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Home of Debra Cheyne

Snow...





WHITE FUN — Seth Lyon (above) was one of many who took advantage of the perfect "snowman building snow" Wednesday. In the bottom photo, four-year-old Alyssa Sosa seems amazed by the white stuff. Snyder received about six inches of snow Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. (SDN Staff Photos)

End may be a week away...

Gore gaining votes in Florida recount

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The ongoing recount of presidential balloting in Florida was helping Al Gore substantially trim George W. Bush's lead. Election officials, meanwhile, said the results wouldn't be certified for more than a week.

With 38 of the state's 67 counties completing their recounts by midday today, Gore had trimmed the Texas governor's lead to 830 votes out of nearly 6 million cast, according to an unofficial tally by The Associated Press. That was less than half the original margin.

Even with the tightening gap, Gore campaign manager William Daley on Thursday said courts may find irregularities in the Florida results "an injustice unparalleled in our history."

Palm Beach voter Kenneth Horowitz, owner of the Miami Fusion soccer team and a registered independent, filed a lawsuit along with two others Thursday, saying poll workers told voters they only had five minutes to cast their ballots, and anyone who took longer would have their ballot tossed out.

"People should have the opportunity to know that when they vote it was definitively the way they expected to vote," said Horowitz. "The process was absolutely flawed."

Attorney General Janet Reno, a Florida native and former Miami prosecutor, pledged to review any complaint brought to her in the Florida ballot count, but said so far she has no reason to "jump in."

Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan said that "ineptitude" in ballot design may have caused many south Florida voters to vote for him inadvertently when they meant to vote for Gore. He suggested that Gore actually might have won Florida on the basis of the challenged votes.

"My guess is, I probably got some votes down there that really did not belong to me and I do not feel well about that," he told NBC's "Today" show. "I don't want to take any votes that do not belong to me."

State elections officials said the recount should be completed Thursday, but officials must wait until at least Nov. 17 to certify the results. That's the deadline for the approximately 2,000 ballots cast by Floridians living overseas — mostly military personnel and their families — to arrive in the state. The ballots must be postmarked by Election Day.

The recount was triggered by state law because Bush led Gore by less than one-half of 1 percent. State officials expected to finish by the end of the day Thursday.

The world was watching Florida because its 25 electoral votes will decide the winner of the presidential cliffhanger.

Allegations of voting improprieties surfaced late Tuesday and throughout Wednesday, ranging from missing and confusing ballots to problems with tabulations and voter intimidation.

"If there are concerns, let the process work," said Gov. Jeb Bush, the younger brother of the Republican nominee. "But don't overexaggerate things."

Throughout the state, Democrats and some voters complained of irregularities in the election, while Daley held out the possibility of lawsuits over the results.

"I assume the courts will take a serious look at what may be an injustice unparalleled in our history," he told CBS's "The Early Show."

In Palm Beach and Osceola counties, Democratic Party lawyers and voters said ballots were confusing because of their configuration. Officials in Palm Beach announced 19,120 ballots in the presidential race were tossed out before they were counted.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's funny how folks who turn up their noses still expect you to see eye-to-eye with them."

Here's a few items to take your mind off the elections, even if your candidate didn't win.

Semi-retired minister Miller Robinson told us about doing a funeral for a woman who had refused to reveal her age – even to her husband.

The hubby decided to check her Social Security card. "She was really old," the husband explained. "Her number was 02."

Somebody sent a list of some virtues of getting older:

—Finally, you eat dinner at 4:00.

—Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.

—If you've never smoked, you can start now and it won't have time to hurt you.

—People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.

—Your secrets are safe with your friends, because they can't remember them either.

—Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.

—Your eyes won't get much worse.

—Things you buy now won't wear out.

—No one expects you to run into a burning building and save someone.

—There's nothing left to learn the hard way.

—Your joints are more accurate than the National Weather Service.

—In a hostage situation, you are likely to be the first to be released.

Some folks say things just don't change in Scurry County.

Coffee chum Bunk Casey disputes that theory.

For years, Bunk has been a familiar sight jogging around town, and riding his bicycle.

Recently, he rode his bike out Round Top Road to "Winston Hill."

Bunk observes, "It used to be a four-mile ride. Now it's over 30."

Another preacher observed that folks seem to read their Bible a whole lot more as they get older. "Then the light came on...they were cramming for their finals."

And final thought for the day, obviously courtesy of somebody with gray hair:

"Go ahead and take risks...just be sure that everything turns out okay."

Veteran's Day prompts three early bank closings

Three of the five local financial institutions will close early Friday in recognition of Veteran's Day.

The holiday actually falls Saturday, but West Texas State Bank, Snyder National Bank and Texas Savings Bank will close at noon Friday.

American State Bank and First American Bank will conduct regular business hours.

Schools county-wide will attend class as usual Friday including Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Western Texas College.

City offices will be closed on Friday. The city landfill, however, will be open Friday and closed Saturday.

County offices as well as the Scurry County Library and the Scurry County Museum will be open Friday as usual. One exception is the county clerk's office that will be closed Friday, using one of the county's floating holidays.

It will also be business as usual at the Snyder Post Office Friday. On Saturday, mail will be placed in post office boxes, but there will be no home delivery.

Guitar duo will perform tonight in WTC program

Duo Guitarra will be presented in concert at 7:30 this evening in the Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre.

James Bogle and Uros Dojcinovic will perform a program that covers music from the Balkan region spanning half a millennium including pieces from the regions formerly known as Yugoslavia: Bosnia, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia.

Admission to the concert is free, and CDs will be available for purchase afterwards.

The duo has performed internationally since its first concert tour of Yugoslavia and Hungary in 1991. Composers from many nations have begun writing for Bogle and Dojcinovic, and the two's own compositions are performed by guitarists all over the world.

As their popularity continues to grow, they are fast becoming one of the most sought-after duos on the concert stage.

The program will begin with works by Franciscus Bossinensis, one of the first composers of ricercars (1509). Samples will also be presented from classical, romantic and Twentieth Century composers for guitar.

Also included in the program will be some recently composed works.

Cogdell Hospital plans program on diabetes

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month, and Cogdell Memorial Hospital is hosting a "Diabetes Day" Saturday to update citizens on current treatment and other factors affecting the diabetes' patient.

The event will be held beginning at 8:15 a.m. Saturday in the hospital's boardroom in the west wing of the hospital. The event will conclude at 1 p.m.

Those attending can participate in a holiday-tasting festival, and hear reports on how to eat a proper diabetic diet and how to read nutritional labels.

Other discussions will center on diabetic foot care, risk factors, exercise, and the difference between Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.

Cogdell staff members make note of the fact that an estimated 865,347 Texas adults have diabetes, and another 357,000 Texas adults have diabetes and do not know it.

Low-interest disaster loans may be available

Some businesses in Scurry County are eligible for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration due to the effects of the drought.

The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmer and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to drought conditions that occurred from March 1, 1998, and continuing.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans.

The deadline for filing applications is Dec. 4.

Besides Scurry County businesses, other area counties affected are Fisher and Mitchell.

ASK US

Q—When do local schools let out for Thanksgiving?

A—Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Western Texas College will be out of school Nov. 22-26.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 40 degrees; low, 29; 7 a.m. Thursday, 31; .01 of an inch precipitation; total for 2000, 20.15 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, low mid 30s; S wind 5-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy; high 60-65; S wind, 10-20 mph.



Shehala Essery
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 5:49 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.

Of 313 days in 2000, the sun has shone 307 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Friendship is the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words.

—George Eliot

Election night chaos catches editors in gaffe

NEW YORK (AP) — Editor James A. Haught walked back into the newsroom of The Charleston (W.Va.) Gazette after grabbing a fitful three-hour nap Wednesday morning and collided with this front-page headline: "Bush triumphs."

In an instant, the election night chaos Haught had tried to sleep off returned as a painful hangover.

With the presidential race hinging on just few thousand votes and deadlines looming, the Gazette and many other papers prematurely declared that Republican George W. Bush had carried Florida to clinch the election, even as the vote was still being counted.

"We were just like a ping-pong ball being batted back and forth by endless conflicting indicators," Haught said.

Other news organizations, including The New York Times and Reuters, also followed television networks and called an election that for hours was too close to call, only to do a double-take.

That resulted in a series of headlines reminiscent of 1948's infamous "Dewey Defeats Truman" and left some sleep-deprived editors embarrassed, others apologetic and all as intrigued as other Americans about what will happen next.

"BUSH APPEARS TO DEFEAT GORE," The Times said in its third edition, sent to the presses at 2:48 a.m., before changing to "BUSH AND GORE VIE FOR AN EDGE."

"It's Bush in a tight one," The Boston Globe heralded before backing off with "RECOUNT!"

"Bush wins at wire," the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel blared, then followed with "Too Close to Call."

And then there was the Austin (Texas) American-Statesman's potent declaration: "Bush!", which circulated through the crowd at the governor's would-be victory rally before the newspaper reconsidered with "History on hold."

The Associated Press did not declare a winner despite TV network projections, citing Bush's narrowing lead over Democrat Al Gore.

"Nights like this, it's like trying to drink out of a firehose," said Bill Keller, managing editor of The New York Times, explaining the difficulty his staff had in trying to get a fix on the race. "Things are changing all night and, at some point, you just have to stick your face in it."

The Times and most other newspapers walked a delicate line in early editions, using terms like "photo finish" to describe the race.

But around 2:15 a.m. EST, the election appeared to be over. Editors said the decision to declare Bush the winner was fairly easy after the TV networks awarded Florida to Bush and reports circulated that Gore had called the Texas governor to concede the race.

That decision was embraced enthusiastically by circulation executives at the American-Statesman who wanted to get the paper into the hands of Bush celebrants, partying in the streets 11 blocks away from the newspaper's office, assistant managing editor Drew Marcks said.

The paper sent the edition to press, printing 59,000 copies in the hour before it became clear Bush's lock on Florida had come undone. Executives scrambled to collect the papers, most of which had already left the building in delivery trucks.

"Personally, there's a deflation of having produced a page that wasn't right, because you're working real hard to be right at the front edge of it (the news) and, you know, 59,000 papers is no small amount of a mistake," Marcks said.

Other editors said such mistaken reports are part of any aggressive effort to cover the news.

"It was a night of a lot of twists and turns and I think we accurately reported those twists and turns from the sources we were using," said Rob Doherty, Washington bureau chief for Reuters, which reported at 2:31 a.m. EST that Bush had won.

Doherty said Reuters is not privy to exit polls conducted for the AP and five TV networks by Voter News Service. Its report of a Bush win was based on the networks, he said.

Similar limitations faced the staff at The News & Observer in Raleigh, N.C., which as a regional newspaper relies on national news organizations for presidential coverage, said managing editor Melanie Sill.

Marcks said his paper's headline indicated a lapse in policy. Before the election, editors had decided to rely on the AP to call the election, but succumbed to the excitement of the moment.

"By midnight we knew Florida was going to deliver the presidency to one candidate or the other, and when our TV partners called the state for Bush, the vote was in his favor," said AP executive editor Jonathan P. Wolman. "We saw that, too, but we also saw that some significant Democratic precincts were still being tallied, and our vote-count experts felt strongly that it was too close to call."

Sill said reader reaction to the Raleigh newspaper's headline was divided Wednesday, with some people questioning the call.

"They felt we ruined our credibility and we shouldn't have called it," Sill said. "But there were not that many complaints really and we've been selling a lot of papers. People have been coming by wanting to buy them, as collector's items, I think."

By Wednesday evening, copies of newspapers declaring Bush the winner were selling on eBay Inc.'s auction Web site.

Asian domain names OK'd for Internet

NEW YORK (AP) — The master keeper of dot-com names was to begin accepting non-English characters Thursday evening as the next step in making the World Wide Web truly global.

The change comes despite the objections of some Internet engineers who fear a fouling of their works and a segregation of Web sites.

VeriSign Global Registry Services, the company in charge of Internet domain names ending in .com, .net and .org, will initially accept Chinese, Japanese and Korean characters for those suffixes. Arabic and other languages could follow.

Web addresses are now limited to the 26 letters of the English alphabet, 10 numerals and a hyphen — 37 characters in all. The addition of Asian character sets brings the total to 40,232 and could boost Internet usage abroad.

"The domain name is kind of the front door with the welcome sign on it," said James Woods, product manager at Tucows Inc. "With this welcome sign being in their own language, people will want to step through that door."

Web surfers whose keyboards are set for English characters will need to adjust their computers' settings to type non-English Internet addresses. Many computers sold abroad are already set up in those languages.

Tucows, Register.com and 22 other companies have been authorized to begin taking orders by phone or on the Web at 7 p.m. EST. Those names would then be submitted to VeriSign's database.

Richard Forman, chief executive at Register.com, said an Asian company might want a site in a native language, while U.S. firms might want one in each language in which they do business.

Sites will not be able to use the new names for at least another month, and even then the program is officially a test. VeriSign reserves the right to make changes or cancel registrations that are incompatible with future standards.

Critics cautioned that because the Internet still lacks standards for non-English characters, efforts like VeriSign's are premature.

Without software and equipment upgrades using such standards, Web surfers could be blocked from many sites, said Don Heath, president of the nonprofit Internet Society.

The international task force crafting standards is not expected to reach agreement until at least next year.

Fred Baker, chairman of the Internet Engineering Task Force, agrees with an eventual need for foreign names, but said companies ought to wait.

"Getting this work done right is more important than getting it done quickly," he said.

The expansion of Web addresses could also prompt a new round of hoarding, as speculators seek Chinese, Japanese and Korean equivalents of names like business.com, which sold last year for $7.5 million.

A workshop will be held in Marina del Rey, Calif., next week in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, which oversees Net naming policies. Though ICANN officials earlier expressed concerns about proceeding without standards, the organization is officially taking a wait-and-see approach.

Supporters, particularly registration companies that stand to collect fees, insist they cannot wait for standards.

"There's a whole world out there that has really not been able to use the Web," said Doug Wolford, general manager of Network Solutions Inc., the registration arm of VeriSign. "Hundreds of millions of people have to use English to find their native language Web site. It's an absurdity, an artifact of history long outgrown."

Govinda Leopold, chief executive of 1st Domain.Net registration company, said many Asians don't want to change their keyboards simply to type Web addresses in English.

The Internet, invented in the United States, adopted English as its official language, and specifically a character set known as ASCII. Computers sold abroad now use other character sets, and there are efforts to link them under one compatible group called Unicode.

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On the Net:

VeriSign site: http://verisign-grs.com

Unicode: http://unicode.org

Standards working group: http://www.i-d-n.net

Internet Society: http://www.isoc.org

ICANN: http://www.icann.org

Multilingual Internet Names Consortium: http://minc.org

Couric pictured in Vanity Fair issue

NEW YORK (AP) — Fresh from NBC's election coverage, "Today" show host Katie Couric has come out on top — literally.

In the December issue of Vanity Fair, the diminutive Couric is pictured sprawled across the brawny shoulders and 54-inch chest of Olympic gold medalist Rulon Gardner.

The wrestler and Couric are featured in the magazine's 2000 Hall of Fame section.

Richard Hatch, the million-dollar winner of the CBS show "Survivor" is also pictured — in the buff, as he was famed for appearing on the show.

Also pictured are such stars as actress Jane Fonda, sprinter Marion Jones, and golfer Tiger Wood.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Clear liquids starve tummy flu

DEAR DR. GOTT: You recently advised people with acute diarrhea to follow a diet of clear fluids: water, tea, beef broth and ginger ale. For how long?

DEAR READER: For most healthy adults and children, the sudden onset of watery diarrhea with or without nausea is usually associated with an intestinal virus infection. Often called "intestinal flu," this very common but uncomfortable disorder is probably due to the spread of viruses from food or from other people, such as occurs in closed environments (schools, church picnics and so forth).

These viruses appear to obtain nourishment from the very food we eat, as it passes through the large bowel. Therefore, when people with this type of diarrhea eat regular diets, the viruses welcome the smorgasbord — and continue to cause symptoms, sometimes for several days.

On the other hand, if the microorganisms are deprived of nutrition, they will starve within 24 hours. Because clear fluids are not in the strictest sense digested (they ordinarily pass directly into the system through the stomach lining), most physicians advise this as a safe and inexpensive initial treatment. If, after 24 hours, the symptoms are relieved, the patient can begin eating digestible, non-greasy food, such as baked potato, chicken breast, lean hamburger, soda crackers, toast, and the like. If, at the end of the 24-hour span, the diarrhea remains a problem, I recommend clear fluids for another 24 hours. In addition, the use of over-the-counter products — such as Kaopectate, PeptoBismal and Immodium — may aid rapid recovery.

The purposes of the clear fluid diet are to allow the intestine to empty without providing sustenance for the viruses and to prevent the patient from becoming dehydrated. Any soda is acceptable but I tend to discourage the use of those containing caffeine, because of over-stimulation. Also, these drinks work best without carbonation, so they should be stirred or allowed to go flat.

The fluids can be hot or cold. They should be consumed in sufficient quantity to alleviate thirst. If vomiting is a problem, the fluids are offered frequently but in small quantities. The added advantage of soda with sugar is that it provides some energy source for the patient, in the same manner that beef bouillon replaces salt that is lost in the stool. Special electrolyte drinks, such as Gatorade, can also be used.

It goes without saying that patients with serious bowel disorders (such as colitis), with rectal bleeding or in whom symptoms don't dissipate within 48 hours are not candidates for the clear liquid diet, which I recommend only for the occasional "tummy bug" we've all experienced. More serious intestinal problems, including acute dehydration from excessive vomiting and diarrhea, require medical attention.

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

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Date Book

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2000

Today is the 314th day of 2000 and the 49th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1821, the Philadelphia College of Apothecaries opened. It was the first pharmacy college in the United States.

On this day in 1911, inventor George Claude applied for a patent on the neon tube.

On this day in 1984, Frederick Hart's "Three Servicemen," a statue depicting soldiers in Vietnam, was unveiled at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benjamin Banneker (1731-1806), astronomer; Ivan Turgenev (1818-1883), novelist; Stanford White (1853-1906), architect; Spiro Agnew (1918-1996), U.S. politician; Carl Sagan (1934-1996), astronomer; Bob Gibson (1935-), baseball star, is 65; Tom Fogerty (1941-1990), musician.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Larry Nolmes defeated James "Bonecrusher" Smith in the 12th round, winning the International Boxing Federation's heavyweight championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known." — Carl Sagan

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Nov. 4) and full moon (Nov. 11).

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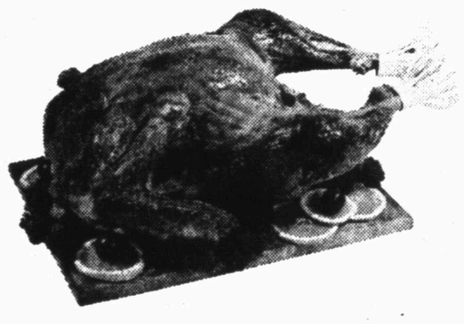
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BABY SHOWER — Reed Owens, born Sept. 21, to Jay and Melinda Owens, was honoree at a shower held in the living room of the homemaking department at Snyder High School Oct. 23. Melinda is a science teacher at SHS. Fellow teachers hosted the event. From left are Austin Owens, his brother; Betty Langston, their grandmother; and Melinda and Reed. (Contributed Photo)

Cigarette smoking is associated with 2 million deaths annually in America

Cigarette smoking accounts for 430,700 of the more than 2 million annual deaths in America and is usually associated with lung disease. People may not know that smoking is also a major cause of coronary heart disease, which leads to heart attacks.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association want people to know tobacco can hurt your heart. A smoker's risk of having a heart attack is more than twice that of a nonsmoker. They have two to four times he risk of nonsmokers for sudden cardiac deaths and are more likely die to within an hour from a heart attack than are nonsmokers.

There is no safe level of smoking. If you smoke one to four cigarettes a day, the increased risk for coronary artery disease is significant.

Austin cardiologist Dr. Roger Gammon explains that smoking "causes inflammation of the inside of the artery and some local spasm within the artery. Those processes set up the background for cholesterol to deposit, which is how plaque forms within the artery. And once there's plaque, that lays the groundwork for a heart attack."

Estimates for United States are that 26.3 million men (27.6 percent) and 22.7 million women (22.1 percent) are smokers, putting them at increased risk of heart disease.

The health benefits of eliminating smoking include a major reduction in the occurrence of coronary heart disease and other forms of cardiovascular disease. Quitting smoking reduces the risk of repeat heart attacks and death from heart disease by 50 percent or more.

If smoking has already caused so much damage, will quitting really help? Yes. Within one year of quitting, the risk of developing coronary artery disease will drop by 50 percent. Three or four years after quitting, a former smoker's risk will approach that of people who have never smoked.

Male smokers who quit between ages 35 to 39 add an average of five years to their lives. Female quitters in this age group add three years to their lives. Men and women who quit between the ages of 65 to 69 increase their life expectancy by one year.

A smoker will reap the benefits of quitting, no matter what their age.

Recommendations for quitting:

There is no magical approach to quitting. Smokers should talk to their physician if they are thinking about quitting. Their doctor can provide information about options to try including nicotine gum, nicotine patches, and medication options. They also can provide them with advice to ease the tension of quitting.

The National Cancer Institute offers the following suggestions to help people quit smoking:

Set a target date for quitting — quit day.

Throw away your cigarettes and matches.

Hide your lighters and ashtrays.

Quit smoking during a vacation.

Involve your friends and family for support.

Change to a brand you find distasteful.

Drink milk (some find it incompatible with smoking).

Get plenty of rest.

Use positive thinking.

Learn relaxation techniques.

Keep your hand busy.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas.

Tam's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

Sir James Brooks, an English soldier and traveler, was made Rajah of Sarawak in 1841 as a reward for helping the Sultanof Borneo put down a rebellion.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 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.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Nov. 8-Ralph Carrasco, Melisa Chavez, Mozell Hall, Victoria Lopez, Dana Robertson, Juan Silvas, Michael Nobles and Angel Vasquez.

DISMISSALS: Howard Franks.

CENSUS: 39 (Med./Surg.-10, Long-term Care-24, ICU-1, OB-2 and Nursery-2)

Births

Darrell and Dana Robertson of Snyder are parents of a daughter born at 9:27 a.m. on Nov. 8 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, five ounces.

Quincy and Melisa Chavez of Snyder announce the birth of their eight-pound, nine-ounce son. He was born at 8:20 a.m. on Nov. 8 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.





SCHOLARSHIP FUND INCREASES — R.J. Youngclaus, Wal-Mart manager, presented a $1,000 check to the Kiwanis Club from Wal-Marts' matching fund project. Youngclaus, center, is shown with Kiwanis president C.R. Perez, left, and Russell Fisk, chairman of the Hubert and Mary Cargile Scholarship Fund at Western Texas College. In the bottom photo, WTC president Harry Krenek accepts a $3,000 check from Fisk that were proceeds from the annual Cargile scholarship golf tournament. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Youth fundraiser set at Colonial Hill

A Fall Fling, a youth fundraiser at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will be held at 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Games, hayrides, horserides, cakewalk and booths will highlight the event.

Tickets for $1 will be sold at the door and each activity will require ½ ticket to 2 tickets.

Proceeds will be used to help youth with the cost of various activities.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2000

The statesman who knew deception

By Phillip Alder

Benjamin Disraeli wrote, "Frank and explicit — that is the right line to take when you wish to conceal your own mind and to confuse the minds of others." He was being the consummate politician, but it could also apply to bridge. If you can mislead either declarer or a defender about the full distribution, giving him an alluring but abortive alternative, you will break or make some "impossible" contracts. Many of these ruses are difficult because we aren't accustomed to playing unnecessarily high cards. However, the correct defense in today's deal should be in everyone's repertoire.

Declarer starts with seven top tricks: one spade, two hearts, one diamond and three clubs. Opting to play on diamonds, South ducks the first trick, wins the second with his heart king, crosses to dummy with a club, and leads a diamond to his nine.

West wins with an honor, say the queen (you should vary your play here), and drives out dummy's heart ace. Now comes dummy's second diamond.

Suppose East soporifically selects his seven. Declarer will know that West began with either the singleton queen or doubleton king-queen. In the former case, South cannot make his contract. So he will go up with the ace, claiming 11 tricks when West's king drops.

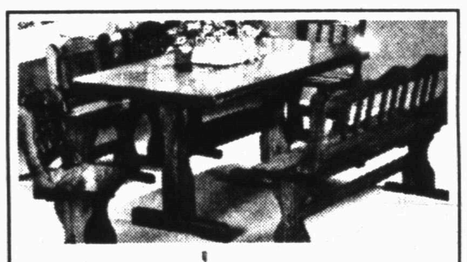
Now let East alertly contribute the diamond 10. South will surely assume he began with the K-10-3 and finesse his jack — finishing three down.

The basic principle is: Play the card you are known to hold. Here, that is East's diamond 10 from the first round of the suit.

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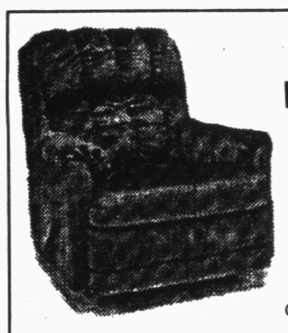




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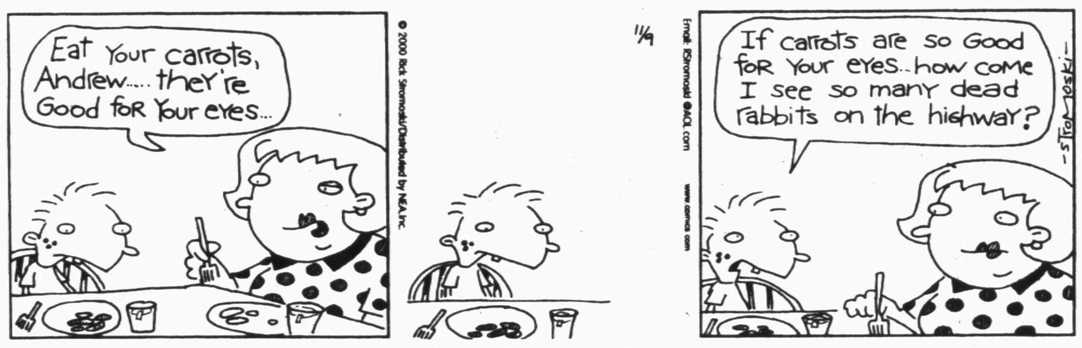
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ACROSS

1 Irks
7 Swagger
12 Hamper
13 Examine with care
14 Tolled
15 "The — Cometh"
16 Anecdote collection
17 Cashew, e.g.
18 Nonprofit TV
21 Step
23 Unit of light
26 Formerly Persia
28 Central American oil tree
29 DiCaprio, to friends
30 Baby powder
31 Opens
33 Chants
36 Husband of Gudrun
37 Dutch city
38 A Baldwin brother
40 Lively dance
41 Turf
42 Monte — (noted resort)
44 Use a towel
45 Agt.
46 Companion of ash
48 End-of-term exams
51 Most distant point in an orbit
55 Frozen water column
56 — Abdul-Jabbar
57 Indian money
58 Uses the rink

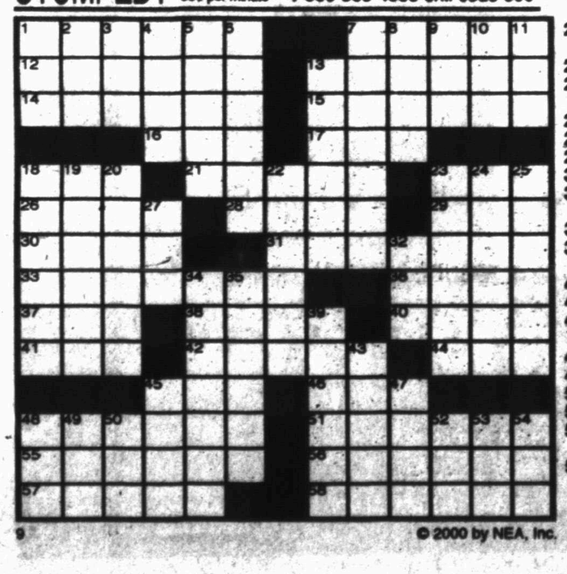
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2 Uncle
3 Clean-air org.
4 Constellation near Pyxis
5 Paradises
6 Prep someone for surgery
7 Makes certain
8 Allowance for waste
9 Mai tai need
10 Land of the free (abbr.)
11 — Commandments
13 Rack and —
18 Feels sorrow for
19 Actor Marlon —
20 Used a shaker
22 Ill-doer
23 Covered with metal
24 Shouter
25 Optimistically
27 Sgt., e.g.
32 Attention
34 Aircraft enclosure
35 Slip by
39 Loose outer garments
43 Tea type
45 Run
47 Israeli folk dance
48 Evergreen
49 Hospital pt.
50 Bite
52 Obtain
53 Wide shoe size
54 Printer's measures

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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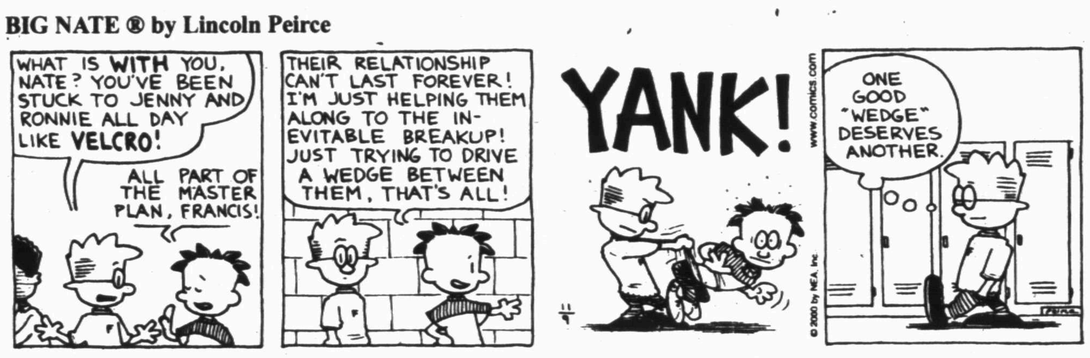
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Nebraska at Kansas St.	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
South Carolina at Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
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Cardinals forfeit contest...

Bulldogs turn focus to bi-district battle

With last week's victory, the Ira Bulldogs officially earned a spot in the six-man football playoffs. Now without a game to play Friday night, the Bulldogs can turn their attention toward their postseason opponent.

The Hermleigh Cardinals forfeited Friday's upcoming contest against Ira due to injuries. It is the third such forfeit for Hermleigh this year and ends the Cardinals' season with a record of 0-10.

The only local match-up left on Friday's schedule is Borden County's tilt with the Highland Hornets at 7:30 at Coyote Stadium. The Snyder Tigers' District 4-4A finale against Estacado kicks off at 7:30 tonight at Lubbock's Lowery Field.

Ira, the District 6 runner-up, will carry a 6-4 mark into the playoffs, and Head Coach Toby Goodwin believes the week off will give his squad more time to prepare for the postseason.

"Because of the weather this week, we haven't been able to get that much accomplished in practice," said Goodwin. "Now we'll be able to practice today and Friday, and hopefully we'll be that much more prepared for whoever we end up playing in the playoffs."

The Bulldogs' likely first-round opponent will be Wellman-Union. The Wildcats can clinch the District 5 title with a victory Friday over New Home.

The bi-district contest will be played Nov. 17, and likely sites are Borden County or Lubbock Roosevelt.

"The last time Ira made the football playoffs was in 1991, so our kids have never been there," Goodwin stated. "But without a game this week, it's starting to sink in. Now we can focus on what we have to do to win that first-round game."

District 6 Six-Man Football

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Highland	4	0	9	0
Ira	4	1	6	4
Westbrook	2	2	6	2
Borden County	2	2	2	7
Loraine	1	3	2	7
Hermleigh	0	5	0	10

Last week's results: Ira 44, Loraine 28; Highland 50, Hermleigh 0; Westbrook 40, Borden County 22.

Friday's games: Hermleigh forfeits to Ira; Highland at Borden County; Westbrook at Loraine.

End of regular season

Aikman optimistic for Sunday's game

IRVING (AP) — Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman practiced for the first time in nearly two weeks Wednesday, and was optimistic he can start this week against Cincinnati.

The practice came two days after Aikman received a second round of injections in the lower left side of his aching back.

"I haven't gotten the relief I got two weeks ago, but got enough to get out and do what needed to be done," Aikman said after the two-hour workout at an indoor facility. "I'm optimistic that if it doesn't regress, I'll be okay."

After Aikman got the first series of shots before the Oct. 29 game against Jacksonville, he said his back was feeling better than it had in years. But he was knocked out of the 23-17 overtime loss with back spasms after being slammed to the turf by Tony Brackens in the first quarter.

Aikman didn't even travel for last week's 16-13 overtime loss at Philadelphia.

With Randall Cunningham sitting out practice with fluid on his knee, Aikman got a full workout with the first team Wednesday. Third-stringer Clint Stoerner also took some snaps.

"He looked fine," running back Emmitt Smith said of Aikman. "I thought he moved around and didn't really grimace, nothing like that. I'm assuming that he's fine. But there's the physical aspect of it in terms of the pounding that remains to be seen."



Troy Aikman

Coach Dave Campo said no decision has been made on Aikman's status for Sunday.

"Troy looked good, he felt good and threw the ball well," Campo said. "He practiced a full practice and looked pretty good, but I have to see how he reacts overnight. That will be the determining factor."

On the same day that Aikman returned to practice, the Cowboys lost defensive tackle Leon Lett for the season. Lett sprained his left knee during a drill on the artificial turf at the Coppell High School facility.

"We're disappointed for Leon. He was a solid contributor in our defensive front this year, and this is a difficult setback," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said.

The Cowboys had placed defensive tackle Chad Hennings on the injured reserved list earlier in the day. Hennings is out with a possibly career-ending neck injury.

"The loss of Leon and Chad is a blow in terms of experience, production and leadership on the line," Campo said. "We will probably go with Michael Myers at Leon's spot this Sunday, and then we will determine our defensive line rotation as this week progresses."

As for Aikman, who turns 34 later this month, Jones expressed concern earlier this week about whether the quarterback will return after this season.

In addition to being sidelined because of the back the past two games, Aikman missed two games after a concussion suffered in the first half of the season opener.

"About four or five years ago, I realized that I'd have a tough decision to make someday. I don't know if the time is now," Aikman said. "I'm not ready to say anything is inevitable. My primary concern is to get ready for Cincinnati."

Aikman said he will do as he does every year when evaluating his future. He said any decision will be based on if he wants to continue to play and/or if he feels he can still play.

But he also knows how tough it was for him last weekend, when for the first time in his 12-year career, he watched the Cowboys play from his living room.

"It was very difficult to do. I stood up most of the second half," Aikman said. "I'm hopeful that the carpet in my living room was softer than the turf in Philly."

Also Wednesday, the Cowboys placed receiver Raghib Ismail on the injured reserve list. They signed defensive end Aaron Fields, who was with the Cowboys in training camp this year, and safety Greg Myers, who had been with the Bengals.

Franco contacts Rangers

DALLAS (AP) — Left-handed reliever John Franco says he may want to replace John Wetteland as the Texas Rangers' closer.

Franco, who filed for free agency last week from the National League champion New York Mets, notified the Rangers on Wednesday, according to The Dallas Morning News.

The player's agent says Franco, who ranks second on baseball's career saves list, wants the chance to be a full-time closer once again, in part to have a shot at Lee Smith's record.

"He's aware of Lee Smith's record, but that's not the driving force for him," agent Dan Horwits told the newspaper in Thursday's editions. "He's a closer. He likes the job of closing."

Franco has 420 career saves, compared with Smith's 473. After Armando Benitez supplanted the left-hander as the Met's closer, Franco had only four saves last season.

Grizzlies maul Mavs, 101-74

DALLAS (AP) — The Vancouver Grizzlies are proving that they have more to the team than Shareef Abdur-Rahim.

He had 22 points and 12 rebounds to lead the way Wednesday night, and the Grizzlies also got 34 points from their reserves in a 101-74 rout of the Dallas Mavericks.

Vancouver improved to 4-1, its best start in the franchise's six-year history. Veteran additions Isaac Austin, Kevin Edwards and Damon Jones also helped.

"It was crucial that we improve our bench," Grizzlies coach Sidney Lowe said. "So far, we're seeing the results of that. It's been a team effort. The starters do their thing and then the bench guys come in and make things happen."

The starters set the tone in the third quarter with Abdur-Rahim scoring eight points during a 25-3 spurt. Othella Harrington added 21 points and nine rebounds to help Vancouver beat Dallas for only the fourth time in 20 meetings.

Dallas and Vancouver are two of the conference's young, emerging teams, and the Grizzlies wanted to send an early message.

"We definitely feel both teams are in the same situation," Abdur-Rahim said. "We've both got a lot in common. We're in the same conference and want the same things. This is a team we wanted to play well against."

Christian Laettner scored 17 points for the Mavericks, who made only 31 of 84 field-goal attempts (37 percent). Michael Finley and Courtney Alexander had 10 points each for Dallas (3-2).

The Grizzlies took a 54-38 halftime lead behind Abdur-Rahim's 11 points.

Vancouver shot 62 percent in the first half, while Dallas made only 39.5 percent of its field goals.

"We feel like it's going to be between us and them for a playoff spot," Mavericks center Shawn Bradley said. "To have this happen on our home court hurts. We've got to file this one away."

The Mavericks got as close as 56-45 early in the third quarter, but Vancouver answered with a 12-0 spurt capped by Harrington's basket for a 68-45 advantage.

Vancouver finished the quarter with its 25-3 run and took an 81-48 lead into the final quarter. Dallas went more than 10 minutes without a basket in the third quarter.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

FOOTBALL: Snyder at Lubbock Estacado, 7:30

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL: Ira at Hermleigh, cancelled

FOOTBALL: Highland at Borden County, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Estacado at Snyder JV, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY

BASKETBALL: Lubbock Monterey at Snyder boys, scrimmage, 2 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Golf tourney

A two-person shamble will be held Saturday at Western Texas College. Cost is $30 per player. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum. For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Gretzky to lead Canadians

TORONTO (AP) — Wayne Gretzky, intent on bringing a gold medal to Canada, will lead his country's hockey team at the 2002 Winter Olympics. He will be the executive director of the team for the Salt Lake City Games, with Toronto coach and general manager Pat Quinn the coach.

Pats extend Glenn's contract

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots have extended wide receiver Terry Glenn's contract through the 2007 season.

Glenn has started every game for the Patriots this season and shares the team lead with 42 receptions for 504 yards. He is in his fifth year of what was originally a six-year contract. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Colts sign highest-paid kicker

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Vanderjagt signed a five-year contract extension with the Indianapolis Colts that reportedly makes him the NFL's highest-paid kicker.

Vanderjagt has converted 75 of 84 field-goal attempts since replacing Cary Blanchard before the 1998 season. That's a club-record 89 percent.

National Basketball Association

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	5	0	1.000	—
New York	3	2	.600	2
Orlando	3	3	.500	2½
Boston	2	2	.500	2½
Miami	2	2	.500	2½
New Jersey	2	2	.500	2½
Washington	2	4	.333	3½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	4	0	1.000	—
Charlotte	4	1	.800	½
Indiana	2	2	.500	2
Toronto	2	3	.400	2½
Detroit	1	4	.200	3½
Milwaukee	1	4	.200	3½
Chicago	0	4	.000	4
Atlanta	0	5	.000	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	5	0	1.000	—
San Antonio	4	1	.800	1
Vancouver	4	1	.800	1
Dallas	3	2	.600	2
Denver	2	3	.400	3
Houston	2	3	.400	3
Minnesota	2	3	.400	3

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	4	1	.800	—
Sacramento	4	2	.667	½
L.A. Lakers	3	3	.500	1½
Portland	2	3	.400	2
Golden State	1	3	.250	2½
L.A. Clippers	1	4	.200	3
Seattle	1	4	.200	3

Wednesday's Games

Indiana 108, Milwaukee 97
New Jersey 102, Washington 86
Philadelphia 103, Detroit 94
Miami 87, Seattle 81
Charlotte 96, Orlando 90
Cleveland 99, New York 97
Vancouver 101, Dallas 74
San Antonio 91, L.A. Lakers 81
Denver 109, Minnesota 107, OT
Sacramento 115, Golden State 84
Utah 93, L.A. Clippers 87, OT

Thursday's Games

Seattle at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New York at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Miami at Utah, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

National Hockey League

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	7	5	2	0	16	43	41
N.Y. Islanders	6	4	2	1	15	34	32
New Jersey	6	5	3	0	15	53	40
N.Y. Rangers	7	7	0	0	14	50	45
Philadelphia	4	7	4	0	12	37	48

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	9	1	4	0	22	54	33
Toronto	9	5	1	0	19	43	28
Buffalo	6	4	1	1	14	34	33
Montreal	5	8	2	0	12	43	49
Boston	5	8	1	1	12	38	59

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	3	7	4	1	11	34	45
Tarhpa Bay	4	7	1	1	10	41	56
Carolina	3	8	3	0	9	33	49
Atlanta	2	5	5	0	9	36	39
Florida	1	6	3	3	8	25	39

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	10	2	2	0	22	43	22
Detroit	9	5	0	1	19	44	39
Nashville	6	4	4	1	17	36	35
Chicago	5	8	0	2	12	36	45
Columbus	3	10	1	1	8	26	50

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	11	2	2	0	24	46	26
Edmonton	9	6	2	0	20	50	44
Vancouver	8	3	3	1	20	55	42
Calgary	4	9	2	1	11	32	42
Minnesota	3	10	3	0	9	26	45

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	9	2	5	0	23	50	33
San Jose	9	2	2	0	20	37	25
Los Angeles	8	6	3	0	19	60	49
Dallas	7	4	2	1	17	39	33
Anaheim	6	6	3	2	17	48	60

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Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 2
Nashville 4, New Jersey 3
Toronto 5, Carolina 0
Montreal 4, Florida 2
Calgary 1, Minnesota 0
San Jose 3, Chicago 2, OT
Detroit 4, Phoenix 2
Vancouver 7, Anaheim 2

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San Jose at Columbus, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Toronto at Carolina, 7 p.m.
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Montreal at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

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Companies, regulators working on deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — An antitrust review of the proposed merger between America Online and Time Warner is entering its final phases, as regulators continue to press for assurances that the deal would not block out rivals in the market for new Internet services.

Company officials and staff members at the Federal Trade Commission have been engaged for weeks in intense discussions on how to implement a requirement that AOL-Time Warner open its high-speed cable lines to rival Internet companies. Such a condition would mean that a consumer subscribing to Time Warner's superfast Web service also could sign up for online providers other than AOL.

Ultimately, the commission's five members can vote to accept a tentative agreement between the FTC staff and the companies or the agency can seek to block the $129 billion merger in court. As part of their review, agency staff members have interviewed competitors and collected testimony that could be used in a lawsuit to stop the deal.

A decision by the FTC could come before week's end. The deal still needs approval from the Federal Communications Commission, but that review process is currently on hold pending the trade commission's action.

The European Commission signed off on the deal last month.

The question of access for Internet competitors has become a vital issue in the merger, largely because cable companies like Time Warner have taken the lead in offering consumers new, high-speed Internet access, dozens of times faster than today's dial-up connections.

Time Warner is the nation's second-largest cable operator, and the merger would couple it with AOL, the country's top Internet provider with 25 million subscribers.

The discussions deal with not only how many rival Internet providers AOL-Time Warner would allow on its cable systems, but also under what terms and rates.

Some competing online companies worry that AOL-Time Warner would charge them unreasonable prices or set conditions that would make it unattractive for them to forge deals.

While the government wants to prevent this, it also may be wary of regulating too heavily specific terms of private business negotiations, experts say.

"Historically, the FTC has resisted becoming auditors and monitors of corporate behavior," said Paul Glenchur, an analyst with Schwab Capital Markets in Washington.

Government officials must look at how to ensure "terms and conditions are reasonably attractive ... and do that without forcing the companies to incur onerous and unworkable regulatory burdens," Glenchur said.

Some public interest groups proposed that a third-party arbitrator handle complaints from Internet companies that allege unfair treatment in negotiations with AOL-Time Warner.

Without an oversight process in place, "It's unclear if these conditions will resolve the competitive concerns raised by the deal," said Gene Kimmelman of Consumers Union.

When asked, AOL officials would say only that they were on track to close the deal this fall.

Some content providers also have raised concern about implications of the merger on the evolving market for interactive television, which allows people to access the Internet from their TV screens. Rivals fear the combined company would not give equal treatment on its systems to competing interactive programming.

Still another issue being scrutinized is Time Warner's link, through a common holding, with the nation's largest cable operator, AT&T.

On the Net:
http://corp.aol.com
http://www.timewarner.com

Charges could bring life terms for Target robbers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three young men accused of robbing a Target store faced charges that could bring multiple life sentences.

The three were charged Wednesday with robbery, attempted robbery, kidnapping and assault with a deadly weapon.

Laron Vashon Bass, 20, and Omar Ahea Samuels, 22, pleaded innocent Wednesday. Both men have prior robbery convictions.

Bass' brother Charles Allison Bass, 16, pleaded innocent Tuesday to four counts of robbery and was to return to court next Tuesday.

More than 60 employees were in the Culver City, Calif. store when robbers stormed the building before dawn Monday, police said.

Police arrested Samuels and Laron Bass as they allegedly tried to pass themselves off as freed hostages. Charles Bass fled the building and was found hiding in a creek bed nearby, police said.

events

WHAT'S UP?

IN SNYDER CHURCHES

Garage and bake sale

Grace Lutheran Church will have a garage and bake sale from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at the church, 5500 College Ave.

Children's fall carnival

Calvary Baptist Church, will host a Children's Fall Carnival from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday in Towle Park Barn. Carnival-type games with prizes and refreshments will be available for K-6th grades. For more information, call 573-2191.

Colonial Hill fall festival

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will have its fall festival Saturday from 6-8 p.m. Indoor and outdoor games and events for all ages are planned. Everyone is invited to this youth-group fund-raiser.

LCC Chorus at East Side

The Lubbock Christian College Chorus will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday at the East Side Church of Christ. The public is invited.

Lord's Acre Festival

First United Methodist Church's annual Lord's Acre Festival will be held Sunday at the Scurry County Coliseum. A barbecue lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. followed by a live auction of handmade and special items. There will also be a large buffet of booths with gifts and baked goods open to the public from 1:30 to 5 p.m. A silent auction and free concession will run concurrent with the booths.

Veteran's Day worship

First United Methodist Church will honor those who have made sacrifices for freedom at a Veteran's Day Worship Celebration from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m. Sunday at the Scurry County Coliseum. Use the west entrance.

Church of God revival

The Church of God, 21st and Ave. O, will have a revival starting Monday through Wednesday. Services will be at 7 p.m. Rev. Vernon Groce will be the evangelist.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Seeing Scripture as Jesus Did," followed by "The Word of God."

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church worship service airs at 3 p.m. every Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Discovery School open house

Discovery School will have an open house at 7 p.m. next Thursday at the First United Methodist Church. The community is invited to meet the staff and tour the facility. The school provides daycare for children between the ages of six weeks and four years old. For more information, call Barbara at 573-4770.

Thanksgiving Service

The Scurry County Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Service at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at the First Baptist Church. Guest speaker is Dr. W. E. Thorn, former president of Dallas Baptist University.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Divers retrieved Kursk's log

MOSCOW (AP) — In addition to notes found on sailors' bodies, Russian divers retrieved a ship's log and more written material from the sunken nuclear submarine Kursk, a top official said Thursday.

"We recovered what we could — certain notes and the log book from the fourth compartment of the Kursk," the Interfax news agency quoted Deputy Prime Minister Ilya Klebanov as saying.

The log and written material were being studied, he said. He did not say when they were written, but it is thought that everybody in the fourth compartment died within minutes of the explosions.

Klebanov's spokeswoman Oksana Onishchenko said the divers found only "unreadable" fragments of the log. "There was nothing related to the accident," Onishchenko said.

The log marks the latest grim find that divers pulled through holes cut in the hull of nuclear shipwreck during a precarious 18-day operation on the bottom of the Barents Sea.

They retrieved 12 bodies and two notes written by sailors as they suffocated to death in a rear compartment of the submarine. The notes told of poison gas from fires and pressure mounting in the compartment. All 118 men aboard the Kursk died after it suffered explosions and plunged to the sea floor Aug. 12.

The log book was found in a forward area more severely damaged by the blasts. It was unclear whether the log was for the whole ship or just the fourth compartment. Ship's logs usually contain notes on routine activity on board.

Klebanov did not say when it was found. Divers worked in the fourth compartment Sunday and Monday, before the operation was called off Tuesday because of rough weather and danger to the divers in going any further inside the ship.

Rapper has new group, new message

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Christopher "Play" Martin has a new group with a new message — and it's all about God.

The rapper, who became well known while part of the duo Kid N Play, is taking the Christian rap group, Infinity, on the road — to an elementary school.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
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AT&T Corp	21.94	21.50	21.81	—.06
Albertsons	24.63	24.13	24.50	+ .25
Alltel	64.38	63.88	63.94	+ .06
AmerOnline s	55.00	52.90	54.00	—1.80
AmEl Pw	41.25	40.56	40.81	+ .19
AndarkPtr	62.00	60.10	60.12	—.96
ATMOS Egy	23.63	23.25	23.38	
Aviall	6.13	5.88	6.13	+ .19
BP Amoco	50.31	49.88	49.94	+ .63
BakerHughes	38.63	37.13	37.44	—.75
Bank of Amer	49.81	48.50	49.69	+ .88
BellSouth	47.88	46.75	47.75	—.44
Beth Steel	2.81	2.75	2.81	
BurlNoSFe	26.63	26.13	26.44	+ .38
Caterpillar	37.00	36.00	36.00	—.31
Chevron	84.13	82.88	83.13	+ .13
Citigroup s	53.38	51.88	52.75	—.31
Coastal	74.44	73.63	73.75	—.25
CocaCola	61.31	59.88	61.13	+ .94
ColgatePal	60.60	58.80	60.39	+ 1.28
ComclMetals	24.88	24.81	24.81	—.06
CooperIn	38.88	38.50	38.56	—.63
DaimlrChry	47.45	46.50	47.13	+ .67
DallSemicn s	35.38	34.19	35.25	—.44
DeltaAirl	48.13	47.06	47.19	—.94
Dillards Inc	11.38	10.94	11.06	—.38
DowChem s	31.56	30.75	30.81	—1.44
DuPont	44.50	42.81	43.13	—.88
EastmanChem	43.19	41.94	42.00	—1.38
EstKodak	48.50	47.38	47.94	+ .44
EDS Corp	51.50	48.06	51.13	+ 2.19
Entergy	37.19	36.81	36.94	+ .19
ExxonMobil	91.25	89.75	89.81	—.38
Flowers	15.63	15.50	15.50	
GenDynam	69.81	68.38	69.75	+ .56
GenElec s	54.44	53.63	54.25	—.31
GenMills	41.81	41.06	41.56	+ .63
GenMotors	58.06	57.69	57.88	+ .06
GaPacGP	27.94	26.63	27.25	—.25
GlobalMar	29.63	28.06	28.19	—.81
Goodrich	37.75	36.88	37.63	+ .63
Goodyear s	18.04	17.60	17.75	—.38
GtAtlPac	9.25	9.00	9.00	—.19
Halliburtn	39.13	37.69	37.88	—.63
Hanson ADS	26.75	26.56	26.56	—.44
HarteHanks	22.88	22.63	22.63	—.19
HomeDepot s	40.06	38.88	39.81	—1.44
Honeywellntl	53.88	52.94	53.69	
IBM	99.63	95.69	98.31	—1.69
IntlPaper	36.69	35.25	35.81	—1.13
JohnsonJn	94.31	92.75	93.94	+ .19
K mart	5.94	5.81	5.81	—.13
Kroger Co	24.13	23.50	24.13	+ .50
Litton	55.81	55.25	55.56	
LockheedM	33.62	32.55	32.62	—.17
Lowes Cos	44.25	42.44	42.75	—3.06
Lubys	5.31	5.19	5.31	
LucentTech	24.13	22.63	24.00	— .44
MayDeptStr	28.81	28.00	28.81	—.63
Medtronic	56.25	55.38	56.00	—.25
MorganJP	161.81	156.00	161.56	+ 1.88
Motorola s	23.25	22.31	23.00	—.25
NCR Corp	47.44	46.69	47.31	— .19
Navistar	34.56	34.13	34.13	— .44
Penney JC	11.25	10.88	10.94	— .69
PepBoys	4.50	4.38	4.38	—.06
PepsiCo	48.50	47.44	48.38	+ .94
Pharmacia	59.44	58.75	59.25	+ .13
PhelpDodge	48.19	47.56	47.75	— .44
PhilipPet	61.06	60.00	60.00	— .44
PilgrmPrd B	7.25	6.94	7.19	+ .31
Polaroid	9.44	9.25	9.31	—.19
Praxair	37.06	35.50	35.69	—1.38
ProctGamb	71.25	69.81	71.25	+ 1.81
PubS NwMx	28.19	22.50	22.56	—5.63
RadioShack	58.94	55.13	55.50	—7.56
ReliantEngy	39.88	38.94	39.69	+ .81
RoyalDut	60.13	59.31	59.38	— .31
SBC Comm	58.50	57.06	57.88	+ .88
SaraLee	21.38	20.69	21.31	+ .06
Scripps EW	60.06	58.75	58.75	—1.56
SearsRoeb	29.50	28.89	29.06	—1.68
SherwinW	23.94	22.81	22.81	— .25
SmithIntBchm	68.06	67.38	68.00	+ .88
SouthernCo	28.94	28.63	28.69	+ .06
SwstAirl	29.81	29.50	29.75	+ .19
SprintFON	25.38	24.69	24.81	— .62
SprintPCS s	26.69	25.88	26.69	— .31
Sunoco Inc	29.94	29.31	29.44	— .25
TXU Corp	37.06	36.50	36.88	+ .31
TempleInland	46.75	44.31	44.56	—1.69
Texaco	60.00	59.63	59.69	+ .13
TexInd	23.63	23.50	23.50	—.06
TexasInst s	41.50	40.38	40.75	—1.88
Textron	54.44	53.13	53.63	—.88
TriconGlbR	30.38	29.38	29.75	—.50
TrinityInds	23.88	23.31	23.50	—.31
TritonEngy	27.75	26.63	26.81	—1.06
TylerTech	2.00	2.00	2.00	
USX-Marathn	27.38	26.50	26.56	— .44
USX-USS	14.69	14.38	14.44	—.19
UnCarbide	47.63	45.63	45.88	—2.50
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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Nov. 10, 2000

A matter in which you're personally interested could be advanced in the year ahead through a number of important changes you initiate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This is not the time to get discouraged about something that is in its final stages of completion just because it isn't coming along as fast as you want. Relax. A bit more time is required. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Only after you've successfully concluded your responsibilities and duties can you do what you want today. If you keep your mind on the tasks at hand, you'll get to do what you desire more quickly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be careful before putting your hard-earned money into an investment about which you know little. There could be veiled circumstances that require further investigation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Conditions beyond your control could inhibit your scope of operation today, but that doesn't have to be the end of your desires. Wait until another day to launch your interests.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your perceptions are usually right on track, but today, allowing yourself to dwell in never-never land yields nothing but fairy tales.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your dreams could get in the way of your common sense today and cause trouble for you financially. Get your head out of the clouds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Shyness will not serve you well today should an associate try to take bows for something you've accomplished. Speak up and let the powers that be know who is the producer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Left alone today, you could work yourself down into the doldrums through negative thinking. Get out and mingle with uplifting people who know how to laugh at life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Harmony and support are absolutes in order to acquire successful results in a business negotiation today. If anybody tries to upstage associates, the entire project will run into a standstill.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The only way anybody can learn anything is to first be a receptive learner, no matter from whom or from where the information is coming. Don't be a **know-it-all today.**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When a job appears overwhelming, ask for that extra pair of hands to pitch in and get the job done efficiently. Sulking or stewing in silence will only add to the pressure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A change of pace may be just what the doctor orders today. If it looks like nothing is going right and you're merely turning in circles, make it an early night.

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Countries protest scheduled execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The scheduled execution of a Mexican-born convicted killer has spurred protests from foreign governments and demonstrations by death penalty opponents who contend his rights under foreign treaties were violated.

Miguel Flores was set to die by injection Thursday evening for raping and killing a 20-year-old college student in 1989 after following her as she left her job at a video store.

The Texas parole board and an appeals court have refused to halt the execution. An appeal is pending before the U.S. Supreme Court.

His attorney said when Flores was arrested, he was not allowed to contact Mexican consulate officials as called for under the Vienna Convention of Consular Relations.

"We firmly believe that timely assistance from the Mexican consulate would have meant the difference between life and death for Miguel Flores," attorney Richard Ellis said.

"There's no dispute that wasn't done," said Roy Carper, who prosecuted Flores. "But Mr. Flores claimed to be a U.S. citizen, and that would knock out anything the Mexican government has to do about it."

U.S. courts have denied similar claims in other cases where such a violation of international law is alleged. And the State Department has said even if there was a failure to inform Flores, it is not sufficient cause to overturn the sentence.

Flores, 31, was born in Juarez, Mexico, but raised across the Rio Grande River in El Paso, Texas, where he graduated from high school.

He admits abducting Angela Marie Tyson as she left her summer job at a Borger video store June 28, 1989, raping and fatally stabbing her. Her body was found early the next day in her car.

Flores, who was living in Borger where his grandparents lived, went to police when he learned they were looking for him. He had been a customer at the video store that evening and authorities determined he had been a frequent customer particularly on nights when the Eastern New Mexico University student was working.

"I'm very sorry for what I did," Flores said recently from death row. "I don't feel I got a fair sentencing trial. If I had gotten a fair trial and the jury returned the death sentence, I can accept that. I'm asking for a life sentence, not to be released."

The Mexican government wrote Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and the U.S. Supreme Court to stop the execution. The French and Swedish ambassadors to the United States, as well as the European Union, made similar pleas to Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

Similar efforts were unsuccessful in other cases where foreign-born death row inmates faced execution. At least two other Mexicans and one Canadian in recent years have been put to death in Texas.

The execution would be the 35th this year in the nation's most active death penalty state and the second so far this month. Three more are set for next week.

Former 'Davidian' prosecutor indicted

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A former government prosecutor has been indicted on federal charges of obstructing the investigation into the 1993 siege at the Branch Davidian compound at Waco, Texas, that he helped set in motion.

Former assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Johnston was charged with two counts of obstruction of justice and three counts of lying to investigators and a federal grand jury.

The indictment was returned Wednesday as Waco special counsel John C. Danforth released his final report absolving the government of wrongdoing in the siege.

Attorney Michael Kennedy, while acknowledging that Johnston made mistakes in his dealings with the special counsel, called the charges baseless and unfair.

"Danforth seeks to destroy the messenger and whitewash the governmental excesses of Waco," he said. "While Bill's mistakes were harmless, the same cannot be said for so many other government employees, who today are merely chastised or ignored completely by Mr. Danforth."

Johnston helped draft the search warrant that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms tried to execute on Feb. 28, 1993, at the Waco compound. The botched raid turned into a gunfight in which four federal agents and six Davidians were killed.

The shootout sparked the 51-day standoff that ended on April 19, 1993, with a fire that consumed the compound, killing sect leader David Koresh and some 80 followers inside.

Johnston in 1994 helped convict nine Davidians during their criminal trial.

In 1999, federal Judge Walter S. Smith Jr. ordered the government to give him all records and evidence connected with the standoff. Johnston then complained publicly that the Justice Department was covering up evidence showing FBI agents had fired pyrotechnic tear gas at the compound.

Justice Department and FBI officials denied for years that the government had used anything capable of sparking fires when they employed tanks and tear gas to try to end the standoff.

The FBI's subsequent confirmation that some pyrotechnic tear gas was used prompted Attorney General Janet Reno to ask Danforth to investigate.

In July, Danforth in a preliminary report absolved the government of blame in the blaze. A week earlier, an advisory jury hearing a $675 million wrongful-death lawsuit brought by surviving cult members and the victims' families reached the same conclusion.

Johnston left the U.S. attorney's office in February and Danforth's investigators questioned him repeatedly. He admitted in July that he had withheld several pages of notes from 1993 dealing with the FBI's use of pyrotechnic gas.

Heavy snows trap starving cattle

PLENTYWOOD, Mont. (AP) — As many as 5,000 cattle may be stranded in the 8-foot snowdrifts that have clogged northeastern Montana and North Dakota since last week.

The area near the Canadian border was pelted by an ice-and-snow storm a week ago. A second storm Tuesday kept utility crews from restoring electricity lost when the fierce earlier storm snapped about 500 power poles in a four-county area.

About 200 residents remained without electricity after crews restored power to many of the 1,200 residents who lost electricity after the first storm.

Weather forecasts called for record-low temperatures and more snow for the next four days.

Terry Angvick, Sheridan County agriculture agent, estimated as much as 5,000 head of cattle could be stranded in the county.

Voters turn back two voucher proposals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stagnant test scores. Schoolyard violence. Frustrated parents.

Yet the nation's public schools still aren't bad enough for American voters to approve paying their tax dollars for private tuitions, even after 30 years of attempts. Voters in Michigan and California proved it again this week.

"By and large, it's the weakest link of society we have to help," said John Hangartner, a 68-year-old retiree in Livonia, Mich., after his vote Tuesday for pro-voucher Bush and against financing $3,300 vouchers for pupils in the state's least-successful public schools. "Vouchers aren't going to help them."

The well-financed Michigan measure was soundly defeated by a 2-1 margin. California's sweeping plan to provide any child, rich or poor, with a $4,000 voucher got just 30 percent of the vote, despite a $30 million-plus campaign led by Silicon Valley venture capitalist Tim Draper.

Government funds or tax credits for private education have appeared on statewide ballots 10 times in recent years. Voters have rejected every one. A handful of programs, in Wisconsin, Ohio and Florida, were created by legislators, not the electorate.

"The thorough thrashing of vouchers in California and Michigan should be a death knell to a bad idea," declared Bob Chase, president of the 2.5 million-teacher National Education Association, which spent $7.2 million fighting vouchers.

This year's infusion of cash aside, the classic rivalry remains between status quo education groups like teachers' unions and education reformers with a conservative bent. With voucher programs still alive despite court battles, neither side is ready to back down.

"More than a third of the population is shouting school vouchers," Draper said Tuesday night as defeat of his California Proposition 38 became apparent. "This is decades of bureaucracy that's been built up. It was unlikely we would be able to vaporize it in one fell swoop."

School choice has been around for decades, but it focuses mainly on choices within public school systems — magnet or charter schools. Few families have received government money to send children to private schools.

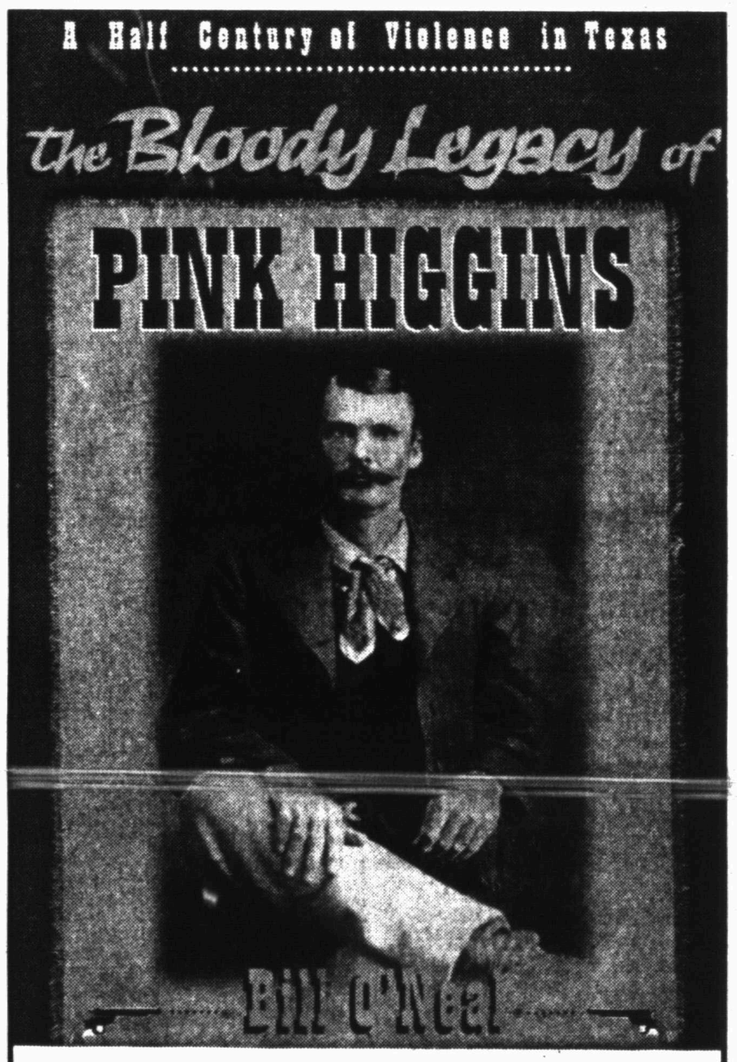
The issue remains among education's most emotional.

Supporters argue that poor children, like their more-affluent peers, deserve a way out of troubled public schools. Foes contend vouchers help few children and drain money from public schools.

In 1972, Maryland voters rejected a plan to fund private educations. Since then, California, Michigan and Colorado have rejected similar measures twice at the polls. Voters in Oregon, Washington and the District of Columbia defeated tax-credit plans for private schooling.

Who turns them down?

Exit polls show that almost all demographic groups do.



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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Mothers will give thanks for good manners at meals

DEAR ABBY: After Thanksgiving in 1972, my mother, Helen Buckles, sent a letter to all her children. She was unhappy about the way we had behaved. I thought your readers might want to "review it" before this Thanksgiving! — **BOB BUCKLES, DOWNEY, CALIF.**

DEAR BOB: Thanksgiving? They might want to review it before dinner tonight! Your dear mother did you "kids" a big favor. Read on:

"It was brought to my attention Thanksgiving Day that I had failed to teach you, my children, certain rules of table manners. Lest you go through life in such a state, I will now try to rectify my gross error by setting down for you a few simple rules:

"Remember, table manners, as all other kinds of manners, have as their basis consideration for others.

"1. Come to the table promptly when the hostess calls you. Food tastes better when it is hot.

"2. Sit at the table with the four legs of the chair flat on the floor. Sit straight, with your feet in front of you.

"3. Sit quietly with your hands in your lap until after the blessing or until the hostess starts passing the food.

"4. Wait for the food to be passed to you.

"5. As soon as the food is passed to you, take some and pass it on. Never leave a serving dish beside your plate. Wait until all of the food has been offered before you begin to eat.

"6. Never butter your bread directly from the butter dish. Put butter on your butter plate, break the bread apart, and spread.

"7. Do not talk with your mouth full.

"8. Do not make biological noises or blow your nose at the table.

"9. Keep your elbows off the table and one hand in your lap.

"10. Never wave silverware around while you're eating.

"11. Do not use your finger to push food onto your utensil.

"12. Do not lick your fingers or wipe your hands on the tablecloth.

"13. Don't stuff your mouth with food. Make use of your napkin so you don't offend others with half-chewed food oozing out the corners of your mouth and down your chin.

"14. Keep the conversation pleasant.

"15. Allow your hostess plenty of time to finish her meal before serving dessert.

"16. After the main meal is over, help clear the table before dessert is served. Leave the water glasses, cups and saucers.

"17. Never pick up a dessert dish and hold it in your hand while you eat.

"18. Never eat and run. Remain at the table until the hostess suggests you go elsewhere. Children may ask to be excused.

"19. Offer to help with the dishes. In a very formal atmosphere this would not be true, but in most cases it's acceptable. Don't insist on helping if the hostess doesn't want help.

"20. Always thank the hostess for the invitation. If you can honestly do so, compliment her on the cooking.

"Love, Mother."

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Next Congress to bring new leadership to its committees

WASHINGTON (AP) — The next Congress will bring a shake-up in the leadership of House committees, a result of a movement six years ago to share the reins of power.

The tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, the project-controlling Transportation Committee, and the influential Banking, Judiciary, Budget and Armed Services panels will have new leaders as Republicans attempt to run Congress with an ever-slimmer majority.

When Republicans took over the House in 1995, then-Speaker Newt Gingrich and his revolution-minded freshmen decided to impose six-year term limits on committee chairmen as one part of their drive to break the hold of career politicians.

While some outgoing chairmen have grumbled, "the overwhelming majority are comfortable with the current system," said Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., who is vying to take over Ways and Means.

Sometime in December, the GOP steering committee will interview those members wanting to be chairmen.

"The candidates will be given an opportunity to discuss their legislative agenda, oversight agenda, how they intend to organize the committees and their committee communication strategy," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said in a letter to members.

The steering committee will nominate and members vote on chairmen in early January.

The significant overhaul of the House committee leadership is in contrast to the Senate, where there are no current expectations of change except the chairman of the Finance Committee. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, is the likely successor to Sen. William Roth, R-Del., who was defeated in his re-election bid.

With one race still undecided, the 100-member Senate could be evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, but the GOP will be in charge in any event.

If George W. Bush wins the White House, new Vice President Dick Cheney would have the tie-breaking vote in the Senate. Republicans also will retain power if Al Gore wins the presidency because his running mate, Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, will have to leave Congress, and his successor will be picked by Connecticut's Republican governor.

But Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said Wednesday that power-sharing was in order.

In the House, five chairmen who would have had to step aside are retiring: Reps. John Kasich, R-Ohio, Budget; Tom Bliley, R-Va., Commerce; William Goodling, R-Pa., Education; Bill Archer, R-Texas, Ways and Means.

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LEWIS AND CLARK ADVENTURES — Three fifth grade classes at Northeast Elementary recently presented "The Adventures of Lewis and Clark." Main characters (front row, top photo) are from left, Ashley Casas, Sacajawea; Zachary Key, Charbonneau; Brent Bollinger and Ryan Claxton, Lewis and Clark; Justin Jones, Scannon, the dog; James Castro, York; and Colton Brewster, Napoleon. Vanessa Taylor's students on the second and third rows of the top photo are from left, Carrie Garza, Jodi Guerrero, Mark Aguilar, Angela Massey, Brittany West, Rudy Martinez, Paul Garcia, Liza Fonseca, Samantha Garcia, Vanessa Peña, Brandon Jones; third row, Joshua Morrell, Zane Green, Derek Anderson, Luke Robertson, Laura Gutierrez, Corey Jaramillo. Barbara Owen's students (middle photo) are from left, bottom row, Zachary Key, Justin Jones; second row, Kaycee Lovell, Nathaniel Reyna, Brittany Mayes, Virginia Rivera, Chris Williams, Matthew Garcia; third row, Eliseo Medrano, Alexis Castillo, James Martin, Devin Brown, Natasha Jackson, Ana Aguirre; fourth row, Corbin Crosby, Nathan Wittie, Lance Day, Santiago Jaimes, Ashley Gonzales, Tiffany Carrisalez, Lauren Lunsford, Rebekah Thornton's students (bottom photo) are from left, top row, Jacob McFatridge, Juan Hidalgo, Cyrstal Rodriguez, Audrey Jones, Ashley Maldonado, Tyler McCormack; next row, Vanessa Gomez, Miguel Cabrera, Christin Willson, Cecelie Slaughter, Fabian Contreras, William Ornelas; bottom row, Tatum Norwood, Heather Garza, Lupe Lopez, Jessica Rivera, Anthony Martinez; floor, Brent Bollinger, Ryan Claxton, Colton Brewster, Marci Pinkerton. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Renewed violence top item on agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — Renewed violence is at the top of the agenda and resumption of negotiations with Israel only a remote possibility Thursday as Yasser Arafat calls on President Clinton at the White House.

Once-optimistic plans to mold a final settlement between Palestinian leader Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who comes calling Sunday, are in disarray, shattered by their differences on Jerusalem and five weeks of violence on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and in Israel.

Barak said Wednesday on Israeli television that he would seek no resumption of peace talks. "I go to Washington to ensure that the end of violence that was agreed on at Sharm el-Sheik is carried out, if that is possible. That is all," he said, referring to an Egyptian resort where Clinton mediated a truce last month.

"It's still the U.S.'s intention to work with the parties to help them try to achieve what they are in a position to achieve, what the want to achieve," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Wednesday before Arafat arrived a little after midnight.

Referring to the truce the leaders accepted under Clinton's prodding, Boucher said, "We think that first attention needs to be paid to implementing the commitments to Sharm el-Sheik, to reducing the violence, restoring the calm."

Arafat is requesting that the United Nations establish an international protective force to shield Palestinians from Israeli soldiers and police. Boucher said new U.N. resolutions are not the prescription for ending the unrest. Carrying out the emergency summit's accord is the best approach, he said.

The Arabs continued their diplomatic offensive against Israel, persuading Qatar to announce Thursday it would shut down an Israeli trade mission in Doha. Qatar did not say if it would officially sever relations with Israel, but relations have been based entirely on commerce.

Barak cautioned Wednesday at a memorial in Israel to slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin: "Violence will not achieve anything. It will not change our policy and will not weaken our determination to bring peace and security to Israel."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has reprimanded Arafat.

Party leaders think they will have greater influence now

WASHINGTON (AP) — While Democrats failed to win a majority in either house of Congress in this week's election, party leaders envision greater influence due to their gains in the House and Senate. Republicans promise improved cooperation but vow to stay in charge.

"We will be in the majority. That is not in doubt," said Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "But the closer you get, the more cooperation is required."

It doesn't get much closer than the Senate, where the possibility of a 50-50 tie hinged on the Washington state race between GOP Sen. Slade Gorton and Democratic challenger Maria Cantwell that remained too close to call Wednesday. Democrats had already picked up three seats, making it 50 Republicans and 49 Democrats at this point.

"I think we have to be included ... in the way we set the agenda," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "I don't see any reason why we couldn't accomplish a great deal."

Another complication in the final Senate lineup was the unsettled presidential race. A Democratic win there would send Sen. Joseph Lieberman to the vice presidency, allowing Connecticut's Republican governor to appoint a replacement and shift the balance clearly to the GOP.

Democrats cannot control the Senate. If Republican Dick Cheney becomes vice president, his role as president of the Senate would let him cast the tie-breaking vote.

With two House races still too close to call, Republicans had 220 seats to 211 for the Democrats. There are two independents, one aligned with each party. Democrats will have a net gain of two seats in Tuesday's election if trends in the two outstanding races hold. The current House has 222 Republicans, 209 Democrats, two independents and two vacancies.

After two years of frosty relations with Republican leadership, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., placed a call Wednesday to Speaker Dennis Hastert in an effort to "see if we can get things on a better, more collaborative plane here."

Earlier, Hastert, R-Ill., had also promised to "offer my hand across the aisle."

Israel rockets car with commanders

BEIT SAHOUR, West Bank (AP) — An Israeli combat helicopter rocketed a car full of Palestinian commanders on Thursday, killing one and wounding another critically. Another six people were injured.

The attack outside Bethlehem was likely to intensify the violence and draw a tough Palestinian response, just as President Clinton was set to convene new meetings aimed at resuscitating Mideast peace talks.

Medics scraped scorched flesh off the pavement, and passers-by rushed to help the wounded in Beit Sahour, a well-to-do Christian suburb of Bethlehem.

Hospital officials identified the dead man as Hussein Abayat, prominent among the plain-clothes Palestinian gunmen who have led the most recent uprising against Israel's presence in parts of the West Bank, Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip. Khaled Salahat, a senior official in Palestinian intelligence, was critically wounded.

Hussein a-Sheikh, a leader of the Palestinian gunmen, told Israel radio that the Israelis had raised the stakes.

"Our reaction will be sharp and tough," he said. "They opened fire on that car without any reason."

Obituaries

Mr. Martinez

1912-2000

Saturnino Martinez, 87, died this morning in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Services for Mr. Martinez are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 29, 1912, survivors include his wife, Benita Martinez of Snyder; and two stepsons, Jose Valdez and Manuel Valdez, both of Snyder.

Corinne Croker

1921-2000

BIG SPRING – Corinne Faye Croker, a native of Scurry County, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, in a Big Spring hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Croker, 79, is set for 3 p.m. Friday in the Nalley-Pickel & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Born April 5, 1921 in Fluvanna, she married Hiram Croker on Nov. 1, 1957 in Fort Worth. She moved to Big Spring in 1971 and operated A&W Grocery for a number of years. She also operated a ceramics shop and was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Hiram Croker of Big Spring; two sons, Billy Samples of Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Douglas Maples of Fort Worth; two sisters, Blanche Nunley of Graham and Inez Smith of Wichita Falls; a brother, Alvin Whitaker of Rush Springs, Okla.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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News Briefs

Charges dropped against Globe editor

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — A supermarket tabloid editor accused of trying to buy a copy of the JonBenet Ramsey ransom note agreed to donate $100,000 to a journalism ethics program to avoid bribery and extortion charges.

At the request of the prosecutor, a judge Wednesday dismissed charges against Craig Lewis, a Globe editor, in exchange for the donation to the University of Colorado School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

"We're very happy," said Lewis' lawyer, Jeffrey Pagliuca. "We think it's a very good and fair resolution."

"It is very unusual," Jefferson County District Attorney Dave Thomas said.

Lewis, 44, was accused of offering a handwriting analyst $30,000 for a copy of the note JonBenet's mother said she discovered before the 6-year-old's body was found.

Assassination eyewitness dead at 69

DALLAS (AP) — Jean Hill, an eyewitness to the Kennedy assassination who became famous as "The Lady In Red" in the Zapruder film capturing the shooting, has died.

Hill, a retired schoolteacher, died Tuesday at Parkland hospital in Dallas of complications from a blood disease. She was 69.

Private services were scheduled Thursday.

The color film shot by Dallas dressmaker Abraham Zapruder shows Hill clad in a red raincoat as she stood with friend Mary Moorman on Elm Street on Nov. 22, 1963. The Lincoln Continental containing Kennedy, Texas Gov. John Connally and their wives passed about 15 feet away.

Hill, in a police affidavit, said she had heard "two shots" and, after a pause, "three or four more." Her son, Billy Hill, says she was the first witness to refer to the area from which she said she heard shots as "the grassy knoll."

First black to head Ivy League school

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Brown University has chosen as its next leader Smith College president Ruth Simmons, who will become the first black to head an Ivy League school.

Brown University scheduled a news conference Thursday afternoon to announce its new president after the board of trustees votes to confirm Simmons, a university source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

She will be introduced to students at a campus assembly later in the afternoon.

The story was first reported Wednesday by The Brown Daily Herald student newspaper. "We're very sorry to see her leave," Charles Staelin, a Smith dean for academic development, told the paper.

Brown has been seeking a president since February, when Gordon Gee announced he was resigning to take the top post at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee. He had been at Brown just two years, and his short stay was criticized by administrators, faculty, alumni and students.

Simmons, 54, became the first black woman to lead Smith, an elite 2,500-student women's college in Northampton, Mass., in 1995.

Woman reports stolen table saw

• ***Theft***

Myrtle Guadarrama contacted police at 12:28 p.m. Wednesday to report that a table saw had been stolen from 1005 27th Street.

• ***Runaway***

A 16-year-old boy was reported as a runaway by his grandmother at 4:33 p.m. Thursday.

• ***Gun shots reported***

A man called police at 6:07 p.m. Wednesday to report hearing gun shots being fired in the area of 32nd Street west of Irving. Officers were unable to locate anyone in the area discharging a firearm.

• ***Arrest***

An 18-year-old woman was taken into custody at 6:36 p.m. Wednesday for driving while intoxicated and no driver's license.

• ***Accidents***

Officers investigated a two-vehicle mishap at 9:20 a.m. Wednesday in the 2900 block of College. Involved were a 1995 Dodge Ram pickup driven by Sterling Williams, 35, of 2211 44th Street and a 2000 Dodge Caravan driven by Eva Romero Villa, 30, of 205 33rd Street.

At 11:41 a.m. Wednesday, an accident occurred in the 4000 block of Denison involving a 1979 Chevrolet pickup and a 1986 Olds Delta 88. Joshua Mendoza, 16, of 605 29th Street was driving the pickup while Saul Pena, 16, of 505 35th Street was driving the Olds.

A Department of Public Safety trooper worked a minor accident at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, two miles east of the Price Daniel Unit on Camp Springs Road.

Brian Gordon, 18, of 2093 Business 84, was not injured when his 1988 Chevrolet pickup slid off of theslick roadway.

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ONGOINGS

West Family Reading Night

West Elementary's Family Reading Night is held every Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. Refreshment, prizes and childcare are provided.

Veterans Day Program

Ira Schools will have a special Veterans Day program Friday. Anyone who has any information about veterans buried in Ira Cemetery is asked to contact Mike Duke, principal, at 573-2628.

Quiltathon at Hermleigh

The Rock and Roll Quilting Club is sponsoring a quiltathon Friday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Hermleigh Community Center. All quilters are welcome to volunteer what time they can. Mrs. Fred Castillo donated the quilt top. The quilt will be donated to Scurry County Museum, where it will be auctioned. Proceeds will benefit Western Texas College's distance learning program.

Golden K garage sale

The annual Golden K Kiwanis garage sale will be from 1 until 4 p.m. Friday and from 8:30 a.m. until noon Saturday at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M.

Turkey shoot

The Snyder FFA booster club will have a turkey shoot beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday and continuing until dark. It will be held at the Canyon Gun Club range north of the community center on Camp Spring Rd. Booster members will also be selling raffle tickets for a rifle and a shotgun. For more information, call Molly Tatum at 573-8180 or Susan Blackard at 573-0989. Concessions will be available.

Diabetes Day

Diabetes Day will be held from 8:15 to 1 p.m. Saturday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. RSVP by calling 574-7259.

Dunn homecoming

The Dunn community homecoming will be held Saturday at the Dunn community center. Registration starts at 1 p.m. Bring sandwiches and cookies for the 5 p.m. meal. Everything else will be furnished. Around 4 p.m., I.E. Martin, who served in the Marine Corps, will bring a message on the Veterans' Day celebration.

Veteran's Day activities

Veteran's Day activities Saturday at American Legion Post 181 will begin with breakfast served from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. The flag raising at the post home will be at 9 a.m. Dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. No charge for meals, but donations will be accepted. The Ladies Auxiliary of Post 181 will sell poppies at Wal-Mart and United on Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Country and gospel music

A country and gospel music program will be held the second Saturday of each month at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center. The next event is at 6 p.m. Saturday. Everyone is invited and there is no charge. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Cub Scout pushmobile race

Weather permitting, Scurry County Cub Scouts will have their pushmobile races from 2 until 4 p.m. Sunday at the West Elementary parking lot. For more information, call 573-3310.

Scurry County UW

Scurry County United Way board meeting will be held at noon Monday in the chamber of commerce board room.

AARP board meeting

The AARP Chapter 2063 board will meet at 10 a.m. Monday at the Senior Center.

West Elementary PTO

West Elementary's Parent-Teacher Organization will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in Room 4. All parents and teachers are welcome.

Lions Club

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet at its regular time, but will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Country Club for a Partners in Service night.

4H horse club

The Scurry County 4H horse club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria.

Scout popcorn sales

Boy and Cub Scouts are selling popcorn through Tuesday. Contact any member or call Jo Schooler at 573-7807, or Trina Garvin at 573-3310 or Rhonda Fletcher at 573-7065.

PTK talent show

Phi Theta Kappa honor society will host a talent show next Thursday at the courtyard at Western Texas College. First prize will be $100 and second prize will be $50. Entry fee is $5, and all entries must be related to water. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, contact Jennifer Beard at 573-8511, ext. 266.

Ira 2001 annuals

The 2001 Bulldog annuals are on sale. The cost is $26 with your name on the cover or $22 without. They will be offered for sale until Nov. 21. The supply is limited. To order, contact Ira ISD's principal's office at 573-2628.

Troop 27 to turn 50

Boy Scout Troop 27 will celebrate its 50th anniversary at First United Methodist Church on Dec. 3. The troop is seeking past information and memorabilia to share at this celebration. If anyone has anything to share or would like to attend, please contact Joe or Terry Hefner at 863-2446 after 7 p.m. Max Snider at 574-2784 or Chris Smauley at 573-5183.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-0-4

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

Two ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The tickets were worth an estimated $48 million.The tickets were sold in: Addison and Balcones Heights. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 2-4-24-49-53-54