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Light turnout expected...

Amendment vote set Tuesday

Scurry County voters get the opportunity Tuesday to do 17 more times the same thing they have done 377 times before – amend the state constitution.

The very nature of Texas' constitution requires frequent changes to keep up with current conditions. This year's offering is a mixed bag dealing with topics ranging from gubernatorial succession to the garnishment of wages for court-order spousal support.

The first proposed amendment on the ballot – if passed – will require the state's lieutenant governor to vacate that office when filling a permanent vacancy in the governor's office.

The proposed amendment relating to the garnishment of wages – Proposition 7 – adds spousal maintenance to child support payments as an authorized purpose for garnishing wages.

(A complete list of the proposed amendments can be found on Pages 4B and 5B.)

In anticipation of a light turnout, voting boxes have been combined in the county for the election.

County Clerk Joan Bunch said voters who cast ballots in Precinct 2 boxes 5,6 and 7 will vote at the Scurry County Library, while voters in Precinct 3 boxes 8,9 and 10 will vote at the Towle Park Barn.

Voters in Precinct 4 boxes 11,12 and 13 will cast ballots on the south side of the Scurry County Coliseum, while voters in Precinct 1 boxes 14 and 15 will cast their ballots on the north side of the coliseum.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Charlie Reynolds...

Judge may leave office early

Amid speculation that he may leave office early to enter full-time church work, Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds will address the Scurry County Commissioners Court when it meets at 10 a.m. Monday.

Reynolds

Reynolds, serving his second term as peace justice, is not disclosing the topic of his appearance before the court, and County Judge Ricky Fritz said he is not aware of what subject Reynolds will address.

"He just told us he wanted to be on the agenda," Fritz said.

Reynolds has been active in church work and courthouse observers say Reynolds has considered entering missionary work.

When asked about his plans, Reynolds declined to make a statement, adding that his close friends were aware of his plans.

"The newspaper will be there when I make my announcement," said Reynolds, indicating that the former deputy sheriff and D.A.R.E. officer will reveal his plans during the Monday commissioners court meeting.

Reynolds, who switched to the Republican Party after being elected as a Democrat, was re-elected to the justice of the peace office in November 1998 in an uncontested race. The Justice of the Peace has a four-year term of office.

In other business, commissioners will consider accepting the old jail building located at 2707 College Avenue back from Historic Scurry County, Inc.

Fritz said Historic Scurry County has tried for several years to use it as a historic building, but realized it would be a large and costly project to restore it to its original condition.

The building recently housed Noah Project-West.

The court is also scheduled to open bids on two cars for the sheriff's department.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The real challenge of Halloween is to make the trick-or-treaters and the treats come out even."

Americans are expected to spend an average of $98 on Halloween stuff this year, an increase of 21 percent.

That includes treats, costumes, decorations and – yep – even pumpkins.

The pumpkin crop was off this year, making the price up. In year's past our giant pumpkin has come from Floydada, but a hailstorm there ruined the jumbo crop, before the local pumpkin smashers had a chance.

This year's jumbo came from Seminole in Gaines County. The plan is to save some seeds and try and grow a giant one of our own next year.

Halloween has traditionally been an American holiday, but the National Halloween Association says that France holds the most potential for embracing the celebration.

A French maker of festive products promoted Halloween in Paris restaurants a few years ago, and now about 25 percent of its sales are for Halloween outfits.

And Pumpkin Masters, a Denver company that makes pumpkin-carving kits, offers instructions in French, Spanish, Portuguese, German and Dutch – as well as English.

Wonder how you say Snicker bar in German?

While kids will go for most any Halloween item, there is a growing group of adults who opt for Halloween Collectibles, like the early 20th Century jack-o-lantern that sells for $150 and the witch that has a price tag of $500.

But the most expensive item we've heard about is a huge black cardboard cat used in a 1930 era store display, priced at $3,500.

Halloween is ole what's-her-name's favorite holiday. Her birthday is Monday, so she's just one day shy of being a certified witch.

But one of our favorite Halloween stories still involves the grade school teacher who asked students what they wanted to be when they grew up.

She got the traditional answers – policeman, nurse, fireman, doctor, pro football player, teacher and astronaut.

One kid sat quietly, giving no indication of future plans.

The teacher prodded, "Bubba, what do you want to be when you grow up?"

The boy shrugged, "Gee, I don't even know what I want to be for Halloween yet."

Company G reunion planned

The 26th annual reunion of Company G veterans will get underway Thursday with headquarters at Willow Park Inn.

The company, known as Matney's Raiders, was comprised of Company G, of the 142nd Infantry, 36th Division of guardsman from Scurry County.

Reunion plans call for general visiting Thursday evening at the Willow Park, followed Friday evening by a barbecue dinner at 6:30 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club where all reunion meetings will be held.

Saturday's events include a memorial service and business session at 10 a.m.

A banquet Saturday evening at 6:30 will conclude this year's reunion.

The company's history actually dates to World War I where it saw action in France. However, the company was deactivated after the armistice.

Capt. John E. Sentell reorganized it in Snyder on April 18, 1924.

As part of the Texas National Guard, the company carried 65 men and three officers.

Time to trick-or-treat

While the traditional Halloween event of treat-or-treating will happen Sunday night, a whole slate of activities for children is planned both Saturday and Sunday.

First Baptist Church will hold its annual Fall Festival from 5-7 p.m. Saturday in the Family Life Center.

The event is for birth through 6th grade and will include games, concessions and door prizes.

Morningside Baptist Church will also have a Fall Harvest Festival, including games and refreshments, from 6-9 p.m. Saturday.

All little ghosts and goblins are also invited to trick-or-treat from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Snyder Oaks.

Snyder Healthcare Center will conduct a Spook House from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday.

Snyder First Church of the Nazarene will hold its annual candy hunt Sunday immediately following the morning service.

On Sunday evening, the Snyder Police Department will be passing out candy from 6 to 8.

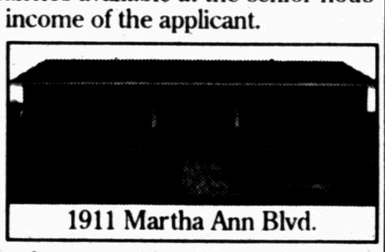
Golden Terrace Village Phase IV...

Grand opening set

A grand opening will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the newly-constructed Golden Terrace Village Phase IV, 1911 Martha Ann Blvd.

The event will be held in apartment 98, according to Kathryn Tate, manager.

Tate said there are several vacancies available at the senior housing unit and rent is based on the income of the applicant.


1911 Martha Ann Blvd.

The apartments are designed especially for senior citizens 62 and older. All are one bedroom.

The apartments are carpeted and include central heating and air conditioning. A range and refrigerator are furnished.

Other features include a ceiling fan in the living room, a roll-in shower and handicapped accessible toilet. The bathroom also is equipped with grab bars.

Tate said repairs and lawns are maintained by the project, which is subsidized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

To apply, call 573-1416.

Tate is the manager for all four Golden Terrace Village phases. Movelda Hyer and Susan Klein assist her.

Phases I and II are located on 37th Street and are designed for disabled and elderly citizens. The units have both one and two bedroom apartments.

Phase III is also designed for elderly and disabled citizens and is located on 52nd Street, north of Cogdell Memorial Hospital. The unit also has both one and two bedroom apartments.

The first three phases are subsidized by Rural Development.

"We would like to invite anyone who might be interested or who has family who would be interested to come see our new apartments. We will be glad to help them in anyway we can," Tate said.

ASK US

Q—Who is responsible for picking up truck tire debris on the highway?

A—The Texas Department of Transportation.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 84 degrees; low, 49; 7 a.m. Saturday, 50; .20 of an inch precipitation; total for 1999, 21.76 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows, upper 30s. Sunday, partly cloudy. High, lower 60s.

David Strayhorn
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
6:57 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:58 a.m.
Of 302 days in 1999, the sun has shone 295 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don't.
—Pete Seeger

Internet firm has great opening day

NEW YORK (AP) — Shares of a small, money-losing Internet company more than quintupled Friday in the fourth-hottest initial public offering ever, showing investor enthusiasm for the company's method of speeding up the delivery of Web pages.

Akamai Technologies Inc. closed at $145.183/4 on the Nasdaq Stock Market after it was initially priced at $26 a share and opened at $110.

The stock's 458 percent increase from its initial price is the fourth-highest of all time, according to financial market researcher Securities Data Corp.

The No. 1 was theglobe.com, which rose 606 percent on opening day. Foundry Networks rose 525 percent and MarketWatch.com rose 474 percent.

Akamai sold 9 million shares to raise more than $1.3 billion. Its closing share price gave Akamai a stunning market value of more than $13 billion — even though Akamai had sales of just $1.3 million and lost $28.3 million in the first nine months of this year.

Akamai (pronounced AH-kuh-my) is Hawaiian for intelligent, clever and cool.

Formed last year, the Cambridge, Mass.-based company offers Yahoo! and other Web destinations a service that delivers the most image-intensive portions of their Web pages — such as advertisements with colorful moving images — through a speedier route than the public Internet.

The service answers a common complaint that graphic-intensive Web pages take too long to download and can cause computers to crash. This is particularly important to Web site advertisers that use fancy images to promote their products.

"The Mark of the Beast"
Hope for Life's Journey
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Haunted house operators push the limits

NORCROSS, Ga. (AP) — As a smoke machine billows out sweet-smelling mist and the overhead speakers cackle and moan, four preteen boys try to maintain a brave facade.

But as costumed actors pop out from behind corners at the "Netherworld" haunted house, the boys grab at each other's shirts so hard they almost rip the seams. Even adults in the group shriek.

"I was plenty scared, but it was fun," said 11-year-old Drew Stipe, who made it through the 40-minute attraction with two friends, his older brother and his parents. "But I wouldn't send the younger kids into there."

Therein lies the dilemma faced by operators of increasingly popular haunted houses — how scary should they get?

Most operators have responded by meeting the demand for increased realism, and that means most haunted houses are now for teens and adults only.

"It's actually harder to not scare little kids too much than it is to really scare the adults," said Joe Jensen, creative director for Chicago-based Haunted America Inc., an Internet site.

"There are still the family farms that have the spooky pumpkin patches or scary hay rides, but they are disappearing."

What's left are professionally done houses such as Netherworld, which is tame compared to some presentations.

The theme of the Atlanta-area "Chambers of Terror" is what would happen if all the Y2K alarmists are right. It presents car wrecks, diseases escaping from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other calamities that might result if the world's computers melt down as the clocks turn to the year 2000.

Six Flags theme parks around the country offer "Alice Cooper's Brutal Planet," where no one under the age of 10 is allowed in. But the chain also offers the family-oriented "Looney Toons Spooky Town" for youngsters.

Not so at "Statesville," outside Chicago. The haunted house features a body writhing in a crackling electric chair and prison inmates hissing threats while pleading desperately for freedom as they grope through cell bars.

It's based on the nearby Stateville Correctional Center — a prison that has housed the likes of serial killer John Wayne Gacy and mass murderer Richard Speck.

"Oh my God, I was so scared," said 18-year-old Nanci Bowne, laughing and shaking after bursting out a side exit halfway through the labyrinth. "I lost my friends in there."

Joliet-area farmer Paul Siegel terrifies his guests with the psychological horror of villains based — at least in part — on real life.

"I wanted it to be different than the typical haunted house with Dracula or Freddy Krueger," Siegel said. "I thought, I'm next to Stateville, and what's more scary than the feeling of being locked inside a prison?"

Churches also have embraced the Halloween season by offering scary venues with a message.

However, some churches that employ the concept — scaring people into accepting religion — have drawn criticism for depicting violent acts, rape, abortion and, most recently, the Columbine High School shootings.

Metro Heights Church in Stockbridge, Ga., is running its "Tribulation Trial" for the seventh year, recreating scenes from the Apocalypse based on the Bible.

"We really try to scare people," said Dave Roberts, an education pastor with the church. "We really want people to see what it would be like if they were left behind after the Second Coming."

He said the attraction is recommended for kids 10 and older because of its realism.

Netherworld co-owner Billy Messina said he doesn't give age guidelines, but a sign at the front says it is not recommended for small children. Everyone is charged a full $12 admission.

"If they want to bring a five-year-old through and then have to leave because they're scared, they're out the money," Messina said.

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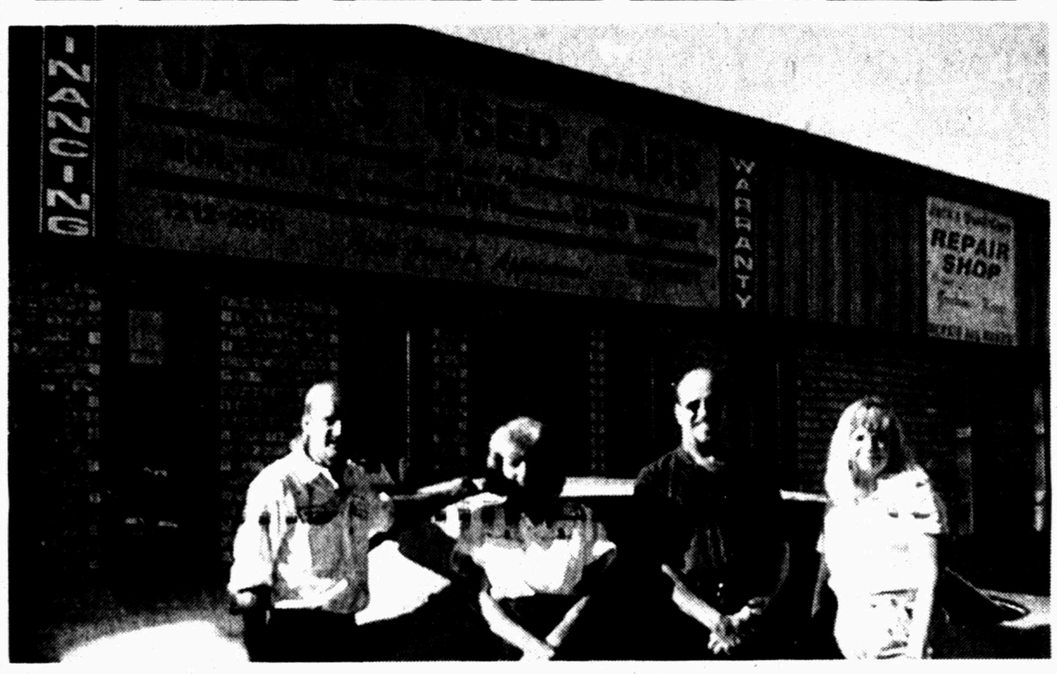

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GOP alleges Education Dept. mismanagement widespread

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Education Department has a half-billion-dollar "slush fund" that could be used to offset proposed Republican budget spending cuts, said GOP lawmakers who called for a congressional investigation on Friday.

"An organization that has unauditable books clearly is ripe for finding 1 percent savings across the board," said Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich.

He has asked the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, to determine whether the department has mismanaged at least $600 million and issued duplicate checks to grant winners.

"The agency is responsible for distributing $35 billion in education spending and it cannot determine where that money is going," added Hoekstra, who chairs the House Education and the Workforce investigations subcommittee.

Hoekstra and Reps. Bob Schaffer of Colorado and Matt Salmon of Arizona spent Friday morning at the Education Department. Arriving with less than a day's warning, they questioned Secretary Richard Riley and his deputies on an account the department maintains for grants that can't be awarded immediately for any of several reasons.

Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said subcommittee hearings about the department have found no corruption or mismanagement and blasted as "storm trooper tactics" the three Republicans' Friday visit on short notice.

Salmon defended the queries:

"If you have an account of $700 million and only $12 million to $13 million was put into it for the exact reason why this account was set up, this raises a lot of red flags," he said.

Education Department officials say the Republicans' complaint is based on old numbers. Most of the $600 million Hoekstra questioned has since gone to the originating programs, and $147 million was returned to the federal Treasury. Under current law, the fund, now about $200 million, cannot be spent on anything else, Riley said.

The lawmakers had no specific examples of inappropriate ways the money may have been spent, citing the pending investigation. Hoekstra, who has grappled with Riley previously over department spending, added that the department was one of a several agencies that could not provide sufficient paperwork to the GAO to audit.

As a larger battle looms between the White House and Congress over five of the 13 spending bills that keep the government running, Riley and House Democrats charged the GOP with using gimmicks and partisan politics to push their spending plans, which carry a 0.97 percent across-the-board cut in federal agencies' budgets.

"Today's publicity stunt is an attempt to direct the focus from improving education," said Riley. He slammed the GOP-backed blanket-cut plan earlier this week, saying it would slice $279 million from department programs that include funds for reading, mathematics and new teachers. "I would have hoped the House would finally get serious about education."

Hoyer, a senior Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, added that the GOP's 1 percent cut would apply to programs throughout the agencies.

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Campus Happenings

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Lady Dusters vs. Cisco Jr. College @ Cisco	2	3 SGA Exec. Mtg Noon; Millennium: Reflections and Beyond All Day	4 All PTK Mtg. 10:45am SC-105; Intramural Bingo 7:00pm Cafeteria	5 Lady Dusters vs. Seward Co. Community College @ Liberal, KS.	6 Lady Dusters vs. Barton @ Liberal, KS
7	8 Movie Night 8:30 SC	9	10 SGA Mtg Noon	11 Lady Dusters @ Waco Texas Juco Roundup; PTK Exec. Board Mtg 10:45am SC-105; Intramurals Doubles Pool Tourn. 10:45 SC	12 13 Lady Dusters @ Waco Texas Juco Roundup	
14	15 Lady Dusters vs. Ranger College @ Snyder 7:00pm; Last Day to Drop Classes	16 Intramural Volleyball 7:30pm Gym; Campus Activities Begins at 10:45am	17 SGA Exec Mtg Noon	18 Founder's Day 10:45am SC; Christmas Happenings (see below)	19 20 Lady Dusters @ Big Spring Howard Classic	
21	22 Movie Night 8:30 SC	23 Residence Halls close 10p.m.	24 25 26 27 Thanksgiving Holiday Campus Closed			
28 Residence Halls open 2p.m.	29 Intramural 3 on 3 Basketball 7:30pm Gym	30 Lady Dusters vs. Ranger College @ Ranger				

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DIXIE CHICKS — The Dixie Chicks stopped in Snyder Friday en route to their next singing engagement. Not really, but three Snyder Junior High School teachers — Terry Huestis, Virginia Trevey, Margaret Corkran — did dress up like the country music trio. Students and teachers mixed fun with learning as they dressed in Halloween costumes. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Bush looking to cut Demos' advantage with women voters

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush has fashioned a campaign of "compassionate conservatism" that he hopes will appeal to women voters and give him the edge he needs to win back the White House for Republicans.

And Elizabeth Dole's recent departure from the GOP presidential race shows that his strategy is working among women who plan to vote in Republican primaries and caucuses. The Texas governor gained 13 points among those women after Dole quit.

But among all women, a traditional source of Democratic strength, Bush has lost ground to Vice President Al Gore.

Some Democrats say Bush's strategy to attract women is a threat, even though they believe they have a better track record on women's issues.

"Republicans have a candidate who uniquely understands targeting the women's vote," said Celinda Lake, who specializes in the women's vote and informally advises the Gore campaign.

Bush's campaign slogan of "compassionate conservatism" goes over well with suburban white women, also known as "soccer moms," Lake said. "He's careful on the choice (abortion) issue, aggressive on the education issue, he's careful with the diversity of his team."

Republican pollster Linda DiVall, who worked with Dole's campaign, says both Dole and Bush fare well among women because "voters see a different type of Republican face ... not the dour, scolding, intolerant, hard-edged, rigid voice."

A CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll said Bush's support among Republican-leaning women, 55 percent before Dole dropped out Oct. 20, jumped to 68 percent after her departure. While it's impossible to say his gains were from Dole supporters, she had the support of 14 percent of women before leaving the race.

Bush's overall support increased by 6 percentage points, even though his support among men likely to vote in the Republican race — now 67 percent — remained about the same.

Pitted against Gore, the two candidates were in a virtual tie among women. Previously, Bush had a slight lead. Then — and now — the Texas governor's lead over Bill Bradley, the other Democratic hopeful, was 13 points among women.

In the last two presidential elections, Bill Clinton fared well with women voters, leading by 8 percentage points in 1992 and twice that margin in 1996.

The Democratic nominee will need a big advantage among women if Bush retains his current lead of almost 20 percentage points among men. Now that Dole is gone, no other GOP candidate has shown a particularly strong appeal with women so far.

Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, said, "It's pretty evident that women haven't responded in the positive way to Gore that they've responded to his boss."

Democrats say the key to countering Bush is making sure women are aware of his support for a concealed weapons law, private accounts for Social Security, school vouchers, and his opposition on abortion — an issue he talks around.

The trick for the GOP, said Bush pollster Fred Steeper, is to keep its strong appeal for men while attracting more women.

GOP recruiters say the Bush campaign, with its emphasis on education, compassion and inclusion has been a far easier sell to women this year than in past elections.

"It's like night and day," said Lezlee Westine, general counsel for Technet, a political organization representing executives. "George W. Bush cares about the issues important to women.

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New terrorism coordinator emphasizes use of diplomacy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael A. Sheehan once kicked down doors to confront terrorists.

Years later his mission is the same, but his technique has changed: He recently led diplomatic overtures to Afghanistan's ruling Taliban army in hopes of winning its help in seizing suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden.

And diplomacy on Capitol Hill will be needed if Sheehan is to address what he calls the "unconscionable" 36 percent reduction by Congress in the budget of the U.S. counterterrorism office.

The retired Army lieutenant colonel is the nation's latest coordinator for counterterrorism — a post that carries the rank of ambassador at large in the State Department. He is the point man in the government's efforts to prevent attacks like last year's bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

Sheehan, 44, is a veteran of world hot spots: Central America, Korea, Somalia. In Panama, he was the leader and youngest member of a U.S. Army Special Forces counterterrorism "door-kicking team" whose actions he says he cannot discuss.

But while tough talk and swift action are still part of fighting terrorism, so is persuasion.

"The bread and butter of what we do is diplomacy," Sheehan said in an interview after the Senate approved his appointment with no dissent. "We try to depoliticize terrorism around the world, criminalize its behavior and work with other countries to close off terrorists."

The task includes building an international consensus against terrorist organizations, isolating states that sponsor or shelter them, and sharing information with law enforcement officials in other countries.

It includes the economic sanctions recently imposed by President Clinton against the Taliban government in Afghanistan for harboring bin Laden, the suspected terrorist mastermind behind the embassy bombings.

And it includes military force, such as last year's U.S. missile assaults against camps in Afghanistan and a factory in Sudan after the embassy bombings.

Since the Office of Coordinator for Counterterrorism is located at the intersection of military might and diplomatic finesse, prospective coordinators are drawn from either arena. Sheehan, a military veteran, succeeded a career member of the foreign service, Philip Wilcox Jr., who held the post from 1994 until his retirement in 1997.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Sheehan joined the military after high school and began a career that would send him around the globe.

After Panama, Sheehan served as a company commander in an Army unit on the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea. He then worked as a military adviser in El Salvador before seeking a master's degree in international relations at Georgetown University.

There he took a class taught by now-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who would become a major influence on his career.

He worked with Albright in New York after she became U.S. ambassador to the United Nations in 1993. As part of United Nation's peacekeeping efforts, Sheehan spent seven months in Mogadishu, Somalia's ravaged capital, in 1993 and 1994, and four months in Haiti in 1994.

Albright became secretary of state in 1997. When the job of counterterrorism coordinator — reporting directly to her — became vacant last year, she named Sheehan to the post on an acting basis while his nomination worked its way through Congress.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said Albright "hand-picked Ambassador Sheehan for this post precisely because he has a unique combination of field experience and Washington policy experience."

Testifying in July before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sheehan said international terrorism has changed since 1980, when Americans were held hostage at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran.

Groups involved in the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, "are more in the mold of the new terrorist threat — groups that are often self-financed with less direct linkage to state sponsors," he said.

The embassy bombings put terrorism on the front burner in Congress. The House in July unanimously authorized $1.4 billion for security upgrades at embassies.

Sheehan said the challenge will be maintaining that attention.

"I think it's the type of effort that we have to sustain over the long time — indefinitely really," he said. "You can become exhausted if you're at a heightened state of security all the time."

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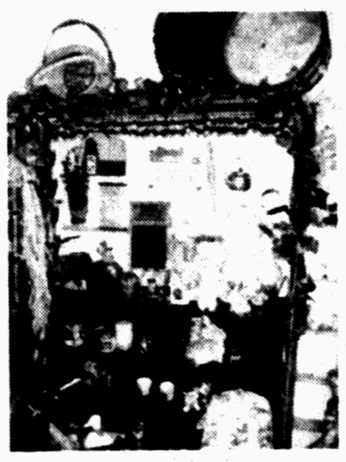

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MOST ORIGINAL — Jennifer Williams, left, and Ann Dodson are pictured receiving their certificate and prize from Sandra Robinson. The fourth floor of Cogdell Hospital won "most original" in the hospital auxiliary's annual Halloween decorating contest. Also working on decorations was Katy Bailey, not pictured.

MOST SCARY — Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary sponsored a Halloween decorating contest. The different departments decorated their area during off-hours and in the top photo housekeeping won "most scary" category. Shown from left are Erlinda Portillo, Dollie Gonzales, Evangelina Canales and Dominga Sosa. The department received a certificate and a prize. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

MOST UNIQUE — Sandra Robinson, member of the Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary, presents a certificate and prize to the OB department, the winner of the "most unique" Halloween decorations. Accepting is Jo Schooler, LVN, left.

U.S. appeals court throws out federal inmate's death sentence

ATLANTA (AP) — A panel of federal judges on Friday overturned the death sentence of a man who was the first person sentenced to execution by the United States under a 1988 federal drug law.

The United States has not executed anyone in 36 years.

A three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 that David Ronald Chandler of Piedmont, Ala., was not properly defended by his attorney during his sentencing phase.

Chandler's conviction for arranging the slaying of an informant, however, still stands and the case was sent back to the lower court for resentencing.

U.S. Attorney Doug Jones in Birmingham, Ala., had not decided whether to appeal.

Chandler's trial attorney, Drew Redden, testified at an appeals hearing that he made "very little" effort to sway the jury to spare Chandler's life. Two judges wrote that the jury that sentenced him did not hear witnesses and evidence that showed a "more admirable" side of Chandler.

Chandler was convicted in 1991 of operating a large marijuana ring in northeast Alabama and arranging the murder of Marlin Shuler, a member of his network who became a government informant. The man who killed Shuler is serving 25 years to life.

Chandler was the first person sentenced under the 1988 Anti-Drug Abuse Act, which allows the death penalty for killings associated with a criminal enterprise. ,

His execution has been on hold since last year, when the court agreed to hear his appeal.

The last federal execution was 36 years ago, when Victor Feguer was hanged in Iowa for kidnapping and killing a doctor.

ATF head will resign

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms says he'll leave the job at the end of the year.

John Magaw was involved in several high-profile investigations including the Oklahoma City bombing, the crash of TWA flight 800 and the bombing at the 1996 Olympics.

Magaw told Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers in his resignation letter made public Thursday that he plans to leave Dec. 31.

Magaw, took over in late 1993 from Stephen Higgins, who resigned after ATF's top leadership was criticized for its handling of the assault on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco.

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REVIEW YOUR CURRENT SITUATION. How much progress have you already made toward your goals? Can you afford to divert additional resources toward these objectives? You need to have a "snapshot" of where you are starting from before you launch into plans to get where you want to go.

GIVE YOURSELF A TIME LINE. If you know when you want to achieve your goal, you'll be in a much better position to take action. For example, if you plan on paying for much of your 8-year-old child's college education, you might want to set a goal of saving $100,000 in 10 years.

CREATE AN APPROPRIATE INVESTMENT STRATEGY. Once you know what your goals are, and how long you have to achieve them, you can establish an investment strategy that fits your individual circumstances. You can decide how much money you can afford to put away each month, what sort of return you need to earn, how much risk you are prepared to tolerate, and what types of investment vehicles you should choose. A qualified financial professional may be of great assistance in helping you map out your investment plans.

MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO YOUR PLAN. Over time, many circumstances in your life may change — your career, your family situation, your plans for retirement. Your life isn't a static event, so you'll need to constantly monitor and adjust your investment strategy. A periodic review of your portfolio can show if it's providing you with the growth and income you need to make progress toward your goals.

Taking all these steps may seem like a lot of work. But you may be surprised at how routine they can become. And you will almost certainly be pleased with the results. In the long run, it's not just the richest people who achieve all their goals. And it's not just the luckiest. It's those who have a plan — and who follow through on it.

Judge to rule if defense can use the 'gay panic' defense

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — A man testified Friday that he was the object of a sexual advance by Matthew Shepard in a tavern hours before the gay college student was pistol-whipped into a coma and left to die.

"It was really offensive to me," Michael St. Clair told jurors as the defense opened its case in Aaron McKinney's murder trial. "It set off something inside. It made me angry."

McKinney, 22, is charged with robbery, kidnapping and murder, and could be sentenced to death if convicted.

His lawyers are trying to convince the jury that he snapped during a drunken, drug-induced rage after a sexual advance by Shepard triggered memories of a childhood homosexual assault.

St. Clair was in the Fireside Lounge in Laramie on Oct. 6, 1998, the night Shepard met McKinney and Russell Henderson. He said Shepard approached, asked to sit with him and then made a sexual suggestion. Later, St. Clair said he watched as Shepard left with McKinney and Henderson.

Prosecutors say the two lured Shepard out of the bar, took him to a remote area, and then robbed and beat him. Henderson, 22, pleaded guilty to murder and kidnapping and is serving two life sentences.

Before the defense testimony began, attorneys asked the judge to allow them to use the "gay panic" strategy, contending it is crucial for jurors to understand why the roofer beat Shepard to death.

"These life experiences may say how he reacted that evening," defense attorney Dion Custis said in a hearing after prosecutors rested their case. "That is for a jury to decide, not the court."

Prosecutor Cal Rerucha countered that such testimony would give others an excuse to kill people they don't like, such as minorities.

"You can't have a conspiracy of two people who go out and pretend to be homosexuals and commit a robbery and claim homosexual panic," he said.

Judge Barton Voigt said he would rule on the issue Monday.

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COURTHOUSE SCARECROWS — Rona Sikes, Jana Young, Diana Williamson, Jacqueline Wills and Linda Robinson were in Halloween dress Friday in the tax office. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Comic strip on sports causes uproar

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A cartoon-style story about sports published in a widely distributed free weekly newspaper is generating shock among readers and distributors because of its explicit drawings.

The "On Sports" two-page comic strip that appeared in the San Antonio Current issue published Thursday shows male and female anatomy and depicts body parts as sports equipment.

The comic criticized society's obsession with organized sports, equating it with violent sexual acts.

Officials of the Current said the comic fit with the theme of the entire newspaper, which was sports-oriented because of the Bexar County vote Tuesday on taxpayer funding for a new San Antonio Spurs arena.

"We thought it was an effective way to convey to our readers the country's and this city's obsessive relationship with sports," said Estela Reyes Lopez, managing editor of the Current.

Some retailers who distribute the Current have said they are upset by the cartoon. County Line BBQ on the River Walk removed the publication from its restaurant.

"We had a very irate customer call us back because one of her kids picked it up," said general manager Gina Hartbarger.

Other retail managers also have pulled the issue.

"It's vulgar," said Christina Cullinan, acting manager of Good Time Charlie's Bar & Cafe. "Kids can't see it."

The Phillips Family

Phillips Family concert slated

The Phillips Family, a gospel singing group from Nashville, Tenn., will present a concert at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at First Assembly of God Church, 1809 College Avenue.

The Phillips Family consists of Christine Phillips and sons, J. Charles and Greg. They perform a mixture of southern gospel, inspirational and worship music.

Their last three albums received excellent critics' reviews in trade publications, "U.S. Gospel News," "The Gospel Voice," and "The Singing News."

The Phillips Family was voted the gospel group of 1993 by the ICGMA. They have had eight consecutive hit songs on national radio charts. Their concept video, "Down at the Brush Arbor," is number one in many U.S. markets.

The Phillips Family travels full-time singing gospel music. They began recording their albums in Nashville in 1990, and since then have received steady airplay and chart action nationwide.

They keep a full schedule of approximately 200 days per year on the road. J. Charles and Greg are songwriters and their albums contain original material, and many other groups have recorded their songs.

The Phillips Family hosts their own weekly television program, "Hallelujah Amen," at 9 a.m. Saturday on CTN Tennessee 39 WHTN.

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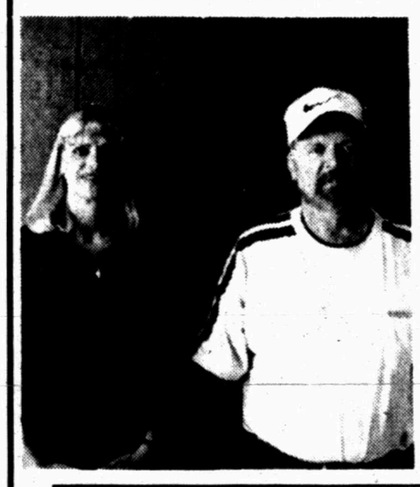

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Man reburies wife, son after floods unearth their caskets

PRINCEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — John Ricks endured a ceremony Friday he never thought he would have to go through again — the burial of his wife and 9-year-old son, killed in a traffic accident 21 years ago.

Their coffins were among 224 that popped from the ground and floated away in Hurricane Floyd's floodwaters last month. On Friday, federal mortuary teams began reburying the dead.

"When I read about all the caskets coming out of the ground, I said, 'Not mine,'" said Ricks, of Dale City, Va. His voice broke, he bit his lip and he wiped his eyes as he waited with his father-in-law for the coffins to be put back in the ground.

"It's a relief and at the same time it's like stirring stuff up again," he said, "because I never stopped loving them."

Hurricane Floyd, packing up to 20 inches of rain, pushed the Tar River to record levels last month, flooding Tarboro and Princeville. Floodwaters washed over the cemeteries, and some coffins in shallow graves floated off.

While the floodwaters were still high, boat crews rounded up the caskets and tied them to trees or anything else solid. They were recovered when the waters receded. More than 200 state and federal employees and volunteers then set to work identifying the remains in an emergency morgue in a warehouse.

Of the 224 recovered caskets, only 15 remain unidentified.

"We have dealt with floods numerous times in this state, but this is the first time we have dealt with anything of this nature, certainly on this scale," said Elaine Wathen, area coordinator for the state Emergency Management Division.

In the warehouse, gray caskets sit row upon row, most marked with "PV" and a number, denoting their final destination as Princeville. Other bear markings to send them to six other counties.

Five specialists with the U.S. Public Health Service's Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team try to use such things as body markings, jewelry and pacemaker serial numbers to identify the corpses. Wall charts list amputated limbs, yellow hair and other features on unclaimed bodies. The families of the dead have not seen that room.

Each casket gets a new headstone paid for by the government and is buried under 18 inches of earth. A red rose, paid for by the team members out of their own pockets, is placed on each fresh grave.

The first Princeville casket to be reburied was that of Molly Tillery, 62, followed by that of 70-year-old Delzona Dickens. The team hopes to rebury about 20 a day.

Ward Sutton, whose company specializes in moving cemeteries, stood beside each new grave and recited the name of the deceased. For some of the reburied dead in Princeville, that was the only service they got.

The coffins of Ricks' wife, Dorothy, and their son David were gently lowered on cables into newly dug graves beside their other children — John Jr., 5, and Monica, 1, who also died in the 1978 wreck. A backhoe covered them with sandy soil.

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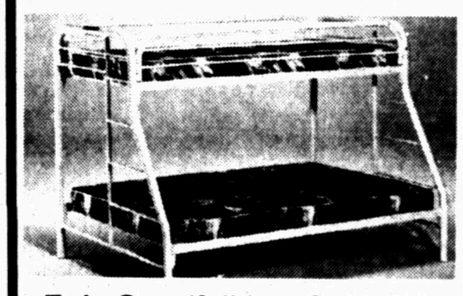

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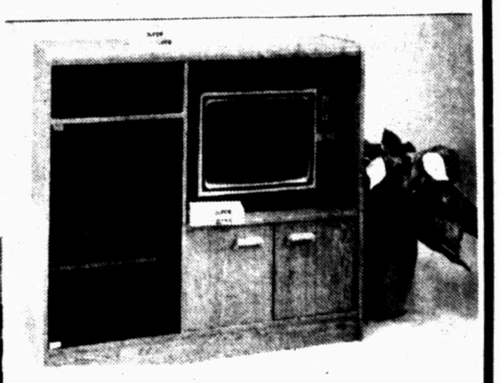

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SPORTS

Tigers stay on track with 59-0 rout

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

FORT STOCKTON — One down.

One to go.

The Snyder Tigers moved one step closer to their first district title since 1990 Friday night, blanking Fort Stockton, 59-0, at Panther Stadium.

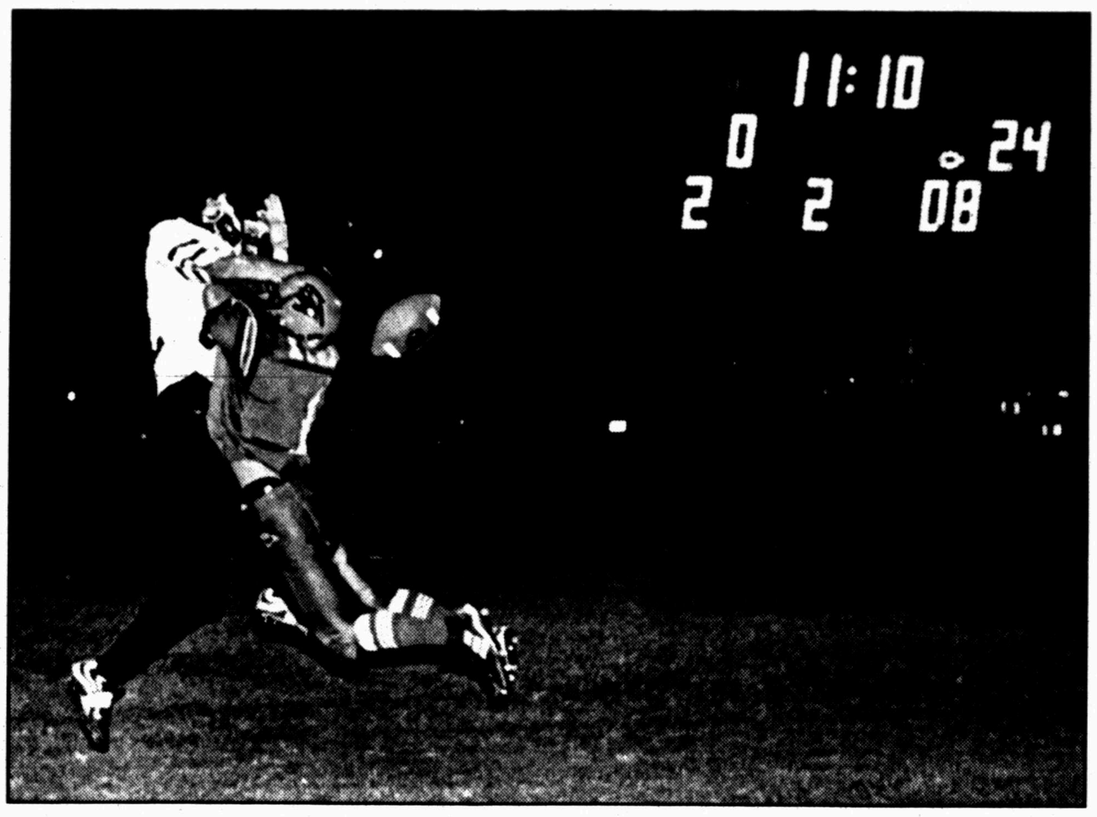
The Tigers, now 7-2 on the season and 4-0 in District 5-4A action, are guaranteed at least a share of the championship, and can secure sole possession of the crown with a league-ending victory over San Angelo Lake View.

"Right now we're focused on winning the district championship outright," Snyder coach David Baugh said. "Our goal was also to shut them out, and we did that. One reason we wanted to shut them out was because we weren't real sure how well we would be able to move the ball on them.

"And they gave us some problems right at first. They came out in some defenses that we hadn't seen before. It took us awhile to get our blocking assignments figured out."

With the offense making adjustments, Snyder's defensive unit and special teams made sure the Tigers wouldn't have far to go to find the endzone.

Fort Stockton never started a first-quarter possession outside its own 20-yard line, while Snyder took over in Panther territory on three times in the opening period. The result was 24 points for the Tigers in the first 12 minutes of action.



A ROUT IN PROGRESS — Fort Stockton's Mark Carrillo breaks up a pass intended for Matthew Grimmett Friday night during second quarter action of the Tigers' 59-0 blowout of the Panthers. Grimmett scored Snyder's opening touchdown, as the Tigers went on to post 24 first-quarter points. (SDN Photo by Laura Canada)

"Our defense and special teams were really key to our success all night long," said Baugh. "Our kickoff coverage was outstanding, and once we got them pinned down in their end, our defense wouldn't let them out."

The Tigers needed just 13 plays to build their 24-0 lead.

On Snyder's second play from scrimmage, Matthew Grimmett hauled in a 54-yard spiral from Sonny Cumbie for a 7-0 advantage, following the Ralph Ramon kick.

Ramon was a perfect eight for eight on extra points in the game, and added a 40-yard field goal on Snyder's next possession for a 10-0 tally.

The Tiger offense was back on the field two plays later, after Mark Medley pounced on a fumble at the Panther 17. Cumbie went up top again, hooking up with Bebos Martinez for a 13-yard score.

The final points of the quarter came two minutes later when wingback Edwin James took the ball on an inside trap and sprung it for a 53-yard touchdown.

"We wanted to get ahead of them early, and that's exactly what we did," Baugh stated. "We got out in front so far, that we didn't run some of the stuff that we had planned on. Then they went into that spread formation and it was like form-tackling drills on their quarterback."

Unable to make any headway offensively, the Panthers went to a run-and-shoot scheme, with only the center and two guards in the middle. Three players would split out wide to each side, with the quarterback and running back in shotgun formation.

The radical set proved unfruitful for the Panthers, who failed to net a first down in the first half. Fort Stockton finished the night with just six first downs and less than 90 yards of total offense.

Snyder tacked on a second-quarter touchdown when Tovares Brandon rambled 15 yards into the endzone for a 31-0 halftime margin.

"I thought our kids did extremely well of adjusting their offensive sets," Baugh said. "That was something we had never seen before, and the kids adjusted just like they were supposed to."

After employing a quick-strike scoring attack in the first half, the Tigers proved they could control the ball on their opening drive of the third quarter.

Snyder chewed almost six minutes off the clock with a 12-play, 81-yard drive that culminated on a seven-yard toss from Cumbie to tight end Justin Phillips.

Leading 38-0 late in the third, the Tigers scored twice in the final minute to break the 50-point barrier before the fourth quarter began.

Cumbie capped a nine-play march with another seven-yard TD strike, this time to Justin Rosson, with 1:01 left in the period.

Snyder immediately got the ball back when the Panthers failed to field the ensuing kickoff. Three plays later, Sammy Aviles rumbled in from nine yards out as the horn sounded.

The Tigers' final touchdown came on a one-yard dive by Jamaal Pruitt with 4:18 left in the game.

Fort Stockton's only penetration into Snyder territory came on its next possession. The Panthers reached the Tigers' 40-yard line before Aviles picked off a Nathan Sawyer pass to kill the drive.

"We didn't do much wrong, and not much went right for Fort Stockton," Baugh stated. "We were running just our basic plays for most of the game. It was just one of those nights."

The statistics back up Baugh's statement.

Snyder netted 402 yards of offense, and held the ball for almost 30 minutes, while Fort Stockton could muster just 83 yards. The Panthers punted seven times, while the Tigers had just three punts for an average of 52.6 yards per kick.

The dominating performance increased Snyder's winning streak to six games, heading into the regular season finale against Lake View.

Lake View will be riding a wave of momentum as well. The Chiefs eliminated Big Spring from the playoff picture Friday night with a 33-29 victory. Andrews earned a playoff spot by edging Sweetwater, 28-17, in the district's other contest.

A win over Lake View will give Snyder sole possession of the 5-4A crown, regardless of all other outcomes. But Baugh knows the Chiefs will throw everything they have at the Tigers come Friday.

"Lake View will be fired up and ready to play on Friday," Baugh remarked. "They're fighting for their playoff lives, so I would expect them to play their best game of the year. We're going to have to work hard and prepare well to beat them."

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 at Tiger Stadium.

Game Summary

Snyder	**24**	**07**	**21**	**07**	**— 59**
Fort Stockton	**00**	**00**	**00**	**00**	**— 00**

First Quarter

Snyder — Matthew Grimmett 54-yard pass from Sonny Cumbie (Ralph Ramon kick), 8:53.

Snyder — Ramon 40-yard field goal, 5:00.

Snyder — Bebos Martinez 13-yard pass from Cumbie (Ramon kick), 3:15.

Snyder — Edwin James 53-yard run (Ramon kick), 1:17.

Second Quarter

Snyder — Tovares Brandon 15-yard run (Ramon kick), 5:54.

Third Quarter

Snyder — Justin Phillips 14-yard pass from Cumbie (Ramon kick), 6:46.

Snyder — Justin Rosson 7-yard pass from Jesse Haines (Ramon kick), 1:01.

Snyder — Sammy Aviles 9-yard run (Ramon kick), 0:00.

Fourth Quarter

Snyder — Jamaal Pruitt 1-yard run (Ramon kick), 4:18.

	Sny	FS
First Downs	17	6
Rushes-yards	47-257	24-64
Passing yards	145	19
Comp-Att-Int	10-17-0	6-18-1
Punts	3-52.7	7-35.7
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-1
Penalties-yards	7-70	7-62
Time of poss.	29:57	18:03

RUSHING — Snyder: Highfield, 7-71; Brandon, 13-65; James, 2-60; B. Martinez, 3-19; Arizmendi, 7-12; Pruitt, 5-12; Aviles, 1-9; Thornhill, 1-7; Haines, 3-6; Pinson, 2-4; M. Martinez, 2-minus 1; Cumbie, 1-minus 7. **Fort Stockton:** Sawyer, 11-43; Holguin, 8-12; Mata, 3-9; Barron, 2-0.

PASSING — Snyder: Cumbie 6 of 12 for 116 yards, 3 TD; Haines 3 of 4 for 24 yards, 1 TD; Thornhill 1 of 1 for 5 yards. **Fort Stockton:** Sawyer 6 of 18 for 19 yards, 1 int.

RECEIVING — Snyder: Grimmett, 5-102; B. Martinez, 1-13; Pruitt, 1-11; Phillips, 1-7; Rosson, 1-7; Brandon, 1-5. **Fort Stockton:** Tipton, 3-23; Mata, 1-8; Paugh, 1-7; Holguin, 1-minus 19.

District 5-4A Football

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	**4**	**0**	**7**	**2**
Andrews	**3**	**1**	**7**	**2**
Lake View	**2**	**2**	**4**	**5**
Sweetwater	**2**	**2**	**3**	**6**
Big Spring	**1**	**3**	**6**	**3**
Fort Stockton	**0**	**4**	**2**	**7**

Friday's results: Snyder 59, Fort Stockton 0; Lake View 33, Big Spring 29; Andrews 28, Sweetwater 27.

Next week's games: Lake View at Snyder; Sweetwater at Big Spring; Fort Stockton at Andrews.

Snyder teams gear up for postseason

The playoff picture is coming into focus for Snyder High School's volleyball and gridiron squads.

On the volleyball court, the Lady Tigers already have their district title in hand and are waiting to find out the identity of their area playoff opponent.

The district championship earned the Lady Tigers a bye in the first round. Their area playoff match will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Albany High School against either Wichita Falls or Fort Worth Boswell. Wichita Falls and Boswell were to have met Saturday afternoon in a bi-district contest at Bowie.

A victory Tuesday would move the Lady Tigers into the regional quarterfinals next weekend.

On the gridiron, the Snyder Tigers have earned at least a share of the district crown Friday night with their 59-0 rout of Fort Stockton. Snyder can win the 5-4A crown outright with a victory over Lake View, or with an Andrews loss.

Unlike volleyball, the football district champion does not receive a first-round bye in the postseason. Of the three playoff teams from each district, the school with the largest enrollment will compete in the 4A Division I playoffs, while the remaining two squads will participate to the Division II playoffs.

Regardless of the final standings, Snyder will advance to the Division II bracket where it will face either Brownwood or Everman in the first round. The opening round will be played the weekend of Nov. 12-13.

After cutting out candy...

Gray having 'sweet' season for Tech

By BRENT SCHROTENBOER
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

LUBBOCK — Thinner, faster and much more sleek and trim, Texas Tech left tackle Jonathan Gray is living his life with a plan to "just say no."

Just say no to candy.

Just say no to sweets.

After tipping the scales at 402 pounds at the end of the 1996 season, Gray has also decided to eat less and less hamburgers and french fries during the course of his plot to burn at least 70 or so pounds of blubber and fat.

During the course of the last few days, he finally made it to 329.

Mission accomplished and then some, according to Gray, his teammates and coaches.

"Sweets, candy, junk food: all that stuff that's unhealthy for you is what I stay away from now," said Gray, a junior starter who will try to play in his team's 1 p.m. game Saturday at Missouri despite suffering a hyper-extended knee last week against Baylor.

"I watched what I ate and I stayed away from fried foods most of the time. If I didn't, I didn't eat large quantities. I didn't go on any super binges and didn't try to put the buffet industry out of business."

In the past, "binges" had seemed to become his biggest problem away from the team and the field.

Times and meals have changed, however.

In 1997, he weighed in at 363. In 1998, he tipped the scale at 357.

In the summer of 1999, he ran on a plan, worked himself in shape and reported to training camp at 347 pounds. Two months later, he surpassed his goal of 330, giving himself a whole new world of better speed and comfort in his quest to become one of the sleekest, most dominant offensive lineman in all of college football.

Notwithstanding his knee injury, Gray is already considered to be a virtual sure-shot bet to be named a first-team all-Big 12 Conference offensive lineman.

He has started 30 consecutive games at tackle and has been judged to have dominated his blocking opponent on 343 of his 503 total snaps in 1999 (68 percent).

In the Big 12 season opener against Texas A&M, Gray was also judged to have made six plays that were considered "exceptional" blocks or downfield efforts for an offensive lineman. According to offensive line coach Clovis Hale, six exceptional plays is an all-time high during Hale's combined six-year tenure at Tech.

"We tried to cut down on (Gray's) sweets at night," said Kelvin Clark, Tech's strength and conditioning coach. "We tried to cut back on his fried foods, too, but Jonathan's pretty much done it on his own. His goal all along was 330 or 335. Now he's finally gotten down there, and he's playing the best he's ever played."

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Detroit	6	2	.750	1
Charlotte	5	3	.625	2
Indiana	5	3	.625	2
Toronto	4	4	.500	3
Cleveland	3	4	.429	3½
Atlanta	3	5	.375	4
Chicago	2	6	.250	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	5	3	.625	—
Minnesota	4	4	.500	1
San Antonio	2	4	.333	2
Houston	3	5	.375	2
Dallas	2	5	.286	2½
Denver	2	6	.250	3
Vancouver	1	7	.125	4

Pacific Division

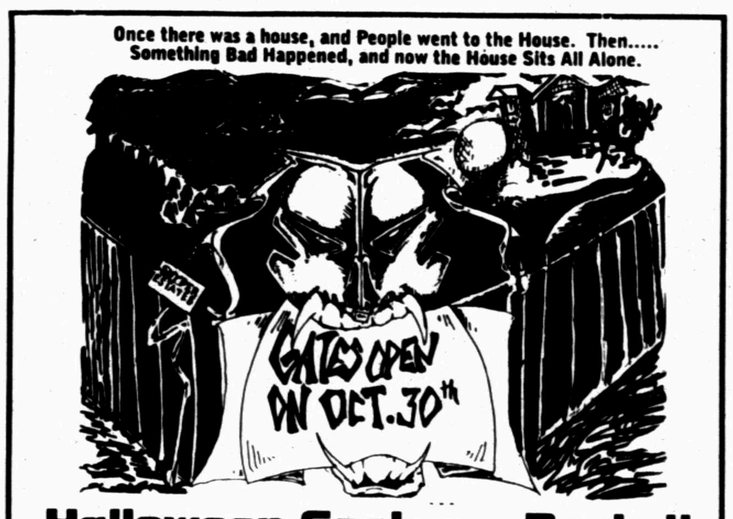
	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	8	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	5	3	.625	3
L.A. Clippers	5	3	.625	3
Seattle	5	3	.625	3
Golden State	3	5	.375	5
L.A. Lakers	3	5	.375	5
Sacramento	3	5	.375	5

Thursday's Games

Denver 92, Toronto 87
Washington 102, Boston 101
Detroit 112, Orlando 100
New Jersey 106, New York 103
Portland 89, Phoenix 77

Friday's Games

Charlotte 103, Chicago 89
Philadelphia 91, New Jersey 88
Houston 79, San Antonio 77
Portland 103, Sacramento 96
L.A. Clippers 118, Golden State 108



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SPORTS

Experienced Coyotes top up-start Bulldogs

IRA — In a battle for the final playoff spot out of District 6, Borden County's experience paid off against the upstart Ira Bulldogs.

In their biggest game in recent years, the Bulldogs turned the ball over four times, and were turned away from the Borden County 2-yard line in the closing minutes of the first half by a group of Coyotes who have been down this road before. The playoff experience of the past few seasons helped the Coyotes earn a 40-0 victory and a berth in the postseason.

"I think their experience in big ballgames like this had a lot to do with it," Ira coach Toby Goodwin said. "We had to make some changes because of injuries, and we just didn't make the plays when we needed to, and they did."

Goodwin was forced to shuffle his line-up due to last week's injury to starting quarterback Nathan Smith. Smith's broken hand didn't affect just the signal-caller position, but the Bulldog team as a whole.

Jerek Brown had to be moved from fullback to quarterback, initiating Terry Jamison's switch from end to Brown's vacant fullback spot, which in turn forced defensive starter Richard Wilkins to pull double duty at free safety and end.

And when Wilkins went down midway through the second quarter with a hyper-extended knee, virtually every Bulldog was playing a new position.

"Our kids did the best they could. You just can't make that many changes and get ready for a team like Borden County," said Goodwin. "Then losing Richard was a big blow. We had to adjust again, and it effected our kids mentally."

Wilkins' absence was a key factor in the closing minutes of the first half.

After being unable to gain the momentum through the first 16 minutes of the game, Ira began moving the ball late in the second quarter. Trailing 18-0, the Bulldogs began a march downfield that could have shifted the tide in their favor.

But Wilkins was injured on a reception in Coyote territory, and Ira began to stumble. A few plays later, the drive would come to a complete halt at the Borden County 2-yard line.

"Not scoring just before halftime really hurt us," Goodwin stated. "We had a chance to get some momentum going into halftime, and then get the ball to start the third quarter. But it didn't happen. We just never could get things to click, offensively."

On the other side, the Coyotes' offense was running at its normal pace. Borden County tailback Ed Rodriguez once again carried the load for his squad, churning out 242 yards on the ground and the final four touchdowns.

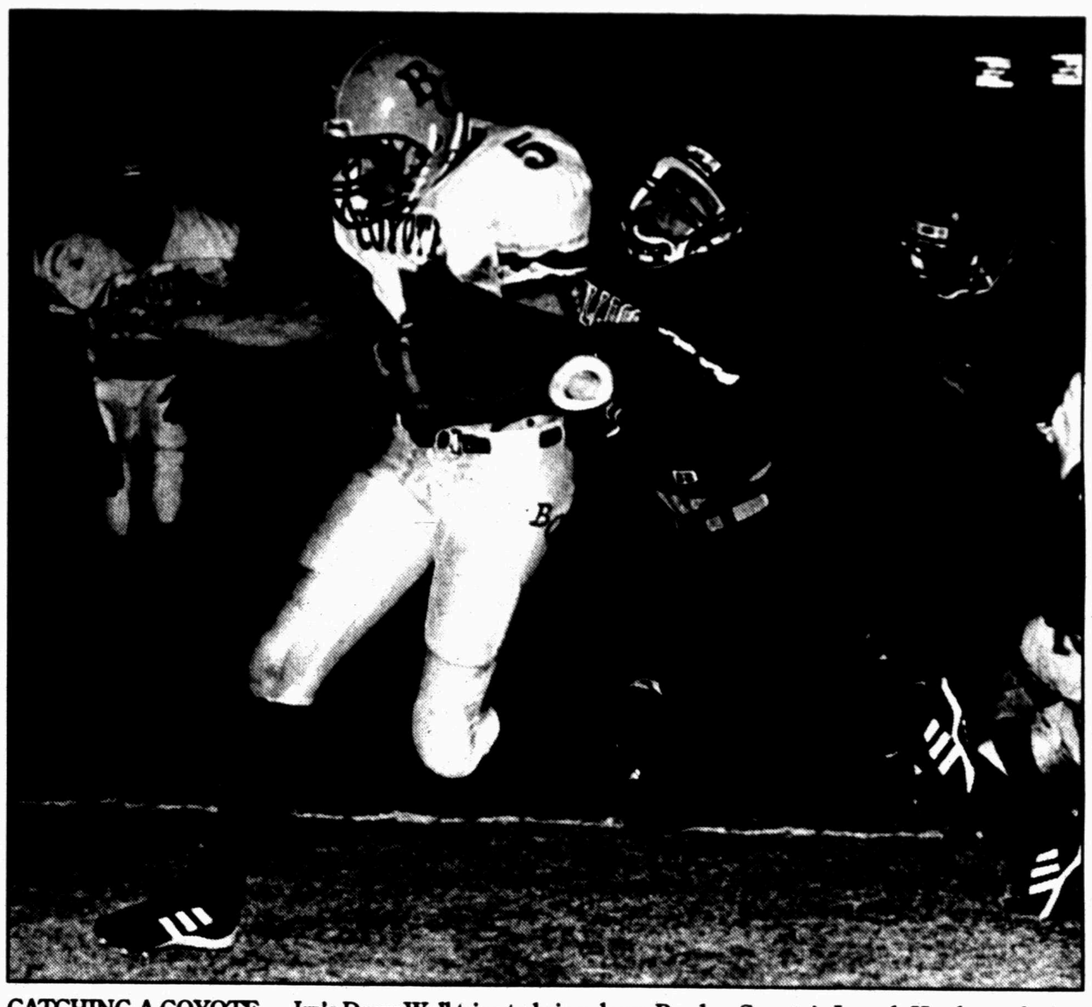
Rodriguez' biggest gain of the night came in the third quarter when he zipped through the Bulldog defense for a 78-yard scoring scamper.

The Coyotes registered 313 yards rushing, compared to 62 for Ira. Jeremy Bowden ran for 27 yards to lead the Bulldogs, with Jose Juarez carrying for 22 more.

Brown was 12 of 26 for 109 yards and two interceptions, while filling in for Smith.

Borden County scored all 18 of its first-half points in the opening quarter. Joseph Hardman leaned across from a yard out on consecutive drives, with Rodriguez scooting nine yards for the final touchdown of the period.

In the second half, Rodriguez had touchdown runs of two and five yards to go along with his 78-yard sprint.



CATCHING A COYOTE — Ira's Drew Wall tries to bring down Borden County's Joseph Hardman during District 6 action Friday night in Ira. The Coyotes wrapped up the district's final playoff berth with a 40-0 victory over the Bulldogs. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Ira JH, JV split with Coyotes

GAIL — Ira Junior High kept another blemish off its record by registering an 18-18 tie Thursday night with the Borden County Coyotes.

Jess Wall scored all three touchdowns for the Bulldogs, who stand 6-1-1 heading into their season finale against Westbrook.

In junior varsity action, the Coyotes overcame a strong performance by Ira quarterback Eric Dickerhoff to record a 38-22 victory.

Dickerhoff gunned a pair of touchdown passes to Michael Allen, with Jerry Jamison also finding the endzone for the Bulldogs.

Colts not ready for comparisons

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts aren't ready to compare their offensive stars with the trio of Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin, who made the Dallas Cowboys an NFL power for nearly a decade.

The Colts (4-2) play the Cowboys (4-2) Sunday in the first meeting between the teams since 1996.

"They've got the rings, all I have is the desire to win rings," said Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning, who leads the AFC with 13 touchdown passes and has a quarterback rating of 89.4, fifth in the league.

"It's much too soon to compare those guys. We're just young pups and those Dallas players have been great for years," said Indianapolis coach Jim Mora.

"I'm just a rookie trying to learn," added running back Edgerrin James, whose 520 yards rushing ranks fourth in the league. "Emmitt has proven himself as one of the best backs ever. It's flattering that people are comparing me, but it is premature."

Receiver Marvin Harrison was hesitant about such comparisons, too.

"Those three guys in Dallas are a tremendous group of players. To compare us right now wouldn't be a timely thing," Harrison said.

Cardinals give early scare to Mustangs

HERMLEIGH — In the spirit of Halloween, the Hermleigh Cardinals gave the Sands Mustangs a scare for the first part of their District 6 match-up Friday night.

Hermleigh raced to a 22-16 first-quarter lead over state-ranked Sands, before the Mustangs used a second-quarter outburst to pull away for an 80-44 victory.

The Cardinals, who fall to 4-6 on the season and 1-4 in district play, used the opening kickoff to seize the momentum.

Andy Luna corralled the kick at his own goal line, then used his speed to outrun the Mustangs for an 80-yard touchdown. Caleb Callaway booted the extra points for an 8-0 Hermleigh advantage.

Sands knotted the tally on its first possession, before the Cards struck again.

Callaway found a crease in the Mustangs' secondary and hauled in a 35-yard scoring toss from Chris Doggett to put the Cardinals back on top.

The two squads traded scores again before the first period came to a close, when David Digby followed up a Sands touchdown with a three-yard plunge into the endzone to cap the 22-16 opening quarter.

With their unblemished district record on the line, the Mustangs came alive in the second period. Sands scored twice on the ground and twice more through the air, while holding the Cardinals out of the endzone for a 46-22 halftime lead.

The Mustangs, who rolled up 532 yards of total offense on the night, drew first blood in the second half with a pair of short runs to extend the margin.

Hermleigh tried to make a dent in the deficit, scoring on 45-yard gallop by Digby and a Callaway kick.

But Sands again responded with two more touchdowns, as the fourth quarter opened.

The Cardinal offense remained productive in the final period, scoring on a 10-yard Digby run, and 79-yard touchdown hook-up between Doggett and Callaway.

Digby finished with 142 yards rushing, while Callaway tallied 137 yards on just three catches.

Hermleigh will close out its gridiron season Friday when it pays a visit to the Borden County Coyotes.

National Hockey League

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	6	3	1	1	14	27	21
Philadelphia	5	6	1	1	12	32	30
N.Y. Rangers	4	7	1	0	9	21	28
Pittsburgh	2	4	2	1	7	28	29
N.Y. Islanders	2	5	1	0	5	18	26

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	8	3	1	0	17	36	22
Ottawa	6	3	1	1	14	30	21
Boston	3	5	4	0	10	27	29
Buffalo	3	6	2	0	8	29	35
Montreal	3	8	0	0	6	20	28

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	6	4	1	2	15	32	26
Carolina	4	3	3	0	11	27	27
Atlanta	2	5	2	1	7	18	32
Tampa Bay	2	6	1	1	6	25	33
Washington	2	5	2	0	6	22	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	7	2	1	0	15	34	20
St. Louis	6	4	0	0	12	31	26
Nashville	4	4	1	0	9	23	26
Chicago	2	4	4	0	8	25	31

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	6	4	2	1	15	38	36
Colorado	5	5	2	1	13	30	33
Edmonton	3	5	2	2	10	24	26
Calgary	3	7	2	0	8	27	43

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	7	3	2	0	16	41	32
San Jose	8	5	0	0	16	42	33
Phoenix	6	2	3	0	15	32	23
Anaheim	6	5	1	1	14	36	29
Dallas	6	4	1	0	13	22	24

Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.

Friday's Games

Chicago 4, Detroit 2
New Jersey 4, Carolina 2
Buffalo 3, Florida 2, OT
Anaheim 5, Washington 2

Saturday's Games

Phoenix at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Toronto, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Florida at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Detroit at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Ottawa at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Washington at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

SDN Sports Briefs

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its final play day at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be least putts on the back nine. New officers will be installed during a luncheon and business meeting, following play.

Deer hunting contest

Canyon Gun Club will be sponsoring the 1999 Big Buck Contest this upcoming deer season. Entry fee is $10 for club members and $20 for non-members. Deadline for entry is the day before deer season opens.

Only legally tagged Texas Whitetail Deer will be eligible for scoring. Scoring will be based on the measurement of outside spread from the widest points on main beams, multiplied by the number of points. Points must be one inch on the short side. Antlers must be attached to the head and neck or cape.

Hunters can enter at Deep Creek Boot and Shoe Repair, Babcock Welding & Trailer Repair, and Charles Fulks Bookkeeping.

Yankees celebrate with parade

NEW YORK (AP) — Two days after the New York Yankees won their 25th World Championship — third in four years — the city saluted the team with a parade.

George Steinbrenner hoisted a broom from a parade float. Darryl Strawberry broke down in tears. And millions of fans staged another Broadway revival with a blizzard of confetti. A half-dozen floats carried the players, eliciting wild screams and chants of "Let's go Yankees!"

Forty-five minutes before the parade's noon start, fans were lined six and seven deep on the sidewalks along the financial district's narrow streets. Police Commissioner Howard Safir generously estimated the crowd at 3.6 million, topping the crowds for the 1996 and 1998 parades.

Tyson awarded $8.7 million purse

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nevada boxing regulators decided not to punish Mike Tyson for hitting Orlin Norris after the bell in the first round of their aborted fight, voting unanimously to release the $8.7 million purse they had been holding since the fight. However, commissioners warned that Tyson will have a tough time getting a new boxing license when his expires Dec. 31, and suggested he find another place to fight.

NFL suspends Broncos' end

DENVER (AP) — Denver Broncos defensive end Cyron Brown was suspended by the NFL for the next four regular season games for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

Local Sports Schedule

SATURDAY
Golf: WTC at New Mexico Military Institute Invitational, Roswell, N.M.
Golf: Snyder varsity girls at Abilene Invitational.
MONDAY
Basketball: WTC at Cisco, 6 p.m.
TUESDAY
Volleyball: Snyder vs. Wichita Falls or Fort Worth Boswell, area playoff, at Albany, 7 p.m.
THURSDAY
Football: Snyder JV at Lake View, 5 p.m.
Football: Ira JV at Wilson, 6 p.m.
Football: Westbrook at Ira JH, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY
Football: Lake View at Snyder, 7:30.
Football: Hermleigh at Borden County, 7:30.
Football: Ira at Westbrook, 7:30.

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Stewart remembered for passion for golf, family

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Everything that mattered to Payne Stewart was on a table beneath the pulpit where his wife, his closest friends and his pastors paid tribute during a gripping memorial service that capped a tragic week.

On the far right was an oil painting of the Stewart clan, dressed in blue jeans and denim shirts, and a photo of them on a rafting trip. One picture was taken just nine days ago, Stewart and 10-year-old Aaron at the Father-Child tournament before the Disney Classic.

"Payne was passionate about a lot of things, none stronger than his passion for being a good father," Tracey Stewart said Friday. "And he was a great father."

At the far end of the table was a black Bible with Stewart's name written in gold, and the "WWJD" bracelet — What Would Jesus Do — that he wore during his U.S. Open victory.

"We're going to remember a man who made the world a happier place," J.B. Collingsworth, his pastor, said. "Heaven is never going to be the same."

In the middle was a gold chalice that stands only 17 inches high, dwarfed by the trophies Stewart won from the PGA Championship and the U.S. Open, but perhaps the most important prize to him of all.

The Ryder Cup almost never leaves the PGA of America headquarters, but there could be no better showcase than the memorial service for Stewart, one of six people killed when his Learjet crashed Monday in South Dakota.

"Payne Stewart was a vicious competitor. He only played to win," Paul Azinger said.

With tears and laughter, Stewart was remembered for his passion for living at a church where he finally found his peace.

The best tribute of all came from Azinger, who donned a tam o'shanter cap and rolled up his trousers to knickers-length, revealing a pair of argyle socks in honor of his close friend's trademark look.

A party is what Tracey Stewart wanted for her 42-year-old husband, who was among six people killed on Monday when his Learjet flew uncontrolled across the country before crashing into a field in South Dakota.

"We shared laughter, tears, victories and defeats," she said in a eulogy that caused about 3,000 people at the First Baptist Church in Orlando to crumble, overcome by a week packed with tragedy and emotion.

"You will always be my soulmate and my best friend," she said. "We love you. Let the party in heaven begin."

More than 100 PGA Tour players and officials were at the service. They included Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman, former PGA Tour commissioner Deane Beman, former Ryder Cup captains Ben Crenshaw, Tom Kite and Lanny Wadkins, and most of the field from the Tour Championship in Houston, such as Tiger Woods, David Duval and Davis Love III.

When the service ended, they formed a line down both sides of the center aisle of the church — a protective wall for Mrs. Stewart to walk through. She held her head high and greeted them later at a private reception.

There was laughter and tears during the two-hour service, which caused the PGA Tour to shut down tournaments in Texas and Mississippi so players could honor Stewart. About 100 players were at the service, along with their wives and some caddies.

The tournaments will resume today.

"I love the guy," Fred Couples said. "It's so easy to say now. Looking around at all the people, it was a beautiful ceremony. I feel our hearts were lifted."

There was only one round of applause — when Azinger, his close friend, reconfigured his outfit to look like Stewart.

"I figured it would take Payne Stewart to get me in a suit, but I never thought I would stoop to this," he joked. "I felt pressure this morning knowing he would be watching."

Class 5A

Abilene 35, Midland 6
Alief Hastings 28, Mayde Creek 18
Angleton 38, Brazoswood 21
Arlington Lamar 42, Arlington Bowie 0
Austin Bowie 21, Seguin 18
Austin Crockett 20, Austin Anderson 0
Austin Westlake 22, New Braunfels 9
Beaumont Central 27, Kingwood 22
Brownsville Rivera 50, Brownsville Hanna 7
Bryan 33, Round Rock 32
CC Carroll 11, Victoria 6
CC King 34, Wharton 21
CC Moody 44, CC Miller 21
CC Ray 42, Stroman 14
Clear Lake 14, Clear Brook 7
Conroe 34, Klein 24
Copperas Cove 14, Temple 7
Dallas Kimball 60, North Dallas 0
DeSoto 41, Arlington 23
Duncanville 29, Arl. Sam Houston 21
Edinburg North 20, Edinburg 12
Euless Trinity 26, Irving Nimitz 0
FW Paschal 19, Richland 18
Fort Bend Clements 25, Fort Bend Austin 24
Galveston Ball 38, Clear Creek 19
Garland 38, North Garland 0
Haltom 28, Irving MacArthur 16
Harlingen South 17, Harlingen 14
Houston Davis 16, Houston Reagan 7
Houston Madison 47, Houston Sterling 0
Houston Sharpstown 36, Houston Lamar 26
Houston Stratford 21, Houston Northbrook 6
Irving 29, Hurst Bell 7
Jersey Village 31, Cypress Creek 14
Katy 43, Alief Elsik 19
Klein Forest 27, Tomball 0
La Porte 21, Deer Park 16
Laredo Alexander 55, Laredo Martin 43
Laredo Cigarroa 30, Laredo Nixon 21
Laredo United South 55, Zapata 20
Leander 22, Killeen 20
Lewisville 46, Carrollton Turner 13
Mansfield 42, Arlington Martin 41
McAllen 28, McAllen Memorial 0
Mesquite 49, Lakeview 7
Midland Lee 34, Odessa Permian 22
Mission 3, La Joya 0
Nacogdoches 36, Marshall 25
North Mesquite 35, Rowlett 7
Odessa 27, Abilene Cooper 14
Pasadena Dobie 56, South Houston 0
Pearland 20, Alvin 3
Plano 28, Lake Highlands 17
Plano East 13, Allen 2
Richardson Berkner 27, Richardson 0
Rio Grande City 35, McAllen Rowe 28
Rockwall 41, Richardson Pearce 2
Round Rock McNeil 24, Round Rock Westwood 13
SA Harlandale 28, SA Southwest 14
SA Highlands 28, SA East Central 23
SA Holmes 49, SA O'Connor 10
SA Madison 41, SA Churchill 14
SA McCollum 20, SA Brackenridge 3
SA Sam Houston 24, SA Lanier 20
SA Taft 24, Del Rio 10
San Benito 49, Brownsville Porter 2
South Garland 27, Naaman Forest 17
The Colony 15, Flower Mound Marcus 7
The Woodlands 51, Huntsville 3
Tyler John Tyler 36, Longview 27
Tyler Lee 28, Lufkin 17
Waco 20, Killeen Ellison 6

Class 4A

Alice 45, Tuloso Midway 6
Andrews 28, Sweetwater 27
Austin Johnston 26, Austin Anderson 23
Austin McCallum 20, Del Valle 7
Austin Reagan 40, Austin Lanier 10
Austin Travis 27, Austin LBJ 7
Bay City 24, Columbia 17
Beeville 45, SA Memorial 0
Belton 17, Marble Falls 6
Brenham 42, Navasota 28
Brownwood 42, Joshua 6
CC Calallen 21, Gregory-Portland 0
Caney Creek 45, Montgomery 6
Cleburne 21, Crowley 14
Coppell 49, Keller 14
Corsicana 35, Ennis 21
Crosby 63, Channelview 19
Dallas Highland Park 41, West Mesquite 6
Dallas Hillcrest 28, Dallas Madison 6
Dallas Pinkston 30, Dallas Adamson 21
Dallas Smith 47, Dallas Wilson 34
Dayton 17, Silsbee 14
Denison 35, Wylie 28
Denton 38, WF Rider 14
Everman 13, Granbury 6
FW Boswell 41, Mineral Wells 10
FW Diamond Hill-Jarvis 24, FW Western Hills 21
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Fossil Ridge 13, Southlake Carroll 7
Fredericksburg 49, Uvalde 7
Friendswood 34, Santa Fe 0
Grapevine 26, Coll. Heritage 15
Greenville 49, North Lamar 6
Hallsville 38, Carthage 7
Houston C.E. King 19, Houston Forest Brook 10
Houston Jones 44, Houston Kashmere 0
Houston Wheatley 47, Houston Scarborough 8
Jacksonville 41, Whitehouse 16
Jasper 49, Lumberton 7
Keller Fossil Ridge 13, Southlake Carroll 7
Kerrville Tivy 18, SA Alamo Heights 0
Kilgore 42, Tyler Chapel Hill 6
La Marque 43, Galena Park 3
Lamar Consolidated 56, Calhoun 0
Los Fresnos 21, Sharyland 8
Medina Valley 26, Boerne 15
Mercedes 41, Roma 2
Nederland 42, Little Cypress-Mauriceville 13
New Caney 14, Houston Smiley 7
PA Lincoln 40, Bridge City 14
Pflugerville Connally 31, Lampasas 7
Pleasanton 39, SA Southside 38
Port Neches-Groves 34, Vidor 14
Red Oak 3, Waco University 0
Rockport-Fulton 46, Kingsville 7
San Marcos 24, Bastrop 21
Schertz Clemens 40, SA Burbank 0
Sherman 26, Mesquite Poteet 5
Smithson Valley 20, Hays Consolidated 12
Snyder 59, Fort Stockton 0
Springtown 45, FW Brewer 13
Stephenville 49, Burleson 0
Texas City 28, Dickinson 0
WF Hirschi 28, Denton Ryan 7
Waco Midway 36, Midlothian 0
Waller 41, Conroe Oak Ridge 0
Waxahachie 40, Cedar Hill 27
Weatherford 28, Azle 7
Wichita Falls 56, Burkburnett 10
Willis 28, Magnolia 14
Wilmer-Hutchins 33, Athens 17

Class 3A

Aledo 17, Kennedale 0
Alvarado 7, North Crowley 6
Aransas Pass 21, Sinton 14
Bandera 21, Wimberley 7
Barbers Hill 63, Hardin 0
Bowie 7, Henrietta 3
Breckenridge 60, Comanche 0
Brownsboro 28, Mineola 0
Burnet 33, Liberty Hill 12
Caldwell 27, Manor 14
Canton 24, Wills Point 14
Carrizo Springs 14, Cotulla 12
Cleveland 38, Shepherd 6
Clyde 41, Merkel 7
Columbus 17, Giddings 14
Commerce 50, Whitesboro 0
Corrigan-Camden 20, Coldspring 14
Crandall 38, Mabank 7
Crane 35, Kermit 6
Crockett 56, Center 0
Cuero 41, Edna 23
Daingerfield 35, Linden-Kildare 7
Diboll 55, Rusk 13
Eastland 20, Clifton 3
Fairfield 21, Teague 0
Forney 63, Ferris 14
Frisco 14, Bonham 7
Gatesville 35, Cameron 14
Gladewater 21, Sabine 14
Glen Rose 35, Dublin 0
Goliad 14, Poteet 0
Graham 12, Childress 7
Greenwood 24, Monahans 10
Hallettsville 26, Industrial 9
Hondo 54, Somerset 0
Huffman Hargrave 52, Anahuac 6
Iowa Park 56, Vernon 14
Jefferson 13, Longview Spring Hill 6
Kaufman 44, Palestine 24
Kemp 45, Eustace 7
La Feria 17, Hidalgo 10
La Grange 14, Bellville 13
La Vernia 14, George West 7
Lake Dallas 16, Decatur 14
Lake Worth 31, Carter Riverside 14
Liberty 56, Hardin-Jefferson 27
Lindale 49, Quitman 6
Llano 34, Ingram 6
Luling 35, Palacios 7
Marlin 47, McGregor 0
Mathis 38, Falfurrias 7
Mexia 36, Madisonville 19
Odem 31, Ingleside 6
Palestine Westwood 28, Groesbeck 19
Pearsall 21, Lytle 7
Pittsburg 20, Winnsboro 0
Port Isabel 42, Santa Rosa 7
Princeton 28, Quinlan Ford 27
Progreso 28, Raymondville 25
Rains 19, Van 14
Rio Hondo 34, Lyford 6
Robinson 21, Lorena 6
Rockdale 42, Hearne 7
Royse City 29, Pottsboro 19
SA West Campus 10, Marion 0
Seminole 14, Colorado City 6
Smithville 17, Hempstead 14
Splendora 10, Tarkington 7
Stafford 24, Rice Consolidated 21
Sweeny 30, Needville 19
Tatum 48, Bullard 6
Taylor 14, Elgin 9
White Oak 16, Gilmer 8
Yoakum 28, Gonzales 23

Class 2A

Albany 35, Stamford 13
Alto 43, Timpson 6
Anna 24, Leonard 13
Archer City 46, Electra 7
Beckville 49, Waskom 7
Ben Bolt 16, Premont 6
Big Sandy 28, New Diana 14
Blanco 27, San Antonio Cole 6
Boyd 65, Callisburg 0
Brackett 27, Natalia 18
Celina 21, Gunter 0
Coleman 28, Hamilton 14
Comfort 50, Center Point 0
DeLeon 38, Cisco 14
Dilley 31, Jourdanton 6
East Bernard 31, Boling 6
Elysian Fields 56, Harleton 0
Freer 44, Benavides 7
Ganado 32, Van Vleck 15
Garrison 56, Shelbyville 6
Goldthwaite 31, Early 13
Grand Saline 28, Caddo Mills 14
Groveton 14, Centerville 13
Hamlin 28, Jim Ned 13
Hawkins 35, Winona 7
Hemphill 54, East Chambers 14
Holland 31, Johnson City 12
Holliday 28, Haskell 7
Howe 46, Tom Bean 2
Hubbard 21, Crawford 17
Hughes Springs 15, Ore City 14
Hutto 41, Thrall 12
Iraan 51, Van Horn 7
Italy 36, Venus 0
Karnes City 36, Three Rivers 14
Kenedy 15, Skidmore-Tynan 12
Kerens 36, Crossroads 6
La Villa 37, Santa Maria 0
Lexington 27, Rosebud-Lott 21
Lone Oak 47, Farmersville 13
Malakoff 14, Frankston 7
Mart 61, Riesel 6
Mason 40, Winters 7
Millsap 22, Hico 7
Moody 34, Blooming Grove 13
Omaha Paul Pewitt 69, Rivercrest 6
Ozona 39, Junction 0
Pilot Point 50, S&S Consolidated 6
Poth 33, Randolph 7
Quanah 42, Clarendon 7
Refugio 55, Woodsboro 0
Rogers 48, Thorndale 7
Rosebud-Lott 21, Lexington 7
Salado 40, Florence 0
Scurry-Rosser 15, Grandview 6
Seymour 20, Olney 14
Shiner 10, Nixon-Smiley 0
Stockdale 33, Navarro 0
Stratford 21, Northbrook 6
Tidehaven 24, Brookshire Royal 7
Troup 26, Cayuga 13
Troy 25, Little River Academy 14
Valley Mills 46, Bruceville-Eddy 8
Van Alstyne 48, Wolfe City 15
Weimar 21, Bloomington 13
West Rusk 31, Union Grove 19
Whitewright 34, Bells 13
Yorktown 28, Schulenburg 14

Class 1A

Aspermont 14, Paducah 6
Baird 30, Bronte 27
Bartlett 27, Bremond 0
Blue Ridge 43, Ladonia Fannindel 6
Carlisle 31, Tenaha 6
Celeste 42, Maud 20
Charlotte 29, Falls City 26
Chico 53, Bryson 0
Christoval 46, Nueces Canyon 22
Dawson 24, Meridian 19
Detroit 60, Simms Bowie 8
Era 14, Collinsville 7
Evadale 48, High Island 0
Flatonia 39, Louise 27
Itasca 30, Kopperl 0
Jarrell 62, Granger 6
Knox City 42, Crowell 0
Leakey 28, Sabinal 20
Menard 30, Iron County 0
Milano 13, Iola 12
Muenster 52, Savoy 24
Munday 61, Throckmorton 0
Pettus 40, Bruni 12
Prosper 34, Aubrey 0
Ranger 46, Evant 0
Rankin 42, Marfa 22
Rocksprings 17, Harper 13
Roscoe 53, Water Valley 6
Rotan 41, Robert Lee 0
Runge 29, Agua Dulce 21
Sterling City 26, Roby 20
Tolar 59, May 13
Valley View 21, Saint Jo 14
Wheeler 57, Booker 28
Windthorst 27, Petrolia 26
Wortham 33, Boles Home 27

Six-man

Aquilla 45, Cranfills Gap 0
Blanket 24, Sidney 20
Blum 48, Iredell 24
Borden County 40, Ira 0
Bynum 59, Trinidad 13
Coolidge 40, Milford 14
Dell City 44, Marathon 0
Gordon 48, Strawn 0
Highland 66, Paint Rock 16
Jonesboro 72, Oglesby 42
Loraine 64, Veribest 40
Lueders-Avoca 46, Moran JV 26
McLean 62, Harrold 12
Newcastle 51, Paint Creek 0
Paint Creek 66, Brookesmith 8
Panther Creek 66, Brookesmith 8
Rochester 43, Jayton 15
Samnorwood 52, Chillicothe 6
Sands 80, Hermleigh 44
Trent 30, Blackwell 12
Vernon Northside 50, Hedley 46
Zephyr 48, Gustine 16

Private schools

Addison Trinity 22, FW Nolan Catholic 14
Arlington Oakridge 21, Austin St. Stephen's 16
Arlington Pantego Christian 45, Denton Liberty Christian 42
Austin Hyde Park 67, Lutheran North 27
Bay Area Christian 25, Mount Carmel 2
Bishop Dunne 26, First Baptist Academy 21
Bishop Lynch 40, Gainesville State 12
Carrollton American Heritage 54, Balch Springs Christian 18
Dallas Jesuit 29, Houston Strake Jesuit 14
Dallas Lakehill 20, Muenster Sacred Heart 8
FW Christian 51, Carrollton Christian 0
FW Country Day 43, Houston Episcopal 33
FW Temple Christian 20, Lubbock Christian 14
FW Temple Christian 20, Lubbock Christian 14
Greenhill 42, Holland Hall 19
Houston Christian 28, SA Texas Military Institute 0
Houston Second Baptist 22, Austin St. Michael 0
Irving Emmanuel 87, WF Central Baptist 6
Metropolitan Christian 20, Greenville Christian 16
SA Town East 60, SA New Life 15
Second Baptist Houston 22, Austin St. Michael 0
St. John's 21, Kinkaid 0
St. Joseph's 35, Giddings 18
Tyler Gorman 52, Faith Christian 12

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Jack n Jill

Team	W	L
Team 3	16	4
Team 5	13	7
Team 2	12.5	7.5
Team 1	6.5	13.5
Clayton Mills	6	14
Ratliff Ins.	6	14

High series: Scratch: Daphne Thompson, 539; Jeff Smith, 579. Handicap: tanya Minton, 644; Jeff Smith, 699.
High game: Scratch: Daphne Thompson, 211; Roger Pavlik, 215. Handicap: Ginger Walton, 249; Ricky Clayotn, 259.

Roll-n-Hope League

Team	W	L
Martin Herefords	18	6
KSNY	16.5	7.5
Team 7	14	10
Team 3	14	10
Snyder Lanes	10.5	13.5
Gutter Dusters	10.5	13.5
Lawrence IGA	9.5	14.5

High series: Wanda Johnson, scratch, 501; Bettie Boatmanz, handicap, 671.
High game: Michelle Ewing, scratch, 195; Paula Beuerlein, handicap, 228.
Splits and special mentions: Paula Beuerlein, Jenny Rainwater, Wanda Johnson and Norma Seabourn, 3-10; Daphne Thompson, 4-5; Betty Boatman, 5-10, 5-6-10; Alma Posey, 5-7-10.

Unbeaten Rams too much for Tennessee

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

With apologies to the Dallas Cowboys, the St. Louis Rams are now America's Team.

How else to explain why they're 31/2-point favorites in Nashville Sunday against the 5-1 Titans.

OK, the Rams have won their six games by an average margin of 36-10, while four of Tennessee's five wins are by a total of eight points.

Also consider:

—Kurt Warner now has played well in six straight games, an indication that he's not a fluke who will be shut down once opponents watch enough tape.

—Marshall Faulk has been brilliant the past two weeks. Who do you load up on? Faulk? Isaac Bruce and Warner?

No, the Rams haven't beaten a team with a winning record. But the Titans have done it only once, at Jacksonville.

RAMS, 24-10.

Seattle (plus 51/2) at Green Bay (Monday night)

Mike Holmgren returns. Brett Favre thwarts him in the final seconds.

PACKERS, 24-23.

Dallas (plus 3) at Indianapolis

The Cowboys have lost their last two road games by the same score — 13-10.

This won't be 13-10.

COLTS, 30-26.

Miami (off) at Oakland

The "off" is becuse of Dan Marino, who will sit while Damon Huard plays.

RAIDERS, 16-14.

Minnesota (minus 2) at Denver

This was supposed to be last season's Super Bowl.

The mighty have fallen but the Broncos have fallen farther.

VIKINGS, 34-31.

San Diego (plus 51/2) at Kansas City

The Chiefs might actually be good.

CHIEFS, 17-6.

Chicago (plus 81/2) at Washington

After the Bears make this close, as they usually do, who will Dan Snyder fire?

REDSKINS, 20-16.

New York Giants (minus 21/2) at Philadelphia

The Giants were 4-point favorites until both free safeties were declared out. If the Eagles could pass, it would matter.

GIANTS, 13-9.

Last week: 7-7 (spread); 11-3 (straight up).

Season: 44-52-4 (spread); 60-40 (straight up).

National Football League

All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	5	1	0	.833	156	134
New England	5	2	0	.714	164	147
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.667	164	121
Buffalo	4	3	0	.571	134	119
N.Y. Jets	1	6	0	.143	114	143
Central						
Jacksonville	5	1	0	.833	139	59
Tennessee	5	1	0	.833	142	119
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	130	102
Baltimore	2	4	0	.333	85	122
Cincinnati	1	6	0	.143	86	200
Cleveland	0	7	0	.000	53	181
West						
Kansas City	4	2	0	.667	139	94
San Diego	4	2	0	.667	110	99
Seattle	4	2	0	.667	121	101
Oakland	4	3	0	.571	148	137
Denver	2	5	0	.286	124	145

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	4	2	0	.667	158	95
Washington	4	2	0	.667	194	166
N.Y. Giants	4	3	0	.571	115	121
Arizona	2	4	0	.333	82	129
Philadelphia	2	5	0	.286	90	128
Central						
Detroit	4	2	0	.667	131	118
Green Bay	4	2	0	.667	133	124
Tampa Bay	3	3	0	.500	88	82
Chicago	3	4	0	.429	107	113
Minnesota	3	4	0	.429	160	138
West						
St. Louis	6	0	0	1.000	217	63
San Francisco	3	4	0	.429	144	207
Carolina	2	4	0	.333	133	135
New Orleans	1	5	0	.167	91	127
Atlanta	1	6	0	.143	83	166

Sunday's Games

Buffalo at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
New England at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Miami at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 8:20 p.m.
OPEN: Pittsburgh, New York Jets, San Francisco

Monday's Game

Seattle at Green Bay, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 7

Arizona at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Washington, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Carolina, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
Tennessee at Miami, 8:20 p.m.
OPEN: New England, New York Giants, Oakland

Monday, Nov. 8

Dallas at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

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Suit that raised allegations against Gov. Bush is settled

DALLAS (AP) — A settlement was reached Friday in a former Texas Lottery director's lawsuit against the lottery operator — a legal fight that threatened to involve Gov. George W. Bush.

Under the settlement, former Lottery executive director Lawrence Littwin will receive $300,000 from Gtech, the Rhode Island-based operator of the Lottery. The company, however, maintained its innocence and said settling was "a business decision."

Littwin sued Gtech after he was fired by the Lottery Commission in 1997, claiming Gtech schemed to get him fired just six months after he took the job. The company said Littwin was seeking $2.6 million in damages.

Littwin's firing was lost in publicity about the case, which instead focused on Littwin's suggestions that during the Vietnam War, Bush received preferential treatment in 1968 to enter the Texas Air National Guard. Bush denied the charge.

In filings in federal court in Dallas, Littwin's attorneys suggested that former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes, who later became a lobbyist for Gtech, knew about the preferential treatment because it was he who intervened on Bush's behalf.

After Barnes gave a deposition last month, his attorney issued a written statement saying Barnes called Guard commander Gen. James Rose at the request of a Bush family friend, not by any member of the Bush family. Bush served in the Guard until late 1973.

Littwin, 64, now living in New York, said Gtech fired him because he attempted to investigate the company's compliance with its no-bid state contract, which is valued at $150 million a year.

The Lottery commisioners voted unanimously to fire Littwin from his $100,000-a-year job, but during the lawsuit, they have maintained silence about their reasons for the dismissal.

Littwin's lawyers attempted to get pre-trial depositions from the commissioners who fired them, but commission lawyers convinced the judge to block the depositions at least temporarily.

Linda Cloud, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission, said the settlement was unrelated to any action by the agency.

"I remain convinced that the Commission acted properly and within our rights in this matter. And just as we were not a party to this lawsuit, we have not been involved in Gtech's decision to settle," she said.

A Gtech spokesman said the company settled because that was cheaper than continuing to fight Littwin, who once worked for Gtech's largest competitor, Automated Wagering International.

"This was a business decision," said Mark Palazzo. "We feel confident we would have prevailed, but the cost and time to litigate would have been extensive."

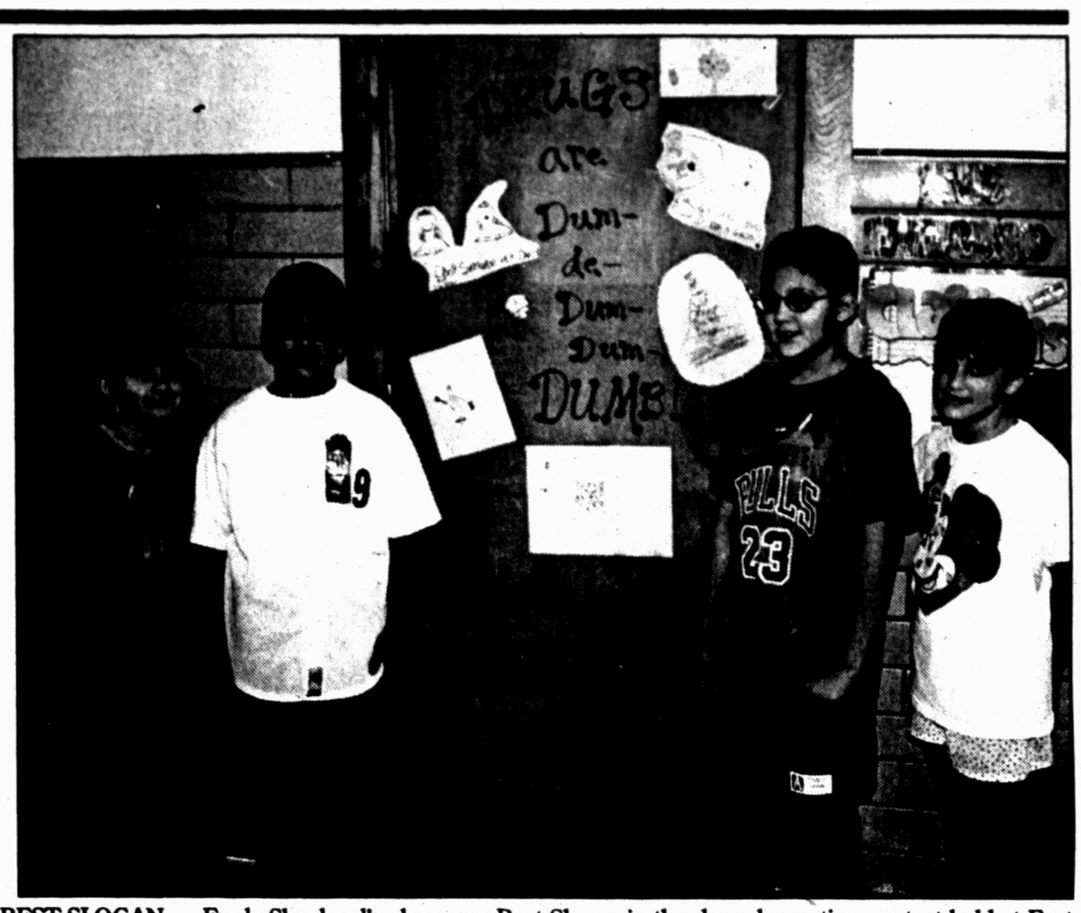
Palazzo said Bush's involvement in the lawsuit played no role in the decision to settle.

Linda Edwards, a spokeswoman for Bush, said the governor did not seek to have the case settled. She said Bush would have no comment "to a lawsuit that was settled by other parties and that we weren't involved in."

In the settlement agreement, Gtech aid it denied all of Littwin's claims and speculated the commission might have had several reasons to fire Littwin, including his order that aides look up campaign-finance records of state legislators.

Littwin agreed to drop all claims in exchange for $300,000 and the payment of his legal fees, according to the settlement document. Littwin also agreed to destroy all depositions.

K-1 WINNER — Nell Henry's kindergarten class at East Elementary was the K-1 winner in the door decorating contest held in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week. Pictured with the "Wipe Out Drugs" door are Ashton Lee, Adrian Segura; (in back) and Samantha Mitchell and Ashley Jaramillo (in front). (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



BEST SLOGAN — Freda Shephard's class won Best Slogan in the door decorating contest held at East Elementary in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week. Class members shown with the door titled "Drugs Are Dum-De-Dum" are, from left, Kristin Wilson, D.J. Muniz, Michael Medrano, Audra Hall. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Harris sale to PacifiCare set to be announced

DALLAS (AP) — Business leaders say an announcement on the sale of Harris Methodist Health Plan to PacifiCare Health Systems Inc. of California could come as early as Monday, according to sources familiar with the deal.

The buyout of Harris could help the Arlington-based HMO end two years worth of legal headaches made worse by huge financial losses.

It also frees Harris' parent company, Texas Health Resources, to complete its alliance with Dallas-based Baylor Health Care System — creating the largest hospital system in the state.

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor said Friday the acquisition of Harris is expected to cost PacifiCare more than $100 million. Officials with both companies refused to comment on the price or to confirm the deal.

But Montemayor said representatives from Texas Health Resources and PacifiCare presented their proposal to him Friday in Austin, with a final OK to come in the next few days.

And sources said the sale had already been approved by the Texas Health Resources board, though some details remain to be worked out."We're in very serious negotiations and there is hope that an agreement is going to be completed," said Texas Health chairman Andy Thompson.

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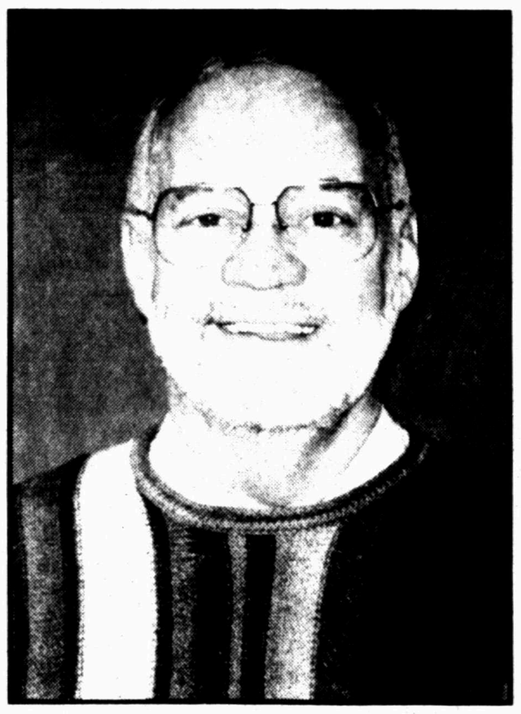

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SUPPORT PERSONNEL WINNER — Sally White's resource class at East Elementary won the support personnel award for their decorated door, "Why Be A Turkey?" The contest was held in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week. Students shown are from left, Lucinda Guzman, Josie Torrez, Natasha Hernandez. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Trial underway for young boy

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — One of the youngest murder defendants in U.S. history — a boy accused at age 11 of killing someone with a rifle from as far as 100 yards away — went on trial Friday with his lawyer saying the slaying was an accident.

Geoffrey Fieger said in opening statements that Nathaniel Abraham, now 13, was shooting at trees with a "piece of junk" .22-caliber rifle that couldn't even be fired with any accuracy. He said the boy had "a 6-year-old mentality" when he shot 18-year-old Ronnie Greene in 1997.

"There will be zero evidence that he had any motive to kill Ronnie Greene," Fieger told the jury. "He didn't even know Ronnie Greene. He didn't intend to kill anybody. He was a child."

Prosecutor Lisa Halushka countered by saying that Nathaniel had told his girlfriend before the killing, "I'm going to shoot somebody."

"Nathaniel Abraham did exactly what he said he was going to do and Ronnie Greene paid with his life," Ms. Halushka said. "A clearer intent was never spoken."

If convicted, Nathaniel could get life in prison without parole, be held in a juvenile center until he turns 18, or receive a blended sentence in which he would be held until age 21 and then re-examined.

Greene was shot once in the head outside a Pontiac party store.

Nathaniel is also on trial on charges of firing at neighbor Michael Hudack hours before Greene was shot.

Hudack and Oakland County's medical examiner testified later Friday before proceedings were recessed until Monday.

Fieger said Greene was killed by a bullet that bounced off a tree. The rifle was defective, Fieger said, adding that even a marksman aiming at Greene would have missed him with that gun.

"It is a piece of junk," Fieger said. "It couldn't shoot straight if it had wanted to. This is a broken weapon. It can't be aimed."

Police have said Nathaniel was standing about 100 yards away when the shot was fired. But on Friday, prosecutors submitted to Fieger a report suggesting tests now show the shot was fired roughly 66 yards away.

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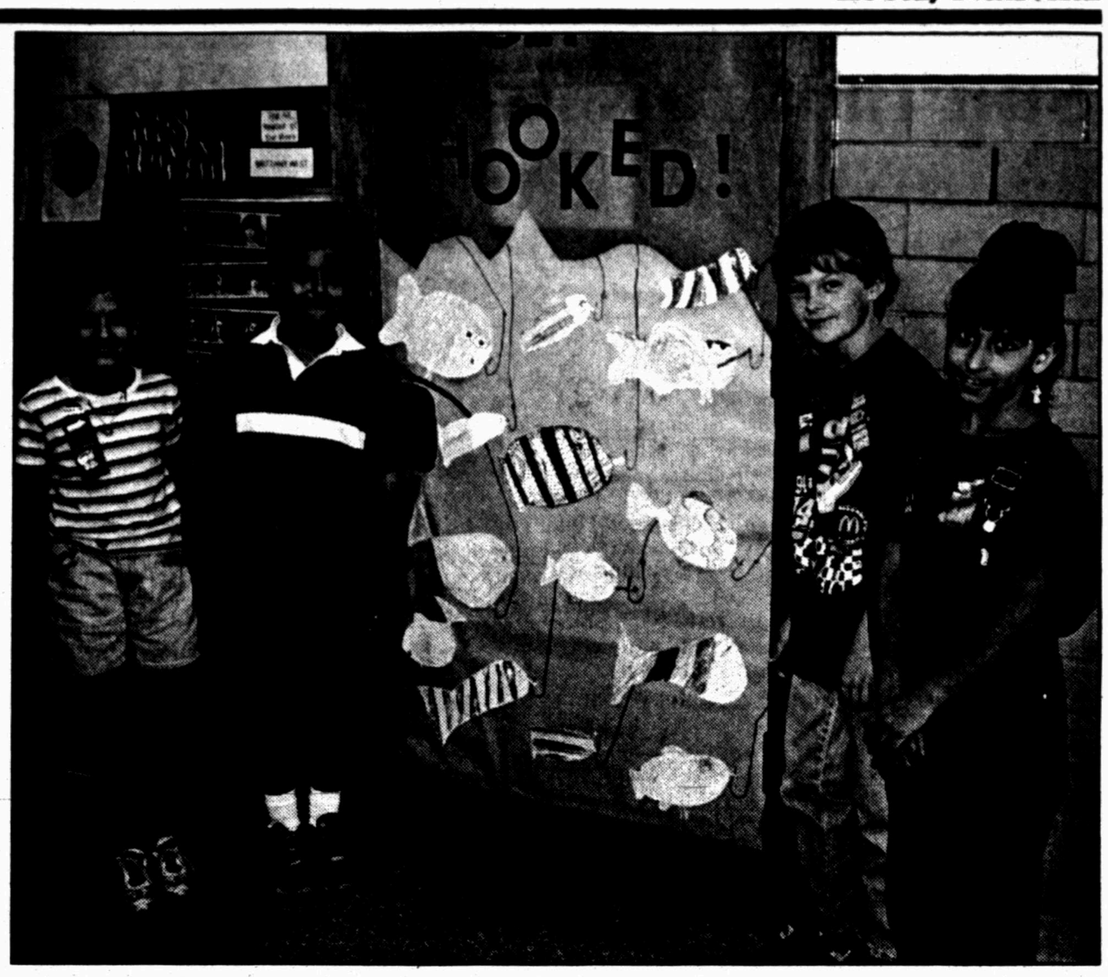

MOST ORIGINAL (TIE) — Cindy Putnam's fourth grade class at East Elementary tied for the Most Original Award in the door decorating contest held in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week. Pictured with "Don't Get Hooked On Drugs" are from left, Brittany West, Ernest Arellano, James Hendricks and Samantha Garcia. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

MOST ORIGINAL (Tie) — Cyndee Gayle's fourth graders at East Elementary tied for the Most Original door in the Red Ribbon Week decorating contest with their "Drugs Are Frightful" entry. From left are Kristina Chandler, Joseph Hefner, Luke Robertson, Amanda Sanchez. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

U.S. warns of possible Y2K problems in four countries

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department has authorized the voluntary departure of eligible family members and nonessential employees from Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Moldova before Jan. 1 because of potential Y2K-related disruptions.

The decision was disclosed Friday in separate travel warnings issued for each country. The warning on Russia said the department is concerned about "potential disruptions in energy supplies that may impact the health and safety of U.S. citizens residing or traveling in Russia, the duration of which is unknown."

It said U.S. citizens should consider deferring travel to Russia until the extent of Y2K-related disruptions becomes clear.

The number of Americans who would be eligible to depart Russia and the other countries was not disclosed. The announcement would affect nonessential employees at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow and U.S. consulates in three Russian cities.

"Prolonged disruptions in energy supplies in Russia could put other systems dependent on electrical power at risk," the announcement said. "In practical terms, this could mean disruption of basic human services such as heat, water, telephone and other vital services."

Similar language was used in the warnings for Belarus and Moldova.

The warning on Ukraine said voluntary departure of eligible Americans was being authorized even though a U.S. government-funded study indicated a low risk of major disruptions to heat and electrical service in that country.

Each of the warnings said U.S. embassies and consulates abroad do not have facilities to provide private U.S. citizens overseas with food, water, fuel, medicines, shelter or other equipment in the event of disruption of essential services.

Last Thursday, the CIA informed Congress that it is "highly confident" Y2K computer failures will not lead to the accidental launch of a ballistic missile by any country.

But it expressed some concern over the safety of aging Soviet-era nuclear power plants in Russia and Ukraine.

Russian Embassy spokesman Mikhail Shurgalin had no immediate comment on the U.S. announcement. Two weeks ago, Russian Deputy Security Chief Vladislav Sherstyuk said Russia will switch some crucial processes to manual control during the year 2000 changeover because it cannot afford to fix the Y2K bug on time.

The State Communications Committee, which is in charge of Russia's preparations for the changeover, earlier said Russia will also reduce the number of airplane flights on Dec. 31.

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Guns seized from house didn't figure in plot

CLEVELAND (AP) — Four white students were arrested and seven others questioned in what was described as a racially motivated plot to carry out a Columbine-style massacre at their predominantly black high school Friday.

Mayor Michael R. White closed South High for the day after the parents of a student tipped off authorities. White said that police seized two guns from one student's house, and that the group planned to get weapons from a gang. No guns or explosives were found at the school.

"This was more than cafeteria banter," the mayor said.

One of the students questioned, Sarah Jedd, 15, said the four who were arrested, all boys, had maps of South High with positions for each shooter.

"They said they were going to break into people's houses, stores, whatever it took for them to get the supplies they needed," she said. "They thought it was cool, that someone could open fire on a school. They thought it was amusing."

Asked about a possibl motive for the violence, the mayor said police believe race was a factor. He said the students felt alienated, but he would not elaborate.

White also would not give details of the alleged plot or confirm a report by The Plain Dealer that the students told police they planned to use guns and homemade explosives to kill teachers, administrators and fellow students.

Dan Shields, an attorney for two of the students questioned, said one of them had a map of the school only because he was new to South High and was getting in trouble for being late to class. "And that's what is now being turned into this map and this plot thing," he told CNN.

The Plain Dealer reported that the massacre was planned for just before noon, when students would open fire in the cafeteria and the principal's office. The students also planned a suicidal shootout with police in a school courtyard, the newspaper said.

Those details were reminiscent of the worst school shooting in U.S. history, the April 20 massacre at Columbine High in Littleton, Colo. Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, scattered gunfire and bombs, killing 13 and wounding at least 23 before killing themselves.

Authorities said they did not know why the students chose Friday for the attack, but noted that it was the day of the school's homecoming. The dance and football game were canceled.

The four students arrested were charged with inciting violence, false alarm, aggravated menacing, ethnic intimidation and inducing panic. If convicted, they could be imprisoned until they are 21. Their names and ages were not disclosed.

Dan Bailey, who joined other parents and students outside the school Friday morning, said police arrested his 14-year-old son, Adam, and searched the teen-ager's room, taking a computer and some disks.

Bailey said his son had never been in trouble but "hung out with the wrong crowd."

All 11 students allegedly involved were suspended for 10 days.

Miss Jedd said her name was on the maps, and she knew about the plot for three weeks. It was unclear whose parents told police of the plan.

Barbara Byrd-Bennett, chief of the 77,000-student school district, said classes would resume at South on Monday with heightened security. She said police officers would be in the school and scan students with hand-held metal detectors. The school has 1,500 students.

Former Dallas photographer who took famous shot retires

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Bob Jackson, a former Dallas Times Herald photographer, is retiring after a career that included a Pulitzer Prize for his picture showing suspected assassin Lee Harvey Oswald being shot.

"I'm just thankful I could turn a hobby into a profession," Jackson said as he prepared to retire this weekend after 19 years at The Gazette of Colorado Springs.

Jackson was a 29-year-old photographer for the Dallas Times-Herald when he captured the moment when Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby intercepted police escorting Oswald through the basement of the city jail.

A national television audience was watching live on Nov. 24, 1963, two days after a sniper gunned down President John F. Kennedy during a motorcade in downtown Dallas.

Ruby lunged forward, pressed his .38 Colt revolver into Oswald's stomach and pulled the trigger before startled police could react.

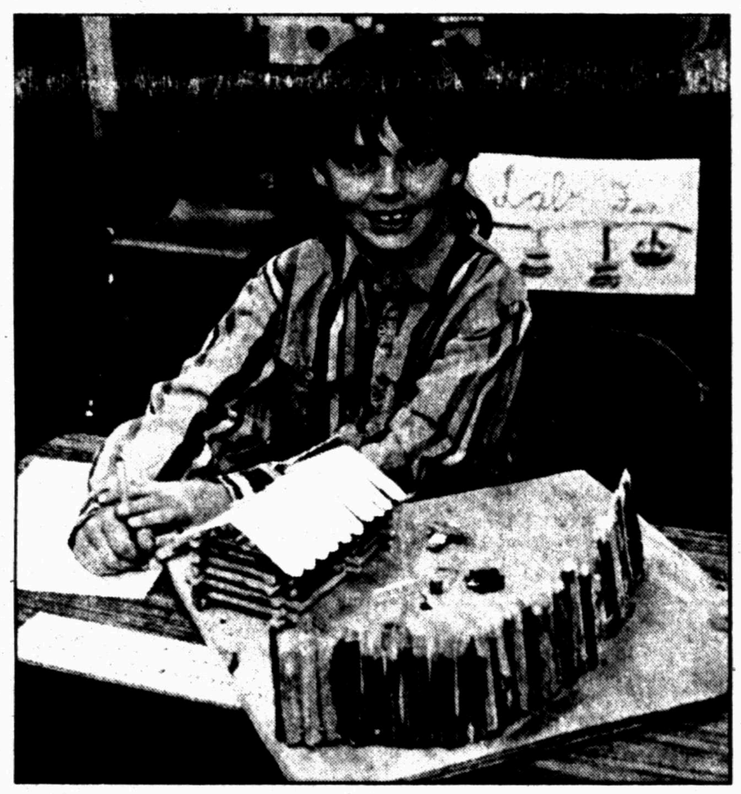
"Ruby took about two steps and fired," Jackson said. "I guess I fired about the same time. It was a lucky shot because it was so fast," he said.

Ruby was convicted of murder in 1964 and was sentenced to die in the electric chair, but the conviction was overturned in 1966.

Before a new trial could be held, Ruby died of cancer on Jan. 3, 1967, at age 55.

Jackson, who keeps the original negative of his prize-winning photo in a safe-deposit box, grew up in Dallas.

PYRAMID — Casey Williamson and Ashley Luna developed a pyramid that glows. They later made a commercial advertising their product. Brittiny Kelley is not pictured. They are students in Joyce Lionberger's third grade class at Hermleigh. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



FORT — Lelan Shankles built a fort and a cabin after reading and reporting on "Daniel Boone." The Hermleigh third grader is in Joyce Lionberger's class. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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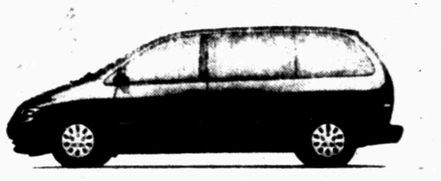

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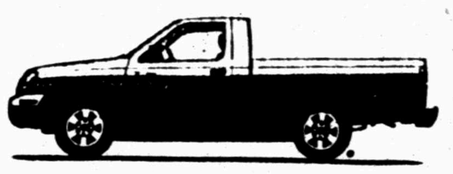

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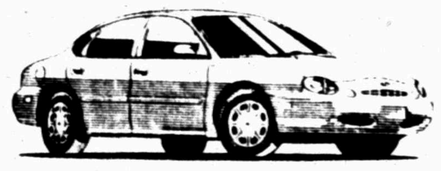

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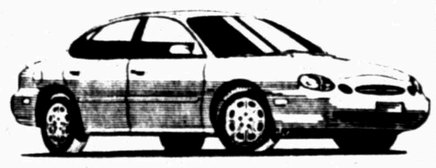

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See AUCTIONS..... on next Page!

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Husband Who Loses Jobs May Also Lose His Family

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 13 years. My husband has one really big problem. He doesn't like to work. He gets a good job and somehow always messes up or quits. Then it takes him weeks to find something else. He's old enough to know better — he's 50.

We have three children. I don't want them to turn out like their father. I have worked since I was 15 years old. I work for two companies now and do extra work on the side. I make good money, but not enough to pay all the bills. How do I get through to my husband the importance of keeping a job and not quitting? I am to the point where I'd like to throw him out of the house — but I don't think he would leave.

TOTALLY LOST
IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR TOTALLY LOST: The majority of people in the work force today would prefer to be living a life of leisure. That's why the lotteries are so popular. However, as responsible adults they recognize the connection between working and getting their bills paid.

Your husband won't change until you draw the line and refuse to support him and his irresponsibility any longer. Ask yourself, "Would I be better off with him or without him?" From my perspective, you would have only one less mouth to feed.

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DEAR ABBY: I completely endorse the list of seven suggestions on how to treat the mentally ill sent to you by the psychologist in Texas (published Sept. 19). Now let me add two more:

8. If I confide that I'm taking medication for a mental health disorder, please do not warn me about all the side effects this particular medication has and all the dangers of long-term use, and then tout the "natural" or herbal alternatives to psychotropic drugs. Believe me — I've tried everything else, to no avail. It was a difficult and agonizing decision for me to finally take the step of seeking medical treatment for my illness. I resisted it, I rebelled against it, and I saw several psychiatrists and tried many other medications before I finally received effective treatment.

There may be risks involved in taking my current medication, but no risk is as great for me as doing without. At least now I am not daily, even hourly, considering suicide because of the agony my mental illness causes me. So, instead of issuing dire warnings, simply congratulate me upon finally gaining control over my illness, and offer your support and friendship. This would be truly helpful.

9. I know you love me and mean well, but *please* do not suggest that I would feel so much better if I had a meaningful relationship with God. I am suffering from a physical illness with mental manifestations; it has nothing to do with my spirituality or lack thereof. You would not tell someone with leukemia that he would not be ill if he simply prayed more often — don't be so unintentionally cruel as to say such a thing to me. It is the same as blaming me for my sickness, implying that my lack of moral character is the cause of my problems. I do enough of that on my own. Just pray for me, and tell me your thoughts and best wishes are with me.

LIVING IT IN THE U.S.A.

DEAR LIVING: I'm pleased to add your suggestions to the list, and I'm sure they will resonate with many people. I've said it before and I'll say it again: The most unwelcome advice in the world is that which is unasked for.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a counselor at a residential home for teen-age girls. We've recently had a problem with a few of our girls "huffing" (inhaling) cleaning chemicals. We've had several discussions with the girls, separately and in groups, about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Although the girls repeat our warnings to us and appear to understand, I doubt that they fully understand how dangerous it is. I overheard one girl say, "Plenty of movie stars do it."

I remember a column in which you once printed a list of celebrities who had died from alcohol or drug-related incidents. If you would reprint it, I would be most appreciative.

CONCERNED COUNSELOR,
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

DEAR CONCERNED COUNSELOR: Although I have listed the names of celebrities who died because of tobacco, I haven't previously published a list of celebrities whose deaths were substance-abuse related. However, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention was able to provide me with one. The amount of God-given talent lost because of substance abuse is tragic:

Chet Baker, John Belushi, Kurt Cobain, John Coltrane, Dorothy Dandridge, Miles Davis, Jerry Garcia, Judy Garland, Andy Gibb, Jimi Hendrix, Billie Holiday, Brian Jones, Janis Joplin, Bela Lugosi, Keith Moon, Marilyn Monroe, Jim Morrison, Charlie "Bird" Parker, Edith Piaf, River Phoenix, Elvis Presley, Freddie Prinz Sr., Jean Seberg, Sid Vicious and Dennis Wilson.

I was shocked to learn that inhalant abuse is the fourth most common form of substance abuse among high school students, behind alcohol, tobacco and marijuana. While nine out of 10 parents refuse to believe their children would take such a foolish risk, a 1997 national household survey on drug abuse revealed that almost as many eighth-graders have abused inhalants (21 percent) as have used marijuana (22.6 percent).

Among the common products on the market with the potential for being abused: glues, nail polish remover, paint products, correction fluid, hair spray, gasoline, room deodorizers, markers, Freon, lighter fluid, gases (helium, butane, propane), computer sprays, cleaning agents and fire extinguishers. The effects of inhalant abuse include intoxication, short-term memory loss, hearing loss, limb spasms, bone marrow damage, liver and kidney damage, permanent brain damage and death.

Last August, a reader named Michael Richardson sent me a copy of a letter about "huffing" he had sent to his local newspaper. In part, it read:

"When I was younger, 20 years ago, three schoolmates got a kick from sniffing Pam, the nonstick food stuff. They are dead because of it. I understand that Pam and Scotchguard are popular today.

"Many people do not realize that the solvents they get a buzz from are only carriers of the product in a spray can. The solvents help distribute the product uniformly on their intended surface.

"Pam uses oil to 'seal' and prevent food from bonding to the surface of a hot frying pan; Scotchguard is a fluorocarbon compound used to 'seal' dirt from cloth; paint uses pigments and binders to 'seal' out the environment, preventing deterioration and rust.

"When these materials are concentrated into the human lungs they also 'seal' out the transfer of oxygen to the body. So while you're getting a buzz from the carrier solvent, you're also drowning from lack of oxygen. There is nothing anyone can do to help you; you're as good as dead, and that's it."

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Clinton announces deal to purchase Baca Ranch

By The Associated Press

President Clinton said Saturday the federal government completed an agreement to buy a scenic northern New Mexico cattle ranch from a Texas family for $101 million.

"I'm working closely with Congress to secure the funding to complete this purchase so that we can preserve this extraordinary land for all time," he said in a radio address.

Conservationists have worried that the 95,000-acre Baca Ranch, nestled in the Jemez Mountains west of Santa Fe, is ripe for development.

"This may be the last chance to get the ranch into public ownership in a largely undisturbed state," said David Simon, southwest regional director of the National Parks and Conservation Association.

The ranch is known for its spectacular vistas, trout streams, meadows and mountains. It's also home to at least 6,000 elk — one of the largest free-ranging herds in the country.

The ranch encompasses six valleys, including the Valle Grande, which is nearly 6 miles at its widest point. It also features hot springs, sulfur pools and a 15-mile-wide collapsed extinct volcano, the Valles Caldera.

Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., introduced legislation in 1997 to allow the U.S. Forest Service to buy the property from heirs of James P. Dunigan, a Texas oil man.

"We still have work to do, but we are clearly making great strides in our dream to open up this spectacular site to the public," Bingaman said.

The Dunigan family, of Abilene, announced last month that they were willing to sell the ranch. The announcement followed a summer of quiet lobbying by the Council on Environmental Quality, an arm of the White House.

The Associated Press left a telephone message with the Dunigan family seeking comment, but the call was not immediately returned.

Last week, Congress approved a $40 million down payment for the ranch.

But the money, in the 2000 interior appropriations bill, is loaded with Republican-sponsored provisions objectionable to Clinton.

The measure "is laden with provisions that would benefit special interests at the expense of our public interest and our environment," he said.

"One of these provisions would allow excessive logging on national forests," Clinton said. "Another would let mining companies dump more toxic wastes on public land. A third would grant a windfall to major companies that produce oil on federal land. This makes no sense."

"So let me be clear: If Congress sends me this interior bill, I'll veto it," he said.

But White House and congressional officials said the $40 million for the Baca purchase is likely to survive a veto and remain in the final appropriations bill.

New Mexico's congressional delegation plans to team up as early as next week to introduce a second bill to authorize purchase of the ranch by the Forest Service.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Oct. 31, 1999

Even if things don't start out in the year ahead looking like they're going as you wish, as time evolves, their true effects will reveal themselves and prove to be of excellent value.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you fail to cooperate fully today in a situation where another may have more say over matters than you do, you will not only hurt yourself, but all others who are involved. 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) The greatest threat to hampering your creative juices today is negative thinking. The moment you get into this vein of thought is the moment all progress stops.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Indulging in speculative gambles today in hopes of increasing your resources the easy way will actually turn out to be the hardest way to earn money. Bet only on work for pay.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Even though you might earnestly be trying to help your mate or loved one, be careful that you're not overly or unnecessarily critical today. Praise works better.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Tackling a task with the proper attitude is a must today, especially for your sign. Don't dwell on the difficulties of a job, dwell on what you're accomplishing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Money factors appear to be foremost in your affairs again today. If you haven't yet analyzed your budget to see if you can eliminate waste, do so now. You'll be glad that you did.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to be persistent and methodical today. It really doesn't matter how many chores you take on, only how many tasks you finish. Keep this in mind as you go through the day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Just because you heard some unflattering information about another doesn't make it true. And even if it was, passing it on to others today will not make a favorable impression on you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Unfortunately, not everyone tries to reciprocate past favors, so don't blindly think you can count on someone today whom you've helped, especially if it involves money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Protect your self-interests today, but not to the point where you do so at the expense of others. Parity must be part of your dealings if you hope to receive cooperation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you depart from telling the truth today, be prepared for ripple effects. Even the smallest of fibs has a way of compounding themselves to your detriment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Unless it is absolutely necessary, try not to borrow anything of value from a friend today. But if you do, make certain to return it when promised and in the shape you received it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Formulate definite objectives in your mind and proceed optimistically today. Conditions look extremely encouraging for activities that could further your ambitious interests. Major changes are ahead for Scorpio in the coming year. 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) Try a strong dose of a positive attitude at this time on a problem you think has no immediate solution. The astounding results might even surprise you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't simply wish for things to happen today, make them happen. There are two matters you deem to be significant that can be dealt with to your satisfaction if you put forth the effort.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This is not a day to be a lone player. Team up with strong allies whose interests are in harmony with yours, because all partnership arrangements are lucky for you now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Because you're such a good listener today, you should be able to piece together information you'll acquire from several sources and collectively use them to your advantage.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Think only of winning today and give ventures or enterprises about which you are genuinely enthused a try. You have a good chance of being successful with your personal endeavors.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The best way to reap benefits today is to think in multiple terms. When you show others how they can benefit from something that interests you, it'll gain momentum for your interests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Although this may be a serious work week for you, try to incorporate a little fun and lightness into dealings with your colleagues. It'll take the pressure off you and ease the load.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There are a number indicators that good things can be made better today. Take some positive steps to expand upon your opportunities, especially those that are financial.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's not entirely bad to view things on a rather grand scale today, because that which you envision can be brought to fruition through logical, assertive means.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's a tried and true practice not to appear too eager when going after something you really want. This will be true for you today, so let the other guy make the first overtures.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Senate OKs tax break extensions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate passed pro-business tax-break extensions on Friday with bipartisan support. But House Democrats complained the GOP majority had killed other legislation including gun control and campaign finance overhaul.

In a Halloween weekend complaint, House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt said, "The people who get the real treats are corporations and the wealthy, from lavish tax breaks to legislation that is killed on their demand."

Of budget negotiations that are continuing four weeks into the new fiscal year, he added, "This is a pointless, endless process." Republicans countered that they believe the budget can be finished by Nov. 10.

President Clinton, meanwhile, signed another temporary spending bill that will keep the government operating for a week while negotiations continue.

"Congress still can't pass a budget because they can't figure out what to do," the president said during a speech in Philadelphia.

A slew of GOP leaders and committee chairmen responded to the Democrats' complaints with lists of legislative accomplishments this year, including a 4.8 percent pay raise for military personnel.

"Democrats may want to pretend these accomplishments don't exist," House Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas said in a statement. "Working men and women across America are seeing the benefits of a Republican Congress — a strong economy, low inflation and modern technology."

Behind the maneuvering is a fierce fight for control of the House in an election still a year away. Republicans now hold a 222-211 majority, the party's slimmest since retaking control in 1995.

White House hits move to cut nuke tests' monitoring funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Any move to cut U.S. financing for a global monitoring system to detect nuclear tests clearly would damage U.S. national security, the White House said Friday.

The $300 million International Monitoring System, eventually to comprise 321 stations in 90 countries, is part of the enforcement mechanism for a treaty to stop all nuclear testing.

In the aftermath of the Senate's Oct. 13 rejection of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, however, some test-ban opponents have questioned the system's value and whether the United States should continue to help pay for it.

At issue: a $16 million U.S. installment for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1, part of a $12.6 billion foreign aid bill that President Clinton vetoed on unrelated grounds.

Now, as Congress tries to piece together a new version of the legislation, conservative congressional staff members are proposing elimination of the monitoring allocation.

David Leavy, a White House spokesman on national security issues, called such a proposal "clearly damaging to our national security, and it makes no sense whatsoever in terms of America's interests."

"After voting down the CTBT, to say we don't care if anyone else is testing is a ludicrous position," Leavy said.

Jury selection continues in trial in Jasper

JASPER (AP) — The halfway point of jury selection in the third dragging death trial slipped by quietly, as a CBS News producer fought a prosecution subpoena ordering her to hand over the taped outtakes and transcript of an interview with defendant Shawn Allen Berry.

CBS producer Mary Mapes was faced with either going to jail or handing over the transcript of Berry's complete interview with anchor Dan Rather until an appeals court granted her a temporary stay Friday afternoon. Rather's interview aired Sept. 28 on "60 Minutes II."

The 9th Court of Appeals ruling means the battle over the interview tapes and transcript will continue next week. A hearing before state District Judge Joe Bob Golden to discuss the tapes is set for Tuesday in Jasper, while the appellate court is scheduled to hear arguments about the transcript during a Thursday hearing in Beaumont.

Meanwhile, prosecutors have requested a New York judge subpoena Rather on their behalf, since they have no authority outside Texas. A hearing on that matter has not been scheduled.

Whether the distraction of the fight with CBS has benefited Berry was unclear.

Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said he was focusing on jury selection, and leaving the subpoena matter to other members of his team.

Obituaries

Opal Key

1910-1999

Opal Key, longtime Scurry County resident, died at 7:40 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Key, 89, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired minister, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 30, 1910 in Roswell, N.M., her parents moved to Durham in Borden County when she was 10 days old. Her father, Joseph Kelley, died in Moody, Tex. when she was 21 months old. Her mother, Margie Kelley, returned to Borden County and carried mail from Durham to Knapp and Ira.

Opal and Marvin Key were married in 1926 and made their home in the Knapp community, farming and ranching. The Keys moved to their home in Snyder in 1953. Mr. Key died in 1988.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Wayne Key; and two great-grandchildren, Kevin Lacik and Daniel Key.

Survivors include four sons, Weldon Key and Leroy Key of Snyder, Roland Key of Borden County, and Jimmie Joe Key of Lubbock; 15 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter; a beloved son, Loren Walter Sullivan Jr., on Oct. 7, 1978 in Snyder; and by two sisters and one brother.

Her devoted love and faith in the Lord allowed her to walk a giving and graceful life, touching and affecting those that met and knew her. She is now in the presence of the Lord rejoicing for eternity.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Miriam Sullivan Cochran of Snyder; four grandchildren, Bill Sullivan and family of Odessa; Patricia Myers and family of Bakersfield, Calif.; Susan Kruger and family of Austin and John Sullivan and family of Irving; 15 great-grandchildren, including Melissa Cain and family of Midland who Mrs. Sullivan had resided with for a period of time; 7 great-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-great-grandchild.

Funeral service for Mrs. Sullivan is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the McCoy Chapel of Memories in Sweetwater. The Rev. Carl Schuarz will officiate. Graveside service is set for 4 p.m. Monday in the Pilot Point Cemetery.

(Paid Notice)

Corynne Sullivan

1908-1999

Mrs. Corynne Price Sullivan, 91, died Friday, Oct. 29, in Snyder Healthcare Center.

Born July 21, 1908 in Pilot Point, Texas, she married Loren Walter Sullivan Sr. on Sept. 14, 1927 in Pilot Point. He died in 1972.

Mrs. Sullivan was a resident of Sweetwater since 1972 where she managed and worked for TNM&O bus lines. She also worked for Greyhound and Trailways throughout her life. She moved to Snyder in 1997 where she resided until her death.

Mrs. Sullivan was a member of the Sweetwater First Presbyterian Church, the Business and Professional Women's Association and the Highland Garden Club.

Beryl D. Hughes

1931-1999

ROGERS — Mrs. Beryl Deane Hughes of Rogers, formerly of Ira and aunt of Lynn Maldonado and Sally Ballard, both of Snyder, died Friday, Oct. 29, in Scott and White Hospital after a sudden illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Hughes, 68, is set for 10 a.m. Monday at the Rogers First Baptist Church and burial will follow in the Rogers Cemetery. Brad Wheeler, pastor, and Luther Dillard, pastor of County Line Baptist Church, will officiate.

Born on May 31, 1931 in Bronte, she married J.C. Hughes on Sept. 26, 1950 in Robert Lee. She worked as a nurse's assistant for over 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Grover C. and Susan McKinney Young; a son, Jerry Dean Hughes; a daughter, Susan LaDele Hughes; a grandson, Chad William Woellert; a brother, Martin Cliff (Bud) Young; and a sister, Melva Jo Chappell.

Survivors also include her husband of 49 years, J.C. Hughes of Rogers; one son, James C. Hughes of Rogers; three daughters, Sharon Stroud, Christi Bryant and Jonni Abel, all of Rogers; three brothers, Arvil Mack Young of Angleton, James Young of Lufkin and John Boyd Young Sr. of Indiana; three sisters, Loretta Mosher of Loraine, Martha Jene Seaton of Rogers and Sue Anne Barnfield of Houston; one uncle, John McKinney of Colorado City; three aunts, Dorthy Kerchman of San Angelo, Marie Hall of Selina, Okla., and Elizabeth (Bess) McKinney of Temple and 14 grandchildren.

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Store alarms foils burglary attempt

Officers were called to Snyder One Stop early Saturday morning where they found forced entry to the building.

The alarm for the business sounded at 3:27 a.m. Officers responded and an offense report for attempted burglary was submitted.

Owner Yosef Shlezinger said the subject or subjects broke the back window, but nothing was taken. He said the alarm sounding apparently foiled the attempt.

At 9:45 a.m. Friday, Sgt. Terry Luecke was called to Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room to a report of a sexual assault. No other details were available Saturday morning.

A woman requested an attempt to locate on her 15-year-old daughter at 7:23 a.m. Friday in reference to the girl not returning home. An offense report for runaway was submitted.

The juvenile returned home at 9:17 p.m. Friday.

Doug Hall requested an officer in the 300 block of Avenue D at 5:52 a.m. Saturday in reference to a hit and run accident. A report was submitted. Officers also advised an offense report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle would be submitted.

Public intoxication resulted in the arrest of a 19-year-old male at 5:53 a.m. Saturday. Officers took him into custody in the 400 block of 26th Street.

Pumpkin smashers were again at work late Friday and early Saturday morning. Reports of busted pumpkins were again received from Kerrville and Irving streets.

In addition, residents reported the gourds stolen and smashed on Denison, Highland Drive, Sunset, Santa Fe and Eastridge.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.20
North of City	.30
East of City	.20
West of City	.10
Lake Thomas (west end)	.10
Hermleigh	.30
NE Hermleigh	.40
Camp Springs	.40
Dunn	.15
Ira	.15
Union	.10
Inadale	.50
Farmer's Co-op	.30
Scurry County Gin	.10

Rainfall totals from Friday night and Saturday morning as reported by area residents. Strong winds were also reported over most of the county.

37th Street sets gospel meeting

37th Street Church of Christ will host a gospel meeting beginning Sunday and continuing through Wednesday. Rex Boyles of the Church of Christ in Canadian will be the guest speaker.

The theme will be "The Christian Armor."

On Sunday, a combined adult and teen Bible class is set for 9:30 a.m. Morning worship follows at 10:30. A pot-luck luncheon and fellowship begins at noon. Evening worship begins at 6 p.m. Weeknight services begin at 7.

Births

Tracy and Amy Odom of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Trey Wayne, born on Oct. 27 in Covenant Medical Center. He weighed eight pounds.

Grandparents are Jack and Cindy Shoults of Snyder and Danny and Barbara Odom of Guymon, Okla., formerly of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Eva Britton of Snyder, Flo Nobles of Big Spring and L.T. Shoults of Forsan.

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East Side Church of Christ will present "Living with Jesus Today," featuring Earl Williams of Conroe. Saturday sessions will be from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Services Sunday are 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. A fellowship dinner will follow the morning service.

Ritz tickets

The Ritz Theatre box office is open daily for reservations for the production of "I Remember Mama," with performances on Saturday and Sunday. Other performances are Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are $7 each, or $5 for groups of 10 or more. Student and senior tickets are $5 for Sunday matinees.

Church of the Hills

Church of the Hills will sponsor a hamburger cookout starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, followed by a musical program by "Revelation" from Midland. The public is invited.

Spook house

Snyder Healthcare Center will conduct a Spook House from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Donations of wrapped candy will be appreciated and should be taken to Dorothy at 5311 Big Spring Hwy.

Fall festival

Games, concessions and door prizes will be part of the Fall Festival from 5-7 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The event is for birth through 6th grade. Suggested donation is one bag of wrapped candy per child.

Snyder Oaks trick-or-treat

All little ghosts and goblins are invited to trick-or-treat from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Snyder Oaks, 210 37th St.

Fall harvest festival

Morningside Baptist Church, 119 36th St., will have a Fall Harvest Festival, including games and refreshments, from 6-9 p.m. Saturday. Everyone is welcome.

Nazarene candy hunt

Snyder First Church of the Nazarene will hold its annual candy hunt Sunday immediately following the morning service.

Gospel meeting

Evangelist Rex Boyles of Canadian will be the guest speaker for a gospel meeting at 37th Street Church of Christ which begins Sunday and continues through Wednesday. Combined Bible classes are set for 9:30 a.m., morning worship follows at 10:30 a.m., a pot luck lunch will begin at noon. Evening worship is set for 6 p.m. and weeknights services begin at 7 p.m.

Quilting Club

The Rock and Roll Quilting Club meets from 8 a.m. until noon each Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center. Everyone is invited for free quilting lessons. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to consider 16 felony cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

Family night out

Northeast Elementary will have its Family Night out from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Rudy's. Please bring your coupon.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Mark of The Beast," followed by "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?"

Northeast parent council

The Northeast Elementary parent council will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium.

Golden K Kiwanis garage sale

Golden K Kiwanis Club will have a garage sale from 1-4 p.m. Friday and from 8:30 until 1 p.m. next Saturday at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M. Donated items are being accepted.

WTC planetarium open

The planetarium at Western Texas College is now open with its fall lineup of new programs, developed for specific age groups: pre-K and kindergarten, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, and grades 7 through adults. The 60-seat planetarium is open for group showings, by reservation, for Friday morning and afternoon programs. It is also available, by reservation, for group showings Thursday through Saturday evenings. For reservations, call Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Quilt-a-thon

Rock and Roll Quilting Club will sponsor a quilt-a-thon from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. starting Monday, Nov. 8 at the Hermleigh Community Center. Quilts and covers for the hurricane victims will be made. Everyone is welcome and donations will be accepted. For more information call 573-3733 or 863-2426.

Boy Scout popcorn sale

Boy Scout Troops 177, 61 & 27 is selling popcorn door-to-door now until Nov. 12. There are several varieties and 70% of the price goes to local scouting. You can also purchase popcorn by calling Trina at 573-3310, Glenn at 573-7446 or Libby at 573-6870.

Lord's Acre Festival

First United Methodist Church will host its annual Lord's Acre Festival Nov. 13 in the Scurry County Coliseum, featuring a variety of specialty items for the holidays, home-made goodies, an auction and a barbecue dinner.

Tiger Times yearbook

The Snyder Junior High yearbook is on sale through Nov. 23. Copies may be ordered by paying $14 now, or paying a deposit of $7 with the balance due when the yearbooks arrive in the spring. Orders will be accepted in the school office or room 110. There will be no extra copies.

Pick 3

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

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1999 Tiger Tennis District 5-4A Champions - Bottom: Patricia Vargas, Afton Sutter, Jordan Hardin. Middle row: Horacio DePaz, Natalie Alexander, Claire Cotton, Whitney Graham, Cozy Jones, Kris Casas. Back row: asst. coach Chris Porter, Pace Millhollon, Ryan Gibson, Allen Smith, Adrian Gonzales, Alex Best, Justin Guy, head coach Chad Redwine.

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Apostolic Faith Church to celebrate 55 years

(Editor's Note: The following information was taken from church histories prepared by Ruby Gregory and Evelyn Gregory Shifflett.)

Trinity Full Gospel Apostolic Faith Church, 2510 25th Street, will celebrate its 55th anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 6.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. with prayer, singing and testimonies. The church history will be read. Lunch will follow at noon. Afternoon services are set for 2 p.m.

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The then new church was dedicated during an all-day meeting on Nov. 5, 1944. Rev. Elvis Bishop brought the dedication message in the afternoon. Several out-of-town ministers were also present.

About 1943, several people met to discuss by- laws for the Apostolic Mission Church and appoint a board of trustees.

With only three men present, Robert Gregory was named president; Leo Heath, treasurer; and Ben Peterson filled the third place on the board. They were to remain on the board for life as long as they were of the Apostolic Faith Movement.

For some time, prayer meetings were held in different homes. Then the trustees found three lots and purchased them for $300 on April 7, 1944. Leo Heath traveled to Sweetwater to sell hogs. He also found a house which he bought for $400 to $500. Men of the church tore it down and used the lumber to build the church in Snyder. Ben Peterson bought the hard wood floor and Leo Heath may have bought the ceiling.

Elvis Bishop and Earl Morgan were in charge of the building. Local men and preachers, laymen and older boys came from other towns and churches to help build the church as well.

The women and older girls prepared meals for the group.

The first service was the last Sunday in October, 1944. Many families began attending soon after the church was dedicated.

Bro. Earl and Bessie Morgan were the first pastors, serving from Oct. 1944 to July 1945. The church used Lola Heath's personal piano.

When Ben Peterson passed away, his wife, Lida, filled the vacancy on the church board until 1952. When the Board of Trustees wanted to borrow money to buy the parsonage, the banker refused to loan money to a woman, so Walter Sellars replaced her on the board.

The church name was changed from Apostolic Mission Church to Apostolic Faith Church at the time. The concrete work in front of the church was completed from August 1953 to July 1954. The rock was hauled from Polar.

Robert, Bessie and Charles Gregory purchased a piano for the church in 1959. From August 1959 to July 1960, the main auditorium was lengthened 18 feet and four Sunday School rooms, a rest room and a Baptistry were added.

In 1966, carpet was laid in the church. In 1970, the church Constitution and by-laws were changed and recorded at the courthouse in Snyder.

About 1971, Glenda Feather Ford gave the framed Scripture verse to the church in memory of Nonnie Ford. He grew up in the local church and became an Apostolic Faith preacher. He died in a car accident.

In 1972, new pews were purchased. In 1973, paneling, donated by David and Kay Shifflett, was installed.

During the summer of 1974, Bob Clanton donated and installed an air conditioner and duct work.

Ruby Gregory bought the file cabinet for Sunday School lessons and donated materials for a Sunday School Bible Stand which Vestor Clanton built. Maggie Barnes purchased and donated an organ.

Vester Clanton also built many things for the church including the present pulpit, the railing on either side of the pulpit, and he removed old windows and installed ornamental ones.

In 1976, he and Lillian Clanton did most of the work getting ready for the brick layer.

Vestor also built a trunk for each family in the church and a smaller trunk for each child.

In 1984, Rev. Esai Calderon and family from Guatemala attended local services. His daughter, Becky, did a chalk drawing of the Old Rugged Cross, while Ruby Gregory played the "Old Rugged Cross" on the organ. Vestor Clanton made a frame for the picture and hung it in the church.

In 1989, church members completely redid the parsonage and painted the outside. By-laws were revised in September of 1989.

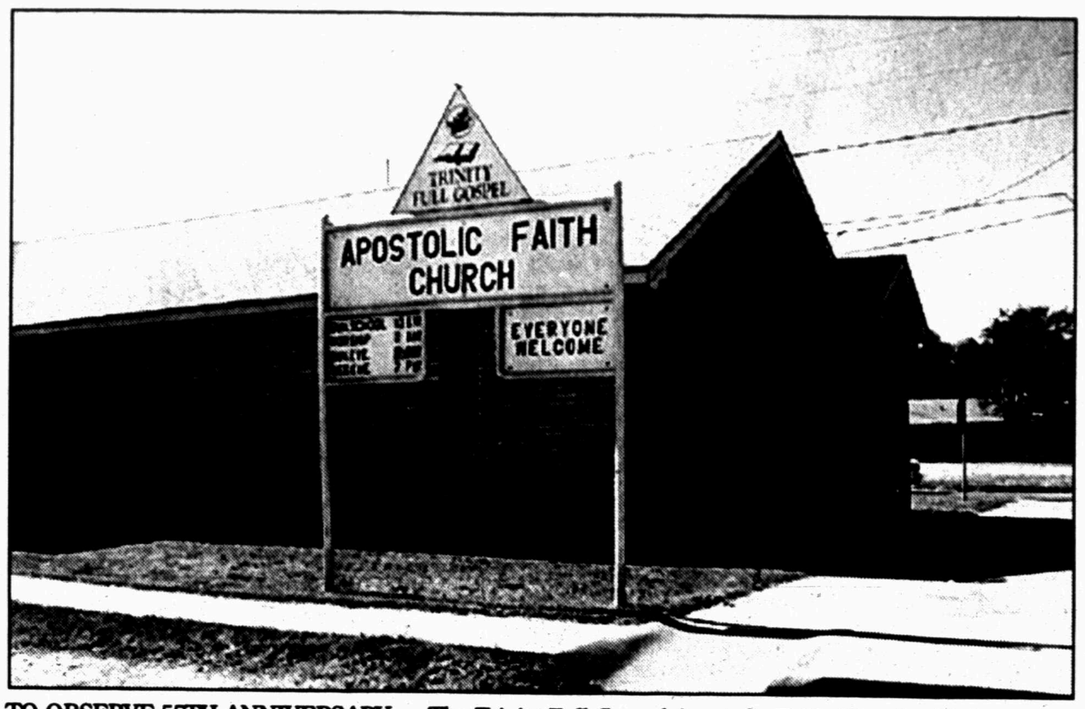
The church's name was changed to Trinity Full Gospel Apostolic Faith Church in 1991. The sign was also redone and now features an open Bible, cross and crown.

In 1992, the church sign was moved to its present location and a storage building was purchased.

In 1993, church members built a two-car carport at the back of the parsonage. The church was rewired by Nick Gift in 1994. Wayne Wheeler and family helped install a new sheetrock ceiling.

In 1994, Bill Brown donated a van to the church. In 1995, five ceiling fans were installed. In September of 1996, the west side of the church was re-roofed. In 1997, the parsonage bathroom was redone. Later, a washer and dryer were purchased and carpet was installed in the parsonage. In 1998, Maggie Barnes purchased another organ for the church.

In January of this year, the driveway was redone, a ramp was built and the church and parsonage were re-roofed.



TO OBSERVE 55TH ANNIVERSARY — The Trinity Full Gospel Apostolic Faith Church will observe its 55th anniversary next Saturday. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Less enterprise reporting seen in local TV news

NEW YORK (AP) — Money pressures may explain a "startling" drop in the amount of enterprise reporting on local TV news broadcasts, according to a new study.

The Project for Excellence in Journalism said it found that enterprise was sharply on the decline despite clear evidence that viewers support stations that produce high-quality reporting.

The study, issued Thursday, ranked newscasts at 59 stations in 19 cities over two weeks earlier this year. The definition of enterprise included investigative stories and reports produced at a reporter's initiative, instead of just reactions to events.

More than 80 percent of the stations received a "D" or failing grade from the study for their amount of enterprise. A similar study last year found only a quarter of the stations with such low scores.

Nine out of 10 stories on local TV news originate from police scanners or planned news events, the study found.

News executives surveyed by the project said their biggest obstacle to quality is a lack of staff and demands on them to fill an expanding amount of broadcast time. Many require their reporters to produce at least one story a day.

The study found a clear relationship between quality and high ratings: stations given the lowest grades were twice as likely to be failing commercially.

"People in television news should be quite heartened by a study like this because it shows that if you want to do good journalism, you can do well," said Carl Gottlieb, PEJ deputy director.

The study found that an investment in staff is more likely to pay off in higher ratings than getting new technology, like news helicopters.

Crime news is still easily the most popular topic on local broadcasts, but it doesn't dominate them as it used to. The percentage of crime news on the broadcasts dropped from 28 percent last year to 22 percent in 1999.

Researchers also found that in New York and Boston, stations aired their best newscasts at 6 p.m., even though they had more viewers at 11 p.m.

The Project said the five best newscasts it found were on WFIE and WEHT in Evansville, Ind., WSVN and WTVJ in Miami and KRON in San Francisco.

The Project for Excellence in Journalism is affiliated with the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. Its study was funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts.

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Faith Feaster

Faith Feaster places first in talent contest

Faith Feaster of Roscoe won the District VI Texas Farm Bureau Talent Find Contest held Oct. 16 in San Angelo with a piano solo.

Miss Feaster, a student of Lynn Baldwin of Snyder, is a senior at Highland High School and the daughter of Randy and Ann Feaster.

She represented Nolan County in the contest and received a $1,000 college scholarship in addition to the $300 won at the local level. Sixteen counties were represented at the contest.

She now will advance to the State Texas Farm Bureau Talent Find Contest at the 66th annual convention to be held in Corpus Christi on Nov. 27-28.

Scholarships worth more than $40,000 are awarded annually to youth in Farm Bureau families who compete in various contests such as the Miss Texas Farm Bureau, Talent Find and Free Enterprise Speech.

Additional scholarship opportunities are available through the Texas Farm Bureau Youth Foundation and a special program related to the Texas Farm Bureau High School Citizenship Seminar.

CARRASCO-GARIVAY TO WED — Katrina Carrasco and Eric Garivay, both of San Angelo, will marry on Jan. 8, 2000 at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. The bride-elect is the daughter of Carol C. Garza and the granddaughter of Mrs. Mickey Carrasco, both of Snyder, and the late Joe Carrasco. The prospective groom is the son of Ms. Gloria Garivay and the grandson of Mrs. Adela Trevino, both of San Angelo, and Mr. Fermin Grimaldo of Eldorado. (Mr. Geez Photography)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 10-30-99
♠ 9 7 6 4 2
♥ A K Q 6 5 3
♦ ---
♣ K J

West
♠ ---
♥ J 10 9
♦ A J 10 7 4
♣ 9 8 6 4 3

East
♠ A 5 3
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ A 5 2

South
♠ K Q J 10 8
♥ 8
♦ K Q 5 2
♣ Q 10 7

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♠	Pass	6 ♠!	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

A ghoulish day early

By Phillip Alder

In his poem "Nightmare," Howard Nemerov included, " ... if you were for a time in mortal danger, And are so still, it was not from a stranger."

Tomorrow is Halloween, but, a day early, here is a deal that was a nightmare for East-West. And to be sure, not one of the cards is a stranger.

I have no idea how to bid that North hand! Clearly, with three aces missing, one would prefer to stop in four spades, but let's assume you reach six. (Blackwood would work here because South would show no aces. But if he has one, North would be none the wiser.)

If West guesses to lead a club, you are down, of course. But let's assume West attacks with the heart jack. How would you proceed?

If you play a trump, clearly East will win with the ace and cash the club ace. Instead, you must try to get rid of your club losers. For this, you need *East* to have *three* hearts and *all three* missing trumps.

Play off dummy's three top hearts, discarding two clubs. Then lead a fourth heart. East must ruff low to stop the third club discard. You overruff, go into dummy with a diamond ruff, and play another heart. Again, East must ruff low. You overruff, enter dummy with a diamond ruff, and call for the last heart. Now East must ruff with the spade ace, allowing you to dispose of the final losing club.

This is a variation of the loser-on-loser play known as *Le Coup de l'Agonie*. The declarer discards a loser at the expense of a defender's trump trick.

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Bridge Scores

Friday, Oct. 22

Strata A.

1. Jane Hinton, Maribeth Vestal.
2. Tizzy Hall, Dorothy Rosson.
3. Bette Byrd, Colleen Palmer.
4. Shirley Stewart, Christine Stuard.

Strata B.

1. Mippy Brownlee, Billie Long.
2. Pat Floyd, Peggy Hardin.
3. Martha Fagin, Sue Reed,

Sunday, Oct. 24

1. Dora Blakey, Shirley Stewart tied with Martha Fagin, Pat Floyd.
2. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
3. Nona Morrison, Barbara Yorgesen.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

1. Margaret Birdwell, Billisue Stuard.
2. Tizzy Hall, Louise Thompson.
3. Dot Casey, Jane Hinton.

Library News

Now is the time to work on projects for Christmas — the Scurry County Library has a variety of books available to help prepare for the holidays.

There are books with holiday recipes, books on making Christmas crafts, books with decorating tips, and books on how to make the holidays less stressful.

The library has ordinary holiday fiction, as well as Christmas mysteries.

BOOK FEATURE

"Cooking Time is Family Time," by Lynn Fredericks.

The author has learned that she can spend more time with her kids by letting them help with the cooking. Night after night, they talk, laugh, and have fun in the kitchen.

Her kids are learning about cooking, and they're more willing to eat new foods when they've helped cook them.

There are more than 125 recipes in this book that the whole family will enjoy, and the recipes can be used every night of the week.

NEW FICTION

"All the Queen's Men," by Linda Howard.

"Solar Eclipse," by John Farris.

"Second Wind," by Dick Francis

"The Accidental Bride," by Janice Harayda.

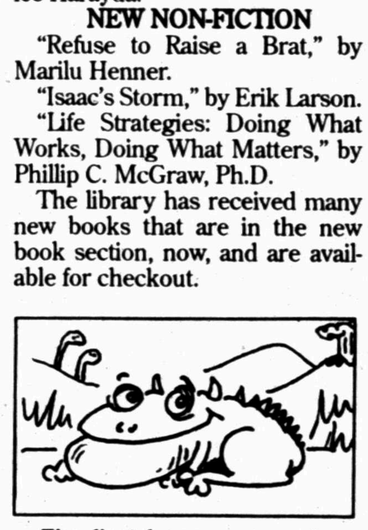
NEW NON-FICTION

"Refuse to Raise a Brat," by Marilu Henner.

"Isaac's Storm," by Erik Larson.

"Life Strategies: Doing What Works, Doing What Matters," by Phillip C. McGraw, Ph.D.

The library has received many new books that are in the new book section, now, and are available for checkout.



The first frogs appeared on earth about 180 million years ago.

School Menu

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk; the breakfast menu offers a choice assorted dry cereal, toast and jelly and juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Scrambled Eggs
Tuesday
Oatmeal
Wednesday
Breakfast Burrito w/Salsa
Thursday
Biscuits w/Sausage
Friday
Pancake w/Syrup

LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Chicken Sandwich
Macaroni and Cheese
Green Peas
Fruited Gelatin
Tuesday
Hot Dog on a Bun or
Chili Mac
Seasoned Corn
Tossed salad
Applesauce
Wednesday
Pizza or
Enchiladas
Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Chocolate Cake
Thursday
Burrito or
Oven Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Cookie
Friday
Corn Dog or
Ravioli
Corn on the Cob
Tossed Salad
Gelatin

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Fruit
Fried Ham
Toast
Tuesday
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Wednesday
Fruit
Waffles/Syrup
Thursday
Juice
Buttered Grits
Toast
Friday
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Noodle Soup
Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
Relish Cup
Crackers
Fruit Cup/Whipped Topping
Tuesday
Frank Wraps
Tater Tots
Baked Beans
No Bake Cookies
Wednesday
Chili Beans
Buttered Cabbage
Glazed Carrots
Corn Bread
White Cake/Chocolate Frosting
Thursday
Turkey/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Pea Salad
Hot Rolls
Plum Crisp
Friday
Stromboli
Salsa Sauce
Potato Wedges
Apples

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.

Monday
Vegetable Soup
Cheese Wedge
Peanut Butter Sandwiches
Crackers
Peaches
Tuesday
Chicken Strips
Creamed Potatoes
English Peas
Bread
Peach Cobbler
Wednesday
Nachos
Refried Beans
Vegetable Salad
Crackers
Brownies
Thursday
Meat Loaf
Parsley Potatoes
Corn on the Cobb
Bread
Apple Crisp
Friday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Ranch Style Beans
Cookies

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

Cleaning granite counter tops

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I will soon move into a home that has granite counter tops in the kitchen. A friend tells me that if I wash the counter tops with regular dishwashing detergent — not dishwasher detergent — the granite will lose its shiny finish. Is this true? If so, with what do I wash the granite counter tops? — G.K. WEISS, Florence, Wis.

DEAR G.K.: There's lots of granite in our neck of the woods, so we called two companies that install granite counter tops. The people with whom we spoke said that polished granite is so hard, it will never lose its shine. The best way to clean it is with warm, soapy water. Be sure to rinse it well. We were told that you can also clean your counters with Windex.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: A friend has a very lightweight queen-size seersucker bedspread. The only information she has on it is that it is 70 percent polyester, 30 percent cotton, plisse and a Springtime Design. There is no manufacturer's name. Can you help with my search? — IRIS KRZYSZPIN, Mount Prospect, Ill.

DEAR IRIS: We found a plisse bedspread in the Vermont Country Store catalog. It comes in four solid colors and two florals. The queen-size spread (number 26021) is $59.95 plus shipping and handling. For more information, call the Vermont Country Store at (802) 362-8484, or write to them at P.O. Box 3000, Manchester Center, VT 05255.

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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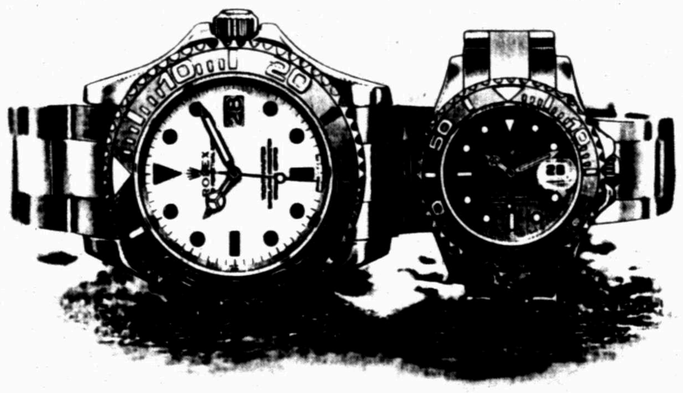
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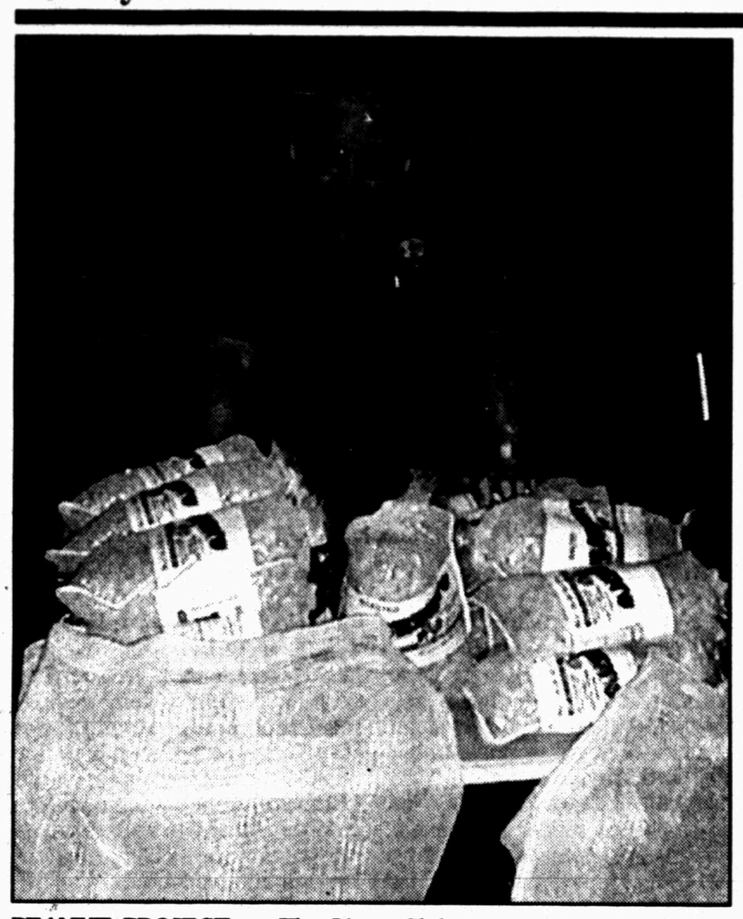

PEANUT PROJECT — The Lions Club's annual peanut sale has begun and proceeds from the project will be donated to local organizations helping youth. Mac McCown, said there is a choice of two-pound bags of roasted or salted peanuts for $5. They are available at Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank, American State Bank, Art Style, Landes Furniture, Snyder Lumber, Scifres Tire, Humble-Smith School and the courthouse. Brian Limmer of Colorado City gave a program on estate planning at Tuesdays' meeting at the woman's club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon, Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 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 Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

ABCL 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 and Ave. M; for more 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 more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018 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.

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 appointment, call 573-9742.

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

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 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. p.m.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. L.V. Rasco (Pete and Flo) of Snyder will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at Ira. They were married on Oct. 31, 1949. Their children and their spouses include Susie and Doug White of Ira, William and Alicia Rasco of Snyder, Okla., Kenneth and Nancy Rasco of Robert Lee and Karolyn Robertson of Denton. They have 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. (Contributed Photo)

Planning robbery, leave pager at home

WHITMIRE, S.C. (AP) — Planning to stick up the corner store? Make sure your pager isn't left behind in the process.

That's an information-age crime tip that police say could have come in handy for a pair of would-be robbers here over the weekend.

Police say a woman with a gun took about $150 from the K&W Video Store on Saturday, but left a book bag behind with a pager inside.

To solve the crime, deputies simply used telephone records to trace the pager to 19-year-old Ernest Jennings III, said Todd Johnson, a Newberry County sheriff's investigator.

Police later saw a car at Jennings' home that matched the getaway car. When the car was later spotted at a motel early Sunday, Jennings was arrested along with 22-year-old Kimberly McGowan. Both now face conspiracy and armed robbery charges.

Deputies have yet to find the stolen money or the gun, Johnson said.

Laryngitis cancels show

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) — Laryngitis is forcing Andy Williams to cancel nearly a month of his popular Christmas shows for the first time in his 63-year career.

Williams, 71, is on strict orders from his doctor to refrain from talking or singing. About 85,000 tickets had been sold for his Branson Christmas shows in November.

Fluvanna sets Homecoming

Plans for the Fluvanna homecoming set for June 9-10 are underway and the invitation committee is in need of former Fluvanna School students' addresses.

Anyone having information on ex-students whose addresses might have changed since 1995 are asked to call 573-5301 or mail them to 2301 40th Street, Snyder.

Invitations will not be sent to those in Fluvanna or Snyder, they may rely on SDN for information, according to invitation chairman M.J. Merritt.

Quilt-A-Thon set for November 8

Rock & Roll Quilting Club is sponsoring a Quilt-A-Thon at the Hermleigh Community Center from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. on Nov. 8.

Quilts and covers for the hurricane victims will be made and anyone wishing to help is welcome for the amount of time available.

Donations are being accepted and for more information call Ellen Riley at 573-3738 or Maggie Barnes at 863-2426.

American Heart Association.
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Help Your Heart Recipes

This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day — not for each food or recipe.

Chocolate Oatmeal Cookies

- 1½ cups firmly packed light brown sugar
- ½ cup sifted unsweetened cocoa powder
- ½ cup fat-free milk
- ¼ cup light margarine, softened
- ¼ cup pureed prunes, unsweetened baby food prunes, or fat-free fruit-based oil and margarine replacement
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 2½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1½ cups uncooked quick-cooking oatmeal

Preheat oven to 350° F.

In a large mixing bowl, cream brown sugar, cocoa powder, milk, margarine, prunes, and vanilla. In a small bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Beat into margarine mixture. Stir in oatmeal.

Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheets. (You should have about 60 cookies.)

Bake for 7 to 9 minutes, or until set in the center.

Serves 30; 2 cookies per serving.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving

105 kcal	Calories	0 mg	Cholesterol	0 g	Saturated Fat
2 g	Protein	77 mg	Sodium	0 g	Polyunsaturated Fat
23 g	Carbohydrates	1 g	Total Fat	0 g	Monounsaturated Fat
1 g	Fiber				

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A Quick Health Tip

While health-conscious Americans have yet to fully embrace the beneficial effects of flax — a plant widely grown in Canada — their cousins to the north are more familiar with it. Now thanks to recent media reports, flax is gaining recognition for its role in helping prevent cancer, heart disease and other ills. Visit www.flaxcouncil.ca to find out more.

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Amendments for Tuesday's ballot previewed

Amendment No. 1
Wording of Ballot Proposition:
The constitutional amendment to revise the provision for the filling of a vacancy in the office of governor or lieutenant governor.

Argument For:
The proposed amendment would properly prevent a lieutenant governor succeeding to fill a gubernatorial vacancy from asserting any claim to the office of lieutenant governor. Holding both offices would place far too much power in one person and would undermine the checks and balances that the two offices are intended to exert on one another. The lieutenant governor's most important constitutional, statutory and parliamentary powers — presiding over the senate, chairing legislative agencies such as the Legislative Budget Board, and serving on the Legislative Redistricting Board — are inconsistent with the executive power of the governor.

Argument Against:
The proposed amendment, providing for the lieutenant governor to become governor in the event of a gubernatorial vacancy, leaves current law in place authorizing the senate to fill the regulating vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor for the remainder of the term. The office of lieutenant governor is too important to be filled by the senate, where personal relationships, partisanship, and seniority will determine who becomes lieutenant governor. A vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor should be filled by the voters at a statewide election if there are two or more years remaining in the term of office.

Amendment No. 2.
Wording of Ballot Proposition:
The constitutional amendment relating to the making of advances under a reverse mortgage and payment of a reverse mortgage.

Argument For:
Many senior citizens have accumulated a large amount of equity in their homes through years of mortgage payments and the appreciation of the homes' values. Reverse mortgages would allow these senior citizens to use the value of their home as income for retirement expenses or for other purposes. The voters in 1997 expressed their intent that reverse mortgages be made available to senior citizens of this state, but technical problems with the law have thwarted the will of the voters. This amendment will correct those problems and finally make reverse mortgages available in this state.

Argument Against:
When the voters authorized reverse mortgages they conditioned that authorization on strict limitations or the practice of lenders in order to protect the senior citizens of this state from unscrupulous lending practices. The fact that lenders have chosen not to participate in reverse mortgage lending in this state because of those strict limitations is not grounds to remove those protecting. The practice of the federal government or of lenders in other states should not be allowed to determine the level of protection that this state provides its senior citizens.

Amendment No. 3
The constitutional amendment to eliminate duplicative, executive obsolete, archaic, and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution.

Arguments For:
History shows the difficulty in undertaking a complete revision of the constitution, with the 1974 constitutional convention failing to adopt a proposal, the voters rejected a legislative proposal in 1975 and a 1999 legislative proposal not being reported from committee. The Texas Constitution in a basically sound document but has some "deadwood." In addition to making the document more readable usable, this constitutional amendment eliminates those provisions that no longer serve their original purpose — or, in some cases, any purpose — without making any significant change to the basic substance of governmental power and individual rights.

Arguments Against:
This amendment is an example of constitutional tinkering when constitutional revision is called for. The sheer volume of provisions being amended or repealed in the name of eliminating unnecessary and ineffective provisions points to the need for a more complete and studied revision. In addition, for an amendment of this size with its numerous changes, more time for complete study and review by the citizens and constitutional scholars should be made before the amendment is submitted to the voters.

Amendment No. 4
Wording of Ballot Proposition:
The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt property owned by institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions from ad valorem taxation.

Arguments For:
The performance by private institution of public charitable functions relieves the government of burdens that would otherwise fall to the taxpayers. The legislature should be authorized to encourage private institutions to perform the function by broadening the availability of property tax exemptions to institutions engaged primarily, though not exclusively, in performing charitable activities.

Argument Against:
If the legislature acts to broaden the availability or property tax exemptions to charitable organizations as authorized by the proposed amendment, the tax base will be eroded. Because the amount of property subject to taxation will be reduced, taxing units will likely need to increase the taxes imposed on property of other taxpayers to make up for the lost tax revenue.

Amendment No. 5
Wording of Ballot Proposition:
The constitutional amendment allowing state employees to receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of school district, city, town or other local governmental district.

Arguments For:
A repeal of the salary prohibition in Section 40, Article IVI, would increase the pool of qualified candidates for local governing board positions. State employees will be more willing to contribute their time and talent to local governmental bodies if they are compensated for their state and local service. An increasing the number of qualified candidates will improve the quality of the local governing bodies.

Arguments Against:
Taxpayers expect their state employees to make a total commitment to the state job. Local government positions are often very time-consuming, complex endeavors. Encouraging a person to divide time between a position on a local governing board and a state employment position will result in a decrease in the quality of performance of both positions.

Amendment No. 6
Wording of Ballot Proposition:
The constitutional amendment increasing the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribing permissible uses of urban homesteads, and preventing the overburdening of a homestead.

Arguments For:
The proposed amendment extends the opportunity to obtain home equity loans to a wide range of Texas property owners. The home equity requirement prescribed by Section 50, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, prohibit the use of collateral other than homestead property as security for a home equity loan. Accordingly, those urban property owners that reside on property that exceeds one acre in size are generally unable to obtain a home equity loan using their residential property as collateral because lending institutions are unwilling to accept only the portion of the property owner's residential property that constitutes homestead property as collateral and are prohibited from accepting the additional property as collateral. The proposed amendment protects business homesteads and at the same time permits property owners with both an urban home and a business interest on the same property to qualify for a home equity loan. Under the proposed amendment, an urban homestead does not forfeit its homestead characters simply because a portion of that homestead property is used for business purposes.

Arguments Against:
The wording of the proposed ballot proposition is vague and does not provide voters with sufficient information to understand the effect of the amendment, one of which is to further expand home equity leading adopted by the legislature and approved by the voters in 1997 authorized home equity lending in limited circumstances and provides numerous consumer safeguards to ensure that homestead mortgage lending will not be abused. The effect of the proposed amendment expands the circumstances under which property owners may obtain home equity loans without making this effect apparent to voters in the wording of the ballot proposition.

Amendment No. 7
Wording of Ballot Proposition:
The constitutional amendment authorizing garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance.

Argument For:
Most other states authorize the garnishment or involuntary assignment of wages for certain obligations. Texans elected to allow garnishment for child support in 1983. Currently, at least 45 other states allow garnishment of wages for enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance. The approval of the constitutional amendment would allow Texas to have the same ability to enforce spousal maintenance orders as those other states.

Argument Against:
Garnishment of wages places the burden of collecting and paying spousal maintenance on the employer rather than the employee. Because the employee has failed to comply with the employees' obligation to pay court-ordered spousal maintenance, the employer is obligated to deduct the wages garnished or assigned and to send the amounts deducted to the appropriate court. Even if the employer is reimbursed for the administrative expenses incurred by the employer in deducting and paying an employee's spousal maintenance, it still imposes an additional burden on the employer.

Amendment No. 8
Wording of Ballot Proposition:
The constitutional amendment to provide that the adjutant general serves at the pleasure of the governor.

Argument For:
1. Greater accountability is needed for the adjutant general. Allowing for the quick removal of the adjutant general by the governor would greatly help in providing that accountability. The need for greater accountability is a result of the military nature of the duties of the adjutant general, the fact that the adjutant general is appointed rather than elected, and the declaration by the state constitution that the governor is the commander-in-chief of the state military forces. It is good policy to provide that the military is under the control of civilians. In fact, Section 24, Article I, Texas Constitution, recognizes that policy by stating that "the military shall at all times be subordinate to the civil authority, a sound method for achieving accountability for an appointed officer is to make the officer subject to removal by an officer elected statewide. The governor is the obvious choice to be given the authority to remove the adjutant general since the governor appoints the adjutant general and is designated by Section 7, Article IV, Texas Constitution, as the commander-in-chief of the state military forces.

Arguments Against:
The two-year term currently established for the adjutant general creates adequate accountability for that office. Because the governor is elected to a four-year term, the adjutant general's term will expire twice during the governor's term are sufficient. Allowing for more frequent replacement of the adjutant general subjects the adjutant general to too much political influence. The adjutant general must have sufficient independence to carry out the duties of the office without fear of immediate reprisal if the adjutant general makes a politically unpopular decision.

Amendment No. 9
Wording of Ballot Proposition:
The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to create a judicial compensation commission.

Argument For:
Retirement pensions for sate officers in the elected class of membership in the retirement system are tied by statute to the salaries of district judges. That membership class includes members of the legislature. Thus, when the legislature votes to increase judicial salaries, it may be perceived as a conflict of interest. An independent judicial compensation commission would remove this potential conflict of interest by giving primary responsibility for determining judicial compensation to an independent body.

Arguments Against:
Section 1, Article III, Texas Constitution, vests the lawmaking power of this state in the legislature. Although the constitution does not grant exclusive lawmaking authority to the legislature and the legislature may delegate its authority under certain circumstances, the legislature is the primary repository of lawmaking power. The proposed constitutional amendment would erode the legislature's lawmaking authority by authorizing a non-legislative body to exercise limited lawmaking power.

Amendment No. 10
Wording of Ballot Proposition:
The constitutional amendment to provide that the commissioner of health and human services serves at the pleasure of the governor.

Arguments For:
Greater accountability is needed for the commissioner of health and human services. Allowing for the quick removal of the commissioner by the governor would greatly help in providing that accountability. The need for greater accountability is a result of the nature of, and number of people affected by, the programs under the control of the commissioner, the size of the budget under the commissioner's jurisdiction, and the fact that the commissioner has vast authority and is appointed rather than elected. The programs under the control of the commissioner are numerous and varied and affect the health and welfare of millions of Texans. Those programs include state programs as well as certain federal entitlement programs such as Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and food stamps. The state's annual budget for health and human services programs involves billions of dollars, ranking second only to the state's budget for education programs. The authority of the commissioner is enormous, and as a result there is a need to make the commissioner immediately answerable to a statewide elected office.

Arguments Against
The two-year term currently established for the commission of health and human services create adequate accountability for that officer. Because the governor is elected to a four-year term, the commissioner's term will expire twice during the governor's term are sufficient. Allowing for more frequent replacement of the commissioner subjects the commissioner's office to too much political influence. The commissioner must have sufficient independence to carry out the duties of the office without fear of immediate reprisals if the commissioner makes a politically unpopular decision.

Amendment No. 11
Wording of Ballot Proposition:
The constitutional amendment permitting a political subdivision to purchase non-assessable property and casualty insurance from an authorized mutual insurance company in the same manner that the political subdivision purchases life, health and accident insurance.

Arguments For:
Some of the largest property and casualty companies in Texas are mutual insurance companies. The policies offered by these mutual companies offer the same protection available from stock insurance companies that sell property and casualty insurance. By allowing a political subdivision to purchase non-assessable property and casualty insurance from a mutual company, a political subdivision can shop for insurance from a wider range of insurers, resulting in the benefits that competition can provide for both the political subdivision and the insurers. The amendment may provide significant benefits and poses no risk to the political subdivisions or the state.

Arguments Against:
Regardless of whether the insurance obtained from a mutual insurance company is assessable of non-assessable, a political subdivision that obtains that insurance becomes a stockholder in the company. The original interest of Section 52, (a), Article III, in response to the railroad deals of the late 1800s, was to prevent political subdivision in this state from becoming financially involved in a private business. A stockholder has a financial interest in the business of a mutual insurance company.

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Terry Franks, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Richard Gaona, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Raymond Phillips, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Teresa and David Smith, 1999 Ford van from Wilson Motors.

Jose and Melissa Chavez, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Bryan Grimes, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Doris Branch, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Joe L. Elam, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

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Michelle Moreno, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

David R. Levens, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Joe E. and Donna J. Green, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Danny Harland, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Michael Head, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Jason Grant Romine and Heidi Mae Wadman, both of Gloucester, Va.

Chaves and Twylla Francine Brown, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Providian National Bank vs. Roy M. Collier and Christine D. Collier, suit on sworn account.

Gisela S. Muller vs. Burger King Corp. and Rip Griffin Inc., dba Rip Griffin Truck Service Center, suit for damages.

Deed Records

Don A. Jones to James E. Beaver, tract one being Lots 5 and 6 in Block 150 of the Original Town of Fluvanna; tract two being Lots 4-6 in Block 151 of the Original Town of Fluvanna.

Leon Crenshaw to Carroll Ann Spencer, Lot 10 in Block E of the Towle Place Addition.

D.B. Lyle to David Austin Lyle, tract one being a 0.510-acre tract in Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a 31x160-foot tract out of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

D.B. Lyle to David Austin Lyle, Lot 26 in Block 3 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Mary Lynn Aucutt, independent executrix of the estate of Swanson Aucutt, to Mary Lynn Aucutt, the northwest one-quarter of Section 51, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Thomas Michael Duncan to Margaret Wagner Harvey, 471.1 acres out of the north, south and east parts of Section 86, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Ferris Keith Moffett, independent executor of the estate of Bishop Pierce Moffett, to James G. and Shirley A. Miller, Lot 12 in Block 8 of the Bassridge West Addition.

Benito Ruiz Jr. and Adela Ruiz to Andres and Virginia Escareno, the south 80 feet of the west 30 feet of Lot 11 and the south 80 feet of Lot 12, both in Block 52 of the Wilmeth Addition.

G.W. and Bobby J. Kitchens to Jerry Walter Kitchens, Riley Creighton Kitchens, Margie Kitchens Ferguson, Mary Kitchens Burton, Ruby Kitchens Smith and George Walton Kitchens Jr., 10 acres in the east one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 249, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Patty Leatherwood to Dupree Motors Inc., Lots 11 and 12 in Block 20 of the Bootheland West Addition.

Colonial Savings to the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, Lot 25 in Block 3 of the Eastridge Addition.

Etta M. Chapman to F. Jean Chapman, the east one-half of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3 in Block 45 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Fagan Inc. to LaWayne Fagan, Section 154, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Anthony Porter and Barbara Gray to Don Gray, Lots 3-6 in Block 9 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Earnest Wayne and Vicki Jenkins, Carley Rachelle Jenkins Pyburn and D'Ann Jenkins to James and Jennifer Short, Lot 22, Block 6 of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Senior Menu

Monday

Taco soup, fried okra, pickled beets, fruit salad, cornbread

Tuesday

Cheesy chicken, vegetable sticks, broccoli, tomato wedges, pineapple upside-down cake

Wednesday

Meat loaf, creamed corn, mashed potatoes, sliced peaches,oatmeal cookie

Thursday

German sausage, pinto beans, potato salad, sliced onion & cherry peppers, Jello cake

Friday

Fried fish, tater tots, tomatoes/croutons, green pea salad, apple cobbler

Senior News

We have had a wonderful October with visitors from New Hampshire, the Air Stream rally and several West Texas towns.

New county residents and new retirees are joining us and we encourage all seniors to visit our Senior Center. Lunch is served at noon and the building is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fall is in the air and winter is around the corner, so seniors who love to exercise are reminded that we have stationary bikes, pool, walking in the Travis Gym, swimnastics at Western Texas College's pool, line dancing, clogging and a ping pong table.

The Senior Center Thanksgiving dinner is scheduled for Nov. 19, but to make sure we have plenty of turkey we are asking seniors to pre-register beginning Monday.

Monday

Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. This is a low-level exercise and each senior is encouraged to participate at their own speed and ability.

Tuesday

"88" play begins at 10 a.m., the Hoss Clayton Band will perform at 11 a.m., the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon. Swimnastics is on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday

The Kitchen Band will entertain residents at Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. Line Dancers will practice at 1 p.m. and cloggers at 2 p.m.

Thursday

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. All newcomers are welcome to join this group. They paint quilt blocks and other items that will be sold at the May fund-raiser. The Sunshine Choir will practice at 10 a.m. in the center located at 2603 Ave. M. The domino tournament will begin at 10 a.m. Seniors interested in playing should arrive a few minutes before 10.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. We play "party bridge" on Monday and Friday mornings. "80" and "88" players begin at 10 a.m. Newcomers are welcome and seniors who know how to play "42" will have no trouble learning the game.

The Golden K Kiwanis have scheduled an inside garage sale at the center for Friday and Saturday. To help contact a member of the club or the senior center.

Opera star Maria Callas died in 1977.

Preview of amendments listed

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It is still dangerous to allow a political subdivision to lend its credit to a private entity by becoming a stockholder. Although the political subdivision would only own part of a mutual insurance company as a policyholder, that action is one step closer to allowing the use of local government money to speculate in private enterprise.

Amendment No. 12
Word of Ballot Proposition:

The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation leased motor vehicles not held by the lessee primarily to produce income.

Arguments For:

Texas is one of only a few states in which local governments impose ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles leased for personal use. Approval of the amendment will provide leased motor vehicles with the same tax treatment as personally owned vehicle and provide consumers with a financially beneficial alternative to purchasing their motor vehicles.

Arguments Against:

Any exemption from ad valorem taxation erodes the property tax base of school districts, cities, counties and other local governments. If the proposed amendment is adopted, the new exemption will result in higher property taxes for other property owners, including persons who lease motor vehicles for business purposes.

Amendment No. 13

The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of $400 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students.

Arguments For:

Widespread college attendance producing a well-educated, productive workforce is essential to the continued health of the state's economy. The state thus has a direct interest ion promoting college attendance by ensuring that adequate student loans are available at the favorable interest rates accessible to the state.

Arguments Against:

Providing student loans is properly a function of the private financial sector. For the state to provide public loans in competition with the private sector at favorable interest rates available only to the state is inappropriate in the absence of a clear indication that the private sector is unable to meet loan demands.

Amendment No. 14
Wording of Ballot Proposition:

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that a state board, commission or agency shall be governed by a board composed of an odd number of three or more members.

Arguments For:

By requiring an odd number of members on state boards, tie votes can be minimized.

Arguments Against:

For many boards, especially large boards, having an odd number of members will not prevent many tie votes because all board members rarely show up for every meeting. In addition, if a member abstains from a vote (because of a conflict of interest or for any other reason), a tie vote could still occur.

Amendment No. 15
Word of Ballot Proposition

The constitutional amendment permitting spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property.

Arguments For:

A system of marital property law should provide general rules for determining rights in property and then allow, as the amendment would do, considerable freedom for persons to make alternative property arrangements when they perceive doing so to be in their best interest.

Arguments Against:

The community property system has served the citizens of Texas well since the time of Spanish rule, providing a system of rights that promotes the welfare of the vast majority of spouses, and no compelling reasons have been given for altering the basic rules of the system. The principal that forms the basis of the community property system is that this property is built up by both spouses during the marriage. A spouse should be able to share only what is earned during the marriage and be protected from having the spouse's separate property converted.

Amendment No. 16
Word of Ballot Proposition

The constitutional amendment to provide that certain counties shall be divided into a specific number of precincts.

Arguments For:

Following the federal census in 2000, some counties with increased populations may be reclassified into new population categories and, as a result, will be required to add precincts and elect additional justices of the peace and constables to conform to constitutional requirements. The election of the additional justices of the peace and constables could create a financial burden for the affected counties. The proposed amendment changes the population requirements so that some counties will not be reclassified into new categories and, thus, will not incur those financial burdens.

Arguments Against:

Counties with increased populations need additional justices of the peace and constables to manage the corresponding increase in demand for services. The proposed amendment changes population requirements to allow certain counties to avoid meeting the increased demand for services and to avoid relieving the increased workload in existing justice of the peace courts.

Amendment No. 17
Word of Ballot Proposition:

The constitutional amendment relating to the investment of the permanent university fund and the distribution from the permanent university fund to the available university fund.

Arguments For:

Adoptions of the amendment would modernize the investment and spending principles of the PUF and AUF. The current provisions of the Texas Constitution actually inhibit the ability of the board of regents to preserve the purchasing power of the PUF. The provisions prohibiting the distribution of realized and unrealized gains in PUF assets were appropriate when thee only eligible investments for the PUF cash assets were public securities and interest-bearing accounts. Those provisions fail to take into account that today much of the increase in the value of a fund comes in the form of capital gains. The proposal balances the authority for the distribution of a portion of capital gains with safeguards that include limiting the distribution to seven percent of the corpus per year and prohibiting a distribution of the corpus The more flexible investment standard proposed by the amendment would enable to board to take advantage of more sophisticated investment strategies that have proven to be effective for similar endowments, such as Harvard University's permanent endowments.

Arguments Against:

The current pattern for investment and distribution has contributed to sustained growth for both the PUF and AUF . While the amendment would provide protections and conditions for distributing capital gains to the AUF to protect the corpus of the PUF, the state should err on the side of preserving and expanding the corpus of the endowment by retaining and reinvesting capital gains and continuing to distribute only dividends and other income.

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I wonder what these two
18 year old girls did this summer?

Letters To The Editor

Medical Staff Questions

Dear Editor:

The recent budget actions of the Scurry County Commissioners Court leaves the medical staff at Cogdell Memorial Hospital somewhat confused. It certainly appears that the court intends to decrease the county funding for the hospital.

This action comes at a time when the hospital is facing a decrease in revenue from the Medicaid Program through the loss of Disproportionate Share Program funds (estimated at $329,000) and a decrease in payments for services renders to Medicare recipients (largely the elderly) as a result of the balanced budget laws passed through Congress (estimated to be approximately $500,000).

It is true that the hospital has built up a sizeable cash balance, and this has two (2) purposes. First, these funds are for needed renovation of facilities and replacement of aging equipment. Second, it does not appear the HCFA (the administrator of Medicare) is Y2K compliant.

This means that an interruption of payments from Medicare is likely to occur in January. How long this will last is uncertain. But the cash reserve of the hospital will allow employees to continue to receive paychecks, even if hospital revenue markedly decreases.

The hospital faces 2 to 3 million dollars of renovation expenses in order to replace radiology equipment which is on the verge of ceasing to function, provide a better emergency facility for our community, and to move other hospital departments which will be affected by these projects.

To this point, we have not had a proposal from the commissioners court as to how they plan to partner with the hospital to accomplish these projects. The proposal by Commissioner Ralph Trevey, published recently in the Snyder Daily News, to provide funds for hospital renovation through some form of financing, does provide a worthwhile basis for further discussion.

Also, the court is required by law to fund indigent care in this county. Last year, the hospital cost for providing indigent care was $560,647. This compares with a county subsidy that same year of $393,000.

This year, the charity care estimated to be in excess of $800,000, and the county wants to provide even less funding than last year. Funding indigent and charity care through the "profits" of a non-profit hospital is essentially a tax on the insured and those able to pay for their own care.

Also, the county received funds last year totaling $392,000 from the tobacco lawsuit settlement. How was this money spent? This year, the county will receive approximately $165,000 from this same settlement. These funds are to be directed toward health care expenses. How does the court plan to spend this money?

We very much desire for the commissioners court to continue to provide a reasonable subsidy for hospital operations, or propose a new plan which will assist us in providing a high level of medical care to the citizens of Scurry County.

Likewise, we desire the hospital board of trustees and administration to respond to any such proposal with good-faith discussions of the merits and difficulties of the proposal, in order that a financial plan will be produced which will position the hospital to thrive and prosper in the new millennium.

James Burleson, M.D.,
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Tom Kerr, M.D.,
Kathleen Weaver, M.D.,
Gloria Gerstner, D.P.M.

Thank You Mrs. McMillon

Dear Editor:

I built and moved into a house near the Stanfield school in November, 1961. Although we live on the west side, our kids had to walk around and enter the east door regardless of weather conditions. Only staff was allowed to enter the north, front door.

Needless to say, it has always been congested on Avenue V and also on 44th Street because everyone wanted to park by the front door.

Anyone driving down either of these streets and meeting another vehicle had a tight squeeze getting through and, although I do not remember any child being hit in this area, it was none-the-less a very dangerous situation.

The only change that I am aware of at the school to correct this condition is a new principal, Mrs. McMillon.

I am giving her full credit for showing everyone where the parking lot is. With it being on the west end of the school I know she lost some points by having the staff park there instead of the street. Each time I drive by now I think the school must be closed.

Thank you Mrs. McMillon and congratulations on your new job.

Omer (Mushroom) Pointer

Pumpkin Smashing Victim

Dear Editor:

What happened to Snyder?

We have been following the Tiger band and football team in and out of town. As we visited with some Big Spring parents a couple of weeks ago at Furr's they were very proud of their young people also. We followed the girls' volleyball last Saturday on the radio. There are so many fine, outstanding youth in our town that are busy and their parents are involved with them.

Last Saturday night we were one of the many pumpkin victims. We lost five from our display in our front yard along with neighbors next door and around the corner. This took place from after midnight to around 4:30 a.m. We taxpayers paid our city employees to clean up our streets both Saturday and Sunday morning. These youth are not part of our school or church activities and are their parents involved with their activities.

We adults have to set an example to our youth, whether they are our blood kin or some youth that may see us. We live two doors from a three-way stop sign intersection. I have set and watched the traffic go through these stop signs. Eighty-five percent never stop, some slow down, some maintain the same speed and one-fourth stomp the foot feed. Are they sixteen to eighteen-year-olds? A few, but most are middle-age to senior citizens. My wife has twice almost been hit when she stopped at one of the signs.

Having moved from El Paso to Snyder in 1989 my wife and I could not believe how crime-free this town was. I could pull my lawn mowing open trailer into the Wal-Mart parking lot and not worry about losing anything on it. After so many losing their lawn mowing equipment this summer, I have invested in a cargo trailer that I keep locked.

Is the pumpkin smashing a wake-up to what we can expect this Christmas season? For our grandchildren we started putting out a display for Christmas and as we received compliments from Snyderites we kept it up and enjoy seeing the little ones come by and look at it. Now we are concerned about putting out our display this year. It would be terrible to get up one morning and see the manger scene busted all over the street.

Earlier this month when we visited El Paso, they were enforcing a curfew at night to rid their streets of the problems we are encountering. Is Snyder coming to this? I sure hope not. We as taxpayers cannot afford the police force it would take to prevent this.

Parents must become involved with their youth and their activities. Not put off until they are teenagers, but from birth. I know it must be hard when you may be a single parent or are working long hours but you have a responsibility to the youth and your neighbors.

Wilber Fry
Snyder

Punishment Fits Crime?

Dear Editor:

For most of my adult life, I have been under the illusion that generally the punishment always fits the crime. However, this week that theory was put to test.

I simply find it very hard to believe that they would give a person 2 years, who came into a church which was unlocked, warmed himself a bowl of spaghetti and a cup of coffee uninvited, and as I may say he certainly was guilty of this.

I can see the jury finding him guilty of this, but he did not break and enter. Now I understand this morning that the jury gave him 2 years in prison, and fined him $5,000.

Apparently he has been in jail sometime, unable to make bail, and therefore I assume he has no money. I wonder how he will pay the fine.

In the past few months, we had a man who embezzled over $400,000 from the Snyder National Bank — he was able to go about free as a bird until his case was heard at a federal court in Lubbock — he got a little over 2 years in a federal prison. The court was going to seize 2 houses he purchased with some of the money, (a small portion of the $400,000.

So I can only assume it is easier to embezzle a lot of money and get a short time. Or steal a package of lunchmeat and get 2 years and a big fine. Does this make any sense?

In ending this letter, let me make one point — I know about what's fair and what is not on a personal level. My son is in prison for many DWIs and substance abuse. And I will be the first to tell you that he got exactly what he deserved. But the person who ate the food at the church, I believe, could have better been helped with some sort of mental help, it certainly would have cost the taxpayers less than the 2 years in prison.

I do wish someone could explain this to me.

Sincerely
Juanita Farquhar

Coke County Memorial

Dear Editor:

It is time for us to thank the many people who have been so very helpful in getting out the word about the Coke County Area Veterans Memorial being built in Bronte. There are no comprehensive lists of people who have served their country. We have used records from federal, state, and county agencies. Schools have provided us registers.

Many names were added: by old-timers, from family, genealogies and by word-of-mouth. Our thanks to all those who told a friend or relative. The area-wide interest has sparked memories that have lain dormant for years. Our thanks to the newspapers, which have published letters and articles. Responses have been — pardon the pun — monumental!

The deadline for getting a name on the monument in alphabetical order is Nov. 1, 1999. The dedication will be held on Dec. 4, at 11 a.m., registration will begin at 10:15. The Big Country squadron of the Confederate Air Force has agreed to begin the ceremony with a fly-over (weather permitting). A band under the direction of George Tomes will play patriotic music. A Goodfellow AFB color guard will be on hand to present the colors. Many people are cooperating to make this important endeavor a success, our thanks to all of you.

Please mark this date, Dec. 4, 1999, on your calendar. Bring your lawn chairs and come to Bronte and help us celebrate this red, white and blue occasion. If you have pictures or memorabilia you want to share, there will be a place for this to be displayed in the old depot. You may see someone you have not seen in a long time and have an opportunity to reminisce.

Memorial Committee
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Chapel Needed

Dear Editor:

I'm writing this letter on behalf of a dear couple in Loraine, their names are Jonathan and Gloria Rangel.

The cross appeared to Jonathan Rangel on July 9, 1994 as he was praying to the Lord at 3:30 in the morning. The cross appeared to him toward the northeast of their home. John's wife Gloria was very sick in the hospital. This is why John erected the 20-ft. cross and also because of all the blessings God had bestowed upon them.

The cross belongs to everyone who believes in Christ and it stands as a reminder of the love He has for us. As John took a picture of the cross and had it developed another cross appeared in the picture in the sky, gleaming so bright like fire and gold.

John and Gloria get up every morning at 3:30 a.m. and kneel in front of the cross and pray. They have a book that people can leave their names and prayer wishes. They take name by name and pray for them. The cross is lighted at night. The gate is always open 24-hours for anyone who wants to pray!

You can feel the Spirit of the Lord when you kneel in front of the cross. Many people have seen different images while praying. Many people have come far to pray and leave feeling touched by the Lord.

John and Gloria invite anyone who wishes to visit them and pray are more than welcome anytime. During the weekday or night! It is the hope of the Rangels that those who view it may pause a moment to also thank God for their many blessings. Cross height is 20 ft.

Now John and Gloria have a new project they want to build a chapel for the people who go there to pray.

So if anyone can please help them meet their needs to build the chapel it would be appreciated very much.

So please pray for them for the donations to come in. They need: 12 4x4s 12 ft. long; 30 2x4s 8 feet long; 30 2x6s 10 ft. long; 28 pieces of new plywood.

Thank you for your help,

Diane Torres
Jonathan Rangel
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Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

When my stepfather passed away following weeks of painful lingering in a hospital, grown children - siblings and step-siblings -from all over the world descended upon my mother's country home outside Texarkana.

College-age grandkids soon followed. We were all crowded together but we all get along and it was good to visit. I was standing with a knot of people in the kitchen when my mother came bustling in carrying an ash tray which she dumped out in the trash. As she turned to go, I grabbed her arm.

I said, "Mother, what are you doing? Why don't you go someplace and *grieve* or something?"

Now, many of you fine and good folks have just sucked in your breath sharply. You're thinking, "What a terrible thing to say! I can't believe she could have been so cruel!"

But my mother laughed. I laughed. And she went and sat down to rest.

This is because we were speaking in Family Codetalk. Codetalk consists of teasing, jesting, smart-mouthed wisecracks that serve to soften harsh truths. I could have put my arms around my mother and said, "You've been sitting an exhausting death-watch for months now. You're worn out. Please don't fret yourself with house cleaning. We will take care of that for you. Go rest."

But I didn't have to because my mother understood that I was teasing her. And she knew that there would be much real grieving over the next few days, many tears shed for our loss, but that one way in which we would cope would be to find ways to laugh. Teasing, joking, wisecracking, punning, and witty back-and-forths have long been a lynchpin of family to me, but when I make a wisecrack to someone who takes the remark *seriously*, it's as if the whole world suddenly slammed on the brakes.

I have to explain what I mean. I have to say "It's a joke." I feel as if my pants have fallen down around my knees.

But there's hope for me and all smart mouths, I've found to my delight. In the December issue of *Psychology Today*, a psychologist, Dacher Keltner, PHD, discusses his findings after years of studying the tease as a form of social communication. (His work has been recently published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.)

Teasing, says the good d octor, is actually a very healthy form of communication—that is, if you do it right. "Exaggerated tone of voice, elongated vowels, unusual facial expressions, a little laugh just before or after the tease," serve as a signal to the "teasee" that the "teaser" means no harm behind the remark, loves the teasee no matter what, and respects him or her.

Couples who tease one another, he says, are the happiest. "The more satisfied couples are with their relationship, the more playful their signs and signals: coy smiles, the sticking out of the tongue, laughter, bizarre facial expressions, unusual voice inflection and physical touching wrapped around the aggressive core of the tease. Both partners feel more positive emotion after poking fun...indeed, what is flirtation but a series of teases?"

Men, explains Dr. Keltner, tend to tease more often throughout life. It is women who are the most likely to take a tease seriously, get their feelings hurt, or otherwise not appreciate the remark.

I think that one reason women are less likely to take to teasing is that many people who do tease don't do it right. For example, if someone is in a position of power over you, they can abuse that position by teasing, especially if they deliberately go for the jugular—that is, they pick out the one weakness they know bothers you the most and "teases" you about it in a hurtful way. This is not done in love or respect, and the teasee knows it.

For example, if a father teased an adolescent daughter about her breast size or her weight, her delicate self-image could be scarred for life. Or if a husband is having impotency problems, a loving wife would never joke or tease about such a sensitive issue.

Teasing should never be mean-spirited. It should always be affectionate and respectful. Healthy teasing is never meant to be used as a weapon to hurt; rather, it's a way to share laughter and love and also to set limits in a relationship.

If two people are bantering, and one goes too far with a tease, the other can say, "That's not really very funny," and they know that subject is a boundary, meant to be taken seriously.

Social settings are also important when teasing is done. We've all been in the presence of a husband and wife who constantly put one another down in our presence, and it only makes us feel very uncomfortable. We know this is not "teasing." It's trading insults.

Playful banter should be kept within the bounds of family or friends who understand that gentle teasing is permitted. Once my husband introduced me to a man at a conference he was attending, and the man said, "I didn't realize Kent was married; he flirts so much with all the women."

They all laughed, simply because the remark was so outrageous, and I understood immediately that the man was teasing. I laughed in return and said, "Well, you know I have to show up now and then at these things to keep an eye on him."

Teasing can bring loved ones closer, says Dr. Keltner, and it can break the ice in new relationships. When the teaser makes a joke in love and respect, we should all relax and laugh with them. It makes life so much more fun.

Besides, I get tired of explaining the joke. Ha ha, just teasing!

(Deanie Mills' column appears weekly in The Snyder Daily News)

NE raises funds for the AHA

Northeast Elementary School students raised more than $1,600 during the school's annual Jump Rope For Heart fund-raiser which benefits the American Heart Association.

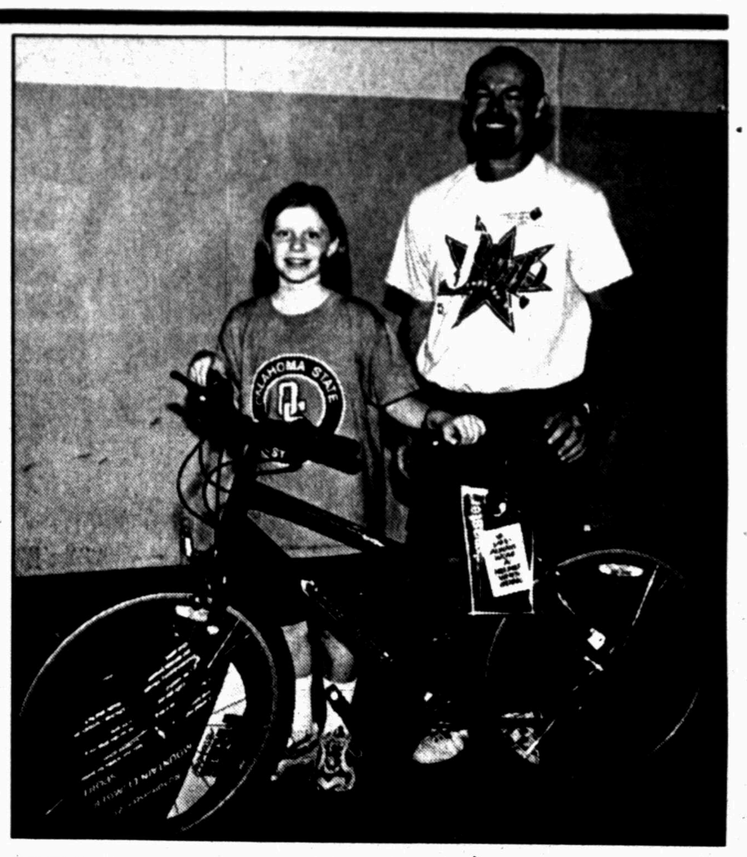
Tana Sullenger was the top money raiser. She brought in $135. Sydney Wright won a bicycle.

Other prize winners included Terann Ragland, Leslie Eades, Gloria Benitez, Jaedi Baze, Adam Smith, Monte Crooks, Tylor Courtney, Jamie Arnold, Linda DeLaCruz, Amy Campbell, Tara Robertson, Brett Bowlin, Lupe Zuniga, Jaclyn Capps, Corbin Smith.

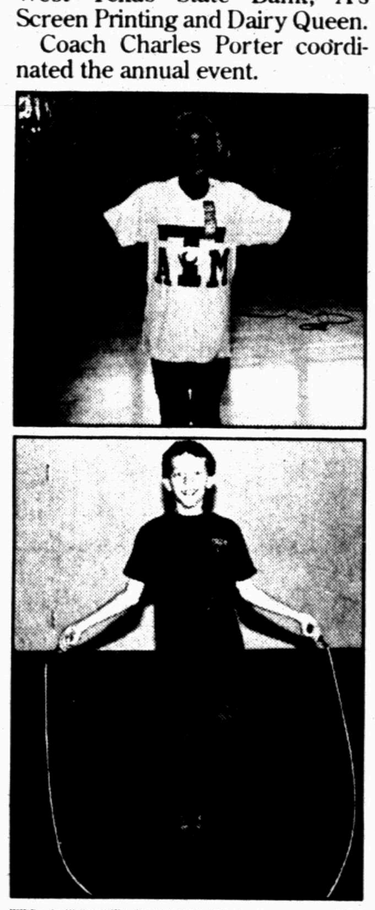
Businesses donating prizes included Wal-Mart, Snyder National Bank, Hackfelds, Jack's Used Cars, Texas Savings Bank, West Texas State Bank, A's Screen Printing and Dairy Queen.

Coach Charles Porter coordinated the annual event.

JUMP ROPE PRIZE WINNERS — Northeast Elementary Jump Rope for Heart prize winners include, back romfrom left, Terann Ragland, Leslie Eades, Gloria Benitez, Jaedi Baze, Adam Smith, Monte Crooks, Tylor Courtney, Jamie Arnold; front row, Linda De La Cruz, Amy Campbell, Tara Robertson, Brett Bowlin, Lupe Zuniga, Tana Sullenger, Jaclyn Capps and Corbin Smith. The students raised more than $1,600. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)



BIKE WINNER — Sydney Wright and Coach Charles Porter stand by the bicycle Sydney won in the Northeast Elementary Jump Rope for Heart. (Photo By Jo Ann Nunley)



NORTHEAST JUMPERS — Northeast Elementary School students jumped rope for the American Heart Association last week. From top to bottom are Roxana Scott, Randy Nolan and Shannon Mangis. (Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

TOP MONEY RAISER — Tana Sullenger was the top money raiser for the Northeast Elementary Jump Rope for Heart. She raised $135 and is pictured with Coach Charles Porter. (Photo By Jo Ann Nunley)

Congress asked to study State Farm

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirty-nine current and former State Farm agents appealed to Congress Friday to investigate the insurance giant, claiming the company has abused policyholders and agents.

The Bloomington, Ill.-based company called the complaints "wild accusations," mostly made by agents involved in a lawsuit against the company.

A federal judge in California recently issued a summary judgment in favor of State Farm's right to institute various programs and procedures to recover from losses from Hurricane Andrew and the Northridge earthquake. Agents complained the measures were unfair to policyholders and are appealing the ruling.

"These wild accusations are hurtful and are an outright slap in the face," said Harold Gray, State Farm's regional vice president for the area that includes Washington, D.C.

The company, in a statement, said the news conference called by the agents was "a sad distraction caused by a few dozen people — most of them disgruntled former agents with a litigation-inspired motive."

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Mrs. Hodges

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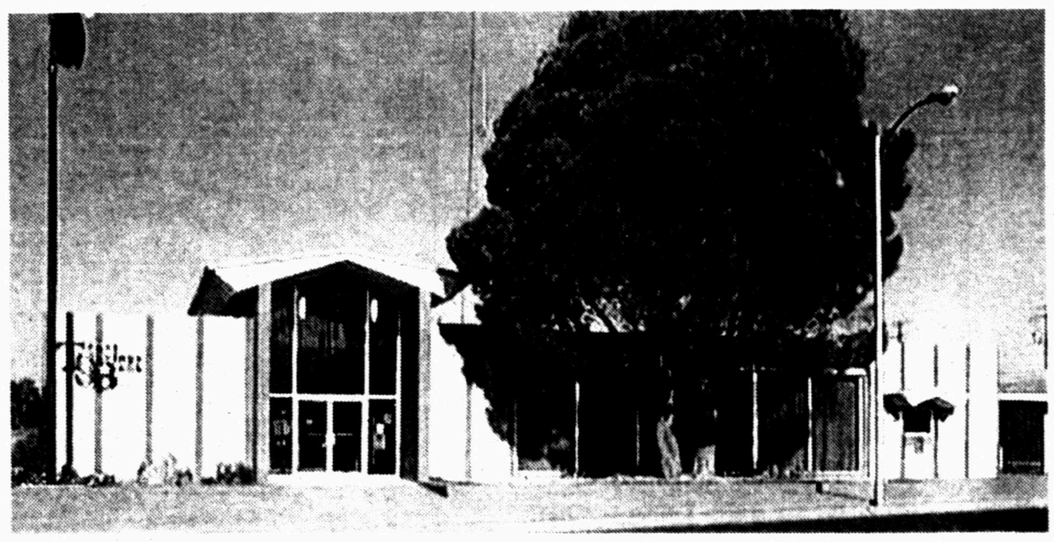

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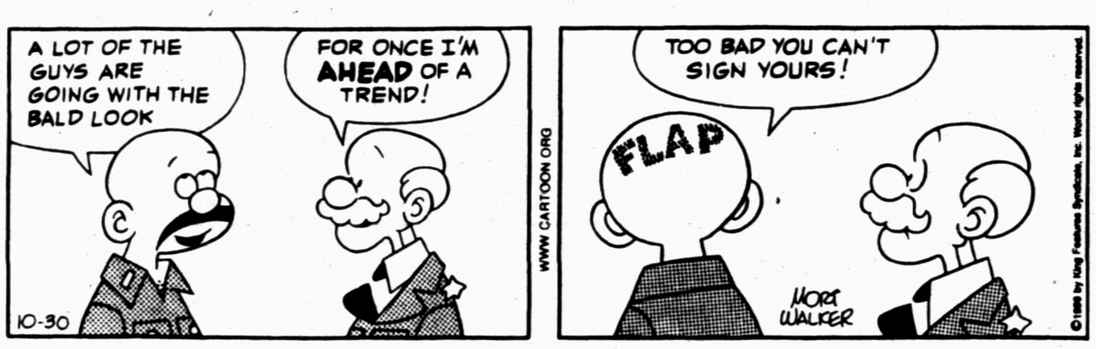

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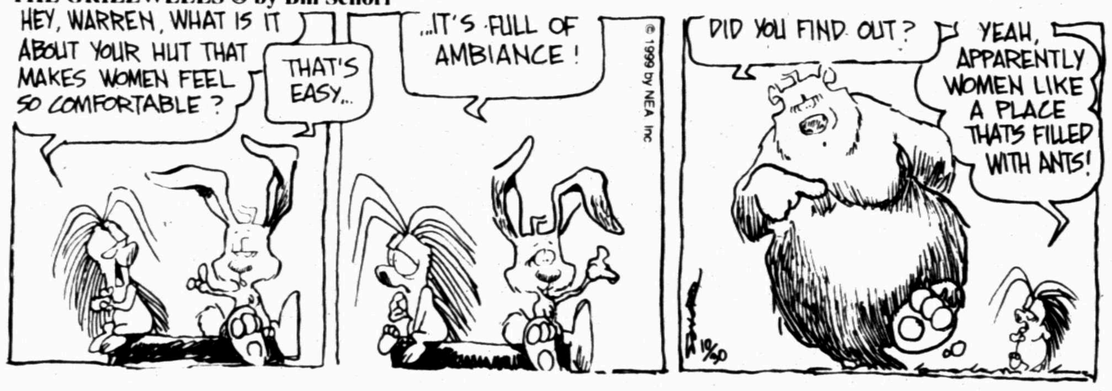

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1 Kids' toys
7 Highway cone
12 German city
13 — Mary (bar order)
14 Recently
15 Jamaican music
16 Stale
17 Drivers' org.
18 St. crosser
21 Large trucks
23 Actress Gardner
26 Not yours
28 Soar
29 Fleur-de- —
30 Princely Italian family
31 Calms
33 Destructive
36 Not bonkers
37 Garfield, e.g.
38 Beseech
40 Seven deadly —
41 Actor Ron —
42 Radiating
44 Ethiopian title
45 "Glob" ending
46 Labor org.
48 Admits (2 wds.)
51 "— and Louise"
55 — Express
56 — out (excavate)
57 Swap
58 Dripping wet

DOWN

1 Keg (abbr.)
2 Meadow
3 Food morsel
4 Nile queen, for short
5 Slays
6 TV host, Tom —
7 Content
8 Exercise system
9 Yule —
10 Harem room
11 Bill —, the Science Guy
13 Cooking direction
18 Impose a fine on
19 Type of arts
20 Being
22 Prayer book
23 Star in Aquila
24 Austrian capital
25 Appraise
27 "Velvet" ending
32 Ninny
34 Like milky glass
35 Pressing
39 Teens
43 Game fish
45 Took advantage of
47 Join (metals)
48 Builder's unit
49 Goof
50 Pedro's aunt
52 Atty.'s deg.
53 A Stooge
54 Beard of grain

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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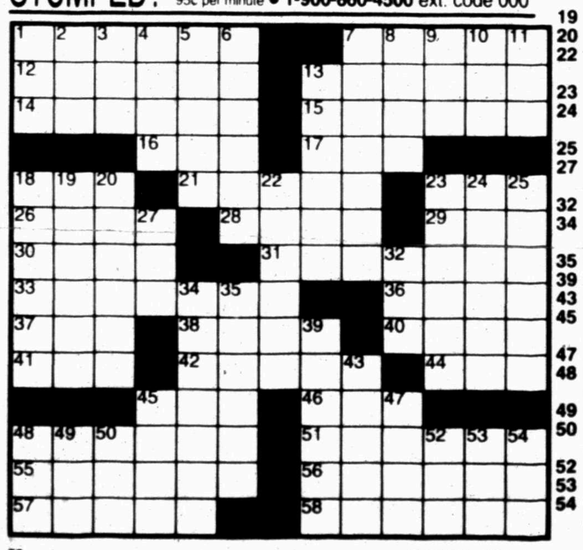

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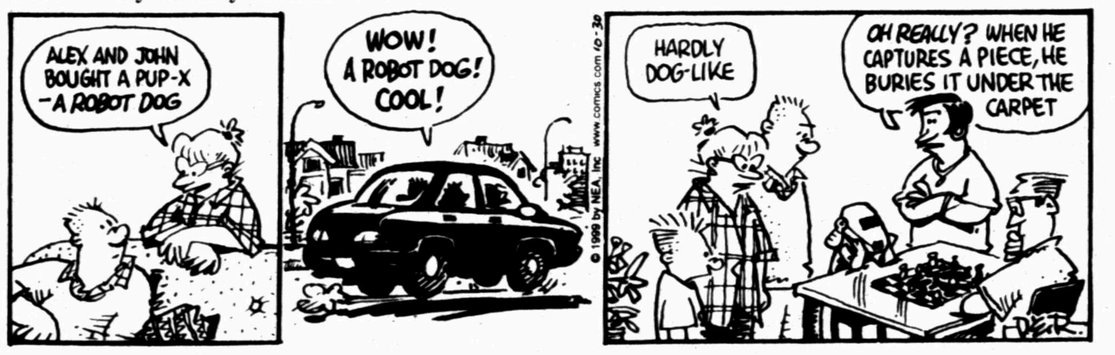

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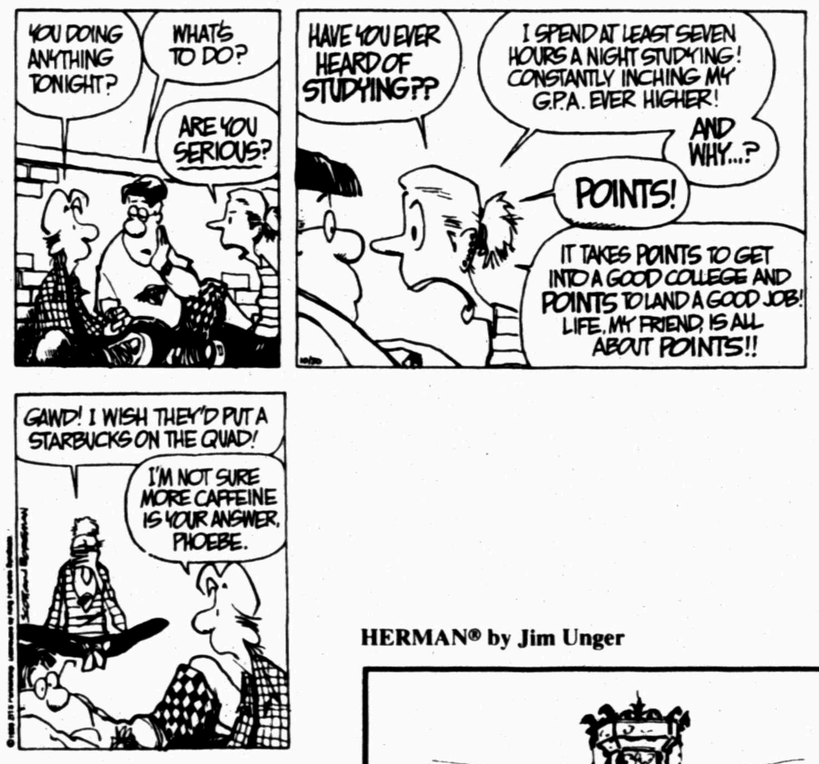

Brown potato chips are not the result of over-cooking. They occur because of a naturally higher sugar content in that particular potato.

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"This fortune cookie says, 'Very sorry, your overcoat stolen.'"

IRS, SS say checks will be in the mail

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS said difficulties in keeping track of its equipment have complicated efforts to deal with the Y2K computer problem but promised no major delays in sending out tax refund checks.

"Y2K has finally given us the push to solve a long-standing problem," IRS spokesman Paul Cosgrave said Friday. That problem was how to keep accurate records of 800,000 pieces of equipment in IRS offices around the country.

Cosgrave, the agency's chief information officer, joined officials from the departments of Defense and Energy, the Social Security Administration and the U.S. Postal Service before a joint House hearing to describe their contingency plans for Y2K failures and their preparations for the "Day One" period immediately before and after Jan. 1.

All the agencies said they have modified their computers so they will not mistake the year 2000 for 1900, and officials anticipate no serious disruptions. They also said they had taken elaborate steps, in line with White House instructions, to prepare for unexpected problems.

John Dyer of the Social Security Administration said agency computers will shut down early on Dec. 30 to allow collection of all 1999 computer transactions. Then, he said, the main data center in Baltimore will switch to jet-fueled generators just before midnight on the 31st to guard against electrical surges.

Norman Lorentz, chief technology officer of the Postal Service, said his agency placed a freeze on all computer system changes through March and will have a National Operations Center monitoring systems from Dec. 30 through Jan. 4. He said they expect more people to mail letters because of the possible unreliability of e-mail.

Dr. Martin Langston, the Pentagon's top Y2K official, said the Defense Department will have an extra 5 percent to 10 percent of personnel on duty over the New Year. Russian military personnel will be arriving Dec. 22 in Colorado Springs, Colo., for a joint exercise in assuring that problems in early-warning tracking systems don't lead to mistaken perceptions that the other side has launched a missile.

The focus on the IRS came from an Oct. 15 letter from Commissioner Charles Rossotti to House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas. In the letter, Rossotti said, "The quality of the IRS' inventory currently poses a high risk to the Y2K effort."

He added the agency has acted to improve the accuracy of inventories and that "if problems surface when the clocks roll over into the new year, we will be prepared to deal with them before they begin to affect taxpayers."

Cosgrave said the tax agency has been working 15 years on its problem of highly decentralized inventories. The accuracy record has improved from 50 percent to 90 percent, he said.

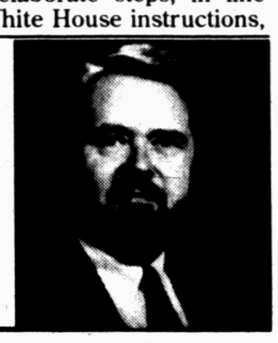
He said 99 percent of IRS computer systems that are vital to accomplishing the agency's mission have been cleared to handle the Y2K problem, and many of the systems already are successfully tested during the 1999 filing season.

The IRS would resort to issuing refunds manually if automatic systems should fail, but that should pose no problem since the agency doesn't begin to send out a large number of refunds until the end of January, he said.

JUMPER — Northeast Elementary's Christopher McDaniel jumped rope for the Heart Association recently. The school raised more than $1,600. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Words of Wisdom XXIII — Thoughts on friendship

The only way to have friends is to be one. —
Ralph Waldo Emerson

I consider myself very lucky to have made many lasting friendships. My first true friend and I were very close for nearly 18 years. We played, worked and hunted together.

When he died at the age of 18, I felt a great sense of loss. No, it wasn't a tragedy. Buster, a collie shepherd cross, was 126 in dog years.

He taught me a lot about friendship. He was always glad to see me even if I interrupted a nap or a meal. He was always faithful and his friendship never changed.

My second true friend I met in 3rd grade. We traveled a lot of miles together. He grew into a solid citizen, father and provider. We had our disagreements through the years, but he's a friend I can count on today.

My best friend is the young lady I married nearly 30 years ago. She's a gem, and there's no better combination I can imagine in life than a friend and sweetheart.

There are too many others to name. Business partners, co-workers, family and church friends. I am blessed.

Here are some thoughts about friendship.

My thoughts

*Friendships aren't purchased, agreed to or decided upon. The best, long-lasting friendships evolve. They change, grow and mature to keep pace with the friends.

*Friendships have a price. The cost of true friendship is trust, commitment and time.

*Don't forget your old friends when you make new friends.

*The friendships you cultivate determine the harvest you'll reap in joy, peace and success.

*To have reliable friends, be a reliable friend.

Thoughts of others

*Hold a true friend with both your hands. —Nigerian proverb.

*A friend is a gift you give yourself. — Robert Louis Stevenson

*I can't make people like me, but if I wasn't me, I would like me. — Third grader

*You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you. — Dale Carnegie

*Real friends are those who, when you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel you've done a permanent job — Unknown

*A Washington lady explained how to be a successful hostess: When your guests arrive say, "At last." And when they leave, "So soon!"

*To a friend's house the road is never long. — Dutch proverb

*A man dies as often as he loses his friends. — Francis Bacon

*Chance makes our parents, but choice makes our friends. — Jacques Delille

*He is a good friend who speaks well of me behind my back. — Unknown

*If I knew you and you knew me.
If both of us could clearly see,
And with an inner sight divine,
The meaning of your heart and mine.
I'm sure that we would differ less,
And clasp our hands in friendliness,
Our thoughts would pleasantly agree,
If I knew you and you knew me.
Nixon Waterman

*A true friend walks in when the rest of the world walks out. — Unknown

*Friendship is like a bank account. You can't continue to draw on it without making deposits.
— Unknown

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Date Book

Saturday, Oct. 30, 1999

Today is the 303rd day of 1999 and the 38th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1925, in London, John Baird made the first demonstration of the transmission of a television image.

On this day in 1938, actor Orson Welles broadcast a radio drama based on H.G. Well's "War of the Worlds." Thousands of listeners panicked and fled their homes, believing that the news of the invasion of New Jersey by Martians was real.

On this day in 1967, Minnesota senator Eugene McCarthy announced that he would run for president.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Adams (1735-1826), U.S. president; Richard Brinsley Sheridan (1751-1816), dramatist; William Halsey (1882-1959), U.S. naval hero; Ezra Pound (1885-1972), poet-translator; Charles Atlas (1894-1972), bodybuilder; Ruth Gordon (1896-1985), actress; Louis Malle (1932-1995), film director; Henry Winkler (1945-), actor-producer, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1955, the Cigar Bowl was canceled.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Criticism is easy, art is difficult." — Destouches

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (Oct. 31).

Sunday, Oct. 31, 1999

Today is HALLOWEEN, the 304th day of 1999 and the 39th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1867, in order to test a typewriter invented by a friend of his, Charles Weller coined the phrase "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party."

On this day in 1956, Rear Adm. G.J. Dufek landed an airplane at the South Pole. He was the first person to do so.

On this day in 1982, Pope John Paul II became the first pontiff to visit Spain.

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 79; Dan Rather (1931-), broadcast journalist, is 68; Michael Landon (1936-1991), actor; John Candy (1950-1994), comedian; Jane Pauley (1950-), broadcast journalist, is 49; Fred McGriff (1963-), baseball player, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1930, Ed Barrett of the Cedartown team caught four passes and intercepted three in a game against Rome, Ga., despite having only one arm.

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 MOON: Last quarter.

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Crucial court decisions due on death penalty

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Supreme Court known for its impatience with death row appeals surprisingly halted two executions this week and is on track to issue four significant rulings on capital punishment by summer.

One case asks the justices to ban the electric chair. Two focus on a federal law aimed at speeding up executions. The fourth asks whether a person can be sentenced to die by a jury admittedly confused about a judge's instructions.

The four death-penalty cases represent an unusually high percentage of the court's still-growing decision docket, which now totals 54.

"I don't expect the court to scale back the states' use of capital punishment across the board, but this may be a year when important guidelines are offered," said Steven Hawkins, executive director of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

"Our hope is the court will conclude that the time has come for the electric chair to be eliminated as a means of execution," he said.

None of the current nine justices is unalterably opposed to capital punishment, as were some past justices.

But an hour before a Virginia death row inmate was to have died by lethal injection Thursday night, the justices ordered the execution postponed and said they will fully review his case. At issue is federal court access for state prisoners.

Two nights earlier, they had similarly halted an imminent Florida electrocution and agreed to use that death row inmate's case to decide whether death in the electric chair amounts to unconstitutionally cruel and unusual punishment.

Death row inmates in Arizona and Texas failed to win last-minute Supreme Court help this week. Those two executions raised the year's total to 83, the most since 1954. Across the nation, around 3,600 convicted killers await execution.

The dispute over continued use of the electric chair may prove dramatic in light of recent experiences in Florida, where flames shot from one inmate's head, and another bled heavily during his execution. But the immediate impact of anything the court decides will be limited because only four states — Florida, Alabama, Georgia and Nebraska — require execution by electrocution.

If the court were to ban all use of the electric chair, those states likely would switch to a more common method such as lethal injection.

The justices are using a Virginia death row inmate's case to clarify an expansive 1996 federal law, the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act. The law sharply limited federal court access for all defendants convicted in state courts.

At issue in Terry Williams' case is how much discretion Congress wanted federal judges to have in reconsidering state courts' findings, particularly over the adequacy of the legal help a defendant received.

Virginia death row inmate Michael Williams, who was scheduled to die Thursday, is challenging a portion of the 1996 law that bars federal judges from conducting hearings if a state prisoner "failed to develop the factual basis of a claim in state court proceedings."

Michael Williams says lower courts wrongly applied that provision when denying him a federal court hearing because state prosecutors' conduct deprived him of a meaningful hearing in state court.

While both Virginia cases are narrowly focused, the court's decision in each could affect hundreds of inmates nationwide.

In another Virginia case, Lonnie Weeks says he was condemned after a judge refused to tell jurors they were not required to vote for death just because they had made a certain factual finding. The jury had told the judge it had not fully understood the sentencing instructions.

If the court's appetite for death penalty disputes is not yet satisfied, the justices could agree — as early as Monday — to tackle a potential whopper. A pair of appeals from Nebraska and Florida contend that keeping a convicted killer on death row for a long time — decades after his conviction and sentence — amounts to unconstitutional cruel and unusual punishment.

Doctors warned of penicillin shortage

WASHINGTON (AP) — A shortage of one type of intravenous penicillin, which began last spring, has worsened, sparking the government to urge doctors to use remaining supplies carefully.

The Food and Drug Administration said there is no need for panic: Intravenous penicillin G is the preferred therapy for only a handful of rare infections. Even for those, other types of penicillin or newer antibiotics are successful treatments.

The shortage began in June, when Marsam Pharmaceuticals recalled its IV penicillin G supplies and quit manufacturing. An FDA inspection had cited serious manufacturing deficiencies that it said raised questions about the drug's safety.

Pfizer Inc., the other major manufacturer of IV penicillin G, has back orders with pharmacies awaiting new supplies as soon as it can make them.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Thursday published an update telling doctors the shortage had worsened and advising them to use remaining stocks only for those infections where IV penicillin G is the preferred therapy.

Those cases: babies born with syphilis; people whose syphilis has spread to the nervous system, which happens in about 5 percent of untreated syphilis cases; and preventing pregnant women from spreading group B strep to the fetus.

The CDC told doctors there are alternative antibiotics for these conditions, including other forms of penicillin G not in short supply, and newer antibiotics. Doctors can find the treatment advice at http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/dstd/pencillinG.htm on the Internet.

The FDA is trying to increase IV penicillin G supplies by working with Pfizer and other, smaller suppliers to increase production. It also is looking to Europe and other countries where the drug is sold, considering imported supplies.

While the drug is preferred treatment for only a few infections, newer antibiotics have a broader range of action, meaning they can fight more kinds of germs at once. Because antibiotic resistance grows whenever germs are exposed to the drugs, doctors prefer to use the narrowest-acting type, so getting new supplies of IV penicillin G is important.

Q & A

Topic

(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.)

New billboards target marijuana use

A new billboard campaign is designed to remind young Texans of the harmful effects of marijuana.

"Through our school surveys, we've seen fewer teens who recognize the danger of marijuana," said James C. Oberwetter, chairman of the

Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. "We hope this media campaign encourages kids and their parents to talk about the harmful effects of marijuana."

A yellow memo on one side of the billboards says, "We asked a group of pot smokers to come up with something clever for this billboard." The memo points to other side of the billboard, which is blank. The Partnership for a Drug-Free Texas, funded by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is placing more than 60 of the billboards near middle and high schools in seven media markets across the state. Media companies donated the billboard space for the campaign.

"Research has shown that marijuana can impair your short-term memory, make it difficult for you to concentrate and reduce your coordination," said Joe Wiese, director of Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Office of Prevention. "Those are skills that are important to young students and athletes."

A study published in this month's issue of the American Journal of Public Health found that marijuana use in early adolescence is an indicator of later problem behaviors. The five-year study of 1,200 youths, conducted by researchers at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, found that early marijuana use was associated with an increase in violence, inability to function at school or work and the abuse of other drugs.

The Commission's 1998 survey of Texas secondary students found that 59 percent of students said they believed that marijuana was very dangerous to use, a drop from 76 percent in 1992. The 1998 survey also found that 34.5 percent of students said they had tried marijuana, and 15.2 percent said they had used the drug in the past month.

"We know that marijuana contains more cancer-causing agents than tobacco, it increases your risk of respiratory problems, and it can damage reproductive organs and immune systems," Wiese said.

"Marijuana presents a very real danger to users. Kids need to understand that."

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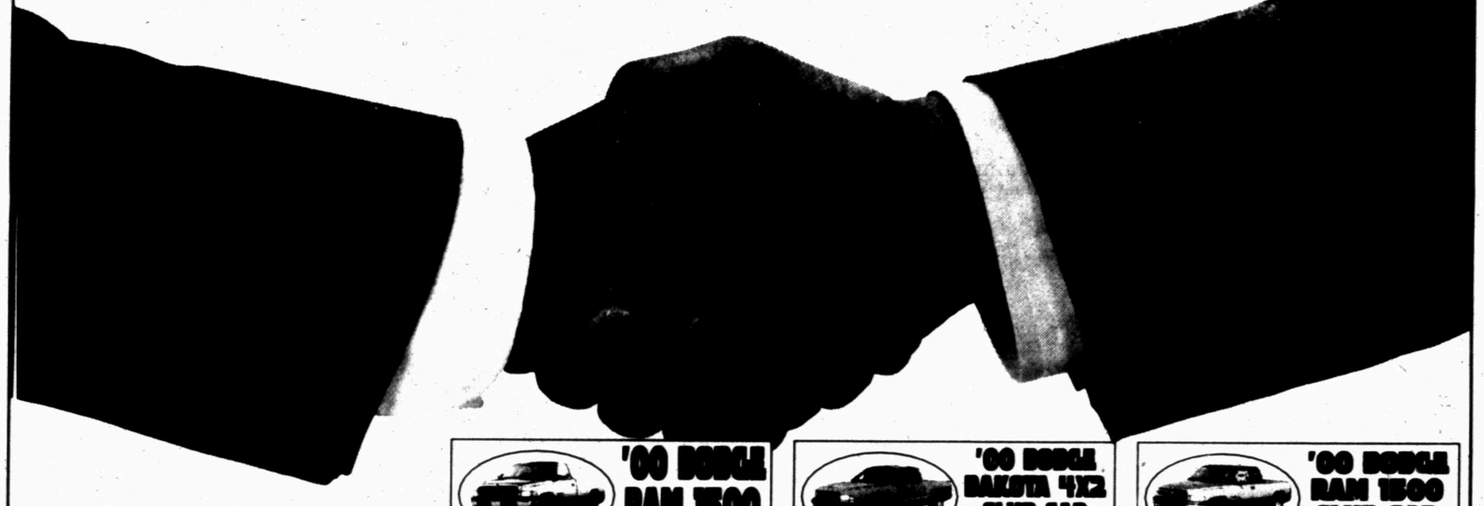

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Major phone firms brace for Y2K tie-ups

WASHINGTON (AP) — Major phone companies are sending an unusual New Year's plea to their customers: Don't pick up that phone!

They fear millions of people will check for a dial tone just after midnight on Jan. 1 to see whether their phone service survived the Y2K bug.

Add them to all the folks who ring in the New Year by calling family, and there's a potential for a telecommunications traffic jam. Some callers who pick up their handsets might hear nothing or get a fast busy signal.

That won't necessarily indicate that Year 2000 problems have wrecked the network, say companies.

"Just because you pick up the telephone at or around midnight Dec. 31st and get a busy signal doesn't mean you've been bitten by the Y2K bug," said Bill Kula of GTE. Y2K problems arise from breakdowns in computer systems that read only the last two digits in a year and interpret 2000, or "00," as 1900.

The big phone companies say they've already solved their Year 2000 computer problems, after spending more than $2.8 billion to upgrade their networks and supporting systems. Yet they are shelling out extra cash to urge consumers not to flood the system at midnight. They are using inserts in phone bills, grassroots information sessions and advertising to spread the word.

While the Federal Communications Commission says most small and midsize carriers expect to be compliant in time, some — estimated to carry less than 1 percent of total phone access lines — may not be. The FCC doesn't expect this to affect call processing and completion.

Jim Lord, who wrote a book about the problem and publishes a bimonthly Y2K newsletter, cautions about the telecommunications industry: "All of the information we have is based on self-reporting."

There is also less certainty about international calls, since they could hinge on the Year 2000 readiness of foreign countries' infrastructures and domestic phone systems.

"I think some folks will be disappointed because they will try to call other countries and some of those calls might not go through," said AT&T spokesman Dave Johnson.

Phone companies, bracing for congestion, are urging consumers not to pick up their phone just to see if the line is working and are hoping they will space out their calls.

"Don't even test it," is the advice of Bell Atlantic spokesman Jim Smith. "It's going to work. Don't make yourself nervous by running into a backed-up network."

Several companies anticipate some phone system blockages during the weekend.

Estimates vary. One high-end figure predicts the number of people picking up their phones then will be 11 times that of Mother's Day — one of the year's busiest calling times, said Dave Bolger of the U.S. Telephone Association, which represents phone companies.

Consumers can clog the system even without dialing because just taking the phone off the hook engages the system. Once the system reaches a certain threshold, machines monitoring the traffic might start to block dial tones or send fast busy signals.

U S West has tried to calm customers' nerves with newspaper ads showing a sun rising over the trees and telling consumers that on Jan. 1, "the phones will ring."

Diabetes Awareness Month always occurs in November

Diabetes is the third leading cause of death in the United States, but early detection and proper treatment can control the disease, according to the American Diabetes Association (ADA)

"November is Diabetes Awareness Month, so we wanted to take this opportunity to give some information on this disease that affects over 10 million Americans," according to Jeff Reecer, CEO at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

"According to the ADA, two out of five people with diabetes either don't know they have the disease or are ignoring it, and are not receiving proper medical attention," Norma Adams, RN, BSN, MA, director of nursing said. "The disease is not curable, but most symptoms can be controlled with proper care. It can be diagnosed with a simple blood test."

In diabetes, the body is unable to utilize food in the usual way. Normally the body changes food to a form of sugar called glucose. The body can then burn the glucose to supply heat or energy. Diabetes is caused by a malfunction of the pancreas, which allows the glucose to accumulate in the blood. If the pancreas doesn't produce enough insulin or quits producing insulin entirely, the blood is unable to utilize sugar and the amount of sugar in the blood rises uncontro"ably.

Warning signs for diabetes include excessive thirst, frequent urination, drowsiness, itching, a family history of diabetes, blurred vision, excessive weight, tingling in the extremities, easy fatigue and skin infections or slow healing of cuts and scratches, especially on the feet.

"Many adults may have diabetes with none of these symptoms, and the disease is often discovered during routine physical exams," Adams said.

People at highest risk to get diabetes are those who are overweight, those with diabetic relatives, and those over 35. Also women are more likely to get diabetes than men.

Adams explained that diabetes is actually a family of diseases, which have an impact on virtually all systems of the human body.

"The statistics are frightening, diabetes decreases life expectancy by approximately one-third, and t is now the leading cause of new cases of blindness. Diabetics are 17 times more prone to kidney disease, and five times more prone to gangrene, diabetics are twice as prone to heart disease and stoke," she added.

"As with other health problems, patients can benefit most from a yearly physical. Screening for diabetics for those who fall in the high-risk categories should probably be done every year. Those with any of the symptoms described should call their doctor, and if a person has a sudden onset of the symptoms for diabetes, he or she should call the doctor immediately," Adams explained. "This is one disease where it is absolutely essential that the patient and the physician work together as a team," Adams added.

Patients regularly checks the level of glucose in the body with a urine or blood test, and the doctor monitors those tests and sees the patient on a regular basis," she said.

"Diabetes is controlled through diet, medication and exercise," said Cliff Shiller, LPT, physical therapy manager. "Once a month on the third Thursday at 7 p.m., we hold a diabetic support group at the hospital," he said. "I'm a diabetic, and know firsthand, that meeting with other people that share the same medical problems is extremely helpful. I encourage anyone with diabetes to join us," Shiller said.

Anyone wishing more information may call the hospital's education office at 915-574-7359, or call the American Diabetes Association at (888) DIABETES (342-2383).

Future prices of Coke may vary as seasons change

ATLANTA (AP) — The Coca-Cola Co. is studying wireless technology that could allow bottlers to raise or lower soda prices by remote control at certain times — say, during hot weather.

Lower prices during periods of slower sales would presumably bring in more business — unless the higher prices at other times enraged customers. But a spokesman for the world's biggest soft drink maker said the company has no immediate plans to put such a machine into the marketplace.

"The issue of the pricing is something we don't see happening anytime soon, if ever," spokesman Rob Baskin said today. "You could probably make a vending machine that could fly, too, but I don't think we would do that."

The New York Times reported today that the company is testing a machine that can automatically raise prices for its drinks during hot weather. It also quoted chairman and chief executive M. Douglas Ivester's comments on the subject earlier this month to a Brazilian newsmagazine, Veja.

The desire for a cold drink increases during the summer heat, Ivester said, so "it is fair that it should be more expensive. The machine will simply make this process automatic."

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have pain in my left hand, like a red-hot spike being driven in. My doctor said that it is probably a pinched nerve. How does a nerve get unpinched?

DEAR READER: By surgery, as a general rule.

Not all pain is due to pinched nerves but, when pinched, nerves will certainly cause pain. In the body, nerves often follow the same paths as blood vessels.

For instance, in the palm, penetrating wounds will usually injure nerves as well as arteries. Nerves can be pinched by abscesses, tumors or swelling of adjacent tissues. Under these circumstances, an operation to remove the source of irritation will cure the pain.

Having said this, I must add that I am not at all sure that your hand-pain is caused by a pinched nerve — which, in the absence of trauma or other obvious signs, would be very unusual. Frankly, from your brief description, I don't know what is going on. Could you have fractured a bone in your hand? Do you have an infection? What other symptoms do you have? Did your doctor obtain tests, such as X-rays, to determine the cause of your problem?

In my view, this situation needs clarification. If your doctor suspects a pinched nerve (and has checked out the other causes of pain that I mentioned), you need a nerve conduction study. By measuring the speed of electrical conduction through the nerves of your hand, a neurologist can not only diagnose a pinched nerve, but establish the precise location of the injury. Then, armed with this additional information, you will be in a much better position to determine what to do. Let me know the outcome.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have lived in a mobile home since 1980. In the past year, I have experienced a sore mouth and a worn-out feeling. Could this be caused by formaldehyde poisoning?

DEAR READER: No one know the prevalence of formaldehyde poisoning caused by fumes released from insulating material. It does happen, without doubt. Some people appear to be unusually sensitive to formaldehyde vapor. If your house contains formaldehyde insulation, representatives from the state health department can use special sensors to determine if the fumes are present in high enough concentration to cause symptoms.

However, your sore mouth and loss of stamina are probably due to other factors. Before calling the health department, see your doctor for a complete examination and blood tests. In my experience, patients with symptoms such as yours are more likely to have other medical causes — such as anemia or diabetes — than formaldehyde poisoning.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Bottled water is certainly the rage. Recently, a friend of mine started marketing a brand, called Willard Water, that he claims will clear up skin rashes, prevent bladder infections, and give people more energy. Have you ever heard of it?

DEAR READER: Fortunately, I haven't. This smacks of quackery and hucksterism. The urge to attribute healing qualities to drinking water has provided an age-old market, in which slick entrepreneurs have capitalized on the public's naive perception that we can improve our health by drinking special water. Although completely without scientific foundation, this prejudice has formed the basis for considerable business successes of companies selling mineral water, both foreign and domestic.

Of course, consumers often buy mineral/bottled water for reasons of taste or to avoid tap-water chemicals. However, we should acknowledge a classic study several years ago. In a test comparison of unmarked samples of drinking water, the subjects concluded that New York City municipal water — right out of the tap — was superior in taste and quality to bottled brands. In fact, most municipal water in this country is just as pure and healthful as its more expensive, packaged counterpart — leaving aside, for the moment, the occasional glitches that have been extensively reported in the news media, concerning E. coli and H. pylori contamination.

Residential wells, another aspect of the story, can be laced with bacteria and dangerous substances; such well water can be a threat to health because there is no quality control. Therefore, I advise people with wells — especially shallow ones — to have their water periodically checked by reputable laboratories for bacterial contamination and the presence of hydrocarbons and excess minerals.

No drinking water — including catalytic water, mineral water, or water from spas — is likely to be more beneficial to health than ordinary tap water.

A personal anecdote: In the center of my town, there is a small fountain from which tourists and weekenders regularly and assiduously fill jugs. These people believe that this water is the best tasting and most healthful for miles around. It originates from a mountain spring, drains into a catchment basin, and is then delivered through a long pipe to the town fountain. A few years ago, a friend of mine — curious to identify the reason for the success of this water — traced the pipe up the hill and examined the spring. In the basin, she found a dead chipmunk and two dead mice. The water is still tasty; until recently, no particular effort had been mounted to sanitize it. Each to his own, said the farmer as he kissed the cow.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Six months ago, I suffered a severe emotional trauma and stopped menstruating. I'm 47. Is there any connection?

DEAR READER: The hormones that govern menstruation are often influenced by environmental factors, such as trauma, stress, starvation and strenuous physical training. Of course, at 47, you may be entering menopause, and this could explain your cessation of menses.

Nonetheless, emotional upset could certainly have played a role. Ask your gynecologist about this.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Menopause." 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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Levi to stop selling online

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Levi Strauss & Co. will stop selling its products online through its own Web sites, just a year after the struggling jeans maker launched its Internet business.

Levi's has struggled in recent years with sagging sales and has looked for new outlets to promote its goods. The company said Friday that sales at www.levi.com and www.dockers.com have been strong, but costs remain high.

"Right now the cost of running a world-class e-commerce business is unaffordable considering our competing priorities," company spokesman Jeff Beckman said.

After Christmas, Levi's clothing and accessories — including jeans, khakis, hats and belts — will be sold only on Web sites operated by J.C. Penney and Macy's, two of Levi's biggest customers, Beckman said. But Levi's may continue selling limited edition or other special products on its Web sites, he said.

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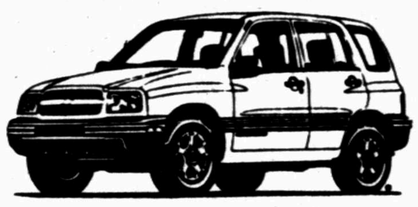

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