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Texaco tapes propel $176 million settlement

Jackson says boycott will continue anyway

WASHINGTON (AP) — The lawsuit was filed more than two years ago, but it took Texaco just 11 days to settle race discrimination claims after tape recordings of executives belittling black employees were played coast to coast.

The deal, which still must be approved by a court, will cost the oil giant $176.1 million, making it the largest race discrimination settlement in U.S. history.

"I have committed myself — and the entire management team of this company — to the elimination of any trace of discrimination in Texaco," Chairman and Chief Executive Peter I. Bijur said in a statement Friday after negotiators reached the agreement.

Texaco agreed to pay $115 million to about 1,400 current and former employees and to give black employees 10 percent raises on Jan. 1.

The company also will spend $35 million on an independent task force with wide-reaching power to help open opportunities for black workers, monitor racial discrimination and develop diversity and sensitivity training.

The task force, which will operate for five years with its own staff, will determine whether to set numerical hiring or promotion goals and, if so, how to monitor them. Its decisions can be overturned only in court.

"No longer will we hear the excuse, 'We just didn't know,'" said Michael D. Hausfeld, one of the plaintiffs' attorneys.

He said establishment of a "truly independent" task force was the greatest sticking point among negotiators, who had been talking intensely since the tape surfaced nearly two weeks ago.

"This is an historic settlement and I am so proud to be a part of it," said plaintiff Bari-Ellen Roberts, 44, a senior financial analyst in Stamford, Conn. "This has been a hard battle."

Despite the agreement, civil rights activist Jesse Jackson said the boycott of Texaco stock and company credit cards will continue.

The lawsuit, filed in 1994, claimed a "good old boy" network at Texaco reserved the best promotions and biggest raises for whites. Former and current black employees said they were called "orangutans" and "porch monkeys" to their faces. One was invited to join in a round of golf — as a caddy.

The pressure on Texaco mounted dramatically last week after plaintiffs produced a tape of executives using racial slurs, mocking the black cultural festival Kwanzaa and plotting to hide or shred documents sought by the plaintiffs.

The recordings were made by a Texaco executive who gave the tapes to the plaintiffs after he lost his job in a downsizing. Company investigators said an electronic enhancement found that executives did not use the word "niggers," as it had appeared, but the company said the tone of the conversation was still troubling.

The tapes focused public attention on the issue, Hausfeld told reporters. Without them, he added, "I don't think I'd be standing here right now."

Texaco still faces a grand jury investigation into whether documents actually were destroyed. The company, based in White Plains, N.Y., has not disputed that executives talked about hiding evidence.

Texaco apologized for the tapes and suspended two executives.

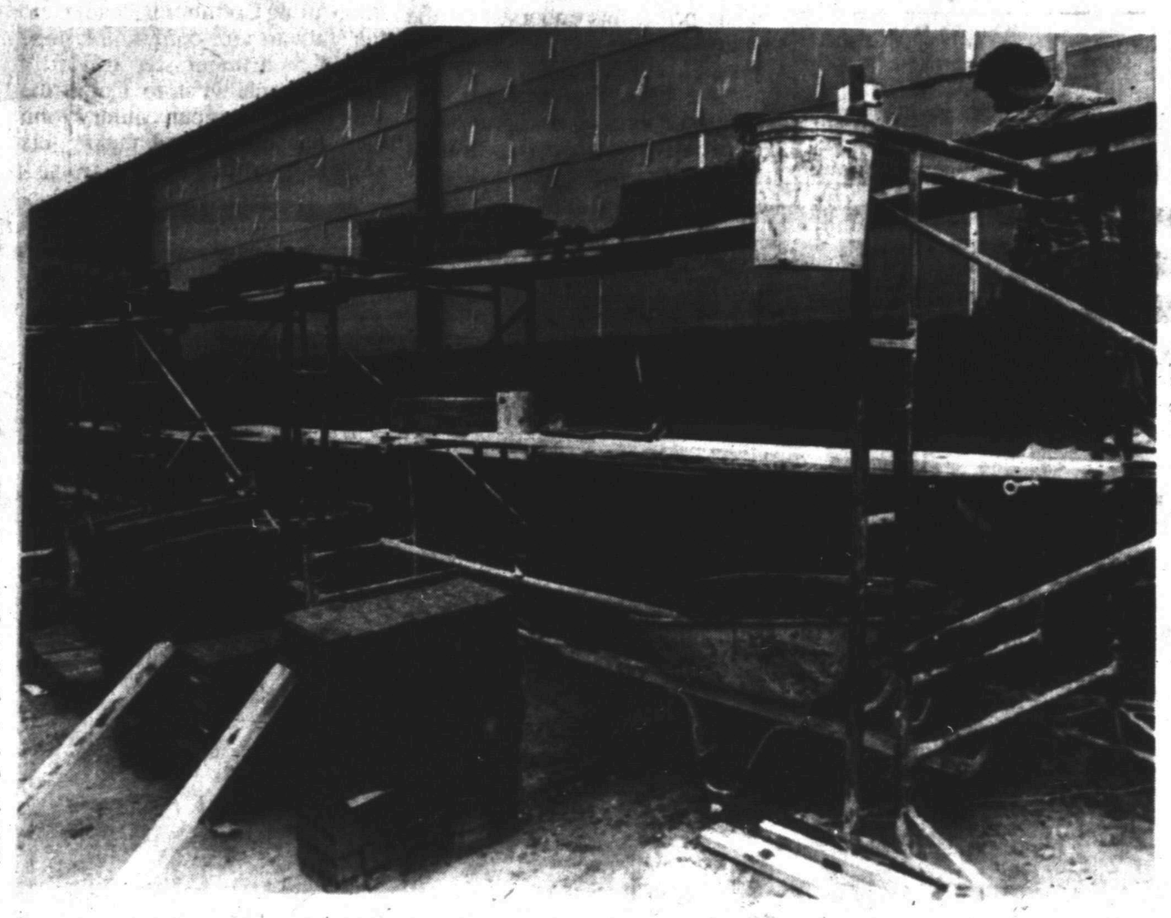
But the Chicago-based Rainbow Coalition did not call off a boycott set to begin today because some of the group's demands were not met, spokeswoman Theresa Caldwell said in Washington. Settlement was a good first step, she said, but Texaco must also commit itself to selling station franchises to blacks and hiring blacks for financial management positions.

"The mission is not complete," Jackson said.

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume, who had threatened to urge Texaco stockholders to divest, said his organization will negotiate with the company over the next two weeks on other economic issues, and is prepared to call for a stock divestiture if it can't reach an agreement.

"We're prepared to do it if we have to," Mfume said. "We believe it is much more swift. It creates much more economic pain than a boycott."

Bijur said that Texaco would indeed work to increase the number of Texaco stations owned by minorities and women and to increase business with minority companies.



WORK CONTINUES — Employees of Romero Masonry of Snyder are currently bricking the exterior of the new Wright Colonial Funeral Home on 37th Street. In the foreground, Thomas Rivera starts a row while Isabel Romero is in the background. (SDN Staff Photo)

Arts & crafts festival slated here next Saturday, Sunday

The sixth annual Scurry County Arts and Crafts Festival will be held next Saturday and Sunday in the county coliseum.

More than 100 artists and crafters will be on hand with original art and handcrafted items. Hours for the show are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission charge.

Mel Prather, organizer for the festival, said it will feature a number of new faces and expanded categories.

"Some of the newcomers will offer items such as turned wooden pens and pencils, wood desk accessories, folk art, baby quilts, pouting dolls, magnets, Christmas decorations, bread baskets, wood toys, yard ornaments and minatures."

Others new to the show will have crochet items, candles, painted wood pieces, wreaths, decorated plant pots, soft sculpture, Christmas ornaments, jellies and jams, homemade picante sauces, clothing, mirrors and popguns.

Returning exhibitors will offer such items as hair bows, ceramics, original paintings, jewelry, floral arrangements, unfinished furniture, pull toys, candy, gift boxes, painted glass, bird houses and floor lamps.

Also back are mailboxes, table lamps, canister sets and tole painting.

Concessions will be under the direction of the Scurry charter chapter of the American Business Women's Association, which funds scholarships for female students from Scurry County.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There's no fool like an old fool, 'cause you can't beat experience."

Bill and Jo Ann McCormick have been spending a lot of time in Hale County helping out the family while their daughter, Lori, has been undergoing medical treatment.

Bill was back in Snyder a few days ago and dropped by the office to pass along a clipping from the Plainview Herald.

The editor in Plainview is Danny Andrews who was sports editor at the Herald at the same time we were working in sports at the Lubbock A-J.

Danny commented about the pre-game prayer over the public address system prior to the Dallas-Miami game a couple of Sundays ago.

Cowboy Nate Newton said, "I heard this man of the cloth praying for a Dolphins win before the kickoff and I wondered what church he was from. I thought it must have been some kind of Dolphin cult or something."

Emmitt Smith thought it was a joke, but said it helped to get the team's attention. Coach Barry Switzer called it 'strange.'

The incident reminded the Plainview editor of a story told him by Dr. Felix Crawford, longtime Plainview dentist who grew up in Lamesa. Snyder and Lamesa have long been intense rivals on the gridiron.

The doc told the editor of a pregame prayer before the Snyder-Lamesa game in 1955, a year when the Tigers were picked to win the state championship.

The feller who offered the prayer from the Lamesa press box that Thanksgiving Day besought the Almighty: "And may the losers have a safe trip home."

Bill McCormick said he remembers both the game and the prayer. Snyder won, and the Tigers did have a safe trip home, but the pre-game invocation provoked considerable comment around Snyder coffee shops the following week.

The 40-7 win over Lamesa was Snyder's ninth straight. The next week the top-rated Tigers were upset by the Garland Owls in a bi-district clash.

Members of that Tiger team 41 years ago still around Snyder include John Partain, Milton Ham and Bob Pollard.

TDCJ limits private prison response

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Board of Criminal Justice voted Friday to limit its response to riots and escapes at privately operated prisons and to charge the for-profit companies if state employees are needed in such situations.

Meeting in Abilene, the nine-member board voted unanimously to require the 38 private prisons in Texas to contact their local law enforcement agencies to assess the need for state revenues to be spent to help quell riots or recapture escapees.

"It gives us a third party assessment to determine if we're actually needed so that the state's resources are not called upon until the situation warrants it," said board member John Ward, of Gatesville.

The move comes after a series of escapes and riots at privately run prisons in Texas. The non-government prisons house many inmates who have committed crimes in states where there is not enough prison space.

"Most people in the public sector of our state lump the private facilities together with the state facilities," Allan Polunsky said while the issue was being considered. "I think a distinction needs to be made that these are privately run operations that at this time are not even regulated."

The new policy, approved unanimously, requires that requests for assistance come from local law enforcement officials. Local officials from the Department of Public Safety and the Texas Rangers also would have to concur that help from the Department of Criminal Justice was needed before agency officials would respond.

The policy also says private prison operators will reimburse the state for the help TDCJ provides.

"It's only reasonable for the state to be reimbursement for the cost it may incur," Ward said.

Susan Hart, a spokeswoman for Corrections Corp. of America, which operates about a dozen private prisons in Texas, said the company will abide by the policy.

In other action:

— Board members indicated support for agency engineers after a state official said Thursday that the prison system completed its recent $1.5 billion construction project without licensed engineers to oversee the work.

John Speed, executive director of the Texas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, told the board that state law requires a licensed engineer to oversee construction programs and that TDCJ's recent construction projects were completed in violation of that law.

County court meets Monday

Scurry County commissioners will face a varied agenda when they meet Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Sheriff's office deputy Nell Scott will address the court concerning a medical insurance payment, and in an unrelated matter, an agreement with a Medicaid service firm will be discussed.

The airport hangar lease agreement with Gary Haltom is also on the agenda, as well as the consideration of closing a street and alley behind Allsup's in Hermleigh.

Budget amendments and line-item transfers round out the agenda.

Commissioners will also convene in a special meeting at 1 p.m. Monday to consider bids for the purchase of two vehicles for the sheriff's office.

Jury awards $17,000

A 10-woman, two-man jury has found in favor of the plaintiff in a civil trial, awarding damages of more than $17,000.

The jury determined that Tim Riggan should receive $17,184.04 for damages to furniture, furnishings, supplies and equipment caused when a Pool Well Service pickup crashed through his Edward D. Jones office on July 14, 1995.

The case, heard in 132nd District Court, was Tim Riggan vs. Christopher Daniel Mills, individually, and Pool Well Service. Mills was the driver of the pickup when the accident occurred.

In its determinations, the jury found Mills to be negligent, but acting in the scope of his employment with Pool Well Service when the mishap took place.

Jurors decided not to award Riggans a request for compensation for lost profits.

Attorneys in the case were Gary Terrell of Lubbock, representing Riggan; Larry Bell of San Angelo, representing Pool Well Service; Mike Brown of Huntsville, formerly of Snyder, representing Mills; and interveners J. David Nelson of Lubbock, representing D. Gail Latimer; and Frank R. Stamey of Abilene, representing Monte West, Billy Calley and Tim Riggan, joint venture.

ASK US

Q—What was the final percent of registered voters in Texas who participated in the Nov. 5 election?

A—Officially, 53.18 percent. In an interesting contrast, the state noted that 62 percent of those old enough to play Lotto Texas did so in 1995.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 70 degrees; low, 63; 7 a.m. Saturday, 65; no precipitation; total for 1996, 12.54 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, decreasing cloudiness. Low 30-35. W wind diminishing to 10-20 mph in the evening. Sunday, partly cloudy. High near 65. NW-W wind 10-15 mph.



Carolyn Shaw

Windy, But Diminishing

Sunset 5:44 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:13 a.m.
Of 320 days in 1996, the sun has shone 316 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

For it is better that he say to you, "Come up here," Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, Whom your eyes have seen.

Proverbs 25:7

Castro seeks aid to end world starvation

ROME (AP) — Cuban leader Fidel Castro accused wealthy nations of tolerating the "genocide" of starvation and denounced Western sanctions as criminal in a speech Saturday at the World Food Summit.

Castro's address came as the United Nations was organizing a multinational force to aid 1 million Rwandan refugees in eastern Zaire, where rebel fighting has cut off food supplies.

"Intervention forces are organized to prevent the death of hundreds of thousands of people in eastern Zaire," Castro told delegates at the conference. "What are we going to do to prevent the starvation of 1 million people every month in the rest of the world?"

"Why is it (the world) not equally moved by that genocide which is taking place every day in front of our eyes?"

Speaking in Spanish, Castro, who wore a dark blue suit and red tie, condemned economic sanctions such as those the United States has imposed on Cuba since 1962.

"Why is it that criminal policies and absurd blockades that include food and medicines are being added ... with the purpose of annihilating whole populations with hunger and diseases?" Castro said.

"Where is the ethic, the justification, the respect for the most basic human rights and the common sense of such policies?"

Castro, saying the rich "do not know hunger," lashed out at some of the principles endorsed by the United States and allies at the conference, particularly free trade.

"The bells that are presently tolling for those starving to death every day will tomorrow be tolling for all mankind," he said.

Security was exceptionally tight when Castro arrived at the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization near the Colosseum and the Circus Maximus. Helicopters patrolled overhead and police scrutinized credentials by participants and journalists.

Castro walked quickly into the main hall. Some delegates from other nations came up to chat with him and seek autographs.

Castro is expected to meet for the first time with Pope John Paul II during his visit to Italy. A time for the meeting has not been announced.

The encounter between the long-ruling Communist leader and the stalwart anti-communist pope would be a major step toward a historic papal visit to Cuba, the only Latin American country John Paul has not visited during his 18-year pontificate.

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Senior Center News

Personnel from Snyder Police Department will present a safety awareness program at 11:15 a.m. Thursday. The program will focus on material of special interest to senior citizens. Due to this program, there will not be a Sing Along that day.

Bridge players will get together at 9:30 a.m. Monday. The Scurry County Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet in the conference room at noon. Tuesday's 42 Fun Day will begin at 10 a.m. and the Golden K. Kiwanis Club will meet at noon. Hoss Clayton and his band will perform at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

Bingo begins at 10 a.m. Wednesday and the dancing class meets at 1:15 p.m.. The Tri-Chem textile painting class meets at 9 a.m. Thursday and a performnace by the Senior Saints is set for 11 a.m. Bridge is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Friday. The Sunshine Choir will go to Snyder Oaks Care Center for a program at 10 a.m. Friday.

Senior citizens meet at the Western Texas College swimming pool at 10 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday mornings for swimnastics and new members are invited to join the group. There is no charge and participants do not need to know how to swim. For more information call 573-4035.

Senior citizens will sell tickets for a quilt drawing Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Wal-Mart.

The center is planning a Remember Pearl Harbor Day on Dec. 6 and would like to borrow World War II memorabilia for the observerance, Norma Laywell, director, said. The program is planned for Dec. 6 since Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, falls on a Saturday this year.

England returns some of destiny, years later

COLDSTREAM, Scotland (AP) — A rough-hewn block of gray sandstone, sacred to Scots as a symbol of sovereignty, was returned Friday after 700 years in England and an hour's delay for a bomb scare.

The stone, known as the Stone of Scone, was removed from beneath the Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey in London and driven north to Scotland.

After conservationists in Edinburgh examine it, the stone will be placed on public view in Edinburgh Castle on Nov. 30, the feast day of Scotland's patron saint, St. Andrew.

The stone slab, weighing 458 pounds, was quarried in Scotland, but it is not known where or when. Legends claim that the Biblical patriarch Jacob rested his head on it when he dreamed of a ladder reaching to heaven.

Scotland's ancient kings were crowned on the stone at Scone (pronounced skoon) for centuries, until King Edward I of England stole it in 1296.

About 500 people in the Scottish border town of Coldstream turned out Friday to celebrate the stone's return.

That return was delayed an extra hour, after a bomb scare sparked by a shoe box discovered on the bridge at the border. Army demolition experts were called in. It was empty.

Michael Forsyth, the Cabinet official responsible for Scotland, crossed from the Scottish side to officially receive the stone. It was escorted to Scotland by members of the Coldstream Guards, who handed over the stone at the bridge to the King's Own Scottish Borders and Royal Scots regiments.

Prime Minister John Major announced the decision to return the stone on July 3, saying: "I believe that on this, the 700th anniversary of its removal from Scotland, it is appropriate to return it to its historic homeland."

The return of the stone has been greeted with some cynicism in Scotland, where the governing Conservative Party has few supporters.

"I think the Tories want it in Edinburgh because they hope to get some political support from it," said Donald Moffat, a member of the local council. He belongs to the Scottish National Party, which advocates independence.

Forsyth, the Cabinet minister responsible for Scotland, told the crowd that England and Scotland were joined in "firm friendship."

Protesting Scottish nationalists were moved 500 yards away, and police confiscated their loudspeaker.

Massive ice shelf breaks off of eastern Antarctica

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — An iceberg the size of Rhode Island that sheared off the coast of Antarctica could drift for 10 years before it melts, a scientist said Friday.

The ice floe covered more than 1,400 square miles when it split from the coast of East Antarctica in May, said Neal Young, an Australian scientist working at the Antarctic Cooperative Research Center.

The berg originally measured about 54 by 27 miles, Young said. The biggest chunk, which covers about 535 square miles, is grounded off the eastern coast of Antarctica.

The mammoth iceberg, first observed by a research ship scouting the area, has sheer walls rising 100 to 160 feet above the water, and an estimated depth of 1,000 feet.

Australia's Antarctic Division is tracking the vast fragments through U.S. weather satellites and European research satellites. The ice chunks were moving with ocean currents at speeds of about 3 miles a day. It may be 10 years before they drift north into warmer water and melt.

The ice island was not expected to interfere with maritime commerce, since ships typically avoid Antarctica because of floating bergs.

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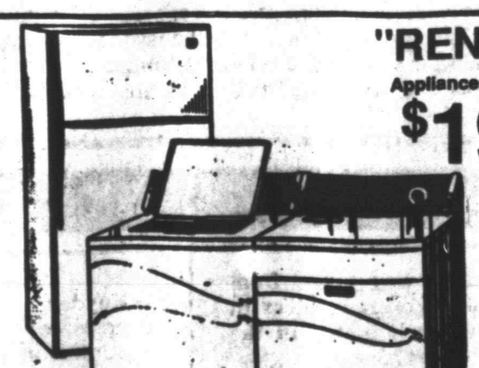
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BIBLE WEEK — For 56 years, women and men of all faiths have banded together with the Laymen's National Bible Association to sponsor National Bible Week as a time to remind their fellow Americans of the Bible's unique place in American life. Along with mayors all over Texas, David Holt has proclaimed Nov. 24 to Dec. 1 as Bible Week. Pictured standing from left are Nan Swanson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church; Dr. Marty Akins, First Baptist Church; Jean Burns, Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints; Tom Holcomb, minister of East Side Church of Christ; Miller Robinson, retired Baptist pastor; and Bob Green, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Gov. Bush calls for speedier adoption process in Texas

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gov. George Bush announced a proposal Friday that would cut in half the time it takes to adopt a child in Texas, making it easier to separate children from abusive parents.

"We must say to fathers: enough is enough. Either live up to your responsibilities as a parents or get out of the way so your child can go to a loving home," Bush said at a news conference at Marriot Rivercenter Hotel.

The idea came from a 37-page report written by a 13-member committee he appointed to study the state's adoption system last spring. The report asks the Legislature to quicken the termination of parental rights in extreme cases of abuse and to expedite the procedure, for declaring a child abandoned to 90 days from one year.

"Too many fathers are walking away and saying, hey, that's not my problem, that's someone else's problem," Bush said. "Everyone pays the price for that kind of thinking, especially the children."

The report also suggests that parents should have a certain time frame after the birth of a child to "assert parental rights" or lose those rights.

Bush suggested that time frame be 30 days.

Heidi Cox, general counsel to Fort Worth's Edna Gladney Center, one of the largest private adoption agencies in the country, says the report is a first step toward improving adoption in Texas.

"I think it's a great start and is certainly pro-child," she said.

She said the 30-day limit for asserting parental rights is generous.

"It's a problem in all adoptions, not just in foster care," she said of absent fathers. "He may be saying, 'I'm not going to consent to adoption but I'm not going to do anything for the baby.'"

Between 1991 and 1995, adopted children spent an average of 40.8 months waiting for the process to be completed. Children were bounced among foster homes an average of four times before being adopted, the report shows.

Prosecutors say evidence also implicates Routier's husband

DALLAS (AP) — Newly released evidence suggests that Darin Routier might have helped his wife, Darlie, either fatally stab their two young sons or cover up the crime, prosecutors say.

The evidence, detailed in court papers to be filed Monday, includes head hairs matching Darin Routier's on the murder weapon, a knife that Mrs. Routier reported finding on the family's laundry room floor, The Dallas Morning News reported in a copyright story in Saturday's editions.

Assistant District Attorney Greg Davis said in the court papers that investigators also found fibers from Routier's tennis shoes that match fibers from a sock stained with the boys' blood.

DNA tests previously found traces of Mrs. Routier's skin in the sock, which investigators retrieved from an alley behind the couple's home in the Dallas suburb of Rowlett.

Routier denied any wrongdoing.

"I've nothing to be afraid of, just like Darlie has nothing to be afraid of," he said in an interview Friday night. "The truth will be told. They're wrong."

Routier said that even if the hairs and sock are his, that doesn't incriminate him.

"If I took my clothes off in the laundry room and lifted my shirt above my head, it's possible that I pulled a hair out," Routier told the newspaper, adding that he takes his clothes off in the laundry room frequently. The bloody knife could easily have picked up the hair, he said.

The killer, Routier said, "took the knife from the house and left the knife in the house. He took a sock from the home and left it out of the house.

"Are they just twisting this around because of Darlie's case being completely flat?"

Davis would not say how strongly prosecutors suspect Routier in the deaths of sons Damon, 5, and Devon, 6. Nor would he say exactly what they believe he might have done.

"We have no intention at this time of charging Darin Routier," he said, "but our investigation is continuing."

The newly released evidence came to light in a motion prosecutors filed earlier this week seeking a hearing on whether defense attorney Doug Mulder has a conflict of interest.

Prosecutors said Mulder faced a conflict because he represented Routier earlier this year in a hearing to decide whether he had violated a judge's gag order in the case against his wife.

In response, defense attorneys filed a motion seeking more details about the evidence and denying that a conflict existed.

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A portion of the Home Health staff are pictured at the Cogdell Home Health office, located at 1800 Trinity Blvd. Top row, left to right are Jimmy Pittman, Sherma Barham, Lana Turner, Teressia Shoemake, Michele Floyd, Melba McNiel and Karen Walker. Bottom row, left to right are Karen Franklin, Nelda Baze, Susan Birkenfeld, Monica Guzman, Jackie Goldesberry, Peggy Foster, Shirley Kelly and Tammy Tyrrell. Not available for the photo were Tracy Forbis, Linda Briseno, Dawn Fish, Montie Ivison, Jackie Jackson, Sylvia Molinar, Sheryln Safar, Jim Underwood and Ruth Johnson. Other staffers include Loretta Lee-Speech/Language Therapist, Cathy Trout, Jeff Mason, Julienne Stewart-Licensed Physical Therapists, Bethany Stenson-PT Assistant, Tammy Tyler-LSW, Tori Lyons and Sonja Hill-patient finance representatives with CMH, and Caroline Olivarez- housekeeping dept.

Cogdell Home Health celebrates International Home Care Month with Open House on November 19.

In recognition of International Home Care Month, the local hospital-based Cogdell Home Health joins home health services throughout the world to honor the dedicated physicians, nurses, aides, therapists, and social workers who provide high-quality care in patients' homes.

The open house at Cogdell Home Health will be held at their suite of offices at 1800 Trinity Boulevard, on Tuesday, November19, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The public is invited to come for refreshments and information about home care services that are available to CMH Home Health clients.

Cogdell Home Health has been providing home health care to patients in the counties of Borden, Fisher, Garza, Howard, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan and Scurry since 1984.

A broad range of services are available to the Cogdell Home Health client. Experienced professionals bring the care and compassion you need, right to your home.

Services and therapies provided by Cogdell Home Health include:
*Skilled Nursing Services
*IV Therapy Coordination
*Home Health Aide Services
*Physical Therapy
*Speech/Language Therapy
*Nutritional Support and Counseling
*Medical Social Services
*Medical Equipment and Supplies Coordination
*Oxygen Therapy Coordination

CMH Home Health also provides a free blood pressure clinic every Friday afternoon at their suite of offices at 1800 Trinity Boulevard.

All Cogdell Home Health services are planned and coordinated by the CMH Home Health professionals and the attending physician. Skilled nursing procedures as required by the patient's condition include nursing assessment, patient teaching for new disease/diagnosis and medicines; sterile wound care, catheter insertion and care, injections, IV antibiotic therapy, and homephoto therapy for jaundiced newborns.

To qualify for home health care, one must be essentially homebound, have a skilled health need resulting from illness or injury, and have the care ordered by a physician. However,family members or friends can request home health service, and arrange for an evaluation of the client's needs by one of Cogdell Home Health registered nurse case managers.

Cogdell Home Health is recognized for quality services; accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO); certified by Medicare and licensed by the State of Texas.

The trend toward providing health care in the home continues to rise, as more and more families look for ways to nurture their loved ones at home, rather than in a nursing home or other extended care facility.

Some of the reasons for this trend toward home care have to do with tradition, technology and cost efficiency.

Sherma Barham, RN Nurse Manager at Cogdell Home Health, said "Home care is a wonderful service that provides medical treatment to sick or disabled persons in their own familiar and comfortable surroundings."

She listed other factors to be considered when home care is an option: it keeps families together; serves to keep the elderly independent; allows a maximum amount of freedom for the individual; involves the individual and the family in the care that is delivered in the home, enabling them to be taught how to get well and how to stay that way.

She said, "We are so fortunate to have such a fine group of professional care-givers in our organization who are totally dedicated and committed to Cogdell Home Health, and to the patients we are privileged to serve. We are proud to be able to offer our highly personalized service to home bound patients."

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Authorities suspect father involved

Family buries girl abducted in July

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — Morgan Violi, a young girl with an easy smile and hazel eyes, often played in the parking lots and nearby yards of the suburban apartment complex where she lived with her mother.

Then one afternoon this summer, a predator pulled the 7-year-old girl with pink shoes and a yellow hair clasp inside his maroon Chevrolet van and sped away. Morgan's remains were found late last month. It is not yet known how she died, though suspicion hangs over Morgan's own father.

On Friday, her family, joined by many others in this southern Kentucky community, said goodbye to Morgan, burying her in a bright purple casket.

Throughout the Violi family's ordeal, beginning shortly after her disappearance July 24, Glen Violi has complained that the FBI has unjustly targeted him as a suspect in his daughter's abduction.

He said investigators repeatedly told him in private they believe he had something to do with the abduction and even urged him to confess.

Violi said he has taken numerous polygraph tests and failed them all.

"I wish I could pass one so they could just go do something else," he said.

The FBI never said whether he was a suspect and said it hadn't ruled anyone out. "We never named him as a suspect in the case, and we still aren't," FBI spokesman Ed Evans said.

The day after Morgan disappeared, news reports noted prominently that the abduction came just two hours after her mother, Stacey Violi, was awarded custody of Morgan and her two sisters in a divorce agreement. Violi was to get custody every other weekend.

The scrutiny didn't abate even though police confirmed that Violi was at work when his daughter was abducted.

Ms. Violi has said she was certain her ex-husband was not involved in Morgan's disappearance.

"He wouldn't harm our children," she said.

An adult who witnessed the abduction described a maroon van that sped away with Morgan.

The city looked for vans by checking reports from traffic stops and car accidents. Police asked motor vehicle clerks in surrounding states for the names of van owners.

Officials also checked hotels, motels, restaurants — even toy stores — where the kidnapper might stop. A $20,000 reward was offered, and a syndicated television show pleaded for tips.

It was all in vain.

A woman in Robertson County, Tenn., just across the state line, found Morgan's remains Oct. 20 while walking in a field. A yellow hair clasp was among the remains. Within three weeks, the FBI confirmed the identity.

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SENIOR BOARD CHANGES — Connie Stom was named new Senior Center board member at a recent meeting. C.D. Gray Jr, center, is going off the board after 12 years service and Mary Farris, representing United Blood Services, is also retiring from the board. They are pictured respectively from left. Cecil Lankford was elected president and Bernhard Bartels was elected vice president. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Brides-to-be like wedding gown sale

BOSTON (AP) — A melee broke out among more than 200 half-dressed brides-to-be in a downtown department store Friday.

Just as expected.

The Filene's Basement wedding gown sale has been a Boston tradition for nearly 50 years. And compared to this, marriage should be easy.

"I told them just what they had to do: push their way through the door and grab all the dresses they can," said Ellen Abbott, who entered the fray with her daughter, Tara, a friend who is also engaged and several gung-ho members of their wedding parties.

The coaching paid off. When the doors finally opened at 8 a.m. after a big countdown, Abbott and company snagged so many dresses that they actually handed some off to less aggressive shoppers.

People had begun lining up three hours early to buy dresses for $249, hundreds and thousands of dollars below regular price. Some drove all night to be there.

"Two-hundred fifty bucks a dress? Come on!" said Tara Abbott, who plans to marry in 1998. She was slipping the umpteenth gown over her black leotard. The price tag said $2,000.

The event, which occurs several times a year, has been a fixture at the Boston store since 1947. It also takes place in the Chicago Filene's Basement.

'96 Tiger's Lair earns Gold Medalist rating

The 1996 Tiger's Lair yearbook has received a Gold Medalist (first) place rating from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in New York.

The book earned 925 points out of a possible 1,000 points. This was the first time that the yearbook had received the first place award from the national organization.

The yearbook rated All-Columbian Honors in the areas of concept, photography and design.

The judge commented, "You have a book of which you can be very proud."

Staff members included Ross Sallee, editor-in-chief and sports editor; Stacey Parker, student life editor; Melissa Humphreys, people editor; and Joylynn Shepard, academics/organizations editor.

First year reporters were Brooke Gladson, Cindy Gutierrez, Christy Garner, Teri Fickling, Holli Rowe, Michael May, Angela Rodriguez and Lina Alvarez.

Photographers were Paige Bell, Candace Barrow, C.J. Chaney, Haley Ingram, Maria Quiros and Stephanie Whittenburg. Diane Arnold was the adviser.

The CSPA is a national journalism organization comprised of junior high and high school publications, both yearbook and newspaper, from across the country.

Financial Focus

Warren Buffett, renowned for his investing acumen, says that the first rule of successful investing is not to lose money. "The second rule," he says, "is not to forget the first rule."

How successful are investors in following this rule? The Investment Company Institute (ICI), the voice of the mutual-fund industry, recently released a study that might answer this question. The study analyzed how mutual fund shareholders have behaved during market downturns in the past. Specifically, the ICI wanted to know if investors sell shares when the market goes down - violating Buffett's first rule.

The ICI studied mutual fund shareholder activity during U.S. stock market cycles from 1944 to 1995. A "cycle" is measured by peaks and troughs in the monthly average of the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 index of stocks. Since World War II, the stock market has experienced 14 major cycles. Each cycle began with a market peak, followed by a decline and a "trough," a period in which the market stayed low before climbing to a new peak and beginning a new cycle.

In the period studied, the 14 cycles lasted anywhere from four months to 37 months. The average downturn lasted 14 months. The largest drop in the S&P 500 Index was 43.4 percent in the 1973-74 cycle. The smallest decreases were about 10 percent (1959-60, 1971 and 1983-84). The average decrease during the period studied was 19.5 percent.

The ICI found that no particular event triggers a cycle. Only eight market cycles were associated with cycles in general business conditions. The other six, however, occurred in advance of economic slowdowns. Evidently, a cycle doesn't have any significant characteristics to alert investors of a forthcoming market decline.

How did mutual fund investors behave during these cycles? The ICI found that most investors stayed the course. "In none of the stock market breaks and sharp declines in equity prices have stock fund owners liquidated shares en masse," the ICI concluded. This included the huge one-day stock market decline on Oct. 19, 1987, when only about 4.5 percent of stock fund assets were redeemed in the last half of October.

The study did find, however, that shareholders do pay attention to stock price movements. They put more new money into stock funds when the market was rising than when it was declining. (However, we would hope that more investors would invest in a declining market. After all, whether you're buying socks or stocks, the best time to buy is when they go on sale.)

Perhaps the most significant conclusion of the ICI study is that stock fund shareholders appear to be experienced investors. They seem to have long-term investment objectives and a basic understanding of investment risk.

Warren Buffett's first rule of investing - not to lose money - may be easier said than done. However, it's encouraging to see that stock market declines have not been disastrous to investors. Evidently, being patient and staying the course will help you follow Buffett's No. 1 rule.

Al Gore building base for year 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wrestling with his thoughts late one night, President Clinton nearly settled on a candidate for a top post. He was impressed by the man, his credentials and experience. Still, there was doubt.

"I've got to talk to Al," he muttered to an aide, and left the room.

Hardly a decision is made about the second-term team without Clinton talking to Vice President Al Gore, whose fingerprints are all over the transition. In helping his boss build a new administration, Gore is building his base for 2000.

Clinton allowed Gore remarkable influence in the first term. And the loyal No. 2 will assume even wider latitude as Clinton puts together a new administration — especially in areas affecting Gore's plans to run for the presidency in four years.

The vice president will get sayso in the naming of a new White House political director and Democratic party chairman, aides say. Before the president finishes filling his half-empty Cabinet and topsy-turvy White House, Gore will have confidants sprinkled throughout the administration.

Evidence of his touch is everywhere:

—Aides say retired Army Gen. Colin Powell is not being considered for a Cabinet post despite his enormous political appeal. Powell is seen as a threat to Gore in 2000.

—Retiring Republican Sen. William Cohen emerged Thursday as a surprise leading contender for defense secretary. Gore, a former Tennessee senator, goes way back with Cohen and has supported the Maine lawmaker in private chats with Clinton.

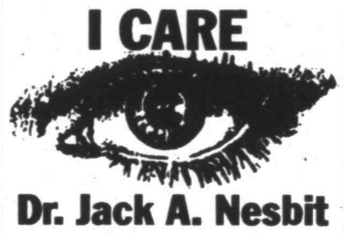
—Ron Klain, the vice president's chief of staff, found a spot in the small circle of aides who held the first post-election transition meetings with Clinton.

—When a coalition of women's groups sought a White House audience to press for women in the Cabinet, the president dispatched Gore. It gave the vice president a chance to soothe a key constituency for 2000. Gore is the transition's point man with minority groups, too.

Still early in the process, Friends of Al are considered daily for second-term openings. Aides were asking this week whether Environmental Protection Agency head Carol Browner, a longtime FOA, would make a good domestic policy adviser.

Browner landed at the EPA four years ago in part because of Gore's unusual influence from the start. His power has steadily grown.

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Research: Hormones of stress, disease linked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stress and depression that send emergency hormones flowing into the bloodstream may help cause brittle bones in women, infections and even cancer, researchers say.

A natural "fight or flight" reflex that once gave ancient humans the speed and endurance to escape primitive dangers is triggered daily in many modern people, keeping their hormones at constant hyper-readiness, experts say. Even some forms of depression bring on a similar hormonal state.

"In many people these hormones, such as cortisol, turn on and stay on for a long time," Dr. Philip Gold of the National Institute of Mental Health, one of the National Institutes of Health, said Friday. "If you are in danger, cortisol is good for you ... But if it becomes unregulated, it can produce disease."

In extreme cases, this hormonal state destroys appetite, cripples the immune system, shuts down processes that repair tissue, blocks sleep and even breaks down bone, said Gold.

He was among the speakers at a two-day conference of the International Society for Neuroimmunomodulation, a group of experts who study the effects of stress and depression on physical disease.

Gold presented a study of bone density among 26 women, half suffering from depression and half with a normal emotional state. The depressed women had high levels of stress hormones, he said.

Although all the women were age 40, he said, those with depression uniformly "had bone density like that of 70-year-old women. They were clearly at risk of fractures. The magnitude of bone loss was surprising."

A study at Ohio State University showed that routine marital disagreements can cause the "fight or flight" hormone reaction.

Dr. Janice Kiecolt-Glaser, a psychologist, said a study of 90 newly wed couples showed that marriage arguments were particularly damaging to women.

In the study, the couples were put into a room together with blood sampling needles in their arms. The blood samples could be taken at intervals without the subjects knowing it.

A researcher then interviewed the couples and intentionally prompted a discussion that aroused disagreement and argument.

"The couples were at a point in their marriage when they should be getting along well, when there should be little hostility," said Kiecolt-Glaser.

Yet, samples taken during the disagreements showed that the women experienced sudden and high levels of stress hormones, just as if they were in a "fight or flight" situation of great danger. The women also had steeper increases than the men.

The test continued through an overnight hospital stay and more blood samples were taken just before discharge. For the men, the blood hormone levels were back to normal, but the women still had high levels.

"The stress hormone levels showed that the women were much more sensitive to negative behavior than were the men," Kiecolt-Glaser said.

People with such high levels of stress hormones are at a much greater risk of getting sick, said Dr. Ronald Glaser, an Ohio State virologist and the husband of Kiecolt-Glaser.

"If the hormone levels stay up longer than they should, there is a real risk of infectious disease," he said.

L.A. residents boo CIA's Deutch as he denies drug report

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Angry blacks responded with boos and catcalls as CIA Director John Deutch insisted during a town meeting that no evidence had been found to support rumors that agency operatives trafficked in crack cocaine.

Speaking in Watts to a mostly black crowd of about 500 on Friday, Deutch promised a thorough investigation of allegations that drug sales helped finance CIA-backed Nicaraguan Contra guerrillas during the 1980s.

"The CIA fights drugs. The CIA does not encourage drugs," he said. "Our employees do not want any Americans to believe the CIA is responsible for this kind of disgusting charge."

Many attending the meeting at Locke High School made it clear they didn't believe him.

"How are we supposed to trust the CIA officials to investigate themselves?" demanded one questioner who, like most in the audience, refused to give her name, saying she feared reprisals by the government.

The forum was organized by Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald, a Democrat who represents South Central Los Angeles, to address charges that have spread through the black community since a three-part series was published in August by the San Jose Mercury News.

The series alleged a California drug ring sold tons of cocaine to Los Angeles street gangs in the 1980s, and funneled millions in profits to CIA-backed Contras to finance their civil war efforts in Nicaragua.

It did not directly link the CIA with the drug dealers, but people in communities such as South Central expressed outrage, saying the government must have known about the vast amounts of cocaine moving into minority neighborhoods.

That sentiment was echoed by Millender-McDonald.

"We do not have the planes and the ships to bring this over, the tons and tons of cocaine," she said during a news conference before the forum.

The CIA, Justice Department and House Intelligence Committee are conducting separate investigations of the allegations.

Deutch said investigations conducted thus far have produced "no evidence of a conspiracy. But I will not be satisfied, and no one should be satisfied, until a complete and thorough investigation" is finished.

He acknowledged that, in fighting the drug trade, the spy agency sometimes works with unsavory people.

"These are criminals that we must deal with if we are going to stop drugs coming into the country," he said. "(But) we have no evidence of a conspiracy by the CIA to engage and encourage drug traffickers in Nicaragua or elsewhere in Latin America in this or any other periods.

One man, Tarik Ricard, used his turn with the microphone to express his disdain for Deutch's promise.

The family of Lester Moore wishes to convey thanks to each of you for the many kindnesses that were shown to us.

Whether you extended a tender touch of love, a friendly hug, flowers, cards, or food, we thank you.

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SPORTS

Garza & Wemken named all-district

Tiffany Garza and Raechele Wemken have been selected to the 1996 2-4A All-District Volleyball Team.

Garza and Wemken are both seniors for coach Patty Grimmett's squad, which made the playoffs for the second year in a row.

Named second team all-district for the Lady Tigers were Joanie Wemken and Shawn Purcell.

The player of the year went to Lamesa's Kizzie Flemming; newcomer of the year was Estacado's LaKeisha Ross.

The rest of the first team were Megan Cobb, Bree Sheppard and Shawn Massey, all of Lamesa, and Kristi Voss of Levelland.

Second-team members in addition to Purcell and Joanie Wemken were Tanji Meador and Melissa Mayfield from Lamesa, MacKensie Norsworthy from Levelland and Brianne Chandler from Frenship.

Four Lady Tigers were honorable mention. They were Amanda Huff, Darla Blackwell, Lila King and Jill Willingham.

The Lady Tigers finished the season with a record of 25-8.



Tiffany Garza
1st Team All-District



Raechele Wemken
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Shawn Purcell
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Hermleigh drops two

The Lady Cardinals from Hermleigh took a one-point, overtime defeat to Roby Friday, 70-69.

The contest was tied at 66 at the end of regulation, but Roby was able to four-points on the board to Hermleigh's three.

Leading scorer for the Lady Cardinals was Jennifer Roemisch with 22, followed by Melissa Brasuel and Kelly Gonzales with 13 and Michelle Roemisch 10.

Jennifer Roemisch was the leading rebounder with 15 and she also had three assist. Brasuel had eight rebounds and six steals.

The Lady Cardinals are now 1-1.

The boys were not as lucky as they suffered a 79-25 loss to Roby. The Lions made the state tournament a year ago.

Mario Gonzales and Jason Hernandez each had seven for the Cardinals.

McLemore gets arbitration

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers announced Friday that the club will offer second baseman Mark McLemore salary arbitration, keeping him from becoming an unconditional free agent.

Pitchers Mike Henneman and Jeff Russell, infielder Kurt Stillwell, and outfielder Darryl Hamilton were not offered salary arbitration and are now free agents.

The Rangers had until 11 p.m. Saturday to offer arbitration to its five repeater rights free agents. The offer means McLemore is still considered to be under contract.

Transactions

Friday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Offered salary arbitration to LHP Jesse Orosco.

BOSTON RED SOX—Announced C Mike Stanley exercised his 1997 option.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Exercised their 1998 option on RHP Jose Mesa.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Claimed INF Dave Silvestri off waivers from the Montreal Expos.

TEXAS RANGERS—Offered salary arbitration to 2B Mark McLemore.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Offered salary arbitration to LHP Bob Patterson.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Named Manny Acta manager, Charley Taylor pitching coach and Jorge Orta coach for Quad City of the Midwest League.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Placed F Cedric Ceballos on the injured list.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Named Brendan Brown video coordinator.

UTAH JAZZ—Released G Brooks Thompson. Activated G-F Jamie Watson from the disabled list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed QB Gino Torretta.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

BOSTON BRUINS—Assigned D Yevgeny Shaldybin and D Bob Beers to Providence of the AHL.

DETROIT RED WINGS—Loaned D Anders Eriksson to Detroit of the AHL.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Assigned RW Craig Martin to Carolina of the AHL and D Wes Swinson to Tallahassee of the ECHL.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Assigned C Craig Darby to Philadelphia of the AHL.

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Assigned RW Chris Tancill to Kentucky of the AHL.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

TAMPA BAY MUTINY—Named John Kowalski coach.

COLLEGE

RIDER—Dismissed F Charles Smith from the men's basketball team for continued violation of team policy.

SAINT ANSELM—Announced the resignation of Donna Guimont, women's basketball coach. Named Bill Vermette interim women's basketball coach.

WRIGHT STATE—Fired Ralph Underhill, basketball coach.

Judson Rockets barely escape first round, 32-31

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

If the Converse Judson Rockets win another state title this year, they apparently are going to do it the hard way.

One week after needing double overtime just to make the postseason, Judson had to make an 18-yard field goal with 11 seconds left to cap a 32-point rally that gave the Rockets a 32-31 first-round victory over Austin Bowie.

Rudy Bagnato's game-winner came after his 42-yard try with 48 seconds left was blocked. But two Bowie players touched the loose ball and Judson recovered it, resuscitating the comeback.

"These guys are going to make an old man out of me yet," said Judson coach D.W. Rutledge, whose team beat San Antonio MacArthur 38-37 in double overtime last weekend.

While Judson avoided an early end to its postseason, six ranked teams — Duncanville from 5A, Rusk from 3A and 1A schools Celeste, Kress, Tenaha and Bartlett — weren't as lucky Friday night.

—Celeste, which was ranked third in the final regular-season poll, was stunned 14-7 by Karnack.

—Seventh-ranked Kress led Wheeler 13-6 late in the second quarter, then allowed 21 unanswered points, to fall 27-13. It was the second straight loss for Kress after nine straight victories.

—Tenaha, which finished the regular season undefeated and No. 8, was stopped 30-6 by Detroit.

—No. 10 Bartlett's 36-14 loss was less of a stunner because the winner was No. 5 Burkeville.

—A similar situation occurred in 3A as No. 7 Mexia downed No. 10 Rusk 10-0.

—Eighth-ranked Duncanville fell 35-14 to Lewisville in a Class 5A Division I matchup. The Panthers had been undefeated in their first season under coach Bob Alpert.

Although Judson wasn't ranked, a first-round loss by the Rockets would've been stunning.

Judson is the defending 5A Division I champion, has won three of the last four 5A Division I crowns and has been to four of the six title games since that bracket was created. Plus, the Rockets had won their last 14 first-round games.

Yet with 8:20 left in the third quarter, it was Bowie that held a 31-0 lead.

The Rockets' comeback began when Matt Hare returned the ensuing kickoff 77 yards for a touchdown. A few minutes later, Hare added a 25-yard touchdown run and Richard Mendoza scored a two-point conversion to make it 31-15.

Adrian Barnes followed with a 2-yard touchdown run, then Mendoza hit Mike Carletti with a 20-yard touchdown pass that put Judson within 31-29 with 5:25 remaining.

SDN SPORTS WEEK

BASKETBALL

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Big Spring at SHS 9th Girls, 7:30
Big Spring at SJHS 7th & 8th Girls, 5:00 & 6:00
Hermleigh JHS at Ira JHS, 6:00

Tuesday: SHS Girls at Brownfield, JV 5:00, Varsity 6:30
Brownfield at SHS Boys, JV 6:00, Varsity 7:30
Hermleigh at Rule, Boys & Girls, 6:30
Ira at Veribest, 5:30

Thursday: WTC at Odessa College, 7:30

Friday: Big Spring at SHS Girls, JV 6:00, Varsity 7:30
SHS Boys at Big Spring, JV 6:00, Varsity 7:30
Roby at Hermleigh, Boys & Girls, 6:30

Saturday: SHS Girls at Abilene Cooper, 9th 1:00
Ira JHS Puppy Classic

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PAIRINGS

By The Associated Press
Texas High School Playoff Pairings

Class 5A, Division I
Region I
Bi-District

EP Franklin 27, EP Montwood 9

Lubbock Coronado (9-1) vs. Odessa Permian (6-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

Lewisville 35, Duncanville 13

Haltom (10-0) vs. Arlington Martin (8-2), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Regional

El Paso Franklin (9-2) vs. Lubbock Coronado (9-1) or Odessa Permian (6-3), TBA

Lewisville (11-0) vs. Haltom (10-0) or Arlington Martin (8-2), TBA

Class 5A, Division II
Region I
Bi-district

El Paso Irvin 40, El Paso Hanks 10

Abilene Cooper 20, Amarillo 14

Irving Nimitz 49, Keller 10

EP Socorro 30, EP Andress 19

Midland Lee 36, Lubbock Monterey 21

Flower Mound Marcus 31, Irving MacArthur 8

Arlington Lamar (8-2) vs. Fort Worth Wyatt (7-3), 8 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Richland (8-1-1) vs. DeSoto (7-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Area

El Paso Irvin (9-2) vs. Abilene Cooper (8-3), TBA

Irving Nimitz (7-4) vs. El Paso Socorro (8-3), TBA

Midland Lee (10-0) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (8-3), TBA

Arlington Lamar (8-2) or Fort Worth Wyatt (7-3) vs. Richland (8-1-1) or DeSoto (7-3), TBA

Class 4A, Division I
Region I
Bi-district

Pampa (7-2) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (6-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Kimbrough Stadium, Canyon

San Angelo Lake View 48, EP Bowie 34

FW Western Hills 24, Weatherford 22

Azle 28, Sherman 0

Regional

Pampa (7-2) or Wolfforth Frenship (6-4) vs. San Angelo Lake View (9-2), TBA

Fort Worth Western Hills (7-3) vs. Azle (8-3), TBA

Class 4A, Division II
Region I
Bi-district

Dumas 34, Lubbock Estacado 26

Andrews 35, EP Riverside 6

Brownwood 32, FW Eastern Hills 14

Denison 13, Springtown 9

Levelland 18, Canyon 14

Sweetwater 41, El Paso Burges 0

Fort Worth Arlington Heights (7-2-1) vs. Stephenville (5-4-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Granbury

Saginaw Boswell 35, Denton 0

Area

Dumas (9-1) vs. Andrews (6-5), TBA

Brownwood (10-1) vs. Denison (10-1), TBA

Levelland (8-3) vs. Sweetwater (11-0), TBA

Fort Worth Arlington Heights (7-2-1) or Stephenville (5-4-1) vs. Saginaw Boswell (11-0), TBA

Class 3A
Region I
Bi-district

Friona 25, Denver City 6

Monahans 23, Colorado City 13

Vernon 63, Clyde 23

Bridgeport 40, Glen Rose 15

Amarillo River Road 19, Littlefield 6

Crane 26, Alpine 20

Abilene Wylie 21, Iowa Park 6

Aledo 24, Clifton 14

Area

Friona (10-1) vs. Monahans (10-0), TBA

Vernon (11-0) vs. Bridgeport (10-1), TBA

Amarillo River Road (7-4) vs. Crane (10-1), TBA

Abilene Wylie (11-0) vs. Aledo (9-1-1), TBA

Class 2A
Region I
Bi-district

West Texas 20, Panhandle 3

Lockney 13, Post 7

Shallowater 32, Stanton 31

Stamford 27, Eldorado 3

Spearman 44, Memphis 8

Idalou 42, Bovina 0

Iraan 7, Seagraves 0

Roscoe 30, Albany 13

Area

West Texas (8-1-1) vs. Lockney (11-0), TBA

Shallowater (9-2) vs. Stamford (8-3), TBA

Spearman (10-1) vs. Idalou (11-0), TBA

Iraan (11-0) vs. Roscoe (10-1), TBA

Class A
Region I/II
Bi-district

Wheeler 27, Kress 13

Petersburg 23, Rankin 6

Munday 15, Bryson 12

Cross Plains 12, Bronte 0

Springlake-Earth 20, Booker 0

Wink 46, Lorenzo 14

Paducah (7-3) vs. Windthorst (10-0) 8 p.m., Saturday at Wichita Falls Memorial

Sterling City 24, Baird 23

Area

Wheeler (8-3) vs. Petersburg (8-3), TBA

Munday (11-0) vs. Cross Plains (9-1-1), TBA

Springlake-Earth (11-0) vs. Wink (8-3), TBA

Paducah (7-3) or Windthorst (10-0) vs. Sterling City (8-3), TBA

Six Man
Region I/II
Bi-district

Groom 60, McLean 14

Whitharral 64, Guthrie 30

Southland 52, Borden County 37

Grady (9-1) vs. Balmorhea (8-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Imperial Buena Vista

Chillicothe 62, Miami 48

Lazbuddie 39, Rochester 20

Highland 52, Ropesville 7

Wellman (8-2) vs. Grandfalls (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Seagravs

Regional

Groom (9-2) vs. Whitharral (11-0), TBA

Southland (10-1) vs. Grady (9-1) or Balmorhea (8-1), TBA

Chillicothe (9-2) vs. Lazbuddie (10-1), TBA

Highland (10-1) vs. Wellman (8-2) or Grandfalls (10-0), TBA

Lady Bulldogs open with win

The Lady Bulldogs from Ira opened the 1996-97 season off on the right foot Friday with a 51-35 triumph over Patton Springs.

Ira had two girls in double figures, led by Korby Calley with 17 and Lisha Leatherwood with 10. Brook Wilkes and Jamee Goolsby each had seven, E'Lissa Goolsby four, Audra Oliver two and Rikki Wilkes and Machea Chaney one.

The Ira boys dropped an 11-point decision to Patton Springs, 51-40.

Jose Juarez was high point for the Bulldogs with 13 and Richard Wilkins added nine.

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Snyder, Texas

SPORTS

Eagles aren't the opponent slumping Redskins need

By The Associated Press

The Philadelphia Eagles are not exactly what the slumping Washington Redskins need.

While the Eagles lost last Sunday, they are riding an eight-game winning streak against the Redskins, who have lost the last two weeks.

Sunday's game between the two 7-3 clubs will break a first-place tie in the NFC East and keep the winner at least one game ahead of the Dallas Cowboys, who play at home Monday night against the Green Bay Packers.

Washington's offense, third best in the NFC (330.1-yard average), is sparked by Terry Allen, who needs 24 yards for a third straight 1,000-yard rushing season. His 17 touchdowns, all by rushing, leads the NFL.

The Eagles' Ricky Watters has gained 1,153 yards from scrimmage, including 204 yards on 28 pass catches, for the NFC's second-ranked offense. The 24-17 loss to Buffalo last Sunday was the Eagles' first in five games with Ty Detmer starting at quarterback.

In other Sunday action, Denver is at New England, Chicago at Kansas City, Miami at Houston, Baltimore at San Francisco, Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, Cincinnati at Buffalo, Seattle at Detroit, Carolina at St. Louis, the New York Jets at Indianapolis, Tampa Bay at San Diego, the New York Giants at Arizona, New Orleans at Atlanta and Minnesota at Oakland.

Broncos at Patriots

It's a Patriots' home game, but it might not matter. The Broncos (9-1) are off to their best start since they went 11-1 in 1984 and they have beaten New England seven straight times. Besides having John Elway at quarterback, the Broncos also have the NFL's top running attack (162.2 yards per game). The Patriots (7-3) have scored 255 points in the last eight games when they went 7-1. The Patriots' Drew Bledsoe is the youngest quarterback to pass for 13,000 yards (13,226).

Bears at Chiefs

The Chiefs (7-3), coming off a big win over Green Bay, are very tough at home, but it would not be a surprise if they start slowly against the Bears (4-6). Chicago has allowed an NFL-low total of 13 points in the first quarter.

Dolphins at Oilers

The Oilers' defense. ranked third in the AFC (292.8), will be faced with stopping Dan Marino, the conference's top-ranked passer and the NFL's 50,000-yard man. It also will be tested by Karim Abdul-Jabbar, who has rushed for 634 yards for the Dolphins (5-5). Eddie George has run for 899 for the Oilers (6-4).

Ravens at 49ers

Elvis Grbac is expected to start in place of Steve Young, who suffered a concussion last week, as the 49ers (7-3) try to rebound from their overtime loss to Dallas. Vinny Testaverde has passed for 23 touchdowns for the Ravens (3-7), but he also has thrown 13 interceptions.

Jaguars at Steelers

A second upset of the Steelers (7-3) would equal their 1995 inaugural-season win total for the Jaguars (4-6). Jacksonville beat the Steelers 24-9 Sept. 1. Mark Brunell of the Jaguars has passed for over 200 yards in each of the last 12 games, the longest streak in the NFL. Jerome Bettis has eight 100-yard games and tops the league's rushers with 1,064 yards.

Bengals at Bills

The Bengals (4-6) will try to go to 4-0 since Bruce Coslet replaced Dave Shula as head coach. The defense is looking good for the Bills (7-3), quarterback Jim Kelly has played well the past two weeks and Thurman Thomas has rushed for 805 yards.

Seahawks at Lions

The Seahawks (5-5) will be trying to win four straight games for the first time since they won the last five in 1986, while the Lions (4-6), who are 3-1 at home, will be trying to snap a four-game losing streak. Chris Warren has averaged 4.5 yards a carry in the last five games for the Seahawks. Barry Sanders has rushed for 848 yards for the Lions.

Panthers at Rams

Carolina (6-4) will be trying for only its second win in six games on the road, while the Rams (3-7) have scored all of their victories at home, including a 59-16 trouncing of Atlanta last week. The 59 points were the most in an NFL regular-season game since Cincinnati beat Houston 61-7 in 1989.

Jets at Colts

The Jets (1-9) should be greeted warmly by the Colts (5-5), who have lost four straight games. Adrian Murrell needs to run for 128 yards to become the fourth Jet ever to top 1,000 yards in a season. The Colts beat the Jets 21-7 on Sept. 8.

Buccaneers at Chargers

Trent Dilfer, who threw one touchdown pass in the first five games, has thrown for seven in the last five for the Bucs (2-8), who will be trying to win two straight games. Tony Martin has caught an NFL-best 11 touchdown passes for the Chargers (6-4).

Giants at Cardinals

The loser of this game between 4-6 clubs will have sole possession of last place in the NFC East. The Giants have intercepted eight passes in the last three games. Boomer Esiason is coming off the third highest single-game passing performance in NFL history — 522 yards — in a victory over Washington.

Saints at Falcons

Jim Everett of the Saints (2-8) has passed for 2,027 yards, third in the NFC. Bobby Hebert of the Falcons (1-9) played for New Orleans from 1989-89 and in 1991-92, and his 14,639 passing yards are the second most in Saints history.

Vikings at Raiders

The Vikings (5-5) will be trying to snap a four-game losing streak. The Raiders (4-6) have suffered five of their six losses by a total of 17 points.

High school phenom gets game together behind prison walls

LOCKHART (AP) — Eight years ago LaSonya Conley and Sheryl Swoopes were peers. Almost.

"Back then I was better than Sheryl," Conley said matter-of-factly.

Most recruiting experts agreed. Conley's gaudy 39-point scoring average and her ability to dish and drive put the Houston Forest Brook star at the head of the Class of 1989, probably the most talented class ever in Texas' girls high school basketball.

Even USA Today, which traditionally undervalues Texas talent, had Conley in the top 15 national high school recruits that year, a list Swoopes couldn't quite crack.

In the Free World, as it's called where Conley now sits, Swoopes went on to win a national title, an Olympic gold medal, a shoe contract and a vital role with a new women's professional basketball league.

While Swoopes soared, Conley drifted.

Conley suffered through two knee injuries. She dropped out of the University of Houston. Eventually she wound up behind bars in a correctional institution in Lockhart.

On Dec. 8 the former high school blue chip is scheduled for release. Then, she'll try to get her life back in order and see if there's enough left of her game to play professionally, maybe even in the Women's National Basketball Association, where Swoopes will be a featured star.

On a recent Friday, Conley was at courtside at the Wackenhut Correctional Facility in Lockhart, watching some of the inmates play. A sprained ankle kept her out of practice with the team, for which she's the star.

"I was all grins when I first saw her play," said Trisha Johnson, the women's basketball coach at Lockhart.

Conley, the product of a broken home, was raised in Houston by her grandmother, Betty Conley.

"She was always headstrong and knowledgeable," Betty Conley recalled. "We used to call her 'Old Folk.' She reached for her goals and she would do anything she set her mind to. And she ate, slept and drank basketball."

"Jody Conradt recruited me since the 10th grade," LaSonya Conley said. "I had an aunt (Sheila Conley) who played for her at UT-Arlington."

In her junior season in high school, the 5-foot-8-inch Conley was a point guard, averaging 12 assists and pouring in 29 points a game for a 21-8 team. For her senior season, coach Sammy Lee moved her to shooting guard, where she put up phenomenal numbers. Scoring, however, was only part of her game. She also was pulling down 11 rebounds, blocking five shots and making five steals a game.

Then came Galena Park North Shore, the first district game.

"We had a shot at state if I'd stayed healthy," Conley remembered. "I stole the ball, was coming back down the court for a layup and a girl came and hit me high. I landed on another's girl's foot and then another girl rolled over on me. My knee snapped. People in the stands could hear it, but I didn't. All I knew was that when I hit the ground I wasn't able to straighten it back up. My knee swelled up so fast it was the size of a softball by the time the doctor had made it to the court."

The serious knee injury turned Conley from a can't-miss prospect into a risk.

"Only four colleges stayed with me: University of Houston, Louisiana Tech, North Carolina and Texas Tech," Conley said. She chose Houston in part to stay close to the grandmother who raised her.

She worked for six months and didn't have surgery until that January. The injury turned out to be even more devastating than most knee problems. In the total reconstruction, Conley had to have all her ligaments repaired and four screws were inserted in her leg.

"They told me it would probably be two years before I played, but I played anyway," she said. "In 1991, I reinjured it playing against Ohio State. I tried to come back, but the knee wasn't the same because I didn't go through the therapy."

Basketball had been her life, her identity. And suddenly it looked to be gone for good.

Betty Conley said, "You reach for something and then it's taken away. It's like your whole world comes crashing down on you. It definitely affected her."

"With my knee being injured, that kind of put me out of the mood for school," Conley said. "Basketball was really my main concern. I didn't care about classes or anything. Back then I really didn't have any plans. When they told me no more basketball, I wasn't really thinking of anything else."

After one semester in 1992, Conley was out of college.

Not long thereafter she was in trouble with the law.

"I was hanging with the wrong crowd," Conley said. She was charged with forgery and, because her record was clean, was given probation. But she failed to report to the probation officer.

"At that time I was trying to go back to school," Conley said. "But the judge revoked my probation and sent me to prison for the maximum term that she could do, three years."

When she was sent to Wackenhut, however, she found a women's basketball program that was progressing.

Warden Alice Walker said, "They're past that debutante stage and now they're into 'Let's try to take this one.' I like that."

Basketball and the prison's routine helped Conley deal with the pain of separation.

"It helps to stay busy," she said. "I work in the kitchen from 8:30 to 2:30 and then we come out here and practice from 3 to 5. Then, in my spare time, I lift weights. This has gotten me back in shape for basketball, but if that doesn't work out, I'm going back to school for physical therapy."

Conley plans to try to hook up with one of the overseas professional women's teams or maybe try to make the Women's National Basketball Association, which will have a team in Houston.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
NewYork	6	2	.750	—
Orlando	3	1	.750	1
Miami	5	3	.625	1
Philadelphia	3	5	.375	3
Washington	3	5	.375	3
Boston	2	5	.286	3½
NewJersey	0	5	.000	4½
Central Division				
Chicago	9	0	1.000	—
Detroit	7	1	.875	1½
Cleveland	6	2	.750	2½
Milwaukee	5	3	.625	3½
Atlanta	5	4	.556	4
Toronto	3	4	.429	5
Charlotte	3	5	.375	5½
Indiana	2	5	.286	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	7	1	.875	—
Utah	4	2	.667	2
Minnesota	4	3	.571	2½
Denver	4	5	.444	3½
Dallas	2	5	.286	4½
SanAntonio	2	6	.250	5
Vancouver	1	8	.111	6½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	6	2	.750	—
L.A.Lakers	6	3	.667	½
Portland	5	5	.500	2
L.A.Clippers	4	4	.500	2
Sacramento	3	5	.375	3
GoldenState	2	5	.286	3½
Phoenix	0	8	.000	6

Thursday's Games
New York 99, Toronto 96
Orlando 96, Charlotte 89
Minnesota 100, Dallas 90
Houston 90, Indiana 88
Vancouver 92, Phoenix 89
Seattle 94, L.A. Clippers 78
Golden State 95, Milwaukee 86

Friday's Games
Denver 82, Boston 80
Portland 93, New Jersey 85
Cleveland 105, Philadelphia 89
Atlanta 85, Miami 77
Detroit 95, Washington 84
Chicago 110, Charlotte 87
Indiana 93, San Antonio 78
Utah 104, Vancouver 96
L.A. Lakers 107, L.A. Clippers 100
Sacramento 103, Milwaukee 99

Saturday's Games
Minnesota at New York, 1 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Portland at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Seattle, 9 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	7	3	0	.700	191	175
NewEngland	7	3	0	.700	275	215
Indianapolis	5	5	0	.500	172	208
Miami	5	5	0	.500	238	205
N.Y.Jets	1	9	0	.100	172	264
Central						
Pittsburgh	7	3	0	.700	230	160
Houston	6	4	0	.600	230	190
Cincinnati	4	6	0	.400	214	226
Jacksonville	4	6	0	.400	202	208
Baltimore	3	7	0	.300	244	286
West						
Denver	9	1	0	.900	262	167
KansasCity	7	3	0	.700	206	168
SanDiego	6	4	0	.600	225	239
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	206	239
Oakland	4	6	0	.400	217	190

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	7	3	0	.700	228	203
Washington	7	3	0	.700	239	190
Dallas	6	4	0	.600	206	165
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	164	238
N.Y.Giants	4	6	0	.400	157	189
Central						
GreenBay	8	2	0	.800	288	144
Minnesota	5	5	0	.500	169	194
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	144	192
Detroit	4	6	0	.400	208	214
TampaBay	2	8	0	.200	115	195
West						
SanFrancisco	7	3	0	.700	234	152
Carolina	6	4	0	.600	217	148
St.Louis	3	7	0	.300	201	280
NewOrleans	2	8	0	.200	152	235
Atlanta	1	9	0	.100	176	303

Sunday's Games
Carolina at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Denver at New England, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 4 p.m.
New York Giants at Arizona, 4 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Diego, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Oakland, 8 p.m.

Monday's Game
Green Bay at Dallas, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 24
Atlanta at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Houston, 1 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at New England, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Washington, 1 p.m.
Dallas at New York Giants, 4 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 4 p.m.
Green Bay at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

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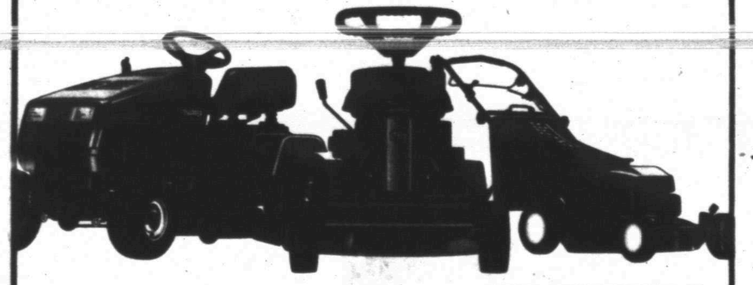
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Domestic, international auto firms to reduce air bag force

WASHINGTON (AP) — International automakers joined forces with domestic automakers Friday and agreed the government should change a testing requirement to allow them to install air bags that deploy with less force.

The consensus, reached during a two-day conference in Canada, puts more pressure on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to change the test.

Air bags deploying at up to 200 mph have been blamed for the deaths of at least 19 adults and 30 children. The Big Three domestic automakers have been pushing to decrease air bag deployment force by 20 percent to 30 percent, arguing that less forceful air bags would mean fewer deaths and injuries.

Through their industry group — the American Automobile Manufacturers Association — the domestic automakers have argued that less forceful air bags cannot be installed unless the government changes its test, which requires the bags to deploy fast enough to cushion an unbelted male dummy when a car is crashed into a wall at 30 mph.

Domestic automakers want the test changed to a so-called sled test. They say that test would better approximate crashes in the real world — which mostly are of less force but take place over a longer time — and would allow them to retest vehicles quickly enough to install the new bags in six months.

Now that the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers has signed onto the domestic automakers' approach, the two present a united front in building pressure on the government. The two groups issued a joint statement late Friday.

The NHTSA has been reluctant to change the test because officials were uncertain whether it would mean fewer adult lives would be saved in crashes. The bags have saved 1,136 lives from 1986 to 1996, according to an agency study.

2 French rappers sentenced to jail

TOULON, France (AP) — Two of France's most popular rappers have been sentenced to jail because authorities were outraged by their lyrics.

A court Thursday convicted two of the members of NTM — one of France's most popular rap groups — of committing "outrage against public authorities" during a July 1995 show in this Mediterranean port city.

It sentenced them to three months in prison and banned them from performing in public for six months. Their lawyer said they would appeal.

The concert came shortly after Toulon elected a mayor of the far-right National Front, one of three French cities to have done so.

The lyrics that are sending rappers Didier Morville and Bruno Lopes to jail are: "The police, they are fascists, they are the ones who kill."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is medical knowledge dangerous?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm impressed with your column, to the degree of getting hooked on daily reading. It is always a real eye-opener to read about various ailments people suffer from. Much to my regret, I have to stop perusing the column, because I find I've developed into a hypochondriac. Why, as I age, do I appear to have so many of the ailments you discuss?

DEAR READER: You may be suffering from "medical student's disease." When learning about each new disease, some students (for no known reason) believe that they have the symptoms of these diseases. This often leads to unnecessary anxiety and attention to health matters that can usually be corrected by reassurance (from a medical authority) or by simple counseling.

With respect to your particular problem, there may be an additional factor. As we age, our bodies change and we develop a plethora of ailments, ranging from stiff joints to nighttime urination. Such symptoms are normal; they merely remind us that we're getting older. I believe that most of my readers are middle-aged and beyond.

Therefore, when they write me about their complaints, my answers also pertain to other readers of similar age; in short, I tend to write about common ailments. And, sooner or later, each aging reader will probably experience some of the symptoms they see in my column.

I urge you to keep reading my column because education and knowledge are important for the educated consumer who values good health.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband has had asthma since childhood. He's on many daily medicines for control, and recently we heard of a drug that has been available in Mexico for years, but not in the U.S. My husband is desperate and is considering a trip to Mexico just to get the drug if it is any good. We'd be grateful for your input.

DEAR READER: Asthma, a common disorder causing airway restriction with resulting wheezing, cough and shortness of breath, can — in general — be easily treated using a variety of methods. These include bronchodilator sprays (Proventil and others), cortisone sprays (Azmacort and others), preventive sprays (such as Serevent), oral bronchodilators (Theo-dur and others), prednisone pills, antibiotics (for infection), and special breathing exercises.

I do not believe that your husband would be wise to consider using unproved drugs that have not been passed by the Food and Drug Administration. By taking this tack, he may actually deprive himself of conventional therapy that could control his asthma.

I recommend that he seek out a consultation with a pulmonologist. Such a specialist, who is familiar with the wide variety of available and effective prescription drugs, should be able to discover which medicine(s) would be most effective.

Once your husband's problem has been solved, you and he can take a well-deserved vacation in Mexico, without having to clutter up your holiday with medical matters.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Living With Chronic Lung Disease." 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.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My 59-year-old husband is too embarrassed to ask you this question. Why can't he perform when his back and neck give him pain? He simply says it is all my fault even though I know it isn't. So, what could be the problem?

DEAR READER: Pain is a turn-off for both men and women. Therefore, I can sympathize with your husband when he seems to experience back and neck pain at times of intimacy. I say "seems to" because his symptoms are a bit too convenient, something like the classic "I have a headache" complaint that is the mainstay for many comedians' routines. Why do I say this? Because he is blaming you for his affliction.

I would feel much more comfortable if your husband had a history of back pain and simply said: "Look, honey, I'm having a problem with my back. I'm sorry but let's put off our sex until later."

Why is he involving you? Unless you and he have been wrestling — and you won — I can't conceive how you could be responsible for his back pain. Therefore, I have to consider five possible explanations for his excuse:

1. The last time you had relations, he strained his back.
2. He has chronic back pain that should be addressed by a physician.
3. He is impotent and too embarrassed to admit it.
4. He's just making up an excuse to refrain from sexual activity.
5. He is not embarrassed by his condition but by the transparency of his excuse.

If given the option, I would vote for No. 3 and No. 4. Nonetheless, I'll consider No. 2 and No. 3.

Your husband should check out his back pain with his doctor. If there is really a problem, it needs a diagnosis and a strategy for therapy. But, unless you haven't given me full information in your question, I can't see that you are to blame.

Let's address the alternatives:

Your husband may not be able to perform with you. This could be due to a physical ailment affecting his interest and potency. Diabetes, stress, excess alcohol consumption, circulatory deficiencies, and reactions to prescription medications are common causes of erectile dysfunction. These afflictions, which aren't your responsibility, can be diagnosed and treated.

Another possibility is that your husband has simply lost interest in sex with you. Whether or not he has found a substitute, he should at least be honest with you. Grill him. Something's not right here. It seems to me that you should be off the hook; either he needs medical advice or a "get-honest pill." Let me know how this situation is resolved.

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

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Seagal plays guitar

NEW YORK (AP) — Steven Seagal says his guitar pickin' is just as good as his karate kickin'.

The action movie star has been practicing with his blues band while filming his upcoming movie, "Fire Down Below."

"We jam in my trailer, at my house, on the set, wherever," Seagal says in the Nov. 15 issue of Entertainment Weekly.

Date Book

Nov. 16, 1996

Today is the 321st day of 1996 and the 56th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state.

On this day in 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.

On this day in 1969, President Nixon authorized construction of the Alaska Pipeline.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: W.C. Handy (1873-1958), composer; George S. Kaufman (1889-1961), dramatist-critic; Paul Hindemith (1895-1963), composer; Burgess Meredith (1909-), actor, is 87; Donna McKechnie (1942-), dancer, is 54; Jo Jo White (1946-), basketball player, is 50; Dwight Gooden (1964-), baseball player, is 32; Lisa Bonet (1967-), actress, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1892, the University of Chicago, formerly a college football powerhouse, won its first game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Satire is what closes Saturday night." — George S. Kaufman

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1955, the temperature in Salt Lake City reached 14 below zero.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter.

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Nov. 17, 1996

Today is the 322nd day of 1996 and the 57th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1558, England's Queen Elizabeth I ascended the throne.

On this day in 1869, the Suez canal was formally opened.

On this day in 1934, Lyndon B. Johnson married Claudia Taylor, who was better known as Ladybird.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Bernard Law Montgomery (1887-1976), British military leader; Isamu Noguchi (1904-1988), sculptor-designer; Shelby Foote (1916-), writer-historian, is 80; Rock Hudson (1925-1985), actor; Gordon Lightfoot (1938-), singer-songwriter, is 58; Martin Scorsese (1942-), director, is 54; Danny DeVito (1944-), actor-director, is 52; Tom Seaver (1944-), baseball great, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, football fans missed the thrilling conclusion of the Oakland Raiders' comeback win over the New York Jets when the network began showing the movie "Heidi."

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I've learned that only two things are necessary to keep your wife happy. First, let her think she's having her own way, and second, let her have it." — Lyndon B. Johnson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1927, 31 people were injured when a tornado tracked 17 miles from Alexandria, Va., to Washington, D.C.

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TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

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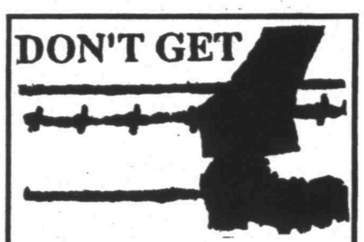
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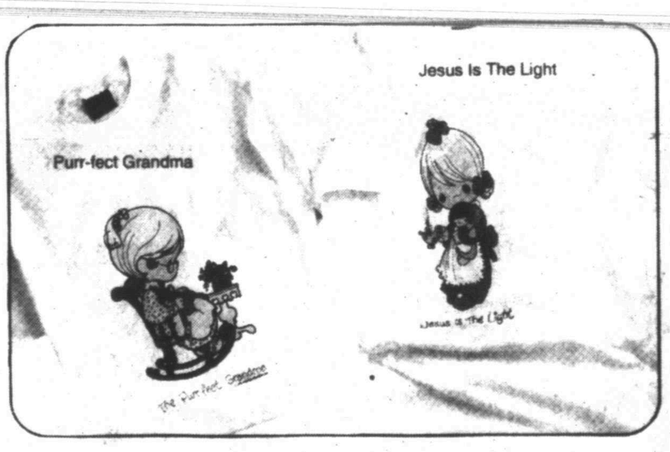


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But towering over the wrecks of time stands one preeminent figure, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today yea and forever **(Hebrews 13:8)**. Do we truly believe that Christ is the same forever? Can we say right now, this very hour, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me" **(Galatians 2:20)**?

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Your Birthday

Sunday, Nov. 17, 1996

Two old projects will be concluded successfully in the year ahead and you will be acknowledged. They will be replaced by two new endeavors which will be completely different.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not come down too hard on others today for not doing things you should have taken care of yourself. Do not delegate your responsibilities. Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead make wonderful Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail $2 for each and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure you state desired zodiac signs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your active imagination will be one of your best assets today. However, you might give too much weight to negative thoughts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try to make do with the resources you have on hand today. Loans shouldn't be requested from friends, except under the most dire circumstances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Associates might not be interested in the same objectives that intrigue you today. Do not let them waste your time and get you off track.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Fancy plans or concepts will not have value today if you fail to implement them. You must take action if you expect to get results.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you might have to resolve a delicate matter with a close friend. Try to be tactful and considerate, and strive to understand her feelings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Proper timing will be essential to your success today. If there is an important proposal you want to present to a colleague or friend, don't wait too long.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Guard against the tendency to put off things until the last minute today. Delays will gum up your schedule, and they could also negatively affect your associates.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try not to let your curiosity compel you to probe too deeply into a friend's personal affairs today. He will resent your interference.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can accomplish your goals at home today if you set the example you want your family to follow. You must show them, not just tell them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you look for flaws instead of virtues in others today, you'll find what you're looking for, but no one will appreciate your scrutiny.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Impulsive shopping is a no-no today because you will not get your money's worth. Unfortunately, you may discover this after the damage has been done.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Nov. 18, 1996

In the year ahead, you might not have control over certain aspects of your life. This may seem to be a negative factor, but your life will be affected in a positive way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not become upset today if your friends pay more attention to an associate than they do to you. Your turn will come soon. Major changes are ahead for Scorpio in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Domestic responsibilities should have top priority today. You won't like yourself much if you let down your loved ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Unexpected events could occur today and disrupt your well-planned schedule. Try to adjust to conditions instead of losing your cool.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This could turn out to be an expensive day if you attend a function with friends who usually neglect to pick up their portion of the tab.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today, do not put yourself in a position that will enable associates to make decisions which will affect your personal life. You won't like what they decide.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Usually you strive to be optimistic and enthusiastic, but today you might imagine that problems are waiting around every corner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Money might slip through your fingers today. You will not waste large amounts, but what you spend here and there could add up quickly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In order to get the support you need from others in an important endeavor today, you must find a way to open the lines of communication.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Even though your concepts and ideas might be superior today, don't ridicule your associates' presentations. You will be rejected if you do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you want to have some money left in your wallet, avoid getting involved in a friend's complicated financial affairs. You might have to be his banker.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Diplomacy and tact will be required today to keep an important relationship functioning properly. Do not make mountains out of molehills.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A poor attitude will affect your productivity today. If you are convinced that you will not do a good job, you will prove yourself right.

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Armored car guard charged in shooting

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — An armored car guard who reported to police that his partner had been fatally shot in a robbery was arrested and charged with the killing.

The arrest Friday came after an automatic teller machine surveillance camera captured the crime on videotape.

"He told us at the beginning what appeared to be a credible story of an ambush," Dearborn Police Chief Ronald Deziel said at a news conference announcing the arrest of guard Perry Hollie, 26, of Farmington Hills.

Hollie was arraigned on charges of premeditated murder, murder in the process of breaking into a building, and using a firearm to commit a murder.

The first two charges carry a maximum penalty of life in prison. The third charge adds two years. He was ordered held without bond.

Matthew Girardin, 29, of Garden City was shot in the head Wednesday at a Michigan National Bank branch. Hollie told police the two were getting out of an armored van to pick up deposits when someone stuck a gun in the vehicle and shot Girardin.

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Mother Theresa, 86, won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize and leads 517 Missionaries of Charity centers around the world.

President Clinton conferred the honor on Oct. 1. after the House of Representatives and the Senate passed a resolution. Rep. Michael Flanagan, R-Ill., proposed the award, which is is symbolic and does not confer any U.S. rights or privileges.

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Actor plans to take it easier now

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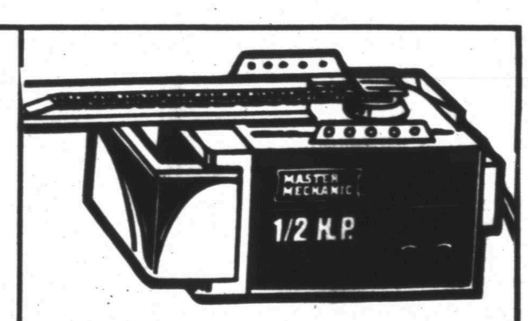
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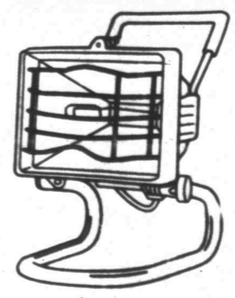
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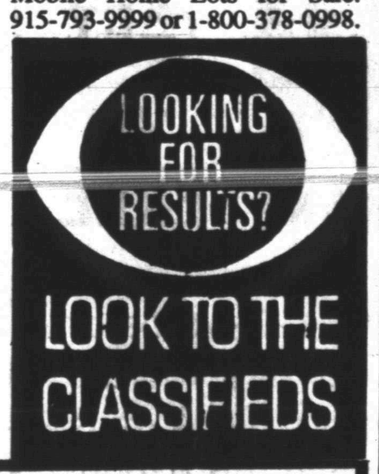
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Alger Hiss, Nixon nemesis, dead at 92

NEW YORK (AP) — Alger Hiss, the patrician public servant who fell from grace in a Communist spy scandal that propelled Richard Nixon to higher office, died Friday afternoon. He was 92.

Hiss died after a long illness, just four days after his birthday, said Lenox Hill Hospital hospital spokeswoman Jean Brett.

Writer Tony Hiss praised his father Friday for courageously standing up for American principles. He said, "other people, whose vision was clouded by Cold War passions, couldn't see the truth of the man."

Hiss' life can be neatly broken into two parts. The first was a stellar rise — a brilliant academic career, clerking for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, a series of important posts in the New Deal and the foreign policy establishment, foundation work.

Then, on Aug. 3, 1948, a rumpled, overweight magazine editor named Whittaker Chambers alleged that 10 years earlier Hiss had given him State Department secrets which Chambers, in turn, passed to the Soviet Union.

At the end of the investigations and trials that followed, after spectacular developments involving microfilm in a hollowed-out pumpkin and an ancient typewriter, Hiss was convicted of two counts of perjury and imprisoned for three years and eight months.

For the rest of his life, he worked for vindication, in courts of law and in the court of public opinion.

He proclaimed that it had come finally in 1992, at age 87, when a Russian general in charge of Soviet intelligence archives declared that Hiss had never been a spy, but rather a victim of Cold War hysteria and the McCarthy Red-hunting era.

Gen. Dmitry A. Volkogonov later qualified his statement, saying that while he had found no evidence against Hiss in KGB files, he couldn't speak for other Soviet intelligence agencies, and many documents had been destroyed.

The controversy flared again this March, when the National Security Agency released hundreds of pages of newly declassified material that included a reference to a Soviet spy working in the United States during World War II.

A cable, dated March 30, 1945, said the spy went by the code name "Ales" and was "probably Alger Hiss." But the cable offered no supporting information for that identification.

During the decades of controversy, such conservatives as William F. Buckley Jr. backed Chambers and felt justice was served by jailing Hiss. Hiss defenders included liberals like Supreme Court Justices William O. Douglas and Abe Fortas and Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Hiss' establishment credentials were impeccable: He attended private schools, then Johns Hopkins, where he was Phi Beta Kappa, and Harvard Law, where he was a member of the law review. At Harvard he attracted the attention of Felix Frankfurter, at whose recommendation Hiss served a year as Holmes' law clerk.

After three years in private law practice in Boston, Hiss joined the New Deal — first as an official with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and then as a Senate legal assistant and as a Justice Department attorney.

At the Dumbarton Oaks meeting to lay the groundwork for the United Nations, Hiss was executive secretary. In February 1945, he was a delegate to the Yalta Conference, where President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Josef Stalin settled the map of postwar Europe. At the San Francisco Conference that adopted the U.N. Charter, Hiss was secretary-general.

He left government at the end of 1946 to take the presidency of the prestigious Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Enter Whittaker Chambers. A senior editor at Time magazine, Chambers told the House Un-American Activities Committee that he had been a member of a Communist underground that operated in Washington in the 1930s. And during that time, he shuttled U.S. government secrets to Soviet spies.

Chambers said that in 1937 and 1938 Hiss was a Communist who betrayed his country by giving him documents to give to the Soviets.

Freshman Congressman Richard Nixon pressed the case and drew his first national publicity. Nixon later told intimates that he would never have been in a position to run for president if not for his pursuit of Hiss.

"If the American people knew the real nature of Alger Hiss, they would boil him in oil," Nixon once said.

Hiss denied it all. But Chambers took investigators to his Maryland farm and produced a hollow pumpkin. Inside, they found microfilmed State Department documents — the ones Chambers said he received from Hiss.

Supreme Court justices Frankfurter and Stanley Reed were character witnesses for Hiss.

There was no trial for spying because the statute of limitations had expired. Hiss' first jury deadlocked on perjury charges. At a second trial in 1950, Hiss was found guilty of lying to the grand jury when he denied giving Chambers the documents and said he had not seen Chambers after the first of 1937.

Appeals were unavailing. On March 22, 1951, Hiss was shackled to a mail thief and transported to the federal prison at Lewisburg, Pa., to serve his five-year term. His fellow inmates gathered at the windows and cheered when he was released in November 1954.

He had no job — he had been disbarred. He became a salesman for a stationer, earning $50 a week plus commissions. He wrote "In the Court of Public Opinion," a rather dry recitation of the case for his innocence.

His marriage fell apart. The Hisses separated; they would never divorce. In 1985, after Priscilla's death, Hiss married his companion of more than a quarter century, Isabelle Johnson. He had one son, by his first marriage.

His son is a longtime contributor to The New Yorker magazine and a visiting scholar at New York University's Taub Urban Research Center.

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Card Of Thanks

Thank You

We would like to thank all of our friends, for the prayers, food, the beautiful flowers, cards, phone calls and love. In the loss of our Daddy and Husband.

Our special thanks goes to the teachers, staff and my precious kids at Ira Independent School District and Dr Thompson and staff.

An extra extra thanks to Bro. Steve Long, Bro. Jack Darnell and David Brown for a most beautiful service.

Thanks to the mulitude of friends. God bless and keep you is our prayers, and when such time as this comes to you I pray that we may help you as much as you have us.

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Daughter says her dad tried to throw her in front of truck

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Her face tense, her fingers slapping against her palm hard enough to hear, 13-year-old Diane Crist used sign language Friday to tell jurors how "Daddy held me down and the truck went over me."

Testifying through an interpreter at her father's trial for attempted murder, the hearing-impaired eighth-grader said her father twice tossed her in front of a speeding truck.

David Crist, 38, is accused of offering Lisa Cohick $5,000 to kill his daughter by running her over with a pickup truck the night of April 6, 1993. Prosecutors say he needed money and hoped to cash in on $200,000 worth of life insurance on Diane, then 9.

"Dad grabbed me, threw me down and Lisa hit me," she said. "When I got up I was limping and I said, 'Daddy, help me.' But he came over, picked me up and threw me back down on the road!"

Following this trial, which is expected to end early next week, Crist faces another attempted-murder trial for allegedly trying to electrocute Diane's 4-year-old sister in 1990. He then will be tried in Baltimore County, Md., in the murder-for-hire slaying of his brother in 1982.

Diane, who has partial hearing with the use of hearing aids, said the truck had been tailing them while she was out on a drive with her father and her 3-year-old stepbrother. Crist stopped the car and told her to get out.

As the truck sped toward them, her father told her not to worry, Diane said. Some of the jurors turned in their seats to stare at Crist as his daughter furiously signed and mouthed the words.

Diane also drew a picture for the jurors — a roadway, a few trees and two trucks. Then she drew a stick figure lying in the road.

"That's me. That's me," Diane said, fingers stabbing toward the figure. She made a shoving gesture to demonstrate the shove in her back.

"I said, 'Daddy, no, no, no, no.' But Daddy held me down and the truck went over me."

Prosecutors said Crist flattened his car tire with an ice pick and later told hospital officials his daughter had been hit either by a tire jack, or by his car slipping off the jack.

Other witnesses have testified that Diane's right ankle was broken, her face, knee and thigh were scraped, and her side was bruised — injuries not consistent with being hit by a jack or a tire.

"First the truck hit me in the stomach," Diane said. "Then I was face down on the road and the truck hit me in the back."

Defense attorney Nicole Spring asked Diane if she ever told anybody that Cohick had run over her.

"No," she said. "I wouldn't tell anyone. I was scared of Lisa because she'd kill me."

Spring asked Diane why she did not tell her stepmother, Maryalice Crist, or her birth mother, Kathy Millhouse, what had happened.

Diane, who nervously sucked on a finger as the lawyers quizzed her and often answered before the questions were completed, said: "I didn't tell (Maryalice) the whole thing because I was shaking, and I was afraid. I was very afraid."

Maryalice Crist also testified that Diane's sign-language ability was a lot more limited 3½ years ago, making it very difficult for her to describe how she had been injured.

"She was quite upset. She was very emotional and bawling," Crist said. "She just kept telling me, 'Boy, girl, truck and hit.'"

Dr. Albert Liddell, who set Diane's leg cast the day after the incident, said he was unable to communicate with her for a different reason.

"I tried to, but her father kept giving the answers," he said. "I can vividly recall that interview. Her father interceded each time — I could not really get to her."

Mrs. Crist also said the couple was having cash flow problems, including debts of more than $55,000 and a mortgage.

She said her husband never mistreated his children but "did not spend that much quality time with them, either." When asked if Diane seemed afraid of her father following the incident, Mrs. Crist said no.

"She kind of forgot about it and moved on?" defense attorney William Miele asked.

Berry's World



There are husbands and then there is "My Bill", The Light of My Life! Happy Birthday, Darling

Love, Fran

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Mixed Signals Can Muddle Patient's Visit With Doctor

DEAR ABBY: Please share something with medical professionals that will be of immense help to their patients:

When telling patients to perform an action — "Stand on tiptoe, squat, turn this way or that, cough," etc. — and it is essential for your diagnosis that they tell you whether it hurts or not — *ask them!*

I have more than once been cut off from essential medical treatment because I did not realize that the doctor, dentist, physical therapist, etc. had assumed that an action was pain-free because I didn't say *"Ouch!"* (I didn't say it because I didn't know I was expected to, and having a fairly stoic personality, I don't complain about every pain I experience.)

A similar lack of communication has been mentioned by several friends who have been asked, "Have you ever had such and such medication before?" They have simply replied, "Yes," without realizing that the care provider assumes that they will mention any bad reaction they had to the medication. Since doctors can't read minds, patients may wind up being re-dosed with something they are allergic to.

Remember, most of your patients have never been to medical or nursing school, so they don't know the reason for your questions unless you tell them.

ROSEMARIE ESKES,
ROCHESTER, N.Y.

DEAR MRS. ESKES: On behalf of all medical professionals and their patients, I thank you. But I would like to add another thought: If a patient has a bad reaction to a prescribed medication, it is the patient's responsibility to notify the doctor immediately so that information can become a part of his or her medical file.

Also, when patients are being treated for a chronic problem, it is a good idea for them to keep a daily diary for the doctor, because often when patients get to the doctor's office, they become nervous or distracted and forget to tell the doctor about symptoms that might be important.

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DEAR ABBY: We have a wonderful nanny who looks after our two preschool children 35 hours a week. It took us three months, 24 candidates and $1,200 to get her.

Another preschool mom and I share driving responsibilities. (I'll call her "Mrs. Jones.") Well, when Mrs. Jones picked up our daughter one morning, she asked our nanny if she would be interested in working part-time for a friend of hers. Abby, I am very offended by this. I feel it would have been a common courtesy to ask us before mentioning this to our nanny.

Our nanny is not simply an employee; she is a member of our extended family. We went through a lot of time and expense to find her, and we do not appreciate Mrs. Jones assuming that she is available for a part-time job.

Please tell me what you think of this.

LONGTIME READER,
BLOOMINGTON, MINN.

DEAR LONGTIME READER: I think Mrs. Jones was out of line to have approached your nanny about part-time employment without discussing it with you first.

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DEAR ABBY: I thought you might enjoy a story that restores my faith in today's youth. When you read about all the children in gangs who rob, kill, and destroy property as well as their lives, I'm happy you won't read about my children.

I have five. They are 11 to 14 — four girls (one set of twins) and a boy. I have kept them involved in all kinds of activities — choir, band, sports, chores at home. They attend church with my father every Sunday. I have always hoped this could keep them out of trouble and on the right path. Their grades are good and they have aspirations of attending universities. That will be tough for a single parent like me to afford, but we'll manage. We always do.

Last spring, my 75-year-old father had two femoral bypass surgeries. One became severely infected, and he was hospitalized for a week not too long after the kids got out of school for the summer. When Dad was released from the hospital, the doctors wanted to put him in a nursing home because of the care he would require. His leg had to be flushed every four hours and his IV changed every eight hours. It meant around-the-clock nursing.

I work 10 to 14 hours a day, as does my roommate (a nurse). But I just couldn't put Dad in a home, and my kids wouldn't hear of it either. Here's what they did:

My 14-year-old, Elizabeth, packed up and moved into Dad's house. The nursing service and my roommate taught her how to take care of him. Kit, Kate and Ashley rode their bikes over there every day to wash, cook, clean, shop or whatever else was necessary. My 11-year-old son, Michael, would go over and mow the lawn, wash the car, etc. All of the younger children took turns watching TV or visiting with Dad so their big sister could get some much-needed sleep.

Their entire summer was devoted to taking care of the only man in their life. They skipped going to the movies, swimming with their friends at the city pool, visiting the mall, attending slumber parties and birthday parties, and everything else kids do in the summer. I was so proud of my children.

I'm happy to tell you that my father attended the twins' football game yesterday, beaming with pride for all five of his grandchildren.

I know this is a long letter, and I certainly don't expect you to print it. I just wanted to share it with you, to let you know that there are still some good kids out there.

JANE RIGGS, PHOENIX

DEAR JANE: Thank you for your heartwarming letter. Your children are to be commended for their maturity and generosity, as well as their ability to shoulder responsibility — traits they obviously learned from you.

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing to thank you for publishing the letter from John A. Hardaway from Leavenworth, Kan. He wrote about the signs of cardiovascular disease. I want to thank him also.

For years, I had a burning sensation in my throat when I walked up inclines. I dismissed it because it went away after I reached the top and rested. (Ann Arbor has a lot of inclines and I do a lot of walking.)

After I read Mr. Hardaway's letter, I immediately called my doctor for an appointment. He gave me a stress test and the catheterization that proved I had three blocked arteries!

I am having surgery in 10 days. That letter was a lifesaver.

MARION ANHERT,
ANN ARBOR, MICH.

DEAR MARION: I'm sure that John Hardaway will be as heartened as I was to learn that his letter has saved yet another life.

Good luck with your surgery, Marion. I wish you many more healthy, happy years.

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Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

4 arrested trying to sell 'black box'

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Police have arrested four men who allegedly tried to sell a cockpit voice recorder from a commercial DC-9 that crashed last year in northern Colombia.

Police arrested the men in a sting operation Friday, in which the suspects had been told they would be paid $100,000 by Intercontinental Airlines. Authorities recovered the recorder, or "black box."

The recorder disappeared when scavengers picked through the wreckage of the Intercontinental plane, which crashed Jan. 11, 1995, outside of Cartagena. Seventy people were killed.

Colombia's news agency said the men, one of whom was a lawyer, had bought the recorder from peasants.

News reports said the men were arrested in a hotel in Cartagena.

The El Tiempo newspaper reported Friday that investigators blamed the crash on deficient maintenance. The paper said an electrical failure blocked fuel from the plane's turbines. A civil aviation authority has not yet announced the results of its investigation.

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T. Rex fossil to be auctioned at Sotheby's

NEW YORK (AP) — Sue the Tyrannosaur spent 65 million years underground and another four years being fought over by a commercial fossil dealer, a Sioux Indian and the federal government.

Now, a Sotheby's auction is expected to decide the owner of the historic 50-foot Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton, The New York Times reported Saturday.

The Times said the fossil will be sold in the spring in Manhattan — and that the exact date will depend on how difficult it is to remove Sue's bones from the rock in which she was buried for tens of millions of years.

Discovered embedded in a South Dakota butte in 1990, the skeleton was seized by the federal government in 1992 from Peter L. Larsen, the commercial fossil dealer who excavated it. The government said the land where Sue was found was under federal jurisdiction and off-limits to collectors like Larsen, who lacked special permits.

Sotheby's is selling the fossil on behalf of Maurice Williams of Faith S.D., the Sioux Indian on whose ranch Sue was found.

Paleontologists have described the skeleton as the most complete and detailed fossil of a T. rex ever found. Sotheby's vice president David Redden said its value is estimated at "$1 million plus," but no fossil of such commercial and scientific importance has ever been on the open market before.

Some paleontologists speculated that Sue could sell for up to $5 million, but others suggested Sotheby's, which is paying to have the fossil cleaned, could have trouble recovering its investment.

"It's going to cost Sotheby's about a half million dollars to clean those bones, and the dinosaur bone market has been depressed by a lot of recent tyrannosaur discoveries," said Dr. Donald Wolberg, a paleontologist at the National Academy of Sciences in Philadelphia. "They'll never get $1 million, and it's really sad that Sue has come to this."

Sue, a middle-aged female, was discovered in 1990 by a woman walking her dog on Williams' Cheyenne River Reservation ranch.

The woman told Larsen, her boss at Black Hills Geological Institute, and Larsen paid Williams $5,000 for the right to excavate the skeleton.

News of their find spread quickly among paleontologists, and some criticized Larsen's company for prospecting and excavating on federal lands.

In May 1992, the U.S. attorney for South Dakota led a surprise raid on the Black Hills Institute. A dozen FBI agents and a contingent from the National Guard seized the bones of Sue and other fossils, and Williams later was awarded title to Sue.

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Ecuador's Bucaram increases taxes

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — It's not your ordinary sin tax.

President Abdala Bucaram's 1,000-percent levy on booze and cigarettes will send you straight to purgatory — with a $300 bottle of Scotch.

"Drink is harmful," Bucaram said. "Boozing and smoking lead to nothing."

Bucaram, a former Olympic athlete who does not drink or smoke, ordered the tax Thursday night. By Friday, the government already was backing down.

Finance Minister Pablo Concha said the measure needs to be studied since tariffs on such imported items are set by international trade agreements.

The current tax on liquor and cigarettes is 5 percent.

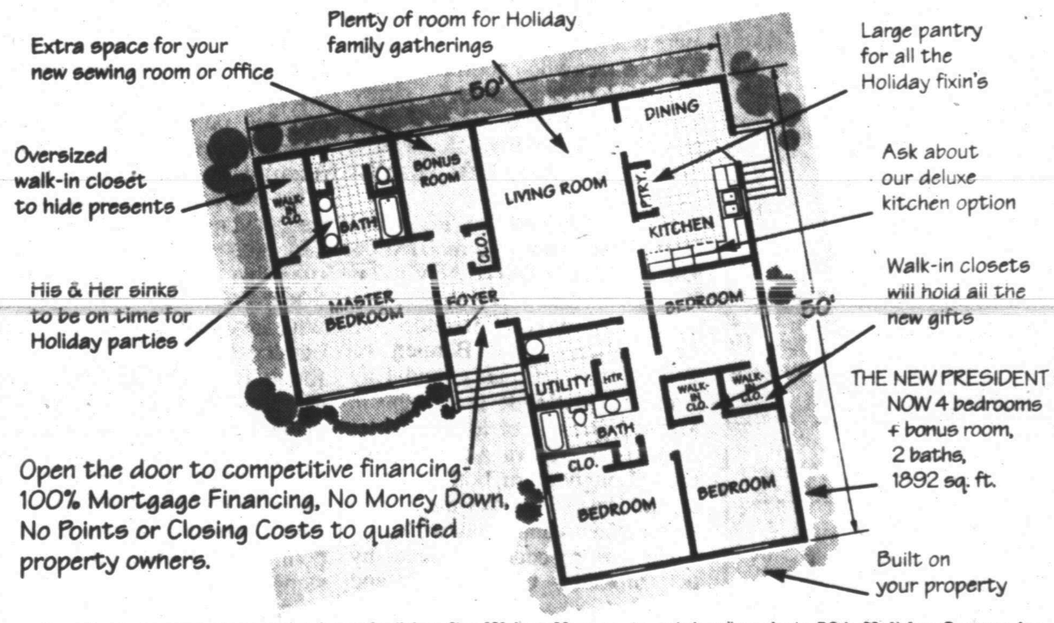
Bucaram, 44, who took office in August, is known locally as "El Loco," Spanish for "the Crazy One."

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Rwandan refugees flood across border

GISENYI, Rwanda (AP) — An "unstoppable wall" of exhausted refugees poured into Rwanda Saturday, raising hopes that central Africa's 2½-year-old refugee crisis was nearing an end.

A 25-mile-long column of refugees was moving over the border in a steady exodus from eastern Zaire, aid workers said. At least 200,000 Rwandans had crossed the border here since Friday and another 350,000 were on their way.

Their sudden departure Friday was a surprise that may ease the work of a multinational force being organized to help the refugees, who were displaced from their camps by rebel fighting in eastern Zaire.

The U.N. Security Council on Friday authorized a Canadian-led force of 10,000 to 12,000 troops, even though Rwanda said the military operation was no longer necessary. An estimated 700,000 refugees remain in eastern Zaire.

Rwandan officials said they want U.N. resources earmarked for the military operation to be used instead to resettle refugees in their former homes in Rwanda.

More than 1 million Hutus fled Rwanda after their Hutu-led government orchestrated the slaughter of 500,000 Rwandan Tutsis in 1994. Many feared reprisals by the Tutsi-led army that later took power.

Hutu militias that had controlled the refugee camps in Zaire and kept Rwandans from returning home lost their hold on Mugunga, the biggest camp, after coming under rebel fire on Thursday.

The refugees then began streaming across the border in "an unstoppable wall of people," World Food Program spokeswoman Brenda Barton said at the border.

The returning refugees were told to walk to one of three transit centers, the farthest of which was 15 miles away. From there, they will go home either by bus or foot.

Most of the refugees were barefoot and Rwandan authorities said they had asked towns and villages to clear glass and other debris from the main road.

At the packed transit camps, men chopped firewood, women cooked beans they had brought with them, and mothers bathed crying babies.

"Until they reach their homes, they will be given only water and biscuits, nothing more, because we don't want to lose momentum to get them home," said Wendy Driscoll of CARE International.

At least 3,000 children were separated from their parents in the exodus. They were taken to a school near the border where aid workers called over loudspeakers for parents to collect them.

Rwandan army Capt. Jimmy Mwesigwa said efforts to register the refugees or screen them for weapons were abandoned because their numbers were too great.

Among the stream of humanity, Lt. Col. Laurent Muwyakazi, a Hutu officer in the Rwandan army, found relatives he hadn't seen since July 1994. "It's a big joy," he said.

Annual Christmas Heritage Tour of Homes coming soon

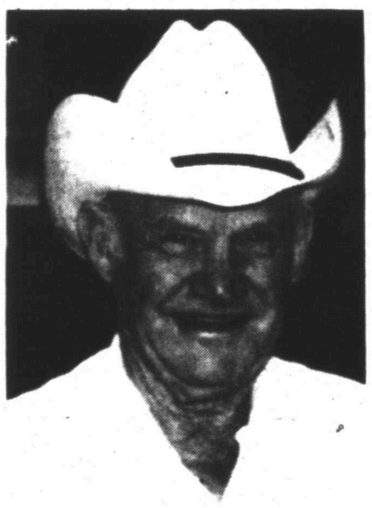
The Historic Scurry County Inc. will have its 7th Annual Christmas Heritage Tour of Homes and Tea on Sunday, Dec. 8. Showing their homes will be Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Cox, 2700 35th; Dr. and Mrs. Harry Krenek, 2801 Denison; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pechacek, 2300 32nd; and the Cornelius-Dodson House on the Scurry County Coliseum grounds.

The tour will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and refreshments will be served in the Dermott Schoolhouse which is located beside the Cornelius-Dodson house.

Proceeds from the event will go toward the cost of moving a barn and pens, donated by the Harrell family, to the Snyder Heritage Village. These building will be used to store and display antique farm machinery.

Tickets have been mailed to Historic Scurry County membership. Tickets for the public are available at Eddie Peterson's Pharmacy, Countryplace; Classic Interiors and The Pleasure's Mine.

Obituaries



Bill Hart

Bill Hart

1913-1996

Bill Hart, a lifelong resident of Snyder died Friday, Nov. 15, at Snyder Healthcare Center. He was 83. Mr. Hart's request was to be a donor for medical research. No memorial service will be held.

He was born April 6, 1913 to Pete and Ethel Hart, and attended the White Bluff School, north of Snyder.

Mr. Hart worked as a cowboy and horse trainer, beginning his professional career when he was 12 years old for Powie Fuller at his Scurry County ranch. He also worked at other area ranches including the Hays Ranch and the Bennie Binnon's Montana Ranch. An accomplished roper, he showed quarter horses throughout his career and won numerous awards. He enjoyed country music and cowboy poetry.

Mr. Hart was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and served in Germany. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Dotty Hart, whom he married on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 1983.

Other survivors include his stepdaughters, Kay Bennett of Telkwa, B.C., Canada, and Gay Kimmel of Snyder; a stepson, Mickey Birdsall of Stephenville; three sisters, Treva Abercrombie, Ida Jo Longbotham, both of Snyder, and Helen Tate of Denton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald Hart and Jack Hart.

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Georgia executes murderer; was test case for new law

JACKSON, Ga. (AP) — A killer whose appeal became a test case for a new federal law designed to speed up death penalty cases was executed hours after the Supreme Court rejected his final appeal.

Ellis Wayne Felker sneered at witnesses shortly before he was electrocuted Friday evening for the 1981 rape and murder of a college student.

"Justice is done," said Georgia Attorney General Mike Bowers, who was frustrated by the frequent delays in the case.

Felker was to have been executed at 7 p.m. but the Supreme Court stayed his execution until it could review his applications for stays and formal appeals. The court unanimously denied Felker's motions late Friday afternoon and the execution began at 7:30 p.m.

Felker, 48, declined to make a final statement but left behind a taped message thanking his family, girlfriend and their daughter for their support, corrections department Mike Light said.

"He stated he was innocent and said the state was putting an innocent man to death," Light said.

Felker was first spared from the electric chair in May when the high court agreed to hear his case as a test of the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996. The act cracked down on death row inmates and other state prisoners who file numerous appeals in federal court.

In June, the court upheld a key part of the law and rejected Felker's appeal.

Police probing trailer deaths

BELLVILLE (AP) — It was a gruesome scene: four people, including two elderly men, had been shot to death and apparently landed on each other in a pile in the bedroom of an isolated mobile home.

State and local police on Friday were investigating the murders of the three men and one woman, whose bodies were stacked "like they fell on each other" Austin County Sheriff Vernon "Bubba" Brzozowski said.

No suspect had been arrested in the slayings, which authorities said likely occurred Thursday afternoon.

Killed were the trailer's owner, Will Stetenpohl, 86; his daughter Bernice Schiller, 65; son-in-law Aldon Edward Schiller, 67; and 81-year-old neighbor Ray Treat Paine.

The Schillers frequently visited Stetenpohl, a widower for six years, to cook and clean for him. Paine, whose property was next door to Stetenpohl's, often stopped by, Brzozowski said.

Investigators found no evidence of a break-in or signs that the attacker killed the victims during a robbery. Several hundred dollars in cash were left untouched, Brzozowski said.

5 Lockney kids treated at CMH

Five Lockney High School students were treated at Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room after a window in their band bus was apparently hit by a projectile Friday night, near Tiger Stadium.

No police report was available Saturday morning and information was incomplete.

Witnesses said that shortly before 7 p.m. the bus was making its way through Snyder to Tiger Stadium for a bi-district playoff game between Lockney and Post when a pellet or bb-type projectile struck a window, causing an audible popping noise. The glass broke, but did not shatter.

The bus went on to Tiger Stadium, where local residents called police and Snyder EMS. Witnesses said it appeared the students who were taken to the hospital were stunned and possibly in mild shock, but didn't appear to be physically injured.

Names of the students were not available, but a nursing supervisor said no one from Lockney was kept overnight.

One arrested

Snyder police made one arrests Friday and handled a report of theft.

Police arrested a 27-year-old male at 11:28 p.m. in the 1800 block of 37th Street for driving with a suspended license.

Lynn Fogleman contacted police at 7:22 p.m. Friday in reference to a bicycle taken from a residence on 42nd Street. A report for Class B theft was filed.

Officers also investigated four minor traffic accidents. No information was available on the mishaps Saturday morning.

What's Up?

Trinity Methodist Church

Heart-n-Soul will be playing at Trinity Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

Jury call cancelled

The jury call for 132nd District Court on Monday has been cancelled.

AARP chapter to meet

The local AARP chapter will meet at noon Monday in the Senior Center. SISD Supt. Gayle Lomax will be the speaker. The board of directors will meet at 11 a.m.

MegaSkills event Monday

Debbie Brunson, elementary school counselor, will be the guest speaker at Monday's MegaSkills event for parents and volunteers — "In School and In Life, The Best Gift You Can Give Your Child."

Door prizes will be awarded, refreshments served and childcare provided. The program will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Northeast Elementary library. Call 574-6012 for more information.

Christian Cowboys meeting

A Fellowship of Christian Cowboys meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at 1815 25th St. For information, call Travis Collum at 573-0596 or Greg Crawford at 573-0070 or 863-2753.

Key to Kingdom series

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "Known by His Justice," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Home Health open house

Cogdell Home Health will have an open house in celebration of National Home Care Month from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday. The Home Health department is located at 1800 Cogdell Boulevard, Suite B.

Free blood pressure check

Interim Health Care will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday in the Ira Community Center.

Community forum slated

West Texas State Operated Community Services of MHMR will hold a community forum at 7 p.m. Friday in the city council chambers at City Hall. Anyone with who is disabled or has a loved one who is disabled is encouraged to attend. Call 263-9700 for more information.

Volleyball fund-raiser

Snyder's Lady Tigers volleyball team is holding its annual fund-raiser. The team is offering a Win Win Discount Card, good for savings at 15 local businesses. The cards are $5 each and good for one year. For information, call Patty Grimmett at 573-6301 or 573-9416.

Poinsettia fund-raiser

Large poinsettias in red, white and jingle bell are available from any Snyder High School choir member for a donation. Call 573-9649 or 573-8034 for more information.

GED testing resumes

GED test dates will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 3, and at 8 a.m. on Dec. 4. Tests are administered in the Learning Resource Center on the WTC campus. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Geraldine Parker at 573-8511, ext. 322, from 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday or 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

A new minimum standard for passing the GED will become effective Jan. 1.

Christmas greenery

The high school Spanish Club is taking orders for live Christmas greenery such as wreaths, garlands, swags. Orders will be delivered the week of Dec. 9. Profits will be used to send club members to the April convention. For more information, call 573-6301 or 573-7964.

Fire department banquet

The 67th Annual Snyder Fire Department Thanksgiving Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at Snyder Country Club.

Pick 3

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

2-9-5

(two, nine, five)

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 05-15-16-28-33.

Estimated jackpot: $286,757.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Matching four of five: 765. Prize: $562.

Matching three of five: 26,737. Prize: $27.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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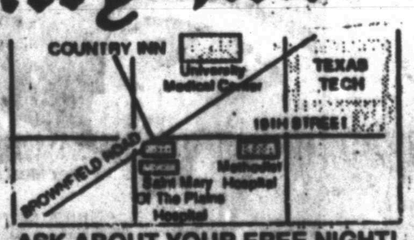
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Russian girl studies at Western Texas

Irene Suchkova is majoring in business administration

Irena Suchkova is a long way from home.

One of several Russians living and studying in the area, the 20-year-old is a business administration major at Western Texas College.

This is her first visit to the United States and to Texas. During her first three months here, she has observed that the U.S. is a "good country" and the people in Texas are very "kind and friendly."

She said she had already made some good friends here, noting that one family has become "like my own family."

She also has good friends living in Wisconsin who are sponsoring her year of study here. They are David and Mary Sartori. Irene has known David for about three years. He has made several trips to Russia, including being hosted for two summer vacations by Irene's family.

She is an only child.

As Irene broadens her knowledge and increases her already good command of English, she focuses on long range goals. After returning to Russia at the close of the current school year, she hopes to work in the business community as a cultural adviser. She would also like to be an interpreter for an international company.

Previously, she had studied English for four years at the Saratov State University, located in her hometown of Saratov which has a population of one million residents.

While there, she majored in foreign languages and literature.

Adjusting to her new life in Snyder has not been easy for Irene. Lacking a car which limits her options, she said she misses Russia's public transportation system.

When asked to compare Russia today with the Russia that was a member of the Soviet Union, she said she couldn't really make comparisons "because I grew up with the new system."

She noted though that the country "has become more open" and acknowledged that her opportunity to study in the U.S. may have come about, in part, "because of the new reforms."

She speculated that under the old regime she would probably have been limited to becoming an English teacher rather than seeking a position in the business field.

At WTC, she is enrolled in business classes, math, computer science, speech and English composition I.

She is really enjoying speech because speaking assignments give her the opportunity to share knowledge of her country and culture — something she enjoys very much. It also helps her "to organize what I know about Russia."

Irene noted several differences between the U.S. and Russian school systems. For instance, education is free in Russia and being a student is a privilege. Students receive discounts and the state pays scholarship money as an incentive for students to continue their education. These scholarships vary in amounts and are based on academic achievement.

Perhaps because education is free, Irena said competition to get into universities and academies is very tough. Those schools get to choose the very best students. Those who don't make the grade have to attend other schools such as two-year colleges or technical and trade schools. Competition for two-years colleges can also be quite tough, Irene said.

The state supplies books while students buy regular supplies like pencils. In Russia, the state also provides one ticket a year for each student to take a trip to relax at a beach, for instance, for 10 or more days. Most universities also have a student camp. Students pay one-tenth of the cost, Irene said.

It's not unusual for students to enroll in 16 to 18 hours per semester, Irene said.

She cited other changes between the two educational systems. For instance, Russian students have to choose their major by their final year in high school. Students then only study subjects related to their major. They cannot enroll in electives the way U.S. students can.

Orientation or the process of selecting a major begins when Russian students enter high school. Once a field of interest has been selected, students then have to pass three to four examinations, depending on the university, on their future major, Irene explained. Failing one test can eliminate a student from his or her chosen field.

Examinations also check students' basic knowledge of Russian literature and grammer, she added.

Sometimes, a trade school may be a student's only option, Irene said. In addition to free education and books, some schools also provide free working uniforms for some majors such as nursing or welding or some other field of technology.

She noted some cultural differences between the two countries. Interpersonal relationships are different. Russians usually have one to two very close friends while Americans have many friends.

Clothes and food are also different. While U.S. and Russian women wear similar clothes, she said Texas men seem to prefer cowboy clothing like boots, belt and hat.

She said it took her about three months to get used to American food, and especially Mexican food, which is hotter and spicier than Russian food.

Most of the holidays aren't the same either. Russian doesn't have a Thanksgiving holiday and their Christmas is celebrated on Jan. 7. They also observe the New Year and Nov. 7 commemorates the 1917 Russian Revolution. The state no longer officially recognizes that holiday, but many Russians — especially the older ones — do. May 9 is Russia's Victory Day, in honor of a great WWII battle.

Easter is the same for both countries, Irene said.

In addition to studying at WTC, Irene is informally teaching two students the Russian language as well as cultural facts.

Living away from home, family, friends and country is not easy and Irene admits to being homesick sometimes. To combat that, she listens to Russian music and calls two Russian girl friends who are living in the U.S. — one in Chicago and the other in Florida.

"It helps to be able to speak Russian sometimes," Irene said.

Irene learned of WTC through a catalog. She wanted a small two-year college where teachers could spend more time with students. She wants to increase her English language skills as well.

She also chose Texas because she wanted a "similar climate" to what she was used to.

She enjoys swimming, playing the piano and violin, drawing and making cards.

Before coming to the U.S., Irene worked at the Saratov Bureau of Trips and Excursions as a guide for American and British tourists.

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

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RUSSIAN STUDENT — Irene Suchkova of Saratov, Russia is majoring in business administration at Western Texas College. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Oasis big winner, but no-show

LONDON (AP) — Oasis were the big winners at the MTV Europe Music Awards, and they didn't even show up.

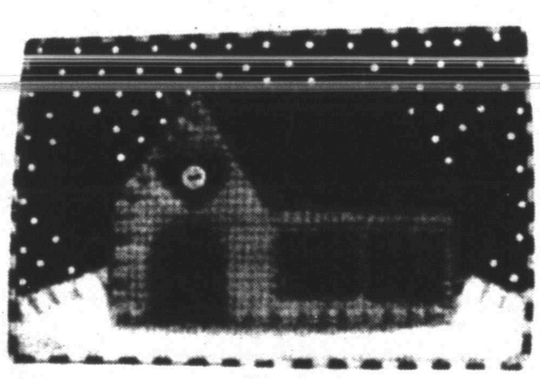
Oasis, the hit band from Manchester, England, on Thursday night won the best group award, and best song for "Wonderwall."

Creation Record boss Alan McGee accepted the award on the band's behalf. McGee discovered the group — led by the Gallagher brothers, Noel and Liam

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Roger and Sharon Goodwin of Kermit, formerly of Snyder, announce the engagement of their daughter, Meredith Jo Goodwin, to Don Christopher McNutt. Both are from Lake Brownwood. The prospective groom's parents are David and Karan Thome of May, Tex. Miss Goodwin and McNutt are planning their nuptials for Jan. 18, 1997 at 4 p.m. in the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Holder, near Lake Brownwood. (Contributed Photo)

In double-ring ceremony...

Robertson, Holley are wed

Mindy Lynn Robertson and Jon Curtis Holley, both of Snyder, were married at 3 p.m. on Aug. 3 at First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Ernie McGaughey officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Holley are parents of the groom, all of Snyder.

The couple pledged vows before an arch of votive candles, centered behind the communion table which was decorated with greenery centered with a large glass globe filled with an arrangement of gladiolus, delphineum, larkspur and eucalyptus, all flanked by candelabra with votive candles. Spring rye and baby's breath decorated the altar railings. Burgundy and ivory bows with eucalyptus accents marked the pews.

David Holley, brother of the groom, and Dayton Robertson, brother of the bride, lighted candles.

The Ellsworth String Quartet of Lubbock played "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," while the houseparty was seated; "Sunrise, Sunset," while the grandparents and parents were seated; "Pachebel's Canon in D," the bridesmaids processional; "If You Could See What I See", by Kara Gowin; and the recessional, "Trumpet Voluntary," by Dayton Robertson and the quartet.

Also, Anna Whitlock from Lubbock played flute selections during the reception.

The bride, given in marriage with a request for God's blessings by her father, wore a gown of candlelight silk shantung. The sculptured neckline enhanced the front panel which extended to the floor and was accented with lace roses appliqued in mirror images. The sleeves were pleated at the shoulder, fitted with an inverted pleat that featured a hand rolled cabbage rose of fabric. Similar roses held the train in place over the pleated skirt. The tiered veil of candlelight tulle fell from bouffants of tulle and was secured with a headpiece of pearls, satin leaves and fabric roses.

The bride wore pearls belonging to a great-aunt, Jo Benson, and earrings, a present from the groom. Her natural arm bouquet was of iris, calla lilies, delphinium, larkspur, baby's breath, spring rye, and eucalyptus. She carried the new testament Bible that was presented at her baptism and a rosary belonging to her great-great maternal grandmother.

Maid of honor Shea Gowin, and bridesmaid Blake Robertson, niece of the bride, wore identically designed empire waisted, tea-length dresses of navy crepe. Their arm bouquets featured delphinium, larkspur, eucalyptus, baby's breath, greenery and wide burgundy ribbon.

Brad Robertson, brother of the bride, was best man. Groomsman was Craig Robertson, nephew of the bride. Ushers included Davis and Jay Holley, brothers of the groom, and Dayton Robertson. They wore black traditional tuxedos.

Julie Smith of Amarillo, registered guests at a table covered with Battenburg cloth and decorated with the bride's book and roses.

The bride's table was covered with a white cutwork cloth and was centered with a cross-stitch picture, a gift made by the maid of honor, and the bride's bouquet. Punch was served from a 50-year-old crystal bowl belonging to the bride's great aunt, Mary Ann Morrison. The three tiered free standing cake was decorated wtih swirls of pearls and fresh calla lilies.

The table with the bride's book also held a Bible in Dutch that had been presented to the groom's grandfather by one of his congregations and a mother of pearl covered Bible the bride's paternal grandmother purchased in the Holy Land. Wedding pictures of the groom's and bride's parents as well as the engagement picture of the couple were featured.



Mr. and Mrs. Jon Curtis Holley
(Contributed Photo)

Serving at the bride's table were Kathy Hall of Snyder, Christy Gleastine from Houston and Sherrie Buchanan of College Station.

The cream colored cloth with matching shirred skirt was centered with a china eagle figurine. Coffee was served from a silver service and the double-decked German chocolate cake was decorated with green and burgundy grapes and pecan halves. Serving at the groom's table were Katie Hargrove and Allison Hargrove.

Their honeymoon was to Dallas and their new home is in Longview where the groom is employed with R and R Oilfield Co. as a machinist. He is a graduate of Snyder High School and received draftsman training at Howard Junior College.

The bride, a SHS graduate attended Texas A&M at College Station.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. I.D. Hargrove from Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hargrove, Allison and Chase, also of Fort Worth; and Mrs. Kennith Crittendon and Patrick from Tuscola. Others included Miss Shelly Cuttendon of Corpus Christi; Mr. Tory Atikukas-Vitz from Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. Omar Cashion from Big Spring.

Also other guests attended from Fort Worth, Amarillo, Beaumont, Houston, Galveston, Tyler, Clarendon, Monahans, Pampa, Hobbs, N.M., and Maine.

School Menus

Ira

MONDAY
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Peaches

TUESDAY
Sandwiches
Chips
Cookies

WEDNESDAY
Hot Dogs
Chips
Ranch Style Beans
Peaches

THURSDAY
Turkey & Dressing
Giblet Gravy
Sweet Potatoes
Italian Green Beans
Stuffed Celery
Hot Rolls
Pumpkin Pie

FRIDAY
Patti Melts
French Fries
Plain Cake

Snyder

BREAKFAST

All breakfasts are served with assorted cereal with toast and juice. All meals are served with milk.

MONDAY
Breakfast Pizza

TUESDAY
Donut

WEDNESDAY
Waffles

THURSDAY
Biscuit & Gravy

FRIDAY
Pancakes

LUNCH

MONDAY
Chicken Burger or Corn Dog
Lettuce/Tomato
Pork & Beans
Fruit

TUESDAY
Chicken Noodle Soup or Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Apple
Cookie

WEDNESDAY
Steakfingers or Baked Chicken
Buttered Corn
Baked Potato
Texas Toast

THURSDAY
Rib Sandwich or Hamburger
Tater Tots
Fruit
Lettuce/Tomato

FRIDAY
Turkey & Dressing
Mashed Potato/Gravy
Green Beans
Sweet Potato Pie w/Topping
Roll

Parents are invited to eat Thanksgiving dinner with their child on Nov. 22.

Hermleigh

BREAKFAST

All meals are served with milk.

MONDAY
Fruit
Fried Ham
Biscuits

TUESDAY
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Blueberry Muffins

THURSDAY
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast

FRIDAY
Fruit
Toast & Jelly

LUNCH

MONDAY
Beef & Cheese Nachoes
Refried Beans
Tossed Salad
Plum Cake

TUESDAY
Fried Fish
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Lemon Squares

WEDNESDAY
Pinto Beans
Glazed Carrots
Fried Okra
Corn Bread
Fruit Jello

THURSDAY
Turkey/Dressing/Giblet Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Fruit Salad

FRIDAY
Chopped Barbecue on a Bun
Relish Cup
Fritos
Baked Apples

Snyder Duplicate Bridge

FRIDAY

Dot Casey directed six tables of Duplicate Bridge at the Snyder Country Club.

1. LaVerne Hood, Marjorie Brown.
2. Louise Thompson, Anita Talbott.
3. Ann Davis, Billisue Stuard.
4. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.

SUNDAY
Swiss Team

1. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson, Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Shirley Stewart, Dora Blakey, Ann Davis, Billisue Stuard.

TUESDAY

Four tables were directed by Rube McKinley.

1. J.O. Morrison, Charlie Blakey.
2. Louise Thompson, Rube McKinley.
3. TIE: Lanette Patterson, Christine Stuard, LaVerne Hood, Shirley Stewart.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	11-16-96
	♠ J	
	♥ A 10 3	
	♦ A K 8 2	
	♣ J 9 8 7 6	
West		East
♠ 10 7 5 4		♠ 9 8 3 2
♥ Q 6 2		♥ K 9 7 4
♦ 10 6 5		♦ J 9
♣ Q 10 4		♣ K 5 3
	South	
	♠ A K Q 6	
	♥ J 8 5	
	♦ Q 7 4 3	
	♣ A 2	

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

After this auction, in which South, a regular rubber-bridge player, decided not to give anything more away, the "natural" lead is a heart. However, South will win with dummy's ace, unblock the spade jack, draw two rounds of trumps ending in hand, and cash two top spades, discarding dummy's remaining hearts. Then he will play the ace and another club. Aided by the friendly 3-3 break in that suit, the contract rolls home.

Instead, West led the club *queen*. Declarer won with his ace, played a spade to dummy's jack, and drew three rounds of trumps, ending with his queen. South cashed his top spades, discarding two hearts and one club from the dummy.

Now South led his remaining club, pausing for thought when West contributed the four. If West had led from a doubleton, it didn't matter which card was played from the dummy. However, as South knew West to be a tricky customer, it was just possible he had led the queen from K-Q-4. So South called for dummy's jack.

After winning with the king, East returned a heart to dummy's ace. Now came the club nine, and when East played low, South discarded a heart loser, taking the ruffing finesse against East's supposed 10. Imagine his shock when West produced the 10, as if by prestidigitation.

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Where did that come from?

By Phillip Alder

There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, or more uncertain in its success, than to take the opening lead — or so Machiavelli almost wrote. Well, West certainly found a Machiavellian opening lead in this deal.

It takes 40 minutes to hard-boil an Ostrich egg.

Bridal Registry

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Juli Smith and Russell Schlegel
Elaine Whitfill and Michael Bragg
Mikki Botts and Bobby Clinkenbeard, Jr.
Lisa Duncan and Michael Steadham
Meredith Goodwin and Don McNutt

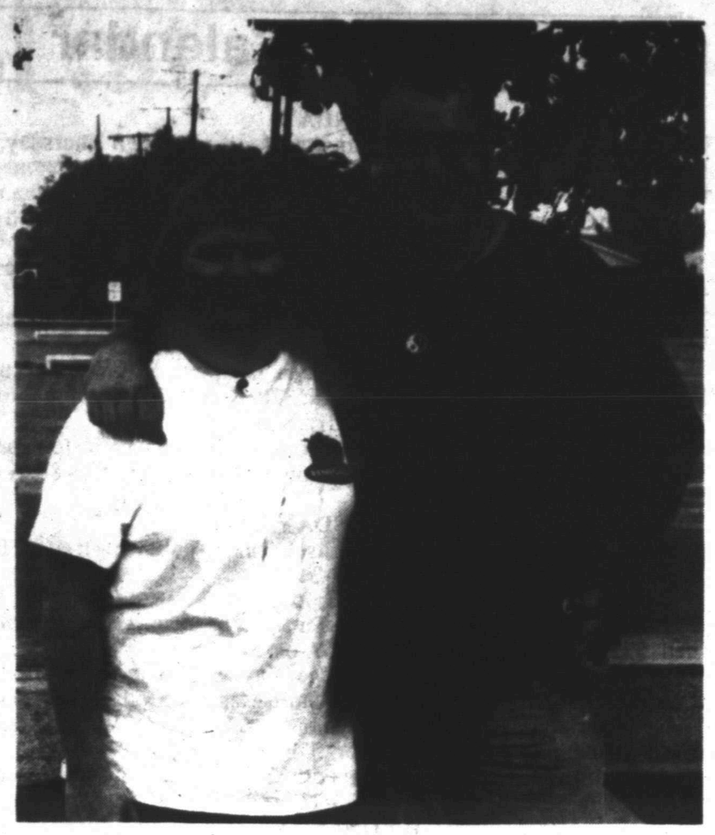
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DECEMBER WEDDING PLANNED — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fowler of Snyder and Don Taylor of Hermleigh announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Emilee Susanne Taylor, to Joe Don Morrow Jr. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Brock of California and Joe Don Morrow Sr. of San Angelo. A December 14 wedding ceremony is being planned at the Arrowhead Ranch, west of Snyder, the home of the future bride's mother and stepfather. (Contributed Photo)



Cecil and Dorothy Lankford
(Bottom Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Lankfords married 50 years

Cecil and Dorothy Lankford will be married 50 years on Nov. 22. They will be honorees at a golden wedding anniversary reception on Nov. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the North College Ave. Baptist Church.

Hostesses will include their four children and their spouses — Judy and Jerrel Pylant from Carlsbad, N.M., June and Chad Rains from Snyder, Norma and Philip Lemmons from Granbury, and Jerry and Kathie Lankford from Gonzalez, La.

They invite friends and family to share in the celebration by their presence, not gifts.

The Lankfords met in Ira and were married in Sweetwater. Since their marriage, they haved lived in Snyder. He is retired from Monsanto where he worked for many years. They are members of the College Ave. Baptist Church and are active in the Senior Center.



SUNBURST QUEEN — Sabrina Marie Salinas was recently crowned Sunburst Queen in her age division at the Sunburst Baby Pageant in Big Spring. Sabrina also received a trophy for best eyes. She is the daughter of Nancy J. Lopez and the granddaughter of Lawrence Jaramillo, Juana Jaramillo and Shorty and Janie Salinas. (Contributed Photo)

Songs reveal the real person

CLEVELAND (AP) — Harry Belafonte says songs can help stop prejudice and other divisions.

Belafonte, speaking Wednesday at a scholarship luncheon at Cuyahoga Community College, said he learned that lesson from singer and actor Paul Robeson.

Robeson told Belafonte that people will learn about you when they sing your songs.

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For busy season...

Cook and hostess tips

TimeSmart Tips

Home for the holidays

Time gets incredibly tight during the holidays, especially if you're playing both cook and hostess. These tips will help squeeze a bit more time out of this busy season:

■ Cooking the turkey and the stuffing separately can save time and energy since an unstuffed bird cooks in less time and guarantees even cooking.



■ Design a cooking timetable to avoid a last-minute rush. Don't do it all yourself, either. When guests offer to bring a dish—let them! But be specific about what you really need. Adding one more stuffing dish to a table already stuffed full isn't going to make either you or the guest bringing the unneeded dish feel very festive.

■ Holiday dinners usually mean lots of mashed potatoes so get out your crockery cooker to help with the party. Prepare your potatoes a few hours in advance and add a little extra milk before transferring the fluffed vegetable to your crock pot. Set on low, dot with butter or margarine and cover.

■ An easy way to clean the glass pans encrusted with burnt-on food is to cover the mess with a damp sponge or wet paper towels. Come back in an hour and wipe clean.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Baked Ham w/Cherry Sauce
Steamed Cabbage
Tomatoes & Green Beans
Corn Relish
Cookies

TUESDAY
Beef Patty w/Brown Gravy
Savory Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Lettuce Salad
Banana Pudding

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Patty
Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Fried Okra
Raw Vegetable Salad
Tropical Apples

THURSDAY
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Whole Kernel Corn
Chopped Spinach
Fresh Tomato
Garlic Toast
Apricot Pizza

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Macaroni & Cheese
Pinto Beans
Carrot-Cabbage Slaw
Red Jello w/Topping

Some difficult to reach lakes are stocked by dropping fish from airplanes.

Scurry County Library

News and Views

Scurry County Library has a collection of books that were purchased or donated as memorial books. Anyone wishing to donate a particular book or money towards a memorial purchase may contact the library staff. Honorarium books may also be given to honor someone who is still living.

The library has a Book of Remembrance where memorial and honorarium books are listed. Notices are mailed to family members when a donation has been made in memory of a loved one.

BOOK FEATURE

"Emergency Room: Lives Saved and Lost," by Dan Sachs.

From high drama to bitter irony, this one-of-a-kind collection gathers 31 extraordinary true stories of doctors on the hospital's front lines. Full of pain, hope and profound relief, these unforgettable stories recount the most intimate and terrifying moments of our existence. They offer a rare glimpse into the minds and hearts of the healers who dedicate their lives to saving others.

NEW NON-FICTION

"Resumes for Re-entering the Job Market.

"Slouching Towards Gomorrah," by Robert H. Bork.

"Aromatherapy," by Denise Whichello Brown.

"The World of Rosamunde Pilcher," by Rosamunde Pilcher.

NEW FICTION

"The Law of Love," by Laura Esquivel.

"To the Hilt," by Dick Francis

"Dream Land: A Novel of the UFO Cover-up," by Hilary Hemingway.

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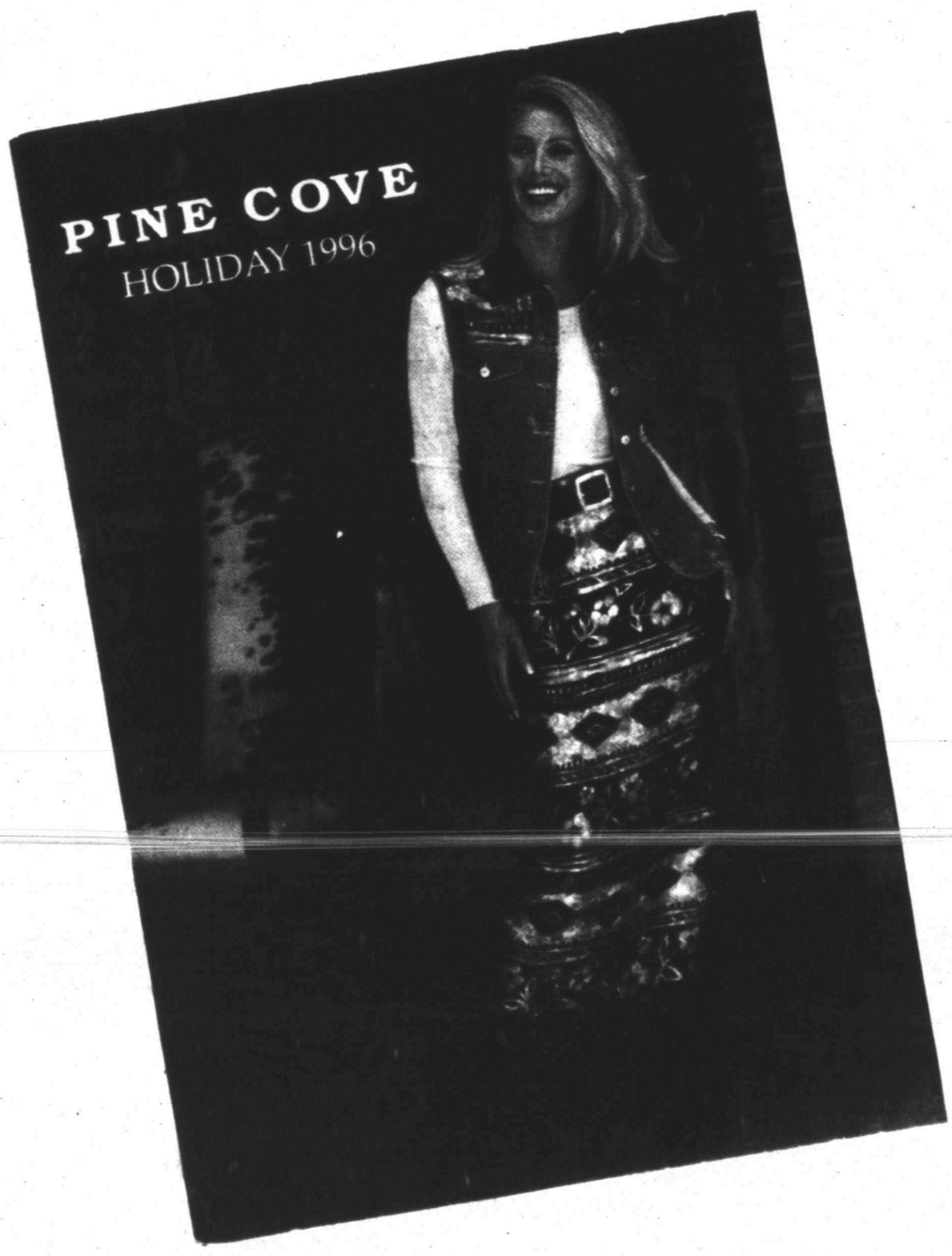


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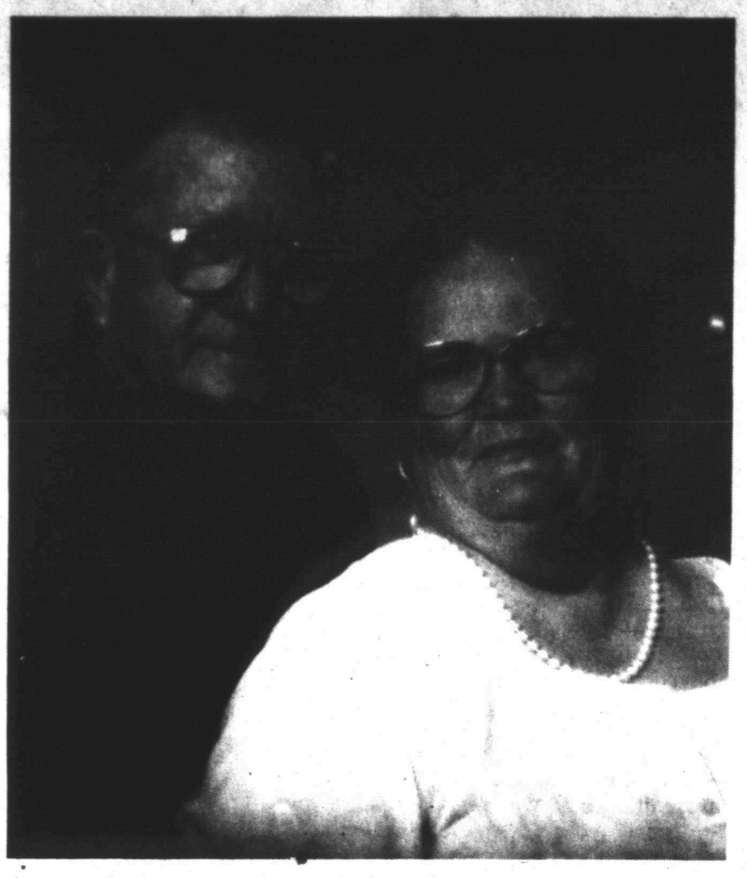


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Billie and Dorothy Giles
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Local couple will celebrate golden wedding anniversary

Billie and Dorothy Giles of Snyder will observe their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 16, with their family.

Giles, a retired WTC employee, was born in Bowling Green, Ky., on Jan 9, 1924. Mrs. Giles was born on March 18, 1930 and the two went to school together in Chandler, Ariz. They were married in Lordburg, N.M., and lived in Chandler until moving to Snyder in December of 1966.

They are members of North College Baptist Church.

Their son, Billie Giles Jr. of Snyder and his wife, Roxann, married on the same day in 1981. The Giles' other children and their spouses are Marvin and Kristen Giles of Irving, Janice Floyd of Granbury, Jim and Marcelene Reisch of Fort Worth, and Keith and Reta Jackson of Granbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles have six grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Meeting set Friday for local MHMR advocates

Do you have a loved one with a disability? Many parents, friends, family members and community leaders advocate for or with persons, or consumer advocacy troup.

For more information, attend a special presentation by leading mental health and mental retardation advocates, Moon Weiss and Virginia Eernisse.

Ms. Eernisse is a member of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board in Austin. She is a strong advocate for people with mental health and mental retardation needs and has been active in community advocacy for over 30 years.

Ms. Weiss is an advocate and parent of a person with mental retardation. She has been active with the ARC (formally the Association for Retarded Citizens) for over 30 years. She is interested in helping start an advocacy or family support groups in this area.

The community forums are sponsored by the West Texas State Oerated Community services of MHMR at Snyder City Hall's council room at 7 p.m. Friday. More information may be obtained by calling 263-9700.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

AARP Chapter; Senior Center; program by Gayle Lomax; board of directors meet at 11 a.m.; regular meeting at noon.

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

Stargazers TFCEC; 3117 Ave T; for more information, call 573-5144; 7 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6 p.m.

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

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; "Exploring the Internet," by Drew Bullard owner of Computer Solutions; Ellie Dryden, Jane Crenwelge and Mary Jim Floyd, hostesses; 4:15 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; country club; noon.

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.

Pen Women; community room of Golden Terrace; Westmoreland and Quiett, hostesses; guest, Aline Parks; 1:30 p.m.

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

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 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.

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.



Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Sanchez
(Contributed Photo)

Carroll, Sanchez married in ceremony at Willow Park

Marriage vows were exchanged by Martha Ann Carroll of Snyder and Sammy Sanchez of Sweetwater at 3 p.m on Oct. 26 at Willow Park Inn. Charlie Reynolds of Snyder officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are William and Laura Powell of Snyder and Pat Coleman of Denison, and the groom's parents are Joe and Odelia Sanchez of Sweetwater.

The unity candle was flanked by two columns and white swans accented with greenery and burgundy bows. It was placed on a brass and glass table and was inscribed "On this day I will marry my friend, the one who shares my dreams, life and love." Burgundy and hunter green candles, surrounded with floral wreaths, centered the reception tables.

Mary Helen Garcia of Sweetwater played the "Wedding March" as the bride came down the aisle, and also when the couple exited after the ceremony. Other music included "You Light Up My Life" and "Ready for the Next Step In Love," by Clay Walker.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Jeff Sisneros from Denver City,. She was attired in a long white silk gown with a fitted bodice, V-back and puffed short sleeves, embellished with pearls. Lace flowed down the back forming a three-foot train that was held by a large satin bow.

The bride wore a diamond necklace that belonged to her late grandmother, Martha Franklin of Munday. She carried 1972 and 1973 minted pennies in her white satin pumps.

Her veil was held by a wreath of braided pearls and lace. The bridal bouquet was of silk burgundy carnations and white roses interspersed with ivy and baby's breath, made by Janice Manlief.

Matron of honor Leslie G. Sisneros, aunt of the bride from Denver City, carried a bouquet of burgundy and pink carnations on green ivy surrounded by matching ribbon which was made by Leslie Sisneros, sister-in-law of the matron of honor. She wore a dress of emerald satin.

Dakota Lynn Carroll of Snyder, son of the bride, served as ring bearer. He wore a white dress shirt with a hunter green bow tie, black Levi jeans and black boots. He wore a carnation boutonniere and carried a heart-shaped lace pillow with pearls denoting the position of the rings.

Joe Sanchez of Sweetwater, brother of the groom, was best man. He wore a black tuxedo with a hunter green cummerbund and bow tie, completed with a red carnation boutonnierre.

The groom was attired in a black tuxedo, an emerald and black vest and a matching bow tie.

Dana Lindsey of Snyder registered guests.

At the reception, a barbecue meal was served, catered by Williams BBQ in Sweetwater. The bride's table, covered with a burgundy cloth, was accented with brass bowls containing mints and nuts, and was centered with a porcelain bride doll, a gift from the bride's son.

A floral punch bowl, filled with raspberry sherbet punch, accompanied champaign glasses tied with tiny burgundy and hunter green ribbons, accented with small flowers. Napkins of the bride's colors were engraved with the same inscription as was on the unity candle. Janice Manlief and Kay Tippens, both of Snyder, served.

The groom's table was covered with a green cloth and held a red velvet cake and a floral punch bowl, belonging to the groom's mother, which held lime sherbet punch. Serving were Evelyn Wesley of Snyder and Gloria Torres of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez are planning a honeymoon trip to Corpus Christi and San Antonio.

The bride, a 1990 graduate of Snyder High School, is currently enrolling at WTC and is employed at the Plaza Restaurant. A 1991 graduate of Sweetwater High School, Sanchez is employed at United States Gypsum in Sweetwater.

Mark Twain's "Life on the Mississippi" is believed to be the first typed manuscript ever sent to a publisher.

Picasso once kept warm by burning some of his paintings.



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Recipes for those planning company for the holidays

The following Chicken Spaghetti recipe was submitted by Barbara Tune of Snyder who has taught piano lessons at her home for several years. Still finding time to cook, she also shares a recipe for Broccoli Salad.

CHICKEN SPAGHETTI

1 bell pepper
1 small onion
12-3 stalks celery
½ cup butter buds or butter
½ cups small mushrooms
1 can mushroom soup
2 chicken breasts, diced and cooked
1 package spaghetti
3 individual cheese American slices
1 tsp. chili powder

Topping — Mozzarella cheese

In a saucepan, mix butter and chicken broth, saute onion, pepper and celery and add the mushroom soup, mushrooms, chicken, cheese slices and mix well. Then add chili powder.

In another pot, cook spaghetti and rinse well, then add to above. Pour into buttered casserole dishes, and top with Mozzarello cheese.

Cook in oven 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Serves 4 to 6.

BROCCOLI SALAD

1 head broccoli
1 large red onion
12 slices bacon
1½ cups grated cheese
½ cup mayonnaise
1 tbsp. vinegar
¼ cup sugar

Chop broccoli head, pull stems and chop. Fry bacon very crisp and crumble. Add grated cheese, chop onion fine, add vinegar and mayonnaise and sugar.

GOOD BUNDT CAKE

1 Butter Pecan cake mix
1 tub of Coconut Pecan Frosting mix
4 eggs
1 cup of oil
1 cup of water

Mix all together, then add:

1 cup pecans
1 cup of coconut

Put in bundt pan and bake at 350 degrees for one hour.

This is a moist cake.

Submitted by Shirley McMillan

Christopher motivational speaker

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Superman and Iron Man proved to be great motivational speakers.

Christopher Reeve, the "Superman" actor paralyzed in a horse-riding accident in May 1995, was among the featured speakers at a motivational conference Thursday in this Washington suburb. He was joined by Cal Ripken Jr., the Baltimore Orioles shortstop who has played in more consecutive games than any other player.

Reeve said realizing that he was wasting time feeling sorry for himself got him through the despondency that followed his accident.

"To feel sorry for myself is selfish if for no other reason than I've got three children who are very glad that I'm alive," he said.

C. Texas school takes fourth state band title

WACO — Tony Clines never forgets the fall of 1985, when the theme from the movie "The Alamo" brought the downfall of the Robinson High School Pride of the Blue band.

It was at area marching band competition in Austin and Robinson was aiming to make its seventh trip to the state contest to defend its 1984 championship.

During a quiet spot in the song, with no definite drum beat to guide the players along, the performance faltered.

"Slow and quiet is a bad combination to begin with," Clines said. "The two sides of the band got separated a little bit. That had to have really shaken the kids up."

The band recovered, but the damage had already been done. For the first and only time in the 17-year history of the state contest, Robinson didn't advance.

"It still is very vivid. That's one of the memories I'll die with," said Clines, Robinson's band director since 1977. "Very seldom do we not have some kind of drum beat going. It's just not worth the risk."

An admitted perfectionist, Clines said seeing his band fall apart that day was "the worst feeling I guess I've ever had, bandwise."

With the memory of that experience always in the back of his mind, Clines has successfully guided the band back to the state championships ever since. This month, Robinson made its 14th appearance — more than any other 3A band — and brought home its fourth title. (State championships have been held in alternating years since 1991.)

Robinson first won in 1981, then placed in the top three for two years before taking back the top spot in 1984. But it wasn't until 1994 that the band recaptured the glory of being the best 3A band in the state.

Statistically speaking, Clines said, the odds were against it.

"I think the 10-year gap was good for me. When it occurred again, I think I appreciated it more," Clines said. "I had pretty much decided we would never win it again."

But giving up on band is something Clines, 47, has done only once in his life.

The first time he tried his hand in band, he only lasted a week. Clines said he doesn't remember why he quit that first year as a fifth-grader in Ralls, 30 miles east of Lubbock, but the next year, he tried again. He picked up the trumpet and stuck with it, marching in his high school band for six years, including a year as drum major.

He attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock because the school offered him "a miniscule scholarship" that paid for his trumpet lessons. He played in The Goin' Band from Raider Land for six years, also including a one-year stint as drum major.

When Clines graduated, armed with a master's degree in music education, his dream job would have been directing a marching band every fall and coaching a baseball team every spring. He taught band in Muleshoe, northwest of Lubbock, for four years before moving to Robinson.

Clines met his wife, Nancy, at church in Waco. He was often asked to play trumpet and she would accompany him on piano. Nancy, now assistant to Baylor University President Robert Sloan, said she thinks her husband would have made as good a baseball coach as band director. But more importantly, the qualities that would have made him a good coach have made him a good director.

"People think that to be a great band director you have to be a great musician. I don't think he'll kill me for saying this: he's not a great musician," Nancy Clines said. "He's a good musician, but he's a great coach in the sense that he can coach the band. He's a great motivator."

Growing up with band influenced Clines' three children to be part of it. His son Jeffrey, 19, now a freshman at Baylor University, was a percussionist. Seventh-grader Kelly, 12, plays trumpet, like her father. The Clines' ten-year-old daughter, Jenny, wants to play the oboe when she joins the sixth-grade band program next year.

Robinson senior Matt Broaddus, one of three drum majors this year, said Tony Clines has earned the respect of the band members because he encourages everyone to do their individual best.

"He lets us know that he cares about everybody in the band," Broaddus said. "When he gets emotional and starts telling stories and tries to get us motivated, most everybody listens and is motivated by that. A lot of what he tries to teach us are life lessons: You've got to deal with people. You've got to deal with whatever comes your way."

Lorie Crowder, in her 13th year as an assistant band director, said she can't imagine working for anyone else. She said Clines is a dynamic director and inspires respect and loyalty "because of how he treats us and how he treats the kids."

The Pride of the Blue has tripled in size since Clines took over — more than a third of the 600 Robinson high students are in it — and the band staff has grown from two to five.

"Clines said the Robinson school board has shown its commitment to the band program — which has more than 600 students in grades 6-12 — through the addition of the assistant directors, who complement Clines by working with students in areas that he is not as strong in.

"I can play notes on basically any instrument, but I would certainly not want to play in front of everybody on anything but trumpet," Clines said. "The sound I make on a clarinet is not atrocious, but I don't want them to think that's what a clarinet is supposed to sound like."

Though he's proud of his winning record, Clines is reluctant to accept all the credit. He said it belongs equally with the students, parents and the assistant directors.

"When the chips are down, we really all know that we can count on each other," he said, tears in his eyes. "There's been so much help."

Clines' success has not escaped the notice of other schools. Twice, other Central Texas school districts have tried to recruit him away from Robinson. In the past, he also applied for jobs at 5A high schools, often considered the best band directing jobs.

Robinson Superintendent Jim Smith said he hopes the school district will be able to hang on to Clines.

"If I needed to, I'd probably get down on my knees and beg," Smith said. "I'm not sure I'd want to face trying to replace him."

Clines said he no longer gives any consideration to leaving because he always reaches the same decision — Robinson is where he belongs.

"I really love this place so much and there's no guarantee that I'd ever have anything approaching this again," he said. "I have basically fit in here since the first day and I can't imagine giving that up."

Robinson is southeast of Waco.

100-year-old woman loves the Cowboys

UNIVERSITY PARK — May Belle Cox, one of the Dallas Cowboys' oldest, most die-hard fans, crouched in front of the television Sunday afternoon, trying to jinx the San Francisco 49ers with her special, game-winning "whammy."

The voodoo hand gesture worked. America's and Mrs. Cox's team beat the 49ers by a field goal in overtime.

"You should've seen me," said the longtime Park Cities resident who turned 100 in June. "I was down on the floor for that kick."

No, really. On the floor. At age 100.

Mrs. Cox, a widow for 45 years, is one of those people we've all read about. Never been sick. Never been to a doctor. Doesn't take any medicine.

She walks a mile each day, she said, and her only ailment is a slight hearing loss.

"I don't feel 100. This is the God's honest truth: I feel the same as I did when I was 40 or 50," she said. "I'm lucky to reach the age I have.

"I tell you, I'm a freak."

One thing's for sure, she's crazy about the Dallas Cowboys.

Mrs. Cox is so enthusiastic about her team that she dresses up in one of several game costumes to cheer the Cowboys to victory — Western skirt and jacket. And she refuses to let anyone, be they family or friends, inside her tidy apartment near Southern Methodist University after the kickoff.

"The reason I don't have people over is they chatter," said the outspoken and to-the-point mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. "They cannot keep quiet.

"I don't have anybody EVER interfere with my game."

Mrs. Cox takes the Cowboys more seriously than she does herself, it seems. She hides her face behind her hand like a vaudeville vamp, turns her head to the side and chuckles loudly when she pops off on her favorite topics — as if even she doesn't believe what comes out of her mouth.

On the topic of good health, for example: "I know exactly what it takes for health," she declared. "I eat like a pig."

Her diet rarely varies.

For breakfast, she has a "huge" bowl of oatmeal.

"I mean old-fashioned oatmeal," Mrs. Cox said, wrinkling her nose at the mere mention of the instant stuff. "And two pieces of toast. Plus two cups of coffee."

It's the same old story at lunch.

"I have a sandwich. A toasted sandwich and a banana."

Over the years, Mrs. Cox said, she has discovered a few things about good nutrition. Like how hard it can be to get through an afternoon on just a sandwich and a banana.

So at 3 p.m. each day, she breaks out the Fritos and cheese dip.

"Here's what I've learned: If I wait until 6 o'clock, gas accumulates," she said, covering her mouth as she lets loose with a guffaw.

"For supper, let's just take Monday," Mrs. Cox continued. "Monday I have chicken and dumplings. A salad. Always ice cream. Every meal. And two vegetables.

"Now then, on Tuesday I'm going into casserole," she said.

No pork, no sausage, and except for a hamburger twice a week, no beef.

"Red meat causes arthritis," Mrs. Cox said.

Has she ever smoked?

"Noooooo," Mrs. Cox said, shaking her head.

Ever drank?

"Yes," she said cheerfully. "I used to have an Old Fashioned every night until liquor got so high."

Mrs. Cox's eldest child, John Cox, said he is amazed at how well his mother is still able to get around.

"I bet she had a good time on the floor that last quarter of the game," he said, referring to the Cowboys' game-saving field goal Sunday.

"I can't get up and down from the floor , but the last time I saw her do it she just bounces up."

Mr. Cox, 75 and a retired Mobil Oil Corp. executive who lives in Canyon Lake near New Braunfels, said he doesn't worry about his mother getting too excited at games.

"She has been phenomenally healthy," he said.

He recalled that his mother was careful about what she ate while he and his sister were growing up in the 1920s and '30s.

"She was health-food conscious even then, before anybody knew anything about it," he said.

Bobby Bulger said her aunt is a remarkable woman.

"She's really a pistol, isn't she," said Ms. Bulger, a Dallas travel consultant. "She's got a fabulous sense of humor. And she's still very sharp.

"As far as figuring things and knowing things, she's just as bright as she's ever been," she said.

About the only problem is her hearing, Ms. Bulger said. She said she's tried to persuade her aunt to wear a hearing aid, going so far as to offer to pay for it.

"She's so vain, she wouldn't do it," Ms. Bulger said.

Born on June 27, 1896, in Pittsburg, Texas, Mrs. Cox said she was the fifth of eight children. Except for a brother who lived to be 92, all her siblings died relatively young.

"I feel guilty," she said. "My family didn't live this long."

Her secret to a long life, she said, is attitude and activity.

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At war with racoons, losing the battle



DEANIE FRANCIS MILLS

I guess the racoons won.

I'm secretly glad, because I happen to think the little devils are just too cute to shoot, an opinion which is not shared by my husband. However, he's not without heart, and won't hunt them down unless they are really being pests, or he fears they may be rabid. We're just not big hunters around here, not even when it comes to 'coons.

But anyway, back to the Great Racoon War.

I guess it started with the cats. Like many country families, we've got lots and lots of cats who live in the barns and pastures around here. Cats are great to keep down the field mice and rat population, grasshoppers and other varmints, and rattlesnakes are afraid of them. (Would I lie about a thing like that? Ask any oldtimer.)

Anyway, as long as you've got lots of cats around your place, rattlesnakes don't come around much, and you even have fewer mice in your house.

Our barn cats all live in the hay barn, the horse barn, and even, I suspect, up in the attic of this old house, which, as I've mentioned before, was built by a farmer's hands back in 1906. (The kitties have got little ways to get in, which we've yet to discover.)

They're all wild, but some are more trusting than others and will let you get right up to them if you talk sweet; but if you touch them, they jump back and look at you like, What the heck do you think you're DOING?

Out in the hay barn, and on our front porch, we keep small rubber tubs full of dry dog food. The dog and cats can help themselves whenever they want. This helps the nursing mamas during summer and gets everybody through cold winters. It's such fun when the mama cats bring their babies for the first time up to the front porch to show them the food and water. You can sit on the couch and peek through the drapes and watch umpteen kittens frolic and play in the rose bushes and wrestle on the front porch and stalk each other on the lawn. In cold weather, they pile up like a big old rug inside the dog house. They keep Bart company.

It's fun, too, to follow the romances. Usually, there is one ranking male who cows into submission or runs off the brash young upstarts. He'll pick a female for his favorite, and hang out with her. Even after the kittens come along, they'll lay around on the porch like Ma and Pa Kettle and watch the little ones play. Pa Cat will let them play with his tail and watch for danger.

People who think that animals — especially cats — don't have feelings have not spent much time observing them. For several years, our ranking male was Gremlin, a big orange cat who beat the crud out of our house cat, Bear, one time — even though Bear is neutered. But Gemlin was half-tame and would let you pet him. His favorite female was Tippy, and he was so attached to her that when she had kittens, he separated her from them and we had to feed them with kitty bottles until another mama adopted them.

Last summer, something happened and Dustin found Gremlin half-dead in the lots. He let us bring him in the house and care for him, but we couldn't save him. After he died, Tippy wandered the yards and lots for two solid weeks, crying and crying. We would hear her, deep in the night, wandering past our window, crying. She did not stop grieving for several months, when she finally chose Blackie for a mate. Blackie likes her kittens and plays with them.

All was well at Rafter M until the racoons came along. They discovered the dog food in the barn and began chewing holes in the 50-pound sacks. So Kent went out and bought this big huge plastic bin with a lid.

They figured out how to open the lid with their little racoon hands and dig around in the food. Bart barks himself hoarse and chases after them with ferocious growls, but they are unfazed.

Kent said, "This is war."

He took a rifle out one night, but they got away, which, as I stated earlier, was a relief to me but not to him.

Next day, he came in with this heavy-duty, short cord. At each end of the cord is a big metal hook. One end hooks over one side of the food bin lid; the cord stretches over the top; and the other hook fastens at the other end.

"Ha!" he said. "Let 'em get THIS off."

Meanwhile, we noticed that the cats stopped hanging around the horse barn or eating food out there. "The 'coons ran them off," he said.

But every morning, the dog food tub in the barn was empty.

Today, he came in and said, "They're trying to chew through the cord, or at least unhook the hooks."

I said, "Pretty smart, for varmints."

He sighed. "The food tub was empty and overturned." Then, with a capitulatory glance in my direction and a grin of defeat, he added, "Every night I put out a can of dry dog food in the tub and every morning it's gone." With a sigh, he added, "I guess I'm putting it out there for them."

Yep. I'd say, Racoons-1, Kent-0.

Ain't the Internet wonderful?

by Bill McClellan

I e-mailed my sister some tacos the other day. Ain't the Internet wonderful?

There is a site on the Internet that allows you to e-mail all types of food and drink. Hamburgers, steak, burritos, tacos, salads, soups, ice cream, cakes, pies, milk shakes — you name it.

What the e-mail recipient gets is a photo of the item, not the real thing of course. Beaming up a blue plate special still only happens in Star Trek.

Well, that's not entirely true. For Uncle Elber — you all know Uncle Elber — the Internet is one large smorgasboard.

I went to visit Elber the other day. Found him sitting at the kitchen table, drinking coffee and eating some brownies. He offered me some of both.

I bit into a brownie and knew immediately something wasn't quite right. It was good, but...

"Elber," I said, "Has the Widow Brown changed her recipe? These don't taste the same."

"These brownies aren't from the Widow Brown," said Elber. "I got em' from somebody else."

"Who?" I asked.

Elber got up and retrieved a box from the countertop, put it in front of me, and sat back down.

"From SeniorGal To SugarTex," the box read. And it had Elber's post office box.

"Who is SugarTex?" I said.

"Well," he said, reaching for another brownie, "That would be me."

"You?" I said. "SugarTex?"

"Ummhmm," he said. "That's my nick."

"What happened to Gramps, your other nick?," I said.

"Oh, I still got it."

"Gramps AND SugarTex?" I said.

"And a few others."

"How many others, Elber?"

And he went over to a table and came back with a stack of papers, most of them post cards.

Almost everyone said the same thing: Hope you like the brownies or the cookies, the ham, the baked bread, the banana nut bread, and so on.

And the addresses? To SpryGuy from Gra-mom, To Blueyze from TyeLady, To Farmboy from Citygal, To Starvin from Welfed.

Seems Uncle Elber gets on the Internet and during the course of a chat, mentions that he hasn't had any good home baking since his wife died. That conjures up some sympathy, and quite a few baskets of goodies.

Funny thing is, Uncle Elber was dead set against getting a computer when I first mentioned it to him. In time though, I convinced him that he could use it for finances, taxes, correspondance (the idea of e-mailing complaints to his elected officials appealed to him) and a whole lot more.

One day, I showed him how to get in a chat channel to talk. At first, he wasn't interested. The other people talking were teenagers, and had nothing in common with Elber. So I hooked him up with a football chat line. Even that didn't work, until somebody from Los Angeles named "9ersman" came on the line and typed "Everybody knows the Cowboys are choke-city this year. What a bunch of crybabies."

Nothing gets Elber riled up more than someone talking bad about HIS Cowboys. A second later, I found myself pushed out of the chair, and Elber furiously pecking away at the keyboard, trying to answer the guy.

That started it all. I don't know where it will end.

On Sundays you can find Elber in the football chat channels, defending the Cowboys. Any other time, he's likely to be in Seniorchat, Feelin'young, Seniors/yes or any number of lines where older folks meet.

Elber keeps a cheat sheet with all his nicknames on them and a list of the women he usually talks to. As his list grows, so do his problems, and he's had to do some fast talking to avoid a conflict. That's another story though.

I told Elber that what he is doing isn't right, taking advantage of those women like that.

'Course, what really irks me is that I can't do it, too. If someone named SweetGal sent me a cake, I'd have some powerful explaining to do at home.

A week ago, I entered a chat channel on the computer and saw SugarTex was there, along with some other people.

"Hello, SugarTex," I typed, but I got no answer.

"Hello, SugarTex," I typed again.

Suddenly, a box popped up in the middle of my screen, requesting a private chat with SugarTex.

"Don't mess this up for me," came the typed message. "She's promised to make pralines!"

"Elber?" I typed.

"Yes!" he shot back.

"Elber?" I said again. "I'd like some pralines, too."

"Get your own pralines!" he typed.

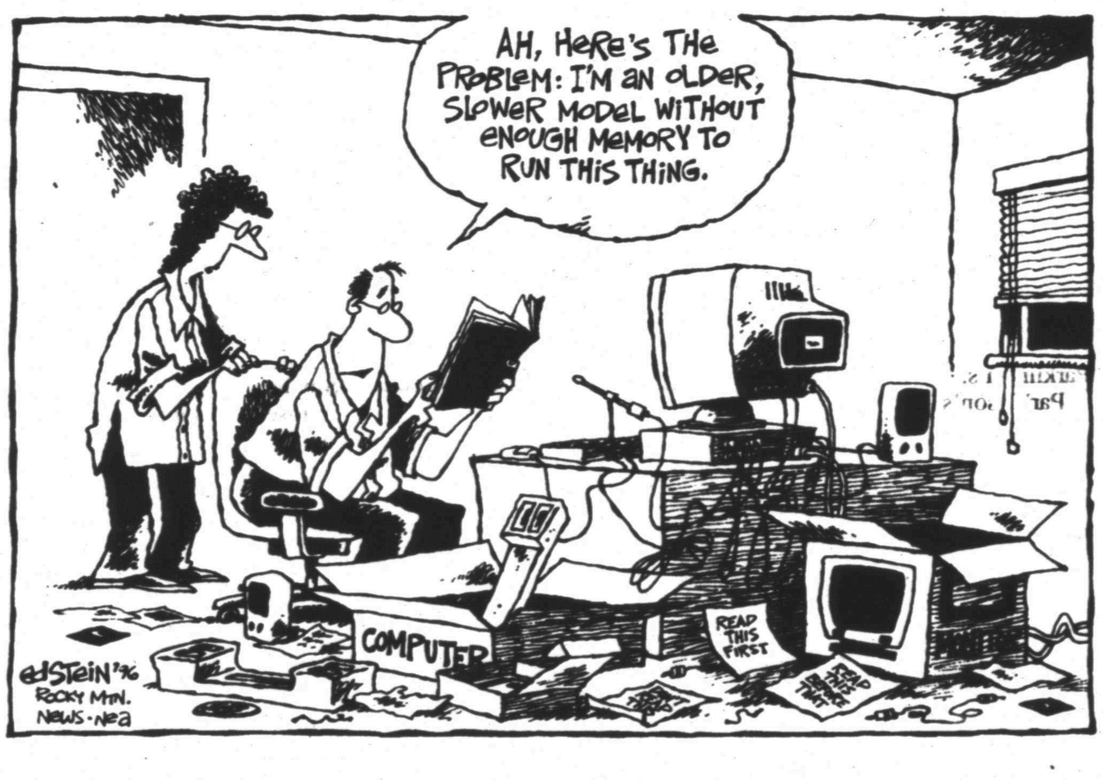
"Elber?"

"What!"

"Should I ask you in the channel if you've seen SeniorGal lately, or maybe Citygal?" I typed.

Tomorrow, I'm going over to Elber's house for some pralines. Ain't the Internet wonderful?

Letters to the Editor



Offended by letter

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Sam Dennis' letter from this past weekend's Letters to the Editor.

Mrs. Dennis, I'm a little confused on the issue of Scurry County walking out on Kerry Fritz. Did we walk out on him because he was not elected sheriff? It seems to me the voters elected the person they felt was right for the job.

In your opinion, the right man did not win; but in my opinion, the right man did win. I'm not saying that Darren Jackson is a better man than Kerry Fritz. They both do wonderful things for Scurry County. I'm saying in my opinion, Darren Jackson was the best man for the job. Every person who voted felt this way about their choice for sheriff.

That's what is great about this country. Everyone has the right to have opinions on different subjects. I, personally, would feel at ease with either man being elected as sheriff because they were both very qualified.

Mrs. Dennis, I also have a problem with your statement about campaigning. You said of Mr. Fritz "may not have campaigned as much as he could have, but he was doing his job and making Scurry County safe for our families." This may be a true statement, but the same thing can be said of Mr. Jackson.

To me, your statement insinuates that Mr. Jackson was not doing his job because he was off campaigning. How can you criticize the man for wanting the job bad enough to spend what little free time the deputies have, going door to door and visiting with the people of Scurry County? Mr. Jackson also helps keep our county safe, as do the police officers, other deputies and DPS officers and anyone else I am failing to mention.

Mrs. Dennis, reading your letter last weekend, I felt that even though you were praising Kerry Fritz for his wonderful deeds he has done for your family and Scurry County, in certain statements you were also running down Darren Jackson. That shouldn't have been the case. There are many families in Scurry County who could tell wonderful things about Darren Jackson.

I think Scurry County residents would have been lucky to have either candidate elected sheriff.

Sincerely,
Chris Porter
Hermleigh

Wish them the best

Dear Editor:

I feel sad that Kerry Fritz resigned, and that it is causing controversy in our community.

When this election began, many people commented that it was going to be hard to decide how to vote when we had two such good candidtes, and I still believe that. Both Kerry and Darren have been good officers and friends to all of us. It would be a shame if we lose either of them.

My mother lives in another town and had mentioned that none of their candidates for sheriff were worth her vote. I felt very lucky because no matter who won the election in Scurry County, we were going to be in good hands. Both young men are dedicated, moral, friendly and highly capable of doing their jobs.

I wish the best for both of them, and hope that we have the opportunity to continue to work with them both.

Carolyn Carter
Ira

Can you help?

Dear Editor:

During the past few months, a very meaningful friendship was developed between a TDCJ officer and an inmate. The TDCJ officer was someone we knew as a local resident of Rotan, who was recently killed in a car accident.

The cause of this accident is believed to be due to the officer falling asleep behind the wheel of his motor vehicle.

Ironically enough, an invention was envisioned by these two friends that very well may have saved this man's life. The survivors from this man's family — three small children — are in need of financial assistance now and in the future. The development of this invention could very well be that means of support.

The inmate friend is attempting to complete what he and his departed friend had dreamed. There is a need to obtain financial assistance in the securing of a patent, and ultimately the construction of this live-saving device.

Anyone of us would be willing to do what they could to save another person's life and be supported of the survivors of a close friend.

Are you that special someone? If so, please contact:

Melvin Ford
TDCJ #299111
Price Daniel Unit
938 South FM 1673
Snyder, TX 79549

We are as brothers

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to my daughter, Suzanne.

Dear Suzanne,

This letter is the result of a conversation that we had on election night.

Actually, it wasn't so much the conversation itself as it was the look of disgust that your eyes reflected, that disturbed me so. I was trying to encourage you to take more interest in how our government works, and you cut me off completely by saying how much all the name calling and hate just turned you off.

Rather than give you the easy excuse by saying something like, "Well, in this country we hurl insults and wild accusations rather than just shoot bullets like so many other countries do." But I knew that you would see right though that hyprocrisy. You know words can be as lethal as any bullet.

So, I decided that this was much too important to just ignore. Your statement deserved a more honest and thoughtful response.

In your history studies you have read a little about James Madison. You probably know that he was our fourth president. You may also know that he was a principle contributor to our Constitution. But you may not know that long before we had a Constitution, when our new country was governed by the Articles of Confederation, that Madison wrote a series of essays called The Federalist Papers. In one of those essays he answered your objection. He wrote, "It may be a reflection on human nature....But what is government itself, but the greatest of all reflections on human nature?"

If you are turned off and disgusted by what you see people in government do and say, to be fair, you need to understand that you are looking at a mirror image that reflects the American psyche. And, where does this American cynicism come from? Well, let me give you just a short list on the dark side of the American reflection.

We live in a blood lust society. Violence is promoted and glorified by TV, film, books, music and even the more popular video games. By the time you are 18 you will have witnessed over 8,000 murders and 100,000 acts of violence vicariously. Does this sound like saturation? Could this be part of why America craves more entertainment with real blood like Cops and America's Most Wanted? There is even a video that can be rented that shows more real blood and violence that at this time still can't yet be seen on TV.

Why do we glorify crime? Arnold Schwarzenegger has a movie out know called Eraser. At the end, as the good guy(?), he gives up on the American judicial system and kidnaps three people and cold bloodily murders them. Will there be a sequel where he is hunted down for these crimes and tried and sentenced to death? That would be absurd; afterall, he only did what the rest of us were thinking should be done to those villans.

America is the only industrialized nation to still have a death penalty. Our problems seem best answered by violence and harsh treatment. We have more Americans locked behind bars as a percentage of population than any other country in the world.

Just the other day I heard on the radio an Adv. Council commercial that told of many communities conducting studies on kindergarten students that preport to identify which ones will most likely become criminals and then, rather than spend money on prevention for these 5- and 6-year-olds, they are projecting how many more prison beds will be needed to house them and are building them so as to be prepared.

Today, one-third of America's children are born out of wedlock. Thirty percent of American families are headed by single parents. Most of these are women who are

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Fat-melting protein and diabetes said linked

WASHINGTON (AP) — A protein that some researchers thought would cause fat to melt away in obese humans may have a dangerous side effect. Research published Friday links the compound to adult diabetes.

Leptin received a flurry of publicity last year when studies showed that it caused obese mice to lose up to 30 percent of their weight. The mice also exercised more and ate less. Some researchers raced to develop leptin or related proteins for use in humans.

But in a study published Friday in the journal Science, researchers in Israel found that leptin may play a role in development of Type II diabetes, a serious disorder that frequently strikes obese adults.

Menachem Rubinstein, a biochemist at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, said that when leptin is put on human liver cells in the laboratory, it disrupts a normal action of insulin, the hormone essential for control of sugar in the blood.

"We know that obese individuals have a high level of leptin and we know that obese individuals have a tendency to develop diabetes," Rubinstein said in an interview. "There might be a linkage. It might be that leptin is one of the agents that induces Type II diabetes."

He said clinical studies with leptin should be approached with caution.

"One should look very carefully into using leptin as a weight-reducing agent," said Rubinstein. "It should be ruled out that a long-term treatment with leptin doesn't induce Type II diabetes."

Amgen Inc. of Thousand Oaks, Calif., a biotechnology company, started human clinical trials with leptin in May to test for toxic side effects. The company plans clinical studies next year to determine if leptin actually will control weight.

David Kaye, a spokesman for Amgen, said that so far researchers for the company have detected no harmful side effects from leptin.

Rubinstein said his laboratory experiments showed that leptin will link up with liver cells and interrupt a series of chemical reactions that normally are directed by insulin.

Insulin is produced by the pancreas and has two basic functions. It works in the blood to break down glucose, a type of sugar, into glycogen and fat. It also works in the liver to control the conversion of stored fat back into glucose, a process called gluconeogenesis.

Leptin, said Rubinstein, interrupts the gluconeogenesis function of insulin. This could cause blood sugar levels to rise inappropriately, he said.

Rubinstein emphasized that his experiment involved only cell cultures and that leptin could react differently in the whole body.

"The experiment would have to be repeated in whole animals because there are many systems that can counteract or compensate events that occur in individual cells," he said.

Arthur Campfield, a researcher at Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. in Nutley, N.J., said the Rubinstein study "is an interesting result." But he cautioned that other research is needed to confirm leptin's full effect on the body.

"It is a big jump to conclude from this study that leptin is a cause of diabetes," he said.

Kaye said Amgen's scientists are aware of the Rubinstein study, but have drawn no conclusions.

"We believe it is an interesting finding that may or may not have relevance in humans," he said.

The Amgen clinical trials of leptin are being monitored by a safety committee, and no problems have been detected, said Kaye.

The research last year that showed leptin's slimming effect on mice plugged into a major U.S. health concern: obesity. Experts estimate that about a third of all Americans are overweight and they spend about $30 billion a year trying to sweat, strain and starve away excess poundage.

Parkinson's and gene mutation linked

WASHINGTON (AP) — A family history that stretches back almost 300 years has allowed researchers to find the first laboratory evidence linking Parkinson's disease to an inherited gene mutation.

In a study published Friday in the journal Science, researchers said that a mutation was found in an area of chromosome 4 by analyzing DNA in specimens from a family that has had Parkinson's disease in generations going back to the 18th century.

"The etiology (cause) of Parkinson's has been long debated — whether it is genetic or environmental," said Dr. Mihael H. Polymeropoulos of the National Institutes of Health. "This is the first evidence that a genetic factor can, in fact, be the cause."

Polymeropoulos is lead author of the study. The co-authors include other researchers from NIH, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, N.J., and the Institute of Neurological Science in Naples, Italy.

Finding the area of a chromosome where the genetic flaw exists, said Polymeropoulos, does not isolate a specific Parkinson's gene. But locating the area narrows the search from the 3.3 billion base pairs that make up all of the human genes to about 6 million base pairs.

Once the gene is located, it may then be possible to find the protein made by the gene and then to develop a drug to treat Parkinson's.

Parkinson's involves a progressive degeneration of the brain. Symptoms include tremors that led 19th century physicians to call it the "shaking palsy." The disorder also causes rigid muscles, a slow, shuffling gait and a characteristic stoop. It can cause a general weakening of organ systems that can hasten death. About 50,000 Americans annually are diagnosed with Parkinson's and more than a half-million are currently afflicted.

The disease is treated with a drug that causes the body to make dopamine, a brain chemical. However, the drug has only a limited effect.

To localize a gene related to Parkinson's, researchers got specimens from members of a family that can trace itself back to a common, 18th century ancestor who had Parkinson's while living in Contursi, an Italian village near Salerno.

There are now more than 500 members of the family, with branches in Germany, Italy, the United States and Argentina, said Polymeropoulos.

Researchers got specimens from 28 family members, nine with Parkinson's disease.

"We developed a genetic signature for the family members and then compared the signature of the affected with that of those who are not affected," said Polymeropoulos. This isolated a gene mutation on the long arm of chromosome 4, he said.

Polymeropoulos said it will take more research to ascertain that the chromosome 4 gene is the only one associated with Parkinson's.

"We want to see if Parkinson's in other families is linked to chromosome 4. If they do not link to chromosome 4, then we'd do the same type of study for those families to search for another gene," he said.

It is still possible that people inherit only a susceptibility to Parkinson's and that the disease is triggered by an environmental influence, said Polymeropoulos.

However, he noted that studies so far show that 85 percent of the people with a gene mutation develop the disease, suggesting a very strong genetic effect.

Zach Hall, director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, said finding a genetic link to Parkinson's "gives us a powerful new tool to understand why nerve cells die in Parkinson's disease and how to stop them from dying. It will usher in a new era of Parkinson's research."

Selena extra gets detention for missing some classes

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A 15-year-old girl who was chosen for a part as an extra in the movie "Selena" has been told she is being punished for missing school to take part in the filming.

Nicole Young was selected to appear as an audience member at a re-creation of a Grammy Awards ceremony in a glittering white dress her mother, Elizabeth Young, had made.

But the mother was shocked to learn that her daughter would have to attend eight hours of detention as punishment for missing school and refusing to sign a form acknowledging she was being sent to detention.

Elizabeth Young said Thursday her daughter will not be allowed to make up the work in her classes because her absence was unexcused, and will receive zeros in her class work.

"She only missed two hours of class, and I signed her out," Young said. "I made a decision that I thought would be beneficial to her. And she would be glad to make up her work. She missed physical science and history, and they had three graded assignments in history, for which she will receive zeros."

School administrators said that if an absence is not excusable under state and district guidelines, which do not include performing in movies, the student will be punished for the absence.

Mike Smith, assistant principal of Aransas Pass High School, and school district Superintendent Bob Smith refused to comment specifically on Nicole's situation but said the school policy makes no room for exceptions.

"That's not an excused absence and we can't make exceptions," Bob Smith said. "I'm not even sure that's where she went."

The movie about the slain Hispanic singer has been filmed at various locations in the Corpus Christi area and at San Antonio.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Joshua Whiteley, 1996 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Cousins Leasing Trust, 1997 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Glesby Marks Leasing, 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Gary W. Stoltz, 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Loretta Lee, 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Michael Ray Rodriquez, 1996 Chevrolet 2 door from Big Country Autoland.

Donlen Corporation, 1997 Ford Pickup from Arlington Hgts/ Donlen.

Edith Womack, 1997 Chevrolet Pickup from Big Country Autoland.

E.D Walton Const./Dalton Walton, 1997 Chevrolet Pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Exxon Corp., 1997 Dodge Pickup from Cherry Hill Dodge.

Kathy D. Watts, 1996 Chevrolet 2 Door from Big Country Autoland.

Sandra A. Galyean and Tommy W. Galyean, 1997 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Billie M. and Norman Canon, 1997 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Automotive Rentals, Inc., 1997 Dodge Pickup from Cherry Hill Dodge.

Samson Resources, 1997 Ford Pickup from Jordan Ford.

E. D. Walton Construction Co., 1997 Chevrolet Pickup from Big Country Autoland.

James W. Minnix, 1997 Cadillac, from Big Country Autoland.

Exxon Corp., 1997 Ford Pickup from Rice and Holman.

E. D. Walton Construction Co., 1997 Chevrolet Pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Nolan and Audra von Roeder, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Kenneth Gard, 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage Licenses

Antonio Gonzalez Rivas and Irma Nancy Gonzalez Santos, both of Snyder.

Douglas Stewart Harmon and Debra Kay Murphy, both of Snyder.

Jose Guadalupe Garza Jr. and Margarite Avila, both of Snyder.

Terry Lynn Sands of Snyder and Jennifer Paige Davis of Matador.

James Michael Fields and Jina Evonne Miller, both of Snyder.

Juan Garcia Escobedo Jr. and Grace Garcia, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Valorie and Tito Boyce vs. Fred Dillard, individually, and dba Express Carpet Cleaning, deceptive trade practice.

Snyder National Bank vs. Bob Lewis, suit on account.

Deed Records

Aurora Tavarez to Verna V. Sellars, a 100 x 123 foot tract in Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Simon and Leonor Bernal Quiros to Rosario Bernal Quiros Kerry, all of Lot 16 in Block 13 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Sheryl Garrick and Tony Andrew Hecksler to John Merrill and Dorothy A. Kayser, the north 80.36 feet of Lot 10 in Block 13 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Euniece Whitmore, attorney-in-fact for Anniece C. Bak to Cenaida Espinosa, all of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 2 of the Erwin Heights Addition.

Crime Stoppers

Tool Branding Company and the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office are offering a $1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for an oilfield theft which occurred on Nov. 8 in the northwest corner of Mitchell County.

Anyone with infirmation concerning this offense is urged to contact:

Mitchell County Sheriff's Office..... (915) 728-5261
Scurry County Sheriff's Office ..... (915) 573-3551
John Billings, Texas Ranger..... (915) 573-3551

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six times more likely to be poor that married families. Many of these are the result of divorce, but increasingly, there was no marriage at all.

Among the industrialized nations, America's poor children rank 16th in standard of living. The main reason for this disparity is how we handle our economy. America has the largest economy in the world, controlling 50 percent of the world's wealth with only five percent of the world's population.

Yet in American, 50 percent of that wealth is controlled by only 20 percent of our population. Since 1980, 99 percent of all new wealth that our economy has created has gone to the top 20 percent, leaving only a mere one percent to trickle down to the bottom 80 percent of Americans.

Believe it or not, Suzanne, but America has now become the most economically stratified nation in the entire industrialized world. Who would have ever thought that could happen here?

So, am I making excuses for our government to behave the way it does? Of course not. Remember, government with all it faults is only a reflection of human nature. We are like immature juveniles blaming everyone and everything but ourselves when things go wrong.

In your Bible, you can read where Cain murdered his brother, Abel. God asked where he was and Cain replied, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

The question was so preposterous that it did not even deserve a response from God, who ignored the question altogether.

Of course we are responsible for our brothers. We do not live in a land of 250 million rugged individuals, each riding off into the sunset alone. We are tied together as a family. And like families should be, we ought to help find solutions for our problems. Our government won't change until we change. Our government won't care about us until we care about each other.

This election demonstrated that for the first time, less than half of the eligible voters went ot the polls. These people must share much of the blame for what is wrong with America as much as those of us that participate.

Suzanne, don't look with disgust at government participation. Somehow, you must see your activity as part of your obligation to your brothers who need your help. I hope this letter stirs the embers of compassion and patriotism within your breast and fans them into flames of fiery activism. America needs that kind of spirit again.

Your loving Dad,
Dusty Bogard

Thank you

Dear Editor,

One of my problems is neglecting to say "thank you" enough. A big THANK YOU to all the people involved in making Golden Terrace happen. According to my info there are 80 units completed and filled. A special thanks to Alisa Cain for making things run smoothly.

Being a resident, I am allowed the use of the Golden Terrace Community Room. As a member of Scurry County Penwomen's Club, we have out meetings here. Our next meeting is Thursday, Nov. 21, at 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend any of our meetings.

Again, "Thank You," Snyder and Scurry County for Golden Terrace.

Joy Glover

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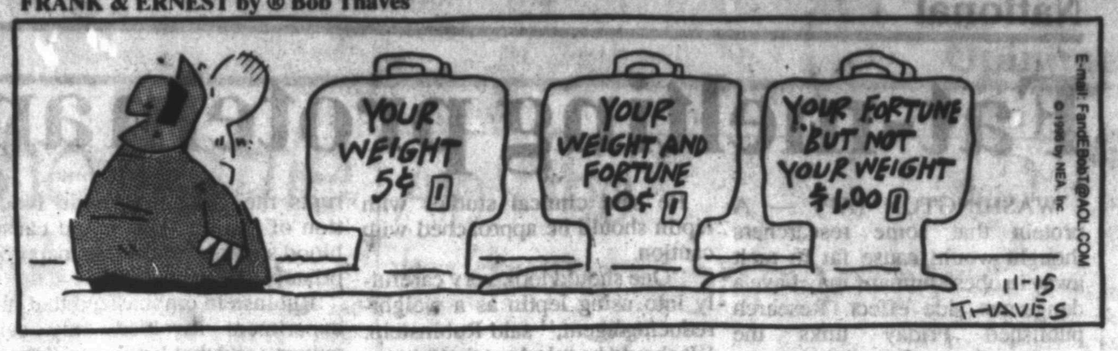
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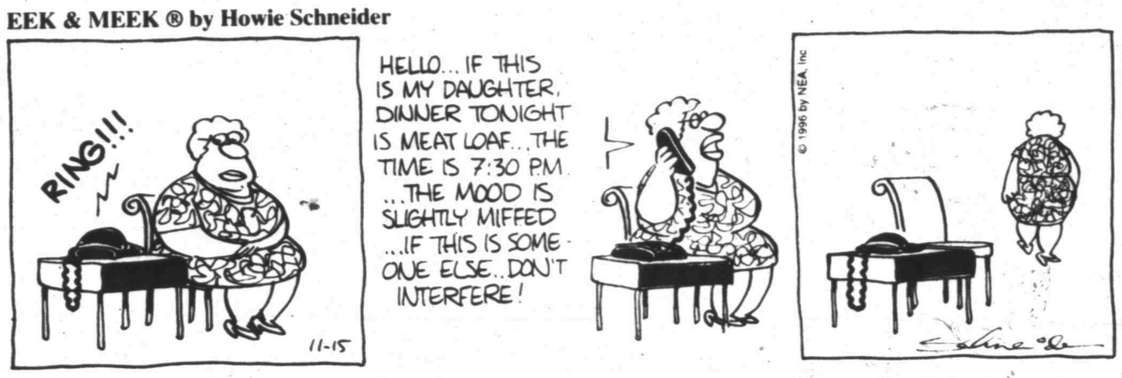
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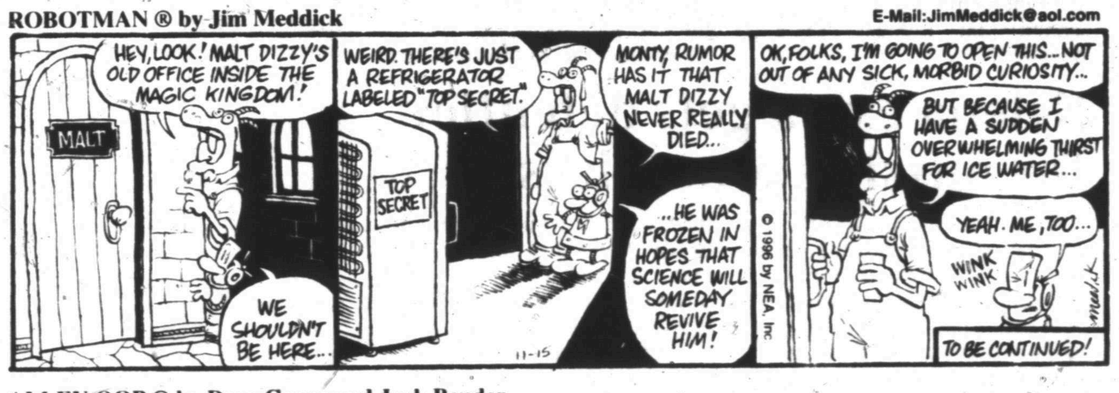


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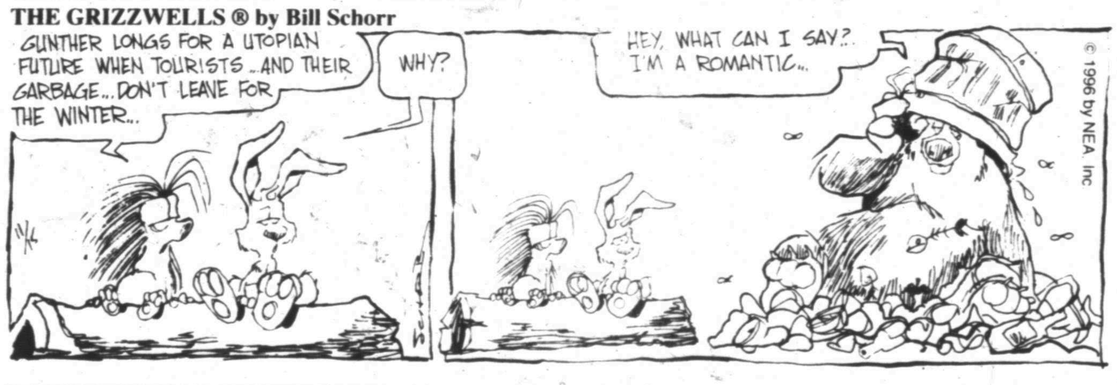
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1 Clenched hand
5 Actor Massey
12 Young woman
13 Quito's country
14 Use a tub
15 Operation
16 Water-carved gully
18 Gratuity
19 — Paulo
20 Golfer's peg
22 Poetic foot
26 Overdue
28 — B. DeMille
29 Seinfeld's network
32 Choppy
34 Hawaiian garland
35 — and me
36 Opera songs
37 Naval abbr.
38 Live coal
40 Art deco illustrator
42 Construction beam
43 Feminine garment
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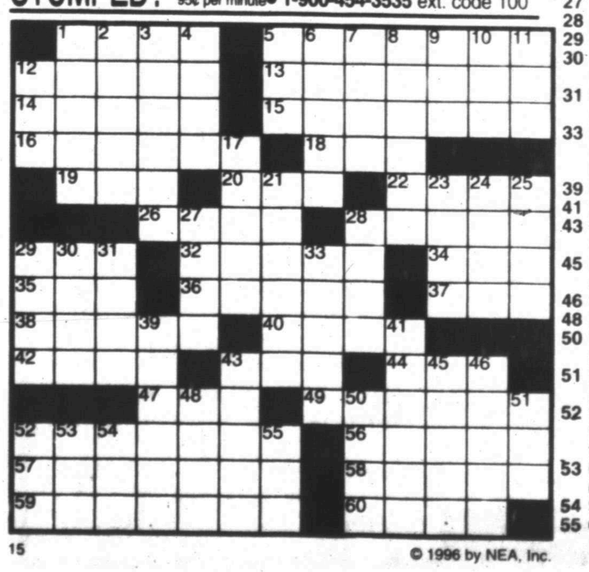
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5 Thing in law
6 Type of angle
7 Cosmonaut Gagarin
8 Chatterbox
9 — to Joy
10 Neither's partner
11 Use a laundry machine
12 Sporty org.
17 Fish-eating mammal
21 More uncanny
23 Legal-aid org.
24 Architect — van der Rohe
25 Thin pancake
27 Open
28 Sac
29 Soviet refusal
30 Flop, on Broadway
31 Havana's place
33 Fashion designer Donna —
39 Mistakes
41 Longs for
43 Type of nut or palm
45 Round objects
46 Confuse
48 Plaintiff
50 Diminutive suffix
51 Roman bronze
52 No longer in the work force (abbr.)
53 Made of (suff.)
54 School org.
55 Curvy letter

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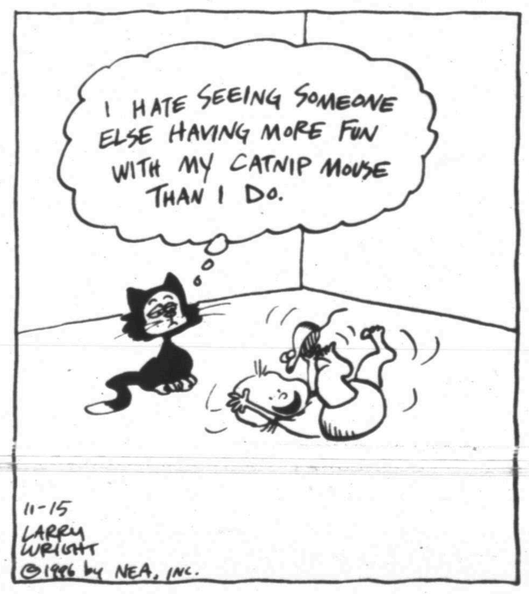
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Nonresponse, resentment complicate polling

NEW YORK (AP) — Leading pollsters, reviewing their 1996 election work, bemoan resentment and noncooperation from the public, the very people whose voices they are trying to amplify.

"We have nonresponse. This is a major issue in every survey," Murray Edelman, editorial director of Voter News Service, told colleagues at a forum Thursday night.

VNS, which is a partnership of The Associated Press and five TV networks, interviews thousands of voters on Election Day, providing the most authoritative way for analysts to talk about how men and women voted differently and what issues were on their minds.

These exit polls are put to the test when news organizations use them to project winners before all the returns are in. One call, in the New Hampshire Senate race, was dead wrong — the only wrong projection of a winner in about 500 races covered since the networks pooled their exit polling operations in 1990.

Edelman said a review found no evidence of a bad sample — such as picking too many Democrat-leaning precincts — so he assumes Republicans refused to participate at a higher rate. He doubts voters lied when they filled out the written questionnaires.

"I find that a real cop-out," he said.

The respondents are selected at a predetermined interval, like every 10th voter, but in some states, up to 50 percent refuse or get away at busy times, Edelman said. Their sex, race and approximate age are noted and taken into account.

Even the correct calling of elections becomes an issue every four years because West Coast TV viewers can learn who won the presidency before their polls close.

Western voters may not like it, but they are coping by more often voting in advance by absentee or mail ballot, said Kathleen Frankovic, director of surveys for CBS News.

The networks take heat when they declare a presidential winner, as they did this year, before California's 11 p.m. EST poll close.

"I think it's a phony issue," said exit poll pioneer Warren Mitofsky. He said several studies have shown no effect on voter turnout, but acknowledged people do resent the projections. He and other members of the American Association for Public Opinion Research spoke at the Media Studies Center.

A new poll released Thursday found that voters gave lower ratings than in 1992 to the media, political parties and pollsters — but especially to voters themselves.

Only 43 percent gave voters a grade of A or B for "the way they conducted themselves in the campaign," down from 67 percent in 1992. The poll from the Pew Research Center for The People & The Press was taken Nov. 7-10 among 1,012 people who said they voted.

Another poll out today from The Washington Post, Harvard University and the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, concluded that voters knew no more about how the two major presidential candidates stood on the issues than they did when the fall campaign began.

Because President Clinton was ahead in just about every poll before the election, the media played up the possibility of "strategic voting," Frankovic said.

The theory was that if voters knew Clinton was going to win, they might lodge a protest vote for someone else or favor a Republican for Congress to ensure the check and balance of divided government.

But the exit poll found little ticket-splitting, even among the late deciders, Frankovic said.

Gary Langer, senior polling analyst for ABC News, said he couldn't understand some people's reluctance to have the media report who's ahead.

"If you want to understand what's happening you've got to know the score. It's the source of context," he said.

ABC tracked the race daily and found each candidate's support remaining within a narrow band, Langer said. The final poll had Clinton with 51 percent, Bob Dole 39, Ross Perot 7, Undecided 3. The actual vote result for each candidate was less than 2 points away — Clinton 49, Dole 41, Perot 8.

The polls didn't look so good when media reports focused on the difference between the top two candidates — 12 points in the ABC poll, 18 points in the final CBS-New York Times poll, but only 8 points in what sinking candidates always call "the only poll that counts."

Some dinosaurs were about the size of modern-day hens.

Congressional freshmen have much to learn about Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — They raised the money, gave the speeches, ran the ads, shook the hands and kissed the babies. Now they've gotten the jobs. And they don't even know where their offices are.

Welcome, freshman class of the 105th Congress.

Merrill Cook, 50, an incoming Utah Republican, could barely contain his excitement as he told of driving by the Capitol all lit up at night Thursday and then walking into the building Friday morning.

"It felt like, 'Hey, this is terrific. Yes, I really won. I'm going to be a member of Congress.'"

At orientation meetings Friday and Saturday, six dozen incoming House members are learning some basics, like how they will get their offices and how to get furniture for it, and stationery, and stamps and all the rest. And the House rules on keeping track of the money, financial disclosure and ethics. And how to get from here to there and back again without getting lost.

"It's a much better tour than when I was here as a visitor," Cook joked after a bipartisan breakfast Friday given by House Speaker Newt Gingrich's wife, Marianne.

Democrat Carolyn McCarthy, a nurse from New York, was here earlier this year on a different mission. In December 1993, a gunman killed her husband and partly paralyzed her son on a Long Island Rail Road train, and she lobbied lawmakers to oppose the GOP bid to repeal the ban on assault-style firearms. She returned Friday as a congresswoman-elect after defeating Republican Rep. Daniel Frisa, who voted for the repeal.

"It takes some getting used to," said McCarthy, 52. "But I just met all the freshmen and they all feel the same. Everybody is a little nervous, which I feel is good."

"Maybe I'm not smart enough to know how scared I should be," said incoming Republican House member Anne Northup, 48, of Kentucky. "I can tell you that two days after the election, the calls were coming in so fast, so hectic. How to handle it. I thought, 'Oh, my gosh, now I've got to do this!'"

For James McGovern of Massachusetts, who has long worked for Rep. Joe Moakley, D-Mass., Congress is old hat. But he views it now with new eyes.

"I feel like a little kid," said McGovern, who will be 37 on Wednesday. "It's a dream come true, a great honor."

The elections of some attending the orientation remained in doubt, including two Democrats — Loretta Sanchez, who is leading incumbent Republican firebrand Bob Dornan in Orange County, Calif., and John Tierney, whose 354-vote win in Massachusetts is being challenged by GOP Rep. Peter Torkildsen. Dornan and Torkildsen have demanded recounts.

McGovern, who defeated GOP Rep. Peter Blute, has an edge over most fellow freshmen because he knows the institution's inner workings. But he faces a hurdle that many do not: He's never been the guy in charge, doing the hiring and firing, and he finds it "awkward to be the boss all of a sudden."

Being a boss is no problem for incoming Texan Pete Sessions, 41, who supervised hundreds at Southwestern Bell and Bell Labs. He has already selected his 10 or so staffers.

"I can get through the halls of Congress," said Sessions, a conservative Republican whose father, William Sessions, was FBI director until President Clinton fired him in 1993. "It's knowing which doors you walk into and what happens behind those doors that will be new to me."

Personal matters also require attention, like housing and whether to move the family.

For McCarthy, leaving her partially disabled 26-year-old son, Kevin, alone in New York was an iffy proposition until last week.

"We had a deal that he had to be fully self-sufficient by Election Day" to stay on his own, she said. He missed the deadline by just two days. "The last five days, he's dressed himself by himself," she said with delight.

Most freshmen are looking for housing, and some hope to share quarters with fellow lawmakers.

Six candidates for Congress gear up for Texas runoff vote

HOUSTON (AP) — Here we go again: the red, white and blue yard signs, the blitz of radio and TV ads, the newspaper endorsements.

Campaign season ended last week in other parts of the country, but there's still nearly a month to go in Southeast Texas.

Three House seats remain up for grabs because of a decision by a panel of federal judges to redraw district boundaries to correct redistricting problems. Because no one candidate in those three races emerged from the court-ordered Nov. 5 special election with more than half the vote, the top two vote-getters advanced to a Dec. 10 runoff.

No matter the outcome of those runoffs, the GOP will win at least one of the contested seats. Two Republicans are pitted against each other in an unusual race to succeed Republican Jack Fields, who is retiring.

Two freshman incumbents are vying for re-election in the two other races: Republican Rep. Steve Stockman, whose militia-friendly views drew considerable attention in his first term; and Democratic Rep. Ken Bentsen, the nephew of former U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, who was thought to have been hurt most by last summer's redistricting.

The cast also includes a big-spending hospital investor, a Republican state representative who nearly stood alone in his party in voting against concealed handguns and a GOP moderate who has challenged the head of the state party.

Getting voters to the polls on a day between Thanksgiving and Christmas will be the deciding factor. The GOP has a better track record of motivating voters during runoffs.

"It really does hinge on turnout," Texas Democratic Party spokeswoman Anne Marie Kilday says. "We're going to do everything we can to ensure that all the voters are educated about the elections in mid-December, but particularly Democratic voters."

Says Texas GOP Chairman Tom Pauken: "If we can get our people out, I think Steve (Stockman) will win."

Stockman got more votes than two Democrats running in a special election on Nov. 5. The congressman, who finished with 46 percent of the vote, now faces former Jefferson County tax assessor Nick Lampson, who had 44 percent.

Stockman had to run against two members of the same party because of the August redistricting ruling. A federal panel in Houston redesigned three districts ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court and 10 adjacent ones, throwing out March primary results and ordering a special election.

Since the judges opened the races to anyone of any party in the redrawn districts, a flurry of candidates jumped into the contests. Bentsen's 25th District drew 11 candidates — two Democrats, eight Republicans and a Socialist.

The runoff results won't change who controls the House next year. Republicans will wield the gavel either way.

But observers anticipate a flood of outside interest and funds. The AFL-CIO, which poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into anti-Stockman advertising, likely will resurface, Ms. Kilday said.

Still, Pauken insists Republicans have a better chance of holding onto Stockman's Gulf Coast district than overcoming Bentsen in his Houston-area district.

"He (Stockman) led in the first round with the Democrats and the AFL-CIO throwing everything but the kitchen sink at (him)," Pauken said.

Girl told her mother about killing rival, newspaper says

DALLAS (AP) — A former Naval Academy cadet told a fellow cadet that she confessed to her mother that she helped kill a romantic rival within weeks of the killing, according to a published report.

The Dallas Morning News reported in a copyright story Friday that other sources familiar with the capital murder case said Diane Zamora was "forgiven" for her role in the slaying of Adrianne Jones, 16, following a prayer meeting held by the Zamora family.

One of the sources told the newspaper that the family then deemed the killing to be part of Ms. Zamora's past, distinct from that of a high school honor student bound for the Naval Academy.

Gloria Zamora of Fort Worth, Ms. Zamora's mother, could not be reached for comment Thursday, the newspaper reported.

Defense lawyer John Linebarger said, "The prayer meeting unequivacably did not occur."

"I've had a million meetings with those people, and they've never mentioned it to me," Linebarger added.

Relatives knew nothing about the killing before Ms. Zamora's arrest in September, said an aunt who has served as a family spokeswoman.

"We didn't know anything about what happened," said Sylvia Gonzalez. "None of the family knew."

Jay Guild, the Naval Academy cadet who is expected to testify at Ms. Zamora's trial, said Ms. Zamora told him about confessing the crime to her mother.

Guild, who said he dated Ms. Zamora at the academy and has since left the academy, said he knows that Ms. Zamora told her mother.

"She told me (that) she told her" shortly after the Dec. 4 slaying, Guild told the newspaper.

Ms. Zamora and David Graham have given authorities statements in which they say that he and Ms. Zamora killed Ms. Jones because Graham had a brief sexual encounter with Ms. Jones.

They were indicted on capital murder charges this week and are being held in the Tarrant County Jail in lieu of $250,000 bond each. Prosecutors say they will not seek the death penalty against them because of the wishes of the victim's parents.



Chemical reaction sucks oxygen from sphere

WASHINGTON (AP) — An attempt to create a manmade, self-sustaining ecosystem in Arizona failed because humans simply do not understand all of the elegant intricacies that nature uses to keep the planet operating, researchers say.

Biosphere 2 was supposed to be a glass-enclosed copy of a pristine and smoothly functioning miniature Earth. But it evolved into a place choked with carbon dioxide and infested with uncontrollable weedy vines. Cockroaches, ants and katydids thrived, but humans hardly had enough oxygen to breathe.

"It was the boldest attempt ever" to create a closed ecosystem, but it failed miserably, said David Tilman, a University of Minnesota scientist.

"This suggests that there are areas of nature that are sufficiently great mysteries that we don't know how to manage them or make them better," he said. "This is very humbling."

An analysis of the Biosphere 2 experiment by Tilman and Joel E. Cohen of Rockefeller University and Columbia University in New York is published Friday in the journal Science.

Built in Oracle, Ariz. at a cost of about $200 million, Biosphere 2 was designed to contain the soil, water, air, animals and plants needed for a self-contained living system capable of supporting eight humans without help from the outside.

The 139,935-square-foot facility had miniature forests, lakes, streams and an ocean that imitated the natural systems sustaining the Earth.

Eight people were sealed into the Biosphere in September 1991. They were to be isolated for two years, raise their own food, breathe air recirculated by plants living with them and drink water cleaned by natural processes.

But in less than 18 months, it was clear the system was terribly out of balance, said Tilman. Oxygen concentration dropped from 21 percent to 14 percent, about the same level present at 17,500 feet and barely enough to keep the crew functioning.

It was learned later that the humans were being suffocated by the Biosphere's concrete walls, said Tilman.

"To grow food, they put in very rich soils, which contained a great amount of organic material that bacteria consumed," said Tilman. "The bacteria used a lot of oxygen, dropping the oxygen levels. The bacteria released carbon dioxide, which became chemically bound up in the cement. That broke the cycle."

With the carbon dioxide molecules trapped, the Biosphere's plants were unable to remove the molecules' carbon atoms and release the oxygen atoms that the humans and animals needed to breathe. This led eventually to the oxygen shortage.

To enable the eight crew members to complete their stay, oxygen was pumped into the Biosphere. The crew remained for the project's full two years and emerged relatively healthy despite the problems that continued to the end. The project also was marred by disputes among the crew and with sponsors over pay and other matters.

Of the Biosphere's 25 small-animal species, 19 became extinct.

All the insects that pollinate plants also died, so plants that counted on the pollinators could not reproduce.

"The plants in there are sort of a living dead," said Tilman. "As soon as they die, they will not be naturally replaced."

Nitrous oxide levels in the air rose to 79 parts per million, a level that disrupts the synthesis of B12, a vitamin essential to brain function.

Trees and most food plants struggled, but weedy vines, particularly morning glories, flourished in the carbon dioxide-rich atmosphere.

"The vines turned into a major problem," said Tilman. The vines overgrew other plants, choking out food crops. Since the Biosphere had no herbicides, the humans had to weed by hand.

"They spent hours and hours just pulling the vines, trying to control them," said Tilman.

Nutrients leached from soil polluted the water systems. The water had to be cleaned by running it over mats of algae. The mats then had to be removed, dried and stored.

The eight people living in the Biosphere "had to make enormous, often heroic, personal efforts to maintain ecosystem services that most people take for granted," said the authors.

But even this was not enough.

"The majority of the introduced insects went extinct, leaving crazy ants running everywhere, together with scattered cockroaches and katydids," the authors wrote.

"There are lessons from this that are important for society," said Tilman. The Biosphere experience, he said, showed that if humans continue to destroy the natural systems that sustain the Earth, there will be no way to engineer solutions because "we don't know how."

Since the initial failure, Biosphere's use has changed. The structure has been cleaned and modified, Tilman said, and Columbia University will use it as an environmental laboratory.

Fight looms over congressional term limits

By RICHARD CARELLI
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The notion of mandatory term limits for members of Congress will not die, and it is sparking another legal fight the Supreme Court may be forced to referee.

Thanks to initiatives approved by voters last week, lawmakers in nine states now risk running for re-election with a ballot notation next to their name stating they did not push hard enough for term limits. Some have dubbed it a "scarlet letter" provision.

These new measures pose a question for the Supreme Court: How far may a state's voters go in compelling state legislators and members of Congress to push for a constitutional amendment on term limits?

The nation's highest court dealt a devastating blow to term-limits backers when in 1995 it ruled that states cannot limit service in Congress without amending the Constitution. Twenty-three states had taken such steps.

The court also said Congress cannot impose term limits for its own members by merely enacting a law.

The only open avenue is amending the federal Constitution and initial efforts toward that end sparked the new dispute.

The ballot measures approved by voters in nine states on Nov. 5 called on members of Congress and state legislatures to do everything in their power to win passage for an amendment limiting service to 12 years in the U.S. Senate and six in House.

The propositions won approval in Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada and South Dakota.

The measures require those states' congressional members to push for a vote that would send a proposed amendment to state legislatures for ratification.

Bringing about such a vote is part of House Republicans' "Contract With America," but few GOP lawmakers have given it much attention in recent months.

The voter-approved measures also require state legislators in those nine states to ask for a constitutional convention aimed at bringing about a term-limits amendment.

What if elected officials' efforts are deemed less than total? The measures say those officials, if seeking re-election, must have a ballot notation next to their name that states: "DISREGARDED VOTER INSTRUCTION ON TERM LIMITS."

Several lawsuits sought to keep the term-limit proposals off this year's ballots, and one nearly succeeded.

The Arkansas Supreme Court last month ruled that the Arkansas proposal, called Amendment 9, violates the federal Constitution's requirement that all amendment-making efforts originate in Congress or in the state legislatures.

The state court struck Amendment 9 from the Nov. 5 ballot in Arkansas, but three days before the election, the nation's highest court set aside the state court's ruling.

Only Justices John Paul Stevens and Ruth Bader Ginsburg dissented as the court granted an emergency request by a group called Arkansas Term Limits and allowed Amendment 9 on the ballot.

The Nov. 2 vote makes it likely the court will vote to grant full review to a still-to-be-filed formal appeal of the Arkansas court's ruling.

If so, two distinct issues could be in play — the imposition of requirements on state and federal lawmakers and the ballot notations.

"We think both are constitutionally sound," says Jonathan Ferry of U.S. Term Limits, a Washington-based group. He says the Arkansas court wrongly sought to keep "people out the process."

Ferry also contends that the disputed ballot notations merely "provide information to voters, similar to a mention of party affiliation, which can make or break a candidacy." The term-limit notation is not punitive, he says.

Donald Judge, who as executive director of the Montana AFL-CIO helped defeat such a measure in his state, finds the call for a constitutional convention most objectionable. "Let's not open up a can of worms," he says.

Voters in four other states — North Dakota, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming — also rejected term-limit measures this year.

Judge contends that the campaign for mandatory term limits is a bad idea, "Limiting terms is something you do when you walk into the voting booth," he says. "If you don't like the bums, you vote the bums out."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Richard Carelli covers the Supreme Court and legal issues for The Associated Press.

Family studying legal action

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — A kindergarten teacher wanted to remind a 5-year-old girl's parents to send her to school with her glasses, so she wrote a reminder on the child's face: "Where are my glasses?"

Phyllis Adelsflugel, a first-year teacher, was suspended with pay Thursday for writing the message on Nina Campbell's face with a blue marker.

"It was extremely poor judgment," said Chip Zullinger, the Charleston County School District superintendent. "This is a 5-year-old child and she's probably going to remember this the rest of her life."

A lawyer for Nina's family plans to sue the district, saying the incident smacked of racism. Nina is black; Adelsflugel is white.

"It is really an abomination," lawyer Gary Ling said, adding that Nina was "branded."

Adelsflugel on Wednesday wrote "Where are my" in large letters on the girl's right cheek, and "glasses?" on her left cheek.

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