh.

City employees are recognized at annual fest

Eleven city employees and a retiree were honored Thursday night at the city's annual awards dinner.

Bobby Hataway, who has retired, and Jerry Parker, who has 25 years of service, were honored.

Receiving recognition for 20 years of service were Kevin Fritz, Kyle Cox, Darrell Callahan and Darrell Craig.

Honored for 15 years of service was Vic Frausto. Recognized for 10 years were Anson Luna, Terry Luecke and David Holley.

Krista Abell and Tony Guerra were recognized for five years of employment.

Civil suit will get underway in district court

A civil trial resulting from an accident inside Snyder's United Supermarket is scheduled to begin Monday in 132nd District Court.

Maggie Yruegas of Abilene is plaintiff in a suit filed against Bell Dairy Products Inc., Bell Gandys, Bell Dairy, Dean Foods, all of Lubbock, and Joe Ramos of Abilene.

The suit claims that the defendants were negligent when a pallet of milk was dropped, striking and injuring Yruegas. The incident occurred Oct. 4, 1999.

A jury panel of 110 has been called for 8:30 a.m. Monday in District Judge Ernie Armstrong's court.

Plaintiff's attorney is Victor M. Torres of Midland and defense attorney is James L. Gorsuch of Abilene.

ASK US

Q—Who is responsible for maintenance on College Ave.?
A—The state, which plans to rebuild it in the spring.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Dee A. Carr...

...is self employed, owning Diamond D Slickline. He and his wife, Georgina, have a son, Scott and two daughters, Charlene and Shannah. His hobbies include fishing, hunting and traveling. They have lived in Snyder 16 years.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk.

—Doug Larson

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Angel project

The angel project done for Carole Haynes is a continuing effort and anyone who has a decorated angel may drop it off at Stanfield Elementary.

Tigers Lair yearbook

Orders for 2002 Tigers Lair yearbooks are still being taken. The cost is $50 with additional options available. Call 574-6138 for information.

Community Services raffle

Scurry County Community Services is holding a drawing for a $75 gift certificate to United and $75 to Wal-Mart. Tickets are $1 and all proceeds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for children.

Santa's workshop at Dermott School

The Dermott School on the coliseum grounds will be open to the public until 4 p.m. Saturday with student artwork on display as well as student-made Christmas decorations. Santa's sleigh will be available for families to take pictures.

SISD choir concerts

The high school Christmas choir concert will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Worsham Auditorium. The junior high Christmas concert is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Worsham Auditorium.

Ham dinner

Hermleigh High Beta Club will host a ham dinner with all the trimmings from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday in the school cafeteria. Cost is $6 for adults and $3 for children 8 and under.

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

Child welfare board

A meeting of the Scurry County child welfare board will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Texas Department of Human Services conference room at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

AARP banquet

The AARP banquet is set for 5.30 p.m. Monday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Bring an unwrapped toy for Christmas for Kids 2002.

Evangelist to speak

Sam Soleyn, a radio and TV evangelist from Albuquerque, will speak at 7 p.m. Monday in Room A of the Scurry County Coliseum. For more information, call 573-1263.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Nicodemus: How a Man Comes to Jesus," followed by "Christians Use of the Old Testament."

Scurry County 4-H horse club

Scurry County 4-H horse club raffle tickets must be turned in at Tuesday's meeting. For more information, call Laura King at 574-1378.

Canned food drive

Snyder Oaks Care Center is having a canned food drive for Gateway Family Services that ends Tuesday. Bring canned goods to the care center.

Ira School picture retakes

Ira School picture retakes will be Tuesday for anyone absent on the first picture day, new students or those wanting to get a new picture made. Also to be taken will be high school and junior high basketball teams and individuals. Envelopes for retakes and basketball will be passed out on Monday. Other pictures to be taken include high school class favorites, FFA, junior FFA, FCA, FCCLA, student council, NHS and the Combo.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

FBC support groups

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

Hospice open house

Odyssey Healthcare Hospice staff and volunteers will have an open house from 4-6 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church garden room. Everyone is invited.

ARC garage sale

ARC will have a pre-Christmas garage sale from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Thursday at 2504 Ave. W.

Cookie dough delivery

Cookie dough ordered from SHS student publications will arrive Thursday and will be then be delivered as quickly as possible.

Choir trip planned

SHS choirs are planning a trip to Boston on Easter weekend, April 17-21. There are six available positions for anyone who wants to make the trip. For more information, call Ronda Haire, choir director, at 573-6301.

White Buffalo Festival T-shirts

White Buffalo T-shirts featuring a train are on sale at the Whistle Stop or the coliseum office for $7 each.

Trinity Bible study

A 10-week study, "Bad Girls of the Bible," begins Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Trinity United Methodist Church. Melissa Petty will lead the study and all women are invited to attend. To order a book or for more information call 573-3988.

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool, gym hours

The WTC pool and gym are now open Monday through Thursday. The gym is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The pool is available from 6:30 to 8 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 7 to 8:50 p.m. The gym closes at 4 p.m. on Friday and the pool is open only in the morning and at noon on Fridays. Memberships are $50 per semester or visits are $2. Contact Christy Cerecedes for information at 573-8511, ext. 290.

Donors get message to officials

WASHINGTON (AP) — Political party officials and the donors they solicit have routinely linked big contributions to government business, from merger approvals to meetings with top officials, according to previously sealed court documents that offer a window into the business of fund raising in Washington.

"As you recall in our conversation some weeks ago, you agreed to upgrade your Team 100 membership to the Regent program ($250,000) when the merger was approved," Republican Party fund-raiser Mel Sembler wrote in 2000 to the chief of the now-bankrupt Global Crossing telecommunications company, which had already given $100,000.

"Thankfully this has now been approved, so I am taking the liberty of enclosing an invoice for the additional upgrade," Sembler added in one of dozens of fund-raising memos the political parties turned over to a court hearing the first legal challenge of the nation's new campaign finance law.

The memos were submitted to the court under seal, but they were provided to The Associated Press and other news organizations Friday under an agreement between the national political parties and the lawmakers who sponsored the law.

The documents span from the Clinton years of the 1990s to the beginning of the Bush administration and detail how party officials often cater to donors and lace their pitches for money with promises of meetings with top officials.

"These documents show how the game is played in Washington, and you have to be able to pay to play," said Kent Cooper, co-founder of PoliticalMoneyLine, a nonpartisan Web site that tracks campaign finance, and a former Federal Election Commission official. "We expect these documents will trigger further investigations."

AP left messages Friday at the office of several of the people named in the documents seeking comment.

"Gave 100K last year and 20K this year. Ask her to give 80K more this year for lunch with Potus on Oct. 27th," said a 1995 memo for then-Democratic Party chairman Don Fowler, urging that prominent donor Denise Rich be solicited for money before attending a lunch with President Clinton.

SHS choir plans Madrigal Dinners

Be it now known:

That the time is nigh to bring in the joy and cheer of the Yuletide season.

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Snyder High School choirs' annual Christmas Madrigal Dinners. Highlights will include:

- The procession of singers through the hall.
- The hoisting of a sparkling toast from the wassail bowl.
- The procession of the litter bearers with the boar's head.
- The jousting of the knights.
- The quest of the jester and knights.
- The singing of the concert by the Royal Court.

The Madrigal Singers will create this event in the Grand Hall of the Snyder High School Student Center at 7:30 p.m. next Friday and Saturday.

Reservations may be made by calling 573-6301. The remittance may be mailed to Madrigal Tickets, SHS Choral Department, 2901 37th St, Snyder, Tex. 79549 or bring it to the high school office.

Tickets for the performance are $15 per person. There will be no refunds for unused tickets. Reserve tickets will be held until the day of performance. Tickets need to be purchased by Wednesday.

The doors of the Grand Hall will open at 7 p.m. Guests are requested to be seated before the opening processional with begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Ronda Haire, choir director, said, "The Madrigal Dinner will be a unique and exciting way to express to friends the memory of Christmas. We look forward to having you as our guest."

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James Justiss

Justiss completes AF basic training

Airman James Langford Justiss has completed basic training in the U.S. Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Justiss graduated from Snyder High School in 2000 and has attended Western Texas College.

He is the son of Barbara and Matt M. Arnett Jr. of Fluvanna and the grandson of Robert and Mary Langford.

Justiss is the brother of Jack Sherrod of Snyder and Farrah Young of Sour Lake. He is currently stationed at Port Hueneme, Calif., for specialty training.

Texas Tech presents four scholarships

The College of Human Sciences at Texas Tech University makes annual scholarship awards to qualified students.

During the 2001-2002 school year, the college awarded scholarships to 535 students totaling $430,700.

Vanessa Jones of Snyder received a $1,000 Lola M. Cone Scholarship. She is the daughter of Joe Dan and Linda Jones.

During the past school year, Jones was listed on the President's List for the fall 2001 semester. She is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and Gamma Beta Phi. She is also listed on the National Dean's List.

Jones is a senior majoring in early childhood.

Alesha Lynn Miller received a $500 C.J. Davidson Scholarship. She is a senior and is majoring in human development.

Joni LaNell Hembre Jones is also the recipient of a $500 C.J. Davidson Scholarship. A senior, Jones is majoring in human development and family studies with a psychology minor.

She has been listed on the President's List for every semester at the College of Human Sciences.

She has also been named to the Dean's List. She holds membership in several organizations including Phi Theta Kappa, Golden Key and the National Honor Society.

Kacie Beth Daves, daughter of Tom Daves and Leah Daves, has received a $1,000 C.J. Davidson Scholarship. A freshman, Daves is majoring in restaurant, hotel and institutional management.

She has been listed on the Dean's List and has received a Texas Tech University Scholars Scholarship.

Daves is a member of the student Red Raider Club and Alpha Sigma Beta (RHIM) Fraternity.

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

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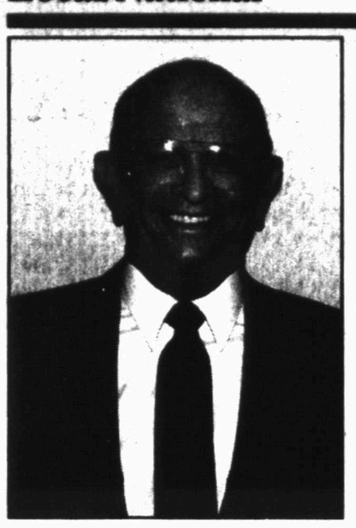

Marlin Terrell

Terrell attends TFB meeting

Marlin Terrell of Snyder represented Scurry County Farm Bureau at a recent Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) resolutions committee meeting held at the state headquarters in Waco.

Terrell and other delegates, including Kenneth Dierschke, vice president of TFB, considered almost 400 policy recommendations from county Farm Bureaus.

The committee was composed of three farmers or ranchers from each of TFB's 13 districts, plus the chairman of the Young Farmer and Rancher committee.

"The committee dealt with many proposals that are potentially controversial, but we feel the delegates have a clear picture of what the county farm bureaus want done by Farm Bureau next year," said Dierschke.

The resolutions will be presented at the organization's convention in Corpus Christi that begins Sunday and continues through Wednesday.

Among those resolutions are cost of living adjustments in government farm programs, opposition to a ban on packer ownership of livestock, and a strongly worded resolution calling on Mexico to honor the water treaty of 1944.

Other resolutions include a proposal to equalize tariffs on imports and exports, funding of federal disaster payments "off budget" without raiding the farm program, and seeking alternatives to property taxes for education funding.

Another is to allow local sales taxes for economic development to rise from a half-cent to one cent.

Resolutions passed in Corpus Christi will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation that meets in Tampa, Fla. in January.

Besides Terrell, others from this area attending the committee meeting were Jessie Hartman of Terry County, Wayne Crump of Crosby County and Winston Ohlhausen of Terry County.

Amarillo teacher pleads guilty to porn

AMARILLO (AP) — A former fourth grade teacher pleaded guilty in federal court in Amarillo on Friday to three counts of an indictment that charged him with child pornography crimes, U.S. Attorney Jane J. Boyle said in a news release.

Charles Alan Snooks, 31, of Sunray, pleaded guilty to one county of sexual exploitation of children, one count of receipt and distribution of child pornography, and one criminal forfeiture count.

He faces a maximum sentence of 35 years in prison, a $500,000 fine and could be ordered to pay restitution.

Snooks will be ordered to forfeit to the United States all computer equipment used in his crimes and any property or proceeds he obtained directly or indirectly as a result of his crimes.

Sentencing is expected in six to eight weeks.

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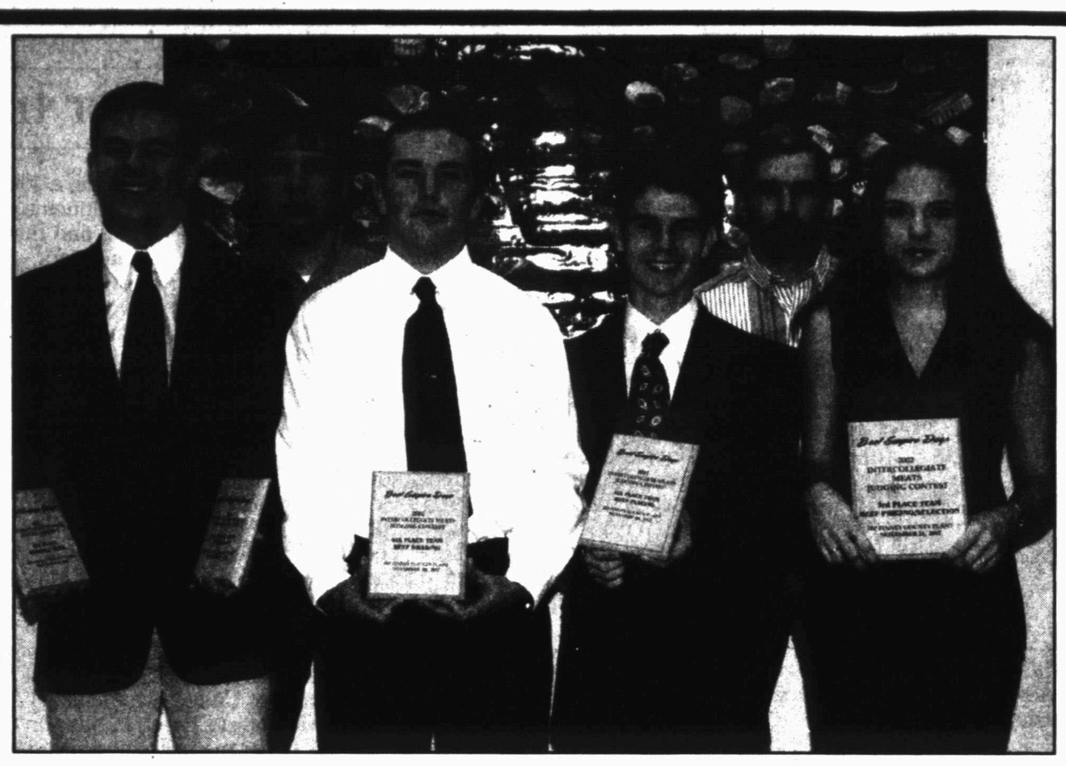

JUDGING TEAM — The Western Texas College meats judging team displays the plaques garnered at a recent competition in Garden City, Kan. Pictured from left are Nathan Shrode, Sam Schiwart, Jacob Harrison, Zach Wylie, Brodie Redwine and Becky Griffin. (SDN Staff Photo)

China tourism officials launch campaign to stop 'bad English'

BEIJING (AP) — Fed up with restaurants offering "fried pawns" and "bean eurd," Beijing tourism officials are launching a campaign to stamp out mangled English on menus and public signs, a state newspaper reported Friday.

"There are many 'Chinglish' words on road signs, public notices, menus and signs describing scenic spots, which often puzzle foreigners," the China Daily quoted Xiong Yumei, vice director of the Beijing Tourism Bureau, as saying.

The bureau has launched a six-month campaign to clean up English on signs at some 60 popular tourist spots, the China Daily said.

It includes a hotline for foreign visitors and the Chinese public to report mangled English, the newspaper said. A panel of experts will review the comments and make corrections.

City officials have been pushing hard to improve the quality of English spoken by people in the tourism industry as a way to attract visitors to Beijing. The China Daily said the city expects to get some 3 million foreign visitors this year.

In preparation for the 2008 Olympics, the city already has launched English classes for taxi drivers and police.

Yet public signs in Beijing still often feature jarring word-for-word translations of Chinese into English.

Some examples: "Collecting Money Toilet" for a public restroom, and "To take notice of safe, the slippery are very crafty" on a sign warning that roads are slippery.

Restaurant menus are fertile ground for indelicate misspellings.

"The soft-fried 'pawns' are a seafood without 'r' and the 'bean eurd' is, I presume, bean curd. It is surprising how many spelling mistakes can exist on a five-page English menu," Janet Clause, an Australian tourist, was quoted as saying in the newspaper.

Students at elite Peking University began a campaign last year to find and fix improper English on public signs.

"Linguistic perfection is becoming increasingly important with the rise in the number of foreigners flowing into the city," said Li Honghai, a city official in charge of promoting study of foreign languages by Beijing residents.

Senior Center Menu

Monday
Boneless BBQ ribs, creamed corn, mashed potatoes, pickled beets and onion, tropical apples

Tuesday
Braised pork chop w/gravy, seasoned fries, green beans, heavenly hash, sugar cookie

Wednesday
Hamburger steak w/bacon, scalloped potatoes, green peas, carrot raisin salad, fruited gelatin chiffon

Thursday
Chicken strips, southern fried okra, whole kernel corn, tossed salad, pineapple pudding

Friday
Fried fish, parslied potatoes, green bean casserole, macaroni salad, white cake w/strawberries

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A tomato is the fruit of the tomato plant. However, in 1887 the U.S. Supreme court ruled that tomatoes are vegetables because they are eaten as a principal part of a meal, rather than for dessert.

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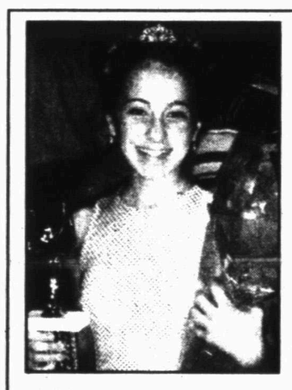

We would like to congratulate our daughter, Autumn Castillo, a 5th grader at Northeast Elementary, for being a State Finalist in the Young Miss of Texas Pageant held in Austin, Texas last weekend. We would also like to congratulate Autumn for winning 3rd place in the optional talent competition.

We are so proud of you, Autumn. We want you to know that you are a winner, not because of the trophies you have but because of the person that you are and the young lady you are becoming.

We Love You,
Dad, Mom and Lico

We want to thank the following family, friends and businesses who supported Autumn financially, emotionally, and spiritually. Without each and every one of you this awesome experience would not have been possible. May God bless you and your families.

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WTC meats judging team garners awards

The Western Texas College meats judging team competed Nov. 24 at the Beef Empire contest in Garden City, Kan., and brought home several team and individual awards.

The team placed third in pricing/selection, fourth in grading, fourth in placing and fifth in questioning.

Individually, Sam Schiwait of Robert Lee placed fifth in grading, seventh in placing and 12th overall.

Nathan Shrode of Colorado City took eighth place in quality grading. Zach Wylie of Colorado City garnered the 11th place spot in placing.

Brodie Redwine of Colorado City took 10th place in quality grading. Becky Griffin of Tularosa, N.M., placed 13th in pricing and Jacob Harrison of Wink finished 13th in carcass selection.

Sixty contestants from six states competed.

Margulies, Clooney team up again on TV

BEVERLY HILLS, Ca. (AP) — Nurse Carol Hathaway and Dr. Doug Ross — together again.

Julianna Margulies and George Clooney, former co-stars on NBC's "ER," are scheduled to appear on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" Monday night, Margulies told reporters recently.

But don't expect any "ER" skits.

"My fear would be if anything that he would pull some sort of prank," said the 35-year-old actress, referring to Clooney.

Clooney left the medical drama in 1999; Margulies departed the following year. Both have pursued film careers.

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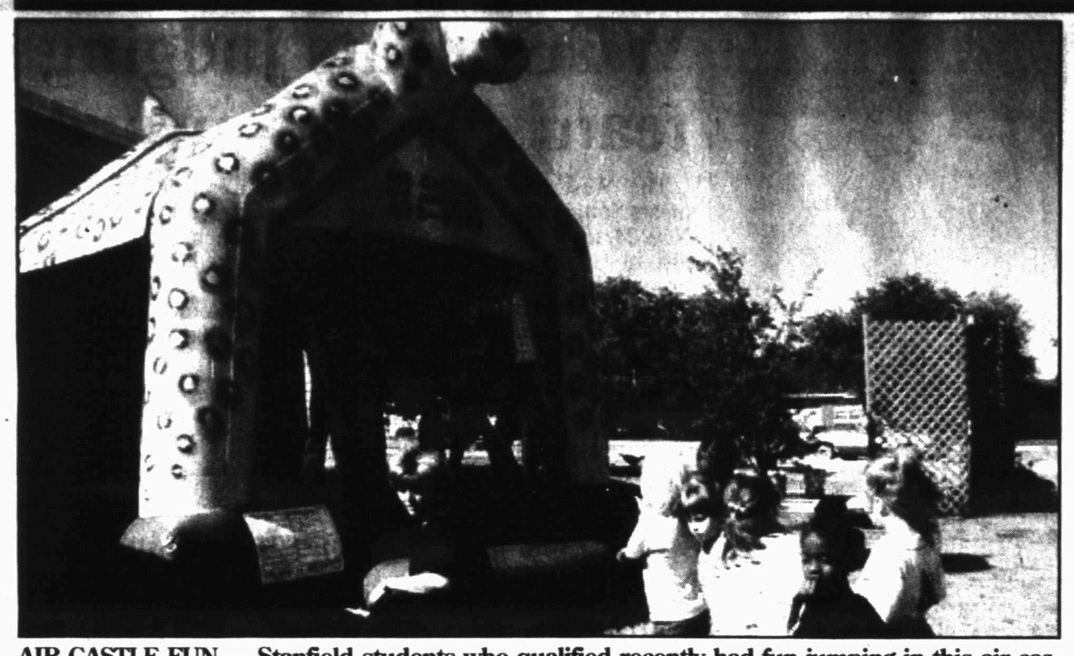

AIR CASTLE FUN — Stanfield students who qualified recently had fun jumping in this air castle. The treat was an incentive for selling cookie dough. Jill Porter, physical education instructor, monitored the students as they jumped. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Ryder avoids time in jail

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Winona Ryder was ordered to perform 480 hours of community service as part of her probationary term for stealing thousands of dollars worth of merchandise from a Saks Fifth Avenue store and also received a stern warning from the judge.

"If you steal again you will go to jail," Superior Court Judge Elden Fox told the actress, who appeared solemn and acknowledged the warning.

"What is of concern to me," the judge said, "is you have been unable and have refused to accept personal responsibility for what happened."

Ryder was sentenced Friday to 36 months of probation and was ordered to undergo psychological and drug counseling.

Whatever happend to...

Cathey Cypert Clarke, a 1981 graduate of Snyder High School, continues a busy lifestyle as a wife and mother of two active daughters.

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Cathey Clarke
2002

Cathey, daughter of Jack and Kaye Cypert, played four years on the varsity tennis team at SHS. She is a 1984 graduate of Sul Ross State University with a BBA degree in office occupations. Cathey was in Who's Who in American College and Universities.

She and her husband, John Clarke, live in Sugar Land. John is currently working in Cabinda, Angola, Africa. Their daughters are Mallery, 11, and Madison, 7.

In addition to the busy schedule with her girls in dance and other activities, Cathey substitute teaches at the First United Methodist Church Day School. She is coordinator of the Children's' Education Council and is Sunday school superintendent. Cathey is a member of the United Methodist Women and also volunteers at the Methodist Church in Mission City.

Other memberships include the ballet Forte Guild and past vice president of the parent/teacher organization at her daughters' school.

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New Berkley mayor offers trashing apology

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Newly elected Mayor Tom Bates has apologized for an incident in which about 1,000 copies of a university newspaper endorsing his opponent were trashed the day before the election.

"I deeply regret my involvement in the activity. I was tired on the last day of a difficult campaign and I made a mistake. There's no excuse for it," Bates said Friday.

Bates, a former state assemblyman, won the Nov. 5 election with nearly 56 percent of the vote to incumbent Shirley Dean's 42 percent.

The copies of The Daily Californian were taken Nov. 4, the day the paper endorsed Dean. The student newspaper reported about 90 percent of the papers were recovered from trash cans in Berkeley's Sproul Plaza, known as the birthplace of the 1964 Free Speech Movement.

Campus police have forwarded the case to the district attorney's office, said UC Berkeley Police Capt. Bill Cooper. Prosecutor John Adams said he will decide what to do with it sometime next week.

"We're all kind of shocked," said junior Steve Sexton, one of four students who allege they saw Bates tossing the papers. "It causes us to question what he would do behind closed doors at City Hall."

The four students are affiliated with the California Patriot, a conservative campus publication. But Sexton said politics didn't play into their decision to come forward.

"We're a conservative student group. We're certainly not going to lie to help elect one liberal Democrat over another," he said.

City, county officials do battle over Nueces County courthouse

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A neglected county courthouse that has long been an eyesore for local residents has become a sore spot for city and county officials.

The city has begun boarding up windows and mowing the tall weeds at the 1914 Nueces County Courthouse after county officials failed to respond to a warning letter to take care of the place.

"I'm glad to know some kind of work has begun," Mayor Loyd Neal said. "It was an eyesore. There is not another building anywhere near the size of the courthouse, owned by a governmental entity, that is not properly taken care of."

The county-owned 1914 courthouse was determined in November to violate a city code that requires property owners to close off vacant buildings to prevent unauthorized access by vagrants and children.

The old courthouse also was found to be in violation of a vacant-building appearance code because tall weeds have been allowed to grow outside it.

The city sent a letter to the county Nov. 13, asking the county to address the violations.

When the November 28 deadline for county action passed, the city hired a private contractor to address the problems outlined in the letter, said John Kendall, the city's chief code enforcement officer.

"I never thought we (the county) would be targets for the city," County Commissioner Oscar Ortiz said in Saturday's editions of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "We want to work with the city of Corpus Christi.

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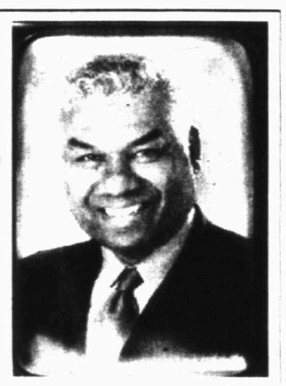

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Kubena inducted into honor society

Brooke Kubena of Hemleigh was one of 15 Texas Tech School of Pharmacy students initiated into the Gamma Mu Chapter of the Rho Chi Honor Society.

Ceremonies were held Nov. 16 at the school of pharmacy's Harrington Lecture Center in Amarillo.

The Rho Chi Society encourages and recognizes excellence in intellectual achievement and advocates critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy.

The Society further encourages high standards of conduct and character and fosters fellowship among its members.

The Society seeks universal recognition of its members as lifelong intellectual leaders in pharmacy, and as a community of scholars, to instill the desire to pursue intellectual excellence and critical inquiry to advance the profession.

Bishop completes Marine training

Marine Corps Pvt. Joseph E. Bishop, son of Vicky and John Rowland of Snyder, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Bishop successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Bishop is a 2002 graduate of Snyder High School.

Pendleton reports for Marine duty

Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Michael L. Pendleton, a 2002 graduate of Snyder High School, recently reported for duty with 6th Motor Transport Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, Lubbock.

He is the son of Forrest Pendleton of Snyder.

Nadine Heard wins SDN subscription

Nadine Heard of 1101 26th Street is the November winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News.

Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who have renewed or subscribed for six months or more.

Three from Snyder to be recognized

The 2003 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges* will include the names of 44 students from Texas State Technical College West Texas who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Three are from Snyder: Gilbert Hernandez, Dave Robbins and Louis Soliz.

Financial Focus

Help Aging Parents Cope with Health Insurance

If your parents are getting on in years, you may want to have some serious discussions with them on financial issues. Of course, you'll want to make sure their estate plans are in order - they've worked hard all their lives, and, if they're like most people, they are very concerned about leaving a legacy to their family. But you may not realize the importance of another key issue: health insurance. If you're not familiar with your parents' health insurance situation, you could eventually run into serious - and expensive - problems.

Your first step is to make sure you know your parents' medical histories. You also need to acquaint yourself with any prescriptions and over-the-counter medications they're taking. In a medical emergency, you would need this information - but you'll also need it to correctly complete medical claim forms. Also, ask your parents for names and phone numbers of their medical care providers.

Once you've got all this information, keep it in one place that's readily accessible. If you need to act quickly, you don't want to scramble around, looking for a dozen scraps of paper.

Getting your parent's medical histories and names of health care providers is obviously important. But it's just as important for you to know who's insuring your parents. You need to know where your parents keep their health insurance cards and bills. You also should have a basic understanding of Medicare, the national health insurance program for Americans age 65 and older. Keep in mind that Medicare pays for most doctors' bills and related services, but it doesn't cover prescription drugs. Consequently, your parents may need supplemental insurance policies.

In reviewing your parents' health insurance situation, you'll want to pay special attention to long-term care coverage. Why? Because long-term care costs may be the single largest threat to your parents' financial independence during their retirement years. Right now, the average cost of a year's stay in a nursing home is $50,000 - and it's twice that amount in some cities. So, if your parents don't already have a long-term care policy, you may want to discuss it with them. If they do have a policy, ask to see it, so that you'll know exactly what types of services and facilities are covered. If your parents become incapacitated and are unable to choose a long-term care facility for themselves, you may have to do it. And if you don't choose the right type of place, their long-term care provider could decline coverage.

In fact, if you'd like to make sure you can step in at any time to deal with your parents' health-care issues, you may want to establish a "durable power of attorney." This document gives you the authority to make financial and legal decisions and transactions on your parents' behalf. You may also want to obtain a durable power of attorney for health care, otherwise known as a "health care proxy." A health care proxy, which only becomes effective when your parents are not competent to make their own health care decisions, gives you the power to access medical records and refuse or consent to medical treatment.

As you can see, many of these issues are quite sensitive - so you'll want to discuss them with your parents when they're physically healthy and emotionally stable. By acting early, you can head off health-care related financial problems at the best possible time - before they occur.

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Ex-professional football player speaks at Ira

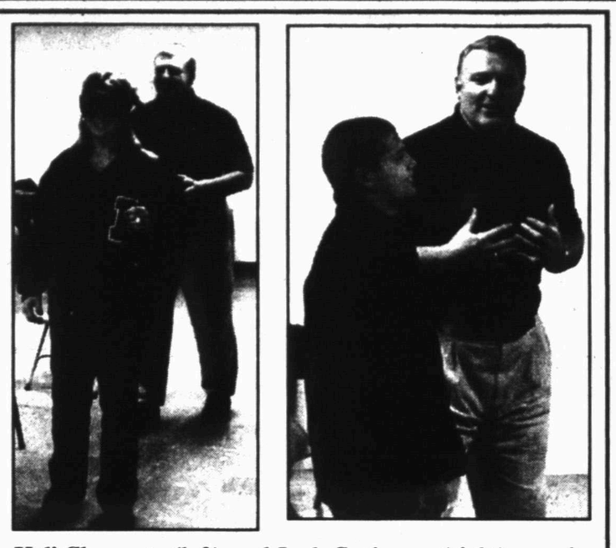
Former professional football player Mike McCoy presented an inspirational and motivational assembly to the Ira Junior High and High School students on Tuesday in the Ira Community Center.

McCoy was a consensus All-American at Notre Dame and played defensive tackle in the NFL for 11 years. He played 7 years for the Green Bay Packers, 2 years for the Oakland Raiders, 2 years for the New York Giants, and was chosen All Pro. He is presently the Executive Director of "Champions For Today."

Following a highlight film of his football career, McCoy held the attention of the Ira students and faculty with his straight-forward message about S.A.D. (sex, alcohol, and drugs).

He used audience participation to illustrate how our choices in how we travel through life will determine our destiny. He emphasized that our friends can either be a help or a hindrance on our journey.

He then tied this message into the 3 D's of a successful life, "Decisions Determine Destiny." Following his message, McCoy answered questions from students and signed autographs.



Kali Clements (left) and Josh Gutierrez (right) are pictured with Mike McCoy. (Contributed Photos)

Duncan's Christmas

Bush shakes up economic team in hopes to jump start economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, struggling to demonstrate he can deal effectively with a sick economy, is shaking up his economic team and laying plans to present the new Congress a major stimulus package that will include sizable new tax cuts.

Bush expects to quickly fill the vacancies created with the resignations Friday of Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and Larry Lindsey, the director of his National Economic Council.

Two senior White House officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said late Friday that the president has a candidate in mind to replace O'Neill.

While they refused to disclose a name because a formal job offer has not been extended, the officials said Bush's tentative pick is known on Wall Street and has experience with both the economy and government but is not necessarily a household name.

These officials said Lindsey's replacement to head the National Economic Council is expected to be Stephen Friedman, a former co-chairman of the investment banking firm of Goldman Sachs, where he had worked for three decades.

Friedman's co-chairman at Goldman Sachs, starting in the late 1980s, was Robert Rubin, who left the firm in 1993 to serve as President Clinton's first economic director and then replaced Lloyd Bentsen as Clinton's second Treasury secretary, winning widespread praise on Wall Street for his handling of the economy.

By contrast, O'Neill, the blunt-spoken former executive at aluminum giant Alcoa, was held in low regard by many investment executives who believed his shoot-from-the-lip style roiled markets unnecessarily. His views also landed him in hot water with Republicans in Congress who doubted his commitment to tax cuts.

The Washington rumor mill went into overdrive following O'Neill's resignation, spitting out scores of possible replacements, including retiring Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas; former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani; and Charles Schwab, head of the discount brokerage bearing his name. But the administration officials said none of these is Bush's first choice, a person they described as not a current or former politician.

The departures of O'Neill and Lindsey now add to a list of administration economic vacancies that already included Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Harvey Pitt.

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Three killed at demonstration aimed at Venezuela president

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Gunmen opened fire at a plaza packed with opposition demonstrators, killing three people, wounding 28 and threatening to ignite more violence in a six-day-old general strike to unseat President Hugo Chavez.

President Hugo Chavez appealed for calm and denied opposition claims that he was behind the attack, which occurred Friday night moments after the opposition said it would extend the strike. Chavez asked former President Jimmy Carter, who has tried to mediate in Venezuela, to help calm tensions.

"The United States is deeply concerned that this deplorable act will lead to an escalation of violence and confrontation in Venezuela," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said in Washington.

Strikers want to force a referendum on Chavez's presidency. Many Venezuelans accuse the populist former paratrooper of ruining the economy, courting communism and stirring class warfare in this South American nation. Chavez, who was briefly ousted by a coup in April, accuses the opposition of trying to provoke another coup.

Chavez supporters and strikers both planned major marches Saturday, raising fears of more violence. National guard troops blocked off streets around the presidential palace.

Cesar Gaviria, secretary general of the Organization of American States, convened emergency talks between the two sides. But early Saturday the government representatives canceled because they said the meeting site wasn't safe, a source close to the negotiations told The Associated Press.

"It's necessary to search for an immediate way out, because we're falling very quickly into a spiral of violence," said dissident Gen. Enrique Medina Gomez, an opposition leader.

The strike has paralyzed Venezuela's oil industry, and on Friday night all seven directors of the state-owned oil company offered to resign. They didn't say why, and it wasn't known whether company president Ali Rodriguez would accept the resignations.

The United States depends on Venezuela for more than 10 percent of its imports of crude oil, the raw material for heating oil and gasoline. A prolonged shutdown — coupled with the threat of war in Iraq — could drive U.S. energy prices sharply higher.

Hundreds of people were listening to a speech Friday night at the Plaza Francia, the opposition's main rallying point, when several bursts of gunfire were heard.

People dived to the ground and huddled together to protect themselves. Bloodied people were hustled into ambulances and bystanders tried in vain to revive the dead.

"They came out of nowhere and started shooting like crazy," said Gabriela Barreto, 19, who suffered a gunshot wound to her abdomen.

Tearful citizens draped the body of one victim in a red, yellow and blue Venezuelan flag. Blood streamed down the pavement from under the flag.

Some opposition leaders were quick to blame the president for the attack.

"Hugo Chavez Frias has blood on his hands," Medina Gomez said, using the president's full name.

Chavez said he was appalled by the accusations.

"This cannot be so," he said Saturday. "Let us not keep into the family of Venezuelans."

Leopoldo Lopez, mayor of the Caracas district where the plaza is located, said the three dead included a 17-year-old girl.

LA police break up prostitution ring involving smuggled Russians

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Authorities announced charges Friday against six alleged leaders of a prostitution ring they say employed more than 50 smuggled Russian women.

The ring earned as much as $8 million operating in the Los Angeles area over 22 months, said Det. Keith Haight, who headed the two-year investigation.

Haight said an influx of smuggled Russian women is "changing the face of prostitution in Los Angeles right now." He said the ring, which is still under investigation, may have also operated in San Francisco, San Jose and New York City.

The probe began in November 2000 after Haight noticed a two-page color advertisement for an escort service in a Los Angeles telephone directory.

"It cost over $7,000 a month to run those ads," he said. "The larger the ad the bigger the organization has to be to pay the overhead."

Prosecutors presented the case to a grand jury, which returned indictments against three women from Ukraine and another from Russia; and two men, both naturalized citizens from Latvia.

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SPORTS

LOOK AT ME — Terrell Owens does his circus act at the star on Sept. 24, 2000. The 49ers won that game, 41-24, for their first victory of the season, but it was overshadowed by the poor sportsmanship of Owens, who twice ran to the star after scoring. (AP Photo)

Cowboys remember Owens' 'star' turn

IRVING (AP) — Long before Terrell Owens pulled a pen out of his sock to sign a football after scoring this season, the San Francisco receiver had a pair of infamous touchdown celebrations at the center of Texas Stadium.

And Dallas hasn't forgotten what Owens did two years ago, when after both of his touchdown catches, he ran to midfield to dance on the Cowboys' famed star logo.

"Him doing that, yeah, we remember," said Cowboys defensive end Greg Ellis. "That's in my mind. It's probably in everybody's mind on our team that was in that game."

Missing Sunday will be George Teague, the former Cowboys safety who ended Owens' second celebration with a crushing hit at midfield. Both got fined by the league, and Owens was suspended for a game by the 49ers.

Owens has already been back to Texas Stadium, going without a score or celebration in Dallas' victory last season. But his signing stunt during a Monday night game at Seattle in October reminded the Cowboys of the outrageous antics Owens is capable of.

The Cowboys know the best way for a repeat of 2001, instead of 2000, is to keep Owens out of the end zone.

"It's not about defending the star. It's about going out and playing hard," said Emmitt Smith, whose NFL career-leading rushing total is at 17,021 yards. "If we do our job, we won't have to worry about defending the star. He's a great player, but it's not just about Terrell Owens."

Smith does know how to respond to Owens. After scoring following Owens' first star dance two years ago, Smith sprinted to the logo with his helmet off and slammed the ball down to reclaim the home turf.

This week a bulletin board at the Cowboys' facility featured several Sharpie pens hanging from strings, with pictures of Owens as a backdrop.

Dallas (5-7) is trying to win three straight for the first time since a 3-0 start in 1999. The Cowboys have already matched their win total from each of the last two years.

"This is an important game, an emotional game," said Cowboys coach Dave Campo. "We're trying to get better and improve. They're fighting for the playoffs."

If the 49ers (8-4) beat Dallas and St. Louis loses to Arizona on Sunday, San Francisco clinches the NFC West for the first time since 1997.

"We look at it as a game we have to win. Every game from here on out separates teams," said Derrick Deese, an 11th-year tackle for the 49ers. "You don't want to finish the season going down, and then try to climb back for the playoffs."

Dallas and San Francisco used to meet in the playoffs, including six NFC championship games. It's been eight years since their last postseason matchup, but the history can't be ignored.

"I haven't been a part of it, but everybody knows there's a rivalry between these teams," said San Francisco safety Tony Parrish. "It's great when the extra intensity and emotion is flowing."

This will be their sixth meeting since the 1994 NFC championship game won by the 49ers. That's the longest stretch of non-playoff games between both five-time Super Bowl champions since their first postseason meeting in 1970.

"Our team is young, a lot like Dallas, and some of those rival games occurred before many of our players were in the league," said 49ers coach Steve Mariucci. "Certainly, they're aware of the rivalry when the Niners and Cowboys had dynasty-type teams.

"We are fighting for a division championship, and Dallas is playing better and seems to have momentum. It's a big game for both teams for different reasons. Those other things are just simply memories."

Owens, who has 10 receiving touchdowns and four two-TD games this season, wasn't talking this week. No one knows if he has another special celebration planned.

"We just realize that he has a way of doing things after he scores," said 49ers quarterback Jeff Garcia. "He does a lot of great things for the team. After he gets in the end zone, it's kind of his own thing. He's his own guy and that's something that he enjoys doing."

Luck, skill gives Tiger lead

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Tiger Woods made six of his seven birdies because he is good. He made the other one because he was lucky, and it gave him the lead in the Target World Challenge.

Woods knew he was lucky, too.

His 9-iron on the par-3 17th hole, which features a punch bowl green, started left of the flag and kept going left. It hopped into the high grass, hopped out of the high grass and stopped rolling about 2 feet from the hole.

Woods could only laugh at his good fortune Friday.

"It was supposed to be a soft 9-iron," Woods said. "It was a soft 9 with a flip hook, just came off the heel with left-to-right spin. Other than that, it was a great shot."

It worked out just fine.

Woods finished with a 7-under 65 and was at 133 after two rounds at Sherwood Country Club, one stroke ahead of Padraig Harrington (69) and Davis Love III (68).

Woods has been a gracious host this week, but that only goes so far. Even though the $3.8 million tournament doesn't count, he still wants to perform well.

"I played a lot better," Woods said. "Yesterday was a sloppy round of golf, and today I cleaned it up. I didn't make the same mistakes. Consequently, I had the same amount of birdies and ended up with a much better score."

The same couldn't be said of Phil Mickelson.

Woods and Mickelson, the best two players in the world, were paired again Friday for the fifth time in their last eight rounds — after going 18 months without playing together.

Lefty got the best of him twice at the Tour Championship, and while he didn't play that well at the Skins Game, Mickelson still wound up with more money to finish second behind Mark O'Meara.

His game has not been sharp since the regular season ended, and in a 72-hole tournament where every shot matters, it caught up with him.

Mickelson had a 2-over 74, and he had to birdie two of the final three holes for that. It left him wondering why he's even playing this time of the year, a time when he usually takes a long break from golf to spend time with his family.

"I might have made a mistake playing in the offseason," Mickelson said. "I'm not playing well, and I'm having a hard time getting motivated to work on it."

He is playing because his wife is expecting their third child — a boy — in late March, and Mickelson wants to tee it up while he can.

Still, his scorecard was something to behold.

By the time he played 11 holes, Mickelson hit three provisionals, asked for two rulings, canceled one of them and was already seven strokes behind Woods for the day.

"He had a tough day," Woods said. "From what I could see, he had a tough time driving the ball."

Mickelson didn't hit a fairway until the seventh hole. One drive went into the water hazard on No. 4, and Mickelson hit a provisional, which wasn't allowed.

Olerud to stay with Mariners

SEATTLE (AP) — First baseman John Olerud decided to stay with his hometown Seattle Mariners, agreeing Friday to a two-year contract.

The 34-year-old Olerud hit .300 with 22 homers and 102 RBIs last season, the second time in his career he had a .300 average and at least 20 homers and 100 RBIs. He also had a .996 fielding percentage and won the second Gold Glove of his 14-year career.

"We are very pleased to have John back with us for the next two seasons," Mariners general manager Pat Gillick said. "Getting him re-signed was one of our crucial offseason pieces of business."

Olerud has a .300 career average and is 66 hits from 2,000.

Faulk may play against KC

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Marshall Faulk could make his first start in a month Sunday for St. Louis against Kansas City.

The All-Pro running back has been hampered by a sprained right ankle, playing as a reserve in last week's 10-7 loss to Philadelphia. He ran for 29 yards on nine carries and caught four passes for 22 yards in his first game in three weeks.

In practice Friday, Faulk divided the work with rookie Lamar Gordon, who will make his fourth straight start if Faulk can't.

"I'll talk to Marshall. He surprised me. He's made a lot of progress," coach Mike Martz said. "We'll see how he's doing and if he feels like he's ready to, we'll start him."

Faulk has 845 yards rushing and 448 receiving this season for the Rams (5-7). He was the NFL MVP in 2000.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	15	5	.750	—
Boston	13	6	.684	1½
New Jersey	12	7	.632	2½
Orlando	12	8	.600	3
Washington	8	11	.421	6½
New York	5	12	.294	8½
Miami	5	14	.263	9½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	15	4	.789	—
New Orleans	14	6	.700	1½
Detroit	12	6	.667	2½
Atlanta	9	10	.474	6
Milwaukee	8	10	.444	6½
Toronto	7	12	.368	8
Chicago	4	15	.211	11
Cleveland	3	17	.150	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	17	2	.895	—
San Antonio	12	8	.600	5½
Utah	12	8	.600	5½
Houston	10	8	.556	6½
Minnesota	11	9	.550	6½
Denver	5	14	.263	12
Memphis	2	18	.100	15½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	17	5	.773	—
Phoenix	10	8	.556	5
Seattle	10	9	.526	5½
Portland	8	9	.471	6½
L.A. Lakers	8	13	.381	8½
Golden State	7	12	.368	8½
L.A. Clippers	7	12	.368	8½

Saturday's Games

Detroit at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
Orlando at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 9 p.m.
Miami at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Portland at Toronto, 3:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Memphis, 4 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	7	5	0	.583	287	228
New England	7	5	0	.583	303	251
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	315	338
N.Y. Jets	6	6	0	.500	255	269
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	8	4	0	.667	257	206
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	275	287
Jacksonville	5	7	0	.417	256	231
Houston	3	9	0	.250	157	288
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	4	1	.625	303	269
Baltimore	6	6	0	.500	224	250
Cleveland	6	6	0	.500	262	243
Cincinnati	1	11	0	.083	204	335
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	8	4	0	.667	354	258
San Diego	8	4	0	.667	263	265
Denver	7	5	0	.583	295	266
Kansas City	6	6	0	.500	370	312

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	3	0	.750	320	187
N.Y. Giants	6	6	0	.500	202	217
Dallas	5	7	0	.417	166	214
Washington	5	7	0	.417	219	280
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	9	3	0	.750	267	149
Atlanta	8	3	1	.708	316	211
New Orleans	8	4	0	.667	345	301
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	158	221
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
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Minnesota	3	9	0	.250	278	332
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	8	4	0	.667	285	259
St. Louis	5	7	0	.417	235	242
Arizona	4	8	0	.333	190	313
Seattle	4	8	0	.333	244	280

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Sunday's Games

Houston at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Dallas, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.
Denver at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 8:30 p.m.

Monday's Game

Chicago at Miami, 9 p.m.

Sports Calendar

MONDAY

Basketball: Snyder frosh boys vs. Sweetwater, 5 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder frosh girls vs. Sweetwater, 6:30 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder junior high boys vs. Sweetwater, 5 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder junior high girls Sweetwater, 5 p.m.
Basketball: Ira junior high boys and girls vs. Dawson, 6 p.m.
Basketball: Hermleigh junior high vs. Highland, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

Basketball: Snyder JV and varsity boys at Pecos, 6 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder JV and varsity girls vs. Andrews, 5 p.m.
Basketball: Ira JV and varsity boys and varsity girls vs. Rotan, 5 p.m.
Basketball: Hermleigh varsity vs. Southland, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Basketball: Snyder varsity boys at Abilene Wylie tournament, 8 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder varsity girls at Wylie tourney.
Basketball: Snyder frosh boys at Andrews tourney.
Basketball: Snyder JV boys at Sweetwater tourney.
Basketball: Ira varsity boys and girls at Highland tourney.

FRIDAY

Basketball: Snyder varsity boys at Abilene Wylie tourney.
Basketball: Snyder JV boys at Sweetwater tourney.
Basketball: Snyder frosh boys at Andrews tourney.
Basketball: Snyder varsity girls at Wylie tourney.
Basketball: Ira varsity girls and boys at Highland tourney.

SATURDAY

Basketball: Snyder varsity boys at Abilene Wylie tourney.
Basketball: Snyder varsity girls at Wylie tourney.
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Basketball: Snyder frosh boys at Andrews tourney.

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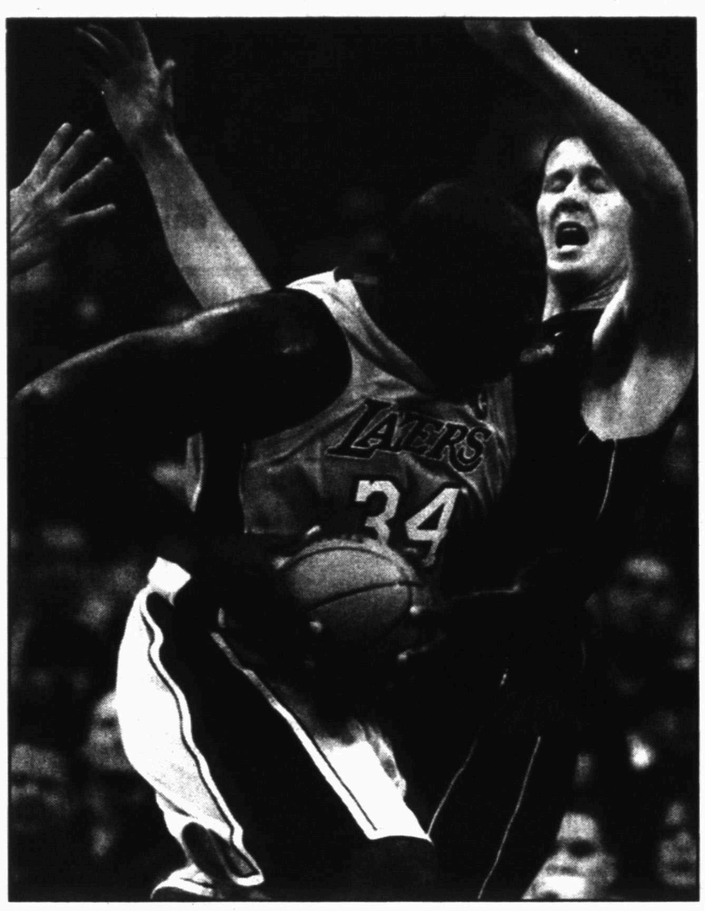


MOVE IT ON OVER — Shaquille O'Neal bulls his way into Shawn Bradley during Friday's game. The Lakers came back from a 27-point deficit to beat the Mavs, 105-103. (AP Photo)

Lakers overcome 27-point deficit, top Mavs, 105-103

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After being booed off their own floor at halftime and trailing by 27 points to start the fourth quarter, the Los Angeles Lakers looked finished.

Sure didn't turn out that way in the end.

Instead, the Lakers pulled off the second-biggest fourth-quarter comeback in NBA history to stun the Dallas Mavericks 105-103 Friday night.

"We choked, just flat-out choked," said Dallas guard Nick Van Exel, whose team was outscored 44-15 in the fourth quarter.

The Lakers rallied from a 27-point deficit at the start of the final period led by Kobe Bryant, who scored 21 of his 27 in the final 12 minutes — including a turnaround jumper to snap a 103-all tie with eight seconds remaining.

The Lakers shot an amazing 16-of-18 from the field and hit eight of 11 free throws in the fourth.

"We could have easily just rolled over and I don't think anybody would have really been too surprised at that because we've been playing so bad," Bryant said. "It shows the heart of a champion still beats inside of us. We're fighters."

Bryant's heroics came after he pulled his groin in the third quarter when the Lakers trailed by 30. Trainer Gary Vitti was on his way to tell coach Phil Jackson when Bryant yanked him aside.

"Gary was going to rat me out," Bryant said. "I had to jerk his arm out of the socket and say, 'I'm all right, man. Don't snitch on me. Let me play.'"

Michael Finley missed a 3-pointer with one second remaining for the Mavs, who have lost 24 consecutive games to the Lakers in Los Angeles over the last 12 years.

"We stopped playing. We had a hard time scoring and we were terrible defensively in the fourth quarter," said Dallas guard Steve Nash, who had 22 points. "It was too easy in the first half and too difficult in the fourth."

The Lakers joined the Indiana Pacers as the only teams to beat Dallas this season.

"This is indeed one of the toughest losses I can remember as a coach," said Dallas coach Don Nelson, who has 40 years of NBA experience. "We don't normally lose games when we're ahead. This is an exception to the rule by an exceptional team."

Shaquille O'Neal added 26 points and 11 rebounds for the three-time NBA champions, whose fourth-quarter comeback was one shy of the NBA record of 28 points by the Milwaukee Bucks against Atlanta on Nov. 25, 1977.

"We played better defense. We had a lot of intensity and we never gave up," O'Neal said. "The first 20 games have been really bad. It really couldn't get any worse. We just kept playing, kept fighting, kept shooting."

In addition, the comeback from a 28-point halftime deficit was the second-largest second-half rally in league history, trailing only Utah's comeback from a 34-point deficit against Denver on Nov. 29, 1996, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Van Exel's 25 points led five Dallas players in double figures. The Mavs, who made 15 3-pointers, had their four-game winning streak snapped, but their 17-2 record is the best in the NBA.

"It's shocking," Dallas center Raef LaFrentz said.

Dirk Nowitzki had 21 points and 12 rebounds for the Mavs, whose last win against the Lakers in Los Angeles was on Dec. 12, 1990.

"For us to have a chance to beat them in a playoff situation, we have to win here," Nelson said before the game. "And if we're able to do it, I don't even know what it means because they're not playing like they will play in another month or two. It's a big game for them to try and turn their season around."

Perhaps that's exactly what the Lakers did.

After throwing the ball away and shooting barely 40 percent over three quarters, the Lakers rallied in the fourth. They opened with a 21-4 run to get within 10 with 6:55 remaining.

The Mavs were clearly rattled by the Lakers' surge, with Van Exel committing two straight turnovers before Nowitzki's errant pass traveled across the court and landed in the seats.

By then, the Lakers trailed 96-93.

Nash and Bryant exchanged layups before Nash was fouled by O'Neal and made both free throws for a 100-95 lead with 2:03 left.

Bryant scored on a driving layup and then Brian Shaw hit a 3-pointer to tie the game at 100 with 1:28 left. The Lakers took their first lead of the game, 101-100, on a free throw by Robert Horry.

But Van Exel hit a 3-pointer — his fifth — to put Dallas back in front 103-101 with 1:04 left.

Shaw hit a jumper for the final tie at 103. Nash missed and a jump ball was called despite one referee signaling a foul on the Lakers.

Lady Tigers improve to 8-0

LAMESA — The Lady Tigers just keep on winning.

Playing two games Friday at the Lamesa Invitational, the Snyder varsity girls improved to 8-0 on the season, pummeling El Paso Austin, 64-33, in the first game on the strength of a 20-4 first quarter domination.

Erin Burleson had 13 points, and Anna Henson and Sirena Medrano each put in 10, as the girls controlled the game for the full 32 minutes.

The Lady Tigers' press defense worked, as Austin was held to single-digit scoring in three of the four quarters.

In the afternoon game, the ladies got off to a slow start, scoring but four points in the opening quarter, before holding Midland Christian to 22 points in the final three quarters to take a 43-29 victory.

Burleson again paced the ladies 17.

Snyder was scheduled to play Odessa Permian at noon Saturday in the championship bracket.

Sports Briefs

Tigers get win over Pecos

The Snyder Tigers got their first triumph of the season, topping Pecos, 58-48, at the Andrews varsity tournament.

Deal signals the end of I-Rod's run

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers acquired catcher Einar Diaz. The move meant the Rangers will most likely not offer Ivan Rodriguez arbitration by Saturday's deadline.

Minor league pitcher, 23, dies in his sleep

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Randy Burden, a minor league pitcher in the Anaheim Angels organization, died in his sleep, the ballclub. The cause of death was not determined.

Burden was signed in June 2002 by the Angels as a non-drafted free agent. He pitched for the Provo Angels last season and was 0-0 with a 7.45 ERA in 10 relief appearances, posting nine strikeouts.

Woman falls from upper deck at Blazers game

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A woman was in critical condition after falling from an upper deck terrace at a Portland Trail Blazers basketball game, a distance of at least 40 feet.

The woman, Tammy Fisher, fell from the 300 level terrace to the ground level smoking terrace at about 8:45 p.m., a team official said.

Las Cruces hosts two state championship games

There was a unique situation in Las Cruces, N.M. Saturday, as the three local high school all played for a state championship — in Las Cruces.

The 4A Oñate Black Knights, whose only losses on the season came at the hands of the other two Las Cruces schools, were set to take on Roswell Goddard at the sports complex at 7:30.

The Las Cruces Mayfield Trojans squared off against their ancient rival, the Las Cruces Bulldogs at 1:30 for the 5A title.

Lady Bulldogs win fifth in a row; Ira boys lose first game

BLACKWELL — The Lady Bulldogs added another victory on the season, grabbing their fifth straight in a 40-36 victory over Rotan at the Oak Creek Classic.

The girls scored 14 first half points and trailed by four, before exploding for 13 in the third quarter to take the lead for good.

"The girls played tremendous in the second half," Head Coach Brent Parr said. "They did a good job down the stretch, and we are looking forward to playing Blackwell again."

Blackwell beat the girls, 43-33, in the first game of the season. The two teams were scheduled to square off at 5:30 Saturday in the championship game.

Lindsey Wilson had a sparkling shooting night, hitting 16 to pace all scorers.

Amanda Calley stepped up with 12, while Celeigh Sterling helped seal the win with nine points.

The boys suffered their fist defeat in three games this season, falling to Rotan, 63-43.

A 23-7 first quarter run by Rotan proved too steep a hill to climb for the Bulldogs, who outscored Rotan in the second half, 24-21.

Rotan's Mike Huggins had a game-high 29, while Jess Wall paced Ira with 13. Eric Dickerhoff added 10.

Jake Barnes added nine points on a night when he and Wes Kellner, who scored two, were battling illnesses.

Mavs forward out six weeks

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks forward Eduardo Najera had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Friday morning and will be out six to eight weeks.

The surgery was needed to repair injured cartilage.

Najera averaged 8.7 points, 5.3 rebounds and 1.2 steals in 15 games this season, shooting a team-high 60.2 percent from the field.

He has missed the last three games with a sore left knee.

Hermleigh falls to O'Donnell JV at Wilson tourney

WILSON — The Hermleigh Cardinals struggled from the charity stripe Friday, hitting just 43 percent of their foul shots en route to a 43-25 loss to O'Donnell JV at the Wilson tourney.

The Cards trailed, 22-12, at the end of the first half and never recovered, as O'Donnell nailed seven field goals in outscoring Hermleigh, 18-4, in the third period.

Jonathan McClure paced the Cardinals with seven points, and Terrel Culp and Joe Yruegas added five and four respectively.

Hermleigh was scheduled to finish up the Wilson tourney Saturday.

Sideline Views

by Bobby Allen

When is a contract not a contract?

When one is a college football coach.

Despite still being under a contract which runs until 2007, Dennis Franchione left Alabama and took the top post at Texas A&M in the wake of the unwarranted firing of R.C. Slocum.

Slocum garnered more Division I-A wins in the last 10 years than anyone not named Bowden or Paterno, and ran one of the cleanest programs in the country.

Slocum's termination is symptom of the instant gratification that has swept through all coaching ranks in recent years, whereby a good coach gets the axe if he doesn't win right now.

While I have no doubt that Franchione can coach — just look at the state of the University of New Mexico football program since his departure — his movement should leave a bad taste, especially for the players at 'Bama who signed on to play for him.

What recourse to do the players he recruited have now that he is no longer there?

None, nada, zero.

See, while coaches can move from school to school without regards to signed contracts or promises made to recruits, players must stay with the school with which they signed their letter of intent.

If not, they have to sit out for a year.

Franchione certainly has the right to coach wherever he desires, but he also has an obligation to the players he recruited.

Franchione hopped on a private plane to the A&M campus, then announced the move to his players on a videoconference call from College Station.

No farewells, no hugs, no tears and no explanations, just a long distance adios via a choppy digital signal.

Not a particularly stand-up way to move on.

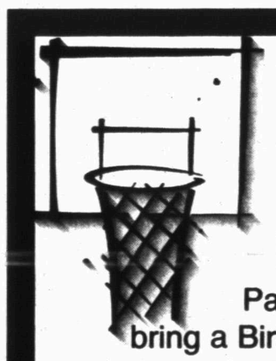
And sure, Alabama is on probation for five years, and is not eligible to compete in a bowl game for another two, while A&M has a rich tradition and plays in the best conference in college football.

But Franchione implored his players to stay and play through the penalty with him. Then he bolted on them.

But given the nature of his exit, Aggie fans should neither be surprised nor outraged if and when Franchione gets a better offer and splits campus in the middle of the night.

Alabama president John McMahon had this advice for Aggieland: "I would say this to A&M: Watch out for the next pretty girl."

Caveat emptor, indeed.



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of Routine Facilities
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Project No. CBC4704-00-127
will be received by the Abilene District Office of the Texas Department of Transportation located at:
4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas
until: **2:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 18, 2002**
then publicly opened and read.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Snyder maintenance facility, located at 111 N. Avenue V, at 1:30 P.M. on Wednesday, December 11, 2002.

Bidding documents, including proposal/agreement form and specifications, may be obtained from:
Scott Mitchell
Texas Department of Transportation
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79601
(915) 676-6911

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF SCURRY §

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of I.R. SMITH, JR., deceased, Probate Case Number 5,771:
The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the estate of I.R. SMITH, JR., deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 4th day of December, 2002, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Dan Cotton, 2808 El Paso Avenue, Snyder, TX 79549, within the time prescribed by law.
Executed this 4th day of December, 2002.

(s)DAN COTTON
Independent Executor
of the estate of
I.R. Smith, Jr.,
deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF SCURRY §

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of MELVA A. CRAIG, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,768:
The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the estate of MELVA A. CRAIG, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 4th day of December, 2002, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Katherine Ann Craig Kellner, P.O. Box 113, Ira, TX 79527, within the time prescribed by law.
Executed this 4th day of December, 2002.

(s)KATHERINE ANN CRAIG KELLNER
Independent Executrix
of the estate of
Melva A. Craig,
deceased

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LOST 12/5/02
Calico cat w/black masked face. Vicinity of Westridge & 28th St. Please call 573-8474.

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Successful business in Snyder & surrounding area. $110,000 for equipment & inventory.
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573-6877

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Clean your garage or house.
Will move furniture.
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Tim **573-3047**

Employment

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Full-time position with benefits. Strong Excel and communication skills are essential. Submit resume to P.O. Box 949 S, Snyder, TX 79550.

ATTN: SNYDER
Postal positions. Clerks/carriers/sorters. No exp. required. Benefits. For exam, salary, and testing information call (630)393-3032 ext. 2158 8a.m. – 8p.m. 7 days.

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Medical/dental benefits, 401K.
Send letter of interest to:
P.O. Drawer 670
Snyder, TX 79550

Backhoe Operator Needed. Must have at least 5yrs. experience. References needed. Apply in person at Circle M Welding, 7365 W. Hwy 180.

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FREE HOUSING OFFERED DURING TRAINING
Testing to be held on
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2002 @ 6:00 P.M. in Snyder at the
Western Texas College Campus, Classroom 15A (east side of campus)
This will be for January classes (dates to be announced later)
You may pick up an application in
Lamesa @ Chamber of Commerce & Howard College
Big Spring @ Texas Workforce Commission
Seminole @ Chamber of Commerce
Brownfield @ Texas Workforce Commission
Colorado City @ Chamber of Commerce
Snyder @ WTC
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (915) 573-8511 EXT. 391

Employment

Cogdell Memorial Hospital

CNA's: We have openings for PRN CNA's on our Long Term Care Floor. Day or night positions are available. Certification is required.

LVN: We need PRN LVNs for night shift on our Long Term Care Floor.

LVN: Price Daniel Unit Clinic has openings for full-time LVNs for daytime shifts.

We offer an outstanding compensation and benefits package for full-time employees including medical insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, retirement program, participation with a credit union, paid holidays, vacation, sick time, and recognition program.

EOE Applicants may contact
Jo Beth Hardegree, RN
Human Resources office
Cogdell Memorial Hospital
1700 Cogdell Blvd.
Snyder, Texas 79549
915-574-7282
by FAX: 915-574-7136
or e-mail:
jbhcmh@cogdellhospital.com.

Night clerk needed to work Sunday thru Thursday at Purple Sage Motel. Non-smoker. Computer experience helpful, but will train. Need references. Apply in person only.

Snyder Oaks Care Center is now taking applications for LVN's. All shifts, part-time, and full-time. We offer a competitive benefits package & pay 2/3 of health insurance. Call Vicky, Darla, or Kellie at 573-9377 or come by & apply in person at 210 37th St.

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Snyder, TX 79550

West Texas Centers for MHMR has openings in Snyder for Contract Foster Care Providers to provide care for adults with mental retardation. Provider rate of pay based on consumer level of need. Applications available at www.wtcmhmr.org or by calling 915-263-9769.

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A message from The Snyder Daily News & the Federal Trade Commission.

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MORRIS SHAW SCHOOLS of **Defensive Driving Course.** Saturday Dec. 14th, 8a.m.–3p.m., Texas Savings Bank, 2619 College Ave. For more information call 573-2850. No reservations needed. CO199-CP315.

MORRIS SHAW SCHOOLS of **Defensive Driving Course.** Mon. & Tue., Dec. 9th & 10th, 6p.m.–9p.m., Texas Savings Bank, 2619 College Ave. For more information call 573-2850. No reservations needed. CO199-CP315.

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Advance-Fee Loans or Credit Offers
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Round Grass & #2 Alfalfa
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Stock trailer for sale.
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Merchandise

(3) 2-wheel trailers, (1) $75, (2) $100. Smoker, (2) BBQ pits. 2-row cultivator. 915-573-0078

CAROL'S
BABY...and Before
Maternity Wear
Infant Care
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1/2 Price!
1809 25th St. 573-0990

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Wheel Chairs, Walkers, Canes, Home Blood Pressure Kits, etc.
Sales & Rentals
3706 College **573-7582**

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1 for $89.00
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Call the only local retailer who provides equipment, installation, full year warranty & no service charge for the 1st year at 575-0990

Firewood Delivered
Mesquite & split oak.
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FIREWOOD!! Mesquite!
Local cutter. Part seasoned. 24"-22"-20"-18". Some split. Delivered. **573-1216**

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Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators, Ranges & Freezers
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BOOK NOOK
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Woman's Column

MARY KAY COSMETICS
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2 For A $1.00
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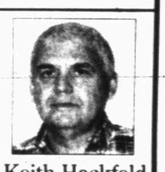
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4000 Jacksboro 3-1¾-2 huge kitchen $87.5T
1505 39th 3- ON CONTRACT . . . $34T
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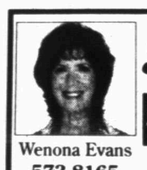
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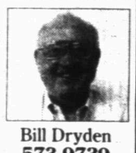
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1508 Preston Trail 3-2-2 LA's-2, FP
2409 36th 3-3-3, office Red. $155T
2800 34th 3-3-2 LA's, pool Red. $149.9T
3001 Beaumont Nice 3-2-2 . . $90's
4000 Jacksboro 3-2-2 . . . . . $87.5T
4105 Jacksboro 3-2-2 . . . . . $85T
2501 32nd - 3-2, office, 2 living areas, pretty decor. $84.5T
200 Acres - Camp Spring Rd., fenced $80T
2950 Gary Brewer Rd 3-2½-1-shop $79.5T
3004 Beaumont 3-2 liv-2-2 . . $79.5T
3309 Ave U 3-2-2 . . . . . $79.5T
2510 Towle Park 3-2-2cp . . $79T
3600 41st 3-2-2 . . . . . $78.5T
2808 47th 3-2, 2 living areas . . $77.5T
2200 30th 3-2½-2, 2 LA's Red. $75T
2204 45th 3-2-2 living areas $75T
4505 Denison 3-1¾-1 . . . . . $68T
2303 43rd 3-2-2 . . . . . $65T
1710 37th 3-2-2 Reduced to $60T
3612 Ave. V 3-2-2 LA's Reduced $59.9T
7233 W Hwy 180 3-2-3, 2.5 acres $55T
2209 30th 3-2-1 + 1cp $54.5T
2203 43rd 3-2-1 . . . . . $45T
2108 41st 4-2 living-1 . . . . . $45T
2315 42nd 4-2 . . . . . $43.5T
3742 Avondale 3-2-1 . . . . . $37T
2609 Ave. U Duplex $35T
E. 23rd Mobile Home 3-2, 1 acre . . $33T
2405 40th CONTRACT PENDING 50
West 180 3-1-2 . . . . . $31.5T
W. Hwy 180 3-2, 1 acre $30T
2307 28th 2-1-shop $25T
3814 Ave. V 2-1, fireplace . . $24T
501 35th 2-1 . . . . . $22.5T
Hermleigh 2-1 . . . . . $6,500
McBeth Pecan Farm House, 15+ acres, some equipment included . . Call
E. 180 Lots avail. w/mobile hook-ups
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Comm. Bldg Westerner Golf $49T
College Ave. Large office Bldg. . . $48T
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1 & 2 Bedrooms
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Locations @:
2006 37th St.
1607 52nd St.
1911 Martha Ann Blvd.

Houses For Rent

***212 35th** 2 bedroom, 1 bath, $300/mo., $100/dep.
***408 35th** 3-1¾, 1-car garage, $400/mo., $100/dep.
1-888-596-6218 1-915-669-1501

2BR-1bath with garage for rent, fenced back yard. 2807 38th. Call 573-4454.

For Sale or Rent
4 bedroom, 2 bath, CH/A, large utility, carport, new fenced back yard. 311 36th Place Call 915-573-5812, after 6:00p.m. 915-573-7293.

Mobile Homes

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3B-2B-2CP doublewide, den, shop, 3RV/port, water well, fenced. $5,000/dwn, $500/mo. 959 N. Ave. R 573-2251

Mobile Home Lot(s) for Sale

2 corner lots - plumbed/ready. $500/dwn, $100/mo. School bus route, good location. Call 573-2251.

For Sale Or Rent

2310 41st
3B-1BTH, CH/A, fenced, storage. $375/mo., $400/dep. Relay TX 1-800-735-2988 & give operator @ 1-800-861-7196 or 915-728-2591.

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Real Estate

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By Owner
160-acre cotton farm, 510 yield. 3-1¾-2 brick home. New paint & carpet, storm cellar. Some minerals. 1½ miles NE of Snyder. 806-780-6399

BY OWNER
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5603 CEDAR CREEK DR.
573-9780

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Three bedroom, 2 bath home. 19 acres, pens. 3 miles west of town. 573-5055

OWNER WILL FINANCE
2-1 home. Nice & clean. Low down payment. $200-$250 monthly. 806-790-0827

OWNER WILL FINANCE
3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, w/patio, brick home, CH/A. 2803 38th 806-790-0827

Reduced 2213 41st.
3-1¾-1-1cp, mid $40's. Siding & storm windows. Financing available. By appointment only, 915-573-3048.

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Realtors
611 Coliseum Dr
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573-8571 573-3452

Corner 3-1¾-2 + RV shed + shop & other
Gorgeous Home 1986 Sq. Ft. on 12 + Acres
Lrg. Home Nice neighborhood 5-1¾ ..$59.5T
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Mobile Home Site w/Privacy Fence 807 16th St.
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2 Living Areas, 3-1¾-1+2cp....2111 43rd
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80 acres 5 mi. SE of Hermleigh, 3-2-2 + office + shop & out building.....Call
20 Acres 4-1¾-2 Beautiful Pool & Yard
Stonewall Co. 1,315 acre cattle operation. Water well + 6 earth tanks. Deer, quail, turkey & hogs.....Call

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Doris Spikes.....573-6602

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CLASSIFIEDS

3718 Sunset
Close to high school! 3-1¾-cp, inside utility, CH/A. $40's

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Heritage Homes Realtors
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Call **Joan Tate @ *Heritage Homes Realtors***
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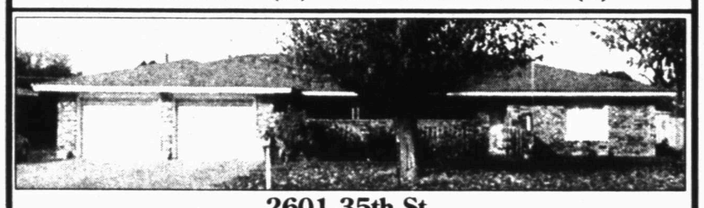

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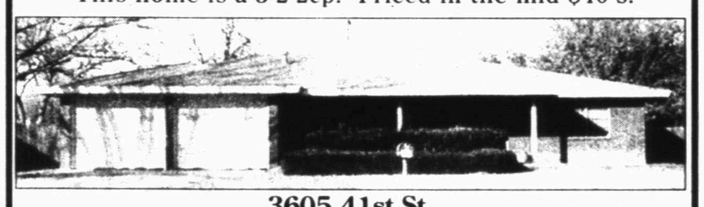

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Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

B vitamins too much of a good thing?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read many articles that recommend vitamins B-6 and B-12 supplements for a variety of reasons, but they don't say how much one should take. I purchased bottles of these, but noticed that the tablets of B-6 provide 5,000 percent of the Daily Value, and those of B-12 provide 4,167 percent of the Daily Value. Tell me about these vitamins. Is there ever a reason why one would need so much more than the Daily Value? Is there a danger of taking "too much"? — **H.S., Encinitas, Calif.**

DEAR H.S.: Let's consider each of these vitamins separately.

Vitamin B-12: The Daily Value for B-12 is 6 micrograms per day (1,000 micrograms to equal 1 milligram). Vitamin B-12 is found only in bacteria and animal foods. Vegetarians can use specially fermented soy products, such as tempeh or miso, as a dietary source. The alternative is to rely on foods fortified with vitamin B-12 or a food supplement. To be absorbed into the body, vitamin B-12 needs to link with a protein called an "intrinsic factor," which is released in the stomach.

Your product contains 250 micrograms, which is 41.67 times the Daily Value. Unless there is a specific medical problem, it is unclear why anyone would need this much. As for it being "too much," there is not much evidence of danger from taking excessive amounts of B-12. This doesn't mean that you can take as much as you want; it just means that we don't really know how much is too much. The body doesn't store B-12, so the unneeded vitamin either passes through the body unabsorbed, or leaves via the urine.

Many of the cells in the body are replaced on a regular basis, and vitamin B-12 plays a key role in the system that makes new cells. If there is a deficiency of vitamin B-12, this process does not operate efficiently. One of the cells in the body with the shortest life spans is the red blood cell. This helps explain why one of the first symptoms of B-12 deficiency is a type of anemia called megaloblastic anemia. Other symptoms include mental confusion, weakness, tingling, numbness, irritability, loss of taste and smell, and a sore tongue.

Seniors are at a high risk for vitamin B-12 deficiency; an estimated 10 percent of all elderly people have inadequate blood levels of this nutrient. Such a deficiency, surprisingly, can even develop when there's an adequate dietary intake. The problem is related to the fact that seniors often have an insufficient production of digestive acid in the stomach. This is especially possible when certain medications, such as antacids, are routinely used. The lack of digestive acid means that the body will not be as efficient in digesting foods and releasing the vitamin B-12 they contain. In such cases, taking vitamin B-12 as a supplement (or as an injection) can be "more efficient" than having it in foods.

Vitamin B-6: The Daily Value for vitamin B-6, also known as pyridoxine, is 2 milligrams per day. Your product contains 100 milligrams, which is 50 times the Daily Value.

There are concerns with elevated intakes of vitamin B-6. Unless there is a specific medical reason, it is unclear why you would be taking it at this level. This is especially true if you are on any other medications, or if you have other pre-existing health conditions. While it is true that B-6 is a vitamin, when you take it at this level it is acting as a drug and not a supplement. Although adverse effects from vitamin B-6 are not generally found below dosages of 500 milligrams per day, they have occasionally been reported at lower levels. The most common side effect is sensory neuropathy, which is a condition that involves changes in sensation in the hands and feet. The side effects subside once the B-6 is discontinued. If you are taking high levels of vitamin B-6, be alert and report to your doctor if you start to experience any unusual sensations in your extremities.

Vitamin B-6 plays a key role in protein metabolism, but it is also needed for fat and carbohydrate metabolism, and in nerve transmission as well. Deficiency symptoms include a type of anemia called hypochromic anemia, as well as skin problems and neurological problems (confusion, depression, convulsions, peripheral neuritis). Dietary sources include meats, poultry, fish, blackstrap molasses, soybeans, wheat germ, brewer's yeast, whole grains, bananas, avocados, green vegetables and leafy vegetables.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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Datebook

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002
Today is the 341st day of 2002 and the 77th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the Constitution.

On this day in 1941, a swarm of 360 Japanese warplanes launched an assault on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, leaving 2,400 Americans killed and 1,200 injured. America entered World War II the following day.

On this day in 1982, the United States used lethal injection in an execution for the first time. It was the first nation to experiment with such a method of corporal punishment.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Mary Stuart (1542-1587), Queen of Scots; Willa Cather (1873-1947), writer; Noam Chomsky (1928-), linguist and political activist, is 74; Tom Waits (1949-), singer and songwriter, is 53; Larry Bird (1956-), basketball great, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1941, the Brooklyn Dodgers defeated the New York Giants 21-7. Immediately after the game, a public-address announcement played, requesting all military personnel to report to their stations.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I'd rather have a bottle in front of me then a frontal lobotomy." — Tom Waits

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 4) and first quarter (Dec. 11).

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002
Today is the 342nd day of 2002 and the 78th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1980, John Lennon was shot and killed. He was 40 years old.

On this day in 1987, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev signed a treaty to reduce their enormous nuclear arsenals. It was the first such treaty between the two superpowers.

On this day in 1993, President Bill Clinton signed into law the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Eli Whitney (1765-1825), inventor; Diego Rivera (1886-1957), artist; James Thurber (1894-1961), humorist; Sammy Davis Jr. (1925-1990), entertainer; Jim Morrison (1943-1971), singer; Kim Basinger (1953-), actress, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1940, the Chicago Bears defeated the Washington Redskins 73-0 — the greatest margin of victory in any NFL championship game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You can fool too many of the people too much of the time." — James Thurber

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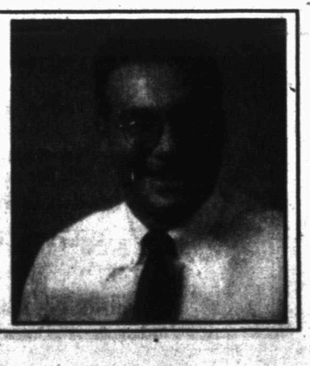

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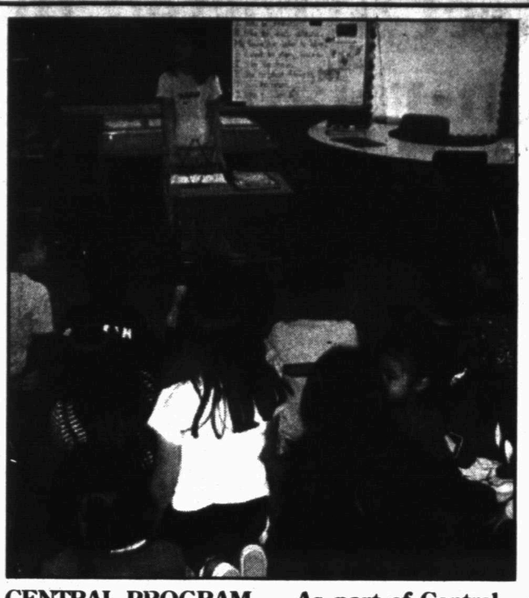
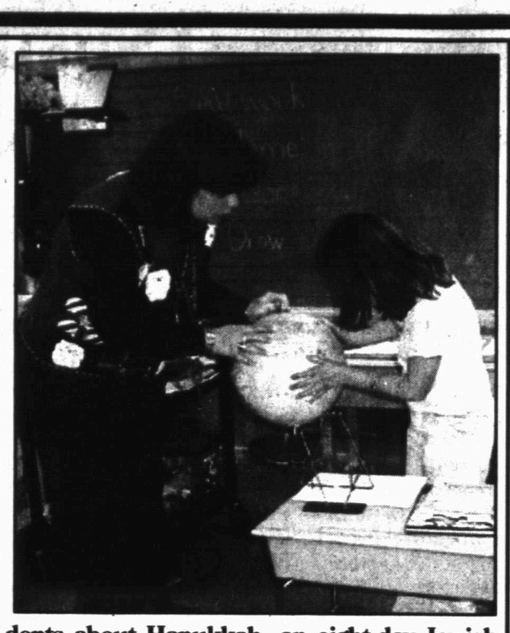

CENTRAL PROGRAM — As part of Central Elementary's cultural unit of study, first graders in Liffin Molter's and Florence Lewis' classes have been learning about Christmas customs around the world. The first speaker was Daniel Shlezinger. She talked to the students about Hanukkah, an eight-day Jewish holiday. In the photo above Shlezinger points to Israel on the globe Mrs. Molter is holding. Students will also study how other countries celebrate the holiday. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

U.S. General Franks arrives in Persian Gulf for 'simulated war'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. Tommy Franks, the American general who would run any U.S.-led war against Iraq, arrived Friday in the Persian Gulf area to prepare for the opening of a simulated war game next week.

Franks' 15-hour flight took him from his Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Fla., where he has overseen the war in Afghanistan, to Qatar, a Gulf emirate where he has a new headquarters complex that could be used in an Iraq war.

Qatar, a peninsula that juts out from Saudi Arabia's Gulf coast, has emerged as a crucial U.S. ally in the region.

Franks went directly to Camp As Sayliyah for a series of meetings and briefings with his battle staff. Jim Wilkinson, director of strategic communications for Central Command, said in an interview from Qatar that Franks planned to conduct full-day practice runs of the simulated war game on Saturday and Sunday. The actual exercise starts Monday.

The exercise, code-named Internal Look, involves no combat troops. It is designed to test Franks' ability to command Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and special operations forces in the Gulf using a new high-tech command post. The war scenario in Internal Look is classified but reportedly includes potential conflict with Iraq.

The exercise has been, in the planning for many months and coincides with Iraq's expected delivery to the United Nations this weekend of its response to the Security Council's demand for documentation on programs to develop weapons of mass destruction. Iraqi officials reiterated Friday they have no such weapons programs. The Bush administration insists Iraq is lying about this and must disarm or face war.

Franks' command post is at Camp As Sayliyah, a little-publicized installation on the outskirts of Doha, the Qatari capital. The camp's main function has been as a climate-controlled storage area for tanks and other armor and equipment.

If President Bush were to order an attack on Iraq, Franks probably would direct the operation from As Sayliyah. Franks' naval commander is in Bahrain, his Air Force commander in Saudi Arabia and his Army commander in Kuwait.

British commanders also are at Camp As Sayliyah for the Internal Look exercise, and other allied nations might come as observers.

Internal Look has been staged periodically for more than a decade, but this is the first time Central Command has used its transportable headquarters, 22 prefabricated buildings, 16 tents and communications equipment, for the exercise. It also is the first time Internal Look has been held outside the United States.

The United States has several other military installations in Qatar, including Camp Snoopy, a major military logistics base.

Software company searched for possible connection to terrorists

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Massachusetts software company whose clients include the FBI, Air Force and Navy was searched by federal agents looking for links to a Saudi businessman who in turn is believed to be connected to al-Qaida, government officials said Friday.

Agents from the Customs Service, FBI, Internal Revenue Service and other agencies, armed with a search warrant, went to the offices of Ptech Inc. late Thursday to look for information on Yasin al-Qadi. He is on the Treasury Department's list of Specially Designated Global Terrorists whose assets should be immediately frozen.

Al-Qadi, who is from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, heads the Saudi-based Muwafaq (Blessed Relief) Foundation, which Treasury officials allege is an al-Qaida front used to funnel millions of dollars to the terrorist organization.

No arrests were made but agents did recover evidence from Ptech, which consented to the search. Officials declined to specify what was found. U.S. Attorney Michael J. Sullivan of Boston said the search involved "an ongoing financial crime investigation" but said an affidavit supporting the warrant was sealed by court order.

Federal law enforcement officials say al-Qadi once was a key investor in Ptech, located in the Boston suburb of Quincy. They want to know whether al-Qadi still has a relationship with the company and whether information obtained in the search could lead them to other entities with which he was involved, a law enforcement official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Joseph Johnson, vice president of professional services at Ptech, said al-Qadi has no ties to the company now but "may have had something to do with it nine years ago" when the company started.

"There isn't anything going on here," Johnson said. "We're a small software company. What we do doesn't give us access to information that is top secret."

Ptech provides sophisticated financial tracking and budgeting software to big companies and to numerous government agencies.

Today's chuckle

Toys in drop box placed on shelves

STERLING, Colo. (AP) — Toys placed in a drop-off box for charity at a Wal-Mart wound up back on the store shelves after a mix-up that frustrated organizers.

With 10 days left until the end of the annual Toys for Tots drive for the Logan County Chamber of Commerce, organizer Susan Kraich said she was back at square one.

But by late Wednesday, things were looking up — with $425 worth of toys in hand for delivery.

The roller-coaster charity drive began its wild ride over the weekend.

"I've been keeping an eye on that box every time I went to Wal-Mart, and was so excited as it slowly began to fill. Over the weekend I heard that it was nearly full, so I went to pick it up. I was devastated when I found it empty," Kraich said.

Kraich said she complained to store management, but was told the store would only replace the items she knew for a fact were in the box. She was only able to replace three toys.

"I don't know how I am suppose to prove what was in there ... I thought since Wal-Mart agreed to place the box, they were agreeing to keep an eye on it," she said.

Wal-Mart manager Brad Barritt said the Toys for Tots organizer he met, whose name he could not remember, was instructed that donated items needed to be wrapped in Wal-Mart bags to ensure the items had been purchased.

Kraich, who works for First America Cash Advance, denied ever receiving any such instruction.

Since store officials didn't know if the gifts had been bought or not — and no video camera was trained on the box — Barritt said he decided to place all the toys back on the shelves for resale.

Barritt noted that the retailer is a regular benefactor to area clubs and organizations, donating more than $50,000 annually. Wal-Mart even offered a $1,000 cash grant to Toys for Tots this year.

"Not that that has anything to do with this situation. Only to say that, as a corporation, we are very community minded. I'd hate to see a discrepancy over a few toys change that perception in the eyes of the public," Barritt said.

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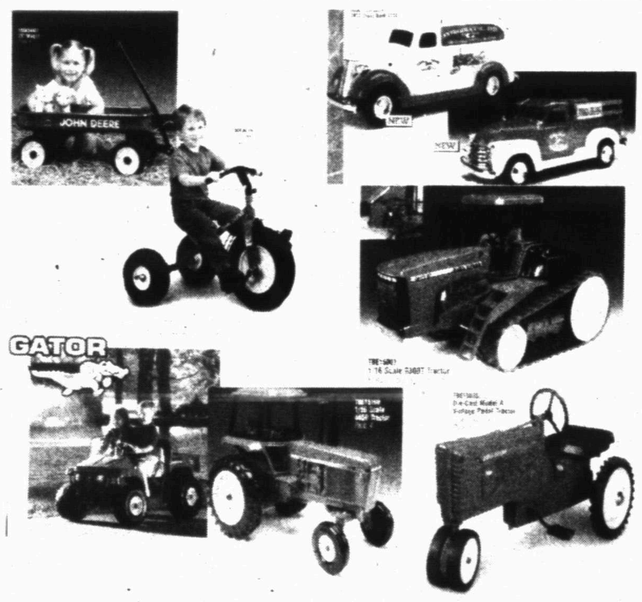

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Iraq hands over 13,000 pages

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. inspectors returned to work Saturday as the Iraqi government prepared to deliver to the world a massive document detailing its nuclear, chemical and biological programs, and formally declaring it no longer has weapons of mass destruction.

Iraqi officials were expected to hand over the giant compendium — one said it was 13,000 pages — to U.N. officials in Baghdad by late Saturday. It was expected to be flown out Sunday on a U.N. plane, to reach U.N. headquarters in New York and the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna by late Sunday. The U.N. Security Council had set Sunday as the deadline.

The thousands of pages of technical detail will shift the Iraq crisis into a new stage, as Washington and Baghdad move toward a crossroads between war and peace.

Under the same Security Council resolution calling for the report, teams from the New York-based U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, known as UNMOVIC, and the U.N. nuclear watchdog launched inspections Nov. 27 after a four-year interruption.

After a two-day break for a Muslim holiday, they resumed their inspections on Saturday morning, visiting uranium storage sites and an Iraqi factory that once made munitions for chemical or biological weapons.

At the munitions factory, the U.N. team presumably was checking to ensure banned activities have not resumed in the last four years.

The inspectors at what Iraqi Information Ministry officials said were "uranium storage sites" near the major Iraqi nuclear research center at al-Tuwaitha southeast of Baghdad may have been interested in large amounts of low-grade uranium that have been sealed and under monitoring by the International Atomic Energy Agency since the 1990s. The fuel could be enriched to make bombs if major technological hurdles were overcome.

As usual, the U.N. inspection agency issued no immediate information about the visits.

Iraq's report on past weapons programs and industrial activity will take U.N. experts weeks to analyze and U.N. inspectors months to verify inside Iraq. U.N. officials said weeding out data that might help others produce chemical, biological or nuclear weapons will further delay handover of material to the Security Council's 15 member nations.

In sum, chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix told reporters in New York Friday, "no member will get it on Monday."

For all the expectation, the document will be an anticlimax, since it's known that Baghdad will declare it has no chemical, biological or nuclear weapons.

"We have absolutely no weapons of mass destruction," Lt. Gen. Hossam Mohammed Amin, the Iraqi official who oversaw production of the declaration, told reporters.

Bush administration officials say they're sure Iraq still harbors such arms. If it doesn't disarm, they say, they will seek Security Council sanction for military action against Iraq. Failing that, they say, Washington would initiate such an attack on its own.

U.S. officials have not presented conclusive evidence Iraq has banned weapons. The White House spokesman said Thursday, however, that "solid evidence" would be turned over to U.N. inspectors, without elaborating.

Suspect arrested in Enron-related fire

HOUSTON (AP) — A suspect has been arrested in connection with a deliberately set fire at the front door of a Houston mansion once owned by former Enron Corp. chief financial officer Andrew Fastow, investigators said Friday.

Robert McClendon, 40, was arrested late Thursday night and remained jailed Friday.

Investigators said they had no evidence to suggest revenge motivated the small fire early Sunday, which caused up to $15,000 damage to the entryway of the vacant mansion that sold in October for $3.9 million to Thomas Hook, chief financial officer of Hilcorp Energy in Houston.

Fastow was out of town when the fire occurred, and officials said no evidence showed he had any connection with the fire. He was indicted Oct. 31 on 78 counts of fraud, money laundering and obstruction of justice, and prosecutors allege he ran a complicated series of schemes to skim millions of dollars from Enron while doctoring its books to inflate profits and hide debt.

Fastow pleaded innocent to the charges and is free on $5 million bond.

A neighbor saw the fire at the three-story, 11,493-square-foot mansion shortly after 3 a.m. Sunday — a year after Enron filed its massive bankruptcy case.

Fire investigators said McClendon, who works with computers, was aware Fastow once owned the home.

"He referred to it as the Fastow house," said Roy Paul, chief fire investigator.

However, authorities said they still have no evidence that the fire was set because of any connection to Fastow or Enron.

Investigators said a neighbor saw a black Lincoln Navigator registered to McClendon leave the scene and police were able to catch up with the Houston resident after a River Oaks patrol officer gave chase and the vehicle was abandoned.

McClendon's attorney, Michael Pena, did not immediately return a phone message left by The Associated Press.

Houston police investigators said McClendon also is a suspect in a fire at the Harris County civil courthouse in July 2001 and a minor apartment fire in September.

Investigators said McClendon's vehicle was also seen leaving the fire at the civil courthouse last year.

The police officer who spotted the vehicle after the courthouse fire chased the Navigator through downtown but eventually the vehicle's driver got away.

Police investigators said McClendon has several past arrests for driving while intoxicated and served six years in state prison for theft when his probation was revoked.

The mansion in River Oaks, Houston's wealthiest neighborhood, has been under construction for more than a year.

Protection offered for cooperation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration offered on Friday to protect Iraqi scientists who cooperate with international weapons inspectors searching for hidden arms.

Indirectly pressuring the inspectors to solicit damaging information from scientists, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said: "It is important for the inspectors to exercise the full range of their capabilities."

They were given that power by the U.N. Security Council last month as the council authorized resumed weapons searches after almost four years.

Hans Blix, the chief U.N. weapons inspector, responded coolly to the idea of escorting scientists out of Iraq for interviews. "We'll get back to that when we are ready for it," he said at the United Nations in New York.

"I said we are not going to abduct anybody, and we are not serving as a defection agency," he said. "I stand by that. How we will make use of this, that's another matter. We'll see."

The resolution, approved unanimously, said the inspections could be conducted inside or outside Iraq, and the scientists' families could leave with them, Boucher said.

"So we do believe that conducting interviews is a critical tool for the inspectors to carry out their mandate and determine if Iraq has decided to take the final opportunity to comply with its international obligations and disarm," the spokesman said.

The United States will offer whatever support it can to people who want to talk about Iraq's programs "and need to be able to talk to the United Nations freely," Boucher said.

That suggests asylum would be available to cooperating scientists who might risk severe punishment from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein should they openly help the inspectors.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer cited Iraq's "history of brutal witness intimidation, including imprisonment, torture and murder."

Two arrests are made Friday in county by DPS troopers

•Arrest

DPS troopers arrested a 39-year-old man Friday evening on U.S. 84 for failure to identify himself and driving with a suspended license.

At 1:10 a.m. Saturday, troopers took another 39-year-old man into custody on U.S. 84 for several outstanding warrants.

•Disturbance

At 2:44 p.m. Friday, officers responded to a disturbance at a residence on CR 221. The officers contacted a man and woman who advised no assault had occurred and that they were separating for the remainder of the day.

•Theft

Gary Antognini reported a toolbox stolen from his pickup at 2:10 a.m. Saturday, but he requested no report be made.

•Close patrol

A woman reported kids walking around in the 100 block of Ash Friday night and requested a close patrol of the area.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off worth $5.01 Friday morning.

A $10 drive off was reported from Allsup's in Hermleigh just before 9 p.m. Friday.

Obituaries

Jeff Stubblefield

1915-2002

Jeff Wilson Stubblefield of Snyder died Friday, Dec. 6, in University Medical Center in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Jeff Stubbelfield

Funeral service for Mr. Stubblefield is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Jack Abendschan of Big Spring and the Rev. K.C. Blackketter of Midland will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born on July 5, 1915 in Antelope, he married Margaret White on Jan. 31, 1943 in Graford.

Mr. Stubblefield was a pumper for Texaco 26 years in Snyder and Spearman. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Stubblefield of Snyder; two daughters, Patricia Ann Townsend of Big Spring and Sue Maben of Spur; and seven grandchildren.

Dorothy Adams

1924-2002

Dorothy Adams, a resident of the China Grove community, died Thursday, Dec. 6, in an Abilene hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Adams, 78, was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Colorado City Cemetery with Dr. Ted Spear officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 2, 1924 in Eastland County, she married Ed Adams on Feb. 8, 1941 in Colorado City. He died May 5, 1998.

A resident of the China Grove area since 1925, she was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include four daughters, Betty Sue Miller and husband Don of Abilene, JoAnn Clark and husband Ron of Snyder, Virginia Adams of Snyder and Sharon Myers and husband David of Colorado City; two sons and daughters-in-law, Billy and Vicki Adams of Abilene and Ed and Angela Adams of Trophy Club; a sister and brother-in-law, Nita and Weldon Mahan of Colorado City; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Florence Walker; a sister, Bonnie Helms; two brothers, R.E. and Clarence Walker.

The family suggests memorials to the Hendricks Hospice Care or to the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Leatherwood

1942-2002

Betty Leatherwood, 60, died Friday, Dec. 6, at a health-care facility in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

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

Born March 21, 1942 in Snyder, she was married to Woodard Leatherwood.

Survivors include her husband, Woodard Leatherwood of Snyder; a daughter, Delta Holloway of Wolfforth; four sons, Lynn Leatherwood of Kountze, Scottie Leatherwood of Abilene, Billy Leatherwood of San Angelo and Stevie Leatherwood of Snyder; several brothers and sisters and grandchildren.

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Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 12/8	Mon 12/9	Tue 12/10
43/30	45/25	51/35
Overcast with showers at times. High 43F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.	Cloudy with occasional flurries.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
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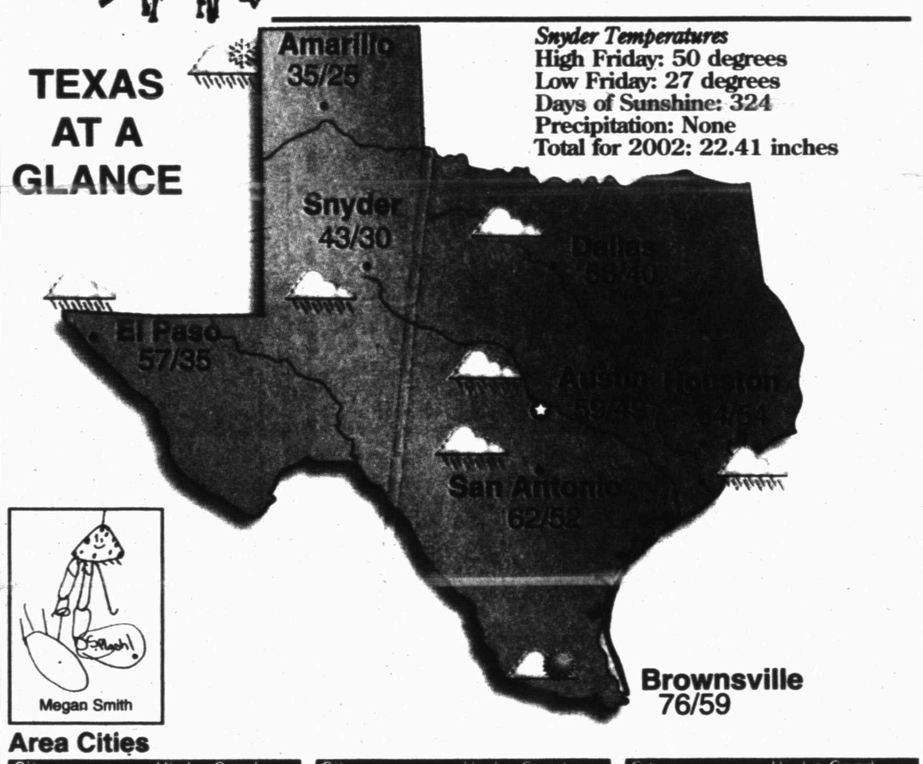

Snyder Temperatures
High Friday: 50 degrees
Low Friday: 27 degrees
Days of Sunshine: 324
Precipitation: None
Total for 2002: 22.41 inches

Megan Smith

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	47	34	rain	El Paso	57	35	rain	Midland	50	34	rain
Amarillo	35	25	frz rain	Fort Stockton	55	36	rain	Raymondville	74	59	cloudy
Austin	59	49	rain	Gainesville	53	33	cloudy	Rosenberg	64	54	rain
Beaumont	63	52	cloudy	Greenville	54	35	cloudy	San Antonio	62	52	rain
Brownsville	76	59	cloudy	Houston	64	54	rain	San Marcos	60	50	rain
Brownwood	55	39	rain	Kingsville	71	58	rain	Sulphur Springs	55	37	cloudy
Corpus Christi	69	58	rain	Livingston	60	48	cloudy	Sweetwater	47	33	rain
Corsicana	57	40	cloudy	Longview	57	39	cloudy	Tyler	58	44	cloudy
Dallas	56	40	cloudy	Lubbock	41	28	mixed	Weatherford	55	34	cloudy
Del Rio	62	52	rain	Lufkin	60	48	cloudy	Wichita Falls	47	32	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	56	34	pt sunny	Houston	64	54	rain	Phoenix	69	50	mst sunny
Boston	42	17	pt sunny	Los Angeles	69	53	mst sunny	San Francisco	60	50	pt sunny
Chicago	30	16	pt sunny	Miami	80	72	cloudy	Seattle	49	40	cloudy
Dallas	56	40	cloudy	Minneapolis	16	7	pt sunny	St. Louis	36	16	cloudy
Denver	43	23	pt sunny	New York	43	23	pt sunny	Washington, DC	44	28	pt sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 19	Dec 27

UV Index

Sun 12/8	Mon 12/9	Tue 12/10
Minimal	Low	Low

The UV index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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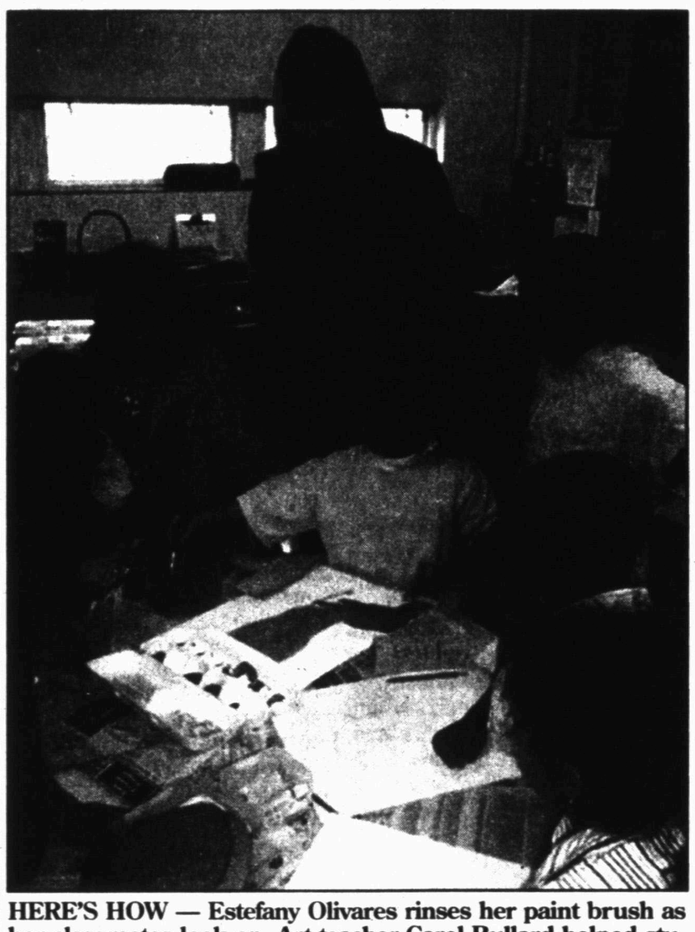
SISD students benefit from art program

The Snyder ISD elementary art program began in 1995 as part of the Texas Commission on the Arts Artist-in-Residence Program.

In the fall of 1997, artist-in-residence Carol Bullard was hired full-time as the elementary art instructor.



HERE'S HOW — Estefany Olivares rinses her paint brush as her classmates look on. Art teacher Carol Bullard helped students learn how to paint their self-portraits. The students are in Liffin Molter's first grade ESL class at Central Elementary. (SDN Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

The art program includes five elementary schools — Stanfield, Central, East, Northeast and West — and serves students ranging from pre-k through the sixth grade, including special populations in each school. Mrs. Bullard resides on each campus for six weeks. She is currently teaching art at Central.

She works in collaboration with classroom teachers, facilitating the integration of art into the existing curriculum as well as providing the students basic discipline-based art instruction.

Mrs. Bullard said that is one of the main strengths of the art program, that it often relates to the other subjects the students are studying. Another is that the students receive instruction in all of the elements of art as they pass through the elementary grades.

Activities are responsive to the TEKA for art, TAKS objectives, as well as to various interdisciplinary relationships. Higher order thinking skills and problem solving are developed.

Various art forms are introduced: drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, mixed media, puppetry, architecture, paper construction and cartooning.

Instruction includes the various facets of arts such as art history, cultural awareness, visual perception, aesthetic awareness, critical thinking and discussion as well as art production.

Students have opportunities to manipulate various media, build a portfolio of work over the course of seven years, and to exhibit their work on a regular basis both on the campus and in the community.

This art program is unique in that the classroom teachers are present in an interactive capacity during the art lessons with Mrs. Bullard. These lessons serve as professional development opportunities for teachers to learn about art and cultural history, hands-on practice with various media and ways to expand the classroom curriculum to include students with visual learning styles.

Collaboration and inspiration between the classroom teacher and art instructor serve to stimulate ideas for integrating arts with the existing curriculum and hands-on activities (and the concept there of) and models authentic assessment, both formative and summative.

This interaction between teachers enhances the impact of the program and maximizes the time spent together.

Student art exhibitions in a variety of venues communicate about the program's activities, serve as an advocacy medium for community awareness and appreciation of art, as well as esteem-building opportunities for students who often go unnoticed.

Formative ongoing program evaluation contributes to refinements and modifications of the lessons through the assessment of experiences, teacher interviews, and student outcomes and responses. A formal summative evaluation takes place using the PDAS system.

Various community and institutions work in partnership with SISD to provide a network of support and enhancement of the art program.

Kanna Rivas paints her face for her self-portrait.

The Scurry County Museum, Western Texas College and SISD administration work with Mrs. Bullard and the elementary schools to provide substantial contextually-based art experiences for students, faculty and the community.

SISD has demonstrated a commitment to the importance of the arts in education and has been fully supportive of this program in every regard.

Mrs. Bullard said the art program has been met with enthusiastic responses by students, teachers and parents.

She added that the program brings success to many students who are not used to experiencing it, taps potential talent, and builds self-esteem. She said child with visual learning styles thrive in this arena.

A 40-foot mural with a collection of more than 260 self-portraits painted by West Elementary students in 2001-2002 is now being displayed at the Texas Education Agency, Travis Building at, 1701 North Congress. in Austin.

Danny Soberon draws his face and neck.

This is the third time that Snyder ISD art students have had their work exhibited by the TEA. Past exhibits include Laura Bush portrait painting and ink relief prints in 1998 and class masks in 1999.

In 2000, Snyder ISD students were featured on the cover of a brochure published by the Texas Cultural Trail Council. In 2001 the Texas Commission of the Arts made a presentation to Laura Bush: Photo reproductions of paintings of her created by SISD students in 1999.

Mrs. Bullard served as co-facilitator for the Texas Commission on the Arts-In-Education Training Institute in 1997, 1998, 2000 and 2001.

This workshop is a training session for professional artists who are new to the TCA roster.

This was Bullard's fourth year as a presenter for the conference. She began as an artist-in-residence with the Texas Commission on the Arts for two years starting in 1995. She has since collaborated with them on a variety of projects.

For two years she served as a TCA panelist in Abilene and Austin to interview and recommend new artists to the roster.

Nayely Cabrera examines her face in the mirror.

Mrs. Bullard is a visual artist, cartoonist and art teacher. She works with a variety of media including painting, works on paper, ceramics and glass fusion.

She received her BA in drawing and painting from the University of Art Education from Texas Tech University. She spent seven years as an exhibit designer, volunteer coordinator and programs administrator for the Scurry County Museum.

She was a cartoonist for nine years for the Snyder Daily News. She has conducted art classes

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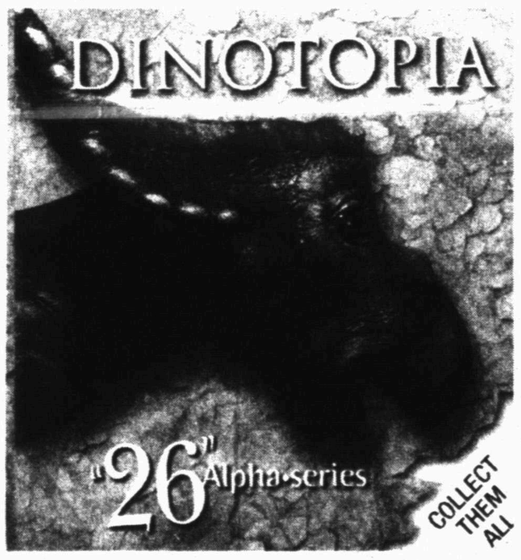

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In Rowena's St. Joseph's Catholic Church...

Feist, Warren pledge solemn vows

ROWENA — Shelley Marie Feist and Jason Wade Warren, both of Dallas, were united in marriage at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rowena.

The double-ring ceremony was presided over by the Rev. Leroy Behnke, a deacon of the Catholic Church, currently assigned to the diocese of Lubbock.

The bride's parents are Joe Michael and Frances Feist of San Antonio. The groom's parents are Wade and Carolyn Warren of Snyder.

Vows were pledged before the altar that was adorned with four gold urns filled with white gladiolas and greenery and the unity candle. Church pews were marked with blue and white flowers.

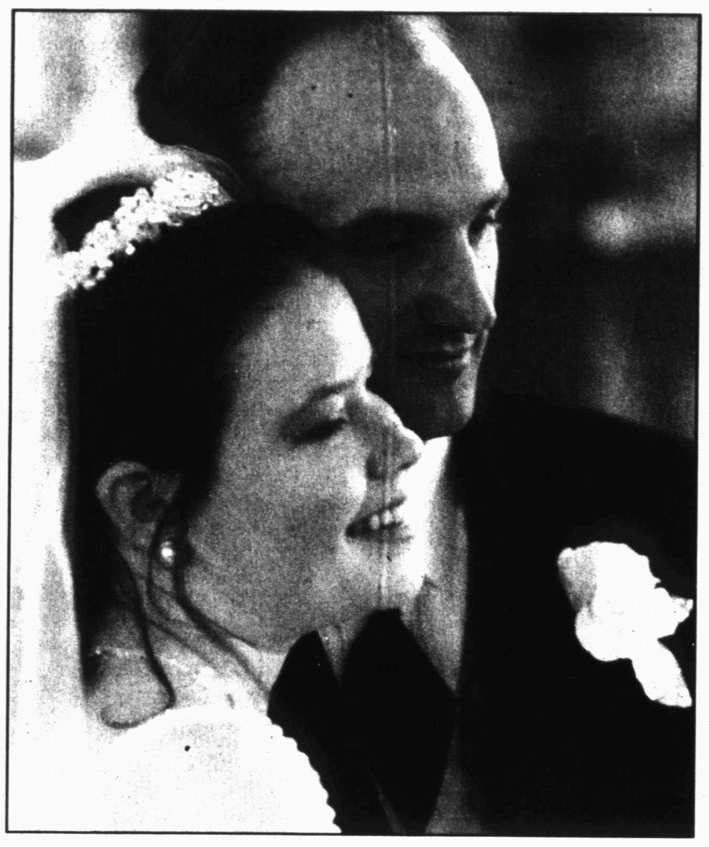
Organist Lynn Baldwin played "Ave Maria" as the parents of the bride and groom entered the church carrying lighted candles, proceeded to the altar and placed the candles on either side of the unity candle

The bridal party entered to "Jesu, Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and the bride entered to "Bridal Chorus."

The bride, wearing a white chiffon dress with a sweetheart neckline and beaded pearl straps, was given in marriage by her father. Her tulle veil, trimmed in satin, was attached to a jeweled tiara. She carried a bouquet of white roses accented with delicate blue flowers and ivy.

Allyson Feist, sister of the bride from San Antonio, served as maid of honor. She wore a silver satin strapless gown and carried a clutch bouquet similar to the bride's.

Kaitlyn Hargrove, niece of the groom from Austin, served as flower girl. She wore a blue satin, ankle-length, A-line dress with an empire waist and carried a white basket filled with white rose petals.



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Wade Warren
(Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Dylan Hargrove, nephew of the groom from Austin, and Kyle Jay Feist, nephew of the bride from San Antonio, served as ring bearers.

Tyler Warren of San Angelo served his brother as best man and Jason Feist, brother of the bride from San Antonio and Rafe Hargrove, brother-in-law of the groom from Austin, served as ushers.

The groom wore a classic black tuxedo with a silver vest and black Windsor tie. Best man, ring bearers and ushers all wore Classic black tuxedos with black cummerbunds and bow ties.

During the ceremony, Ross Blanchard of Snyder read the first reading from the Book of Sirach, *A Really Good Wife* and *Joyful Husband*. Following the reading, Pat Behnke sang "The Lord is Kind and Merciful." The second reading, *The Greatest of These is Love,* was read by Laura Wilde, the bride's aunt. Pat Behnke sang "Alleluia," and Deacon Behnke recited "The Beatitudes."

The sermon, given by Deacon Behnke, stressed the importance of spirituality, emotion, esteem, deference and service in marriage. The couple then exchanged vows and rings. After lighting the unity candle, they recited in unison "A Prayer of the Faithful." Deacon Behnke led the congregation in several prayers before the recessional, Mendelsohn's "Wedding March."

The reception, including a dinner and dance, was held immediately following the wedding at the Carnegie Library Auditorium in Ballinger.

Candles and the bride's bouquet served as the centerpiece for the table that included a four-tiered wedding cake topped with a bride and groom standing before a lace hearts and the groom's cake, a round one-layer chocolate cake with chocolate icing and chocolate covered strawberries covering the top and cascading down the side. Punch flowed from a silver fountain and coffee was served from a silver urn. The groom's sisters, Leslie Ann Hargrove and Shannon Warren, both of Austin, presided at the table.

Guests were served dinner and the groom played the piano and sang "Keeper of the Stars" to the bride. They then danced to "Valentine," by Martina McBride. The bride and her father danced to "Daddy's Hands" and then the groom and his mother danced to "Wind Beneath My Wings."

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner Friday, Oct. 4, at Mejor Que Nada in San Angelo.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Philadelphia and the Poconos Mountains in Pennsylvania and have made their home in Dallas.

The bride was reared in Dallas, attended Texas A&M University and is employed as a paralegal for a private law firm in Dallas.

The groom, reared in Snyder, is attending Parker Chiropractic College in Dallas. He will graduate in December 2003.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 12-07-02
♠ A K 8 2
♥ A K 4 3
♦ Q 5
♣ 6 5 2

West
♠ 6 5
♥ J 8 6
♦ A K J 8 6 3
♣ A 9

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

South
♠ Q J 7
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ 10 7 4
♣ Q 8 4

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♦	Dbl.	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002

West was psychic, not South

By Phillip Alder

If we played with transparent cards, who would do better, the declarer or the defenders? I am guessing it would be the defenders, primarily because opening leads would be more effective.

Assume this deal, which occurred nearly 50 years ago, was played with a glass deck. The contract is two hearts by South. Who wins, the declarer or the defenders?

Despite the unfavorable vulnerability, one would expect West to rebid two diamonds. However, then North's two-heart raise would be clear-cut, instead of a fractional overbid. (South's one heart promised 0-8 points. For North to rebid unasked, he should be saying that if partner has seven or eight points, game will be on.)

Helen Sobel (West) led the diamond king: five, nine, four. She cashed the diamond ace: queen, two, seven. Then she continued with the diamond jack.

Knowing that Charles Goren (East) was ready to overruff the dummy, declarer discarded the club two from the board. Goren signaled with the club seven. The club jack is surely clearer, but Sobel got the message and found the only play to defeat the contract. She led the club nine. Goren won with his king and returned a club to Sobel's ace. Now a fourth diamond ruffed with the heart 10 effected an uppercut. The defenders scored one heart, three diamonds and two clubs.

That was a brilliant defense. However, if South had known the layout, he would have ruffed the third diamond high, drawn two rounds of trumps, and played on spades to get home.

Cash all side-suit tricks before going for an uppercut.

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Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

Happy Holidays from the library staff at Scurry County Library.

Remember that you have only three weeks left to clear your video fines with food. Some citizens have taken advantage of this great offer and have cleared their records so that they can again check out videos and books. If you have a video fine, come to the library and donate two cans for each dollar owed and help a person in need this Christmas. You will not only get a blessing, you will get a clean record.

As family and friends visit, are you looking for new recipes? The Scurry County Library has a large assortment of cookbooks, both older titles and new titles. Some of the new titles include:

The Secrets of Soupmaking, by Brother Rick Curry.

The Essential Arthritis Cookbook, by the Arthritis Center at the University of Alabama.

Back to the Table: the Reunion of Food and Family, by Art Smith.

Legends of Texas Barbecue, by Robb Walsh.

For those who wonder about things in the kitchen, pick up *What Einstein Told His Cook*, by Robert L. Wolke. It answers questions such as, "Why does your ground beef look as if it came from the Old Gray Mare?" Or, did you know that nonfat cooking sprays are mostly fat? Another question answered is, "How do they decaffeinate coffee?" Robert Wolke, a chemist, answers these questions and many others.

In addition, he gives recipes to illustrate the desired effects of certain ingredients. If you want kitchen science explained, this is the book for you.

No matter whether you need a recipe for a new candy, or a recipe for a punch, you can find it in the cooking section of the Scurry County Library.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Defensive Driving Course set for Monday and Tuesday evenings 6 to 9 p.m. at the Texas Savings Bank, 27th and College Ave. For more information call 573-2850.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 73-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th Street; 7:30 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; 11:30 a.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Snyder Palette Club; Club Christmas luncheon.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings Bank from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; no reservations necessary, cost $30; for more information call 573-2850.

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Holiday candied citrus peels make a good Christmas treat

Ingredients

4-5 oranges or 6 lemons or 2 grapefruit
12 cups cold water
2 cups sugar
½ cup honey
1¾ cups boiling water

Directions

Score the citrus in quarters and remove sections of the peel. Cut into uniform strips 3/8 inches wide to yield 3 cups peel. (Save the peeled fruit for future uses).

In large saucepan, bring 6 cups cold water and the peel to a boil; boil for 10 minutes. Drain and rinse. Repeat process with 6 cups fresh water.

In the same saucepan, bring to boil 1½ cups of the sugar, honey and boiling water, stirring to dissolve sugar; boil for 1 minute. Add drained peel and simmer briskly for 40-45 minutes, stirring frequently to avoid sticking. Drain well.

In large bowl, toss drained peel with remaining ½ cup sugar to coat well. Spread on wax paper to dry. Store in tightly covered container.

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DOG OBEDIENCE SCHOOL — An eight-week basic dog obedience class was held at Western Texas College, taught by Mike Peterson, left, of Hermleigh. Six dogs and their owners out of dozen in the class attended the closing ceremony. They included, from left, Lori West and Austin, Henry Hoyle and Dawg, Mike Otto and Connell, Carla Bradshaw with Mike Otto's dog, Duffy, Emma Nunley and Pudge, and Patsy Ashworth and Joe Boomer. The dogs and their owners went through a series of obedience commands and then received their certificates, a printed scarf and a treat. Refreshments concluded the evening's activities. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Blosser, Neal wed in Santa Fe

SANTA FE, N.M. — Brooke Noe Blosser and Tyler Christopher Neal, both of Los Angeles, exchanged wedding vows Sept. 21 at the Church of the Holy Faith in Santa Fe, N.M., with Father Dale Coleman officiating.

Merle and Connie Sterling Blosser of Lubbock are parents of the bride. Her grandparents are Howard and Jo Sterling of Snyder and Mark and Virginia Flippo of Arlington. The groom's parents are Dale and Cristal Neal of Pacific Palisades, Calif., and his grandparents are Eric and Elizabeth Johnson of Pacific Palisades and Charlotte Neal of Mesa, Ariz.

Her father gave the bride in marriage. She wore a strapless Celeste Original princess style gown. To complete the gown, the bride chose a Mantilla veil. She carried two dozen white French tulips. The bride wore her mother's garter from her wedding.

Matron of honor was Shea Blosser-Dodson, sister of the bride from Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Lindsey Anderson of Dallas, Allison Usher of Houston, Cindy Carmichael of Charlotte, N.C., and Sara Neal, sister of the groom of Los Angeles.

The five-layer wedding cake was decorated with the topper used in the bride's Sterling grandparents' wedding in 1948.

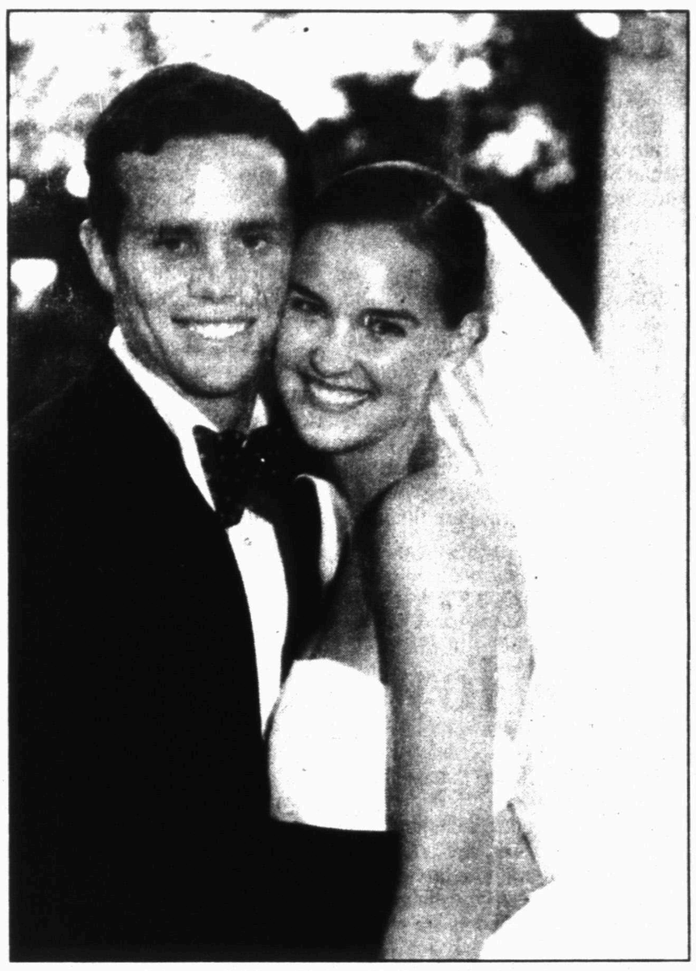
The couple's honeymoon trip was to England, France, Switzerland and Italy. They have made their home in Brentwood, Calif.

John Thomas Dye Private School employs the bride, a graduate of Texas Tech and also the Joanne Baron Acting Academy, in Bel Air, Calif.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Stanford University and a June graduate of Pepperdine University School of Law in Palo Alto, Calif. He is an attorney for Allen Matkins, LLD, in Los Angeles.

Prior to the wedding, a bridal shower and a wine and hors d'oeuvres party were held in Lubbock. A lingerie shower and bridesmaids' luncheon were held in Santa Fe.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, was held at the Compound in Santa Fe.



Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Christopher Neal
(Contributed Photo)

School Menus

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk; breakfast menu offers juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Oatmeal
Toast
Tuesday
Cinnamon Rolls
Wednesday
Pancake Pups
Thursday
Biscuits/Gravy
Friday
Buttered Rice
Toast

LUNCH
Monday
German Sausage
Mashed Potatoes
Baked Beans
Hot Rolls
Chilled Blueberries
Tuesday
Frito Pie
Spanish Rice
Tomato Wedges
Oatmeal Fruit Bars
Wednesday
Chicken & Dumplings
Spinach
Mixed Vegetables
Biscuits
Apricot Cobbler
Thursday
Pork Rib Patties on Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
French Fries
Vanilla Pudding
Friday
Beef & Cheese Nachos
Refried Beans
Pickle Spears
Tortilla Chips
Pineapple Fruit Bars

Snyder

All meals are served with milk. Breakfast offers juice.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST
(East, Northeast, Stanfield, West)
Monday
Pigs in a Blanket
Tuesday
Chocolate Chip Muffin
Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick
Thursday
Toasted Cheese Wedge
Friday
Ham & Egg in a Biscuit
(Other Schools)
Monday
Pancakes & Sausage or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Pigs in a Blanket or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Cinnamon Roll or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Ham & Egg in a Biscuit
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
LUNCH
Monday
Burrito or
Chicken Pot Pie
Golden Kernel Corn
Broccoli & Cheese
Garlic Toast
Tuesday
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Or Crunchy Corn Dog
Buffalo Fries
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Strawberry Shortcake
Wednesday
Sliced Ham or
Turkey-n-Gravy
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Thursday
Barbecue on a Bun or
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy
Potato Salad
Black-eyed Peas
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
"Fighting Tiger"
Cheeseburger
or Beef Vegetable Soup
w/Grilled Cheese
Broccoli Wedges w/Dip
Apple Crisp

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk; breakfast offers juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
French Toast Sticks
Sausage
Tuesday
Cinnamon Roll
Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza
Thursday
Waffles
Bacon
Friday
Banana Nut Muffins
LUNCH
Monday
Pigs in a Blanket
French Fries
Ranch Style Beans
Banana Pudding
Tuesday
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread
Devils Food Cake

Wednesday
Chicken Patti on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Peas
Cinnamon Crisp
Thursday
Chili Cheese Burritos
Corn
Salad
Jell-O
Friday
Pizza
Mixed Vegetables
Apples

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4 cinnamon sticks
8 whole cloves
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2 cups pineapple juice
Juice of 2 lemons
Makes about 8 cups

Place citrus slices in heat-proof bowl or large pitcher. In large saucepan, combine water, sugar and spices; bring to boil.

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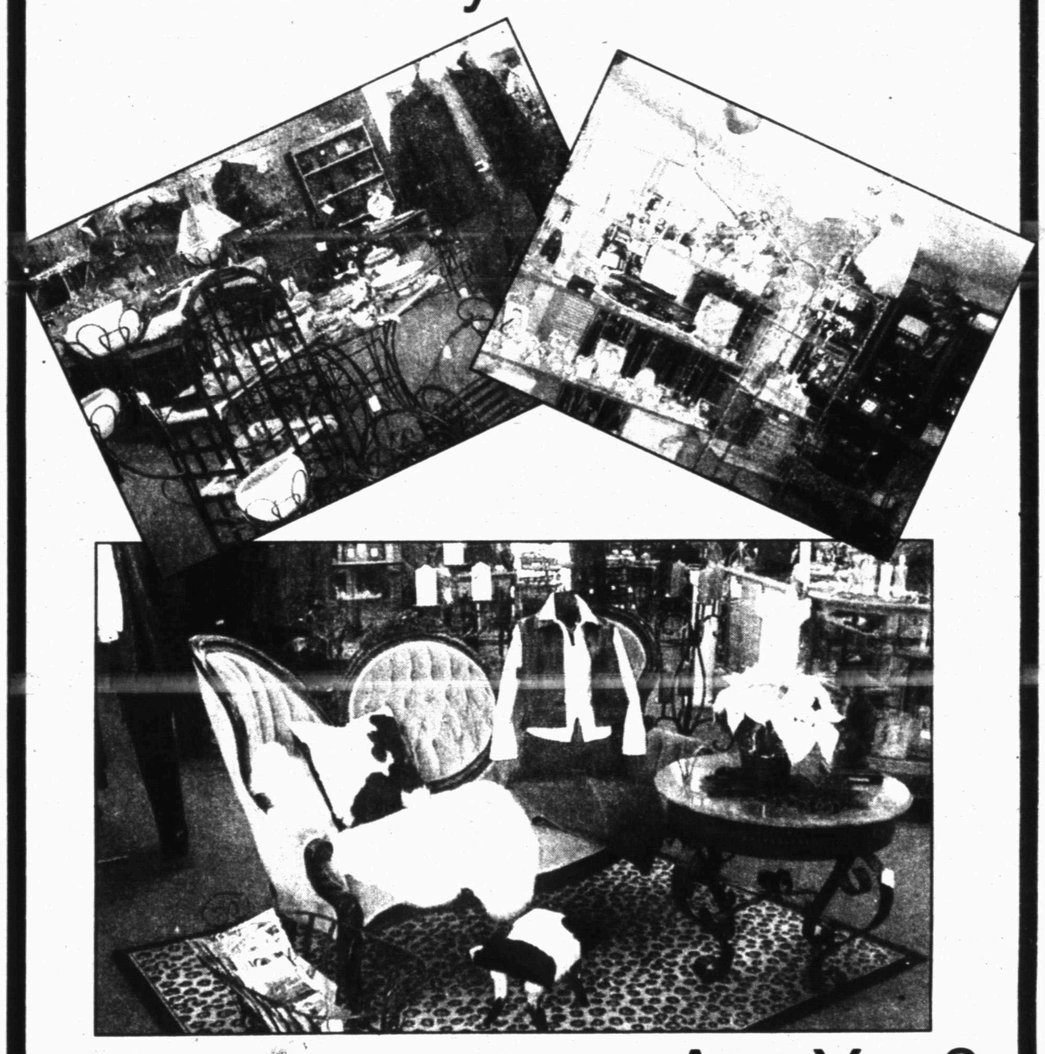

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Drug traffickers use insurance to launder $80 million in profits

MIAMI (AP) — Colombian drug cartels conceived an elaborate scheme that converted more than $80 million in cocaine profits to clean cash by moving money through life insurance policies, authorities said.

The technique used by the drug traffickers to hide the source of their ill-gotten income was disclosed Thursday in a federal indictment of five Colombians.

The use of life insurance purchases highlights gaps in international financial regulations intended to cripple drug money laundering in legitimate financial transactions.

Officials said the case underscores the need for a greater focus on stronger oversight of insurance sales to prevent abuse. The United States has been tightening regulations to prevent both terrorists and traffickers from laundering money.

"There are no limits to which drug traffickers and their money laundering accomplices will go to hide and clean their illegal drug profits," U.S. Customs Service Commissioner Robert Bonner said.

The drug traffickers opened more than 250 investment-grade insurance accounts in the finance haven of Isle of Man off Britain and elsewhere, authorities said. Drug profits flowed from banks in Mexico, Latvia and Hong Kong to banks in Florida, New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and Texas, the indictment said.

An undisclosed Miami insurance investment company handled much of the business for one reputed trafficker, Rodrigo Jose Murillo, the indictment said. Murillo was indicted Thursday in the money laundering conspiracy scheme. He also was charged in San Diego in September in a 13-ton cocaine seizure from a ship.

Investigators have tracked dirty money through insurance companies before.

Ken Robinson and Shirley Daves — Ken Robinson and Elsa Torres

ARAMARK AWARDS — Ken Robinson, manager of Aramark Food Service, recently presented awards to employees. The Standards of a Star award went to Snyder High School's cafeteria. East Elementary's cafeteria received the sparkle like a star award. Snyder Junior High School's cafeteria was the recipient of the spirit of service award. Elsa Torres was named employee of the year and Shirley Daves received the manager of the year award. (Contributed Photos)

SHS cafeteria staff: Patty Escareno, manager; Esmeralda Cerda, Maria Cabrera, Robin Crooks, Terri Wells, Josefina Esparza, Frances Hernandez and Carolta Baray.

Governors' inaugurations are kept low-key due to economy

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Goodbye black-tie galas. Hello cookouts.

Many governors, including California's Gray Davis, are opting for low-key inaugural celebrations as they take office facing billions of dollars in budget shortfalls.

Davis and South Carolina's governor, Mark Sanford, plan barbecues instead of balls. Even the governor of Nevada, the state famed for flash and parties, is abandoning glitzy galas in favor of a low-key luncheon.

Several others are also eschewing lavish festivities that mark inaugurations during economic good times.

"We didn't feel it was appropriate to be having a dress ball as usual when times are not good," said John Rainey, co-chairman of Sanford's inaugural.

The 36 governors elected or re-elected in November are taking their oaths this month and next under some of the bleakest circumstances in years. State surpluses have turned to red ink, residents remain skittish about terrorist threats and the potential of war hangs in the air.

Bottom line: Folks don't feel much like partying.

A National Governors Association report issued last month said states face the most dire fiscal situation since World War II, forcing many governors to cut back popular programs, raise taxes and lay off state workers.

"At a time when the state is facing tough fiscal challenges he's not going to be gallivanting in a ballroom with guys in tuxedoes," said Davis' inaugural spokesman, Gabriel Sanchez. "He wants to roll up his sleeves and get back to work."

In Missouri, Gov. Bob Holden came under fire for his $1 million-plus inauguration celebration in January 2001, which critics called out-of touch with the state's tough fiscal times.

Next month, Davis plans a privately funded barbecue-type celebration and a "Day of Service." He took office in January 1999 with a three-day, celebrity-studded $3.7 million affair bankrolled by influential donors.

Third-term New York Gov. George Pataki plans a ceremony and reception, a far cry from his initial inauguration in 1995.

Proposed insurance bills are pouring in

AUSTIN (AP) — With a lawsuit against Farmers Insurance Group settled, state officials now are looking ahead to a legislative session that may revamp the way property insurance is regulated in Texas.

Republican and Democratic lawmakers have filed more than two dozen bills relating to homeowners insurance regulation. The legislative session starts Jan. 14.

Their proposals cover everything from full rate regulation to forcing companies to file their rates with the Texas insurance commissioner, who could reject them. Some legislation calls for banning an insurance company from using a person's credit history as a factor in setting rates or for placing restrictions on how that information is used.

Others would require mandatory premium reductions for customers who have had clean records or give insurance companies more freedom in the types of policies they offer.

Judging from the bills filed so far, it's clear everyone defines insurance reform differently, said Dan Lambe, executive director of the consumer group Texas Watch.

"The real bottom line is going to be: Are we passing legislation that increases accountability over insurance companies or decreases accountability over insurance companies?" Lambe said.

The homeowners insurance problem has hit lawmakers with full force since May 2001, when the last legislative session ended.

Some homeowners' insurance rates have jumped 200 percent. Insurance companies say the higher premiums stem from the increasing cost of water claims and other factors.

The state can do little to control the rising prices because about 95 percent of policies in Texas are written under subsidiary companies that are exempt from rate regulation by the state.

Other customers have had trouble finding a company to insure their homes. State Farm more than a year ago stopped accepting new customers. Allstate has stopped accepting customers with lower credit scores.

But the issue came to a head in September. Farmers, under scrutiny by Texas officials because of the way it priced policies, announced that because of state demands it would leave the Texas homeowners insurance market and leave its 700,000 customers without coverage.

State Farm, Farmers and Allstate write about two-thirds of the homeowners insurance policies in Texas.

Nearly half of kids missed in 2000 census black or Hispanic

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black and Hispanic children, particularly those living in urban areas, accounted for about half the 1.1 million kids missed by the 2000 census, according to newly released government estimates.

Los Angeles County and Cook County, Ill., which includes Chicago, were among the places with the highest minority undercounts of children and adults. Sparsely populated rural counties across the West and Midwest also had some of the highest rates of people missed.

The data, released by the Census Bureau under court order, showed that about 3.3 million people were missed nationwide, or about 1.2 percent of the entire population.

California, the most populous state, had the largest "undercount," 509,012, while Alaska had the highest percentage of people missed, 2.4 percent, or 15,136 residents.

Rep. William Lacy Clay, who supported the data release, said Americans "deserve to have the most accurate census data available."

"It was unfortunate that we had to fight so hard to get this information, but now that we have, I hope we can use it to its fullest advantage," said Clay, D-Mo.

The newly released data was based on bureau research done through March 2001. Preston Jay Waite, an associate census director, said more study done since then shows the national net undercount may have been reduced to less than one-tenth of 1 percent.

Waite said they have not completed their additional research, though it may be released in the future.

"The fact that the census was so accurate and the adjusted data had serious flaws" make the adjusted data useless, Waite said. "We envision no official use of this file."

The government takes a census every 10 years. The bureau sends census takers and questionnaires to every U.S. household, though not every one responds. The bureau tabulates the results and sends them to federal social service agencies, which use them to determine how to allocate billions of federal dollars to each state for Medicaid, foster care and other social service programs.

The census also reallocates U.S. House seats based on population changes.

After the 2000 count, the Census Bureau used mathematical formulas to estimate how many people were missed, a population termed the "undercount." A 1999 U.S. Supreme Court ruling bars the use of those adjusted numbers for reapportioning congressional seats.

Typically, census-takers following up with people who did not return a form encounter more difficulty getting into locked city apartment buildings.

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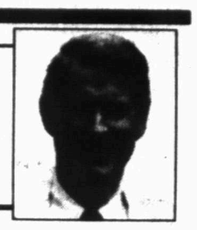

Low energy has many causes

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do all persons have the same amount of energy and drive? I'm constantly criticized in my job, because I am unable to perform the amount of work that is expected of me. Should I see a doctor?

DEAR READER: Energy levels are highly individualized and can vary from time to time within the same individual. For example, some people who are bored or exceedingly stressed in their jobs experience a loss of energy and interest. At home, however, when they're involved with recreational activities or interesting projects, their energy levels return to normal. This is admittedly all very subjective, but I raise the issue in hopes that you will analyze your work pattern to discover if it plays a role in your symptom.

If you honestly feel "pooped" all the time, you should see your doctor for an examination and testing. You might be anemic or have an underactive thyroid gland. Perhaps you're not sleeping soundly at night, so you're tired for much of the working day. Could alcohol over-consumption play a part in your loss of energy? Maybe you're depressed and feeling emotional strain; this can be very draining.

Your physician should be able to sort out the causes of your lack of drive. Then, depending on his conclusions, he'll suggest therapy. This is the kind of problem family doctors deal with every day, so don't hesitate to seek help.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please comment on chronic pancreatitis. I had a recent CT scan and was told that my pancreas is shriveled and calcified. Why? I'm not diabetic.

DEAR READER: The pancreas, an organ located near the stomach, manufactures digestive juices and insulin. Because it is connected to the liver by a tube, any liver blockage — as can occur with tumors or gallstones — will also affect the pancreas, leading to acute inflammation, pain and maldigestion. Such inflammation can be idiopathic (of unknown cause). Over-use of alcohol also leads to pancreatic inflammation; this and liver problems account for more than 80 percent of hospital admissions for acute pancreatitis.

Repeated bouts of acute pancreatitis (or, more commonly, continuing alcohol abuse) will eventually lead to chronic inflammation that is marked by diabetes, poor digestion, ill health, shrinkage and calcification of the gland.

I don't know the cause of your pancreatic disorder. However, regardless of cause, you should be under the care of a competent gastroenterologist, because you need 1) a diagnosis, 2) a therapeutic plan, and 3) a strategy to manage the complications of pancreatic insufficiency. Judging from your brief description, you are at risk for serious difficulties, including chronic pain, weight loss, diarrhea, poor health and diabetes. In all likelihood and, at the very least, you will require sound dietary advice and medication when you eventually become diabetic.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why do explanations of disease seem so difficult for the average doctor? After a session with my physician, I still don't understand what I have.

DEAR READER: This obfuscatory approach is all too common. Let me give you a rather long-winded answer to your question that has to do with bodily function.

The Battle of Hastings in 1066 A.D. pitted a smaller and better-equipped Norman army against the Saxon defenders. In a famous all-day engagement, manners and language were forever altered. The etiquette of the French Norman Court attained preference over the customs and speech of earthy Anglo-Saxons who, unfortunately, lost the historic struggle. As a result, words like fornication, defecation, urination and regurgitation — all suitable polite French — took the place of one-syllable Saxon terms with which we are all familiar because of their presence on john — excuse me, bathroom — walls. The Latin influence became inescapable in medical words, such as feces, diarrhea, leukorrhea, rhinorrhea and a formidable collection of other beige expressions that are favored by doctors but have to be looked up in dictionaries by motivated laymen.

Not only are Latin-Greek words more poetic, they add to the mystery of medicine by sounding erudite and proper. In the final analysis, bodily functions are pretty well understood by everyone. I wonder if it really helps a patient to know that she has leukorrhea (a vaginal discharge) or rhinorrhea (a runny nose). Yet doctors are more comfortable putting fancy names on things. Somehow, it seems more genteel to call a case of clap by its Latin name: gonoccocal urethritis.

Doctors' explanations are often scybalous. Now, before you stop reading right here, go to your dictionary (Webster's unabridged will do) and search out the word "scybalous." It is a beautiful term, because it is so ... seemly ... so decorous ... a perfect example of what I'm driving at. Were I to claim that most doctors are chock-full of the Saxon equivalent of scybala, I would be drummed out of the profession. The air would mysteriously leave the tires of my station wagon as it nestles unobtrusively in the hospital parking lot. Editors would not publish my columns. There would be a great hue and cry. Anything I wrote would be automatically removed from the newsstands. Alas, the reading public has become the true victim of The Battle of Hastings.

Doctors's explanations are scybalous for a variety of reasons, a prime one being that we happily cover up issues and take delight in obfuscation. We don't talk English; we talk fancy. We prefer to use words and explanations that sound refined but may not communicate in ways that have meaning.

I'll never forget hearing the best professor of endocrinology I ever knew tell an immigrant woman, who barely understood basic English, that she suffered from "Hypoadrenocorticism" for which treatment would require "evaluation of diurnal cortisol secretion." The doctor might just as well have been talking Greek; in fact, he was. Like the rest of us, the illustrious professor was hiding behind language; he felt safe. Of course, the patient was miserable in her ignorance. How much more effective would have been an approach in which the physician explained the problem in terms intelligible to a medically unsophisticated person.

As a favor to your doctor, please don't leave his office until you have been given a simple and understandable explanation of what may be wrong with you. If enough patients continue to ask questions, someday we all may be able to talk to one another without having to deal with an excretory collection of scybala.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been ill for three months with a fungous infection of the rectum. It hasn't responded to Hystatin. My own doctor and two specialists are at odds as to what to do. Your advice, please.

DEAR READER: Anal yeast infections can be maddening because of the itching and discomfort they cause. Such infections are common in diabetes and in persons who have had to take prolonged courses of antibiotic therapy. These yeasts can often be controlled by increasing bacterial growth in the intestine, because bacteria and yeasts are natural enemies.

I suggest that you take Lactinex (pills containing harmless bacteria) or consider eating cultured yogurt, which contains similar microorganisms. With time, this natural therapy should relieve your symptoms.

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Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we, as a community, can work together to create a safe and drug free environment for our children.

Preparing To Quit

Now you're ready to look into smoking cessation options. You may want to discuss this with your pharmacist or other health care professional. In choosing the method that's appropriate, consider these factors

How long you've been smoking.
How many cigarettes you smoke a day.
What triggers your urge to smoke.
Whether you smoke on a regular schedule or randomly.
Whether you experience intense morning cravings.
Whether you've tried to quit in the past.
Why you had problems quitting or staying off cigarettes.

You will also need a support program to help you overcome the psychological and behavioral aspects of smoking as you reduce your nicotine intake.

The most common smoking cessation methods are:
Cold Turkey
Gradual
Nicotine Replacement Therapy

Gum or patch — which is right for you?

To find out, check which statements apply to you.
Smoke at irregular intervals (such as more in the evening).
Want to relieve cravings as they occur throughout the day.
Want something to occupy your hands.

If you have answered "yes" to 2-3 of the items above, then nicotine gum may be your best choice. Nicotine gum provides oral gratification and allows you to control your dosage schedule to help keep periodic cravings at bay.

- OR -

Smoke at regular intervals (such as once every ½ hour).
Want once-a-day convenience.
Prefer not to chew gum.

If you have answered "yes" to 2-3 of the items above, then the nicotine patch may be your best choice. Nicotine patches provide once-a-day convenience to help prevent cravings throughout the day.

Next steps

Don't keep your intention to quit a secret. Tell your friends and family that you are trying to quit smoking and let them know what they can do to support you — and invite other smokers you know to join you so that you can reinforce each other's efforts.

Keep smoking "out of sight and out of mind" by getting rid of cigarettes, lighters, matches and ashtrays from your home, office and car; asking friends and family members not to smoke around you; and vacuuming your home and car to remove the smell of cigarettes (don't forget to send your clothes to the dry cleaner for freshening).

Avoid bars and other spots where other smokers gather; calm the jitters with long strolls and deep breaths of fresh air; go to the movies, museum or other places where smoking is not allowed; keep your hands busy (try a crossword puzzle or building a model ship).

Strengthen your resolve by making a friendly wager with a co-worker or a family member that you can stay smoke-free all day on your quit day, and then the day after, for a whole week, and so on.

Following Through

Now that you've chosen your smoking cessation method, make sure you include a support program to change your smoking behavior.

The American Cancer Society offers programs to help you through your quit attempt. Call 1-800-ACS-2345 for more information, or contact your local office. If you have chosen a nicotine replacement therapy, there are now cessation support programs available with the over-the-counter therapies.

To cope with cravings, practice the 4Ds:

DEEP breaths. Slowly inhale and exhale.

DRINK lots of water throughout the day (especially during a craving).

DO something else to get your mind off the craving. Call a friend, go for a walk, chew on a carrot stick.

DELAY reaching for a cigarette. The urge will pass.

The above was provided from the *American Cancer Society* website. www.cancer.org

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

Vehicle inspections at entry gates proposed

GRAPEVINE (AP) — A plan at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport to reclaim parking spaces lost amid tightened security would involve vehicle inspections at entry gates.

Under the proposal, a nonintrusive vehicle inspection of every vehicle entering the airport would be conducted at the plazas, said Jim Crites, the airport's executive vice president of operations.

It's part of a plan to boost revenues and put nearly 3,000 near-terminal parking spaces back in service while keeping security intact in the wake of last year's terrorist attacks.

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Richard Leaman Mhoon and Shannon Dee Mhoon, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

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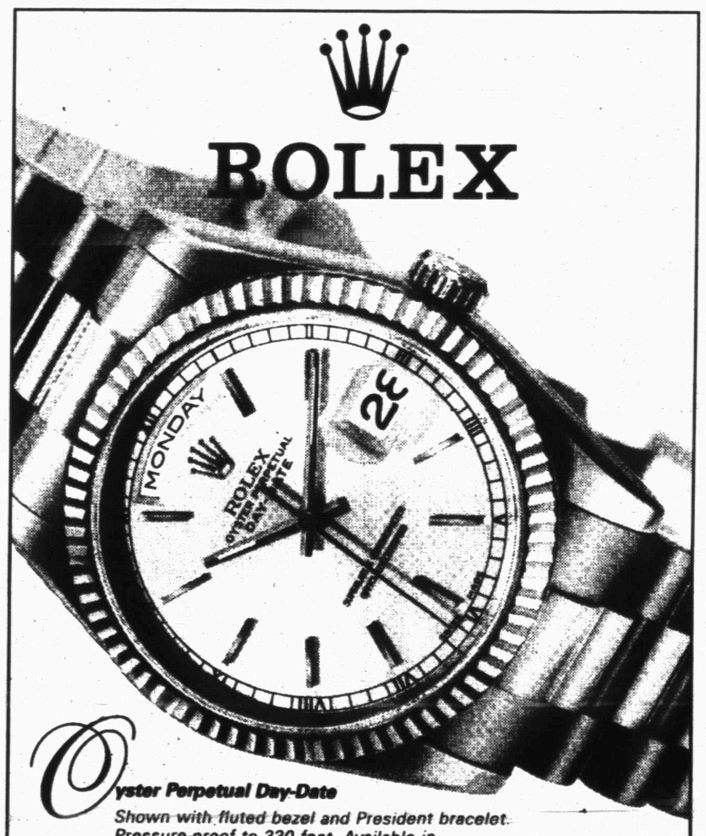

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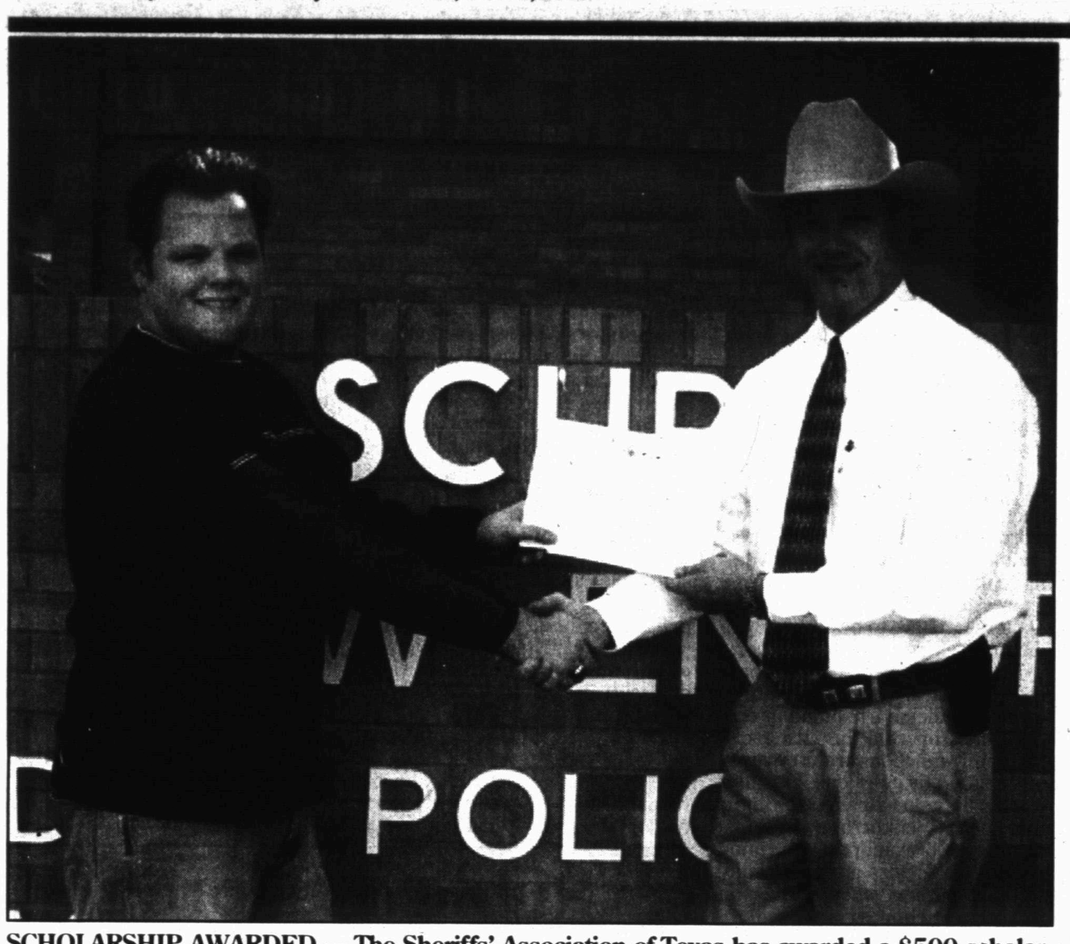

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED — The Sheriffs' Association of Texas has awarded a $500 scholarship to Matthew Wayne Billings, son of John and Brenda Billings of Snyder. Sheriff Jackson presented the scholarship and check. (Contributed Photo)

Two Oregon child welfare workers fired

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Two child welfare agency workers were fired Thursday for how the agency handled reports that a girl was being sexually abused by a man who now is charged with killing her and a friend.

The two employees met with department officials on Tuesday to present their side of the story and received notice of dismissal Thursday.

No other employees were facing disciplinary action in the case, said Sue Nelson, human services manager for the Oregon Department of Human Services.

The agency received five calls in summer 2001 reporting that Ashley Pond, 12, had accused neighbor Ward Weaver of sexually abusing her. Police didn't learn of her accusation until after she disappeared in January.

The girl's body was found in August, buried beneath a concrete slab that Weaver had installed at his home. The body of her friend, 13-year-old Miranda Gaddis, was found in a shed on Weaver's property.

Weaver has pleaded innocent to killing the two girls, who lived in an apartment complex down the road. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

The dismissed employees were identified as Darlene Walsh, a supervisor who worked for the department since 1990, and Colin Fitzpatrick, a caseworker since 1998. Nelson said both employees indicated their would appeal their dismissals.

No phone number was listed for Walsh, and Fitzpatrick did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

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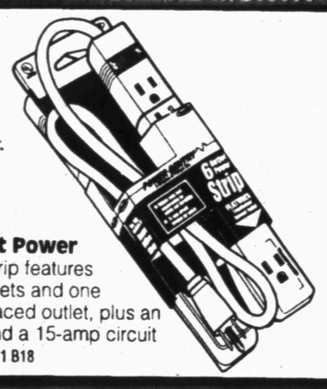

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Mother-in-law's illegal habits put strain on family relations

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Gil," and I are in our mid-20s and have a small son. We work hard for everything we have and enjoy a wonderful life.

My problem is my mother-in-law, "Blanche." Gil learned of her drug habit at an early age, and he never had a "normal" childhood. Now that he's an adult, nothing has changed. In the past three years, Blanche has overdosed twice that we know of and can't hold a job because she has stolen from every place she has worked.

Last Christmas while she was visiting us, she had the nerve to steal 14 prescription pain killers from our medicine cabinet. Blanche also owes us about $2,000. The last time she was here, she wrote Gil a check so she'd have money for the flight home — then stopped payment on it, causing our account to be overdrawn.

When our son was 14 months old, he found a loaded gun under his grandmother's couch! Thankfully, I was there. Needless to say, our child is not allowed to visit her without me, and Gil is in full agreement. However, I would like Gil to sever all ties with his mother before she hurts our family again.

Gil is a loving man with a big heart. Despite all the pain his mother has caused him, he still loves her. Blanche feeds off that and always worms her way back into his life. Abby, is it wrong of me to want my husband to permanently cut his mother out of his life? — **ANONYMOUS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, NORFOLK, VA.**

DEAR ANONYMOUS D-I-L: I don't blame you for feeling as you do, but you cannot prevent your husband from having a relationship with his mother. Next time Blanche visits, make sure she has a round-trip ticket, lock up any prescription drugs and continue to closely monitor her with your child at ALL times. Then pray she is agreeable to counseling and will turn over a new leaf before she's jailed for theft. She is obviously ill and cannot be trusted to act responsibly.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a widow in my late 60s, attractive and youthful looking (I'm told). For the past three years, I have been going out with a nice man my age, "Dell." I have him over for home-cooked meals, and I occasionally pay for our dinners and movies out. Dell is also my guest for dinners at my club, and of course I pay the club dues.

Sometimes I pick him up in my car for our dates and day trips. He can well afford to take me out and pick up the check, but he always says, "Let's keep it even."

I am becoming more and more uncomfortable when we're having dinner out, because I resent being expected to split the cost of everything. Dell is an educated, interesting man. I find myself wondering if I'm out of step with the times — or if he's cheap.

Abby, I feel used. I'm beginning to lose respect for Dell. I'm from the old school: If a man asks a lady out, he pays. What's your opinion? Should I tell him I'm tired of nit-picking expenses and stop paying for half of everything? — **FRUSTRATED IN THE LONE STAR STATE**

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Sitting quietly while resentment builds will eventually destroy your relationship if you allow it to continue. Remind him that you are from the old school and what that means to you. But remember that it also means you will pick up the check when you call and ask him out. It will be interesting to see whether you wind up playing solitaire once you lay your cards on the table.

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DEAR ABBY: From time to time, you publish humorous pieces in your column. I hope you and your readers will enjoy this one:

At the wake, the woman told her priest that ever since she was a child, she and her father had discussed life after death. They had agreed that whoever went first would try to contact the other. They had discussed it again only two weeks before his death.

He died in her home, and a few hours later, the smoke alarm in her garage went off. She had lived there for 28 years and it had never gone off before. She didn't know how to stop it and had to call the security company that had installed it.

The next morning, the smoke alarm sounded again — and the reason finally dawned on her. She said aloud, "OK, Dad, I missed the signal yesterday, but I've got it now. Thanks for letting me know you're safe on the other side. Now turn the darn thing off so I don't have to call the security company again!" And it went off!

She immediately called her priest to relay the good news. His response: "Dear, if every time your father sends you a message, he sets off the SMOKE alarm, just where do you think he's calling from?" — **THE REV. JAMES BLANTZ, ROLLING PRAIRIE, IND.**

DEAR REV. BLANTZ: She should thank God it wasn't a toll call. Thank you for being an angel and sharing. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: May I offer yet another cell phone etiquette blooper?

My grandfather's funeral was last week. Since our family is Catholic, we asked a priest to officiate. In the middle of the service, a cell phone rang (to the tune of "Happy Birthday"). You should have seen the scowls and heads turning. A few minutes later, it rang for the second time!

At the graveside afterward, we finally discovered who the culprit was. During the solemn flag-folding ceremony, the phone rang a third time. Imagine our astonishment when the PRIEST pulled the offending instrument out of his pocket and stepped away to engage in a long conversation. — **STILL SHOCKED IN SANTA CLARITA, CALIF.**

DEAR STILL SHOCKED: I'll bet it was the woman whose father was contacting her via the smoke alarm.

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DEAR ABBY: I need some advice about my boyfriend. We have been dating for three years. He started off our relationship telling me he loved me.

About a year ago, he began introducing me to everyone as his "roommate." When I confronted him about it, he said he didn't love me anymore. We still live together — until I move out — and he tells me often that we should stay together because we get along so well.

I'm confused. What exactly is it that he wants from me? — **TIRED OF BEING HURT IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR TIRED: Much depends upon what he's getting from you. From my perspective, he wants someone to share the rent, with no strings attached and no responsibility.

If I were you, I'd move sooner rather than later. The romance is over, and you two have very different agendas.

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Weight-loss formula does not live up to promises, FTC says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal and state fraud fighters have sued a San Antonio company that said its weight-loss product would allow users to gorge on pizza, beer and tacos and burn away the fat while sleeping.

The Federal Trade Commission said Thursday that Mark Nutritionals Inc. used radio disc jockeys on more than 650 stations in 110 cities to sell its Body Solutions Evening Weight Loss Formula.

One radio ad included this claim read by a DJ: "It helped me lose 36 pounds and it helps me maintain through the holidays. I mean, I ate so much over Thanksgiving, I still have turkey burps. But thanks to Body Solutions, I keep the weight off and now I'm ready for Christmas."

The agency is not suing the DJs who read the ads, which were broadcast in English and Spanish.

"This was bilingual deception," said Howard Beales, director of the agency's consumer protection bureau.

The FTC lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in San Antonio. Texas and Illinois officials filed similar lawsuits Thursday.

The company, which filed for bankruptcy protection in September, has taken in $190 million since 1999 selling its Body Solutions products, the FTC said. The company still sells the weight-loss product on its Web site, charging $43 for a 15-ounce bottle.

Larry Cochran, acting chief executive of Mark Nutritionals since the bankruptcy, said the company has agreed to change its advertising to address the FTC's concerns.

"We are moving forward with a new way to promote and advertise our product," he said.

The weight loss formula is a liquid that consumers are instructed to drink before going to bed and at least three hours after eating or drinking. The ingredients have changed over time, the FTC said, but most recently included aloe vera gel and various herbs and supplements.

The FTC said there is no scientific proof any of the ingredients promote weight loss.

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002

In the year ahead more opportunities than usual could be opening up for you, but none of them should be taken for granted. It will be up to you to make the most of each and every one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you are weak and find it easier to say "yes" when you should be saying "no," you could end up making a binding commitment today without considering all the consequences.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't make the mistake of counting on what you think will be coming in to cover your spending mood today. If the funds are not already in the bank, wait until they are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Unless you are certain that the person you're talking to today has the appropriate experience or knowledge, don't follow the advice being offered. Chances are it'll be erroneous.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Every once in a while you allow that wonderful imagination of yours to convince you that something you're wishing for is a reality. Today your behavior could be based on faulty thinking.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be sure your dealings with friends are not too loosely structured today, because someone who doesn't get the latest info concerning the plans of the group could end up being extremely hurt.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't make the mistake today of assuming everything that needs to be done is a fait accompli, especially if the tasks were left up to someone else. When you're ready to bring all the parts together, one could be missing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Acting upon what has been told to you as a fact without first checking it out could be a big mistake today. When you take time to gather more information, the picture might be very different.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — This is not a good day to get involved in handling or giving advice on other people's financial or business affairs. Their situation could be far more complex than cursory information reveals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Wait until you can get some expert advice before making any decisions of a legal nature. What you don't know or understand could be pretty costly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't push yourself today beyond your limits or attempt a task that exceeds your mental or physical abilities. You risk hurting yourself if you go over the line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be enthusiastic about your involvements today, but don't let your optimism become unrealistic and overrule simple common sense. Use your better judgment and be mindful of the odds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You could be a better starter today than a closer. If you don't stay on top of things to the very end, something important may slip through your fingers.

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Monday, Dec. 9, 2002

In the year ahead you should be able to express and put to profitable uses your innovative ideas, mainly because you'll now recognize that thoughts alone won't suffice: it takes concentrated effort to realize your goals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your quick wit and skills as a mediator will come into play today any time you see an awkward moment arise between two friends. You'll know how to make them chuckle instead of clamor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There may be a bit more interruption on the job today, but much to your credit, you'll keep your mind on the task at hand and still be able to do an effective job.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A little play mixed in with your work could be an excellent tonic for you today. Difficult jobs will be greatly lightened by an optimistic attitude and cheerful environment.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You'll do a masterful job of keeping your eye on the opportunities that abound instead of on yourself today. You'll recognize that self-centeredness inhibits your vision instead of expands it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It may be to your advantage to plan more to do today than you usually do. You'll perform better and waste very little time if you have to match your strides against a busy schedule.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Take advantage of that which falls in your lap today, especially those happenings that affect your status or material well-being. Conditions are favorable for you in either case.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Although your intentions might be otherwise, what you do and how you do it might goad others into competing against you today. The competition will help you, not harm you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Even if you do things in an erratic fashion or have your head in the clouds, things are still likely to work out very well for you. Those who owe you will back you up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There is no secret to your success today. It will be the result of sincerely wanting for others the same things you wish for yourself. Thinking in terms of "we" makes you a winner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You won't need praise or accolades from others today. Your satisfaction comes from the solid sense of achievement and pride you garner from a job well done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — What makes you such a popular gal/guy to be around today is that every chance you'll get you'll take the opportunity to compliment a person's behavior, achievements or ideas. Who can resist that?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Shifts in conditions not initiated by you actually tend to work out to your ultimate benefit today. Instead of being upset when plans go awry, you'll welcome the intrusion.

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CNA GRADUATES — Six students have graduated from Snyder Oaks Care Center's Certified Nurses Aide program. Pictured on the front row are Branda Gutierrez, Veronica Lopez and Rebecca Garcia. Those on the back row are Olga Rodriguez, Roderick Hamlett and Bella Riggins. Not pictured is instructor Maggie Barnes. (Contributed Photo)

McDonald's CEO to retire at end of year

CHICAGO (AP) — Just nine months after asking him to stay on the job until 2005, struggling fast food giant McDonald's is saying goodbye to its chairman and chief executive.

The company said Thursday that Jack Greenberg, 60, has decided to retire at the end of this year after 21 years at the company and four years as CEO. Pressure for him to leave has been building as McDonald's reported lower earnings in seven of the past eight quarters.

The Oak Brook, Ill.-based company recently announced it is slowing its expansion pace as it grapples with a crowded restaurant market, sluggish economy and complaints about poor service.

The McDonald's board elected the company's president and vice chairman, Jim Cantalupo, 59, to take over the top two spots.

"In every company's history, there is a time when it is appropriate to pass the baton and give a new management team the opportunity to lead, and that time has come at McDonald's," Greenberg said in a statement released by the company.

Reaction to the change was generally positive Thursday. For months, many Wall Street analysts had been calling for Greenberg's ouster.

Allan Hickok, analyst with U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray, said it wasn't Greenberg's fault a mature company such as McDonald's couldn't maintain double-digit growth rates.

Analyst Douglas Christopher of Crowell Weedon and Co. in Los Angeles blamed Greenberg for McDonald's decision to make a play for higher earnings by acquiring Chipotle Mexican Grill, Donatos Pizza and Boston Market rather than concentrating on its core burger business.

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Families struggle through tears as ex-pharmacist gets 30 years

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Families of cancer victims struggled through tears and anger and called a pharmacist "a monster in a white coat" before he was sentenced to 30 years in prison for watering down cancer drugs.

After hearing the emotional testimony, U.S. District Judge Ortrie Smith had some harsh words for Robert R. Courtney, who was also fined $25,000 and ordered to pay $10.4 million in restitution to his victims.

"Mr. Courtney, your crimes are a shock to the civilized conscience," the judge said Thursday. "They are beyond understanding. I believe you when you say that you don't understand them."

Loleta Hunt spoke of her sister, Roberta Gibson, who died of ovarian cancer after being treated with drugs from Courtney's pharmacy.

Hunt said her mother has not been able to recover from the loss of Gibson, who was the "light and joy" of her mother's life, and who had moved back to Kansas City, Kan., to care for her mother.

"We know that one day we will see Roberta again," Hunt said. "We know that one day our mother will see Roberta again. But what are we supposed to do with today?"

His voice wavering, Smith expressed compassion for Courtney's family, but in sentencing him to prison, said the ex-pharmacist had likely caused the premature death of at least one patient and unimaginable stress and anxiety to other cancer patients.

A subdued Courtney apologized repeatedly in a soft and shaken voice.

"I have committed a terrible crime that I deeply and severely regret," Courtney said. "I wish I could change everything.

"To my victims and their precious families, I apologize that I brought so much grief and anguish to them."

Courtney also apologized to his family, who sobbed during his statement and when his sentence was pronounced. The family declined comment after the hearing.

Defense lawyers, citing Courtney's "sincere remorse" and acceptance of responsibility, urged Smith to impose the lightest possible sentence under the terms of Courtney's plea agreement — 171/2 years without parole.

Federal prosecutors asked for the maximum of 30 years for a "cold-blooded" crime they say hastened at least one patient's death. Prosecutors have acknowledged it would be difficult to prove Courtney's crimes killed patients.

Defense attorney J.R. Hobbs said Courtney was disappointed and would decide whether to file an appeal.

Courtney, 50, pleaded guilty in February to 20 counts of adulterating, misbranding and tampering with the cancer drugs Taxol and Gemzar. Those counts stem from his dilution of 158 chemotherapy doses he prepared at his Research Medical Tower Pharmacy for 34 patients of a Kansas City doctor from March 2001 through June 2001.

In his plea agreement, Courtney admitted diluting drugs in 1992, affecting as many as 4,200 patients, 400 doctors and 98,000 prescriptions.

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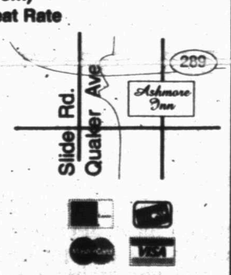

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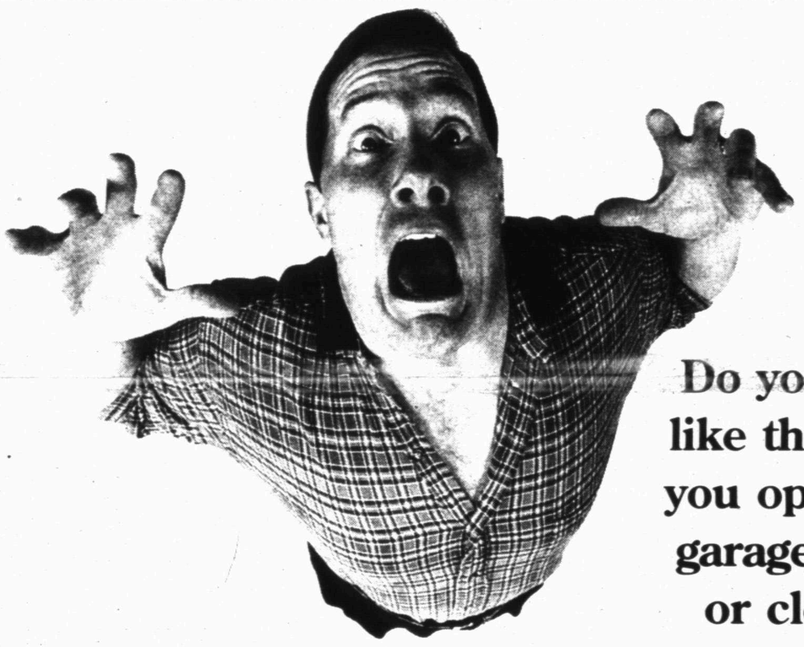

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Letters to the editor

Shocked about curfew

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the curfew being discussed in Snyder. I have lived in Snyder all of my life and have recently graduated and gone off to college. I was home for the holidays and came across the letter dealing with the issue of a curfew to be put on Snyder teens.

Not only was I shocked, but I am also appalled. Just graduating from high school, I can put myself in the shoes of local teens and give a viewpoint similar to those who will be affected.

I am disappointed first because it was described that because we are a "small town", that teens are more likely to do illegal things later, due to the lack of entertainment.

Give me a break!

I now live in a very large town and teens do the same things, if not worse, at any time of day, anywhere. Snyder is so much more innocent than what people play it out to be. It could be much worse. We should be appreciating the reasonableness of our students, parents and schools. I know what goes on in our town. You go out at 9 p.m. and yes, you will see many people driving around and hanging out down town.

But drive around at 11 o'clock and the vast majority has gone home because our town is basically shut down. A curfew is a parent's responsibility to their teen. Who are we to dictate this?

A curfew will also affect many extra curricular programs that go on in our schools. I can understand this because I was very involved in all that SHS had to offer - many of which lasted late into the night (practices, dances, sporting events, and so on).

I think if this issue is looked at rationally that it can be seen that the teens that do act responsibly will be punished more than those who are irresponsible. These students are young, let them have their fun in a safe environment, but don't try to run their lives. Since I have moved, I have realized how blessed I was to be raised in a town like Snyder. We are very lucky to have the leadership and support that our community upholds. Don't abuse this compliment. Just be thankful that we don't have the troubles and the rate of crime that places like Dallas and Austin have. We have good kids, believe it or not. Before any decisions are made, try to ask the youth of the town for input. Maybe they could help to give solutions to fix this minor dilemma and everyone could be happy.

Andra Lancaster
Class of 2002
Denton

Distinguished youth program

Dear Editor:

Last weekend, Raven participated in the "Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program," in Austin. This trip would not have been possible without our sponsors, Oxy Permian and Herbert Hoover. Thank you for your generosity. It was a great experience.

I would also like to acknowledge a very special person; her name is Deanna Holladay. Deanna has always taken time from her busy life to write Raven letters of encouragement and inspiration. We think she's pretty awesome.

We have a fantastic group of people supporting Snyder's youth.

Sincerely,
Delia Rodriguez and
Raven Luna

Cable gets worse

Dear Editor:

Every week Cox Cable gets worse. If they are spending a lot of money and it keeps getting worse, they need to stop spending money. They are making it worse. The main problem is from 2-13.

Thes are the stations we received really well from SCAT. Murphy's Law says, "If anything can happen it will." Cox Cable is like that, if anything can happen it will during the program you are trying to watch and that is about true of the 12 regular channels. They periodically mess up more than others do.

Some people are paying $41 a month and more for this type service. Now they want to raise the rates, if that happens, we should all cancel service and go to satellites.

We don't need to pay such prices for such bad service; they should not have offered service to Snyder if they couldn't do better than they are doing. Cox Cable, are you really doing your best? I don't think so. We need a new cable company.

Betty Boyd

City Council meeting

Dear Editor:

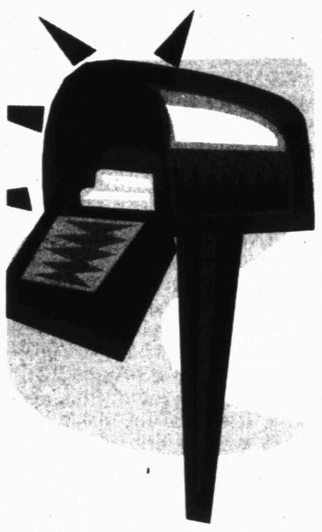
Related to the meeting at City Hall Tuesday evening on Cox Cable, the story in the Snyder Daily News was ably done except the almost-omission of some in attendance who asked, if so much money was spent, why did the system not work better than in times past?

Of course Channel 11 does have a temporary problem. The Neilson's audience ratings were challenged when Cox states that Abilene stations dominated this market.

Some of the council persons, as well as citizens, strongly insisted that the majority of Snyder and Scurry folks go to Lubbock for medical reasons, shopping, entertainment, athletic activity, etc.

We need to be on guard that we might be having Cox Cable, but minus Lubbock channels.

Mel Z. Gilbert



Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2002.

Snyder ISD	16
DCOS	10
Scurry County	9
Ira ISD	8
City of Snyder	4
Hermleigh ISD	3
WTC	3
Cogdell Hospital	3

NEWSPAPERS: LIGHTING FREEDOM'S WAY

Saints and Sinners by George R. Plagenz

The Seventh Commandment

Thou shalt not steal. (Exodus 20:15 and Deuteronomy 5:19)

What does this mean?

"We should fear and love God that we may not take our neighbor's money or goods, nor get them by false dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and business" (Numberings and definition from Martin Luther's Small Catechism).

This commandment safeguarded private property. It went, however, beyond the simple taking of another's goods and is a moral law that is upheld by various religions. The Mishna, which is the teachings of the rabbis and the first section of the Talmud, also goes beyond defining stealing as just a criminal law by saying that there are "seven kinds of thieves, and the chief of all is he who deceives his fellow."

To prevent the shopkeeper from cheating his customers with the ancient version of "the thumb on the scales," the Mishna declared that the "shopkeeper must wipe his measures twice a week, his weights once a week, and his scales after every weighing."

Quite apart from any criminal penalties, Jewish moral law also taught that one who steals could not receive God's forgiveness until he had first atoned for his sin to the injured party. For stealing an ox, the reparation was five oxen if the ox had been killed or sold. If the ox was still recoverable when the thief was caught, he had to give it back plus two other oxen.

Under Luther's teachings, the Seventh Commandment was a "commands to rightdoing." It was not enough that we don't steal from our neighbor or cheat him. We must also "help him to improve and protect his property and business."

The Seventh Commandment was one of those that Luther found implicit in the prohibitions of wrongdoings found in the commandments. He taught that our first concern must not be with obtaining things but with helping others. This gives a needed corrective to our modern philosophy of getting ahead "by hook or by crook" or "every man for himself."

Are we becoming a nation of thieves? Some fear we are and I have even heard some say in passing that if another depression comes it will not be accompanied by people selling apples on street corners as they did during the Great Depression or standing patiently in soup lines. With today's mindset, some fear that a severe economic depression could result in angry mobs storming stores and taking what they feel is theirs.

But there may be a way to prevent that, because, when you think about it, none of us succeeds or fails on his or her own. The joy and happiness we feel, the sadness and failure we experience — these things are usually related in some way to other people in our lives.

Each of us is his "brother's keeper" — and we must, in a sense, keep track of our brother's welfare.

Other people do have a claim to our time and love, and when we withhold it from them, we are taking from them something that is rightfully theirs, even "stealing" it — especially with our children.

When we are too busy for our children, we are taking from them their most precious possession — our love and our time. This is a kind of stealing that should concern us as much as burglary, shoplifting or cheating.

We have had "You can!" dinned into our ears so much by modern schooling or "self-improvement" philosophies that we have forgotten how to say "I can't" and have stretched ourselves too thin at the expense of loved ones.

So, in addition to merely following the Seventh Commandment at face value, try this: Say "I can't" whenever it appears that saying "I can" would mean "stealing" away the love and time you should be giving to others:

"I'd like to but I can't — my mother wouldn't want me to."

"I'd like to but I can't — it would mean spending too much time away from my children."

"I'd like to but I can't — my wife (or husband) is expecting me home."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

So long Senator Gramm

Looking over a crowd of Travis County Republicans gathered for a fund-raiser in his honor several years ago, U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm delivered a message: "I have carried every county in this state except Travis and that is a great source of embarrassment ... for you."

No one ever claimed that Gramm was modest, nor would anyone ever characterize him as taciturn or apologetic. Gramm, after all, is a political product of a state that prides itself on larger-than-life everything. When Congress convenes in January, it will be the first time in 24 years that Gramm isn't representing Texas. The senator leaves office today, hanging it up early so that his successor, John Cornyn, can get a bit of a head start on the incoming freshman class.

If anyone in public life appreciates a political head start, it's Phil Gramm.

As the senator noted, Travis County never had a warm spot for him, and the feeling was said to be mutual. Nonetheless, he was present when the federal building on Ninth Street was renamed in former U.S. Rep. Jake Pickle's honor. Not only was Gramm present, but he was eloquent and sincere in his praise for the Democrat, who represented the Austin area. And whatever he thought about Travis County, Gramm did sample opinion here and liked to leave with a little something in his campaign pockets.

Whatever is said about Gramm — and a lot is said — he relished political combat and was good at it. Like every other human being on the planet, the senator was multidimensional.

His critics made him a caricature, a pol straight out of the movies with his drawl, his love of political money and his unwavering advocacy of his principles and himself. Nonetheless, Gramm could be charming, attentive and witty in small groups. His doctorate in economics was citizenship into the heady world of intellectuals and academe, but he spoke plain English, making him truly bilingual. His position of power in the Senate gave him entry into the world of global and national politics, but he wasn't about to abandon Dickie Flatt, the printer whose homespun wisdom Gramm often cited in speeches.

Here was a guy whose conservative principles often were the target of his critics, but he did something early in his career that was a real act of courage: After leaving the Democratic Party in 1982, Gramm resigned the House seat to which he had been safely reelected and stood in a special election as a Republican. He said then that people ought to have a choice. They chose him.

We often were in strong disagreement with Gramm on this page, but we came to admire his political skill and his adherence to his beliefs. Texas will miss him. His critics, even, are going to miss him.

So long, senator, and good luck.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Troubling signs for faith-based groups

Most Americans are hungry for government policies that encourage churches and other groups to help people, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said this week. Pardon the stating of what should be obvious, but a church misses the mark by a wide margin if it needs government encouragement to help folks.

Lott and Republican Conference Committee Chairman Rick Santorium of Pennsylvania have tagged new initiatives that will assist faith-based organizations in getting government contracts for social service programs as a means of taking the country in a "more conservative direction."

Such a move must not occur by trampling on the U.S. Constitution's establishment clause.

Religious organizations of all stripes are already active participants in state and federally funded social service projects. They manage to escape entanglement questions by separating their service arms from their sponsoring religious bodies.

But the renewed push by the Bush administration and GOP congressional leaders to make it "easier" for religious organizations to qualify for government contracts raises the same warning flags that went up when President Bush first signed his executive order on faith-based initiatives in January 2001.

Texas is often held up as a model for what the federal plan should look like. But troubling and potentially dangerous changes have been made in the state's social service network to accommodate an increased presence of faith-based providers.

The results of then-Gov. Bush's faith-based initiatives in the Lone Star State have meant more than allowing religiously affiliated organizations to compete for government funds without altering their sectarian nature.

According to a study of Texas charitable choices from 1996 to 2001 by the Texas Freedom Network Education Fund, radical changes in licensing and regulation laws have loosened oversight of some faith-based groups that provide services to children and chemically dependent people.

When alcoholism is considered a sin and not also a disease, suffering people aren't getting the medical help they need.

Regulatory changes in Texas came not only in the form of agency policy and contract modifications, but also as direct deregulation of faith-based providers through changes in licensing and inspection requirements.

It is not a level playing field between nonsectarian nonprofits and faith-based organizations. Not level at all.

Faith-based social services are often cited as being more successful than government-operated agencies. That is not an entirely fair claim; there are a lot of good people in government.

What makes faith-based ministry vital is the faith component. Religiously affiliated service providers have a mission greater than teaching someone how to dress for a job interview or how to kick a drug habit, and a higher goal than self-sufficiency on Earth.

San Antonio Express-News

Paisanos, tourists need protection

It's December again. That means that for hundreds of thousands of Mexican immigrants living in the United States, known affectionately in Mexico as paisanos, it's time to go home for the holidays.

Many U.S. tourists who enjoy visiting Mexico during the holiday season will head south as well.

Unfortunately, it's also a dreaded time for many paisanos.

Many corrupt Mexican officials, usually customs, immigration and police officers, eagerly await the arrival of paisanos to rob them of money or possessions.

Sometimes, they remove from paisanos everything except the modest clothes on their backs.

These corrupt officials can target tourists as well.

Two years ago, immediately after taking office, President Vicente Fox made a highly publicized tour of checkpoints along the 2,000-mile border with the United States.

The move paid off; many paisanos noticed that the abuses diminished.

Fox should consider something similar this year because, as the Mexican media have recently reported, the abuses at border inspection sites and highway checkpoints still are occurring.

WTC News

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Sunday, December 8, 2002

Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave. Snyder, TX 79549

Campus Happenings

Now -December 13
Preregistration for currently enrolled students
Call Counseling Office ext. 313

December 9
Finals Begin

December 13
Residence Halls Close 2pm

December 16-January 7
Christmas Holidays

New Practice Facility Dedication

The Snyder Junior Golf Association and Snyder Tiger Booster Club recently dedicated a new short game practice facility to Western Texas College. Money was raised for construction of the facility through fundraisers by the Booster Club and Snyder Junior Golf Association. The WTC Board of Trustees agreed to provide the land for the construction of the facility on an unused portion of the WTC golf course.

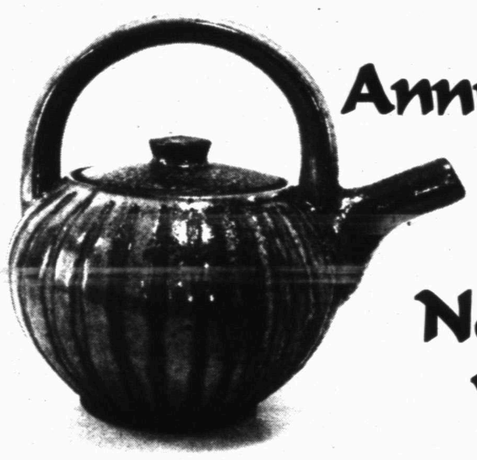
Work was done primarily by junior golfers, parents of junior golfers and WTC Golf and Landscape Technology students. A number of parents and junior golfers spent the majority of the summer of 2001 working on this facility.

The short game practice facility is built on top of the dam at the college golf course and features an area of up to 75 yards for hitting into a Bermuda green protected by two sand bunkers. One bunker is shallow and the other bunker is deep. The green was built to USGA specifications and was sprigged with Tifeagle Bermuda. Tifeagle is the newest variety of Bermuda on the market for use on putting greens.

All of WTC's greens are Bentgrass, so by using Bermuda on the new green it benefits the junior golfers in preparing for tournaments in the southern part of the state and it benefits the Golf and Landscape Technology students. A large majority of GLT graduates end up working on golf courses in the southern part of the country where Bermuda greens are prevalent.

The facility is open to the public with the times of 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday reserved for Snyder High School and Junior High School golf programs.

Pictured above on the site of the new facility are Randy Weaver - Golf and Landscape Technology Instructor and Golf Course Superintendent, Carter Wiggins - President of Snyder Junior Golf Association, Rick Starnes - President of Snyder Tiger Golf Booster Club, WTC President Dr. Greg Williams, Dennis Noblett - WTC Director of Development, and Gordan Gray - Vice President of Snyder Junior Golf Association.



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A Permanent Gift - A Walk of Honor Marker or Brick

Give a tax-deductible gift to someone important to you that will last for decades and benefit others for years to come!

Inscribe that person's name on a granite marker or a brick to be placed in WTC's Walk of Honor, located on the south walkway leading into the heart of the campus.

I would like to become a part of the Walk of Honor.

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I wish to purchase____granite markers (@$300.00 ea.)..$_____

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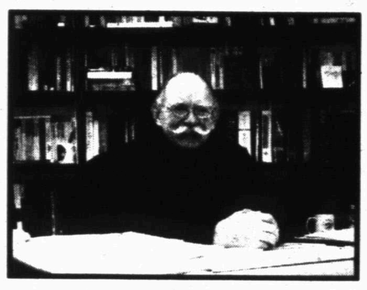
Getting to Know You

Dr. Edward Barkowsky - Hired August 17, 1971

What led you to WTC?

In the spring of 1971, I was finishing my course work toward the Ph.D. at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, and my wife Judy and I were ready to settle someplace–preferably not west Texas, however. I had grown up near Lamesa, she in Wolfforth, and we didn't relish revisiting the sandstorms and dust we had known all too well. My brother had learned of a new college in Snyder, and he urged me to apply–after all, he pointed out, Snyder was well-known for its public school systems and was a good place to live. I sent an application and soon received a call from Dr. Robert Clinton, who wanted to fly to Indianapolis for an interview. He was looking, he said, for instructors with a strong educational background who were dedicated to quality teaching, were willing to try experimental methods, and were unafraid of being held accountable for their work. As he explained his vision for the college, I forgot my nervousness–and my breakfast. "If this man offers me a job," I thought, "I'll follow him–even if it's somewhere in the desert." Dr. Clinton and his academic dean, Dr. Ben Brock, were the most visionary and gifted administrators I have known anywhere. I was stunned when he offered a job on the spot. I had received an offer from Laredo College and had an interview in the making for Del Mar College in Corpus Christi (our dream school), but I was ready to forget both places to be able to work with Dr. Clinton and help to start a new college.



Where do you go from here?

The answer should seem fairly obvious, since I am in my 38th year of teaching. I'm not ready to retire right now, but let's be honest. My major concern has always been the need for intellectually challenging and high-quality instruction. However, I do hope to continue teaching for another 4 or 5 years. After that? Well, there are thousands of really great books that I want to finally read. I have a brain stuffed full of woodcarving designs and projects to try out. And my little flock of grandchildren just seems to keep increasing...

What is your most memorable moment?

What a question. Life, after all, is just a series of moments, and they should all be, in some way or another, memorable. There's not a single most memorable one, for I've lived many fantastic times. But let me give you a handful that are all equally personally wonderful. The day I watched Judy walk toward me down the aisle. Those two totally awesome moments when I first gazed into the faces of my two infant daughters and realized the great miracle of God's creation–and the gift of being a part of that loving creation. Seeing both those daughters graduate with distinction from college. Taking part in their joyous weddings. And knowing, in turn, the joy they shared with us at the birth of three grandchildren.

What is the hardest decision you've ever made?

Choosing a major field of study. I had only 5 different majors in the 9 years I spent taking courses in college and graduate school.

What is your favorite book?

That's another impossible question for a person with literally thousands of books in his personal library. Preferences change as the mind deepens and becomes more philosophical. Years ago, the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy because of its epic treatment of the unfathomable choices good persons must make in the face of evil. Today? *Human Options* and *The Celebration of Life* by Norman Cousins. *The Iliad. The Odyssey. The Aeneid.* Dante's *The Divine Comedy.* The complete works of Chaucer and Shakespeare. The Lymon novels by Dorothy Dunnet (historical in context and intellectually challenging). Nearly everything by William Faulkner. Franklin's *Autobiography*. Viktor Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning*. At least 15 novels about the British navy in the Napoleonic Wars by Patrick O'Brien. *D-Day* and *Band of Brothers* by Stephen Ambrose. *Cry, The Beloved Country* by Alan Paton.

Favorite author?

Another "Good Grief" question, that one. Here are some choices: Homer, Virgil, Dante, Chaucer, Shakespeare, W.B. Yeats, William Faulkner, Dorothy Dunnett, Elie Wiesel, Leo Buscaglia, Washington Irving, Thomas Jefferson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Mark Twain, Alan Paton, and Norman Cousins.

Favorite movie?

Here, you get only five answers: *Dr. Zhivago, Twelve O'clock High, To Kill a Mockingbird, Saving Private Ryan,* and *My Fair Lady.*

Favorite spare time activity?

What's spare time? Seriously, I love singing in the choir, woodturning and carving, reading (of course), and loving my grandchildren.

Names of family members?

My loving and long-suffering wife, Judy–a teacher far better than I–who "retired" last year and promptly went back to part-time teaching and full-time Support of Good Causes such as the Snyder Day Care Center; the two loveliest daughters God could have ever given a person: Lesa, now a retired attorney in New York (graduate of the University of Texas and Columbia Law School), and Holly, partner in her husband's family business (graduate of Texas Tech University). And three grandchildren: Connor and Brenna of New York, ages 3 years and 18 months, respectively; and Owen of Ransom Canyon, Texas, age 13 months.

If you could spend an hour talking to any person living or dead, who would it be?

Benjamin Franklin for his incredibly inquisitive mind, optimistic and progressive outlook, and his embodiment of the spirit of the Enlightenment. Thomas Jefferson for many of the same reasons, plus his great intellect. Norman Cousins for his dedication to the causes of peace and understanding among humans. Aristotle, because he was not only a great intellectual, but a great teacher as well. Alan Paton, gentle and iron-willed opponent of racial discrimination. And Elie Wiesel, of the soft and gentle voice, who in speaking and writing about the Holocaust, reminds us of both the terrible evil and the infinite good we are capable of.

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ACROSS

1 White lie
4 Typewriter key
7 Shoestring
11 Make a bet
12 Juno, in Athens
13 Object
14 Kitchen pest
15 Shade trees
16 Ducklike bird
17 Closes
19 Resistance units
20 Cry of disgust
21 Membership dues
22 Playing marble
25 Seed grain
28 Tax org.
29 Carry on
31 Total
33 Morse-code word
34 Power-train part
36 Jacques' pal
37 Pasture
40 Spew lava
42 Practical joke
43 Cure hides
44 "How've ya — ?"
46 Pyromaniac's deed
49 Drying oven
50 Proficient
52 Not care a —
54 Dart about
55 Adventurous
56 Motel of old
57 So-so grades
58 Blue shade
59 Sweater letter

DOWN

1 Gator Bowl st.
2 Fleming and Smith
3 Memory unit
4 Poke fun at
5 Mo. neighbor
6 — -relief
7 Rock plant
8 Quark's home
9 Business VIPs
10 CPR giver
12 More sacred
18 Toward the stern
19 Above, to Tennyson
21 Crumbly cheese
22 Help
23 Lab weight
24 Arthur — of tennis
25 Understood
26 Rebekah's son
27 Piece of sugar
30 In a tizzy
32 Engineering sch.
35 Nurtured
38 Spies
39 Aykroyd or Rather
41 Hosp. workers
43 Add up
44 Ill temper
45 Wiesel of literature
47 "Think nothing — —!"
48 1492 vessel
49 Col. Sanders' place
50 Tummy muscles
51 — choy
53 Veldt grazer

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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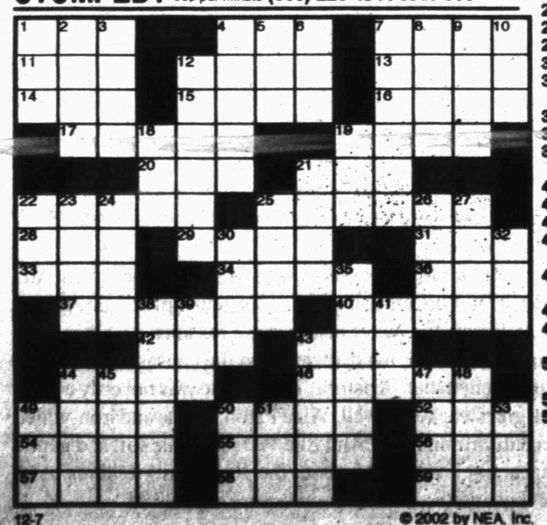

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Appeals court backs California's law that bans assault-weapons

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court, upholding California's assault-weapons ban, decided that the Second Amendment does not guarantee individuals the right to bear arms.

The three-judge panel's unanimous ruling Thursday conflicts with Attorney General John Ashcroft's interpretation of the Second Amendment and with a 2001 ruling by the federal appeals in New Orleans.

The decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco said the amendment's right to bear arms is intended to maintain effective state militias and is not an individual right.

"The historical record makes it equally plain that the amendment was not adopted in order to afford rights to individuals with respect to private gun ownership or possession," Judge Stephen Reinhardt wrote.

National Rifle Association spokesman Andrew Arulanandam said it was too early to know how Thursday's ruling will affect the gun rights debate, but said the NRA was disappointed.

"For 131 years we've been standing steadfastly to protect the freedoms of all law abiding Americans and stand steadfastly that the Second Amendment is an individual right and will continue to do so," Arulanandam said.

The amendment reads, in full: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

In its ruling last year, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans said the Second Amendment does protect an individual's right to bear arms, but that those rights are subject to narrowly tailored restrictions.

Ashcroft has said that the Second Amendment gives individuals the right to bear arms, compelling a flood of defendants to petition federal judges to vacate their weapons convictions.

Judges, however, have balked at the petitions and upheld the laws prohibiting felons from possessing firearms and other gun prohibitions. Many of those cases are on appeal.

Attorneys for the gun owners who sued in the case decided Thursday did not return telephone calls seeking comment on whether they would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The appellate court said the high court's guidance on the gun control issue has been "not entirely illuminating."

In 1939, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a federal law prohibiting the interstate transport of sawed-off shotguns. The Supreme Court found that the weapon in question was not suitable for use in the militia and therefore not constitutionally protected.

In Thursday's case, weapons owners challenged 1999 amendments to the 1989 California law that outlawed 75 high-powered weapons with rapid-fire capabilities.

The initial law, enacted in response to a 1989 schoolyard shooting in Stockton that killed five children and wounded 30, banned certain makes and models of firearms. The amendments banned additional "copycat" weapons based on a host of features, instead of particular models.

"While I respect the rights of Californians to pursue hunting and sports shooting, and of law-abiding citizens to protect their homes and businesses, there is no need for these military style weapons to be on the streets in our state," said Bill Lockyer, California's attorney general.

Following California's lead, several states and the federal government have passed similar or stricter bans.

The 9th Circuit has been known for rulings to the left of its peers.

In June, another 9th Circuit panel ruled that the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance was an unconstitutional government endorsement of religion. Reinhardt voted with the majority in that 2-1 ruling, which is on hold pending appeal.

Police find girl, man dead at storage unit

CONWAY, Ark. (AP) — A 13-year-old girl who disappeared from her home this week was found dead in a storage unit, along with the body of a California man believed to have abducted her.

The bodies of Kacie Rene Woody and 47-year-old David Fuller were found Wednesday after police went to the storage facility on a tip and heard a shot ring out.

Kacie and Fuller both suffered gunshot wounds; police believe the shot that was heard was Fuller committing suicide. Montgomery said officers did not fire their weapons.

Kacie had been reported missing Tuesday

"We tried desperately to get Miss Woody back to her family safe, but we were unable," Faulkner County Sheriff Marty Montgomery said.

Autopsy results were pending. Police would not comment on whether she was sexually assaulted.

Authorities believe Kacie met Fuller in an Internet chat room about a month ago and that he likely deceived her into believing he was much younger.

Her brother reported her missing from their home in rural Holland, about 30 miles north of Little Rock. The children's father, a police officer in a nearby town, was at work at the time. Their mother died five years ago.

Officers suspected the girl was kidnapped because she left the home without any shoes.

"At the beginning, it was obvious to us that she did not just run off," sheriff's spokesman Jack Pike said.

The FBI was looking at similar crimes for possible links to Fuller. Fuller had lived in the San Diego suburb of La Mesa before coming to Arkansas in November, and police there were preparing to help federal agents serve a search warrant on a residence.

United Airlines' stock plunges

CHICAGO (AP) — United Airlines slid into a tailspin a day after its request for a $1.8 billion loan guarantee was rejected by the government, setting up a likely trip to bankruptcy court this weekend.

Sources familiar with the process, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said United was preparing to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Sunday. The carrier was finalizing the terms of a $1.5 billion debtor-in-possession loan that would enable the airline to keep flying during bankruptcy, the sources said.

Thursday was an extraordinarily bleak day for United Airlines. Its stock sank to lows not seen in more than 40 years, employees heaped blame on management and analysts insisted that the once-mighty company had no choice but bankruptcy.

"I can't imagine them avoiding it unless someone writes them a check for $2 billion," said analyst Ray Neidl of Blaylock and Partners.

United had worked desperately to wring concessions from its unions to help get the federal loan guarantee that the airline said was necessary to avoid the biggest bankruptcy filing in the history of the airline industry.

But a federal board rejected the guarantee Wednesday, saying United's financial recovery plan was flawed.

The company has lost more than $4 billion since the middle of 2000 and is headed for an industry-record loss of more than $2 billion for the second straight year.

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Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Williams was an alien before 'Creek'

Q: I may be a bit confused, but didn't "Dawson's Creek" star Michelle Williams play an alien in "Species"? The actresses look so much alike. Are they related, or was "Species" Williams' big-screen debut? — **M.W., Porterville, Calif.**

A: You're not confused at all. Williams did play young Sil in the 1995 movie "Species." Her first feature film was "Lassie," which was released in 1994.

Q: I have just completed the latest "Left Behind" book, by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins, and now I am ready for an end to the series. How many more books do they plan to print before we get to the end of the story? — **L.M., Memphis, Tenn.**

A: I applaud — and envy — your attention span. Twelve books are scheduled for the series, plus a one-book sequel and a one-book prequel. Book No. 10, "The Remnant: On the Brink of Armageddon," was released in July. Hang in there.

Q: Whatever happened to Michael Parks, who was in a very successful TV series called "Then Came Bronson"? In what movies did he appear? Where can I write to him? — **C.J., Rogers, Ark.**

A: Parks' most recent film is the Italian movie "A Chance of Life," scheduled for release this year. He's been in too many films to list here, but some of the more recent ones are "From Dusk Till Dawn," "Death Wish V: The Face of Death" and "The Hitman." You can write to him at 1618 N. Vine St., No. 614, Hollywood, CA 90028.

Q: Would you please give me the home addresses for Cher and Elton John? I want to write to them, but I don't want it to go to a fan club, and I don't want the letter to just say "Hollywood, Calif." I don't know if they live in Hollywood, and they might not receive the letter. The letters are in response to articles I read in a magazine. There will be nothing bad in either letter. - **R.M., El Monte, Calif.**

A: I'm sorry, but I can't print home addresses. I'm sure your letters are benign, but it would be a violation of privacy (and potentially dangerous) to print celebrities' home addresses. I hope you'll be satisfied with the addresses of the people who handle their mail. Cher's address is 8942 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90211. You can write to John at Woodside, Crump Hill Road, Old Windsor, Berkshire, England.

Q: Is Sophia Loren's husband still living? If so, how old is he? Growing up, everything I read about him was connected to how much older he was than Loren. How much difference is there in their ages? — **I.G., No City or State Available**

A: Loren's husband, Carlo Ponti, is still alive and will be 90 on Dec. 11. He was born in 1912. Loren was born on Sept. 20, 1934, and is 68. There are about 22 years between them.

TRIVIA: Sophia Loren and Carlo Ponti were married in 1957. The marriage was annulled in 1962 because of charges that Ponti's divorce from his previous wife wasn't valid. They were remarried in France, in 1966.

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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Former Providence mayor said serene as he enters fed prison

FORT DIX, N.J. (AP) — Bypassing a throng of reporters, former Providence, R.I., mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci Jr. entered a federal prison Friday to begin serving a five-year, four-month sentence for racketeering conspiracy.

Longtime friend Robert Lovell drove Cianci to the Federal Correctional Institution at Fort Dix, using a different gate than the one where reporters were waiting. Lovell said they were not avoiding the media but entered the Army base through the first gate they found.

Lovell described Cianci's mood as serene and reflective as he entered the low-security prison. Prison officials did not let Cianci bring in a bag containing cigarettes and a novel, Lovell said.

Cianci, 61, the longest-serving mayor in Providence history, stepped down Sept. 6, the day he was sentenced on a racketeering conspiracy charge. He had been mayor since 1974, except for a six-year interruption beginning in 1984, after he pleaded no contest to felony assault charges.

Prosecutors said Cianci was the mastermind of a City Hall criminal enterprise in which police officers and city officials routinely took bribes in exchange for municipal tax breaks, jobs and favors.

Cianci has maintained his innocence and is appealing his conviction.

About 4,000 inmates live in the Fort Dix prison, a complex of brick buildings surrounded by a chain-link fence topped with barbed wire. Cianci will be housed in a dormitory-style cube with up to 11 other prisoners.

Osbourne speaks

LONDON (AP) — Sharon Osbourne will go head-to-head with Queen Elizabeth II when she delivers an alternative festive season message on television on Christmas Day.

Commercial station Channel 4 announced Wednesday that an address from the wife of heavy-metal singer Ozzy Osbourne will be broadcast at 3 p.m. (1500 GMT) Dec. 25 — exactly the same time the queen is scheduled to give her traditional message on the British Broadcasting Corp.

The 50-year-old Osbourne has become renowned through a fly-on-the-wall television show about her family.

Ryder gets three years probation and community service for theft

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Winona Ryder was sentenced to probation and community service Friday for shoplifting from Saks Fifth Avenue by a judge who warned her, "If you steal again, you will go to jail."

Suprior Court Judge Elden Fox ordered her to pay $10,000 in fines and restitution and perform 480 hours of community service.

Ryder, 31, made no statement to the court other than to acknowledge the judge's warning. She was also ordered to participate in a court-approved drug and psychological counseling program.

Ryder had faced up to three years in prison, but prosecutors did not recommend any time behind bars because she had no prior convictions.

"It is not my intention to make an example of you," Fox told Ryder. But he said she had disappointed many people and she would have to "confront certain issues" that led to her behavior.

"You have refused to accept personal responsibility," he told the actress.

"If you steal again, you will go to jail. Understand that?" he told her.

"Yes, Your Honor, I do," she replied.

The two-time Academy Award nominee was convicted last month of felony grand theft and vandalism for taking more than $5,500 worth of merchandise at the Beverly Hills store a year ago.

Ryder was sentenced to three years of probation after defense attorney Mark Geragos charged that prosecutors did not treat her like any other defendant, and got a felony conviction "after they have done everything possible to try to destroy this woman."

He reminded the court that Ryder had, among other good deeds, posted a reward to find the murderer of 12-year-old Polly Klaas, who was kidnapped from her Petaluma, Calif., home in 1993.

Geragos acknowledged some "aberrant behavior" by Ryder but called her classy.

In a victim's statement, Saks Fifth Avenue general counsel Kenneth Metzner told the court that Ryder made TV appearances after her arrest that made light of the crime.

He said shoplifting is serious, costing Saks more than $7 million last year. That money could have gone to employee benefits and other purposes but "instead it went to criminals," he said. Ryder appeared to smile at that moment.

Ryder's infamous shopping trip on Dec. 12, 2001, garnered international headlines and became the buzz of late-night talk shows. During her trial, jurors were shown videotapes of Ryder wandering through the store's designer boutiques and taking a large number of items into dressing rooms.

The tapes did not show Ryder cutting off sensor tags with scissors, but a security guard testified she looked through door slats and witnessed the vandalism.

Security staff testified that after Ryder was caught, she claimed a director had told her to shoplift to prepare for a movie role.

The defense said that after Ryder's first purchase, the actress believed the store would keep her account "open" and charge her later. But there was no evidence of an account.

More air pollution feared if plants burn tires

ARLINGTON (AP) — Ridiculous is what some North Texas residents call a state environmental agency's plan to reduce air pollution by allowing cement plants to burn tires.

They say the rule — part of a settlement with Texas Industries in its lawsuit against the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality over emission reductions — shows that the state cares more about industries than residents' health.

The commission, which is expected to adopt the rule sometime after next week's final public hearing, still does not have a report on the type and amount of emissions from test tire burns this summer at Texas Industries' Midlothian cement plant — which the state gave $2 million for the project.

"I'm disappointed in the state's unwillingness to be tough on the largest industrial pollution sources in Texas," Katy Hubener said Thursday at the commission's public hearing in Arlington. "It seems like TXI received everything, and breathers in Texas received nothing."

The state is trying to develop plans in smog-plagued cities to reduce pollution levels that exceed federal guidelines under the Clean Air Act.

Texas Industries officials say critics are uninformed about the rule, which the Environmental Protection Agency says will reduce smog-creating nitrogen oxide levels by 30 percent on average.

Company officials say numerous soil, water and other tests have shown no evidence that their Midlothian plant, which already burns hazardous waste and now will burn tires for fuel, causes health problems for the community.

"Our employees are our most precious asset, so we're not going to do anything to harm their health in any way," said spokesman Randy Jones.

Texas Industries, or TXI, employs 4,300 people nationwide in 125 plants. It is the nation's fifth-largest cement producer and second largest steel producer.

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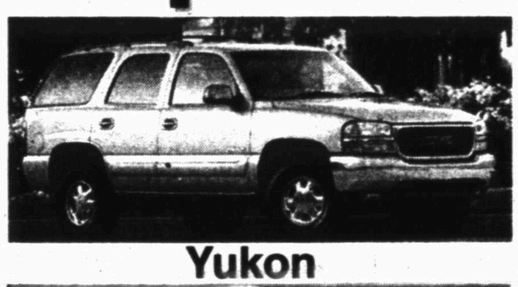
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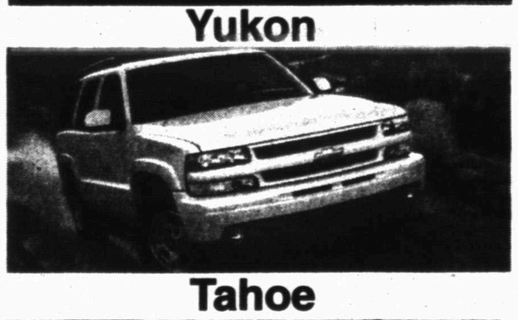
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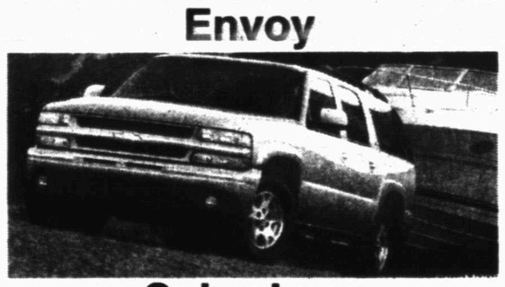
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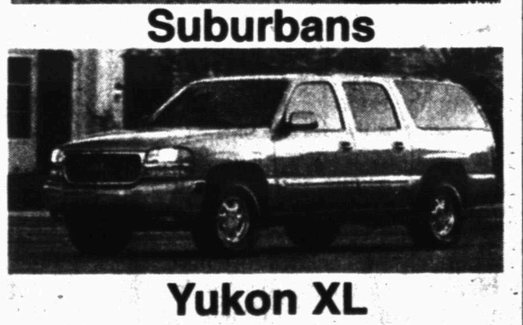
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