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Mob boss is indicted

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Less than a month after Nicholas "Little Nick" Corozzo was said to have emerged as boss of the Gambino crime family, federal agents spoiled his day in the sun.

Corozzo was climbing out of the surf at a Key Biscayne resort Wednesday when federal agents came over and slapped handcuffs on him. FBI agents covered up the cuffs with towels as Corozzo and close associate Ralph Davino Jr. were led off to jail in swimsuits.

"They were just enjoying the south Florida sunshine," Assistant U.S. Attorney Lothar Genge said.

Davino and Corozzo, who was later seen outside the jail in designer sunglasses and a Fila tennis cap, were indicted along with seven other members and associates of the Gambino crime family, said to be novelist Mario Puzo's inspiration for "The Godfather."

They were charged in a wide-ranging case of attempted murder, loan sharking and arson as the government tries to shut down the Gambino family's south Florida operation.

Seven of the defendants were in custody and, face initial court appearances today in Miami, Fort Lauderdale and New York. Federal magistrates will be asked to deny bond for most of the defendants, Genge said.

The racketeering indictment represents the first charges against Corozzo since he was reputed to have emerged last month as heir to imprisoned Gambino boss John Gotti, who is serving a life sentence for the 1985 murder of rival boss Paul Castellano.

Gotti, who has been imprisoned in Illinois since 1992, reportedly gave up control of the 200-member family to Corozzo last month under orders from leaders of New York's four other crime clans. The Genovese, Lucchese, Colombo and Bonanno families wanted to avoid a bloody battle over their dislike of the acting Gambino boss, 31-year-old John Gotti Jr.

One of Corozzo's top lieutenants, Leonard DiMaria, was arrested in New York on Wednesday. Both men were acquitted with Gotti on racketeering charges in 1987 in New York.

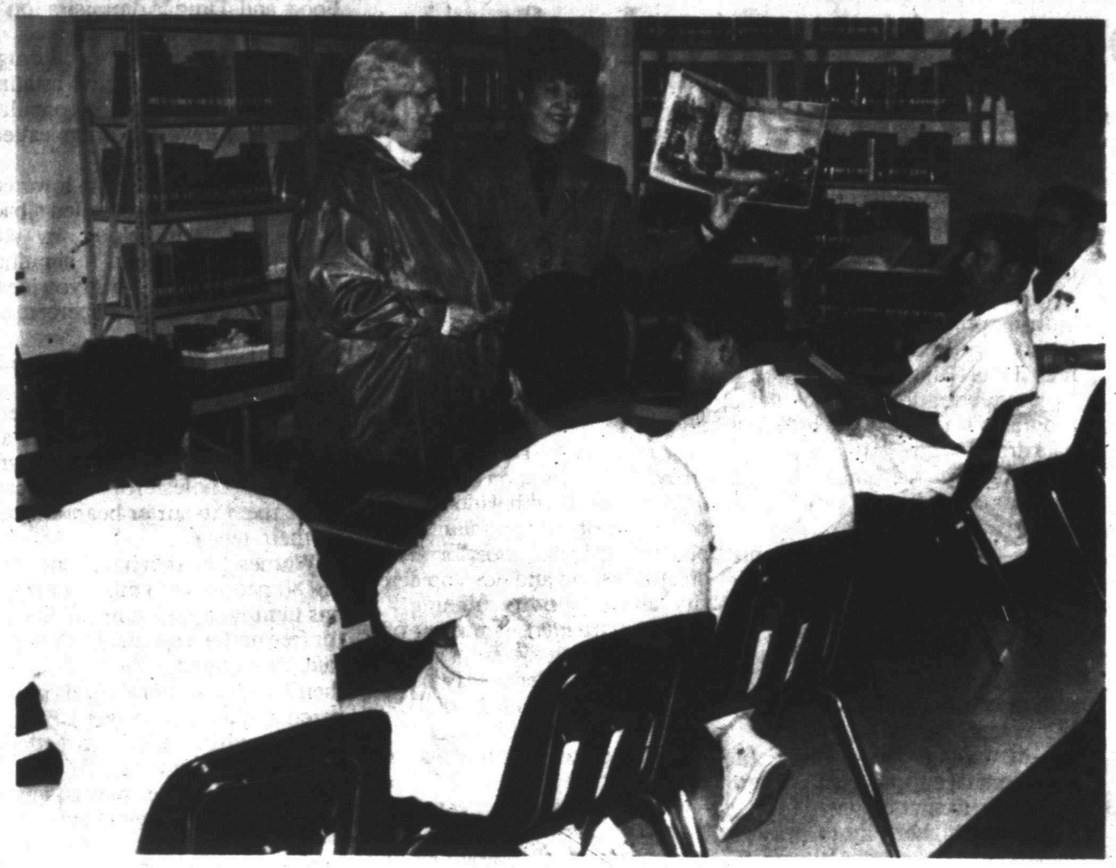
South Florida is more than a vacation spot for the Gambinos, authorities said. Corozzo, 56, also known as "the Little Guy," directly supervised the family's loan-sharking operation there, federal agents said.

According to the indictment, the Gambinos ran the operation out of EZ Check Cashing in Deerfield Beach, where loans were extended with credit rates of 2 to 5 percent a week — or up to 260 percent a year.

"South Florida historically was always viewed as an open area where all of the families could operate," Genge said. The Gambino family was "certainly attempting to get a stronger foothold in Florida. That's what this indictment is all about."

Other crimes associated with EZ Check Cashing, according to the indictment, include:

—The attempted murder of Louis Maione, a federal informant suspected of skimming some of the loan-sharking interest payments from the Gambino family.



VOLUNTEERS — Geraldine Parker and Lois Boles, right, are among many volunteers for the Windham School at the Price Daniel Unit who are reading to the students and others who use the library facilities. Librarian Ralphene Canon said the program is designed to encourage reading and the use of the library as well as celebrating the Christmas spirit. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "For some, stress is just part of their holiday tradition."

We learned about holiday stress — first-hand — from ole what's her name last week. She had over-obligated herself and came crawling for help.

Preparing for visitors, she asked if we would vacuum the carpet. Being such a swell fellow, we asked where she stored such a device and cheerfully went to work. We did a heck of a good job, nifty, I might add.

Being impressed with our attention to detail, she asked if we would mind dusting and waxing the tables. We did mind, but we did it, naturally, without grumbling.

Turning on the bright light to help in locating the dust, we noticed a small spot on a white sofa. She said she hadn't noticed it before either.

Our task master suggested we get the Woolite rug and upholstery cleaner. Between her teeth, she explained it was in the cabinet above the washing machine. Yes, we knew where the washing machine is located.

We grabbed a red can that said "woo...something." Look out spot, here we come. We immediately knew something was wrong. The content was yellow, actually something called Liquid Gold.

Incidently, yellow stuff shows up nicely on a white sofa cushion. The stress level peaked. Ole what's-her-name had the audacity to criticize our domestic skills.

We'll remember that she said something about not wanting any more help. Gee, we even had some solutions — like turning the cushion over.

Since the stain's color looked very much like an accident, we got a male suggestion here at the SDN office. He said buy her one of the season's hottest items —a Dalmatian — and then we would have a ready excuse for a spot on the sofa.

Also, we could have company when we're in the dog house.

Cogdell approves capital amendment

Board hears citizen's concern over color of nursing uniforms

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers this morning approved an amendment to a capital lease, accepted medical staff appointments, heard from a local citizen who has a concern about the color of nurses' uniforms and heard a positive financial report.

The board unanimously approved an amendment to the lease with General Electric for an ultrasound machine. The amendment is for the addition of a 12MHz transducer, which will allow for a more accurate "picture" and better diagnosis, the board was told.

Cost would be $895 a month over 33 months or $29,535 including interest. The board had earlier approved $142,000 for the ultrasound machine.

The board also approved appointments and reappointments of privileges for 33 physicians, upon recommendation of the medical staff.

Texa Ball addressed the board to ask that nurses be required to wear white uniforms. The hospital's policy since 1986 has been to allow nurses to wear colored uniforms.

Mrs. Ball said her concern is that many patients — particularly the elderly — identify white uniforms with nurses. The other color uniforms cause confusion among patients, she said.

"The school board has a right to have dress codes at school and I would think the hospital board has the right to have a dress code at the hospital," she said.

Cogdell CEO Jeff Reecer said that white uniforms are no longer the industry standard.

"We don't feel uniforms affect quality care," he said.

Reecer did say that the hospital is taking steps to address the problem. He said the hospital has ordered new, more visible name tags and will be conducting an in-service so that staff will be aware that they need to introduce themselves when they meet patients.

"I personally feel this is a matter of personal choice within the nursing staff, particularly since we are not paying for the uniforms and since a dress code is in place," said board chairman Ted Crenwelge.

Teresa Graves, RN and head of the nursing department, said other area hospitals she checked with allow nurses to wear colored uniforms.

The board decided to see how patients react to the steps the hospital is taking before addressing the concern again.

A positive financial report highlighted today's meeting. The board was told that net income to the hospital for November was $145,141 and $525,416 for the year to date. The hospital's cash balance at the end of the month stood at almost $1.3 million.

One reason for the positive financial picture was a daily census during the month of 16 patients, compared to the average of 12.9 for the year. Other statistics indicated a long term census of 40, some 56 endoscopy procedures, 116 surgeries, 16 newborns and 569 emergency room visits.

Jo Beth Hardegree, RN, gave reports on the risk management plan, performance improvement plan and hospital plan for services.

All three plans are designed to

See Cogdell, Page 9

Appeal that stalled Texas executions denied

AUSTIN (AP) — A death row inmate's appeal that has stalled Texas executions was denied Wednesday by the state Court of Criminal Appeals, opening the way for more condemned killers to be scheduled for lethal injection.

The court, in an appeal from James Carl Lee Davis of Austin, upheld a law limiting appeals by death row inmates and lifted a stay of execution granted Davis.

"Those persons whose executions have been stopped pending the outcome of the Davis case can now be rescheduled," said Ron Dusek, spokesman for state Attorney General Dan Morales.

Eight scheduled executions were stayed by the state's highest court for criminal appeals after inmates raised the same issues as Davis, Dusek said. Three inmates have been executed this year, compared with last year's record 19.

"We understand that there are district attorneys around the state who also had postponed even setting an execution date on cases because the Davis case was pending," Dusek added.

Among those who received a stay of execution was Dorsie Lee Johnson, who has spent 10 years on death row for killing a Snyder man.

Johnson shot Allsup's convenience store clerk Jack Huddleston in the back of the head during a robbery on March 23, 1986. He was convicted of capital murder by a 132nd District Court jury in October of 1986 and received the death penalty.

Johnson has received several stays and has appealed his case throught the court system. He was the subject of an appeal to the Supreme Court in 1993, when the court chose his case to test Texas law on youthfulness. Johnson was 19 at the time of the murder. In a 5-4 vote, the court denied his appeal.

Most recently, he was sentenced to die by lethal injection on Oct. 23. That sentence was stayed to allow the Court of Criminal Appeals to resolve the Davis vs. the State of Texas case.

Dana Cooley, district attorney for the 132nd District in which Johnson was convicted, was unavailable for comment about the case this morning.

The lawyer for Davis — who challenged his conviction, death sentence and the new law — said he will ask the state court to reconsider. Attorney Roy Greenwood said it's doubtful Davis would have a federal appeal left to pursue separately because rules also have been tightened at that level.

Seven of the nine justices on the Court of Criminal Appeals rejected Davis' contention that the law is unconstitutional. Judge Sam Houston Clinton dissented, joined by Judge Frank Maloney.

Lawyer Jim Harrington of the Texas Civil Rights Project said the ruling makes it more likely innocent people will be put to death.

"It's not going to be good for people who have legitimate claims of innocence and are precluded from raising them because of the procedural machinations of the new law," Harrington said.

"It makes it easier to execute people and takes away a safeguard that's historically been there to protect people against wrongful execution," Harrington said. "It inevitably increases the probability of wrongful execution of somebody."

Davis was found guilty of the 1984 beating death of 15-year-old Yvette Johnson during a burglary. Two of the teen-ager's brothers also were beaten to death with a pipe, but Davis wasn't charged with their murders.

DCOS might name new executive director today

Development Corporation of Snyder board members could name a new executive director for economic development this afternoon.

The board meets at 4 o'clock in the economic development office at American State Bank.

Finalists for the position are John DeLille, former director of economic development for the state of Arkansas, and Kent Sharp, director of economic development at Stamford.

Among the other items DCOS board members will address are proposed Legislative changes to the sales tax for economic development, consideration of membership in the Texas Midwest Community Network and payment of bills.

The board will also hear reports on the industrial park, grants and Lorber Industries of Texas, Inc.

Following that business, the board is expected to go into executive session to discuss the candidates for the economic director's post.

City to finalize Lorber contract

City officials are expected to finalize a contract with Lorber Industries of Texas, Inc. when the Snyder City Council convenes in special session this evening.

The contract with Lorber is required of the city in order to receive a $500,000 grant from the Texas Capital Fund.

In turn, the city will execute a contract with the Texas Department of Commerce for the grant, which will be used for infrastructure construction inside the industrial park.

Two contracts will also be considered with Freese & Nichols, Inc. for engineering work associated with the grant from the Texas Capital Fund and for a $1.5 million grant from the Economic Development Adminsistration.

The meeting is set for 6:30 at City Hall.

ASK US

Q—Who is responsible for cleaning up after vehicle accidents on city streets?

A—If a wrecker service tows a vehicle, it is their responsibility to clean up the glass, metal, etc. Otherwise, it is the responsibility of the parties involved in the accident to clean up the accident debris.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 29 degrees; low, 13; 7 a.m. Thursday, 14; no precipitation; total for 1996, 18.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cold. Low 15-20. SE wind 5-10 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. High 50-55. SW wind 10-20 mph.



Seth Cooper

Warmer Friday

Sunset: 5:44 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:38 a.m.
Of 353 days in 1996, the sun has shone 349 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

(Psa 4:1 NKJV) Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

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Texaco boycott halted after company announces changes

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — Civil rights leaders halted a nationwide boycott of Texaco following the oil giant's pledge to give women and minorities better treatment — on the payroll and at the pump.

"Texaco is on a journey from tragedy to triumph," the Rev. Jesse Jackson said in Washington. "The journey is incomplete, but they have changed their course."

Texaco is paying an estimated $176 million to settle a race discrimination suit. The company became a symbol of intolerance when secretly recorded tapes were released in which company officials belittled blacks and plotted to destroy documents related to the suit.

Neither the boycott nor the tapes were mentioned in Texaco's 2,200-word news release Wednesday announcing wide-ranging diversity goals and programs.

In a speech to workers, circulated via videotape, Texaco Chairman Peter Bijur said, "I would have preferred to announce these programs against a different backdrop."

He insisted they make "good business sense" and won't hurt profits.

The goals and programs include:

—Raising the number of blacks on the payroll to 13 percent, up from 9 percent, by 2000. In all, minorities would make up 29 percent of the company, up from 23 percent.

—Increasing the number of black managers to 6.6 percent from 4 percent.

—Using higher pay to reward managers who do better "in creating openness and inclusion in the workplace."

—Increasing purchases from minority- and women-owned businesses from $135 million to about $200 million.

And, in the place where most of the public meets Texaco — the gas station — the company said it wanted to triple the number of blacks who own or lease Texaco stations to make it 6 percent of the total.

As part of its settlement of the civil case — a federal criminal case remains — Texaco agreed to spend $35 million on an independent task force with wide-reaching power to open opportunities for black workers, monitor racial discrimination and develop diversity and sensitivity training.

That settlement is not yet official and much of what Texaco announced Wednesday goes beyond what it would be obligated to do in the settlement.

"We believe that this plan is a sufficient step forward," said Kweisi Mfume, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "It's not 100 percent, but it takes us 90 to 95 percent of where we want to go."

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Another drug is approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are getting another option to help lower artery-clogging cholesterol with the Food and Drug Administration's approval of Lipitor.

Warner-Lambert's drug, known chemically as atorvastatin, is among a class of popular cholesterol-lowering drugs called statins.

In clinical trials, it lowered levels of LDL, the so-called "bad cholesterol," in blood by 40 percent to 60 percent. It simultaneously reduced triglycerides, another blood fat, by 20 percent to 40 percent.

But Lipitor is unique because it won FDA approval Wednesday to treat a deadly but very rare inherited condition where children as young as 9 years old develop skyrocketing cholesterol that can cause them to suffer heart attacks in their teens.

Warner-Lambert has been treating 80 people with this homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia for free under a special FDA program that found Lipitor dropped their LDL cholesterol levels by 25 percent. The company said these patients will continue to get the drug without charge.

Lipitor, like other statins, works by inhibiting a liver enzyme the body uses to produce cholesterol. Side effects include constipation, flatulence, dyspepsia and abdominal pain.



RC CAR WINNER — Tovares Brandon, center, was the drawing winner of an RC car donated to the Boy's and Girl's Club by Permian Communications, Radio Shack dealer. Presenting the car were Anne Overhulser, left, and Jack McGlaun, right. (SDN Staff Photo)

Mayors, Clinton study budget issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Injecting themselves into the battle over a balanced budget, a dozen mayors are urging President Clinton not to prune federal costs at the expense of cities and their efforts to create jobs for welfare recipients.

The White House meeting came after criticism in Congress of a proposal by Clinton's budget advisers — since rejected by the White House — to cut the federal energy assistance program by 25 percent. The program subsidizes heating bills for 5.6 million households, many of them in big cities.

That proposal and a recommended $1 billion reduction in federal housing aid were seen by some as evidence Clinton is planning substantial cuts to social programs to help balance the budget.

"We caught them right in the middle of the budget process; we wanted to come down and influence the budget process," said Mayor Ed Rendell of Philadelphia after the mayors' 75-minute session Wednesday with Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and Cabinet members.

"Welfare reform is going to create some tremendous problems for America, and particularly for cities like Philadelphia that have the largest number of welfare recipients," Rendell said.

"For welfare reform to work in this country, we can't do it on the cheap," Rendell, a Democrat, said.

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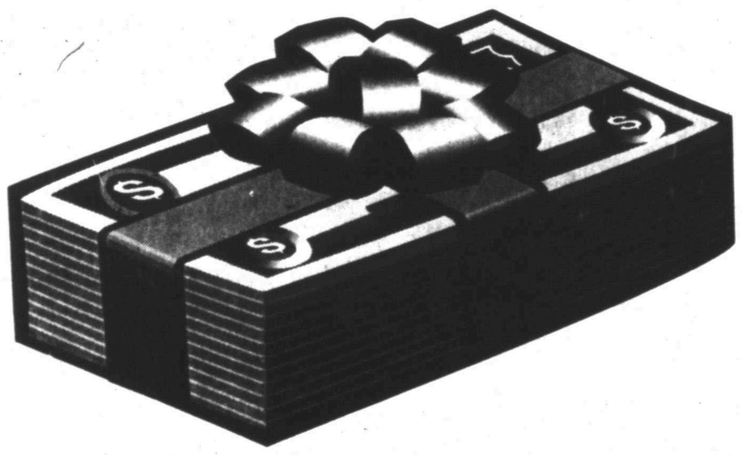
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GIFTS GALORE! — The Scurry Charter Chapter of ABWA met Dec. 12 for its Christmas meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Kathy Landes was hostess to 19 members and one guest, Racheal McDonald. This trio was pictured as they were placing gifts under the tree for an ABWA member, and for a local nursing home. From left are Leona Wiggins, Tracey Williamson and Jo Ann Prince. Ruby Deavers and Vivian Cochran were the "birthday girls," and Sharon Gill was named the chapter's scholarship recipient. (SDN Staff Photo)

Favorite Holiday Recipes

WASSAIL

1 pint grapefruit juice
2 pints orange juice
3 pints apple juice
2 sticks cinnamon
10-12 whole cloves
½ cup sugar
½ cup water

Blend all ingredients in non-metal bowl, stirring well to dissolve sugar. Simmer with flavors are blended, or place in slow cooker and simmer until time to serve, keeping warm as long as guests keep arriving!

This was served by a dear neighbor of ours while growing up in Big Spring. The whole house smelled wonderful!
Betty Ezzell
Austin, Tex.

PECAN PIE

1 cup white Karo syrup
½ cup sugar
3 eggs, lightly beaten
2 tbsp. melted butter or magarine
1 cup pecans
1 tsp vanilla

Heat oven to 450 degrees. Combine all above ingredients and pour into unbaked pie shell; place in oven and reduce temperature to 325 degrees. Bake 50 minutes.

This pie is a year-round favorite of our family — it's so easy to prepare, we think everyone will be a fan, too!
Betty Ezzell

LEMON SPONGE PIE

¼ cup melted margarine
1 cup sugar
3 tbsp flour
3 eggs, separated
3 tbsp. lemon juice
2 tsp. lemon peel
1½ cups milk
1 unbaked pie shell

Beat egg whites until stiff, and set aside. Combine and beat egg yolks, melted margarine, sugar, flour, juice, peel and milk. Gently fold in the egg whites and pour into pie shell. Bake for 8 minutes in preheated 450-degree oven, then reduce heat to 325 degrees for 25 minutes.

This has been a family favorite for more than 20 years — delicious anytime!
Marge Sorrells
Snyder

GLORIFIED RICE

1 small box lemon jello
1 cup boiling water
1 cup pineapple juice
½ cup sugar
2 cups cooled, cooked rice
Pinch of salt
1 pint whipped cream
⅔ cup pecans
1 small can pineapple

Drain the pineapple, measuring juice and adding enough to equal 1 cup juice. Dissolve jello in boiling water, adding juice and sugar and stirring well to completely disolve mixture.

Chill until almost firm, then stir well and add remaining ingredients, stirring gently to blend. Chill and serve.

My mother, Myrtle Brown, was one of the best cooks around. She served this as either salad or as a dessert.
Marge Sorrells

PUMPKIN BREAD

1 cup vegetable oil
3 eggs
3 cups sugar
1 can pumpkin
1 cup chopped nuts
3 cups flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp soda
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. mace
1 tsp ground cloves
1 tsp allspice
1 tsp cinnamon

Blend oil, eggs, sugar and pumkin in large bowl. Add remaining ingredients, blending well. Pour into 4 greased and floured coffee cans or bundt pan. Bake 45 to 60 minutes at 375 degrees.

This has long been a favorite dessert at the Ezzell's and Sorrells' households, in any season.
Betty Ezzell

AUNT NINA'S SPICED TEA

2 cups Tang powder
2 cups sugar
½ cup instant tea powder
1 tsp. powdered lemon rind
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. pumpkin pie spice

Mix all ingredients well and store in a covered jar or canister. Add 2 or 3 teaspoons (or to taste) to a cup or mug of boiling water.

This recipe is special to me because it came from the collection of my Dad's only sister, Nina Sorrells Engle, of Big Spring. She was one of the world's best cooks!
Betty Ezzell

EASY POPPY SEED CAKE

1 box butter recipe yellow cake mix
1 8-oz carton sour cream
¾ cup vegetable oil
½ cup sugar
4 eggs
4 tbsp poppy seeds

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all above ingredients in large bowl for 3 minutes on high speed. Pour into well-greased angel or bundt pan for 45 minutes, or until toothpick inserted halfway to center comes out clean.

This is one of the quickest desserts you can serve, and big enough for a crowd.
Marge Sorrells

ORANGE SOUR-CREAM COOKIES

2½ cups flour
1 tbsp soda
1½ tsp salt
½ cup pecans
1 cup sour cream
2 eggs
1 tbsp vanilla
1 tbsp grated orange rind
1½ cups packed brown sugar

Mix dry ingredients. Cream butter and sugar, and add eggs, vanilla, orange rind, amd sour cream. Stiring dry ingredients. Blend well, and add nuts. Drop by spoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet. Bake 12 to 15 minute at 350 degrees. Makes 5 dozen.
V.E. Sorrells

"SUGAR BROWNS" WASHBOARD COOKIES

2 eggs
1 tsp soda
2 tbsp. hot water
1 cup melted shortening
1 tsp vanilla
3½ cups flour
2 cups brown sugar

Mix eggs and sugar. Add shortening. Dissolve soda in hot water and to other ingredients. Mixing by hand, add vanilla and flour. Mold into small balls, pressing onto greased cookie sheet with fork. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown..

I was the middle child of 13 Sorrells grandchildren, and all 13 of us loved these cookies that "Mama" Sorrells made for us. My cousin Buck called these Brown Sugar Cookies "Sugar Brown" instead, so we all began calling them this. After so many years, we still remember this special treat!.
Betty Sorrells Ezzell

GERMAN FRUIT CAKE

¾ cup butter
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
3 cups flour
½ tsp. allspice
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp nutmeg
Pinch of salt
1 cup buttermilk
1 tsp. soda
⅔ c. cherry preserves
⅔ c. apricot preserves
⅔ c. pineapple preserves
1 cup chopped pecans
½ tsp. vanilla

Cream butter and sugar and add eggs, add flour, spices and salt alternately with buttermilk and soda. Fold in preserves and pecans. Add vanilla, mixing well. Bake 1½ hours at 325 degrees, using two greased loaf pans or 1 angel cake pan.

At last, a really Good fruit cake! Serve it to guests if your family doesn't finish it off first. This recipe comes from my aunt Myradell Sorrells of Alpine.
Betty Ezzell

ICE BOX BUTTER ROLLS

1 pkg. dry yeast
2 tbsp. warm water
½ cup sugar
2 cups warm milk
1 egg, beaten
1 tsp. salt
6 cups flour
6 tbsp. butter
6 tbsp. Crisco

Dissolve yeast in water. Add sugar, milk, egg, salt, and part of the flour. Mix. Add fat and the rest of the flour, mixing until smooth, but do not knead). Cover and refrigerate overnight

Three hours before you want to serve, put dough on floured board and cut into desired shape. Place in greased pans, but do not crowd. Let rise until desired size, then bake in 375-degree oven about 15 minutes, or until desired color.

Mike's mother shared this recipe with me long before I became her daughter-in-law. She has moved frm Port Lavaca to Hallettsville, and is the speediest cook I know.
Betty Ezzell

The basic monetary unit of Mongolia is the tugrik, and its chief fractional unit is the mongo.

Charles Dickens believed that a good night's sleep was possible only if one's bed be aligned on a north-south axis.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 12-19-96
♠ A
♥ 4
♦ Q 7 3
♣ A K Q J 10 9 4 3

West
♠ Q J 7 6 5
♥ 10 6 3
♦ A K J
♣ 6 5

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

South
♠ K 10 9 8
♥ Q J 9 8 7 2
♦ 10 6 5
♣ ---

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♠	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Analytical improvements

By Phillip Alder

Karl Pearson, the British scientist, wrote, "Modern science, as training the mind to an exact and impartial analysis of facts, is an education specially fitted to promote sound citizenship."

At the bridge table, of course, exact analysis will promote a sound player. Yet many people who analyze market forces with exactitude and make great financial profits, suddenly stop thinking when they sit at the bridge table. Why?

Take this deal from a high-stake rubber-bridge game in London. Defending against three no-trump, West cashed the diamond king before switching to the heart six. How should East defend?

North had an impossible hand to describe accurately. Trying to extract information from partner, he reversed and bid a fourth-suit-forcing two spades. Finally, he settled for three no-trump.

East, a successful businessman, thinking declarer had nine easy tricks when he got in, tried a deceptive defense. After winning trick two with the heart ace, East returned the heart five, hoping his partner had the jack and South would misguess. With this layout, though, declarer immediately claimed an overtrick.

However, what happens if East wins with the heart king and cashes the heart ace? Analyze it for a moment.

Right — what is discarded from the dummy? If a diamond, West has two more diamond tricks. If the spade ace or a club, East exits with the club eight. West gets the last two tricks with his ace-jack of diamonds to defeat the contract.

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Butterfly comparison

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sandra Bullock doesn't want to know why she's so popular.

"I don't know what it is people like about me, and I'm so scared to think about it," said the star of "Speed" and "While You Were Sleeping."

"There was something Hemingway wrote about Fitzgerald, I believe," she said. "He compared him to a butterfly, that he didn't know what his gift was. But once he figured out what the gift was, it almost broke his wings to become aware of his beauty, and he couldn't fly anymore."

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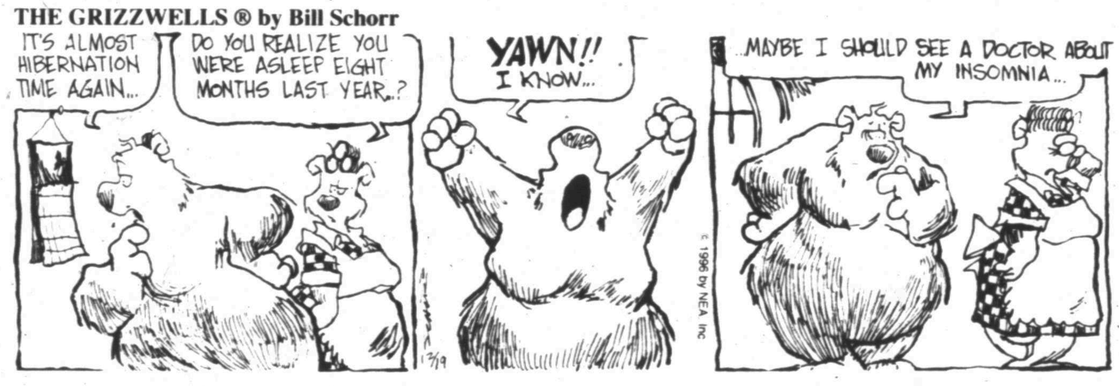
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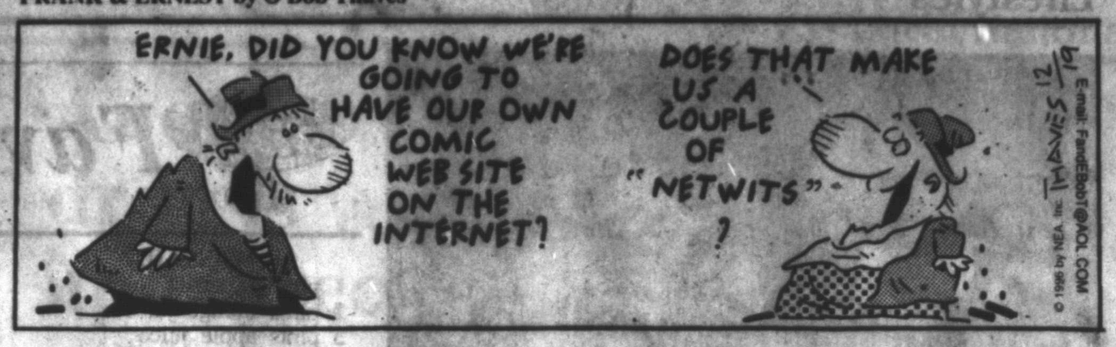
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32 Antelope
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39 Tunes
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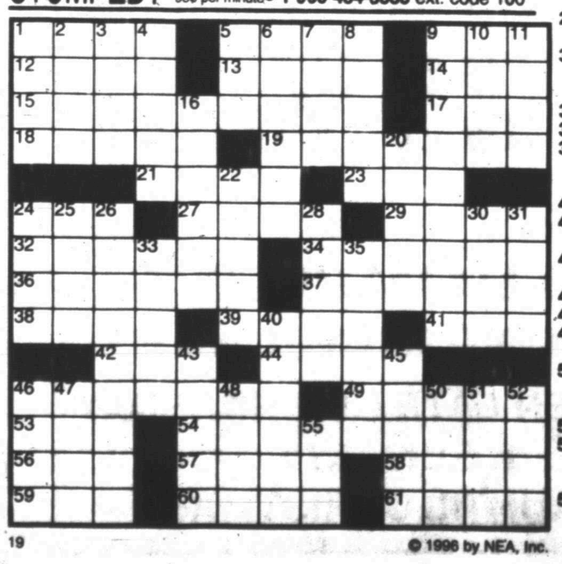
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SPORTS

NBA roundup...

LA Lakers rebound from Chicago loss

By The Associated Press

NBA players often grumble about playing games on consecutive nights.

Sometimes, though, it's the perfect antidote to a particularly humbling loss.

Such was the case for the Los Angeles Lakers and Golden State Warriors on Wednesday night.

The Lakers, coming off a devastating fourth-quarter collapse against the Chicago Bulls, righted themselves behind a 41-point outburst by Shaquille O'Neal in a 111-105 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

And the Warriors, who lost by 40 points on Tuesday against Seattle, bounced back with a 27-point victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves, 123-96.

In other NBA games, Detroit crushed New York 112-78, Phoenix beat Washington 114-107, Seattle edged Phoenix 106-102, Indiana beat Orlando 102-95 in double overtime, Cleveland defeated New Jersey 99-81 and Denver downed Sacramento 95-79.

The Lakers had to take the court less than 24 hours after they blew an 18-point fourth-quarter lead in a 129-123 overtime loss to Chicago.

They pulled away with a 6-0 run after Milwaukee tied the game 98-98 with 3:10 left.

"It was a big game in that it was such a mental test as well as a physical one after the overtime game last night," Lakers coach Del Harris said. "I must admit after last night's game you always think what could happen. We could have gone in the tank."

O'Neal, who was not double-teamed much of the game, made 15 of 25 shots and was 11-of-16 from the free-throw line.

Bucks center Andrew Lang fouled out in 19 scoreless minutes, and reserve Joe Wolf had five fouls in six minutes trying to defend O'Neal.

Elden Campbell and Eddie Jones each scored 19 points and Van Exel had 18 for the Lakers.

Glenn Robinson scored 42 points and Vin Baker had 25 points and 10 rebounds for Milwaukee, which had its three-game winning streak snapped.

Warriors 123, Timberwolves 96

At San Jose, Joe Smith ignited a sluggish Golden State offense with 30 points and 12 rebounds as the Warriors snapped a four-game losing streak.

It was quite a turnaround for the Warriors, who lost by 40 points the night before against Seattle.

"You start to wonder which Warrior team is going to come out," Smith said.

In the early going, it looked like Golden State might be performing an encore. The Warriors were held to just seven points in the first eight minutes, but they scored 116 over the next 40 minutes, shooting 63 percent (46-for-73) over that span.

"This was fun, but last night sure wasn't," coach Rick Adelman said.

Pistons 112, Knicks 78

It was a rude Palace at Auburn Hills homecoming for ex-Piston Allan Houston.

The shooting guard, who stunned Detroit by signing a $56 million deal with the Knicks over the summer, returned to The Palace for the first time since then and was booed every time he touched the ball.

Houston finished with just two points and five turnovers for the Knicks.

NBA at glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	18	6	.750	-
New York	16	7	.696	1½
Washington	11	12	.478	6½
Orlando	9	11	.450	7
Philadelphia	7	16	.304	10½
New Jersey	5	15	.250	11
Boston	5	17	.227	12
Central Division				
Chicago	21	3	.875	-
Detroit	19	4	.826	1½
Cleveland	15	8	.652	5½
Atlanta	14	8	.636	6
Milwaukee	13	10	.565	7½
Charlotte	13	10	.565	7½
Indiana	11	11	.500	9
Toronto	8	16	.333	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	21	3	.875	-
Utah	18	4	.818	2
Dallas	8	14	.364	12
Minnesota	8	16	.333	13
Denver	6	19	.240	15½
Vancouver	5	20	.200	16½
SanAntonio	4	17	.190	15½
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	19	8	.704	-
Seattle	18	9	.667	1
Portland	13	12	.520	5
L.A.Clippers	10	14	.417	7½
GoldenState	9	17	.346	9½
Phoenix	8	16	.333	9½
Sacramento	8	17	.320	10

Tuesday's Games
New York 99, Utah 94
Toronto 97, New Jersey 88
Charlotte 93, Philadelphia 84
Indiana 103, Miami 89
Atlanta 109, Dallas 73
Chicago 129, L.A. Lakers 123, OT
Seattle 123, Golden State 83
Vancouver 93, Houston 92

Wednesday's Games
Indiana 102, Orlando 95, 2OT
Cleveland 99, New Jersey 81
Detroit 112, New York 78
L.A. Lakers 111, Milwaukee 105
Denver 95, Sacramento 79
Phoenix 114, Washington 107
Seattle 106, Portland 102
Golden State 123, Minnesota 96

Thursday's Games
Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Utah at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
New York at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Ira hosting tourney...

Snyder cage teams see action Friday

Snyder High School cage teams will be in action Friday, while Ira High School will host a two-division tournament starting today.

The annual Dog Pound Tournament was to start at 11 a.m. today with Highland JV and Westbrook squaring off in the boys' division. Highland and Blackwell were to tangle at 2 p.m. while Ira and the Westbrook JV were to meet at 5 p.m. The 8 p.m. contest features Roby and Trinity.

In the girls' division, Highland and Blackwell were to meet at 12:30 p.m. while Ira and the Wilson JV were to clash at 3:30. Roby and Trinity were to play at 6:30 while Westbrook has a first-round bye.

Friday's tournament action will begin at 11 a.m. On Saturday, the girls' championship will be played at 6:30 and the boys title game is set for 8 p.m.

Coach Bud Birks' injury-plagued Snyder Tigers will face San Angelo Central at 4 p.m. Friday in San Angelo. The Tigers, 12-4, defeated the Bobcats 69-58 in the season opener.

Friday's contest will be the last for the Tigers until after Christmas when Snyder begins play Dec. 26 in the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock. The Snyder junior varsity will play San Angelo at 2:30 Friday.

The Lady Tigers have a pair of games before the Christmas break. On Friday, Coach Rick Archer's squad will host the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs at 8 p.m., preceded by a junior varsity tilt at 6.

On Saturday, the freshman, JV and varsity will travel to Colorado City. The freshman contest starts at 5 p.m., the JV plays at 6:30 and the varsity at 8 p.m.

The Lady Tigers, 10-7, will take a holiday rest before resuming district play Dec. 31 against Lamesa.

Tech's home streak nixed

LUBBOCK (AP) — Abby Conklin scored 26 points, including six 3-pointers, and No. 6 Tennessee snapped No. 11 Texas Tech's 33-game home winning streak with a 79-71 victory Wednesday night.

The Lady Vols (8-3) made 11-of-26 from long range in snapping their two-game losing streak. The Lady Raiders (5-2) have lost two in a row.

Five straight Tech turnovers helped Tennessee score the last 10 points of the first half and take a 36-27 halftime lead they never relinquished.

Tennessee kept about a 10-point cushion for most of the second half, largely thanks to Conklin's marksmanship. During one stretch early in the period, she scored 13 of the Lady Vols' 15 points, including 11 straight.

Melinda Schmucker led Tech with 17 points, and Julie Lake had 15. Chamique Holdsclaw scored 19 for the Lady Vols.

Tech's Crystal Boles blocked nine shots, six in the first half.

UT nips Oregon State

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — After a game with 60 fouls and a victory over Oregon State that was much more difficult than anticipated, Texas coach Tom Penders kept his players away from the media.

That left Oregon State to do the talking after the young Beavers' 86-83 loss to the 14th-ranked Longhorns on Wednesday night.

"They're a tough team, real tough," Oregon State freshman Corey Benjamin said. "We played hard and they played hard. Down at the wire, at the stretch, they came through with free throws."

Benjamin, in just his second game since becoming eligible, took a game-tying 3-pointer from 30 feet at the finish, but it sailed high off the glass.

Oregon State could have pulled of an upset with better free-throw shooting. The Beavers were just 31-for-55 at the foul line, including 10-for-26 in the first half.

Reggie Freeman, the No. 5 scorer in the nation with a 25.2 average, had 28 points for the Longhorns (6-1), who led by as many as 15 points in the second half before a late Oregon State rally.

Tonight...

Nevada, Ball State in first bowl tussle

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nevada brings the nation's best offense and a quarterback who reminds Ball State coach Bill Lynch of Roman Gabriel into tonight's Las Vegas Bowl.

The Ball State Cardinals bring an All-America punter and a defense that could be sorely tested by the pass-happy Wolf Pack.

"We haven't played an offense this year like Nevada," Lynch said. "The key for us is trying to slow them down and stop them inside the 20. We have to try to make them kick field goals instead of scoring touchdowns."

Nevada is a touchdown favorite on the underground line as the major college bowl season kicks off with the fifth annual Las Vegas Bowl matching the Mid-American and Big West conference winners.

It's the third Las Vegas Bowl appearance in the bowl's brief history for Nevada, which lost 40-37 in overtime to Toledo last year and is still looking for its first bowl victory.

"Last year's loss hurt a lot," Nevada tackle James Cannida said. "It gives us an incentive for this game. Not every team has a chance to make it to a bowl game two years in a row."

A crowd of only about 15,000 is expected at UNLV's Sam Boyd Stadium (6 p.m. PST, ESPN) for what might be the last Las Vegas Bowl played under the current format.

If it is anything like the first four games, it figures to be a high-scoring affair that won't be decided until the last minute. This time, however, both teams can play a bit of defense, with Ball State allowing only 17.5 points a game.

"I don't think it's going to be as high-scoring of a game as in the past," Nevada coach Jeff Tisdel said.

Nevada (8-3) once again features a potent passing game and an offense that is leading the country with 527.3 yards a game and is second in passing offense.

Quarterback John Dutton, who took over as the team's full-time starter in the fifth game of the season, completed 66.5 percent of his passes and threw for 22 touchdowns.

"He does remind me of a young Roman Gabriel," Lynch said after Tisdel compared Dutton to the former Los Angeles Rams QB.

Like Nevada, Ball State will be seeking its first Las Vegas Bowl win. The Cardinals lost to Utah State 42-33 in the 1993 Las Vegas Bowl.

Ball State will try to counter Nevada's explosive offense with a defense that is stingy inside the 20-yard-line and a punter who was good enough to be named the most valuable player in the MAC.

Brad Maynard ranked sixth in the country in punting average this year, and was a first-team All-America pick.

"He sets the tone for our defense by punting the ball," Lynch said.

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CLASS 2A
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College scores

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Iona 71, Fordham 69
Niagara 68, Buffalo 59
Penn St. 61, Bradley 57
Pittsburgh 79, St. Francis, Pa. 42
Syracuse 78, UNLV 57

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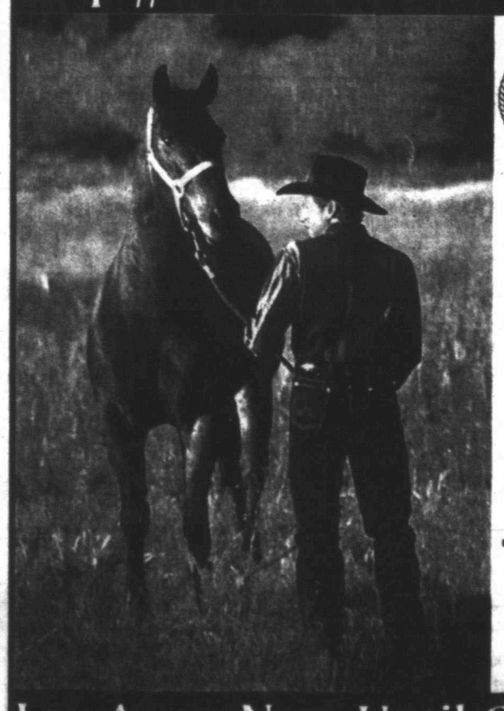
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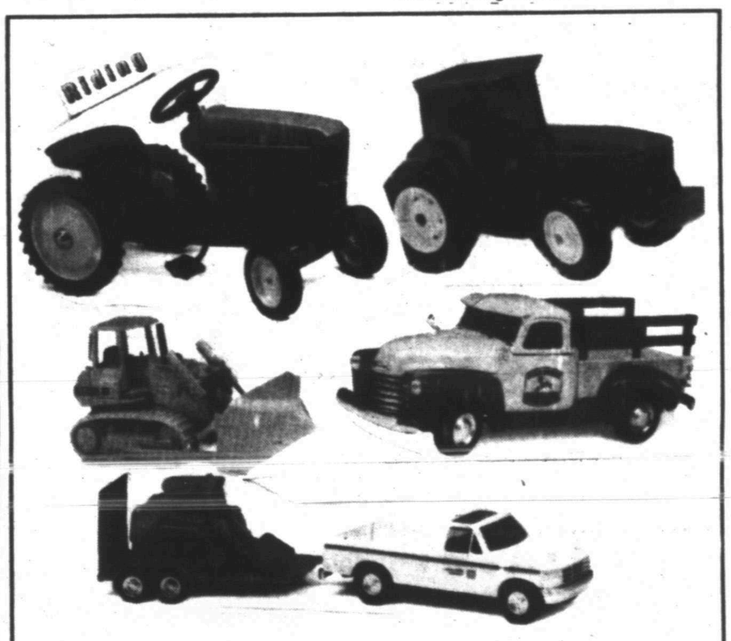
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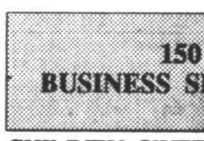
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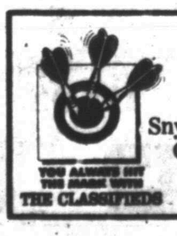
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TV ratings for sex, violence could begin early next year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beginning early next year, most TV shows — from "The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers" to "Oprah Winfrey" — will carry on-screen tags alerting parents to sexual and violent content.

The result of years of federal government jawboning and veiled threats, the voluntary system looks much like the familiar ratings that have been used on movies for 28 years.

And already, the aged-based TV ratings approach is under fire from critics who want more specific information about the amount and type of sex, violence and language in a given show.

Entertainment shows aired on broadcast, cable and public TV could be rated as early as January or February, using a voluntary system that the TV industry unveiled today.

The six-tier, age-based system is similar to the one used for movies. It ranges from "TV-G," designating material suitable for all ages, to "TV-M," for mature audiences only. Children's shows will be labeled, using a "TV-Y" as suitable for all youngsters and "TV-Y-7" as appropriate for children 7 and older.

At the beginning of each show, an on-screen ratings symbol will appear in the upper left-hand corner of the TV screen for 15 seconds. For shows longer than one hour, the symbol will reappear.

Child advocacy groups and other critics complain that the industry's approach is too vague and will be of little use to parents. They want specific warnings for violence, sex and language, and the intensity of each in every show.

President Clinton, in remarks last week that disappointed critics, said the industry's rating system should be given a trial run.

Clinton made TV ratings a centerpiece of his re-election campaign, citing his work on securing a ratings pledge from the TV industry in February as a major accomplishment in his first term.

Unlike movies, which are rated by an independent board including parents, TV shows will be rated by producers, broadcast networks, cable channels, syndicators and others that originate programs.

Saying this is like the fox guarding the henhouse, critics want TV shows to be independently rated.

Under the TV industry's plan the only shows that won't be rated are news and sports. News magazines like "20/20" could be rated.

The industry's ratings system is subject to Federal Communications Commission approval. If the FCC finds it unsuitable, it can move to appoint an independent advisory board that would create a new ratings system. However, the government cannot require its use.

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Births

Colten and Berkli Boudreau of San Angelo announce the birth of their cousin, Gaeron Miles Wadkins. He was born on Dec. 11, weighing six pounds, 10½ ounces. Mother is Wendy Wadkins of San Angelo and grandparents are Jackie and Billy Doucette of Snyder and Jimmy and Cathy Wadkins of Throckmorton.

Tim and Stacy Derryberry of Snyder are parents of a son, Kutter Lane, born Dec. 14 weighing eight pounds, two ounces, in Lubbock Methodist Hospital. He was also welcomed by a sister, Jordan. Grandparents are Alvin and Glenda Botts and Danny and Cheriann Derryberry, all of Snyder.

Blanca Alfaro of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter at 2:36 p.m. on Dec. 18 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds, 11 ounces.

Hospital

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



New approaches to osteoporosis

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 75-year-old woman who was recently prescribed Fosomax for osteoporosis. I am already taking estrogen replacement. Do I need both drugs? Do I need to continue using calcium supplements?

DEAR READER: Osteoporosis, an age-related disease marked by loss of bone density (bone cells as well as calcium), is common in elderly women and men. The disorder is usually associated with brittle bones that break easily. Consequently, the risk of painful disability is high in people with osteoporosis.

In women, the use of estrogen replacements (in pill or patch form) will slow the loss of bone density, but it won't correct any loss that is already present at the time of diagnosis. (Osteoporosis is diagnosed by a special X-ray test, called bone densitometry.)

On the other hand, Fosomax, a new prescription drug for this affliction, has been shown to increase bone density.

Thus, my consultants assure me, the use of both medications is appropriate for women with osteoporosis. In addition, estrogen has the added advantage of protecting some postmenopausal women from heart disease. I believe that your doctor is right on the money.

This is a pun. He is correct, yes. But Fosomax is expensive and must be administered in a special way: before breakfast, in an upright position, because it can cause major stomach upset. Therefore, your double therapy is not cheap. Further, it may be a nuisance. Nonetheless, these considerations are a small price to pay for the obvious advantages of the treatment.

With respect to calcium supplements, most authorities advise both aging women and men to use them. The recommended dose is 1,500 to 2,000 milligrams a day, plus about 500 units of vitamin D. Such combinations are available in several nonprescription forms.

As part of your treatment, your doctor will probably encourage you to have bone-density studies performed every year or two to monitor your progress and improvement.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." 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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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 20, 1996

You will have to be practical in the year ahead if you want to bring a plan to fruition. A realistic mind-set will generate positive results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you've contemplated embarking on a self-improvement program, begin it now. You will start to reap the benefits immediately. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Organization and management will be two of your strongest skills today. If you're involved in a venture that is struggling, take action immediately.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You can draw your strength from a large reservoir today. However, to be as effective as possible, you must pace yourself wisely.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The strong take from the weak and the smart take from the strong. In business deals today, bullies won't be a match for your wits.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Positive measures can be taken today to restructure a situation that has become shaky. Do not wait for colleagues to make corrections.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In order to advance your personal goals today, you'll have to be bold and assertive, but you must not offend others in the process.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can accomplish something substantial today if you arrange your schedule such that you are free of outside influences. Avoid binding restrictions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to utilize your free time productively today. Participate in an activity you enjoy, but choose one which will enable you to accomplish something.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, you will have what it takes to achieve success in an important arrangement that has been too tough for others to handle. Do not waste this golden opportunity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Use common sense when handling challenging developments today. If you approach everything practically, the results will be gratifying.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You will do something kind for someone today without realizing the ramifications of your gesture. However, the recipient will know, and he won't forget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Cooperation will be the name of the game today. Others will go out of their way to help you if they perceive you are willing to do the same for them.

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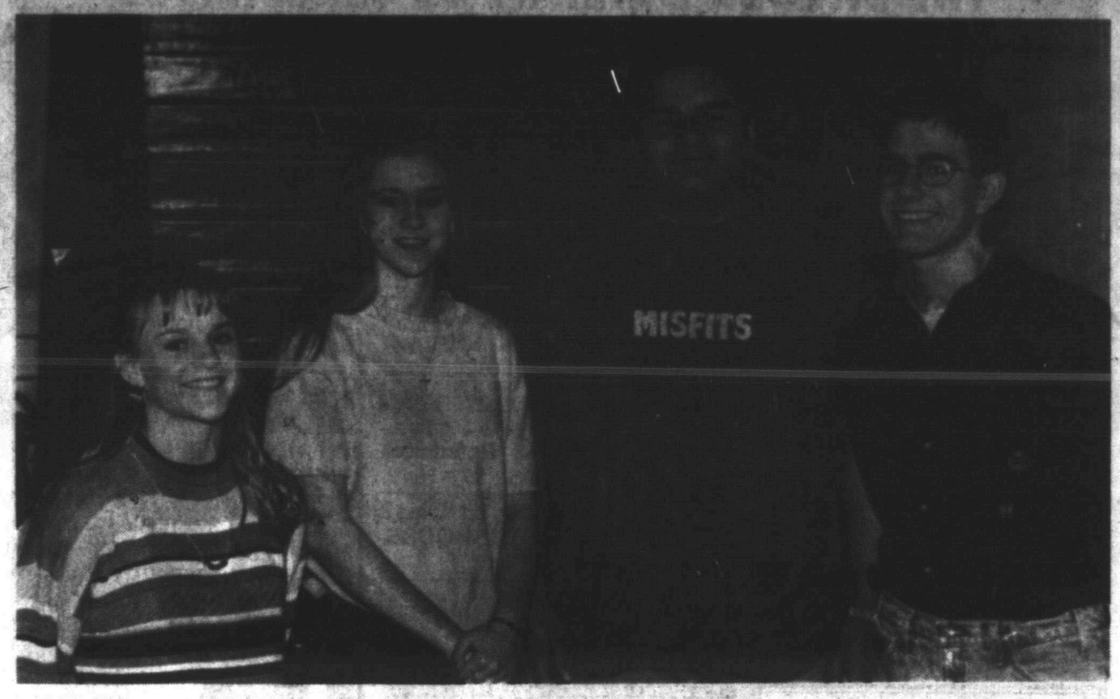
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SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS — Senior class officers at Snyder High School are from left, Emily Zeck, president; Monie Pena, vice president; Keri Kemp, secretary; and Maribeth Dillaha, treasurer. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



JUNIOR OFFICERS — Elected junior class officers at Snyder High School include, from left, Traci Eicke, president; Michelle Lewallen, treasurer; John Gutierrez, vice president; and Brady Collier, secretary. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Released man commits suicide

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Evan C. Hunziker would never say much about the three months he was held in North Korea as a spy suspect before diplomatic negotiations won his release just in time for Thanksgiving.

Family and friends may never know what happened to the 26-year-old missionary in the communist country.

On Wednesday, Hunziker was found dead of a gunshot wound in the head in a ramshackle hotel where he had spent much of his boyhood.

The medical examiner's office ruled the death a suicide. A .357-caliber handgun was found at the scene, police spokesman Jim Mattheis said. There was no note.

"I am very saddened by this sudden turn of events," said Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M., the U.N. ambassador-designate who helped secure Hunziker's release from North Korea, where he was held on charges of spying for South Korea.

"Evan was a gentle young man who sought peace for all people. I express my heartfelt condolences to the Hunziker family."

His release was seen as a gesture by North Korea to thaw relations strained by his Aug. 24 arrest and by the September incursion of a North Korean submarine into South Korean waters.

Hunziker, who said he entered North Korea from China "out of curiosity and to preach the Gospel," was discovered in the basement-level restaurant-bar area of the downtown Olympus Hotel, owned by relatives of his Korean mother, Jong Nye Hunziker of Anchorage, Alaska.

Edwin Hunziker was bewildered by his son's death.

"I don't know what happened to this young fellow. I thought he was doing so well" since he got back from North Korea, the elder Hunziker said in an interview at the modest home he shares in suburban Parkland with his wife, Dorothy, and their two dogs.

Just after his son returned home, the elder Hunziker noticed two red marks on the lower part of his throat that looked like rope burns, he said. Evan wouldn't answer questions about them, but the North Koreans said he had tried to kill himself, the elder Hunziker said.

In Washington, D.C., State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns called Hunziker's death "a very, very sad case."



SOPHOMORE OFFICERS — Leading the sophomores at Snyder High School this year are, from left, Sharika Wofford, vice president; Starla Davis, treasurer. and Alicia Peoples, secretary; K.K. McClain, president is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Holiday flights not approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government officials say thousands of people holding ValuJet tickets could be stranded over the holidays because the airline booked flights not yet approved by regulators.

The Federal Aviation Administration said Wednesday the airline sold flights based on expanding its service to West Palm Beach and Fort Myers, Fla., and Dallas-Forth Worth, although the government has yet to approve the expansion.

ValuJet has asked the Department of Transportation to allow it to make charter arrangements with other airlines for passengers booked on flights serving the three airports between Dec. 19 and Jan. 6, 1997.

FAA spokesman Eliot Brenner said his agency must determine that any such charter arrangements meet safety standards before the Transportation Department can act on ValuJet's request.

He said the agency will move quickly but could not predict how long it might take to certify the charters.

ValuJet has set up telephone numbers for passengers on the affected flights to call and said it will provide refunds to passengers who can not be accommodated on other air carriers.

Marcia Scott, a spokeswoman for the Atlanta-based company, said it applied Nov. 1 to expand its to West Palm Beach, Fort Myers and Dallas-Fort Worth and began booking flights the same day.

"ValuJet believed the approval was imminent," she said in a written statement on behalf of the airline. "As recently as last Friday the company was given every indication that this service would be fully approved."

EDITORS NOTE — The telephone numbers for ticket holders to call are 770-994-8258 or 1-800-Valujet.

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Dec. 19, 1996

Today is the 354th day of 1996 and the 89th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1686, Scottish sailor Alexander Selkirk was rescued from the island where he had been stranded for 52 months.

On this day in 1732, Benjamin Franklin first published Poor Richard's Almanac.

On this day in 1989, American troops invaded Panama with the stated goal of apprehending Panamanian general Manuel Noriega.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ralph Richardson (1902-1983), actor; Leonid Brezhnev (1906-1982), Soviet leader; Jean Genet (1910-1986), writer; Edith Piaf (1915-1963), singer; Cicely Tyson (1933-), actress, is 63; Phil Ochs (1940-1976), singer; Richard E. Leakey (1944-), anthropologist, is 52; Kevin McHale (1957-), basketball player, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1917, Joe Malone scored five goals for Montreal in the Canadiens' first NHL game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I call saintliness not a state but the moral procedure leading to it." — Jean Genet

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1957, two people were killed by a tornado near Buena Vista, Ark.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Dec. 17) and full moon (Dec. 24).

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SNYDER CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE- ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1996

Data Control Codes		Governmental Fund Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)	
		100–199 General Fund	200–499 Special Revenue Fund	98 August 31, 1996	97 August 31, 1995
	REVENUES:				
5700	Local, Intermediate, and Out–of–State	$ 7,690,042	$ 247,248	$ 7,937,290	$ 8,987,149
5800	State Program Revenues	8,035,412	170,198	8,205,610	6,444,722
5900	Federal Program Revenues	4,176	1,583,988	1,588,164	1,359,379
5030	Total Revenues	15,729,630	2,001,434	17,731,064	16,791,250
	EXPENDITURES:				
0011	Instruction	9,884,189	933,066	10,817,255	10,217,274
0022	Instructional Resources and Media Services	298,645	56,226	354,871	351,269
0023	School Administration	891,540		891,540	839,289
0025	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	32,332	2,274	34,606	29,750
0031	Guidance and Counseling Services	421,068	3,195	424,263	401,456
0033	Health Services	82,165		82,165	72,435
0034	Student Transportation	485,833	46,275	532,108	561,216
0036	Co–curricular Activities	484,759		484,759	471,159
0037	Food Services		897,428	897,428	795,749
0041	General Administration	944,967	80,922	1,025,889	1,006,515
0042	Debt Service	13,799		13,799	
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,868,023		1,868,023	2,550,899
0052	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	1,190,400	10,408	1,200,808	166,174
0081	Community Service	30,523	28,949	59,472	30,611
6050	Total Expenditures	16,628,243	2,058,743	18,686,986	17,493,796
	OTHER RESOURCES AND USES:				
7990	Other Resources	1,417,610		1,417,610	206,022
8990	Other Uses	(227,210)		(227,210)	(206,022)
	Total Other Resources and (Uses)	1,190,400		1,190,400	
1200	EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER RESOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	291,787	(57,309)	234,478	(702,546)
0100	FUND BALANCE – SEPTEMBER 1 (BEGINNING)	1,415,128	326,240	1,741,368	2,443,914
3000	FUND BALANCE – AUGUST 31 (ENDING)	$ 1,706,915	$ 268,931	$ 1,975,846	$ 1,741,368

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Hostages spend third day in captivity

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Split up in separate rooms by rebels armed with guns and grenades, a dozen ambassadors and hundreds of other VIPs spent a third day of captivity in the home of Japan's ambassador today.

A doctor who was allowed inside the compound this morning in an upscale Lima suburb said the hostages appeared calm and healthy despite the Tupac Amaru rebels' threat Wednesday to begin executing them one by one.

A Japanese envoy was to arrive today from Tokyo to help assess the crisis. The U.S. Embassy set up a special hostage crisis center manned by FBI agents, and Washington dispatched security agents to advise the embassy on protecting the estimated 10,000 Americans in Peru against any broader guerrilla offensive.

The rebels, who took over the compound Tuesday night by posing as waiters during a birthday party honoring Japanese Emperor Akihito, demanded the release of 300 jailed comrades, economic reforms, money and safe passage to the Amazonian jungle in eastern Peru.

Rosa Polay, the wife of jailed Tupac founder Victor Polay Campos, was somewhat optimistic today, saying in an interview from France, where she has been in exile since 1989: "No blood has been shed, and everything indicates we're headed toward an improvement in the situation."

The Red Cross has gone in and out of the compound several times, though it's unclear whether the rebels are negotiating directly with the government. Red Cross doctor Marc Cortal described the situation after a 30-minute visit as "very tranquil."

He helped deliver water, medicine and sandwiches to the block-long compound where the 23 rebels had divided more than 400 hostages into groups and guarded them in separate rooms.

2 people arrested on traffic warrants

Two people were taken into custody in Snyder over the last 24 hours, both on outstanding traffic warrants.

Officers arrested a 28-year-old female at 10:37 a.m. at the adult probation office on an outstanding city warrant for failure to wear a seat belt and for failure to appear on the charge.

Officers arrested a 29-year-old male at 4:23 this morning some five miles west of Snyder on U.S. Highway 84 on an outstanding Department of Public Safety warrant out of Childress for an expired driver's license. Officers were first notified of this driver when a truck driver notified dispatchers that the man's vehicle was driving all over the west bound lane of the highway.

In other activity Wednesday, officers were called to the parking lot at Western Texas College in reference to damage to a vehicle owned by Charlie Sellars. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

Officers were called to the Purple Sage Motel at 9:07 a.m. in reference to a customer not paying for a room.

An officer was requested by Johnny Gardner in the 1900 block of Scott Street at 10:34 a.m. in reference to someone poisoning his dog. An offense report for cruelty to animals was submitted.

Mark Henson, manager of Wal-Mart, notified officers at 11:41 a.m. of a possible theft at the store by an employee. An offense report for theft was submitted.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 7:21 p.m. from the 400 block of 33rd Street.

Dispatchers were notified around 8 p.m. of hearing gun shots, or backfires from a pickup in the 3400 block of Avenue U. Occupants in the pickup were located and citations for minor in possession of alcohol were issued.

A possible prowler was reported at 10:35 p.m. from the 1100 block of 24th Street.

An offense report for assault/family violence was submitted at 11:16 p.m.

Obituaries



Alfred Vernon

Alfred Vernon

1912-1996

Service is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the chapel of First Baptist Church for Alfred Eugene Vernon Sr. of Killeen. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery, under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Vernon, 84, died Monday, Dec. 16, in Indian Oaks Nursing Home in Harker Heights.

Born March 6, 1912 in San Antonio, he married Ollie Irene Niedecken on June 26, 1937 in Snyder. She died on March 5, 1996.

Mr. Vernon farmed with his father at Hermleigh until WW II where he served in the Army as a military policeman in England.

After the war, he owned and operated a chicken hatchery in Snyder. He was also a carpenter and served as local president of the AFL-CIO, carpenter's union.

He and his wife also owned and managed rental property in Snyder. He moved to Temple in 1984. In 1993, he moved to Waco and had lived in Killeen the past few months.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Kathi and Gene Crump of Waco; five sons and several daughters-in-law, Gene and Peggy Vernon of Snyder, Wallace and Emmadell Vernon of Killeen, Douglas Vernon of Odessa, Charlie and Linda Vernon of Austin, and Kenneth and Martha Vernon of Dallas; five sisters, Ida Lee Surber of Dallas, Mildred Vernon of Lubbock, Mary Etta Ritter of New Boston, Adeline Young of Abilene and Vivian Kate Ferree of Mabank; two brothers, Robert Dean Vernon of Richardson and James Wells Vernon of Abilene; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church in Snyder, or a favorite charity.

Personal, Professional Service

BELL CYPERT-SEALE FUNERAL HOME

3101 College Ave. 573-5454

Irene Hart

1924-1996

Funeral service for Irene Hart, 72, of Gail will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Clifton Igo of Lamesa officiating.

Burial will follow in the Gail Cemetery.

Mrs. Hart died Tuesday, Dec. 17, at her residence after a sudden illness.

She was born May 11, 1924 in Fluvanna and married J.D. Hart on Jan. 15, 1944 in Tahoka. She was a housewife and a member of the First Baptist Church in Gail.

She was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers.

Survivors include her husband, J.D. Hart of Gail; four sons, Ronnie Hart of Post, Sidney Hart of Gail, Kenneth Hart of Ruidoso, N.M. and Jay Hart of Munday; three sisters, Leona Ford of Snyder, Modina Farmer of Post and Marie Flippins of Long Beach, Calif.; three brothers, Bedford Sullenger of Snyder, J.T. Sullenger of Dermott and Paul Sullenger of Kermit; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials may be sent to Borden County EMT or Gail First Baptist Church.

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ensure safety and quality for both patients and hospital employees. The plans are revised and approved annually.

The board also met in executive session to be updated on ligitation. No action was taken when the board reconvened.

All board members were present, to include Crenwelge, Sue Mize, J.B. Tate, Stanley Martin, Jim Cave and Jimmy McMillan.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	86⅜	85⅛	85⅛	— ⅛
AT&T Corps	39⅛	38⅜	39	+3-16
AirTouch	26⅞	26⅜	26⅝	— ⅛
Albertsons	35	34⅛	34⅜	— ⅛
AlldSignal	68⅛	67⅞	67⅝	— ⅛
Alltel		30⅛	30	30
AmerOnline	38⅛	36⅜	37	+ ⅜
AmStores	40⅛	39⅜	40⅛	+ ⅛
Ameritech	55⅛	55⅛	55⅜	+ ⅛
Amoco		79⅛	78⅜	79
AndarkPtr	66⅜	65⅞	65⅝	— ⅛
ArmcoInc	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	— ⅛
AtlRichfld	133⅜	133⅛	133⅛	+ ⅛
ATMOS Egy		23⅜	23⅛	23⅛
Aviall	9⅜	9⅛	9⅛	+ ⅛
BakerHughes	35⅜	35⅛	35⅛	+ ⅛
BellAtl		61⅛	60⅝	60⅝
BellSouth		37⅛	37⅜	37⅜
BethSteel		9⅛	9	9
BritPet	136⅛	135⅞	136⅛	— ⅛
BurlNoSFe	85	84⅛	84⅛	— ⅜
Caterpillar	75⅛	74⅜	75⅛	+ ⅛
CenSoWst	25⅜	25⅛	25⅛	— ⅛
Chevron	64⅜	64⅛	64⅛	+ ⅜
Chrysler s	33⅛	32⅜	32⅝	+ ⅛
Coastal		48⅜	48⅛	48⅛
CocaColas	48⅜	47⅞	48⅛	— ⅛
ColgatePalm	91⅛	89⅝	90⅛	— ⅛
ComclMetals	30⅛	30	30	+ ⅛
CooperIn	39⅛	39⅛	39⅛	— ⅛
CyprusAmax	23	22⅝	22⅝	+ ⅛
DallSemicn	23	22⅜	22⅝	+ ⅛
DeltaAird	73⅛	72⅜	72⅛	—1⅛
DigitalEq	39⅜	39⅛	39⅛	+ ⅛
Dillard	30⅛	30	30⅛	+ ⅛
DowChem	79	78⅛	78⅜	— ⅛
DresserInd		31⅜	31⅛	31½
DuPont	94⅛	93⅜	94⅜	+1⅛
EastmanChem		54⅛	54⅛	54⅛
EstKodak	80⅛	79⅛	79⅛	+ ⅛
EDS Corp	46	45	45	— ½
ElPasoInd	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	+ ⅛
Enserch	22⅛	21⅞	22⅛	+ ⅛
Entergy	28	27⅞	27⅞	— ⅛
Exxon	99⅛	98⅛	98⅛	+1⅛
FstBksAm	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛	— ⅛
Flowers	20⅜	20⅛	20⅜	— ⅛
FordMotor	32	31⅞	31⅝	— ⅛
GTE Cp	42⅜	41⅞	42	— ⅛
GenDynam	70⅜	69½	70⅛	+ ⅜
GenElec	102⅛	100⅞	101⅜	+2⅛
GenMills	64⅛	63⅞	64⅛	+1⅛
GenMotors	53⅜	53⅛	53⅜	— ⅛
GaPacif	71⅜	71⅛	71⅛	— ⅛
GlobalMar	20⅜	20	20⅛	+ ⅛
Goodrichs	40	39⅝	39⅝	+ ⅛
Goodyear s	50⅜	49⅝	50⅛	+ ⅜
GtAtlPac	32	31⅞	31⅜	— ⅛
Haliburtn	59⅜	59	59⅛	+ ⅛
Hanson ADSs		7	6⅞	6⅞
HarteHanks	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	+ ⅛
HoustonInds	22⅜	22⅛	22⅝	+ ⅛
IBM	159⅝	157¼	157⅞	—1
IntlPaper	39⅜	38⅛	38⅜	— ⅛
JohnsnJn s	50⅜	49⅝	49⅞	+ ⅛
K mart	11	10⅞	10⅝	+ ⅛
Kroger	43⅜	43⅛	43⅜	+ ⅛
Litton	45	44⅞	45	+ ⅛
Lockheed	87⅞	87⅛	87⅛	+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	37⅞	37⅜	37⅝	— ⅛
Lubys		22⅛	21⅞	22
LucentTech n	47⅜	46⅛	46⅝	— ⅛
MayDeptStrs	47⅛	46	47	+ ⅜
Medtronic	67	65⅞	66⅝	+ ⅛
Mobil	123⅛	122	122⅜	+ ⅛
Monsanto s	38⅜	37⅞	38⅝	+1⅛
Motorola	56⅜	55⅝	55⅝	— ⅛
Nationsbk	97⅛	96⅛	97	+2⅛
Navistar	9⅜	9⅛	9⅛	— ⅛
NoramEngy		15⅜	15⅛	15⅛
Norwest	44⅛	43⅜	43⅛	+ ⅜
Nynex	45⅝	45⅛	45⅝	— ⅛
OryxEngy	22⅜	22⅛	22⅜	— ⅛
PacTelesis	34⅜	34⅛	34⅛	+ ⅛
PanEnergy	43⅛	43⅛	43⅜	+ ⅛
Penney JC	49⅜	48⅝	48⅝	— ⅜
Pennzoil	56	55⅛	55⅜	+ ⅛
PepBoys	31⅛	31	31⅛	— ⅛
PepsiCo s	29	28⅛	28⅝	— ⅛
PhelpDodge	67⅞	67⅛	67⅛	+ ⅛
PhilipPet	43⅜	43⅛	43⅛	+ ⅛
PilgrmPrd	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛	+ ⅛
Polaroid		40⅛	40⅛	40⅛
Praxair	45⅜	45⅛	45⅛	+ ⅛
ProctGamble	105⅞	104⅝	105¾	+1⅛
PubSNwMx		18⅛	18⅛	18⅛
RoyalDutch	168¼	167⅛	167⅞	+ ⅛
SBC Comm	49¼	48	13-16	49⅛ + ⅛
SaraLee	37⅛	37	37⅛	+ ⅛
SearsRoeb	45⅜	45⅛	45⅝	+1⅛
SherwinW		54⅛	53⅜	54
SmthBchADS	67	66½	66⅝	— ⅜
SouthernCo	22⅛	21⅞	22	+ ⅛
SwstAirlines	22⅜	22	22⅛	— ⅛
Sprint	38⅜	38⅛	38⅛	— ⅛
SunCo	24⅜	24⅛	24⅛	+ ⅛
TNP Ent		26⅛	26⅛	26⅛
Tandy	43⅜	42⅝	42⅝	—1⅛
Templtnl		52⅜	52⅛	52⅜
Tenneco	44	43⅛	44	+ ⅜
Texaco	97⅛	96⅜	97⅛	— ⅛
TexasInd	53⅜	50⅝	51⅛	—3
TexasInst	64⅛	63⅛	63⅝	— ⅛
TxsUtil	40⅛	39⅛	40⅛	+ ⅛
Textron	90⅝	89⅛	89⅝	— ⅜
Travelers s	43⅜	43⅛	43⅛	+ ⅛

Ratings

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Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America and head of the TV industry's ratings effort, said the TV industry won't use any ratings system other than its own and will fight in court any effort to impose another system.

Critics including the Center for Media Education, the National Parent Teacher Association, the Children's Defense Fund and the American Psychological Association contend that the TV industry does not want to flag shows for specific content because it may scare advertisers away.

Valenti rejected such assertions.

Critics favor a ratings system like the one used by HBO, Showtime and other cable networks that provides more detailed information about the type, amount and intensity of violence, sex and language in a show.

The TV industry is working to get guidelines printed in newspaper and magazine TV listings at least several times a week. The industry also will print and distribute several million ratings brochures.

The TV ratings could be appealed to a 19-member appeals board that would consist entirely of industry representatives.

Eventually, the ratings system will work with a V-chip to be installed in new TV sets in 1998. Using a remote-control device, people will be able to block individual shows or categories of shows based on their ratings.

As their latest ammunition against the TV industry's system, critics on Wednesday circulated 27 newspaper editorials calling for more specific content information. They also met with Vice President Al Gore, who they said was open to their concerns but neither "endorsed nor condemned" the industry's ratings system.

"What parent in their right mind would accept a package at the front door labeled simply: 'suitable for your 10-year-old' and hand that package to their child without checking further? Parents need to know the contents of the programming that Hollywood wants to give to our children," said Gary Bauer, president of the Family Research Council.

What's Up?

Snyder Healthcare party

Snyder Healthcare Center's annual Christmas party will be held at 7 tonight. Family members are asked to bring cookies and candy. Santa will be there.

Early release day tomorrow

Snyder ISD students will be released for the holidays at 2 p.m. Friday. Buses will run at that time.

Tiger's Lair yearbooks

Snyder High School Tiger's Lair yearbooks are on sale for $35 through Friday in the journalism department. After Friday, the price will be $40. The journalism department suggests that the yearbooks make ideal Christmas gifts.

'Tree of Light' to air

The First Baptist Church presentation of "Tree of Light" will air at 3 p.m. Friday and 5:30 p.m. Monday on Channel 2.

Hermleigh class bake sale

Hermleigh Junior Class will hold a bake sale from 9:30- 4 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart to raise funds for the senior trip.

Near to the Heart of God

Calvary Baptist Church choir will present Near to the Heart of God, a Christmas musical, during services at 9:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. The event service will feature the youth presenting the Christmas play, "I Wonder About Christmas."

"Wise Men in Bethlehem"

The youth at The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints will present "The Wise Men Arrive in Bethlehem" at 6 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited.

Some poinsettias left

The high school choir has some white poinsettias left. They are available for a $10 donation. Call 573-6301 for information.

Volleyball fund-raiser

Snyder's Lady Tigers volleyball team is holding its annual fund-raiser. The team is offering a Win Win Discount Card, good for savings at 15 local businesses. The cards are $5 each and good for one year. For information, call Patty Grimmett at 573-6301 or 573-9416.

SNS accepting applications

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is accepting applications for its 1997 workday. Applications may be picked up at Sam Robertson's Insurance Agency, the chamber of commerce or West Elementary and returned to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, Texas, 79550. Applications will also appear randomly in the Snyder Daily News.

Applications are due by Jan. 15. To be considered, applicants must own and be living in the house, be current on taxes and be age 65 or older or disabled.

Angel Tree ministry

Angel Tree is a volunteer ministry of Prison Fellowship that provides Christmas gifts for children of prison inmates. The ministry needs families, churches, Sunday School classes or other organizations to help in purchasing these gifts. Any group that can help provide a Christmas gift for some children in Snyder whose parent is in prison is asked to call a Colorado City number, 728-5829, after 5 p.m.

Junior class to aid drive

Snyder High School Junior Class, with the help of Lawrence IGA, is aiding in the Goodfellows' food drive. Citizens are encouraged to leave spare change at the cashier's stations at the IGA on 30th Street and College. A box will also be set up for non-perishable foods.

Pick 3

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

3-1-8

(three, one, eight)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 7-26-28-41-44-49

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $8 million.

TV ratings system explained

By The Associated Press

Entertainment shows, including soap operas, cartoons, talk shows and tabloid shows like "Hard Copy," are expected to be rated using the following categories:

—Y, material suitable for children of all ages. Show contains little or no violence, strong language or sexual content.

—Y-7, material suitable for children 7 and older.

—TV-G, material suitable for all audiences.

—TV-PG, parental guidance is suggested. Program may contain infrequent coarse language, limited violence, some suggestive sexual dialogue and situations.

—TV-14, material may be inappropriate for children under 14. Program may contain sophisticated themes, strong language and sexual content.

—TV-M, for mature audiences only. Program may contain profane language, graphic violence and explicit sexual content.

Producers, broadcast networks, cable channels, syndicators and others that originate programs will rate their own shows. If a syndicator doesn't rate a show, a TV station or cable channel can. In all cases, a TV station or a cable channel can override a show's original rating and give it another.

News and sports shows will not be rated. But news magazines like "20/20" could be rated, though it's not likely.

Ratings can be appealed to a 19-member board of TV industry representatives.



FRESHMAN OFFICERS — Officers elected to lead the ninth grade class at Snyder High School are, from left, Sonny Cumbie, president; Amy Brooks, vice president; Kelley Garner, secretary. There was no candidate for freshman treasurer. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Marcello Mastroianni dies

PARIS (AP) — Italian actor Marcello Mastroianni, whose roles in more than 120 movies including "Divorce, Italian Style" and "La Dolce Vita" made him the symbol of the harried "Latin lover," died today at his Paris home. He was 72.

Mastroianni, who won worldwide recognition in the early 1960s for his performances as a womanizing journalist in "La Dolce Vita," had been suffering from pancreatic cancer.

The actor's lawyer in Rome confirmed the death, first reported on French radio. "The news unfortunately is true," said a weeping Giovanna Cau, who has represented the actor for 40 years.

Italian state television reported that French actress Catherine Deneuve and their 24-year-old daughter, Chiara, were at his bedside when he died. Cau said Mastroanni's daughter Barbara, by his ex-wife Flora, also was there.

Ironic, understated and always modest, Mastroianni insisted he was uncomfortable with his screen image, and he once said on American television: "I am not a sex addict."

Since his screen debut in 1947, Mastroianni starred in more than 120 films, won two best actor awards at Cannes and was nominated for three Oscars.

He played alongside Brigitte Bardot and Sophia Loren, Yves Montand and Jack Lemmon in films by top Italian directors.

Mastroianni's "Three Lives and Only One Death," in which he plays opposite Chiara, recently was released in the United States.

Mastroianni appeared weak at the Cannes Film Festival in May.

"I'm always rather annoyed when people say extraordinary things about actors," he said there. "We just do a job."

Mastroianni was born Sept. 18, 1924, in a small town near Rome. As a child, he had a sampling of stage roles at his parish church. His father, a carpenter, forced him to abandon his formal schooling at 14 and go to work.

In the late 1930s Mastroianni held odd jobs in Rome, occasionally getting small parts in movies. During World War II, while he was working as a draftsman, German soldiers carted him to a labor camp in northern Italy.

Mastroianni escaped, and lived in wartime poverty in Venice until 1945. After the war he returned to Rome where he began studying architecture and worked as a clerk with a British film distribution company during the day. He practiced acting in the evening with a group of university students.

Mastroianni's first lead film role was in an Italian production of Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables" in 1947. With "Three Girls From Rome" (1952), he came to be known abroad.

Mastroianni's performance as the intrepid Marcello in Federico Fellini's 1960 film "La Dolce Vita," marked the beginning of a long partnership with the director. Mastroianni played the lead roles in Fellini's "8½" (1963); "City of Women" (1979), and "Ginger and Fred" (1985).

After his success in "Divorce Italian Style" (1961), in which he played a cuckolded Sicilian baron, Mastroianni toured the United States. He said all over the country, fans greeted him with the same sardonic facial twitch he had displayed in the film.

Mastroianni formed a winning screen couple with Loren, co-starring with her in 11 films in which they came to symbolize the common Italian man and woman — married or in love. Their first success together was in "Marriage Italian Style" (1964), followed by "Sunflowers" (1969), "The Priest's Wife" (1970), and "A Special Day" (1977).

The two reunited on the screen in 1994 in Robert Altman's satirical comedy on the fashion industry, "Ready to Wear."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Deadly sleep disorder easy to spot, treat

DEAR ABBY: I am a physician who specializes in patients with sleep disorders. The dramatic letter you printed concerning a 32-year-old man who died in his sleep of morbid obesity should be very interesting to all of us.

The death, of course, is tragic. Your readers should know that even in the absence of weight loss, this death might have been avoided, or at least postponed. People with obesity die in their sleep because of a condition called "obstructive sleep apnea." This disorder causes asphyxiation because the airway is unstable and collapses during sleep, producing a drop in the oxygen level.

The symptoms of sleep apnea are easily recognized even by a layperson. Patients with this disorder snore loudly, appear to hold their breath during sleep, and awaken repeatedly through the night with gasps and snorts, which indicate a blockage of the airway.

Sleep apnea is easily treated with a mechanical device called "nasal continuous positive airway pressure." This treatment can be instituted even in the absence of weight loss and produces a significant improvement in the individual's well-being.

I hope that your readers will understand that obesity itself does not kill during sleep. It is sleep apnea that produces this terrible outcome.

NEIL FELDMAN, M.D.,
ST. PETERSBURG (FLA.)
SLEEP DISORDERS CENTER

DEAR DR. FELDMAN: I think you have stated it very clearly. If my readers learn something they did not know from your letter, they will not be alone — I learn every day from the people who write to me. Thank you for an important letter.

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DEAR ABBY: I read your quotes from the courts of law a few days ago and got a big laugh from them. But did you know that actions can speak louder than words, even in a courtroom?

My grandfather, John M. Killits, was a district federal court judge in the 1930s, and a local judge before that. In one of his cases an injured man was suing someone for his injuries, and the defending lawyer became suspicious about the case. He appeared very friendly and sympathetic.

First he said: "I see that one of your serious injuries was damage to your left arm. Is that right? How high can you raise it?"

The man grunted and groaned and managed to raise his arm about a foot.

The lawyer clucked sympathetically, "My goodness, that *is* terrible. How high could you raise it before it was injured?"

"Oh, about like this," the man replied, and he lifted the arm high above his head.

Needless to say, the whole courtroom burst out laughing and Grandpa threw the case out of the court.

RICHARD N. GARDNER,
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.

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Warwick happy with invitation

VATICAN CITY (AP) — You don't have to be psychic to know how Dionne Warwick felt about her visit with the pope.

"I am very happy to have been invited to sing here," said the host of television's Psychic Friends Network.

A group of performers, including Warwick, Spanish soprano Ana Maria Gonzales and "Macarena" singers Los Del Rio, had a special audience Wednesday with Pope John Paul II. Gonzales cried, while the two members of Los Del Rio described it as an "incredible occasion."

The artists will perform at a concert Friday to raise money to build 50 new churches near Rome. The pontiff does not plan to attend.

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Woman sues when online spouse exposed as woman

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — It was one thing that Margaret Anne Hunter never saw her new husband undressed, or that no one from his family came to their wedding.

But she stopped believing her husband, Thome Wesley Jameson Groves, when his parents finally called and asked to speak to "Holly."

Four months after she got married following a relationship that began on the Internet, Ms. Hunter is suing: It turns out her husband was really a woman.

Holly Anne Groves, 26, of Bryan, Texas, pretended to be a man dying of AIDS to avoid sex, Ms. Hunter says in a $575,000 fraud lawsuit.

Throughout their courtship and marriage, Ms. Groves' breasts were covered with heavy bandages, which she said were needed because of rib injuries from a car wreck, the suit said.

Ms. Hunter, 24, of Alexandria, wants reimbursement for money she spent on food, transportation and telephone calls during the relationship.

Although same-sex marriage is illegal in Virginia, Ms. Hunter also wants an annulment "to rest any questions as to her marital status," according to court papers.

She said she no longer uses online services. Computer users "need to be increasingly careful with whom they speak," she said.

"Holly had such credible and detailed explanations, excuses and personal history. ... There was nothing that gave my client or other people pause," said Seth Guggenheim, Ms. Hunter's lawyer.

There were clues, however. Although Ms. Groves said she had AIDS, she never mentioned doctors or medical bills. Ms. Hunter confirmed Ms. Groves' identity through copies of her birth certificate and passport.

Janis Groves, Holly Groves' mother, said her daughter declined comment on the lawsuit, which was filed last month.

Ms. Hunter said she met Ms. Groves electronically in fall 1995. Last December, the two shared a hotel room for two nights, and Ms. Groves pledged love and proposed a quick marriage. Ms. Hunter agreed "out of compassion and love," the suit said.

About 60 friends and relatives attended the wedding at a northern Virginia hotel — none from Ms. Groves' side.

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