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SISD trustees vote to contract with attorneys

For pursuing possible underpayment of ad valorem taxes by oil companies

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Following an hour-plus executive session Thursday evening, Snyder ISD trustees voted unanimously to pursue possible underpayment of ad valorem taxes by some oil companies who have operated within the district between 1987 and 1998.

The board agreed to enter into a contract with Perry & Kellogg law firm of San Antonio, pending approval of the contract by the district's attorneys.

Meeting with the board were Luke Kellogg of the law firm, and Bill Helwig of The Helwig law firm from Denver City.

Dr. Ronny Collins, SISD superintendent, said the oil companies that might be involved in a lawsuit won't be determined until after all contracts are finalized.

However, similar action by Midland County in August involved major companies such as ExxonMobil, Chevron and Texaco.

An additional closed session to discuss a proposed insurance settlement was not held.

Trustees did receive the 2002-2003 audit report and approved the findings as presented by Diane Terrell of Davis, Kinard & Co. of Abilene.

In the report, Terrell said the Snyder ISD audit "is one of the cleanest audits we do."

"I'd like to commend Karen (Waller, the district's chief financial officer) on the job they do," said Terrell.

Trustees also approved the district improvement plans and heard the yearly report on the Academic Excellence Indicator System.

Board president Mark McCormick questioned Rod Cottrell, the district's executive director of curriculum, on whether there is anything that stood out in the report.

"Are these typical scores," questioned McCormick?

Cottrell said SISD scores stood out in several areas, with some being average.

"The ones below average were just barely below," added Cottrell. "Of course, I'd like to see us score a little higher as would the teachers."

In personnel matters, trustees accepted the resignation of Rebecca Jackson, fifth grade teacher at Northeast Elementary.

The board also discussed options available for property casualty insurance deductibles.

After some discussion, McCormick instructed Collins and Waller to determine what is best for the district and then inform the board of their decision.

"We just all want to be on the same page if a question ever comes up about it," the board president said.

McCormick presided at the meeting that concluded at 8:20 and all trustees were present to include Luann Burleson, Richard Chambers, Kathy Peoples, Glenn Clarady, Mike Levens and Doug Neff.



I'M OUTTA HERE — Tori Picazo, 18, a freshman business major from McKinney, stacks her belongings as she leaves her dorm room at Western Texas College. The dorm officially closed this morning for the fall semester. Classes resume Jan. 13. (SDN Staff Photo)

Search continues for missing student

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — A caravan of trucks left at first light today to join the search for a 22-year-old college student who disappeared three weeks ago from the North Dakota mall where she worked.

About 80 sheriff's deputies, State Patrol officers and members of the National Guard from North Dakota and Minnesota took to Humvees and four-wheel-drives to search near Buxton, about 20 miles south of Grand Forks. A similar group headed north.

They were to break into teams to search abandoned buildings, roadways and ditches. One team was to search the Red River near Thompson, 10 miles south of Grand Forks, by lowering cameras though holes drilled in the ice.

The missing woman, Dru Sjodin, was last heard from on Nov. 22 as she spoke to her boyfriend by cell phone from the Columbia Mall parking lot in Grand Forks.

Prosecutors have charged Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 50, a convicted rapist who was just released from prison earlier this year, with kidnapping. He has said he is innocent, and remains jailed in Grand Forks on $5 million bond.

For parks improvements...

Colvin to serve as agent for stocks

Almost two years ago, Scurry County commissioners court began the process to garner sufficient funds for a matching grant to finance the Towle Park restoration project. Residents were asked to make pledges to the program in the form of cash, labor and materials. As a result, a number of assorted stock certificates were donated.

In a brief meeting this morning, presided over by County Judge Rod Waller, commissioners Chloanne Lindsey, Ralph Treavey and Jerry House, voted unanimously to designate County Treasurer Nelda Colvin as authorized agent to make the disposition of the stock certificates.

Trent Driggers, investment representative for Edward D. Jones Company, will manage the sale of the stock for the county.

In other business, a number of line-item transfers were approved.

A budget amendment for Winston Field was submitted in the amount of $3,000 for communications, utilities and repairs. A request for $1,201 for the creation of the Dec. 2003 budget for the Veteran's Affairs office recently filled by former County Judge Bobby Goodwin was also approved.

Commissioner Howard Limmer was absent.

Jones resigns as Hermleigh coach effective end of May

Hermleigh ISD trustees accepted the resignation of the school's athletic director and head coach during Thursday night's school board meeting.



Don Jones

Supt. Marvin Beaty said Jones' resignation is effective at the end of the school year.

Jones, who has been at Hermleigh for two years, coached football, basketball and track.

Beaty said the upcoming vacancy had been posted and the district is receiving applications.

"We hope to have someone in place by spring break," said Beaty.

Jones, who has coached six-man football for 18 of his 27 years in coaching, was not consulted when the district made the decision to compete in 11-man football starting next year.

In other business, trustees approved the purchase of a second distant learning center at a cost of $10,000.

"The first one we bought was around $50,000 so this was good for the district," said Beaty.

Beaty also stated the metal building for the ag department should be under construction next week.



RADIO ROUND-UP — The staff of Snyder radio stations have been working to collect toys for area children this Christmas. Standing among a portion of the toys collected are (l-r)Daphene Thompson, Sheree Stone, station owners Dink and Lydia Foree and station manager Chuck Montana. (SDN Staff Photo)

Radio stations lead in gathering toys

Snyder radio stations are setting the example of giving in Scurry County.

Recently, the station has been heading up the Chuck Montana Dream Foundation, a campaign to bring to toys to children who, for whatever reason, may not be getting Christmas gifts this year.

"We are so proud of the way that the gift drive has gone so far," said radio owner Dink Foree. "It's really been building every year."

While the drive for toys has been successful, Montana and his staffwill not stop.

"We're looking forward to doing more and more to get these toys to the children," he said.

KSNY/KLYD kick off the 10th annual Christmas for Kids drive today. The KSNY "Boogie Buggy" will be broadcasting at a number of locations in town through Dec. 20. The first show was from Barbee Medical Supply and today's was from Rip Griffin's Truck Stop.

On Monday the remote will be at United Supermarket, and on Tuesday at Nix's Auto and Tire Service. Wednesday, it will be from Coventry Plumbing and the "Boogie Van" will next be at the offices of Big Country Electric Cooperative on Thursday. On Friday the show will broadcast from the two Snyder locations of Town and Country.

Next Saturday the broadcasts will wind up at Dennis Quick Auto Service.

Foree asks that anyone who wishes to donate to the toy drive is welcome to bring toys, canned food for the Food Cupboard. Also cash donations are accepted.

ASK US

Q—Where and when will the state six-man championship game be played?
A—In Odessa's Ratliff Stadium at 6 p.m. Saturday.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Kay Hopper...

...who has lived in Snyder all of her life, is married to Rick Hopper and they have one son, Logan, 7. Kay is a teacher for the Wyndham School District, the educational division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Kay's favorite hobby is keeping up with Logan and his sports activities.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Wealth is not his that has it, but his that enjoys it.
—Ben Franklin

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN by Wade Warren



Folks in Scurry County have had a slew of interim this and that over the past few years and we've got a couple now.

Our observations of interim superintendents, hospital administrators, city managers, etc., have been that most of them tried to do a good job in getting along with everyone while keeping things working by not straying too far away from the straight and narrow.

As an example, Jim Kirkland did a good job of just that with the Snyder ISD while awaiting the arrival of Ronny Collins.

Jim just did his job and when it was time to leave, he left.

Apparently we missed all the fun.

Colorado City had an interim city manager for about three months and this week he just up and quit.

Ted Willis said he couldn't work with three members of the council.

He made no bones about how he felt about the trio as he said he did not know if they had the capacity to cooperate with the remainder of the council or city staff.

"I don't think they have the capacity or the intention to work cooperatively with anybody," said Willis.

Willis, who has some 40 years in city management, said, "I think they are ill-prepared to serve on the city council and they have been nothing but a disruption during the three months I've been here."

Willis added that one particular problem may have triggered the rift between him and the three council members and it's the refusal of one council member to clean up his property in the city.

The councilman has been issued a citation for violating the city's weed, rubbish and brush ordinance and is to go before the city's magistrate Thursday.

Willis said when he first took over the interim post, he was told of the problem with the councilman's property.

"I went to him repeatedly asking for his voluntary cooperation," said the interim CM.

Willis noted that he talked to the councilman for three straight days before Thanksgiving about getting his property cleaned up and said he even worked 5½ hours on his own helping the man.

"I even waived the charge at the landfill to help him dispose of his trash," said Willis.

Did the councilman appreciate Willis' help?

Nope.

"He didn't say hello, or thank you," said Willis.

Willis, who Colorado City employees said arrived at work before many of them did, also did not have many kind words for his predecessor.

"I was not impressed with the city's previous manager. I think he and these three same people have had a very cozy relationship," added Willis.

Willis apparently thinks that city managers having cozy relationships is not a good deal.

And what does the councilman whose junky property triggered some of the problems say?

"He's gone and I'm still here."

If the councilman beats the trash ticket, his problems may not be over.

The city is looking to see if he is doing plumbing work without the proper licenses and permits.

Stay tuned.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Toy Drive

Snyder Wheels Club will host a toy drive from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Sonic to benefit Christmas for Kids.

SHS garage sale

SHS honors history and English students will have a garage sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the SHS girls gym, featuring a wide variety of items including baked goods and breakfast foods. Proceeds will go toward a cultural trip to the Metroplex.

THEE Place

Rodney Orsborn of Stand Firm World Ministries will be at THEE Place, 904 26th St., at 7 p.m. today and at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday. Music by Stand Firm Ministries. For more information, call 573-9799.

Central Elementary fundraiser

Pies purchased through the Central Elementary fundraiser will be until 6 p.m. today.

Calvary Christmas programs

Calvary Baptist Church, 2405 35th St., will present Christmas programs Sunday. During the 10:50 a.m. service, the adult choir will present *I'll Be Home For Christmas*. The children's ministry will present *The First Leon* during the 6 p.m. service. For more information, call 573-2191.

TSA booster club

The TSA booster club will meet at 7:15 p.m. Monday in the high school shop building.

Coat drive underway

SISD, local businesses and organizations are sponsoring a coat drive through Monday to assist children and families in need. New or slightly used clean coats, hats, gloves and scarves of all sizes are needed. Collection sites are Humble Smith, Snyder CADA, chamber, WTSB, ASB, FAB, Texas Savings and SNB. If necessary, call 574-6012 or 573-1141 to schedule a collection. Coats will be distributed Dec. 17-18 at 1904 37th St. Schools will get coats prior to Christmas holidays. School principals may call above numbers to request a coat, etc.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "God Has Spoken Through His Writings," followed by "Don't Pay Too Much for Your Whistle."

Madrigal Christmas dinners

The annual Madrigal Christmas dinners presented by the SHS choral department will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Tickets are $15 and can be obtained by calling 573-6301. Friday noon is the deadline. The choir also has a few poinsettias for sale.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Kathye Parker and Barbara Shipp will be from 4-5 p.m. Tuesday at the Snyder High School library.

Emmaus community meeting

The Mesquite Country Emmaus Christmas community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Bring desserts. Monetary donations will be accepted for the orphanage in Mexico.

Food Cupboard donations

Snyder Ministerial Alliance seeks donations to the Food Cupboard, non-perishable items only. Contributions can be dropped off at the Food Cupboard on Tuesday between 8 to 11 a.m. Food may also be taken to your home church or to First United Methodist Church from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., where it will be picked up.

Hospice caregivers dinner

An appreciation dinner for past and present Odyssey Hospice caregivers will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist church fellowship hall. Harold and Zola Kornegy will furnish the fish.

Doodle Bug writers club

Members of the Doodle Bug writers club invite all writers to meet at 1 p.m. every other Tuesday at the Golden Village Terrace community room. For more information call 574-1817, 573-7369, or 573-5819.

Mike Holmes retirement reception

A retirement reception for Snyder Junior High teacher Mike Holmes will be from 4-5 p.m. Wednesday in the junior high library.

House decorating contest

The house decorating contest will be judged from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesday. To enter your home, contact the chamber at 573-3558.

SHS volleyball banquet

Snyder High School volleyball awards banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in Towle Park Barn. Tickets for parents and family are $5 and are available at the athletic office. There is no charge for players.

Smokey Bear posters

Smokey Bear posters for a contest sponsored by Snyder Garden Club must be turned in by Thursday to classroom teachers or by calling Sandra Browning at 573-7277. Local winners will be announced in January and top posters will advance to the state contest.

FBC to present Christmas program

First Baptist Church will preset *A Family Christmas* at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 20-21, featuring over 150 people. All are invited.

Goodfellows drive underway

Canned goods may be brought to any school campus and monetary contributions can be made at any financial institution for the Goodfellows Food Drive.

Extra cookbooks available

Extra Home for the Holidays cookbooks can be purchased at the Scurry County Extension Office for $5 each.

2004 Tiger's Lair yearbook

2004 Tiger's Lair yearbooks can still be ordered for $50 for the book only with additional options available for an extra costs. For more information, call 574-6138.

Two facing felony charges for spamming

STERLING, Va. (AP) — Using the nation's toughest anti-spam law for the first time, Virginia prosecutors have gained felony indictments against two men accused of sending thousands of unsolicited e-mail pitches for investments, software and other products.

Prosecutors said Thursday that an alias of one of the defendants, Jeremy Jaynes, is listed as one of the world's 10 biggest spammers by spamhaus.org, a group that tabulates complaints reported to Internet service providers.

The indictments, returned Monday by a grand jury in Loudoun County, Va., are based on Virginia's anti-spam law, which took effect July 1. Prosecutors said it's the first time spamming has brought felony charges.

Jaynes, 29, who uses the aliases of Jeremy James and Gaven Stubberfield, and Richard Rutowski each face four counts of transmission of unsolicited bulk electronic mail. Each count carries up to five years in prison.

Virginia Attorney General Jerry W. Kilgore said the North Carolina men ran a massive spamming operation that used the America Online computer network, which is headquartered in Loudoun County. AOL is a major reason more than half the world's Internet traffic passes through Virginia.

"This was a very profitable business for these two individuals," Kilgore said, but investigators declined to say how much income they believe the scheme generated.

The spam included "penny-picker stock schemes, mortgage interest rate ads and an Internet history eraser," said Lisa Hicks-Thomas, director of Virginia's computer crime unit in Kilgore's office.

Between July 11 and Aug. 11, more than 100,000 complaints about spam messages linked to the two men were reported, Kilgore said.

"The defendants falsified or forged electronic mail transmission information, or other routing information," Kilgore said. The volume of messages and efforts to conceal their identities elevated prosecution of the case to felony level, he said.

Jaynes, of Raleigh, N.C., was being held in North Carolina pending a request for extradition. Rutowski, of Cary, N.C., was expected to surrender to authorities under terms being worked out through his attorney.

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Thursday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-10-14-22-33.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $46,331.

Winning tickets sold in: Hillsboro.

Matching four of five: 157. Prize: $133.

Matching three of five: 4,628. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 45,524. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 3-8-9
(Night) 8-9-5

Today's chuckle

Workers steamed over 'gift' deductions

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — Some bonus.

Hourly workers at Tower Automotive received $15 gift cards redeemable at Meijer grocery-retail stores before Thanksgiving. Then the automotive supplier decided the cards were "same as cash" gifts subject to federal and state income taxes totaling 36.75 percent.



That means the "gift" will take $5.51 out of the workers' next paychecks.

"It's got a lot of people ticked off," said Donald McKee of Kingsley, a welding technician. "This is the lowest they've gone yet to give us something and then take it back."

United Auto Workers Local 5110, which represents about 300 hourly workers, has filed a contract grievance over the matter. Some workers also have returned the gift cards rather than pay the tax.

Workers will still get Christmas bonuses. Tower said it will return to issuing gift certificates that can be redeemed for holiday turkeys or hams without being considered cash income.

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Pentagon finds Halliburton overcharged Army

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon auditors found that Vice President Dick Cheney's former company may have overcharged the Army by as much as $61 million for gasoline in Iraq, senior defense officials said Thursday.

Houston-based Halliburton apparently didn't profit from the possible overcharges, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The problem, the officials said, was that Halliburton may have paid a subcontractor too much for the gasoline in the first place.

The Pentagon officials said the Halliburton subsidiary involved in Iraq reconstruction work, Kellogg, Brown & Root, also submitted a proposal for cafeteria services that was $67 million too high. The officials said the Pentagon rejected that proposal.

The defense officials said they had no reason to believe the problems were anything other than "stupid mistakes" by Halliburton.

Houston-based Halliburton pledged to cooperate with the inquiry.

"We expect and want continuing reviews and audits that detail our work in Iraq," Dave Lesar, Halliburton's chairman, president and chief executive officer, said in a statement. "Any contract that is this large and grows this fast is, of course, going to be subject to question."

News of the problems came as President Bush worked to justify his decision to limit Iraq reconstruction contracts to companies from the United States or countries that supported the war. The move angered governments whose firms were cut out of the bidding process, including France, Germany, Russia and Canada.

Many prominent Democrats also have criticized the Halliburton contracts specifically, suggesting they were a political payoff for a company with strong ties to the GOP and whose executives gave generously to the Bush campaign.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., on Thursday asked for Senate hearings on the Pentagon's findings.

"I have long been troubled by the continued growth of the Pentagon's no-bid contract with Halliburton, and the delay in the Pentagon's promise to compete this contract competitively," Lautenberg wrote to Senate Government Affairs Committee Chairwoman Susan Collins, R-Maine.

Cheney and Pentagon officials deny any political motive for awarding the no-bid contracts to KBR, which has a long-standing relationship with the military as a major Pentagon contractor.

Routine audits by the Defense Contract Audit Agency uncovered the problems.

Pentagon officials said they were concerned about the problems with KBR's contracts, which were awarded without competitive bidding for up to $15.6 billion for rebuilding Iraq's oil infrastructure and assisting U.S. troops there. About $5 billion has been spent or obligated to spend on those contracts so far.

"Contractor improprieties and/or contract mischarging on department contracts will neither be condoned nor allowed to continue," Dov Zakheim, the Pentagon's budget chief, said Thursday.

The defense officials, who are involved in the audit of the contracts, said the Pentagon was negotiating with KBR over how to resolve the fuel-pricing issue. They declined to name the subcontractor that provided the fuel, saying that company may not have been notified of the inquiry's findings.

The possible overcharging involved 56.6 million gallons of gasoline KBR supplied in Iraq from the end of the war until Sept. 30, the Pentagon officials said. The officials said the KBR was charging $2.27 a gallon for gasoline while another contract was for $1.18.

Democratic Reps. Henry Waxman of California and John Dingell of Michigan had accused KBR of price-gouging for gasoline used in Iraq.

The Army is to open its KBR contracts to competitive bidding next month. The contracts evolved from work to put out oilfield fires to overseeing rebuilding of Iraq's oil infrastructure and providing fuel for the country. KBR also provides support services to U.S. troops in Iraq such as serving hot meals.

Woman jailed on abuse charges again wins custody of kids

HOUSTON (AP) — A Southeast Texas woman convicted of beating her 14-year-old son has again won custody of her six other children.

Catherine Kegg and her husband were accused of using a 1-by-4 board to strike the boy more than 60 times on Dec. 10, 2001.

Visiting state District Judge David Dunn drew fierce criticism in June when he first awarded custody of the children, all under age 7, to Kegg. Her seventh child is now living with relatives in Arizona.

Kegg, who had served eight months of a two-year sentence for injuring her child, was arrested on parole violations a day before the family was to be reunited. She was accused of issuing a bad check for an anger management class and failing to attend the course. Authorities also said she left the state without permission.

Dunn decided on Dec. 4 to grant Kegg's request to oversee the children with the state after a jury decided that terminating her parental rights was not in the children's best interest.

She is scheduled to be paroled again on Jan. 16, and the children will be returned to her over the next six months after she finds a home and a job. She also must find an adult to supervise her until her parole ends in April.

Kegg's attorney, Ed Lieck, said authorities have conspired to keep his client away from her children by arresting her on flimsy charges.

"But now a jury has clearly spoken and said these children should be returned to their mother," he told the Houston Chronicle.

Children's Protective Services had wanted the jury to clear the way for the state to place the children up for adoption.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Crime and punishment

DEAR DR. GOTT: A recent newspaper column concluded that pedophilia can be cured by a drug, coupled with counseling. If so, why haven't prisons and mental institutions taken note and begun using the drug and psychotherapy? The criminals could be treated and released on probation, thereby saving taxpayers a great deal of money.

DEAR READER: I am not aware of the column you mentioned, but the standard position of experts is that pedophilia — the compulsion to have sex with children — is extremely challenging to treat by any means, because it reflects a profound emotional maladjustment. Further complicating the issue is the fact that many pedophiles don't want to change their behavior.

I believe that pedophilia requires long-term psychiatric therapy, with or without drugs. During outpatient treatment, pedophiles can — and do — relapse. This constitutes a threat to children and is a risk that most law-enforcement authorities are not prepared to accept. Consequently, the disorder is more serious than many other types of aberrant behavior.

In my view, it makes more sense to incarcerate pedophiles for mandatory psychotherapy and drug treatment than to imprison people who commit victimless crimes, such as using marijuana. Therefore, it seems to me that the prison population could be substantially reduced by revising the sentences of nonviolent criminals and filling correctional facilities with perpetrators of violent crimes, including pedophiles, rapists, murderers and spouse abusers.

DEAR DR. GOTT: The longest time I can read is usually 10 minutes, after which I become very sleepy. This occurs regardless of the material I'm reading or the time of day or night. Reading is like a sedative. Why does this happen?

DEAR READER: I don't know. Possibly from boredom. If you're already tired and the stuff you're reading isn't especially interesting or challenging, you may become sleepy.

I must admit that this is puzzling. From a medical perspective, your pattern of drowsiness does not suggest a disease or disorder. Nonetheless, you should review the problem with your primary care physician.

There is an affliction called narcolepsy, a brain disorder of unknown cause marked by a tendency to fall asleep suddenly and without warning at inappropriate times. However, narcolepsy is not ordinarily associated with reading.

I suspect that when you sit in a comfortable chair with reading material, you simply relax and become sedated. I'd be interested in what your doctor has to say about this.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Sleep/Wake Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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Snyder High Students will provide their **Christmas Cheer project** again this season. This project, called **Students Helping Seniors** is in its 4th year. Juniors and seniors volunteer to put Christmas lights/decorations for the senior citizens in Snyder. This is a free service to this segment of our population. It gives the students a chance to spread a little Christmas cheer and allows the older population a chance to meet the great kids we have here in Snyder.

Anyone interested is encouraged to fill out the application form and send it to:

Beth Bowen
Snyder High School
2901 37th Street
Snyder, TX 79549

Appointments can also be made by calling the SHS office at **573-6301 between 2:00 & 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.**

Students Helping Seniors
Christmas Lights Project
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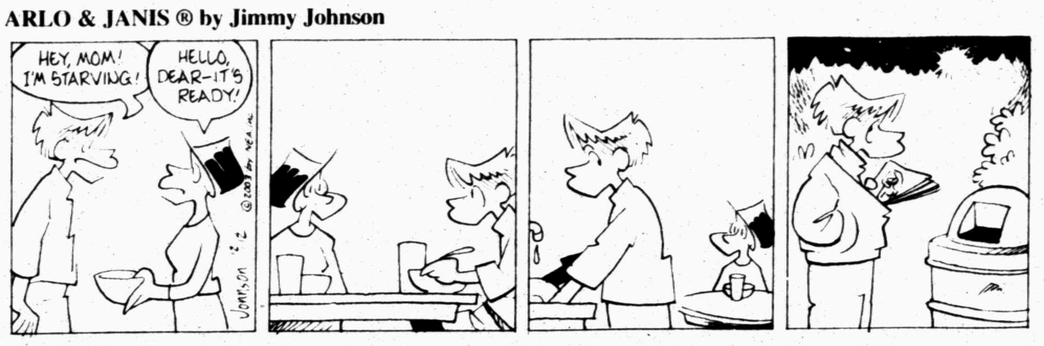
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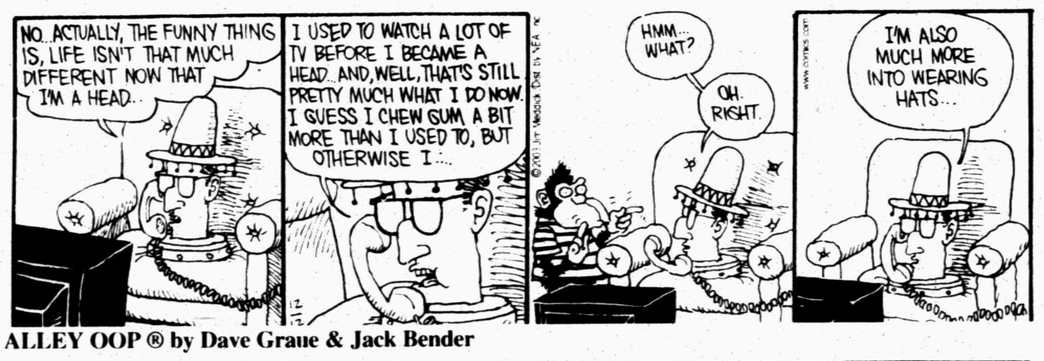
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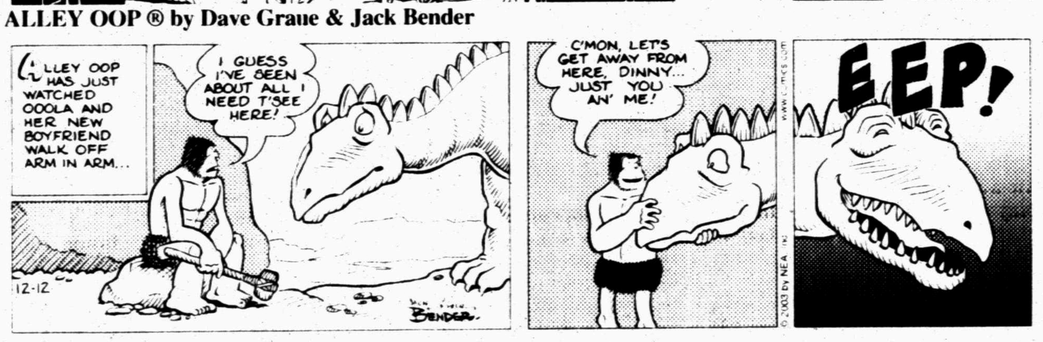
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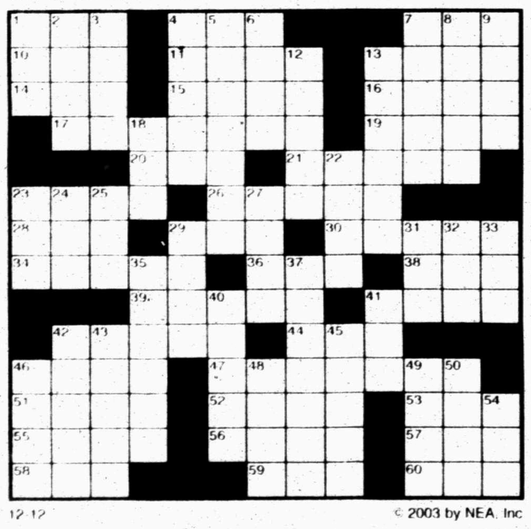
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SPORTS

Tigers fall, ladies victorious at Wylie Catclaw tourney

ABILENE — After playing their best game of the season Tuesday, the Snyder Tigers had a letdown in the first round of the Catclaw Tournament, falling to Breckenridge, 45-34.

"They did some different things, and we couldn't adjust," head coach Bud Birks said. "But it's still no excuse. We didn't play good defense."

The Tigers had just five free throw attempts, and Birks said it was because the team settled for too many shots from the perimeter.

"All we did was shoot jump shots or throw it away," he said. "If you are going to shoot threes, you better be a good shooting team, and we are not a good shooting team right now."

The Tigers took an 8-4 lead into the second quarter, but were outscored, 14-4, in the pivotal second period.

Lee Scott led the Tigers with 10 points, and Marcus Villarreal added eight.

Isaac Ramon canned four, and Kasey Melton knocked in six.

Birks added that the team regressed after the progress made in the Pecos victory.

"We reverted back to some things we had been doing before. We tried to do too much off the dribble and it cost us, and we didn't pass," he said.

The Tigers were scheduled to play Anson at 3:30 this afternoon in the consolation bracket. Wylie beat Anson, 62-34, Thursday.

The Lady Tigers doubled up Anson in the first quarter en route to a 49-42 victory in the opening round of the girls division of the Catclaw Tournament.

The 14-7 edge in the first period turned out to be the difference in the game, as Teddi Crenwelge poured in seven of her 10 points in the first eight minutes.

After trailing by eight at halftime, Anson closed the lead to 38-34 at the end of the third quarter.

Jordan Stansell paced the Lady Tigers with 13 points, while Sequoya Powell, Erin Burleson and Sirena Medrano each contributed eight. Terann Ragland added two points.

Snyder was slated to square off with Jim Ned at 3:30 today in the championship bracket.

Host team topples Ira at Ozona tournament

OZONA — The Ira Lady Bulldogs fell in the opening round of the Ozona Tournament Thursday, 44-21.

The Lady Bulldogs trailed 28-18 at the start of the fourth quarter, before a series of transition buckets and the loss of Ira's top post player helped Ozona blast past them.

Lindsey Wilson, in foul trouble in the first half, took a spill in the final period and was forced to the bench with a leg abrasion.

"We weren't playing bad, but they are fundamentally sound and they don't make a lot of mistakes," head coach Brent Parr said.

Kelbi Pitner led the Lady Bulldogs with nine points, while Wilson added six. Kate Wall and Amanda Calley recorded three apiece to round out the scoring for Ira.

The Lady Bulldogs were slated to battle Fort Stockton at 2:30 today, and Parr said the Lady Panthers would press Ira from the outset.

He also said his squad had a shot at claiming the consolation bracket.

"If we stay after it and be intense, we can win the bracket," he said.

The Bulldogs were topped by Ozona in the boys division, 61-31, Thursday. They were slated to play Brooksmith at 5 this afternoon.

Heisman hopefuls wilt in big games

NEW YORK (AP) — Pittsburgh receiver Larry Fitzgerald knows the odds are stacked against him this week in the Heisman Trophy race.

No sophomore has ever won the award, only six winners didn't play quarterback or running back, and only one of the last 46 winners played for a four-loss team like Fitzgerald's Panthers.

"I still think I have chance," he said. "They wouldn't have invited me if I didn't."

Fitzgerald sure does. He is considered a co-favorite along with Oklahoma quarterback Jason White for college football's most prestigious award when it's handed out Saturday night.

Fitzgerald and White will be joined in New York by Mississippi quarterback Eli Manning and Michigan running back Chris Perry.

White appeared to be a lock to win the Heisman Trophy until he flamed out in the Big 12 title game. Luckily for White, he was not alone.

Three of the four Heisman finalists had their worst games of the season with conference championships on the line.

In a sport where late losses often count much more than early ones in the rankings, White, Fitzgerald and Manning hope the same doesn't hold true for individual awards.

White was the only finalist who played last weekend, after some of the 922 ballots had already been sent in.

Manning was at home after completing only 44 percent of his passes in a November showdown against LSU, costing Ole Miss a chance to play for the SEC title.

Frosh whip Abilene High

SWEETWATER — The Snyder freshmen boys used a 16-8 first quarter run to race past Abilene High, 56-42, in the opening round of the Sweetwater freshmen tournament.

Tagaba Kyei led the frosh Tigers with 18 points and six rebounds, and Ryan Mitchell knocked in 16 and pulled down five boards.

Snyder held a 10-point edge at halftime, and increased the lead with a 30-26 second half.

Brad Robbins knocked in four points, while Ricky Sanchez, Jamie Arnold and Donald Jeffery hit for three each.

Sanchez also hauled in two boards.

Tyler Driggers added two and Kyle Sanchez hit a free throw in the victory.

The Snyder JV fell to Abilene High, 45-33.

Sports Briefs

Cards in Rochester

The Hermleigh Cardinals were scheduled to open the Rochester tournament this afternoon. Both the boys and the girls will face off with Benjamin in the first round.

Giambi, Mosley testify before grand jury

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Baseball sluggers Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield, boxer Shane Mosley and Oakland Raiders teammates Bill Romanowski and Barret Robbins were among the latest athletes to appear before a grand jury probing a nutritional supplements lab.

Also appearing was Jeremy Giambi, the younger brother of Jason.

Athletes from four sports — football, baseball, swimming, and track and field — have appeared before the grand jury: The group includes baseball's Barry Bonds; track star Marion Jones and her boyfriend, 100-meter world record-holder Tim Montgomery; six NFL players; and Olympic champion swimmer Amy Van Dyken.

An appearance before the grand jury, or being subpoenaed to testify, does not mean an athlete is a target of the investigation — which is focusing on possible drug and tax violations by the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

Pettitte wants Clemens to join him in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Now that Andy Pettitte is heading home to Houston, he'd like Roger Clemens to join him.

Pettitte accepted a $31.5 million, three-year contract with the Houston Astros on Thursday, leaving the New York Yankees after nine seasons and four World Series championships.

Now he'll try to convince his former Yankee teammate Clemens to come out of retirement and pitch for the Astros, too.

"We'll see what happens," said Pettitte, who still works out with Clemens. "I know the media's already hit him up on that, and if I feel there's a chance, I'll hit him up on it, too."

The Yankees wasted no time in trying to fill the void left by the popular left-hander.

The Yankees and Dodgers agreed to the outline of a trade that would send Brown to the Yankees for right-hander Jeff Weaver, two minor leaguers and $3 million, two baseball officials said on condition of anonymity.

Brown, who turns 39 in March, has the right to block a trade and has not yet been asked about it, agent Scott Boras said. All players must pass physicals, and the Yankees want to review Brown's contract before signing off on the swap, the officials said.

"We hate to lose Andy Pettitte," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said in a statement. "We know the fans may be disappointed, but if you're counting us out next year, don't bet the house."

Later, as he left the Yankees' minor league complex in Tampa, Fla., Steinbrenner said that the pull of being close to his family seemed to sway Pettitte.

"It's obvious to a lot of us from the start that he wanted to go home," Steinbrenner said.

Houston first baseman Jeff Bagwell wasn't so sure.

"Never in my wildest imagination did I think we really had a chance," Bagwell told Houston television station KRIV.

Sounding wistful at times, the 31-year-old Pettitte said the Yankees' failure to pursue him aggressively allowed him to turn his attention to Houston, which wound up signing him for $7.5 million less than New York offered.

"When I left there after (World Series) Game 6, I never really envisioned myself in a different uniform," Pettitte said. "I thought that they would try to make a serious push to sign me then."

Clemens sounded surprised by the Yankees' bargaining.

"This is their guy," he told Sporting News Radio. "I think if they would have come and hit him hard early, no other team would have been able to sway him away."

Clemens, who has 310 wins, lives in Houston and is represented by Alan and Randy Hendricks, also Pettitte's agents. The 41-year-old right-hander didn't say whether he'd consider joining the Astros.

"We've let his representatives know if Roger changes his mind about retiring, we'd be interested in talking to him," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said.

New York's initial proposal, made just before Pettitte could start negotiations for all teams last month, was for $30 million over three years, including some deferrals. The Yankees didn't make another offer until late Wednesday night.

Pettitte's agents told the club during the day that they should offer a $52 million, four-year contract to get the pitcher's attention. They couldn't guarantee Pettitte accepting it, however.

"At that level, we weren't comfortable," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said.

New York countered with a $26 million, two-year offer with a third season at $13 million that would become guaranteed if Pettitte wasn't on the disabled list for much of 2005.

By then it was too late.

"Over the last two weeks I felt my heart was really tugging me to come back here," said Pettitte, who lives in nearby Deer Park.

Pettitte, who helped the Yankees win six AL pennants, was 21-8 last season with a 4.08 ERA, improving his career record to 149-78.

He will get $5.5 million next season, $8.5 million in 2005 and $17.5 million in 2006 — with $7.5 million in the final season deferred until July 1, 2008, according to contract details obtained by The Associated Press.

In addition, the lack of a state income tax in Texas and not having a residence in New York will add to an annual savings of about $1 million.

Points scarce in Spurs' win

HOUSTON (AP) — Tim Duncan helped San Antonio keep its longest winning streak of the season. He couldn't help the Spurs and the Houston Rockets avoid a dubious record.

Duncan scored 14 of his 22 points in the second half to lead San Antonio to its fifth win in a row, a 71-67 victory over Houston on Thursday night. The teams combined for the lowest first-half point total in NBA history.

"It was two very good defenses running into each other," Duncan said. "They did one heck of a job on me. It seemed like three or four guys were on me every time I got the ball."

The teams scored 55 points in the first two periods, the fewest two-team total since the shot clock was introduced in the 1954-55 season.

The Spurs' Robert Horry has a theory.

"Those baskets are terrible," Robert Horry said. "The rims tilt up, especially on the one end we were shooting at the first half. They're supposed to be level and you can just go out and look at them.

"You'd think in a brand-new building they could at least get the baskets right. It had a lot to do with it."

Duncan scored seven of his 10 fourth-quarter points in a 15-6 run as the Spurs erased a four-point deficit and took a 68-63 lead with 1:25 remaining. Devin Brown made two free throws with a second left to seal the victory.

"When you play as many games as we play, this kind of thing is bound to happen," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "Luckily it happened to both of us at the same time. If it had happened to only one team, the other would have led by 20 in no time. Neither one of us could make a shot and neither one of us could take care of the ball."

Steve Francis thought Duncan might have gotten some officiating help when he had two three-point plays in a decisive fourth-quarter run.

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1801 22nd .....CALL
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Phoenix school installs facial scan system

PHOENIX (AP) — Face-scanning technology designed to recognize registered sex offenders and missing children has been installed in a Phoenix school in a pilot project that some law enforcement and education officials hope to expand.

Two cameras, which are expected to be operational next week, will scan faces of people who enter the office at Royal Palm Middle School. They are linked to state and national databases of sex offenders, missing children and alleged abductors.

An officer will be dispatched to the school in the event of a possible match, said Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio.

"If it works one time, locates one missing child or saves a child from a sexual attack, I feel it's worth it," said Arpaio, a tough-talking sheriff who has previously gained notoriety for his chain gangs and prison-issued pink underwear.

Civil libertarians have raised red flags about the idea, pointing to potential privacy violations, and biometrics experts say facial recognition programs are not foolproof.

"There are huge privacy concerns. I'm also troubled by the fact that the technology is not proven," said Eleanor Eisenberg, executive director of the Arizona Civil Liberties Union.

Chengjun Liu, a professor and researcher of facial recognition technology at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, said facial recognition software is promising but can have reliability issues.

Variables like lighting and facial expression can affect the accuracy of the applications, he said. "There are a lot of challenges," Liu said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	12.46	12.00	12.45	+ .38
AT&T Corp	19.80	18.94	19.06	— .56
Albertsons	20.20	19.93	20.08	— .14
Alltel	45.33	45.10	45.26	+ .16
AmEl Pw	28.50	28.29	28.39	+ .04
AndarkPtr	48.43	48.08	48.30	+ .29
ATMOS Egy	24.54	24.42	24.51	+ .03
Availl	15.95	15.84	15.89	— .10
BP PLC	46.15	45.76	46.11	+ .41
BakerHughes	30.28	29.95	30.23	+ .20
Bank of Amer	76.12	75.81	76.04	+ .15
BellSouth	28.00	27.38	27.44	— .23
BurlNoSFe	31.70	31.27	31.57	+ .15
Caterpillar	77.95	77.45	77.70	— .24
CenterPoint	9.17	9.10	9.10	— .05
ChevronTex	79.87	79.35	79.82	+ .32
Citigroup	47.63	47.40	47.46	— .11
CocaCola	48.71	48.25	48.42	+ .03
ColgatePal	52.95	52.67	52.89	+ .29
CmclMetals	27.35	27.19	27.26	— .07
ConocoPhill	60.85	60.50	60.73	— .23
Cooper Inds	56.07	55.78	55.95	— .23
DaimlrChry	43.75	43.38	43.63	+ .38
DeltaAirl	11.84	11.65	11.73	+ .18
Dillards Inc	15.69	15.37	15.38	— .31
DowChem	39.89	39.56	39.68	— .01
DuPont	44.14	43.99	44.10	+ .03
EastmanChem	38.96	38.00	38.94	+ .70
EstKodak	23.95	23.67	23.70	— .17
EDS Corp	22.88	22.55	22.66	— .15
Entergy	54.57	54.26	54.48	+ .38
ExxonMobil	37.97	37.77	37.80	— .11
FootLocker	22.50	21.89	22.11	— .04
GenDynam	84.79	83.51	84.64	— .10
GenlElec	30.45	30.03	30.07	— .33
GenMills	45.98	45.60	45.79	— .27
GenMotors	49.90	48.57	49.46	+ .53
GaPacific	29.80	29.27	29.79	+ .50
Goodrich	29.73	29.25	29.56	+ .18
Goodyear	6.71	6.53	6.64	+ .12
GtAtlPac	7.83	7.45	7.49	— .24
Halliburtn	25.25	24.55	25.00	+ .31
Hanson PLC	34.95	34.80	34.84	+ .49
HarteHanks	21.85	21.57	21.68	— .24
HomeDepot	34.83	34.50	34.65	+ .12
HoneywellIntl	31.19	30.65	30.95	— .03
IBM	92.80	92.24	92.52	+ .12
IntlPaper	41.03	40.50	40.82	— .20
JohnsonJn	50.04	48.79	49.48	— .52
KinderMorg	55.65	55.24	55.43	— .11
Kroger Co	17.40	17.16	17.38	+ .04
LockheedM	49.19	48.27	49.18	+ .37
Lowes Cos	56.02	55.07	55.35	— .28
Lubys	3.61	3.50	3.61	— .03
LucentTech	3.01	2.91	2.93	— .01
MarathonOil	30.97	30.75	30.92	+ .05
MayDeptStr	28.92	28.06	28.16	— .62
Medtronic	47.90	47.76	47.81	+ .03
Motorola	13.04	12.82	12.88	— .14
NCR Corp	35.72	35.13	35.50	— .35
Navistar	43.70	43.22	43.65	+ .49
PNM Rescs	28.00	27.60	27.70	— .26
Penney JC	24.29	23.90	23.98	— .13
PepBoys	21.35	20.75	20.76	— .06
PepsiCo	46.98	46.60	46.68	— .20
PhelpDodge	68.20	67.20	67.41	— .03
PilgrimsPride	14.79	14.54	14.70	+ .20
Praxair	74.25	73.90	74.10	+ .10
ProctGamb	96.45	95.79	96.35	+ .35
RadioShack	29.30	28.55	28.89	— .23
RoyalDut	48.26	48.04	48.14	— .03
SBC Comm	24.85	24.35	24.45	— .35
SaraLee	21.13	20.91	21.10	+ .14
Scripps EW	92.99	92.47	92.51	— .13
SearsRoeb	46.38	44.77	45.47	— .90
SherwinW	34.00	33.62	33.88	— .03
SouthernCo	29.64	29.48	29.52	+ .04
SwstAirl	16.12	15.88	16.03	+ .03
SprintFON	15.30	14.83	14.84	— .43
SprintPCS	4.65	4.56	4.59	— .03
Sunoco Inc	48.85	48.15	48.84	+ .64
TXU Corp	22.74	22.49	22.58	— .07
TempleInland	60.72	60.10	60.37	— .32
TexInd	31.05	30.93	31.01	+ .08
TexasInst	28.95	28.17	28.47	— .13
Textron	53.90	53.25	53.52	— .40
TimeWarner	17.25	16.80	17.21	+ .43
TrinityInds	31.35	30.19	31.30	+ 1.30
TylerTech	8.93	8.80	8.93	+ .13
UnionPacif	67.11	66.56	67.05	+ .11
USSteel	30.69	29.71	30.19	+ .15
UnitedTech	91.75	89.60	91.56	+ 2.29
Unocal	34.78	34.52	34.70	
VerizonComm	33.40	33.10	33.23	— .11
WalMart	53.37	52.22	52.28	— .53
WellsFargo	57.06	56.77	56.99	+ .09
WstnGasRs	46.03	45.85	46.02	+ .11
WinnDixie	8.97	8.75	8.82	— .14
Xerox Cp	12.20	12.01	12.13	+ .10
YumBrands	34.29	33.90	33.98	— .42

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Charities face gift shortage

DALLAS (AP) — Christmas may be bleak for some needy North Texas children if donations don't pick up at several charities.

The Salvation Army in Dallas says it is facing its worst shortage ever, including the lull in charitable giving following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Each year it's been worse. Last year was worse than 2001, and this year is worse than 2002," said Patrick Patey, public affairs manager for the charity, which sponsors an Angel Tree program in area malls.

The Salvation Army aimed to help 13,518 families with 41,791 children this holiday season. But as of Thursday, projections indicated that more than 13,300 children would be left without Christmas gifts.

"It's important for the community to understand that the Salvation Army isn't sitting here with a big warehouse full of toys," Patey told The Dallas Morning News.

"We don't have a safety net or a fallback plan for these kids."

Some other North Texas toy donation programs said they also are running behind their usual pace.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Boyfriend's angry threats must be taken seriously

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl with a problem I can't talk to anyone about. I have been with my boyfriend, "Jon," for about five months. He has always been kind of jealous and controlling. Recently my parents told me I couldn't see him anymore.

Jon became furious when I told him how my parents feel, and now he's talking about killing them so we can be together. I know he is serious.

I really love Jon. He is the first boy who has shown an interest in me.

My parents and I have always had a great relationship and my mom is like my best friend. I totally don't want to see them get hurt. I don't know what to do. I can't tell my parents and I can't tell the police. I have tried to talk Jon out of it, and tell him they will learn to accept him over time. He just gets mad and says I am taking their side. Please tell me what to do. — **ANONYMOUS IN FORT MYERS, FLA.**

DEAR ANONYMOUS: I hope your sense of self-preservation is stronger than your sense of family loyalty. The boy you are involved with appears to have serious mental problems. He desperately needs psychological evaluation and counseling. Unless you do something now, Jon could talk himself into doing something to your parents — and you will be an accessory because you knew it was going to happen and did nothing.

I urge you to warn your parents about Jon's threats, so they can protect themselves — and you. As much as you may love him, you cannot reason with someone who is irrational and possibly homicidal.

P.S. Do NOT allow Jon to make you feel guilty for wanting to protect your parents. Your first responsibility is the safety of your family. So please don't wait. Tell them NOW. A good way to begin would be to clip this letter, hand it to them and tell them that you wrote it.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "George" for nine months. Since the day I met him, I knew he was a little odd, but that was one of the qualities that first attracted me to him.

In the last three months, his behavior has become worse. He is now homeless, penniless, jobless, and has problems with alcohol and depression. He was recently diagnosed with schizophrenia.

I love George dearly, but my role in his life has switched from girlfriend to caregiver/provider. I am not sure what to do. He refuses to get help but is stuck to me like a lost child. How can I save his and my life before it is too late? — **DESPERATE IN NEW YORK**

DEAR DESPERATE: True lovers must also be true friends, and right now George desperately needs one.

Tell him, as a concerned friend, that because you love him, he must get professional help.

If he doesn't have money, he can still find help in New York in a number of places. One of the large academic hospitals might be the place to start.

In any meaningful relationship, both people involved switch caregiving roles at various times. This is called "nurturing." But being made to feel obligated beyond affection is entrapment — and that you must avoid.

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Date Book

Friday, Dec. 12, 2003

Today is the 346th day of 2003 and the 81st day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1901, the first transatlantic radio transmission was received by inventor Guglielmo Marconi in Newfoundland.

In 1963, Kenya gained its independence from Great Britain.

In 1995, Willie Brown was elected as the first African-American mayor of San Francisco.

In 2000, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that manual recounts of the contested election results in Florida could not proceed, in effect leaving George W. Bush as winner of the presidency.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Lloyd Garrison (1805-1879), journalist, abolitionist; Gustave Flaubert (1821-1880), novelist; Edward G. Robinson (1893-1973), actor; Frank Sinatra (1915-1998), singer; Bob Barker (1923-), TV emcee, is 80; Ed Koch (1924-), former New York City mayor, is 79; Connie Francis (1938-), singer, is 65; Dionne Warwick (1941-), singer, is 62; Jennifer Connelly (1970-), actress, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1997, the Red Sox signed ace pitcher Ramon Martinez to a record six-year, $69 million contract.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nothing is more humiliating that to see idiots succeed in enterprises we have failed in." — Gustave Flaubert.

TODAY'S FACT: The "Black Death," or plague, killed an estimated three-fourths of the population of Europe and Asia in the 14th century.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 714 — miles of track in the New York City subway system.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 8) and last quarter (Dec. 16).

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TOY APPLICATION

Family Name _____
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Total Monthly Family Income $ _____ Work $ _____
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Please only list toys for each child from birth through age 17 (3 toys per child). **DO NOT list clothes and shoe sizes.** If you have more children than space allows, use an additional sheet of paper.

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Child #7 Name _____
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Please mail the above application to: **Christmas For Kids** P.O. Box 1202 Snyder, TX 79550-1202 by Friday, Dec. 12. Keep this lower part for your information. Appointment cards with date and time will be mailed out to the address you listed on your application. Bring the following items to your appointment: each child's birth certificate and SS card, proof of total family income (for example: a pay stub), and the appointment card we mailed to you. Toys will be distributed Dec. 18th - 20th at 2501 35th Street. For more information, please call Judi Martin and Alicia Graves at 573-7556.

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In Next Week's American Profile...

Family time is his favorite gift

With all of his heart, country singer Kenny Chesney believes you can go home again. Each Christmas, Chesney cherishes the time he spends at his grandmother's home with family and relatives.



In Addition...
- Our picks
- Hearty winter fare

American Profile
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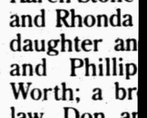
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Coalition compound in Baghdad shelled

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi rebels fired a salvo of mortar shells at coalition headquarters early today in the first attack against the U.S. seat of power since the Americans mounted a massive counteroffensive against insurgents last month.

Nobody was injured and only light damage was reported to a building in the so-called Green Zone, the downtown area housing the headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition, a military spokesman said.

The mortar barrage was the first attack at the headquarters compound since U.S. forces mounted "Operation Iron Hammer" in Baghdad last month to prevent strikes against the coalition's military and civilian targets.

"I heard what appeared to be incoming mortar rounds," Charles Krohn, a U.S. defense spokesman, said by telephone from his room inside the Green Zone. "I was shaken and I heard a couple of thumps. I felt the vibrations."

The zone includes the Al Rasheed Hotel, which was rocketed Oct. 26 in an attack that killed a U.S. colonel and wounded 18 other people. Deputy U.S. Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz was staying in the hotel at the time but escaped injury.

today's shelling came just hours after three suicide bombers in a furniture truck blew themselves up at the gates of a U.S. Army base in Ramadi, 60 miles west of Baghdad, killing one soldier and wounding 14 others. It was the third suicide attack on American troops in Iraq this week.

The region around Ramadi and the nearby city of Fallujah is one of the most dangerous for coalition troops and sits in the so-called Sunni Triangle, where the majority of U.S. deaths in hostile action have occurred since President Bush declared an end to major combat May 1.

Also Thursday, the military reported one U.S. soldier drowned and another was missing after a patrol boat accident on the Tigris River in Baghdad.

Two juveniles arrested

• Arrests

An 18 and a 17-year-old juvenile were taken into custody in the 2500 block of El Paso at 10:23 a.m. Thursday. Both subjects were served with warrants issued by Texas Youth Commission out of Brownwood.

A second subject was apprehended in the 100 block of 20th Place at 6:08 p.m. Thursday. A 21-year-old man was served warrants for driving with no driver's license, failure maintain financial responsibility and failure to yield at a stop sign.

An arrest was made at 7:27 p.m. Thursday after an 18-year-old male hit a stop sign in the 900 block of James in Hermleigh. The juvenile was charged with having no driver's license and cited with unsafe speed.

All of these subjects were booked into Scurry County Jail.

• Attempted break-in

A caller reported at 7:33 a.m. Thursday that a man had been at their back door earlier in the morning and was apparently trying to break into the house. The caller evidently surprised the man and he left the premises.

• Theft

A woman reported to police at 10:23 a.m. Thursday that a lighted deer in her yard at 3003 38th had been stolen sometime during the previous evening.

Hundreds line up for free flu shots

By The Associated Press

Hundreds of people lined up for free flu shots today and some hospitals were discouraging visitors after officials announced the flu had spread to all 50 states, nearly half of those considered hit hard by the illness.

Bundled in coats and under blankets outside the West Oaks Mall in Ocoee, Fla., near Orlando, 300 to 400 people waited for a chance at the remaining free flu vaccines there, even though the flu is not considered widespread in that state.

In Albany, N.Y., and elsewhere, health departments and doctors' offices have been so swamped with people looking for a flu vaccine some have exhausted their supplies. A hospital in Asheville, N.C., began restricting patient visitors today to ward off the flu's spread, and another in Gastonia, N.C., was discouraging visitors.

"I think what we're seeing is a natural response to concerns about a serious flu season," Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Julie Gerberding said today on NBC-TV's "Today" show. "But we also need to remember that for almost everyone, flu is not such a serious disease.

"We don't need to panic or assume that the worst case scenario is going to happen to everyone. Most of us will get through this fine."

The federal government announced Thursday it is scrambling to ship 100,000 adult vaccine doses to combat the shortages, hoping to head off what could become one of the worst flu outbreaks in years, and 150,000 child vaccines are expected in January.

The number of states with widespread infections has nearly doubled to 24 in the past week, and the season has not yet peaked nationally, the CDC said Thursday.

Worried parents are rushing to find shots even though many clinics are out or about to run out of the vaccine.

"I really was desperate," said Joy Thompson of Valencia, Calif., who found 300 people waiting to get the vaccine at her daughters' pediatrics office and couldn't endure the three-hour line. She later got the vaccine from her mother, a nurse.

Schools have shut down. Emergency rooms have been filled with sick children. And doctors' offices have been forced to turn away droves of people seeking flu shots.

Health officials are unsure why the outbreak has hit so early, why it has caused so many problems and why it seems to be so lethal in children.

States are not required to track the number of flu cases, so the exact total is not clear; however, at least 20 children have died nationwide during this outbreak.

Many cases are never classified as the flu, but doctors say they are seeing a clear increase this year.

Obituaries

Billie Stone

1930-2003

DeKALB — Billie Ruth Stone, longtime secretary in the Scurry County judge's office, died this morning in a Texarkana, Texas hospital.



Billie Stone

Service for Mrs. Stone, 73, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Austin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in DeKalb. Bates-Rolf Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Interment will be at 4 p.m. Monday in the Coleman City Cemetery pavilion in Coleman.

Born Feb. 17, 1930 in Coleman County, she was a legal secretary and was secretary to the county judge in Scurry County for 29 years.

Born Feb. 17, 1930 in Coleman County, she was married to V.A. "Stoney" Stone who died Feb. 13, 1997. She also was preceded in death by a brother, Bob Miller on Aug. 2, 1998.

The Stones moved to Snyder from Midland in 1962, and she worked briefly in the district clerk's office and then for the law firm of Rosser and Carroll before becoming the secretary of the county judge and commissioners court. She retired in 1993.

In Snyder, she was a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church and the Hermleigh chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Karen Stone of Dallas and Mitch and Rhonda Stone of DeKalb; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandi and Phillip Stokes of Fort Worth; a brother and sister-in-law, Don and Doris Miller of Midland; a sister, Mary Davis of Coleman; another sister-in-law, Jean Miller of Mohave Valley, Ariz.; and five grandchildren.

Family visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial may be made to the Austin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Building Fund, Rt. 3, in DeKalb, 75559.

Valdean Riley

1916-2003

Gladys Valdean Riley, an Ira native, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Riley, 87, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Tom Woodward, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 21, 1916 in Ira, she married Ross Riley on Oct. 21, 1965 in Snyder. He died Aug. 30, 1969.

A resident of Snyder, Mrs. Riley had worked more than 30 years as an operator for Southwester Bell Telephone Co., working in Sweetwater for many years. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, E.L. Keller.

Survivors include two brothers and sisters-in-law, Leonard and Cleo Keller and Raymond and Joy Keller, all of Snyder; another sister-in-law, Avanell Keller of Snyder; and numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation will be held from 7 to 8 this evening at the funeral home.

Bob Farquhar

1929-2003

IRVING — Robert "Bob" Farquhar, native of Fluvanna and brother of Truss Farquhar, died Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Funeral service for Mr. Farquhar, 74, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the DFW National Cemetery in Dallas.



Bob Farquhar

Born to Frank and Nancy Farquhar on Jan. 2, 1929 in Waco, he graduated from Fluvanna High School in 1947. He entered the Navy, serving aboard the USS Perkins, USS Neosho, USS Cadmus, retiring as a chief petty officer in August 1969.

Mr. Furquhar returned to Texas, settling in China Spring and was employed by C-Line Products in management until he retired. He later owned and operated the Dubl-R Hamburger in Waco. Mr. Farguhar was an active member of the China Spring Lions Club and served as its president.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Tommy Farquhar and Bill Farquhar; two sisters, LaVerne Farquhar, and Joye Browning; and a grandchild, William Farquhar.

Survivors also include his wife, Helen Farquhar of Irving; five children, Nancy Thomas of Irving, Michael Farquhar of Dallas, Frank Farquhar of Tucson, Cindi Farquhar of Irving and Jenny Baxley of Havelock, N.C.; a sister-in-law, Juanita Farquhar of Snyder; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Texas Lions Camp, Box 290247 in Kerrville, 78029.

Edith Puryear

1913-2003

ROTAN — Edith Lucille Hardin Puryear, a native of Scurry County, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, in Rosewalk Village Nursing Home in Lafayette, Ind., where she had live for five years.

Funeral service for Mrs. Puryear, 89, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

Born Dec. 20, 1913 in rural Scurry County, she attended a one-room school at Cottonwood near Rough Creek and graduated from Rotan High School.

She married Hassie Reaves Puryear on Dec. 18, 1932. They made their home in Rotan and he died in 1972.

Mrs. Puryear was a homemaker and seamstress. She worked the nursery at the First Baptist Church and also was a clerk at Thriftway Grocery for about 20 years. She also managed cattle at two locations for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Puryear was a member of the First Baptist Church, Eastern Star, PTA, Fisher County Sheriff's Posse and a Girl Scout leader.

Survivors include a daughter, Sharron Howard of West Lafayette, Ind.; a sister, Daisy Roberson of Gainesville; and two granddaughters.

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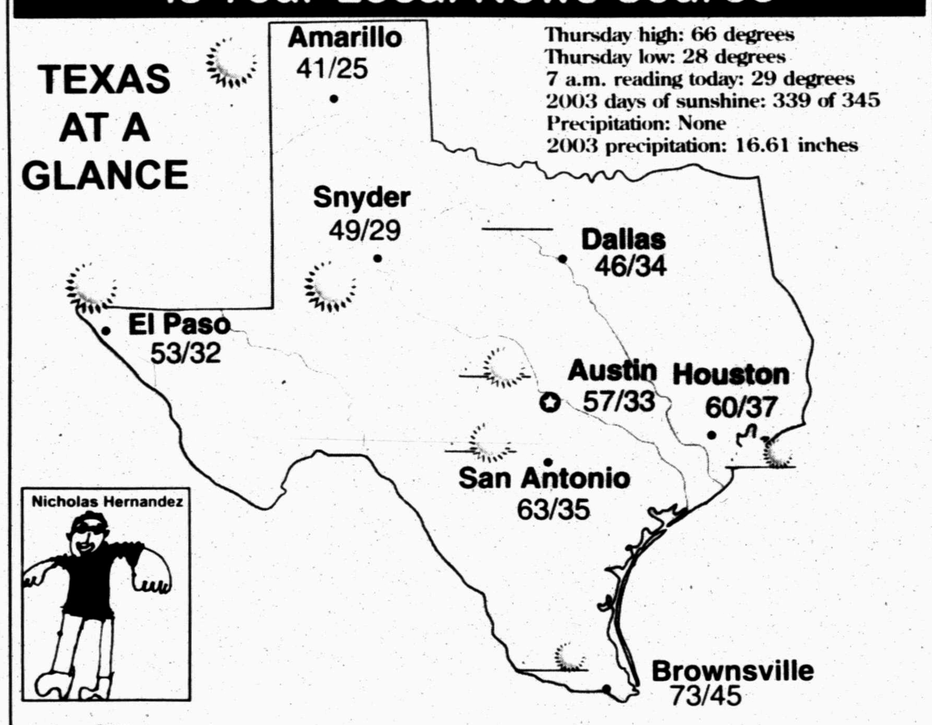
Local 3-Day Forecast

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Generally sunny. High 49F. Winds NW at 10 to 15 mph.	Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 30s.
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TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Thursday high: 66 degrees
Thursday low: 28 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 29 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 339 of 345
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 16.61 inches



Nicholas Hernandez

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	48	31	mst sunny	El Paso	53	32	sunny	Midland	54	31	sunny
Amarillo	41	25	sunny	Fort Stockton	57	35	sunny	Raymondville	72	42	pt sunny
Austin	57	33	mst sunny	Gainesville	43	29	cloudy	Rosenberg	60	37	pt sunny
Beaumont	60	38	pt sunny	Greenville	45	30	cloudy	San Antonio	63	35	mst sunny
Brownsville	73	45	pt sunny	Houston	60	37	pt sunny	San Marcos	59	34	mst sunny
Brownwood	51	31	mst sunny	Kingsville	69	40	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	46	31	cloudy
Corpus Christi	67	41	mst sunny	Livingston	56	33	pt sunny	Sweetwater	50	32	sunny
Corsicana	48	33	pt sunny	Longview	49	33	cloudy	Tyler	49	32	cloudy
Dallas	46	34	cloudy	Lubbock	49	28	sunny	Weatherford	45	28	pt sunny
Del Rio	61	39	sunny	Lufkin	55	35	cloudy	Wichita Falls	45	27	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	43	39	rain	Houston	60	37	pt sunny	Phoenix	63	43	sunny
Boston	32	20	mst sunny	Los Angeles	66	49	mst sunny	San Francisco	58	52	rain
Chicago	32	27	pt sunny	Miami	78	72	pt sunny	Seattle	49	39	rain
Dallas	46	34	cloudy	Minneapolis	24	18	pt sunny	St. Louis	31	27	snow
Denver	38	26	pt sunny	New York	37	29	mst sunny	Washington, DC	38	29	cloudy

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Dec 8	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30

UV Index

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North		12-12-03
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	♥ 6 3 2		
	♦ Q J 10 9		
	♣ 7 4 2		
West		**East**	
♠ 8 2		♠ A 10 9 7	
♥ J 10 9 8 7		♥ 5 4	
♦ 8 6 5 3		♦ A 7 4	
♣ J 9		♣ Q 10 8 6	
	South		
	♠ K J 6 3		
	♥ A K Q		
	♦ K 2		
	♣ A K 5 3		

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

West leads the heart jack, top of his sequence.

South has only five top tricks: three hearts and two clubs. But he sees potential tricks in both pointed suits.

After winning the first trick, South plays the diamond king. West has unimportant diamonds, so he should drop the six (or eight), starting a high-low to show an even number of cards. If West has two diamonds, South has four; there is nothing the defense can do. East therefore assumes that West has four and South two. So, East wins the second round of diamonds, then returns a heart.

South, needing to get into the dummy, leads the spade king. West plays the eight: high from a doubleton. East can see what is happening; he ducks his ace. South will probably continue with a low spade to dummy's queen, but East grabs the trick and the contract must fail.

With useless cards, give count.

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Avoid dubious gossip; stick to useful facts

How reliable is gossip? To find out, start a story that is strange but believable. Tell a friend about someone you know whom (s)he doesn't. Then, some days later, ask someone else in your circle if (s)he has heard the rumor. If so, did (s)he get it right? Probably not.

At the bridge table, some defenders "gossip" by playing cards at random, refusing to help partner. Others stick to the facts, making sure partner has the key information to find the lethal defense.

In this deal, how should East and West card to defeat three no-trump?

South's sequence, opening an artificial and forcing two clubs, then rebidding two no-trump, shows a balanced 23-24 points.

Files innocent plea

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Funk musician George Clinton filed an innocent plea to drug charges Thursday, according to court records.

Clinton's lawyer, Tim Jansen, filed the plea and the case was assigned to Circuit Judge Thomas Bateman. No trial date has been set.

Jansen didn't return a call for comment.

Clinton, whose age is listed as 62 or 63, was arrested over the weekend and charged with possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia. He was released on $2,650 bail.

Bill to help some buy health care

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) — Thousands of farm families, small business owners and self-employed workers in Wisconsin are now eligible for a new program to help them get affordable health insurance.

Gov. Jim Doyle signed legislation into law Thursday that creates five regional health insurance purchasing cooperatives with the power to pool individuals to negotiate directly with health insurance providers and collectively bargain for cheaper coverage.

Wisconsin farmers face a health care crisis, already paying three times as much for their health insurance as salaried employees working for a company, Doyle said.

"I don't think anyone believes this will be the absolutely perfect answer, but it will provide some help," Doyle said before signing the legislation.

"We can raise prices and productivity of our farmers, but it won't matter if increased profits just go to cover rising health care premiums or if farms go under because our farmers can't afford health care coverage for their families," he said.

The governor said some Wisconsin farmers pay $1,900 a month for health insurance premiums that include a $2,500 annual deductible.

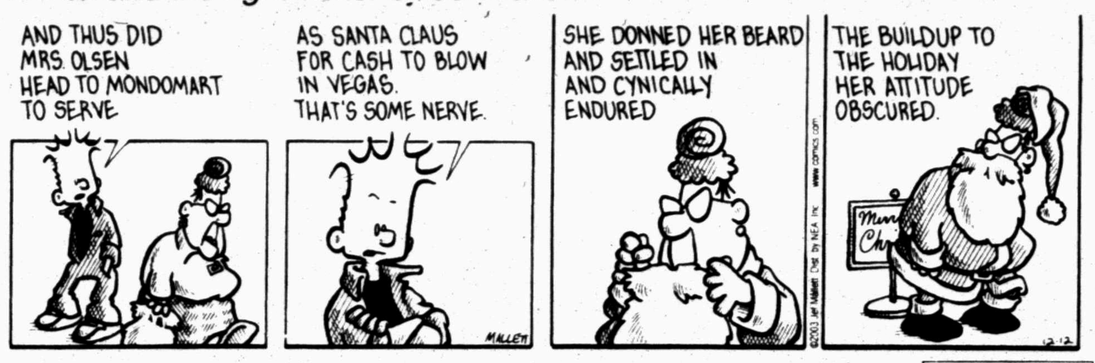
"It is no wonder 25 percent of Wisconsin farmers have no health insurance coverage at all," Doyle said.

About 50 people watched the signing ceremony at FCS Financial Services, a member-owned cooperative that provides loans and other services to agricultural customers and home owners.

The legislation, based on a successful Minnesota program, was approved by both the Senate and Assembly in November.

Bill Oemichen, president and CEO of the Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives, a primary advocate of the legislation, said each purchasing cooperative must have at least 5,000 members.

A mall and the right visitor by Jef Mallett



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003

Your range of interests and activities could be substantially expanded in the year ahead. This will be due in part to an optimistic outlook and curiosity about the world around you and wanting to experience it all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Act in accordance with your own ideas today and ignore all the kibitzers. You know what you want and how you want to do it, and anything you personally manage will work out favorably.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Enjoy the assistance you receive today and don't feel under the gun to immediately return favors that anybody does for you. Let it be known that you'll balance accounts at a later date.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Friends are likely to be involved in several facets of your life today, but one thing they won't be is a problem. Your friendly nature turns everyone into a pleasant, affable person.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Any objective that is truly meaningful to you can be accomplished today, because you won't hesitate to throw your full weight behind it. No job or challenge will be too overwhelming.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — What you thought yesterday could be considerably different to what you think today. The clouds could lift on a viewpoint you had been locked into and bring sunshine into your life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — There's no reason not to let emotion play a role in your judgment calls today when they involve people about whom you care a great deal. Just don't leave logic out of the picture, either.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You have the wherewithal today to roll with the punches and come out on top. Your optimism won't allow any setback to get you down and defeat your wining spirit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — That which you offer today, whether it be a product or a service, has high market value, so keep this in mind when a cheapskate attempts to grind you down. Demand what you're worth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Any antisocial mood you may wake up with today has no life left in it and smiles will quickly replace frowns. Make some plans with a fun pal and get out and enjoy yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The day isn't apt to amount to much if you are too reclusive today. You don't have to get out on the town, but do something interesting with your family or loved ones and you'll benefit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You're smart to strive to do more listening than talking today when in the presence of friends and associates. You'll learn something of great interest, and their ideas will click for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Act upon opportunities as each one arises and your prospects for achieving your goals today will soar. It won't matter if they're material or non-material, you'll attain your desires.

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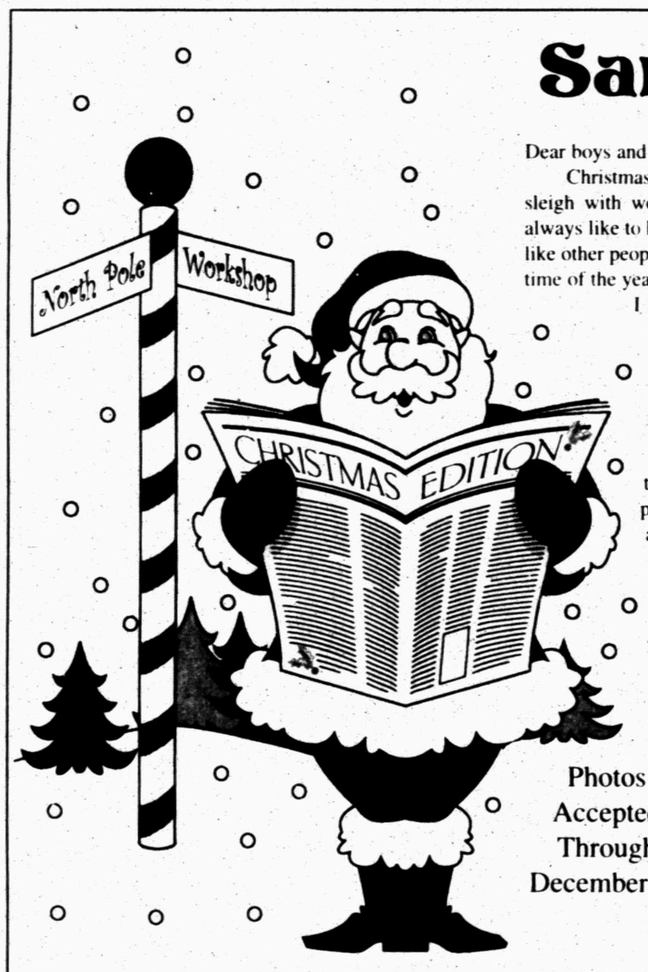
Set in New Mexico in 1886, a father (Jones) returns home to his daughter Maggie (Blanchett) to try to make peace decades after abandoning her to go live with the Apaches, only to find that she has no forgiveness or affection to give him.

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