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Snyder Laundry...

No funds likely for fire claims

People who lost clothing in the fire which destroyed Snyder Laundry and Dry Cleaners last December are not expected to receive any compensation for their losses, according to a federal bankruptcy trustee assigned to the case in Lubbock.

Lubbock attorney Harvey Morton said Tuesday that papers signed as part of the bankruptcy proceedings stated there are no funds available to pay for customer claims.

"I don't know if that is a fact, though," said Morton. "The papers do list some bank accounts."

The first meeting of creditors is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 12 in Room 411 of the United Bankruptcy Court in Lubbock.

A notice sent to creditors in mid-November, said that at this time, there appears to be no assets available from which payment may be made to unsecured creditors.

Morton said if additional money is found, a new notice would be sent to creditors advising them of action to take.

After the business was destroyed, Wickline re-opened in the Snyder Shopping Center and announced plans for a new building on College Avenue.

The temporary location was later closed and plans for the new building were scrapped as Wickline filed suit against The Travelers Lloyds Insurance Company, seeking more than $1 million in actual damages and exemplary treble damages. The suit was filed, according to Wickline, because the insurance company had failed to settle his claim.

The suit filed in district court said the company had advanced Wickline $50,000 on the claim.

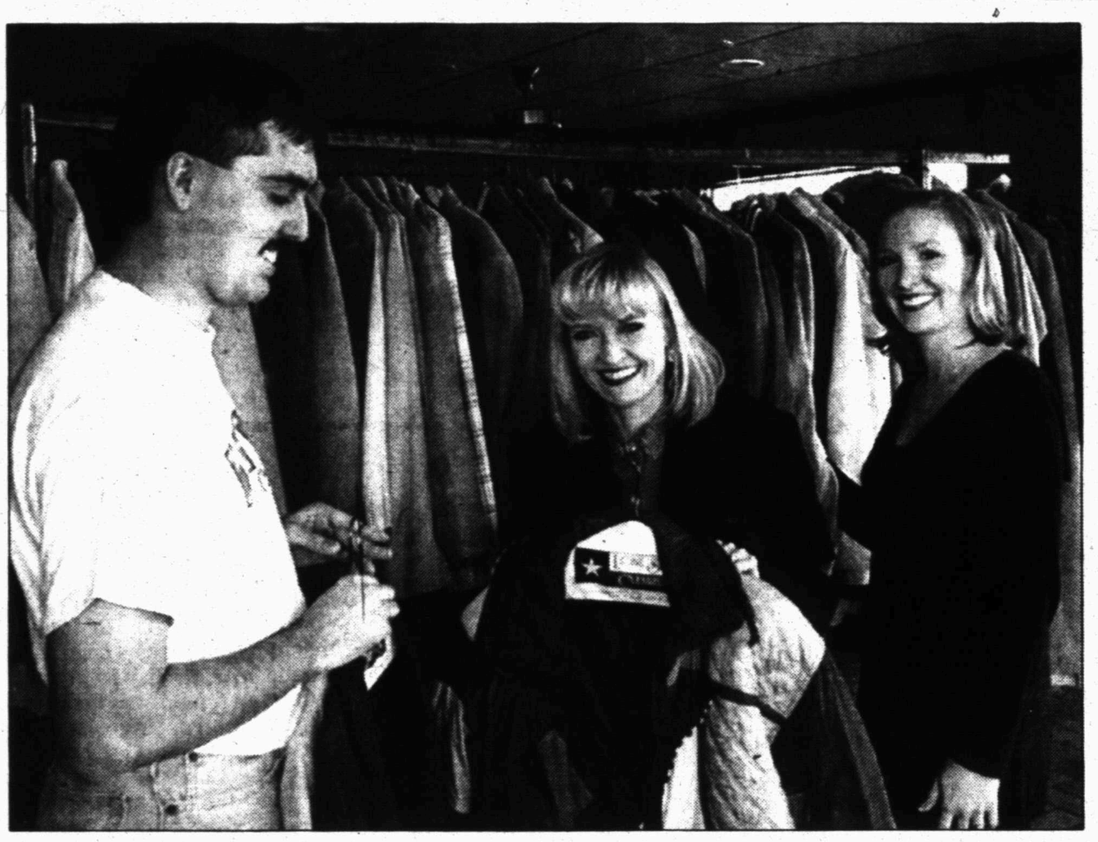
Additional processing of the claim was put on hold after the issue of arson was raised, according to court documents.

In May, the first lein holder of the assets of the laundry was awarded the bulk of the insurance proceeds following an agreed judgment entered in 132nd District Court.

West Texas State Bank was found to have a properly perfected first lein and security interest in all the assets of the laundry and dry cleaning establishment.

The judgment called for the bank to be paid $534,952.89 to pay off notes, including $123,942 advanced after the fire in an attempt to keep the business viable.

The judgment also called for the payment of $55,245 to Lubbock attorney J. Edwin Price.



HAPPY HELPERS — Volunteers with the "St. Mary Cure for the Cold" coat drive sorted through donated coats today. From left, Pete Garcia, Nila Harrell and Karen Walker express pleasure in their work. Drop off locations for persons wishing to donate are KSNY, Lone Star Cleaners and St. Mary Healthcare Center. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The trouble with stretching the truth is it sometimes snaps back."

We clocked it. We can be at work in less than four minutes — unless the traffic on College Ave. happens to be unusally heavy or unless we stop for coffee.

Being stopped at a traffic jam in Snyder usually means motorists have stopped to pay respect to a funeral procession — an uncommon practice in a lot of urban areas.

We just read that people who commute to work in Washington, D.C. spend 59 hours a year stuck in traffic. That hardly sounds appealing.

Corpus Christi residents, however, only lose six hours per year in a traffic jam. Compare that to Los Angeles where citizens get stuck in congested freeway traffic for almost 50 hours a year.

That may be just one of the reasons that Lorber officials enjoy their visits to Snyder.

Sign seen in an office:

"In case of fire, don't panic. Simply exit with the same reckless abandon that occurs each day at 5 p.m."

Gotta beat the 5 o'clock rush hour in Snyder.

Strange things happen everywhere, but it seems more frequent in the city.

A man hit by a car in New York City got up uninjured, but laid back down in front of the car when a bystander suggested that he pretend to be hurt so he could collect insurance money.

The car then rolled forward and crushed him to death.

Winner of the "Wacky Warning Labels" contest had to do with driving.

A Michigan Lawsuit Abuse watchdog group chose the first place winner who got $100 and a copy of the book, "The Death of Common Sense."

The winner of the inaugural contest was the warning that came with the cardboard sunscreen for car windshields — Don't drive with sunscreen in place.

There was also a beach towel with a label advising that it should not be used for protection during a hurricane.

A hair dryer also came with this warning — don't use while sleeping.

Incumbents are first to file

Three incumbents filed for office today — the first day to file for candidacy in the March 10 party primaries.

County Judge Ricky Fritz, County Clerk Joan Bunch and Precinct 1 Peace Justice Charlie Reynolds all filed this morning on the Republican ticket.

Fritz and Reynolds are seeking their second terms. Bunch, elected in 1996 to fill out a term for retiring county clerk Francis Billingsley, is seeking her first full term.

Others who have previously announced they will file for office are Roy Idom, incumbent Precinct 2 County Commissioner, and Trina Rodgers, who is seeking the position of district clerk. They have also filed on the Republican ticket. The current district clerk, Elois Pruitt, a Democrat, has announced she will not seek another term.

Other offices up for election and the current incumbents are:

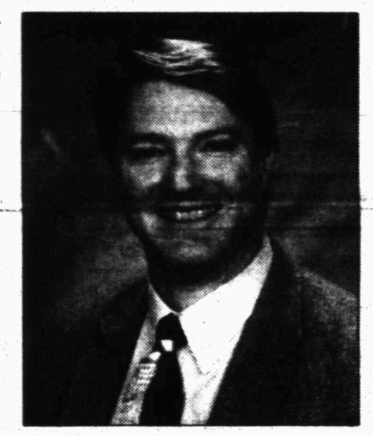
—Commissioner, Pct. 4, held by Jerry Gannaway, a Democrat.

—County Treasurer, held by Charlie Bell, a Democrat.

—Peace Justice, Pct. 2, held by John Williamson, a Democrat.

Fritz, a Snyder native, said he wants to opportunity to serve Scurry County for another term.

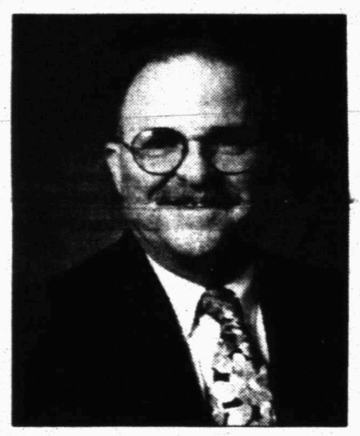
"I believe the greatest honor I have ever received is being elected to county judge in my own hometown," said Fritz. "It has been a learning experience. I pledged three years ago to run county government in a business-like manner. We have lowered the tax rate by 16 percent with no loss of service and have increased reserves to an adequate level."



Ricky Fritz



Joan Bunch



Charlie Reynolds

Fritz and his wife, Sara, an employee at Western Texas College, have two children — Paula, 11, and Clay, 9. They are members of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Mrs. Bunch has lived in Snyder since 1971 and is a Snyder High School graduate. She attended Western Texas College and Texas Tech University.

"It has been a privilege to serve as your clerk and I would appreciate your continued support in the upcoming election year," she said.

She is married to Travis Bunch, who is the local Exxon distributor. They also own Tiger Mart. They have three children — 15-year-old Lindsey, 12-year-old Stacey and 7-year-old Dylan.

They are members of the First Baptist Church.

Reynolds is seeking his second term as peace justice for Precinct 1. A former Democrat, he has filed as a Republican.

"It has been my pleasure to serve as your justice of the peace. I appreciate the help and support the citizens of Scurry County have given me in the past," said Reynolds. "I would also ask for your continued support and confidence in the upcoming election."

Reynolds spent 11 years in law enforcement, first as city marshal at Cross Plains and then for nine and a half years as a deputy with the Scurry County Sheriff's Department. He spent five and a half years as the DARE officer, working with school districts in the county.

His wife, Pat, is a clerk in the district clerk's office. They have two sons, Daman of Snyder and Tommy of San Angelo.

"I pledge that my door will always be open to you. I am here to serve and assist you, as you might have need," said Reynolds.

Filing runs through Jan. 2. Anyone interested in filing should contact the county chairman. Drew Bullard is the Republican Party chairman; Billy Haynes is the Democratic Party chairman.

The election is March 10. Early voting will be held from Feb. 23 through March 6.

Rain

Rainfall totals from Tuesday night, as reported by county residents.

Snyder	.40
East of City	.40
West of City	.35
North of City	.40
South of City	.20
Fluvanna	.20
Dunn	.15
Ira	.10
Hermleigh	.30
Lake Thomas	.20
Paymaster	.40
Farmer's Co-op	.50
Inadale Gin	.20

Morales won't seek re-election

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Dan Morales will not seek re-election next year.

The seven-year incumbent said Tuesday that despite a high approval rating and name recognition, he will focus his immediate future on his new wife and her two children.

Morales, 41, married for the first time earlier this year. He will serve out the remaining 13 months of his current term but did not indicate what he will do after that.

"It's unlikely I'll go into a traditional legal practice," Morales said. "We all recognize there are more lucrative opportunities in the private sector. But that was not a major consideration. It really was more related to time, energy and commitment directed toward my family."

As the state's highest elected Hispanic, Morales had been expected to draw Hispanic voters, mainly Democrats, to the polls next year. He said he doesn't think his decision will dissuade Hispanics from voting.

"There are a number of qualified and competent Hispanic elected officials who are ready to carry the banner," Morales said. "I really disagree ... that my absence as a formal candidate on the ticket will depress the Hispanic vote."

Morales and Democratic Party Chairman Bill White pointed to state Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Benavides, as a strong Hispanic running for statewide office.

Raymond, who is running for land commissioner, said Morales' departure could draw more interest to the election.

"When you have a wide open race, you tend to have more participation than when you have a popular incumbent," Raymond said.

Morales' decision left — at least temporarily — only Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Morris Overstreet in the Democratic primary race.

But Morales said he believes other Democrats will enter before the candidate filing deadline on Jan. 2. He would not say who he expects to enter the race.

Man pulls off drive-through bank robbery in his own car

DALLAS (AP) — It wasn't hard for police and FBI agents to track down the man who robbed the drive-through window of a Dallas bank.

He made it easy for them Tuesday when he drove his own pickup truck during the robbery. It was a simple matter for bank employees to write down his license number.

"It makes it a little easier when they use their own vehicle, doesn't it? said FBI spokeswoman Marjorie Poche.

Officers tracked down and arrested Jacob Matthew Brown, 20, only hours after he placed a used fast-food sack and a pink stick-on note in the commercial lane money tray.

"Look I have a big boom. Give me money now or suffer ... disaster," the note read.

A teller gave him an undisclosed amount of money and wrote down the license tag number as he drove away.

Brown was arrested at a friend's apartment.

ASK US

Q—Is the Christmas house decorations contest open to all residences in the county, or just homes in Snyder?

A—It is open to all homes in the county. Contact the chamber at 573-3558 before Dec. 15 to enter.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 51 degrees; low, 36; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 36; .40 of an inch precipitation; total for 1997, 23.96 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low around 30. NW wind 5-15 mph, becoming light, variable by midnight. Thursday, possible morning fog, otherwise sunny. High 60-65. S-W wind 5-15 mph.

Casey Smith
Sunny

Sunset: 5:40 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:27 a.m.
Of 336 days in 1997, the sun has shone 321 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

...Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned.

Peter Marshall

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RIBBON CUTTING — Gold Coats welcomed Christy's Boutique at 3311 College Ave. to the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Christy's has ladies apparel, jewelry, candles and many other items. Chamber of Commerce executive director Donna Fowler, fourth from front row left, presented Christy Pratt with a membership plaque. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Judge dissolves class action on breast implant lawsuit

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Uneeda Laitinen fears she will not live long enough to make Dow Corning Corp. pay for the sickness she blames on the silicone breast implants she had put in.

She is one of 1,800 women cut out of a class-action lawsuit in Louisiana when a state judge issued a ruling Tuesday dissolving the class.

Ms. Laitinen, who got her implant in Louisiana but now lives in Bay St. Louis, Miss., said she will never give up trying to collect the money. "I even have it in my will — what I want done in my case if I die before I get to court."

She thought she was getting closer when a jury decided last August that Dow Chemical Co. plotted with Dow Corning to hide potential health dangers.

The lawsuit — the nation's first such case to go to trial as a class action — was set to resume on Jan. 7 with the original eight women as plaintiffs. The same jury who decided the liability in the August decision was to determine damages at that time.

The decision by state Judge Yada Magee narrows the scope of the Dow Chemical case to the original eight, who contended that their implants caused aches, pains, fatigue and other problems. Dow Chemical owns half of Dow Corning, one of the biggest manufacturers.

Attorneys on both sides said the decision also means that subsequent breast implant lawsuits will lose their class-action status. That would affect 10,000 women with breast implants from various manufacturers named in related cases, lawyers agreed. The women either live in Louisiana or had the implants done in the state.

In the ruling, Magee said the claims by the 1,800 women were too dissimilar to group all in one lawsuit. The women had received various types of implants, at different times, and suffered different diseases. Since the implants were put in over a 30-year period, different legal standards also had to be used for each plaintiff, the judge wrote.

Dawn Barrios, lead attorney for the women, called the decision a "procedural ruling" that does not affect the rights of the women who must now sue individually. She said an appeal was planned.

"We have fought for more than five years for these women," Barrios said. "We have won major battles. And we will not rest until each Louisiana woman has her day in court."

John G. Scriven, vice president of Dow Chemical, said the women can pursue their claims in Dow Corning's bankruptcy reorganization.

Unlike most lawsuits, in which plaintiffs must argue and prove their case individually, class-action lawsuits allow people to present a single argument and sue as a group.

The plaintiffs argued that plastic surgeons knew that silicone seeped out through the implants' flexible walls and could pop out of ruptured implants, and that the doctors should have told their patients.

A TIME-TRAVELING CHRISTMAS by Jack & Carole Bender



Some students turn to prayer as way of coping with violence

By ALLEN G. BREED
Associated Press Writer

Every morning, 10th-grader Duanetta Wilson of Jackson, Miss., says a silent prayer at Jim Hill High School. It's her way of coping with the violence that is creeping into the lives of students everywhere.

"We have gangs and guns, and we just have people that's just not living right," Duanetta, 16, said Tuesday. "We have so much going on, and schools just need prayer."

Daunetta is not alone in her feelings. Thousands of public school students around the nation — especially in the South — gather around flagpoles or in hallways and begin the day by praying together. As long as the meetings aren't sponsored, organized or endorsed by teachers or administrators, the Supreme Court has ruled that the praying doesn't violate the constitutional separation between church and state.

School prayer jumped back on the front pages Monday morning when a 14-year-old self-professed atheist opened fire on a group of about 35 students at Heath High School in West Paducah, Ky. The gunman began firing as soon as the students who had gathered for the daily prayer circle said "amen."

Three students were killed and five others were hurt.

But don't expect students to stop praying because of fear.

"When you know what's right to do and you do it, you have to accept the consequences," said Bishop Knox, a Jackson, Miss., principal who was fired in 1993 for allowing students to pray over the intercom.

More than three decades ago, the Supreme Court outlawed organized prayer sessions in public schools. Many get around the ruling by meeting in informal, student-led prayer sessions.

Some say that students should have more freedom to pray.

"Obviously, based on what happened yesterday at Heath High School, there needs to be a lot of prayer for our schools," said Doug Clark, promotion coordinator for See You At The Pole, a national network of student prayer groups.

Clark said more than 3 million students gathered on school campuses in September for the eighth annual See You At The Pole observance. He said some reported being heckled.

Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Miss., sponsored the Freedom of Religion Act, which would guarantee the right to voluntary prayer in schools. State legislators also support school prayer.

Knox's firing, later downgraded to a suspension, led to a 1994 Mississippi law that authorized student-led, non-denominational prayer, but the law was never allowed to take effect.

A Mississippi state legislator is trying to get around the prayer issue with a proposed bill based on a 1994 Georgia law. That law does not mention prayer, but requires a 60-second silent moment of reflection before the start of classes.

In Alabama, a federal judge ordered training sessions for teachers in DeKalb County schools after an administrator charged that students had been coerced into participating in religious activities.

Alabama's Republican Gov. Fob James has criticized the ruling and the state attorney general is fighting to have parts of the order overturned.

Liggett listing ingredients of its cigarettes

MIAMI (AP) — The ingredients that go into L&M cigarettes now can be found on the cartons.

Liggett Group Inc. said Tuesday it has begun listing the ingredients, keeping a promise it made in June.

"Months ago, Liggett agreed to full disclosure of ingredients on its cigarette cartons and recently has begun making that disclosure nationwide," Bennett S. LeBow, chairman of Miami-based Brooke Group Ltd., said in a statement.

Brooke owns Durham, N.C.-based Liggett, makers of L&M as well as the Chesterfield, Lark and Eve brands.

LeBow said Liggett supports Massachusetts' efforts to force cigarette makers to list their ingredients. Other tobacco companies are trying to block the legislation.

In addition to blended tobacco and water, the 26 ingredients that go into L&M cigarettes include molasses, phenylacetic acid and oil of patchouli, The Washington Post reported today.

Berry's World



"A special dance for casino owners."

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REGION BAND MEMBERS — Snyder Junior High School All-Region Band members include from right, front row, Samantha Everett, Shell Hembree, Ryan McAnally, Cody Beaver, Morgan Miller (alternate), and Kasey Collier; back row, Hayli Henderson, Jason Hall, Jason Williams, Brodie Pierce (alternate), Joe Bishop, Christan Curry, Keeli Shoemake, Carice Posey and Crystal Garcia. Band director Gust Witt accompanied students to region tryouts on Nov. 22 in Plainview. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Teen girls misidentified after accident

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP) — Kathy Getty was devastated when she was told her daughter had been critically injured in a traffic accident that killed the teen-ager's best friend.

Her anguish worsened four days later, when she learned the unconscious girl she had been sitting with was someone else's child and her daughter was dead.

Mrs. Getty, a nurse, blames Vanderbilt University Medical Center for the mistake.

"I go in and see this child and pray for her and give her love and attention, and then four days later they tell me it's not my baby," she said Tuesday. "I have a live, comatose daughter and then they shock the hell out of me by saying she's been dead. This is so horrible."

The hospital regrets the mix-up but questions why Mrs. Getty couldn't tell the injured girl was not her daughter.

"I'm being accused: 'You should have known that wasn't your daughter.' How can you know in a situation like this?" she asked. "I mean, hospitals don't get this kind of thing wrong.

"The only thing I thought was that her hair looked a little dark. You focus on what you're given and that's what I was given — hope and life."

The hospitalized girl is 14-year-old Tiffany Moshier, the best friend of Mrs. Getty's 16-year-old daughter, also named Tiffany. Both were passengers in a pickup truck that collided with another truck on Nov. 26.

Members of the Moshier family, who had been planning their daughter's funeral, haven't spoken publicly since the mixup was confirmed Sunday.

The two young women were among six people taken to the hospital after the crash. Two died and four were injured. A relative of the pickup driver incorrectly identified the girls for a police officer in the emergency room, said hospital spokesman John Houser.

The officer approved the release of what was believed to be Miss Moshier's body to the medical examiner's office, Houser said.

The medical examiner's office sent the body on to Williamson Memorial Funeral Home, where owner Clyde Stephens said he urged the Moshier family not to look at the body until he could repair the disfigured face.

At the hospital, the real Miss Moshier was in intensive care and Mrs. Getty was allowed to see her several times a day for about 15 minutes at a time.

The girl had a tube in her throat and a cervical collar around her neck. Her face was slightly swollen but recognizable, Houser said.

Miss Moshier is petite and dark-haired while Miss Getty was blond and several inches taller.

"We're puzzled as to why a proper identification couldn't be made," Houser said.

At the funeral home, the dead girl's clothing and jewelry were given to the Moshiers. On Friday, Giselle Moshier told Stephens the clothes were not her daughter's. Her husband saw the body the next day and agreed it was not his daughter.

On Sunday, the tube was removed from the injured girl's throat and she identified herself as Tiffany Moshier.

Mrs. Getty was notified and went to the funeral home to identify her daughter's body.

"We undressed this baby and looked at all her boo-boos and all her broken bones, and it was horrible," Mrs. Getty said. "But I got to touch my baby and talk to her for the first time. But she'd been dead and cold for days."

Armored car spills $6 million

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. (AP) — An armored car spilled $6 million in coins and cash Tuesday when it spun on an icy highway and overturned. Almost all of the money was recovered.

The Loomis Fargo armored truck was headed south on Interstate 25 near Castle Rock — south of Denver — around 4:30 a.m. when it spun out of control and hit the median. The median ripped the side of the truck and coins and currency fell out.

John Ohlgren, Loomis Fargo's safety manager, said nearly all the money was recovered by state troopers.

"A few people stopped, but they were trying to help the trooper," said Sgt. Anthony Padilla, spokesman for the Colorado State Patrol.

State supreme court to hear case on appeal

BOSTON (AP) — The state's highest court will hear prosecutors' appeal in the case of Louise Woodward, the British au pair freed from prison after a jury's murder conviction was thrown out, a justice ruled today.

In an unexpectedly brief hearing, Justice Ruth Abrams said the appeal could be presented to the entire seven-member Supreme Judicial Court in March, bypassing the lower Appeals Court.

None of the lawyers presented arguments, and Ms. Woodward, who was in the courtroom, made no comment. She will remain free, though she has been ordered not to leave the state.

It was the latest turn in the roller-coaster case that began when a jury convicted Ms. Woodward on Oct. 30 of second-degree murder in the shaking death of Matthew Eappen, her host family's 8-month-old son. The verdict was reduced to manslaughter two weeks later by the presiding judge in the case, Superior Court Judge Hiller B. Zobel, and Ms. Woodward was released.

Abrams' action means separate appeals from the prosecution and defense, which wants Ms. Woodward exonerated, will be consolidated into a single case. The defense opposed bypassing the Appeals Court, but hasn't entirely lost on that point, because Abrams reserved the option of having the supreme court do nothing more in March than send the case back down.

"We believe it indicates their willingness to make the inquiry we asked, whether there was in fact an arbitrary and capricious action by the trial court."



NEW ADVISORY MEMBERS — Eight new advisory members have been added to the Noah Project-West board. They include, from left, Wayne Horton, chaplain TDJC; Pearlene Nolan, Stewart Insurance; Jackie Buckland, Elizabeth Potts Realtors; and Cathy Reed, Scurry County clerk's office. Not pictured are Luann Grice, Scurry County Health Department; Darren Jackson, Scurry County Sheriff; Charlie Reynolds, Scurry County Justice of the Peace; Pat Taylor, Colorado City chief of police; and Patrick Toombs, Mitchell County sheriff. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Dec. 4, 1997

Some exciting, major changes are in store for you in the year ahead. These developments will associate you with progressive thinkers who have good connections.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A change of scenery could do you a world of good at this time. Go someplace different you enjoy, especially if it involves an overnight stay. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Financial trends will be turning in your favor over the next couple of days. You should be able to disable any obstacles in your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your leadership qualities are very pronounced today, and others will take note. When someone is needed up front, you're the one they'll push ahead.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The odds are tilted in your favor today where your commercial interests are concerned. You might show an increase in dealings that are already profitable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A goal of yours has strong chances for becoming an actuality today, but it will require immediate and methodical action to produce positive results.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Successful measures can be enhanced today, provided you're willing to share what you hope to gain for yourself. You will get by giving.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you're promoting something special today, make your pitch directly to the individual with the most clout. He or she will convince others in turn.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are in a favorable cycle for generating income from unusual sources. Start prospecting today in areas you've yet to explore.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not despair if things have been a trifle listless in the romance department lately. Cupid is itching to make some sudden constructive changes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What you begin today can be concluded successfully. You could be especially fortunate in endeavors that you will consider large and meaningful.

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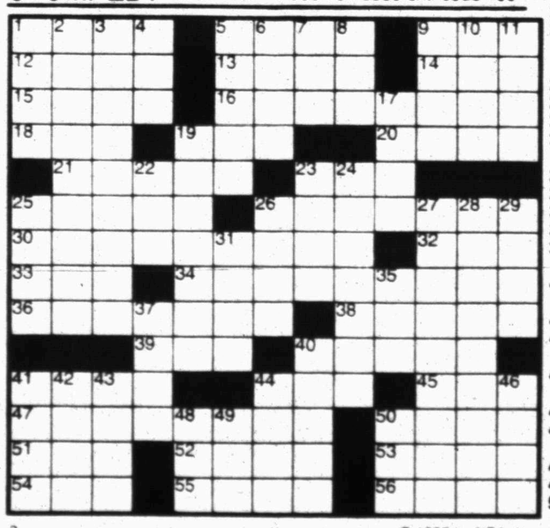
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SPORTS

Lady Tigers top Lubbock, 41-35

Defensive battles tend to be close games and Tuesday night was no exception.

The Lady Tigers posted their fifth victory of the season with a 41-35 decision over Lubbock High.

"We are a young team," Snyder coach Rick Archer said. "It's great experience and we learn a lot from winning close ballgames."

Knotted at 30-30 entering the final quarter, Jamie Burleson immediately drained a 12-footer for a 2-point lead.

The defenses then took over, as both teams went scoreless for the next 4:05.

The Lady Westerners finally broke the drought, drawing the game even again at 32-32 with under four minutes remaining.

Kameron Kallemeyn and Ashley Delce hit buckets for Snyder for a 36-32 tally with 2:00 left on the clock.

With Lubbock having to foul to stop the clock, free throws and rebounds would play a major role down the stretch.

"We didn't shoot our free throws well toward the end," Archer stated. "But the girls did a great job of staying on the boards."

The Lady Tigers Lady missed three times from the stripe in the final :30, but all three times came up with rebounds.

Melanie Kidd and Mandy Hess finally sealed the victory with two foul shots apiece.

"We've played some good games against some good teams," Archer remarked. "I've just thought that our intensity level hasn't been where it should be, but in the last four minutes we played like we are capable of."

Delce and Hess led the Lady Tigers with eight points each, while Kidd went 7 of 10 from the free throw line for all of her points.

Next for Snyder is a 7 p.m. contest Saturday at Bowie.

LUBBOCK — Williamson 1 3-3 5, Sprawls 4 0-1 8, J. Martinez 2 3-8 7, Marshall 3 1-3 7, Salazar 1 4-6 6, K. Martinez 1 0-0 2. Totals 12 11-22 35.

SNYDER — Delce 4 0-0 8, Kidd 0 7-10 7, Hess 3 2-4 8, Kallemeyn 1 0-2 2, Hall 2 0-2 4, Burleson 2 0-0 4, Peoples 1 0-0 2, Murray 3 0-0 6. Totals 16 9-19 41.

Lubbock	5	13	12	5	— 35
Snyder	5	16	9	11	— 41

Three-point goals: none. Total fouls: Lubbock 16, Snyder 19. Fouled out: none.



"1-2-3-WIN" — The Lady Tigers huddle during a timeout in their 41-35 victory over Lubbock High Tuesday night. The win moves Snyder's mark to 5-2 on the season, entering Saturday's contest at Bowie. Preparing to enter the game are, left to right, Ashley Delce (31), Brooke McGuire (21), Leslie Daniell and Jamie Burleson. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady 'Dogs win again, move to 6-0

The Ira Lady Bulldogs kept their record unblemished Tuesday night, with a 78-33 rout of Highland.

Ira, now 6-0 on the season, jumped on the Lady Hornets early for a 22-2 first quarter lead.

The Lady Bulldogs kept up their strong play, upping the margin to 38-11 at halftime and 55-27 by the end of the third period.

Ira, led by Terri Robinson's 20 points, closed out the contest with a dominating final eight minutes.

The Lady Bulldogs outscored Highland, 23-6, in the fourth quarter for the 78-33 final tally.

Also in double figures for Ira were Morgan Clements with 16, E'Lissa Goolsby with 14 and Korby Calley with 11.

Jamee Goolsby and Tara Allen added four apiece, with Kristen Harless chipping in three.

Brook Wilkes, Kacie Daves and Audra Oliver finished with two points each.

The Lady Bulldogs will be on the court again Thursday at 4:30 against Roby in the Highland Tournament.

Seventh grade drops contest to Levelland

LEVELLAND — Snyder ran up against a stingy Lobo defense Monday night.

The Tigers (1-2) fell to Levelland, 54-32, in seventh grade boys' basketball action.

Levelland's pressure defense surrendered only six first-quarter points and none in the third.

Chance Greenwood paced Snyder with 11 points, while Tanner Beard and Patrick Alderete poured in six apiece.

Zach Starnes added five more for the Tigers, with Brady Reed posting two. Stafford Gray and Clay Williams finished with one point each.

Next for Snyder is a road game at Lamesa, beginning at 5:30 Monday.

Eighth grade boys fall to Lobos, 68-63

LEVELLAND — Usually 63 points will earn a victory in eighth grade basketball.

But Snyder learned Monday night that usually doesn't mean always.

Snyder's 8th grade boys fell to Levelland, 68-63, despite 24 points from Jamaal Pruitt.

The loss is the first for Snyder, which now stands at 2-1 on the season.

After falling behind, 19-11, in the first quarter, Pruitt broke out for 10 of his 24 in the second to knot the score at 30-30 at halftime.

But in the third period, Levelland would outscore the Tigers, 23-14, to hold a 53-44 advantage.

The Snyder defense stepped up in the final eight minutes, led by Wade Pinson who finished with 10 rebounds and three blocked shots.

But the Lobos held on, despite Tate Thompson and Brandon McGuire who each drained three-pointers down the stretch.

The Tigers will be in action again Monday at 5:30 in Lamesa.

Levelland 68, Snyder 63

Snyder: Jamaal Pruitt, 24; Brandon McGuire and Chris McLeod, 11; Wade Pinson, 6; Nick Landes and Tate Thompson, 3; Brooks Nunley and Nathan Smith, 2; Bradley Bynum, 1.

Tigers handle Seminole, face rematch Thursday

Sometimes teams freeze up in key games.

That was far from the case for the Snyder Tigers.

In what was their biggest contest to date, the Tigers put forth their best performance of the season, notching a 66-59 victory over Seminole.

"This is a good win for us," Snyder coach Bud Birks said. "Hopefully this is a game that we can really build upon in the upcoming weeks."

The Tigers came out and dominated the first half.

Snyder closed out the first quarter with a 14-6 run, posting an 18-12 lead.

Snyder's Jimmy Taylor finished the period with nine points, while the Indians' top player, Chris Ogden, registered only one bucket.

"Toby Delce, and then Chad Carter later in the game, did a great job on Ogden," Birks stated. "He's a great player. He can pass and score. He can do it all, but our guys did a good job of defending him."

The Tigers started the second quarter the same way they ended the first.

Snyder posted an 11-1 streak in 4:08 for a 29-13 advantage and wrapped up the opening half with a 36-20 lead.

But the Indians showed what they're made of in the third.

Seminole mounted a rally, holding Snyder scoreless, while putting up 14 points to close the gap to 45-36.

Ogden left the game with his third foul at the 1:30 mark, leaving the door open for two unanswered Snyder buckets to close the quarter at 49-36.

With 3½ minutes left in the contest, Snyder implemented its stall game.

The Tigers passed the ball effectively, forcing the Indians to foul in order to stop the clock.

Snyder connected on 7 of 13 free throws down the stretch, before Seminoles' Kaleb Clay drained a three-pointer as time expired for the 66-59 final.

"We need to make more of our free throws," Birks remarked. "If it had been closer, it could have been a different outcome. But overall, I thought all of our guys played extremely hard."

Next on the Tigers' schedule is the Frenship Tournament.

Snyder opens tourney play Thursday at 12:15 in a rematch with Seminole.

SEMINOLE — Browning 3 1-2 9, Shain 2 4-7 8, Clay 5 3-5 14, Ogden 7 1-2 15, Sheets 4 2-3 10, Hensley 1 1-2 3. Totals 22 12-21 59.

SNYDER — Delce 1 0-0 3, Fabre 2 3-7 7, Warren 0 0-1 0, Riggins 7 1-3 16, Taylor 10 4-6 26, McNair 1 0-0 3, Durham 1 2-3 4, Carter 2 3-3 7. Totals 24 13-23 66.

Seminole	12	8	16	23	— 59
Snyder	18	18	11	19	— 66

Three-point goals: Seminole 3 (Browning 2, Clay), Snyder 5 (Taylor 2, Delce, McNair, Riggins). Total fouls: Seminole 18, Snyder 18. Fouled out: Ogden, Delce.

Aikman has bad back, bum thumb

IRVING (AP) — It's hard to find good news at Valley Ranch these days.

Not only does quarterback Troy Aikman have a bad back, he has a bum thumb. A bad digit on Aikman's passing hand bodes poorly with a big Monday night game coming up against Carolina.

"Our trainer is concerned right now because Troy has a very swollen right thumb," said Dallas coach Barry Switzer. "He will play but he might not practice. It's going to be day-to-day just like his back spasms. We'll keep trying to help him with those with back massages."

While Aikman will likely play Monday, cornerback Deion Sanders, who has a fractured right rib courtesy of the Oilers, probably won't.

"We would like to think he could run around fast and stick one arm in there," Switzer said. "But he's having difficulty breathing, sneezing and laughing. He's in a lot of pain. I know about those things. I had one."

Running back Emmitt Smith, who suffered a bruised shoulder in the Tennessee loss, will play, Switzer said.

The Cowboys need Smith because backup Sherman Williams has developed a case of the fumbles.

Switzer said he would continue to use Williams.

The Cowboys will get back strong safety Darren Woodson, who missed the last game with a shoulder injury.

Cardinals fall to Roby

The Hermleigh Cardinals found out just how good the Roby Lions are.

The Cardinals fell to 0-3 Tuesday, dropping their contest with the Lions, 66-32.

Roby, now 5-1 on the season, seized a 22-6 first quarter lead and never looked back.

Trailing 41-14 at halftime, Hermleigh stepped up its defense to hold the Lions to only eight points in the third period.

But Roby proved to be too strong, pulling away in the final eight minutes for the 66-32 final.

The Cardinals were paced by eight points from Larry Lambaren, while Johnny Garza poured in six.

Jason Hernandez added five and Caleb Callaway chipped in four.

Joey Garza, Ricky Luna, Billy Joe Digby and Andy Luna posted two points apiece, with Billy Lambaren finishing with one.

The Cardinals will be in action again Thursday at the Wilson Tournament.

Roemisch leads Lady Cardinals to 62-59 victory

Hermleigh Lady Card Jennifer Roemisch exploded for 33 points Tuesday night and Hermleigh needed every one of them.

Hermleigh improved to 2-1 by edging Roby, 62-59.

Hermleigh led after each of the first three quarters.

The Lady Cardinals held a 43-32 advantage entering the final period, but the Lady Lions made a strong final run.

Roby outscored Hermleigh, 27-19, in the fourth quarter, but could not overcome the Lady Cardinals.

In addition to Roemisch, Hermleigh's Kendra Dacus also finished in double digits with 10.

Brandi Wood poured in seven, while Melissa Brasuel added six more.

Crystal Jackson and Randi Herrington posted three points apiece.

The Lady Cardinals will be in action again Thursday at the Wilson Tournament.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	10	5	.667	-
Orlando	11	6	.647	-
NewJersey	10	6	.625	½
NewYork	10	6	.625	½
Boston	7	9	.438	3½
Washington	6	11	.353	5
Philadelphia	4	9	.308	5

Central Division

Atlanta	15	2	.882	-
Charlotte	10	5	.667	4
Cleveland	9	6	.600	5
Indiana	8	6	.571	5½
Chicago	9	7	.563	5½
Milwaukee	9	7	.563	5½
Detroit	6	11	.353	9
Toronto	1	15	.063	13½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	9	5	.643	-
Utah	10	6	.625	-
SanAntonio	10	7	.588	½
Minnesota	7	8	.467	2½
Vancouver	7	11	.389	4
Dallas	4	12	.250	6
Denver	1	13	.071	8

Pacific Division

L.A.Lakers	13	2	.867	-
Phoenix	10	3	.769	2
Seattle	13	4	.765	1
Portland	10	6	.625	3½
Sacramento	5	12	.294	9
L.A.Clippers	2	14	.125	11½
GoldenState	1	13	.071	11½

Monday's Game

Utah 100, New Jersey 95

Tuesday's Games

Charlotte 121, Sacramento 102
Washington 95, Seattle 78
Phoenix 90, Milwaukee 86
Atlanta 112, Dallas 79
Houston 112, Denver 101
San Antonio 90, New York 84
Orlando 89, Portland 88

Wednesday's Games

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

Thursday's Games

Sacramento at Washington, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	15	8	5	35	80	63
NewJersey	17	9	0	34	74	49
Washington	14	10	4	32	83	73
N.Y.Islanders	11	12	4	26	72	74
N.Y.Rangers	8	12	9	25	73	79
Florida	8	14	5	21	63	80
TampaBay	4	17	4	12	50	86

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	15	9	5	35	83	71
Montreal	15	10	3	33	85	68
Boston	11	12	5	27	67	78
Carolina	11	13	4	26	75	77
Ottawa	11	13	4	26	72	70
Buffalo	7	12	6	20	64	74

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	18	7	4	40	95	65
Detroit	17	6	5	39	93	63
St.Louis	16	9	3	35	81	62
Phoenix	13	11	2	28	76	73
Chicago	10	13	4	24	59	69
Toronto	8	13	4	20	50	70

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	14	6	8	36	84	70
LosAngeles	12	9	5	29	85	71
Anaheim	11	12	6	28	68	79
Vancouver	9	14	4	22	77	90
Edmonton	8	14	6	22	66	86
SanJose	9	18	2	20	73	91
Calgary	6	15	7	19	70	87

Monday's Games

Carolina 3, Boston 1
Pittsburgh 1, Montreal 0

Tuesday's Games

Ottawa 4, N.Y. Islanders 2
Washington 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
St. Louis 3, New Jersey 1
Anaheim 3, Toronto 3, tie
Colorado 4, Edmonton 2

Wednesday's Games

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

Thursday's Games

New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday

Basketball

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

Snyder 9th girls at Colorado City tourney.

Snyder JV girls at Sweetwater tourney.

Hermleigh varsity boys & girls at Wilson tourney.

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

Friday

Football

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

Basketball

WTC at Blinn, Brenham, 6 p.m.

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

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

Snyder 9th girls at C-City tourney.

Snyder JV girls at Sweetwater tourney.

Hermleigh varsity boys & girls at Wilson tourney.

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

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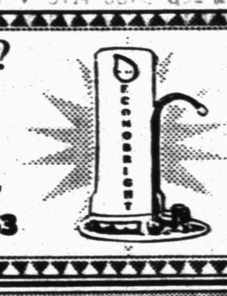
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ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORPORATION P.O. BOX 1330, HOUSTON, TX 77251-1330, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the **Clearfork** Formation, **Three States Natural Gas Co., Well Number 1R.**. The proposed injection wells are located **3 miles northwest of Ira, Texas in Sharon Ridge (Clearfork) Field, in Scurry County.** Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth intervals from **2200 to 3500 feet.**

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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Exxon s	61¼	61 1-16	61¾	+ 9-16
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TNP Ent	27 9-16	27⅛	27 9-16	— ⅛
Tandy s	45 1-16	44 13-16	44⅞	— ⅛
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Unocal	39⅛	38⅜	38⅞	— ⅛
WalMart	40⅞	40½	40½	— ⅛
WstnGasRs	21⅜	21 5-16	21½	— ⅛
WinnDixie	41¼	40⅝	40 15-16	— 3-16
Woolworth	22 15-16	22 7-16	22 7-16	
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Santa Claus lives in Illinois

WAUKEGAN, Ill. (AP) — He's 350 pounds, has snow-white hair and twinkling blue eyes. He even owns a red suit, an antique sleigh and a few deer.

And after dressing up as Santa Claus since age 15, Robert Rion is taking the holiday spirit a little further. He legally changed his name to Santa Claus.

"I have a lot of deer here, and I was sitting here thinking, 'Wouldn't it be neat to have the name to go along with it?'" said Rion, 53, of Fremont Township. "I'm not doing this for publicity. This whole thing is to make me happy. If I'm happy, I make other people happy. It's very rewarding."

Folks in his town 40 miles north of Chicago say Santa Claus has the personality to match.

"He just likes to give, it's just his way," said waitress Betty Vazquez. "I really don't know anyone who can say a bad word about him."

Rion, who made the name-change Monday, plans to make appearances for children and senior citizens. But don't expect to hear Santa's traditional greeting from Rion, who has a quiet voice.

"I've never said, 'Ho, Ho, Ho' in all my life as Santa Claus," he said. "That scares the kids."

Woman caught in greasy trap

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — Christina Mack greased the kitchen floor in order to send her one-legged boyfriend tumbling to his death, according to police. But she slipped up — literally.

Police were called to the couple's home late Sunday to find Mack, 35, unconscious after falling on the slippery kitchen floor, with a team of firefighters giving her first aid.

Mack was held Tuesday on $10,000 bond on charges of aggravated battery, attempted aggravated battery and domestic battery. She also faces revocation of the probation sentence she got just last month for retail theft.

Her boyfriend, Chester Parkman Sr., 50, initially told officers he and Mack, who is six weeks pregnant, had been arguing about her health and that she was trying to make him fall.

He later said she was just trying to spruce up the house.

"I honestly think she was trying to wax the floor," Parkman, who uses crutches to get around, said in Tuesday's editions of the Journal Star of Peoria.

The floor was slick with grease or oil, mostly at the top of the stairs and at the door of the bathroom, police said.

After Mack regained consciousness, she admitted to the plot, police said. She also told a neighbor what she was planning.

"They were in a fight, that's all I know," Juanita Esders said. "She said she was going to grease up the floor so her boyfriend would fall."

Parkman, who lost his right leg in 1992 after complications from heart bypass surgery, said he wants to reconcile with Mack. They have known each other three months and been living together one month.

She takes care of the house and rubs down his sore arm with ice, he said. She also works off her anger by doing housework — such as waxing the floor.

Trash bin baby improving

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Surveillance cameras caught a 10th-grader clutching her stomach as she entered a high school bathroom, where she gave birth to a baby and left him in a trash can.

A janitor discovered the boy about 90 minutes later Monday. The boy, called Nicholas by school officials because of Christmas, was ice cold, barely breathing and buried under hand towels.

By Tuesday, his condition was upgraded from very critical to serious. The 6-pound, 10-ounce full-term infant was breathing on his own and may be released by Christmas, Dr. Danilo Escoto said, although his long-term prognosis is not yet known.

One of Northeast High School's 48 surveillance cameras, which was mounted on the wall of a corridor, caught pictures of the 15-year-old mother holding her stomach as she entered the bathroom where the baby was later found. She went into the bathroom at about 2 p.m., when classes were let out, and was in there for just over a half hour.

"She was bent over, doubled in pain. It was obvious she was hurting," said Detective LeRoy Pierce.

On Tuesday, Pierce showed the surveillance pictures to 30 staff and teachers in this school with 1,950 students. A teacher recognized the mother, whose name was withheld by police.

The teen-ager was back at school Tuesday and summoned for questioning. Pierce said she denied giving birth during a 40 minute interview with police, then admitted the baby was hers after her mother arrived.

Her family told authorities there were no discipline problems with her and that she was a diligent student who got As and Bs.

"She told us she didn't know she was pregnant. Her mother didn't know," the detective said.

She told detectives she discarded the baby because she was afraid of peer and family reaction, Pierce said.

The baby is temporarily in state custody. Prosecutors will decide whether aggravated child abuse charges should be brought against her.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Is ginkgo biloba safe to use?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are the advantages of ginkgo biloba? Is there any harm in taking it?

DEAR READER: This is the second in my series on herbal remedies. Many readers have expressed interest in ginkgo, based on glowing testimonials by purveyors of health foods.

Ginkgo biloba is about 200 million years old. It is considered to be the oldest living plant species, and its extract is the most commonly prescribed plant remedy in the world.

Ginkgo increases blood flow through the brain, leading to increased uptake of oxygen by nerve cells. More important, the product extends the ability of brain cells to withstand periods of oxygen deprivation. This makes it useful in treating strokes. It also acts as an anti-coagulant.

Consequently, it's not surprising that ginkgo has been widely used in Europe for dementia, vertigo, tinnitus (ringing in the ears), Alzheimer's disease and strokes. Healthy people given ginkgo often experience an improvement in cognitive thinking, memory performance and learning capacity.

Side effects include occasional intestinal upset, headaches and allergic reactions.

The usual dose is 120 to 240 milligrams of native dry extract two or three times a day for up to three months.

As with other unregulated herbal remedies, potency varies from batch to batch and there is no federal supervision of ginkgo extraction or manufacture. Therefore, consumers are encouraged to buy ginkgo only from reputable sources. More U.S. studies are desperately needed to prove whether ginkgo biloba could play a valuable role, as a traditional medicine, in treating a wide variety of nervous system and/or circulatory disorders. (Next time: St. John's wort.)

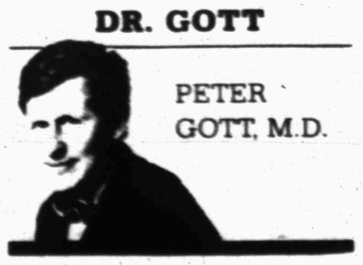
To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Fads II: Herbs and Healing Fads." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Following a strep throat several years ago, I developed what my doctor called a "geographic tongue." What can I do about this?

DEAR READER: For unknown reasons, some people occasionally develop this harmless condition, which is marked by an irregular pattern on the tongue's surface. Areas of painless, denuded tissue interspersed with normal tissue, resembling a map. No treatment is necessary; the affliction is not associated with any health problem.

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Town & Country Topics

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DIVORCE:
Helping parents know what to tell their children

1) Divorce is hard for children of all ages to deal with ... whether preschool or young adult.

2) Parents need to explain what divorce means to a small child. Tell him about their feelings of joy and love when he was born ... and they still have those same feelings about him. But because of some problems that they can't solve, they need to bring peace to their family, and they feel this will be a remedy.

3) The child needs to feel secure and loved. Assure the child that he will not be abandoned, but that he will have his space and belongings at both parents' home.

4) Explain that you have tried not to have this divorce, and that it makes you as sad as it makes your child. Give him lots of permission to cry, feel angry and sad. Cry with him.

5) Emphasize that your child did not cause the divorce. He is not guilty for any of the problems between the parents. Children need to blame someone, and they often blame themselves. Remind children that they cannot put the divorce back together.

6) Give children as much control of their lives as possible. Let them help plan visitations, holidays, keeping close with both sets of gandparents. Keep choices open.

7) Keep messages between spouses clearly between you ... don't use the child as a "go-between."

Where there is shared custody — two home parenting

1. Children want and need love, safety and a sense of having a close relationship with each of you. They don't want to feel that they really belong to neither of you.

2. Keep children's routines as normal and on-going as possible.

3. Adhere to a dependable, consistent schedule of living arrangements. Let the children help plan the schedule.

4. Try to avoid "weekend parenting." Make it possible for children to spend some time with both parents during holidays. The best interests of the child should be the main factor.

5. Help children stay connected to both parents through visits, writing, calling and taping messages.

6. Provide addresses/phone numbers of both parents to schools so that newsletters, artwork and other information are sent to both homes.

7. Allow children to express feelings of anger, frustration, resentment or hurt, which may erupt in the process of moving from one home to another. Parents need to accept and talk about the feelings the child is expresing. Help children accept reality and manage their feelings.

8. Create rituals to help ease children's transitions between homes. A trip to the park or to McDonald's for lunch. An ice cream cone on the way to the other home? A board game while waiting for the other parent to pick up? Try to keep this time as calm and unstressful as possible.

9. Parents should work at maintaining a positive relationship with each other. Avoid conflicts and heated arguments in front of the child.

Shared custody has many benefits for children and parents. It takes hard work, personal sacrifice and a lot of maturity on the part of the parents. Without these elements, shared custody may not be in the child's best interests. In summary, for the sake of the children following divorce.

- effective functioning of both parents
- minimal (or no) conflict between parents
- continuing relationship with both parents

Rain and cold slowing cotton harvest

PHOENIX (AP) — Recent heavy rain and colder-than-normal temperatures are slowing the Arizona cotton harvest.

That has some farmers hoping that any more unusual weather patterns will stay clear of them for at least the rest of the year.

"We don't need any more rain or cold," said Ken Sheely, owner of the 2,000-acre Sheely Farms in Tolleson and Buckeye. "We're probably two to three weeks behind right now, but we're way ahead of some growers.

"There's a lot of muddy fields out there and some people are just not picking. It's been a later-development season than normal and some growers are leaving the crops out there as long as they can to get a higher yield. Not us. We're going as hard as we can to bring it in."

Cotton is Arizona's biggest cash crop, valued last year at $300 million.

Glendale-based Calcot Limited, a grower-owned co-op, said it handles up to 65 percent of the state's cotton crop, about 525,000 bales annually. The recent spate of rain — plus 60-degree daytime highs — concerns company officials.

"We've got a lot of cotton still in the field west of Phoenix," Calcot office manager Connie Comfort said. "We have about 40 percent picked. Normally, we'd be done by now.

"We may have to go through December and maybe into January. The rain has also delayed some of the planting. We're supposed to start harvesting again in late March."

Steve Husman, a fields crop expert for the state Department of Agriculture, said the cool weather affects the maturity rate of the cotton boll — the roundish seed pot of the plant.

"It's a heat-driven plant," Husman said. "Cool weather results in young bolls having trouble opening and being harvested. It also might result in some grade reduction, but I think it'll be minimal."

Regardless of the crop's quality, cotton prices are not expected to rise.

"The market has been stale for eight months now," Sheely said. "What happens here doesn't have much effect nationally because we don't have the acreage of Texas or California. It would have to be a natural disaster."

Like El Nino.

The weather phenomenon occurs every two to seven years when westward-blowing trade winds weaken and a warm mass of water pushes across the tropical Pacific to South America.

The pattern often has produced wet Arizona winters, and some experts say this year's El Nino could be the worst ever.

Sheely and some fellow farmers already have their El Nino battle plan — plant high-water grain crops such as wheat and barley with their cotton to sop up the expected extra moisture.

And then there's Larry Jamigan, who expects to do nothing.

"I hate to admit it, but they've hyped this El Nino thing way too much," said Jamigan, who owns a 1,200-acre cotton farm in central Arizona. "As a farmer, you take what you get.

"I'm trying to follow what the market is telling me, which is to grow more grain and less cotton. The return is just not there for cotton. The profit margins are very slim."

McLaren, followers refuse to enter pleas in fed case

DALLAS (AP) — A judge recorded innocent pleas on behalf of separatist Richard McLaren and two co-defendants Tuesday after the trio refused to enter pleas on federal bank and wire fraud charges.

McLaren is accused, along with Richard Kieninger, 70, of Quinlan and Linh Ngoc Vu, 32, of Carrollton of issuing worthless documents similar in appearance to cashier's checks.

Prosecutors said the bogus documents were used to set up fraudulent bank accounts and pay bills.

McLaren and other Republic of Texas members were charged last spring with issuing the documents. Authorities say losses total in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The Republic of Texas movement does not recognize state law, instead claiming the sovereign nation was illegally annexed by the United States in 1845. Members claim the right to issue warrants backed by national assets.

After refusing to enter a plea Tuesday, McLaren made a speech attacking the court and the judicial process.

McLaren and associate Robert Otto were convicted recently on state charges related to their week-long standoff with law officers near Fort Davis last spring.

McLaren was sentenced on Nov. 4 to 99 years in prison and Otto to 50 years. Both were convicted of engaging in organized crime.

Regulators worse than insects, East Texas hay farmer claims

ARLINGTON (AP) — A 57-year-old East Texas farmer says he thinks he could eke out a decent living if it weren't for the Environmental Protection Agency.

Dee Warren, a cattle and hay farmer in Henderson County, said at the Texas Farm Bureau's 64th annual convention on Tuesday that he longs for the "good old days" when the only challenges for Texas farmers and ranchers were harsh weather, fluctuating markets and pesky insects.

Warren, one of about 1,500 delegates to the Farm Bureau convention, said he's fed up with environmental regulations.

"I do nothing to hurt my farm environmentally," said Mr. Warren, who owns a 103-acre farm. "I do not need the EPA or other regulatory agencies telling me how to be a good steward of my land."

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, spoke on Tuesday's final day of the Farm Bureau's convention, which began Sunday.

She told delegates that she introduced a bill this summer designed to eliminate the "top-down, arbitrary way the Environmental Protection Agency enforces environmental laws."

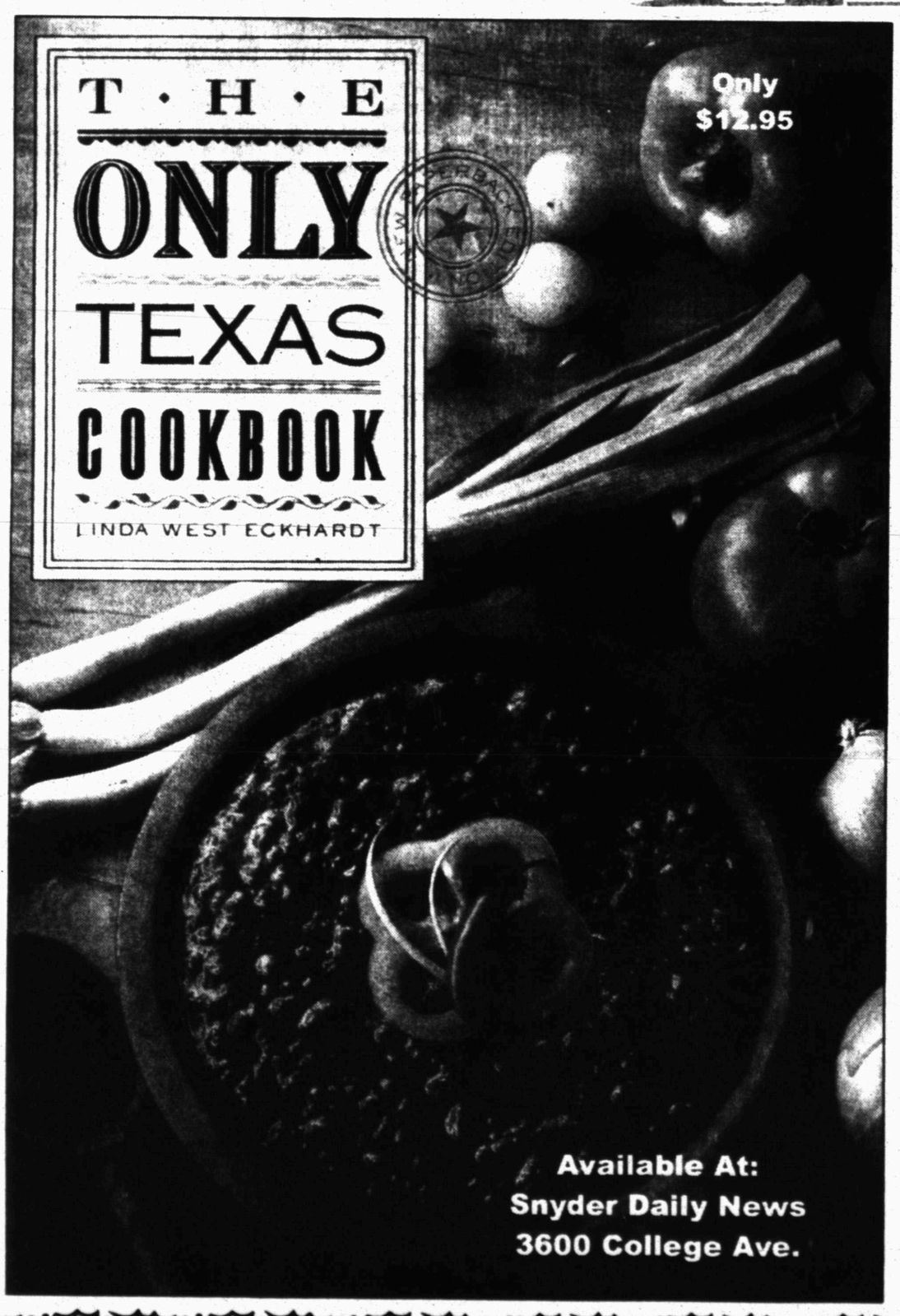
The EPA mandates farmers, ranchers and businesses to meet a myriad of regulations, ranging from emission and clean water standards to protecting endangered species and eliminating illegal dumping.

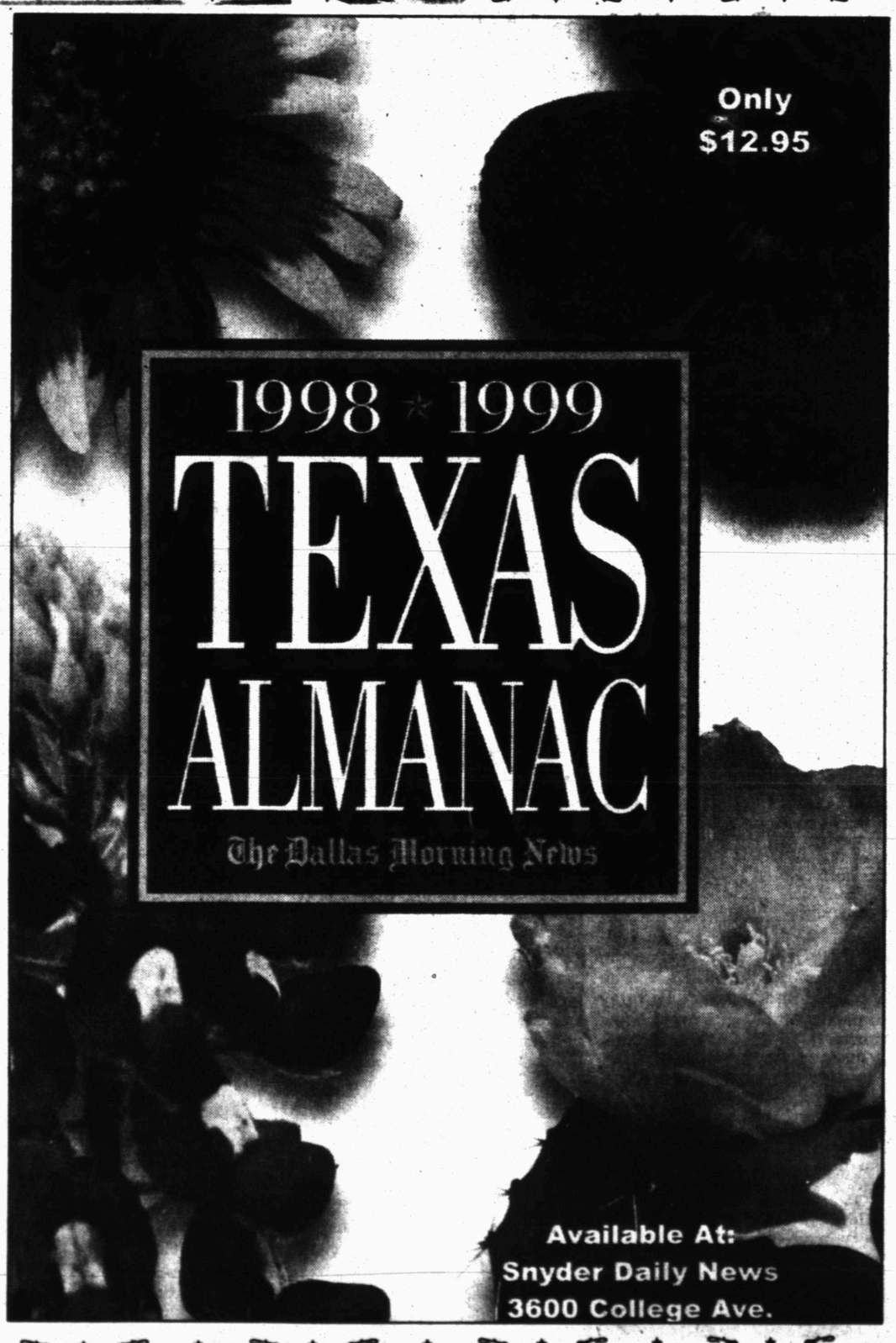
The federal agency places too much emphasis on policing and not enough on voluntary compliance, Ms. Hutchison said.

"The people in Washington don't think people who own the land want it to be environmentally sound," Ms. Hutchison said to cheers. "We know that's not true."

The Farm Bureau, which represents 310,000 farmers and ranchers, had its convention in Arlington for the first time.

Bob Stallman, president of the organization, said easing the burden of "excessive environmental regulation" is a major piece of unfinished business.





GOP seeks to make most of Reno's decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is hoping for a "return to normal," but Attorney General Janet Reno's decision against seeking a new special prosecutor has touched off a storm of new Republican criticism.

Reno's decision was clearly a cause for small celebration — or at least large relief — for President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

Clinton has seen the continuing inquiry into 1996 fund-raising abuses become a major second-term distraction. For Gore, it was an irritating interference with preparations for a 2000 presidential run.

But Republican leaders pledged not to let the matter die with Reno's decision on Tuesday against seeking an independent counsel investigation into telephone fund-raising calls by Clinton and Gore.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., called it a preordained "tragedy."

Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., who heads the House fund-raising investigation, said he would call Reno to testify before his committee next week to explain her action — and also would question FBI Director Louis Freeh, who openly disagreed with Reno's conclusion.

And Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., chairman of the Senate inquiry, said his panel would take a fresh look next year at modifying the independent counsel law.

Thompson accused Reno of "misinterpreting the law" and reading it too narrowly. Her interpretation hamstrung the FBI, he asserted.

Still, even though it was clear that Reno had become a new target for conservatives — and Freeh a new heroic figure to them — Thompson observed with intended irony, "As long as Janet Reno has Congress as her enemy, she's OK."

"People think less of us than of her," he said.

Reno denied that pressure or politics played a role in her decision — a decision that became a lonely one once she found herself opposed by the FBI director.

But while Republicans know attacks against Reno will appeal to outraged conservatives, Democratic defenders suggested she is one of the less political of attorneys general.

After all, said Rep. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., a member of the Thompson committee, John Kennedy appointed his brother Robert to the job, while Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan appointed friends and political operatives — John Mitchell and Edwin Meese, respectively.

"Janet Reno stands apart," Torricelli said.

Republicans have tried to persuade the public that fund-raising misdeeds are a Democratic scandal. But critics suggest they've failed to score any direct hits with their congressional hearings.

Thompson's inquiry was plagued with uncooperative participants. It also came under attack from Republican lawmakers who suggested the panel was tougher on their fellows, like former GOP chairman Haley Barbour, than on Democrats.

The Burton hearings got off to a slow, rocky start — but now they're the only remaining GOP congressional probe of the issue.

Public opinion polls suggest voters have yet to develop much interest in the investigation. "I don't think people are going to take to the streets on this one," said pollster Andrew Kohut of the Pew Center for the People and the Press.

Furthermore, Clinton's approval ratings have increased steadily in spite of the GOP investigations.

Railroad leaders: worst problems over

WASHINGTON (AP) — Union Pacific executives contend the worst headaches at the nation's largest railroad are largely a thing of the past, but many shippers disagree, saying rail congestion is still hurting their business.

Federal regulators — the Surface Transportation Board — will meet Wednesday to decide whose perception is more accurate.

Congestion at Union Pacific's Houston-area railyard in the late spring quickly rippled throughout the railroad's entire 36,000-mile network, causing problems for thousands of businesses nationwide. It stranded bumper grain crops in the Midwest, clogged California ports, and disrupted production at Gulf Coast petrochemical plants, Northwest lumber yards and steel mills.

The railroad implemented a service recovery plan on Oct. 1. The same month, the Surface Transportation Board issued a 30-day emergency order designed to nudge the railroad back to normal operations.

Appearing before the board Oct. 27, Union Pacific Chairman Dick Davidson promised restoration of normal service by year's end, apologizing for the rail congestion, lack of equipment and crews, and a rash of wrecks that have plagued the railroad.

Union Pacific is seeking to make the case that further government intervention is unwarranted and that the "extraordinary" corrective actions taken by the railroad are working. At most, rail officials say, the Surface Transportation Board should extend its emergency order by 30 days.

"The serious congestion of recent months is gone," the Nebraska-based railroad said in a service recovery report filed with the board Monday. "In most corridors, shippers' products are moving much more reliably, and overall operations are regaining strength and velocity."

The railroad's rosy assessment isn't shared by some major shippers, who have filed their own progress reports with the board in advance of Wednesday's hearing.

Formosa Plastics Corp. "fears that a return to normal service on UP will not be accomplished within the next few days or by the end of 1997, contrary to the assurances of UP President Davidson," said Formosa's traffic manager, Pablo Rodriguez.

Dow Chemical Co., whose plants in Louisiana and Texas have suffered from railroad delays, remains dissatisfied despite repeated meetings with the railroad to improve service. "Unfortunately, all this attention has not led to any measurable improvement in service on Dow traffic," said Dow official William Gebo.

Dow, Formosa and other customers are urging the board to issue a long-term extension of its emergency order, which required the railroad to open some Texas track to a competitor and to facilitate other railroads' operations in the Houston area, where the congestion began.

The board's decision to grant the Texas Mexican Railway Co. access to some of Union Pacific's Texas track hasn't been trouble-free, Union Pacific says. In a Nov. 24 filing, Union Pacific accused its tiny competitor of "opportunistic behavior."

Regulators check for seat, wiper defects

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal safety agency is investigating the complaints of some General Motors pickup drivers that seats collapsed backward into a reclined position while they were driving.

Forty-six motorists have complained to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that the seat could tip backward when the driver tried to accelerate, according to a monthly report by the agency.

The vehicles are Chevrolet C-K pickups with extended cabs and Suburban sport utilities — all with power bucket seats — from model years 1994 through 1995. The agency has not determined how many of those vehicles are on the road.

Motorists claim one crash and two injuries were caused by sliding seats. The seats partly detach from the seat track, tipping back if both the two front bolts or their brackets fail, the report said.

The traffic safety agency also is investigating 440 complaints of windshield wiper failures on some GM pickups and sport utility vehicles.

Motorists say the wipers stop while they are driving. More than 3,000 customers have brought in their vehicles for warranty repairs on the wiper system, the report said. Three crashes and one injury were reported.

The GM vehicles are the 1995 Chevrolet Blazer, GMC Jimmy and Oldsmobile Bravada sport utilities and the Chevrolet S-10 and GMC Sonoma pickups. There are nearly 600,000 of the 1995 pickups and sport utilities on the road.

GM spokeswoman Mia Kelly said Tuesday that the company was cooperating with the investigations.

The NHTSA has upgraded both investigations to an engineering analysis, during which engineers determine if the parts are defective.

The agency also has opened preliminary investigations into several reports of inadvertent air bag deployments in some Chrysler minivans and Volvo cars.

Four motorists have complained that air bags deployed when they started Chrysler minivans. Two injuries were reported.

The vehicles are 1994 Dodge Caravan, Plymouth Voyager and Chrysler Town & Country minivans. There are about 500,000 of the popular minivans on the road.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Home-School Mom Makes Case For High Quality of Education

DEAR ABBY: I was appalled at the arrogance of the teacher who recently wrote, "I have never met a parent who can give his/her children the quality of education I can offer." Does she really believe she can adequately assess my child's needs and give my child a better education in a class filled with 25 other students than I can give on a one-to-one basis?

The National Home Education Institute has recently released data that indicate home-educated students typically score in the 85th percentile on standardized tests. These results are achieved by students whose parents are often not certified teachers and who have spent, on average, $546 per child per year to educate them. The county in which I live recently reported spending $4,791 per student per year and cannot boast equivalent standardized test scores.

I have been a home-school mom for five years and have seen remarkable results in the home-school community. A recent example: a young man who achieved a perfect score on his SATs and was eagerly accepted into the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

PATRICIA A. BERNHAUSEN,
RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR PATRICIA: In recent months I have published letters from home-schooled children and educators. Your letter is one of a tidal wave of articulate letters from parents rising to defend home-schooling. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: If every teacher could give the "quality education" the one teacher in California claims to give, there might not be a need for parents to teach their children at home. Obviously, when children graduate and can't read, the system has failed. Home-schooling a child is about more than hoping the child receives a good education. It's about safety, instilling the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic, and as a Christian, teaching biblical values.

One reason we don't send our children to school is because of the retired teacher in Florida. His values are not our values. He writes, "Parents should examine the teaching materials ... to make sure they are compatible with their own beliefs." Abby, we *are* familiar with the material. We know what our beliefs are, and we intend to pass them on to our children, who are well-behaved, courteous, intelligent and interact well with others.

Parents who make the enormous sacrifice to teach their children at home can offer them an education that will far surpass any they could receive in a public school. Home-schooling is not for everyone, but if you're concerned with the education your child is receiving, then it's something to consider.

MELISA SHREVE,
QUINLAN, TEXAS

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DEAR ABBY: Unbiased research by such respected institutions as Harvard and the University of Michigan to evaluate the results of home-schooling indicates that home-taught students fare better than their public education peers. Reader's Digest reported these findings in an article published several years ago.

While I don't believe that all parents would do an adequate job of educating their own children, many can. And the vast majority of home-schooling parents are proving it. It makes me wonder what those who are condemning us are afraid of.

RHONDA RANDALL,
CINCINNATI

DEAR RHONDA: Approximately 1.23 million American children are being taught at home. Several home-schooling parents mailed me an interesting study provided by the Home School Legal Defense Association, titled "Home Education Across the United States." Its research represents the largest and most comprehensive study on home-schooling ever done — data collected on 5,402 students during the 1994-95 and 1995-96 academic years. Those readers interested in ordering a copy should send $2 to: Home School Legal Defense Association, P.O. Box 3000, Purcellville, Va. 20134. The Internet address is www.hslda.org.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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♥ A Q 10
♦ Q 10 7 5
♣ 9 6 4

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A brace of novels

By Phillip Alder

Two novels with a bridge element have been published recently. To be honest, I'm not fond of this style of book. The authors seem incapable of getting away from cheating scandals and situations that stretch credibility too far. Still, if you like this type of thing, call Baron Barclay at (800) 274-2221 to order "Death by Contract" by Shirley Presberg (Zookeeper Publishing) and "Bridge Below the Belt" by Liz Davis and Larry Cohen (Natco Press).

The first contains four deals (all uninteresting) and some bridge inaccuracies, the worst being the wrong ruling following a bid out of turn. The second has too much "meet the characters," though the last 50 pages are good and most of the 13 deals are excellent, of which today's is one.

After winning the first trick with the heart king, East switched to the club king. Declarer ruffed, dropped the singleton spade king offside, drew the remaining trumps, led a diamond to dummy's queen, and ducked a diamond on the way back. When West's ace fell on empty air, South had produced an overtrick for a top in a pair event. Why did South play this way?

When East showed up with the heart king and club king-queen, West was marked with the spade king and diamond ace. So, there was no point taking a doomed trump finesse.

In the bidding, East denied a four-card major. Also, as West rebid clubs, he had to have six. So, West was marked with 1-4-2-6 distribution.

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Today is the 337th day of 1997 and the 74th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1947, "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened on Broadway, starring Marlon Brando and Jessica Tandy.

On this day in 1979, 11 people died when thousands of fans jammed into the Riverside Colosseum in Cincinnati to see the Who in concert.

On this day in 1991, John Sununu resigned as White House chief of staff.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Stuart Gilbert (1755-1828), painter; Joseph Conrad (1857-1924), writer; Jean-Luc Godard (1930-), film director, is 67; Andy Williams (1930-), singer, is 67; Ozzy Osbourne (1948-), singer, is 49; Katarina Witt (1965-), figure skater, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1991, Bobby Bonilla signed a five-year contract with the New York Mets for $29 million.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We live, as we dream — alone." — Joseph Conrad

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1952, a strong surge of Arctic air created an incredible display of sea smoke in Hong Kong harbor.

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

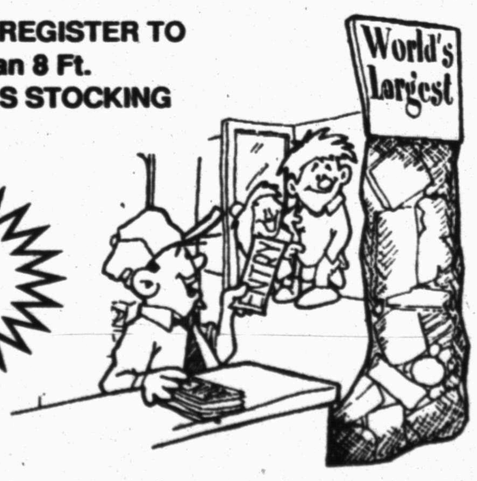
TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Nov. 29) and first quarter (Dec. 7).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

Gas Gathering Pipeline

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

CO2 Injection Pipeline

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

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

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

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

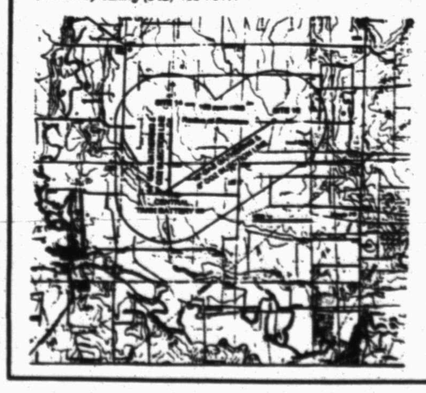


EXHIBIT #1
APPLICATION FOR SOUR GAS PIPELINE FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PERMIT
100 ppm H2S RADIUS OF EXPOSURE - 2285'
EXXON CORPORATION
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Free-flying camera sends down video

SPACE CENTER (AP) — After 2½ hours of methodical work with an extendible crane today, the fun began for two spacewalking astronauts.

Columbia crewman Winston Scott released a beach ball-sized robotic camera and watched for more than an hour as the device slowly propelled itself with little jet thrusters.

"I can feel very tiny thumps on it," Scott said just before letting go of the 35-pound sphere. "I guess those are thruster firings."

The roving eye then flitted high above the space shuttle's open cargo bay, beaming down to Earth live views of Columbia and the astronauts.

From the shuttle cockpit, pilot Steven Lindsey was controlling the camera using a joystick. He flew it from one end of the shuttle to the other, and as he did so the device sent down pictures of the overhead windows, the cargo bay and the tail.

The sphere was padded for safety, in case it bumped into an astronaut or the shuttle.

As the $3 million Aercam Sprint flew on its own, Scott spent the time watching it roam while his spacewalking partner, Takao Doi, tightened and loosened bolts on a box in the cargo bay.

At one point, the cockpit was not receiving any video from the camera, although it could be seen on TVs on the ground.

Still, Lindsey, who could keep track of the device by looking out the window, was happy.

"It flew even better than I expected," he said after guiding Aercam Sprint, which looks like a soccer ball, back into Scott's hands. "We're real pleased, and I think we've got a real good piece of technology for use maybe on a station and later shuttle flights."

Scott stored the camera on board for Friday's return to Earth.

About five hours after Scott and Doi floated out Columbia's hatch early today, they were safely back inside the shuttle.

Besides trying out the camera, they tested the 17½-foot crane, both intended for the future international space station.

Scott easily latched a 50-pound cable caddy into place at the end of the crane at least nine times.

"That was good. I give it an A," Scott said after snapping it into place.

Before he and Doi put away the crane, Scott also used a power tool to extract a bolt and drive it back into the cable caddy.

The crewmen trained for the tasks before their mission began Nov. 19 but couldn't conduct them during last week's planned spacewalk because they had to chase a runaway science satellite.

With the satellite back on board, and with space station construction just half a year away, NASA quickly and eagerly made arrangements for the second outing. No other U.S. spacewalks were planned before the first assembly flight next June.

Because the satellite rescue took up a good part of the 7½-hour spacewalk on Nov. 24, Scott and Doi didn't have time to use the crane with the 50-pound cable caddy or to release the prototype camera. Scott did work with a 350-pound box, but he had difficulty latching it onto the end of the crane — a problem that increased the space agency's desire for another spacewalk.

White House breathes easier after Reno reveals decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House breathed easier today even though Republicans angrily dissected Attorney General Janet Reno's decision against an independent counsel and her investigators plowed ahead.

Republicans in Congress were eager to capitalize on her public split with FBI Director Louis J. Freeh over whether to seek an outside prosecutor to look into fund-raising phone calls by President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

Although Reno and Freeh agreed to disagree and then traded compliments Tuesday evening, they could be explaining their differences before a House committee as early as next week.

Taking her decision right to Tuesday's deadline, Reno rejected an independent counsel, arguing that Clinton and Gore hadn't broken any federal laws by making fund-raising calls from the White House.

She defended her move with 69 pages of legal analysis and investigative findings and held a news conference, which no attorney general ever had done at such a moment.

A stern-faced Reno warned that the decision "does not mean that a person has been exonerated or that the work of the campaign finance task force has ended."

Clinton and Gore avoided gloating. Clinton's one-sentence reaction: "The attorney general made her decision based on a careful review of the law and the facts, and that's as it should be." Gore said Reno "put this issue of the phone calls behind us once and for all."

Responding to Republican criticism, Gore said today, "It's obvious there will be continued partisan attacks with political motivation. But, just remember, when you hear those tom-toms, the people who are behind the drumbeat are the same people who are trying to prevent the passage of campaign finance reform."

White House press secretary Mike McCurry offered a behind-the-scenes anecdote reflecting presidential nonchalance: "What time's the game?" Clinton asked minutes after hearing of Reno's ruling, his attention already turned to the Washington Wizards' first basketball game in their new arena.

Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., said he would summon Reno and Freeh to a hearing next Tuesday of the House committee he chairs that is investigating campaign funding. "I think right now she is trying to protect the president," Burton said.

It was not immediately clear either would be available that day.

"It is now public that the director of the FBI shares my view that the conflicts of interest facing the Department of Justice are so great as to require the appointment of an independent counsel," added Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., wrote Freeh seeking a copy of his memo to Reno that, law enforcement officials said, argued she should seek an independent counsel to probe a broad range of allegations on grounds she has a conflict investigating Clinton.

Obituaries

Dr. Scrivner

1930-1997

DALLAS — Dr. Royce Welch Scrivner, a native of Scurry County, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, at his home in Dallas following a lengthy illness.

A memorial service for Dr. Scrivner, 58, is pending. His remains will be cremated and eventually will be buried in the Dermott Cemetery.

Born March 2, 1939 in Snyder, he was a psychologist in marriage and family therapy with the Dallas Veterans Hospital. He also had a private practice, but had retired due to his health.

Dr. Scrivner was an active member of the American Psychological Association and a past-president of the Texas Psychological Association. In 1996, he received the Distinguished Professional Contribution Award, and in 1997 received the Distinguished Work in Family Psychology award, both from the American Psychological Association.

A 1956 graduate of Snyder High School, he earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Texas. Dr. Scrivner was a veteran, having served in Germany during the 1960s. He was also a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Pauline Scrivner in 1991; and by his father, A.W. Scrivner in 1994.

Survivors include two sisters and their husbands, Shirley and James Miller of Snyder and Kathy and Cliff Hall of Dermott; two nieces, Pat Guynes of Snyder and Karmen Barker of Lubbock; two nephews, Tim McCright of Snyder and Cliff Jay Hall of Italy; and three great-nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the Dermott Cemetery Association in care of LaVerne Herring, 2105 43rd St., Snyder, or to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1396, Snyder, 79550.

Mrs. Bearden

1924-1997

COLORADO CITY — Mrs. Alene Bearden, the mother of Rhonda Lelek of Snyder, died Tuesday at her home in Colorado City.

Service for Mrs. Bearden, 73, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Ken Northcutt will officiate and burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Born March 18, 1924 in Sweetwater, she married Melvin Bearden on Nov. 20, 1940 in Sweetwater. He died in 1991.

Mrs. Bearden was a homemaker and had lived in Colorado City for 40 years.

Survivors include four other daughters, Susie Wilkinson of Abilene, Liz Rodriguez of Monahans and Valerie Redwine and Sharon Bearden, both of Colorado City; a son, David Bearden of Waggoner, Okla.; four sisters, Johnnie Lee Keuker of Shawnee Mission, Kan., Carol Hutto of Pfugerville, and Bessie Helen Prescott and Dortha Forbes, both of Colorado City; two brothers, Don Forbes and Ferron Forbes, both of Colorado City; 19 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

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Leon Sterling

1924-1997

Leon Sterling, a lifelong resident of Ira, died at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, in Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Sterling, 73, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Jim Mosley, pastor of the Loraine Baptist Church, will officiate. He will be assisted by the Rev. Mark McMillian, pastor of the Wolfforth Baptist Church, and the Rev. Steve Long, Burkburnett pastor.

Born Nov. 1, 1924 in Scurry County, he married Billie Jean Coonrod on Dec. 31, 1948 in Snyder.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Sterling was a farmer and a deacon in the Ira Baptist Church. He was a former Ira school board member and had served as a director of the Farmer's Co-op Gin and the Scurry County Farm Bureau.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Marshall and Pete Sterling.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Jean Sterling of Ira; two daughters, Teresa Sterling of San Angelo and Lisa Wallace and her husband, Mark, of Justin; a son and daughter-in-law, Billy Leon and Regina Sterling of Ira; a brother, Gus Sterling of Ira; three sisters, Wanda West and Helen Allen, both of Snyder and Ilene Kruse of Ira; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Dec. 1-Wilma Dillard; Dec. 2-Helen Hatter, Chadwick Thompson and Opal Watson.

DISMISSALS: Dec. 1-None; Dec. 2-Helen Hatter.

CENSUS: 38 (Med., Surg.-13, Long-term Care-25).

Sweetwater teen-ager booked into county jail

A 17-year-old Sweetwater youth, indicted Monday by the Scurry County grand jury, was booked into the local jail at 2:50 p.m. after being arrested earlier in Sweetwater.

Patrick Allen Cantu of 505 E. New Mexico St. was indicted Monday on two counts of possession of a controlled substance. He was charged with the possession of cocaine and amphetamines on Oct. 31.

In other activity Tuesday, Harvey Elliott requested to speak to an officer at 7:15 a.m. at an apartment in the 4400 block of Avenue U in reference to someone damaging his front door. An offense report for Class C criminal mischief was submitted.

Elliott Cox reported at 10:44 a.m. that someone had damaged a new vehicle on the parking lot of Wilson Motors. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

A report of a gas drive-off from Skinny's on East Coliseum Drive was made at 3:07 p.m., but the person returned at 4:22 and paid for the gas.

A report of a reckless driver was made at 3:11 p.m. in the 3900 block of Houston.

A Snyder EMS unit was dispatched to the area of Snyder Iron and Metal at 4:15 p.m. as a person reported a juvenile falling from a vehicle and being run over. However, the youth had apparently jumped from the vehicle and there were no injuries.

Officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident at 6:26 p.m. in the 3700 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1982 Mercury driven by Eric Pesina of 419 34th St., a 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by Tona Wright of Moriarty, N.M., and a 1983 Lincoln driven by Nancy Blair of 311 Ave. X.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Christmas lights for sale

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

LVN pre-entrance exam

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

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

Historic Scurry County

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

'Robin Hood'

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

Married For Life

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

Chili-Frito Pie supper

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

Christmas tour of homes

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

"A Christmas Story"

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

Bible study video tapes

Mike Tackett of Merkel appears on the Key to the Kingdom series, airing weekly on Cable Channel 2. Robert Oglesby of Richardson narrates The Story of the Bible. The next video, "God's Deliverance," airs at 7 p.m. Monday, followed by Lesson 1 of The Story of the Bible.

Dunn Baptist holiday dinner

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

Shelled pecan halves

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

Tiger banners for sale

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

Driver's license office

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

Adult basic education

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

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

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

Snyder High yearbooks

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

Volleyball team fund-raiser

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

Cash Five

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

4-10-11-31-32

Pick 3

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

5-8-3