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Regular voting on Saturday...

Early ballots total 1,311 in bond election

A total of 1,311 ballots were cast early for Saturday's $16 million bond issue for Snyder Independent School District.

Of the total votes cast, 1,303 were cast in person, while eight mail-in ballots have been received.

That figure could increase as six mail-in ballots have yet to be returned, said Betty Morgan, the district's early voting clerk.

The election was called by the district's trustees to fund major improvements to the district's facilities.

A failed $20.4 million bond issue in August saw 871 ballots cast early.

That election was defeated by 328 votes and only 1,689 people voted.

There are 10,233 registered voters in the school district.

Snyder ISD board members are unanimous in their support for the bond issue, and they are also unanimous in urging as many people as possible to vote Saturday.

"That is important," said board member Janet Stribling when the board agreed to call for the Saturday election. "Regardless of how you vote, please vote."

The trustees called for Saturday's election following the defeat of the bond issue in August.

Trustees are expecting an estimated $6 million in state funds being available over the life of the bonds to help fund the improvements.

Plans call for the district's portable buildings to be replaced by permanent structures as a total of 22 are planned.

Central Elementary is scheduled to be closed if the bond issue is approved.

Kindergarten through second grade students will attend schools in their neighborhoods if the bond issue passes, and third grade students will go to Stanfield.

Fourth grade students will attend East Elementary, while fifth graders will continue at Northeast Elementary and sixth graders will attend West Elementary.



MADRIGAL DINNER — 40 people attended last night's 7th annual Madrigal Dinner presented by Snyder High School's choir. Pictured serving from left are Kristen Early and MiMi Stout. Seated from left are Jerrald Bowen, Beth Bowen and Elois Pruitt. 80 people attended the dinner Monday night. (SDN Staff Photo)

EOTT Energy buys crude oil gathering assets

EOTT Energy Partners announced Tuesday that it has closed on the purchase of crude oil gathering and transportation assets in key oil producing regions, including an area northeast of Scurry County, from affiliates of Koch Industries, Inc.

The new assets almost triple EOTT's pipeline mileage, nearly doubles crude oil lease barrels under contract and are expected to strengthen EOTT's future profitability and cash flow.

Mike St. John, area supervisor of Diamond-Koch in Midland, said the purchase does not affect the operations of Diamond-Koch.

"The area affected around Scurry County is basically from Haskell, north," said St. John. "And involves crude oil only."

The asset purchase, which originally was announced in September, includes approximately 3,900 miles of crude oil pipeline and contracts to purchase approximately 220,000 barrels of crude oil per day from production leases in 11 central and western states, including Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and California.

"This latest acquisition is a major step toward's EOTT's objective of achieving a leadership position in the North America crude oil marketing and transporation industry," said Michael D. Burke, president and CEO of EOTT.

"The new assets, which complement our core crude oil gathering and transportation business, should result in substantial economies of scale and should strengthen our ability to serve customers throughout North America."

EOTT paid for the assets with approximately $184 million in cash and two million common units of stock and two milion subordinated units issued to Koch.

As announced in September, EOTT will issue a proxy statement this month seeking unit holder authorization for 10 million new common units and conversion of all special units to common units.

Unit holder approval would result in an increase and extension of Enron's distribution support of up to $29 million in support through year-end 2001.

Enron is one of the owners of EOTT.

Offering special incentive...

TCA Cable, Goodfellows to collect food for hungry

From now until Dec. 30, TCA Cable TV will work with the Goodfellows to gather food for area residents in need, according to cable TV general manager Archie Kountz.

Kountz said canned food and other commercially wrapped, non-perishable food items would be collected at the cable office, then given to the Goodfellows.

"People wanting to help those in our community who are experiencing hard times should bring food donations to our office, located at 2211 Avenue R, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday," Kountz said.

He said the cable company's participation in the food drive stems from a commitment to participation in causes that will benefit area residents.

"We feel we have the opportunity to spread the word about the food drive over our cable channels, and that many of our fine customers will feel moved to participate."

Kountz added, "Our objective here is to make sure the food drive receives enough donations over the next few weeks so that the Goodfellows are able to help everyone who is in need this holiday season."

The cable company is also offering a special incentive for those who wish to contribute to the food drive. New cable customers will receive a free connection to various cable services, for the donation of 10 or more food items.

Area residents who have questions about the food drive should contact the cable office at 573-3536.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "He who is waiting for something to turn up might start with his own shirt sleeves."

Ole what's-her-name blames it on our warped sense of humor, and says it must be associated with a male thing.

But we saw it with our own eyes — on a pickup at the intersection of 37th Street and College Avenue. It was a classic bumper snicker that read:

"Wife and dog missing. Reward for dog."

The others below are from the internet, which supports the theory there there may be some value to technological advances.

--Honk if you love peace and quiet.

--Pardon my reckless driving. I'm reloading.

--I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.

--I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.

--When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

--Save the whales. Collect the whole set.

--A day without sunshine is like, you know, night.

--My husband just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territority.

--On the other hand, you have different fingers.

--When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty.

--You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted and used against you.

--Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.

--Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

--Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

--The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

--Despite the cost of living, it remains popular.

--Crazy folks take the psycho path.

--A pampered cow gives spoiled milk.

--Santa's helpers: Subordinate Clauses.

--Polaroids: What Eskimos get from sitting on the ice too long.

Christmas floats are needed for Saturday's annual parade

Floats are still needed for Saturday's annual lighted Christmas parade, and Snyder Chamber of Commerce is encouraging everyone to participate.

"I encourage youth groups, churches, anybody who cares about Christmas to show up," Chamber manager Donna Fowler said.

"If we can't get more interest, we may have to cancel next year," she added.

Parade organizer Cindy Sharp also reminds everyone that lanterns, candles and flashlights are acceptable forms of "light."

"A lot of people think they need battery packs or generators and that knocks them out because they don't know where to get them," Sharp said. "It is required to be lit, but it is acceptable to have lanterns, flashlights and candles."

Sharp also said anyone who has not called or signed up is welcome to come.

"We want to make the parade bigger and better," Sharp said.

Fowler said she encourages anyone with classic cars or horses to join the parade.

"We're still taking entries and we need more," Fowler said.

Thus far, 10 entries have been received including several churches, county employees, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Kenneth Wood will be the Grand Marshal. Santa is also scheduled to be present.

Also scheduled to be in the parade are Scurry County Rodeo Queen Darcee Purcell and Junior Miss Rodeo Queen Kassey Burney.

To enter, call the chamber office at 573-3558.

All entries must have lights, and cash prizes will be awarded in three categories including best use of light, best theme and most unique.

The event is set to begin at 6 p.m. and line-up will be at 5 p.m. in the Snyder Shopping Center.

Also that night, the chamber will be selling coffee, hot chocolate and popcorn in front of the gazebo.

Another holiday event will be the Historic Scurry County and Scurry County Historical Commission's lighted Christmas tour Dec. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. Tick-



Financial aid hotline on tap

The Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA) will hold its 13th annual financial aid information hotline Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This year's hotline is sponsored in part by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation (TG) and the Association of Texas Lenders for Education (ATLE).

The special toll-free telephone number is 1-877-7TASFAA. (782-7322)

As a special incentive for eligible callers, two $500 scholarships will be awarded to lucky callers who will be attending an institution of higher education during the 1999-2000 school year.



Bale count trails last years' total

Over a foot less moisture this year than 1997 translates into a short ginning season for local cotton gins.

Farmer's Co-Op Gin, which had ginned over 11,000 bales this time last year, has ginned 1,020 bales.

The gin, located on the Roby Highway, has some remaining cotton to gin — but not much.

The gin has two modules on the yard, and still has some customers doing some harvesting.

Inadale Gin, located near the border of Scurry and Nolan Counties, has ginned 2,417 bales this year with about 200 bales yet to be ginned on the yard.

It had ginned over 8,000 bales by this time last year.

Paymaster Gin, located on the Lamesa Highway, did not open.

By the first of December in 1997, it had ginned over 5,000 bales.

ASK US

Q—When does Western Texas College dismiss classes for the Christmas holidays?

A—The fall semester ends Friday, Dec. 11.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 70 degrees; low, 41; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 59; no precipitation; total for 1998, 10.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy; 30% rain chance. Low, mid 50s. SE-S wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, cloudy, breezy, 20% rain chance. High 65-70. S-SW wind 15-25 mph, gusty.



Audra Hall
Breezy

Sunset: 5:40 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:20 a.m.
Of 335 days in 1998, the sun has shone 332 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"For all your days prepare, and meet them ever alike; when you are the anvil, bear — when you are the hammer, strike.

Edwin Markham

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It's beginning to look a lot like ... Easter?

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — There are 23 shopping days left before Christmas. Should you add add beach towels and baseball gloves to the list?

Spring is in the air from the Rockies to the Northeast, with record high temperatures as much as 20 degrees above normal. Things are expected to cool off later this week as a cold front slides slowly south from Canada, but for now mild weather is the norm.

"It's nice weather for us to work in," said June Helsel, in Toledo to sell Christmas trees her family grows in northern Michigan. "We don't have to worry about shoveling all the snow."

Record highs were set across the country Tuesday, including 66 in Minneapolis at the Twin Cities International Airport, breaking the 1962 record of 62. Records also were set Monday.

"We need colder weather, and it all depends on Mother Nature," said Jerry Hennum, owner of The Sportsmen's Lodge on Rainy River, about 12 miles north of Baudette, Minn., near the Canadian border.

The ice near Hennum's resort was 4 inches thick on Tuesday — about 8 inches too thin to cart fishing houses onto the lake. But he knows how fast Minnesota weather can change.

"We can make ice up here a lot faster than people realize," he said.

In New England, highs reached the 60s in some parts of Vermont and 58 in Boston and Providence, R.I.

"The one thing about New England is it's changeable," said Michael Carbone, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Taunton, Mass. "It's mild today, then there's a cold snap, and mild again. Who knows?"

Cold weather would be good news for ski resort operators from Colorado to New England. Butternut Basin ski resort in Great Barrington, Vt., was supposed to have opened Friday, but workers were still waiting this week for three or four days of cold weather so the artificial snow will stay frozen.

"It's getting pretty lean up here," said Aaron Bailey, a salesman at Ski Haus in Steamboat Springs, Colo. "The skiing is still fun, but it's definitely pretty rocky. The people who haven't lived here very long are freaking out about the weather conditions."

In Philadelphia, outdoor tennis courts were bustling with people.

"It's a wonder we get to play outside this time of year," said Hedrick Sheppard at the Friends of Chamounix Tennis Courts.

In New York, skaters at Rockefeller Center's ice rink drifted along to "Silver Bells" as the mercury climbed into the 60s. People soaked up the sunshine as they walked past the center's Christmas tree, a 74-foot Norway spruce to be lit tonight.

"It bums me out," said Fred Glover, who was sitting outside the New York Public Library with his sleeves rolled up. "I think a lot of people like to have cold weather around Christmas."

Hillary Rodham Clinton pronounced the Christmas season open Tuesday in Washington as she received the White House's 18½-foot balsam fir on a day the temperature climbed to the mid-60s.

"When you think about this weather, it's a little hard to get into the Christmas spirit," Mrs. Clinton said.

Two rescued from locked railroad boxcar

TRENTON, Ohio (AP) — Two boys trapped in a locked railroad boxcar without heat, light, food or water for eight days said they survived by drinking some of the beer being transported in the car.

John Wayne Riley, 15, and 12-year-old Billy Grimes had jumped onto a slow-moving train in their hometown of Hamilton, about 15 miles north of Cincinnati, on Nov. 23 to escape a group of thugs, the older boy said.

They switched trains, hoping to head back home. But somehow the boxcar doors slammed shut while they slept, imprisoning the boys until they were discovered Tuesday morning in the railroad yard of the Miller Brewing Co. in Trenton, less than 10 miles from home.

The boys perched atop tall stacks of beer cases, so close to the ceiling they couldn't sit up straight, John said.

"I was praying every night for God to keep me alive so I could come home and see my family," he said.

Two Miller employees counting the boxcars heard the boys crying for help and got them released. The two didn't know where they were or what day it was. They were cold, hungry and dehydrated.

"I don't think I would've made it another day," John said. "Those people saved our lives."

The boys were treated at a hospital and released.

For young teen-agers, two or three days is about the limit before the body becomes dehydrated, said Dr. Barry Staley of West Chester. Drinking the beer might have saved their lives, though cool weather may also have helped because they didn't sweat and lose more fluid, he said.

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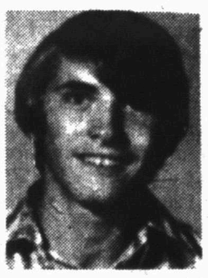
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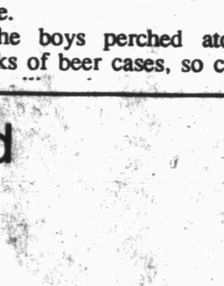
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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN and their families are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. Roevella Baker 2. Dixie Brooks 3. Margaret Watkins 4. Carolyn Harrington 5. Pat Moffett 6. Doug Flynn 7. Sherry Patterson 8. Becky Robinson 9. Steve Dillaha 10. Billie Pippin



Religious Briefs

Gospel concert slated

The Word Is Life Deliverance Church, 602 30th, will feature Johnny Ray Watson, nationally-known gospel singer, in concert this weekend. On Saturday, the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. The Sunday concert begins at 10:30 a.m. There is no admission charge. For more information, call 573-0353 or 573-2873.

Church services set

The Church on the Rock, located at 2214 42 St., has set an Avivamiento to Cristiano Nacho Galinda for 7 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Candlelight service of rememberance

The Support Group Ministry recognizes the difficulty that family members who have lost loved ones have during the holiday season. Therefore a candlelight service of rememberance will be held Sunday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. for First Baptist Church family and the community to remember and celebrate the lives of those who will not be present this holiday season. It will be a special time of music, lighting of candles, worship and prayer. For more information call the church office at 573-2631. The Support Group Ministry will not resume monthly meetings until January, 1999.

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 "Stop the Miracles," followed by "The Truth About Sex: Purity."

FUMC Christmas celebrations

First United Methodist Church invites the Snyder area community to its two Christmas celebrations. The first, the Chancel Choir's presentation of "A Time of Joy," is set for 10:50 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24. A nursery will be provided for each service.

Community Calendar

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, Christmas luncheon; MAWC; 11:30 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; pot luck supper; Union Community Center, Hwy. 180; 6 p.m.

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

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

Scurry County 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.

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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To salvage science equipment...

NASA may decide to return to Mir

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — With space station construction about to start, NASA is considering a trip back to Mir to salvage science equipment that could be used on the new outpost.

U.S. and Russian space officials said Tuesday that the discussions for a possible shuttle flight to the aging Mir next year are "very tentative."

"We're still discussing what hardware might be recoverable or what might make sense vs. the cost of the shuttle," said Frank Culbertson, deputy program manager for the international space station. "It's just a matter of assessing what the risks, costs and benefits are."

Culbertson said it would take six months or so to plan such a mission, making it late spring or early summer before a shuttle could fly to the Russian station. A shuttle flight typically costs about $500 million.

The Russians requested a 10th shuttle ferry flight because of a lack of funding. They launched the first part of the international space station on Nov. 20; the power and propulsion tug was built in Russia but financed by the United States.

Space shuttle Endeavour is scheduled to blast off Thursday with an American-made chamber that the six-person crew will connect to the Russian tug. Unacceptable weather is forecast, though, for the 3:57 a.m. launch.

The third compartment, a Russian control module, is stalled until next summer because of the country's financial crisis. Astronauts and cosmonauts cannot move in until it's in place.

Valery Ryumin, a Russian station official who flew to Mir in June on what was considered to be the last shuttle visit, said money is a problem and more is needed.

"We have to admit that we don't have a surplus of the science equipment," he said.

Unable to afford two space stations, the Russian Space Agency has targeted next summer for Mir's demise, though some in the country would like to keep the nearly 13-year-old station up much longer. Discussions are under way with an unnamed company, in fact, to provide an alternative source of funding. Russian officials would not elaborate Tuesday on the possible deals.

Man saves estranged wife, kids

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — A man leaped into a canal and smashed through a car window to save his estranged wife and their two children after she drove into the water in an alleged murder-suicide attempt.

Ingrid Oviedo and the children, ages 3 and 7, were not hurt.

Mrs. Oviedo, 27, was separated from her husband and angry at what she regarded as meddling by her relatives, investigators said. She allegedly told relatives: "Tomorrow, you're going to bury three because you will not see the kids again."

Mrs. Oviedo was ordered held without bond Tuesday on charges of attempted murder and aggravated child abuse and will receive a mental health evaluation.

Before driving into the 15-foot-deep water Monday, Mrs. Oviedo called her cousin from the car and asked her to contact her husband, Miguel, and tell him to meet them at the canal, sheriff's deputies said.

The cousin and husband arrived, and the cousin raced to the car, asking Mrs. Oviedo to open the door. She refused to let the pleading children out, and drove into the canal, investigators said.

Her husband jumped in and smashed the rear window of the car, and he and the cousin pulled the three out.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 12-02-98
♠ 7 5 2
♥ A 10 3
♦ 7 6 5 3 2
♣ A 5

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

East
♠ 10 6
♥ 7 4
♦ K J 9 8
♣ J 10 7 6 3

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 5

potential slam auction. Best is the "waiting" two-diamond response. (Four clubs was a cue, showing the club ace and a good hand for hearts.)

South was lucky. It is odds against that the defender with the last trump will have four or more spades. A better line is to establish dummy's diamond suit. Win trick one in hand, then play the ace and another diamond. Suppose West wins and returns another trump. Win in the dummy, ruff a diamond high, play a trump to dummy's ace, ruff another diamond, return to dummy with a club, and discard the club queen on the established diamond seven.

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Established criticism

By Phillip Alder

Henry James wrote, "To criticize is to appreciate, to appropriate, to take intellectual possession, to establish in fine a relation with the criticized thing and to make it one's own." Do you understand that?

Let's see if we need to criticize or to appreciate South's efforts on this deal. He won the trump lead with dummy's 10, played a heart to his king, then cashed his four spade tricks, discarding dummy's club five on the last. South continued with a club to the ace, a diamond to the ace, and a club ruff in the dummy. In addition, three trump tricks made 12. What do you think?

Opposite a strong, artificial and forcing two-club opening, two aces normally equal a slam if a fit can be found. Still, North's two no-trump was dubious because if they were to play in no-trump, it would surely be better to have South declaring. True, a jump to three diamonds is worse: Don't make your first bid in a bad suit in a

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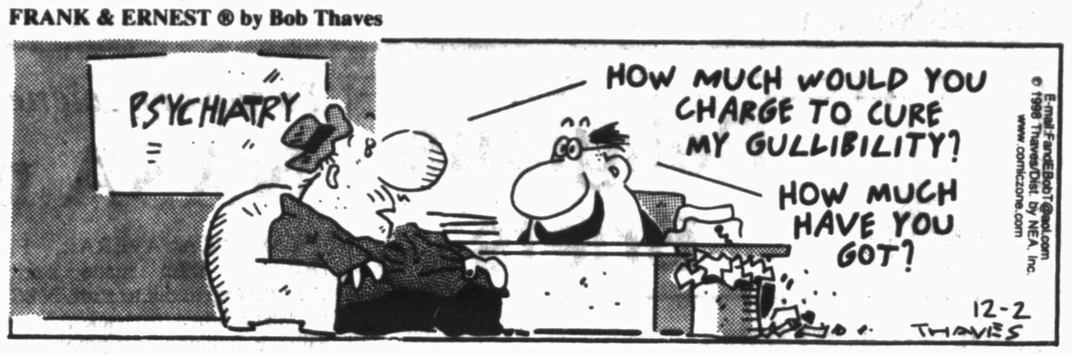
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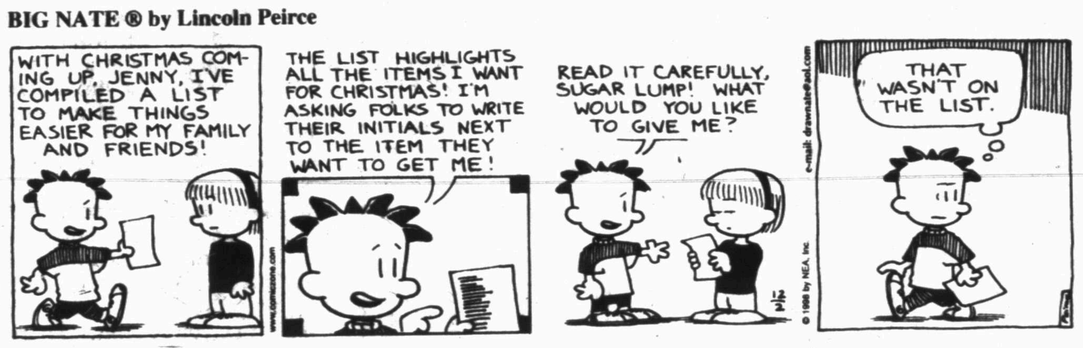
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30 Woman's undergarment
31 Type of complex
33 Actor Gould
36 Beget
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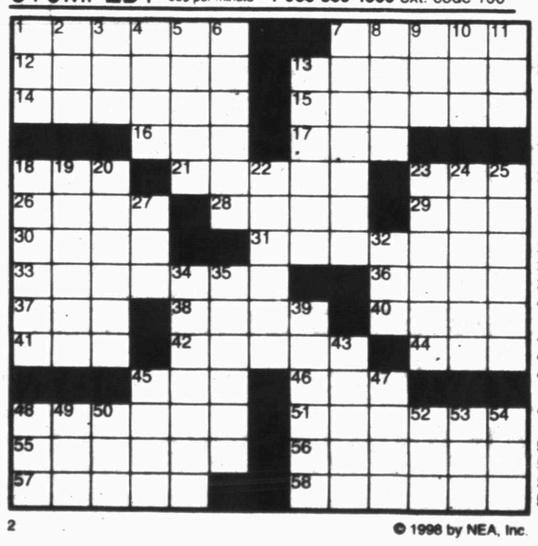
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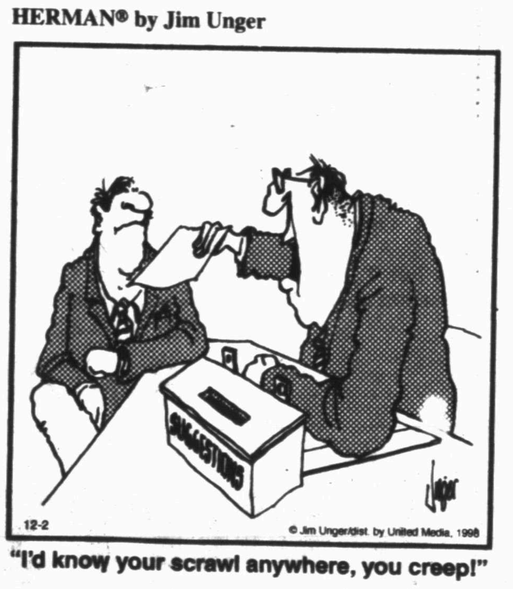


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SPORTS

Long-range shots fade late; Tigers fall to Indians, 57-47

SEMINOLE — The Tigers had lived by the three-pointer through the first three quarters Tuesday night.

But in the final eight minutes, the long-range bucket wouldn't fall.

After trimming the deficit to just three points entering the fourth quarter, Snyder could muster only nine points in the final period to fall to Seminole, 57-47.

Snyder, now 2-3 on the season, connected on eight baskets from behind the arc, but only seven from two-point range.

"We're a good three-point shooting team. That's one of our strengths this year," Snyder head coach Bud Birks said. "But we didn't get the ball inside enough. I thought we should have kicked it inside, then thrown it back it out if we needed to.

"We don't have the kind of inside players who are going to jump over you, but they won't back down. They battle hard on the inside. If we would have gone to them a little more, I think we could have had even better looks from the outside."

Another aspect that hurt the Tigers was turnovers. Snyder gave the ball away 17 times on the night, including five times in the fourth quarter.

But after trailing, 32-25, at halftime, the Tigers gave the highly-touted Indians a scare in the third period.

After a three-minute scoreless span in the middle of the quarter, Snyder put together a 9-3 run to get within a point of the lead.

Greg McAnaw drained a three-pointer, followed only five seconds later by a Justin McNair steal. McNair passed to McAnaw who connected on another long-range bucket.

Then after a Seminole basket, McNair was on target from behind the arc to tighten the gap to 39-38.

The Indians managed a pair of free throws with 1:28 left in the period, pushing the tally to 41-38 entering the fourth quarter.

Seminole thwarted the rally to begin the final frame, opening with an 8-2 run of their own.

University of Texas signee Chris Ogden accounted for six of the eight points to finish with 14 and eight rebounds.

McNair paced the Tigers' output with 15 points, including four three-pointers. McAnaw finished with 13 points.

Tyler Warren and Sonny Cumbie led Snyder's effort on the glass, hauling in five rebounds apiece.

"I'm proud of our kids' effort," said Birks. "Seminole is a solid team with a lot of kids that can shoot the ball. They're regarded as one of the better 3A teams in the state and we battled them all night long."

The Tigers now turn their attention to the Cotton Pickin' Shootout hosted by Frenship.

Snyder opens tourney action Thursday in a 10:30 a.m. match-up with Lubbock Monterey.

Snyder	13	12	13	9 — 47
Seminole	17	15	9	16 — 57

Snyder
McNair 4 3-3 15, Mandrell 3 1-2 8, Cumbie 1 5-6 7, Hester 1 0-0 2, McAnaw 5 0-0 13, Cobb 1 0-0 2. **Totals 15 9-11 47.**

Seminole
Ogden 4 6-7 14, Sheets 3 7-8 13, Clay 5 1-1 11, Browning 3 2-2 9, Hernandez 2 0-0 4, Alvarado 3 0-0 6, Hensley 0 0-2 0. **Totals 20 16-20 57.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 8 (McNair 4, McAnaw 3, Mandrell), Seminole 1 (Browning). Rebounds: Snyder 20 (Warren, Cumbie 5), Seminole 21 (Ogden 8). Total fouls: Snyder 18, Seminole 14. Fouled out — none.



LOCKING UP WITH A LONGHORN — Snyder junior Jared Hester defends against Seminole senior and University of Texas recruit Chris Ogden during the Tigers' 57-47 setback Tuesday night in Seminole. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lubbock rallies in second half to slip past Lady Tigers, 62-61

LUBBOCK — Lubbock's long-range shooting finally caught up to the Lady Tigers.

Lubbock High connected on five three-pointers and erased a 46-40 third quarter deficit to slip past Snyder, 62-61, Tuesday night.

The setback leaves the Lady Tigers at 2-5 on the season, heading into Friday's match-up with Frenship.

Snyder, which had been relying on its perimeter game, found success in the paint early on.

Sophomore forward Ashley Delce, returning from an elbow injury, saw her first action of the season against the Lady Westerners and made the best of it.

Delce poured in 13 points to lead the Lady Tigers, while fellow post player Alicia Peoples added 12 more.

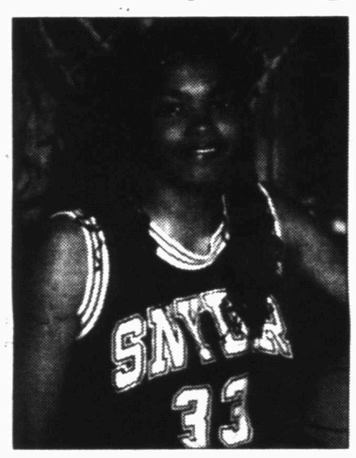
Snyder's work in the paint helped build a 26-18 advantage by halftime.

Lubbock High, thanks to 22 third-quarter points, managed to trim the margin to 46-40 to begin the final period.

During the last eight minutes, the Lady Westerners repeated their third-quarter performance.

Lubbock High, which took control early in the fourth, held Snyder to 15 points, while pouring in another 22 for the 62-61 final tally.

After pacing the Lady Tiger offense in her previous two outings, Shannon Hall once again finished in double digits with 11 points.



Ashley Delce

Snyder returns home Friday to host Frenship. The contest marks just the second game for the Lady Tigers in the SHS gym, after playing six of their first seven on the road.

Snyder split its contests with Frenship a year ago when both squads competed in District 2-4A. Friday night's tip-off is slated for 6:30.

Snyder	7	19	20	15 — 61
Lubbock High	2	16	22	22 — 62

Snyder
Delce 5 3-4 13, Peoples 6 0-0 12, Hall 5 1-2 11, Kallemeyn 2 2-4 6, Hess 2 2-2 6, Eicke 4 0-0 4, Voss 1 0-0 3, Mackey 0 1-3 1, Geiger 0 1-3 1. **Totals 24 12-20 61.**

Lubbock High
Williamson 5 3-4 14, McLeod 3 6-7 14, Manning 4 1-2 11, Martinez 2 6-6 10, Cass 2 1-2 5, Draper 2 0-3 4, Grace 1 2-2 4. **Totals 19 19-26 62.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 1 (Voss), Lubbock High 5 (Manning 2, McLeod 2, Williamson). Total fouls: Snyder 23, Lubbock High 20. Fouled out — none.

Raiders trip Hermleigh

The Raiders were looking for a little revenge.

After falling to Hermleigh during the football season, Lueders-Avoca came out firing Tuesday night. The Raiders poured in 38 first-half points to fuel a 75-34 victory.

Hermleigh, which was held just 16 points through the first two quarters, was spurred by the play of Joey Garza who drained 11 points on the night.

Caleb Callaway threw in seven points for the Cardinals, with Billy Lambaren adding five more.

Alfonso Rangel and Jared Higgins were on target from behind the arc to finish with three points apiece. Tony Molina also registered three points for Hermleigh, with David Digby chipping in two.

Hermleigh will be looking to notch their first win of the season when they begin action in the Wilson-New Home tournament on Thursday.

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY
Basketball: Snyder varsity boys vs. Lubbock Monterey, Frenship tourney, 10:30 a.m.
Basketball: Hermleigh varsity boys & girls at Wilson-New Home tourney.
Basketball: Ira varsity boys & girls at Coahoma tourney.
Basketball: Snyder JV boys at Coahoma tourney.
Basketball: Snyder 9th boys & girls at Colorado City tourney.
Basketball: Andrews at Snyder 7th & 8th boys, 5 p.m., 6:15.
FRIDAY
Football: Borden County vs. Balmorhea, six-man semifinal at Kermit, 7:30.
Golf: Snyder varsity girls at San Antonio tourney.
Basketball: Frenship at Snyder varsity girls, 6:30.
Basketball: Snyder varsity boys at Frenship tourney.
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Behind Wood, Roemisch...

Lady Cards fly to victory

Lueders-Avoca found out just how deadly the Lady Cardinal combination of Brandy Wood and Jennifer Roemisch can be.

Wood and Roemisch combined for 51 Hermleigh points Tuesday night as the Lady Cards flew past Lueders-Avoca, 73-40.

Behind Wood's 21 points and five steals, and Roemisch's 30 points and 13 rebounds, Hermleigh raced to a 19-4 first quarter advantage.

The Lady Cardinals stretched their lead to 37-16 by halftime, before cruising to 36 second-half points.

Sheena Callaway poured in six points for the Lady Cardinals, while adding five assists and five steals. Randi Herrington also posted six points for Hermleigh.

Samantha Smith added four more, with Kendra Davis notching her three points from behind the arc. Chasity Perales chipped in two points and Christina Arellano finished with one.

The Lady Cardinals will be looking to carry their momentum into the Wilson-New Home tournament, beginning Thursday.

Bulldogs rout Roby

ROBY — In his first year on the Ira bench, head coach Bubba Edwards has his Bulldogs on a roll.

Jerek Brown poured in 24 points, and Ira held Roby to single digits in the second and third quarters, as the Bulldogs improved to 3-1 on the season with a 58-45 victory.

Ira held a 19-13 lead heading into the second period, but had opened a 39-28 advantage by the time the fourth quarter rolled around.

Brown's 24 points from the high post position were complimented by Logan Daves' 14 points from the low block.

Drew Wall and Bryce Wilkins drained seven points apice for Ira, with Perry Jamison adding six more.

The Bulldogs will be looking to continue their winning streak when they open play in the Coahoma tournament on Thursday.

Ira defense stiffens late to save win

ROBY — This time around, the Lady Bulldogs had to do it with defense.

Trailing, 34-30, at the end of three quarters, Ira held Roby to just five points in the final period to help fuel a late rally and a 46-39 victory Tuesday.

The Lady Bulldogs, who upped their mark to 3-1 on the year, were once again led on the offensive end by Terri Robinson who drained 21 points on the night.

Morgan Clements poured in 14 for Ira, with Elissa Goolsby accounting for six.

Audra Oliver and Brooke Wilkes chipped in two points each.

The Ira girls will look to notch their fourth win of the season when they begin action in the Coahoma tournament on Thursday.

WTC 108, Hardin-Simmons JV 38...

WTC reaches century mark in blowout win

In its last outing, Western Texas led from the opening tip to the final seconds, only to suffer a two-point loss.

On Tuesday, the Lady Dusters made sure that wouldn't happen.

Five Lady Dusters scored in double digits as WTC notched its sixth win of the season in a 108-36 trouncing of Hardin-Simmons JV.

WTC, which improves to 6-3 on the year, needs just one more win to equal their '97 mark.

"This win doesn't make up for the loss on Saturday, but it helps," Western Texas coach Valery Jackson said. "The girls set some goals before the game and they reached them. Those are the kind of things we need to be doing."

Sophomore post Pam Odhuong'o led the Lady Duster explosion with 27 points, with freshman forward April Walker pouring in 18.

Mary Cavazos drained 14 points on the night, while fellow guard Christy Wells added 13 more. Rosalind Lawrence registered 12 points, with Crystal Williams posting eight.

Carrie Fincher and Kathy Tran were on target for seven points apiece, with Heather Moon chipping in two.

WTC takes the rest of the week off, before returning to action Monday when it hosts Wayland Baptist JV at 6 p.m.

Texas signs Palmeiro

ARLINGTON (AP) — With its cozy right-field porch, The Ballpark in Arlington was built with Rafael Palmeiro in mind. Now the Texas Rangers finally get to see what he can do with it.

The free-agent first baseman and the Rangers agreed to a $45 million, five-year contract Tuesday, five years after Texas signed Will Clark and let Palmeiro go to Baltimore.

The Rangers had just finished their last season in the old Arlington Stadium when Palmeiro made a bitter exit in 1993.

But The Ballpark was well under construction then, and the designers had worked to accommodate him and other Texas lefties. The right-field foul pole sits just 325 feet from home plate.

Since Palmeiro, Texas hasn't had a true left-handed power hitter. Clark, though a lefty with some power, is an opposite-field hitter.

"When they started designing The Ballpark, I made sure that Tom Schieffer knew, 'You've got some lefties that want that fence close,'" Palmeiro said.

Sports Briefs

Little dribblers sign-ups

Sign-ups for boys' 8-year-old little dribblers will be Thursday and Friday at the Boys & Girls Club.

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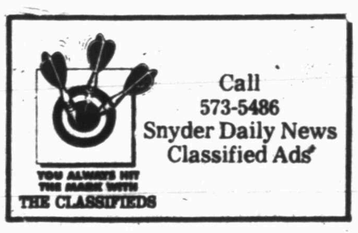
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Democrats asked to take risks for SS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Democratic senators considering presidential campaigns in 2000 urged their party today to take political risks to reform education and Social Security.

"We still have a tendency to take the easy way out," said Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, addressing the Democratic Leadership Council. "For Social Security, there is no easy way out."

The DLC was established 13 years ago to move the party to the political center, courting moderate voters without abandoning traditional Democratic values. President Clinton, a DLC chairman while serving as governor of Arkansas, used the organization to launch his national political career.

Clinton and the man he hopes will succeed him, Vice President Al Gore, were addressing the DLC later today.

Kerrey and another potential Gore rival, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, said the new generation of Democrats must be willing to make tough choices.

Kerry, who would make education the focal point of his presidential campaign, said too many Democrats want to increase spending on public schools without assuring that the schools improve. And too many Republicans want to create alternatives to public schools without improving public education, he said.

"We (parties) are stuck in the same ideological place, both of us. Democrats are viewed as defending the indefensible while Republicans refuse to be a part of what they believe is indefensible," he said. Kerry urged both parties to embrace creative ways that improve public schools by making them locally controlled and free of stifling bureaucracy.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp s	68¾	67¼	68 7-16+ 9-16
AT&T Corp	62 3-16	61 11-16	62 — ⅛
AirTouch	58	57¼	57½— 9-16
Albertsons	59¾	58¾	59⅛—11-16
AlldSignal	43 5-16	42 9-16	42⅝— 1⅛
Alltel	52¼	51 9-16	51⅜—11-16
AmOnline s	90 7-16	87⅛	90 3-16+ 5-16
AmStores	34 241-256	34¼	34½— 9-16
Ameritech s	54 1-16	53 7-16	53 15-16— 1-16
Amoco s	56½	55¼	56⅜— 1⅛
AndarkPtr s	27⅛	25¾	26 1-16—1 1-16
Amcolnc	4	3⅛	3 15-16
AtlRichfld	67¾	66¼	67⅛+ ⅛
ATMOS Egy	30¾	30¾	30¾
Aviall	11 15-16	11¼	11 15-16— 1-16
BakerHughes	17⅜	17¼	17⅜— ⅛
BankAmerica	65 5-16	64¼	64¾+ 5-16
BellAtl s	55¾	54 11-16	55¾+ ⅛
BellSouth	87 11-16	87 1-16	87 5-16—13-16
BellSouth wi	44	44	44
BethSteel	8 1-16	7 15-16	8 — 1-16
BritPet	88½	87 1-16	87 11-16—2 3-16
BurlNoSFe s	33 9-16	33	33 5-16— ½
CBS Corp	32 3-16	31¼	32 1-16+ ⅛
Caterpillar	51¼	50⅜	50 13-16— 1¼
CenSoWst	28	27¼	27 15-16+ 3-16
Chevron	81 15-16	80¾	80 7-16— 1½
Citigroup	51 3-16	49¾	50⅛+ ⅛
Coastal s	35 3-16	34½	34 11-16— ½
CocaCola	69 7-16	68	9-16 68⅜— 1¼
ColgatePalm	84	83¼	83½— 1¼
ComclMetals	25⅜	25	3-16 25¼
CooperIn	49¾	48	15-16 49 5-16+ ⅛
CyprusAmax	11 3-16	11	1-16 11 3-16
DaimlrChry n	88 13-16	87	5-16 88 7-16—2 15-1
DallSemicn	37½	36¼	36¾— ½
DeltaAirl s	56¼	54	27-32 55 15-16+ 7-16
Dillards Inc	33 5-16	31¾	32 13-16— ½
DowChem	95¾	93⅜	94 5-16— 9-16
DuPont	58¾	57¼	57¾— ¼
EastmanChem	58 1-16	57¼	57 9-16— ⅜
EstKodak	73	72¼	72½— ¼
EDS Corp	38 15-16	38	38 5-16— ⅜
Entergy	30¼	29	15-16 30
Exxon	72½	71	7-16 72 1-16+ 7-16
Flowers	23¼	22	9-16 23 1-16+ ¼
FordMotor s	57¾	56	13-16 57 — 1¾
GTE Cp	63	62¾	62 15-16— ¼
GenDynam s	59 13-16	58	11-16 59¾+ 1-16
GenElec	90 7-16	89¾	90 1-16—1 1-16
GenMills	76¼	75	13-16 76 1-16
GenMotors	70¾	69¾	70 1-16—1 11-16
GaPacGP s	56¾	55	15-16 56¾— 1-16
GlobalMar	9	7-16	9 9 1-16
Goodrich	36	34	13-16 34 13-16— 2⅝
Goodyear s	57 3-16	56	1-16 56⅝— 13-16
GtAtlPac	27 3-16	26¾	26⅞— ⅜
Halliburtn	28 3-16	27	1-16 28 + ⅛
Hanson ADS	36¾	36½	36½+ 3-16
HarteHanks s	23¾	23	3-16 23¾+ 1-16
HomeDepot	50 7-16	49⅜	50 3-16— ⅜
HoustonInds	32 9-16	32¼	32½— 1-16
IBM	169¼	166	167 — 2¾
IntlPaper	44	43¼	43¾— 7-16
JohnsonJn	80¾	80	3-16 80¾— ⅜
K mart	15¼	15	15 3-16— 1-16
Kroger Co	53 15-16	53¾	53 13-16— ⅜
Litton	61 7-16	58¾	59 3-16—1 15-16
LockhdMart	104¾	103¾	103¾— 2½
Lowes Cos s	43 11-16	42¾	43 11-16+15-16
Lubys	15¾	15¼	15½— 5-16
LucentTech s	88¼	87	3-16 87½— 1
MayDeptStrs	58¼	56¾	57 3-16—1 13-16
MediaOne	41¼	41	1-16 41½+ ⅜
Medtronic	71	69¾	70 13-16— 5-16
Mobil	85 7-16	83¾	85¼+ 1½
Monsanto	44 7-16	43¾	44½+ ⅜
MorganJP	111	108¼	109 15-16+1 15-16
Motorola	62¾	62	62¾—11-16
NCR Corp	38 11-16	37⅛	38 11-16+1 3-16
Navistar	25¼	25	25 7-16— ⅛
OryxEngy	13 15-16	13¾	13 15-16+ 5-16
Penney JC	54¾	53	3-16 53 7-16— 1⅜
Pennzoil	36¼	36¼	36¾— ¼
PepBoys	13¾	12	13-16 13 —11-16
PepsiCo	40 11-16	40	1-16 40 5-16— ⅜
PhelpDodge	55 15-16	54¾	55 13-16— 9-16
PhilipPet	41 15-16	41	5-16 41½+ ¼
PilgrmPrd B	24	3-16	24 1-16 24⅛
Polaroid	21 7-16	21¼	21 5-16— ⅛
Praxair	37 1-16	36¼	36¾— ⅛
ProctGamb	87¾	86⅛	86 11-16— 1¼
PubSNwMx	17¾	17	7-16 17¾+ ¼
RoyalDut	45¾	45¼	45 5-16— 1¼
SBC Comm s	47¼	47¼	47¾— 9-16
SaraLee	59	58	9-16 58¾— ⅜
Scripps EW	51 5-16	50¾	50¾— ½
SearsRoeb	43 1-16	41¼	41 15-16— 2⅜
SherwinW	28½	28¼	28 5-16+ 1-16
SmithklBchm	62¾	61	3-16 62¾+ 1¼
SouthernCo	29¾	29¾	29 13-16+ 1-16
SwstAirl s	22 3-16	21¼	21⅜— ¼
Sunoco Inc	33 9-16	32¾	33¼
TNP Ent	38	38	38
Tandy	41⅛	39¾	40 1-16—1 11-16
TempleInland	53¾	52	15-16 53¾— ⅜
Tenneco	34 13-16	34¾	34 11-16— 3-16
Texaco	56¾	53¾	54¾—2 11-16
TexInd	27 15-16	27	11-16 27 13-16— ⅛
TexasInst s	79	76	9-16 78 13-16+1 5-16
TexUtil	46¼	46¼	46⅜+ ⅛
Textron	77 15-16	77	3-16 77⅝— ⅛
TriconGlbR	45 15-16	45½	45⅝— 7-16
TrinityInds	39¾	38	13-16 39¾— 1-16
TritonEngy	9 11-16	9⅛	9 3-16— ⅛
Tyler	7	6¾	6⅞— ⅛
US West Inc	63½	62	7-16 62 9-16— ⅛
USX-Marathn	28 11-16	28¼	28 7-16—13-16
USX-USS	23 13-16	23¼	23 11-16— 3-16
UnCarbde	44 9-16	43¾	44 1-16+ 9-16
UnionPacif	48	47¼	47 15-16— 1-16
UnitedTech	103¾	101¼	103 13-16— 2⅜
Unocal	33¼	32¼	32 11-16— 5-16
Venator Grp	7 13-16	7	7-16 7⅞— 5-16
WalMart	75 3-16	73½	74 7-16— 7-16
WellsFargo	37¼	36¼	37 + ⅜
WstnGasRs	9¼	8	15-16 9
WinnDixie	41 15-16	41	9-16 41 11-16— ⅛
Xerox Corp	110⅞	109	110½+ 3-16

Officers arrest 1, investigate thefts

Officers on Tuesday made one arrest, investigated two thefts and filed an offense report for threatening suicide.

A 31-year-old female was taken into custody at 10:42 a.m. at the adult probation office on Runnels County warrants for misdemeanor theft by check.

An officer was requested at Movies and Videos at 12:49 p.m. in reference to a theft. An offense report for Class B theft was filed.

Tim Atwood requested an officer at 5:52 p.m. in the 1900 block of 19th Street in reference to the theft of a VCR and 20 movies. An offense report for Class A theft was filed.

Officers were called to the tennis courts across from West Elementary at 8:49 a.m. in reference to a 19-year-old female threatening to commit suicide.

She was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital by Snyder EMS and a representative from MHMR was contacted.

An offense report for threatening suicide was filed.

Officers also filed an offense report for found property at 10:52 a.m. in reference to a bicycle that was found in the 2300 block of 40th Street.

At 2:13 p.m., the police department received a report of possible gun shots in the 2400 block of 26th Street. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: George Gutierrez, Marci Kincheloe, Martin Zuniga.

DISMISSALS: Ronnie Williamson, Frances Arbuckle, Mechelle Chrane, Mary Edmondson, Merle Riggs.

CENSUS: 35 (Med., Surg.-8, Long-term Care-25, CCU-1, OB-1).

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PHONE # _____

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Child #1

NAME _____ AGE ____ SEX __

1 _____

2 _____ 3 _____

Child #2

NAME _____ AGE ____ SEX __

1 _____

2 _____ 3 _____

Child #3

NAME _____ AGE ____ SEX __

1 _____

2 _____ 3 _____

Child #4

NAME _____ AGE ____ SEX __

1 _____

2 _____ 3 _____

Child #5

NAME _____ AGE ____ SEX __

1 _____

2 _____ 3 _____

Toys will be picked up from the Girl Scout Hut (2501 35th Street) on Tuesday, December 22, 1998. Each family will be notified by phone of their pick up time. Please send all applications to: **TOYS FOR TOTS, c/o Judi Martin, 3106 Hill Avenue, Snyder, Texas 79549-3845. For more information, call 573-3525. The last day for accepting applications is Tuesday, December 15, 1998.**

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Dec. 3, 1998

There are some promising indications that you might enter into a joint endeavor that could turn out to be quite significant in the year ahead. This involves achieving more material gratification than you ever imagined.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try to postpone hammering out any feasible agreements with others at this time. People in general are in contrary moods today, and you could disassemble whatever was in the making. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. 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.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is one of those days where it is best to do less. However, do each job well. Don't risk making things impossible by juggling several critical assignments simultaneously.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 19) Don't allow a small misunderstanding today between you and a good pal become magnified beyond its significance. It won't be worth damaging the friendship.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Fulfilling ambitious objectives might be extremely difficult today if your timing and tactics are not in sync. Try to do what's smart and effective, but do so at the right time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) More discretion might be called for in a conversation with a temperamental friend today. Your pal could be in an argumentative mood, so choose your topics carefully.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be prudent today and try not to overburden your budget. If you have outstanding bills yet to clear up, don't add to the problem by taking on more debt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Great tact and consideration is called for today in dealings with all business and/or personal associations. Any thoughtless behavior could put an important relationship in jeopardy.

CANCER (June 21- July 22) Stay on top of your duties and responsibilities today, or things could begin to pile up on you. Should that happen, you may have a devil of a time trying to catch up later.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though you are by nature a gregarious person who enjoys people, a bit of solitude might be needed to regroup your thoughts today. You don't want to end up in a grumpy mood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You better be on your best behavior, especially when around important associations. People are more apt to be looking for faults today, rather than for things to admire.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be cognizant today of whether people are responsive when you attempt to present your opinions. Back off immediately if you sense a listener is starting to get steamed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep financial discussions out of the household if possible today. There will be no winning the battle as to which person is wasting more money.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Any regular exercise is beneficial

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are the advantages of an aerobics class for a 39-year-old woman?

DEAR READER: Aerobic exercises are a national craze. We seem to forget that we have been doing aerobics — such as walking, dancing, bicycling, skiing and swimming — for years. We really don't need buff and trim instructors in leotards leading us through boring and repetitive exercises to the numbing beat of disco music. In my opinion, the main value of exercise class is that the participants commit themselves to a regular workout. Exercise, in moderation, helps middle-aged people feel better. It can contribute to weight loss, providing that dietary calories are not increased. It tones up the cardiovascular system. It is usually fun.

However, aerobics classes can also be expensive, and they can cause lots of muscle aches and pains. So before you sign up for an exercise class, ask yourself why you want to do it and whether you couldn't obtain the same goals and satisfaction from other forms of activity, at less expense and inconvenience.

In general, a 39-year-old woman would profit from any kind of regular exercise, but you need not rely solely on organized aerobics classes to achieve a degree of physical conditioning.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the past year, I have suffered from stomach growl. I sound like the lion house at the zoo — one growl after another. This happens following meals. I had upper gastrointestinal X-rays, but nothing showed up. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Intestinal gas, bloating, belching — and growling — are common complaints that are usually the result of air in the bowel gurgling when the intestine contracts. You can ignore your lion-house gut or you can attempt to reduce the gas by eating more slowly (to eliminate swallowed air), avoiding carbonated beverages and gas-producing foods, and using a non-prescription anti-gas compound, such as simethicone. If your rumbling stomach is more than just an embarrassing nuisance, ask your doctor to refer you (and your X-rays) to a gastroenterologist for another opinion.

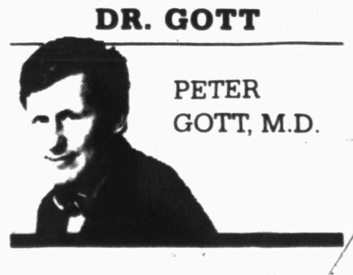
DEAR DR. GOTT: Can plastic containers cause cancer? More people are using them and the incidence of cancer is rising.

READER: No reputable scientific study has suggested that plastic products — including containers and wrap — are a cause of cancer. Such products are considered to be entirely safe. The incidence of cancer is rising because people are living longer, not because of exposure to plastic.

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

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Scurry County Country

Farmers approve legal defense fund

LUBBOCK (AP) — Farm Bureau members voted Tuesday to create a legal defense fund, increase agricultural education in schools and investigate new ways for farmers to insure their crop at the group's 65th Annual Convention.

More than 1,200 county representatives from across the state have gathered to hold the policy-making meeting at the Lubbock Civic Center this week.

The initiatives, which are now part of Farm Bureau policy, were suggested in a report by a subcommittee called Project 2000.

Committee members warned delegates that several forces, including government agencies seeking to commandeer private land to save endangered species and a shrinking agricultural workforce threaten to make the small farm owner extinct.

"I have lived as a rancher, and consider myself very fortunate to have had that opportunity," said committee chairman Bob Tullos, a delegate from Tom Green County.

"I must say, however, that I am concerned that my grandchildren will not have that same chance to earn a living from the land. I am certain that without a strong viable Texas Farm Bureau, the future for Texas agriculture is uncertain at best."

Members of the organization accepted the report and voted in favor of a $4.54 dues increase to fund the suggested initiatives Tuesday afternoon.

"The modest increase in dues to fund this proposal is, in the view of the committee, an investment in the future," Tullos said.

"Do we maintain the status quo, and risk stagnation and declining influence? Or will we move forward..?"

The group's new legal defense fund will allow the Farm Bureau to defend farming interests in property rights battles, committee members said.

Legislative director Steve Pringle says the drought has highlighted the need for the group to ensure that farmers can remain in business by relying on crop insurance.

Many Farm Bureau members say they paid high premiums only to find that when their plants were withering this summer, insurance companies always found loopholes to avoid paying.

"We're looking for ways to guarantee a certain amount of income for farmers," Pringle said. "Part of that process is educating our people about programs out there that others say have worked for them. Basically, there is no longer a safety net for farmers...they have to make their own."

The need to reform the current method of crop insurance has proven to be one of the most hotly discussed issues at the convention.

Dan Pustejusky, a voting delegate and cotton farmer from Hall County, said the Freedom to Farm Act of 1996 providing for farm insurance in place of government assistance has devastated farmers across the state.

"When people have gone to try to get help after the drought dried up their land, many were turned away," Pustejusky said. "A lot of people are concerned about the system not working right."

Fed regulators won't seek ban on all toys made with chemical

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government safety regulators asked toymakers on Wednesday to stop using a cancer-causing chemical in baby rattlers and teething toys. But they said there is no need to ban all toys made with the substance.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission said studies show that the amount of the chemical — diisononyl phthalate — ingested by small children "does not even come close to a harmful level."

The commission said that about 90 percent of all manufacturers using the chemical as a softener have said they will remove it from rattles and teethers by early next year.

"As a precaution, parents of young children who mouth these products for long periods of time may wish to dispose of them," the commission said.

"Few children, if any, are at risk," Ronald Medford, the commission's assistant executive director for hazard identification and reduction, told The Washington Post, which first disclosed the situation. "But given the number of uncertainties, we are — as a precaution — asking the toy industry to take certain steps to reformulate their products intended to go into children's mouths."

The safety commission said high doses of phthalates have been linked in laboratory studies to cancer in mice and rats. They also are a suspected source of liver and kidney damage in laboratory animals. But the commission said that scientists do not agree "about whether the cancer risk translates to humans."

The commission said that most pacifiers and nipples do not contain the chemical but that parents should immediately discard the Clear and Soft lines made by Gerber Products Co. It said no other Gerber products, including other types of pacifiers and nipples, are involved because they do not contain the chemical.

Some major retailers, including Kmart and Toys R Us, have already begun pulling plastic teething toys made with pthalate from their shelves.

"We've just been looking at the research and reading up on it," Kmart spokeswoman Michele Jasukaitis said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We are going forward in the interest of our customer safety."

Jasukaitis said Kmart would continue to monitor other products containing pthalate, including those that might not be explicitly for teething but could end up in the mouths of young children anyway.

Toys R Us, the world's largest retailer of children's products, promised last month to have the teething toys off its shelf by Nov. 18.

The commission said Sears, Roebuck and Co., Wal-Mart Stores and Target Stores also have announced plans to remove phthalate teethers and rattlers from their shelves.

Several toy manufacturers, including Mattel Inc., Walt Disney Co. and Little Tikes Co., have said they plan to phase out use of the additive.

Government will buy more beef

WASHINGTON (AP) — Although cattle prices are on the rebound, the government announced Tuesday that it will buy another $20 million in beef to help producers.

The buy, which is over and above what the Agriculture Department would normally purchase, will help ranchers "who have been operating at or below break-even levels for most of this year," Vice President Al Gore said at a conference on agriculture issues. The meat is used in federal food assistance programs. The purchase is not expected to affect consumer prices.

Gore also said that he has asked Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman to recommend some stronger income protections for farmers.

Congress this year rejected the administration's proposal to raise commodity price supports as Republicans argued that the action could disrupt markets. Lawmakers instead provided farmers with $6 billion in direct payments to compensate for low prices and weather-related losses.

Cattle are currently selling for 62 cents a pound, up three cents since this summer, and the Agriculture Department expects the price to top 70 cents early in 1999 because of tighter supplies. Many producers in drought-stricken areas of the country slaughtered their heifers this year because they didn't have enough feed, said USDA economist Ron Gustafson.

The number of cattle nationwide is down about 4 percent since 1996, when prices last reached 70 cents.

Prices should "stay fairly strong for the next couple of years," Gustafson said.

The government's latest beef purchase is one of a series that USDA has made over the past year to boost cattle prices. During the budget year that ended Sept. 30, the department bought 146 million pounds at a cost of $158.9 million. USDA would normally purchase about $130 million to $140 million a year.



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Party time food safety

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

When serving from a buffet, keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. If possible, cold foods should be set on ice.

Use chafing dishes or other heated servers which keep already hot foods at an internal temperature of at least 140 degrees F. Make sure to stir the food frequently if the heating source does not cover the entire bottom of the dish.

Start with smaller amounts of each dish on the table, then, when replenishing the buffet, do not mix fresh food with food that has already been out for serving.

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

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

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

Butter 2 weeks; natural cheese 1-3 weeks; cream cheese 104 days; sour cream 1 week.

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

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

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Miniseries slated

NEW YORK (AP) — Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks are teaming up for another World War II project.

The pair will co-produce a 13-hour HBO miniseries "Band of Brothers," based on a U.S. Army unit in the war, the network said Tuesday. No air date has been set.

Spielberg produced and Hanks starred this summer in "Saving Private Ryan," a movie about an effort to rescue a soldier during World War II after his brothers are killed.

The miniseries is based on the nonfiction book by Stephen Ambrose.

Hepatitis warning issued by center

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Blood possibly contaminated with hepatitis C may have been used in thousands of transfusions up to a decade ago, the head of the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center warns.

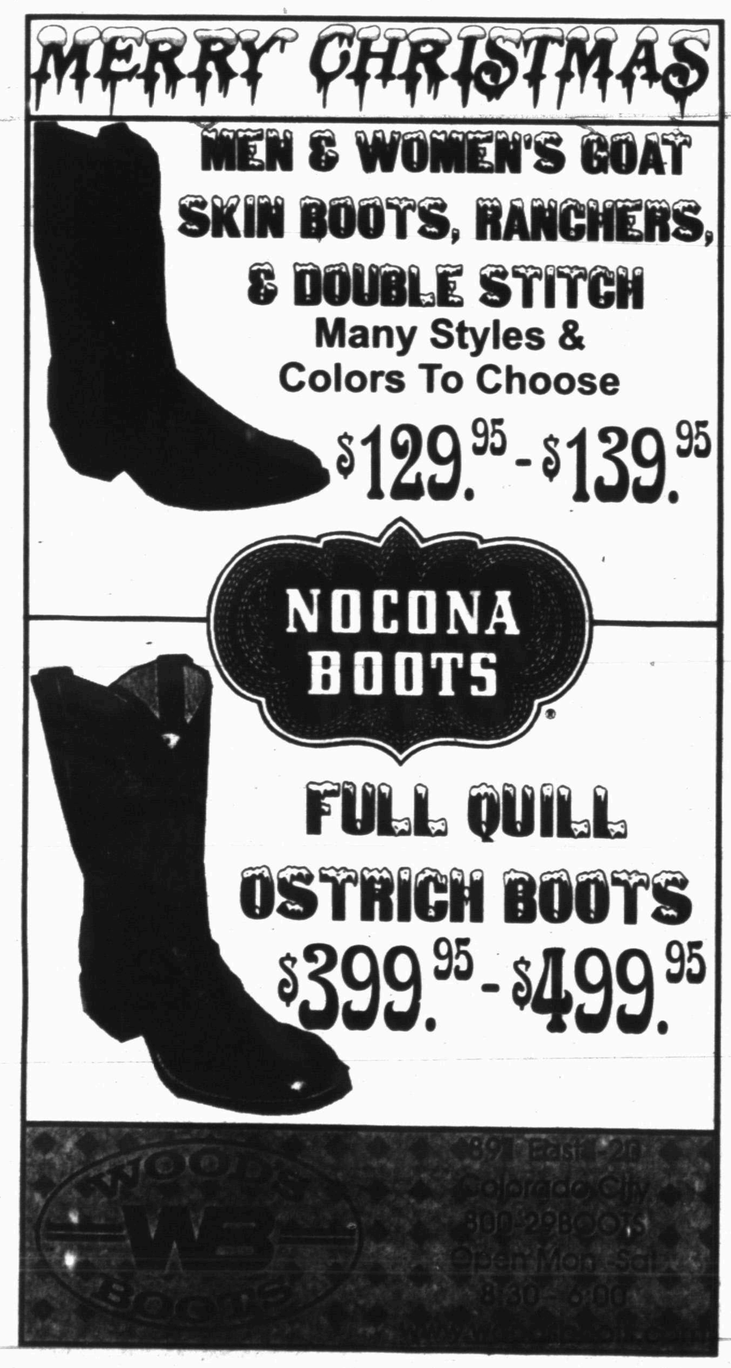
Letters are being sent to as many as 3,000 people who got blood or blood-related products from the center from 1988 to 1992, said Dr. Norman Kalmin, the center's president and chief executive officer.

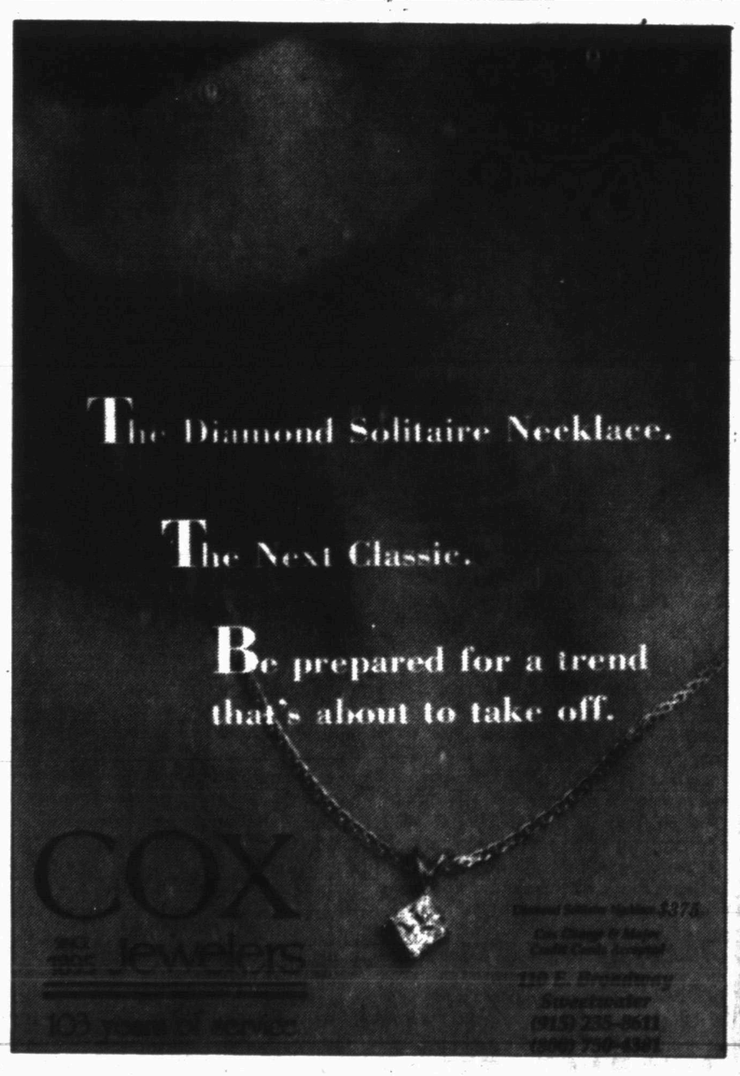
Kalmin said Tuesday at a health district clinic that the local blood supply may have been partially tainted as recently as 1992.

Before that year, blood, plasma and platelets from donors couldn't be screened effectively for hepatitis C.

Since then, some of the center's previous donors have tested positive for the virus, Kalmin said, adding that residents who got blood or blood-related products from those donors may have been infected.

The virus was identified in 1989. It's considered the most serious of the hepatitis viruses, including A, B and D.






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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Albright, Arafat launch new commission

WASHINGTON (AP) — In what could be a warm-up for statehood, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat have launched a U.S.-Palestinian commission to channel $900 million in new American aid to the West Bank and Gaza.

The commission held its first meeting Tuesday in Albright's office at the end of the Palestinian leader's high-profile visit to Washington in which he again asserted hopes for a state and called east Jerusalem "occupied territory."

James P. Rubin, the State Department spokesman, said the new commission with the Palestinians did not establish a state-to-state relationship. He said the aim was a framework for extending U.S. economic aid to the Palestinians through the Palestinian Authority — $900 million over five years was pledged Monday — for promoting business, and also promoting cultural and scientific projects.

"We are trying to improve the governing of the Palestinian Authority," Rubin said, referring to the Arafat-run organization that oversees Gaza and areas of the West Bank under Palestinian control.

"It was an initial meeting, and we discussed how to organize this process," Rubin said.

Albright has taken the lead within the administration to establish what she calls a "new relationship" with the Authority. The commission is likely to be a vehicle to arrange for imports of Palestinian goods into the United States without duties.

A follow-up meeting is expected early next year with Albright and Arafat again presiding.

Wrapping up a three-day visit to Washington, the Palestinian leader also met with two powerful congressional leaders: Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., who is expected to be the new House speaker, and House minority leader Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.

Meanwhile, The American Committee for Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem, which often treats Palestinians free of charge, called on the Clinton administration to increase its relief package by providing for health care for the Palestinians.

"To help the Palestinians in their quest for independence, the United States must help Palestinians care for themselves," Dr. Stuart Tauber, the executive director, said in a statement.

In his Capitol Hill talks, Arafat said he discussed "all the problems" facing the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations and possible solutions.

Livingston emerged from his first meeting with the Palestinian leader with a clearer "understanding of the complexity of the issues," according to his spokesman Mark Corallo.

Arafat also scheduled a meeting with CIA director George Tenet. Tenet played a central though low-profile role in Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations that resulted in the Wye agreement last October. The CIA is ensuring the implementation of the accord with special attention to measures promised by Arafat to counter terrorism in areas under his control.

Fund-raising...

Impeachment investigators get permission to see memos

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reversing course, a federal judge today gave permission to House impeachment investigators to read secret Justice Department memos that detail evidence of alleged fund-raising irregularities in President Clinton's 1996 campaign.

U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson said one Republican and one Democrat from the House Judiciary Committee staff will be permitted to see the memos written by FBI Director Louis Freeh and prosecutor Charles LaBella.

Johnson's written order said it was "in the public interest that this limited disclosure be made" to impeachment investigators from the 2-year-old grand jury investigation into fund raising.

The staff members will not be allowed to copy or take notes from the memos and can report their contents only to Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., the committee chairman, and Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, senior Democrat on the panel, the judge said.

Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., one of the committee members who attended today's hearing with Johnson, called the decision "a step in the right direction." The judge had ruled just last week in a sealed decision that lawmakers could not see the memos.

The decision earlier this week by Republican impeachment investigators to veer into the fund-raising allegations against the president drew sharp Democratic criticism today. The White House called on House Republican leaders to "step up and figure out a way to get this thing resolved expeditiously."

And House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said "I think no one is in charge" of the impeachment inquiry.

White House press secretary Joe Lockhart complained that outgoing Speaker Newt Gingrich and incoming Speaker Bob Livingston don't want to touch the impeachment process, leaving it in the hands of Hyde.

"It's obviously an odd situation where you have the Congress undertaking the most grave responsibility they have short of declaring war and the leadership saying that they don't want anything to do with it," Lockhart said. "I think they need to step up and figure out a way to get this thing resolved expeditiously because everybody ... wants to get this behind us."

Obituaries

Johnny Piker

1907-1998

Funeral service for Johnny William Piker, a former resident of Snyder, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Chapel. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Mr. Piker, 91, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, in Windflower Nursing Center in Amarillo following a lengthy illness.

Born Oct. 3, 1907 in Arkansas, he married Evelyn Opal Weller on June 5, 1949 in Snyder. She died on Nov. 21, 1998.

A longtime resident of Snyder, Mr. Piker moved to Amarillo in July, 1997. He also formerly lived in Abilene and Clyle and worked for the city of Abilene water department for more than 20 years. He was a member of the Snyder First Baptist Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Maxine Daniels of Mena, Ark., Eva Jones of Charleston, S.C., Norma Daniels of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Faye Baty of Lakin, Kan.; a stepdaughter, Charlotte McKinney of Amarillo; a son, Eddie Piker of New Castle, Colo.; a stepson, Bill Weller of San Diego, Calif.; three brothers, Russell Piker of Florida, Thomas Piker of Bald Knob, Ark., and Orlan Piker, also of Arkansas; 26 grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren.

Mamie Cooper

1918-1998

HAMLIN — Mamie Lois Cooper, the sister of Harvey Davis of Hermleigh, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, in an Abilene nursing center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Cooper, 80, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Central Baptist Church. The Revs. James Brigham and Travis Crutchfield will officiate, and burial will follow in the Roby Cemetery.

Born in Moody, Mrs. Cooper grew up in Fisher County and she married Olan L. Cooper in 1935 in Roby.

Mrs. Cooper was a longtime resident of Jones County, moving to Hamlin in 1952 from Fairview. She worked as an interior decorator and was a member of the Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Olan Cooper of Hamlin; a son, Gary Cooper of Granbury; a daughter, Joyce Jackson of Abilene; another brother, Calvin Davis of Fredericksburg; a sister, Fay Rister of Hawley; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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James E. Byus

1925-1998

James E. Byus of Snyder died at 5:10 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1, in Lubbock Methodist Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Byus, 73, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Marvin Applin will officiate and Wright Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Born on July 17, 1925 in Fort Worth, Mr. Byus married Doris June Davis on June 9, 1990 in Snyder. A retired Halliburton employee, he had served in World War II and the Korean War and was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Doris June Byus of Snyder; a stepson, Howard Murphree of Snyder, a stepdaughter and son-in-law, Lila and Billy Cantrell of Snyder; eight step grandchildren; and four great-step grandchildren.

Pall bearers will be Neil Manlief, Joey Arnold, Rudy Trujillo, Bill Tune, Wendell Barrett, Larry Early, and honorary pallbearer is Billy Cantrell.

Selective Service now has online registration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Signing up for the potential military draft can be as simple as turning on the computer.

The Selective Service was activating its online registration site today. That means that instead of heading to the post office, filling out of a form, and then waiting two to three months for a confirmation card, young men with access to the Internet can simply log on and sign up.

"We're giving men yet another easier, faster way to take care of their legal obligation," said Lew Brodsky, the agency's director of public and congressional affairs. "He'll be hooking directly to the mainframe and when he hits the 'submit' button, he's going to get an instantaneous Selective Service number. He'll be registered as of that moment."

The law requires nearly every male U.S. citizen and male alien living in the United States, age 18 through 25, to register with Selective Service. Registration does not mean automatic induction into the military. The United States has not drafted men into the military since the end of the Vietnam War.

About 1.8 million 18-year-old men register each year. The agency estimates a 91 percent compliance rate among all men who must register.

The online program works by comparing the information entered against the government's Social Security database. After a match is made, the person is given a registration number and mailed an acknowledgment card within weeks. The Selective Service began working on the program and its security features more than a year ago, as Internet access for teens became easier through schools and libraries.

Brodsky said the online registration should prove especially helpful to young men overseas, who until now had to find a U.S. embassy or consular office to register. It also should assist 18-year-olds starting college, since one financial aid requirement is registering for the service.

"The financial aid office was saying, 'Hey, prove to me you're registered,' and the kid couldn't do it," Brodsky said. "Well now, not only can they verify him ... they can also sign him up immediately if he isn't."

Sandra Blanton, assistant director for George Washington University's financial aid office, said less than a handful of students this semester fall through the cracks because they lacked proof of registration. However, she said having the information online can't hurt.

Registration is mandatory for most federal benefits, as well as for government employment. Half the states in the nation also have similar laws that connect state aid or jobs to registration, Brodsky said.

"We're hoping that many men decide that this is the way to go," Brodsky said. "Not only is it faster and easier for them but it's obviously time saving and less costly to us."

The Selective Service spends about $1 million in postage and materials reminding men to register. If online registration proves successful, it could help the agency cut costs, although Brodsky said it was too early to estimate by how much.

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Appraisal District open house

An open house will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday at the Scurry County Appraisal District office in honor of the retirement of chief appraiser Ray Peveler.

Spanish Club crafts fair

The SHS Spanish Club will sponsor a Christmas crafts fair from 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday at the high school for students in kindergarten through fourth grade. Advanced reservation is required. Contact Kathye Parker at 573-6301.

Lighted Christmas parade

Entries are needed for the annual Lighted Christmas parade set for 6 p.m. Saturday. All entries must have lights. For more information call 573-3558 or in evenings call 573-3822.

Dealing with grief

Family Hospice of Big Spring will sponsor a seminar, "Dealing With Grief Through the Holiday," from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday in the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Bring a brown bag for lunch and drinks will be provided.

Museum exhibit to end

Scurry County Museum's Christmas exhibit will remain on display through Tuesday.

LVN testing dates set

LVN testing dates for the March session at Western Texas College are set for 1:15 p.m. Tuesday. Call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313 to make an appointment.

WTC Planetarium hours

The refurbished planetarium at Western Texas College is now available for star shows. Three different programs are available — one for pre-kindergarten children, one for children in grades K through 4, and one for general audiences (grade 5 through adult). Any of these programs can be shown Friday mornings and afternoons, by appointment. Evening and weekend shows can also be arranged. Appointments can be made by calling Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312. There is no admission charge.

Ira junior class selling spice

Ira's junior class is selling "Watkins 130th Anniversary" spice packages containing black pepper, cinnamon and double strength vanilla in a glass collector's bottle. These gift packages cost $22.99. Only a few are left, so contact any junior class member or call the school at 573-2628 to purchase a gift package.

SHS choir sells poinsettias

SHS Choir members are selling Christmas poinsettias. Cost is $10 poinsettias come in red, white and the jingle bell variety. Students are raising money to help support the choir trip to Disney World next spring.

Spanish Club fundraiser

SHS Spanish Club members are selling $2 chances to win a $100 gift certificate from Bealls or a Brighton watch from Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters. Proceeds will be used to send club members to the state convention in April.

Christmas lighting contest

Noon Friday, Dec. 18, is the deadline to enter the residential outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest, sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Call 573-3558 to enter. Judging will begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 18.

Medical fund

A medical fund for heart patient Sherylyn Timora has been established at West Texas State Bank. Make contributions to the Sheryln Timora Medical Fund.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is selling windbreak trees. Both evergreens and hardwoods are available. Call 573-6317, or come by the office at 5309 Big Spring Highway.

Benefit roping and dance

A benefit team roping and dance will be held Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum annex to help pay for medical bills for Richard Reid. Ropers may sign up at 11 a.m. with the events starting at noon. The dance is at 8 p.m. For more information, call Shannon Blair at 573-2066, or Shana May at 573-3005.

Tour of homes

The annual lighted Christmas tour of homes, sponsored by Historic Scurry County and the Historical Commission, will be held from 5-7 p.m. Dec. 12. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Countryplace, American State Bank and Eddie Peterson's Pharmacy.

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.

Pick 3

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

6-2-9

Cash Five

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

1-18-25-34-38

(one, eighteen, twenty-five, thirty-four, thirty-eight)

New painkillers may have fewer problems

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — A new type of painkiller that has been trumpeted on Wall Street as potentially the next blockbuster drug is getting a cautious nod from government scientists who say it might be a little easier on patients' stomachs than many of today's pain relievers.

Advisers to the Food and Drug Administration unanimously recommended Tuesday that G.D. Searle be allowed to sell Celebrex, by prescription, to help relieve painful symptoms of arthritis.

Thus Celebrex is poised to be the first in a new class of painkillers called "cox-2 inhibitors" to hit the U.S. market. Analysts had predicted that cox-2 inhibitors would be marketed to millions of people as a way to relieve a variety of pains with fewer stomach-plaguing side effects than many popular painkillers.

But the FDA's advisers dampened some of the expectations for Celebrex: They stopped short of recommending the use of the drug for other kinds of pain. And they cautioned that while there are suggestions that Celebrex may be easier on the stomach, few people have taken it long enough to know its long-term safety.

The stock of Monsanto Co., Searle's parent company, fell $1.8125 to $43.50 a share in heavy trading Tuesday.

"I frankly think these drugs are safer," said panel chairman Dr. Steven Abramson of New York's Hospital for Joint Diseases. But, he asked, is there enough proof to let Searle tout the drug as significantly safer? "It's a close call."

The panel said Celebrex doesn't need the standard ulcer warning that comes with other painkillers, but it was stymied on just what warning to give. "Certainly this drug is not ulcer-free," said Dr. Daniel Lovell, a Cincinnati pediatric rheumatologist.

The FDA is not bound by the panel's advice, but typically follows it.

Millions of people now depend on aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen and a host of other pills called "non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs," or NSAIDs. They are used for arthritis, everyday aches, recovery from surgery and myriad other pains. Many are available without prescriptions; others come in higher-dose prescription-only strengths.

But NSAIDs can cause ulcers, stomach bleeding and other gastrointestinal side effects, especially in long-term users. NSAIDs are blamed for causing 107,000 Americans to be hospitalized every year, and for killing 16,500.

In 1990, scientists announced the reason. NSAIDs target an enzyme called cyclo-oxegenase that is responsible for much inflammation accompanying pain. But it turned out there are two types of this enzyme. Cox-2 was behind the inflammation, while cox-1 actually protects the stomach lining. Unfortunately, NSAIDs hit both.

The theory was that if scientists could develop a more specific drug that targeted just cox-2, it would alleviate pain and inflammation while not bothering the stomach. Half a dozen companies began racing to develop a better NSAID.

Searle's Celebrex, known chemically as celecoxib, is the first under FDA scrutiny. In studies of about 13,000 patients, it appeared to work almost as well as prescription-strength naproxen in patients with osteoarthritis. In rheumatoid arthritis sufferers, it appeared to work almost as well as another popular NSAID, diclofenac.

Remains of ancient fish are found in Irving landfill site

IRVING (AP) — Workers making room to expand the local landfill have discovered the fossilized remains of a huge, menacing fish with razor-sharp teeth and powerful jaws.

Fossils of the jaw, teeth, a fin and vertebrae of an 8- to 12-foot-long xiphactinus were found Monday, about 60 feet below the surface. Scientists believe the xiphactinus lived about 90 million years ago.

"This is what I called a dino-fish," said Mary Nix, disposal manager for the Irving Department of Public Health and Environmental Services. "It's big."

Herminio Beltran, a 21-year-old employee with the L.D. Kemp excavation company, unearthed the fossil while operating an excavator.

"I found the head first," he said. "It was different than the rock. It looked black."

Portions of the fossil were taken to Southern Methodist University in Dallas, where the fish was identified by Louis Jacobs, a professor of geological sciences.

Excitement about the find spread quickly among area experts in paleontology, the study of fossils.

"We don't have one that good here at SMU," Jacobs said of the fossilized fish. "It's just a beautiful specimen. The head is out, but all the pieces are there, and it can be prepared beautifully."

Date Book

Dec. 2, 1998

Today is the 336th day of 1998 and the 71st day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1804, Napoleon Bonaparte crowned himself Emperor of France at Paris's Notre Dame cathedral.

On this day in 1942, Dr. Enrico Fermi and his colleagues at the University of Chicago produced the first controlled nuclear chain reaction.

On this day in 1982, the first successful artificial heart was implanted in a patient. The operation took place at the University of Utah Medical Center.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Georges Seurat (1859-1891), painter; Adolph Green (1915-), playwright-lyricist, is 83; Alexander Haig (1924-), U.S. Army general-politician, is 74; Julie Harris (1925-), actress, is 73; Edwin Meese III (1931-), U.S. attorney general, is 67; Tracy Austin (1962-), tennis player, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, quarterback Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins passed for 475 yards and four touchdowns as the Dolphins defeated the Raiders 45-34.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is best to win without fighting." — Sun-tzu

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1964, severe thunderstorms and several funnel clouds were seen about 30 miles north and northeast of Shreveport, La.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (Dec. 3).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Time Is Precious Commodity For Retirees Engaged in Life

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DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Exasperated in Massachusetts" could have been a little more plain-spoken. She's the woman who said she and her husband were being driven crazy by the demands of her parents and in-laws, who wanted to spend more time with them than they have to give. In my opinion, she should tell them to "get a life."

Abby, my husband and I are both in our 70s. We raised six children and we're loving our retirement. We are both active in our church, do volunteer work and frequently socialize with our many wonderful friends. We can't find enough hours in the day. When we can find time, we visit with our children and 12 grandchildren, and we treasure those moments.

There are so many classes seniors can take — I recently completed French and genealogy. Literacy teachers are needed everywhere (I did that, too), and volunteer opportunities abound. My husband volunteers two days a week at one of our local hospitals. We also love to travel, but right now, we're too busy.

"Exasperated" should encourage her parents and in-laws to get involved in life, and she might occasionally ask them to "baby-sit" for a weekend so she and her husband can get away alone. There are a million things for them to do instead of depending on their adult children to entertain them.

BLESSED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR BLESSED: I couldn't agree more. You're obviously enjoying a retirement that's exciting, fulfilling and fun. Read on for more of the feedback that's come in about "Exasperated":

DEAR ABBY: You should have told "Exasperated in Massachusetts" to keep track of all the complaints her parents and in-laws are hurling at her now. That way, she'll know what to say when her kids and grandkids ignore her in another 25 years. If she thinks about it from that point of view, I'll wager she'll come up with all kinds of ways she could make time for her parents and in-laws.

What she's doing now is teaching her children ways to ignore family members — and I predict it'll come back to haunt her.

GLAD I'M NOT HER MOM, YORK, PA.

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DEAR ABBY: I used to have the same problem as "Exasperated in Massachusetts." My 75-year-old retired father couldn't seem to understand why I couldn't drop everything at the last minute to go to a movie, go to dinner, etc. I really did want to spend time with him. I just couldn't seem to fit it in.

Then I did a "trade-out" with him. If he wanted to go to dinner, I'd ask him to pick up the dry cleaning, go to the bank for me and pick up the kids — whatever it took to allow me time to go with him. Dinner at home — no problem. He cooked his specialty, and we all helped clean up.

My father is older now and not well, but I'm glad we had those times together — and I miss all those things he did so we could have time together.

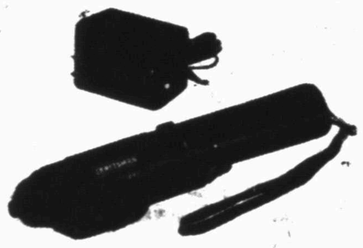
HAPPY TO HAVE HAD HELP, RENO, NEV.

DEAR HAPPY: Beautiful! Dad remained needed and useful, and you all benefited by enjoying memorable times together. Kudos to you for coming up with a compromise that made everyone happy.

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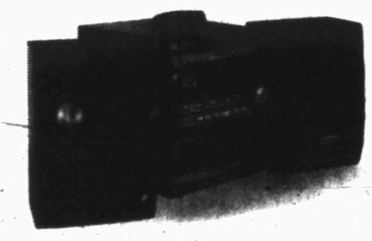


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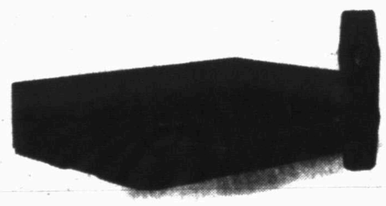
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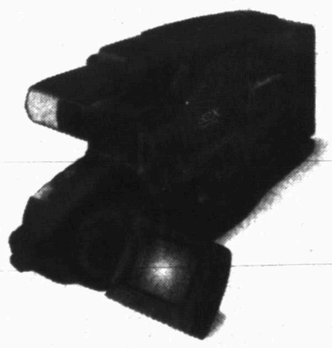
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