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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Aging is a time when actions creak louder than words."

The news release said the Heidi Hartmann is a noted women's scholar. We never heard of her, but we will accept her credentials — if she says so.

We do question some other stuff in the report prepared by Hartmann's Institute for Women's Policy Research, located in Washington, D.C. The location, alone, makes the material suspect.

The report said Texas isn't friendly to women. Don't that just fry your taters!. There ain't no place bigger than Texas in promoting the rights of the tender gender:

--If they want to work, we let 'em.

--If she don't want to work, we let her anyway.

--Men rarely enter into their domain. We let 'em work and still:

--Attend school functions with the kids.

--We rarely mess with their washer or dryer.

--We let 'em drive our pickups, sometimes.

--Gals can buy all the lottery tickets they can afford.

--Girls can shoot pool.

--Women can wear pants, even to church.

--Women in Texas may not yet enjoy a good cigar after a meal, but they can still chomp down on a toothpick after a chicken fry.

--Texas gals still get to do all the Christmas shopping.

--They still plan the holiday events.

--Women have more doors held open and hats tipped to 'em than anywhere else in the world.

--Texas women still make dinner, or make dinner reservations.

Our 93-year-old friend Connie Haskins once told us that he's seen a lot of changes, but women are still having the babies. We hear that's true, even outside of Texas.

Santa letters

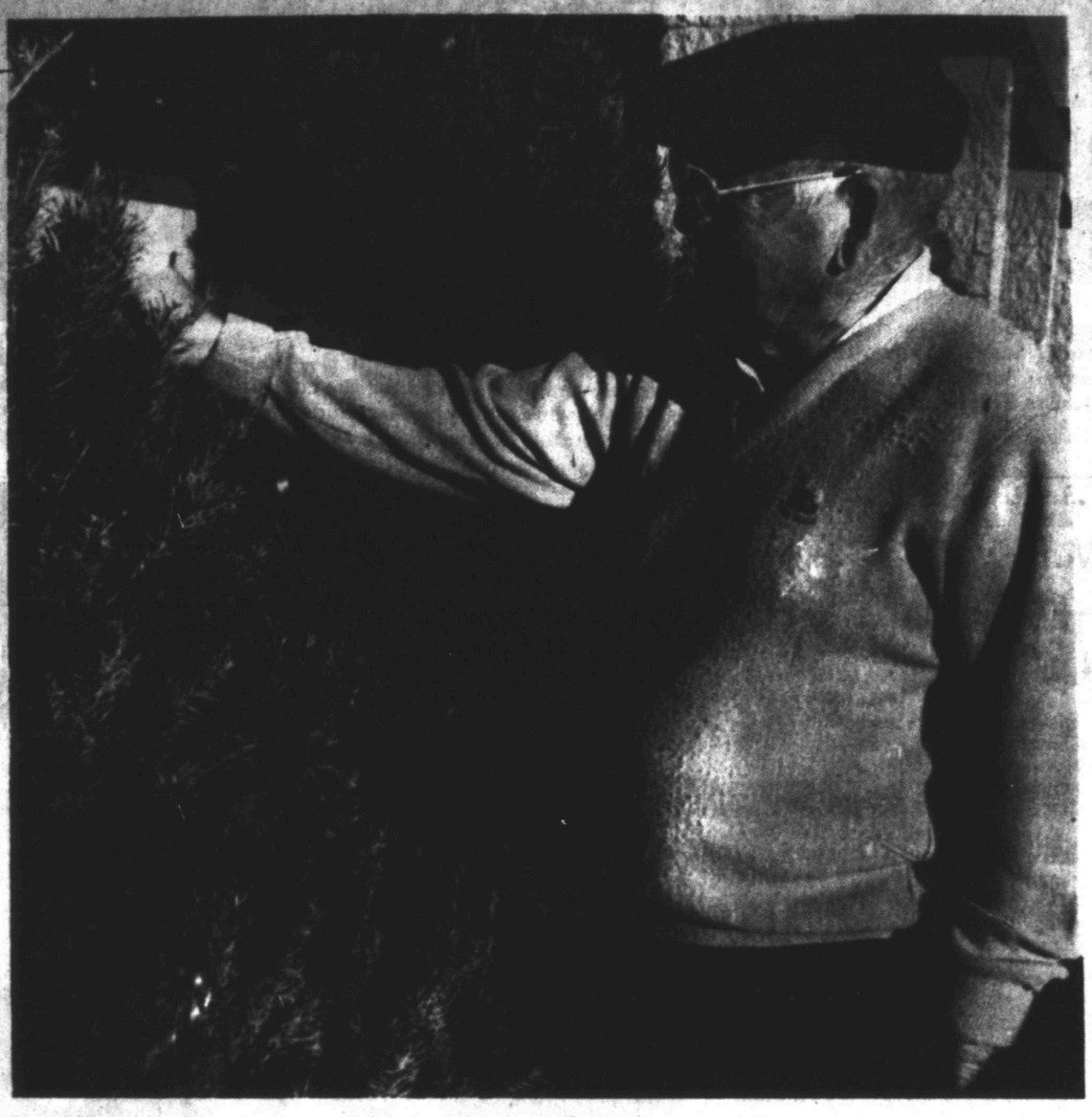
Snyder Daily News is accepting letters to Santa for publication in its Dec. 24 issue.

Letters may be brought to the newspaper office at 3600 College Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 949.

This year, the SDN will also accept children's drawings depicting Christmas, such as Santa, decorated trees and Nativity scenes. The drawings should include the child's name and age. Because of limited space, not all drawings submitted can be published.

Drawings will not be returned.

Letters and drawings must be received by 5 p.m. Dec. 18 in order for them to be forwarded to the North Pole in time for Christmas.



'TIS THE SEASON — Bill Emerson took advantage of ideal weather this morning to pick out his Christmas tree. Christmas Day is exactly two weeks away. (SDN Staff Photo)

DCOS requesting more information

Snyder's search for a new director of economic development inched along Tuesday with second interviews of two candidates, but no decision.

The Development Corporation of Snyder board recessed it's meeting until 10 a.m. Friday.

DCOS vice president Roy McQueen, who presided at Tuesday's meeting which concluded at 5:30 p.m., said the board is awaiting requested information on the two candidates from the search firm of Ralph Andersen and Associates.

"The board is determined to do sufficient background research to support the decision to hire the very best qualified individual available," McQueen said.

Those interviewed for the second time were Kent Sharp, director of economic development at Stamford, and John DeLille, former director of economic development for the state of Arkansas.

Directors present for Tuesday's interviews were McQueen, Jack Gorman, Bill Wilson III, Gary Landes and Roy Baze.

Lottery vendor lobbyist resigns

DALLAS (AP) — Lena Guerrero has resigned as a lobbyist for a company that does business with the Texas Lottery Commission amid questions about her ties with lottery director Nora Linares, according to a published report.

The Dallas Morning News reported in today's editions that Ms. Guerrero stepped down from Dittler Brothers, which provides scratch-off lottery tickets, shortly after her name came up in the lottery commission's recent questioning of Ms. Linares.

Teresa Harris, a spokeswoman for Dittler Brothers, said Ms. Guerrero believed her resignation would be in the company's best interest in light of "all the publicity."

The newspaper said Ms. Guerrero did not return repeated telephone calls to her home and office over 10 days. She could not be reached late Tuesday night by The Associated Press.

Ms. Guerrero had worked since September 1994 as a Dittler Brothers lobbyist. In a report filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, she listed her fee at between $25,000 and $50,000.

She once was a rising figure in the administration of former Gov. Ann Richards but lost her seat on the Texas Railroad Commission in 1992 after admitting she lied about having graduated from the University of Texas.



Lena Guerrero

Her name came up recently as the lottery commission looked into how Mike Moeller, a close friend of Ms. Linares, was awarded a $30,000 consulting contract with GTECH Holdings Corp., the company that runs the lottery.

For five months beginning in October 1992, GTECH paid Moeller $6,000 a month for consulting work in New Mexico. Moeller listed an address belonging to a cousin of Ms. Linares on the GTECH contract.

And Moeller last year took a trip with Ms. Linares to Santa Fe. They were joined there by Ms. Guerrero, her husband and two high-ranking lottery employees.

The lottery commission last month rejected Ms. Linares' recommendation that Dittler's contract to provide scratch-off tickets be extended for another year.

TxDOT slates Phase 2 route study meeting at courthouse

Snyder residents will have an opportunity Thursday to discuss improvements they feel are necessary along U.S. Highway 84 in a meeting scheduled by the Texas Department of Transportation.

The meeting is one of several being held in this area under Phase II of a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) highways study.

Thursday's meeting is set for 7 o'clock in the county courthouse.

Earlier this year, the Texas Transportation Commission shelved construction of a super highway from the Oklahoma Panhandle to Interstate 10 in Texas after a study showed none of the proposed routes would be cost effective.

Following that decision, the commission authorized TxDOT to proceed with the $1.5 million second phase of the project. That phase is a study to determine routes to be improved to four-lane divided highways and the order in which the improvements should be made within each corridor. It also includes environmental overview studies and reports, as well as public involvement in compliance with federal transportation acts.

The 10-mile wide corridors in the study include one that runs southeast from Lubbock along U.S. Highway 84 through Snyder and on to Sweetwater, south to San Angelo, southeast to Eden and south to Junction.

Others to be considered are:

—Lubbock, south to Lamesa, through Midland-Odessa to I-10;

—Lubbock, south to Lamesa, southeast through Big Spring to San Angelo and then to Sonora;

—Amarillo, north to Dumas, through Stratford and northwest to the Texas-Oklahoma border;

—and Amarillo, east-northeast to Pampa, then north to Perryton and the border.

Following an overview of the project Thursday, participants will be separated into smaller workgroups to identify particular areas of concern. At the conclusion, workgroups will present the issues they have identified to the entire group.

Comment forms and a court reporter will be provided for those individuals unable to stay for the entire meeting.

Similar meetings were held earlier this week in San Angelo and Odessa and another is set for tonight in Big Spring. Meetings will also be held in Dumas on Dec. 16 and Pampa on Dec. 17.

Stockman loses runoff; Bentsen re-elected

HOUSTON (AP) — Republican Rep. Steve Stockman, a staunch gun-rights supporter who became a lightning rod for anti-militia sentiment, lost a runoff to a former county tax assessor after just one term.

"It's been one long strange trip," Stockman said after losing to Democrat Nick Lampson, 53 percent to 47 percent, in one of three congressional runoffs in Texas on Tuesday.

Another freshman incumbent, Democrat Ken Bentsen, nephew of former Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, easily won re-election over GOP candidate Dolly Madison McKenna in the 25th District.

In a battle of two Republicans in the 8th District, state Rep. Kevin Brady, supported by the party's establishment, defeated Gene Fontenot, who was backed by Pat Robertson and other religious conservatives.

The elections leave Republicans still in control of the House next year, holding a 227-207 advantage with one independent member. In Texas, Democrats hold a 17-13 edge in the state congressional delegation.

Republicans, however, locked up control of the Texas Senate for the first time since Reconstruction as west Texas voters chose GOP state Rep. Robert Duncan over Democrat David Langston.

Duncan's victory gave the GOP a 16-14 majority in the 31-member Senate, with one seat to be decided early next year. Duncan takes the seat vacated by Democrat John Montford, who resigned in the middle of his term to become chancellor of Texas Tech University.

The congressional runoffs followed an August ruling by federal judges that some of the state's congressional districts were improperly drawn on the basis of race.

The judges threw out the results of the March primary and ordered the Nov. 5 special election. In three races, no candidate won more than half the vote, so the top two vote-getters advanced to Tuesday's runoff.

The focus was on the predominantly blue-collar 9th District, where Stockman shocked the political establishment two years by defeating 42-year incumbent Democrat Jack Brooks.

The 40-year-old accountant came to Congress two years ago as an avowed tax cutter but won notoriety for his militia-friendly views. He even received a cryptic fax from a militia supporter that seemingly foretold the Oklahoma City bombing. The fax, which others received as well, actually had been sent moments after the bombing.

Recently, a militia activist distributed fliers asking gun owners to "do whatever they can" to help Stockman win the runoff in the district, which stretches from south and east of Houston along the Gulf Coast to Beaumont. Stockman, a strong gun-rights supporter, denied ties to militias.

Lampson, who collected 59,217 votes to Stockman's 52,853, had attracted a steady procession of national party figures to campaign for him in recent weeks, including Vice President Al Gore.

"It's sweet," said Lampson, 51, who runs a home health care agency.

ASK US

Q—How many lights were on the Midwest Electric Cooperative float in the Christmas parade last Saturday?

A—More than 11,000.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 80 degrees low, 46; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 50; no precipitation; total for 1996, 18.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low 35-40. NW wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny. High 65-70. NW wind 5-15 mph.



Erica Little
Sunny

Sunset:
5:41 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:34 a.m.

Of 345 days in 1996, the sun has shone 341 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

(Psa 1:5 NKJV) Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.



HONOR BAND — These Snyder High School band students will perform in the Region 16 Honor Band at 6:45 p.m. Jan. 25 at Monterey High School in Lubbock. These six have also advanced to area competition slated in Odessa on Jan. 11. From left are, Casity Reneau, trumpet; Corey Ballard, French horn; Trey Gorman, trumpet; Emily Zeck, alto saxophone; Krista Villarreal, clarinet; Melanie Gibson, French horn. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



FIVE YEARS OF CITY SERVICE — Recognized at the city's annual Christmas party were eight employees who had worked for the city for five years. Shown from left are Larry Kubena, Lannie Lee, Billy Newton and Jesse Hernandez. Not present were Brian Peterson, Luis Villarreal Jr., Robert Snedeker and William Myers. (Contributed Photo)



TEAM CITY — Among the city employees who participated in the United Way basketball game against county employees were, from left, Darryl Boone, Mike Ward, Mike Hartman and city council member, Vernest Tippens. The four were recognized at the city's annual Christmas party. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.



Alcohol-pill habit is dangerous

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband has been a heavy drinker for years. In addition, he takes prescription sleeping pills. A year ago, his doctor doubled the dose of the pills. My husband's memory is shot. Although he has moderated his drinking, he's still not himself. Could the sleeping pills, as well as the alcohol, have caused permanent brain damage?

DEAR READER: Without question, yes.

As you suggested, chronic abuse of alcohol can lead to death of brain cells, with resulting cognitive impairment, confusion and loss of memory — all of which can be permanent.

Unfortunately, long-term use of many brands of prescription sleeping pills can do the same thing. What's more, the combined effects (with alcohol) could be disastrous.

Your husband needs medical attention.

First, he should undergo a detoxification program in a hospital. Second, he needs a neurologist's consultation to confirm the cause of the mental impairment. Third, he should have extensive testing, including CT or MRI scanning, to help assess brain function. Fourth, he must stop drinking and using sleeping pills.

This is a monumental task.

The only way to treat his addiction is to address it forthrightly. Your family physician can organize the effort and coordinate the various resources needed for your husband. It is probably not too late for your husband to get his life back in order. Some of the damage caused by the alcohol/sleeping-pill combination may be reversible. Don't delay in getting medical assistance.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had my spleen removed when I was a youth. About 12 years ago, I had my first pneumonia vaccination. Believing that I would have a booster, I recently contacted my physician and was advised that the pneumonia shot provided life-long immunity. It's my understanding that the pneumonia vaccine should be administered every five to seven years.

DEAR READER: You're correct.

The pneumonia vaccine booster should be given every five to seven years to susceptible individuals: those with lung disease, a propensity to develop pneumonia, immune deficiency, and patients who have undergone splenectomy. The spleen normally acts as a filter for the body's blood; it traps bacteria before the microorganisms can infect internal organs.

Although it protects against only 23 strains of pneumonia-producing bacteria, the vaccine can be life-saving for such patients.

I believe that your doctor was wrong. In my view, you should receive Pneumovax boosters about every five years. Find another doctor who is more sympathetic to your needs.

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3 Hells Angels arrested

AALBORG, Denmark (AP) — Three Hells Angels were arrested Tuesday in connection with the shooting of a rival Bandidos gang member as he sat in a car on a downtown street.

The shooting happened as the victim and about a dozen other people were leaving a class at a truck-driving school.

Country singer Faron Young dead at 64, apparent suicide

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country singer Faron Young, who died Tuesday after shooting himself in the head, was an under-appreciated artist who for decades cast a long shadow over Nashville's music industry, admirers said.

Friend and band member Ray Emmitt found the mortally wounded singer after he shot himself Monday in his house in Nashville. A suicide note indicated he was despondent over his failing health, police said.

Young, 64, had suffered from emphysema and undergone prostate surgery, and friends said he had seemed depressed over both his career and his health.

In his heyday during the late 1950s and '60s, hardly a week passed in which Young didn't have a hit on Billboard's country music charts. His hits included the classic Willie Nelson song "Hello Walls."

Young also scored hits with "Sweet Dreams," "Live Fast, Love Hard, Die Young," and "Country Girl," but his last charted hit was "Here's to You," which spent two weeks on the Billboard charts in 1989.

"When you hear people talk about the great artists from that era, it's rare that you hear Faron's name," said Jerry Kennedy, who produced one of Young's signature records, "It's Four in the Morning."

"I think he deserves more than that, and I have no earthly idea why he didn't get it."

Jim Case, a booking agent and Young's friend for 40 years, said the singer had been feeling "under-appreciated" by the music industry.

"He told me 'They want to pay me less money than I deserve,'" Case told The Tennessean newspaper. "He just got tired of the music business as it was," Case said.

Young, a native of Shreveport, La., launched his career in 1951 on the Louisiana Hayride radio show and got his first hit in 1953 with the smooth ballad "Goin' Steady."

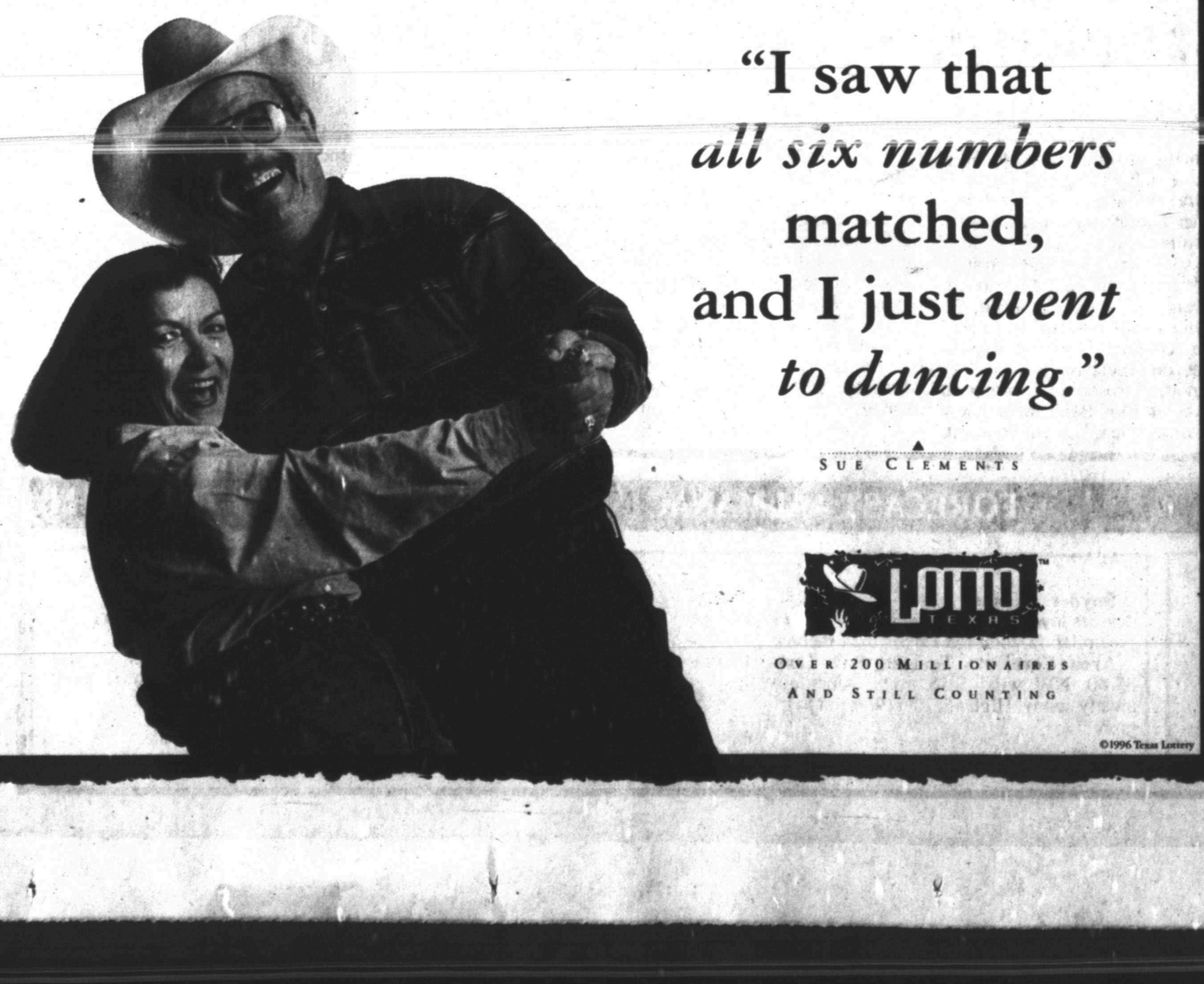
"He was a great balladeer, a great honky-tonk singer," said country music historian Daniel Cooper of the Country Music Foundation.

Young's versatility put him "very much in tune with where the music was heading at any given point," Cooper said.

But even as his influence lingered, his fame seemed to fade.

"He's never the first name that would come to people's minds to tell what a particular time was all about," Cooper said.

Among the graduates of his band were Roger Miller and Johnny Paycheck, whose given name was Donald Eugene Lytle.



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TEN YEARS OF SERVICE — These city employees were recognized for 10 years of service last week at the city's annual Christmas party. Shown are Darryl Boone and Laura Thomas. Not shown is Kenneth Rinehart. (Contributed Photo)

Mother rescues her son

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A woman jumped into a pond to rescue her 3-year-old son from her sinking car that rolled out of a parking lot while she was paying for some new dishes.

"This definitely was our Christmas miracle," Kathy Crockett said Tuesday after grabbing her son, Hunter, from the back of the station wagon and swimming with him to land.

Mrs. Crockett had taken Hunter on an errand to look at plates to complete her china set, and was talking to the seller in a parking lot when she saw her car had disappeared.

"She went flying down there. She dropped her purse, her checkbook, car keys, everything," said merchant Brenda Rauppius.

Police said the boy had apparently shifted the transmission into neutral, causing the car to roll into the nearby pond.

Mrs. Crockett pulled her son out of the back of the car and swam to shore, even though she has a scarred windpipe and a condition that limits her breathing ability.

ST. NICK OF TIME by Jimmy Johnson



Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

Snyder Palette Club Christmas luncheon; airport terminal building.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; 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.

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.

Ministerial Alliance; community room of Snyder Savings and Loan; 7 p.m.

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

Defensive Driving Course; community room of Snyder Savings and Loan; one-day class from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 573-2850 for more information.

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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



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Today is the 346th day of 1996 and the 81st day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1816, Indiana became the 19th state in the union.

On this day in 1936, England's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne to marry American aristocrat Wallis Simpson.

On this day in 1964, singer Sam Cooke was shot and killed in Los Angeles.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Hector Berlioz (1803-1869), composer; Robert Koch (1843-1910), scientist; Annie Jump Cannon (1863-1941), astronomer; Alexander Solzhenitsyn (1918-), writer, is 78; Rita Moreno (1931-), actress, is 65; Tom Hayden (1939-), politician, is 57; Donna Mills (1943-), actress, is 53; Teri Garr (1949-), actress, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1892, the first game of basketball was played at Springfield, Mass.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I have spent all my life under a Communist regime, and I will tell you that a society without any objective legal scale is a terrible one indeed. But a society with no other scale but the legal one is not quite worthy of man either." — Alexander Solzhenitsyn

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1905, the temperature at Rivadavia, Argentina, reached 120 degrees.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon.

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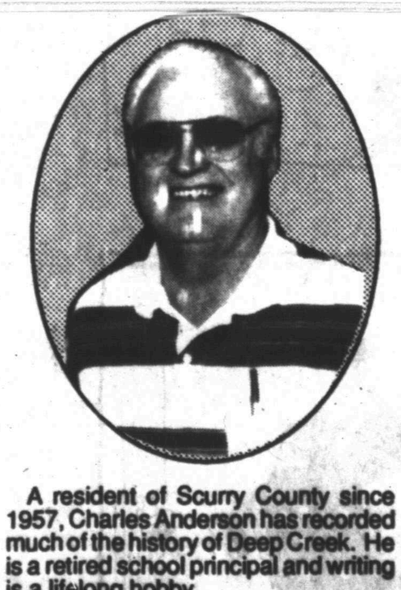
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We invite you to visit with
CHARLES G. ANDERSON
and see his history books and other writings of West Texas.

These are on display, along with buffalo hunting and other artifacts on loan from the Scurry County Museum, on
Friday, December 13th

Some books will be offered for sale. A part of all sales will benefit Scurry County Museum.

Museum Items On Loan
- 1874 Sharps Buffalo Rifle once owned by J. Wright Mooar
- Buffalo Hide
- (Fur) Hunting Coat



A resident of Scurry County since 1957, Charles Anderson has recorded much of the history of Deep Creek. He is a retired school principal and writing is a lifelong hobby.

Anderson's writings of J. Wright Mooar have caught the attention of Dallas Morning News writer Kent Biffle who said: *"No one is better equipped to record this Western saga of J. Wright Mooar than historian Charles G. Anderson. He tells the tale with the accuracy and wallop of a buffalo rifle."*

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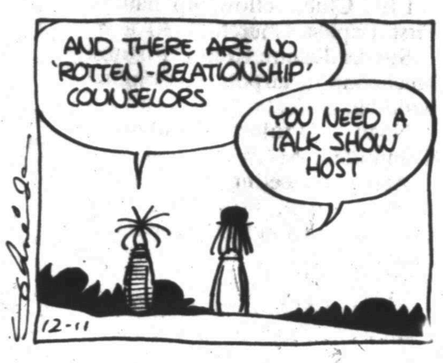
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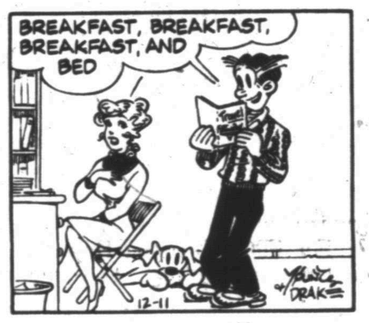




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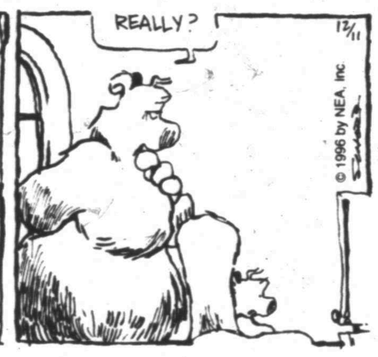






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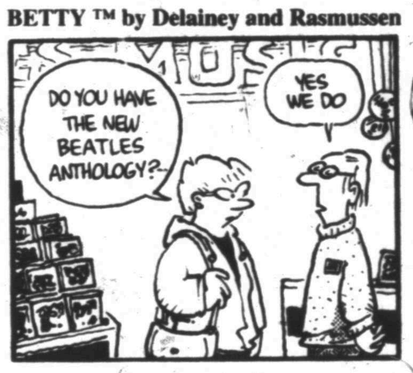


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ACROSS

1 Caustic substance
4 Author Emile —
8 Geographical division
12 Roman bronze
13 Nile bird
14 Raw minerals
15 Carpet
16 Balms
18 Dress fussily
20 Arid
21 Ibsen character
22 Women's —
24 City in Utah
26 Cutting tooth
30 Arctic inhabitant
33 Actress Myrna —
34 Water pipe
36 Actress Magnani
37 — fu
39 Animal parks
41 Spasm
42 Negative charged atom
44 — — task (criticizes)
46 Islands
48 Word to call attention
49 Hawaiian volcano, Mauna —
51 Consume
53 Pretend (2 wds.)
57 Apportionment
60 Atty.'s org.
61 Small herring
62 Vegetable spread
63 Fortune
64 Singer La — Jackson
65 Vast period of time
66 Zodiac sign

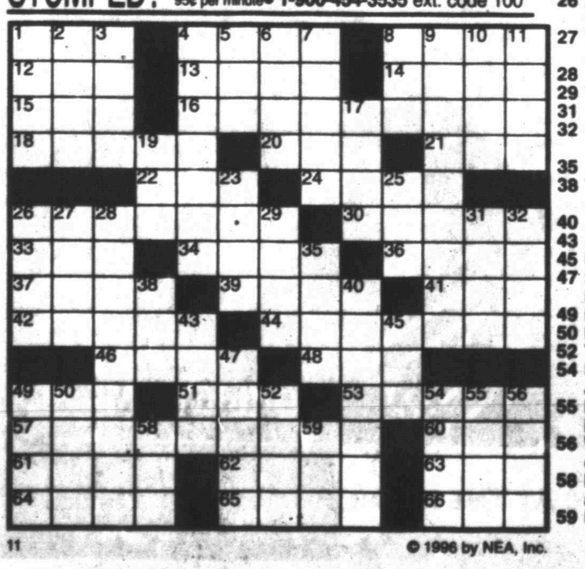
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1 Lighting device
2 1996, e.g.
3 This (Sp.)
4 Pro-Israel movement
5 Kimono sash
6 Singer Jenny —
7 Houston ballplayer
8 Actress Caldwell
9 Christmas tree decorations
10 Fishing aids
11 Abstract being
17 — Breckinridge
19 Yale student
23 Ruth's husband
25 Guido's high note
26 Actress Chase
27 Type of phrase
28 Distrustfully
29 Tumult
31 Entity
32 Mexican sandwich
35 Ark builder
38 Tibetan gazelle
40 Actor Red —
43 Russian no
45 Needle hole
47 South Pacific island group
49 Endure
50 Miscellany
52 T of TV
54 Like Michael Jordan
55 Reed instrument
56 Western defense org.
58 Harem apartment
59 Recent (pref.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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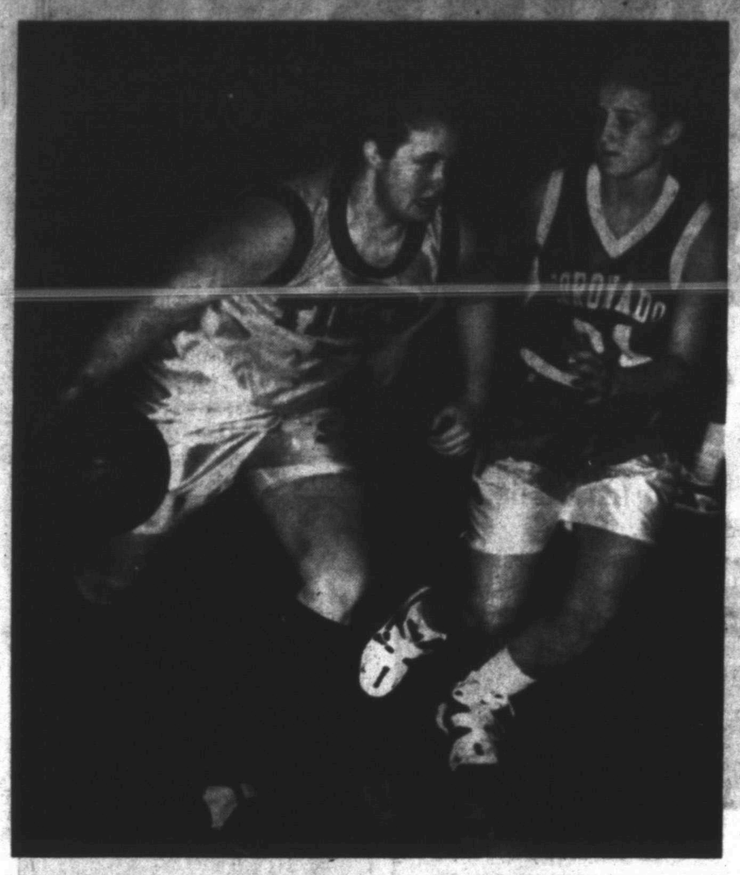


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SPORTS



TOP SCORER — Snyder's Erica Garvin protects the ball against Lubbock Coronado Tuesday night. The Lady Tigers fell, 66-47, but Garvin scored 16 points. Snyder competes in the Meadow Tournament at 12:30 p.m. Thursday (SDN Photo by Stephanie Whittenburg)

Dump Slaton, 62-54

Tigers solve adversity

SLATON — Snyder senior Rick Henderson, held to only two points in the first quarter, ignited for 12 in the final period to fuel a 62-54 non-conference victory over the Slaton Tigers here Tuesday night.

Coach Bud Birks' Tigers are now 8-3 for the season and will compete in the Big Spring tournament starting Thursday, facing Merkel at 5:30 p.m.

A win would put the Tigers back on the court almost immediately, against Midland JV at 8:30 Thursday. A loss against Merkel would mean that Snyder would not play until 4 p.m. Friday.

Against Slaton Snyder was without the services of three regulars. Matthew Fambro injured his knee in the Brownfield tournament against Lamesa and his status remains uncertain. Out with illness was Jermiah Johnson and Chris Riggins was also sidelined.

"I thought Slaton had a pretty good team, and I couldn't be more proud of the way our guys stepped up and played and found a way to win," Birks said.

Henderson, who finished the night with 20 points, combined with junior Jimmy Taylor whose steady play resulted in 24 points, including 10 field goals and a three-pointer that came in the third quarter.

Snyder also picked up six points each from Chad Carter and David Smith while Alvin Fabree and Justin McNair each contributed three. McNair, a sophomore, was moved up from the junior varsity and his was a three-pointer in the second period.

Snyder trailed by one, 12-11, at the end of the first quarter, but had pulled out front 28-23 by halftime. Going into the final period, Snyder's advantage was 41-37.

High scorer for Slaton was Jared Miller with 18 points.

In the junior varsity contest, Snyder rolled to a 57-39 victory after trailing 14-10 at the end of the first quarter. By halftime, Snyder had jumped to a 31-26 lead after a 21-point outburst in the second period.

The second-quarter rally was led by Brady Cobb's seven points including a trey. Cobb finished the night with seven points.

Snyder's lead had been increased to 46-31 going into the last quarter. Cory Mandrell was the Tigers' leading scorer with 13, including a three-pointer in the first period. Ian Hobbs was also in double figures with 10.

Other Tigers on the board were Tyler Warren with six while Jake Hodges, Brock Durham and Jeff Knowles each had five. Sam Bedell pitched in three points and Aaron Stansell added two.



TWO POINTS — Snyder's David Smith goes up for two points in the Tigers' 62-54 win over Slaton. The Tigers play Merkel at 5:30 Thursday in the Big Spring tournament. (SDN Staff Photo)

Coronado upends SHS Lady Tigers

Snyder varsity girls fell behind early and couldn't battle back against a stingy Lubbock Coronado defense as they took a 66-47 loss in non-district hoops action here Tuesday.

The Lady Mustangs held Snyder without a field goal for more than three minutes as the game began. When Melanie Kidd finally canned a jumper, the Tigers were behind 19-3. Coronado flooded the basket with 27 first-quarter points — including a trio of 3-pointers.

Snyder trailed by 16 as the second quarter began and Darla Blackwell nailed the period's opening basket to make it a 14-point margin. But Snyder fell into a shooting slump for the next few minutes and the Mustangs built on their lead. Three consecutive Coronado scores made it a 40-19 ballgame with 1:53 to play before intermission.

Snyder switched defenses in the second half, but to no avail. The hot Lady Mustangs outscored the Tigers 16-8 in the period, rolling up a 58-32 advantage.

Erica Valek led the Mustangs with 14 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, Kendra Smith scored 11, Rebecca Butler 9 and Geanna Day 8. In all, 11 Coronado players scored in the game.

Snyder got 14 points from Erica Garvin. Tiffany Garza scored 10 and Kidd added 8.

The loss puts Coach Rick Archer's squad at 8-5 on the season. Next action for the team will be Thursday in the Meadow Invitational Tournament. Snyder takes on Trinity Christian at 12:30 p.m. The tournament continues through Saturday, with the championship game set for 6:30 p.m.

In junior varsity play Tuesday, Snyder fell to Coronado 49-23. As in the varsity game, the young Tiger team got off to a slow start and never threatened.

Coronado led 12-4 after the first period and 25-9 at intermission.

Felsha Biggers scored 6 for Snyder. Renee Trevino and Jodi Dennis scored 4 each and Amber Haddox added 3.

The Snyder JV girls and freshmen play in a tournament in Colorado City this weekend.

WTC finally thaws for league victory

Sophomore Shanna Gathright calmly sank two free shots with five seconds remaining to all but put the lock on what turned out to be a 60-57 Western Texas College victory over Frank Phillips College Tuesday night in the Scurry County Coliseum.

It was a game of contrasts, with the Lady Westerners ice cold in the first 20 minutes of play. But the inability to score shifted to the visitors early in the second half of the Western Athletic Junior College Conference tilt.

In fact, WTC could only manage 16 first-half points, and trailed by 10 at intermission. In that lack-lusture half, WTC tried to keep the game close with three-pointers, making only three of 12 attempts.

WTC also committed 14 fouls in the first half and FPC converted on 12 of 26 shots from the charity line. WTC's problems were compounded by going scoreless in the last four minutes of the first half.

It seemed like a different WTC team that returned for the final 20 minutes as two quick treys by Gathright and a three-point play by Jennifer Northcott put the Lady Westerners within two, 26-24, with 17:50 left in the half.

At 14:55, WTC pulled within one on a basket by Angelica Brooks and at 14:27 WTC went ahead for the first time on a three-pointer by freshman Dionna Russel.

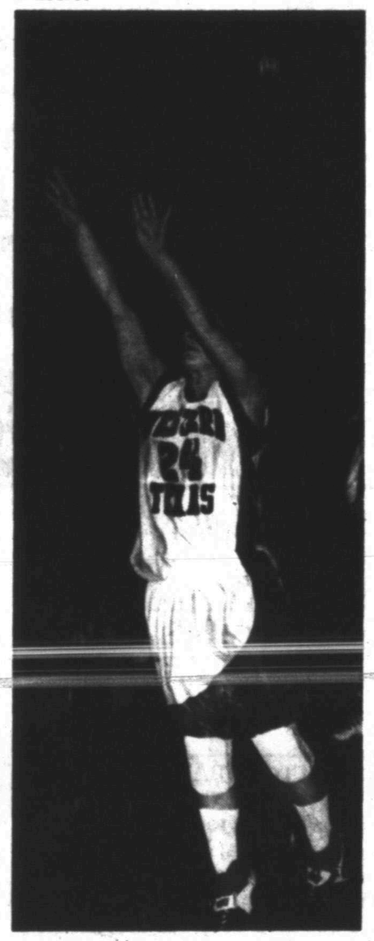
WTC knotted the score, 29-29, with 11:32 left, but a three-pointer by Gathright put the Lady Westerners out front again — a lead that was threatened but never taken away.

WTC, hitting six of 13 three pointers in the second half, and sinking crucial free throws, led by as many at eight points. But with 41 ticks remaining, WTC saw the margin trimmed to one, 56-55, on a three-pointer by freshman Atoyla Brigers, FPC's only distance shot of the night.

Caitlin Behren, a freshman from Melbourne, Australia, led the Lady Westerner scoring with 16 points, including four treys and four free shots. Gathright was close behind with 15 points, including 10 of those from the charity line. Russel finished with seven points while Brooks had four. Jennifer Northcott and Jennifer Peters each had three points while Celestine Otuoro added two.

For FPC, Keyonna Harney, a 6-1 freshman, finished the night with 27 points, including 11 free throws. Summer Lawlis was also in double figures with 10.

Coach Anthony Portley's Westerners, 4-9 for the season and 2-3 in league play, will take a holiday break, with the next WTC game set for Jan. 2 when the Westerners host the WTC Holiday Classic.



3-POINT TRY — WTC's Celestine Otuoro tries a long shot in the Westerners' 60-57 conference win over Frank Phillips here Tuesday night. (SDN Photo by Stephanie Whittenburg)

Junior high girls make clean sweep

Snyder's four junior high girls' hoop teams made a clean sweep here Monday night against Colorado City.

The 8th grade A-team upped its season record to 5-0 with a 56-10 win.

Ashley Delce led Snyder with 15 points while Whitney Webb had five and Callie Bane was close behind with eight. Kameron Kallemeyn canned five points while T'Leah Eicke, Cameron Mackey and T'Leah Mackey put in four each. Rina Geiger added three and Kristin Murray two.

In the B-team tilt, Snyder rolled to a 38-10 victory with Leslie Hancock leading the scoring with eight points. Shannon Barnes, Jessica Pierson, Amber Bass and Angie Shoemake each put in six while Amanda Clark and Latisha Nichols added two apiece. The 8th B-team is now 2-3.

Snyder's 7th grade A-team posted a 47-17 victory, led by Katie Voss' 21-point effort. Taylor Daniell canned 10 while Andra Lancaster put in seven and Kasey Collier four. The A-team is now 5-1.

The 7th B-team crushed C-City, 40-6, bringing its season record to 5-0.

Chasity Perales led the Snyder effort with 14 points while Dawn Lopez, and Elvia Barrera each put in six. Maritza Aguirre and Lori Chesser each contributed four while Stormy Clark, Amy Haddox and Amber Alexander each put in two.

Ira Bulldogs fall to Trent

TRENT — Ira Lady Bulldogs went cold in the final quarter, allowing Trent to take a 36-34 victory Tuesday night. The Ira boys' varsity bowed to Trent, 60-38.

Ira led 29-25 going into the final quarter, but was held to only five points while Trent rallied for 11 in the last eight minutes.

Terri Robinson led the Ira scoring with 14 points. Lisha Leatherwood was also in double figures with 11, followed by E'Lissa Goolsby who canned nine.

Trent led the entire game against the Bulldogs. Trent pulled away with a 23-point effort in the third quarter while the Ira boys could manage only six.

Despite the loss, Logan Daves had a big night with 24 points but seven other Bulldogs could manage only two points each.

Ira competes in the Roby tournament starting Thursday.

NBA at glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	16	5	.762	-
NewYork	13	6	.684	2
Orlando	9	8	.529	5
Washington	7	11	.389	7½
Philadelphia	7	12	.368	8
NewJersey	4	11	.267	9
Boston	4	14	.222	10½
Central Division				
Chicago	17	3	.850	-
Detroit	16	3	.842	½
Cleveland	12	7	.632	4½
Atlanta	12	8	.600	5
Charlotte	10	9	.526	6½
Milwaukee	10	9	.526	6½
Indiana	8	10	.444	8
Toronto	7	13	.350	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	18	2	.900	-
Utah	17	2	.895	½
Dallas	8	11	.421	9½
Minnesota	7	13	.350	11
Denver	5	16	.238	13½
SanAntonio	3	16	.158	14½
Vancouver	3	18	.143	15½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	16	6	.727	-
L.A.Lakers	16	7	.696	½
Portland	12	9	.571	3½
GoldenState	8	13	.381	7½
L.A.Clippers	7	14	.333	8½
Sacramento	7	14	.333	8½
Phoenix	5	14	.263	9½

Tuesday's Games
Golden State 101, Toronto 91
New York 85, Washington 73
Atlanta 89, Denver 88
Miami 76, Cleveland 74
Houston 96, Minnesota 94
Detroit 93, Milwaukee 85
Utah 110, Indiana 86
Phoenix 93, San Antonio 76
Orlando 99, Portland 93
Dallas 100, L.A. Clippers 95
L.A. Lakers 92, Sacramento 90

Wednesday's Games
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Seattle at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Hermleigh splits pair

HERMLEIGH — The Hermleigh Cardinals split a pair of varsity games with Westbrook here Tuesday night.

The Lady Cardinals rolled to a 72-58 victory while the boys' varsity bowed, 75-54.

Senior Kelly Gonzalez paced the Lady Cards' offense with an impressive 29 points. Other help came in the form of 22 points by senior Michelle Roemisch and 17 by sophomore Jennifer Roemisch.

Melissa Brasuel had four points and Ester Martinez added two.

The score was knotted 14-14 at the end of the first quarter, but Hermleigh pulled out front by seven at intermission. The Lady Cards then enjoyed a comfortable margin after a 22-14 point finish in the third quarter.

In the boys' game, Westbrook led by six at the end of the first period and increased its lead 42-27 by intermission. Westbrook put the game away with 27 points in the third quarter while the Cards managed only 12.

Larry Lambaren led the Cards' scoring with 19 points while Jason Hernandez pitched in 12 and Johnny Garza 10. Caleb Callaway added five points while Mario Gonzalez canned four. Joe Garza added two.

Hermleigh will compete in the Colorado City Pre-Holiday Classic starting Thursday.

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Critics balk...

TV ratings plans narrowed

WASHINGTON (AP) — TV shows would be lumped into six broad categories to guide parents in deciding what programs are suitable for their children to watch, under a TV industry ratings plan outlined by broadcasters Tuesday.

The ratings would include categories of "TV-G," suitable for all audiences, to "TV-M," for mature audiences only, under the plan described by broadcasters who spoke on condition of anonymity. The system would also flag children's shows, using a "K" rating.

The plan is being fine tuned, broadcasters said, cautioning that there may be changes to the ratings categories and their descriptions before a final ratings system is unveiled next week.

Short of a major overhaul, children's advocacy groups and others who have opposed this approach are not likely to be satisfied. They contend that the proposed system is too vague and would give parents little help in deciding what their children should or shouldn't watch.

The TV industry has said it plans to begin rating broadcast, cable and public TV shows by January.

News and sports programs would be exempt from the ratings. One of the biggest issues the TV industry is trying to resolve is which programs will be entitled to the news exemption.

Under the proposed plan, shows would be rated using the following categories: "K," material suitable for children of all ages; "K-7," material suitable for children 7 and older; "TV-G," material suitable for all audiences; "TV-PG," parental guidance is suggested; "TV-14," material may be inappropriate for children under 14; and "TV-M," for mature audiences only.

Kathryn Montgomery, president of the Center for Media Education, a children's advocacy group, doesn't like the proposal, particularly the "TV-PG" and "PG-14" ratings.

"Parents don't know why a show gets one of those ratings. Is it just because a little saucy language was used or because there was a lot of disturbing, graphic violence?" she said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	92⅛	91⅛	91⅛— 1⅛	
AT&T Corps	38¼	37⅞	37¼— ⅛	
AirTouch	26⅛	26	26⅛— ⅛	
Albertsons		35⅛	34⅛ 35¼	
Alldsignal	68¼	68⅛	68⅛— ¼	
Alltel	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛— ⅛	
AmerOnline	35⅞	34⅛	35⅛— ⅛	
AmStores	40⅞	40⅛	40⅛— ¼	
Ameritech	56	55⅛	55⅛—1	
Amoco	77⅛	76⅛	76⅛— ⅛	
AnadarkPtr	64	63⅛	63⅜— ⅜	
ArmcoInc	4½	4⅜	4⅜— ⅛	
AtlRichfld	137¼	136¼	136¼—2⅛	
ATMOS Egy	23	22¾	23 — ⅛	
Aviall	9¾	9⅝	9⅝— ⅛	
BakerHughes	34⅞	34⅛	34⅛— ⅛	
BellAtl	60⅛	59⅛	59⅝— ⅛	
BellSouth	39	38⅛	38⅜— ⅛	
BethSteel	9¼	9	9 — ¼	
BritPet	133⅛	132⅝	133 —2⅛	
BurlNoSFe	88	86¼	87 — ¼	
Caterpillar	78⅛	76	78 — ⅜	
CnaSoWst	25⅛	25⅛	25⅜— ⅛	
Chevron	63⅛	62¼	63⅛— ⅛	
Chrysler s	35⅞	34⅛	35⅛— ⅛	
Coastal	48⅛	47¼	47¼— ⅜	
CocaColas	49⅛	48⅜	49 — ⅜	
ColgatePalm	91⅜	90⅛	90⅛— ⅜	
ComclMetals	31⅜	31⅛	31⅛— ⅛	
CooperIn	40⅛	40¼	40⅜— ⅛	
CyprusAmax	24⅛	24	24 — ⅛	
DallSemicn	23⅛	23	23 — ⅜	
DeltaAirl	75⅜	75	75⅜— ⅛	
DigitalEq	39⅞	39⅛	39⅜— ⅜	
Dillard	29⅞	29⅛	29⅜— ⅛	
DowChem	82	81⅜	81½— ⅛	
DresserInd	30⅛	30	30⅜— ⅛	
DuPont	94⅛	92½	93¼—1⅛	
EastmanChem	57⅛	56⅜	57 — ⅛	
EstKodak	80⅛	80⅛	80⅛— ⅛	
EDS Corp	47⅛	46⅜	46⅜— ⅛	
EljerInd	12⅝	12⅛	12⅜— ⅛	
Enserch	22⅛	22	22 — ⅜	
Entergy	27⅛	27⅛	27⅜— ⅛	
Exxon	94⅛	93½	94⅛+ ⅛	
Flowers	21⅜	21⅛	21⅛— ⅛	
FordMotor	32⅛	32⅛	32⅜— ⅛	
GTE Cp	44⅛	43⅞	44⅛— ⅛	
GenDynam	70⅛	69⅛	69⅜—1	
GenElec	97⅛	96⅛	96⅜—1⅛	
GenMills	63⅜	62⅜	63 — ⅜	
GenMotors	58½	57⅜	57⅜— ⅛	
GaPacif	73⅛	73⅛	73½— ⅜	
GlobalMar	17⅜	16⅜	17⅛— ⅛	
Goodrichs	41⅛	40⅛	40⅜— ⅛	
Goodyear s	50	49⅝	49⅝— ⅛	
GtAtlPac	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛— ⅛	
Halliburtn	58⅛	57⅜	57⅜— ⅜	
Hanson ADSs	6⅜	6⅛	6⅛— ⅛	
HarteHanks	26	25⅜	25⅞— ⅛	
HoustonInds		21½	21¼ 21⅜	
IBM	158⅛	155	155⅛—1⅜	
IntlPaper	40⅞	40⅛	40⅛— ⅜	
JohnsnJn s	52⅛	51⅜	52 — ⅛	
K mart	11	10⅝	11 + ⅛	
Kroger	44	43⅛	43⅜— ⅜	
Litton	45⅞	45¼	45¾+ ⅛	
LockhdMart	89⅝	89	89¼— ⅛	
Lowes Cos	39⅛	38⅝	38⅝— ⅛	
Lubys	22⅞	22⅛	22⅛+ ⅛	
LucasTech n	48⅜	47⅛	48 — ⅛	
MayDeptStrs	47⅞	46⅞	47⅛— ⅛	
Medtronic	63¼	62⅛	62⅝— ⅜	
Mobil	120	119¼	119⅝— ⅛	
Monsanto s	40¼	39⅝	39⅞— ⅛	
Motorola	54⅛	53¼	53¼—1⅛	
Nationsbk	96⅛	95⅜	95¼—1⅛	
Navistar		9⅜	9⅜ 9⅜	
NoramEngy	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛— ⅛	
Norwest	43⅜	43	43⅛—1⅛	
Nynex	45⅜	45	45 — ⅛	
OryxEngy	21⅜	20⅛	21⅛+ ⅛	
PacTelesis	35⅜	35⅛	35⅜— ⅛	
PanEnergy	42	41⅛	42 — ⅛	
Penney JC	51⅛	50⅜	51 — ⅛	
Penzoil	55⅛	55⅛	55⅛— ⅛	
PepBoys	35⅛	35⅛	35⅛— ⅛	
PepsiCo s	29⅜	29⅛	29⅛— ⅛	
PhelpDodge	70⅛	69⅛	69⅛— ⅛	
PhilipPet	43	42⅞	42⅞— ⅛	
Polaroid	41⅛	41⅛	41⅛— ⅛	
Praxair	46⅛	46⅛	46⅛—1⅛	
ProctGamble	105⅛	103⅜	104⅞—1⅛	
PubSNwMx		19⅛	19⅛ 19⅛	
RoyalDutch	163⅛	162	163⅛— ⅜	
SBC Comm	50⅛	49⅝	50⅛— ⅛	
SaraLee	36⅛	36	36⅛— ⅛	
SearsRoeb	47⅞	46⅛	47⅞— ⅜	
SherwinW	54⅜	54⅛	54⅛— ⅛	
SmthBchADS	67⅞	67⅛	67⅞— ⅛	
SouthernCo	22	21⅜	21⅞— ⅛	
SwstAirlines	22⅜	22⅛	22⅜— ⅛	
Sprint	39⅛	38⅛	39 — ⅛	
SunCo	24⅜	24⅛	24⅛— ⅛	
TNP Ent		26⅛	26⅛ 26⅛	
Tandy	42⅛	42	42⅛— ⅜	
Templint	53⅜	53⅛	53⅛— ⅛	
Tenneco	51⅛	50⅝	51⅛— ⅛	
Texaco	99⅛	98⅛	98⅝— ⅛	
TexasInd	56⅛	56⅛	56⅛— ⅜	
TexasInst	67	65⅜	66 — ⅜	
TexUtil	40⅞	40⅛	40⅛— ⅛	
Textron	93⅛	92⅜	93⅛— ⅜	
Travelers s	43⅜	43⅛	43⅜— ⅛	
TrinityInds	35⅛	34⅜	35 + ⅛	
TritonEngy	49⅞	49⅛	49⅛— ⅜	
Tyler	2	1⅞	1⅞— ⅛	
US WestCm	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛— ⅛	
USWstMda	19⅝	19⅛	19⅛— ⅜	
USX Delhi	15⅜	15⅛	15⅛— ⅛	
USX-Marathn	25⅛	24⅞	25 — ⅛	
USX-USS	29⅝	29⅛	29⅛— ⅛	
UnCarbde	43⅜	41⅞	42 —2⅛	
UnPac s		58⅛	57⅛ 58⅛	
UnitedTech s	65⅛	64⅜	64⅜—1⅛	
Unocal	40⅝	40	40⅛— ⅛	
WalMart	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛— ⅛	
WstnGasRs	19⅝	19	19 — ⅜	
WestghEl	18⅛	18⅛	18⅜— ⅛	
WinnDixie	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛— ⅛	
Woolworth	23⅜	23⅛	23⅜— ⅛	
XeroxCp s	52⅛	51⅛	52⅛— ⅛	
ZenithE	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛— ⅛	

Benitez fund is established

A medical fund has been set up at West Texas State Bank for N.Y. and Leona Benitez.

Mrs. Benitez has cancer and is taking treatments.

Hospital

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996

In the year ahead, you might become involved in a new and unusual project that could change your life. Even though you'll be operating on unfamiliar turf, you'll adapt with remarkable ease.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You will have good luck today, especially in financial matters. Forget about the tennis match and focus on increasing your assets. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Two important developments appear to be unrelated, but actually, they depend on one another. Today you should be able to spot this link.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Something that has concerned you looks as if it will be concluded to your satisfaction today. A colleague has been working hard behind the scenes.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The social contacts you make today could help you in the future. Try to make the best-possible first impression.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Financial conditions will be much more favorable today than they were yesterday. If the terms you negotiated previously were unfavorable, try to fix it now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something beneficial might develop through a social contact today. You have been trying to make this connection for a long time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will achieve the results you desire in a business deal today, provided you don't jar things loose in your eagerness to cut a deal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It will be your responsibility today to get things organized properly, especially in situations that bring different factions together. Assert yourself..

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not procrastinate today. You must act quickly, because the favorable conditions you are enjoying now might be only temporary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, you might have an opportunity to rectify a misunderstanding with a sensitive friend. Do it while both of you are in a forgiving mood.

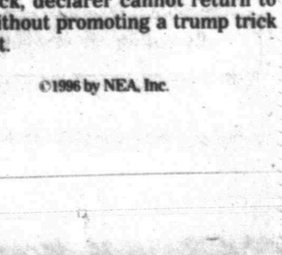
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try to remain alert today. You might discover an unusual opportunity to earn money. If you are tuned in, you'll appreciate its value.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You have had enough time to study an important issue in detail. Make your decision as soon as possible.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North	12-11-96
♠ J 5	
♥ A K Q 2	
♦ A K 8 6 2	
♣ Q J	

West	East
♠ Q 10 9 7	♠ 6
♥ 8 6	♥ J 9 5 4
♦ 4 3	♦ J 10 9 5
♣ K 8 7 6 2	♣ 10 9 4 3

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 8

With two looks

By Phillip Alder

Double-dummy problems (ones in which you analyze the deal by looking at all 52 cards) are usually difficult. A small clique of players loves them, but everyone else ignores them. However, an unusual book has appeared that brings a new dimension to the genre.

"There Must Be a Way" by Andrew Diosy (Master Point Press; US $8.95 or Can. $9.95; 800-749-3292 in the United States or 800-263-4374 in Canada) contains 52 double-dummy problems, but easier ones than the norm. You study the full deal, trying to decide whether the contract should make or be defeated. Then you turn the page and receive some help. You reconsider; perhaps you overlooked something.

In this deal from the book, will the declarer make six spades after a heart lead?

As South can discard his club loser on the third round of diamonds, he must hold his trump losers to one. So, knowing the full layout, South wins the first trick with dummy's heart queen, plays a diamond to his queen and leads a low trump toward dummy's jack. Everything looks like smooth sailing, doesn't it? But is there a squall waiting around the bend?

There are no auctions given in the book. And this paragraph is just to stop you from immediately seeing the answer!

The contract is defeated if West steps in with the spade queen and switches to the club king — a Merrimac Coup, which removes South's hand entry. After winning with the ace and playing a spade to dummy's jack, declarer cannot return to hand without promoting a trump trick for West.

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Scurry County Country



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Party time food safety

Delicious food fills the home at holiday time. Be sure to follow no-nonsense food safety rules for the best celebrations.

When serving from a buffet, keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. If possible, cold foods should be set on ice. Use chafing dishes or other heated servers which keep already hot foods at an internal temperature of at least 140 degrees F. Make sure to stir the food frequently if the heating source dose not cover the entire bottom of the dish. Start with smaller amounts of each dish on the table; then, when replenishing the buffet, do not mix fresh food with food that has already been out for serving.

Freeze or refrigerate leftovers immediately. Eat leftover meat, fish and poultry within two to three days; reheat before serving to 160 degrees F. or until thoroughly heated.

Sauces and gravies should be reheated to a rolling boil for at least one minute before serving.

Store dairy products at a refrigerator temperature of 35 degrees F. Here's a general guide for how long to keep various items after opening.

Butter	2 weeks
Natural Cheese	1-3 weeks
Cream Cheese	10-14 days
Sour Cream	1 week

Use separate cutting boards for raw and cooked foods, and make sure to clean and sanitize after each use. To sanitize cutting boards, wash with warm, soapy water, and then wash again with a solution of two to three tablespoons of household bleach in one quart of warm water. Rinse with plain, hot water.

When in doubt, throw it out! If a food has an unusual smell or look, it is likely spoiled. It's not worth the risk of becoming ill.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Caring for your Poinsettia Plant



Source: Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Graphic: Agricultural Communications, The Texas A&M System



NRCS Notes

By Terry Hefner, Soil Conservationist

This is the time of year to think about seeding permanent grass on newly root-plowed rangeland or old cropland fields. Today when most people think of seeding new stands of grass the first thing that comes to mind is weeds. Just as with cotton or small grain it takes time and effort to poduce a well established stand of seeded grass. Grass seed should not, and cannot, be sown and then left to let mother nature take its course without suffering from unwanted obstacles.

The foliowing is a story quoted from Anne Nyren, a Montana native who gives her vision of grass establishment and its relationship to our lives.

There is an enormous amount of patience needed to grow grass! The new seedlings must receive moisture and protection to flourish. Later the young plants must be able to compete vigorously with weeds to establish itself as the primary species in the pasture. This may take several years to accomplish. Once established the grass must be grazed or utilized sufficiently but overuse could be detrimental. Take half and leave half is the golden rule of grazing.

The grass is a reminder that the beginnings are hard. Growth rarely possesses the beauty of perfect symmetry. Instead growth is usually uneven and spotty. The vigorous competitive weeds may appear in grand profusion but the needs of the delicate new grass seedlings often precludes the use of herbicides. But the weeds are not entirely villanious. Frequently, they offer the young grass precious, protective covering from the hot sun the winds.

In time, the grass becomes deeply rooted in the pasture. This deep rootedness enables the grass to tap the reserves of stored soil moisture in times of drought. The roots also stablize the grasses by anchoring them firmly in the soil which has the added benfit of preventing soil erosion. At the same time, the leaves use the sun and the carbon dioxide in the air to produce nourishment for itself and mankind.

The variability of soil types and range sites within a pasture affects the overall productivity of any grass. Therefore grass life involves a combination of relationships which may enhance or limit its capabilities. Finally grasses are life giving in that they produce oxygen, that element of our planet which permits human existence.

Grasses are like people. We too need nurturing. We must slowly and vigorously grow to actualize ourselves in life. This we achieve only in "the fullness of time." Loving care must then be given to oneself, others and personal resources if peak performance is to continue. Our roots too provide stability and security as we endeavor to produce or create our daily bread. Range sites are a reminder of limitations which may need to be acknowledged and accepted as we seek to enhance the quality of our lives. Patience, compassion, the importance of roots, growth, and the sacred rituals of action followed by rest are what the grass teaches us.

Grassland researchers are often teased that they "watch the grass grow." They not only watch it grow, they feel it grow. In doing so they become intimate with the mysteries, complexities and intricacies of life itself.

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Land grant concept studied

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University's agriculture program will help communities revitalize the American tradition of an educated electorate and a strong democracy by enhancing service to those communities, the program's leader told supporters at a semi-annual meeting.

Dr. Edward A. Hiler, vice chancellor and dean of Texas A&M's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, told the college's development council that a recommitment to the land-grant concept can help improve life for all citizens of Texas during its Oct. 25 meeting.

For Texas A&M, that will mean improving higher education opportunities for all, continuing excellence in the teaching-research-extension model of the land-grant system, and serving the people of Texas even more thoroughly than in the past, Hiler said.

"Legislation founding the land-grant system was the most important higher education legislation in the history of this country and maybe in world history," Hiler said. "It made the vision of universities available to more than just the social elite."

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Pheasant population down

By John Hughes
Texas Parks and
Wildlife Biologist

Hot on the heels of a mediocre 1995 pheasant season, West Texas pheasant hunters may be in for a disappointing 1996 season if Texas Parks and Wildlife Department survey figures are an indication of actual pheasant numbers. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department annually surveys the pheasant population in the Panhandle and South Plains by conducting roadside counts along 44 routes during late October and early November. Each route measures 20 miles in length and is driven from east to west at 10 mph and is begun 15 minutes after sunrise.

Across the Panhandle District as a whole, the number of pheasants sighted along the 44 survey routes decreased by 31.6 percent compared to last year. The 1995 survey resulted in 9.8 birds per survey route, while 6.7 birds per route were observed in 1996. Pheasant numbers in 1996 are down by 55.2 percent compared to the 5-year average of 15 birds per route.

Although the highest pheasant numbers in the Panhandle District are usually recorded in the northern portion of the Panhandle, eight surveys conducted in Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, and Ochiltree counties produced an average of 20 birds per route, which is a 44.4 percent decline compared to the 1995 figure of 36 birds per route. Other counties with respectable pheasant numbers were Deaf Smith and Hutchinson, with 4 survey lines averaging 10.5 birds per route. The other 8 Panhandle counties surveyed showed an average of only 2.8 birds per route.

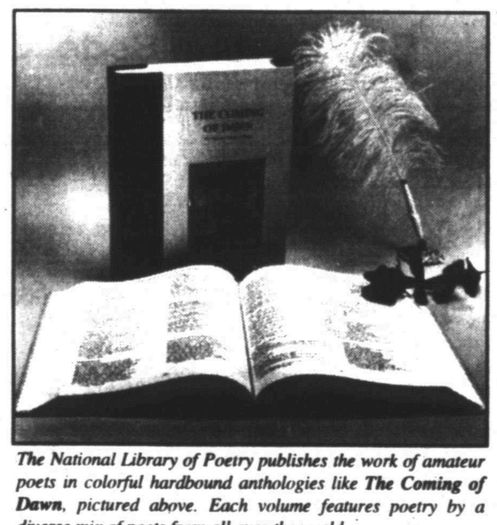
Pheasant numbers in the South Plains region (from Parmer County, south to Cochran, east to Crosby, and north to Briscoe County) are usually higher in years with larger acreages planted to grain crops and smaller acreages planted to cotton. these conditions were met this year as a result of drought and hail damage to cotton, but pheasant numbers in the region remained below average. Based on 24 survey routes conducted in 12 South Plains counties, the 1996 survey resulted in 3.0 birds per route. This represents a 7 percent increase compared to the 1995 figure (2.8 birds per route). While a slight increase is evident and may be attributable to changes in cropping patterns, the 1996 count is still 61 percent below the 5-year average (7.7 birds per route) for the South Plains region.

The highest concentrations of pheasants in the northern Panhandle this year are probably associated with a combination of dense nesting and winter cover (i.e., playa lakes and CRP fields) and irrigated grain crops. Such a situation provides pheasants with food and cover, as well as adequate ground-level humidity needed for hatching success under relatively hot, dry conditions.

The 16-day pheasant season begins Saturday and concludes Dec. 29. The daily bag limit is 3 cocks with a possession limit of 6 birds.

Poetry Contest
$48,000.00 in Prizes

The National Library of Poetry to award 250 total prizes to amateur poets in coming months



The National Library of Poetry publishes the work of amateur poets in colorful hardbound anthologies like ***The Coming of Dawn****, pictured above. Each volume features poetry by a diverse mix of poets from all over the world.*

Owings Mills, Maryland – The National Library of Poetry has just announced that $48,000.00 in prizes will be awarded over the next 12 months in the North American Open Amateur Poetry Contest. The deadline for entry into the contest is December 31, 1996. Another contest begins January 1, 1997. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

"We're especially looking for poems from new or unpublished poets," indicated Howard Ely, spokesperson for The National Library of Poetry. "We have a ten year history of awarding large prizes to talented poets who have never before won any type of writing competition."

How To Enter

Anyone may enter the competition simply by sending in *ONLY ONE* original poem, any subject, any style, to:

The National Library of Poetry
Suite 5283
1 Poetry Plaza
Owings Mills, MD 21117-6282

The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address must appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by December 31, 1996. "All poets who enter will receive a response concerning their artistry, usually within seven weeks," indicated Mr. Ely.

Possible Publication

Many submitted poems will also be considered for inclusion in one of The National Library of Poetry's forthcoming hardbound anthologies. Previous anthologies published by the organization have included *On the Threshold of a Dream*, *Days of Future's Past*, *Of Diamonds and Rust*, and *Moments More to Go*, among others.

"Our anthologies routinely sell out because they are truly enjoyable reading, and they are also a sought-after sourcebook for poetic talent," added Mr. Ely.

World's Largest Poetry Organization

Having awarded over $150,000.00 in prizes to poets worldwide in recent years, The National Library of Poetry, founded in 1982 to promote the artistic accomplishments of contemporary poets, is the largest organization of its kind in the world. Anthologies published by the organization have featured poems by more than 100,000 poets.

"We're always looking for new poetic talent," said Mr. Ely. "I hope you urge your readers to enter the contest. There is absolutely no obligation whatsoever, and they could be our next big winner."

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Farm Bureau joins effort to win property tax reform

The Scurry County Farm Bureau has joined the fight to win property tax reform in the next session of the Texas Legislature.

"Farmers and ranchers here in Scurry County stand with home owners and other concerned Texans in calling for elimination of the property tax in funding Texas schools," said Steve Moore, Scurry County Farm Bureau president.

Moore said the property tax is unfair, and getting worse. He suggested that other more broad-based taxes could fund education, while spreading the cost more evenly among taxpayers.

Governor George W. Bush appointed a 17-member citizens committee to examine the property tax issue. The committee heard testimony and examined options during 14 public hearings held across the state during the summer.

"The business activity is the option we like best," Moore said. "With a $500,000 standard deduction, small businesses can be protected and still raise adequate funding for education."

The business activity tax is one of the options proposed by the governor. It is usually described as a tax on the difference between a business' gross receipts and expenses.

Moore and others have pointed out that the Texas economy is now much more dependent on the service industries than in the past. Still, the tax system still leans on land and capital intensive industries to fund education, even though they produce a smaller percentage of the gross state product.

According to Moore, capital intensive business, representing only 38 percent of the gross state product, pays 56 percent of all local and state business taxes. On the other hand, service and trade industries represent 62 percent of the current gross state product while paying only 17 percent of the business taxes.

Moore noted that the property tax has more than doubled in the last 10 years.

"Our goal is to eliminate the property tax as the primary funding mechanism for education," he said. "We must ensure quality education in Texas, and the property tax has become ill suited for the job."

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Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 713 head of cattle for the Thursday, Dec. 5 sale. Cows were steady. Calves and Yearlings were $2 cheaper.

Slaughter cows High dressing, cutters, utility 30 to 35; Canner and low cutters 24 to 30; Slaughter bulls 36 to 42.50.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 60 to 68.50; 400 to 500, 58.50 to 65; 500 to 600, 55 to 62; 600 to 700, 55 to 61; 700 to 800, 55 to 60.

Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 52.50 to 57.50; 400 to 500, 50 to 55; 500 to 600, 50 to 55; 600 to 700, 50 to 56.50; 700 to 800, 48 to 54.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 52.50 to 58.50; 700 to 800, 48.50 to 56.

Cow and calf pairs: good 425 to 650 grade 350 to 450.

Springers: 225 to 450; baby calves 40 to 95 doodlers 50 to 125.

Colorado City Livestock Auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 786 head of cattle at the Saturday, Dec. 7 sale. All classes of stocker and feeder steer and heifer calves were steady to $1 to $2 higher. Packer cows and bulls were steady to $2 higher. Yielding cows $3 higher. Packer bulls $3 higher. Yearling steers were steady, heifers were $1 to $2 lower.

Heifers: 200 to 400, 55 to 70; 400 to 600, 48 to 58; 600 to 800, 45 to 55.

Steers: 200 to 400, 55 to 78; 400 to 500, 60 to 72; 500 to 600, 58 to 64 600 to 800, 54 to 62.50.

Fleshy bull calves: 55 to 65. 400 to 500 55 to 65; 500 to 600 52 to 58; 600 to 800 47 to 55.

Young bred cows 425 to 525.

Medium age to older bred cows: 325 to 425

Young cows and calves: 510 to 640.

Medium age to older cows & calves 325 to 525.

BURNSVILLE, Minn. — The 5th Annual Big Country Farm and Ranch Show scheduld for Feb. 12 and 13 at the Taylor County Fair Grouns in Abilene, will feature the latest in agricultural equipment and offer the attending producers a two-day educational conference.

Police technicians grilled in O.J.'s trial

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — O.J. Simpson's civil trial shifted today from anguished testimony by a victim's father to a defense dissection of methods used by a police technician who collected crime-scene evidence.

In the first full day of Simpson's defense, Andrea Mazzola testified she did not change latex gloves between picking up a knit cap and a leather glove at the site where Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were slain.

The Los Angeles Police Department criminalist was called by the defense in an effort to show that sloppy police work may have tainted the evidence against Simpson.

Another witness had testified that hairs from a black person and fibers matching those from the carpet in Simpson's Ford Bronco were found on the knit cap that Mazzola collected the day after the June 12, 1994, killings.

Mazzola was shown a videotape of her picking up the cap and then the glove and placing them in paper bags.

"You would agree that you did not change your gloves in between collecting the knit cap and collecting the glove?" defense attorney Robert Blasier asked.

"Correct," Mazzola said.

She also testified she was one of the department's least experienced criminalists when she was assigned the case, only her third crime scene.

In other testimony, police nurse Thano Peratis, who drew blood from Simpson the day after the killings, said he saw one cut on Simpson's left middle finger, but noted he didn't check any other fingers for cuts.

The number of cuts on Simpson's hand is an issue since Simpson said he returned from Chicago with only one cut on his left hand, which he believed occurred in a Chicago hotel. He said other cuts photographed on his hand later that week must have occurred after meeting with Peratis.

Earlier, retired Detective Philip Vannatter completed his testimony, acknowledging he never sealed an envelope containing Simpson's blood sample as required by instructions on the envelope.

Vannatter carried the blood vial from police headquarters to Simpson's house the day after the slayings. The defense has suggested that blood from that vial could have been planted against Simpson.

Vannatter, one of the lead police investigators, startled the court Monday after the defense asked if he was spending his time "denouncing" Simpson on TV news shows.

"I believe your client is guilty of murder," Vannatter told Simpson lawyer Robert Baker.

Arab gunmen open fire on Israeli car

BEIT EL, West Bank (AP) — Arab gunmen sprayed an Israeli car with automatic fire today, killing one passenger and wounding five in a drive-by shooting near a Jewish settlement in the West Bank.

The dead and wounded were members of the same family, a settler security official said. Some of the wounded were children.

The shooting occurred shortly after 5 p.m. near the Jewish settlement of Beit El and the Palestinian village of Surda.

Three assailants armed with two automatic weapons were driving a car from the nearby Palestinian-controlled town of Ramallah, said Avigdor Schatz, who is in charge of security for Jewish settlements in the area.

After the shooting, they reportedly fled back to Ramallah, which is out of reach for Israeli security forces under the Israel-PLO autonomy agreement.

The driver managed to get to the Beit El gas station to report the shooting, Israel army radio said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. Several drive-by shootings have been carried out in the last three years by Palestinian militant groups, including in July and August.

The attack came at a time of tense relations between Israel's hard-line government and Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

The two sides have tried unsuccessfully for the past two months to negotiate the terms of an Israeli troop pullback in Hebron, the last West Bank Palestinian city under Israeli occupation.

Credit counselors prepare for post-holiday onslaught

BALTIMORE (AP) — When Mary Hamby left her job at a Navy budget office for a lower-paying opportunity selling insurance door-to-door, she refused to let it spoil her Christmas.

She charged up $2,000 for Nintendo games, a microwave, a food processor and other gifts. And she and her letter-carrier husband kept up the lifestyle to which they were accustomed.

The shock came that summer, when they added up the balances on their credit cards: $35,000. Two years later, with the help of a credit counselor, they are still paying down the debt at $800 a month.

"We like to give generously. And I guess we gave too generously too many years. If somebody wanted something, we just charged it," Mrs. Hamby said. She added: "I learned my lesson young. I'll never do that again."

Credit counselors — professionals who help people like Mrs. Hamby dig themselves out of debt when they overdo it — are bracing for a post-holiday onslaught this year.

"During the holiday season a lot of people are putting aside their worries about their financial problems and trying to gain some happiness," said Bernie Dancel, chief executive of National Credit Counseling Services, a nonprofit group in Columbia. "It's almost addictive. It's like a drug."

This year's crisis may be worse than ever, with bankruptcy filings reaching a record 1.1 million over the past 12 months, and with people expected to increase their credit card spending by 13 percent over the $116 billion they charged last holiday season.

Dancel said his organization got 5,600 calls during the first week of December alone, double the number from the same period a year ago.

In recent years, credit card companies have been making it easy for people to get in over their heads — letting them skip a monthly payment, raising their credit limit and practically throwing plastic at them through the mail.

As of June, there were 376 million Visas and MasterCards in circulation, up 80 percent from 1991. The average household has four credit cards with balances totaling more than $4,800, more than twice the 1991 average, according to NCCS.

Credit counselors help people work out a repayment plan with the credit card companies, often negotiating down the interest rate and principal. Many of these counseling services are funded by the credit card industry itself.

Brenda Halstead said this year she won't be among those needing credit counseling, as she was last year.

"I lost my mind temporarily," said Mrs. Halstead, a 43-year-old nurse. "I plead temporary insanity."

Mrs. Halstead and her husband moved from New York state to rural Missouri to care for her father 1½ years ago. The move cost her $6 an hour and her husband, a Sears appliance repairman, $3 an hour. But they didn't let that stop them come Christmas.

They kept up a three-year pattern of high spending, plunking down as much as $2,500 for jewelry and video games for their two sons and other relatives. When they finally called a credit counseling service for help, the balances on their cards totaled about $30,000.

Mrs. Halstead blamed simple overspending, like more than half of the cardholders surveyed by telephone by Bankcard Holders of America, a Salem, Va., consumer group. Another 11 percent blamed medical bills, 11 percent cited college costs and 9 percent pointed to layoffs.

Obituaries

Mrs. Barrera

1912-1996

Funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church for Theodora G. Barrera of Snyder. She was 84. Burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery. Fr. Patrick Maher will officiate.

Rosary has been set for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Barrera died at 5:35 a.m. today in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

She was born on Nov. 9, 1912 and married Manuel Barrera Sr. in 1941 in Bastrop. He died in 1966. She was a housewife and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Living in Snyder since 1966, she had also lived in Colorado City and Hermleigh.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Louis Barrera in 1969.

Survivors include two sons, Salome Barrera and Manuel Barrera Jr., both of Snyder; three daughters, Lilly Garcia, Orlia Martinez and Delia Ruiz, all of Snyder; two sisters, Mercedes Martinez of Colorado City and Maria Terrazas of Snyder; 26 grandchildren; and 20 grandchildren.

Sybil Wiley

1914-1996

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Sybil Matilda Wiley, 82, of Lubbock and formerly of Ira, who died this morning the Lubbock Hospitality House after a lengthy illness.

Born on Jan. 18, 1914 in Sterling City, she married Eugene V. Wiley on Dec. 14, 1933 in Dunn. He died on Aug. 15, 1970.

Mrs. Wiley, a housewife, was a member of the East Side Church of Christ. She was a longtime resident of the Ira and Snyder areas before moving to Lubbock in July.

She was also preceded in death by two grandsons.

Suvivors include two daughters, Donnie Lue Halpain of Lubbock and Connie Sue Womack of Snyder; a son, Raymond Weldon Wiley of Arlington; a brother, Alton Hull of Colorado City; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bellah

1915-1996

AMARILLO — Funeral service is set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday in St. Mary's Catholic Church for Catherine M. Bellah, 81, who died Tuesday, Dec. 10 in Amarillo.

Born Jan. 25, 1915 in Hermleigh, she grew up in Slaton. She was a bookkeeper for Phillips Petroleum for 15 years and also worked for a doctor, retiring in 1978.

Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Smart and Janice Goodin, both of Amarillo; a son, Mike Bellah of Salt Lake City; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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1 arrested by officers

One person was arrested Tuesday in Snyder and reports of a forgery and a theft are being investigated.

Following a disturbance call at 10:20 a.m. from the 1300 block of S. Willis St., Hermleigh, deputies arrested a 38-year-old male for public intoxication.

Dorothy Turner requested a deputy at 8:27 a.m. from 1008 25th St. in reference to someone passing some checks on her checking account. An offense report is to be submitted in the incident.

Glenda Valentine requested an officer at 6:50 p.m. at 2258 Sunset in reference to the theft of a cellular telephone. An offense report was submitted.

In other activity, officers were notified at 4:24 p.m. that a lost gun had been found and returned to its owner.

Officers were notified at 5:41 p.m. from 1916 Coleman #3 that a 27-year-old woman had been bitten by a dog. An offense report for dog bite was submitted.

Reports of prowlers were made at 7:20 p.m. from a residence on CR 3105 and at 9:49 p.m. from the 800 block of 27th St.

Officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident at 1:58 p.m at 27th Street and College Avenue. Involved were a 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by Sam Robertson of Rt. 3 and a 1995 Ford driven by Misty Clem of 2315 41st St.

Hallums fund is established

A fund has been established at Snyder National Bank for Bennie Hallums, who lost all of his possessions in a Dec. 7 house fire.

What's Up?

Lighted parade on TV

A ZTV video tape of last Saturday's lighted Christmas parade will be shown on Channel 2 at 3 p.m. Thursday.

Model airplane club

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Winston Field. Visitors are welcome.

Ministerial Alliance

The Ministerial Alliance will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Savings & Loan.

Stanfield yearbook orders

Orders are being taken through Friday for Stanfield Elementary's 1996-97 yearbook. The yearbooks are $6 each and should be paid at the time of ordering.

NHS sale to help needy

Snyder High School National Honor Society will hold its Pink Elephant and Garage Sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the foyer of the girls' gym. Funds raised through the project will go to help needy families during Christmas. Donations are welcome.

Post office extends hours

Snyder Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday to assist those mailing Christmas packages. Also, a box has been set up by the flagpole at the post office for Santa Letters bound for the North Pole.

Children's Christmas party

A children's Christmas party, sponsored by the American Legion and VFW will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at 1800 Ave. R. Boys and girls age 12 and under are invited. Santa will be there and refreshments will be served.

Adult Christmas party

American Legion and VFW members are invited to a Christmas party at 6:30 p.m. Monday at 1700 Ave. T. Women are asked to bring pot luck dishes. Gifts will be exchanged; there is a $10 limit.

Key to Kingdom series

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "Where in the World Is Jesus," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Choir booster club

Snyder High Choir Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the choir room.

Christmas open house

Parents and students of the Hobbs Alternative School are invited to a program at the campus from 7-8 p.m. Monday. There will be a brief program and visitation.

SNS accepting applications

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is accepting applications for its 1997 workday. Applications may be picked up at Sam Robertson's Insurance Agency, the chamber of commerce or West Elementary and returned to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, Texas, 79550. Applications will also appear randomly in the Snyder Daily News.

Applications are due by Jan. 15. To be considered, applicants must own and be living in the house, be current on taxes and be age 65 or older or disabled.

Angel Tree ministry

Angel Tree is a volunteer ministry of Prison Fellowship that provides Christmas gifts for children of prison inmates. The ministry needs families, churches, Sunday School classes or other organizations to help in purchasing these gifts. Any group that can help provide a Christmas gift for some children in Snyder whose parent is in prison is asked to call a Colorado City number, 728-5829, after 5 p.m.

Pick 3

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

6-4-2

(six, four, two)

Cash 5

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

Winning numbers drawn: 9-12-17-33-35.

Estimated jackpot: $101,279.

Number matching five of five: two.

Winning ticket(s) sold in: Waco, Grand Prairie.

Matching four of five: 561. Prize: $542.

Matching three of five: 19,781. Prize: $25.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman Haunted for 30 Years By Love Lost in High School

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: When I was in the eighth grade I didn't "like boys." Building forts was much more interesting. But when my first love walked into our classroom, I knew I loved him the second I saw him.

We liked each other all during high school, although my parents told me I was too young to like boys. When he gave me gifts, I had to give them back. When he offered me his class ring I wasn't allowed to take it. It silently broke my heart. In all those years, I didn't ever tell him I loved him — or how much.

He was the valedictorian of our class, and after high school he went on to Stanford University. I went to nurse's training. His life prospered; mine disintegrated.

At age 30, I married a man to please my father. That marriage ended in divorce eight years and two children later. After being a single parent for seven years, I longed for a husband and family. I married a man who had my first love's name. This marriage ended a year later after a lot of trauma to me and my children.

Two years ago, I realized that my true love was "missing in action" in my heart and that I hadn't been able to go on with my life. I located him through the Stanford Alumni register and after 30 years, talked with him — for 42 minutes. He's happily married with four children.

After that phone call, I grieved for two days and then reconciled my love for him in my heart.

Abby, no other true love has come into my life. Perhaps one never will. Please encourage parents to take their children seriously. The heart is never too young to love deeply and eternally.

Thank you. I cannot sign this letter since I don't wish to expose my parents to the heartache they caused me so young in life, and the profound impact that forcing me to deny my love has had on me throughout the years.

FINALLY RECONCILED,
RICHLAND, WASH.

DEAR RECONCILED: Yours is a dramatic story. It's gratifying to know that you have finally found peace and resolved your first love.

When parents tell children that they are "too young" to be seriously in love, what they usually mean is that the children are too young to shoulder the responsibilities that accompany their turbulent emotions. I hope that the next time you find love, it brings you every happiness.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife died two years ago. I know absolutely nothing about her side of the family. Although we had a wonderful trouble-free marriage of 47 years, she did not discuss her family.

Among her possessions is a photo album from 1880. All of the photos are excellent, taken in professional studios. The album is blue velvet, in mint condition. The pictures were taken in Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado, Los Angeles, Oakland and Pasadena, Calif.

Only one photograph is identified with a name: "Mrs. A. Hemenover, 1300 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, Calif., May 5, 1902."

Abby, I would love to return this album to any of her descendants. If anyone reading your column can help, I'm sure it will make the family very happy.

There are no strings attached and no thought of financial gain; I simply hate to see this beautiful album lost to the family. I am 77 years old and a totally responsible citizen.

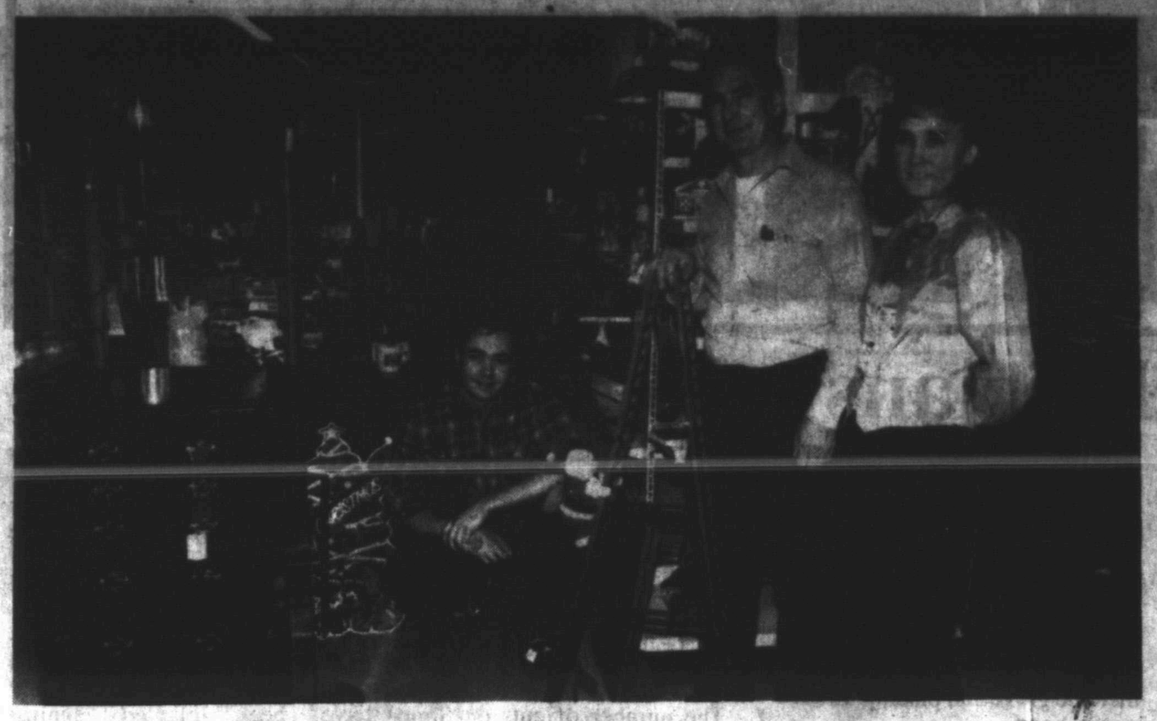
Incidentally, my wife's maiden name was Jean Elenor Alameda. She was born in Oakland, Calif., and graduated from high school there.

GAYEL G. CHEW

DEAR GAYEL G. CHEW: How generous of you. If a family member claims this album, I will contact you. Thank you for giving me your name, address and telephone number.

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NEW GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE — Don's Surplus City recently opened at 2511 College Ave., on the west side of the square. William Patten, left, is the manager. Owners are Don and Kathy Patten of Hermleigh. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Don's Surplus opens on square

Don's Surplus City is a general merchandise store located at 2511 College Ave., on the west side of the square.

The fully stocked new business can help anyone with their Santa list. Items to choose from include various toys including radio control, appliances, housewares, bed and bath items, jewelry, lamps, fans, and many other Christmas items.

For shoppers' convenience, the store is open Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m.

New blood test could decrease transfusions tainted by AIDS

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A biotechnology company has won a government contract to develop a quick and highly sensitive blood test that promises to halve the number of transfusions tainted by AIDS and hepatitis C.

Gen-Probe Inc. hopes by 1999 to provide blood banks nationwide with the three-hour lab test, Frank Nordhoff, the company's president and chief executive, said Tuesday.

The hope is to reduce the amount of tainted, donated blood from recently infected donors that slips through testing and gets to patients through transfusions.

"Currently, maybe as many as 200 transfusions out of 12 million blood donations may still transmit hepatitis C. This should prevent more than half of them," said Dr. Peter Page, senior medical officer for the American Red Cross Biomedical Services.

"There may be as many as 20 HIV transmissions per year out of 12 million donations," he added. "This should prevent more than half of those."

The test, being develop[illegible]der a $7.7 million contract from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, detects the deadly viruses in newly infected individuals who have not yet developed antibodies that are the traditional signposts of infection.

The Gen-Probe test instead picks up the viruses' genetic material, either DNA or RNA, which shows up in the blood sooner than the antibodies, Nordhoff said.

The test will allow labs to eliminate blood from donors whose infection is so recent that it can easily escape detection. It takes 22 days from the day of infection for most antibody tests to detect HIV; a quicker test, to pick up a protein in the virus, still takes 16 days.

The Gen-Probe technology can pick up HIV in just 11 days, Page said. For hepatitis C, the 70 days in which the virus cannot be detected by existing tests will be trimmed to 25 days.

The Red Cross estimates that five out of every 100,000 units of donated blood test positive for HIV. For hepatitis C, a virus discovered in 1989 that is a major contributor to cirrhosis of the liver and liver cancer, that figure increases to 150 per 100,000 units.

"As a practicing physician who orders blood transfusions, this is welcome news," said Dr. Scott Hitt, chairman of the Presidential Advisory Council on AIDS and HIV, and an internist with Pacific Oaks Medical Group in Beverly Hills, the nation's largest AIDS practice.

Gen-Probe officials said the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has promised a speedy, four-month review of the test.

Family accused in shoplifting scam surrenders

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Members of a wealthy family accused of giving a shoplifter lists of items to steal and paying him cut rates for the goods surrendered Tuesday and were released on their own recognizance.

Gerald Dick, a 58-year-old dentist, his 56-year-old wife, Judy, and two of their children — James Dick, 32, who played for the Minnesota Vikings briefly in 1987, and Stacy Zehren, 33, a Chicago lawyer — each were charged last week with two counts, attempting and conspiring to receive stolen property. Each count carries up to five years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

Police said the family's undoing was the arrest of Gregory E. Thomas, who told police he sold about $250,000 worth of goods to the family over the years. Police seized some $42,000 worth of goods from the home.

Paul Applebaum, the family's attorney, said they've never been in trouble before, and he vowed to recover the seized property.

"All I can say right now is that they are taking these charges very seriously," Applebaum said. "I think it goes without saying it's a devastating event in their lives."

VMI trying to clean up handbook language

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP) — The term "buzz cuts" is out but "dyke" will probably survive as the Virginia Military Institute tries to clean up its handbook before women arrive on campus next fall.

Words that cadets have used for generations to describe tasks and objects also carry meanings that could be considered offensive to women, VMI administrators said Tuesday.

So, they will reconsider terms like "boned" — to be punished — and "running a period" — to go a month without getting a demerit.

Mike Bissell, the superintendent's assistant who is heading VMI's coeducation committees, said the school probably will banish derogatory slang and retain terms that have a justifiable origin.

"I think dyke could very well stand," he said.

At VMI, the term describes the cross-belts of the dress uniform and an upperclassman who is a mentor to a freshman, known as a "rat."

"In exchange for menial tasks performed by the Rat, his Dyke offers good advice, moral support and a haven on the first floor of Barracks," according to VMI's handbook for new cadets and parents.

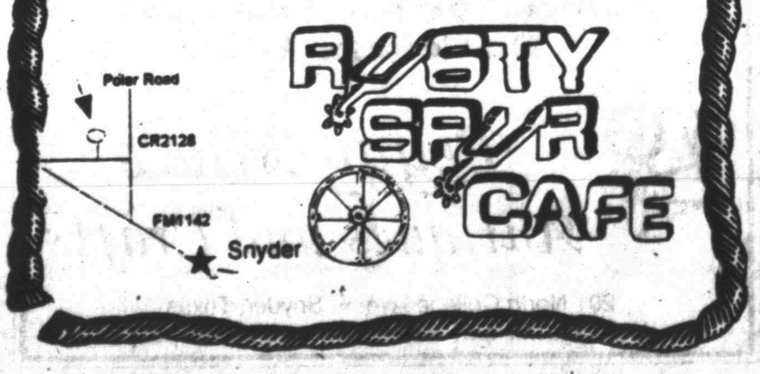
The word "dyke," however, can also mean lesbian, and is usually used disparagingly.

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it is unconstitutional for a state-supported military college to exclude women. VMI decided in September to go coed rather than become a private school and has accepted four women for next fall.

On the issue of hair, VMI Superintendent Josiah Bunting has said that men and women would get identical cuts, but Bissell said there may be a slight variation for women.

Either way, they won't be called buzz cuts — an apparent effort to blunt criticism from women's groups opposed to women cadets getting the same extremely short cut as men.

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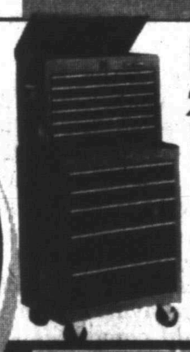
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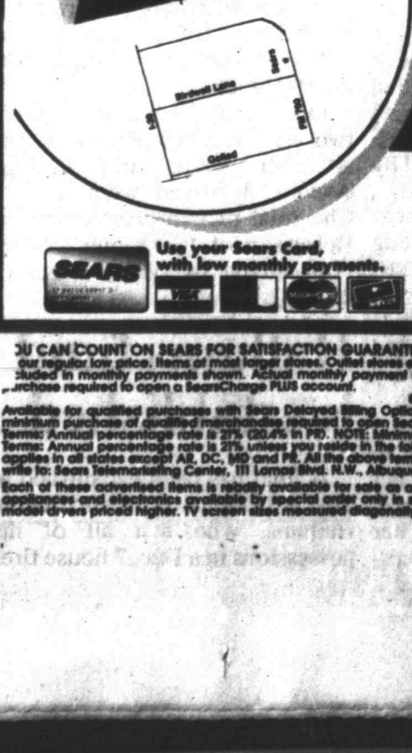


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