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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Today's trendy gift may be in next spring's garage sale."

In 1903, the top gift on every child's Santa list was the Teddy Bear.

Some may remember 1955, what most boys wanted a Coonskin Cap. Just two years later, in 1957, the in gift was the Hula Hoop.

By 1965, it was the skateboard. But older kids have always wanted "wheels."

In 1984, it was the Cabbage Patch Doll, and in 1993 it was Barney the Dinosaur. Last year, it was Tickle Me Elmo.

All of this prompted us to take a peek back 50 years to see what Christmas in Scurry County was like in 1947.

Residents were hoping for a Christmas present from the state. County Judge F.C. Hairston had led a delegation to Austin to make a pitch for Highway 350, described as a straight route to Ira.

The cotton harvest was underway, and ginners were predicting a bumper crop of 32,000 bales. Crude oil prices jumped 50 cents to $2.65 a barrel and gasoline was selling for 24 cents a gallon.

The Winston Brothers picked up a little Christmas money by selling Mabelle A, a Hereford heifer calf, for $410.

King and Brown gave the SHS home economics department a surprise gift, a Frigidaire refrigerator. Showing at the Palace was "Perils of Pauline," starring Betty Hutton. At the Texas, it was "Cry Wolf," featuring Errol Flynn.

Fifty years ago, there was a food drive for the needy underway, spearheaded by the Snyder Lions Club. Volunteer firemen were Snyder's Goodfellows. Farmers were contributing to wipe out a $174 deficit for the farm labor reception center.

Residents in the Woodward school community were voting in hopes of merging with the Snyder schools. Tiny Moore, 263-pound tackle, was named all district.

Bill Schiebel was the chamber manager and directors were Sam Williams, C.T. Hubbard, Clarence Wade, J.E. Blakey, N.W. Autry, Schley Adams, John Stanley, Lyle Deffebach, Don Robinson, H.L. Wilson, M.H. Roe and P.A. Keaton.

Manager Carl Whitfield just opened up a new Perry Brothers store on the square. Anthony's Christmas ad offered dress shirts for $2.98 and Williams Jewelry advertised a five-piece silver tea service for $125.

At J.C. Penney, bareleg nylons were advertised for 98 cents and Roe Home and Auto featured a Whizzer Motor Bike for $97.55. A Dorothy Perkins cologne and bath powder set could be purchased at Stinson Drug for $2.99.

There were letters to Santa from Charles Harrell, Keith McCormick, Morris Head, Jerry Dennis and Jimmie Joe Key.

In 1947 Key wrote: "I am a boy in the 5th grade and tried to be good. I want a bicycle and football and also nuts and candy. I want some fireworks, too."



THE RIGHT DAY — Katie, Meg, Emily and Caroline Hinton, from left, picked Monday afternoon to get some excercise on their bicycles as the temperature was a chilly, but comfortable 43 degrees. Snyder residents were greeted with thunderstorms this morning and sleet and snow continued to be forecast for areas north and west of Scurry County. The Hinton girls were in town from Austin visiting grandparents, J.D. and Jane Hinton. (SDN Staff Photo)

Taking time off for the holidays

Good idea to get your transactions completed

Scurry County folks who need to get their financial transactions conducted before the Christmas holidays will need to do so by early Wednesday.

That's because most banks and savings and loans will close at noon on Christmas Eve. The local post office will also close at noon, although mail will be delivered all day.

Here's the schedule for financial institutions, mail and city and county buildings:

—Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank, American State Bank and Snyder Savings & Loan will close at noon Wednesday and remain closed Christmas Day. First American State Bank will close at 3 p.m. Wednesday through Christmas Day.

—City Hall will be closed Wednesday and Thursday and will reopen on Friday.

—The City of Snyder landfill will close Christmas Day only.

—County buildings, to include the courthouse, Senior Center and Health Unit, will be closed Thursday and Friday. Scurry County Library, normally open on Saturdays, will be closed through the weekend as well.

—Snyder Post Office will deliver mail on Christmas Eve but will close the office at noon. No mail will be delivered or placed in boxes on Christmas Day. Normal hours will resume Friday.

Early delivery is planned Wednesday

The annual Christmas Greeting Edition of the Snyder Daily News will be delivered Wednesday morning.

There will be no newspaper published on Christmas Day. The news office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday. Regular publication schedule will resume Friday.

Xmas gifts with an unusual twist

Toe-tag key chain big hit for coroner

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Everyone is used to clothing and toys at Christmas, but what about a toe-tag key chain? It's the rage at one coroner's office.

How about a stuffed version of Socks, the Clinton cat? You can find one at the White House gift shop. You can even stuff a stocking with a cat's skull — it's yours for just $49 at a Buffalo knick-knack shop.

Americans giving the unusual at the holidays isn't THAT unusual. But store owners this year are offering a wide variety of the offbeat, sure to make a lasting impression.

There's even big demand for rhinoplasty — nose jobs — and temporary wrinkle elimination.

"I'll be seeing a lot of people over the holidays and I just wanted to look better," said Fran Younger of Rochester, who spent $400.to have her wrinkles removed.

Drs. Vito Quatela in Rochester and George Brennan in Newport Beach, Calif., are offering a deal this Christmas on Botox, an injection that eliminates wrinkles by temporarily "paralyzing" the facial muscles used to grimace or squint.

Quatela calls it the "event collagen," because so many people want to have the procedure done before holiday parties.

"This time of year, people like to give themselves a little boost but they don't want to incur any downtime like major surgery would entail," Quatela said.

At the Lucy-Desi Museum Gift Shop in Jamestown, mail-order requests have piled up. The store is filled with unusual items, including a $250 music box that features Lucy pouring the tonic while her dubbed voice tries to hawk it.

If they like the morbid, a gift from the Los Angeles County coroner's office may tickle their fancy. T-shirts, hats, mugs, note pads, beach towels and those key chains — all with an coroner's office seal — fill the store.

Or they may like something from Tattoos by Paul Massaro in Buffalo, which stocks real skulls of lizards, coyotes, spider monkeys and bobcats.



Medical staff picks same officers for '98

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers handled routine items this morning, including approval of the medical staff report, financial report and nursing report.

Medical staff officers will remain the same for 1988, said Dr. Gary Nussey, who was re-elected chief of staff. Also re-elected were Dr. Mark Weaver, vice president, and Dr. Thomas Kerr, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Nussey informed the board of a potential physician candidate for Snyder. The individual is interested in establishing a family practice in a rural area and will be available sometime this summer.

Board members approved the financial report for November. That report indicates a net income for the month of $205,371 and net income for the year of $855,051. The projected year-to-date net income is $780,940.

Statistical information from the monthly operating report indicates an average daily census of 10.9 patients and a long-term census of 27.9. There were 1,230 home health visits, 30 cardiac rehabilitation visits, 37 endoscopy procedures, 76 surgical patients, seven newborns and 574 emergency room visits.

Interim director of nurses Laquita Culwell, RN, gave a brief nursing report.

Cogdell CEO Jeff Reecer said work on the physical therapy area is proceeding ahead of schedule. He said the contract date calls for completion by March 5; however, the work may be completed as soon as early February.

Board president Jim Bob Cave presided. Other board members in attendance were E.D. Walton, J.B. Tate, Jimmy McMillan and Stanley Martin. Dr. Mark Weaver was absent.

Southern Mexico...

Dozens killed in massacre

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Gunmen attacked a small, rebel-controlled town in southern Mexico, killing at least 42 people, peasant activists said today.

If confirmed, it would be the bloodiest attack in Chiapas state since 135 people died in the Zapatista uprising in January 1994.

Members of the peasant group Las Abejas said 42 people were killed and six were missing after the massacre Monday, according to Manuel Gomez Perez, an official of the rebels' autonomous government in Polho.

Witnesses reported hearing gunshots for four hours in the town of Acteal, Gomez Perez said.

Las Abejas sympathizes with the rebel Zapatista National Liberation Army, which set up a rump county government in the area in 1995.

Clashes between supporters of the local government and the officially recognized government — affiliated with Mexico's ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party — have raged for seven months, killing 30 Tzotzil Indian peasants and leaving nearly 7,000 homeless.

"It's an incomprehensible situation in which we have not been able to stop the violence," Roman Catholic Bishop Samuel Ruiz told XEWM radio in San Cristobal.

Few details were known about the attack because of the inaccessibility of the area.

"Many died, but we don't know for sure how many are dead and how many are injured," Gomez Perez said by telephone from Polho.

Gonzalo Ituarte, spokesman for the diocese of San Cristobal de las Casas, reported 43 dead — eight in Acteal and 35 in the nearby village of Quextic.

Three children were hospitalized in San Cristobal with gunshot wounds, XEWM reported. Survivors said women and children were shot at point-blank range, the radio station said.

The station said Red Cross workers have not been able to enter the affected area because it is too dangerous.

At least 300 people have died in similar clashes in Chiapas state since the 1994 uprising — by some estimates, 600.

Tire sales about to tread new ground

Beginning Jan. 1, purchasers of tires will no longer be required to pay fees to finance the state's scrap tire recycling program.

The program, which was not continued by the legislature, will cease to exist at the end of the month.

Currently, consumers are required to pay an additional $2 for a new automobile tire, $3.50 for a new truck tire and $1 each for used tires.

What a consumer will pay now to dispose of a tire is up in the air with most local tire dealers. The amount of the fee will be at the dealer's discretion and not regulated by the state.

Bob Lang, owner of Lang Tire, said his firm will probably charge what the state currently charges, with the exception of truck and farm tires.

"It really depends on what the recycler charges us," said Lang. "And right now, I have no idea what their price will be, although I feel it will be more for the larger size tires."

No one here will be out to gouge anyone," said Lang.

Jeff Lowrance at Western Auto agreed that charges are still unknown.

"We really don't know yet," said Lowrance. "Basically, the recyclers will be the regulators and a lot depends on their charges."

Both Lang and Lowrance said consumers can keep their old tires and dispose of them at the city landfill.

Eli Torres, landfill superintendent, said there is not a charge for citizens to dispose of tires at the city-owned landfill.

"However, we have been notified by the company that used to pick our used tires up that they will no longer do it for free," he said.

"If there is too much expense, the city may look to charge for disposing of the tires."

ASK US

Q—How many children are receiving gifts as a result of the Toys for Tots drive?
A—Five hundred.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 43 degrees; low, 33; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 36; .20 of an inch precipitation; total for 1997, 25.46 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, 30% rain chance; mostly cloudy. Low 30-35. NW wind 10-20 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy. High 50-55. NW wind 5-15 mph. Christmas; Increasing clouds. Lows 30-35. Highs upper 40s-mid 50s.



Jordan Lester
Partly cloudy

Sunset:
5:46 p.m.
Sunset:
7:40 a.m.
Of 356 days in 1997, the sun has shone 341 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When you handle yourself, use your head; when you handle others, use your heart.

Donna Reed

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Federal judge rebukes thrift regulators

WASHINGTON (AP) — Accusing the government of misrepresenting the facts, a federal judge rejected the government's efforts to avoid paying billions of dollars to S&Ls for a change in reserve requirements that plunged many into financial trouble.

The chief judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims criticized the tactics of government lawyers in the massive litigation involving more than 120 thrifts that have filed suits to collect damages in the wake of a 1996 Supreme Court decision.

Ruling on 11 issues that were common to all of the cases, Judge Loren A. Smith chided the government for restating arguments the Supreme Court had rejected when it ruled that regulatory agencies could be sued for breach of contract because of the 1989 changes in reserve requirements.

The government's arguments "range from the rejected to the implausible" and "have little or no basis in law, fact or logic," Smith said in holding that three S&Ls and a land company could collect damages for breach of contract. "The government persists in ignoring or misrepresenting the law.

"This does no credit to the United States," Smith wrote. "While the court can appreciate the concerns of the government's attorneys to protect the public treasury, and they are honorable people, it must severely criticize the tactics and approach of the government in these motions."

He ordered the government to show cause why similar judgments should not be entered on behalf of the other S&Ls in the case.

"We're elated to see that the court has truly lost its patience with the government," said Washington lawyer Charles J. Cooper, who represented the committee of all plaintiffs and argued the Supreme Court case last year.

A former executive of one S&L, Jerry Barton, said claims could total as much as $100 billion but conceded that "the honest answer is nobody knows." After the Supreme Court ruling, industry analysts estimated the claims totaled between $10 billion and $20 billion.

The cases involve a challenge to a 1989 law Congress passed to deal with the S&L crisis of the 1990s that led to failures of nearly 500 thrifts and indictments of more than 300 officers, directors or others involved in illegal loans and other transactions. The cleanup has cost more than $200 billion.

The law changed how S&Ls could count their assets.

S&Ls that had been encouraged by federal regulators to take over less healthy thrifts contended that the law breached their contract by barring them from carrying certain assets on their books.

"The institution was broke the minute (the law) was passed because what we capitalized with didn't count," said Barton, former president of Landmark Land Co. Inc. Regulators said $300 million in real estate Landmark put up to take over a failing Louisiana thrift couldn't be counted as an asset on the S&L's books, he said.

Ruling last year in the case of a Minnesota thrift that challenged the law, the Supreme Court opened the floodgates of litigation by holding that the government could be sued for breach of contract. More than 120 plaintiffs, including Barton's defunct company, have filed suit.

FDA approves first pill that may help men to regrow hair

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of balding men are about to realize their dream of a pill to regrow hair: Once-a-day tablets will hit pharmacy shelves next month, but it may take lots of patience — and money — before men see results.

The Food and Drug Administration announced Monday that it approved Propecia, the first pill for male pattern baldness, a potential way for men both to grow new hair and to stop existing strands from falling out.

"It's really an impressive drug," said Dr. Ken Washenik of New York University, who tested the pill on his patients and wound up taking experimental doses for his own baldness. "People grew the kind of hair that relatives would notice. If you were home for the holidays, they'd say, 'What did you do to your hair?'"

The FDA warned that women should never use Propecia because it can cause birth defects. Even for postmenopausal women, studies of safety and effectiveness are not complete.

For men, Propecia is not a miracle pill. About half who use it grow varying amounts of hair, and men may have to use it for six months to a year before they learn whether they're among the half that benefits, Washenik said.

Manufacturer Merck & Co. estimated each month's supply will cost $45 to $49.

But Washenik pointed to studies that show even if men don't regrow lots of hair, they may like Propecia: Only 17 percent of balding men who took Propecia for two years were still losing their hair vs. 72 percent of men who took a placebo.

Propecia, which the FDA approved Friday night, works by suppressing a hormone that shrinks hair follicles, thus causing hair loss.

It's a lower dose of a widely used drug called Proscar, known chemically as finasteride, that millions of men have taken to ease enlarged prostates. But because young men are expected to pop the new pill for many years, FDA scientists looked closely at side effects.

The main problems were decreased libido and impotence, in just 2 percent of men. The problems disappeared when they quit the drug. Although Propecia can cause a certain birth defect in pregnant women — and doctors say they should not even touch the pills — Merck said it does not affect sperm.

To be safe, the FDA told Merck to continue studying Propecia patients who so far have tested the drug for two years, to see if problems emerge with longer use.

The nation's 40 million balding men until now had only one option: slathering nonprescription Rogaine on their scalps.

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Love to all, Janis Cox

Berry's World



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Central Awards

Third six weeks

Central students have received the following awards.

SUPER KIDS

Felicia Guzman, Jackie McKamie, Clay Fritz, Dustin Hall, Mayela Borrego, Terann Ragland, Kinsey Guynes, Kaitlyn Greenlee, Michael Mann, Erica Munoz, Dalton Cole, Brett Bowlin.

UNIT RECOGNITION

Tyler Driggers, Adrian Sosa, Courtney Tyrrell, Adrian Padron, Norma Aguilar, Cheyene Roemisch, Teresa Egan, Jordan Lester, Kazual Moore, Tyler Danforth, Ashlye Matthews, Zack Block.

CLASS TOKENS

Molly Kattes, 4; Edilyn Smith, 6; Paula Bowden and Kathy Moore, both 7; June Holcomb and Kathy Spoor, both 8; Betty Thompson, 9; Judy Barkowsky, 10; Deborah Judah and Judy Moss, both 12; Stanley Cozart, 13; Magdalena Jaimes, 17.

ACCELERATED READERS

Sarah Covington, 28; Chelsey Drummond, 35; Marleah Akins, 38; Kylan Reynolds, 37; Ashley Luecke, 26; Jamie Arnold, 38; Jared Scott, 31; Jeremy Rodriguez, 38; Sydney Wright, 43.

Also, Joshua Martinez, 28; Malcolm Deavers, 30; Ricky Silva, 25, Katy Crenwelge, 26; Allie Brewster, 27, Ramon Valadez, 27; Casey Long, 28; Casey Smith, 28; Claire Morris, 28; Casey Arnold, 34; Terann Ragland, 34; Hollie Berryhill, 38; Jordan Stansell, 39; Bryce Westmoreland, 41; Andrew Dupree, 43.

Others are, Roman Romero, 25; Colton West, 27; Chris Gaddis, 29; Sean Velasquez, 29; Amanda Rivera, 35; Kelton Clayton, 45; Kaitlyn Greenlee, 26; Christina Martinez, 28; Whitley Fulford, 28; Tyler Everett, 30; Cody Reed, 32; Corbin Smith, 33; Jordon Lester, 39; Chase Medina, 41.

Also, Lisa Baldwin, 26; Michael Mann, 28; Kade Kruger, 31; Chris Gutierrez, 32; second and third six weeks; Eric Munoz, 30, second six weeks; Brandon Hagins, 27, second six weeks; Brandon Hagins, 27, second six weeks; Leslie Eades, 33; second six weeks; Tasha Ball, 24, David Gomez, 25; Ember Proffitt, 28; Jada Bilano, 48; second and third six weeks.

Memphis exporters said big cotton program recipients

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Two Memphis companies received more than 30 percent of the subsidies paid to cotton exporters through a government program that has been under federal investigation for two years, a newspaper reports.

Neither company, Dunavant Enterprises Inc. nor Allenberg Cotton Co., has been charged with wrongdoing though some of their business records have been seized.

The investigation so far has led to three relatively minor convictions, with two companies from Texas and one from Memphis pleading guilty to bilking the government.

The investigation before a federal grand jury in Memphis focuses on a subsidy program for cotton exports called Step 2. Between 1991 and 1996 the government paid $399 million through the program to 108 exporters and $266 million to 139 U.S. cotton mills.

Quoting from recently released government figures, The Commercial Appeal of Memphis said the top 10 companies in the program got 70 percent of the money. Five are headquartered in Memphis.

Dunavant Enterprises of Memphis drew $45 million while a subsidiary, Dunavant of California, collected $25 million. Allenberg, headquartered in the Memphis suburb of Cordova, drew $53 million, the newspaper said.

The largest recipient, drawing $53.4 million, was Calcot Ltd of Bakersfield, Calif.

Federal officials seized records from Dunavant and Allenberg in November 1995. The companies have declined talking about the investigation except to say they have done nothing wrong and are cooperating with investigators.

Records of about 20 other cotton exporting companies also have been seized in the investigation.

The subsidy program was designed to encourage textile mills to buy U.S. cotton and help exporters of U.S. cotton compete abroad.

Investigators have said they are looking into allegations some exporters falsely reported the timing of contracts for foreign cotton to lock in more favorable subsidy rates.

W.G. Ripley Inc. and Suncot Inc., both of Lubbock, Texas, have entered corporate guilty pleas to defrauding the program. Suncot was ordered to repay $825,000, while Ripley was ordered to repay $240,000.

Memphis Cotton Co. Inc. has pleaded guilty to bilking the government out of $100,000 and is awaiting sentencing.

Stenholm lists 27 nominees

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Charles W. Stenholm (D-TX) has announced that 27 young men and women from the 17th District of Texas have been selected as nominees to the United States Service academies. Their names have been submitted for consideration as members of the academy classes entering in July 1998.

Those nominated from Snyder are Zachary Briseno, Military and Naval academies; and Sean Duncan, Naval Academy.

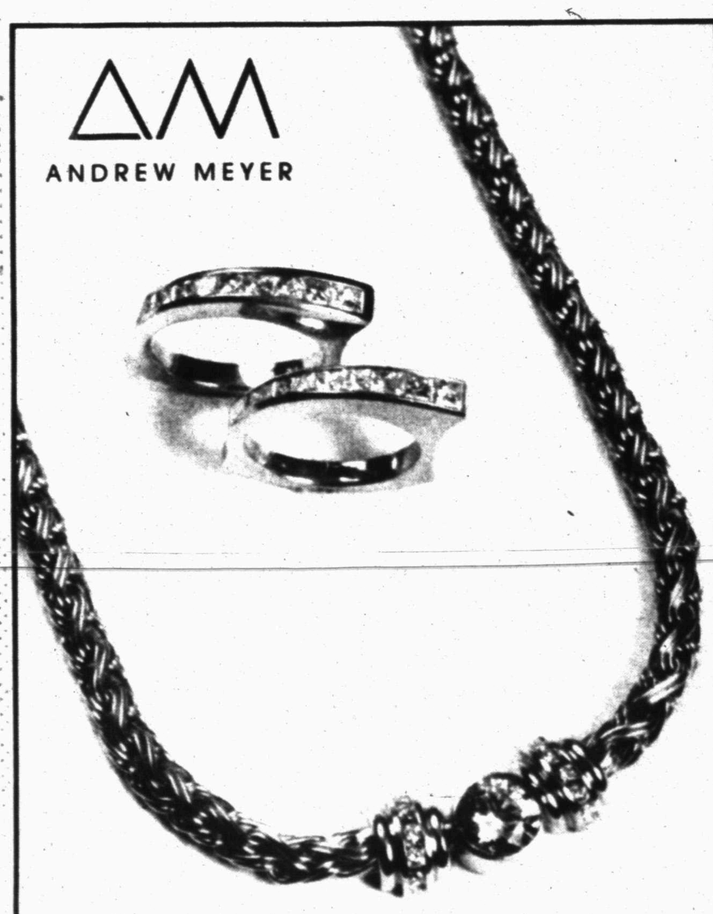
"I am always so impressed by the higher caliber of candidates that apply to my office each year," said Stenholm. "But it certainly makes a selection decision all the more difficult.

Ten individuals were nominated to compete for one appointment slot at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and the Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Twenty-three young men and women were nominated for three appointment slots at the Naval Academy in Anapolis, Md.

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"CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR" — Piano Students of Mrs. Barbara Tune were presented in a holiday recital on Dec. 13 at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Junior and senior high school students are in the top photo (from left), seated, Wendy Proffitt, Crissida Tyler, Whitney Jones, Vanessa Jones; standing, Kristine Mayer, Sara Cantu, Audra Reneau, Anna Williams. Elementary students in the center photo are, seated, Beth Clements, Gretchen Hollis, Aeryal Peoples, Nicole Oranles; standing, Brittany Scott, Ember Proffitt, Jana Lewis, Stephanie Parmer, Morgan Bilderback, Temi Thompson and Kirstie Davis. Boys in the bottom photo include, seated, Brandon Robbins, Jase Olvera, Bradley George, Marcus Barboza; standing, Austin Brunson, Bryan Welborn, Isaac Hernandez, Jason Hall and Carl Self. (Contributed Photo)

Nutrition

By Ed Blonz, PH.D.



By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Newspapers, magazines and the online services carry stories about new scientific discoveries, but few say whether the company that makes or sells the product is the one that funds the research. I think that when this happens, it casts suspicion on the accuracy of the work. Is there some way that I can find out who is funding a study, and how much influence those with the deep pockets are able to exert on the results? — S.F., Elizabeth, N.J.

DEAR S.F.: Studies published in scientific journals usually divulge their sources of funding. A journalist reporting on the research should let you know if there are any potential conflicts. It may be helpful, though, if I say a bit more about funding.

Research has special significance to the many areas involved in bringing food to the table. In addition to product testing, the list includes agriculture, for research on how and why plants grow; engineering, for the design of factories that process foods; food technology, which develops ways to keep more foods for a longer period of time; and finally, the nutrition sciences, which focus on the health impact of what we are — or are not — eating.

Scientific research can be thought of as a complicated recipe, with the head, or principal investigator, as the chef who develops the recipe. The ingredients include such diverse items as location, equipment, staff, supplies and subjects. Unlike getting geared up for an evening meal, however, research is a process that takes many years to complete.

So, should you be concerned about who picks up the tab?

In research, funding is the name of the game. Depending on its length and complexity, a study can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Funding comes in the form of research grants from federal and private sources. Granting agencies have limited funds, and there are always more requests than there is money. The situation shows no sign of improvement, with the continued trend toward federal budget cuts in the sciences. Most grants are awarded on a competitive basis after being reviewed by established mainstream scientists. If a grant application is assigned a low funding priority, the researcher has to look elsewhere for research dollars — if "elsewhere" even exists.

Applying for research grants can turn into a black hole for scientists. Some take courses on how to write better grants. Others form collaborations with scientists who have a good funding track-record. Many actually shift research areas to go where the money is. And then there are those who call it quits and change careers altogether.

This is a sobering and not often appreciated side of research. How can one justify pursuing ideas on the fringe of science when such pursuits carry with them a lower likelihood of funding? Even if initial dollars are received, delving into a new area often yields unclear results in the opening experiments. This could place your chances for renewal funds in jeopardy. Scientists might actually design experiments that bring forth quick results, all in the interest of increasing their chances for continued funding.

Looming over the entire process is the quest for tenure. When a person gets a job as a professor, he is essentially considered to be on probation until he is granted "tenure," or job security. Each new faculty member's progress is formally reviewed, usually anywhere between four and seven years after he joins the institution. If his research program and number of publications is acceptable to the senior faculty, he receives tenure. If not, the faculty member, simply put, is out of a job. If he then wants to move to another institution, job openings usually go to those who have shown their ability to conduct research and attract money.

If the whole system sounds oppressive, you're getting the picture.

In some cases scientists are able to secure funds from private sources. These monies are usually earmarked for particular types of research, and often the funding source will actually approach a scientist who specializes in their area of interest. These companies aren't going to fund research that makes them look bad. So it's not surprising that research, for example, that says "walnuts are great" is funded by the walnut people.

But does the source of the funding compromise the integrity of the science? In most cases, no. This is especially the case if the study is conducted at a major university, as these institutions usually have policies that don't permit funding agencies to exert any overt pressures on research. There's additional assurance if the results appear in a peer-reviewed journal, because the methods and conclusions will have been critically examined by other experts in the field. This being said, however, it's always reaffirming when critical findings are reconfirmed by independent researchers at other institutions.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scores

North 12-23-97
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♥ 5 4 2
♦ K 5
♣ K J 5

West
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♥ K Q 10
♦ J 9 8 4
♣ 6 3

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♥ A J 9 7 6
♦ 10 2
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South
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♦ A Q 7 6 3
♣ A Q 10 9 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

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2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

rides to the rescue. You rebid two hearts. It is an artificial bid saying that you have game-forcing values and asking partner for more information. He will bid no-trump with a stopper in the fourth suit. Or he will support your suit with secondary help there. Or, as here, he will show his 5-5.

Against five clubs, West began with three rounds of hearts. Declarer ruffed, then drew two rounds of trumps, leaving an honor in the dummy. Next, South led a spade to dummy's ace, cashed the diamond king, played a diamond to his ace, and ruffed a diamond in the dummy. Finally, declarer ruffed a spade in hand, drew East's last trump, and ran the diamonds for his contract.

Discuss fourth-suit forcing with your partner. It's very useful.

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Is it late or early?

On July 23, I received a letter postmarked August 21 that contained a notice for a meeting on July 16! How do these things happen?

Some bridge players are ahead of their time. One was Londoner Norman Squire, who died in 1991. Many of his bidding theories had scorn poured upon them at first, but have now moved into the mainstream. In particular, there is fourth-suit forcing. Look at the North hand in the diagram. Partner opens one diamond, you respond one spade, and he rebids two clubs. What would you do now?

You cannot bid no-trump, because you don't have a heart stopper. You cannot rebid in spades, because you don't have six. You cannot support either minor, because you are shy a card in each. What can you do?

Here's where fourth-suit forcing

'Titanic' receives two thumbs down

By The Associated Press

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis. (AP) — Residents are giving the new movie "Titanic" two thumbs down for historical accuracy.

In the film, which opened Friday, actor Leonardo DiCaprio plays a budding Chippewa Falls artist who happily describes ice fishing back home on Lake Wissota.

But there's one snag: Lake Wissota wasn't created until five years after the infamous passenger liner sank in April 1912.

"It couldn't have happened because the lake wasn't filled until 1917," said Chippewa Falls historian Dolores Beaudette.

"Have you ever been to Wisconsin?" the fictional Dawson asks the aristocratic Rose Bukater, portrayed by actress Kate Winslet.

Residents are asking that same question of the movie's filmmakers: Have you ever been to Wisconsin?

"At that time there was no body of water there," said Northern States Power Co. spokesman Brian Elwood.

The Lake Wissota hydroelectric project was started in 1915 and finished in 1917, when the area was flooded to create the lake.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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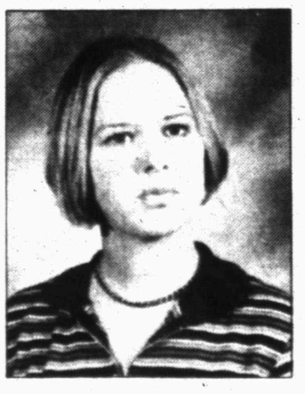
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

Rudy's Senior of the Week!



Senior Angela Matthews is involved in the Concert Choir at Snyder High School. She will be an early graduate. In the Fall she will be going to WTC to get her LVN and then her RN. She then plans to move to Lubbock and work at the Children's Hospital.

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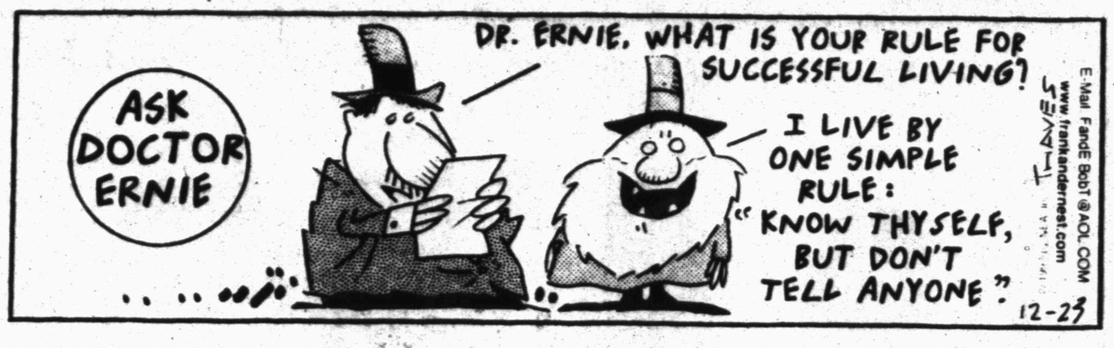
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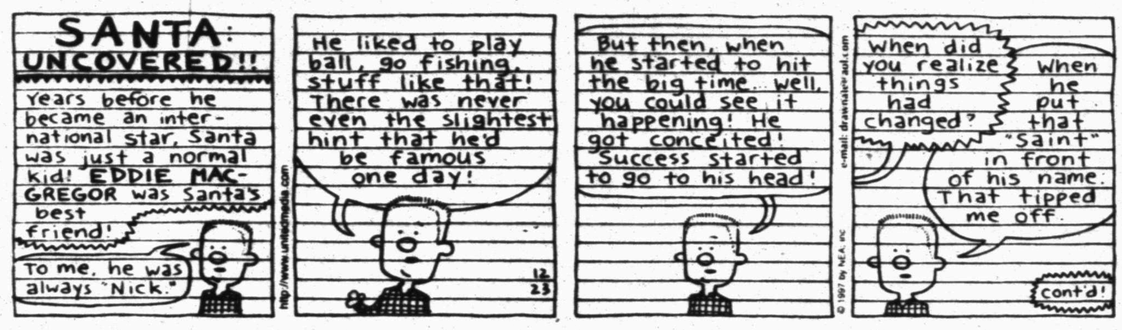
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4 Extensive
8 Wee drink
11 Once — a time
13 Former student
14 Chemical ending
15 — bene
16 Eliminating
18 Certain compound
20 Lopsided
21 Goes by, as time
23 Las Vegas establishment
25 Gift to the needy
29 Eye
30 Cigarette end
32 Astronauts' all right
33 From — — Z
34 Walk
36 Layer of cloth
37 Held in
39 Selfish one
41 Oscar-winning movie
44 Opened wide
46 Nixon's daughter
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52 Gestures assent
53 For each
54 Lotion ingredient
55 Festive
56 Year (Sp.)
57 Cast a sidelong glance
58 Decimal unit

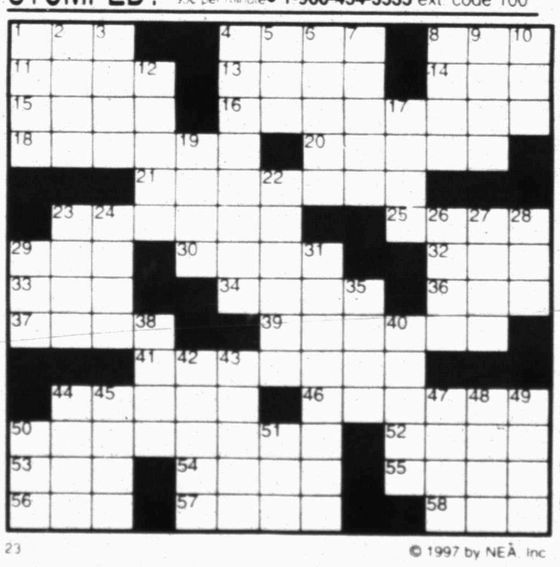
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4 Guarantees
5 — de France
6 Three Musketeers author
7 Overact
8 Metal fastener
9 Doesn't exist
10 Margaret's nickname
12 Calls
17 Passport endorsement
19 Wallach and Whitney
22 Sulked
23 Order of whales
24 Vast period of time
26 Race segments
27 Shed (hair)
28 Shade of blue
29 Tree fluid
31 Sire
35 Rain
38 Adhesive strip
40 Of thee — —
42 Heavy — (music type)
43 Fred Astaire's sister
44 Dancer Verdon
45 Of aircraft
47 Outerwear
48 Unemployed
49 Straight — — arrow
50 Mineral spring
51 Wooden tub

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SPORTS

Playoffs set with Pat's win

MIAMI (AP) — The Patriots beat the Dolphins in New England and in Miami. Now they'll try to beat them in the playoffs.

The season series climaxes Sunday with a winner-take-all rematch. The Patriots will be at home, thanks to Monday night's 14-12 victory over Miami.

The win gave New England (10-6) the AFC East championship and home-field advantage for the first round in the playoffs.

"I'm thrilled that we get to take this game back to our fans," coach Pete Carroll said.

Miami (9-7) will try to break a seven-game losing streak in postseason road games since winning the Super Bowl in January 1974. They lost at New England 27-24 on Nov. 23.

"Fortunately we get another shot," coach Jimmy Johnson said.

Johnson was bitter about the officiating in Monday's defeat. A holding penalty negated a two-point conversion that would have tied the score, and a fumble return for a touchdown was waved off when the officials said the play was blown dead.

"I wouldn't like it at all if it was over. But it's not over," Johnson said.

The site for the rematch favors New England, however, especially if the weather is wintry.

"Hopefully it will be 20 below," Patriots cornerback Ty Law said. "You know those guys aren't used to it."

New England's path to the division title was a rocky one that included a potentially devastating overtime defeat against Pittsburgh on Dec. 13. The defending AFC champions had trouble protecting leads and suffered lopsided losses to Denver, Green Bay and Tampa Bay.

But they beat Miami twice.

"The AFC East championship means a lot to us," quarterback Drew Bledsoe said. "It was one of our goals and we were able to do it. We didn't do it probably in the fashion we would have liked, but we get to play in front of our fans next week and we're very excited about that."

Bledsoe, trying to shake a reputation for poor play in big games, threw for only 173 yards Monday. But he rallied New England from a 6-0 halftime deficit with touchdown drives of 70 and 55 yards.

"Obviously this game was important for a lot of reasons," he said. "We had to show we could play well and win a game with some huge implications."

New England's defense forced the Dolphins into repeated negative-yardage plays with frequent blitzing. A harried Marino completed 28 of 44 passes for 278 yards, but was sacked four times.



INTENSE DEFENSE — Brady Cobb (12) and Chad Carter (guarding No. 52 for Big Spring) keep an eye on the ball during varsity basketball action Monday in Tiger Gym. The Tigers of Coach Bud Birks improved their season record to 8-7 with an impressive 67-49 victory over the Steers. (SDN Staff Photo)

Slow-down strategy backfires as Knicks thump Dallas Mavs

NEW YORK (AP) — Leave it to Don Nelson, the coach who wanted to make Patrick Ewing a second option, to make it seem like the New York Knicks won't be missing their franchise player.

Nelson opted to play a slow-down, small-lineup game against the Knicks on Monday night in New York's first game since Ewing's injury. The strategy was a questionable one, and it didn't work at all as New York dominated the inside and coasted to a 79-67 victory.

"I thought they would want to prove they're still a high scoring team, and I wanted to prevent that," Nelson said.

Prevent it he did, nearly holding New York to its lowest point total of the season. But Nelson stubbornly stuck with the strategy throughout the fourth quarter, even when his team was trailing by as many as 19 points.

"It wasn't a true test for them because we didn't play a big lineup or put pressure on the post," said Dallas forward A.C. Green, who was clearly unhappy with the game plan. "I was a little surprised by it, but we tried to put in a little wrinkle I suppose."

Larry Johnson had 18 points and eight rebounds, making six of his eight baskets from in close. Allan Houston had 19 points, John Starks 13 and Buck Williams 12.

The Knicks, despite the absence of their 11-time All-Star, were dominant in the paint as they outscored the Mavericks 44-16 inside and outrebounded them 44-36 despite backup big men Chris Dudley and Herb Williams never even entering the game.

New York also committed just seven turnovers in winning its 10th straight home game.

Dallas, meanwhile, lost its ninth straight, dropping to 1-9 since Nelson took over for Jim Cleamons, with the only win coming against New York on Dec. 4.

"We saw them play that way against Utah when they slowed it down every possession, so it can lead to frustration if you're not mentally sharp," Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "And our guys were really sharp."

Forgetful Lakers win

HOUSTON (AP) — In the first half, the Los Angeles Lakers forgot their plays. In the second half, they executed them to perfection.

Kobe Bryant scored 19 points, and Eddie Jones had nine of his 17 points in a third-quarter run as the Lakers beat Houston 94-83 on Monday night for their third straight victory over the Rockets this season.

"We had a lot of mental errors in the first half," Lakers coach Del Harris said. "I think it was due to road fatigue. We totally missed two plays because we forgot them and one time we had six men on the court.

"But our guys kept working hard. They were never lazy and I told them at halftime that if they kept up the effort we would win the game."

All of Los Angeles' starters scored in double figures along with sixth-man Bryant, the NBA's top-scoring reserve.

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Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	17	8	.680	-
NewYork	16	11	.593	2
Orlando	16	11	.593	2
NewJersey	14	11	.560	3
Washington	14	14	.500	4½
Boston	12	12	.500	4½
Philadelphia	6	19	.240	11
Central Division				
Atlanta	19	8	.704	-
Indiana	17	8	.680	1
Charlotte	16	9	.640	2
Chicago	16	9	.640	2
Cleveland	16	9	.640	2
Detroit	13	15	.464	6½
Milwaukee	12	14	.462	6½
Toronto	3	24	.111	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	16	10	.615	-
Houston	14	9	.609	½
SanAntonio	15	10	.600	½
Minnesota	11	14	.440	4½
Vancouver	10	17	.370	6½
Dallas	5	21	.192	11
Denver	2	22	.083	13
Pacific Division				
Seattle	21	5	.808	-
L.A.Lakers	21	6	.778	½
Phoenix	16	8	.667	4
Portland	14	10	.583	6
Sacramento	10	17	.370	11½
GoldenState	5	19	.208	15
L.A.Clippers	5	22	.185	16½

Sunday's Games

Cleveland 106, Utah 101
Boston 99, L.A. Clippers 77
Vancouver 88, Portland 86

Monday's Games

New York 79, Dallas 67
Detroit 96, Philadelphia 92
New Jersey 99, Orlando 88
Charlotte 81, Toronto 79
Utah 101, Atlanta 99
Washington 110, Milwaukee 79
L.A. Lakers 94, Houston 83
Phoenix 91, Golden State 76
Sacramento 89, Minnesota 79

Tuesday's Games

Dallas at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Boston, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Houston at Utah, 3 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.

NCAA BASKETBALL SCORES

EAST

Boston U. 60, Manhattan 59
Creighton 79, Towson 70
Fairleigh Dickinson 91, Wis.-Milwaukee 77
Navy 80, Harvard 65
Pittsburgh 67, Lafayette 66
Rhode Island 85, Ohio U. 72
Rutgers 90, Wagner 61
Siena 105, Holy Cross 69
Villanova 103, Fla. International 73

SOUTH

Alabama 85, Alabama St. 61
Clemson 65, Charleston Southern 42
Florida 95, McNeese St. 53
Indiana St. 78, E. Kentucky 61
Maryland 110, N.C.-Asheville 52
Miami 65, Memphis 57
Middle Tenn. 74, Erskine 40
Mississippi 74, Louisville 70
N. Carolina St. 86, Hampton U. 61
N.C.-Wilmington 68, Coastal Carolina 45
NE Louisiana 102, Ball St. 93, OT
New Orleans 66, Tulane 61
SW Louisiana 66, Miss. Valley St. 60
South Alabama 69, Washington 52
South Florida 91, Nicholls St. 78
Southern U. 98, Ark.-Pine Bluff 85
Valparaiso 78, Belmont 62
Vanderbilt 69, Oregon 58
Virginia 92, VMI 55
Wake Forest 85, Radford 53
West Virginia 55, Virginia Tech 52

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 65, Wis.-Green Bay 51
Cleveland St. 59, Tulsa 55
E. Illinois 79, Evansville 75, OT
Minnesota 100, Sacramento St. 56
Notre Dame 75, Dartmouth 50
Ohio St. 63, Chattanooga 54
Purdue 118, Florida A&M 67
W. Michigan 88, Wright St. 74
Wichita St. 80, Drake 55
Youngstown St. 75, St. Francis, Pa. 69

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma 95, North Texas 72
SW Texas St. 82, Samford 64
Texas-Arlington 73, Air Force 66

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 88, Weber St. 79
California 68, Brigham Young 64
Colorado 72, Denver 54
Colorado St. 58, San Jose St. 41
E. Washington 83, Washington St. 82, OT
Indiana 65, San Francisco 52
San Diego 86, St. Francis, NY 78
Stanford 95, UC Santa Barbara 62
UCLA 81, Boise St. 75

TOURNAMENTS

Christmas San Juan Shootout
Semifinals

Iowa 82, Southern Miss. 58
St. Bonaventure 70, Oral Roberts 67

Consolation Bracket

Loyola, Ill. 76, Puerto Rico-Mayaguez 55
Tennessee Tech 62, Furman 58

Coors Light Classic
First Round

Fresno St. 107, North Florida 65
Long Island U. 102, CS Northridge 86

Seton Hall-Meadowlands Tournament
First Round

Fordham 78, St. Mary's, Cal. 66
Seton Hall 69, Colgate 64

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Wild Cards
Saturday, Dec. 27
Minnesota at N.Y. Giants, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)
Jacksonville at Denver, 4 p.m. (ABC)
Sunday, Dec. 28
Miami at New England, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 3
Denver, Jacksonville, or New England at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Detroit, Minnesota or Tampa Bay at San Francisco, 4 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Jan. 4
Detroit, N.Y. Giants or Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 12:30 p.m. (FOX).
Denver, Jacksonville, or Miami at Kansas City, 4 p.m. (NBC)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 11
Divisional playoff winners, TBA
Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 25
At San Diego
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6 p.m.
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC

By 67-49...

Snyder Tigers dump Steers

Three-point baskets can turn a close ballgame into a rout.

The Big Spring Steers found that out Monday night.

Justin McNair and Alvin Fabre combined for nine baskets from behind the arc, turning a two-point Snyder halftime lead into a 67-49 Tiger rout.

Fabre connected on two of his four long-range jumpers in the first quarter to give Snyder a 15-12 advantage.

McNair drained two and Fabre another in the second, but the Steers remained within two points at halftime, 29-27.

Big Spring made their strongest run in the third, taking the lead, 36-35, with 2:08 left in the period.

But the advantage was short-lived as Snyder closed out the quarter with a 9-2 run, seizing a 44-38 pad entering the final eight minutes.

The Steers would get no closer, as McNair heated-up from downtown.

In a two-minute span, the 5'11" junior drained three from long range to put the game out of reach.

The win improves Coach Bud Birk's squad's mark to 8-7 on the season, heading into the Caprock Holiday Tournament which begins Monday.

The Tigers face Dimmitt in opening-round action at 10:30 a.m. in the Lubbock Monterey gymnasium.

BIG SPRING — Myers 4 2-4 11, Watson 1 0-0 2, Hall 2 3-4 7, Wollenzein 3 0-3 6, Cowley 2 0-0 4, Ford 8 3-3 19. Totals 20 8-14 49.
SNYDER — Fabre 6 3-4 19, McNair 5 0-0 15, Riggins 2 3-4 7, Taylor 6 1-4 13, Cobb 0 1-3 1, Mandrell 2 4-5 8, Hodges 1 0-0 2, Carter 1 0-0 2. Totals 23 12-20 67.

Big Spring	**12**	**15**	**11**	**11**	**— 49**
Snyder	**15**	**14**	**15**	**23**	**— 67**

Three-point goals: Big Spring 1 (Myers); Snyder 9 (McNair 5, Fabre 4). Total fouls: Big Spring 16, Snyder 17. Fouled out: Rollins.

Tiger JV sinks Big Spring with 12 three-point shots

Big Spring's junior varsity was left feeling shell-shocked Monday night.

Snyder's JV boys bombed the Steers with 12 three-pointers for a 71-43 blowout.

The Tigers led by only eight at halftime, but used the third quarter to put the game out of reach.

Snyder, led by Greg McAnaw's 23 points, held the Steers scoreless for the entire third period and half of the fourth.

Meanwhile, the Tigers put up 30 points of their own over the final 16 minutes to bury Big Spring, 71-43.

McAnaw drained five three's, while Josh Ward poured in four to finish with 14 points along with Sonny Cumbie.

Trey Gorman swished three from behind the arc for nine points, with Justin Rosson adding seven more and Michael Loper, four.

The victory improves Snyder's mark to 8-5 on the season.

The Tigers will be on the court again Jan. 2 at San Angelo Central, beginning at 2:30.

SDN Sports Briefs

Brown's surgery successful

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Because he is young and healthy, Reggie Brown's chances of recovery are good. Yet his football career appears to be over.

The Detroit linebacker had neck surgery Monday after his spine was injured during Sunday's victory over the New York Jets that put the Lions into the playoffs. He will wear a neck brace known as a halo the next three months.

Team physician Dr. David Collon said the surgery to fuse the first and second vertebra in Brown's neck went well at Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital.

"His condition remains stable," Collon said. "At this point, we begin the process of observation to see how his condition progresses."

Brown's face turned blue after a collision on a tackle, and a doctor gave him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on the field.

"At this point, it is hard to say how serious and how permanent his injury is," Collon said. "The first 72 hours after such an injury are important. The next two weeks also will tell us a lot."

When asked if the 23-year-old player's career was over, Collon said: "I guess you could make that supposition."

Colts boot coach

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — With Bill Polian available, Jim Irsay acted quickly to hire Carolina's general manager as president of the Indianapolis Colts.

Irsay, the Colts' owner, hired Polian on Monday to direct the rebuilding of the Colts hours after firing coach Lindy Infante as coach and Bill Tobin as vice president and director of football operations. The moves came less than 24 hours after the team finished the season 3-13 — the worst record among the league's 30 teams.

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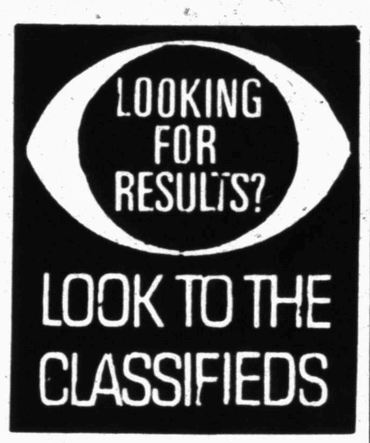
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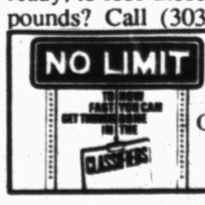
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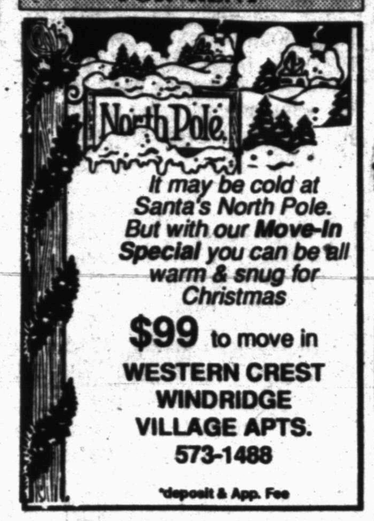
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Nazareth, Bethlehem vying for pilgrims' hearts in 2000

NAZARETH, Israel (AP) — The city of Nazareth, where the Bible says Jesus was raised, is gearing up for a millennial rivalry with Palestinian-run Bethlehem over the hearts and pocketbooks of millions of pilgrims.

Both cities have recently begun a publicity blitz that will grow increasingly intense as 2000 approaches, and are raising millions of dollars for much-needed face lifts.

For Israel, Nazareth has gained new prominence since Bethlehem became autonomous two years ago. With the holy city of Jerusalem under dispute, this Israeli-Arab town, with about 35 churches and monasteries, is Israel's main undisputed Christian tourist attraction.

Nazareth's Christian credentials will be economically significant in 2000, when up to 5 million tourists, mostly pilgrims, are expected — up from the normal 2 million per year.

Bethlehem is more geographically central and enjoys a somewhat higher profile in Western song and lore. But Nazareth officials gathered at a millennium party Monday said they are optimistic that history is on their side.

"Nazareth is the place Jesus spent most of his life," said deputy mayor Suhail Diad. "Jesus was only born in Bethlehem, and he died in Jerusalem. Between those times he was always in Nazareth."

The two cities have much in common: Both are hilly, and Nazareth, with 60,000 people, is only slightly larger. While less than one-tenth of Palestinians are Christian, both cities have a considerable Christian minority — in Nazareth about 40 percent, in Bethlehem, about one-quarter.

But Bethlehem is considered part of the West Bank, which Israel captured from Jordan in 1967. It became autonomous in 1995, and it will almost certainly be part of the Palestinian "entity" to emerge in a future final peace settlement.

Nazareth, about 80 miles north, is in land Israel captured during its 1948-49 war of independence, which created borders widely accepted now in the Arab world.

So whereas Bethlehem's population is Palestinian, the people of Nazareth are "Israeli Arabs," part of a minority that accounts for almost one-fifth of Israel's population of 6 million.

"Nazareth is in Israel and will stay in Israel," Tareq Shihada, the city's tourism director.

Shihada said Nazareth plans some $250 million in improvements by 2000, and about one-third of the sum had already been raised from the Israeli government.

The focus is on increasing the number of hotel rooms in the city from 600 to 2,000. As part of that, buildings from the 18th and 19th centuries will be converted into bed-and-breakfast inns, he said.

Other projects include adding roads, improving the sewage system, creating a sound-and-light show on the history of Nazareth, renovating the old city and central market, and building a half-mile pathway from downtown to a hilltop church on a site Jesus is believed to have frequented as a boy.

On Monday, the city launched the "Jubillenium," cultural and religious events promoting peace and coexistence over the next two years at various sites around the world and funded by three unidentified businessmen, an Israeli, a European and an American.

Three booked into jail

Three people were booked into Scurry County Jail over the past 24 hours, including one who had first been arrested in Dallas.

Lisa Montez Rodriquez, 29, was placed in jail at 6:51 p.m. after being transported from Dallas where she had been arrested on a felony warrant to revoke her probation and a misdemeanor warrant for public intoxication.

An outstanding warrant resulted in another person being arrested at 9:30 p.m. A 39-year-old male was taken into custody at the sheriff's office on a county warrant for assault.

At 12:41 a.m. today, officers arrested a 22-year-old female from the area of Ennis Creek Road and Highway 84 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Activity was light, otherwise, for local lawmen.

Amadeo Rodriquez reported the theft of a 1985 Ford pickup at 6:45 a.m. from 1306 19th St. Officers located the pickup less than two hours later at Huffman Avenue and Avenue E and it was returned to its owner.

At 8:36 p.m., a woman told dispatchers that someone had entered her residence in the 1700 block of Avenue T and had eaten some of her food while she was away from her house. She said nothing else was missing.

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AT&T Corp	63 13-16	62½	62 15-16	— 1
AirTouch	39½	38¼	38 15-16	— 1-16
Albertsons	46½	46¼	46⅝	+ ¼
AlldSignal s	35 13-16	35⅜	35⅝	— ⅛
Alltel	40 7-16	39 15-16	40 5-16	
AmerOnline	91⅝	88½	90⅝	+ ⅛
AmStoress	20 9-16	20¼	20⅛	+ ⅛
Ameritech	86¼	85 3-16	85 5-16	— ½
Amoco	83 11-16	83 1-16	83 9-16	
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Aviall	14¼	14 7-16	14⅛	+ ⅛
BakerHughes	40¼	40	40 1-16	— 3-16
BellAtl	90¼	89 3-16	89 9-16	— ½
BellSouth	58¼	57 9-16	58	+11-16
BethSteel	8 7-16	8 3-16	8 5-16	— ⅛
BritPet s	79¼	79	79 5-16	— ½
BurlNoSFe	93 15-16	93¼	93⅛	—13-16
CBS Corp	27¼	27 9-16	27 11-16	— ⅝
Caterpillar s	48 1-16	47⅛	47¼	—1 1-16
CenSoWst	27¼	26¼	27	— ⅛
Chevron	75 3-16	74¼	74⅜	— 7-16
Chrysler	34 13-16	34⅜	34 7-16	— ⅛
Coastal	60⅛	59 13-16	59 13-16	—13-16
CocaCola	66 1-16	64⅞	65 1-16	— 1
ColgatePalm s	69 1-16	68 1-16	68 7-16	— ⅝
ComclMetals	31 11-16	31	31 11-16	+13-16
CooperIn	48 5-16	47 7-16	48	
CyprusAmax	15¼	14 15-16	15	
DallSemicn	39	37⅜	37 13-16	—15-16
DeltaAirl	114	112	112⅜	— 1¾
DigitalEq	37 9-16	37¼	37⅜	— ¼
Dillards Inc	34 9-16	34	34	— ¼
DowChem	97 15-16	97 7-16	97⅛	+ 9-16
DresserInd	39¾	39 1-16	39 5-16	— 1-16
DuPont s	58 1-16	57 7-16	57⅝	+11-16
EastmanChem	58⅜	58⅛	58⅛	— 1-16
EstKodak	57⅞	57⅛	57¼	—11-16
EDS Corp	43	42¼	42 13-16	— 1-16
Entergy	28 9-16	28	28	— ⅛
Exxon s	60 9-16	59 9-16	60¼	— 1-16
FstBksAm	23¼	23¼	23¼	— ⅛
Flowers s	19¾	19⅜	19 11-16	— 3-16
FordMotor	46¼	46⅛	46 13-16	+ 9-16
GTE Cp	51⅛	50⅞	51¼	— ⅛
GenDynam	84 1-16	83⅝	84 1-16	+ 1-16
GenlElecs	73 13-16	72⅞	73	— ⅛
GenMills	72 7/16	71 9-16	71 9-16	— 9-16
GenMotors	59 15-16	59 7-16	59⅝	— ¼
GaPacGP s	60⅝	59	60 3-16	— 5-16
GlobalMar	24	23 1-16	23¼	— ⅛
Goodrich	42¼	41 15-16	42	
Goodyear s	62⅞	61¼	62 3-16	— 3-16
GtAtlPac	29	28 7-16	28 15-16	+ ½
Halliburtn s	48 5-16	46 9-16	47	— 1¼
Hanson ADS	22 13-16	22 11-16	22 11-16	— 1-16
HarteHanks	36 11-16	36¼	36 11-16	+13-16
HomeDepot s	56¼	55½	56	+ ⅛
HoustonInds	25 15-16	25 7-16	25⅛	+ ½
IBM s	103¾	101¼	103⅛	+15-16
IntlPaper	42⅞	42 1-16	42⅛	
JohnsonJn	66 15-16	66 9-16	66 11-16	— ⅛
K mart	11 9-16	11 5-16	11 5-16	— ⅛
Kroger s	34½	33¾	33 15-16	— ⅛
Litton	56 15-16	56¾	56⅝	— 9-16
LockhdMart	94¾	94	94¾	
Lowes Cos	46½	46	46 7-16	+ ⅛
Lubys	18⅜	18	18⅛	— 5-16
LucentTech	77⅛	76⅜	76⅛	— 1-16
MayDeptStrs	51	49⅝	51	+ ½
Medtronic s	50⅛	49⅝	50	— 1-16
Mobils	71¼	70	70 3-16	— ⅜
Monsanto	39 11-16	39 1-16	39 7-16	+ ⅛
MorganJP	115¾	113¾	114⅜	— 1½
Motorola	58⅛	57⅛	57 15-16	
NCR Corp	28⅛	27¼	27 13-16	— ⅝
NationsBk s	60⅝	59 15-16	60⅛	+ ¼
Navistar	23 15-16	23 1-16	23⅛	—1 1-16
Norwests	37¼	36¼	37 3-16	+ 7-16
OryxEngy	22¼	22⅛	22⅛	— ⅛
Penney JC	59 1-16	57¼	58⅛	
Pennzoil	66⅛	66 5-16	66 9-16	— ½
PepBoys	23⅜	23¼	23⅛	— 3-16
PepsiCo	35 5-16	34⅛	35	— ⅛
PhelpDodge	61⅛	60 1-16	60¼	—11-16
PhilipPet	47 9-16	47⅛	47⅛	— 5-16
PilgrmPrd	14½	14¼	14¼	+ 3-16
Polaroid	48 15-16	48 3-16	48 3-16	— 9-16
Praxair	44½	44	44	—11-16
ProctGamb s	80	79¼	79 9-16	— 5-16
PubSNwMx	23 5-16	22 11-16	23 5-16	+ ⅛
RoyalDut s	53 15-16	53⅜	53½	— 7-16
SBC Comm	76⅛	74¼	75	— 1
SaraLee	56 13-16	55⅞	56¼	— 7-16
Scripps EW	47 11-16	47⅛	47 11-16	+ ⅛
SearsRoeb	42 3-16	41 13-16	42¼	+ ⅛
SherwinW s	26 3-16	25⅞	26⅛	+ 3-16
SmthBc ADS s	51	50⅝	50 11-16	— 5-16
SouthernCo	24⅞	24⅜	24½	— 1-16
SwstAirl s	23¼	22⅞	23 1-16	— 5-16
Sprint	57⅞	56⅝	56⅜	— 1
SunCo	42 9-16	42 1-16	42 1-16	— ⅛
TNP Ent	31⅛	30⅝	31⅛	+ ⅜
Tandy s	37⅞	37	37⅝	— 1-16
TempleInland	51 7-16	51	51⅛	— 3-16
Tenneco	38⅝	38 5-16	38 9-16	— 5-16
Texaco s	53⅜	53⅛	53 9-16	— 5-16
TexInd s	43 11-16	43⅜	43⅜	— ⅜
TexasInst s	46⅝	45⅛	46⅛	
TexUtil	41 11-16	41⅜	41½	— 1-16
Textron s	60⅝	59⅜	59⅝	— 5-16
Travelers s	52 11-16	51 15-16	52⅛	+ ⅜
TriconGlbR n	29 11-16	29¼	29⅛	— 7-16
TrinityInds	43	42 7-16	42¼	+ ⅛
TritonEngy	28 15-16	28 9-16	28 9-16	— 5-16
US WestCm	46 15-16	46 7-16	46½	— 3-16
USWstMda	27 13-16	27¼	27⅜	— 3-16
USX Delhi	20 1-16	20	20	— 1-16
USX-Marathn	31 7-16	31 5-16	31⅜	+ 5-16
USX-USS	28 5-16	27¼	27⅜	— ⅜
UnCarbde	42⅛	41⅞	41⅞	— ⅛
UnionPacif	61 7-16	60 13-16	60⅝	— 9-16
UnitedTech s	70⅛	69½	69 15-16	— 5-16
Unocal	38¼	38⅛	38¼	
WalMart	38⅛	37 9-16	37 13-16	— 5-16
WstnGasRs	21 7-16	21	21 7-16	+ ⅛
WinnDixie	42⅛	42 1-16	42 7-16	— 3-16
Woolworth	19 15-16	19⅛	19 13-16	— 1-16
Xerox Corp	70	69 7-16	69 11-16	+ 3-16
ZenithE	6 3-16	6 1-16	6 1-16	— ⅛

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Military News

Airman Cory A. Lelek

Air Force Airman Cory A. Lelek has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

He is the son of Jerry A. and Rhonda G. Lelek of Snyder.

Marine Pfc Quinn Rivers

Marine Pfc Quinn Rivers, son of Roy D. and Doris D. Rivers of Snyder, recently graduated from the Basic Landing Support Course.

The 1997 gradute of SHS joined the Marine Corps in June.

Ruben Salinas & Joe Bilano

Marine Cpl. Ruben Salinas and Marine Lance Cpl. Joe Bilano are currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

Salinas and Bilano are two of the more than 2,000 Marines who departed Camp Pendleton, Calif. in August with the ARG that consists of the amphibious assault and flagship USS Peleliu, the amphibious transport dock USS Juneau, the dock landing ship USS Comstock, and the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

During the first half of the deployment, Salinas' and Bilano's unit conducted training in Oahu, Hawaii, on combat tactics. They have visited Singapore, where Marines from their unit participated in outreach projects in the host communities.

Salinas graduated from Snyder High School in 1987 and joined the Marine Corps in July of 1992.

Bilano graduated from SHS in 1996 and joined the Marines in June of 1996.

Did Kennedy plan early Vietnam exit?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newly declassified government documents support the theory that weeks before his assassination John F. Kennedy wanted his military leaders to draw up contingency plans for a U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam following the 1964 presidential election.

The documents add to the historical controversy over whether the nation might have been spared the loss of 58,000 American lives in Vietnam had Kennedy not been killed.

Some historians believe that Lyndon B. Johnson, upon succeeding Kennedy, deepened the U.S. commitment out of eagerness not to be seen as the first American president to lose a war.

But historian Ronald Spector of George Washington University said the execution of South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem three weeks before Kennedy's murder in 1963 may have been more decisive than the change at the top of the U.S. government.

American leaders soon discovered that Diem had been hiding reports from the field that showed the war was going badly for the South Vietnamese, said Spector, who teaches a course on the U.S. role in Indochina.

And Diem's successors proved even more ineffective than Diem in combatting the Viet Cong.

The newly released documents did not discuss Kennedy's role in sanctioning Diem's assassination — another contentious issue from those days.

The document on plans for a withdrawal was among 800 pages of Joint Chiefs of Staff records that were made public Monday by the government's Assassination Records Review Board. The board was created by Congress to amass for public inspection any records that might shed light on Kennedy's murder.

"All planning will be directed towards preparing RVN (South Vietnamese) forces for the withdrawal of all U.S. special assistance units and personnel by the end of calendar year 1965," said an Oct. 4, 1963 memo from Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs.

Taylor drafted the message for discussion by the joint chiefs. But their reaction was not reflected in the new documents.

Less than a month after Kennedy's assassination, Johnson told his commanders to plan for "increased activity" against North Vietnam, another paper showed. In making such plans, Johnson directed, commanders should take into consideration "the plausibility of denial," the possibility of North Vietnamese retaliation and "other international reaction" — all suggesting Johnson wanted to act against Hanoi surreptitiously.

Historian George Herring at the University of Kentucky, author of "America's Longest War," said there was no doubt that American officials discussed a withdrawal by 1965 "but the question is whether you read this (document) as evidence whether Kennedy had made up his mind. I would say from earlier evidence that it was still up in the air."

Another memo showed that at a May 6, 1963 Honolulu conference Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara pressed for an initial withdrawal of 1,000 troops "in one package" by the following December.

Gen. Paul Harkins, commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, agreed, the memo said, but did not want the troops to leave "with bands playing, flags flying" because "this would have a bad effect on the Vietnamese, to be pulling out just when it appears they are winning."

At the time, the United States had only 16,300 advisers in South Vietnam — a commitment that would swell to more than 536,000 within five years.

Americans remained in the war until August 1973, when an agreement negotiated by the Nixon Administration permitted a U.S. withdrawal. Two years later, North Vietnamese forces overran Saigon.

Class teaches officers how to recognize drunken drivers

DALLAS (AP) — After two hours of drinking beer and laughing, sheriff's deputy Chris Montemayor was a bit tipsy.

Suddenly, Sgt. Danny Fisher of the Dallas Police Department was in his face.

"All right, do you see the top of this pen?" Fisher asked, moving the pen from side to side.

Montemayor's eyes twitched and struggled to keep up with the pen.

"He is definitely drunk," Fisher said later. "It was quite obvious that he failed everything. It jumps right out. Just like they taught us in class."

Montemayor and seven other officers were paid to drink alcoholic beverages as part of a recent three-day seminar to teach officers across North Texas how to spot drunken drivers and how to administer and evaluate field sobriety tests.

"This program educates the officers and makes them expert witnesses when they get to court," said investigator Don Peritz of the Dallas County Sheriff's Department. "Since they have been around intoxicated people, they know how to identify and handle them."

The course is taught by certified instructors and includes lectures and videotapes. But the most important part is what Peritz refers to as "Drunk University." A beer manufacturer donated the room in Dallas and the beer for the program.

After two hours, the room resembled a fraternity party out of control. A woman had passed out. Snuff was being passed around. Noise, including belching and laughter, filled the room.

Law enforcement officials have to look for different signs of drunkenness, said reserve officer Anne Andrews of the Cedar Hill Police Department, an instructor at the seminar.

The first test used by law enforcement officials is called the horizontal gaze nystagmus, commonly known as the eye test.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Finding Water Valve Now Will Keep Your Powder Dry Later

DEAR ABBY: This is good advice any time of the year, but especially now that the weather is cold. Please tell your readers to locate the main water shut-off valve in the house and make sure it's in good working order now, before they have an internal water leak.

I work as a dispatcher, and you would be surprised at the number of people who call and don't know where the water meter and shut-off valves are located. They become frantic when a pipe breaks and causes damage, and demand that a water company representative respond immediately to turn off the water.

Most water companies are not responsible for internal leaks, but that's hard to explain to a panicked customer.

While they are at it, they should also locate and inspect the shut-offs for sinks, toilets, washing machines, etc.

WATER COMPANY DISPATCHER

DEAR DISPATCHER: Good advice. People should also make sure the wrench they may need is handy and that they know how to use it.

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DEAR ABBY: I'll get straight to the point. I lie too much. Sometimes I lie about little things, but other times I lie about big things.

Last week, I woke up and realized that my habit of lying was wrong, and one day I'll have to pay for it.

I've tried to stop, but over and over I catch myself doing it again. I want to talk to my mom about this, but when I get ready to ask her for help, I feel embarrassed and scared.

Abby, I desperately need your advice.

NEEDS ADVICE IN VIRGINIA

DEAR NEEDS ADVICE: You're right — someday you will have to pay for your lies if you continue.

When you find yourself lying, confess immediately that you stretched the truth or embroidered it — then apologize. Most people will be forgiving when you immediately admit a wrong.

Not only will you feel better about yourself, you won't have to keep track of all the lies so you can cover for them.

Don't hesitate to ask your mother to assist you in breaking this habit. She loves you and wants the best for you, so go ahead and talk to her about it while you have the desire to quit.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband passed away many years ago when our children were very young. I have remained close to his family and they are a big part of my children's lives.

I n planning to remarry and don't know if I should stop referring to them as my in-laws. We will always be close, but I don't want to hurt them or offend my new in-laws.

Abby, how should I refer to "old" in-laws?

IN-LAW RICH
IN NEW YORK STATE

DEAR IN-LAW RICH: Your in-laws are now your former in-laws, except in some cases in which the IRS states that they are in-laws 'til death do ye part. However, since you are on such friendly terms with them, continue to call them "Mom," "Dad," "sister-in-law," etc. In view of the emotional attachment, it's justified.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO MY JEWISH READERS: Happy Hanukkah!

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Unsolved girl's disappearance among footage on porno tapes

WACO (AP) — Videotapes among seized evidence of a pornography and sex ring includes that of a teen-age girl whose abduction and slaying is unsolved, according to the Waco Tribune-Herald.

The newspaper, in a copyright report for today's editions, said one videotape includes scenes of men having sex with juvenile boys as well as footage from coverage of Sheila Finch's abduction.

"That's just odd," Detective Derrick Johnson of the Bellmead Police Department told the newspaper. "It could be completely coincidental, but in a case like this you don't want to take any chances."

He said Waco Police Department investigators made arrangements to view the tape once the lead detective on the case returns from vacation.

The 10-year-old girl missed her school bus Oct. 17, 1989 and went to a grocery store to call her aunt, but disappeared shortly thereafter. Two days later, fishermen found her body at Lake Waco's Speegleville III park.

She died of multiple stab wounds.

Six men have been arrested for their alleged involvement in multiple sexual assaults on juveniles in the Waco area over the last two years.

Seven boys between the ages of 14 and 17 have been identified as victims, according to the newspaper's weekend editions.

Many other seized tapes contained segments that had been taped over, but investigators said portions relating to the Finch case had survived almost 10 years.

A former Waco police detective who investigated the case said none of the names of those arrested so far in the alleged pedophile ring in Bellmead, north of Waco, turned up during his investigation of the Finch case.

But Lacy-Lakeview City Administrator Mike Nicoletti said that, in some of his cases, suspects kept videotapes or articles about similar crimes.

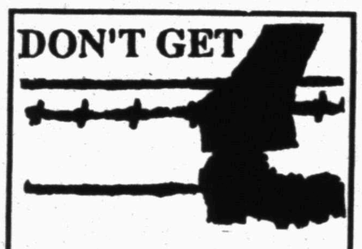
"It is not that unusual for a pedophile or anyone involved in a series of crimes to create a collection of some kind that relates to the things that they do," said Nicoletti. "But I would sure be curious to find out any possible lead or information about that case."

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If we will lovingly submit, in simple trusting faith, to Christ's will and commandments, He will use us in many triumphs for His cause, as well. The end of the year is a time to put off the old and put on the new, a time of new beginnings. Please call or contact us if we may assist you in your obedience to Christ.

Some high-schoolers to begin 1998 with college acceptance

WASHINGTON (AP) — A growing number of high-school seniors will start the new year with a college acceptance in hand instead of waiting until spring for word.

There's no official count, but guidance counselors, educational consultants and admissions officials report higher numbers of fall applications from the high school class of 1998. Many seniors began hearing back from colleges and universities last week.

But the popularity of early options has also caused worry that many teen-agers, desiring certainty, may not make the best choice of college. The yearlong focus on college admission distracts students from their classwork and extracurricular activities, and also interferes with the other work of teachers who must write countless recommendations.

"This has really diluted the senior year," said Mary Lee Hoganson, a college counselor at the highly competitive University of Chicago Laboratory High School. She said the number of early decision applicants, as they are called, rose to about 45 percent of this year's senior class from about 30 percent last year.

The idea of applying early to a college has caught on for a number of reasons, analysts say. Ivy League colleges and other elite institutions offered it for top students who had a clearly defined top choice. Competition for undergraduates helped the practice spread. Then came reports that some institutions were picking high numbers of their freshman class from the early pool, fueling the belief that early applications always gave students an edge.

Then there's youthful impatience.

"This generation wants early information," said Mary Consoli, a family educational consultant with offices in St. Petersburg, Fla., and Knoxville, Tenn. "These seniors, they're anxious, they want to hear."

Those who get an early seat at the school of their choice can celebrate early. But for those who are rejected, "it's a terrible thing," Hoganson said. The rejected overcompensate by applying to even more schools.

The terms have become confusing as well.

There's "early decision," which means those who are accepted early must decide early and withdraw applications elsewhere, or forfeit a deposit. "Early action" means early acceptance, but the student can decide later whether to attend and may keep other applications in play.

Then there's "rolling admissions," which means the institutions review applications as they are received.

Stanford University offers two deadlines for an early decision application, Nov. 1 and Dec. 1. And the College Board says only 97 of 230 colleges with early decision plans follow standards for such things as application deadlines established in the 1960s when there were fewer institutions. Its survey found there were 134 institutions with early action plans.

"It's gotten a little crazy," said Joyce E. Smith, executive director of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, in Alexandria, Va.

Last year, the group found an increase in early decision applications at nearly half of the 300 institutions it surveyed. Students who applied early and were accepted comprised less than one-fifth of these schools' incoming fall classes. A new survey was expected in January 1998.

Depending on the institution, the early decision may mean more or less financial aid. Ability to pay can help determine who is picked early at some of the choosier colleges. The early decision can also mean earlier choices of housing and classes.

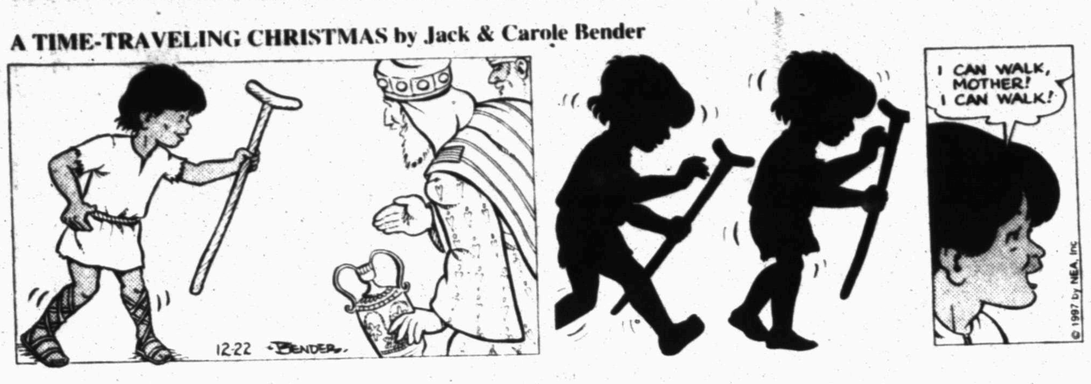
Others believe they have a greater chance of being picked if they apply early, but that's not always true.

It did work out for Kristin Mitcham, 17, a Fairfax County, Va., senior who has been accepted by High Point University in High Point, N.C., and Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, W.Va.. She's waiting to hear from three more.

"I need everything I can to get into a good college," she said, explaining that her grades suffered last year because she was injured in an automobile accident, and she didn't do as well as she had hoped on the SAT. She has since received a medical excuse to take an untimed version of the test and it raised her score.

"I've already heard from two schools that have accepted me, and it's not even Christmastime yet," she said. "It takes a lot of the stress off."

A TIME-TRAVELING CHRISTMAS by Jack & Carole Bender



Actress wins landmark suit against Spelling's company

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hunter Tylo's biggest role so far appears to be that of a pioneer.

The actress whose pregnancy got her fired from TV's steamy soap "Melrose Place" before she filmed her first scene was awarded $4.9 million Monday by jurors who agreed she was wrongfully terminated.

Attorneys for the show's producer, Spelling Entertainment Group and Spelling Television Inc., immediately promised an appeal.

The breach-of-contract and pregnancy discrimination lawsuit provided a twist to more typical legal battles involving the workplace, focusing attention on the importance Hollywood places on appearance.

Ms. Tylo pronounced the verdict a victory "for every woman, for every child that's not born." The 34-year-old actress had said one of the producers of the Fox TV show said: "Why doesn't she just go out and get an abortion? Then she can work."

The producers said they had a legal right to fire her because she couldn't realistically play what a defense attorney called a "vixen, seductress, adulteress" while her pregnancy showed.

But juror Pete Ortiz said the panel agreed that Ms. Tylo could play sexy Taylor McBride despite her pregnancy.

"We believe they violated the contract," Ortiz said. "We felt she could play a vixen — that's a word that came up during our deliberations — and that she could do the job."

Added Freddie Moore, a female juror: "Not being pregnant is not a qualification to have this job."

Ms. Tylo — now in her ninth month of another pregnancy — wore tight miniskirts to court each day to underscore her point that she could be pregnant and sexy at the same time.

"I know a lot of actresses who are afraid to announce that they are thinking about having children because they are afraid of being written out or written down, or whatever," Ms. Tylo said outside court. "I hope it gives other actresses confidence to know producers are not going to have that ground to stand on anymore."

The Superior Court jury of 10 women and two men ordered the producers to pay $4 million for emotional distress and $894,601 for economic loss.

Some insiders doubt the big award will affect the average Hollywood producer.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is balance problem related to MS?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 77-year-old husband has had a balance problem for several years. It's getting worse. When he walks, he is stiff and his torso tends to get ahead of his feet, leading to unsteadiness and frequent falls.

Parkinson's disease and strokes have been ruled out by the many neurologists who have seen him. However, our daughter has multiple sclerosis. Could this be the diagnosis?

DEAR READER: Your brief description certainly suggests Parkinson's disease, but as you have said, this diagnosis has been discarded by the neurologists.

Multiple sclerosis, a brain disorder of unknown cause, is marked by progressive deterioration in most motor acts, such as walking and talking. In its initial stages, it may be difficult to diagnose and can mimic many other neurological disorders, Parkinson's disease included. Thus, my answer to your question is a qualified "yes"; your husband's symptoms would be an unusual manifestation of MS — but this remains a possibility.

I suspect that your husband may need really sophisticated testing, such as a PET scan, that is available only in a large medical center. In my view, he should be referred to such a center. Ask his doctors to get help from superspecialists.

DEAR DR. GOTT: About every three months, I get a urinary infection and have to take antibiotics. I'm a healthy 23-year-old nondiabetic woman. What can I do to prevent these infections?

DEAR READER: Urinary infections are common in sexually active women, because during relations, bacteria can be introduced into the urethra and work their way up into the bladder. Many such cases can be prevented by two simple methods: (1) After a bowel movement, be careful to wipe away from the vaginal area, and (2) always empty your bladder after having sex.

Women who are not helped by these hygienic measures should be examined by a urologist to check for kidney disease, such as a chronic infection, or a physical abnormality in the kidneys and bladder.

A small percentage of women with repeated urinary infections may simply have to consider long-term low-dose antibiotic therapy.

As a first step, your doctor should order a urine culture when you next have symptoms of burning and frequency. Perhaps your symptoms are not caused by infection at all; if so, the culture will be sterile. In this instance, your symptoms will disappear in a day or two and need no antibiotics.

On the other hand, if repeated urine cultures show bacteria, a urological consultation is in order.

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Today is the 357th day of 1997 and the third day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1783, George Washington resigned as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.

On this day in 1888, Vincent Van Gogh cut off part of his ear and gave it to a prostitute.

On this day in 1947, the transistor was invented by John Bardeen, William Shockley and Walter Brattain of Bell Laboratories.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Smith (1805-1844), religious leader; James Stockdale (1923-), Naval hero-vice presidential candidate, is 74; Robert Bly (1926-), poet, is 71; Akihito (1933-), Japanese emperor, is 64; Paul Hornung (1935-), football player-announcer, is 62; Susan Lucci (1949-), actress, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, the Dallas Texans defeated the Houston Oilers, 20-17, in double overtime, to win the AFL championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When men are rightly occupied, their amusement grows out of their work, as the colorpetals out of a fruitful flower." — John Ruskin

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1964, winds up to 100 mph hit Aspen, Colo.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 21) and new moon (Dec. 29).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1997

In the year ahead, you could enjoy exciting opportunities that will introduce significant changes into your lifestyle. The results should be pleasing if taken one at a time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you go shopping today, leave your credit cards at home. It is OK to spend time window wishing, provided you don't make compulsive purchases. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You could create dissension in the ranks today if you champion an unpopular cause and try to impose it upon others in a forceful fashion.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today, you might have to pick up the loose threads others have unraveled and try to piece them together in a way that will bring order out of chaos.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you fail to screen your social commitments carefully today, you might find yourself immersed in a complicated agenda designed by others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take into consideration the feelings and needs of your companions today. Try to see things from their point of view. Set an example for yourself and others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You might be saddling yourself with unworkable concepts that need to be modified. Do not let your stubbornness impede your progress.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Before involving yourself in a joint endeavor today, carefully analyze all its ramifications so you'll know exactly what you're getting into.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Brace yourself for turbulence if you're disinterested or not supportive of your mate's ideas and desires. Thoughtlessness has a bigger sting than usual today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Assignments done in haste today may have to be repeated. Analyze each task properly before beginning it and pace yourself so what you do, you'll do well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Usually you're conservative in managing your resources. Today, however, the splurger in you may emerge and cause you to indulge when you shouldn't.

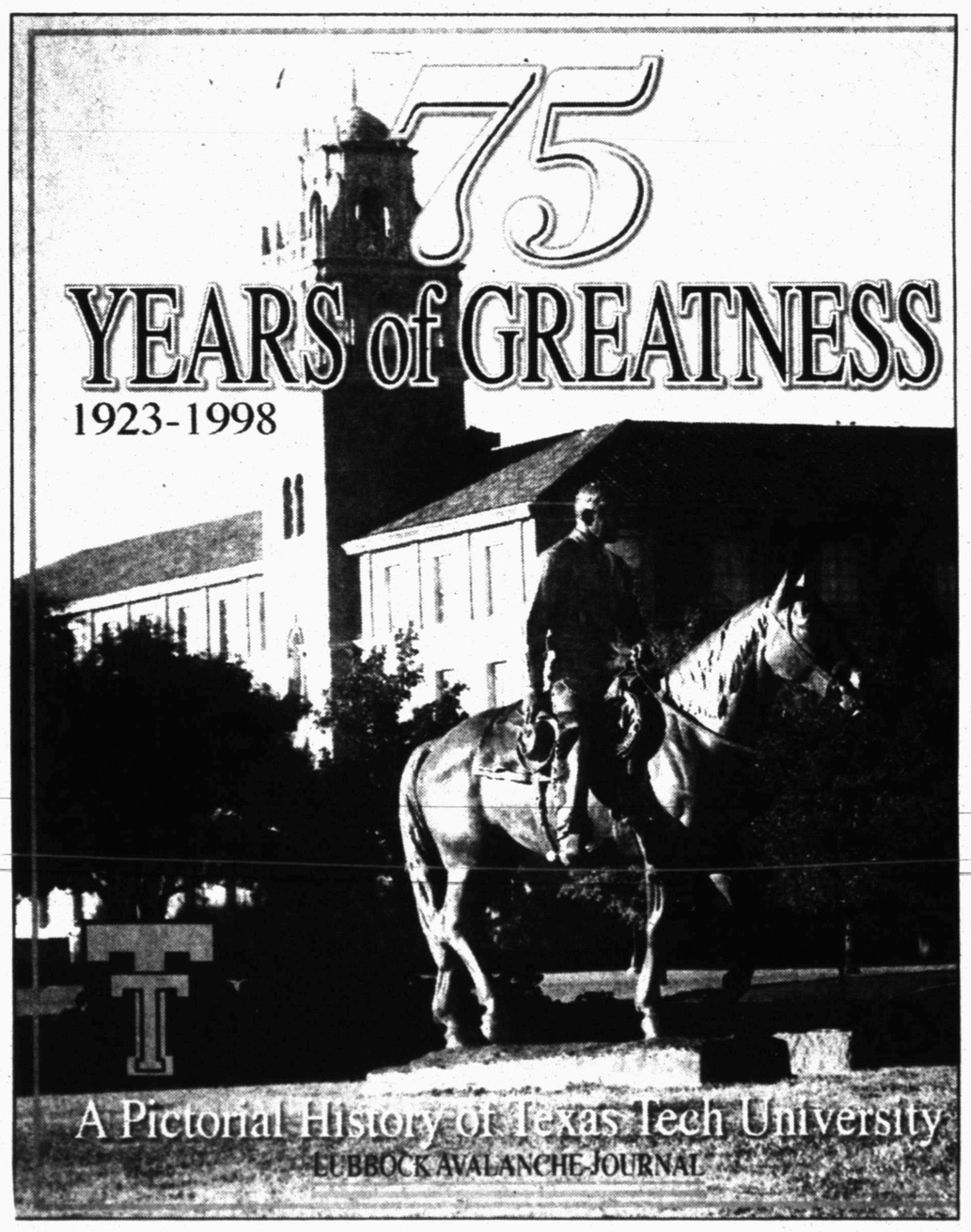
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today, you might be restless and this could induce you to start a number of things you won't finish. Set your mind on a specific course and adhere to it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This might be one of those days when you're not too good at keeping secrets. Your chatty nature could reveal something and spoil a surprise.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Inhaled antibiotic approved to fight CF

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration approved the first inhaled antibiotic today, a medicine to help cystic fibrosis patients fight off deadly lung infections.

PathoGenesis Corp.'s Tobi, or tobramycin for inhalation, appears to increase the lung function of cystic fibrosis patients up to 12 percent during six months of treatment.

It sounds like a modest improvement. But in a disease so lethal that most patients die before age 30, patients had clamored for the inhaler.

"This is an important new therapy for cystic fibrosis patients," said Dr. Michael Friedman, FDA's acting commissioner.

The drug "can change the quality of life for a patient. They feel better, they function better, they have more exercise capacity," said Robert J. Beall, president of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which helped fund PathoGenesis' development of the new antibiotic form.

Tobi inhalers will be available by prescription in mid-January. PathoGenesis would not immediately reveal a price.

Cystic fibrosis is an incurable genetic disease that afflicts about 30,000 Americans. Most patients die of lung failure as thick, sticky mucus clogs their airways and traps bacteria that cause infection.

Particularly dangerous is Pseudomonas aeruginosa, a bacterium that afflicts 80 percent of CF patients by adulthood — and that increases their risk of death by eight times.

The standard treatment for Pseudomonas is intravenous tobramycin, usually given in a hospital. But even the best patients lose 2 percent of lung function every year, and doctors can't give higher, more effective doses because the drug's path through the bloodstream can severely damage the kidneys and cause deafness.

So doctors hunted ways to get tobramycin straight into the lungs instead.

Already, an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 CF patients are inhaling antibiotics as desperate doctors on their own mix up IV solutions and put them into inhalation devices. But these home-brewed drugs contain preservatives that experts say can be dangerous to lung tissue — and with the FDA's approval, Tobi becomes the only inhaled antibiotic proven as both effective and safe.

In addition to improved lung function, studies of some 500 patients showed Tobi reduced hospitalizations by 26 percent. When the amount of bacteria in patients' phlegm was measured, 85 percent had no bacterial growth or some decrease.

Patients didn't suffer the hearing loss so worrisome in IV tobramycin users, but 3 percent got tinnitus, a ringing in the ears. FDA scientists questioned if that was an early warning of future hearing loss, something still not known. Patients also may become hoarse from the inhalation.

Nobody knows how long Tobi's benefit will last — the FDA's approval was based on six-month studies — or if it will in turn mean longer life for CF patients. PathoGenesis has just finished studying Tobi patients for a year, and Beall said the results, due in about a month, will show if the effect lasted.

Tobi was approved for CF patients ages 6 and older. Next year, the CF Foundation will study younger children, in hopes that attacking the bacteria before it causes much lung damage could work better, Beall said.

Tobi is inhaled twice daily for 28 days. Patients then take a 28-day break before starting the therapy cycle again, an on-and-off regiment designed to reduce chances that the bacteria mutate into untreatable strains.

Doctors: Parkinson's treatment may help cerebral palsy patients

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jerrod Ongley can write and feed himself for the first time at the age of 17, with help from a device meant to help older patients wracked by the tremors of Parkinson's disease.

An electrode that stimulates the brain to block tremors was implanted in Jerrod's head last week at Children's Hospital. He is believed to be the first cerebral palsy patient to receive one.

Surgeons played a videotape Monday showing Jerrod struggling unsuccessfully to keep from spilling water out of a cup placed in his hand. After the implant was activated, the boy was able to grasp the cup and drink.

Jacalyn Ongley said her son had been frustrated all his life by being unable to feed himself.

"He would end up with mashed potatoes in his eyebrows. When you're 17, it's very socially unacceptable," she said.

"It's going to change his life. We're excited about what it can do for other kids, too."

Dr. Leland Albright, chief of pediatric neurosurgery at Children's, said the hospital plans to use the implant to treat up to 10 cerebral palsy patients next year.

Dr. Murray Goldstein, medical director of the United Cerebral Palsy Research and Education Foundation in Washington, said he knows of no other cerebral palsy patients who have been treated with the implant.

"I look forward to hearing more about it," Goldstein said. "It's an approach that certainly demands looking into."

However, he cautioned that the procedure is so new that the long-term effects are unclear.

"Going into the human brain with electrodes is not in itself an innocuous procedure," Goldstein said. "When you start doing it to children and young adults, it's an effect that is going to last a lifetime."

The Activa system of Fridley, Minn.-based Medtronic Inc. — the brand name of the implant — was approved in August for Parkinson's patients by the Food and Drug Administration. Doctors said that allows them to use the device on patients with similar neurological problems.

Medtronic representatives did not return telephone messages seeking information on how many Parkinson's patients have received Activa implants.

Parkinson's, a degenerative disease that generally affects older adults, is caused by irregularities in chemicals, especially dopamine, that regulate the thalamus, a walnut-size region in the center of the brain. Researchers do not know why some people contract the disease.

Obituaries

Alpha Smith

1903-1997

HAMLIN — Alpha Smith, the mother of Florene Butler of Snyder, died Sunday, Dec. 21, in a Hamlin hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Smith, 94, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Hamlin Church of the Nazarene. Officiating were the Revs. Marshall Stewart, Randy Larpenter and Mike Howard. Burial was to follow in the Hamlin East Cemetery.

Born in Brown County, she moved to the Hamlin area in 1914 and attended rural Fisher County schools. She married Euin Smith in 1921 in Fisher County, and he preceded her in death.

A member of the Church of the Nazarene, she taught the nursery class for 20 years.

Survivors include another daughter, Mildred Pitcock of Burleson; a son, Ray Smith of Lake Buchanan; a brother, Charlie Messick of Rotan; nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

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After seven days...

Bombing jury still out

DENVER (AP) — Jurors resumed work this morning in an effort to determine whether Terry Nichols helped blow up the Oklahoma City federal building, as analysts said the holiday season may become a factor in the deliberations.

The jury was given the case a week ago. By the time U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch sent the panel home Monday afternoon, deliberations had stretched to 33½ hours over five days.

The jurors have not had any questions since Wednesday, when they asked Matsch for a list of the nearly 200 witnesses and posed a sealed question that has not been revealed.

Prosecutors say Nichols and Timothy McVeigh planned the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil. The blast killed 168 people, including 19 children.

Nichols, 42, could receive the death penalty if convicted of murder, conspiracy and weapons-related counts. McVeigh, 29, was convicted of identical counts in June and sentenced to death. His appeal is pending.

Jurors convicted McVeigh after deliberating 23½ hours over four days.

Jurors likely are feeling some additional stress because of the holidays, said Denver attorney Andrew Cohen, who is monitoring the trial.

"Jurors, like the rest of us, don't like to work around the holiday season," he said. "It adds pressure to get the job done."

The judge hasn't announced what the deliberations schedule would be if jurors don't reach a verdict today. In addition to Christmas looming, Hanukkah begins tonight.

The holidays are stressful for bombing survivors and family members, too. Only about a half dozen traveled to Denver this week, about a third of those who have shown up.

"The holidays are tough," said Rudy Guzman, whose brother was killed in the blast. But, "I get a sense of family from the other victims at the safe house."

Robin Finegan, a victim's advocate for the Oklahoma group, said the holidays "aren't traditional anymore, because they're missing their wives, children or grandchildren."

"Their lives continue to be a reminder of horror. Holidays are really tough times," she said.

Lady Bird celebrates

AUSTIN (AP) — Lady Bird Johnson celebrated her 85th birthday at the wildflower center she loves, surrounded by elementary school children and family members.

Wearing a red dress and pearls, Mrs. Johnson told the nearly 100 people who arrived at the National Wildflower Center Monday that if she were a flower she would be a gaillardia, commonly called an Indian blanket, "'Cause they're so hardy, they're tough and colorful and give a lot for the work you put into them."

The wildflower center, founded in 1982, was the product of Mrs. Johnson's lifelong love of flowers and will be renamed the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in March.

"She has given us the gift of awareness — the awareness of the beauty and fullness of nature's own gifts," said Robert Breunig, director of the center.

"This center will continue to put down deep roots ... to grow, and to flower and to bear fruit for generations to come."

Health coverage offered for those who have none

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans without health insurance soon will have a new place to turn for coverage.

The Health Insurance Risk Pool, created by state lawmakers this year, will open for business next year. To be eligible for coverage, Texans would have to meet one of the following criteria:

— They were denied health insurance by at least two private companies.

— They have access to insurance, but it won't cover pre-existing conditions or charges more than the state program;

— They have been without employer-sponsored coverage for less than 63 days after having such coverage for at least 18 months.

In addition to those limits, people with a host of diseases — including metastatic cancer, Lou Gehrig's disease, AIDS, leukemia and diabetes — automatically will be accepted for coverage.

"This is a milestone for Texans who have gone without health insurance because poor health made them uninsurable," Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said Monday.

The risk pool will offer two plans.

Plan I will have a $500 deductible and an annual limit on out-of-pocket expenses of $2,500 if clients use only preferred doctors. If clients used non-preferred doctors, their limit on out-of-pocket expenses would be $4,500.

The second plan will carry a $1,000 deductible and out-of-pocket limits of $4,000 for using preferred doctors and $7,000 for using non-preferred doctors.

Both plans have a life-time benefits limit of $1 million.

The plans also will cover prescriptions with a $10 co-pay for generic drugs and $20 for brand-name prescriptions. Neither will cover expenses for treatment of alcoholism or drug abuse.

Editors: Texans who want to participate in the program can call the TDI at (888) 398-3927 starting Monday, Jan. 5.

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ONGOINGS

'Hanging of the Green'

Colonial Hill Baptist Church's presentation of "Hanging of the Green, A Christmas Celebration," will air at 7 this evening on cable channel 2.

City landfill

The City of Snyder landfill will be open Christmas Eve.

Christmas Eve services

—First Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
—Colonial Hill Baptist Church, 8 p.m.
—First Christian Church, candelight communion, "The Gift of Life," 7 p.m.
—First Presbyterian Church, "David's Gift," 11 p.m.
—St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 10 p.m.
—St. John Catholic Church in Hermleigh, 7 p.m.

Bible study video tapes

Mike Tackett of Merkel appears on the Key to the Kingdom series, airing weekly on Cable Channel 2. Robert Oglesby of Richardson narrates The Story of the Bible. The next video, "King of Kings," airs at 7 p.m. Monday, followed by Lesson 4 of The Story of the Bible.

No Lions Club meeting

Snyder Lions Club will not meet next Tuesday.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Tiger banners for sale

Snyder Girls Hoops Club is selling Tiger banners for $25. Call 573-1769 or 573-4283. They will deliver.

Driver's license office

The Texas Department of Public Safety driver's license office will be closed each Monday through Jan. 9.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs.

Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Volleyball team fund-raiser

Snyder High School Lady Tigers volleyball team is selling 'Win Win Discount Cards' good through Nov. 30, 1998. The cards are $5 each and can be obtained from players, boosters or at the school office. The cards entitle the bearer to discounts at a number of local businesses.

College information Hotline '98

The Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC) and the Greater East Texas Servicing Corporation will so-sponsor a toll-free HOTLINE. 1-800-347-3475 will be available on Jan. 17-18, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., to all Texans who desire to find out more about post-secondary educational opportunities and financial aid options.

Students and their parents will be able to ask questions about college selection, admission, testing and financial aid.

Spanish speaking counselors will also be available.

Pick 3

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

8-2-6

(eight, two, six)

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 8-12-19-28-34.

Number matching five of five: ten.

Prize per winner: $12,619.

Winning ticket(s) sold in: Dallas (2), Decatur, Harker Heights, Houston (3), Lake Jackson, San Antonio, Universal City.

Matching four of five: 433. Prize: $437.

Matching three of five: 13,055. Prize: $24.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Medgar Evers' killing...

Beckwith's conviction upheld

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Byron De La Beckwith is ready to go as far as the U.S. Supreme Court now that Mississippi's highest court has refused to overturn his conviction in the slaying of civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

The state Supreme Court ruled Monday that the white supremacist was fairly convicted in his third trial, which came more than three decades after Evers was shot to death at the age of 37.

Black activists said they hope the decision will inspire other prosecutions in now-closed civil rights cases.

A sniper killed Evers, field secretary for the Mississippi NAACP, in his driveway on June 12, 1963.

The ailing Beckwith, now 77, was tried twice in 1964, but both all-white juries deadlocked. Beckwith, a fertilizer salesman, claimed he was 90 miles away at the time, but his fingerprint was found on the scope of a rifle believed to be the murder weapon.

A jury of eight blacks and four whites convicted him in 1994 after the case was resurrected.