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Home Of Eric Lindsey



BUD'S NEW FRIEND — Bud, belonging to Troy and Brenda Botts, found a new friend, Mr. Scarecrow, who is part of the outdoor Halloween decorations. Bud, for one, will be sorry the holiday is gone with no arm to sleep on. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Early voters cast 1,721 ballots as campaigns heat up for Tuesday's election

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

Scurry County citizens waited until the last day of early voting to turn out in force as 334 votes were cast Friday for Tuesday's general election.

When early voting ended at 5 p.m. Friday, County Clerk Joan Bunch said a steady stream of voters had pushed the early vote tally to 1,721.

Of these, 1,622 voted in person at the Scurry County courthouse, while 99 persons voted by mail.

A contested race for the U.S. House of Representatives and the Texas House of Representives has whetted voter interest in Scurry County, along with two races for the commissioners court.

(Where does your candidate stand? See pages 4A and 5A for the answer)

Rep. Charles Stenholm is facing a serious challenge from Rudy Izzard for the 17th Congressional District.

Stenholm (D-Stamford) narrowly defeated Izzard (R-Abilene) in 1996 as he gathered in 52 percent of the votes, the closest margin in Stenholm's 20-year political history.

In that election, Izzard carried nine of the 32 counties in the district, including Taylor County.

Izzard was a resident of San Angelo in 1996, but has since moved to Abilene.

In the campaign, Izzard has said he is for term limits and has stated Stenholm has lost touch with his constituents because of his tenure in Washington.

However, Izzard brought Sen. Phil Gramm to Snyder on Monday to campaign on his behalf.

Gramm went into Congress the same year Stenholm did.

Stenholm has said his tenure is a plus for the 17th District.

"I have 20 years experience," said Stenholm. "Most people see experience as a plus."

Stenholm and his supporters have said that agriculture will be a big loser if he is not re-elected.

In the Texas House race, David Counts is facing Scott McLaughlin.

Counts defeated McLaughlin in 1996 by a narrow margin — 17,776 to 17,004.

Both Stenholm and Counts have been targeted for defeat by the National Republican Party and the district has been blitzed this week with mailouts on behalf of Izzard and McLaughlin.

There are contested races for two seats on the Scurry County Commissioners Court as incumbent Roy Idom is being challenged by Linda Sellars in Precinct 2, and Chloanne Lindsey and Milton Adams are competing in Precinct 4.

Idom has served as the commissioner for the past seven years, while Sellars is a 14-year employee of the county tax office.

Idom is running on a record of conservatism, while Sellars has run a relatively quiet race as she seeks her first political office.

However, a political action committee is supporting Sellars.

Led by former Scurry County sheriff Keith Collier, the committee has attacked Idom's claim on the amount of money Idom says he has saved the county and his precinct since he was elected.

Collier has said Idom has backed down on his original claim of saving the county $744,694, and reduced the figure to $379,855.

Chloanne Lindsey and Milton Adams are vying for the commissioner's spot in Precinct 4 now held by Jerry Gannaway, who chose not to run for re-election.

Mrs. Lindsey, a Democrat, has been deputy county auditor for nine years. Adams, a Republican, is a farmer and oil company consultant. He is a former president of the Hermleigh school board.

There is also a contested race for Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 as Democratic incumbent John Williamson is being challenged by independent candidate Pamela Bryant.

In the Texas Senate race for District 30, incumbent Tom Haywood (R-Wichita Falls) is being challanged by Greg Underwood (D-Bowie).

This race is not without controversy either.

Haywood has come under fire from benefitting from the sale of some property in Wichita Falls to the state for building an elevated freeway.

Underwood has been attacked for his personal finances, which includes lawsuits involving back taxes in his home county which were eventually paid.

Haywood, a victim of Parkinson's disease, has also been a target of stories and editorials questioning his ability to communicate due to the disease.

Running unopposed in Scurry County are Ricky Fritz for county judge, Trina Rodgers for district clerk, Joan Bunch for county clerk, Charlie Bell for county treasurer and Charlie Reynolds for Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace.

All are Republicans, with the exception of Bell, a Democrat.

Deadline nears for conservation program for local ag producers

Over 120 applications have been received at the local Farm Service Agency for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) for Scurry County farmers and ranchers.

The deadline for making applications is Tuesday, said Joe Hefner of the local Farm Service Agency.

Farms and ranches which suffered severe damage because of the extended drought may be eligible for cost-share assistance to provide temporary or permanent practices designed to provide water to livestock.

Approved practices locally include water wells, pipelines, storage facilities and troughs.

Additionally, the ECP will provide assistance to remove silt from otherwise structurally sound water impoundment reservoirs.

Cost shares will be 50 percent for permanent projects and 64 percent of the actual costs for temporary measures.

To be eligible for assistance, a practice must not be started until an application has been filed and approved by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee.

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has technical responsibility for this program and will assist producers with needs determination.

This may include determining the number of cubic yards of earth to be moved and the number of feet of pipeline needed.

More information on eligibility requirements and applications may be obtained from the local FSA office located at 5309 Big Spring Highway, or by calling 573-0171.

Walkers hope to raise money for local needy

Snyder's annual CROP Walk is set for 2 p.m. Sunday. Walkers are asked to gather at the gazebo near the courthouse at 1:45 p.m.

Bill Covey is heading this year's walk. The goal is to raise $6,000, that's $2,000 above last year's total. To obtain sponsor sheets, call the First Presbyterian Church at 573-6915.

One-fourth of the money raised this year will benefit the Food Cupboard which was established in October of 1992 at the old Kentucky Fried Chicken building.

Mabel Covey and Marie Armstrong serve as co-directors.

The Food Cupboard is supported by 12 churches and countless individuals. It serves from 600-1,000 people each month. Boxes of food are given out family size: a family of 1-2,2-5, 6-7 or 8-10.

Each box contains food appropriate for breakfast, lunch and dinner and is enough for three days if used carefully. The Cupboard is helped by drives within the community conducted by scouts, the post office, KSNY, IGA, plus various businesses and individual donations.

Besides the CROP Walk, additional funding comes from various service clubs, and the United Way. Last year about 400 volunteers gave away 15,400 boxes of food.

The community garden also benefits the Food Cupboard. It has produced well over 3,000 pounds of food since it was started.

Evelyn and John Thomas donated the land, 1½ acres on 25th Street between Avenues B and C. Richard Stoker did the plowing and Ezell Key donated the seed. Plants were donated by Gwen's Greenhouse. Several businesses donated funds to pay water costs.

Dozens of volunteers have planted, weeded and harvested. The community garden has thrived despite late planting, no rain and extreme heat.

See Walkers, Page 18

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The best thing about egotists, they don't talk about other people."

We've now been to southern California four times in our life. It's always nice to get back to the friendly confines of West Texas.

Some things we observed on a recent trip.

--The weather is nice.

--The foliage is lush, despite low rainfall totals.

--Masses are best defined in LA.

--A Ford or Chevy dealer would starve to death...they all drive luxury sports cars with a lot of initials in the name.

--A bowl of oatmeal can cost twenty bucks.

--Breakfast is eaten at 10 a.m. (That's noon, Texas time.) Maybe that has something to do with the price of oats.

--They want a credit card when you make dinner reservations and will charge your card if you have to cancel

--Only celebrities can afford oatmeal, but they don't order it.

We did some exploring around the hotel while waiting for breakfast. We passed along an apartment building with a sign advertising a unit for lease. It noted that a brochure was on the front door, so we grabbed one.

It read:

One bedroom apartment for lease, centrally located. Can walk to shopping, banks, restaurants, theaters, hotels and hospitals.

Features listed in the brochure included one bedroom, one bath, 940 square feet, wall to wall carpet, arch doorways, central heat and air, balcony with french sliding dual glass doors, walk-in-closet, cable ready.

Also, security burglar alarm, telephone control entry, large kitchen with oak cabinets, tile counters, stove, dishwasher, microwave (no refrigerator).

Also, large master bath, oversize stall shower, twin sinks, and hot water included - yep, hot water.

Price was a mere $1,200 per month with a month's security deposit. "Sorry, no dogs."

The following tag line was added, "These are apartments, not condominiums. This is Los Angeles, not Beverly Hills."

At $1,200 a month, there won't be much left for oatmeal.

Short agenda faces court

Scurry County Commissioners Court meets at 10 a.m. Monday with three items of new business.

County Treasurer Charlie Bell will present the third quarter treasurer's report, while the court will also consider advertising for bids on a pickup for the county extension office.

Also, commissioners will be asked to adopt the "State of Texas Rememberance Day" resolution.

The resolution, which is being considered state-wide, would designate Feb. 19 of each year as a special observation day noting the founding of the State of Texas.

ASK US

Q—Where did the word "Halloween" come from?

A—It is derived from an Old English word meaning "holy person."

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 77 degrees; low, 66; 7 a.m. Saturday, 66; no precipitation; total for 1998, 7.96 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, showers, storms likely, heavy rain possible; some storms may be severe. Low, mid 50s. E-SE wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, becoming partly cloudy, 30% rain chance. High around 70. SE-S wind 5-15 mph.

Lance Day
Rain

Sunset:
5:56 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:59 a.m.
Of 303 days in 1998, the sun has shone 300 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Regret is an appalling waste of energy; you can't build on it; it's only good for wallowing in."

Katherine Mansfield

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Mother kills herself and three children

MIAMI (AP) — A school cafeteria manager who apparently feared she was about to lose her job after a camera caught her stealing from the cash register locked herself and her three children in a room, doused it with gasoline and struck a match, killing them all.

Miranda Shaw, 34, and her children — Valencia Gray, 14, Willie Hudge, 6, and Warren Hudge, 4 — died Oct. 22. On Thursday, police ruled it a murder-suicide.

The day before the fire, Ms. Shaw was accused of stealing at Maya Angelou Elementary School, where there had been reports of thefts from the cafeteria and where surveillance cameras had been set up. A school police officer told her to report to the district's regional office two days later, The Miami Herald reported.

That night, the single mother, apparently afraid she going to lose her $16,000-a-year job, bought gasoline at the corner gas station, locked the front and back doors of her home, and started a fire, investigators said.

The Herald quoted school officials as saying they had planned to let Ms. Shaw resign without filing charges. But Schools Superintendent Henry Fraind wouldn't say Friday how the case might have been resolved.

"There were no charges that were going to be filed. It was over a petty theft that occurred in the school cafeteria," said Ed Munn, Miami-Dade police spokesman. He said he did not know how much money was taken.

Fraind told the Herald that it was probably wasn't much money, because "the clear-cut majority of children in that school are on free or reduced-price lunch."

Ms. Shaw had worked as cafeteria manager at the school during the summer and at other schools in Miami-Dade County throughout the year.

Five hundred mourners turned out for her funeral Thursday, overflowing the church, said Carolyn Ellis, a secretary who worked with Ms. Shaw.

In the yard of the burned-out house, situated in a working-class neighborhood of single-family homes, a trampoline and a red swingset were the only items that appeared to have escaped the flames. The back yard was littered with blackened clothes, teddy bears and a plastic tricycle.

Three doors away, a neighbor who identified herself only as Carol said the family was new to the neighborhood.

"I just heard about the kids and I didn't want to know no more," she said. "It just hurt me."

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Ira ISD annuals now on sale

The 1999 Ira Bulldog yearbooks are on sale. The cost is $26 with your name on the cover or $22 without. These will be on sale through Nov. 24. The supply will be limited, so order as soon as possible by contacting the Ira School office.



FRESHMEN ALL REGION — Shannon Chambers, left, and Haley Holmes, right, have been named to the Junior High All-Region Choir. Josh Ortegon was selected as alternate. The choir will perform in Lubbock on Nov. 14. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Junior high choir...

Freshmen picked All-Region

Two Snyder High School freshmen choir members were named to the Junior High All-Region Choir in Lubbock last Saturday, and one was named alternate.

Shannon Chambers, daughter of Vick and Lana Chambers, and Haley Holmes, daughter of Cliff and Judy Holmes, were selected for the Junior High all-region choir. Josh Ortegon, son of Cherie Rosas of San Angelo, is the alternate.

The All-Region choir will perform at Monterey High School in Lubbock on Nov. 14.

All three have been selected for the SATB choir as well.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Beef stew, fried squash, Harvard beets, fruit salad, cornbread
TUESDAY
Meat loaf, golden potatoes, boiled okra, tossed salad, yellow cake w/ chocolate frosting
WEDNESDAY
Cheesy chicken, whole kernel corn, steamed broccoli, easy perfection salad, pear upside down gingerbread
THURSDAY
BBQ German sausage, pinto beans, mixed greens, onion slices, Jello w/fruit, cornbread
FRIDAY
Fried fish, potato rounds, tomatoes & croutons, pea salad, apple cobbler

Senior Center News

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. Monday and swimnastics at Western Texas College is set for 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

The nine ball tournament is scheduled for this week. An "80 and over" eight ball tournament begins Dec. 7. All Scurry County seniors 80 or older will be eligible. Trophies will be awarded to the winners. Sign up at the Senior Center.

Beginning Monday, seniors may pre-register for the Senior Thanksgiving dinner scheduled for Nov. 19.

Tuesday's activities include 80/88 beginning at 10 a.m., the Hoss Clayton Band at 11 a.m.; and the Golden Kiwanis Club which meets at noon.

Election day is Tuesday. All seniors are encouraged to vote. If you need a ride to the polls, call 573-4035 before 9 a.m. on Tuesday. Transportation will be available between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

On Wednesday, the Kitchen Band will be performing at Snyder Healthcare Center at 10 a.m., line dancing begins at 1 and clogging at 2 p.m. Swimnastics is set for 2:15-3:45 p.m at WTC.

Thursday's activities include the Tri-Chem class at 9 a.m. Newcomers are welcome. The Sunshine Choir will sing at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m.

On Friday, bridge play and the blood pressure clinic will begin at 9:30 and the sing-along is set for 11:30 a.m.

Daily exercise will be held at 11 a.m.

The Golden Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a garage sale at the Senior Center beginning at 8 a.m. on Nov. 6 and 7. Support and donations will be greatly appreciated. The Golden Kiwanis Club is a service organization which supports many local, non-profit organizations.

Quilt raffle tickets can be checked out from Valerie in the center office. Help is needed to sell the tickets. The deadline is Dec. 18.

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SJHS places 14 on All-Region Choir Nov. 14

Fourteen choir students at Snyder Junior High School have been named to the All-Region Choir which will perform in Lubbock later this month. Three students were also named alternates.

All-Region choir members include Jed Martin, Cory Lyons, Patrick Alderete, Josh Gutierrez, Adam Rodgers, Jade Taggart, Afton Schwertner, Laura Hager, Valerie Hernandez, Malorye Miller, Rachel Cave, Marcie Rodriguez, Melissa Jerome and Molly Haire.

Alternates include Danny Hoyle, Stafford Gray and Scottie Boone.

The concert and clinic will be held at Monterey High School in Lubbock on Nov. 13-14. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 14.

Auditions were held a Atkins Junior high School in Lubbock last Saturday.



SJHS ALL-REGION CHOIR — These Snyder Junior High School Students earned All-Region recognition last Saturday in Lubbock. Back row from left, Jed Martin, Danny Hoyle, Cory Lyons, Patrick Alderette, Josh Gutierrez, Stafford Gray, Adams Rodgers. Middle row, Jade Taggart, Afton Schwertner, Laura Hager, Valerie Hernandez, Malorye Miller. Bottom row, Rachel Cave, Scottie Boone, Marcie Rodriguez, Melissa Jerome, Molly Haire. Hoyle, Gray and Boone are alternates and the rest were named to the All-Region Choir which will perform in Lubbock on Nov. 14. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Musical workshop slated Nov. 6-8

Brother Bobby Darty of Shallowwater will present a musical workshop Nov. 6-8 at Mount Olive Baptist Church, 3306 Avenue M. Practice times are 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6 and 5 p.m. Nov. 7. A musical convening will be held Sunday, Nov. 8, at 3 p.m.

All choir members as well as anyone who likes to sing and praise the Lord is asked to attend. For more information, call Linda Sweet, 573-8260 or Gloria Pepper at 574-1470 or 573-6928.

Rev. Robert Sweet is the pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church.

After being transported across the Atlantic, Britain's historic London Bridge was opened in 1971 as a tourist attraction at Lake Havasu, Ariz.

High-definition TV broadcasts begin, but few Americans will be watching

LOS ANGELES (AP) — High-definition television broadcasts officially debut in about 20 cities Sunday, but few Americans will get to see the wider view and the bright, crystal-clear images.

Not only does the equipment cost $5,000 to $12,000, depending on the screen size and other features. But many stores are still waiting for manufacturers to ship enough sets and the special tuners needed to receive the signal.

So far, in fact, the only way most people can see high-definition television is to visit an electronics store. And many people are doing just that, recalling the very early days of television, when nobody owned a TV and crowds gathered outside store windows to watch.

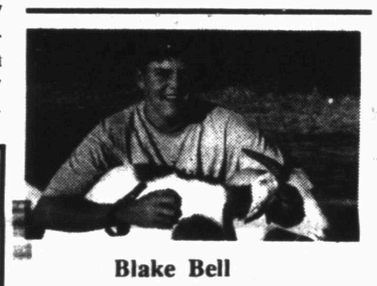
Those scenes were re-enacted this week when Americans crowded onto sales floors for a high-definition view of John Glenn's return to orbit aboard space shuttle Discovery.

"There have been some sets sold, but not many," said Dennis Wharton, senior vice president of the National Association of Broadcasters in Washington. "This is a chicken-and-egg thing to some extent. The reason we're going to be on the air is because, if there are people out there buying sets, we want them to have programming to see."

By the end of November, more than 40 stations in 23 cities will offer high-definition programming, Wharton said.

Stations in Los Angeles, Dallas and other big cities launched high-definition broadcasts on Thursday to show the shuttle takeoff.

Snyder High



Blake Bell

FFA Student of the Week

Blake Bell, Snyder High School senior, has been selected as the Student of the Week. He was chosen because of his outstanding attitude.

He has voluntarily dedicated much of his time to help build the pens at the farm. Bell was a member of the state champion crops team last year. This month, he will compete on the FFA Knowledge team at the National Convention in Kansas City.

Bell plans to show goats and try out for judging teams in the spring.

Jason Whitney, SHS agricultural science teacher, said, "Blake is a hard worker who is willing to do anything. He is always willing to learn something new."

Bell is the son of Dr. Paul and Christy Thompson.

New computer short-courses bring access to the Internet

Britt Canada, Western Texas College's director of technology, and David Hanes, assistant director, are in the process of getting WTC's Workforce Center "online" for the upcoming "Internet" and "Web Page Building" courses.

Snyderites will soon have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience on the world-wide web through the following short-courses being offered this month.

Introduction to Web Page Building is scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m. on Nov. 9, 11, 16 and 18, with introduction to the Internet slated on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-7 p.m. Nov. 10, 12, 17 and 19. Terri Racher, WTC computer instructor, will teach both courses.

Additionally, individuals will have another opportunity to take the very popular Windows 95/98 course slated for Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Nov. 14 and 21. Dave Hanes, who has instructed numerous short courses, will teach the Windows class. The cost for each course is $33.

Classes have been filling quickly and pre-registration is required. For more information about these or other Continuing Education courses call 573-8511, ext. 390.



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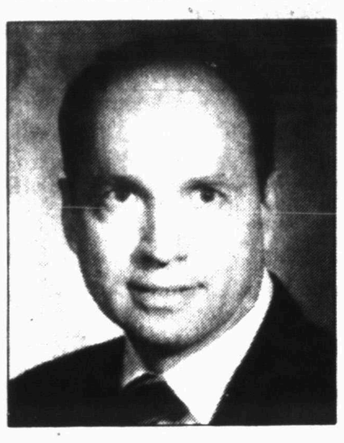
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Questions and Answers from the Candidates

Scurry County Commissioner Precinct 2



Roy Idom
R. - Incumbent



Linda Sellars
D. - Challenger

(1) What qualities do you possess that you feel qualifies you to serve as a commissioner of Scurry County?

Roy Idom: "I have a conservative philosophy that was strongly developed while I worked my way through college. It taught me to organize my priorities and to separate my "wants" from my "needs." I have served the taxpayers of Scurry County with this same philosophy and have reduced expenses and budgets. I have applied the knowledge I learned in business economics and business management courses to maintain accountability to the County citizenry and increase the overall level of accountability.

"The citizenry of Scurry County, with the rapidly declining tax base and taxes shifting to the property owners, want improved management of its resources and will elect officials who feel they can and will meet this criteria."

Linda Sellars: "I have the quality of genuine concern for the people of Scurry County and a commitment to serve them to the best of my ability. I have a long-term interest in seeing the county grow. I have complete understanding of county government and budgeting after working for the county for 14 years. I have also learned to listen to, understand and work with others for the best interest of the majority of the people and to be open-minded to concerns of constituents."

(2) As the county's tax base declines, what plans do you have to control spending, yet maintain the quality of life in Scurry County?

Idom: "Our County's tax base is energy related being primarily tied to oil and gas. The only way to offset the loss of our mineral tax base is to attract and bring new industry to Scurry County. Since a major influx of new business is unlikely for the short-term, the county must strive to live within "its" means. Budgets at the foundation for operations of the County and all elected officials are going to have to be rigorous in determining and evaluating current needs. Our county has moved to zero based budgeting (annual justification of needs) which has helped and strengthened planning, control, and accountability. We are going to have to show strong leadership and control and be more knowledgeable in all facets of management and operate the county with maximum efficiency."

Sellars: "I plan to explore every avenue available to control spending without losing the quality of life we have. This means having good communication with other government entities, boards and committees. Being open to discussion, ideas and opportunities for growth and services as cost effective as possible. Spend when necessary, save when the opportunity arises.

(3) What do you think is the most important job of a commissioner?

Idom: "To represent the views of the constituents who voted you in office. To be accountable and responsible for how we allow the taxpayer's money to be Spent. The taxpayers have trusted us to safeguard and be accountable for the hard earned taxes they have paid in. It is going to become increasingly important to be able to evaluate situations that arise and make solid decisions as the facts are presented."

Sellars: "The most important job of a commissioner is to never forget the people whom you are entrusted to serve. To be informed, honest and fair in all your dealings."

(4) Do you feel the county presently carries enough money in its reserve accounts?

Idom: "Yes. The county has around $2.6 million in reserves. A general accounting "rule of thumb" is to have a six month reserve. Considering the average monthly expenses, the county has, without a major catastrophe, adequate reserves."

Sellars: "I believe the county carries a sufficient amount of money in its reserve accounts. There should be enough to operate the county in case of an emergency."

(5) Do you think there are 'overlapping' positions in county government?

Idom: "There are areas in county government that some people feel overlap. For instance, we have two Justice of Peace and two constables. There has been discussions of combining the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector Office, the County Treasurer and County Auditor. The ultimate decision, as always (and should be) will lie in the decision of the taxpayers because they are constitutional and state mandated offices and would have to go through state legislation and voted on by the people."

Sellars: "I do not currently see over-lapping positions in our county government. Each department offers a valuable service to the citizens. I think it is a good check and balance system."

(6) Do you favor giving Cogdell Memorial Hospital a yearly subsidy of some $350,000, even though the hospital has over $2 million in its cash reserves?

Idom: At the present time, the hospital has a little over $2 million in reserves which equates with their monthly expenses to be a 71 day reserve. Here again, the general accounting "rule of thumb" is to shoot for 180 days (six months). The general rule of thought is to have no less that 90 days of reserves. I would like to see all our facilities be self-sustaining and self-supporting and not require a tax subsidy. Our hospital uses accrual, encumbrance accounting - not a cash basis like the county and 90 to 120 days reserves is considered essential.

"Our hospital is one of 25 rural hospitals left in the state of Texas and is the most valuable asset our county has. Cogdell employs approximately 217 full time personnel with a total of 267 personnel if you include part time employees.

"It is a major business and livelihood for many and we are fortunate that Scurry County does not pay a tax subsidy like Andrews (1.5 million), Sweetwater (1.6 million — hospital district), Colorado City (1.4 million — hospital district), Seminole (3.2 million — hospital district).

"It will have to be evaluated year by year as to necessary needs, renovation needs and updating equipment, which is an on-going problem in all hospitals. The changes in health care are happening fast and furious and Medicare and Medicaid play a huge part in a rural hospital being able to sustain itself. The Commissioner's Court, along with the managing board, needs to work for the best possible solution for the citizens and taxpayers of Scurry County to ensure that our hospital is being managed properly for the people it belongs to — the taxpayers of Scurry County."

Sellars: "If Cogdell Memorial Hospital could effectively operate on less than a $350,000 yearly subsidy, I would certainly be in favor of reducing the amount. However, I will not jeopardize the health care of Scurry County residents. An important responsibility of commissioners is to appoint people to the hospital board that will critically evaluate spending, together with the needs of citizens as it relates to healthcare.

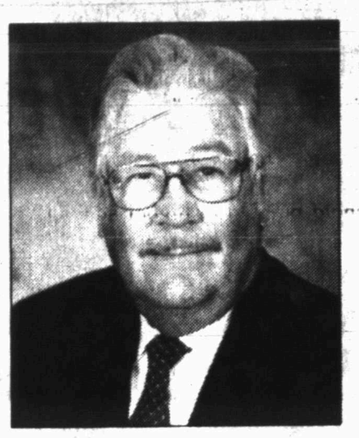
(7) Do you think the county could save money by going to the "unit system?"

Idom: "The unit system can save money if it is properly implemented. You can eliminate duplicate equipment and islands of influence and get as much work done as you do now. Upon checking with other counties in our area who have the unit system, the commissioners would have to work together as a whole to keep close tabs on the buying and spending in the unit system. When you eliminate duplicate equipment, you eliminate costly repairs, etc. The commissioner's will have to be unified in controlling spending and keeping close supervision.

"The good point about the unit system is that it will have to be voted in by the taxpayers and if taxpayers feel an elected commissioner is not being unified in cutting expenses after they have voiced their opinion by voting it in then that commissioner can be held accountable at election time."

Sellars: "The county has operated a "modified" unit system in the past. If savings could be proven and efficiency maintained or improved, I would be in favor of going to that system."

Scurry County Commissioner Precinct 4



Milton Adams
Republican



Cholanne Lindsey
Democrat

(1) What qualities do you possess that you feel qualifies you to serve as a commissioner of Scurry County?

(A) Milton Adams: Budget experience with oil companies. Forty-five years of honest hard work and paying taxes.

(A) Chloanne Lindsey: Experience!!! Serving as Chief Deputy in the auditor's office for the past nine years I have been responsible for auditing all books, records, money and equipment inventory for all county departments. The auditor's office is also resporisible for strict enforcement of laws governing county finances.

(2) As the county's tax base declines, what plans do you have to control spending, yet maintain the quality of life in Scurry County?

(A) Milton Adams: I am opposed to increased taxes, but if people want more benefits, they must expect to pay more taxes.

(A) Chloanne Lindsey: I will work with each department to implement a long range plan for the purchase of equipment, preventive maintenance on buildings. In Precinct #4, I will work to keep spending down.

(3) What do you think is the most important job of a commissioner?

(A) Milton Adams: Conservative management of county business.

(A) Chloanne Lindsey: The most important job of a commissioner is monitoring county financial stability. Maintaining a low tax rate while running the county efficiently, setting county policy and providing good county roads.

(4) Do you feel the county presently carries enough money in its reserve accounts?

(A) Milton Adams: Yes.

(A) Chloanne Lindsey: I feel that Scurry County has sufficient reserves at this time.

(5)Do you feel there are "overlapping" positions in county government?

(A) Milton Adams: I would hope not. If there is, each case should be looked at individually, as to the reason and to the degree of overlapping.

(A) Chloanne Lindsey: Research would have to be done in order to see if we have any overlapping positions in county government.

(6) Do you favor giving Cogdell Memorial Hospital a yearly subsidy of some $350,000, even though the hospital has over $2 million in its cash reserves?

(A) Milton Adams: We have ranchers with no grass, farmers that won't go to the gin this year and oil field workers losing their jobs daily. A lot of these people have little or no reserves at all. How can we ask them to contribute $350,000 to someone with $2 million cash in reserve? You guessed it, my answer is no. This doesn't mean I'm against hospitals. I, as much as anyone, appreciate quality hospitals with caring personnel.

(A) Chloanne Lindsey: The county has a zero base budget for all departments. I feel the hospital should, like all departments, justify the need for the yearly subsidy whether it is $300,000 or $350,000.

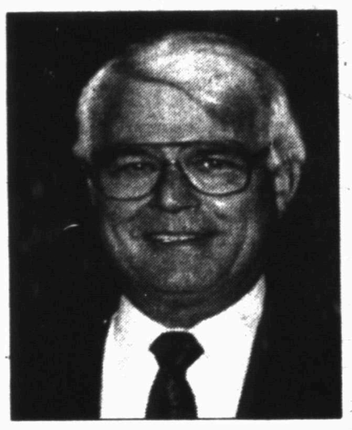
(7) Do you think the county could save money by going to the "unit system?"

(A) Milton Adams: This would require extensive study. If a study has been made, I'm not aware of it.

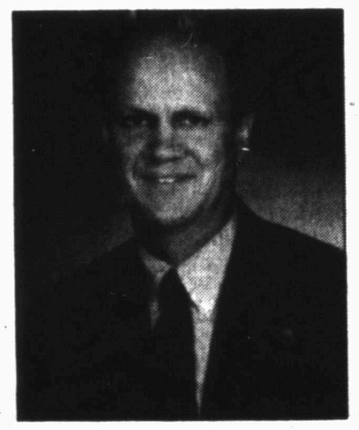
(A) Chloanne Lindsey: The "unit system" would have to be researched before a decision could be made.

Vote

State Representative District 70



David Counts
D. - Incumbent



Scott McLaughlin
R. - Challenger

(1)Why do you feel that you can better represent this district than what your opponent can?

David Counts: "My background and conservative record. I am married to my high school sweetheart, Mary. We have two children and five grandchildren. We are members of the First Baptist Church in Knox City. I'm a graduate of U.S. Army Command & General Staff College. I'm an independent businessman in real estate and insurance; officer of an oilfield service company; and cotton, wheat, and milo farmer. I have worked hard with Gov. Bush and Speaker Laney to protect rural Texas, lower property taxes, stop frivolous lawsuits, toughen juvenile system, restore local control of sc[illegible]e accountability, and protect our families."

Scott McLaughlin: "I have worked hard to make a payroll and grow a family small-business for over 20 years and I believe my experience as a small-businessman best qualifies me for this office.

"It's estimated that the state coffers will be flush with a multi-billion dollar surplus by the time the Legislature convenes in January of 1999. It is more important than ever that Texans are represented in Austin by men and women who fight the urge to spend the surplus and fuel the growth of bigger government. I support using the surplus to work toward three priorities: funding the basic needs of our state in 1) education and 2) criminal justice and 3) returning the remaining surplus to Texans in the form of tax relief.

"I support property tax relief and extending the small business franchise tax exemption. My opponent has voted for numerous tax increases including $1.9 billion in new taxes, additional gas taxes, a new sales tax on boats and even voted to extend the franchise income tax to other small businesses last year. I don't think the people of West Texas are best served by candidates who vote to raise taxes."

(2) Do you have plans to improve the line of communication from this district to Austin, or is it now satisfactory?

Counts: "I am always looking for ways to improve the line of communication between Austin and the district. That's why I pushed for holding interim committee meetings outside of Austin. I also want to get every county organized to have an official trip to the Capitol during the legislative session to hold a "Scurry County Day" for example and help make our presence known."

McLaughlin: "As your next State Representative, my door will always be open. I'm running a different type of campaign, one that relies on listening to the needs of the people of West Texas. That's why I have walked door-to-door in this district for over two years. I've spoken to thousands of families about their schools, their jobs, their families and their communities. I've learned that a State Representative needs to be accessible and I promise to return every call, answer every letter and make any appointment with a citizen to discuss the problems West Texans face.

"Because I've walked this district, I support passing a "Classroom Teacher Act" next session that seeks to improve teacher pay, increase the retirement multiplier for retired teachers and bolster teaching as a profession. We currently lose about 25 percent of our new teachers in the first four years of teaching and I want to find ways to stop that trend. I'll also fight to increase the state's share of education funding."

(3) Do you think you can represent this district strongly against the likes of representatives in Dallas, Houston, etc.?

Counts: "I have and will continue to represent this district strongly against urban members. Our interests are often very different than those who live in large metropolitan areas, and we need somebody who will stand up for our values. A good example of this is the statewide water legislation that I sponsored last year. Big cities would love to get there hands on all the water rights and leave farmers and ranchers out in the cold. I stood up for our rural interests and will continue to fight for the rural Texans."

McLaughlin: "I grew up here in West Texas and I've raised my family here. For rural Texans who depend on their land to provide their livelihood, water is our most valuable resource. I oppose any effort to undermine our water rights, including the Clinton-Gore American Heritage Rivers initiative, which seeks to impose federal controls over how Texas conserves its vital rivers and streams. I want underground water laws that use local solutions and respect agriculture and the needs of ranchers and farmers."

(4) Economic-wise, what plans do you have to help recruit jobs to this district?

Counts: "Bringing jobs and economic opportunity to this area of the State is vitally important. That's why I worked so hard with other elected officials to get the new veterans home to West Texas. I'm very proud of our successful efforts to get this facility in West Texas. It will result in new jobs and a big boost to our local economy. I would like to continue these efforts to attract more new business and state projects into our area."

McLaughlin: "As a small businessman, a member of my local chamber and past chairman of the local Economic Development Board, I've thought a great deal about this problem. Our communities now have a ½ cent sales tax option for economic development. The best way to attract business is by keeping a low-tax, low regulation environment that can help create the greatest number of good-paying jobs. An aggressive workforce-training program is also necessary to provide a skilled labor pool. The processing of agricultural products seems like a natural fit for our area, and efforts should be made to promote regional cooperation for the end product processing industry."

(5) What do you think is the most important job of a state representative?

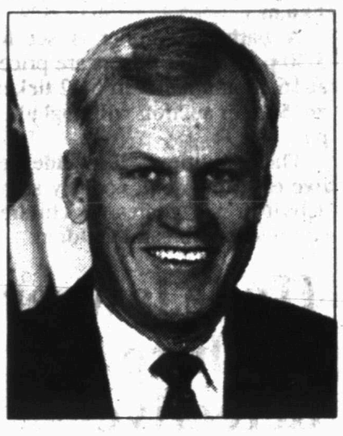
Counts: "The most important job of a state representative during the legislative session is to represent the values and interests of the constituents they serve. During the interim, I believe the most important function is to act as a liaison between the district and state government to cut through red tape and help folks with problems."

McLaughlin: "The most important job of a State Representative is to govern with integrity. All the experience in the world is a liability if there is no principle behind the decision made. I've made it clear in my campaign that the next generation is more important than the next election. We desperately need people of integri-

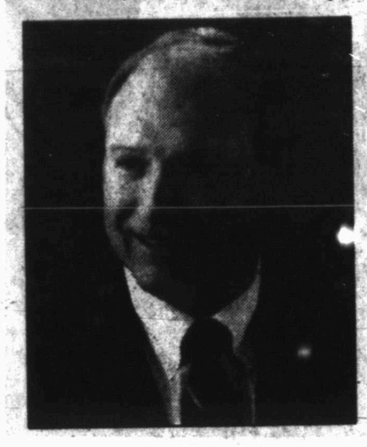
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Questions and Answers from the Candidates

U. S. Representative District 17



Charles Stenholm
D. - Incumbent



Rudy Izzard
R. - Challenger

(1) Exactly what is your stance on Social Security and what changes, if any, do you recommend for the program?

Charles Stenholm: I have consistently voted to protect Social Security and have opposed all efforts to use Social Security funds for any purpose other than Social Security. I have been working with Democrats and Republicans to develop a plan to strengthen Social Security for current and future retirees, and to give workers greater control over their Social Security funds. .

Rudy Izzard: We must responsibly reform Social Security. And the sooner we act, the easier the reforms will be to implement.

First of all, Congress must stop raiding the Social Security Trust Fund. My first act in Congress will be to sponsor a constitutional amendment that would require a balanced budget without raiding the trust fund.

We must continue to ensure that all Americans, when they retire, have at least a floor of poverty protection. Above and beyond that, citizens should be able to invest some of the money they now send to the government in an individual retirement account. These accounts will be safe and solvent and should enable citizens to retire much more comfortably. I am opposed to raising payroll taxes, cutting benefits or increasing the retirement age.

2. Do you have any plans to help the plight of those involved in agriculture?

Charles Stenholm: As we have seen, "Freedom to Farm" can leave producers without the resources needed to withstand large domestic and international crop production, depressed foreign demand, unfair trade practices and a strong U.S. dollar. All of these factors contributed to the steep decline we have seen in farm prices.

The Agriculture Appropriations bill for fiscal year (FY) 1999 includes $5.9 billion for farm emergency assistance and will provide the following:

—Assistance for multiple year losses as well as 1998 crop losses.

—Assistance for livestock feed needs to those who lost feed crops.

—Assistance for producers suffering from low prices through additional transition payments.

—One year interest-free recourse loans for mohair producers to help market their crop.

—Agriculture-related tax provisions, such as income averaging, net operating loss carryback five years, and acceleration of health insurance deduction.

—Retirement of the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation debt with the new USDA credit.

There is no "silver-bullet" to ensure long term farm prosperity. We must build on the positive provisions of the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act, such as planting flexibility and certainly of income transfers.

For the long term, we need to improve the "safety net" for farmers with policies such as:

—An income supplement to offset sudden declines in producer income.

—An improved crop insurance program that provides producers with the type of policy that will adequately cover the risk they face.

—Innovative policies that enable producers to add value to their crops through the processing of those crops. One such innovation was the tax provision enacted last year that will help producer cooperatives acquire processing facilities on favorable terms.

Izzard: Yes. We should develop a permanent disaster relief fund for agriculture. It's not a question of if, but when will our next drought occur. If a disaster relief fund were in place, then Congress would not have to "bust the budget" to help agriculture. An emergency aid to agriculture would not be delayed by partisan politics.

Foreign trade is vital to U.S. agriculture producers. I support free and fair trade. I just feel that under Bill Clinton, our trade agreements have been long on the free and short on the fair.

Price supports will still be necessary in certain situations. However, price supports and other support provisions should be focused and not become a way of life. Subsidies should NOT be payable to absentee farmers and ranchers who are not actively involved in production agriculture.

(3) Do you think public officials should be held to higher standards than John Q. Public?

Charles Stenholm I have always advised anyone considering a political career that he or she should be prepared to live under a microscope, and that is exactly as it should be. It is a privilege to serve as an elected official, but that privilege carries with it the highest responsibilty to conduct one's life with the greatest integrity. The values I learned growing up in a tight-knit rural West Texas community, which centered around the local church, continue to support, sustain and guide me today.

Rudy Izzard: Yes. Elected officials must be held to a higher standard. For this reason, Bill Clinton should resign.

(4) How would you change the lines of communication to Washington and your office, or is it satisfactory now?

Charles Stenholm: Nothing is more important to a Congressman than to understand the lives, values, priorities and needs of his constituents. One of the blessings of modern advances has been in the field of telecommunications, making contact between constituents and their elected officials easier and easier. I certainly encourage individuals to join the associations and organizations which represent their views to Congress; however, the individual phone calls, letters or e-mails continue to carry the greatest weight with any Representative.

Rudy Izzard: I will open a district office in Big Spring to serve the western counties of the 17th Congressional District. The people who staff this office will be in Snyder on a regular basis getting to know the people personally.

I will be out in the community frequently myself. I enjoy talking with folks and receiving their direct imput.

Also, any constituent contacting one of our district offices or the Congressional office in Washington will be responded to promptly and with respect.

We will have e-mail, a website, etc...to enable constituents to contact us electronically or to follow congressional proceedings.

(Q)—Why do you feel you would be a better representative than your opponent?

Charles Stenholm: When I first ran for Congress, I believed I could be an effective voice for agriculture, small business and the working men and women of the 17th District.

The experience and seniority I have gained, and the respect and influence I have earned, are the greatest arguments for my re-election. That contrasts to my opponent, who signed a pledge promising to limit his years of service to six, guaranteeing that he will never "learn the ropes," or achieve the seniority necessary to maximize one's value to his district. Incidentally, my opponent seems to be backing away from his term limits pledge, stating now that he will try to stay in Washington for 12 years.

I am a moderate conservative who works with Republicans and Democrats alike, votes independently, and always maintains the interests of his district as his number one priority. I have worked hard on behalf of my constituents and have been a strong advocate for them in Washington. My desire to represent the 17th District, Texas, and the nation is as strong as ever.

Rudy Izzard: Experience. For the last 15 years I have owned and operated small businesses. I understand full well how difficult it is to operate under a system of high taxes and often misguided regulations.

I am trying to raise a family and I share with other parents their frustrations about trying to educate our children and save for their future.

Although I am not an expert, I do have a good working knowledge of agriculture, oil and gas, health care, and education. I hope to be a leader in writing responsible legislation affecting these areas.

I am not a career politician. However, I have served at the local government level and I enjoy building consensus and solving problems in the political arena.



McLaughlin

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ty in public office and I consider that to be my most important asset.

"I also think state government should do a few things and do them well. I want to be a strong advocate for holding the line on budget growth and making government less intrusive in the daily lives of Texans. I want to work with Gov. Bush to protect private property and water rights, maintain a hard-line on crime, leave more money in people's pockets and improve public schools."

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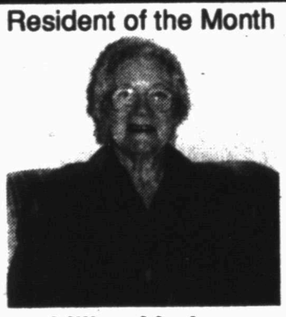
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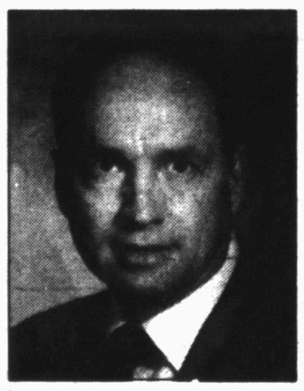


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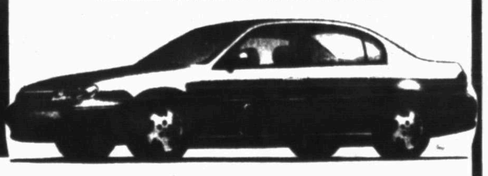
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LORD'S ACRE AUCTION — Merribeth Kahlich is shown with a few of the items to be auctioned during next Saturday's 9th annual Lord's Acre Festival, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

California gold rush got photo coverage

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is a myth that the '49er spent all his free time on booze, brawls and bordellos.

He also spent time in "Daguerreian saloons" — nothing more sinful than photo studios in covered wagons. He got his picture taken by a new invention from France — the daguerreotype.

It took awhile: The miner had to stand perfectly still for up to two minutes while the image got fixed to a silver-coated plate. Then there was a long wait while the photographer developed the plate, let it dry and painted in the color.

These early photos have made it possible for the National Museum of American Art to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the California gold rush with a double show — photos as well as sketches and paintings. It opened Friday for a four-month run.

Papers and magazines of the time eagerly copied the pictures, in what one curator called the world's first media blitz.

Photos could be taken inside the "saloon" or outdoors. They cost 30 cents to $1 — not too much, when the gold rush sometimes pushed the price of a single egg to $3. They were often treasured in elegant cases lined with red velvet.

For good measure, the Smithsonian Institution has lent the first nugget found in 1848 at Sutter's Mill, east of Sacramento, when California was still Mexican soil. It belonged to John Augustus Sutter, who owned the land. Photos still exist of Sutter, and of Marshall standing in front of the mill, but they are not in the show.

"The nugget was hammered flat to test its malleability, to show it really was gold," said Merry Foresta, the museum's curator of photography. A few days later Mexico, signed the treaty that ended its war with the United States and ceded the territory.

9th Lord's Acre set by FUMC

First United Methodist Church is planning its 9th Lord's Acre Festival next Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. Booths open at 11 a.m.

A barbecue dinner is set for 5:30 p.m. Adult tickets are priced at $6.50 and children 6-12 tickets are $3. An auction will begin at 6 p.m.

The festivities will include free live entertainment, country store, activities and games for children and free balloons for children.

Hyde lawyer did hire detective

WASHINGTON (AP) — A lawyer friend of Rep. Henry Hyde hired a private detective to investigate a persistent critic of the congressman, a Hyde spokesman said Friday.

The detective was asked to check on Illinois bank consultant Tim Anderson, said Hyde spokesman Sam Stratman. The attorney, James Schirott, had acted without prior authorization from Hyde, Stratman said.

Hyde, R-Ill., is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, which has voted to begin an inquiry into the possible impeachment of President Clinton.

The detective, Ernie Rizzo, "has done unrelated work for Mr. Schirott's office and was retained in this matter to do a background check on an individual who was making malicious, arguably slanderous and libelous allegations against Mr. Hyde," Stratman said.

Anderson was a dogged critic of Hyde when the congressman and other former directors of Clyde Federal Savings & Loan Association were facing a government negligence lawsuit in connection with the collapse of the S&L.

The lawsuit ultimately was settled for an $850,000 payment by the directors. Hyde, who left the S&L board in 1984, refused to contribute and maintained that he bore no responsibility for the institution's 1990 collapse.

The Chicago Tribune said that in an interview earlier this month Hyde had denied his lawyer or anyone acting on his behalf had hired Rizzo.

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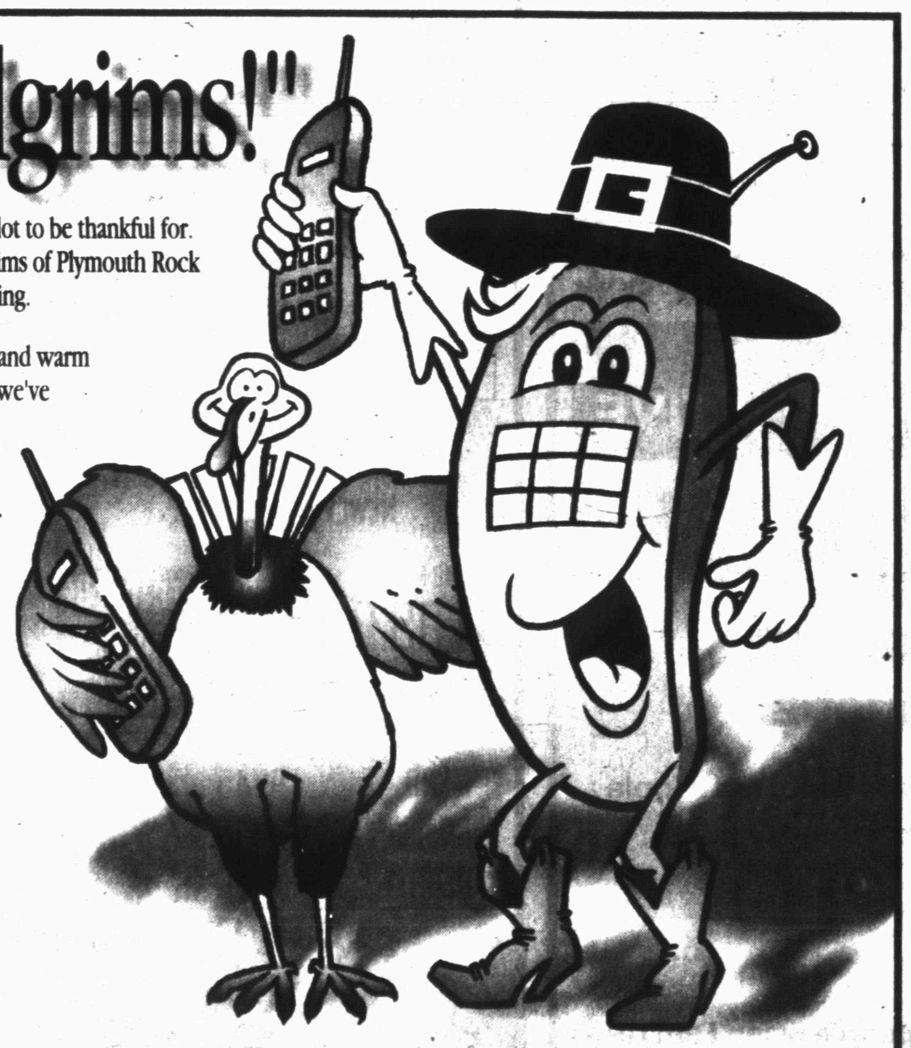
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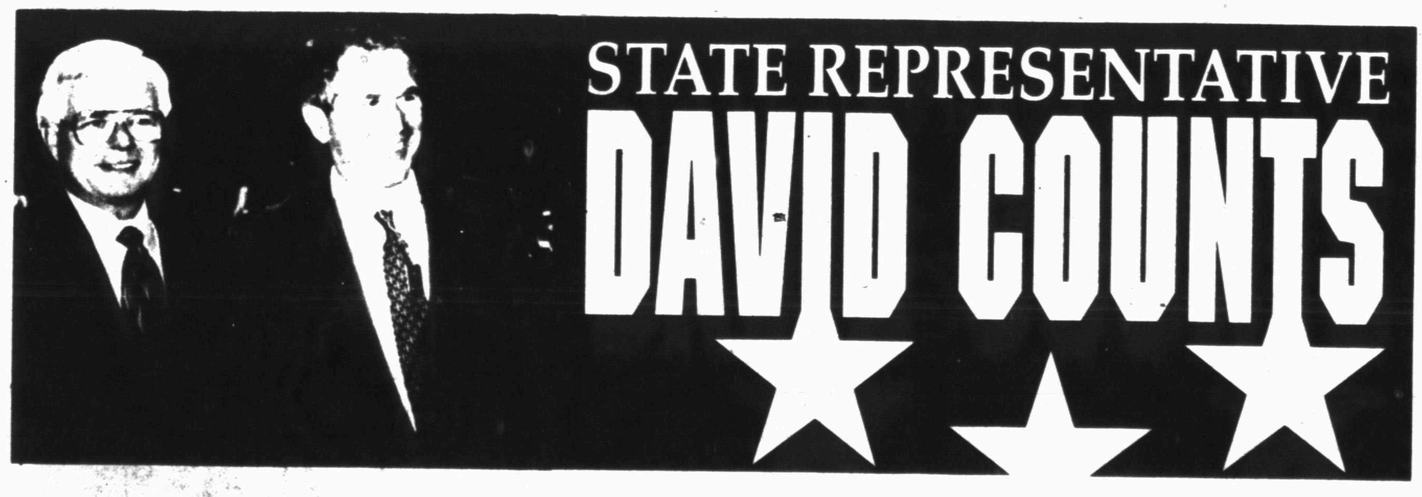
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SPORTS

Tigers rally to outlast pesky Panthers

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Even though it was the day before Halloween, the Tigers decided to throw a surprise "berthday" party Friday night.

Snyder, picked to finish in the 5-4A cellar, surprised their five district counterparts by securing a berth in the postseason with a 19-15 come-from-behind victory over Ft. Stockton at Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers' win, combined with victories by Andrews over Sweetwater and by Big Spring over Lake View, locked up the runner-up spot in the final standings for Snyder.

"This is a tremendous tribute to our kids," Snyder coach David Baugh said. "Nobody picked us to finish higher than last, but our kids never packed up and quit. They've battled all year long against guys that were bigger and faster a lot of the time, and they kept getting after it. This is a great bunch of kids."

Going into the contest, after wins over Big Spring and Sweetwater, a spot in the playoffs was almost guaranteed.

The two things that weren't guaranteed were an easy win over the Panthers or a second-place finish. The Tigers got the latter, but Ft. Stockton didn't cooperate on the first.

The Panthers played above their 1-7 season mark, taking the lead three times, with their last advantage coming at the 5:22 mark of the fourth quarter, 15-13.

Trailing by two points following a 35-yard field goal from Aaron Hernandez, the Tigers struck back with the big play.

On the series' first play, Sonny Cumbie found Cheyenne Robinson open across the middle and the senior tailback raced 70 yards to the Panthers' 7-yard line, before being tripped up.

"Big plays hurt us all night long," said Ft. Stockton coach Phil Lopez. "We kept giving up big plays on defense, but we couldn't make any on offense."

After a false start penalty backed Snyder up, Andy Parker booted a 24-yard field goal, pushing the Tigers back on top for good.

Four plays later Brady Cobb picked off a Panther pass and scampered back to the Ft. Stockton 12. Parker would make true on his second attempt of the night, this one from 26 yards to ice the game.

"I take my hat off to Ft. Stockton," Baugh said. "They played well and were hard for us to run against. There are no easy wins in this district and they proved that tonight."

With the Panthers using their size advantage to control the line of scrimmage, Snyder was forced to go to the passing game at crucial times.

While the Tigers attempted just 17 passes, completing eight of them, they totalled 231 yards and two touchdowns through the air.

Twice, Cumbie hooked up with sophomore wingback Josh Arizmendi for scores, the first one coming as time expired in the first half for a 7-6 Snyder lead.

"That was a really big play just before the half," Baugh said. "It gave us a little confidence going into the locker room. But then as it ended up, when we came back out we fumbled the ball away on our first series."

On the opening play of the third quarter, Snyder committed one of its three turnovers in the contest, setting up an Eric Castillo 24-yard TD run that gave the Panthers their second lead of the contest.

But two possessions later, Cumbie's second scoring toss to Arizmendi changed the outlook once again. The 20-yard effort was followed by a failed two-point conversion attempt, leaving the tally at 13-12.

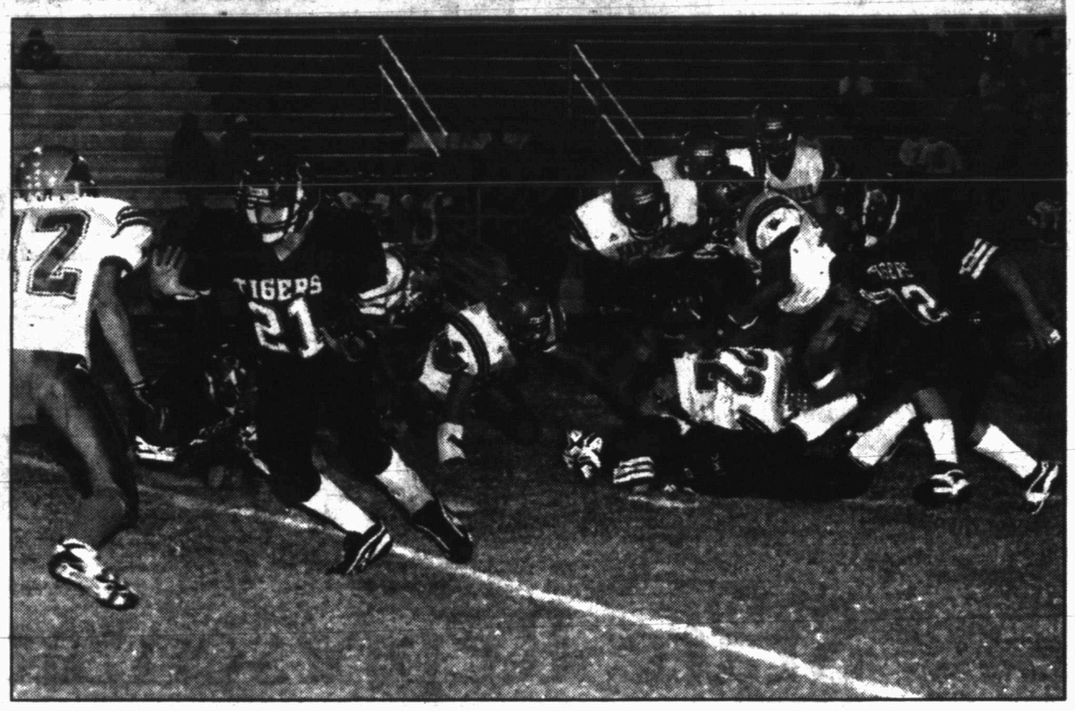
Ft. Stockton took its first lead, 6-0, on a 1-yard plunge by Willie Woodburry with 26 seconds left in the first half.

After the ensuing kickoff, Cumbie hit Matthew Grimmett for 24 yards up to the Snyder 48-yard line. After two incompletions, Cumbie took the third down snap and rolled to his right. As the horn sounded, he hurled the ball down the sideline where Arizmendi had his man beat at the 10-yard line. Arizmendi hauled in the pass and raced into the endzone.

Snyder, now 3-1 in district play and 6-3 overall, travels to Lake View Friday for the regular season finale. Regardless of all outcomes, the Tigers will finish second in the standings.

Snyder's bi-district opponent the following week will be determined by the outcome of the Big Spring-Sweetwater contest.

A Steer victory would pit the Tigers against Brownwood, while a win by the Mustangs would produce a Snyder-Stephenville match-up in the first round.



CATFIGHT — A gang of Ft. Stockton defenders attempts to strip the ball from Snyder runner Cheyenne Robinson Friday night, while Jamie Hoyle (21) and Chris Covey (32) assist on the play. The Tigers knocked off the Panthers, 19-15, to secure sole possession of second place in District 5-4A. (SDN Photo by Christy Wells)

Game Summary

Ft. Stockton	00	06	06	03	— 15
Snyder	00	07	06	06	— 19

Second Quarter
Ft. Stockton — Willie Woodbury 1-yard run (conversion failed), :26.
Snyder — Josh Arizmendi 52-yard pass from Sonny Cumbie (Andy Parker kick), :00.
Third Quarter
Ft. Stockton — Eric Castillo 24-yard run (conversion failed), 10:50.
Snyder — Josh Arizmendi 20-yard pass from Cumbie (conversion failed), 3:16.
Fourth Quarter
Ft. Stockton — Aaron Hernandez 35-yard field goal, 5:22.
Snyder — Parker 24-yard field goal, 3:52.
Snyder — Parker 26-yard field goal, :53.

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First downs	12	11
Rushes-yards	46-229	33-105
Passing yards	27	231
Comp-Att-Int	2-7-3	8-17-0
Punts	6-35	4-44
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	4-3
Penalties-Yards	8-65	8-47

RUSHING — Ft. Stockton: Woodbury, 18-75; J. Lopez, 12-65; Barron, 6-33; Castillo, 6-30; Melendez, 1-18; Rojas, 3-8. **Snyder:** Camp, 9-49; Robinson, 10-43; Covey, 6-20; Josh Arizmendi, 1-2; Cumbie, 1-1; Hackfield, 1-1; Juan Arizmendi, 3-minus 3; McNair, 2-minus 8.
PASSING — Ft. Stockton: Lopez, 2 of 6 for 27 yards, 3 int.; Urias, 0 of 1. **Snyder:** Cumbie, 7 of 11 for 206 yards, 3 TDs; McNair, 1 of 5 for 25 yards.
RECEIVING — Ft. Stockton: Woodbury, 1-19; Castillo, 1-8. **Snyder:** Josh Arizmendi, 2-72; Robinson, 1-70; Juan Arizmendi, 1-25; Phillips, 1-25; Grimmett, 1-24; Cobb, 1-10; Camp, 1-5.

Player of the Year...

McGwire garners high honors

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Mark McGwire, who broke Roger Maris' record and went on to hit 70 home runs, was chosen Player of the Year by his peers and presented the Players Choice Award on Friday night.

McGwire's rival for the home run record, Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs, was named outstanding player in the National League. Sosa hit 66 homers, also breaking Maris' record of 61 set in 1961.

"This is for you all," McGwire said to his fellow players as he accepted the award. "We put baseball back on the map and we should all be proud of that."

In presenting McGwire with the award, Hall of Famer and career home run king Henry Aaron praised the St. Louis Cardinals first baseman and Sosa for generating renewed interest in major league baseball.

"What they did for baseball is put it back on page one," Aaron said. "To have these two young men chase this record that none of us thought would be broken was just the greatest thing in sports."

Eight other awards were presented at the seventh annual Players Choice Award ceremony, which was televised live from Walt Disney World. The awards are sponsored by the Major League Baseball Player's Association, the players' union.

"We both had unbelievable years," McGwire said at a news conference with Sosa before the black-tie ceremony. "No one in the game of baseball has done what he and I did."

Added Sosa: "I always say that he was the man and he motivated me. We had no jealousy."

It was the first time since the end of the season last month that they saw each other. They said they were still amazed at the public's fascination with the home run race and how it brought many embittered fans from the 1994 strike back to the sport.

Freshmen bow to Levelland

LEVELLAND — Snyder's freshman football squad found its way into the endzone three different ways Thursday night, but couldn't hold off a solid Lobo attack, falling 31-16 to Levelland.

After the Lobos took an early 6-0 lead, Monty Smith pounced on a Levelland fumble and the Tigers used a little trickery to pull even.

Tailback Jamaal Pruitt took the ball on a sweep, then pulled up and lofted a 35-yard touchdown pass to Ricki Dorsett.

Later in the first half, Levelland plunged across the goal line again, but on the two-point conversion it was Snyder that put the duece on the board.

Chris McLeod intercepted the attempted conversion in his own endzone and raced 104 yards, slashing the deficit to 12-8 at halftime. McLeod also blocked a PAT later in the contest.

Levelland seized the momentum in the final two periods, posting 19 points before Snyder's Samuel Arizmendi capped the scoring with a 13-yard scamper in the fourth quarter. Pruitt dove across for the conversion.

Pruitt ran for 60 yards on the night, with Wade Pinson rushing for 46 more.

Dorsett had an interception to help lead the defensive effort.

5-4A Standings

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Andrews	4	0	9	0
Snyder	3	1	6	3
Sweetwater	2	2	6	3
Big Spring	2	2	3	6
Lake View	1	3	4	5
Ft. Stockton	0	4	1	8

This week's results: Snyder 19, Ft. Stockton 15; Andrews 20, Sweetwater 7; Big Spring 28, Lake View 24.
Next week's games: Snyder at Lake View; Big Spring at Sweetwater; Andrews at Ft. Stockton.

Kicker breaks national mark

FORT WORTH (AP) — Arlington Heights kicker Tomas Sanchez set a national record Friday night with his 44th and 45th career field goal, breaking the old mark of 43.

But he missed an extra point with 1:02 left in the game that would have forced an overtime between Arlington Heights and Fort Worth Wyatt, which escaped with a 27-26 victory.

"I just missed the ball. I kicked the tee. I tried to get under it and kicked it too high," said Sanchez, a senior.

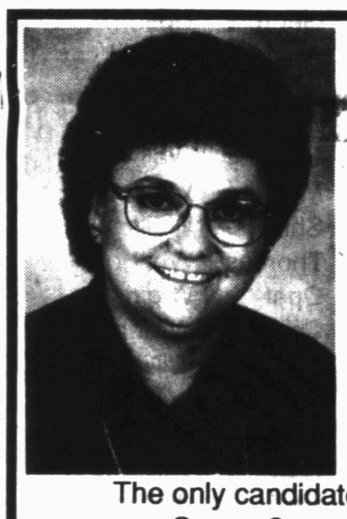
Sanchez kicked a 44-yard field goal with 4:11 remaining in the first quarter, breaking the record set in 1986 by Philip Doyle for Huffman High School in Birmingham, Ala.

Hermleigh JH falls to Sands

HERMLEIGH — Hermleigh Junior High reached into its bag of tricks on offense and took advantage of Mustang miscues on defense, before falling to Sands, 42-12, Thursday night.

Joseph Yruegas posted one Cardinal touchdown on a 32-yard scamper, after taking a lateral from Tony Garza.

Hermleigh's defense also got in on the scoring act when Garza picked off a Mustang pass and sprinted 62 yards to paydirt.



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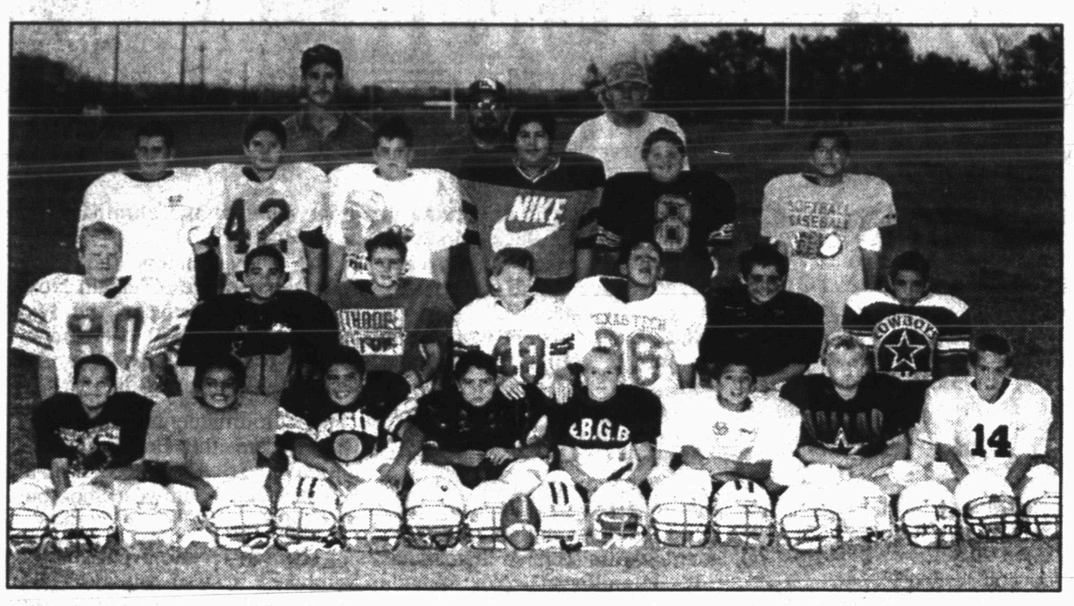
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SPORTS



GRIDIRON ALL-STARS — Snyder's 9 and 10-year-old Boys Club football all-stars were to have taken on Colorado City Saturday afternoon at Golden Wolf Stadium. Members of the team are, front row, left to right, Keith Manlief, Israel Martinez, Caleb Gutierrez, Manny Aparicio, Wesley Price, Chris Gutierrez, Chad Nickerson and Matthew Reigh. On the second row are Kasey Krop, Kennon Garcia, Garrett Pinson, Tyler Hogan, Danny Ortegon, Jonathan McClure and Domingo Luera. On the third row are Chance Grantham, Jonathan Vasquez, Blake Scott, John Estrada, Seth Cooper and Eric Martinez. On the back row are coaches Randy Hogan, David Gutierrez and Rick Nickerson. Not pictured are Levi Stall and coaches Jimmy Gutierrez and Simon Gutierrez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Coyotes overcome halftime deficit to top Bulldogs, 40-7

GAIL — After two quarters, the Bulldogs were thinking about an upset.

But by the end of the third period, the Coyotes had changed the plan.

After trailing 7-6 at halftime, Borden County accounted for all five scores in the final two quarters Friday night to knock off Ira, 40-7, in a District 6 six-man contest at Coyote Stadium.

The defending state champions, now 8-1 on the season and 3-1 in league play, wrap up their district schedule Friday with a visit to Hermleigh.

The Bulldogs, who will be looking to end the year with a .500 mark after winning only one game each of the past two seasons, made their upset bid late in the first half Friday night.

After Fernando Baeza gave the Coyotes a 6-0 advantage on a 2-yard run midway through the second period, Ira answered with under two minutes remaining.

Nathan Smith connected with Logan Daves on a 13-yard scoring toss, followed by a Jerek Brown to Jose Juarez completion for the extra point and a 7-6 Bulldog lead at halftime.

But Borden came howling back, led by the play all-state honorees Baeza and Colt McCook.

Baeza, who finished with 105 yards and four TDs on the night, found the endzone from 18 yards out on the Coyotes' opening possession of the third quarter, before plunging in from the 1 for an 18-7 Coyote lead with 1:16 left in the period.

McCook took over from there.

The senior QB, who was 8 of 16 for 153 yards in the contest, extended the margin to 26-7 entering the final period when he tossed a 20-yard TD aerial to Ed Rodriguez. McCook was true on the two-point kick.

Just three minutes into the fourth quarter, McCook hurled his second scoring pass, this time a 10-yard effort to Baeza which pushed the tally to 32-7.

McCook capped the scoring at the 2:45 mark when he hooked up with Kevin Pinkerton on a 20-yard touchdown toss. McCook booted the PAT for the 40-7 final outcome.

Juarez paced the Bulldog rushing game with 72 yards on 11 carries. Brown churned out another 37 yards on the ground, with Perry Jamison running for 36 more.

For Borden, Rodriguez accounted for 54 yards in the rushing department and snared a pair of receptions for another 50.

While the Coyotes travel to Hermleigh, the Bulldogs host their district finale Friday against Westbrook.

6 Six-Man Glance

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Sands	4	0	4	5
Borden Co.	3	1	8	1
Grady	3	1	5	3
Westbrook	1	3	5	4
Ira	1	3	4	5
Hermleigh	0	4	1	8

Friday's results: Borden County 40, Ira 7; Sands 63, Hermleigh 16; Grady 34, Westbrook 29.
Next week's games: Borden County at Hermleigh; Westbrook at Ira; Sands at Grady.

Mustangs gallop past Cardinals

ACKERLY — With a victory Friday night earning them the inside track to the district title, the Sands Mustangs came out of the gate at full gallop.

Hermleigh turned the ball over twice in the first five minutes and Sands capitalized by posting an 18-0 lead midway through the opening quarter, before running on to a 63-16 victory over the Cardinals.

Hermleigh falls to 1-8 on the season, while Sands improves to 4-0 in District 6 six-man competition. The Mustangs square off with Grady in the regular season finale to decide the league crown.

After surrendering three scores with 6:25 left on the first quarter clock, the Cardinals broke onto the board when David Digby capped a drive with a 3-yard TD plunge. Kenny Hancock booted the PAT, trimming the margin to 18-6.

But Sands kept the pressure on, finding the endzone on the ground and through the air for a 33-8 advantage heading into the second quarter.

The Mustang rushing game produced another TD, followed by an aerial score, pushing the tally to 49-8, before the Cards struck with a big play of their own.

Caleb Callaway took the ensuing kickoff at the Hermleigh 18-yard line, then sliced his way through the Sands defenders, racing 62 yards to paydirt. The long-distance TD cut the deficit to 19-14 at halftime.

The Cardinal defense stepped up in the third quarter, holding the Mustangs to a single score in the period, while registering a safety to cap Hermleigh's scoring.

Sands ended the contest on the 45-point rule with a 13-yard in the fourth period.

The Cardinals turned the ball over five times on the night, while being limited to 36 yards rushing.

Hermleigh, plagued by injuries the majority of the year, will host its finale Friday night at 7:30 against Borden County.

In other action around the district, the Coyotes toppled Ira, 40-7, while Grady took care of Westbrook, 34-29.

A Grady victory over Sands on Friday would cause a three-way logjam for the top spot between the Mustangs, the Wildcats and the Coyotes.

BOWLING NEWS

Roll & Hope

10-26-98

Teams	W	L
Team 6	20	8
American State Bank	18	10
City National Bank	18	10
Baze Gun Repair	15	13
Martin Herefords	14	14
IGA 100	12	16
Neff's Greenhouses	12	16

High series scratch: Cara Lindsey, 501.
High series handicap: Setsuko Jones, 624.
High game scratch: Lisa Stephens, 169.
High game handicap: Georgie Tarver, 217.
Splits and special mentions: Cara Lindsey, 501, 5-7; Setsuko Jones, 6-7-10; Michelle Ewing, 3-10; Lisa Stephens, 5-10.

Men's Commercial

10-27-98

Teams	W	L
Stephens Office	68½	43½
Daylight Donuts	67½	44½
The Shack	58	54
Whit's Auto	58	54
Team 8	55½	56½
McLeod Jewelry	49	53
Longhorns	47½	64½
Stooges	44	68

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High series handicap: Harold Kornegay, 627.
High game scratch: Roger Pavlik, 195.
High game handicap: David Lyle, 212.
Splits and special mentions: Bill Stephens, 5-6-10, 5-7; David Carroll, 4-7-9.

Jack & Jill

10-28-98

Teams	W	L
House of Antieks	22	10
Whatever	22	10
MB's Beauty Salon	16	16
B.J. Services	15	13
Ut Oohs	11	21
BCEC	10	22

High series scratch: Dana Stone, 452; Mark Glasscock, 535.
High series handicap: Sherry Walker, 590; Mark Glasscock, 637.
High game scratch: Dana Stone, 212; Mark Glasscock, 176.
High game handicap: Pinky Hasty, 219; Mark Glasscock, 246.
Splits and special mentions: David Lyle, 205, 527, 3-10; Daphene Thompson, 7-8; Jeff Smith, 522; Mark Glasscock, 7-8(2); Sherry Walker, 3-7.

SNYDER MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Teams	W	L
GM Autoland	6	0
American State Bank	4	2
West Texas State Bank	1	5
Snyder National Bank	1	5

Thursday's results: Snyder National Bank 99; West Texas State Bank 72; GM Autoland 95, American State Bank 77.

Sports Briefs

Referee training

The first training meeting for all persons wishing to referee local basketball games will be held Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Par Safety Services on Old Lubbock Hwy.

For more information, contact Phil Robinson at 573-7985 (day) or 573-7970 (evening), or Jim Dickey 573-1741 (day) or 574-1606 (evening).

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Asociation of Snyder Country Club will hold its Tuesday play day at 10 a.m. Format will be least putts on the back nine.

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SPORTS

With four returnees, Grade-A recruits...

Lady Dusters looking to make a turnaround

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Western Texas basketball coach Valery Jackson rode the ups and downs of the 1997-98 season, hanging on to finish with a 7-22 record.

But now armed with four solid returning players, a stellar class of recruits and a new name, the Lady Dusters, Jackson finally has a team to call her own.

And her team is ready to turn things around for WTC.

The Lady Dusters open the basketball season at WTC Tuesday night when they host Cisco Junior College at 6 o'clock at Scurry County Coliseum.

The contest won't only mark the beginning of another year on the hardwood, but also a fresh start for the Lady Dusters.

"I'm excited about this year," Jackson remarked. "Even though it's been hard work, it's already been enjoyable preparing for the season. It makes it nice to work with some talented players."

Ten new players join four returnees to make up the WTC roster.

Heading the group of returnees are guard Christy Wells and post Pamela Odhuong'o, a pair of all-conference honorable mention selections a year ago.

Also back will be forwards Latasha Vizcorrondo and Erica Garvin.

Garvin, a Snyder High graduate, suffered a knee injury last season and received a medical redshirt. She returns as a second-year freshman.

"It's a good group of girls we have back," Jackson said. "Pam hurt her wrist a few weeks back and is just now coming back. But she's working hard and will be a big key for us because of her heighth.

At 6-2, the post from Nairobi, Kenya is easily the Lady Dusters' tallest player.

Joining Vizcorrondo, Garvin and Odhoung'o in the paint will be freshman April Walker. Walker was a first-team all-district and second-team all-state selection at Spur.

Competing with Wells for playing time in the backcourt will be nine newcomers to the WTC program, all of whom raked in honors during their high school careers.

"Our guards are very athletic this year," Jackson said. "Speed will be one of our biggest strengths. Right now, they're playing a little timid, but that's because they haven't played together that much, yet. They just need to pick up the intensity a little bit and I think they will as they get more confidence in each other."

Under Jackson's game plan, there's no place for timid play.

The Lady Dusters will be an up-tempo team, utilizing their speed to trap opponents with the full-court press.

"The game plan is to be up-tempo, very up-tempo," stated Jackson. "We're going to play a lot of full-court defense so we can use our speed to our advantage.

"The only drawback is turnovers. We struggled with turnovers last year, but I think when this group of girls settles in and gets used to each other on the court, they'll be fine."

With the recruitment of so much talent comes respect, but also higher expectations.

After finishing with just two conference wins last year, the Lady Dusters are ranked fifth in the WJCAC preseason poll this season.

"That's a pretty big accomplishment for us," Jackson remarked. "After only winning seven games all of last year, it's a pretty big step."

Naturally, Jackson has higher expectations for this WTC squad. In fact, the Lady Dusters are eyeing a spot in the postseason.

"I think we should make the playoffs," said the second-year coach. "I grade our recruiting as an A. We have some kids here who can play Division I basketball.

"And they have great attitudes. They're always positive, even when I get on them about something. They're a great group of players to coach. I think the season will be a dissappointment if we don't make the playoffs."

The Lady Dusters are looking to take WTC basketball in a new direction.

And as with every revolution, there has to be a rallying cry. For the Lady Dusters — its "Hold the rope."

"We know that even with the talent, none of it matters if we don't put forth the effort and come together as a team. We have to go the extra mile and hold the rope — then we'll be successful."

WTC vs. Cisco

The Lady Dusters will look to take their first step back into basketball respect against a Cisco squad that should hold an edge in height.

Odhuong'o is WTC's best weapon on the inside and Jackson could set a trend in the season opener to get the 6-2 post player as many touches as possible.

"When you have a 6-2 player on the inside, you certainly want to get her the ball," Jackson stated. "We have to make a good pass to her, at a place on the court where she can be effective."

The Lady Dusters worked on post moves, both in the paint and from the perimeter, for an extended period of time in Friday's workout.

While Odhoung'o and her teammates in the post will be battling the aggressive inside play of the Lady Wranglers, the WTC guards will also have their hands full, defending Cisco's outside shooters.

"Cisco has always had some strong players underneath and some good shooters outside," said Jackson. "The key for us in the game will be to contain their three-point shooters and eliminate our turnovers."

The Lady Dusters and Lady Wranglers square off again Nov. 16 at Cisco. Between the two meetings, WTC will compete in its first tourney of the year, the Texas JUCO Round-up.

Other tournaments for the Lady Dusters are the Frank Phillips tourney, the San Jacinto Classic in Houston and Southwest Shootout in Houston.

"The San Jacinto event and the Southwest Classic always have some good, solid teams there," Jackson remarked. "Those will be a good test for us. Then right before conference starts we play Blinn, so we should be ready for the conference opener."

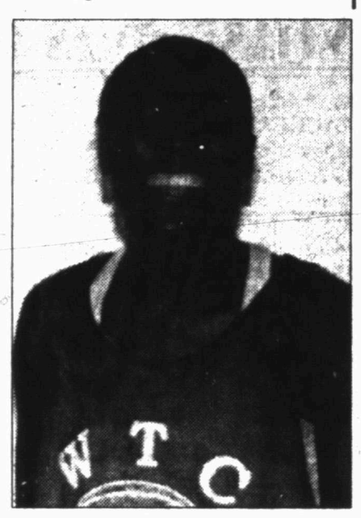
Lady Dusters

Nov.	3	Cisco Junior College	H	6:00
Nov.	12-14	Texas JUCO Round-up	A	TBA
Nov.	16	Cisco Junior College	A	8:00
Nov.	20-21	Frank Phillips tourney	A	TBA
Nov.	28	Ranger Junior College	H	3:00
Dec.	1	Hardin-Simmons JV	H	6:00
Dec.	7	Wayland Baptist JV	H	6:00
Dec.	11-12	San Jacinto Classic	A	TBA
Jan.	2	Collin County College	A	6:00
Jan.	4-5	Southwest Shootout	A	TBA
Jan.	8	Blinn College	H	6:00
Jan.	11	*New Mexico	A	5:50
Jan.	14	*Howard	H	7:30
Jan.	18	*Clarendon	A	5:50
Jan.	21	*Frank Phillips	H	7:30
Jan.	25	*Odessa	A	5:50
Jan.	28	*South Plains	H	7:30
Feb.	1	*Midland	H	7:30
Feb.	4	*New Mexico	H	7:30
Feb.	8	*Howard	A	5:50
Feb.	11	*Clarendon	H	7:30
Feb.	15	*Frank Phillips	A	5:50
Feb.	18	*Odessa	H	7:30
Feb.	22	*South Plains	A	5:50
Feb.	25	*Midland	H	7:30

Returning Lady Dusters



Christy Wells

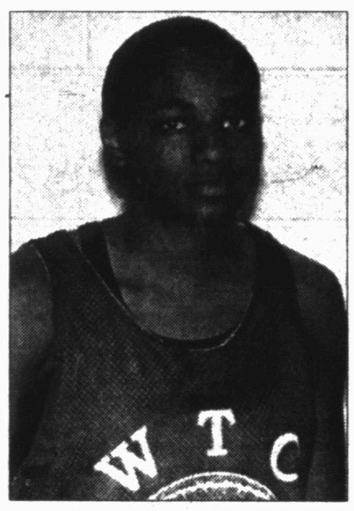


Pamela Odhuong'o

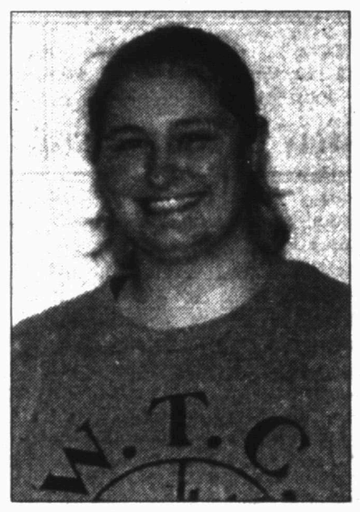
Christy Wells (5-10 guard, Lubbock Monterey) and Pamela Odhuong'o (6-2 post, Nairobi, Kenya) were all-conference honorable mention selections last season, teaming up to lead WTC in most offensive categories.

Wells scored 20 or more points in six games, while Odhoung'o was leading rebounder in 25 of the team's 30 contests.

Wells posted a season high 29 points against New Mexico, with Odhoung'o hauling down 18 rebounds against Rose State.



Latasha Vizcorrondo



Erica Garvin

Latasha Vizcorrondo 10 forward, Gretha, La.) and Erica Garvin (6-0 forward, Snyder) are back for the '98-99 season.

Garvin, an ex-Lady Tiger, received a medical redshirt in '97 and returns as a second-year freshman, while Vizcorrondo has improved under the basket.

Both players will be relied upon to contribute quality minutes in the paint for the Lady Dusters.

Preseason coaches' poll

1. Howard
2. Midland
3. South Plains
4. New Mexico
5. Western Texas
6. Clarendon
7. Odessa
8. Frank Phillips

1997-98 Final WJCAC Standings

	Conference		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
South Plains	12	2	25	4
Midland	12	2	22	7
Howard	12	2	27	2
New Mexico	7	7	17	11
Clarendon	7	7	17	8
Western Texas	2	12	7	23
Odessa	2	12	9	18
Frank Phillips	2	12	6	24

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Arlington Martin 17, Mansfield 0
Austin Reagan 23, Austin Lanier 7
Austin Westlake 28, New Braunfels 21
Brownsville Hanna 31, Brownsville Rivera 28
Bryan 12, Round Rock 9
CC Moody 28, CC Miller 21
CC Ray 19, Victoria Stroman 12
Clear Brook 48, Clear Lake 24
Copperas Cove 45, Temple 7
Dallas Kimball 42, North Dallas 0
Dallas Samuell 9, Dallas Lincoln 7
DeSoto 74, Arlington 30
Deer Park 9, LaPorte 7
Donna 7, PSJA North 0
EP Americas 15, EP Eastwood 7
EP Andress 45, EP Jefferson 0
EP Coronado 13, EP Irvin 7
EP Del Valle 38, EP Hanks 12
EP Franklin 48, EP Austin 3
Eagle Pass 28, Laredo United 0
Edinburg 17, Edinburg North 0
FW Eastern Hills 31, FW Northside 0
Fort Bend Dulles 23, Willowridge 10
Garland Naaman Forest 14, South Garland 7
Grand Prairie 56, Carrollton Smith 0
Haltom 13, Irving MacArthur 7
Harlingen South 35, Harlingen 14
Houston Davis 38, Houston Reagan 27
Houston Eisenhower 56, Houston MacArthur 14

Houston Forest Brook 20, Houston C.E. King 15
Houston Jersey Village 41, Cypress Creek 12
Houston Jones 21, Houston Kashmere 20
Houston Lee 35, Houston Worthing 32
Houston Madison 42, Houston Sterling 0
Houston Stratford 9, Houston Northbrook 7
Houston Westbury 35, Houston Bellaire 7
Houston Yates 29, Houston Milby 28
Humble 7, Beaumont West Brook 6
Humble Kingwood 27, Beaumont Central 14
Irving 45, Hurst Bell 29
Katy 30, Alief Elsik 16
Killeen 13, Leander 7
Killeen Ellison 20, Waco 18
Klein 38, Conroe 6
Klein Forest 24, Tomball 21
La Joya 28, Mission 21
Laredo Nixon 49, Laredo Cigarroa 9
Laredo United South 40, Zapata 6
Lewisville 52, Carrollton Turner 30
Lubbock Coronado 50, San Angelo Central 31
Lufkin 34, Tyler Lee 28
Marshall 44, Nacogdoches 14
McAllen Memorial 42, McAllen 7
Midland 28, Abilene 21
New Caney 14, Smiley 0
North Mesquite 31, Rowlett 14
Pasadena 66, Houston Sam Houston 9
Pasadena Dobie 14, South Houston 3
Pearland 31, Alvin 13
Plano 13, Lake Highlands 7
Richland 23, FW Paschal 13
SA Brackenridge 36, SA McCollum 29
SA East Central 34, SA Highlands 28
SA Fox Tech 13, SA Edison 12
SA Holmes 40, SA O'Connor 0
SA South San 28, SA Jefferson 0
SA Southwest 52, SA Harlandale 12
SA Taft 35, Del Rio 0
San Benito 35, Brownsville Porter 7
South Grand Prairie 49, McKinney 21
Spring Westfield 27, Cypress Springs 6
The Colony 23, Lewisville Marcus 20
The Woodlands 20, Huntsville 14
Tyler John Tyler 28, Longview 14
Victoria 38, CC Carroll 14

Class 4A

Alice 31, CC Tuloso-Midway 6
Amarillo Caprock 18, Dumas 12
Andrews 20, Sweetwater 7
Austin McCallum 13, Del Valle 0
Bastrop 27, San Marcos 20
Bay City 34, Columbia 7
Beaumont Ozen 32, Livingston 16
Big Spring 28, San Angelo Lakeview 24
Boerne 13, Medina Valley 0
Boswell 37, Mineral Wells 0
Brazosport 14, El Campo 7
Brownwood 55, Joshua 13
CC Calallen 62, Gregory-Portland 0
CC Flour Bluff 27, Robstown 6
Canutillo 26, Pecos 23
Canyon Randall 17, Plainview 14
Crowley 20, Cleburne 19
Dallas Jefferson 41, Dallas White 21
Dallas Madison 14, Dallas Hillcrest 7
Dallas Pinkston 62, Dallas Adamson 3
Dallas Wilson 21, Dallas Smith 20
Dayton 45, Silsbee 31
Denison 54, Wylie 10
Denton 10, WF Rider 0
EP Burges 42, El Paso 14
EP Riverside 20, EP Parkland 12
Edcouch-Elsa 40, PSJA 23
FW Castleberry 7, Justin Northwest 0
FW Dunbar 21, FW Poly 0
FW Southwest 53, WF Notre Dame 8
Fredericksburg 27, Uvalde 7
Frenship 17, Lubbock Estacado 7
Granbury 9, Everman 7
Grapevine 21, Colleyville Heritage 19
Greenville 33, North Lamar 3
Hays Consolidated 21, Smithson Valley 17
Highland Park 20, West Mesquite 6
Jacksonville 35, Whitehouse 28
Jasper 10, Lumberton 9
Keller 29, Coppell 15
Kilgore 31, Chapel Hill 7
La Marque 27, Galena Park 0
Los Fresnos 10, Sharyland 7
Magnolia 22, Willis 19
Mercedes 50, Roma 22
Mount Pleasant 20, Texas High 14
Mountain View 34, Fabens 21
Nederland 31, LC Mauriceville 9
New Braunfels Canyon 38, Lockhart 20
PA Lincoln 14, Bridge City 7
Palestine 20, Kaufman 6
Paris 36, Sulphur Springs 28
Pleasanton 24, SA Southside 7
Port Neches-Groves 42, Vidor 6
Rockport-Fulton 24, Kingsville 20
SA Alamo Heights 26, Kerrville Tivy 20
SA Memorial 31, Beeville 7
Schertz Clemens 58, SA Burbank 0
Snyder 19, Fort Stockton 15
Springtown 31, FW Brewer 21
Stephenville 58, Burleson 0
WF Hirschi 42, Denton Ryan 25
Waco Midway 42, Midlothian 14
Waco University 22, Red Oak 12
Weatherford 28, Azle 21
Weslaco 49, Brownsville Pace 0
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Class 3A

Aledo 48, Kennedale 0
Alpine 42, Presidio 14
Alvarado 56, North Crowley 0
Amarillo River Road 30, Tulia 6
Atlanta 31, Pleasant Grove 15
Bellville 21, LaGrange 14
Bowie 28, Henrietta 14
Brady 42, Grape Creek 0
Breckenridge 41, Comanche 12
Brownsboro 37, Mineola 21
Buna 21, Kirbyville 7
Burnet 48, Liberty Hill 8
CC West Oso 47, Taft 0
Carrizo Springs 35, Cotulla 14
Childress 47, Graham 28
Clifton 3, Eastland 0
Colorado City 21, Seminole 14
Columbus 14, Giddings 7
Corrigan-Camden 28, Coldspring-Oakhurst 26
Crane 38, Kermit 6
Daingerfield 6, Linden-Kildare 0
DeKalb 41, Redwater 7
Decatur 9, Lake Dallas 0
Devine 46, Crystal City 6
East Chambers 21, Hemphill 6
Floresville 36, SA Kennedy 0
Forney 33, Ferris 0
Freer 35, Benavides 13
Gainesville 36, Little Elm 8
Gatesville 7, Cameron Yoe 3
George West 39, LaVernia 29
Gladewater 35, Sabine 0
Glen Rose 33, Dublin 10
Goliad 48, Poteet 6
Groesbeck 37, Palestine Westwood 11
Hamshire-Fannett 25, PA Austin 7
Hardin-Jefferson 44, Liberty 12
Hebbronville 8, San Diego 0
Hondo 77, Somerset 0
Hooks 28, New Boston 0
Industrial 19, Hallettsville 9
Kemp 32, Eustace 7
LaFeria 54, Hidalgo 13
LaVilla 41, Santa Maria 14
Lake Worth 44, FW Carter-Riverside 13
Lamesa 41, Brownfield 0
Lampasas 28, Pflugerville Connally 14
Lindale 28, Quitman 9
Littlefield 13, Lubbock Roosevelt 6
Llano 42, Ingram 7
Lyford 20, Rio Hondo 16
Madisonville 14, Mexia 7
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Mathis 24, Falfurrias 18
Monahans 21, Midland Greenwood 7
Mount Vernon 35, Clarkesville 8
Newton 64, Kountze 12
Odem 12, Ingleside 7
Orange Grove 34, Bishop 0
Orangefield 35, Woodville 20
Pearsall 26, Lytle 7
Perryton 7, Sanford-Fritch 0
Pittsburg 35, Winnsboro 7
Port Isabel 49, Santa Rosa 12
Premont 26, Ben Bolt 6
Raymondville 42, Progreso 18
Rockdale 30, Hearne 14
Rusk 36, Diboll 32
Sanger 26, Bridgeport 14
Sealy 38, Hitchcock 14
Shallowater 20, Lubbock Cooper 0
Sinton 25, Aransas Pass 24
Smithville 36, Hempstead 0
Splendora 34, Tarkington 6
Sweeny 31, Needville 0
Taylor 22, Elgin 14
Teague 14, Fairfield 12
Van 55, Rains 14
Vernon 35, Iowa Park 22
Waco LaVega 33, China Spring 21
Waco Robinson 15, Lorena 7
Waller 19, Conroe Oak Ridge 13
West 42, Whitney 12
White Oak 17, Gilmer 7
Wimberley 28, Bandera 14
Yoakum 14, Gonzales 8

Class 2A

Amarillo Highland Park 14, Panhandle 7
Bangs 20, San Saba 19
Banquete 21, Riviera 14
Big Sandy 38, New Diana 12
Blanco 23, SA Cole 20
Bloomington 18, Weimar 7
Boyd 54, Callisburg 6
Brackettville 47, Natalia 7
Brazos 49, Danbury 15
Brookshire-Royal 31, Tidehaven 10
Celina 29, Gunter 15
Coleman 39, Hamilton 0
Comfort 45, Center Point 13
Como-Pickton 16, Community 6
Cooper 21, Honey Grove 12
Crandall 24, Mabank 3
Crawford 28, Hubbard 18
DeLeon 33, Cisco 12
Dilley 33, Jourdanton 0
East Bernard 14, Boling 7
Eldorado 28, Forsan 0
Electra 51, Archer City 12
Elysian Fields 24, Harleton 6
Farmersville 21, Lone Oak 6
Franklin 21, Somerville 6
Ganado 47, Van Vleck 18
Goldthwaite 20, Early 7
Grand Saline 66, Caddo Mills 0
Groveton 14, Centerville 13
Hale Center 31, Bovina 12
Harmony 21, Arp 14
Hawkins 41, Winona 21
Holland 49, Johnson City 17
Holliday 46, Haskell 0
Howe 40, Tom Bean 12
Hughes Springs 55, Ore City 7
Hull-Daisetta 53, Deweyville 0
Idalou 23, Lockney 22
Iraan 28, Van Horn 7
Italy 58, Venus 0
Jacksboro 33, Paradise 6
Kenedy 41, Skidmore-Tynan 8
Leonard 31, Anna 14
Lindsay 30, Nocona 7
Malakoff 34, Frankston 28
Manor 34, Caldwell 0
Marfa 41, Rankin 16
Mart 49, Riesel 6
Millsap 16, Hico 13
Navarro 14, Stockdale 13
New Deal 20, Floydada 10
Olney 20, Seymour 14
Overton 30, Karnack 10
Ozona 14, Junction 0
Pilot Point 58, S&S Consolidated 14
Poth 46, Randolph 6
Quanah 43, Clarendon 12
Reagan County 57, McCamey 6
Refugio 28, Woodsboro 0
Rio Vista 27, Godley 0
Rosebud-Lott 26, Lexington 20
Sabinal 25, Leakey 14
Salado 37, Florence 14
Schulenburg 39, Yorktown 7
Scurry-Rosser 23, Grandview 6
Shiner 35, Nixon-Smiley 0
Sonora 29, Wall 0
Stafford 50, Rice Consolidated 22
Stanton 49, Post 7
Sunray 26, Stratford 13
Thorndale 33, Rogers 13
Three Rivers 20, Karnes City 8
Troup 40, Cayuga 8
Troy 27, Academy 0
Wellington 27, White Deer 13

West Rusk 30, Union Grove 13
West Sabine 13, Warren 7
West Texas High 14, Boys Ranch 0

Class 1A

Apple Springs 36, Chester 8
Asherton 33, Medina 28
Aspermont 20, Paducah 14
Axtell 28, Kopperl 21
Bartlett 37, Bremond 14
Blue Ridge 38, Fannindel 14
Bosqueville 41, Chilton 0
Bronte 18, Baird 0
Bruni 17, Pettus 14
Burkeville 50, Cushing 0
Celeste 33, Maud 14
Chico 50, Bryson 6
Cross Plains 7, Santa Anna 6
Dell City 58, Marathon 48
Detroit 59, James Bowie 8
Eden 28, Miles 6
Evadale 41, High Island 8
Falls City 59, Charlotte 0
Fort Davis 48, Garden City 7
Frost 10, Dawson 7
Gorman 47, Rising Star 0
Granger 29, Jarrell 28
Gruver 40, Shamrock 6
Happy 27, Vega 0
Iola 74, Milano 7
Irion County 14, Menard 13
Knox City 33, Crowell 15
LaPryor 38, D'Hanis 6
Louise 41, Flatonia 6
May 33, Tolar 20
Memphis 19, Claude 12
Meridian 32, Itasca 18
Muenster 54, Savoy 14
Nueces Canyon 20, Christoval 16
Prosper 34, Aubrey 0
Ranger 63, Evant 0
Roby 17, Sterling City 7
Rocksprings 59, Harper 6
Roscoe 14, Water Valley 0
Rotan 13, Robert Lee 0
Runge 19, Agua Dulce 12
Springlake-Earth 33, Hart 0
Throckmorton 37, Munday 28
Union Hill 28, Mount Enterprise 14
Valley 26, Spur 20
Wheeler 36, Booker 0
Windthorst 26, Petrolia 0
Wortham 58, Quinlan Boles Home 8

Six-Man

Abbott 54, Covington 6
Aquilla 50, Cranfills Gap 0
Balmorhea 56, Sanderson 40
Blackwell 66, Paint Rock 20
Blum 44, Iredell 24
Cherokee 46, Rochelle 0
Follett 54, Fort Elliott 7
Grandfalls JV 23, Buena Vista 6
Groom 42, Lefors 0
Guthrie 80, Benjamin 36
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Lueders-Avoca 58, Moran 13
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Miami 50, Higgins 6
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Rochester 46, Jayton 44
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Samnorwood 51, Chillicothe 6
Silverton 63, Cotton Center 16
Strawn 20, Gordon 14
Trent 67, Veribest 12
Trinidad 51, Bynum 0
Vernon Northside 53, Hedley 47

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Addison Trinity 56, FW Nolan 7
Bay Area Christian 28, Houston Mount Carmel 12
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FW Christian 42, Carrollton Christian 8
FW Country Day 35, Bellaire Episcopal 28
FW Southwest Christian 53, WF Notre Dame 8
FW Temple Christian 14, Lubbock Christian 6
FW Trinity Valley 56, FW Nolan 7
Houston Christian 47, SA Texas Military 7
Houston Kinkaid 35, Houston St. John's 7
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Aikman is back for Monday night encounter with Eagles

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Troy Aikman wouldn't miss this for the world.

When the Cowboys and Eagles get together, especially in prime time, it's usually a game to remember.

Barry Switzer's infamous fourth-and-1 calls that were stopped by the Eagles on consecutive plays in 1995 come to mind. So does James Willis' interception of Aikman's pass in the end zone and lateral to Troy Vincent for a decisive touchdown return in 1996.

And no one could ever forget Tom Hutton's fumbled snap that led to Chris Boniol's botched game-winning 22-yard field goal attempt in the Cowboys' 21-20 victory on Monday Night Football last year.

Aikman, who missed five weeks with a fractured shoulder, is back at quarterback for the NFC East-leading Cowboys (4-3) just in time for another Monday night meeting in Philadelphia. The only question is, are the Eagles (1-6) so bad that even a prime-time game against the rival Cowboys can't shake them out of it?

"We don't really look so much at what's going on in Philadelphia," Aikman said. "We've got some things that we've got to work through ourselves. I don't think anybody here has really given a whole lot of consideration to their record."

For everyone who's been involved in this rivalry, it's as much about history as anything.

Dallas has won the last four games against Philadelphia on Monday night, including the 21-20 game last year in Dallas that will always be remembered for the Eagles' botched field goal attempt with four seconds left.

The Cowboys, then 1-3, came to Philadelphia, then 3-1, on a Monday night in 1996 and beat the Eagles 23-19. Philadelphia hasn't beaten the Cowboys on Monday night since a 31-7 victory at Veterans Stadium in 1992.

Still, the one thing Eagles coach Ray Rhodes has done in three-plus seasons is beat the Cowboys at least once each year. With little else to motivate his team during its dreadful start, the Cowboys coming to town is plenty for him.

"When you're a native Texan, it's always special when you play your home-state team," Rhodes said. "I've got a lot of family and friends who are dichard Cowboy fans. This is always a special game."

It has almost always lived up to the hype. The last three regular season games have been decided in the final minute.

Before that, the Eagles stopped Emmitt Smith twice on fourth-and-1 plays in Philadelphia's 20-17 victory at the Vet in 1995. The defensive stand helped the Eagles make the playoffs in Rhodes' first season. Switzer never lived it down.

"We've had some wild plays," Rhodes said. "It's always an exciting game."

After the Eagles tied it at 17 on a field goal in the fourth quarter, Switzer decided to go on fourth-and-inches at the Dallas 29. Smith was stopped in the backfield, but the refs said the play didn't count because they'd stopped the clock for the two-minute warning.

Switzer called the same play, and the Eagles stopped it again before winning with a 42-yard field goal.

Dallas went 6-10 last season, and Chan Gailey replaced Switzer for the job of leading the Cowboys back to the Super Bowl.

"Chan's come in here and provided some real direction and leadership for this ballclub," Aikman said. "The way he's handled himself, the way he's conducted things for this team has been very positive. I've been very impressed with him."

After going 3-2 with Jason Garrett at quarterback, Gailey gets to see what his offense can do with Aikman back. Aikman hasn't played particularly well at Veterans Stadium, and the rock-hard turf can be a nightmare on injuries.

"It's not going to be completely healed really until the season's about over," Aikman said.

With the Eagles off to their worst start since going 1-7 in 1975, Aikman knows to expect the notoriously mutinous Philly crowd to be in rare form.

"Our media has said, 'Hey, what about Philly? They do this, they do that,' " Aikman said. "Every opponent you get ready to play, you can sit there and say there are reasons why it may not be a particularly good time to come back. At some time you just say it's ready to go, and let's do it."

A victory for Dallas would keep the Cowboys in sole possession of first place. But in a once-proud division with only one team above .500, the Eagles can get within two games of Dallas if they win.

Both teams are coming off a bye week after losses.

"You have to be ready. You have to have your A-game on," said Eagles receiver Irving Fryar, 36, who has yet to score a touchdown in his 15th season.

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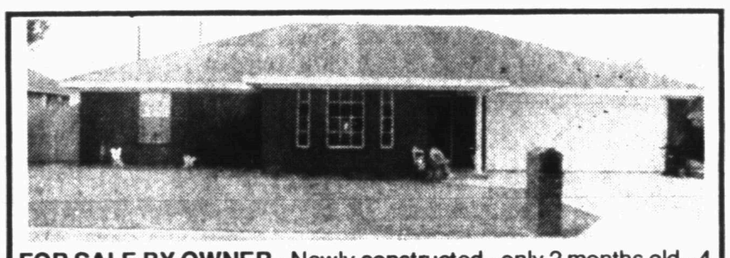
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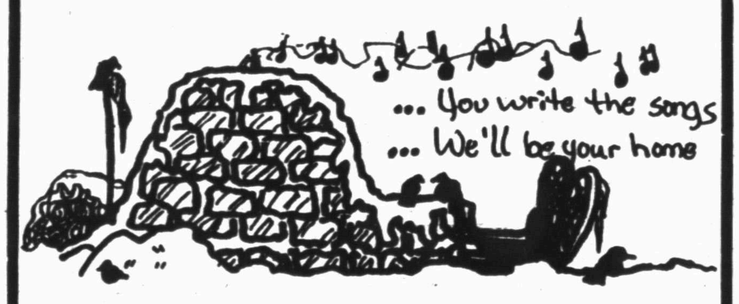
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF SCURRY COUNTY'S INTENTION TO RECEIVE BID PROPOSALS TO CONSIDER REPLACEMENT OF THE COLISEUM ROOF

Notice is hereby given that Scurry County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 10:00 a.m., Monday, November 16, 1998. Any bids received after bid closing time will be returned to bidder unopened. Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open all sealed and properly marked bids during Regular Session on Monday, November 16, 1998, at 10:00 a.m.

MARK ENVELOPE
Bid No. 1005
Coliseum Roof

THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT CLAIMS ITS RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS. THE SCURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY TEXAS.

NOTICE OF REPORT OF CONSOLIDATION OF MIDWEST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND STAMFORD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

On September 24, 1998, Midwest Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Midwest), an electric utility headquartered in Roby, Texas, and Stamford Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Stamford), an electric utility headquartered in Stamford, Texas, filed a report of the consolidation of Midwest and Stamford with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), as further set out on the Commission-prescribed reporting form. The consolidated cooperatives will become Big Country Electric Cooperative, Inc. Copies of the completed Commission-prescribed form are kept at the offices of Midwest Electric Cooperative, Inc., 1010 W. South 1st Street, Roby, Texas 79543 and at the offices of Stamford Electric Cooperative, Inc., 22 West McHarg, Stamford, Texas, 79553, and are available for review during normal business hours. After the consolidation, some of the current members of Midwest Electric Cooperative, Inc. and some of the current members of Stamford Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be subject to rates that may be higher or lower than they are currently paying.

The report to the Commission has been assigned Docket No. 19890. The deadline for intervention is November 16, 1998. Persons with questions about the consolidation may contact Jerry Stapp at Midwest Electric Cooperative, Inc., 1010 W. South 1st Street, Roby, Texas, 79543, (915) 776-2244, or Vesta Orr at Stamford Electric Cooperative, Inc., 22 West McHarg, Stamford, Texas, 79553, (915) 773-3684 or 888-772-3684 (toll free). Persons who wish to intervene or provide comments in Docket No. 19890 should contact the Public Utility Commission, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326 and reference Docket No. 19890. Additional information about Docket No. 19890 can be obtained by calling the Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or 1-888-782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136, or 1-800-735-2988 (Relay Texas) to call the 1-888-782-8477 toll-free number.

Red Ribbon contest winners announced

Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse recently sponsored a jingle writing and poster drawing contest in Snyder schools as part of the Red Ribbon Week celebration.

Students in fourth and fifth grade participated in the jingle writing contest.

East Elementary student Allie Brewster was named first place in the fourth grade division. In addition to winning various prizes donated by local merchants, Allie will have the opportunity to record her jingle and have it played on KSNY radio.

In the Northeast Elementary fifth grade division, Emily Jones won first place. She will also get to record her jingle for air on KSNY.

Dondi Brock placed second and Rudy Ibarra placed third in the fifth grade division.

The names of all winners in the jingle writing contest were placed in a bucket and Snyder ISD Supt. Gayle Lomax drew a grand prize winner.

Rudy Ibarra won the prize, a bicycle donated by Wal-Mart and the CADA office.

Each winner also received a sack full of goodies donated by local merchants.

In the poster drawing contest for second graders at Stanfield, Joe Lara Jr. won first place. Nakita Pickerel placed second and Erica Maldanado, third.

Winners for the third grade poster contest at Central Elementary were Vallie Foreman, first; Dylan Bunch, second; and Ashley Farquar, third.

A grand prize drawing was also held for all winners in the poster contest. Lomax drew the winner, Nakita Pickerel. She also won a bicycle donated by Wal-Mart and CADA.

Winners also received a sack full of goodies donated by local merchants.

Several students also received honorable mention.

Second grade poster honorable mention went to Chelsea Young, Kayla Garcia, Jayme Tomlinson, Sebastian Jaquez, Elizabeth Martinez, Abraham Arizmendi and Amy Fogleman.

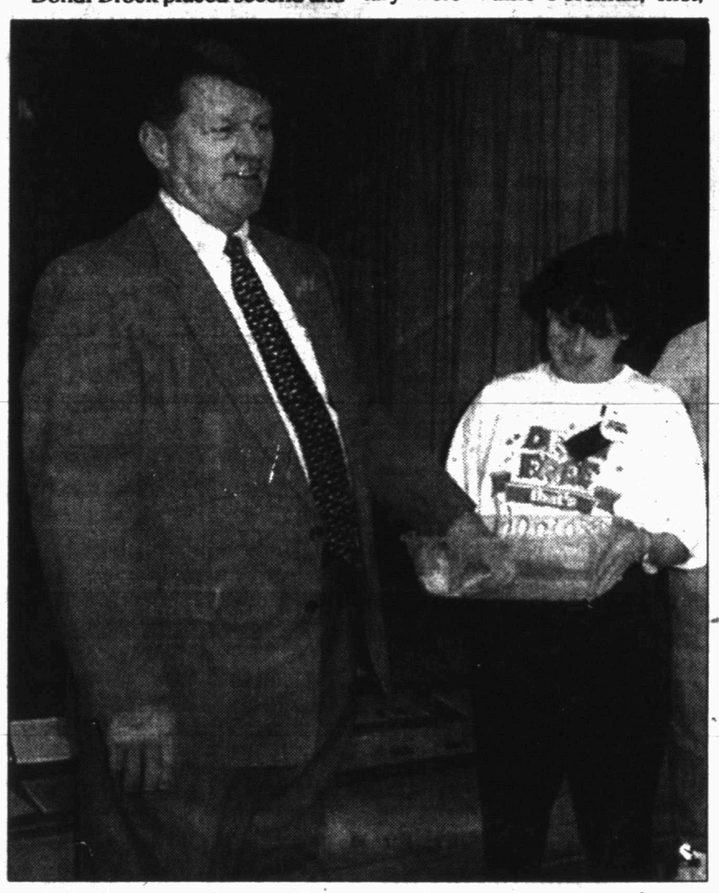
Third grade poster honorable mention went to Audrey Jones, Santiago Jaimes, Devin Davidson, Lupe Lopez, Juan Hidalgo, Caylea Rhodes, Layton Westmoreland, Kaycee Loveall and Wes Richardson.

Chris Guitierrez was named honorable mention in the fourth grade jingle contest.

Named honorable mention in the fifth grade jingle contest were Cheryl Peoples, Santino Hermosillo, Trevor Groat, Kate Morrell, Kim Bell, Ashley Pavloski, Cole Lancaster and Jessica Robbins.

A grand prize winner was also picked in the honorable mention category. Kim Bell won an "Erin" Beanie Babie donated by Landes Home Furnishings.

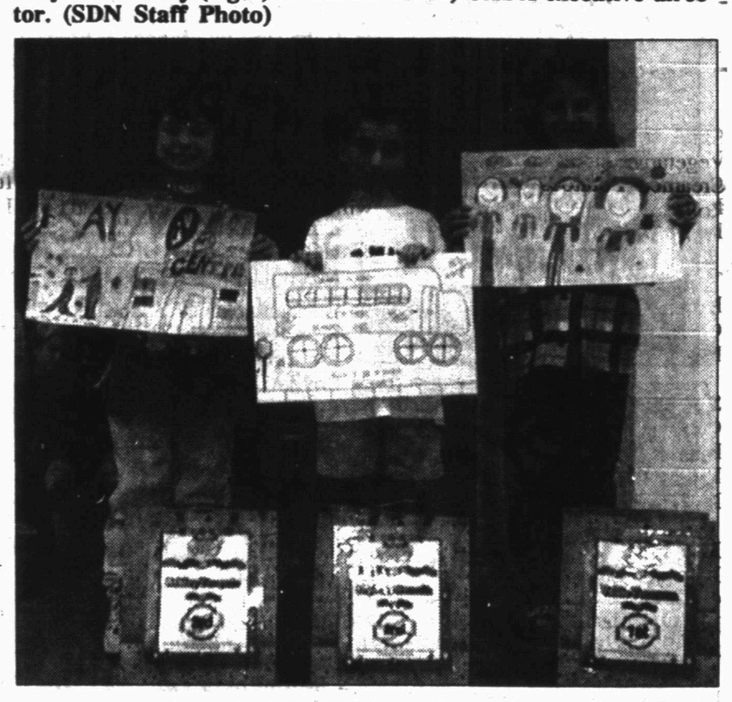
Judges of the contest were C.J. Chaney, Pete Garcia, Michael Hartman and Joyce May.



DRAWING — The Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse held a jingle writing and poster drawing contest in connection with Red Ribbon Week. Snyder ISD Supt. Gayle Lomax (pictured left) drew the names of the grand prize winners in three categories including jingle, poster and honorable mention. The grand prize for the jingle and poster contests were bicycles donated by Wal-Mart and CADA. Pictured with Lomax is Leslie Cooley, program coordinator for CADA. (SDN Staff Photo)



PRESENTATIONS — Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, as part of its celebration of Red Ribbon Week, presented each Snyder elementary school with a dodge ball that reads "I'd Rather Eat Bugs Than Do Drugs." The council also presented pencils, rulers, red ribbons, tatoos and stickers for every student. Shown making a presentation to East Elementary principal Wayne Kennedy (right) is Karon Keller, CADA executive director. (SDN Staff Photo)



CENTRAL POSTER WINNERS — Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse recently sponsored an anti-drug and alcohol poster drawing contest for third graders at Central Elementary in connection with Red Ribbon Week. Winners include from left Ashley Farquar, third; Dylan Bunch, second; and Vallie Foreman, first. The students each won a sack full of goodies donated by local merchants. (SDN Staff Photo)

Prescriptions...

State can't require HMOs to give unlimited coverage

BOSTON (AP) — A federal court has determined that health maintenance organizations in Massachusetts don't have to provide unlimited prescription drug benefits to senior citizens.

"It's a disaster because people are going to be deprived of their medication," said Caroline Swift, a 70-year-old Cambridge resident who estimated that her asthma drugs will cost her more than $5,000 a year. "Frankly, they might as well euthanize us."

Friday's decision means HMOs can set an annual limit on how much they'll reimburse for prescription medicine.

Massachusetts was the only state in the country that had required HMOs to provide unlimited drug coverage to the elderly, so the ruling brings the state in line with the rest of the country.

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care announced last summer it would limit prescription drug benefits to $800 a year for seniors. Tufts Health Plan followed suit, saying it would limit coverage to $500 a year.

Insurance Commissioner Linda Ruthardt sued, saying the decision violated a 1994 state law prohibiting HMOs from limiting prescription benefits to the elderly.

The Massachusetts Association of HMOs, which represents 15 HMOs in the state, countersued, arguing that a 1997 federal law says HMOs can limit those benefits.

U.S. District Judge Richard Stearns agreed with the insurers and enjoined the state from enforcing the 1994 law.

State officials said they were disappointed by the decision, but had not yet decided whether to appeal.

NOTICE OF ELECTION SCHOOL

Monday, November 2nd at 1:00 p.m. Scurry County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Courtroom. All Election Judges & Clerks are encouraged to attend.

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

On the 23rd day of October, 1998, I impounded the following estray:
Kind of Animal: Cow
Breed: Hereford
Color: Red with White Nose
Sex: Male
Age: Yearling
Size: 500 lbs.
Brand, Mark, Identifying Characteristics: Red ear tag with #119 on left ear and, on the 23rd day of October, 1998, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Scurry County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Scurry County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 7th day of November, 1998, said estray will be sold at public auction at Colorado City Livestock Market.

WITNESS my hand this 23rd day of October, 1998.
(s)Kenny Burns
Deputy Sheriff of Scurry County, Texas

Outstanding warrants send 3 people to jail

Local peace officers arrested three subjects on outstanding warrants Friday.

Deputies arrested a 21-year-old female at 3:40 p.m. in the 1900 block of Coleman on an outstanding Ector County warrant for burglary of a habitation/going off bond.

A 28-year-old male was taken into custody by officers at 4:13 p.m. in the 1900 block of Coleman on an outstanding Bell County warrant for probation violation.

At 5:52 p.m., officers arrested a 19-year-old male at the intersection of U.S. 84 and College Avenue on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

Several offense reports were also filed Friday.

Ray Cearley requested a deputy at the recycling plant in reference to criminal mischief to a building. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

At 4:41 p.m., a woman requested an officer in the 1700 block of Avenue I in reference to her daughters not returning home from school. An offense report for runaway was filed.

An offense report for Class C assault was filed at the STAR Program at 4:43 p.m.

Martha Guerra requested to speak to an officer at 4:45 p.m. in reference to the theft of property from the 2000 block of Avenue N.

A gas drive-off was reported from Rip Griffin's at 6:58 p.m. in reference to a subject leaving without paying for $22.41 worth of gasoline.

Card Of Thanks

Thank You

The Gayle McDonald family wishes to express our sincere thanks to all of those who offered their expressions of sympathy during the lose of our father. The flowers, food, calls, visits, cards, and memorials were all deeply appreciated. A special thanks to Dr. Cooper, the nurses of Cogdell Hospital and the staff of Cogdell Home Health. We especially express our deepest gratitude to Gayle's caregivers, Virginia, Roseanna, Brenda, Jim, Rhonda, Dawn and Michelle. Your tender loving care was very special.

Jack, Sandra & Sara McDonald
Britt, Cydney, Meghan and Parker Medford
Joe McDonald

School Menus

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Fruit
Buttered Grits
Toast

TUESDAY
Juice
Pancakes/syrup

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Sausage & Biscuits

THURSDAY
Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast

FRIDAY
Fruit
Toast & Jelly

LUNCH

MONDAY
Sloppy Joes
Tater Tots
Cole Slaw
Hot Rolls
Bread Pudding

TUESDAY
Roast/Brown Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Lime Jello

WEDNESDAY
Irish Stew
Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
Crackers
Fruit Cup

THURSDAY
Tuna Casserole
Glazed Carrots
Hot Rolls
Pink Applesauce

FRIDAY
Taco Salad/Salsa Sauce
Refried Beans
Tortilla Chips
Chocolate Pudding

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MONDAY
Chicken Nuggets
Vegetable Salad
Creamed Potatoes
Rolls
Fruit Cup

TUESDAY
Taco Salad
Relish Cup
Corn
Pineaple Tidbits

WEDNESDAY
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Carrots
Peas
Italian Bread
No-bake Cookies

THURSDAY
Barbecued Weiners
Butterred Potatoes
Carrots
Rolls
Jellow w/Fruit

FRIDAY
Lasagna
Mixed Vegetables
Parsley Potatoes
Crackers
Pears

Snyder

All breakfasts offer a choice of asssorted dry cereal, chilled juice; every meal is served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Cinnamon Toast

TUESDAY
Sausage on a Stick

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast Burrito

THURSDAY
Biscuits & Gravy

FRIDAY
Cheese Toast

LUNCH

MONDAY
Hamburger or
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Lettuce & Tomato
Dinner Rolls
Chilled Fruit

TUESDAY
Hot Dog or
Nacho Grande
Pinto Beans
Lettuce & Tomato
Cookies

WEDNESDAY
Pizza or
Chicken Spaghetti
Tossed Salad
Sliced Peaches
French Bread

THURSDAY
Burrito or
Green Chili Casserole
Spicy Pintos
Tossed Salad
Chilled Fruit
Corn Bread

FRIDAY
Corn Dog or
Rib Sandwich
Tater Tots
Lettuce & Tomato
Brownies

City schools to get most money from fed program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The money Congress approved to hire teachers nationwide will go mostly to schools in big cities such as New York and Los Angeles, with less to most suburbs and rural areas.

And because the money is not supposed to be used to increase pay, one question is whether it will help cities solve their teaching shortages, the result mostly of low pay and tough working conditions.

The problem isn't a national lack of teachers, most education officials agree, but getting them to work in elementary schools and other places where more teachers are needed and to teach specialties such as upper-grade foreign languages and the sciences that are going unfilled.

In addition, many cash-poor city districts will need to think carefully about whether to use the money to hire new teachers when there's no guarantee Congress will approve another round of money next year.

"It's never going to be a clean formula" of how to distribute the money, said Anne Bryant, executive director of the National School Boards Association. "It's going to be the district making the best decision that it can to raise student achievement."

President Clinton trumpeted the federal money as a way to cut pupil-teacher ratios nationwide in the first through third grades: from a national average of 22 pupils per teacher to 18. That idea has broad voter appeal.

Instead of a measure providing for 100,000 teachers to be hired over seven years as Clinton originally wanted, Congress approved a one-year $1.2 billion appropriation providing the money for 30,000 teachers to be hired for one year.

Although the Democratic rhetoric of reducing class size always appealed to suburban voters, Education Department spokeswoman Julie Green said the proposal always called for targeting most benefits to the neediest districts.

School officials worry about the long term.

"What would be required is the will at the local level to backfill that funding once the federal funding disappears," said David Lombardo, human resources director for public schools in Anne Arundel County, Md., which would get about $1 million in federal teacher money, enough to pay about 28 teachers for one year.

Others say, however, the money will find a ready use without forcing schools to make risky hiring decisions.

Chrysler recall reversed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Overturning a recall order for 91,000 Cirrus and Stratus cars, an appeals court said Friday the Chrysler Corp. would have needed "the aid of a psychic" to correctly comply with safety rules for auto seat belts.

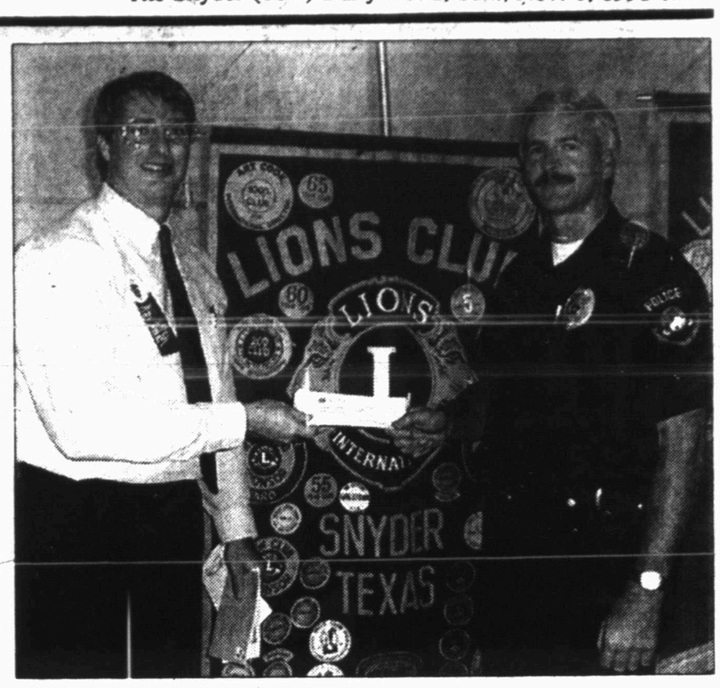
The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration failed to give Chrysler fair and reasonable notice of its standards for auto safety belts when it ordered the recall in June 1996.

The court also said the government's rules on anchoring rear-seat safety belts were exceedingly confusing.

"Chrysler might have satisfied NHTSA with the exercise of extraordinary intuition or with the aid of a psychic, but these possibilities are more than the law requires," the court ruled in an opinion drafted by Chief Judge Harry Edwards.

Chrysler lawyers said the decision vindicates the company's position. They said they will seek to void an $800,000 fine imposed by the U.S. District Court here for Chrysler's refusal to obey the recall order.

Dr. Ricardo Martinez, head of the NHTSA, said the safety agency remains committed to improving vehicle crash safety. But he did not indicate whether the decision would be appealed.

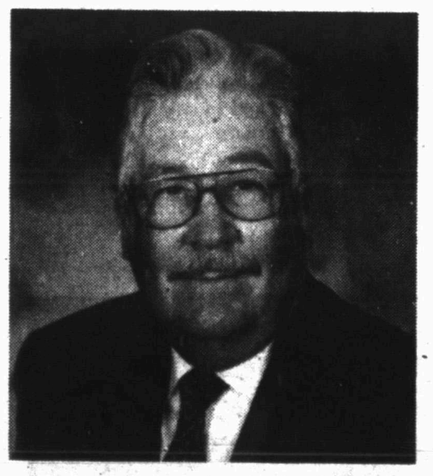


PD TRADING CARDS — Lions Club president Ricky Fritz presented a $400 check to officer Kevin Fritz to fund an Adopt A Cop trading card project. The cards have information of the officers along with pictures of them that children will trade. The cards, which will also feature a safety message, are a way for young citizens to learn about the officers and their duties. The presentation was preceded by a program on STAR (Services to At Risk Youth) by caseworker Becky Otto, BS. The office is located in the Diamond M Building. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)
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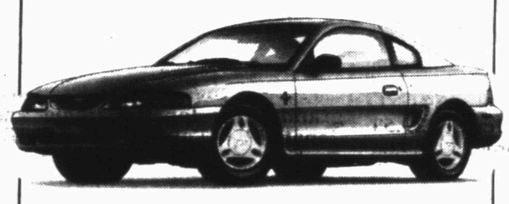
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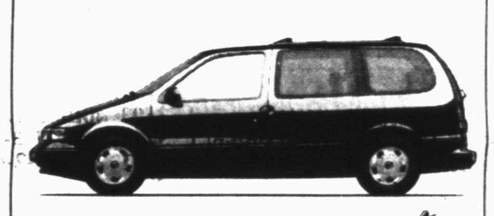
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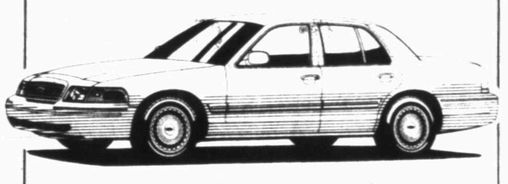
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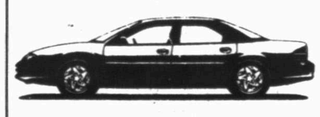
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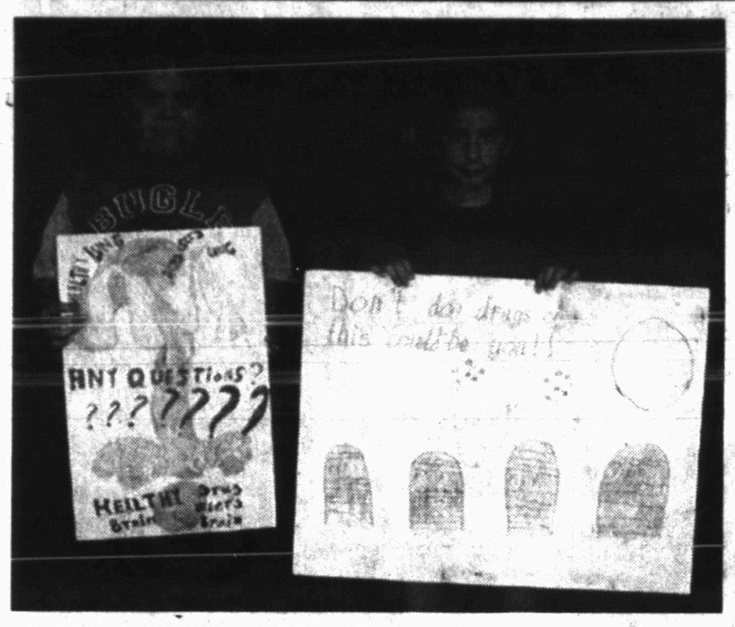


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STANFIELD POSTER WINNERS — Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse recently sponsored an anti-drug and alcohol poster drawing contest for second graders at Stanfield Elementary in connection with Red Ribbon Week. Winners include from left Joe Lara Jr., first; and Nakita Pickerel, second. Nakita also won a new bicycle in the grand prize drawing in the poster drawing category. Not pictured is Erica Maldanado, third. (SDN Staff Photo)



NORTHEAST JINGLE WINNERS — Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse recently sponsored an anti-drug and alcohol jingle writing contest for fifth graders at Northeast Elementary in connection with Red Ribbon Week. Winners include from left Rudy Ibarra, third; Dondi Brock, second; and Emily Jones, first. Kim Bell, far right, was named honorable mention. She won an "Erin" Beanie Babie in the grand prize drawing for the honorable mention category. Rudy won a new bicycle in the grand prize drawing in the jingle writing category. The students each won a sack full of goodies donated by local merchants. (SDN Staff Photo)

Corpus-area residents lose suit over chemical release

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The first plaintiffs to sue CITGO over health problems they said were caused by a refinery explosion near their neighborhood have lost their court battle.

Jurors took less than an hour Thursday to decide that eight people who said they got sick in connection with the May 1997 explosion at a CITGO petroleum refinery and the subsequent release of hydrofluoric acid were not entitled to any damages.

The plaintiffs were the first to go to court of 380 Hillcrest neighborhood residents who have filed suit against the Tulsa, Okla.-based company. They claimed a range of maladies caused by the chemical release, including respiratory illnesses, nausea, headaches and eye irritations. The lawsuits were filed within days of the explosion and plaintiffs' attorneys spoke of up to $50 million in potential damages at the time.

Plaintiffs' attorney Seth Cortigene said he would continue negotiating with CITGO on behalf of his clients, and is considering an appeal. Cortigene said during closing arguments earlier this week that the fact his clients did not immediately see doctors after the chemical release did not mean they suffered no injuries.

CITGO argued that it was unlikely that humans in Hillcrest would have been harmed by the chemical release.

Jeff Sherwood, CITGO's attorney, presented evidence that the release of the hydrofluoric acid was below levels considered dangerous to humans by the time it reached Hillcrest.

Federal and state studies conducted by environmental officials also found it was "highly unlikely" that the hydrofluoric acid caused negative health effects, Sherwood said.



EAST JINGLE WINNER — Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse sponsored an anti-drug and alcohol jingle writing contest for East Elementary fourth grades in connection with Red Ribbon Week. Allie Brewster placed first in the contest. In addition to winning a sack full of goodies from local merchants, Allie will also record her jingle for airing on KSNY radio. (SDN Staff Photo)

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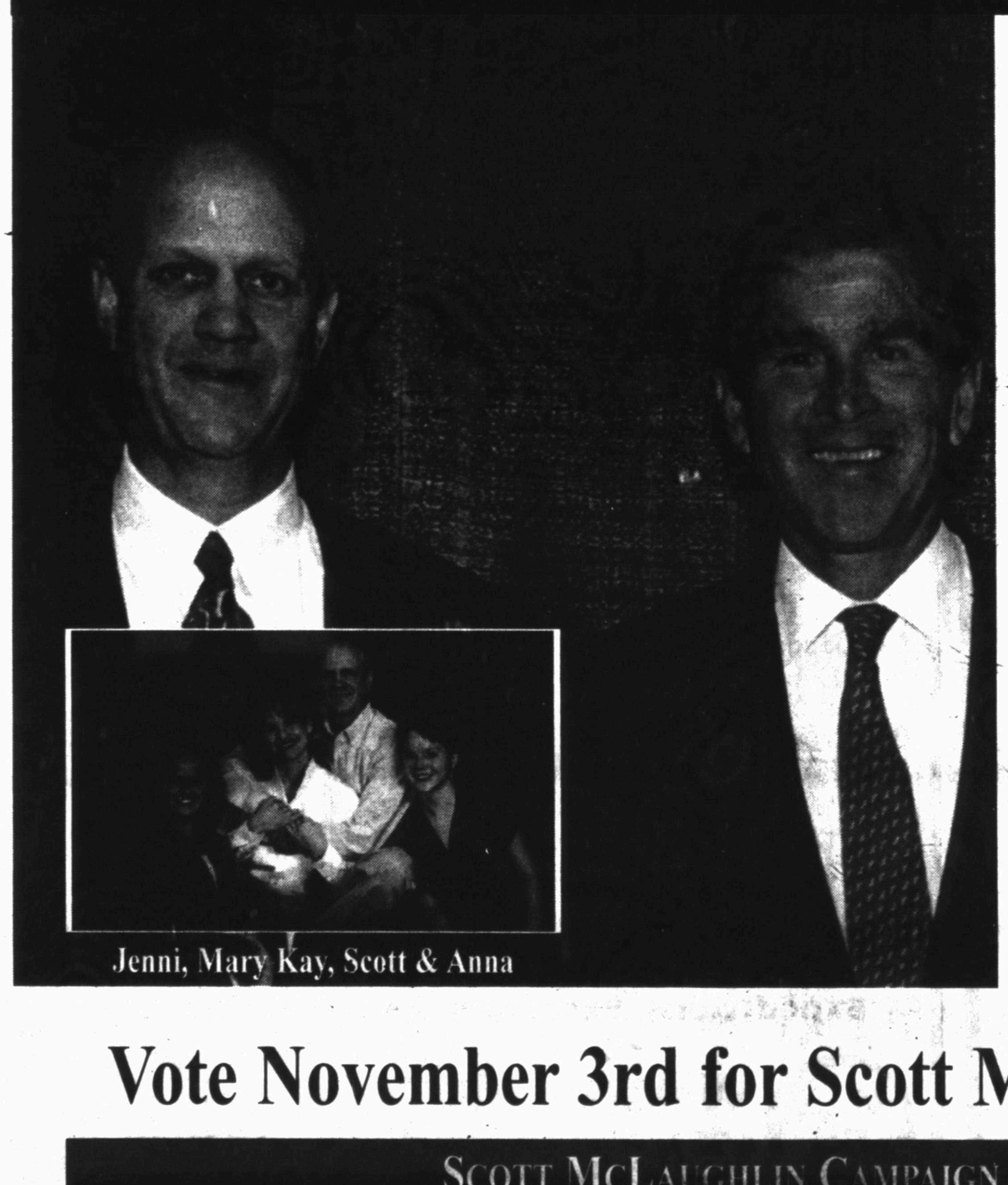
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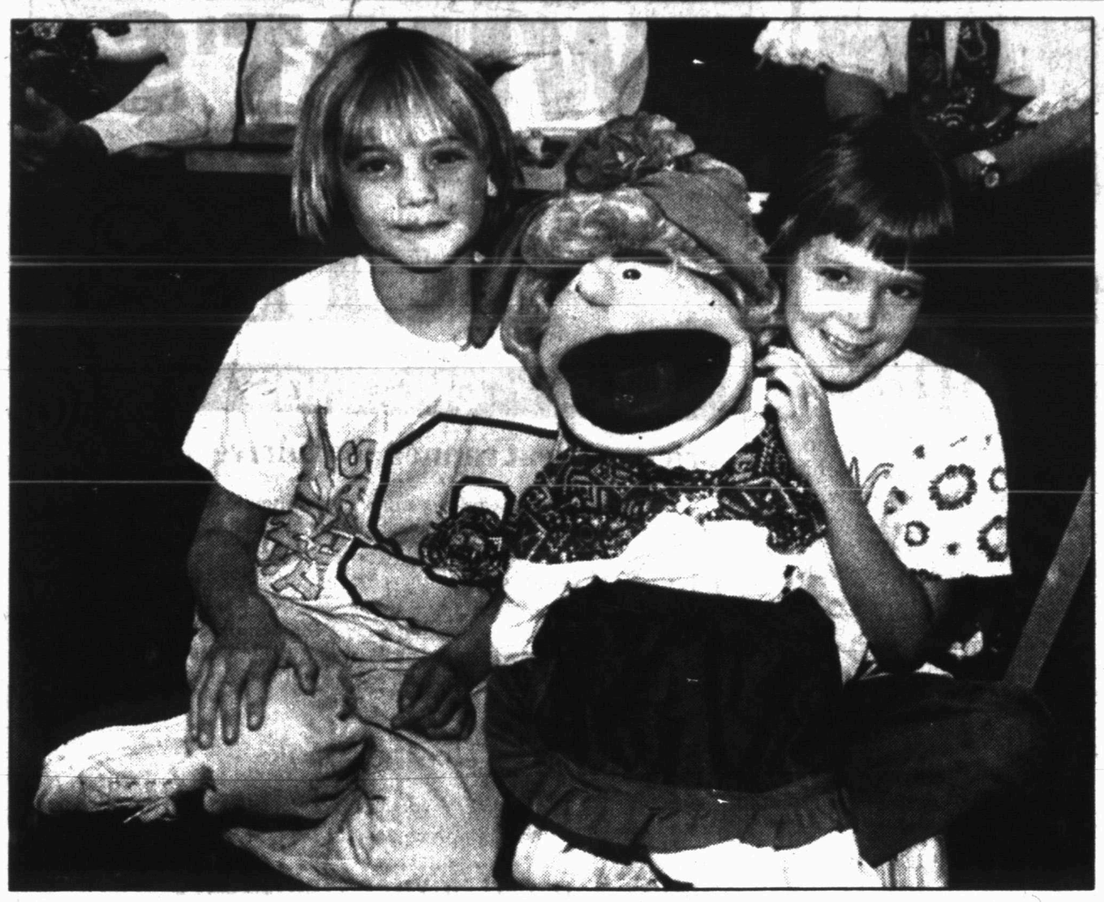
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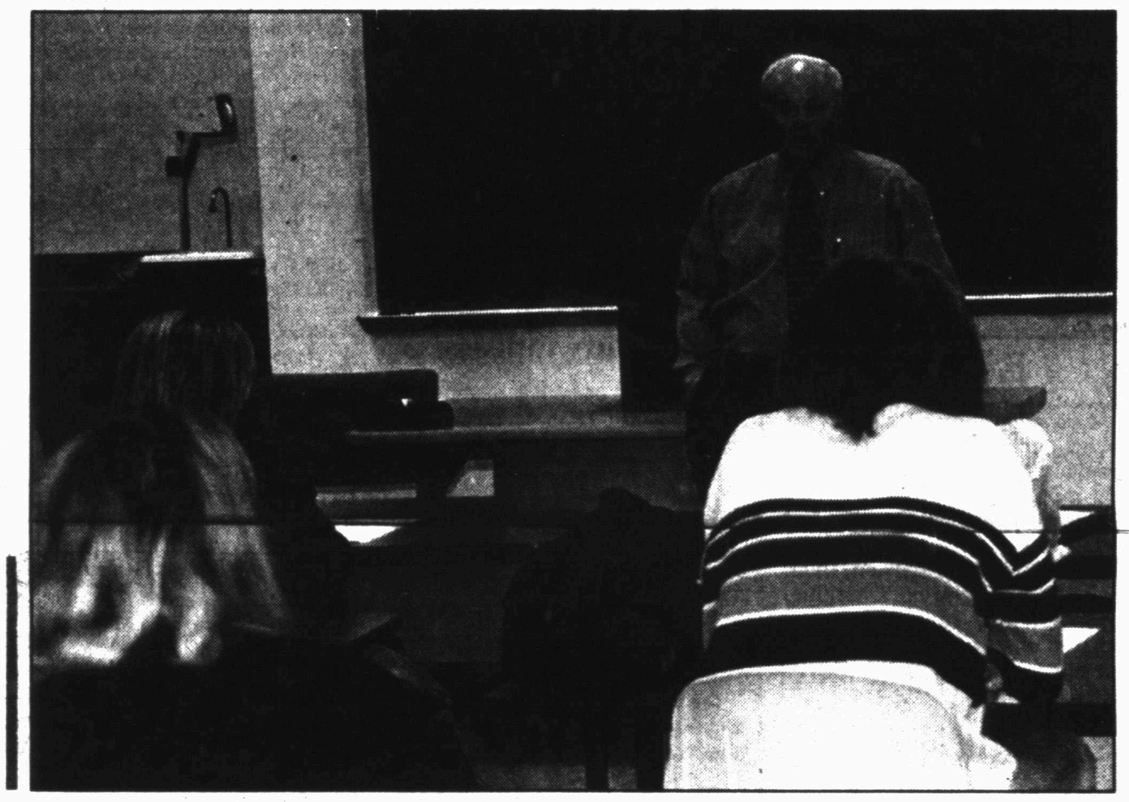
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SALLIE AND FRIENDS — When the Kitchen Band from the Senior Citizens Center performed recently during Stanfield's after- school program, they brought along Sallie. The puppet, owned by band member Peggy Fowler, quickly made friends with Kendra Iglehart, left, and Tahlia Cox. Fowler, who is from Childress, said she had used Sallie in her children's church work, and after a couple of years of being in the closet, decided to make her a member of the band. "Any mistakes we make are blamed on Sallie," Fowler laughed. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



GUEST SPEAKER — Tim Riggan of Edward Jones spoke to Joann Snider's introduction to business class at Western Texas Colllege last week. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

GOP hope Bush's coattails lengthy

GEORGETOWN (AP) — When the votes are tallied Tuesday night, Republicans hope Gov. George W. Bush's popularity will stretch far down the ballot.

Williamson County Clerk Nancy Rister hopes it will go even farther — to the back side, where her name is printed.

"We want to push the Republican ticket all the way from the top to the bottom. Actually, it's all the way to the other side. We want to make them vote both sides of the ballot," said Ms. Rister, whose race is the 25th one listed.

As a GOP candidate in this fast-growing suburban Austin county, Ms. Rister believes the governor's popularity — a 45 percentage point lead over Democrat Garry Mauro in last week's Texas Poll — will help all Republicans.

In her race against write-in candidate Joan Green, campaign phone calls tell voters: "Nancy Rister is a George Bush conservative ... When you vote to re-elect Gov. Bush, vote to keep hard-working Nancy Rister as our county clerk."

Democrats scoff at such connections. They say Texans are too independent to tie themselves to straight party voting and look instead at individual candidates.

"They have nothing else to say except, 'I'm a Bush groupie and vote for me.' The voters aren't going to fall for it," said Harold Cook, political director of the Texas Democratic Party. "They're interested in issues like education, not who hugs George Bush the tightest."

Mauro and his campaign go even further. Noting that most recent winners of the governor's race trailed in pre-election day polls, the Democrat foresees a victory over Bush that would make the coattails issue moot.

"We're going to have the biggest upset in Texas history," Mauro predicted.

"I never heard of a candidate who lost having any coattails," added Mauro spokesman John Hannah.

But Republicans clearly see magic in the Bush name.

In races ranging from lieutenant governor down to county commissioner, GOP candidates include photos of themselves and Gov. Bush in their advertising.

Rick Perry, GOP candidate for lieutenant governor, went two better.

He hit the airwaves late last week with a TV commercial featuring Gov. Bush, former president George Bush and mentioning former first lady Barbara Bush.

In election ads...

Candidates' mothers play role

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trying to handle a tough question about whether there was anything in his past that could hurt his political future, Texas Gov. George W. Bush looked out in the direction of his mother.

"That is baloney," former first lady Barbara Bush exclaimed.

"He said one time he wasn't perfect growing up," she said of her son during his appearance at a dedication for a middle school in San Antonio. "Maybe he wasn't. His mother and father did not have a worry about him. That's just crazy."

Bush is just one of this year's political candidates who have developed a new campaign strategy: When the going gets tough, bring in Mom.

In several of this year's races, candidates' mothers have been visible, in both campaign appearances and advertisements.

In one television ad, Republican senatorial hopeful Matt Fong in California had his mother, March Fong Eu, a prominent Democrat and a former California secretary of state, accuse her son's opponent, Sen. Barbara Boxer, of distorting his record.

Eu's appearance prompted Democratic consultant Kam Kuwata to say of Fong in the San Jose Mercury-News: "Can't you stand up to Barbara Boxer or do you need your mom to fight your battles for you?"

Candidates' mothers have been visible in other campaigns as well:

—In Georgia, Republican lieutenant governor candidate Mitch Skandalakis' mother got involved when she heard Democratic rival Mark Taylor was calling her son by his Greek name — Demetrios —.while campaigning in rural areas.

"You have been denigrating my son Mitch's real name 'Demetrios' as an ethnic slur," Mimi Skandalakis wrote in an Oct. 8 letter to Taylor. " ... You are implying that Mitch, who is a native Georgian, should be looked upon as a foreigner."

Skandalakis himself is no stranger to name-calling. In his 1993 race for Fulton County Commission chairman, he called opponent Martin Luther King III, son of the slain civil rights leader, "a mama's boy."

—In South Carolina, GOP U.S. Senate candidate Bob Inglis appeared with his mother, Helen, and his father, Allick, in a television ad on the porch of their home where Inglis defended his record on schools and Social Security. His mother ended the ad by saying, "You've got that right, Bob."

—Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge's mother, Laura, has appeared in several of her son's television ads. She and her Republican son are shown in one ad talking and laughing at a picnic as they reminisce about his youth.

Laura Ridge appeared in Ridge's first television ad for governor in 1994. That spot was a light-hearted introduction to the candidate and she was shown waving from the door of the house where Ridge grew up, reminding him to wear his hat in the cold weather.

In two cases, a candidate's mother died during the campaign.

In Iowa, Republican gubernatorial candidate Jim Ross Lightfoot's mother, Altha, died in November 1997 from injuries suffered in a car crash. Footage of Lightfoot's mother shot the year before was featured in one of his campaign ads this year. The ad focused on her role in adopting Lightfoot from an orphanage.

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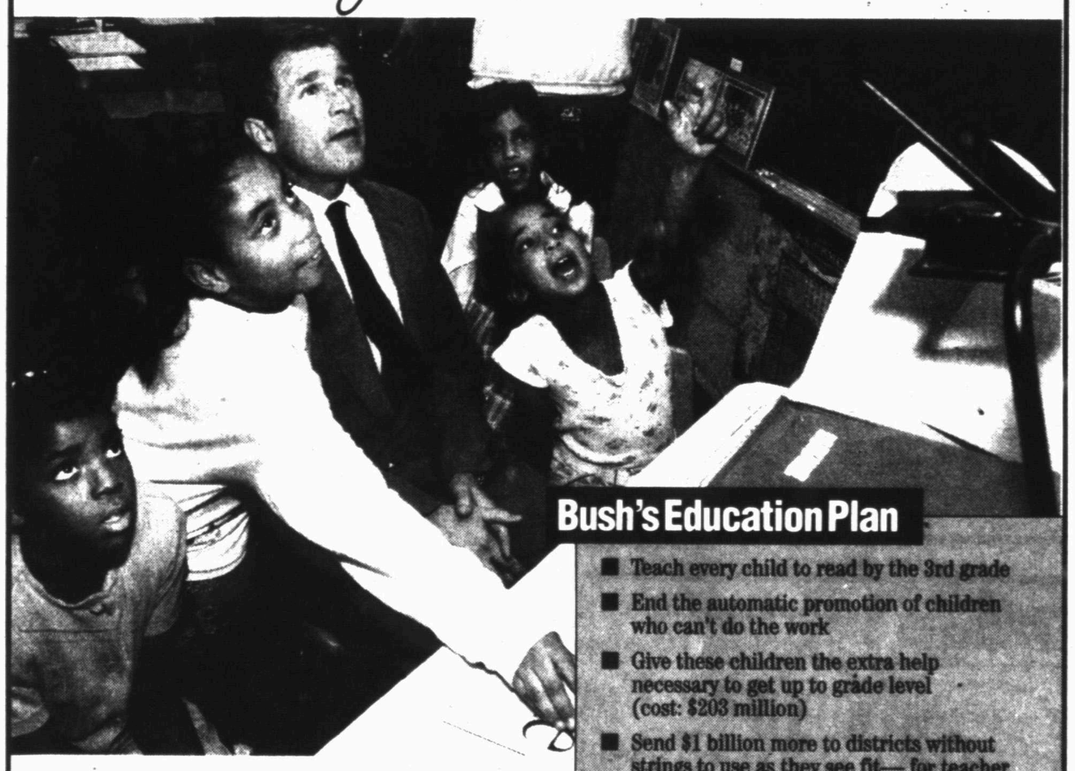
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- Expand the Advanced Placement Program ($18 million)
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"State government should pick up the extra cost of this early intervention — $203 million — but leave it to local districts to decide what programs to bring these kids up to grade level.

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John Glenn reveling in return to space

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — He hasn't performed somersaults — at least not for the public — but John Glenn has a child's enthusiasm and wide-eyed awe on his return trip to space.

From moving around to dining, just about everything is new for the man who last experienced weightlessness 36 years ago as the first American to orbit the Earth. He was even amused Friday by a speck of oatmeal that splashed onto his glasses at breakfast.

"You have a lot of problems, like eating food. If it gets away from you it gets on everybody," the 77-year-old said. "I guess with old folks you normally think it goes down on an old man's necktie. But on this one it wound up on my glasses, and so you have to think of things like that."

Despite his orbital eating troubles, Glenn reported no physical problems except a bloated face that is typical in spaceflight because of the upward shift of body fluids.

"There's been a track record in the past of a high percentage of the people getting sick sometime within the first day or two, but fortunately the crew has felt fine up here this time," he said. "We've been doing real well."

Glenn's adjustment to microgravity continued this morning as he embarked on his third day aboard the shuttle Discovery — one packed with more science experiments and an educational event with students in his hometown of New Concord, Ohio.

The seven-member crew woke to the sounds of peppy Latin American music: a recording of "Cachito" sung by Nat King Cole. It was radioed up by Mission Control for the benefit of astronaut Pedro Duque, the first Spaniard in space; his wife, Consuelo, requested the wake-up call because the song is about fatherhood and the Duques have a 5-week-old son.

Mitch rumbles into heart of Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Tropical Storm Mitch rumbled into the heart of Honduras Saturday, spreading death and destruction throughout the impoverished country already stunned by storm damage along its Atlantic seaboard.

At least 127 have died — mainly in Honduras and Nicaragua — since the storm began hitting Central America earlier in the week. Hundreds of thousands had fled or had their homes destroyed. And the U.S. Coast Guard said it had not yet found a tourist schooner with 31 crew members aboard that has been missing since Tuesday.

After blasting the Atlantic Coast for three days, Mitch pushed into the center of Honduras to the capital, Tegucigalpa, adding to catastrophic flooding throughout the country of 6 million people.

"Almost everything is damaged or destroyed and it will be difficult to recover from such a tragedy," said Col. Anael Perez, spokesman for the Permanent Emergency Commission.

With rainfall of 4 inches an hour at the height of the storm, downed bridges, rampaging rivers, toppled trees and mudslides had isolated hundreds of communities where food, water and medicine were in short supply.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said that at 1 a.m. Saturday, the storm was centered about 15 miles northeast of Tegucigalpa. It was heading southwest at 7 mph.

Maximum sustained winds were near 50 mph, down from 180 mph on Tuesday.

The strongest gusts were still hitting the north coast, hampering efforts to bring relief and to search for the missing, 260-foot schooner, the Fantome.

"There's still not a lot we can do with the way the weather is down there," said Jeff Hall, spokesman for the U.S. Coast Guard.

Tommy Lee Jones...

Actor OK after polo mishap

HOUSTON (AP) — Oscar-winning actor Tommy Lee Jones was sore but otherwise unscathed after a horse threw and trampled him during a polo match.

Jones was hospitalized for observation overnight but was released Saturday morning.

"I'm not hurt, a little sore," Jones said in a statement from his Los Angeles publicist.

The 52-year-old said he was playing polo about 45 miles west of Houston when his horse stumbled while running down a straightaway. He launched over the horse's head and the horse stepped on him, Jones said.

Dr. Drue Ware, an emergency room doctor at Hermann Hospital, said the actor reported losing consciousness for a short time after the accident, but there was no evidence of neurological injury.

Jones was released at 8 a.m. Saturday, said Hermann administrator Lee Farrell.

The accident occurred about 3 p.m. at the Estancia del Pueblo Viejo, a private polo ranch, said Austin County sheriff's deputy Richard Holloman. Jones was airlifted to the hospital.

Births

Marc and Danna Daughtry of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Rae Daughtry, at 1:34 p.m. on Oct. 22 in St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed seven pounds.

Paternal grandparents are Buck and Louise Daughtry of Charlotte, Tex. Maternal grandparents are W.D. "Dub" and Linda Myers, and the late Wanda Powledge Myers.

Walkers

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However, Rollin Swanson engineered a drip system and Luann Burleson and dozens of helping hands helped lay it.

Only a half acre was planted as a trial run. To date, crews have harvested about three times a week because of the bounty. The garden has produced well over 3,000 pounds of food for those in need including corn, squash, okra, green beans, peppers and cantaloupes.

The CROP Walk is the community hunger appeal of Church World Service. Each year more than 3- million friends and neighbors across the country walk or sponsor a walker to help stop hunger around the block and around the world.

The Church World Service is a ministry of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S. In partnership with indigenous organizations in more than 70 countries, CWS supports sustainable self-help development, meets emergency needs, and helps address the root causes of poverty.

Obituaries

Harold Huckabaa

1932-1998

Graveside service for Harold Eugene Huckabaa Sr. is set for 2 p.m. Monday in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo.

Owen Sharp, chaplain with the Family Hospice, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Huckabaa, 65, died Thursday, Oct. 29, at his home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

Born Nov. 8, 1932 in Wynnewood, Okla., he was a U.S. Army veteran. Mr. Huckabaa had lived in Snyder since 1990, moving from San Angelo. He was retired from Snyder Laundry and Dry Cleaning.

Survivors include two sons, Harold Eugene Huckabaa Jr. and David Lee Huckabaa; four brothers, Pete Huckabaa of Houston, Hollis Huckabaa of Pauls Valley, Okla., W.H. Huckabaa of Cushion, Okla., and Loyd Huckabaa of Wynnewood, Okla.; and a sister, Dovie Parker of Mesquite.

The family suggests memorials to the Family Hospice.

Ara Posey

1923-1998

Ara Hope Cagle Posey, mother of Kathy Reynolds of Hermleigh, died at her home in Paris, Tex., on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Rex Reynolds officiating. Burial was in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Lamar County.

Born on Dec. 6, 1923 in Lamar County to Oscar and Jaraney Welch Cagle, she married James Elwood Posey on May 23, 1947 in Paris. He died on March 23, 1993. She was a member of the Graham Street Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers and sisters.

Her grandsons served as pallbearers.

Survivors are four sons, Kenneth Posey of Paris, Rickey Posey of Pottsboro, Tommy Posey of Powderly and Earl Dean Posey of Grant, Okla.; three other daughters, Patsy Saunders of Paris, Gina Farmer of Dallas and Becky Brannan of Powderly; a brother, Harvey Cagle of Lexington, Okla; two sisters, Ida Sturgeon of Oklahoma City and Leta Wilkins of Paris; 25 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

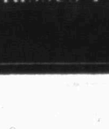
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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Trick or treat canned food drive

The Western Texas College student government will trick or treat Saturday, looking for canned goods to be donated to local charities.

FBC fall festival

Fall Festival of Fun, sponsored by the First Baptist Church, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Family Life Center. The festival will feature carnival games, concession stand and door prizes, and the event is for children through the sixth grade.

Snyder Oaks welcome spooks

Snyder Oaks Care Center invited trick or treaters to visit them from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Spook house at Snyder Healthcare

Children are invited to attend the anual Spppk House from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Snyder Healthcare Center.

First Church of Nazarene revival

A revival and concert will be held at the church beginning Sunday and continuing through Wednesday. Sunday services will be at 10:45 a.m and 6 p.m. and weekday services at 7 p.m. John Lewis will lead the singing. On Sunday, food will be served following the morning service.

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury will hear 13 cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

Election workers' school

An school for all election judges and clerks will be held at 1 p.m. Monday on the third floor of the Scurry County Courthouse.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Stephen, the Spirit-filled Preacher," followed by "Faith and Peace."

Parkinson's Disease support group

The community support group for Parkinson's Disease will meet from 12-1 p.m. Tuesday at the Prime Rehab Wellness and Fitness Center at 5301 Trinity Blvd.

Lions Thanksgiving dinner

Snyder Lions Club will not meet at noon Tuesday, but will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday for the partner-in-service Thanksgiving dinner at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Christmas decorations needed

Scurry County Museum needs Christmas decorations with any Santa Claus motif. These are needed by Wednesday and will be returned by Dec. 10.

Lord's Acre Festival

The 9th annual Lord's Acre Festival, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church, will start at 11 a.m. next Saturday in the Scurry County Coliseum. A 5:30 p.m. barbecue dinner will be followed by an auction.

Messiah singers

There will be a rehearsal for Messiah singers from 2-5 p.m. next Saturday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church from 2-5 p.m.

Diabetes support group

Snyder's Diabetes Support group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, in the Prime Rehab building at 5301 Trinity Blvd. Topic will be Medicare and Diabetes.

Dunn community homecoming

The Dunn community homecoming will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Dunn Community Center. Registration will be at 1 p.m. Bring your sandwiches for the 5 p.m. meal and everything else will be furnished.

Snyder Junior High annuals

Orders will be taken until Nov. 20 for SJHS annuals. A deposit of $7 may be made now with the balance of $7 paid when the annuals arrive in the spring. No extra copies will be ordered.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
62-75-76-94
(sixty-two, seventy-five, seventy-six, ninety-four)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
2-4-6-15-25
(two, four, six, fifteen, twenty-five)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
0-8-4
(zero, eight, four)

Lana Chambers enjoys nurse practitioner role

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

Lana Chambers always wanted to follow in the footsteps of her grandmother and mentor. She has done that and so much more throughout her nursing career.

And even though Lana never set out to work in either the obstetrical or gynecological fields, that's exactly what she has spent much of her nursing career doing.

Today, she is the women's health care nurse practitioner for Outreach Health Services, a position she has held since July, 2, 1997. She couldn't be happier because she enjoys the direct contact she has with her patients.

At Outreach, Lana's patients are limited to persons covered by federally funded programs such as Title V which is usually reserved for people who do not qualify for Medicaid, have no health insurance or do not have the necessary documentation for U.S. citizenship, she said.

Age wise, Lana sees female patients from adolescent years through about the mid 50s. She also provides pre-natal care for obstetrical patients and performs gynecological and physical exams.

She said Outreach Health Services wants obstetrical patients to seek care as early as possible in their pregnancy or ideally, to come in before conception so they can be educated about pre-conceptual and pre-natal care, and to get them started on vitamins. She noted that folic acid is also very important to the early growth of the fetus.

Ideally, she would like to begin with pre-natal care for all her obstetrical patients. Base line lab work is also very important.

Lana loves teaching patients how to take care of themselves and telling them about their pregnancy. She said she sees a lot of young women in that category who are not Title V candidates but who are eligible for Medicaid but do not have their Medicaid status at that time.

As soon as their Medicaid status is granted, Lana said she can refer them to a doctor, usually a local one. She said that provides a continum of care that is for the overall benefit of the patient and the community.

"We would like every woman in our community who is going in to have a baby to have pre-natal care," Lana said.

This program allows us to try to give pre-natal care to women who cannot otherwise get it," she added. "We can also initiate early pre-natal care so that when they get their Medicaid status or insurance then we can refer them to a physician of their choice."

In her pre-natal clinic, Lana said she gets to know her patients very well. And when they bring their babies back to see her, she feels that she already knows them too. Through well-child checkups, Lana said she establishes a rapport with the family.

"I am endeared to a majority of my patients, especially my pre-natal ones," Lana said.

The clinic doesn't just deal with a patient's physical well being either. Nursing has always recognized that the spiritual needs of a patient are just as important and at Outreach she said she is blessed to have the "unique freedom to be able to encourage my patients spiritually and to minister to them."

Except for Texas For Child health exams, Lana doesn't get a chance to see many teen-age boys in the clinic, but she does see a lot of adolescent girls. Those who come for certain family planning requirements are given counsel in abstinence. They are also encouraged "in a good light so they will feel good about themselves emotionally, physically and spiritually. We want them to make good decisions about their sexuality," she explained.

She said Outreach Health Services was founded on "a Godly principle." She said the owner is a "real fine Christian man." She believes that part of his mission is to honor God is all that we do, something that she finds admirable.

As a registered nurse rather than a nurse practitioner, she also maintains a child health clinic on Mondays for well children through a Medicaid program called Texas Health Steps which enables her to see persons aged 0-21 years old.

Lana emphasized that this well child care does not replace the physician. Rather, this program hopefully provides preventative health care, maintenance and education for the child and the parents throughout the scope of their childhood and teen years.

She said Medicaid initiated the program several years ago to help prevent disease and promote good health. "So that maybe we can ward off some of the things that happen to children and have healthier communities," Lana said.

OHS also offers a WIC or Women Infants and Children program. Edolina Foster, Lana's assistant, helps with the WIC program which offers nutritional counseling and education.

Women who qualify receive nutritional supplementation for themselves and their babies from 0-5 years old. Pregnant and breast-feeding who qualify are also included.

The WIC personnel include Nicci Beaver, LVN, and Amelia Rosas, clerk. Mary Romero is the Medicaid outreach worker who goes into various communities and lets people know what services are available and where. This includes services provided by other health care entities, not just Home Health Services, Lana said.

While many services are available, Lana said, and all are optional. Nothing is forced on anyone.

When Edolina works with WIC on Mondays, Lana said a clerk comes from Stamford to help her.

Lana has worked for Outreach Health Services since 1995. Her main focus at the time was well-child care and pre-natal checkups. The initial assessment and exam of pre-natal patients were then handled by a physician.

She also helped WIC personnel make assessments of their patients' nutritional needs.

Then Outreach Health Services asked Lana if she would complete a one year program to become a woman's health care nurse practitioner.

She agreed and enrolled in the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, where she stayed on campus for five months while she completed her didactic and clinical training.

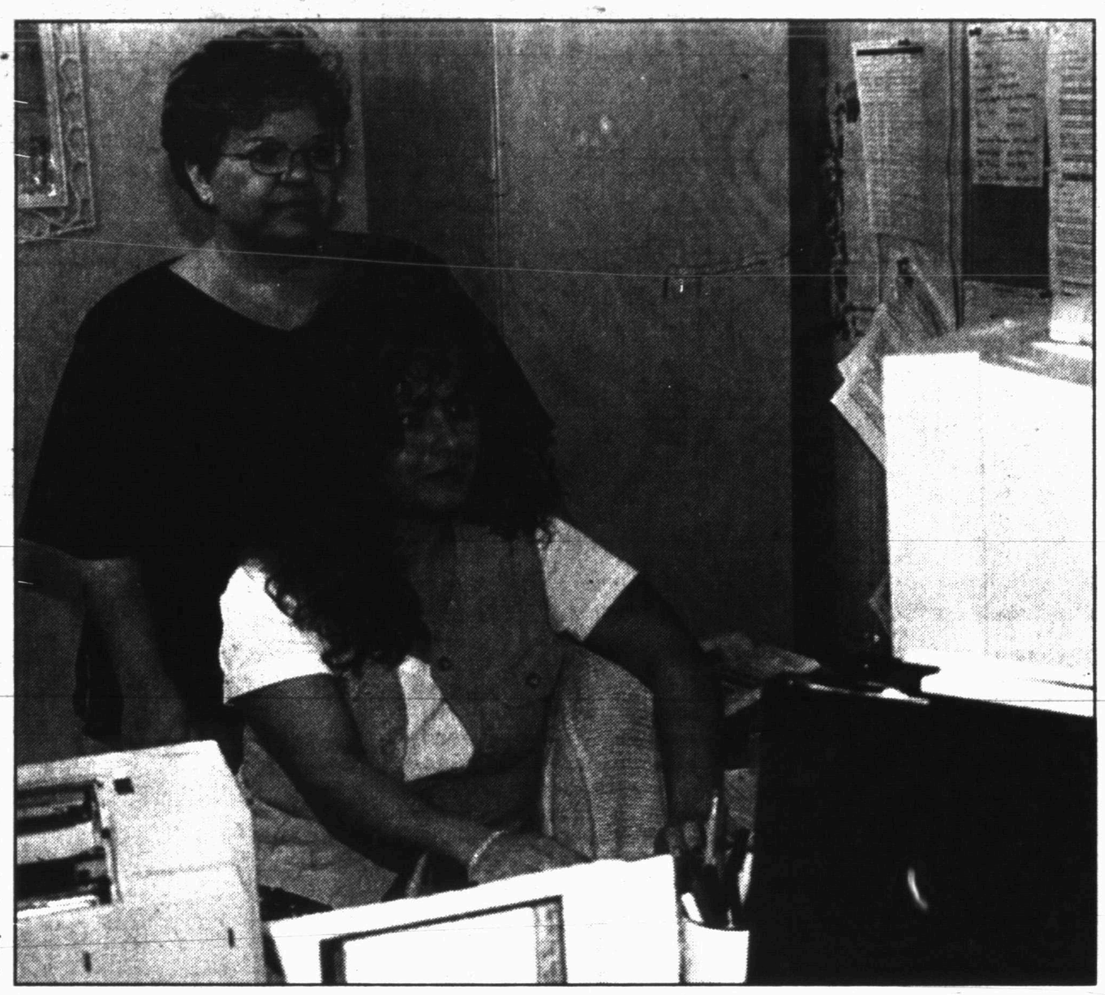
She then preceptored in Dr. Bid Cooper's office for seven months as part of the advanced certification she earned. Preceptering is similiar to a doctor serving an internship, Lana said.

She also worked closely with an experienced women's health care nurse practitioner who runs a clinic in Spur. "I got the best of both worlds," she added.

After all that, Lana said that in Texas, to practice as an advanced nurse practitioner, she had to have certification or some national certifying body had to recognize her as a competent advanced practice nurse.

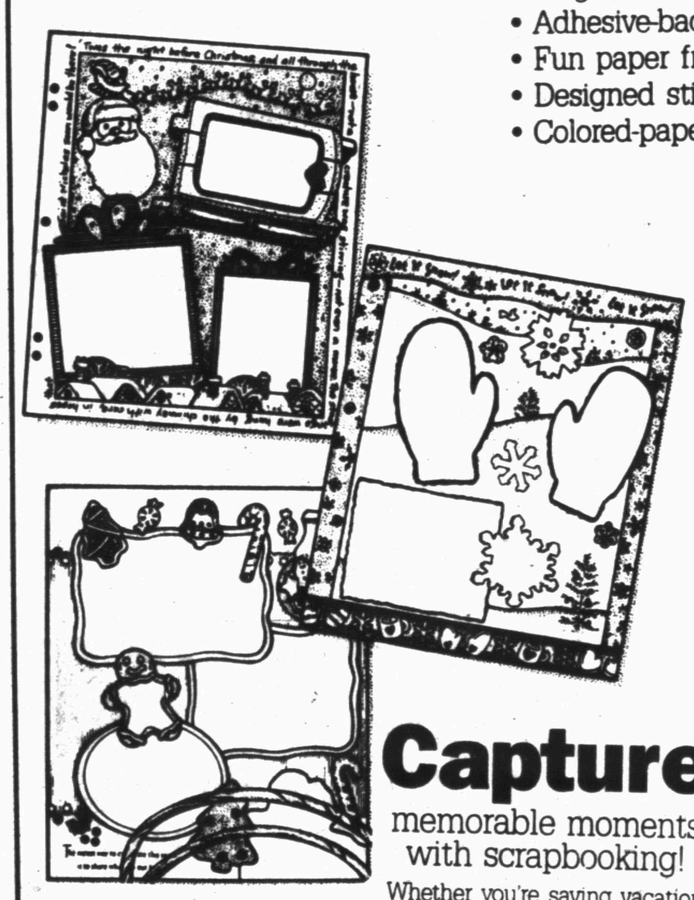
Since she does not have a master's degree, Lana applied to

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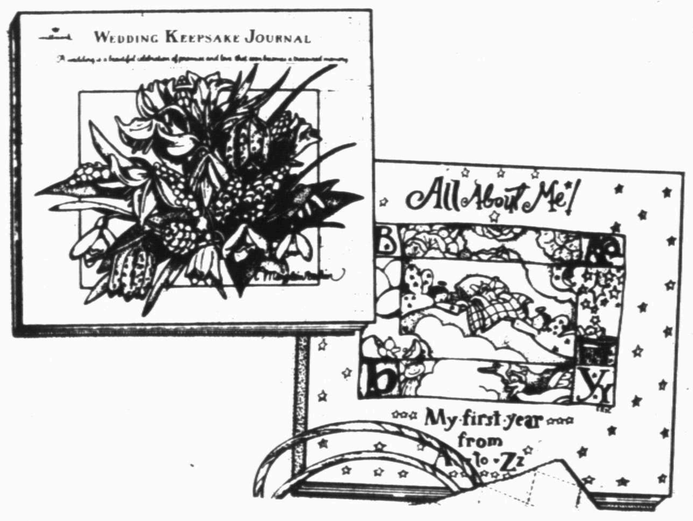
HAPPY WITH HER JOB — Lana Chambers, standing, is the women's health care nurse practitioner for Outreach Health Services. Her assistant is Edolina Foster, who also assists with the WIC program also offered by Outreach. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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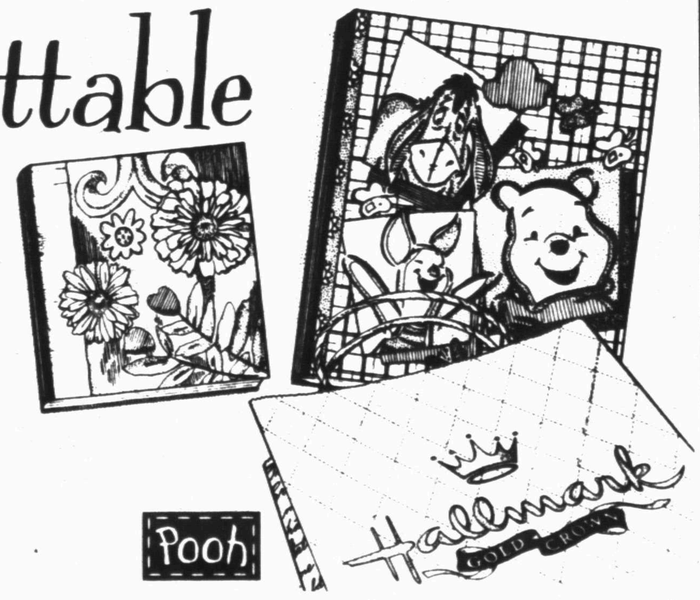
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Dunn Community homecoming set

The Dunn Community homecoming will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Dunn Community Center with registration to begin at 1 p.m.

Mrs. E.M. Ashley, chairman, said all past, present residents and friends of the community are welcome to attend. She asks that everyone bring sandwiches for the 5 p.m. meal.

Tea, coffee, chips, cookies, and plates and napkins will be furnished.

Memorabilia may be brought for "show and tell (or tales)" of bygone days.

The homecoming began 50 years ago when soldier boys came home from World War II.

Weighty fish to be airlifted

MONTEREY, Calif. (AP) — A sunfish that swam into the Monterey Bay Aquarium will need a stretcher to get out.

The fish, which now weighs a whopping 550 pounds, has gotten too big for its million-gallon exhibit tank.

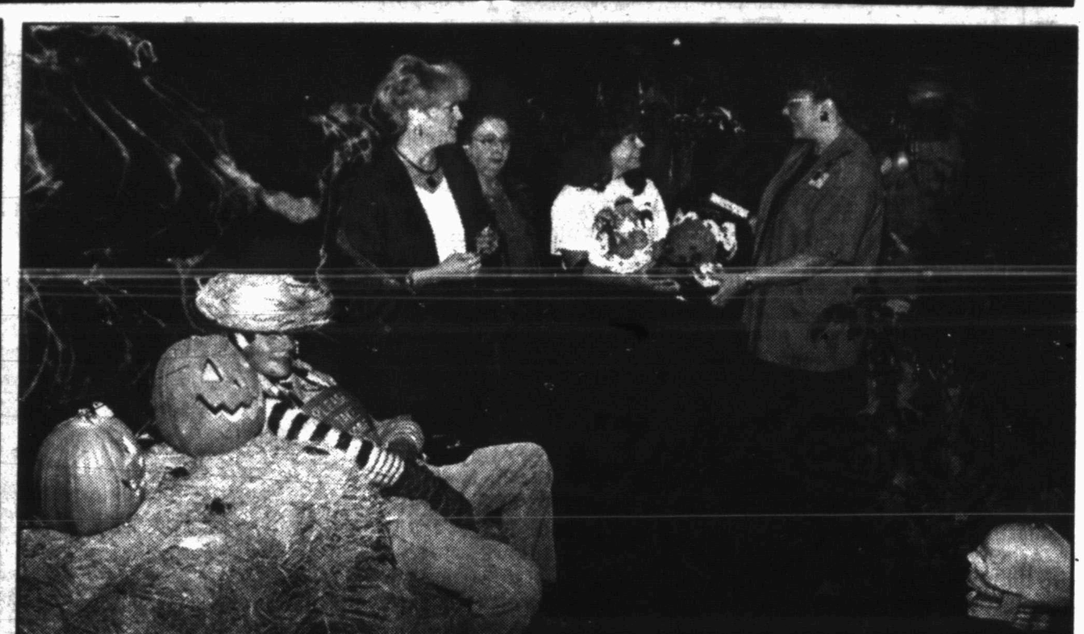
It has "reached a size where ... if he gets much bigger, and we would have to release him back to the wild, we might not be able to do it," aquarium spokesman Ken Peterson said Thursday.

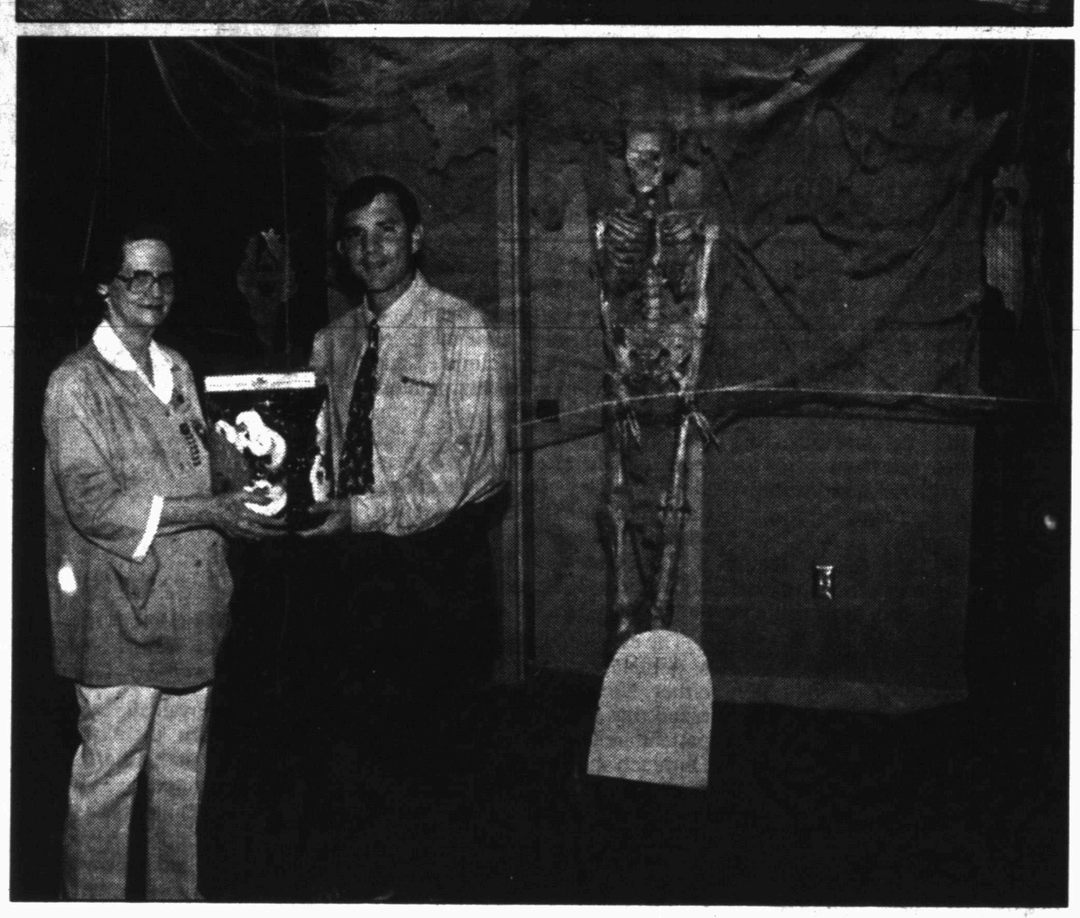
The fish will be placed on a stretcher and airlifted out to sea next month, Peterson said.

When the sunfish arrived at the aquarium last year, it weighed a mere 57½ pounds. After chowing down for 14 months on a steady diet of squid, shrimp, fish puree and enriched gelatin, the sunfish weighs in at nearly 600 pounds, Peterson estimates.

That's an educated guess. "You can't actually go in there and weigh it," he said.







DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS — The nursing administration wing at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, top right photo, won first place in the Halloween decorating contest sponsored by the CMH Auxiliary. In the top right photo is a live scarecrow, Kevin Taylor, from WTC's drama department. Next are judges Christy Thompson, Vera McSpadden, Theresa Rakov, presenting the prize to Teresa Love. Second place went to the rehab and physical therapy department. Manager Cliff Shiller accepts the prize from Thadine Harless, auxiliary member. LVN Becky Clark and RN Bonnie Carroll receive the third place prize for the OB wing, pictured above. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge By Phillip Alder

North 10-31-98
♠ 8 7 5 3 2
♥ A K 3
♦ 7 6 3
♣ Q 4

West
♠ 4
♥ Q J 10 8 4
♦ J 10 5
♣ A 8 7 3

East
♠ 10 6
♥ 9 7 6 5 2
♦ Q 9
♣ J 10 9 6

South
♠ A K Q J 9
♥ ---
♦ A K 8 4 2
♣ K 5 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

A phantasm of a possibility

It is pouring rain, the wind is howling, and it is freezing cold. Your car breaks down outside a ghoulish-looking house. Not having a car phone, you have no choice but to ask for help. The doorbell is a skull. You notice tense background music. A river of rain — or is it a stream of sweat? — falls off your chin. But you must go on. The bell makes a hideous sound. The door opens with a loud creak. The butler stands nine feet six. He ushers you in. Why did I do this? you are wondering.

You are met by the husband and wife of the house. They could step into The Munsters without needing a visit to the makeup department. However, just when you are close to fainting, the husband asks, "Do you play bridge?"

"Ye, ye, yes, I do."

"Good, we need a fourth."

So, while you wait for the mechanic, you play a few rubbers.

Having recovered your poise, you jump to six spades over partner's limit raise, hoping to buy a decent dummy. But after West leads the heart queen and the dummy appears, your contract seems to have a ghost of a chance. How can you avoid two minor-suit losers? Yet suddenly you spot a possibility.

You *ruff* at trick one, draw trumps, and lead a low club toward dummy's queen. How can West defend?

If he wins with the ace, dummy's diamond loser will disappear on your club king. Yet when he ducks, you promptly discard your remaining clubs on dummy's ace-king of hearts.

It is heads you trick, tails you treat!

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Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Jane Hinton directed bridge games at the Snyder County Club.

FRIDAY
Oct. 23

1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Dot Casey.
3. Dorothy Rosson, Frances Stevenson.

SUNDAY
No Game

TUESDAY

1. Dot Casey, Jane Hinton.
2. Linda West, Monte West.
3. Tizzy Hall, Louise Thompson.



Paraguay is the only American nation in which an Indian language, Guaraní, is spoken as much as the official language, Spanish.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, '5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.;.

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

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome. for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 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.

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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Bridal Registry

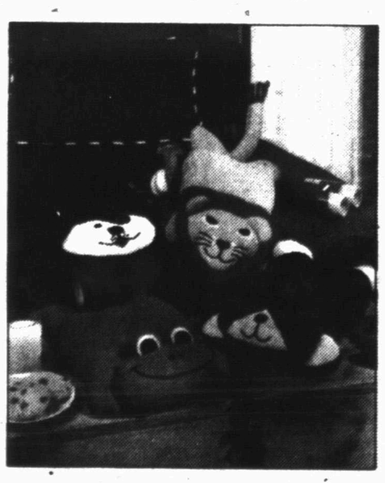
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Miss Gonzales, Jon Patrick exchange vows

SAN ANGELO — Jonathan Dane Patrick and Mary Ann Gonzales were united in marriage in a 2 p.m. ceremony on Aug. 15, at the Holy Angels Catholic Church in San Angelo. Fr. Charles Greenwell, pastor of the church, officiated the double-ring vows.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gonzales of Plains. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patrick of Hobbs, N.M., and Mr. and Mrs. Lane Beaty of Snyder. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Patrick, Shirley Hatfield of Snyder, the late L.W. "Buck" Hatfield, the late Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lloyd, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beaty of Robert Lee.

Sharilyn Patrick, sister of the groom, registered guests at an entry table in the church foyer, decorated with a floral arrangement featuring the wedding colors, and the ring pillow made by the groom's aunt, Eltine Vines.

Jared Patrick, brother of the groom, and Greg Gonzales, brother of the bride, distributed wedding programs.

The altar area was adorned with large floral arrangements of starwine magnolias, mauve gladiolas, sweet pea, and baby's breath. The bows on the pews were made of white tulle and starwine magnolias.

Ushers were Henry and Herman Gonzales, brothers of the bride, and Chris Beaty, stepbrother of the groom. Organist Debbie Campanaro played prenuptial selections as the grandmothers and stepparents, Shari Patrick and Lane Beaty were seated. The couple's mothers entered the sanctuary and lit the side candles from which the unity candle was lit during the ceremony.

The processional began with the groom being escorted by his father and his mother. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick embraced the groom, followed by Mr. and Mrs. Beaty giving their blessings. The groom and other male members of the wedding party wore traditional black dress tuxedos.

Flower girl Darian Gonzales, niece of the bride, entered carrying a small bouquet and dressed in a floor-length white organza dress.

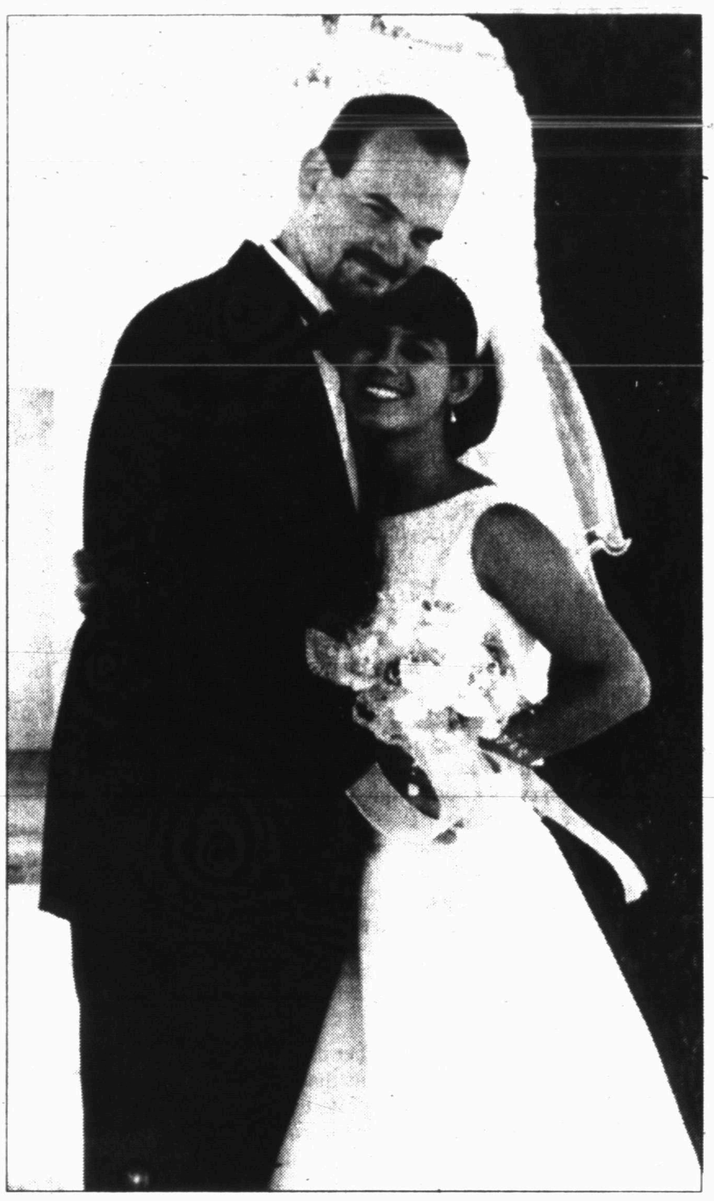
Attendants David Patrick, brother of the groom, and Dolly Gonzales, sister of the bride, entered the sanctuary followed by best man Jeff Armstrong and Stacey Jones, maid of honor. Dolly wore a floor-length starwine satin gown and Stacy wore a floor-length mauve satin gown.

The bride wore an elegant designer sleeveless gown made of white satin with a jewel neckline and an embroidered bodice of lace that dipped to a low scoop back with a satin bow at the fitted waistline cascading into a sweep train.

Complementing the gown, the bride chose a white satin headpiece with flowing tulle bordered with lace. Her traditional bouquet of white roses, baby's breath, and tiny mauve ribbon accents held a handkerchief that belonged to the groom's grandmother, a gift from his aunt, Pat Cornett.

The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gonzales, who in turn embraced the bride and gave her their blessings.

After Fr. Greenwell presented the homily, the couple faced family and friends as they exchanged their vows and rings. Henry Gonzales, brother of the bride, and Janie Pando presented gold coins that represented providing for and sharing material possessions. Bertha and Kevin Halfmann, sister and brother-in-law of the bride, draped the bride and groom with a beaded lazo, another symbol of unity. The couple preceded to light the unity candle as Jim Patrick, father of the groom, sang "Where Love Is Found."



Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Dane Patrick
(Contributed Photo)

Traditional wedding music accompanied the couple's presentation for the first time as Mr. and Mrs. Jon Patrick for the recessional.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Casa Blanca restaurant where wedding guests were greeted by the bridal couple and enjoyed a Mexican dinner buffet.

The Italian cream wedding cake was covered with off-white sour cream icing laced around five separated layers with inlaid mauve flowers, designed by Patsy Hart. A crystal bride and groom adorned the top layer. Serving at the bride's table was Kacey Kegans, cousin of the groom.

The groom's table featured a chocolate layered cake with chocolate icing and fashioned mint fruit, designed by Debbie Crunk who also made dinner mints for both tables. Serving at the groom's table was Leslie Lee, close friend of the groom's family.

The couple cut the cake with a silver knife and server, a gift from Ms. Lee. Best man Jeff Armstrong, along with the wedding party, toasted the bride and groom. The crystal champagne glasses were the couple's gift from the bride's parents.

Following the reception, a dance was held in the restaurant banquet room in honor of the newly married couple. The new Mr. and Mrs. Patrick danced and lingered with friends and family before leaving on their honeymoon to the San Antonio area.

In July, friends of the bride's family gave a bridal shower in Plains. Later in the month, friends of the groom's family gave a couples shower in Snyder. The bride's attendants, family and friends particiapted in a lingerie shower in conjunction with a bachelor revelry for the groom and his attendants, family and friends. The evening before the wedding, the groom's families hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Casa Blanca Restaurant.

The groom is a candidate for May graduation at Angelo State University, majoring in kinesiology and employed by General Technologies Federal Credit Union. The bride is a senior at Angelo State University majoring in psychology and is employed by Grafa Insurance Agency. The couple made their home in San Angelo.

Local garden club to host District VIII fall convention

Snyder Garden Club and the Colorado City Garden Club are hosts to the fall convention for District VIII of Texas Garden Club Inc.

Pre-convention activities will be Friday at the Willow Park Inn and the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Registration is 5:30 to 6:30 and dinner and entertainment will follow.

On Saturday, registration and a continental breakfast will be held at WTC's Student Christian Center from 8:30 to 10 a.m. An executive meeting is set for 8:30, followed by a business session at 10.

The luncheon and a program will be held at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Special guest for the occasion will be Ina Brundrett, president of Texas Gardens Clubs.

Registration chairman is LaVerne Hood, and co-chairmen for the meeting are Bonnie Fry of Snyder and Terry Ann McAdams of Colorado City.

Ready-to-eat breakfast cereals account for about 90 percent of the cereal market with hot cereals comprising about 10 percent.



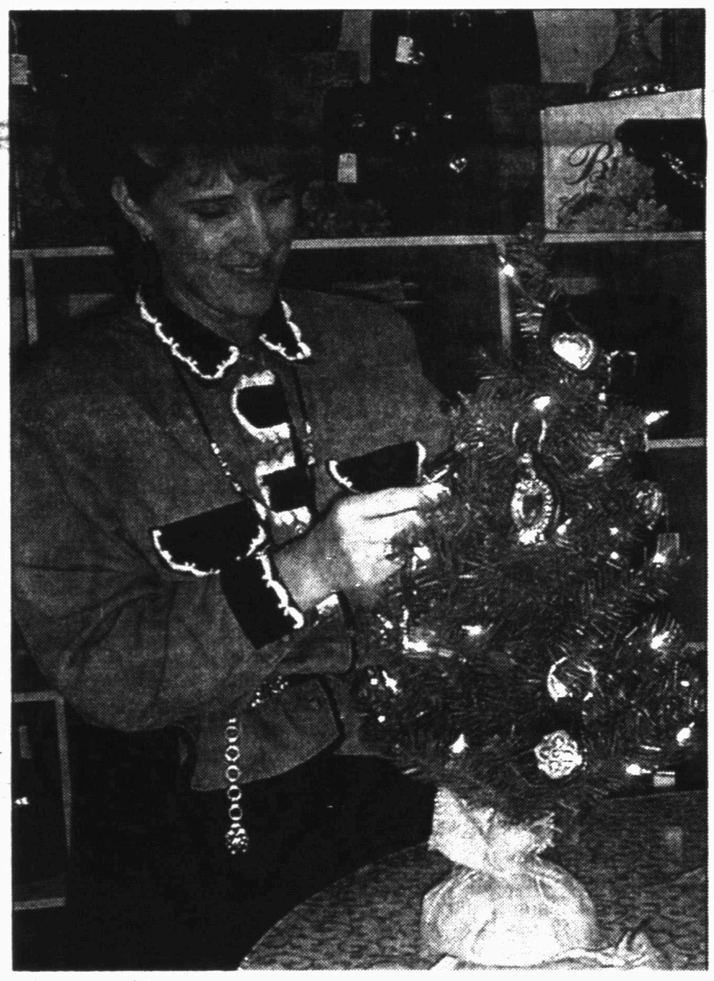
Angelea Carey

Mrs. Carey honored on 80th birthday

In celebration of Angelea Carey's 80th birthday, her family hosted a party on Saturday, Oct. 24. Mrs. Carey was born on Oct. 20, 1918 in Indian Gap, Tex.

Special guests included her husband of 59 years, Arvis Carey; her sister, Jamie Gilreath of Snyder; Jan and Ray Watson of Abilene; Scott, Charlotte and Tracey Carey of Fort Stockton; and Kelle, Craig, Megan and Kristen Spinn of Burnet.

Other special guests were Kristie Burnett of Fort Stockton; Sunne, Scott, and Brittane Schaake of Abilene; Bill and Paula Jacobs of Lufkin; and Joe, Jo Ann and Johnatan Beaver of Sierra Vista, Ariz.



HOLIDAY ELEGANCE PLANNED — Martha Ann Woman's Club kicks off the holiday season with "Holiday Elegance," a luncheon that will include viewing decorated tables and Christmas trees prepared by individuals and club members. There will also be some festive commercial displays. Serving will begin at 11:30 on Nov. 14 at the clubhouse and tickets are $10. Tina Sanders of Timber and Threads unpacks holiday items to begin work on her table. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

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SATURDAY

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

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Jim Wales Farms, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Edmundo Arreola, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Maxwell A. Barr, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Dan R. and Betty Hicks, 1999 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Billy F. and Verline Calley, 1999 Cadillac from Big Country Autoland.

Donald Allred, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

J.R. and E. Lou Meadows, 1999 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

George D. and Jacqulyn Johnson, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Bobby and Leigh Vann, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Sierra Well Service, two 1999 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Altex Landscape Construction Inc. and Susan Bohnenberger, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big County Autoland.

E.B. Dennis, dba Dennis Farms, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Charles A. and Janice Meek, 1998 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Alfonso J. Nevarez, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Roy and Natalie Sallee, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Winston Brothers Ranch, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Marc Ian Bishop and Julie Anna Burr, both of Snyder.

Brandon Dean Bankhead of Roscoe and Kerry Lyn Nachlinger of Hermleigh.

Macario Rangel Rivera and Kristie Ann Hernandez, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Paul Landa and Debbie Landa vs. James W. Tatom and Jerry W. Tatom, friendly suit.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. Stacey A. Browning, suit on account.

Robert vs. G.W. Brantley, suit for damages.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Arica Gwen Webster Halkowitz and Gary Linn Halkowitz II, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Brenda K. Kotarski and Felix Ron Kotarski, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Dejuana Risner to Jim McKamie, one acre out of the northeast corner of the northeast one-quarter of Section 393, Block 97, H&TC survey.

J.L. Babcock to DeVelva Sorrells, all of Lot 14 in Block 2 of the Noble Heights Addition.

Martha S. Baker, Trustee for Edwin J. Peet Trust, to Edwin James Peet, Joan Peet McMullan and John David Peet, 40 acres out of the northeast one-quarter of Section 504, Block 97, H&TC survey.

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Curtis Erwin Jr. and Mary Louis Erwin to Curtis Erwin Jr., Mary Louise Erwin and David Curtis Erwin, all Trustees, the northwest one-quarter of Section 92, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Burl Harris to KBH Inc., 86 square-foot tract out of Lot 9 of the parking area of Snyder Shopping Center.

KBC Inc. to FAB Properties Inc., tract one being all of Lots 36-39 in Snyder Shopping Center; tract two being an 86 square-foot tract out of the parking area of Snyder Shopping Center.

L.E. McBeath to Dee A. and Georgina Carr, 45.73 acres in Section 56, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Robert L. Glass, individually and independent executor of the estate of Dixie Glass, Richard Wayne Glass and Mark Waylon Glass, to Billie M.N. Canon, all of Lot 9 and the south 22 feet of Lot 8 in Block 4 of the Martin Addition.

Jimmy T. and Mary L. Orosco to Felix B. and Catalina Orosco, all of Lot 11 in Block 2 of the Parkway Addition.

James Clyde and Lynda Jean Baldwin to Dina Lynn Collins, Lot 14 in Block K of the Towle Place Addition.

June A. McNiel to Donald E. Hankins, all of the south 60 feet of the north 140 feet of the west 100 feet of Lot 2 in Block 7 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

James Franklin and Beth Anne Self to Mary A. Purswell, all of Lot 5 in Block 5, a replat of the south one-half of Block 4 and all of Block 5 of the Highlands Second Addition.

Alice B. Goodridge, sole Trustee under the terms of the Alice B. Goodridge Revocable Trust, to Kimberly Ann Bauch and Karen Lynn Diemoz, each 100 undivided acres, and to Penelope Bauche, 240 undivided acres, all out of a 440 undivided acres in the Coleman Ranch Lands.



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Q&A

What is peer pressure?

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse. The current series is dedicated to supplying general information to our readers. Getting back to the basics, we are using the ABC's as a structured guideline. Each week, the column will concentrate on such topics as Nick-Names, "October 23rd-31st" Peer Pressure, etc. Readers may want to cut out the articles and save them as a resource for future reference.)

ABC's of Substance Abuse
(Article 16 of 26)

P ~ PEER PRESSURE

Peer pressure is a normal part of life. Every child feels peer pressure. The peer pressure your child feels may be *positive* or *negative*. A few examples of positive/negative peer pressure are listed below:

POSITIVE PEER PRESSURE

Young people may encourage each other to:

- get good grades;
- take part in school, church or community activities;
- do well in sports;
- be kind to others; and/or
- act safely.

NEGATIVE PEER PRESSURE

Your child may feel pressured to:

- slack off in school;
- be mean to someone;
- cheat on a test;
- take foolish risks; and/or
- try alcohol, tobacco or other drugs.

Unfortunately, more often, it seems that we hear about the effects of negative peer pressure. To help a child handle *negative* peer pressure successfully, teach the child these four steps:

1. *SIZE UP THE SITUATION* ~ Teach the child to:~
   - Spot peer pressure
     Explain that peer pressure can be *obvious* (friends may tease the child unless he or she tries smoking with them) or *subtle* (the child may think he or she should stop working hard in school because the "popular" kids get bad grades).
   - Be alert around peers
     It's important to *look* (Is anyone acting unusual?), *listen* (Is anyone talking in an unusual way or hinting at doing something wrong?), and *ask questions* ("What are we going to do when we meet in the park?").
2. *THINK OF THE CHOICES* ~ Help the child see:
   - There are options
     Children often think they have to go along with the crowd. Brainstorm all possible solutions to show that there are choices.
   - There are pros and cons
     Help the child learn to predict the possible good and bad outcomes of each option.
3. *MAKE A DECISION* ~ Teach the child keys to good judgment:
   - Be realistic about possible results
     Remind the child *not* to fall for lines such as "We won't get caught" or "Nobody will get hurt."
   - Be true to oneself
     Help the child have the courage and pride to go against the crowd when necessary. Talk about what true friendship is, and whether peers who pressure you are true friends.
4. *ACT ON THE DECISION* ~ Even when the child has decided to say no, actually doing it can be hard. Give the child some of the following tips:
   - Tell others the decision ~ often a simple "No" or "I don't feel like it" will do.
   - Give the reason ~ it may help if the child states the possible negative consequences.
   - Act confident ~ body language and tone of voice make all the difference.
   - Leave ~ remind the child that when all else fails, he or she should just walk away.

HELP YOUR CHILD RESIST NEGATIVE PEER PRESSURE! Set a good example. Your child needs your love and guidance!

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-568-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Chambers loves her job

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the National Certification Corporation and then passed a certifying examination. When she passed that, she said she became a full-fledged nurse practitioner, recognized by the State of Texas.

The advanced certification program she completed at UTSMS specifically trained her in obstetrics and gynecology.

Now, according to state regulations, all women's health care nurse practitioners must have a master's degree by the year 2008. Eventually, she said she will pursue it. But not right away. "I feel like I've gone to school forever. I'm tired of it."

Outreach Health Services is located in Cogdell Center across the street from Cogdell Memorial Hospital. The clinic is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lana is there on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The WIC people are also here. The office is closed on Fridays.

She also visits patients in Stamford twice a month, Clyde and Coleman once a month, and she makes occasional trips to Albany and Ballinger. But Snyder is the only city where she provides prenatal care.

The seeds of Lana's love of nursing were planted early in her life and have been nurtured throughout her life.

She recently recalled how she played on the front porch of the hospital in Ranger where her grandmother worked as an LVN.

She recalled how she was allowed to tour the operating rooms and even observed as nurses sharpened needles and then sterilized them. They also used glass syringes in those days.

Lana noted that she considered herself blessed that she was allowed to help pass out water and meal trays to patients, a practice that would be unheard of today.

Those visits though were enough to start Lana on the road to a career in nursing. Originally, she said she wanted to become a nurse anesthetist, but on her operating room rotation she found she did not like not being able to talk with her patients, so she decided to become a registered nurse instead.

Born in Ranger, Lana grew up in Odessa and earned an associate's degree at Odessa College in 1972. Twenty years later, she enrolled at Texas Tech, where she completed her BS in nursing.

After graduating from Odessa College, Lana worked there for a few months and then moved to Snyder to be near her sister, Barbara Chaney of Colorado City, who is an RN for Mitchell County Home Health.

Lana first went to work at Codgell Memorial Hospital in 1972. She recalled her Cogdell days as a "wonderful experience," adding that she worked on and off there for many years.

Three months before she passed her state board examination, Lana worked as a graduate nurse in Cogdell's emergency room, something she really loved doing.

Due to the acute shortage of RNs in the U.S. in 1970s, Lana quickly became a relief superviser and worked the 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift.

She said, "As I matured in my nursing education and experience," she said she began to take on administrative responsibilities which were a "unique experience."

Though she loved children and emergency nursing, Lana had to "learn obstetrics or else" when she became a superviser at Codgell because registered nurses had to be participatory in the labor and delivery, according to hospital policy. She called learning obstetricts "education by necessity."

She credits an LVN and "wonderful, wonderful woman," the late Dorothy Teague, for teaching her obstetrical care. She "took me by the hand and taught me the labor and delivery procedures and how to work with the physician during the delivery."

Years later, Lana worked for Dr. David Wiman who had a large obstetrical practice. "I received the benefit of his experience too," she said.

While Lana enjoyed administrative work she said her main love and what she feels she does best is direct care of the patient. That's what all of her training has been geared toward and that is what she likes about being a women's health care nurse practitioner.

She can assess and implement a plan of care and make some medical interventions. She said a nurse practitioner, according to the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medical Examiners, is prepared by advance practice to expand her role.

"I can initiate some medical acts, but only with written protocols and policies," she explained. "The nurse practitioner works with the physician and developes protocols and policies that are used in the clinic," she continued.

She noted that RNs also have written protocols and policies in hospitals which allows them to initiate some medical acts.

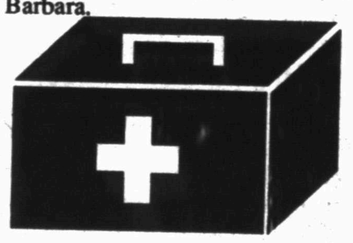
She noted that sometimes the definitions of registered nurses and nurse practitioners overlap as to what they can do. "We are not trained to be physicians and we don't want to be physicians, but by necessity of certain things that are policies and procedures we can do to hasten the treatment of a patient in an acute care setting like a hospital, Lana said.

But in Outreach Health Services' well clinic, Lana said if she has an infirmed patient even though she could implement a few things by policy and procedure she usually refers them to the physician who oversees her practice — Dr. Cooper.

Lana is as passionate about her family as she is about her profession. She is married to Vick Chambers who works for the city of Snyder. They have two daughters, Shannon, 14, who is a freshman at Snyder High School and Amanda, 16, a junior at SHS.

Because she has always worked, Lana said, "I enjoy doing things with my family. They attend the Christian Fellowship Church in Colorado City, which is pastored by Lana's brother-in-law, Jake Chaney.

She also loves antiquing, a passion shared by her sister, Barbara.



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Tax-exemption case involves politics, religion

By RICHARD CARELLI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was the Friday before Election Day in 1992 when a small New York church bought a full-page ad in two newspapers urging voters to reject Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton on moral grounds.

Clinton won anyway, and the church later was stripped of its tax-exempt status.

That is because federal law says tax-exempt groups must steer clear of partisan politics. The requirement can present dilemmas for churches whose members want the votes they — and others — cast to reflect their religious convictions.

Such varied groups as the Internal Revenue Service, Pat Robertson's American Center for Law and Justice and Americans United for Separation of Church and States offer "dos" and "don'ts" guidelines.

Soon, a federal judge, Paul Friedman, will add to that literature. He must decide whether the IRS was justified in revoking the tax exemption of the Church at Pierce Creek in Vestal, N.Y.

In its "Christians Beware" advertisement run in USA Friday and The Washington Times, the nondenominational Christian church said Clinton supported abortion, distribution of condoms in public schools and homosexuality. "Do we really want as president ... a man of this character who supports this type of behavior?" the ad asked.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State filed a complaint with the IRS, and the tax agency in 1995 took the extraordinary step of ending the church's tax exemption.

The American Center for Law and Justice then sued the IRS, contending it had violated the church's free-speech and equal-protection rights.

Friedman presided over the last in a four-year series of court hearings Thursday and said he is prepared to decide the case.

During the hearing, the judge asked what might happen if a church's pastor endorsed a political candidate from the pulpit on a Sunday. Government lawyer Alan Swirski acknowledged the difficulty facing an IRS agent who receives such a complaint.

Should undercover agents sit through future sermons to discover if illegal activities are repeated? Should the pastor be interrogated under oath? Should church members be quizzed about what they heard?

All seem intrusive and troubling, but law and justice center lawyer Jay Sekulow asked the judge why the loss of a tax exemption should be any more palatable if the pastor later decided to publish and more widely disseminate his comments.

"Either the churches can say these things, or they can't," Sekulow said.

After the hearing, Sekulow contended the case focuses on religious liberty and the government's campaign "to harass, intimidate and stifle the free speech of a Christian church and its pastor."

But Barry Lynn of Americans United accused Sekulow of arguing that churches are above government scrutiny. "Churches were never founded to be political organizations," Lynn said. "Saying churches need not obey tax laws is a completely bogus argument."

Some guidelines for churches:

— Stands on political issues — abortion or legalized gambling, for example — are permissible, but endorsement or opposition of candidates based on their voting patterns on such issues is not permissible.

— Distribution of voter guides is permissible, including a candidate's track record on certain issues. But the guides cannot encourage voters to support or oppose any candidate.

— Sponsorship of candidate forums is allowed, but all legally qualified candidates for a given office should be invited and the questions should be nonpartisan and cover a broad range of issues.

Of course, churches that do not want to comply with the federal tax laws are free to give up their tax exemptions.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Richard Carelli covers the Supreme Court and legal issues for The Associated Press.

Instant background checks begin during holiday gun-buying season

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal and state officials are bracing for a tide of complaints when they begin a national system of instant background checks for all gun buyers Nov. 30 — just in time for the crush of holiday purchases.

"We need to work together to minimize the complaints," Attorney General Janet Reno said Thursday, "to make it as easy as possible for law-abiding people to have weapons."

"Although it's not been easy, we are on schedule," Reno said at her weekly news conference. She announced the system will be operating nationwide on the date set by the Brady Act, which established federal background checks for handgun purchasers almost five years ago.

The new instant system, operated by the FBI and state governments, will encounter two crushing burdens from the day it replaces the checks on handgun buyers, which have been made since February 1994 by state and local police and sheriffs:

— The new law will double the number of checks because it requires background approvals not just for handgun buyers but also for those purchasing rifles and shotguns. Deputy Assistant FBI Director David Loesch estimated 12.4 million firearms of all kinds are sold each year in the United States. All will be covered now, plus another 2.5 million annual transactions when an owner retrieves a firearm from a pawn shop.

— December is the busiest month of the year for gun sales, because hunting seasons coincide with Christmas buying. "It's difficult to bring up a system in the biggest month of the year, obviously," Loesch said. "Of course we're worried about it, sure. I mean, we'd be crazy if we weren't."

But he maintained, "We'll definitely be prepared."

Under the new system, 27 states have decided to do some or all of the checks themselves. The FBI will do the checks for the rest.

In the FBI system, a gun dealer will telephone one of two toll-free numbers and supply the buyer's name, sex, race, date of birth and state of residence.

If no record is found in a computer check, approval for the sale will be given to the dealer within three minutes, Loesch said. He predicted this outcome 80 percent to 85 percent of the time.

If a record is found, the call will be transferred automatically from the telephone centers run by a contractor to FBI examiners, who will check the actual computer record. They will advise the dealer to deny the sale or delay it for further checking.

The FBI and local lawmen will have up to three days to check further — to see, for instance, if an arrest led to a conviction or acquittal if the disposition of the case is not on the computer. The current system allows up to five days for that check.

The FBI has hired and almost finished training 513 people in West Virginia to handle its share of the work, set up two telephone centers through the contractor, Teletech, and sent teams to brief the nation's 106,000 gun dealers and pawnshop owners.

Reno said the Justice Department has distributed $200 million in the past few years to states to correct, complete and computerize their criminal history and other records. Every state now has some computerized records, but not all the records needed are complete or on computers.

Loesch said that effort has paid off: The FBI's Interstate Identification Index of state and federal criminal histories has grown to 29 million records from between 21 million and 22 million four years ago.

Two months ago, the index had 50,000 court protective orders issued in domestic abuse cases; Friday it has 109,000 such orders, Loesch said.

But Loesch and Reno both said state checks were preferable to federal ones because many mental health and some drug abuse records are held only within states and not shared with the FBI or other states.

Federal law bans gun purchases by people convicted or under indictment on felony charges, fugitives, the mentally ill, those with dishonorable military discharges, those who have renounced U.S. citizenship, illegal aliens, illegal drug users and those convicted of domestic violence misdemeanors or under domestic violence restraining orders. State laws add other categories.

From February 1994 through last Dec. 31, the checks had blocked an estimated 242,000 handgun sales. In the most recent year, 61.7 percent of those disapprovals came because the buyer was a convicted or indicted felon.

Man freed from jail

NEW YORK (AP) — After unjustly spending eight years behind bars, Jeffrey Blake didn't care about trashing the legal system. Or prosecutors. Or even the witness whose false testimony sealed his conviction.

Blake, 29, merely wanted to go to his mother's grave. She had died before she could witness his dramatic vindication Thursday in a Brooklyn courtroom.

"I want to let her know that I'm free now, so she can rest in peace," a soft-spoken Blake told reporters.

Acting State Supreme Court Justice Robert S. Kreindler lifted Blake's life sentence after prosecutors admitted their only eyewitness in a 1991 double-murder trial lied when he said he saw Blake gun down the victims.

"Mr. Blake, on behalf of the entire judicial system, we owe you an apology. No one can ever give you those years back," Kreindler said. "Thank God, the nightmare's over. ... The bottom line is that you're a free man."

At a news conference, Blake, 29, thanked Kreindler "for seeing the light; for seeing it wasn't me." The 13th of 14 children, he also said he was looking forward to celebrating with his family.

As for the false witness, Dana Garner, Blake said, "I appreciate what he did, coming forward and letting them know he was lying."

A mystery gunman killed Everton Denny and Kenneth Felix on June 18, 1990, by firing a hail of bullets into their car. Several days later, Garner appeared, telling police he saw Blake commit the crime.

Garner became the star witness, even though one of his cousins tried to convince prosecutors that Garner was not even in the city when the killings took place. Blake was convicted in May 1991 and sentenced to 36 years to life.

Two years later, as defense attorney Michelle Fox pursued an appeal, Garner admitted on videotape he had lied. But when Garner took the stand at Blake's appeal, he invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and refused to talk.

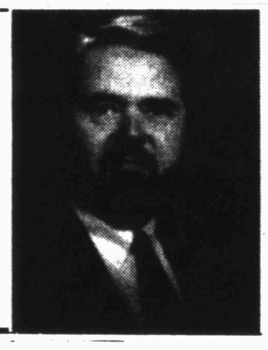
Under pressure from Fox and New York Times columnist Bob Herbert, District Attorney Charles Hynes' office recently agreed to reopen the case. A three-month review found Garner had a reputation for toying with the truth — even among some members of his own family, said Assistant District Attorney John Besunder.

"They consider him a liar," Besunder told the judge.

Besunder also said Garner and Blake were childhood friends, and that Blake had possibly picked on him as a kid. But, he added, "we'll never know" what Garner's motivation was for lying. He cannot be charged with perjury because the five-year statute of limitations has expired.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



New product idea? Before you get excited...

Charlie asked me to sign a confidentiality form. It was a written promise not to steal his idea or tell anyone else about it. I signed, then Charlie told me about the details.

As he described his idea, I remembered seeing or reading something about a very similar product. We found it in a four-month-old National automotive magazine. Charlie's idea was already patented and on the market.

Sally's new idea was clever and cute. Sally thought so, her mother thought so and her friend agreed. Sally knew this was her ticket to early retirement.

Sally grew defensive as I began to ask questions. Who might buy her product? How much will it cost to build and package the product? How much might a buyer be willing to pay for it?

Sally didn't want to deal with these or any other questions. She wanted to get a loan and begin manufacturing right away.

Charlie and Sally are real. I've changed their names and the situations for the sake of confidentiality.

I've seen hundreds of new product ideas over the years. Some are on the market today doing nicely, while others never made the grade. If you have an idea for a new product and aren't sure how to proceed, read on.

Successful product characteristics

•The best products are desirable. It should be fascinating and compelling. It may fill a need, but you'll sell more if it satisfies a "want" as well.

•The products with the highest potential are simple, but obvious. The benefits your products offer should be self-evident. If you have to spend a lot of time explaining how it works and why everyone should have one, it may not sell.

•The best products have a positive image. If your product is harmful or degrading to individuals or the environment, don't expect instant success.

•Your new product needs a highly definable target customer. If you feel *everybody* will want one, you probably won't appeal to *anyone*.

•Your product needs to be innovative. If you are trying to solve a common problem, you must solve it better than anyone else has. Is your approach fresh and innovative?

•Your product shouldn't be too far ahead of the accepted curve. Innovative yes, far-out no. Beware of faddish, furtistic trends.

•The best products are "stand alone" products. Don't tie your sueecss to another's wagon.

•Your new product should utilize established channels of distribution., Getting a new product ready for the market is enough of a challenge. You don't want to blaze a new path to the market as well.

•The best products are targeted at specific points. One of the most clever new products I ever saw violated this principle and never sold. Market research indicated a price point of about two dollars. The client was so sold on his own idea that he got a little greedy and tried to bring it to the market at four dollars. No sale. With careful cost control it could have netted its owner nearly 40 percent and sold for $1.99.

•The best products use easily available materials and manufacturing process. It helps if tooling and start-up costs are low. The higher the entry level costs, the higher the risk factor.

•Your product needs to be safe to use. Product liability is a critical issue for businesses. More often than not, manufacturers will be drawn into court even if a product is misused. Keep it simple and keep it safe.

•Your product needs to be original. Check industry publications, patent depository libraries and all available literature. Don't waste your time and money reinventing the wheel.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Bsuiness," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

'Hero' charged

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 17-year-old Fort Worth boy who had been hailed as a hero for saving the life of a 14-year-old girl now has been charged in her stabbing.

Jay Fieldon Howell had told authorities he found Selena Jones near death Monday from stab wounds and took her to his family's home. He told police he then took the girl to the hospital.

But by Wednesday, Fort Worth police say the youth had confessed to committing the deed in a his "secret room" — a backyard shed where he allegedly had a satanic altar.

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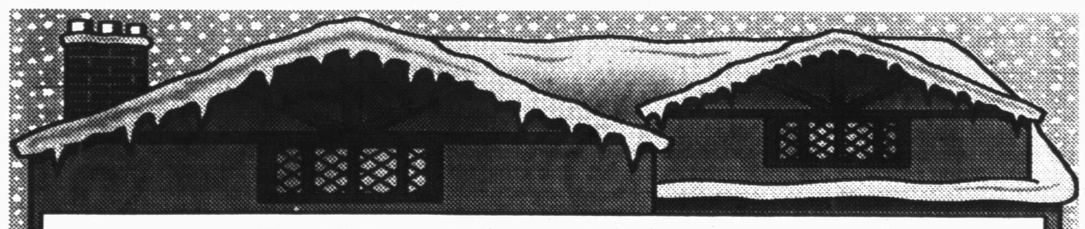
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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: What determines what is classified as "dietary fiber" in foods? — Y.C., North Hollywood, Calif.

DEAR Y.C.: "Fiber" doesn't refer to one unique substance. Rather, it stands for a variety of indigestible materials found in plant foods.

The foods we eat are made up of a complex combination of nutrient and non-nutrient ingredients. In order for your body to absorb and use what's in food, the food has to be taken apart piece by piece. The dis-assembly line is your digestive system, a 26-foot-long muscular tube. Enzymes are the key compounds involved in the digestive process, as they are the chemicals that break the foods down. Fiber is unique because the body lacks the right enzymes to take it apart. This means that instead of being absorbed like other carbohydrates, fiber becomes part of the bulk that travels through the intestines and out of the body.

As fiber travels through the digestive system, what it does depends on how it's built. An important distinction is whether the fiber dissolves in water. There are two main categories of dietary fiber — insoluble and soluble — and their health benefits differ. Both, however, are valuable parts of the diet. At present, our diets contain only about half of the fiber we need. A considerable body of research associates an increased intake of fiber (25 to 30 grams per day) with positive effects on heart disease, certain cancers, diabetes, constipation, diarrhea, diverticulitis, hemorrhoids and ulcerative colitis. That's quite impressive, when you consider that dietary fiber isn't even absorbed!

DEAR DR. BLONZ: In California, store-bought milk is fortified with vitamins A and D. I am aware that vitamin D aids in the absorption of calcium, so it makes sense to put it in milk. My question is this: What, exactly, is fortification? Why choose vitamin A for milk? What's the connection? — R.J., Pasadena, Calif.

DEAR R.J.: The fortification of foods began as a practical way to increase their nutritional value — often in response to specific deficiency conditions. The process began in the 1930s, after public health organizations reported that a number of nutrients were chronically deficient in the diets of a significant number of people.

In a joint-policy statement, the American Medical Association and the Food and Nutrition board of the National Academy of Sciences proposed that nutrients be purposefully added to foods. Nutrients were selected based on their deficiency in the American diet. The foods used to supply nutrients would be those consumed in sufficient quantities to have the desired effect in the target populations, while not presenting danger due to excessive consumption by others. Finally, the nutrients needed to be in a stable, easily-absorbed form.

Scientists decided to rely on staple foods, such as cereals, milk products and salt. Vitamin D — and later, vitamin A — were added to milk products mainly because they were thought to be the best food vehicles for these nutrients.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I take a vitamin/mineral supplement containing 15 International Units (IU) of vitamin E — 50 percent of the recommended daily intake. Additionally, I bought 400-IU vitamin E capsules, but I recently read that this would be too much. What is your opinion? — G.M., Encino, Calif.

DEAR G.M.: Vitamin E has a low toxicity, and amounts up to 1,000 IU are generally considered safe. A daily supplement in the range of 100 to 400 IU per day is certainly reasonable. The one caveat is that vitamin E can have subtle effects on blood coagulation, so the use of vitamin E supplements should be approached cautiously by individuals who have blood coagulation disorders or are taking anticoagulation medications. It is always best to consult your health professional if you have any questions or ongoing health problems.

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

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NUTRITION



ED BLONZ, PH.D.

Man receives five-year sentence

By The Associated Press

Michael Leonard Dorsett, 43, was among 11 people arrested in Texas, Colorado and Kansas who were linked to the plot to attack the Army post on July 4, 1997.

Fort Hood was expecting 50,000 visitors that same day for its annual Freedom Fest.

Dorsett and Bradley Playford Glover, 58, of Kansas were arrested at a campground about 60 miles from Fort Hood. Federal agents found a truck nearby with 1,600 rounds of ammunition, semiautomatic pistols, assault rifles, bulletproof vests, a smoke grenade, homemade silencer and explosive materials.

Glover pleaded guilty last month to a similar weapons charge, a felony that carries a mandatory five-year sentence. He is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 3.

Dorsett and Glover were members of a group that splintered from an anti-federal government organization called the Third Continental Congress. Glover once called himself the brigadier general of the 7th Division United States Constitutional Militia.

Laminated note used in robbery

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — One busy bandit has hit so many stores that he dreamed up a sure-fire way to keep the cash coming and also save on elbow grease.

He laminated his demand note.

Police believe the same man is responsible for robberies at 19 shops in 28 days, and that he's worked out a system: He puts the laminated note on a counter and shows that he's got a gun stashed in his pants.

Apparently, he decided the people who pull off bank heists had the right idea.

Beanie Babies stolen from store

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The Beanie Baby craze has come to this — someone broke into a Wichita Falls store and stole about $3,000 worth of the collectible toys.

The heist happened sometime Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning at Georgann's Craft Mall. The thief broke a side glass door, entered the building and took only the beanbag toys, police Lt. Dennis Bachman said.

The manager of Georgann's declined to talk about the theft to the Wichita Falls Times Record News.

But the theft hardly shocked collectors and other merchants. The toys are hot, and collectors sometimes can be rabid for their stuffed animals.

"It doesn't surprise me that someone would go to those lengths," said Sheree Howell, a salesclerk at Finishing Touch, which receives up to 200 calls daily about the toys. "If that person is serious about Beanies, they'll do about anything to get them."

Mary Bartow, a 63-year-old grandmother, understands the craze. She started buying the toys for her granddaughter, but now keeps them for herself.

"I've got them piled on a shelf, but you don't touch them because you don't want to get them dirty," said Ms. Bartow, who started collecting Beanies in September and has amassed a couple hundred of them.

"I'm going to keep the ones I have, but I'll leave them to my kids when I'm gone," she said. "They can do what they want with them, but they better not touch them while I'm alive."

Longtime L.A. County sheriff dead but campaign continues

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The head of the nation's largest sheriff's department has died, but supporters of Sherman Block have vowed to give voters a chance to re-elect the spirit of his leadership.

Block died Thursday night at USC University Hospital of cerebral hemorrhaging, five days before Los Angeles County voters were to decide whether to give him a fifth term. He was 74.

Within minutes, Block's political consultants made clear that his re-election campaign will go on against retired division chief Lee Baca.

"Sheriff Block remains on the ballot," said campaign chairman Jay Grodin. "The campaign continues forward to maintain the sheriff's vision."

If Block wins, an interim sheriff appointed by the county Board of Supervisors would serve until 2000 and have the option of running for a two-year term. If Baca wins, an interim sheriff would be appointed to serve until the new sheriff is sworn in Dec. 3.

Block had surgery Monday to remove a blood clot in the brain, which was discovered after he fell at his home Saturday. His health already had been a key campaign issue; he twice battled cancer and regularly underwent kidney dialysis.

Block was popular with voters, but faced a tough re-election battle against Baca, a former subordinate. Block was the first incumbent in more than a century to be forced into a runoff.

"When tragedy strikes a strong family, like the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, differences are put aside for family's sake," Baca said Thursday. "Our family has lost its leader."

Block came to Los Angeles from Chicago in the 1950s and worked his way up through department ranks. County supervisors appointed him to the vacant sheriff's office in January 1982, and he was elected to the post later that year.

Block ultimately became the nation's highest-paid elected official, earning $234,016 a year — more than the president's $200,000 annual salary.

He oversaw 12,400 employees and was responsible for policing 2.5 million people in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County as well as 40 cities that contract with the department for service. He also operated the nation's largest urban jail system, with 19,000 inmates.

Block guided the department through years in which it dealt with natural disasters and major law enforcement problems such as gang violence, drug trafficking, soaring jail populations and the 1992 Rodney King riots.

There were also internal problems ranging from a drug money-skimming scandal involving members of an elite narcotics squad to repeated errant releases of prisoners from jails.

In 1995, a jury found that 25 of Block's deputies made false arrests, used excessive force and conspired to violate civil rights during a disturbance that erupted when they responded to a report of trouble at a Samoan-American family's party. Last month, the county paid 36 plaintiffs a total of nearly $24 million.

Man bares buttocks to female judge

RAVENNA, Ohio (AP) — A man being arraigned via video turned the proceedings into an R-rated show by baring his buttocks to a female judge.

Todd Ekmark, 30, was in jail Thursday on a contempt charge for dropping his pants in front of a camera after he pleaded innocent Oct. 22 to a domestic violence charge.

Judge Barbara Watson figures he wasn't too happy that bond was set at $5,000.

"He probably thought he was out of range of the camera," she said.

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1	2	3 Pep Rally 10:45 am courtyard Dusters vs Cisco 6:00 p.m. Coliseum	4 Grief Workshop Noon-1p.m. Faculty Dining Room	5 PTK Pursuit of Happiness 10:45 a.m. FAT Faculty/Admin. Meeting 4:00	6 SGA Region 1 Convention El Paso, TX	7 SGA Region 1 Convention El Paso, TX
8	9 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Board Room Dusters VS LCU - 6:00 p.m. at the coliseum	10 Campus Activity central courtyard SGA 10:55 a.m.	11	12 Duster at Southwest Shootout	13	14 TASP Test
15	16 Dusters vs Cisco 8:00 p.m. At Cisco	17 SGA 10:55 A.M.	18	19 Founders Day 1045 a.m. SC Christmas Tree Lighting 6:30 p.m.	20 Duster at FPC Tourn. Drama Production	21 Duster at FPC Tourn. Drama Production
22 Aline Parks & Jean Everett Book Signing 1-2:30 Scurry County Museum	23	24 SGA 10:55 a.m.	25 Classes recess 1:00 p.m.	26 Thanksgiving CLOSED	27 CLOSED	28 Dusters vs Ranger 3:00 p.m. Coliseum
29	30					

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Thursday, November 19

5:30 p.m - Santa Clause Holiday Opening - Scurry County Museum

6:30 p.m - Christmas Tree Lighting & Talent Show Central Courtyard

7:00 p.m.- Planetarium Show

8:00 p.m.-Christmas Musical- Drama Department/Ritz Theater-WTC Fine Arts Theater

Get your picture taken with Santa Clause $3.00 each 7:00 p.m. Student Center

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FDA and margarine maker are involved in showdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new margarine touted as a way to help Americans reduce their cholesterol levels has a problem: The government says its maker is trying to sell it illegally.

McNeil Consumer Products plans to sell Benecol margarine nationwide next year, and had set the first test-marketing for next week in Portland, Ore.

But the Food and Drug Administration warned the company Thursday that it is violating the law in attempting to sell Benecol as a dietary supplement instead of as a food subject to government approval. If McNeil persists, FDA said it could even seize the product from grocery shelves.

It is a matter "that we regard as very serious," FDA food chief Joseph Levitt wrote Thursday to McNeil.

McNeil spokesman Ron Schmid said the company still plans to go ahead with the test marketing but will meet with FDA to try to resolve the issue.

"Benecol has been proven to be safe in numerous clinical studies and through the consumption of over 120 million servings in Finland," Schmid said. "This provides remarkable health benefits."

Benecol margarine is a low-fat oil mixed with an ingredient derived from pine trees, called sitostanol, that appears to help prevent the body from absorbing as much dietary cholesterol as it normally would. Created in Finland, it is such a huge seller there that stores cannot keep shelves stocked, even at prices six times higher than regular margarine.

McNeil has said it plans to sell Benecol as a dietary supplement — not a food. That is important legally, because Congress in 1994 largely exempted dietary supplements from FDA regulation.

Until now, most dietary supplements have been pills, powders or tonics. Benecol, in contrast, is a yellow spread for people to put on their toast that will sell right next to regular butter and margarine in the grocery store.

That is not a dietary supplement, the FDA insisted. Benecol is clearly a food, and it is made from an ingredient never before sold in this country, the regulators said.

"We don't actually know what this substance is," said FDA Deputy Commissioner William Schultz. "To assure the safety of the food supply, ... give FDA that data and let us look at it."

Federal law says that to sell here, new food ingredients must either win FDA approval or be certified by qualified experts as a generally safe substance, something the agency said has not been done.

If a food advertises itself as improving health — such as by lowering cholesterol — the law says FDA also must agree there is proof of that claim.

The FDA is not saying that Benecol could never be sold in the United States, or not be marketed here in the near future. But it first wants to see evidence that the product is safe and that it reduces cholesterol.

McNeil could submit safety data from Finland. A study already published in the New England Journal of Medicine found Finnish consumers who ate three pats of Benecol margarine a day lowered their cholesterol by 10 percent, and a just-finished Mayo Clinic study found similar results in 300 Americans.

McNeil's Schmid would not say why the company simply does not submit that data to the FDA to end the dispute. He insisted the product meets Congress' definition of a dietary supplement.

Meanwhile, the test-marketing will go on as planned, with Benecol selling for $5 to $6 for a week's supply of 21 servings, Schmid said. Larger amounts of regular margarine typically sell for about $2.

The FDA warned McNeil in an Oct. 16 meeting that it would treat Benecol as a food, but the company announced the next week that it considered the product an unregulated dietary supplement. The FDA also has told McNeil competitor UniLever that its pending cholesterol-lowering margarine will be regulated as a food, Schultz said.

$1.12 million fine proposed against Houston phone firm

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators proposed their second largest "slamming" fine — $1.12 million — against a Texas company accused of switching people to its long-distance service without permission.

The Federal Communications Commission alleged in an order Thursday that Brittan Communications International Corp. of Houston violated the agency's anti-slamming rules.

The FCC alleges that the company used forged forms to authorize a change in a person's long-distance carrier. In some cases, sweepstakes entry forms were used to authorize the switch, but the affected customers denied having filled them out. In other cases, forms were signed by people unrelated and unknown to the affected customers.

The company has 30 days to either pay the proposed fine or make a case to the FCC as to why the fine should be reduced or not imposed.

Brittan intends to contest the proposed fine. "We will be investigating each complaint once the FCC provides us with all the information," said spokeswoman Dee Najvar.

Datebook

Oct. 31, 1998

Today is the 304th day of 1998 and the 39th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1956, Rear Admiral G.J. Dufek became the first person to land an airplane at the South Pole.

On this day in 1982, Pope John Paul II became the first pope to visit Spain.

On this day in 1984, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India was assassinated.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Keats (1795-1821), poet; Joseph Wilson Swan (1828-1914), inventor; Chiang Kai-shek (1887-1975), Chinese leader; Ethel Waters (1900-1977), actress-singer; Dick Francis (1920-), mystery writer, is 78; Dan Rather (1931-), broadcast journalist, is 67; Michael Landon (1936-1991), actor; John Candy (1950-1994), comedian; Jane Pauley (1950-), broadcast journalist, is 48; Fred McGriff (1963-), baseball player, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1983, coach and Chicago Bears owner George "Papa Bear" Halas died at the age of 88.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If poetry comes not as naturally as the leaves to a tree it had better not come at all." — John Keats

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1874, a waterspout over Lake Erie reached the shore about 1/2 mile west of Buffalo, N.Y.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar. Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Oct. 28) and full moon (Nov. 4).

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Nov. 1, 1998

Today is the 305th day of 1998 and the 40th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1611, William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" premiered at Whitehall Palace, in London.

On this day in 1848, the Boston Female Medical School opened. It was the first medical school for women.

On this day in 1964, the Dave Clark Five appeared on the "Ed Sullivan Show."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benvenuto Cellini (1500-1571), sculptor; Stephen Crane (1871-1900), writer; Grantland Rice (1880-1954), sportswriter; Gary Player (1935-), golfer, is 63; Lyle Lovett (1956-), singer songwriter actor, is 42; Fernando Valenzuela (1960-), baseball player, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1913, the forward pass was first used in football, in a game between Notre Dame and Army.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When I play with my cat, who knows if I am not a pastime to her more than she is to me?" — Michel de Montaigne

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1994, two F1 tornadoes cut short, 75-yard-wide paths through areas of central Baltimore, Md.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar. Accord Publishing, Ltd.

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Glen Rose aquifer rises

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — The Natural Bridge Caverns in South Central Texas are still underwater after the area received more than 19 inches of rain in just a few days earlier this month.

As a result of the unrelenting rain, the Glen Rose Aquifer rose more than 75 feet, flooding the caverns.

"If you have ever wondered what an aquifer looks like, this is your chance," said Brian Vauter, a cave geologist at Natural Bridge.

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Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	4,330
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Held-to-maturity securities	27,708
Available-for-sale securities	28,671
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	6,150
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income: 27,363	
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses: 191	
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve: 0	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	27,172
Trading assets	0
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	812
Other real estate owned	236
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0
Intangible assets	0
Other assets	1,328
Total assets	96,407

LIABILITIES

Deposits:	
In domestic offices	83,417
Noninterest-bearing: 12,152	
Interest-bearing: 71,265	
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	0
Trading liabilities	0
Other borrowed money (includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases):	
With a remaining maturity of one year or less	0
With a remaining maturity of more than one year through three years	0
With a remaining maturity of more than three years	0
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	0
Subordinated notes and debentures	0
Other liabilities	1,838
Total liabilities	85,255

EQUITY CAPITAL

Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	1,500
Surplus	1,500
Undivided profits and capital reserves	8,101
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Taps for veteran



Deanie Francis Mills

He was buried with full military honors, beneath a buttery Texarkana sun, and the seven honorary military men and women chosen for the special detail fired off their rifles with a crisp crack! crack! crack! into the Air Force blue sky.

He had served in the Air Force for more than 20 years, starting back when it was the Army Air Corps. The gut-wrenching strains of Taps floated with sad finality over the mourners.

"I was in the South Pacific when they were preparing for the Battle of Midway," he once said. "And as far as the eye could see over the ocean, from horizon to horizon, were Alied warships. It was a magnificent sight."

The service men and women smartly folded the flag, corner to corner.

"I helped load nuclear warheads into the bombers during the Cuban Missile Crisis," he said. "I told the kids that if war came, we would go up to the family land in Oklahoma. They were worried that Oklahoma might be bombed, and I told them that the Russians were too stupid to bomb Oklahoma."

They folded spent shell casings into the corners of the flag, and a handsome young black officer hugged the flag to his chest, arms crossed protectively. Utter silence settled itself over the cemetery, and even the sobs were muffled.

At 78 years old, he'd still been able to fit into his uniform. He was buried in it.

The young man knelt before my mother and said, "On behalf of the President of the United States, we would like to express our appreciation for the service your loved one gave to our country. May he rest in peace, and God bless you." And he gave her the tri-corner flag. It was too much to bear.

Sobbing, she handed the flag to my brother.

They had been married for 25 years. She'd married Leon Lewis a couple of years after the death of my daddy, Bill Francis, with whom she'd shared more than 20 years of marriage. For the second time in my life, I watched as she laid her hand on the casket and said, "Good-bye, sweetie."

When Leon married my mother, he had already been retired from the Air Force for seven years and had already raised five children of his own. My brother and I were in college, but my two young sisters were just little girls. He didn't really want to start a new family all over again, but he loved my mother, and so he did. He became "Daddy" to my sisters and gave them a home filled with love, laughter, gentleness, and tolerance.

Many times over the years, he confided to me that he'd never been happy before my mother came into his life. His own kids seemed to understand this, for they accepted her with genuine affection and respect. After the funeral, each one approached her and offered her a home should she ever need it.

The college-age grandkids were forced to miss the funeral due to mid-term exams, but they didn't want to say their good-byes to Granddaddy Leon at a cemetery anyway. They wanted to come out to the farm he'd loved, walk out to the barn — standing empty since the first of his strokes several years ago — and put pennies on the railroad tracks. Doing things they had done with Granddaddy Leon was the way to say good-bye, especially for my kids, so soon after the funeral for their beloved Grandma in Dallas.

And laugh. Leon's kids, most of whom were military brats at heart, had all taken careers that involved world travel, mostly with the oil industry. They and their kids came in from as far away as Scotland and states like California, Arizona, Louisiana and Arkansas. Some of them I hadn't seen for 20 years or more, but had tracked their travels from Singapore to Norway, from Jhakarta to Scotland, from Spain to Ireland.

We filled up Mother's country house like circus clowns in a small car, and proceded to trade tall tales on one another to gales of laughter — a wake Leon would most surely have appreciated.

My sister Jeanne regaled us with jokes dirty and clean, and when the kids came in from school, we were treated to more entertainment, particularly from my son, who seemed to possess a limitless supply of wild Aggie Corps tales to relate.

At one point, two days after the funeral, exhaustion was showing on my mother's face as my sisters, the kids and husbands and I sat around just before leaving. Talk murmured around the room while she sat quietly on the couch in a sort of stupor.

Suddenly, Dustin's voice rang out with the punch line to one of his stories: "IT'S NOT A FISH PRIVILEGE TO RUN AROUND BUTT NEKKID IN THE DORM! I DON'T CARE IF YOU ARE DRUNK."

There was a heartbeat of shocked silence, then Mother, grabbing her midsection, fell over laughing so hard I thought her glasses would slip off her nose. Soon we were all guffawing.

Grief takes shape in many forms. My little mama will be forced to sell the farm and move to town, as is so often the case. We all worry about her. And we all miss the man who used to fold her up in his arms and talk baby talk to her as if there were nobody else in the room.

But as long as we can continue to laugh together and love together, I think we're going to be all right.

Deanie Mills' column appears weekly in the Snyder Daily News

Letters

Company G

Dear Editor:

World War II veterans of Company G of the 36th Division are currently meeting in Snyder for their annual reunion. I had always looked forward to returning to Snyder with my father, R.C. Rainwater, to attend this reunion. However, when I attended two years ago, I knew that this would be my father's last one because of his failing health.

In memory of Daddy and in tribute to this wondeful group of men and their families, I hope you will publish this guest article and photo.

Sincerely,
Patsy Rainwater Maddux

As I sat in the theater watching "Saving Private Ryan," I realized that my friend's review of the movie was a perfect description ... from the souls to the true-to-life graphic reminders of the casualties of war.

At times, there was only silence throughout the theater. At other times screams could be heard from the actors above the riveting sound of machine gun fire, making the movie seem so real. During one scene I felt as if I was under water, hearing the sounds of bullets ripping through the sea. Occasionally, I could also hear my 19-year-old daughter choking back tears, reallaizing that she had made a connection of a war from a textbook to her grandfather's Purple Heart that's framed in a memory box in our home.

Like my daughter, I remembered when I could only relate the basic facts of World War II from a history book as a sophomore at Snyder High School. After all, each day in class we read the chapter and answered review questions. At that time, I only knew that my father had fought in the war. Period! I did not know any of the details because my mother tried to protect my father from remembering a war where he saw men die every day, including friends that fought beside him as soldiers of the 36th Division ... the Texas Army.

It seems like only yesterday that when a war movie would flash across the screen of our black and white Motorola television set in the 1950s that my mother would switch to the other channel, explaining that the show would only remind my dad of "the war." I had no idea that these reminders of war included my father in the first wave of troops to invade Italy in September 1943, rushing from the boats under a steady stream of machine gun fire ... just like in "Saving Private Ryan."

As real as the action seemed in the movie, the first scenes reminded me of a special day in September, 1988 when my father and I looked across the rows of 8,000 crosses at the American cemetery in Anzio, Italy. Like the family in the movie, together we searched for the graves of soldiers from his company that had died in action.

One by one, we looked for the 18 names that my father had listed on a sheet of notebook paper that he had made from a list of Company G casualties of the Italian campaign. Reading the dates of the deaths of these soldiers reminded my father of the battles where these men had paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

As our tour group of 16 veterans searched for the graves of their comrades, I noticed one of the veterans placing a bouquet of flowers at one of the graves. As I watched Joe Cotropia through my zoom lens, he slowly knelt at the cross of his captain. As I tried to focus my camera, I watched the veteran remove his cap, gently placing the T-patch emblem cap on his captain's cross to pray for his leader who he had only known for 10 hours.

Later that day I told the veteran that I had captured the reunion on film to share in a slide show at my father's Company G reunion. His smile was approval of me not only sharing this special moment with him, but also the copy of the photo that I promised to send to him.

From the somber walk through the cemetery to the veteran's ceremony at Salerno to remember the 45th anniversary of the invasion of Italy. These moments seemed to unlock many memories for these soldiers ... all details of history. For the first time, these veterans shared stories with the family members and new friends in the tour group, including the closeness of combat with the enemy. Like in "Saving Private Ryan," the Texas Army veterans talked about combats where grenades thrown by the enemy would roll to their feet, only to be picked up by the Americans and tossed back to fight their enemies.

For me, personally, I will always cherish the hours of stories and memories that my father told me during the seven days that we spent backtracking World War II in Italy, sharing this historical information with me that became so real ... just like in "Saving Private Ryan." Because of this opportunity to ask him questions, I can now understand the sacrifices that have been made in life to preserve our freedom.

Yes, the movie is graphic because it is so real. But, the timing is perfect because as the years fade into the 21st Century, time is also ticking away for these veterans of war to share their special historical stories with family members.

This reunion in the cemetery in "Saving Private Ryan," also reminds me of another one only 15 months ago. Unlike the annual reunion of Commpany G, this reunion was different. These veterans met at the cemetery in Snyder for my father's funeral. At the end of the service when the pastor asked if anyone would like to speak, the bugler of Company G stepped forward. The veteran identified the soldiers in the crowd who had marched with Sgt. R.C. Rainwater of Company G during the war.



Joe Cotropia

My father would have been honored by the attendance because he had a special kinship with the soldiers of Company G.

For me, I have respect and memories to share with future generations of this special veteran.

Editor's note: Patsy Rainwater Maddux is a 1967 graduate of Snyder High School.

Reply to Wanda 8

Dear Editor:

This letter is in reference to "Wanda 8's letter, who complained about someone calling 9-1-1 claiming that she was driving erratically.

Well Wanda, what you do in your home, in your parked car, in the grocery store, that is all your own business. However, the second you step in your car and start down the road, it is everyone's business.

This is because your car is just as dangerous as a loaded gun. Thousands of people get killed and injured because of careless drivers.

Obviously, the person who called wasn't being "nosey," he or she was just concerned about your well-being.

I'm sure that person wasn't intending for "everyone" to call and embarrass you. And you asked "How could you claim to see so much in a split second?" Well, one morning I was on my way into town (I live down one of those rinky-dinky county roads) when I noticed a car coming towards me. She was driving down my side, but I guess when she noticed me she got on her side. However, right before we were about to pass each other, she swerved, forcing me into the bar ditch.

She didn't pull over, I didn't call the police. She was an older lady (I got close enough to see that) and I understand that sometimes older people's physical ability to drive isn't as good as it used to be.

And maybe they don't even know that they scare people to death, but for some reason society has accepted that and continues to let the older people, who can't drive well, stay on roads. If I knew where the lady lives or what her phone number is, I would be more than happy to ask her if she would like me to give her a ride, so she could run her errands safely.

Instead of scolding the person who called 9-1-1 on Wanda, I would like to thank that person for caring enough about all the drivers on that road that day to take time to call.

Sincerely,
Joni Hembree

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Nuclear waste dump

El Paso Times

Here's some quick and-clear advice for any state officials who might appeal last week's decision that killed the proposed radioactive-waste dump near Sierra Blanca: Don't even think about it.

Even in politics, where nothing can be considered permanent or official, the message has echoed loudly and clearly from multiple sources. Let's start with Gov. George W. Bush: "The state's environmental officials have determined the site is not safe. Therefore, the dump will not be built in Sierra Blanca, period." That sounds awfully final, and it comes from the top elected official in the state.

It's understandable that the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority may still want something to show for the Sierra Blanca effort, which took state officials more than 10 years and cost $50 million. But the governor's edict left no doubt.

There remains the possibility that the disposal authority will ask for a rehearing before the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. That, though, is seen as a perfunctory move and the TNRCC has all the ammunition it needs to refuse.

There also is the remote possibility that the issue of Sierra Blanca could wind up in the district courts. However, any die-hard proponents of such a preposterous notion would find even more discouraging obstacles waiting for them there.

Nuclear waste dump

Austin American-Statesman

"Will the decision not to locate a nuclear waste dump near the West Texas border with Mexico prompt the Mexican government to respond to entreaties to clean up border pollution?

It should. Although Mexico's semiofficial protest of the Sierra Blanca nuclear waste dump wasn't the recorded reason for the permit denial, it was no doubt a factor in a complicated decision. And it should give Texas leverage in convincing Mexico to help further in mitigating border pollution. ...

In denying the permit for a nuclear waste dump 20 miles from the Mexican border, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission opened the door to better cooperation on border pollution issues. Now is the time to urge Mexico to walk through it and help clean up the mess on the border."

School class size

Houston Chronicle

The 86,000-plus-member Association of Texas Professional Educators is among the many groups making preparations for next year's legislative session.

The state's largest association of educators says the landmark HB 72 school reform legislation, which mandated a pupil-teacher ratio of 22 to 1 in grades kindergarten through fourth, is in need of a tune-up because too many waivers are being granted and children simply aren't being taught well in larger classes.

The group wants the Legislature to tighten up on the granting of waivers, extend the ratio to the sixth grade and mandate more honest reporting of classrooms and schools where the ratio is not being observed.

These are worthy goals, but how much support they receive in the Legislature will largely be a function of money — to no one's surprise.

The ATPE is correct. There are too many waivers granted, particularly in overcrowded urban districts like Houston's. Students would benefit from more intensive and personal instruction if the ratio were extended. During the last school year approximately 2,300 class-size waivers were granted in Harris County alone.

But extending the ratio to sixth grade, according to Texas Education Agency estimates, would require hiring an additional 4,700 teachers across the state at an expense in the hundreds of millions of dollars, this during a time when there is a widespread teacher shortage.

"It's a matter of priorities," says ATPE President Amy White, a classroom teacher from Abilene. Yes, and an honest legislative debate over those priorities and how to pay for them should be welcomed. The one area of the ATPE agenda that deserves special consideration is changing the way class-size waivers are reported. Honest arithmetic doesn't carry a high price tag, and it would give Texans a clearer picture of how their schools are functioning and how their children are being taught.

Currently, school campuses report student-teacher averages, as opposed to the actual number of students in each class. The averages have less meaning and accuracy, and since the number of students in each class is readily available, there is no reason why the legislature should not mandate and the TEA cannot shift its computer software to accept the more honest and accurate reporting.

The class-size requirement was at the heart of the school reforms under which Texas now operates. At the very least, the fullest picture of how the school districts are meeting the requirement should be made available.

With the Nov. 3 election approaching and many candidates making promises about education as a priority, this is one area where the politicians can see those promises through.

Nov. 3rd election

Beaumont Enterprise

As Nov. 3 draws near, you will note (with alarm) an increasing number of candidate commercials featuring denim-shirted, finger-wagging child huggers, as well as their evil twin, the negative ads. These lowest common denominator messages, 30-second spinning wheels, are ideally suited for the lowest common denominator medium.

We won't say anyone is lying to you. But these commercials are an oversimplified picture that voters of any intelligence should be able to put in perspective.

No doubt at this point you're tired of both kinds, though probably more rankled by the ads blasting a candidate's opponent. You might lament them, but the reason you keep seeing them is they work.

A sigh of our society's increasing cynicism is that people dismiss the positive ads more than the negative ones. Nobody, after all, believes any of these candidates is Mr. Rogers.

But voters would be well-advised to cast a discriminating eye on the negative commercials as well. Try to look past the campy imagery and hired actors. Close your eyes and listen to what the baritone is saying — and what he isn't. Get up close to the television and try to read that really fine print. And if you're confused afterward or if it seems simply too cut-and-dried, find out where a candidate really stands by calling his or her office.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Don't fret about occasional floater

DEAR DR. GOTT: I belong to a group of elderly golfers, and we read your column every morning. Your recent article on the "floating stool" has caused us some concern. Some of us, who changed our diets in recent years, believe that the phenomenon is related to diet. Others are convinced that malabsorption of fat is the cause. Many of us have floating stools and wonder if we should make an appointment for a checkup. We would rather play golf.

DEAR READER: I don't blame you.

As it turns out, both the views you've expressed are correct. As I stated in my original column, most instances of floating stool are the normal consequences of lighter-than-water substances in the waste material. For example, air is often incorporated into the fecal matter. Similarly, a high concentration of fiber can also cause the stool to float.

On the other hand, greasy feces (that float) frequently reflect malabsorption of dietary fat. This can lead to nutritional deficiencies and almost always is associated with other symptoms, such as gas, bloating, malaise and weight loss. Moreover, fat malabsorption doesn't come and go; it causes consistent changes in the stool.

Everybody's stools float on occasion. If, however, this pattern is chronic and occurs with the symptoms I mentioned, a medical checkup is appropriate. If, however, you and your golf buddies don't fit this profile, grab your clubs instead.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Constipation and Diarrhea." 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, N.Y. 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Brushing my teeth makes me gag, even vomit. I've tried changing toothpastes and bought an electric toothbrush, to no avail. Is this a common problem?

DEAR READER: No, it's quite uncommon. I doubt that the brand of toothpaste or type of brush are to blame. It's more likely that you have an over-active gag reflex.

Most people are surprised to learn that the back of the tongue contains a rich supply of nerves that induce gagging. (This, incidentally, is why I NEVER ask patients to stick out their tongues when I insert a tongue blade to examine their throats — the best approach is simply to open wide and leave the tongue in as normal a position as possible.)

When you brush your teeth, you may be stimulating the back of your tongue inadvertently, with predictable results.

Try this: When you brush, use a gentle and limited stroke, especially when cleaning your molars. Do not touch the back of your throat or the base of your tongue. This should solve the problem. If it doesn't, see your dentist.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 88 years old and have been diagnosed with advanced osteoporosis, causing multiple vertebral fractures. I have constant pain and use Fosamax daily. Will these fractures ever heal? I have been told by two back surgeons that with the exception of progressive paraplegia, any attempt at reconstruction would require extensive, futile surgery. Is my spine ever going to improve?

DEAR READER: You are in an unenviable position. Because of extensive osteoporosis, the spinal bones have begun to fracture, causing pain and disability, even though you are already being treated for brittle bones.

The bad news: No, your spinal fractures are permanent.

The good news: You can be helped.

To begin with, you have been prescribed Fosamax, the only anti-osteoporosis pill that can reverse the process and even strengthen your bones. Hormones and other drugs cannot do this; they only arrest the disease or, when given early enough, prevent it. If you continue to use Fosamax, in a year or two bone density studies may show substantial improvement in your bone-calcium level, While this will undoubtedly prevent further fractures, it will not — unfortunately — affect the fractures you already have. In this instance, the bones have literally been crushed and are unable to reconstruct their original shapes, unlike bones elsewhere in the body.

In the second place, you might benefit from a program of aggressive rehabilitation, administered under the supervision of a physiatrist (an M.D. specialist in rehab medicine). Using a combination of active and passive exercises, pain medication, muscle strengthening, ultrasound therapy and other techniques, these professionals could — in all likelihood — reduce your pain and improve your independence. Of course, nothing in this world is guaranteed, but I urge you to ask your physician for a referral.

Surgery is probably not an option. I agree with your back specialists who stated that an operation is dangerous and chancy, unless you develop unmistakable signs of nerve compression or deterioration.

I am sorry to say that you reflect an increasing problem in this country: the consequences of osteoporosis. If you had received therapy years ago, you might not be in the straits you are today.

This is why I urge most of my patients over 60 or 70 years of age to have bone density examinations. These simple tests are particularly important for women after menopause and women with a family history of osteoporosis. If the test shows normal bone-calcium, fine. Repeat it in a year or two. If it shows significant demineralization, however, immediate steps should be taken to avoid the very complications that you are experiencing.

The bottom line is that osteoporosis is preventable. It can occur even in physically active women in their 50s. Women in their 80s are almost certain to have it. Early diagnosis is crucial.

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EPA's plan to put chemical site data on Internet eyed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government proposal to post potential casualty figures for disasters at all major U.S. chemical plants on the Internet is raising alarm that it will give terrorists a blueprint for attacks.

The FBI, the Central Intelligence Agency, the chemical industry, the national fire chiefs' association and key members of Congress have all objected to the Environmental Protection Agency's idea for the "worst-case scenario" information.

The dispute highlights the challenges facing the government as it strives to make useful information available to citizens on the lightning-fast, far-reaching Internet, where it can fall into unintended hands.

The data include chemical inventories as well as detailed information regarding where and how accidental chemical releases could occur in a worst-case scenario, how far released chemicals could travel and the populations that would be affected. The latter data amount to "the number of potential casualties from an attack on a particular facility," the FBI says.

Though concerns have been raised for 10 months, EPA has yet to craft an acceptable alternative. Recently, the FBI rejected the agency's idea to post the information on the Internet with certain "speed bumps" that would slow down access.

"This proposal has been reviewed within the FBI and the intelligence community and has generally been determined to be an ineffective means of protecting the information," Assistant FBI Director John Collingwood wrote Congress on Oct. 9.

EPA spokesman Dave Cohen said the two sides have met since that letter and "we are moving closer toward agreement." He declined to be more specific.

"We feel it will be handled in a such a way to satisfy both the need to make information public about potential environmental hazards while being completely respectful to all of the national security needs," Cohen said.

Documents and correspondence obtained by The Associated Press suggest the EPA has been reluctant to abandon its idea for Internet dissemination despite concerns that were raised by the CIA and FBI as early as December 1997. At one point, the correspondence indicates, EPA officials told the FBI that if the agency kept the data off the Internet, environmental groups would simply obtain it and put it on the Internet themselves.

Lawmakers have also weighed in with concern.

"I must say I find the FBI's assessment of your agency's proposal quite alarming, and I am disturbed that you even have considered proceeding with such a proposal in the face of these serious public safety concerns," House Commerce Committee Chairman Thomas Bliley, R-Va., wrote EPA Administrator Carol Browner this week. Bliley's committee oversees EPA.

In western Texas, a group of white supremacists were foiled in their plans to blow up an energy and chemical plant. Rep. Charles Stenholm, the Democrat in whose district the incident occurred, wrote Browner in March warning that Internet publication would "have the effect of drawing a bulls-eye on manufacturing facilities all over the United States."

FDA approves tamoxifen as breast cancer protector

WASHINGTON (AP) — All the women in Zora Brown's family have had breast cancer, and now a new generation — 17 nieces — is getting old enough to confront the fear. So this Thanksgiving, the entire family will gather to debate whether these young women should consider taking the powerful drug tamoxifen to cut their risk of getting breast tumors.

"There will be no overpromising, or frightening them, or coddling them," Brown said. The Washington cancer survivor and activist plans to tell her nieces that tamoxifen helps some women, but also can cause life-threatening side effects.

"It's their choice," she said.

In a landmark decision that sets the stage for similar soul-searching by millions of women, the government said Thursday that taking tamoxifen pills every day can help healthy women at very high risk of breast cancer cut their odds of a tumor.

But the Food and Drug Administration warned that tamoxifen is not for everyone, and demanded that doctors carefully consider which women really need it.

"For the right patient ... this represents a very good option," said FDA Acting Commissioner Michael Friedman, a cancer specialist. "But it is not universally beneficial and shouldn't be misused. The key here is to be an informed consumer."

The FDA's action makes tamoxifen the first medicine to win formal government approval as a way to reduce cancer risk, thus "a monumental decision," said Dr. Kathy Albain of Loyola University Medical School in Maywood, Ill., near Chicago.

But it also will require sophisticated decision-making by consumers, as healthy women weigh the pros and cons of taking a side effect-prone drug every day for up to five years to ward off a frightening disease they may, or may not, get.

"It's not a magic pill to be taken as you would an aspirin," cautioned Albain. "It's nothing you need to rush out tomorrow and do. You need to understand the ramifications."

Tamoxifen, used for 25 years to battle existing breast cancer, began making headlines last spring as a drug that possibly prevents tumors. A National Cancer Institute study found high-risk women who took the pills daily cut their chances of developing breast cancer by 44 percent.

In other words, some 6,600 American women who took tamoxifen for at least 3½ years had 69 fewer breast tumors than occurred in another 6,000 women who took a dummy pill.

But tamoxifen also doubled women's risk of uterine cancer, tripled the risk of potentially fatal blood clots and increased chances of developing cataracts in the eyes.

Despite much hype, there is no proof tamoxifen truly prevents breast cancer — it may just delay an inevitable tumor, the FDA cautioned.

It also fights only one specific type of tumor. "Women need to understand just because you take tamoxifen, you could still get breast cancer," Albain said.

There are lots of questions, including how well tamoxifen will work in black women like the Brown family, because very few minorities participated in NCI's study.

Also, some women have cancer-causing mutations in genes called BRCA1 or BRCA2. A small British study has suggested tamoxifen does not help these women, but the NCI will not know until it finishes testing women's blood months from now.

Lottery director opposes joining multi-state games

HOUSTON (AP) — If you want to play Powerball, you better fill up the gas tank.

Texas Lottery Commissioner Linda Cloud thinks the Lone Star State should pass for now on Powerball or other multi-state lotteries.

The lottery commission considered the 21-state, Iowa-based Powerball game after its jackpot approached $300 million in August. Agency research also focused on similar but smaller alliances known as the Big Game and Wild Card Lotto.

But the commission decided ticket sales for any multi-state game wouldn't make up for a likely decline in sales for Texas' existing games. Ms. Cloud thinks joining a multi-state cartels would hurt lottery ticket sales further for the Texas games.

"The one thing that I could see happen to us is we'd have a big jackpot where Texas would sell a tremendous amount of tickets and then the winner would be in Illinois or Indiana, and they wouldn't be happy about that," Ms. Cloud told the Houston Chronicle in Friday's editions.

Members of the Texas Lottery Commission agreed without a formal vote, saying now is not the time to jeopardize the game lineup.

An expert already has said Texas games have been "devastated" this year by the 1997 legislative decision to reduce prize payouts along with advertising expenditures.

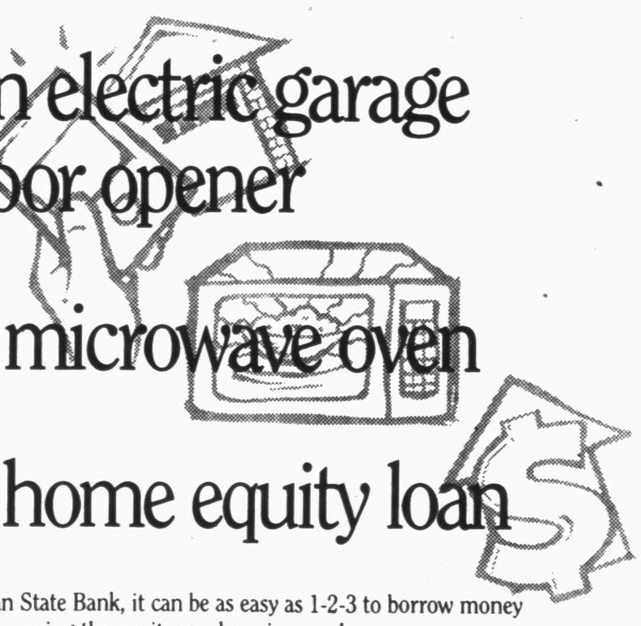
"If it's going to cannibalize lotto and our other on-line games, I can't see the advantage of a 1 percent increase being beneficial to the state," Ms. Cloud said.

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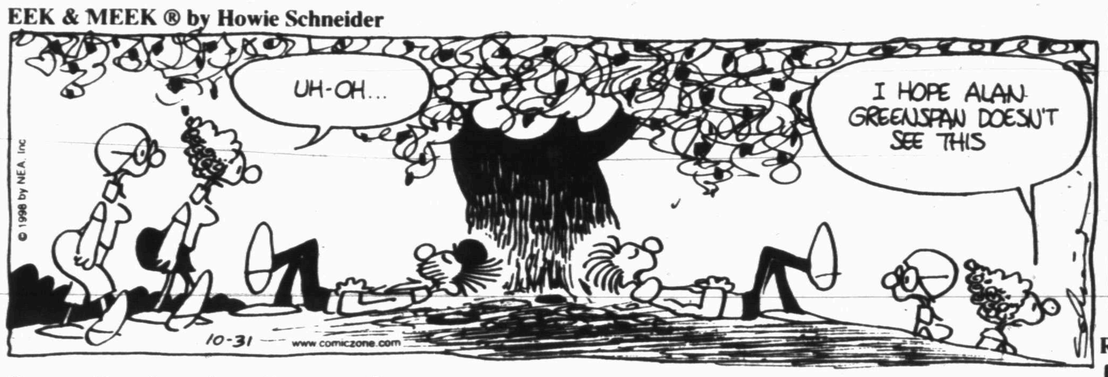
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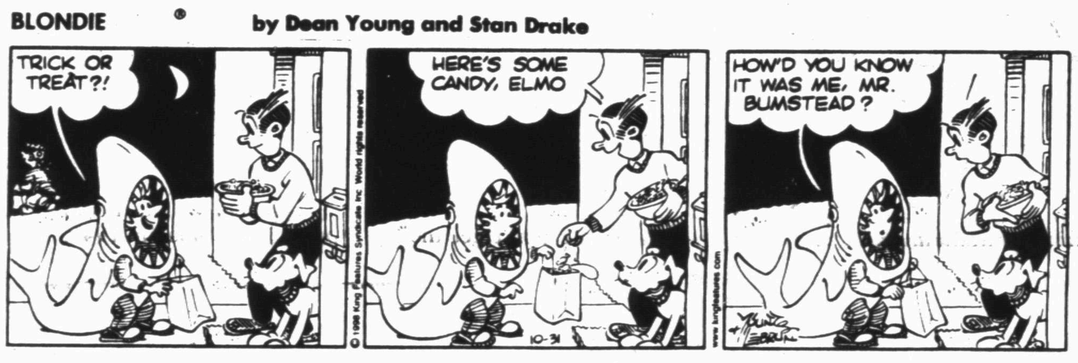
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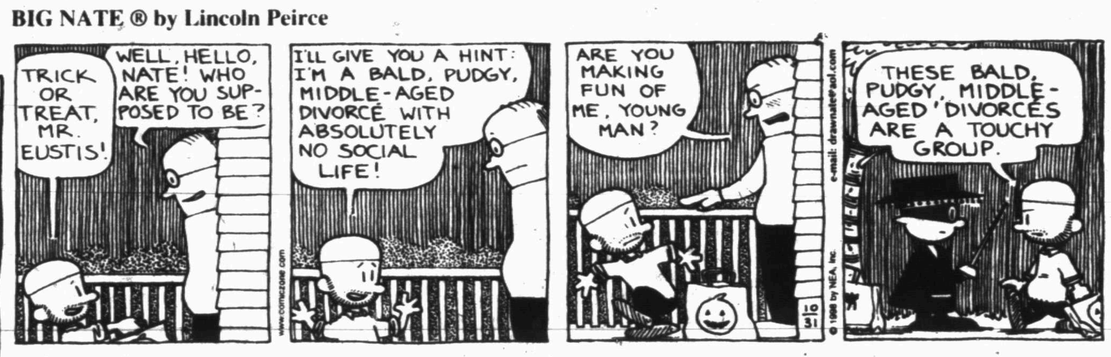
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Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Nov. 1, 1998

A rise in stature could be in the works for you in the year ahead both where your career is concerned and with your standing in the community. Your leap could be a big one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) While you're performing a tedious repetitious task today, you might unexpectedly come up with a new procedure for shortening the steps and taking the drudgery out of job. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Because your mind is quick and your muscles receptive, this is an excellent day to consult with an expert or pro who can develop your skills in activities that call for it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This could be a good day to go on a shopping excursion, especially if you're looking for unique or interesting items that will stand-out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Get an early start on things today, because the race will go to the swift. Keep your eye on the prize once you set your sights on the finish line.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take the time today to look for hidden sources for personal gain. You'll discover there are many bits and pieces you can put together to add up to a hardy sum.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Although spending a quiet Sunday at home with the family can be refreshing after a hectic week, you'll be more in the mood to share some fun with friends. Make some plans early.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Contacts could play a major role in furthering an ambitious aim of yours today. Seek out friends in high places who can put you in touch with those who can help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be a mixer today, but single out those whose conversations usually stimulate your thinking. These types could help bring out the bright ideas locked away in the back of your mind.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't shy away from challenging situations today, because they will serve to awaken your ingenuity and resourcefulness. Feelings of well-being and a growing pride in yourself will be in full supply.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When a helpful tip on how to rejuvenate a sagging relationship that is important to you, act swiftly. It could work if you respond today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you use your smarts instead of conditions or events controlling you today, you can turn the tables and make them work to serve your purposes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Should someone you know casually unexpectedly cross your path again today, take the time to get to know this person better. Something quite good could come of it.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Nov. 2, 1998

Enterprises and ventures you originate have better chances than usual for success in the year ahead. Don't be hesitant to further pursue one of your ideas or get involved with more than one project.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you feel you have a better way of doing something than your co-workers, speak up and be willing to take over. They're not likely to object to sound suggestions. Major changes are ahead for Scorpio in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't delude yourself today into thinking costly activities are automatically the best. Chances are you'll have more fun involving yourself with the things that are free in life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Being too self-involved today could cause you to unintentionally treat others in an abrasive manner, especially those close to you. Be extra mindful of your deportment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Channel your energies and inclinations constructively today. If you find yourself with a vigorous, robust nature just itching to be satisfied, you'll end up running in circles.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Set your sights high today, especially regarding your material goals and objectives. You could do rather well in these areas if you're strongly motivated to do so.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're not likely to do as well as you could today if you rely on others to look out for your affairs. Take the initiative yourself in matters that are especially important to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is one of those days when it could prove more advantageous to be an observer than a participant. You'll learn more from the wings than you will by being in the limelight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you're looking for pleasurable and fun activities today, stick to associating with those you know socially. You're not likely to find that type of camaraderie at the office.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Keep your priorities in proper order today and this could be a productive day for you, especially where your work or career is concerned. Focus on meaningful objectives.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Indecisiveness could be detrimental to you today. If there is something you've already thought through thoroughly, don't spend additional time rehashing what you know to be true.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) We can always learn something from others, even from those who we consider different from our own nature. Today, this fact might be surprisingly demonstrated to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This could be your kind of day. The strengths and benefits of a good partnership arrangement produces substantial benefits from the collective efforts of all involved.

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Elderly face confusing choices as their HMOs quit Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) — Catherine Argento is among about 440,000 elderly or disabled Americans whose health plans are leaving Medicare by Jan. 1. Like many in the same situation, she is not sure what to do.

"It's nerve-wracking. I've been on the phone for two weeks," said the 75-year-old grandmother from White Plains, N.Y.

People whose health plans are leaving Medicare still will have health insurance. But they face confusing choices; for many, the change will be costly.

Like most of the 6 million Medicare beneficiaries who have joined the private health plans, known as health maintenance organizations, in recent years, Argento was looking to save money.

Most HMOs offer more benefits, often including prescription drug and dental coverage, and lower out-of-pocket costs than the traditional Medicare system, in which doctor's bills go directly to the government.

The plans limit government costs, too, because they provide all the care a patient needs for a fixed monthly contract price. Lawmakers have been keen to encourage enrollment.

But at the same time, Congress and President Clinton last year agreed to hold down payments to the HMOs and other health care providers to prop up the cash-poor Medicare program.

As a result, some HMOs announced this year they will stop serving the elderly and disabled in 1999 in parts of 30 states where costs are high or customers are scarce.

Argento said she will be able to manage if she has to spend a little more, but she is worried about friends who are not as healthy or well off.

"They have to go somewhere, these older people who can't really afford everything," she said. "It's so scary."

Many retirees and disabled Americans have heard about HMO closings in the news, but others are still in the dark. The plans are required to provide written notice directly to enrollees by Nov. 2. Service will terminate on Dec. 31.

"One of the things I would want consumers to do is not panic when they get the letter," said Beth Sammis, spokeswoman for Mid Atlantic Medical Services Inc.

The company's Optimum Choice health plan has already notified more than 7,400 Medicare customers in Maryland, Northern Virginia, the District of Columbia and Delaware that it will cut them off Jan. 1.

"The truth really is that there is a long lead time," Sammis said, noting that her company is offering detailed advice, including former competitors' phone numbers.

However, some advocates for the elderly and disabled worry not all insurance companies will be as forthcoming.

"If people don't get the right information, they may not know their rights," said Diane Archer of New York's Medicare Rights Center.

For about 47,000 of those affected by HMO closings nationwide, there will be no choice but to return to traditional Medicare coverage. But most people can choose from other health plans operating where they live.

Even so, government belt-tightening means remaining HMOs may not be offering deals as good as in the past.

"It is very likely that other HMOs in 1999 will have higher out-of-pocket premiums and fewer additional benefits," Archer said.

Also, people switching HMOs often find they have to switch doctors too, because restrictions on patient choice vary widely.

Meanwhile, those opting to return to traditional Medicare can keep seeing their current doctors, but deductibles, co-payments and coverage gaps — most notably, no prescription drug benefit — will be bigger than in an HMO.

To help defray those higher costs, many will want to buy supplemental private insurance known as Medigap. But Medigap also can be expensive — the most popular type costs about $1,200 a year — and not everyone will be eligible.

People who are under age 65 and on Medicare because of a disability, for example, may only be able to get a Medigap policy if they live in the few states where laws require insurance companies to cover the handicapped.

Medicare beneficiaries over age 65 who have been in an HMO less than a year and dropped a Medigap policy when they joined should be able to get back into it regardless of their health status.

Beach cleanup volunteers get more than 100 tons of trash

AUSTIN (AP) — More than 8,000 volunteers collected 119 tons of trash along Texas beaches last weekend in Garry Mauro's last cleanup as land commissioner.

"This beach cleanup program is as much about public and private stewardship of our natural resources as it is about picking up trash from the beaches," said Mauro, who will face George W. Bush in Tuesday's election for governor.

The cleanup was initially scheduled for September but was confined to 67 miles of beaches because of Tropical Storm Frances. Mauro scheduled Saturday's cleanup to hit 151 additional miles of beaches along the upper coast.

Volunteers worked from Padre Island National Seashore in Kleberg County to Sea Rim State Park in Jefferson County, and found an assortment of odd items, according to the Texas General Land Office.

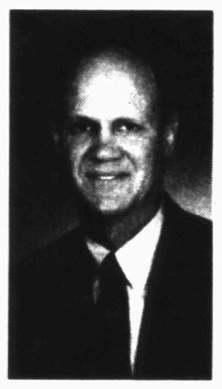
In addition to a 50-pound bag of salt, several toilet seats and a credit card, the volunteers reported finding a soap bottle from Poland, a can from Mexico and an 11-year-old potato chip bag in perfect condition, according to the land office.

Since the program began in 1986, cleanup volunteers have collected 4,166 tons of trash and numerous "weird items."

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Old-fashioned paper and pen still best for formal pants

DEAR ABBY: My children, from a young age, have been schooled in writing prompt and courteous thank-you letters for gifts or other kindnesses they have received. They understand the importance of this common courtesy.

During lunch today, a friend told me about a thank-you note he had received for a gift he had given. The note was received via his computer's e-mail system.

I chuckled and wondered whether this electronic note "counted" as a thank-you note.

Abby, is a well-thought-out, polite thank-you note sent via e-mail an appropriate and acceptable way of acknowledging a gift? If the giver's e-mail is on the giver's letterhead, does this make a difference?

Please hurry your answer. My son's bar mitzvah is approaching and I think it would be a cute and novel way of responding.

BEVERLY HILLS M.D.

DEAR M.D.: If someone goes to the trouble and expense of giving your son a bar mitzvah gift, I suggest you resist the "cute and novel" manner of acknowledging it. For a rite of passage such as this, more formality is required. E-mail is terrific, but save it for less formal occasions.

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DEAR ABBY: The recent letter from the person wanting to know how to say goodbye to someone who was dying whom they held in great esteem prompts this letter.

Seven years ago, I was blessed and honored to be able to care for my husband at home during his courageous battle with cancer. He was loved and admired by many coworkers, friends, acquaintances and family. Our phone rang constantly with calls from the many people who wanted to wish him well.

Although we appreciated the concern and love being expressed, it was emotionallv draining as well as sometimes physically impossible to deal with all the calls. For the first time, we bought an answering machine. It was the kind that broadcasts the message aloud while it is being left. We could monitor the calls, and answer the ones we needed to without having to stop what we were doing.

Though we bought it for our convenience, it turned out to have an additional advantage. Because my husband could no longer talk, it had been difficult for him to interact with visitors. But now he could hear their voices without having to respond or even hold the telephone. One day, as I walked into his room I was touched by the scene that greeted me. He was lying in his bed with tears in his eyes listening to the messages that had been left. He would listen, then play them over and over again.

I was so thankful we bought that machine. It lifted a tremendous burden from us and became a source of comfort and support. I think in many cases, it made leaving heartfelt messages a little easier for the callers, too. Sometimes not being in direct contact makes expressing oneself a bit less awkward. Perhaps this could be a solution to others in the same situation.

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DEAR ONE WHO HAS LOVED: Thank you for an excellent suggestion, and for a letter that will touch many hearts today. I'm sorry for your loss. Your husband must have been an outstanding man to have had so many people care about him.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: My husband is in the military. I recently found a couple of cassette tapes he recorded to me while he was in the Gulf War. I had forgotten much of what was on them. As I listened to them again, all the emotions and memories came flooding back.

I listened to air-raid sirens going off as my husband was donning his chemical gear. I heard him describe cold showers, fly-infested food, the vastness of the desert and foul-smelling camels. I heard the constant "boom-boom" of artillery as they fought the Republican Guard, and felt the adrenaline race through my husband's blood as he described the "highway of death" and the destruction he saw.

The only time his voice ever shook with emotion was when he described the cards and letters that came from people all over the United States during Operation Dear Abby. He couldn't believe so many people cared about his well-being, regardless of their personal feelings about the war.

When the war finally ended and he flew home, he described the reception he received at Bangor, Maine. Hundreds of people (including many Vietnam veterans) cheered the troops' arrival. I'm amazed at the generosity of those people, including the Vietnam vets who put aside their own bitter memories to give the next generation of soldiers a hero's welcome.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who contributed in one way or another to making my husband's days a little brighter. The letters you write each year during Operation Dear Abby really do make a difference.

A THANKFUL AIR FORCE WIFE

DEAR AIR FORCE WIFE AND READERS: I'm always delighted to read about servicemen and women who have been personally touched by Operation Dear Abby. This annual letter-writing campaign for our troops is designed to let them know that even though they're far from home during the holidays, they're close to our hearts.

IMPORTANT: I have been informed by the Department of Defense that this year, because of world terrorism, mail has been restricted to cards and first-class letters under 11 ounces. NO PACKAGES WILL BE ACCEPTED. But please remember that every letter from home conveys our concern and support for Americans serving in other countries.

I'm pleased to publicize the following addresses for Operation Dear Abby XIV. They will be in effect *only* from Nov. 15, 1998, to Jan. 15, 1999:

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Boston girl was in state care

BOSTON (AP) — A 9-year-old girl whose apparent disappearance sparked a frantic, night-long police hunt was found safely in state custody.

She had been there all along.

Jennifer Castely was reported missing Wednesday night. Police and K-9 units from two districts combed the city blocks near her home and school.

But police learned Thursday morning — from Jennifer's school principal — that the girl had been whisked out of school by state social workers.

A caseworker had picked her up to take her to a new foster home, but failed to speak to the child's cousin, who was caring for her.

"This case is a series of missteps and miscommunications," said Lorraine Carli, a spokeswoman for the Department of Social Services.

Jennifer was reported missing around 8:30 p.m. Wednesday when her cousin and guardian, Sourette Georges, went to pick her up from an after-school program. She wasn't there.

Georges' other children told her they had not seen Jennifer, so she called police, Boston Police spokeswoman Margot Hill said.

Authorities searched areas near her home in the city's Dorchester section and near the school where Jennifer was last seen, Hill said.

Carli said police and social workers failed to discuss Jennifer's case during that time, despite a series of messages left.

"We should not have removed her from school without having that face-to-face or person-to-person communication with her cousin," she said. "That error on our part began a whole sequence of events that could have been avoided."

When an employee of the Richard J. Murphy School heard about the search Thursday morning, he notified the principal that social workers had taken the girl.

Hill said that the principal then called police.

Jennifer had been staying with Georges for about a month when social workers officially placed her there last Thursday, Carli said.

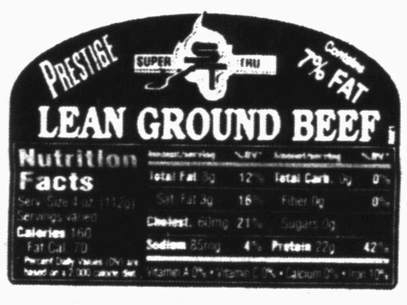
Her caseworker decided to remove the girl after learning that one of Georges own children had been taken from her home by a caseworker and placed in foster care.

Nursing home returned to owner

DALLAS (AP) — Owners of Kenwood Nursing Home are back in control of the home after state inspectors ruled Thursday that residents no longer are in "immediate jeopardy."

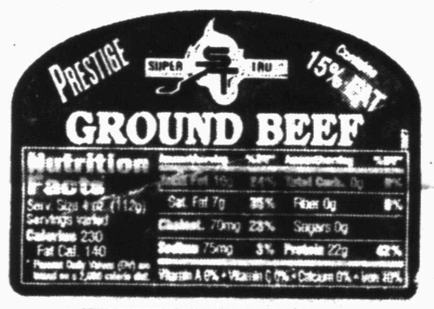
State officials relieved a trustee that a court had appointed early last week after Attorney General Dan Morales accused the home of contributing to the deaths of two patients in September and endangering the health of others.

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