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Wednesday...

BCD to consider funding requests

Meeting in special session Wednesday, the Board of County Development will consider two major funding requests and one annual request.

The board meets at noon in the Development Corporation of Snyder board room.

Among the requests to be addressed by the BCD is one from the Scurry County Producers Association to fund the position of an entomologist.

Scurry County has been without the services of an entomologist for the past two years.

BCD members heard the association's request in October, but took no action since it was not an agenda item.

At that time, Steve Moore, SCPA president, said that the Texas Agriculture Extension Service will hire an entomologist for a multi-county area if the counties involved will commit to related expenses for a five-year period.

Under the plan, Scurry, Mitchell, Nolan and Jones counties would each hire a demonstration technician — a part-time position — plus pay some expenses incurred by the entomologist. Moore estimated that Scurry County's portion of the total cost would be $10,106 annually. The extension service at Texas A&M University would pay the entomologist's salary, expected to be around $60,000.

In the October meeting, Morris Light, president of the Scurry County Cotton Board, told BCD board members that money is available for the first few years of the program, but funds would be needed to complete it.

The men noted that an entomologist is beneficial to both farmers and in-town residents seeking help with insect control as it relates to their pecan trees, gardens and other plants.

BCD members will also consider a request from Western Texas College for funding assistance for a distance learning center. The board was presented information on the center earlier this year, but no dollar amounts were discussed.

In one other item, the board will consider a request for funds from the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District. The request is an annual one, which the BCD has routinely approved.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "When someone says they don't want to mention names — it's no longer necessary."

Inquiring minds wanted to know: Why coffee stains form rings.

Yep, the experts said we all wanted to know, so they spent money to come up with a theory.

Sid Nagle, a physics professor, wondered why coffee stains form rings when they dry. He and his colleagues at the University of Chicago set out to find out the reason. The work revealed a natural process that they say might be useful to industry.

Their search of scientific literature had turned up nothing about coffee stains. Here's the answer for sincerely inquiring minds:

Say you spill some coffee on a counter. The stain spreads quickly then its edges are trapped by microscopic roughness of the counter.

So once a stain has staked out its territory, it's stuck and can't shrink. Now evaporation begins. Ordinarily, this would erase the very edges of the stain, where it is the thinnest and little liquid exists. That would normally make the stain recede, which it can't do because it's stuck in a rut. So the stain has to replenish the liquid that is evaporating from its edges.

The replenishment comes from the interior of the stain. As the liquid moves outward, it carries along the tiny solid particles suspended in it. These particles migrate to the edges of the stain and build up. When all evaporation is done, it leaves a ring of solid particles.

The professor says it's unclear that there is any practical use for the new finding.

Now what would happen if folks never washed off the milk moustache?

And this is real, too.

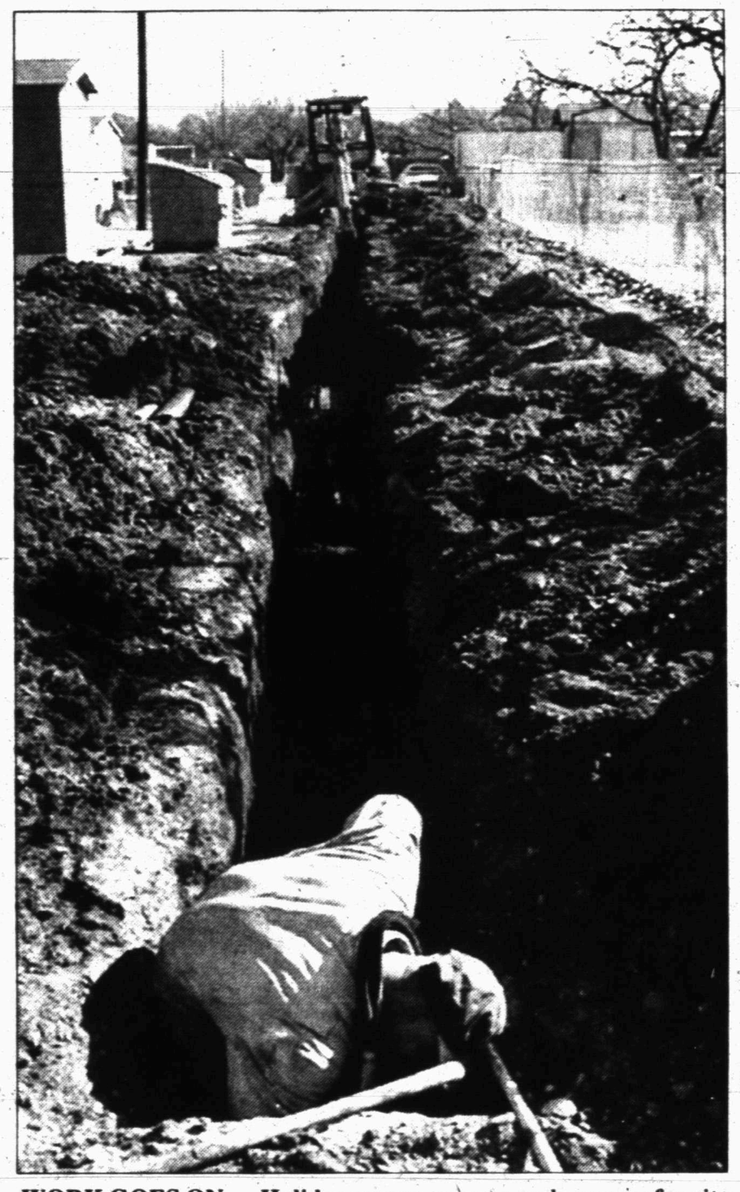
Quaint hotels are finding a market niche. Some hotels are finding that hostility sells better than hospitality.

It may sound ridiculous, but some travelers like clerks and bellhops who dare to be rude.

And such hotels are not cheap — ranging in price from $200 to $400 for a small room with uncomfortable furnishings.

When you stay at a five-star hotel, it's trained and ingrained politeness. But at these trendy rest stops, the "attitude" is intentional.

Shoot, if you want an attitude — spend the night with your brother-in-law.



WORK GOES ON — Holiday season or not, work goes on for city crews. Abel Carrillo does some shovel work as a sewer line is being replaced in the alley of the 800 block of 28th Street. (SDN Staff Photo)

Reno says her staff vigorously pursuing campaign allegations

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a political tongue-lashing, the chairman of the House investigation into fund-raising rebuked Attorney General Janet Reno today for refusing to name an independent prosecutor for the case. "This has all the appearances of an attorney general protecting the president," Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., declared.

Burton also made a surprise offer, saying he would support naming an independent counsel to take over the entire fund-raising investigation, including allegations against him that he threatened a lobbyist over fund raising.

"I believe we need an independent counsel for the entire task force. If the attorney general wants to include my case, I say 'fine,'" Burton said. "I have nothing to fear from an independent counsel. It is apparent the president does not feel the same way."

The day after the White House belatedly turned over new documents relevant to the investigation, Reno faced a steely greeting from Republicans on the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

Reno told the committee she "will not hesitate" to name an independent counsel if it is warranted and that her department is vigorously pursuing its campaign fund-raising investigation.

"If, at any time, specific and credible evidence develops indicating that the Independent Counsel Act should be triggered, I will not hesitate to trigger it," Reno said in prepared testimony.

Reno and FBI Director Louis Freeh were summoned to explain the decision last week not to name an independent counsel and their disagreement over the decision. Freeh has said he disagreed with Reno's decision and outlined his reasons in a memo.

Reno refused to turn over that memo to Burton after it was subpoenaed by his panel, a decision roundly criticized by Republicans. But Reno said she and Freeh fear that providing the memo would tip off "potential targets of our approach and of our analysis."

She dismissed her disagreement with Freeh, saying "that is healthy. It promotes good investigative work and clear thinking about the law."

Snyder FFA teams win area contests

Three Snyder FFA teams won at area competition held Saturday at Howard College. They now advance to state contests in Huntsville on Saturday.

Snyder teams headed to state include FFA creed, junior chapter conducting and ag issues forum.

Riley Tatum won the FFA creed speaking contest.

Members of the junior chapter conducting team are Ben Caldwell, Dana Stribling, Nikki Guerrero, Missy Hicks, Will Henderson, Missy French, Julie Dooley, Martha Rivera and Tatum.

Ag issues forum team members are Laurie Huddleston, Amy Church, Brandon Williamson, Tommy Gordon, Johna Ferris and Windy Wood.

Other wins included second places for both the quiz team and senior chapter conducting team.

Negotiations intensify...

U.S. offers deeper emissions cuts

KYOTO, Japan (AP) — With the United States showing increased flexibility, delegates attending the 150-nation global warming conference pressed ahead today to craft a historic treaty to curtail greenhouse emissions in industrialized countries.

Conference organizers said they were optimistic that the remaining obstacles could be resolved, after U.S. negotiators indicated they would accept deeper emission cuts than originally proposed by President Clinton.

"We are close to a solution," said Raul Estrada, the Argentine representative coordinating the negotiations, which began nine days ago. The talks are scheduled to conclude Wednesday.

With negotiations expected to continue late into the night, delegates reviewed a draft proposal offered by Estrada that calls for most industrial nations to roll back carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases 5 percent to 8 percent from what they were in 1990. A few countries would be allowed to increase emissions.

The United States would agree to deeper emission reductions — 5 percent below 1990 levels — than Clinton had proposed. But the Europeans also would abandon their demand for a 15 percent rollback. The cuts would be required between 2006 to 2010 — two years sooner than the United States proposed.

While the draft was viewed as a framework for a possible agreement, both the United States and the Europeans remained troubled by some of its provisions.

Ritt Bjerregaard, the environmental commissioner for the European Union, said the proposals under consideration still have too many "loopholes" allowing countries to avoid emission cuts.

Santa's mailbox open

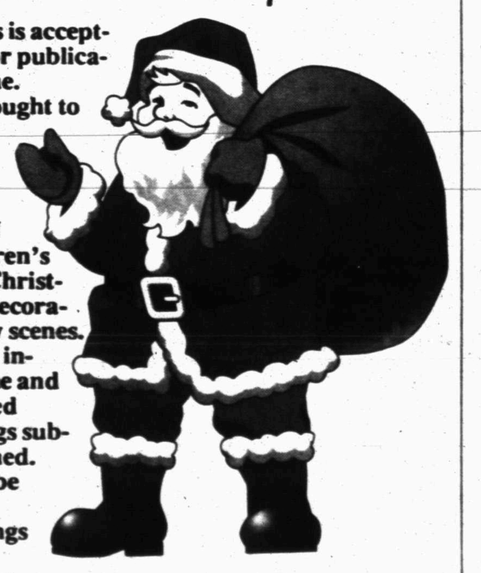
Snyder Daily News is accepting letters to Santa for publication in its Dec. 24 issue.

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. 17 in order for them to be forwarded to the North Pole in time for Christmas.



Exxon...

Pipeline work to begin in January

Work is expected to start in January on pipelines related to Exxon Corporation's carbon dioxide injection project on its Sharon Ridge Canyon unit.

The project is the first step in the project and involves the construction of the pipelines to gather natural gas and to supply CO2 injection gas to wells in the unit.

The gas gathering pipelines will be 14 inches and 16 inches in diameter. Some 2.5 miles of line will be constructed.

The injection lines will be 6-inch and 8-inch pipe and will cover the same 2.5 miles.

The lines will be located some 14 miles southwest of Snyder, and approximately two miles northwest of the Knapp community.

The actual startup of the CO2 injection project is planned for late 1998.

The injection of the gas will initially total about 50 million cubic feet per day and will be distributed among nine wells and affect some 14 acres on the unit.

The unit is located in both Scurry and Borden Counties, on the southern end of the large Kelly-Snyder field. It is the second largest unified oil field in the county, behind SACROC.

Decorating contest slated

Snyder Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats are sponsoring a Christmas house decorating contest, open to all Scurry County residents.

Prizes of $25, $15 and $10 will be awarded to the best decorated homes — exteriors, of course. Judging will be held next Monday.

Families wanting to enter should contact the chamber to be put on the list of homes to be judged.

ASK US

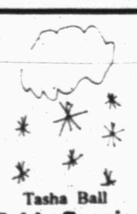
Q—Will the Texas Parks and Wildlife stock rainbow trout in Towle Park pond as they do at some small area lakes?

A—It is not on the schedule. The closest location is Lamesa where some 2,400 trout are scheduled to be stocked on Dec. 19 and Jan. 12.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 69 degrees; low, 41; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 44; no precipitation; total for 1997, 24.26 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, much colder. Snow flurries possible after midnight. Low around 30. N wind 20-30 mph, gusty, decreasing to 10-20 mph after midnight. Caution advised on area lakes. Wednesday, cold with flurries.



Tasha Ball

Cold, flurries possible

Sunset: 5:41 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:32 a.m.
Of 342 days in 1997, the sun has shone 327 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities; an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.

Reginald B. Mansell

DEC 09 1997

LeeAnn Rimes big winner at Billboard Music Awards

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The year belongs to LeAnn Rimes.

The 15-year-old Patsy Cline sound-alike from Garland, Texas, was the big winner Monday night at the Billboard Music Awards, earning four honors, including artist of the year, country artist, country album of the year and country singles artist of the year.

Singer Elton John and writer Bernie Taupin were presented during the awards show at the MGM Grand hotel-casino with a special award for "Candle in the Wind 1997," the Princess Diana tribute that set a new world record for the biggest-selling single of all time.

Earlier this year, Rimes swept the Academy of Country Music Awards with trophies for new female singer, top single and song for her yodeling rendition of "Blue." She also won Grammys for best new artist and best female country vocal and picked up a TNN Music City News Award for female star of tomorrow.

The 1997 Billboard Awards, broadcast live on Fox Television, are determined by the magazine's year-end music charts, which are based on a combination of record sales and radio airplay.

The winners were:

—LeAnn Rimes, artist of the year.

—LeAnn Rimes, country artist.

—LeAnn Rimes, country album of the year, "Blue."

—LeAnn Rimes, country singles artist of the year.

—Elton John, single of the year for "Candle in the Wind 1997."

—Elton John, singles artist of the year.

—Elton John, singles sales artist of the year.

—Chet Atkins, century award.

—Garth Brooks, artist achievement award.

—Spice Girls, album of the year for "Spice."

—Spice Girls, new artist of the year.

—Puff Daddy, rap artist.

—Puff Daddy, rap single of the year for "I'll Be Missing You" with Faith Evans.

—Toni Braxton, female R&B artist of the year.

—Toni Braxton, adult contemporary artist.

—Toni Braxton, adult contemporary single of the year for "Unbreak My Heart."

—Dru Hill, R&B single of the year for "In My Head."

—Dru Hill, R&B artist of the year.

—Dru Hill, R&B singles artist of the year.

—Sublime, modern rock artist.

—Third Eye Blind, modern rock track for "Semi-Charged Life."



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COMING THROUGH — An F-4 Phantom was tranported from Wichita Falls to Big Spring Saturday and Sunday on trucks from E.D. Walton Construction. Plans were for the plane to come through Snyder on Saturday, but delays in obtaining permit changes postponed the trip down FM 1611 until Sunday morning. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rudy's Senior of the Week!



Senior Amanda Wells is involved in DECA and FFA at Snyder High School. After graduation, she plans to go to nursing school and become an OB nurse, then move to Lubbock or Dallas. Her future plans include getting married and having a family.

Country Club manager gets new position

After serving as the manager of Snyder Country Club for the past two years, Tom Decker is leaving to become manager of the country club in Dodge City, Kan.

He will begin his new duties on Dec. 16.

"I've really enjoyed being a part of Snyder County Club," Decker said. "This is a very unique club as it provides so many services for a small town club.

"You just don't see this quality in towns the size of Snyder very often," he added.

Decker said the country club in Dodge City has around 500 members and has an 18 hole golf course.

Decker said he did not know the local club's schedule for replacing him, but added there is a good opportunity here.

"It's an excellent place for someone to get some training in the business," Decker said.

In the interim, McDonald's franchise owner Joel Hook will be serving as a consultant at the country club until a new manager is hired.

"We're looking to hire a local person to manage the club," Hook said, adding that the search could take anywhere from three months to a year.

The basic monetary unit of Mauritania is the ouguiya, and its chief fractional unit is the khoum.

Although Thomas Edison could see perfectly well, he preferred reading Braille.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1997

The present course you're steering appears to be the right one. Do not make changes in the year ahead just for the sake of change. Success is indicated if you make every move count.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your chart indicates that your work habits might not be up to par today. This is because your ability to concentrate might not be fully operative. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If your attitude is "easy come, easy go" today, there is a possibility that something with potential for profit could slip through your fingers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) As a salesperson today, you should be able to captivate prospects with interesting stories about your merchandise. Try to be a good closer as well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today you might be inclined to blurt out things without thinking. You may repeat some confidential information to more than one wrong individual.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This might not be one of your better days for visiting shops that specialize in selling unique merchandise. You might spend foolishly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Usually, your tenacious qualities are quite pronounced, but today you could waver as your enthusiasm for your endeavors ebbs and flows.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Review your flashes of inspiration very carefully today before swinging into action. Under closer scrutiny, some overlooked flaws might appear.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you're involved in a new endeavor, be sure the procedures are methodical and designed to take things one step at a time. Rome wasn't built in a day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Involvements with associates whose goals are not in sync with yours may not work out today. Do not expect more from your cohort than you have to offer.

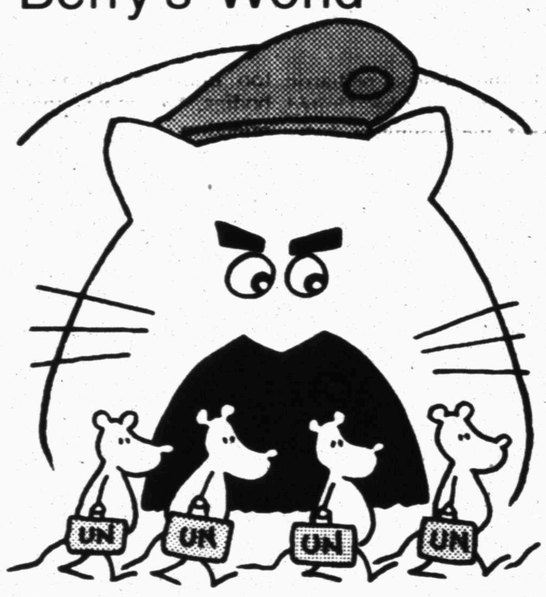
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be patient and tolerant today when working with people whose minds don't work as fast as yours. It won't hurt you to repeat your presentation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you might be a tad clumsy when handling delicate objects. Do not borrow anything that could get broken because you didn't know how to use it properly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not be too hasty in making decisions today that affect family members as well as yourself. More time for review might be essential.

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Berry's World



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Cat and mouse game

Seeks divorce

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Phyllis George Brown had a year and a half to think about a reconciliation with her husband of 18 years. She decided on divorce.

Miss America 1971 filed for divorce from former Kentucky Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. on Nov. 10 in Broward County Circuit Court, claiming he has permanent resident status in Florida.

Brown is awaiting a judge's ruling on whether the case should instead be heard in Lexington, Ky., claiming he is no longer a Florida resident, according to his attorney, Robert Moraitis. Ms. Brown should not be allowed to "forum shop" for a more favorable divorce state, Moraitis said Monday.

The former CBS broadcaster, who originally filed for divorce in 1996 before the couple sought a reconciliation, is seeking custody of the couple's two teen-age children.

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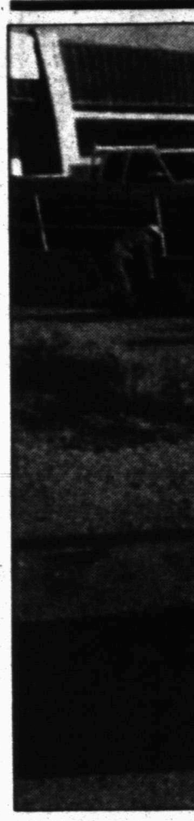
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By Phillip Alder

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SIGN SAYS IT ALL — Probationers who have violated the terms of their probation are now working to pick up trash on the main streets in Snyder on Fridays. The work is under supervision of the adult probation office. (SDN Staff Photo)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Plainview FCEC; 2 p.m.; for more information call 573-6807.

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

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

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

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 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

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.

Ministerial Alliance; Rudy's; 10 a.m.

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.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 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.

Baby youngest liver transplant patient

LONDON (AP) — A baby who received a new liver when she was 5 days old is the world's youngest liver transplant patient, doctors say.

Dark-haired Baebhen Schuttke, born with a disease that killed her two brothers, laughed and gurgled through a news conference called Monday to announce that the transplant operation in July was a success.

"She's just like any normal baby ... it's almost easy to forget how close we came to losing her," said her Irish mother, Ita.

Mrs. Schuttke, 30, and her German husband, Jurgen, 33, were referred to King's College Hospital in London, the largest transplant center for children in Europe, as first one son, then another, died.

Two days after her birth in Dublin, Baebhen was diagnosed with the same condition, neonatal hemochromatosis, which causes a buildup of iron in the liver. She was flown by air ambulance to King's College Hospital.

There, doctors told the Schuttkes there was a chance for Baebhen. And on the fifth day of her life, the family of a 10-year-old boy who died outside London gave permission for the liver transplant. The liver was cut down to a fraction of its original size.

"This is the youngest child to get a liver transplant because she was lucky enough to get a donor," said Dr. Mohammed Rela, the surgeon who led a 20-member medical team that performed the six-hour operation.

"She has done very well, and the liver is now adapting to her body and is growing normally. She will not need another transplant when she is older," Rela added.

The Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh, the biggest pediatric transplant center in the United States, said the youngest baby given a liver transplant there was two weeks old.

Younger children have received heart transplants. Canadian Paul Holc, now age 10, received a heart at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital in California three hours after birth.

During the surgery at King's College Hospital, one group of doctors took two hours to prepare a 4-inch by 3-inch section of liver for the transplant. Other doctors removed Baebhen's diseased liver.

The cut-down liver still was slightly too big for the 6-pound infant, hospital spokesman Nick Samuels said, and for a few days "the wound was left open while the liver adjusted to the size of the patient."

Infants are good candidates for transplants — for the first 30 days of life, a baby's immune system is too immature to detect foreign bodies, reducing the risk of rejection.

Baebhen — whose name is Gaelic for "sweet, beautiful woman and melodious" — now takes a light dose of anti-rejection drugs.

The Schuttkes also have an elder daughter, 5-year-old girl, who was born healthy.

"We want to thank them (the doctors) from the bottom of our hearts," said Mrs. Schuttke. "Because the donor is anonymous, it is impossible to thank them for what they have done. But we would like to give our heartfelt gratitude to donors of all organs."

Poster will get to stay

CHESTERTON, Ind. (AP) — A poster promoting tolerance for homosexuals can stay in the classroom where Bonney Leckie teaches English.

The Duneland School Corp. voted 4-1 Monday to uphold a district committee's decision that the poster at Chesterton High School met curriculum standards.

"If this poster gets one kid to think, if it gets one child to not categorize or stereotype people, if it gets one kid to not use that derogatory word that we all know, then I think its educational value is inarguable," said Michael Griffin, a school board member.

The black and white poster has photographs of 10 famous historical figures, including Cole Porter, Walt Whitman, Michaelangelo and Eleanor Roosevelt, with a caption that reads: "Sexual orientation has nothing to do with the ability to make a mark, let alone make history."

Cathy and David Podguski, whose son Michael took English with Leckie last year as a freshamn, brought the complaint with evangelist Pat Robertson's American Center for Law and Justice.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	12-09-97
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♦ 6 5 3 2		♦ K 4
♣ 8 5		♣ 7 3 2
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	♥ A 10 7	
	♦ 10 9	
	♣ K Q 10 9 4	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Dbl.
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 2

Handle with care

By Phillip Alder

Most adults can relate to this observation by Mark Twain: "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years."

In bridge, we have the Rule of Seven. If you are in no-trump and the lead is in a suit for which you have only one top-trick stopper (usually the ace, but sometimes the king if your right-hand opponent wins the first trick with the ace), you may use the Rule of Seven to decide how long to hold up your winner. You subtract from seven the total number of cards you have in the suit between your hand and the dummy combined, and hold up for that number of rounds.

So, after West leads the heart two, the Rule of Seven tells you to hold up the ace for two rounds and win the third. But that isn't right here!

You have eight top tricks: one spade, one heart, one diamond and five clubs. The extra trick will come from diamonds, but the finesse will probably fail, given East's takeout double.

What does the lead tell you? Right — that West has only four hearts. Therefore, if you win trick one and take the diamond finesse, you will lose at most four tricks: three hearts and one diamond.

What happens if you duck the first trick? A thoughtful East will switch to the spade king. Then, when the diamond finesse fails, you will go one down, losing three spades, one heart (at trick one), and one diamond.

Apply the Rule of Seven when you fear the leader has a five-card suit.

If you are a new reader of this column, you might like to buy Phillip's book, "Get Smarter at Bridge," which was published in 1994 and reprinted this year. To order (autographed on request), send a check for $14.95 payable to Phillip Alder to P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577-0169.

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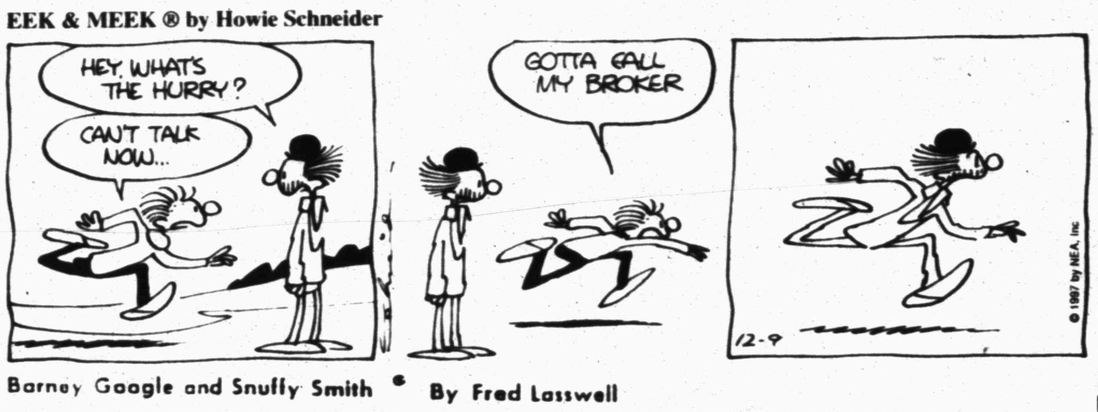
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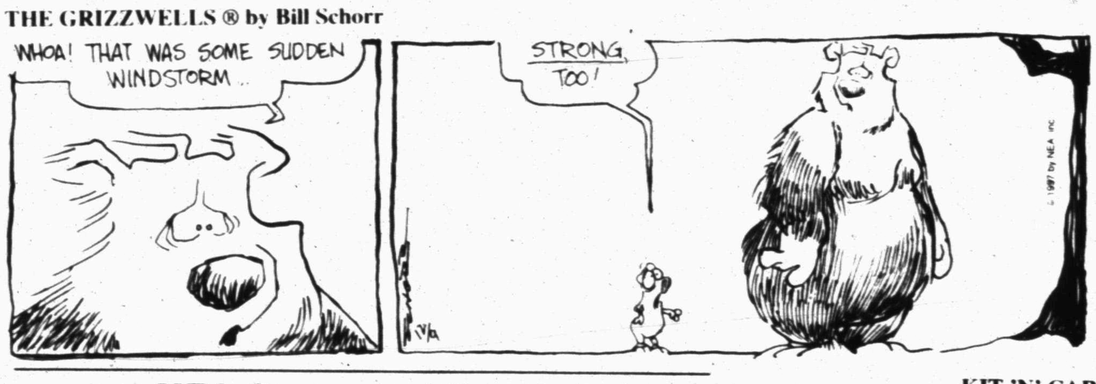
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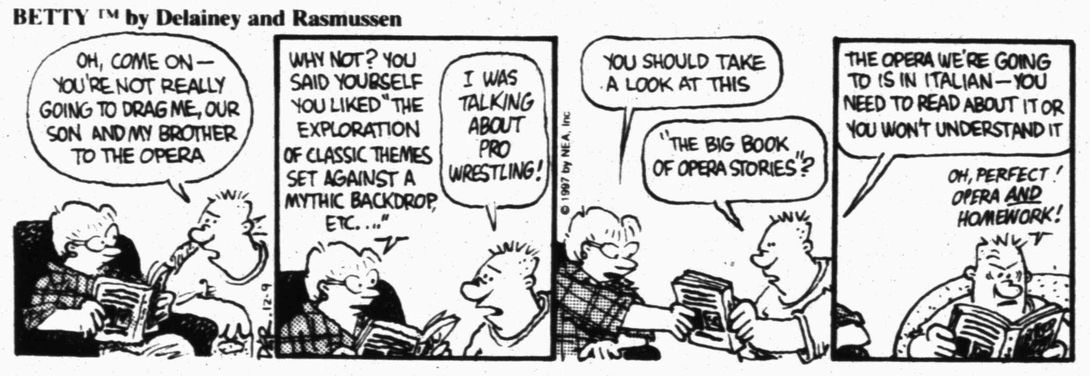
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7 Kennel noises
11 Develop
12 Laborer
14 Muscle part
15 Polar lights
16 Neighbor of Brazil (abbr.)
17 Cooler
19 Home of Eve
20 Stuck (to)
22 Princeton's rival
25 Soak (flax)
26 Adriatic, e.g.
29 Seize power unlawfully
31 Resident of Boise
33 Lotion ingredient
35 Uptight
36 Pt. of ESL
37 Chemical suffix
38 By the time — — to Phoenix
39 Communications satellite
42 The Gift of the —
45 Tennis player Arthur —
46 Senorita's aunt
49 Detective Queen
51 Basketball's Julius —
53 Sign of the bull
54 Engaged guy
55 Robin's home
56 Fractions

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18 Weirdness
20 Prefix for plane
21 Coup d' —
22 Christmas
23 Straight — — arrow
24 Breathing organ
26 Choir offering
27 Relieve
28 Dill seed
30 Ballet movement
32 Inheritor
34 Some fillings
39 Levels
40 Act of stealing
41 Eagle's home
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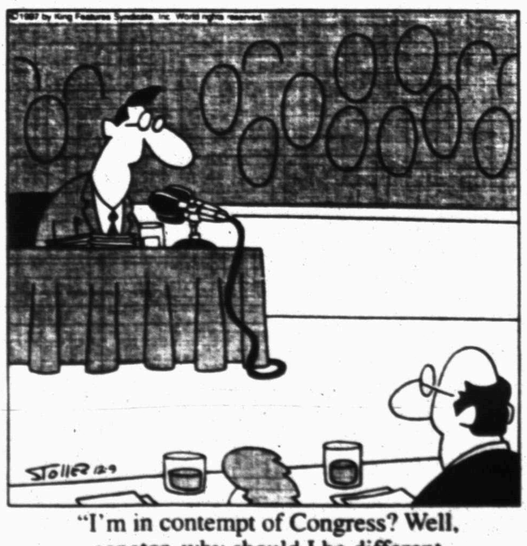
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SPORTS

Carolina whips Dallas; Cowboys' offense stalls

IRVING (AP) — The young Carolina Panthers put two crushing losses on the old Dallas Cowboys twice in one year. The end of an era may be close at hand.

Carolina whipped Dallas 23-13 Monday night to end the Cowboys' five-year reign as NFC East champion. Only longshot mathematical possibilities keep Dallas, winners of three Super Bowls in the 1990s, in the wild card race.

"There's no question it's the most disappointing game we've had," Dallas owner Jerry Jones said. "It's extremely disappointing. We'll have to examine some things in the off-season. We made too many mistakes. We didn't give ourselves a chance to win."

Kerry Collins threw two touchdown passes and Fred Lane rushed for 138 yards as Carolina stayed alive in the NFC race.

Carolina evened its record at 7-7 while Dallas dropped to 6-8. With two games left, the Cowboys have only a remote chance of making the playoffs for a seventh consecutive year.

"The NFL is funny in that you can hit rock bottom one week, like we did last week, and reach the top next week," Collins said. "We go to Green Bay next. The road doesn't get any easier."

The New York Giants have an 8-5-1 record in the NFC East, and Dallas can't catch them.

"It's frustrating for everybody," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "It's frustrating on the coaches, on Jerry Jones, on myself. Free agency has brought about the end of an era. It's happened to every team."

Switzer lost his third game in a row for the first time in his career as a college and pro coach — a span of 359 games.

"It's hard to watch this team become average," Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman said. "Nobody is willing to concede that we had a good run early in the decade and now it's over. Something has to be done."

Carolina knocked Dallas out of the NFL title contention last season with a 26-17 victory on Jan. 5 in the NFC divisional playoffs.

Collins, who threw a 15-yard TD pass to Rae Carruth in the second quarter, guided Carolina on a 69-yard drive to open the second half. Collins put the Panthers ahead 17-6 by hitting Scott Greene on a 1-yard touchdown pass.

John Kasay kicked a 40-yard field goal to start the fourth quarter, making it 20-6, then added an 18-yarder with 53 seconds left to finish off the Cowboys

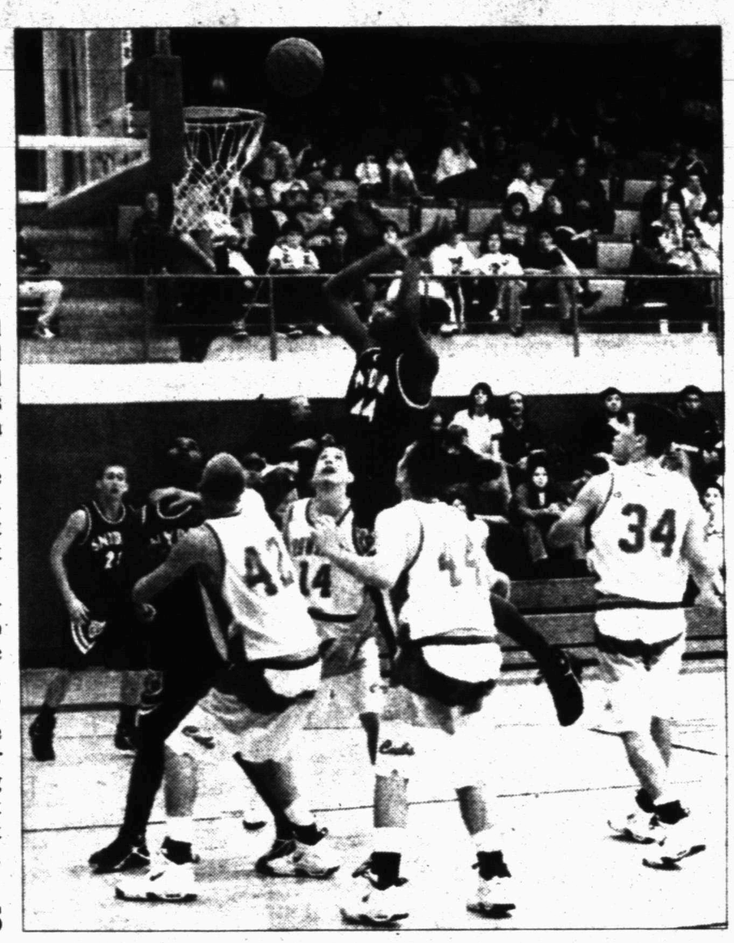
Aikman hit Michael Irvin with a 52-yard touchdown to pull Dallas within seven points with 6:33 left.

However, with a fourth-and-1 on the Carolina 45, Aikman rolled to the right, got in trouble, circled back under heavy pursuit and finally fell down for a 25-yard loss with 3:27 left. Safety Chad Cota got credit for the sack.

"I was just trying to make something happen," Aikman said. "It was a busted play. I rolled out but they covered it well. I couldn't get around the corner."

"If you can't make a fourth-and-1, then you don't deserve to win," Switzer said. "We just have to try to win the last two games. They are pros and they get paid."

The Panthers dominated the first half to take a 10-6 lead over the Cowboys, who lost running back Emmitt Smith in the first quarter when he reinjured his left shoulder trying to make a block.



TWO FOR THE TIGERS — Snyder's Jimmy Taylor (44) puts up a shot against Brownfield earlier this season as Tyler Warren (24) and Toby Delce (4) look on. The Tigers will be in action tonight at Lubbock High, beginning at 7:30. The Lady Tigers face Abilene Cooper at 6:30 in the SHS gym. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHS hoop teams face 5A squads

Both Snyder High School hoop teams will be looking to rebound from weekend losses when they face Class 5A squads in separate competition.

The Lady Tigers, coming off a 47-39 defeat at the hands of Bowie, are 5-3 entering tonight's home affair with Abilene Cooper.

Ashley Delce remains Snyder's top scoring threat. The freshman forward poured in 16 points on Saturday, including a perfect six of six from the free throw line.

Tonight's match-up is slated to begin at 6:30.

For the Tigers, it will be a case of memory repression.

Snyder will be trying to forget its 54-49 overtime loss to Canyon Randall in the Frenship Tournament.

The Tigers are an even 4-4 on the season, entering the 7:30 contest with the Westerners.

Jimmy Taylor continues to lead the Snyder charge. The 6'4" senior posted 29 points Saturday against the Raiders.

Both Snyder teams will be back in tournament action this weekend.

The Lady Tigers will compete in the Abilene Wylie Tournament, with the Tigers taking part in the Seminole tourney.

Also in action tonight will be both junior varsity squads.

The JV girls start at 5 o'clock in the SHS gym, while the boys tipoff at 6 p.m. in Lubbock.

Jr. high action...

Lady Bulldogs remain perfect

IRA — Another game is another win for Ira Junior High.

Ira improved to 4-0 Monday night by edging Loraine, 37-35, in junior high girls basketball action.

The Lady Bulldogs jumped to an 8-4 lead at the end of the first quarter, before Loraine trimmed the margin to 15-14 by halftime.

But Ira, led by Crystal Loggins' 18 points, would extend its advantage to 29-25, entering the final period.

The Lady Bulldogs hung on down the stretch, surrendering only 10 points in the fourth for the 37-35 victory.

Celeigh Sterling poured in nine for Ira, while Lecia Knight added four more.

Jessie Green and Kendra Krop chipped in three apiece.

The Lady Bulldogs will be back on the court Monday at Sands, beginning at 6 p.m.

9th grade girls fall to Lamesa

Snyder's freshman girls basketball team ran up against a bunch of hot-shooting Lady Tornadoes Monday night.

The Lady Tigers found themselves trailing 16-8 after one quarter, before falling 51-35 to Lamesa.

The 16-point outburst would be Lamesa's highest of the game.

Snyder began a rally in the second period, outscoring the Lady Tornadoes, 13-11.

But the Lamesa defense clamped down in the second half to preserve the victory.

Whitney Webb led the Lady Tigers' effort with nine points, while Cary Brown poured in seven.

Angie Shoemake chalked up six, with Leslie Hancock chipping in five more.

Latisha Nichols and Shannon Barnes finished with four apiece.

Snyder will be in action again Friday at Colorado City, beginning at 5 p.m.

JV girls top Ballinger in tournament action

SWEETWATER — It was an up-and-down ride for the Snyder junior varsity girls.

Snyder finished 1-2 in the Sweetwater Tournament over the weekend, suffering the two losses to 5A Abilene schools.

The Lady Tigers opened tourney action against Abilene Cooper.

Snyder fell to the Lady Cougars, 44-38, despite the efforts of Tessa Hildebrand.

Hildebrand posted a game-high 13 points, 11 of which came in the fourth quarter.

The Lady Tigers bounced back in round two, registering a 52-29 trouncing of Ballinger.

Snyder began strong and ended strong against the Lady Bearcats.

The Lady Tigers outscored Ballinger, 35-7, in the first and fourth quarters.

The Snyder charge was led by T'Leah Eicke who finished with 19 points.

The Lady Tigers closed the tournament with a 48-26 loss to Abilene High.

Once again it was Hildebrand pacing Snyder with 10 points.

The Lady Tigers will be in action again this evening against Abilene Cooper, beginning at 5 o'clock at the SHS gym.

Abilene Cooper 44, Snyder 38
Snyder: Tessa Hildebrand, 13; Cameron Mackey, 8; T'Leah Eicke, 7; Terri Moore, 4; Amber Burt, 3; Jody Dennis and Amber Haarmeyer, 2.

Snyder 52, Ballinger 29
Snyder: Eicke, 19; Burt, 10; Moore, 8; Hildebrand, 6; Dennis, 4; Whitney Owen, 3; Kaycee Marricle, 2.

Abilene High 48, Snyder 26
Snyder: Hildebrand, 10; Mackey, Eicke, Burt and Moore, 4.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	13	5	.722	-
Orlando	14	7	.667	½
NewJersey	11	8	.579	2½
NewYork	11	8	.579	2½
Washington	8	11	.421	5½
Boston	7	11	.389	6
Philadelphia	5	12	.294	7½
Central Division				
Atlanta	15	3	.833	-
Cleveland	12	6	.667	3
Chicago	11	7	.611	4
Indiana	11	7	.611	4
Charlotte	10	7	.588	4½
Milwaukee	11	8	.579	4½
Detroit	8	12	.400	8
Toronto	1	18	.053	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	11	5	.688	-
Utah	12	7	.632	½
SanAntonio	10	9	.526	2½
Minnesota	8	10	.444	4
Vancouver	7	13	.350	6
Dallas	5	13	.278	7
Denver	2	15	.118	9½
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	15	4	.789	-
Seattle	15	5	.750	½
Phoenix	11	5	.688	2½
Portland	12	6	.667	2½
Sacramento	6	14	.300	9½
L.A.Clippers	3	16	.158	12
GoldenState	2	15	.118	12

Monday's Games
Orlando 95, Philadelphia 86
Miami 105, New Jersey 97
Utah 106, Indiana 97
Portland 105, L.A. Lakers 99

Tuesday's Games
New Jersey at Washington, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday,s Games
Milwaukee at Boston, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 9 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	19	9	0	38	82	51
Philadelphia	15	9	6	36	84	70
Washington	15	11	4	34	90	80
N.Y.Rangers	9	12	11	29	83	87
N.Y.Islanders	12	13	4	28	79	79
Florida	9	15	5	23	70	87
TampaBay	5	19	4	14	54	95
Northeast Division						
Montreal	17	10	4	38	94	73
Pittsburgh	16	10	5	37	88	77
Boston	13	12	5	31	74	79
Ottawa	13	13	4	30	78	72
Carolina	12	14	5	29	83	86
Buffalo	9	13	6	24	72	77

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	20	8	4	44	103	70
St.Louis	19	9	3	41	94	69
Detroit	18	7	5	41	98	69
Phoenix	13	14	3	29	80	84
Chicago	10	14	5	25	63	74
Toronto	10	14	4	24	63	76
Pacific Division						
Colorado	16	7	8	40	94	79
LosAngeles	12	12	5	29	89	83
Anaheim	11	14	6	28	70	88
Edmonton	9	15	7	25	73	94
SanJose	10	18	2	22	76	93
Vancouver	9	17	4	22	84	104
Calgary	6	18	7	19	77	99

Sunday's Games
Florida 5, Washington 4
Edmonton 3, Chicago 3, tie

Monday's Games
Montreal 4, Colorado 2
N.Y. Rangers 3, Phoenix 1
Toronto 3, Dallas 0
St. Louis 5, Vancouver 1

Tuesday's Games
Calgary at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Florida at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

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Robert Downey Jr. gets six months for violating probation

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — A judge who said he was running out of ways to rehabilitate Robert Downey Jr. tried one more approach — jail time.

Municipal Judge Lawrence Mira in the past avoided giving the Oscar-nominated actor jail time after a string of drug arrests and second chances. Mira had even altered the actor's probation schedule so Downey could keep making movies.

But Monday, he ordered Downey handcuffed and led to six months of jail.

"I am running out of ways to rehabilitate you," Mira said. "I'm going to incarcerate you, and I'm going to incarcerate you in a way that's very unpleasant for you.

"I don't care who you are. What I care about is that there is a life to be saved from drugs," the judge said.

Downey, 32, cried as he described a life of battling drugs since he was 8, then said he doesn't know why he can't live free of drugs.

"I have no excuses. I find myself defenseless," he said.

Downey, who received an Academy Award nomination for his starring role in the 1992 film "Chaplin," had been sentenced last year to three years' probation after pleading no contest to drug and weapons charges. He spent about three months in a live-in rehabilitation program.

The probation was revoked Oct. 17, when his drug counselor told authorities that the 32-year-old Downey had used drugs and alcohol in September. The judge could have given Downey to up to three years in prison or allowed him to remain free in a rehab program.

Clown to run for JP office

(AP) — Some people may think of some judges as "clowns."

It could turn out to be true in Howard County.

Quail Dobbs, a world-famous rodeo clown who lives at Coahoma, announced Monday that he will be a Republican candidate for Justice of the Peace in the county's Precinct 2.

Dobbs is seeking to fill the post now held by Democrat Jack Buchanan, who is not seeking re-election. So far, Dobbs is unopposed in both parties.

If he's elected, Dobbs says he will cut back on his schedule which includes traveling away from the area on the rodeo circuit.

Dobbs not only has name recognition. His picture in full clown makeup appears on the Coahoma water tank of Interstate 20. The painting was an honor bestowed by residents several years ago.

Dobbs is not the only celebrity running for office in Howard County.

Country-western musician Jody Nix announced last week he is running for Precinct 4 county commissioner.

Nix and his Texas Cowboys played for President George Bush's inauguration and he was featured on an Emmy-nominated album by Asleep at the Wheel, a country-western swing band, a few years ago.

Nix faces Fredi Frank, Howard County Extension Agent clerk, in the Republican primary. Gary Simer is running as a Democrat. Incumbent Sonny Choate is not seeking re-election.

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State eyes using private firm to decide welfare eligibility

AUSTIN (AP) — Problems with private vendors that run Texas Lottery and the Lone Star Card for welfare recipients has legislative budget writers worried about privatizing a system to determine welfare eligibility.

"It appears to me that we have two and maybe three situations in Texas today where we have privatized a massive system" and then run into problems, said Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Interim Finance Committee. "We find that we are virtually captive to this company because there is nobody else out there to do it or it's so expensive or changing companies would be too disruptive."

Ratliff was referring to the operators of the Lone Star Card which have threatened to sue the state and bail out of their contract. Transactive Corp., a subsidiary of GTECH Corp., has complained that because its profits are tied to the number of welfare recipients, the company is losing money as the number of poor Texans receiving welfare declines.

Ratliff said the dispute threatens Texas' ability to deliver food stamps.

The state also has run into problems with GTECH, which runs the Texas Lottery. GTECH has sued the lottery to prevent it from considering new bids for the work it's done for the agency since the inception of the state's numbers games.

Ratliff's Senate Finance Committee heard testimony Monday about the progress of the Texas Integrated Enrollment and Services (TIES), a computer system being designed to determine eligibility for welfare benefits. Lawmakers approved the development of the system earlier this year.

The Texas Heath and Human Services Commission is planning to award the contract for the automated system by November 1998.

HHS Commissioner Mike McKinney he is closely watching the problems with the operators of the Lone Star Card and the lottery.

"I've tried not to make the same mistakes," he said. "We're going to make sure we make a computer system that gives us what we want."

McKinney said the commission is aiming to have the plan for the system completed by February 1998 and submit it to Gov. George W. Bush and the Legislative Budget Board by April.

The first pilot programs should begin in November 1999, McKinney said, adding that it will take about two more years to fully implement the system.

"There is a potential for small mistakes, small problems, to be magnified," he said. "So if we actually get it out in three years, I'd be tickled."

Ratliff said he expects the TIES computer system contracting to be closely scrutinized.

"I will want them to tell me that whatever system that they adopt that there are backups or there are other companies and other mechanism that we can turn to if we have any type of problem," Ratliff said.

But Ratliff added that problems with the state's new child support computer system illustrate that there could be problems even if the system were not contracted to a private company.

The state's new computer system for handling child support collects was delayed for years, cost well over estimates and has caused many families to go without payments for several weeks.

"That system is just about to crash and burn," he said. "My office is being inundated primarily with women who are trying to take care of children and their (ex-)husband have sent in their child support, but it's not getting back to them," Ratliff said. "It's disappearing into a black hole.

A TIME-TRAVELING CHRISTMAS by Jack & Carole Bender



Experimental 'smart bomb' tested for use against cancer

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Dr. Raj Puri injected mice with an experimental "smart bomb" for cancer and watched as huge tumors disappeared from their bodies within a few weeks.

Puri discovered the potential cancer therapy in a tiny, little-known laboratory at the Food and Drug Administration — and now the government has given his invention to an Illinois biotechnology company that hopes to begin testing it in people with killer brain tumors and kidney cancer late next year.

The saga is unusual because the FDA is supposed to regulate drugs, not invent them — and if this interleukin-13 therapy ultimately works in people, NeoPharm Inc. will need FDA permission to sell it.

And it comes at a time when the FDA's biotechnology laboratories are threatened by budget cuts.

"Should they be discovering drugs? I don't think that's their job," said Alan Goldhammer of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, one of several trade groups that successfully pushed legislation to block the FDA from using $10 million a year in industry fees to fund the labs.

But Dr. William Govier, NeoPharm's chief executive, says his company may have saved $100 million in drug-development work by merely licensing the FDA's discovery.

The collaboration "is a shining example of what should work," Govier said. "We don't have the scientists on board with these skills. This is truly cutting-edge science."

Puri's discovery was a surprise. He had run out of the immune system cells needed for an experiment and out of curiosity stuck breast cancer cells under the microscope instead.

Covering them were receptors for an immune substance called interleukin-13. Amazed, he analyzed brain tumors, kidney tumors and the AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma — and the solid tumors had large clusters of these magnet-like receptors, while healthy cells had very few.

IL-13 travels straight to the receptors and latches on. Puri essentially discovered a potential guided missile: Attach a cancer-killing drug to the IL-13 and the substance should carry the chemotherapy straight inside the tumor.

A string of studies published in distinguished medical journals showed it works in test tubes. Then Puri tried treating sick mice. His eyes widened with excitement as he displayed for a reporter autopsy photos that show untreated mice covered in bloody tumors from Kaposi's sarcoma next to healthy-looking treated mice.

"We've had tumors that were about 20 percent the body weight of the animal to completely disappear," he said.

Puri asked longtime cancer researcher Dr. Waldemar Debinski of Pennsylvania State University to develop the tumor toxin, made from bacteria, that is attached to IL-13. Debinski said his separate experiments suggest low doses of the resulting drug can destroy — in mice — incurable brain tumors called glioblastomas.

Drugs that work in mice don't necessarily work in people.

Still, "it is quite a significant finding," said Debinski, who envisions testing people with brain tumors within a year. In addition, NeoPharm plans human testing against killer kidney cancer.

Discovering potential drugs and licensing them to companies is routine for the research-driven National Institutes of Health, but it's unusual for a regulatory agency. The FDA has licensed its own discoveries to 27 companies, mostly laboratory tests important in determining the safety and effectiveness of medical treatments. If the IL-13 drug ultimately works, it could become the first medicine sold through this project — and Puri would get royalties.

Consequently, "there's a real fire wall" to ensure Puri has no say in the regulation of NeoPharm, said Mark Elengold, who oversees Puri's branch of FDA.

Datebook

Dec. 9, 1997

Today is the 343rd day of 1997 and the 80th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1978, John Belushi and Dan Akroyd recorded "Soul Man" and released it as the Blues Brothers.

On this day in 1990, political and labor-union leader Lech Walesa won Poland's presidential runoff election.

On this day in 1992, British Prime Minister John Major announced that the Prince and Princess of Wales were officially separated.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Milton (1608-1674), poet; Douglas Fairbanks Jr. (1909-), actor-producer, is 88; Thomas "Tip" O'Neill (1912-1994), speaker of the House; Kirk Douglas (1918-), actor, is 79; Redd Foxx (1922-1991), comedian; Beau Bridges (1941-), actor, is 56; Dick Butkus (1942-), football great, is 55; Tom Kite (1949-), golfer, is 48; John Malkovich (1953-), actor, is 44; Donny Osmond (1957-), singer, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, Bob Waterfield of the Los Angeles Rams became the first pro football player to kick five field goals in one game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Who overcomes / By force hath overcome but half his foe." — John Milton

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1917, 26 inches of snow fell in Vevay, Indiana.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Dec. 7) and full moon (Dec. 13).

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The state flower of Utah is the Sego lily.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



The dangers of using pennyroyal

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've heard about an herb that can cause abortions. Is it dangerous?

DEAR READER: This is the eighth in my series on herbal remedies.

Tea made from pennyroyal has been used for centuries to treat various gynecological complaints. It has also been used to induce abortion.

The use of pennyroyal for this purpose is illegal. One case, involving a San Francisco woman who died as a result of a massive overdose of the herb, resulted in lawsuits by her parents against the manufacturer and the health-food store that sold pennyroyal. This drug is dangerous and should not be used for any purpose. (Next time: ephedra.)

DEAR DR. GOTT: A lady friend has been diagnosed with fibromyalgia. Some local doctors say that there is no such disease, but doctors at the Mayo Clinic claim there is. Who's right?

DEAR READER: Fibromyalgia, a complex and puzzling disorder of unknown cause, may affect up to 10 million adults in the United States; therefore, I side with the Mayo doctors.

The disease causes widespread muscular pain (present for at least three months), associated with marked tenderness over certain muscle groups ("trigger points"); fatigue; stiffness; sleep disturbances; anxiety; and depression. Women are affected up to 20 times more frequently than men are.

There is considerable overlap with other common disorders, such as chronic fatigue syndrome, hypothyroidism, myofascial pain, and irritable bowel syndrome. This makes precise diagnosis difficult. In addition, there are no satisfactory laboratory tests for fibromyalgia.

There are many intriguing theories about what causes this affliction. The most appealing hypothesis is that fibromyalgia is due to a nerve imbalance, so that muscles fail to respond appropriately to nerve stimulation. Furthermore, some cases appear to follow certain infections. Finally, brain waves during sleep are often interrupted, leading to sleep deprivation and a host of other symptoms.

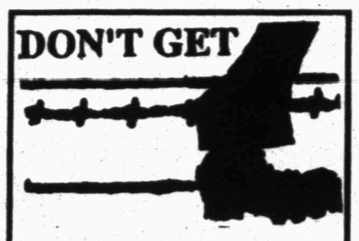
Fibromyalgia is treated with a variety of drugs (especially antidepressants), in conjunction with supervised exercise programs, psychotherapy, biofeedback, education and behavioral modification. Psychologists and specially trained physiatrists can help. Support groups can also administer vital assistance.

Fibromyalgia is neither crippling nor life-threatening. Nonetheless, it can be a considerable handicap. The main purpose of testing is to identify other treatable conditions that may mimic fibromyalgia.

Computer-oriented readers can obtain further information from the Internet (USA Fibromyalgia Association: http://www.w2.com/fibro1.html).

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Paul answers his own question in the next verse, "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" And in the following verse he assures Christians, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 7:25; 8:1). The supreme message of Romans is that those in Christ are acceptable to God, not because they are good, for all are sinners (3:23), but because God loves them, and because through faith and obedience they accept being accepted.

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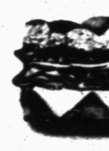
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Woman's

DEAR ABBY: my cooking. Eve meal and ask hi he has a differe correct what he c he finds a new co I made a meat onions overpowe romantic, candleli en and roasted cream sauce. He When I prepare dinner, he smothe or salad dressing much salt," "too something," or "n made," etc. Abby, I have hurtful, but he s has even called m I'm sure it isn' — other people lo and my mother sa have been cookin years old. My fiance also ly, and when he d pliment him on w Is it too much t express appreciati

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman's cooking is bone of contention with fiance

DEAR ABBY: My fiance hates my cooking. Every time I make a meal and ask him what he thinks, he has a different complaint. If I correct what he complained about, he finds a new complaint.

I made a meatloaf. He said the onions overpowered it. I made a romantic, candlelit dinner of chicken and roasted potatoes with a cream sauce. He called it weird. When I prepare a time-consuming dinner, he smothers it with ketchup or salad dressing. It's always "too much salt," "too bland," "needs something," or "not like my mother made," etc.

Abby, I have told him this is hurtful, but he still complains. He has even called my cooking "gross."

I'm sure it isn't that I can't cook — other people love what I prepare, and my mother says I'm a natural. I have been cooking since I was 11 years old.

My fiance also cooks occasionally, and when he does, I always compliment him on whatever he makes. Is it too much to expect him to express appreciation for my efforts?

CRUSHED IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS

DEAR CRUSHED: Since you can't please your fiance and he knows how to cook, turn the chore over to him. When you feel the urge to cook, do it for your friends who appreciate your culinary skills.

Your fiance may get his fill of cooking if he has to do all of it, and then he may be glad to let you take over. However, refuse unless he promises not to criticize, to give you a compliment now and then, and share his recipes and culinary secrets.

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DEAR ABBY: Some time ago, you printed a letter about people carelessly opening car doors in parking lots, marring adjacent cars. Paint nicks and surface dents barely scratch the surface of this issue. But car doors opened into traffic cause much worse damage — to bicyclists.

Most states require cyclists to ride on the right, beside parked cars. No cyclist is psychic enough to anticipate when a car door is about to open in front of him, and many serious injuries have resulted from such an action.

A growing number of people commute by bicycles, and most cyclists will tell you that their most constant fear is getting "doored." It's happened to me, and although it was painful, I was fortunate that my bicycle was damaged more than my body.

Vehicle occupants have the benefit of rearview mirrors. This is why most states require drivers to check those mirrors and only then carefully open the doors without impeding traffic — including bicycles.

If you drive, please remember that cyclists aren't just "careless kids." Many of us are responsible adults who've speeded up your commute by keeping our cars off the road. In return, please realize that we are vulnerable, and check your mirror carefully before reaching for your door handle.

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DEAR MICHAEL: You've given voice to a small but important group who care about the environment as well as their own safety. More pedal power to you!

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DEAR ABBY: My problem is I curse way too much. I truly would like to stop, because I hate cursing.

I am 36 years old and have three young children, all under 10 years old. I lose my patience with my kids, and that's when I use the worst of words.

I'm a good parent otherwise, and I love my children very much. But I need to quit cursing. Please help!

CURSING MOM

DEAR CURSING MOM: When you feel like cursing, substitute an acceptable word or phrase for the curse words. I had a neighbor who, when angered, would shout, "Holy Moses!" and, "Gosh darn son-of-a-sea-cook!"

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First black astronaut added to memorial at space center

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — America's first black astronaut, Air Force Maj. Robert Lawrence Jr., finally has taken his rightful place in history.

Lawrence was recognized officially as an astronaut on Monday, 30 years to the day after his death in a jet crash.

In a ceremony filled with Air Force and NASA pageantry, Lawrence's name was added to the astronauts' memorial at Kennedy Space Center. The move came after a long bureaucratic dispute over the definition of an astronaut.

"Thank God it is settled," said his mother, Gwendolyn Duncan, "and he is being recognized for his contribution, certainly a supreme contribution."

The 32-year-old test pilot was killed on Dec. 8, 1967, in the crash of an F-104 fighter during a training exercise.

He never flew the required 50 miles up to earn his Air Force astronaut's wings. But he was a member of the Air Force's manned orbiting laboratory program, and had he lived, he probably would have transferred over to NASA, as many of his colleagues did after the Air Force canceled the program in 1969.

NASA didn't choose its first black astronauts until 1978. And the first of them, Guy Bluford, didn't reach space until 1983.

"History being rewritten — and corrected," noted Lawrence's widow, Barbara.

More than 350 people — including nearly 50 family members from around the country, with the notable exception of Lawrence's only child — gathered for the ceremony at the Astronauts Memorial Foundation's Space Mirror.

Relatives applauded and murmured "Yes!" when foundation president Jim De Santis announced: "Maj. Robert H. Lawrence Jr., an outstanding American, scholar, pilot and, yes, astronaut."

Because the Astronauts Memorial Foundation refused to recognize Lawrence as an astronaut until the Air Force did so formally, his name was barred from the four-story, granite Space Mirror. The foundation is a private organization formed after the 1986 Challenger disaster to honor astronauts killed on the job.

Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., intervened last year, saying Lawrence's omission was a matter of "institutional racism." He persuaded the Air Force to confirm Lawrence's status as an astronaut last January, and the foundation voted two weeks later to place his name alongside the 16 others.

Lawrence's son, 38-year-old Tracey, stayed away from the ceremony because of what he considered antagonism toward his father on the part of the foundation.

His mother said she respects his decision. The entire family is gratified, she added, that her husband finally is being recognized, as is his sacrifice.

"Bob's memory, it can stand for a lot of things for a lot of people, especially other African-Americans," Mrs. Lawrence said. "And so we are very, very glad that that part of it has come to be and that people will see him and use him as an inspiration."

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Court asked to eye police liability limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court was asked today to sharply limit police officers' legal liability for injuries or deaths in high-speed chases like one that killed a California teen-ager.

"There is a simple remedy in this case, and that is to pull over and stop and yield to lawful authority," said Terence J. Cassidy, the lawyer for Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputy James E. Smith.

Smith wants the justices to throw out a federal lawsuit brought by the parents of Philip Lewis, 16, who was killed in 1990 when Smith's car accidentally struck him in a chase at speeds approaching 100 mph.

Lewis' parents say Smith violated their son's constitutional rights by engaging in a dangerous pursuit.

"This is a phenomenal problem" that kills hundreds of people every year, said the Lewises' lawyer, Paul J. Hedlund. Smith's chase of Lewis, who was a passenger on a motorcycle, was an "incredibly reckless act," Hedlund added.

"It was at most an irresponsibly speedy chase," said Justice Antonin Scalia. "Is there any evidence that there was an intent to kill anybody?"

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist said, "Do you think that high-speed auto chases are the sort of things the (Constitution's) 14th Amendment was designed to prevent? In 1868?"

Hedlund responded, "Although the framers didn't know about cars, they certainly knew about arbitrary, abusive, oppressive government ... depriving innocent people of their lives every day without any justification."

Witness: agent never followed up on tip

DENVER (AP) — A restaurateur told jurors today that he contacted the FBI after the Oklahoma City bombing about a dishwasher who resembled John Doe 2, but agents never followed up on the information.

Continuing his testimony in the trial of Terry Nichols today,

Darvin Bates — a former mayor of Duncan, Okla. — said an agent told him that "they had the two (bombing suspects) they were interested in and if they needed additional information they would call me."

Bates said he never heard again from the agent, whose name he could not recall.

Under cross-examination, Bates said he didn't try reaching other law enforcement officials or federal prosecutors, but he did contact Nichols' defense attorneys.

"I felt that any reasonable-thinking person that loved his country would like to bring forth any pertinent information that would be valuable to this trial," Bates said.

Bates testified that the short, olive-skinned man entered his waffle shop looking for work about a month after the bombing. Bates said the man's name was difficult to pronounce, so the man told him, "Call me John."

Bates hired him despite "an uneasy feeling" because of his resemblance to the widely circulated sketch of John Doe 2.

Three days later, Bates called the FBI. The man, who said he was from Kingman, Ariz., received a $90 salary advance after the end of his shift that day, but never returned, Bates said.

The sketch depicted a man some claimed they saw with Timothy McVeigh when he rented the truck used in the bombing. Prosecutors have said John Doe 2 was someone not involved in the deadliest act of domestic terrorism in the nation's history.

Bates began his testimony Monday as defense attorneys continued their campaign to prove others were involved in the April 19, 1995, explosion that killed 168 people.

They also sought to show that testimony from prosecution witness Michael Fortier could not be trusted because he is an admitted habitual drug user.

Dr. Michael Abrams of Des Moines, Iowa, testified that methamphetamine users can suffer memory gaps and become paranoid.

"They feel they're being followed," Abrams said. "They're open to suggestion to fill in the gaps."

Paula Jones seeks $175,000 less from Clinton in lawsuit

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Paula Jones is asking for less money but making more allegations about President Clinton in a new version of her sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton and one of his former security guards.

The revised complaint filed Monday adds assertions that Clinton, as governor, gave preferential treatment to female state employees who succumbed to his sexual advances.

The changes had been expected after a judge gave Mrs. Jones permission two weeks ago to alter her lawsuit.

The new version seeks $525,000 — down from $700,000 — and drops a defamation claim against Clinton's co-defendant, Danny Ferguson, an Arkansas state trooper who helped guard the former governor.

Mrs. Jones had claimed Ferguson tarnished her reputation by saying she was eager to be Clinton's mistress. Without the claim, lawyers may have less reason to delve into Mrs. Jones' past.

Ferguson's lawyer, Bill Bristow, has already questioned potential witnesses about Mrs. Jones' past relationships and job history, saying that he needs to "determine what her reputation is" to defend his client against the defamation claim.

The amount sought in compensatory and punitive damages in the lawsuit was dropped because the defamation claim was deleted.

Mrs. Jones, in her lawsuit filed in May 1994, claims Clinton exposed himself and asked for oral sex in a Little Rock hotel room in 1991 while Clinton was governor and she was a state employee.

Clinton has denied Mrs. Jones' allegations and said he does not recall meeting her.

The new complaint adds language asserting that Clinton, as governor, granted governmental and employment benefits to women who succumbed to his solicitation of sexual favors.

Mrs. Jones also claims she suffered a hostile work environment because she rejected Clinton and was denied those benefits.

An additional First Amendment claim alleges Mrs. Jones was deprived of her right to free speech and to petition the government for redress by virtue of Clinton's "overt and covert warnings, admonitions, intimidations and threats."

U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright has issued a gag order barring both sides from discussing the case.

Investigators charge twin in fire at school

DALLAS (AP) — A 12-year-old twin boy has been charged with setting a fire to an elementary school, but authorities say they can't prove his twin brother played a role.

Fire investigators said Sunday that witnesses in the boys' neighborhood told officials that the boys apparently were bragging about not having to go to school because of the damage.

The identical sixth-graders were taken into custody Sunday after firefighters extinguished the blaze, which destroyed one classroom and damaged two others at Dan D. Rogers Elementary School in northeast Dallas.

Two counts of felony arson were filed Monday against one of the boys in connection with Sunday's blaze and a Nov. 24 fire that damaged a portable classroom at the same school, officials said.

"The other brother is basically denying any involvement," said Deputy Fire Chief Tom Oney.

Officials have not released the names of the brothers because they are juveniles. Dallas County juvenile prosecutors said the charged brother, if convicted, could receive a sentence of up to 40 years, with possible transfer later from a youth facility to an adult prison.

Scientists have new tool in detecting space storms

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Scientists have a new tool that has doubled their accuracy in predicting space storms that threaten astronauts and satellites in orbit and knock out power and communications systems on Earth.

The tool is an instrument called a coronograph aboard the SOHO spacecraft, jointly operated by NASA and the European Space Agency. The coronograph blocks out the bright light of the sun to allow scientists to focus on the sun's dimmer corona.

It enabled them to detect nine giant solar eruptions, called coronal mass ejections, that threw big chunks of the sun's atmosphere toward Earth between December 1996 and June 1997.

All nine eruptions of positively charged particles caused magnetic storms on Earth, reported Nancy Crooker, a space physicist from Boston University.

One of the nine storms, observed on Jan. 10, permanently knocked out a major communications satellite, Telstar 401, said Charles Goodrich, an astrophysicist with the University of Maryland.

Crooker said those solar eruptions heralded nine of the 12 storms detected at Earth during the period, a "remarkable" success rate compared with a previous method that posted a success rate of 1 in 3.

In the past, scientists derived their predictions of magnetic storms from observing solar flares.

Fourth child born

NEW YORK (AP) — He's not exactly what Mick Jagger had in mind in the new Rolling Stones' song, "Anybody Seen My Baby."

This baby — an 8-pound, 3-ounce boy named Gabriel Luke Beauregard Jagger — was born early today in London and is the fourth child of Jagger, 54, and his 41-year-old wife, Jerry Hall.

Births

Riley Raschke welcomes home his new sister, Rebekah Morgan Raschke, born Dec. 6, in Methodist Hospital, in Lubbock. She weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce. Parents are David and Diane Raschke.

Grandparents are Joyce and Jesse Tolbert of Snyder and Lillie and Earl Funderburg of Colorado City.

Police note felony arrest

Two people were arrested Monday, including one on felony assault charges.

Officers arrested Moses Morin, 29, of 809 27th St., at 11:29 a.m. for felony assault/family violence.

DPS troopers arrested an 18-year-old male at 3:38 p.m. on U.S. Highway 84 for no driver's license.

In other activity, officers were called to the 800 block of 23rd Street at 9:31 a.m. for the possible unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The case is still under investigation, according to police reports.

At 9:38 a.m., Al Ramos reported the theft of a butane tank from his yard at 1500 Ave. I. An offense report for misdemeanor theft was submitted.

A caller notified dispatchers at 10:32 a.m. that someone was exposing himself in the 1700 block of 24th Street. Officers responded and attempted to locate a vehicle the suspect was in.

Officers responded to the 2300 block of 43rd Place at 11:14 a.m. as a person reported hearing gun shots. No one with a gun was located.

A report of a reckless driver was made at 7:25 p.m. near Hermleigh on U.S. Highway 84.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Dunn Baptist holiday dinner

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

Snyder JH Choir program

Snyder Junior High School choir will present a Christmas program at 7 this evening at Worsham Auditorium. There is no charge for admission.

4-H Horse Club

4-H Horse Club will meet at 7 this evening at East Elementary. Each member is asked to bring $5 for the Christmas project. A special program is scheduled.

Caring for the Terminally Ill

"Hospice Services: Caring for the Terminally Ill" will be presented at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Snyder Healthcare Center, 5311 Big Spring Highway. This free program is hosted by the Snyder Health Care Center and Phi Theta Kappa.

Snyder Healthcare Center

Snyder Healthcare Center will have its Christmas Party for residents at 7 p.m. Thursday. Santa Claus will be there.

Snyder JH Band program

Snyder Junior High School band will have a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Thursday at Worsham Auditorium. Admission is free.

Heritage Village open house

Heritage Village will be open from 2 until 4 p.m. Sunday. Visitors can see the nativity scenes in the Dodson House and cookie jar collection in the Dermott School.

Safety awareness program

Total Home Health Care of Post will host a free safety awareness program and Christmas tea from 3-4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, in the Golden Terrace Apartments meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

Support group ministry

Three support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 18, in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. For more information, call the church office at 573-2631. Anyone is welcome to attend and child care will be provided.

'Does Santa Really Care?'

Snyder First Church of the Nazarene, 2462 S. 208, will present "Does Santa Really Care?" at 10:45 a.m. Dec. 21. Everyone is invited to the service. Santa will be there.

Shelled pecan halves

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

Tiger banners for sale

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

Driver's license office

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

Adult basic education

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

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

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

Snyder High yearbooks

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

Volleyball team fund-raiser

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

Bible study video tapes

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

Cash Five

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

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