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DPS urges safe driving over the holiday season



DRIVE SAFELY — Texas Department of Public Safety troopers will be patrolling the state's highways during the Christmas holidays to make them as safe as possible. Local troopers pictured at right are, from left, James Arnwine, Rick Campos, Terry Snyder, Bill Blackley and Sgt. Troy Wilson. Troopers stationed in Colorado City are, Carlos Diaz, Shane Johnson, Jeremy Usener and Donald Wilks. (SDN Photo by Brian Brisendine)

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Local ginners only had dreams of white fields

Some people may be dreaming of a white Christmas, but ginners and farmers have had white fields on their minds since spring planting.

Some are white, but most are just wet.

The moisture brought by soaking rains and heavy snowfall recently will benefit next year's cotton crop considerably, according to County Agricultural Agent Greg Gruben, but it came at the wrong time for this crop year.

Muddy fields and wet cotton have kept area farmers out of their fields this week, further delaying ginning and bailing.

"We're not even halfway finished with the cotton," Gruben said. "All the cotton is still out in the fields and the farmers can't even get to it yet. The moisture will hurt the quality of the cotton and it has knocked a lot of it out of the bowls."

The longer the cotton stays in the fields, the further the quality drops, he said, all of which pushes the price lower.

"Oddly enough, that's not as imperative this year, because the price of cotton was already so terrible," Gruben said. "It would be a much worse picture if the price was up and then the cotton was bad."

Gruben said he attended a meeting of local producers last week and they feel that the average yield in Scurry County will be around 150 pounds per acre.

The county average in a good year is between 250 and 300 pounds.

"The farmers aren't real positive right now," he said. "They're not producing enough cotton, the price is down, and the cost of production is way up."

But all three local gins are still running, trying to get caught up, according to Gruben.

Inadale Gin reported a bale count of 5,100 so far this year, as of Friday afternoon. Last year, the gin produced 5,380 bales and 11,762 was the final count in 1999.

Jim Edmonds said the Scurry County Gin has processed 486 bales this season. Edmonds was even optimistic about this year's crop.

"It's actually looking a little better than we thought it would be after a dry summer and then a wet few weeks lately," he said. "Right now, things look okay."

Scurry County Gin produced 926 bales in 2000 and 3,550 in 1999.

Robby Robinson at Farmer's Co-Op Gin reported a bale count of 2,500, but he said he expects the gin will process as many as 7,000 bales before the season ends.

Robinson said "the cotton isn't great, but it's about on par with the last few years."

In 2000, the Co-Op produced 4,188 bales and 12,340 were produced the year before.

Gruben said farmers are anxiously awaiting the farm bill being considered in Washington to see if it will benefit them.

"Some of it could be positive for us, but some of it could be negative as well," he said. "There's just no way to tell and it's too early to speculate. It will probably be next spring before we find out how that's going to end up."

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Merry Christmas."

A repeat of "Night Before Christmas", Snyder Style...

T'was the night before Christmas, in Snyder you know.
Way out in the west, where it seldom snows.
Asleep in their bunks were Bubba and Bobbie Sue,
A dreamin' of Christmas, just like me and you.

Not stockings, but boots, at the foot of the bed,
For this is West Texas, what more need be said.
When all of a sudden, from the dark of the night,
There came such a ruckus, thought it was a fight.

I saw from the sky, as fast as a buck,
A loaded up red Ford truck, packed with great stuff.
The driver was grinnin' and whistlin' at will,
The jolly ole driver maneuvered with amazing skill.

"Come on there Buddy, Bobby and Jack,
We've got plenty of work left for tonight."
The pusher was in Levis and a shirt that was red,
Had a 10-gallon hat on top of his head.

As he stepped from the truck, he was really a sight,
With his beard and moustache so curly and white.
As he burst in the bunkhouse, the kids there awoke.
And were so astonished, that nobody spoke.

And he filled up their boots with presents galore,
That nobody could think of anything more.
When Bubba recovered the use of his jaws,
He asked in a whisper, "Are you really Santa Claus?"

"Well, what do you think?"
And the smiles grew wider as he gave them a wink.
Santa and helpers went back to his red truck
As they sped away Santa wished all good luck:
"Merry Christmas, ya'll"

Snyder PD has two new officers

Two new patrol officers have joined the ranks of the Snyder Police Department this month. Officers Joe Vest and Kyle Burleson began patrolling Snyder's streets three weeks ago.

Vest, 25, and his family are new to Snyder. He and his wife Melissa have two daughters; Jaci, 3, and Raquel, two months.

Vest was reared in Seminole where he farmed. After graduating from high school there in 1995 he attended Tarleton State University for one year.

From TSU he transferred to New Mexico Junior College and then to Odessa College, where he completed the law enforcement academy.

Being a police officer was not what Vest had in mind when he chose law enforcement as a profession, but he has enjoyed it so far.

"I have always wanted to be a game warden and that's what I started in college to do," he said. "But the job opportunities as a game warden are very limited in Texas. Most counties have only one, while some don't have any at all, so there just aren't many openings."

Vest said he doesn't regret choosing police work because, "it's never a typical 9-to-5 job."

"There is something different to do every time you go to work," he said. "Everyday there will be something new."

The couple is enjoying their new hometown and Vest said they laugh when people refer to Snyder as a small town.

"We moved here from Memphis, Texas so Snyder seems like a big place to us," he said. "There is so much more to do here and the shopping is a lot better than we're used to. We definitely plan to stay a while."



Joe Vest

While Vest is new to town, Burleson, 34, is a native of Snyder, returning after living elsewhere several years.

He and his wife Gail have a son, Brent, 13, and a daughter, Brooke, 11.

Burleson is the son of local residents, Carl and Gayle Burleson.

He graduated from Snyder High in 1985, joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the Gulf War.

Upon leaving the armed forces, Burleson took a job with the Texas Department of Corrections as a prison officer, working for several correctional facilities in Texas, including the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder.

"We have lived in several places over the last ten years so it's nice to be able to come home and plant some roots," he said. "The simple fact of knowing people where we live is why we want to stay in Snyder."



Kyle Burleson

Burleson said his favorite part of police work is the interaction with people.

"I am very much a 'people person' so I really enjoy dealing with the public," he said. "I don't ever want to get out of contact with the people in my community."

Burleson is looking forward to his duties as a patrolman, but also said he would love to promote through the ranks in the future.

"Whatever I do, I know that my job is to protect and serve and I firmly believe in that," he said.



FIRST PLACE — The William Hatfield home at 2701 Ave. U won first place in the Snyder Chamber of Commerce Christmas lighting contest. Other winners include the Garry Kubena home at 3725 Ave. V in second place, and the Joey Arnold home at 4501 Galveston in third place. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

ASK US

Q—How can we keep up with Santa as he travels from the North Pole?

A—Anyone can track Santa's progress around the globe at www.noradsanta.org.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 61 degrees; low, 36; 7 a.m. Saturday, 40; no precipitation; total for 2001, 20.77 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low mid 20s; W winds 5-15 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny, breezy, colder, high near 40s; winds becoming NE 15-25 mph.



Crystal Hernandez
Colder

Sunset:
5:47 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:40 a.m.

Of 355 days in 2001, the sun has shone 342 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

This time, like all times, is a very good time if we only know what to do with it.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Lindhs hire a high-profile attorney

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — There is probably no one in greater need of a good attorney in the world today than John Walker Lindh, the 20-year-old American captured fighting with the Taliban in Afghanistan.

So it comes as little surprise his parents have hired San Francisco legal whiz James Brosnahan.

For 35 years, people in desperate situations have turned to Brosnahan for help — television stars charged with groping, Irish fugitives facing extradition, major corporations accused of selling defective products.

When special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh needed someone to go after Casper Weinberger in 1992, Brosnahan got the former defense secretary indicted on charges of concealing thousands of pages of notes from congressional investigators and prosecutors.

Six years earlier, Brosnahan testified against William H. Rehnquist's nomination for chief justice of the Supreme Court, telling the Senate Judiciary Committee that as an assistant U.S. attorney in Phoenix in 1962 he saw Rehnquist at a polling place when other Republican poll watchers harassed black and Hispanic voters.

"He's a man of the highest integrity and has an amazing level of conviction about the role of an advocate in a free society," said Ed Nevin, president elect of the American Board of Trial Advocates. "He helps people who are in need of a lawyer's services at a highest level."

In May, Brosnahan got charges dropped against actor Don Johnson, after a woman told prosecutors the "Nash Bridges" star grabbed and propositioned her at a San Francisco sushi bar.

In 1998, Brosnahan convinced a federal appeals court to end extradition efforts against Kevin Barry Artt, an Irish fugitive who had escaped the notorious Maze prison 15 years earlier and fled to California.

In 1997, Brosnahan saved 3M — Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. of St. Paul, Minn. — from huge claims by convincing jurors that a woman's health problems had little to do with her silicone breast implants.

But this time, Brosnahan, 67, may be fighting the battle of his life.

"What he has to do is mount a very effective campaign to make sure his client is not caught up in the whole conflict, but just seen as the sorry, pathetic kid that he is," said Stanley S. Arkin, a New York defense lawyer.

Lindh has become for many a focus for the nation's wrath. He's been called everything from "a misled youth" by President Bush to "rat boy" by conservative radio host Michael Savage. The San Francisco Examiner calls him "Johnny Jihad," and former President Bush said he is "just despicable." Suggested punishments have included everything from revoking his citizenship to executing him for treason.

Attorney General John Ashcroft has been restrained in disclosing his legal plans, saying only: "History has not looked kindly upon those that have forsaken their country to go and fight against their country."

Brosnahan's approach, so far, has been to try to humanize Lindh, supplying the media with childhood photos and releasing statements from his parents expressing the kind of concern any family would have over a son in trouble.

Lindh's father, Frank Lindh, gave several anguished television interviews shortly after his son's capture, but has since deferred all calls to Brosnahan, who turned down repeated requests for comment.

Brosnahan has issued statements complaining that his young client has been interviewed repeatedly without a lawyer, and that he has not been allowed to meet with him. "We appreciate the many Americans who are keeping an open mind and waiting for all of the facts to emerge," he said Friday.

Lindh, who became fascinated with Islam as a teen-ager in the upscale town of San Anselmo, fell in with the Taliban in Pakistan and was captured near Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan. He's being held as a "battlefield detainee" on the USS Peleliu, off the coast of Pakistan.

Once President Bush decides how to handle the case, Brosnahan will need to summon all his talents.

A graduate of Boston College and Harvard Law School, Brosnahan spent five years as a federal prosecutor in Phoenix and San Francisco before entering private practice in the mid-60s. He was inducted into the California Bar's "Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame" in 1996 and named "Trial Lawyer of the Year" by the American Board of Trial Advocates.

In the courtroom, where he has argued more than 130 cases and has charged upward of $500 an hour, Brosnahan is approachable and convincing. Never flamboyant. Often emphatic. And always prepared. Colleagues expect him to do a masterful job of representing Lindh, whether negotiating with the Bush Administration, in criminal court or military tribunal.

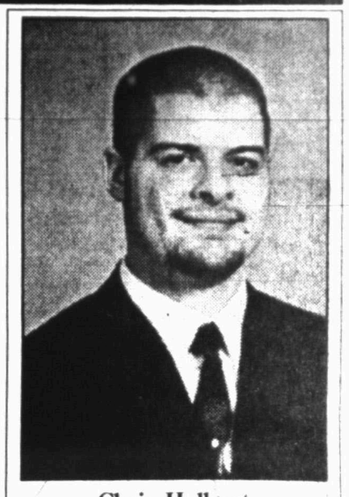
"He is a formidable opponent who will aggressively defend his client's position," said Denise Dunleavy, a New York attorney who argued against Brosnahan in a breast implant case. "For some reason, he seemed to be personally involved in the defense, he seemed to feel personally embroiled in the controversy."

"Jim doesn't do things by the book in any case," said Tanya Neiman, director of the volunteer legal services program at the Bar Association of San Francisco that Brosnahan founded 25 years ago.

"Jim knows how to tackle a situation with all the tools of the craft. He knows how to do that exceptionally well, with great skill, aplomb and courage," she said. "I'm sure he'll bring all that to this situation."

Brosnahan will likely be bringing something else as well: his lucky $2 bills.

"I keep a whole wad of them in my pocket at all times," he told California Journal last year. "I am a rational person, but at this point I am not about to tempt fate by not carrying them."



Chris Halbert

Halbert joins 'Golden Key'

ATLANTA, Ga. — Christopher William Halbert of Snyder has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was individually honored during a campus ceremony.

"It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Christopher be recognized by Golden Key," said Kali Boatright, Golden Key assistant executive director. "Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society's commitment to service."

Golden Key International Honour Society is a non-profit, academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.

A 1998 graduate of Snyder High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Halbert.

He will graduate from Southern Methodist University in May.

Time Allen's role similar to his life

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Playing the divorced father of a 12-year-old girl in the workplace revenge comedy "Joe Somebody" hit close to home for Tim Allen.

The former star of the ABC sitcom "Home Improvement" is in a similar situation with his own 12-year-old daughter. He and his wife split up in November 1999 after 15 years of marriage.

"This script was so close. My daughter came up, and it did not go unnoticed," Allen said. "I said it was certainly not the same situation, and my daughter and I have a very different relationship, but the parallels did not go unnoticed on a deep level."

The 48-year-old also said there's more to him than comedy.

"Joe Somebody," co-starring Patrick Warburton and Hayden Panettiere, opened Friday.

Senior Center Menu

Monday
Closed for Christmas holiday
Tuesday
Closed for Christmas holiday
Wednesday
Steak fingers w/gravy, fried potato rounds, Harvard beets, mixed fruit, chocolate chip cookie
Thursday
Goulash, stewed squash, tossed salad, pineapple flop cake, garlic toast
Friday
Fried fish, boiled okra, baked beans, copper penny salad, peach whip

Senior Center News

A new year is near and newcomers are invited to join the activities at the senior center. We offer numerous activities and opportunities to serve others in the community.

Nutritious meals are served at noon Monday through Friday. The cost for seniors is a suggested donation of $2.50. Anyone under 60 years of age may eat for a cost of $4. Transportation is available during the mornings Monday through Friday.

Monday and Tuesday
The center will be closed for the holidays. Merry Christmas to all.

Wednesday
The center will be open for daily activities. Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. and daily exercise at 1 a.m. Line dancing and clogging practice are both cancelled until after the holidays.

Thursday
The Local Yokels will entertain in the dining room.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and bridge play both begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may participate in eighty-eight at 10 a.m. The Kitchen Band will entertain for the New Year Party beginning at 11 a.m.

Court in Libya postpones ruling

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — A Libyan court postponed its verdict Saturday in the case of six Bulgarians and a Palestinian, all doctors and nurses, accused of injecting 393 children with HIV-contaminated blood.

It was the second time in four months the judges had postponed their verdict. They were originally due to hand down a ruling in September.

The chairman of the three-judge panel said the postponement was necessary "to review the files of evidence further." The verdict would now be given on Feb. 17, he said.

The five Bulgarian nurses, a Bulgarian doctor and a Palestinian doctor have pleaded innocent to charges of murder.

Berry's World



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Ramona Cain

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-0-6

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
3-5-11-22-33

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
1-3-5-20
Bonus number 30
Estimated jackpot: $400,000

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Getting to know you.....



Emily Jones, far right, presents a magnifying reader and a picturs frame to Opal Eaves, left. Teresa Davis is pictured in the center.

SJHS' 'Cutting edge' class brings Christmas cheer to nursing home residents

The students in the Cutting Edge class at Snyder Junior High School are studying "change," especially the changes that occur with aging.

Students have discovered that change effects people, places and things.

Darlene Beard supervised simulations of aging including - loss of movement, feelings in hands and fingers and eyesight loss, etc. The students were very surprised, said Theresa Vest, one of three teachers in charge of the class, at the difficulty they had in accomplishing exercises with age-related limitations.

The students read and discussed Nathaniel Hawthorne's *Dr. Heidegger's Experiment*, a story about the actions and thoughts of the elderly people who drank from the *Fountain of Youth*. Some of the elderly really lost sight of the wisdom they had gained with age and of what things they had considered important.

The students used computers to search for topics dealing with aging. A sharing period and discussion followed. Vest said students expressed a variety of opinions on topics including mandatory retirement.

Vest said one interesting fact the students learned is that "for the first time in history, retirees outnumber teenagers."

The students also studied technology and the "smart home," which uses technology to enable the elderly to live in their own homes longer. Vest said students are now in the process of generating ideas of their own that could be used in a smart home.

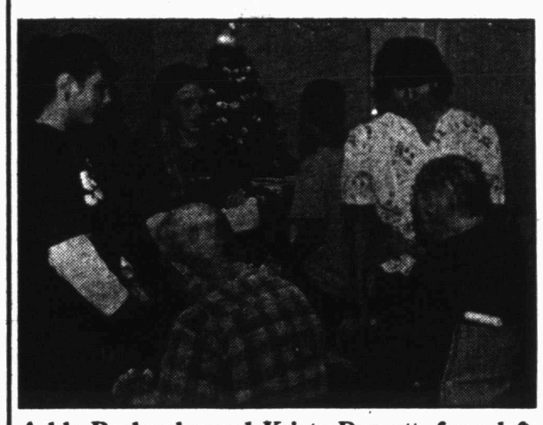
Some of the students have grandparents with whom they can identify while others do not. All of the students decided to share the holiday season with residents in a nursing home. They decorated magnifying readers and picture frames for the elderly residents of Snyder Oaks and delivered them on Dec. 11.

Students include Hollie Berryhill, Krista Dorsett, Ramsey Herrera, Ashley Luecke, Terann Rigland, Jordan Stansell, John Whitworth, Sydney Wright, Bryan Clifton, Seth Cooper, Emily Jones, Austin Lyle, Ashly Pavlovsky, Shaela Thompson and Glyn Wright.

Other teachers involved in the project are Virginia Trevey and Elaine Bragg.



Junior high students getting ready to distribute their gifts to the residents include Seth Cooper, John Whitworth, Ramey Herrera, Austin Lyle, Ashly Pavlovsky, Krista Dorsett, Shaela Thompson, Bryan Clifton and Emily Jones.



Ashly Pavlovsky and Krista Dorsett, from left, visit with Travis Cox and Ennis Floyd as Teresa Davis looks on.



Bryan Clifton, Hollie Berryhill, Emily Jones, John Whitworth, Ashly Pavlovsky, Ramsey Herrera, Shaela Thompson visit with residents at Snyder Oaks.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Who will 'Time' select?

NEW YORK (AP) — There's no question he has captured newspaper headlines for days on end and impacted millions of lives, but should Osama bin Laden be Time magazine's Person of the Year?

While the decision won't be announced until Sunday morning, editors at Time had to weigh several considerations in making their selection this week — including the likelihood of a strong reader backlash.

Choosing bin Laden would undoubtedly anger some and could even lead to canceled subscriptions.

At the heart of their decision, though, must be the criteria set out by Time founder Henry Luce: "the person or persons who most affected the news of our lives, for good or ill, this year."

Time spokeswoman Debra Richman declined to specify this year's list of candidates, but she did say that the selection would in "some way" reflect the events of Sept. 11.

In addition to bin Laden, readers of Time's Web site have nominated candidates including President Bush and Rudolph Giuliani.

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California jury acquits Ringling Bros. circus trainer

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A jury took less than two hours to acquit a circus trainer charged with elephant abuse, ending a closely watched trial that stemmed from a unique California law.

Mark Oliver Gebel, 31, was cleared Friday without ever testifying. His defense attorney had rested his case without calling any witnesses, saying the prosecution had a "non-case" that had "gone on far too long."

Animal rights groups for years have accused circuses of using a wholesome front to mask cruel treatment of animals, however there had been few criminal charges until Gebel's case.

Wayne Pacelle, a Humane Society spokesman, said he was disappointed by Friday's verdict but pleased at the attention the case drew. "For the last week, the issue of elephant abuse by the circus industry was in the center ring for the American public to see," he said.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey owner Kenneth Feld, who sat through the trial, portrayed the case as a desperate attempt by anti-circus extremists to tarnish the company's reputation.

Because of Gebel's famous heritage — he is the son of legendary Ringling Bros. animal trainer Gunther Gebel-Williams — he was about as prominent a defendant as the circus world could produce.

Gebel was accused of using a straight prong on a hooked stick known as an ankus to jab an elephant named Asia who was moving too slowly into a performance on Aug. 25.

A San Jose police sergeant and a Humane Society investigator said they heard Gebel yell and saw him lunge at Asia, though they did not see him make contact with her. Those witnesses and another Humane Society investigator said they saw a blood stain the size of a nickel on Asia's leg; one said she saw what appeared to be two puncture wounds.

In his closing argument Friday, defense attorney James McManis said the witnesses are animal rights activists desperate to find evidence to support their opposition to circuses.

In 1999, the same witnesses said they found evidence of puncture wounds and cuts on seven Ringling elephants performing in San Jose, but prosecutors said there was no way to determine whom to charge.

This time, the defense argued that the witnesses had no proof the stain they saw was blood; at one point, McManis suggested it could have been a mark from a child's Sno-Cone.

Prosecutor Carolyn Powell said the witnesses were merely doing their jobs, and while they care deeply about animals, they are not dogmatic activists. All the law requires, she said, is that the jury believe Gebel disciplined Asia with punishment that broke the elephant's skin.

Even if Gebel did accidentally poke Asia with the ankus because "she zigged when she should have zagged," McManis argued, Asia suffered the equivalent of a pinprick — certainly not the greatest blow on Earth.

"Would a similar 'injury' to a human being result in a criminal prosecution keeping us occupied all week?" McManis asked the jury Friday in closing arguments. "Don't try to torture a case out of nothing at the expense of a man's life."

Indictment alleges robbery motive for slayings

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Allegations that a teen-ager and his friend intended to rob two Dartmouth College professors the night the couple was murdered won't change the way the teen fights the charges against him, his lawyer said.

Attorney Richard Guerriero said he intends to use an insanity defense in the murder trial of Robert Tulloch, 18.

The jury in Tulloch's case will be asked to consider two theories of first-degree murder — that it was "purposeful," with no motive specified, and that it was committed during a robbery, Attorney General Philip McLaughlin said Friday. The new indictment will be made public Monday.

McLaughlin's statement was the first from prosecutors alleging a motive for the stabbing deaths of Half and Susanne Zantop in their Hanover home Jan. 27. McLaughlin declined to elaborate.

Guerriero said Friday that prosecutors told him the indictment was coming.

"It doesn't change the facts of the case. We're going to proceed to court on the facts we've stated," he said.

Tulloch and his best friend, James Parker, 17, both of Chelsea, Vt., were charged with the murders in February. The two were arrested at an Indiana truck stop on Feb. 19.

Parker recently pleaded guilty to being an accomplice to second-degree murder in the death of Susanne Zantop and will be sentenced to 25 years to life in prison after he testifies against Tulloch. Tulloch's trial is scheduled to start in April in Grafton County Superior Court.

Prosecutors have said they have found no personal connection between the teen-agers and the German-born professors.

They said detectives found fingerprints and footprints in the Zantops' home that link the teens to the slayings. Court documents say two military-style knives stained with the victims' blood were found hidden in Tulloch's bedroom.

Half Zantop, 62, taught earth sciences at Dartmouth, and his wife, Susanne Zantop, 55, was head of the university's German studies department.

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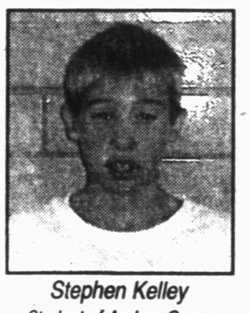
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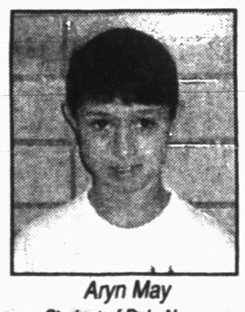
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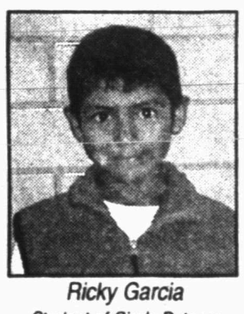
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Politicans regret accepting contributions from Enron

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Following Enron Corp.'s financial meltdown and congressional investigation, politicians and political groups have been hurrying to distance themselves from the former energy trading giant.

That includes returning political contributions from the Houston-based company that has sought protection from creditors in federal bankruptcy court. A national Republican political committee last week returned a $100,000 campaign donation from Enron.

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn and former state Supreme Court justice Greg Abbott are among politicians who received more than $1 million in donations from Enron and Enron executives from 1997 through 2000, according to an analysis of public records by Texans for Public Justice.

Cornyn, who won election in 1998, accepted $158,000 from Enron during the four-year period. Gov. Rick Perry received $187,000, and former Gov. George W. Bush received $238,000. Abbott received $12,600.

"That money to Cornyn puts him in a position where he needs to make sure he responds to consumers," Dan Lambe, executive director for Texas Watch, told the San Antonio Express-News in Friday's editions.

A Democratic candidate to succeed Cornyn said political contributions returned from Enron could be shared in some way by employees and shareholders sunk by the collapse.

"It's in the best interests of the state of Texas to have that estate be as big as it could possibly be," said Kirk Watson, a former Austin mayor.

As attorney general, Watson said he would also protect against outside criticism of the office's independence by including an independent investigator in the inquiry in the Enron collapse, which would be as open and public as possible and completed quickly.

Watson said there are "extraordinary circumstances that create questions in the case of Enron and in the level of campaign contributions.'

"Texans deserve to have an open, vigorous investigation that's free of favoritism," said Watson, who will probably face Abbott, also a Republican, in the November election to succeed Cornyn. The attorney general is seeking the U.S. Senate seat being given up by Phil Gramm.

Cornyn, since Enron's Chapter 11 filing, has appointed a task force to probe the state's losses and joined other parties asking that court proceedings take place in Houston rather than New York.

State agencies are building a list of Enron-related liabilities, said Cornyn spokeswoman Jane Shepperd. She said the state has 180 days to present the court with details, which already include $1.2 million in an unpaid gas contract with the General Land Office.

Texas Watch officials have also asked Cornyn to consider former Enron employees in his inquiry. Thousands of employees were left out of work with decimated retirement savings. Many had Enron stock which the company had frozen in their 401(k) accounts, unable to sell during last month's collapse.

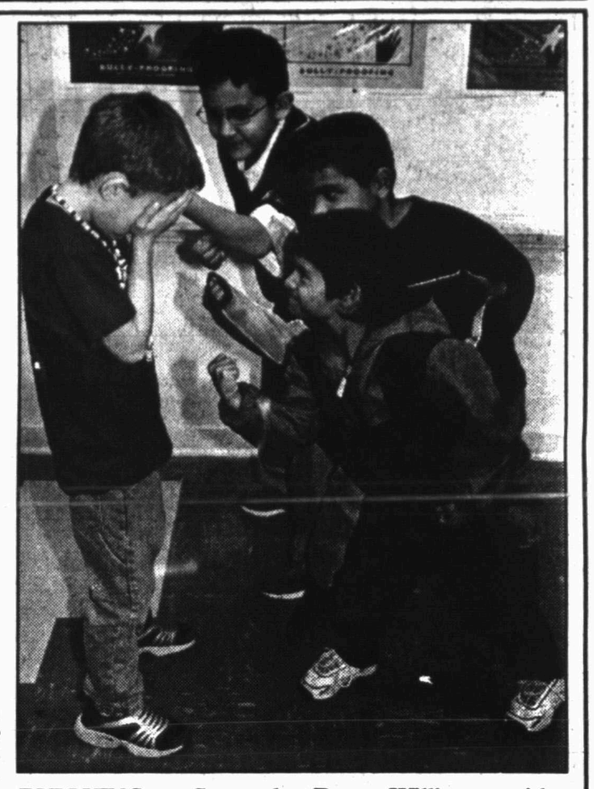
Central adopts program against bullying

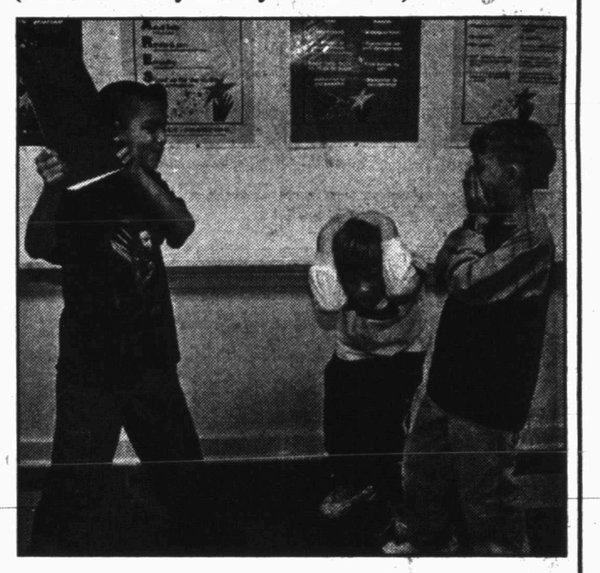
Central Elementary School is focusing on developing a theme of caring and kindness for its school community.

At Central, elementary counselor Peggy Williams said the staff strongly believes that school can be a safe and nurturing environment. One of the goals for the 2001-2002 school year is to replace negative behaviors with skills that involve treating others kindly.

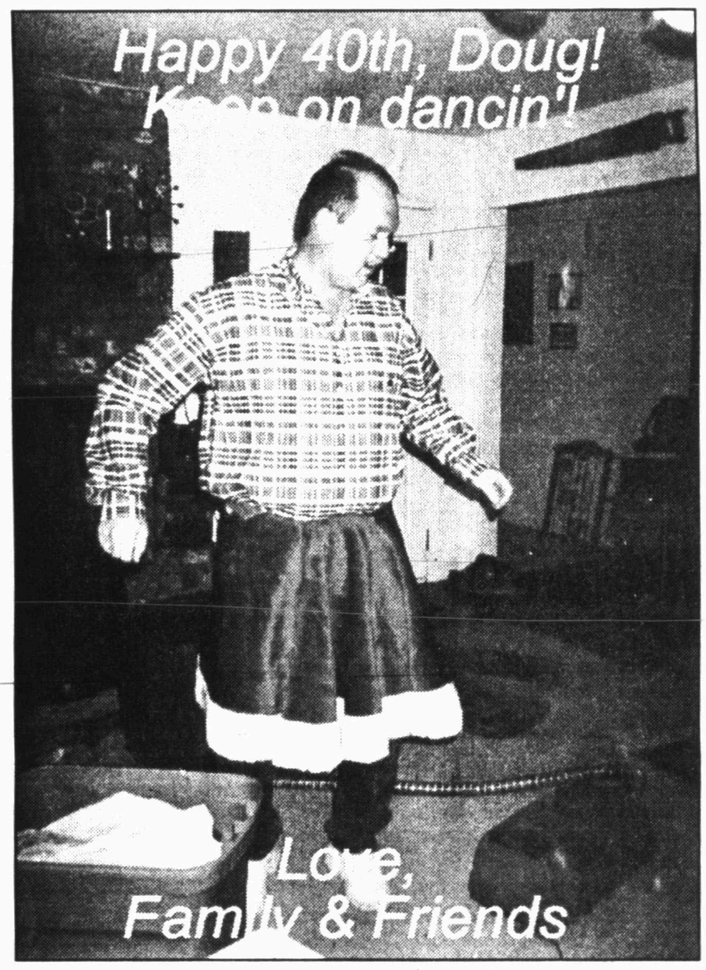
To facilitate this effort, Central is implementing a school-wide program against bullying. As you enter each classroom, a large poster bearing the message "Bully-free classroom" can be seen.

Under this policy, Williams explained, bullying and aggressive behaviors do not have a place at school and will not be tolerated. On the other hand, through programs such as Central's Hart Warmers, acts of kindness are recognized and rewarded.





BULLYING — Counselor Peggy Williams guides students through role playing being a bully or being bullied. In the top photo, Troy Henry shields his face from Brandon Medrano, Lance Egan and Michael Garza. Freddy Lopez, Brennen Baze and Logan Tabor are play-acting in the bottom photo. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)



Financial Focus

"Bad Times" to Invest Can Yield Good Results

Is there ever a "bad time" to invest? A lot of people have thought so, for one reason or another — but they've usually been proved wrong.

Just glance back over the past 20 years. We've had plenty of economic and financial events that probably caused many people to delay investing. But their hesitancy proved expensive. Consider these bits of history:

•**Recession** — It's the first day of 1982, and we're in the middle of a recession — so you think twice about venturing into the market. But if you put $10,000 in the stocks making up the S&P 500, you will have accumulated more than $190,000 by the end of 2000.

•**S&L bailout** — It's New Year's Day, 1989, and the government is on the verge of bailing out the savings and loan industry. Grim news for investors, right? However, if you can overcome your concern and put $10,000 in the S&P 500, your money will grow to some $63,000 by the end of 2000, when the bailout had become a distant memory.

•**Stock "meltdown"** — It's Jan. 1, 1995. The investment community is still reeling from 1994, when more than 400 stocks dropped 40 percent, vaporizing billions of dollars of wealth. Do you really want to jump into the stock Market? If so, you won't be sorry your $10,000 investment in 1995 S&P 500 will grow to more than $31,000 just five years later.

Of course, these results, encouraging as they are, can't be used to predict future market performance after a crisis, real or perceived. Furthermore, these three events weren't the only supposedly "dark clouds" on the investment horizons over the past two decades. In fact, you probably wouldn't have to look too hard to find a reason not to invest in any given year. There's always something going on: bad economic news, political instability, energy crises — you name it. But if you delayed investing until conditions were perfect, you'd have a long wait indeed.

You can't control world economic and political events — but you can manage your response to them. Instead of letting today's headlines dictate your investment decisions, make up your mind to focus on the future. Instead of aggravating yourself over how this or that event will affect a particular stock, focus on quality. By building a diversified portfolio of high-quality equities, and holding them for the long term, you'll have a good chance of achieving the type of performance you need to help meet your financial goals.

If there are no "bad times" to invest, are there particularly good times? Yes — and the best time is today. As an investor, you must put time on your side. The longer you hold your stock, the greater your potential for growth. Plus, over long periods of time, stock price fluctuations tend to even out.

The next time you're pondering all the reasons you should put off investing, close your eyes and picture yourself in 10 or 20 years, looking back on the year 2001 and shaking your head sadly over lost opportunities. That should be enough of an inventive to spur you into action.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Where's the 'World' in Series?

Q: I have often wondered why the World Series is so-called. No other nation in the world participates in the Series. — **B.V., Tempe, Ariz.**

A: That's not entirely true. Canada has two teams in Major League Baseball: the Toronto Blue Jays and the Montreal Expos. Of course, the Expos might be nothing more than a memory by the time spring training starts. I suppose "North American Series" doesn't have the same dramatic appeal as "World Series." There's another possibility: that we here in the United States think we're the center of the world.

Q: One of my favorite shows is "The District," but I really miss David O'Hara, whose character was killed by a car bomb in the last episode last season. He was one of the reasons I watched the show. What is he doing now? Please list his other roles. — **D.W., Little Rock, Ark.**

A: O'Hara's had a bit of work since his explosive exit from "The District." He was in the 2001 TV movie "The Crossfire Trail" with Tom Selleck, and he appeared in the 2001 release "Made," with Jon Favreau, Vince Vaughn and Sean "Puffy" Combs (now known as P. Diddy).

Q: I know "Tobacco Road," directed by John Ford, is not on video, but is there some way to get a copy of it? The movie's social value would be worth the effort to restore it for this generation and for future generations. — **A.B., Bloomington, Ill.**

A: When all else fails, it's eBay (http://www.ebay.com) to the rescue. I found a few copies of that rare film up for auction, but they will probably be gone by the time you read this column. Check anyway — you might get lucky. If you don't find it, check again every once in a while. The prices at the time I looked ranged from $9.99 to $41.

Q: Where can I write to Pamela Anderson from "Baywatch"? I'd also like to write to Britney Spears, Mariah Carey, Brynn Thayer (from "Matlock") and Markie Post (from "Night Court"). — **A.W., Ardmore, Okla.**

A: Whew! Planning on spending some quality time with your pen and notebook?

You can write to Pamela Anderson at William Morris Agency, 1325 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019. Write to Britney Spears at Elephant Waly Entertainment, Ste. 430-9200, Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90069. Mariah Carey is at P.O. Box 4450, New York, NY 10101. "Matlock" ended its run on ABC, so you can write to Brynn Thayer there. The address is ABC Inc., 500 S. Buena Vista St., Burbank, CA, 91521. If your hand hasn't fallen off by then, you can send a letter to Markie Post at 10153 Riverside Drive, Suite 333, Toluca Lake, CA 90049.

TRIVIA: Mariah Carey's vocal range spans eight octaves, and she once dated New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter.

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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Tipsters will get promised award

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Five friends who helped lead authorities to a mass killer will receive a $50,000 reward from the state, even though the suspect killed himself before he could be arrested.

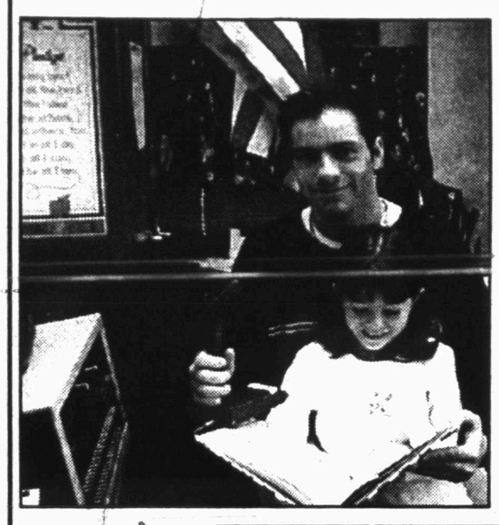
Gov. Gray Davis on Friday reversed an earlier decision that the five were ineligible because state law says a reward can be paid only if a suspect is arrested and convicted.

Davis said he will seek legislation next year clarifying the law so that rewards can be paid in such situations.

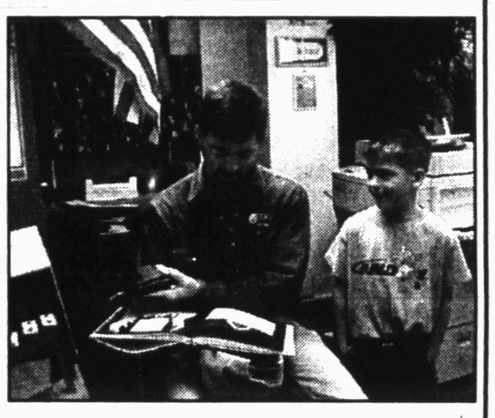


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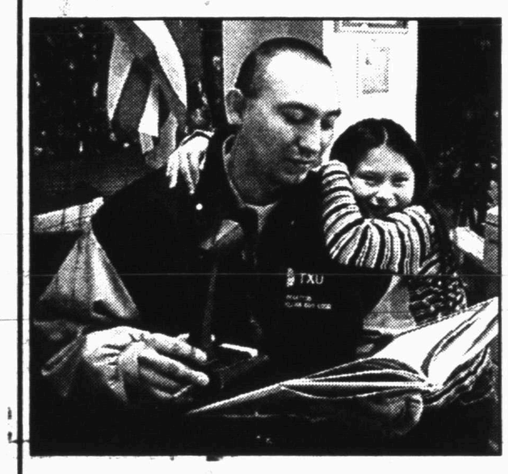
Stanfield 'Do Dads'



On Mondays mornings, a dad of a student at Stanfield reads a short poem or story over the PA system. Tony Glover is pictured with his daughter, Monica. She is in Sheila Collier's class.



Jeb Inman is pictued with his son, Zack. Zack is in Melissa Rosson's class.



David Gomez is pictured with his daughter, Crystal. She is in Suzanne Doolittle's class.



James Ashley is pictured with his son, Samuel. Aleta Long is Samuel's teacher.

(Contributed Photos)

Pfizer settles lawsuit

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Hours after losing a $43 million verdict, Pfizer Inc. settled Friday with lawyers for a woman who said her liver was destroyed by the company's recalled Rezulin diabetes drug.

The amount of the settlement was not disclosed, but Pfizer general counsel Paul S. Miller said it was "substantially lower" than the state court jury's verdict.

The deal would erase the verdict, and Pfizer did not admit liability. The settlement was announced as the jury considered whether to add punitive damages against Pfizer's Warner-Lambert unit.

"The two parties said, 'Let's settle.' It was settled to everybody's mutual satisfaction. Everybody is happy," said Mike Papantonio, one of the lawyers who represented 63-year-old Margarita Sanchez.

Sanchez's lawyers had asked the jury to award $1.5 billion in punitive damages.

During a two-week trial, Sanchez's lawyers said Warner-Lambert lied to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration about Rezulin's dangers.

FDA research has linked the drug to 63 deaths from liver failure. According to company documents, Pfizer faces more than 4,200 claims and lawsuits over Rezulin.

"I think it should be a very clear signal to people who own stock in this company that there's more to come," Papantonio said after the jury verdict on compensatory damages.

Pfizer, which acquired Warner-Lambert last year, called the trial "highly unfair" and said it would have appealed if Sanchez hadn't settled.

Miller, the company's general counsel, said the judge improperly limited Pfizer's ability to question witnesses and allowed jurors to hear prejudicial and hearsay evidence.

"In reaching a settlement, the plaintiffs recognized that a second and fair trial was likely to lead to a very different outcome," Miller said. "For Pfizer, the settlement, at a substantially lower amount than the jury's vacated compensatory awards of $43 million, was an attractive alternative to the additional expenses of continued litigation."

The company said it still believes that Warner-Lambert acted properly, and it pointed to its victory Monday in the first jury decision in a Rezulin-related lawsuit.

In that case, a Houston jury found the company not liable for a 58-year-old woman's death.

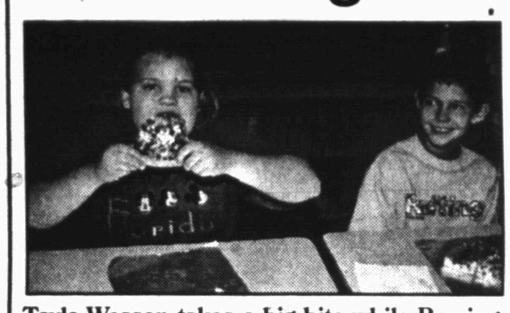
The FDA approved Rezulin in 1997 to treat type II diabetes. The drug was taken by nearly 2 million people before it was removed from the market last year after FDA said it was more toxic to the liver than two newer diabetes drugs.

The jury in the Sanchez case heard two weeks of testimony about whether the drug caused her deteriorating health.

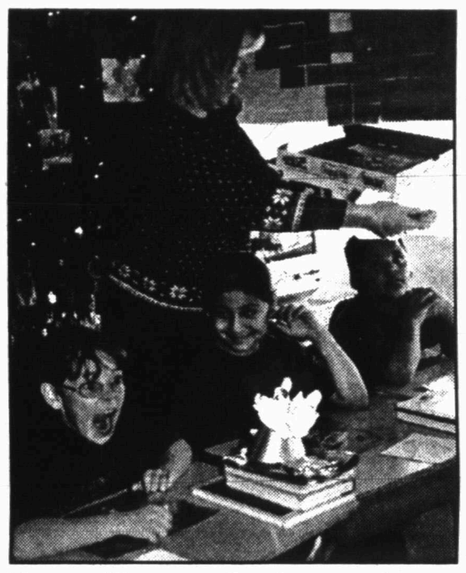
Warner-Lambert lawyers said Sanchez's liver condition was caused by chronic hepatitis.

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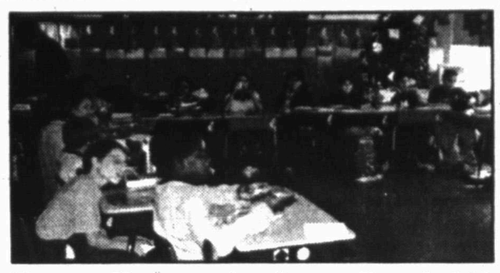
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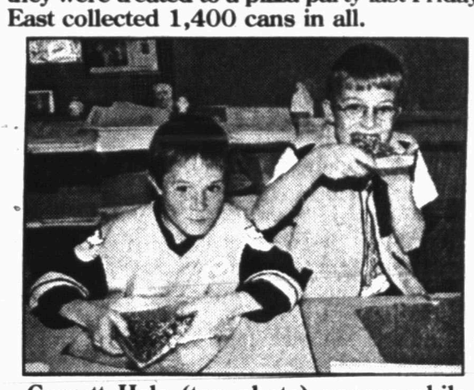
Tayla Wesson takes a big bite while Remington Bloom waits to be served.



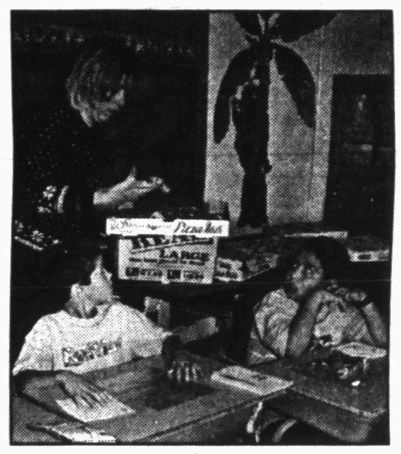
Tammy Hoseman hands out pizza to Sarah Parmer, Elizabeth Martinez and Roberto Aguirre.



Tammy Hosemann's class collected 140 cans of food for the Goodfellows and Kiwanis Club food drive. They had the most so they were treated to a pizza party last Friday. East collected 1,400 cans in all.



Garrett Hale (top photo) pauses while Tanner Robertson takes a big bite. Tammy Hoseman (bottom photo) hands pizza slices to Remington Bloom and Humberto Juarez.



SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Olympic torch arrives in nation's capital

WASHINGTON (AP) — The glass and metal cone of the Olympic Torch took an emotional route to the nation's capital Friday, passing the huge breach in the wall of the Pentagon left Sept. 11.

During a poignant stop at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, a wreath was placed in memory of the 70 police officers who died in the World Trade Center terrorist attacks.

"It's an honor. I was shocked and flattered to be chosen," said Pentagon Police officer Isaac Hoopi, who carried the torch to the memorial. He helped evacuate 17 people from the wreckage of Pentagon when the hijacked plane hit. In the darkness, survivors crawled on their hands and knees — following the sound of his voice to safety.

The torch later was carried through Georgetown, making its way to a city-sponsored celebration at Freedom Plaza.

It also made a brief stop at the U.S. Capitol after crossing the District of Columbia border into one of the city's poorest neighborhoods.

Elementary school children stood in the 40-degree chill, cheering as two-time Olympian Meredith Balmon of Rockville, Md., became the first person to carry the torch in the district.

"It's a tremendous honor to be a link in the chain" carrying the torch from Greece to Salt Lake City, Balmon said.

The torch was carried to the Pentagon by Chief Petty Officer Bernard Brown, whose 11-year-old son, Bernard Jr., died on the hijacked plane that hit the Pentagon, killing 189 people.

Suspicious boat may have been spying, officials think

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese patrol vessels fired on an unidentified fishing boat the military said might have been spying, setting it ablaze as it fled Saturday, authorities said.

The boat, marked with Chinese characters, was cruising off southwestern Japan when it was detected by a Japanese surveillance aircraft Friday. Patrol vessels and aircraft gave chase early Saturday after it ignored orders to stop.

After several warning shots, one of the patrol vessels hit the rear of the fleeing boat with a burst of machine-gun fire, starting a blaze that was later extinguished, Japan Coast Guard spokesman Ryoji Osaka said. It stopped briefly and started up again, heading west toward China, he said.

Japanese craft were still in pursuit.

Military officials who examined photographs of the boat said that it appeared similar to two suspected North Korean spy ships that were chased out of Japanese waters in March 1999, a Defense Agency official said on condition of anonymity. He did not elaborate.

Warning shots were fired in that incident but the intruders were not hit or apprehended.

Saturday's chase began after the unidentified boat was detected about 90 miles northwest of Amami Oshima island, part of a chain off Japan's southernmost main island, the Defense Agency official said.

It was cruising in Japan's 200-nautical-mile exclusive economic zone, an area in which Japan has exclusive fishing rights and vessels from other countries must allow authorities to conduct inspections on demand.

Twenty-seven navy and coast guard vessels and 14 coast guard aircraft chased the boat.

Japan recently strengthened the search-and-pursuit capacity of its coast guard following a series of unannounced visits in its waters.

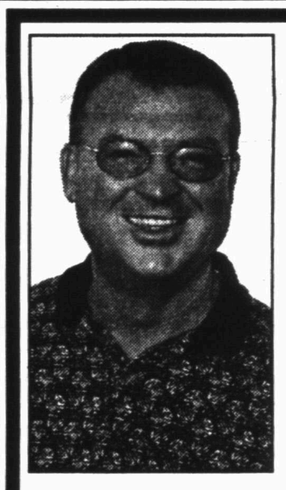
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SPORTS

Hermleigh drops two to Loraine

LORAINE — Slow starts doomed both Hermleigh squads in Friday night's District 12-A basketball action.

The Hermleigh boys scored only three points in the first quarter before eventually falling to Loraine, 65-38. The Lady Cardinals fell to the Lady Bulldogs, 60-22, after posting two points in the opening period.

In the boys match-up, the Cardinals fell behind, 23-3, early on. Hermleigh responded with 12 second-quarter points before Loraine answered with a 24-9 run to start the second half.

Jimmy Luna poured in 18 points to lead the Cardinals.

Terrell Culp tallied nine points. Dustin Williamson added eight, and Justin Williamson chipped in three.

In the girls tilt, Loraine built a 23-2 advantage in the first period, but the Lady Cardinals battled back on the strength of its defense.

Hermleigh held the Lady Bulldogs to only five points in the second quarter, and followed with an 11-point outburst of its own in the third.

Loraine sealed the game by blanking the Lady Cardinals in the final frame.

Valerie West and Misty McClure dropped in six points apiece. Brittany Jones and Amy Botts added five apiece.

Bulldogs rout Jaybirds, 73-40

IRA — Ira came out firing, then let it's defense do the rest.

The Ira Bulldogs scored 21 points in the first quarter Friday en route to a 73-40 victory over the Jayton Jaybirds in non-district boys basketball action.

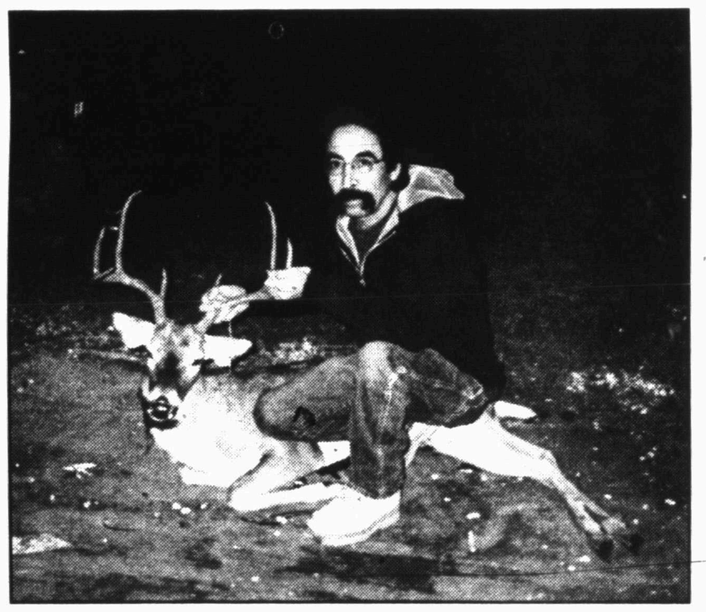
The Bulldogs, who improved to 8-3, grabbed a 21-12 lead early on.

After its opening outburst, Ira limited Jayton to only 14 points in a span of two quarters to seize a 55-26 advantage heading into the final period.

Todd Wall poured in 15 points to pace the Bulldogs. Nathan Smith and Eric Dickerhoff added 11 apiece.

Jess Wall and Jake Barnes drained 10 points each. Jase Olvera registered nine. Cade Tucker finished with four, and Cole Shafer chipped in three.





HUNTERS — Ten-year-old Jake Graves, above, shot his first buck near Fluvanna. He is the son of Joe and Teresa Graves. Louis Sanchez Jr., below, bagged a nine-point buck south of San Antonio. (Contributed Photos)

Cowboys meet Cards for final NFC East tilt

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals are leaving the NFC East after this season, and they surely will miss their annual matchups with the Dallas Cowboys — for financial reasons, if nothing else.

It was the one game the Cardinals could count on for a big home crowd, even if most of the fans would be rooting for the visitors.

For the Cowboys, it might as well have been a home game.

"We always felt that," Dallas coach Dave Campo said. "I think it might have been a little motivation for Arizona. When Arizona looks up and sees quite a bit of the crowd in blue and silver, that's a bit of a motivation."

Since the Cardinals moved to Arizona from St. Louis in 1988, 10 of the 14 largest home crowds — including the top three — came against the Cowboys.

Even with Dallas just 4-9, attendance for the game at Arizona on Sunday should approach 50,000, and that would be the Cardinals' second-largest home crowd of the season.

The teams will meet again in Arizona next season, and their paths will cross occasionally after that, but with the Cardinals shifting to the NFC West, the twice-yearly series will be no more.

"Growing up, that was my team," Arizona free safety Kwamie Lassiter said. "The only team I ever liked was Dallas. There's something about that star on the helmet. The first time I played them, I was like a little kid."

The Cowboys usually win against Arizona, but there have been exceptions, most notably the Cardinals' playoff victory at Dallas three years ago.

Not much is at stake Sunday, except last place in the division. The Cardinals (5-8), losers of two in a row, will play their final home game of the season.

A fast finish can help build momentum for next season, according to Campo.

"Look at Chicago, for example," he said. "They were 1-7 last season and won four of their last eight. Green Bay won five of their last six. We feel that if we can finish strong and lay the groundwork and the base, that this offseason gives us a chance to put some pieces into place, and I feel like we can make a turnaround."

Rookie quarterback Quincy Carter agreed.

"That's something we can build upon," he said. "There are about three or four teams now who are doing well who went on a streak at the end of last season. It's good to get a surge going, and then early next season we'll know what it feels like to win a little bit."

Emmitt Smith already knows what it feels like to win, but the NFL's No. 2 career rusher is in danger of having his streak of 10 consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons end. He has 690 yards on 191 carries with three games to play.

Last week, Smith gained 39 yards on 12 carries in Dallas' 29-3 loss to Seattle. He should do much better against an Arizona defense that ranks 24th in the league in defending the run and 29th overall.

"We still think Emmitt is a quality running back," Campo said. "He may feel he's not getting the ball as much as he could, but I promise you that our focal point, ever since Quincy has come back, has been our running game."

Ten of Smith's 72 career 100-yard rushing games have come against the Cardinals.

"I'm always prepared for a big dose of Emmitt," said Dave McGinnis, Arizona's defensive coordinator before he became head coach a year ago. "He wants the ball more, and they'll probably give him the ball more. It's up to us to make sure they don't continue to hand it to him. We've got to score and possess the ball."

The Cardinals' running game has sputtered, but quarterback Jake Plummer is having perhaps his best NFL season. He and David Boston, who leads the NFL in yards receiving with 1,387, have become one of the league's most potent passing combinations.

Despite its troubles, Dallas has not lost its national following.

"Every stadium we've gone to Arizona there has been a tremendous contingent of Cowboys fans," Campo said, "and I wouldn't say that this one will be any different. Actually, Cowboys fans on the road are probably more loyal than Cowboys fans at home. The Cowboys fans at home want a winner there, and I don't blame them."

Aggies topple Purdue, 71-65

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Bradley Jackson scored a career-high 16 points and Texas A&M beat Purdue 71-65 in the final game of pool play in the Las Vegas Classic on Friday night to snap a four-game losing streak.

Bernard King scored 15 points for Texas A&M (6-5) and Nick Anderson added 13. Andy Slocum pulled down 13 rebounds.

Willie Deane had 26 points for Purdue (7-5), which despite the loss won its pool to advance to Saturday night's championship game against No. 25 Cincinnati. Dametreis Kilgore added 12 points for the Boilermakers and Rodney Smith had 11.

Texas A&M shot 48 percent from the field (26-of-54), while limiting the Boilermakers to only 39 percent (21-of-53).

The game was tied 35-35 at halftime, but the Aggies built a 60-49 lead with 6:08 remaining. Deane hit four straight free throws and Kilgore added a jumper to cut the lead to 60-55 with 4:15 left.

But the Aggies Larry Scott answered with a 3-pointer to extend the lead to 63-55 with 3:13 to go.

Lady Raiders whip Rutgers

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — Jia Perkins scored 19 points and Amber Tarr added 11 as No. 12 Texas Tech beat Rutgers 62-49 Friday night, extending its winning streak to five games.

The Lady Raiders (7-2) pulled away with a 13-0 early in the second half, with Natalie Ritchie hitting a 3-pointer to give Texas Tech the lead with 15:30 to play.

Davalyn Cunningham led Rutgers (4-6) with 20 points, and Dawn McCullouch added 13 points and 13 rebounds. Rutgers has lost four straight.

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	9	4	0	.692	276	249
New England	9	5	0	.643	313	253
N.Y. Jets	8	5	0	.615	246	231
Indianapolis	5	8	0	.385	339	405
Buffalo	2	11	0	.154	214	344
Central						
y-Pittsburgh	11	2	0	.846	254	165
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	258	240
Cleveland	6	7	0	.461	230	223
Tennessee	6	7	0	.461	264	314
Jacksonville	5	8	0	.385	222	220
Cincinnati	4	9	0	.308	177	249
West						
y-Oakland	10	3	0	.769	350	267
Seattle	7	6	0	.539	231	257
Denver	7	7	0	.500	307	293
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	293	276
Kansas City	4	9	0	.308	252	280

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	4	0	.692	299	161
N.Y. Giants	6	7	0	.461	221	239
Washington	6	7	0	.461	181	256
Arizona	5	8	0	.385	231	306
Dallas	4	9	0	.308	199	285
Central						
x-Chicago	10	3	0	.769	261	175
Green Bay	9	4	0	.692	302	221
Tampa Bay	7	6	0	.539	241	232
Minnesota	5	8	0	.385	271	314
Detroit	1	12	0	.077	241	343
West						
x-St. Louis	11	2	0	.846	392	211
x-San Francisco	10	3	0	.769	337	252
New Orleans	7	6	0	.539	302	283
Atlanta	6	7	0	.461	231	295
Carolina	1	12	0	.077	208	304

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Saturday's Games
Miami at New England, 1:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 5 p.m.
Tennessee at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Buffalo at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 1 p.m.
Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 29
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 30
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Carolina, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Washington at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

Major College Basketball Scores

MEN
EAST
Colgate 73, Dartmouth 65
Connecticut 95, Quinnipiac 79
Harvard 81, Sacred Heart 69
Manhattan 74, Hofstra 67
Princeton 67, Lafayette 61
SOUTH
Alabama 90, Alabama A&M 54
Ark.-Little Rock 93, Grambling St. 69
Coastal Carolina 67, Campbell 56
Gardner-Webb 71, South Alabama 66
Georgia Tech 79, Wofford 70
N.C.-Wilmington 71, Old Dominion 67
Samford 62, Morehead St. 50
Tulane 77, Lipscomb 64
MIDWEST
Bradley 87, Hampton 84, 2OT
Wichita St. 102, W. Carolina 73
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Oklahoma 72, Maryland 56
Rice 66, Centenary 57
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 81, Denver 79
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Oklahoma St. 78, Marshall 58
Penn St. 67, Texas 65
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Arizona 66, California 61
Long Beach St. 85, San Francisco 77
San Diego 92, UC Irvine 53
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St. Mary's, Cal. 68, Fresno St. 66, OT
Stanford 75, Arizona St. 66
UNLV 91, Tenn.-Martin 68
Utah 63, Montana 58
Washington 98, Washington St. 64

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	19	14	3	2	43	108	106
N.Y. Islanders	18	9	5	2	43	95	82
Philadelphia	17	10	5	1	40	96	71
New Jersey	14	12	5	2	35	79	84
Pittsburgh	14	15	4	2	34	77	95
Northeast Division							
Toronto	20	9	3	3	46	105	83
Boston	17	10	3	4	41	86	79
Ottawa	17	12	4	0	38	108	82
Montreal	15	14	5	1	36	88	91
Buffalo	14	18	3	1	32	99	99
Southeast Division							
Washington	14	16	5	0	33	100	107
Tampa Bay	14	16	3	1	32	70	74
Florida	10	18	2	3	25	70	96
Atlanta	7	21	4	3	21	80	133

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	25	8	2	1	53	108	80
Chicago	19	11	8	0	46	113	105
St. Louis	15	10	6	3	39	89	81
Nashville	13	15	5	0	31	91	88
Columbus	9	20	5	1	24	64	95
Northwest Division							
Edmonton	19	12	5	2	45	98	87
Colorado	20	13	4	0	44	88	70
Calgary	16	11	7	2	41	90	89
Vancouver	14	20	4	0	32	94	105
Minnesota	12	13	5	3	32	86	100
Pacific Division							
San Jose	18	8	5	3	44	99	78
Dallas	14	11	6	3	37	96	93
Phoenix	14	13	5	3	36	86	94
Los Angeles	14	14	5	2	35	93	86
Anaheim	11	19	4	3	29	80	97

Friday's Games
N.Y. Islanders 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Detroit 3, San Jose 0
Tampa Bay 4, St. Louis 3, OT
Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3
Chicago 5, Edmonton 1
Calgary 2, Colorado 2, tie
Anaheim 2, Phoenix 1

Saturday's Games
Ottawa at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

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SPORTS

Sports Whirl
By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

Now we know who to root for in the Class 4A football state championship.

Former Snyder resident Sam Harrell coaches his Ennis Lions (15-0) against the Bay City Black Cats (14-1) Saturday evening at the Astrodome.

Harrell, who guided the Lions to last year's state title, attended Snyder Junior High in the early 70's. He is the son of former SJHS coach Jake Harrell, who also served as head coach at Seminole and as an assistant at Brownwood under Gordon Wood.

With Santa making final preparations for his Christmas Eve journey, it's time to take a look at who's been naughty rather than nice during the holiday homestretch.

—Former Georgia Tech head football coach George O'Leary who held the same title at Notre Dame for a week before they discovered he'd provided false information on his resume.

Hard to believe the discrepancies weren't discovered sooner. After all, he doesn't look much like a Heisman Trophy winner.

—First-year Granbury High School football coach Randy Blankenship is under fire for "using profane and crude language around his players." But then again, they are the Pirates.

—A California man, whose 15-year-old son was cut from the varsity basketball team, is suing the school district for $1.5 million because he claims his son's chances of striking it rich in the NBA have been heavily damaged.

—All of the high-class, bottle-throwing fans in Cleveland and New Orleans have probably ruined their chances at getting a visit from old St. Nick.

At least most of us only throw our bottles at the TV during Cowboys games.

Happy holidays, and don't get too worked up watching that Blue-Gray game on Christmas Day.

Schaap dies following hip surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — Dick Schaap interviewed presidents and pitchers, governors and golfers. He was quite possibly the only person who cast votes for the Heisman Trophy and the Tony Awards.

Schaap, who died at age 67 on Friday from complications after hip surgery, couldn't limit himself to sports. He was much more versatile than that.

He won three Sports Emmy Awards for his work on ESPN and three Emmy Awards for features on "20/20" and "World News Tonight" at ABC, where he worked for 20 years.

Schaap's subjects covered the spectrum — from comedian Sid Caesar, who fought back from drug and alcohol addiction, to Bobby McLaughlin, a young man convicted of a murder he did not commit.

But Schaap always returned to sports, fascinated by athletes and their accomplishments, intent on trying to find out what made them tick.

"Dick and I have been friends since before the 1960 Olympics," boxing great Muhammad Ali said in a statement. "He was the person who put me on the plane to Rome and he was waiting for me in the airport when I returned. But that was Dick, he was always there — something many of us have always taken for granted."



Dick Schaap

Schaap's Sunday morning ESPN show "The Sports Reporters" was a lively debate with other journalists. The panelists rarely agreed, instilling the show with an energy Schaap relished.

He received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Sports Journalism from the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America in 2001. He won the Northeastern Award for Excellence in Broadcast Sports Journalism in 1986, and the Women's Sports Foundation award for excellence in covering women's sports in 1984.

Schaap, who played lacrosse at Cornell, was inducted into the university's athletic Hall of Fame, and he won one of the Columbia Journalism School's 50th Anniversary Awards as well as an Alumni Award for Career Achievement.

"Dick's unparalleled journalistic achievements were exceeded only by his compassion and respect for his fellow human beings," ESPN president George Bodenheimer said. "He lived each day to the fullest, and during the course of an amazing life, encountered almost every major figure that impacted our culture over the last 40 years."

Schaap was a man on the move, from Newsweek to the New York Herald Tribune, where he was city editor and then a columnist. Then he moved to TV as a correspondent for NBC, then ABC.

He also served as editor of Sport Magazine and showed another side of his personality. He decided everyone was taking the Super Bowl too seriously and sent players Fred Dryer and Lance Rentzel to a pregame press conference in New Orleans. They dressed as reporters and popped cliche questions at the coaches, a bit of levity the event needed. The NFL, however, was not amused.

Schaap wrote more than 30 books, including "Instant Replay" — the first of four collaborations with former Green Bay Packers lineman Jerry Kramer — which became a best seller when it was published in 1968.

"Dick Schaap was synonymous with Lombardi, Kramer and Packers football," NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said.

"'Instant Replay' created a genre that is part of Dick's tremendous literary legacy. He was always a gentleman and will be missed by all those in the sports community."

An autobiography, "Flashing Before My Eyes," was published this year.

"It's about athletes and actresses, cops and comedians, politicians and just people — the eclectic mix that made almost every day of my life seem like a fantasy," Schaap said, shortly after the book was published.

It was that kind of drive that kept Schaap's work interesting. And it seemed to rub off on his son, Jeremy, who followed him to ESPN.

Schaap is also survived by his wife and five other children.

ESPN will present a two-hour documentary on Schaap's career at 10 p.m. Monday.

Commerce holds on for Class 3A crown

WACO (AP) — Commerce withstood a late La Grange rally, preserving a 14-11 win and the Class 3A Division II state championship on Friday night.

"It's an old saying that defense wins championships, and that's certainly true tonight," said Commerce head coach Terry Cron. "We could have used a little more offense, but we accomplished exactly what we needed."

La Grange began the final drive from its own 6 yard line with just over 6 minutes left, moving to the Commerce 29.

"It was almost like last year, and I thought we would do it again," said La Grange head coach Tony Valastro, referring to his team's 98-yard winning drive over Forney in the 2000 title game. "There were two great teams out here tonight. One team needed to make a big play to get the win, and it wasn't us."

Linebacker Justin Rogers turned in two big plays with the Leopards threatening, tackling quarterback Chase Anderle for a 6-yard loss on second down and pressuring the quarterback on a fourth-down pass that ended the threat with a minute to play.

Anderle's pass to Maurice Bouldwin on fourth-and-14 was complete, but 2 yards short of the first down.

"I was expecting a pass since it was fourth down," Rogers said. "I just blitzed on instinct, hoping for a sack. I didn't get to him, but I hurried him just enough."

In the defensive struggle, Commerce tallied only four first downs and 134 yards in total offense but managed to put points on the scoreboard with big plays. La Grange countered with 320 yards, but turnovers and timely defense shut down the Leopards offense.

Burning almost 6 minutes of clock, the Leopards opened the second half and marched from their own 33 to the Commerce 30 in 10 plays. Facing fourth-and-1, the possession ended when Rogers tackled Anderle for a 1-yard loss.

Two plays later, Tommy Wright bolted around left end for a 64-yard touchdown, giving the Tigers a 14-3 lead.

On Commerce's next possession, La Grange responded with a crucial fourth-down stop, holding Shawn Droddy for no gain at his own 47. Keeping the ball entirely on the ground, the Leopards needed six plays to score with Kevin Ulrich barreling into the end zone from 12 yards away. Anderle's two-point conversion pass to Lance Schramm narrowed the gap to 14-11.

Despite being held to only two first downs in the first half, Commerce led 7-3, taking advantage of a turnover on La Grange's first possession.

Broderick Hearn forced quarterback Anderle to fumble, and Rogers recovered at the Leopards 39. The Tigers took only four plays to score with Ryan Coffey bursting up the middle for 25 yards and putting Commerce in front 7-0.

La Grange answered with two long, time-consuming drives, but on the first, Commerce held on downs at its own 16. The Leopards then forced a quick three-and-out and following a 53-yard Commerce punt, moved from their own 28 to the Commerce 7-yard line.

The drive stalled, however, and Kevin Seifert kicked a 25-yard field goal, narrowing the margin to 7-3.

The Class 3A state championship is the third won by Commerce coach Terry Cron. Cron won state titles previously at Bartlett in 1992 and Mart in 1999.

Sports Briefs

Culpepper's return not ruled out

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Vikings quarterback Daunte Culpepper underwent arthroscopic knee surgery, and the team will not rule out his return for the final game of the season.

Punter Mitch Berger also had arthroscopic surgery. He was placed on injured reserve and will miss the rest of the year.

Moss fined again by NFL

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Vikings receiver Randy Moss received another fine from the NFL — this time a $10,000 penalty for taunting during last Sunday's 27-24 loss at Detroit.

NFL names chief operating officer

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Goodell was appointed the NFL's first chief operating officer since 1999 and will oversee all league business operations beginning Jan. 1.

MIAMI (AP) — The Florida Marlins will have a new manager, a new general manager and most likely a new owner following the agreement by John Henry's group to buy the Boston Red Sox for $660 million.

Henry, who owns the Marlins, is negotiating to sell his current team to Montreal Expos owner Jeffrey Loria for about $150 million, a deal that could be finalized by the end of the year, according to a baseball official with knowledge of the talks who spoke on the condition he not be identified.

Ex-Penguins coach sues team

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Fired Pittsburgh Penguins coach Ivan Hlinka filed a federal breach-of-contract lawsuit against the team, saying the Penguins owe him $854,000.

Kings player suspended 10 games

NEW YORK (AP) — Adam Mair of the Los Angeles Kings was suspended for 10 games without pay, the only player to receive a suspension for his team's brawl with the Ottawa Senators. Mair will lose $25,086.

Lynch's return to Hornets postponed

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Charlotte forward George Lynch, who has not played this season because of a broken foot, learned that his target date of Jan. 7 to debut in the Hornets lineup was too optimistic.

Spurs continue streak with win over Nuggets

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Even San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich was satisfied with this performance.

Tim Duncan scored 21 points to lead San Antonio to its 10th straight victory, 109-74 over the Denver Nuggets on Friday night. The Spurs own the NBA's best record at 20-4.

"It was a fine performance for 48 minutes," Popovich said. "It was our first game where we've played consistent for the whole game. That was good to see."

Avery Johnson didn't enjoy it all that much.

Johnson, playing in San Antonio for the first time since leaving the Spurs to join the Nuggets in the offseason, scored nine points in 25 minutes. He played seven seasons in San Antonio, helping the Spurs win the 1999 NBA championship.

"To see AJ was great," Popovich said. "We knew the people would welcome him and that was great to see. We felt terrible after the game, we just hugged. That was the worst part of the game. He's not built to be in something like that. He feels terrible."

Johnson received a standing ovation from the 22,831 fans at the Alamodome when he entered the game late in the first quarter.

"Those guys bought me dinner last night, showed me around the city, then kicked me," Johnson said. "I have a half-smile right now. But we definitely don't like those results. Words can't really describe it. The people here made me feel special. The Spurs are a championship caliber basketball club."

San Antonio's winning streak is the NBA's longest this season.

San Antonio, which made 59 percent of its field-goal attempts, had five players in double figures, including David Robinson and Tony Parker with 14 points each, and Charles Smith with 12.

"I never expected to have the best record at this point of the season. We are usually slow starters, but it hasn't been that way this year," said Duncan, 7-for-10 from the field. "Guys have stepped into roles and are understanding the offense and defense."

Denver, which has lost seven of nine games, was led by Nick Van Exel's 11 points. Raef LaFrentz and James Posey each scored 10.

"They really sent a message that they weren't going to take us lightly tonight," said Mike Evans, coaching the Nuggets while Dan Issel serves a five-game suspension for an insulting ethnic remark. "We really didn't play well, and they were excellent."

San Antonio, which trailed only briefly in the first quarter, connected on 13 of 19 field goal attempts and led 34-19 after one period. The Spurs stretched the advantage to 59-33 with 4:36 remaining in the second quarter on Malik Rose's reverse layup.

San Antonio led 61-43 at halftime behind Duncan's 15 points.

San Antonio poured it on late, taking a 100-60 lead on Bryant's jump shot with 4:54 to play.

San Antonio held the Nuggets to 37 percent shooting.

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CLASS 5A
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Lufkin (14-1) vs. Austin Westlake (14-1), noon Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

CLASS 4A
Division II Championship
Ennis (15-0) vs. Bay City (14-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

CLASS 3A
Division II Championship
Commerce 14, La Grange 11

CLASS 2A
Division II Championship
Celina (15-0) vs. Garrison (13-2), 6 p.m. Saturday at Waco

CLASS 1A Championship
Celeste (14-0) vs. Burkeville (9-3), 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Tyler

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	16	8	.667	—
New Jersey	16	8	.667	—
Washington	13	12	.520	3½
Orlando	13	15	.464	5
New York	12	14	.461	5
Philadelphia	11	15	.423	6
Miami	5	19	.208	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	14	8	.636	—
Detroit	14	10	.583	1
Toronto	14	12	.539	2
Indiana	15	13	.536	2
Charlotte	12	14	.461	4
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Seattle	13	15	.464	8½
Golden State	10	17	.370	11

Thursday's Games
Toronto 96, Chicago 91
Memphis 90, New York 88
Dallas 113, Milwaukee 101
L.A. Lakers 107, Houston 101

Friday's Games
Indiana 100, New Jersey 94
Philadelphia 94, Atlanta 83
Boston 98, Utah 92
Cleveland 86, Miami 81, OT
Washington 93, Orlando 75
Memphis 114, L.A. Lakers 108
Minnesota 94, Charlotte 89
San Antonio 109, Denver 74
Portland 83, Detroit 81
Seattle 111, Golden State 108, OT

Saturday's Games
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
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More steps needed, FBI says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI's top cyber-security unit warned consumers and corporations Friday night to take new steps beyond those recommended by Microsoft Corp. to protect against hackers who might try to attack major flaws discovered in the newest version of Windows software.

The FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center said that, in addition to installing a free software fix offered by Microsoft on the company's Web site, consumers and corporations using Windows XP should disable the product's "universal plug and play" features affected by the glitches.

The FBI did not provide detailed instructions how to do this. Microsoft considers disabling the "plug and play" features unnecessary.

The company acknowledged this week that Windows XP suffers from serious problems that allow hackers to steal or destroy a victim's data files across the Internet or implant rogue computer software. The glitches were unusually serious because they allow hackers to seize control of all Windows XP operating system software without requiring a computer user to do anything except connect to the Internet.

Outside experts cautioned that disabling the affected Windows XP features threatens to render unusable an entire category of high-tech devices about to go on the market, such as a new class of computer printers that are easier to set up. But they also acknowledged that disabling it could afford some protection against similar flaws discovered in the future.

The FBI also warned professional computer administrators to actively monitor for specific types of Internet traffic that might indicate an attack was underway.

A top Microsoft security official, Steve Lipner, sought to reassure consumers and companies that installing the free fix was the best course of action to protect their systems.

Friday's warning from the FBI's cyber-protection unit came after FBI and Defense Department officials and some top industry experts sought reassurance from Microsoft that the free software fix it offered effectively stops hackers from attacking the Windows XP flaws.

The government's rare interest in the problems with Windows XP software, which is expected to be widely adopted by consumers, illustrates U.S. concerns about risks to the Internet. Friday's discussions came during a private conference call organized by the National Infrastructure Protection Center.

During the call, Microsoft's experts acknowledged the threats posed by the Windows XP problems, but they assured federal officials and industry experts that its fix — if installed by consumers — resolves the issues.

Microsoft declined to tell U.S. officials how many consumers downloaded and installed its fix during the first 24 hours it was available. Experts from Internet providers, including AT&T Corp., argued that information was vital to determine the scope of the threat.

Microsoft also indicated it would not send e-mail reminders to Windows XP customers to remind them of the importance of installing the patch.

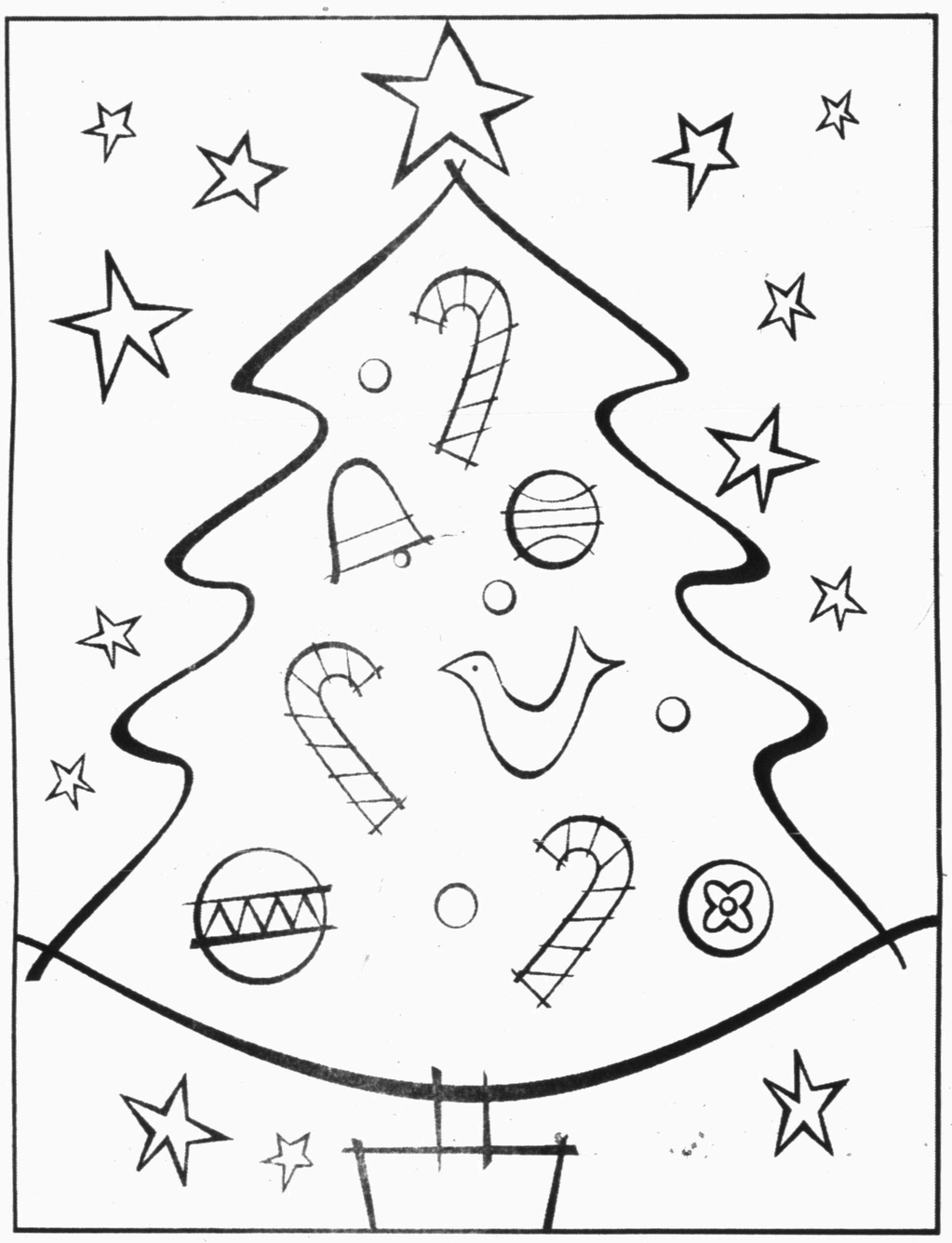
Microsoft explained that a new feature of Windows XP can automatically download the free fix, which takes several minutes, and prompt consumers to install it.

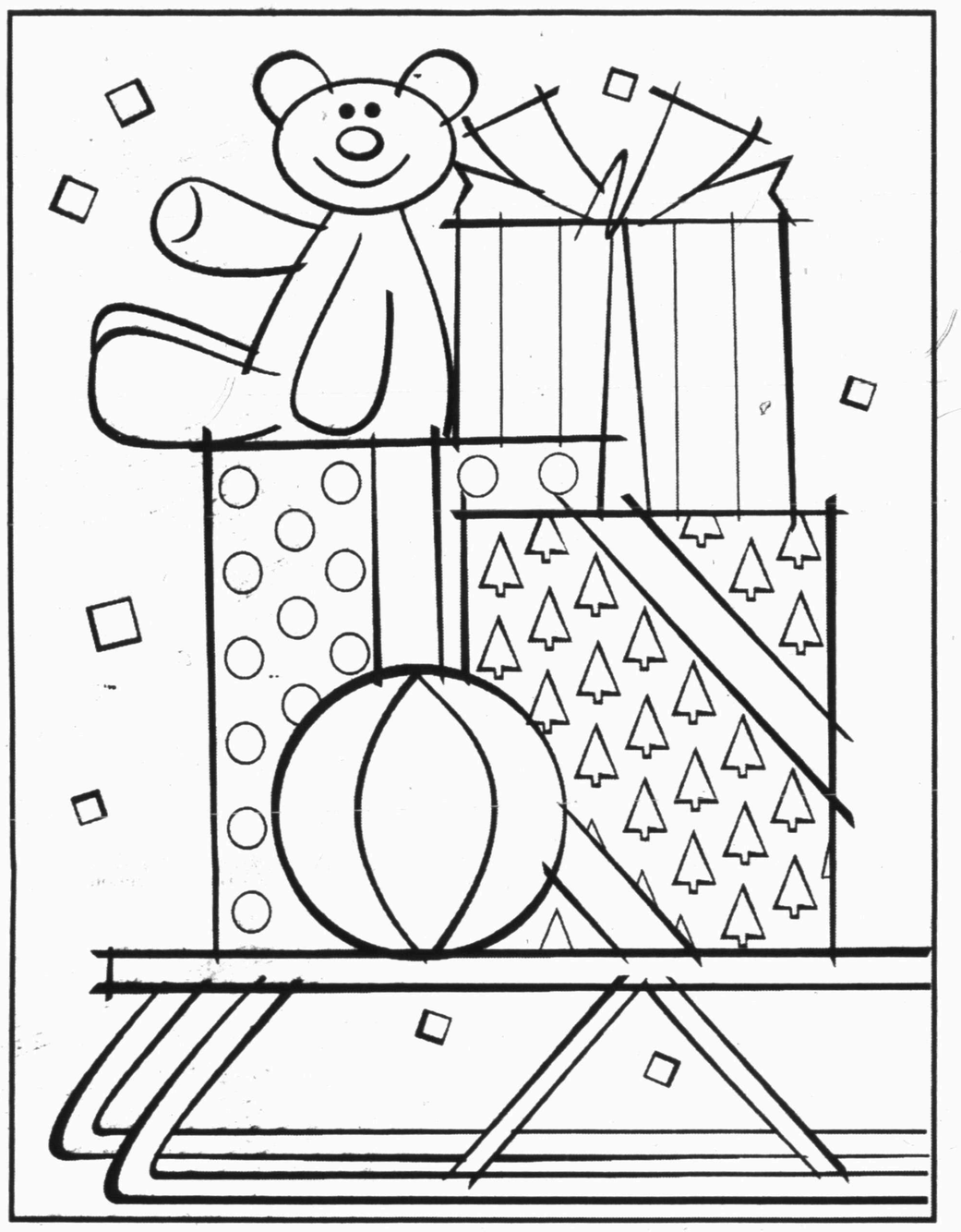
"The patch is effective," said Lipner, Microsoft's director of security assurance, in an interview afterward with The Associated Press.

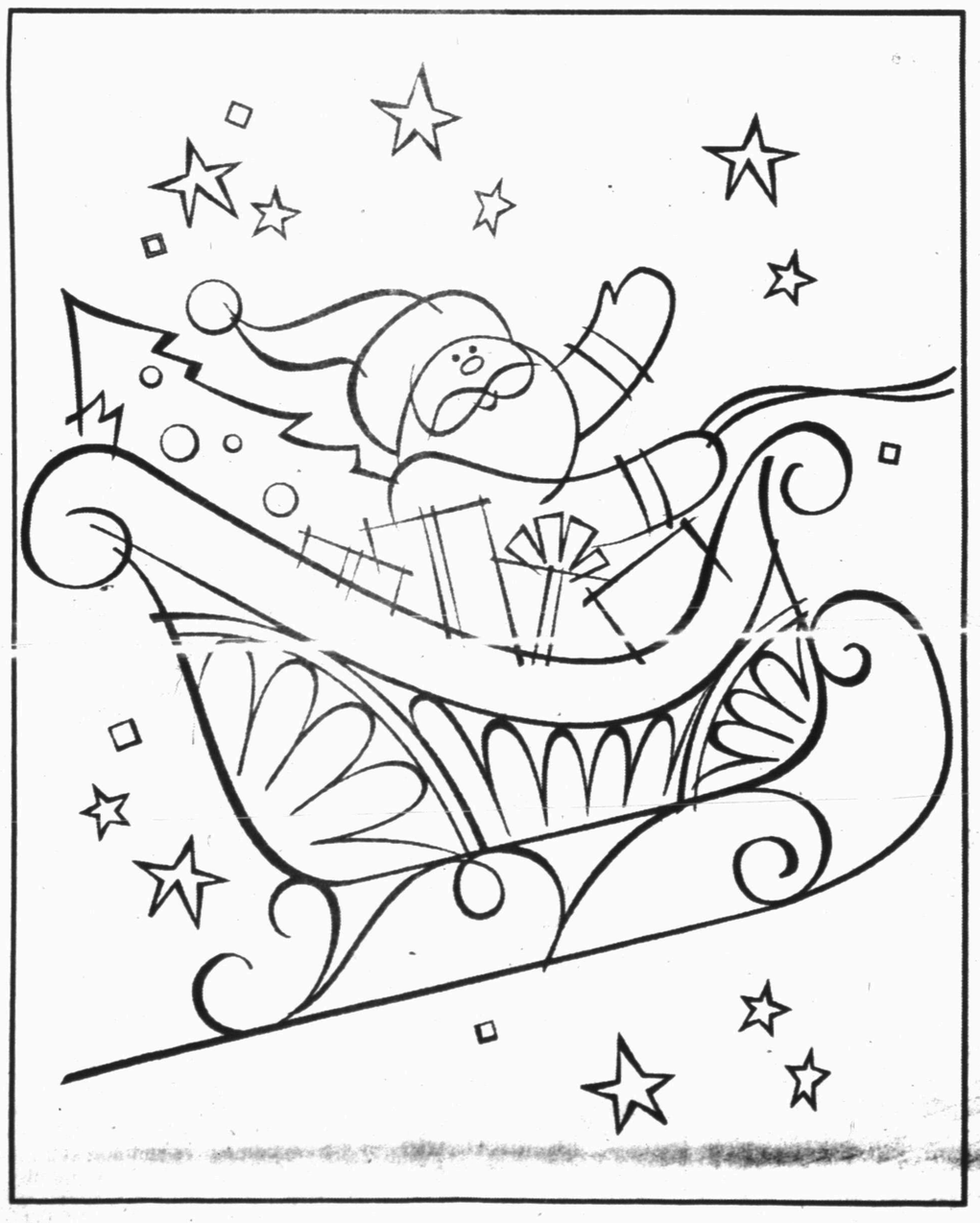
Officials expressed fears to Microsoft about electronic attacks launched against Web sites and federal agencies during next week's Christmas holidays from computers running still-vulnerable versions of Windows, participants said.

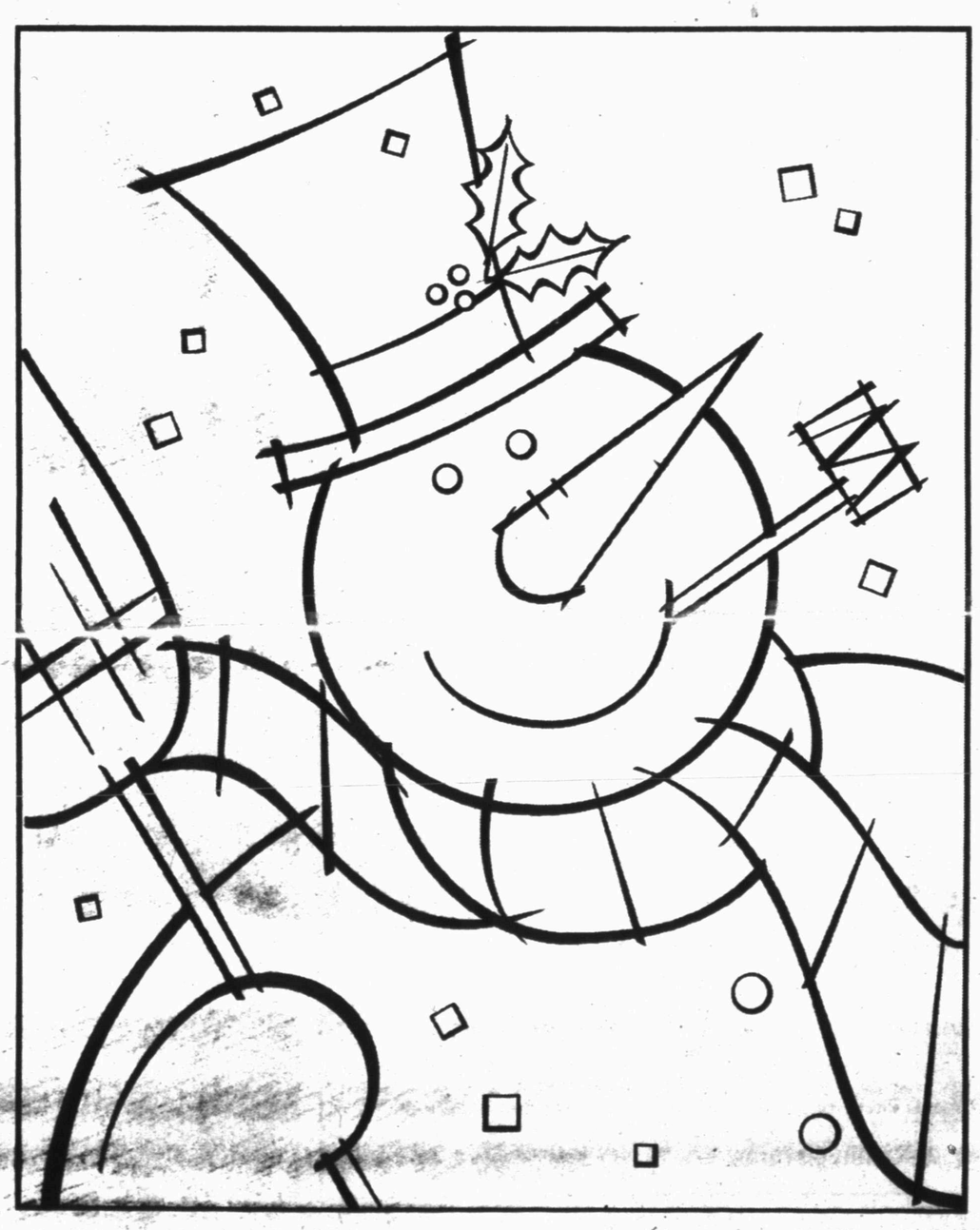
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Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 23, 2001

At times in the year ahead, you may feel like tossing in the towel, but hang in there, because you'll be lucky in unusual ways. The cavalry will arrive in plenty of time to bail you out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Try not to do something that could inconvenience another all because what you want, you want now. Any selfishness could lead to disrupting the entire family. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions 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) — If you try to win someone over to your corner with excessive flattery, it could end up backfiring on you. This person may initially be flattered, but end up feeling manipulated.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Take care that you don't needlessly spend in an attempt to make a big impression on another today. Chances are that person could view you as foolish or reckless instead.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — When you participate in a bet[illegible] don't let being [illegible] is important, [illegible] is extremely important, but only when coupled with realism. Be sure to see your problems for what they really are today in order to have a chance to overcome them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Leave your business cards at home today, and don't try to pitch a deal at a social gathering to someone who is only interested in enjoying him or herself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Unless both parties in a partnership arrangement have a single goal or purpose today, the union will be destined to fail. A split decision leads nowhere.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you're inclined to be rather gullible today and believe everything you hear, someone else's exaggerations could cause you to feel a trifle inferior and spoil your good time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Lady Luck is too fickle to depend upon today, so keep your gambling urges under control. Better yet, don't go near any gaming tables to begin with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Expecting more from others or situations than is reasonably possible will lead to severe disappointment today. Take life as it comes — no more, no less.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Live your life from your own comfort zone today and don't try to tailor your requirements to someone else's pattern of behavior. Your needs are unique unto yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — I hope you have your Christmas shopping done, because if you try to finish it today, it could lead to spending over your allotted budget. When in a panic, you could buy anything.

Monday, Dec. 24, 2001

The year ahead could turn out to be one of the better ones you've had in some time. A couple of your heart's innermost desires might be fulfilled for you. Dare to be a dreamer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Instead of trying to do everything yourself, get others to coordinate their efforts with yours. It'll be fun working and pulling together for a common cause. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions 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.

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — This is not a day to hold back your true feelings about those for whom you care a great deal. Freely express yourself, especially in the romance department.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Something started today could really get things rolling for you down the line. It may be the opening of a new avenue where many fortuitous developments can occur.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You could be the object of attention today from a member of the opposite gender whom you believe never gave you a thought. The overtures will be quite flattering.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Someone who is extremely fond of you may present you with a most impressive gift today. It might be a personal present, a big bonus or raise from your company.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There will be many reasons to smile today when you see your plans unfolding in a more pleasant and lovely fashion than you had envisioned them to be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A partnership arrangement you had with someone could yield a large financial bonus of some kind today. It will all come about through a stroke of luck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone to whom you're attracted may show you today that he or she is equally interested in you. When you get the message, do your part to **cultivate the relationship.**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Forego a strictly business attitude today and show friendly seasonal warmth to those with whom you mingle in the business world. It'll pay off with handsome benefits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Today, some kind of lucky break could come your way, set up through one of your favorite social contacts. Whatever occurs will be unique and just for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A venture or project you thought was outmoded and had little value may prove to be just the opposite today when someone shows you how to put new life into it.

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Services will be held in NY cathedral

NEW YORK (AP) — Christmas services will go on at the fire-damaged Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, a spokesman said Friday.

"We consider it a miracle that the place has been cleaned and cleared so quickly," spokesman Jere Ferrah said.

The blaze destroyed a gift shop and damaged two 17th century tapestries Tuesday inside the cathedral, one of the largest churches in the world. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

On the Net:
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Schools will be privatized

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia school district on Saturday became the largest ever taken over by a state government, and a new agreement between the governor and mayor set it up to become the nation's biggest experiment in school privatization.

The agreement, announced Friday, paved the way for a private school management company, likely the for-profit Edison Schools Inc., to help run the 210,000-student district and take control of dozens of its worst schools.

Gov. Mark Schweiker and Mayor John F. Street jointly announced the plan following weeks of negotiations on the future of the nation's seventh-largest school system. The state takeover went into effect at 12:01 a.m.

"We want to assure the students of this city we have your best interests at heart," Street said.

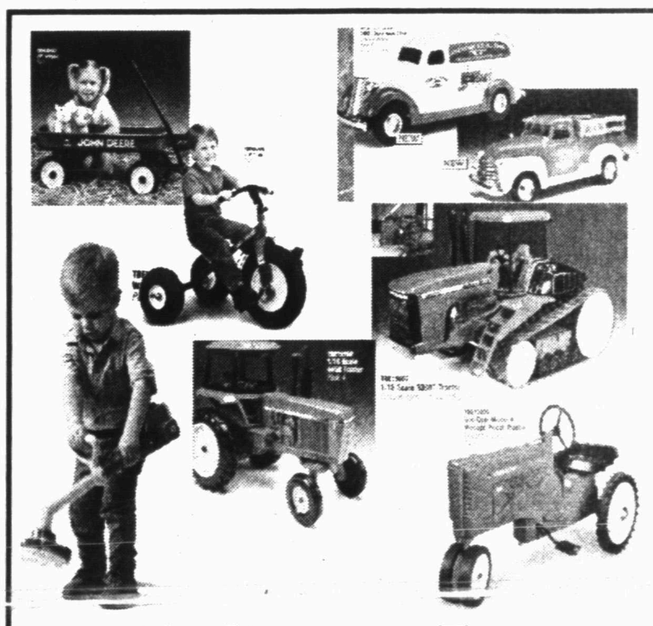
The Philadelphia Federation of Teachers said it would challenge the arrangement.

"We will fight any attempt to replace union-wage jobs with minimum-wage jobs," said Ted Kirsch, president of the union. "We will be relentless in our criticism if this deal turns out to be ... a political power grab that leaves kids out of the equation."

Schweiker has argued that bold strokes are needed in a district with a $216 million budget deficit, low test scores, chronic teacher shortages and crumbling buildings.

Under the agreement, a five-member commission — three members appointed by the governor and two by the mayor — will replace the school board.

The commission will hire a chief executive officer, decide how many schools will be privatized and negotiate contracts with private education companies. Businessman James E. Nevels was appointed interim chairman.



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Karzai sworn in as Afghanistan PM

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Hamid Karzai was sworn in as prime minister of Afghanistan's interim government Saturday, strengthening hopes he can heal a nation torn by war.

In the nation's first peaceful transfer of power in decades, the 44-year-old Pashtun tribal leader signed the oath of office before Chief Justice Mohammed Qasim.

Karzai then embraced outgoing President Burhanuddin Rabbani as applause thundered in the cavernous hall packed with foreign diplomats who had crossed oceans and tribal leaders who traveled dusty, hazardous roads to reach the capital, Kabul.

"I promise you that I will fulfill my mission to bring peace to Afghanistan," said Karzai, wearing a traditional lambskin hat and an Uzbek robe. He spoke in native Pashtu and Dari, Afghanistan's main languages.

"Our country, as a result of the long war, has been distracted. We need hard work from all Afghans," he said. "We should put our hands together to be brothers and friends. Forget the painful past."

He smiled and bowed slightly when he finished. The audience of about 2,000 erupted in applause.

Karzai then turned to swear in the 29 members of his cabinet — including two women — standing behind him on the dais.

He also paid homage to Rabbani, with whom he has sharply disagreed in the past, telling him and the audience: "I must say Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar," or God is great.

The ceremony ended with Rabbani signing the transfer of power agreement, a poignant moment for this country, which since 1973 has seen power transferred only in coups and bloody war.

The interim administration will govern for six months until a tribal council is convene to plan a two-year administration that will take Afghanistan toward a permanent constitution.

As speakers at the ceremony called for peace, U.S. forces continued to hunt on-the-run al-Qaida and Taliban leaders. Airplanes destroyed a convoy on Friday that the Pentagon claimed carried top leaders of the two groups. But an Afghan official said the caravan was full of guests coming to the inauguration.

Gen. Tommy Franks, U.S. commander of coalition forces that drove out the Taliban regime, was among the invited guests. He pledged to continue searching for fugitive fighters of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network.

More Americans to join cave searches

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. soldiers are keeping their focus on searching mountain caves and tunnels in Afghanistan that once held al-Qaida members as the Pentagon introduces a new weapon to kill those inside such underground complexes.

More American troops will be sent to the Tora Bora area of eastern Afghanistan to help look for clues to the whereabouts of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Friday. He declined to say how many soldiers would take part.

"Whatever is needed will be sent," Rumsfeld told a Pentagon news conference. "And it won't be just U.S., it will be coalition forces."

It is dangerous work, but "a sense of urgency" compels it, Rumsfeld said. Information gleaned from searches elsewhere inside Afghanistan has led to the arrest of "people across the world ... and undoubtedly have prevented terrorist activities," he said. He declined to elaborate.

Bin Laden, held responsible by the United States for the Sept. 11 attacks, has eluded coalition forces. Military officials had said bin Laden was probably in the Tora Bora area, but they have found no sign of him after al-Qaida largely abandoned the area this week.

"We don't know if he is alive or dead," said Marine Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who joined Rumsfeld at the news conference.

President Bush said the United States would help other countries uncover terrorists within their borders. To ensure their capture, Bush said, "We'll be glad to lend some troops."

Military officials said Friday that a U.S. attack on a convoy in eastern Afghanistan hit Taliban leaders, not anti-Taliban tribal leaders traveling to Kabul for Saturday's inauguration of the new, post-Taliban government.

The strike on Thursday included Air Force AC-130 gunships and Navy F-14 and F/A-18 jets from the aircraft carrier USS Stennis, officials said. Ten to 12 vehicles were hit, as well as a compound with command facilities where the convoy originated, military officials said.

"It was a large convoy and there were a lot of people killed and there were a lot of vehicles destroyed," Rumsfeld said.

Oklahoma City victims feel left out

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Some of those who lost loved ones in the Oklahoma City bombing are feeling slighted by the federal government over its decision to dispense an average of $1.65 million apiece to the families of the Sept. 11 dead.

No such federal fund was ever set up for the Oklahoma City victims.

"I don't want to do a hierarchy on terrorism here, but that's kind of minimizing what happened to the people of Oklahoma City," said Marsha Kight, whose daughter Frankie Merrell was killed in the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people and wounded more than 500. "The individual loss was just as great for us."

More than 3,000 people were killed in the attacks at the World Trade Center and Pentagon and in the plane crash in Pennsylvania. Generally, survivors will get a minimum of $300,000, with the exact amounts depending on such things as salary, age and number of dependents.

The money will be in addition to the hundreds of millions of dollars in charitable donations that are being distributed to those who suffered in the Sept. 11 attacks.

The government fund was set up in September as part of a $15 billion airline bailout package. Those who want to receive money have to agree not to sue the airlines over the terrorist attacks.

Spokesmen for Sens. Hillary Clinton and Charles Schumer of New York, who pushed the bill, did not return calls seeking comment.

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Nation asked to remember those grieving after Sept. 11

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Saturday he would like Americans to pause to "remember all those who feel loss, separation and need" at Christmas following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Bush used his weekly radio address to laud Congress for approving education reforms, tax relief and various measures to protect the country from future terrorism, and to bemoan the fact that the Senate did not pass a Republican-crafted economic stimulus plan.

"I'm hopeful that the positive spirit of bipartisan accomplishment that guided much of this year's success will prevail when Congress returns early next year," he said.

But right now, the president said, Americans are more concerned with the "eternal promise of peace on Earth and goodwill to men" that Christmas represents. The holiday takes on a special poignance in light of the terrorist tragedy that claimed thousands of lives last fall, he said.

"This Christmas comes just months after a great national loss," Bush said. "We find ourselves appreciating more than ever the things that matter most — our families, our friends and our faith. We count our blessings, and we remember all those who feel loss, separation and need."

In the Democrats' weekly broadcast, the senior member of the party's New York congressional delegation said the Sept. 11 attacks inflicted enduring pain on the country, but the United States will weather that challenge as it has done throughout its history.

"We are a strong people and, even as the tears flow, we are determined to hold our families together, rebuild our city and our nation and set an example for the free world that we will never give in to terrorists," Rep. Charles Rangel said.

But, in a reference to the thwarted economic stimulus plan, Rangel also said the nation's leaders have a responsibility to deal with the ailing economy without caving into to special interests.

"We just ask that the same level of energy that we invest in putting up the flag and protecting it must be applied to protecting the economic security of the millions of Americans who have worked hard every day, and are now out of work through no fault of their own," Rangel said. "Putting aside the small differences that separate us and helping those in need is what the holiday season is all about."

Bush said the entire country shares the grief of those whose loved ones perished in the Pentagon, in the World Trade Center, aboard the four hijacked planes and during military action in Afghanistan.

And the country appreciates those serving in the military campaign overseas.

Obituaries

Bobby Scott

1934-2001

Funeral service for Bobby Gene Scott, 67, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Scott died Thursday, Dec. 20, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.



Bobby Scott

Born Sept. 8, 1934 in Sweetwater, he married Geraldine Johns on Nov. 10, 1982 in Snyder.

Mr. Scott worked as a roustabout and pumper for Texaco for more than 30 years and was a member of the Jehovah's Witness.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Ann Washington; a sister, Annie Mae Stiles; and two brothers, Charles and Doug Scott.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine Scott of Snyder; two daughters, Terri Wells of Snyder and Myrtis Scott of Big Spring; three sons, Douglas Scott of Mississippi, David Scott of Dublin, Ga., and Bobby Scott of Huntsville; a brother, Walter Scott of Big Spring; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

One-vehicle accident results in arrest Friday

•Arrests

Police officers arrested a 29-year-old man on the business spur of U.S. 84 Friday morning near Big Country Autoland for driving while intoxicated. The officers were called to the scene after the man struck a fixed object with his vehicle.

At 11:20 p.m. Friday a DPS trooper arrested a 28-year-old man on U.S. 84 on three outstanding warrants from Victoria.

A 17-year-old man was taken into custody in the 2700 block of Avenue W just before midnight Friday for driving under the influence as a minor.

•Disturbances

A clerk at Town and Country North requested an officer at the store in reference to a customer being assaulted. An officer was dispatched to the location and contacted the clerk and the customer and advised a report for Class A family violence would be submitted.

•Theft

Terry Martin contacted officers Friday to report a cellular phone stolen from his vehicle. A report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

•Gas drive off

The clerk at Town and Country East reported a gas drive off worth $10 Friday evening. No description was available and no report was filed.

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CADA Christmas schedule

The Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse will be closed for the holidays through Wednesday, Jan. 2.

American Legion Christmas appreciation

The American Legion Christmas appreciation for members and customers will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Birthday party for Jesus

Northside Baptist Church will have a birthday party for Jesus from 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday in the fellowship hall, 1909 16th St. For van pick up, call 573-7105.

Christmas service

Faith Revival Church, 3212 Ave. J, invites the community to a Christmas service at 7 p.m. Saturday. Christmas goody bags will be given to children.

Northside Baptist cantata

The Northside Baptist Church Christmas cantata, "When Christmas Comes to Me," will be at 11 a.m. Sunday. There will be interpretation for the hearing-impaired. Call 573-7105 for transportation.

Christmas Eve service

Trinity United Methodist Church, located at the entrance to Cogdell Medical Center, will have a Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Hermleight Christmas Eve services

Hermleigh United Methodist Church will have its candlelight/communion service at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve. All are welcome to attend.

Candlelight service

First United Methodist Church will hold a candlelight service at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Christmas Eve service

First Christian Church will have a Christmas Eve candlelight and communion service at 11:30 p.m.

Candlelight service

A candlelight service will be held at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve at Grace Lutheran Church.

Lions Club meetings

The Snyder Lions Club will not the next two Tuesdays. The next meeting will be Jan. 8 with a program about the Texas Boys Ranch.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception to honor H.V. Walker, director of maintenance for Scurry County courthouse, will begin at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the district courtroom.

New Year's Eve celebration

Far Above & One Generation will provide music and Doorkeeper of His Glory dance troupe will perform at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at Thee Place, 904 26th. Call 573-9799 for more information.

Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Lodge No. 706 will have a slated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3.

Weigh Down workshop

Registration remains open for the Weigh Down workshop that begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at His Joy Ministries, 904 26th. Call 573-9615 for further information or to sign up.

Funeral expense account

An account has been opened at West Texas State Bank for donations to assist in funeral expenses for accident victim Stacy Copeland. Contact Lisa Williams at 573-2980 or Beth Bowen at 573-2670, for additional information.

Windbreak trees

Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for windbreak trees, both evergreen and hardwoods. Call 573-6317.

VFW membership drive

The VFW is conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is restricted to veterans who served overseas in times of conflict or war. For more information, contact the post commander Jim Bailey at 573-5338.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Nurse testing dates

Testing for the next class of the Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College will be Jan. 22 and Jan. 29, with the last day to interview set for Feb. 2. Classes are scheduled to begin March 4. Potential students must bring a photo ID. To schedule an appointment, call the Counseling Center at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Leftover shell kills seven schoolboys

BEIJING (AP) — A leftover artillery shell from China's 1979 war with Vietnam exploded and killed seven schoolboys who had dug it up and were trying to open it, an official said Thursday.

Four boys also were wounded by the explosion Dec. 11 in Malipo county, near China's southwestern border with Vietnam, said a county official who gave only his surname, Feng.

The boys found the shell on their way home from school and tried to open it, Feng said. He said it blew up when one boy threw it on the ground.

WTC video profiles five buried in Snyder Cemetery

(Editor's Note: This article is based on Western Texas College's mass communication department's video of Snyder Cemetery and the fall 2001 edition of Texan, WTC's magazine, which profiled the project.)

Western Texas College's Mass Communication Department has produced a video about Snyder Cemetery, profiling a handful of the 8,000 people buried there.



Kate Thrane

Some 1,000 more are interred as well, but their identities are unknown.

The video's information about a few of the deceased — all early settlers in Scurry County — was provided by Aline Parks, longtime historian.

The short video focuses on the lives of four men and one woman, Kate Thrane, a woman known for "firsts," according to Parks.

Thrane, born on Feb. 7, 1876, was named Snyder's first postmistress in 1896. She was 20 years old. One of Snyder's first businesswomen, she had operated a dry goods store and a variety store.

She married O.P. Thrane in 1917. He was a vice president at Snyder National Bank. She became involved with McMurry College in Abilene, and at the age of 94, she was designated "honorary chief" because she accompanied the band on a trip to Mexico.

Kate and her husband are both buried in Snyder Cemetery.

Most credit her parents, John and Katherine Webb, with bringing the first cattle to Scurry County.

Born in Vicksburg, Miss., during the Civil War, W.W. (Billy) Nelson struck out on his own at age 15, working for big cattle companies on trail drives. He arrived in Scurry County in 1882, finding work as a buffalo skinner and cowboy.

Nelson helped organize Scurry County and became its first sheriff. Even though he lost his sight in 1923, he was elected county treasurer in 1930. A collie named Trixie served as his guide dog.

Following Nelson's request, Trixie was buried at his feet in Scurry County.

Thomas J. Faught earned a reputation as the "sheriff who never wore a gun." When Billy Nelson resigned as sheriff of Scurry County, Faught became sheriff and served three full terms.



Thomas J. Faught

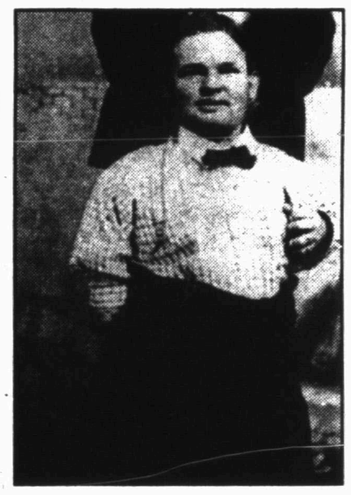
He did not wear a gun and he made a name for himself when he cleared out a rowdy bunch of cowboys from a saloon, armed only with a pool cue.

Faught also became a vice president of the First National Bank. He was also one of the charter members of Snyder's Masonic Lodge.

Charley Lockhart was only 45 inches tall, but he never let his size interfere with his ability to accomplish things.



Billy Nelson



Charley Lockhart

He successfully served as Scurry County treasurer after he was first elected in 1900 until 1916. Three years later, he moved to Austin to be the sergeant of arms in the House of Representatives

He later became the depository manager in the state treasury department. In 1930, he was elected state treasurer.

After his death in 1954, Lockhart was buried at Snyder Cemetery.

Cullen Higgins' death remains a mystery. He moved to Snyder in 1899 and practiced law. He also served terms as a district attorney and a district judge. In March of 1918 he had traveled to Clairemont to attend a trial. Later at the hotel, he was shot through a window and died. Some 1,500 to 2,000 people attended his services.



Cullen Higgins

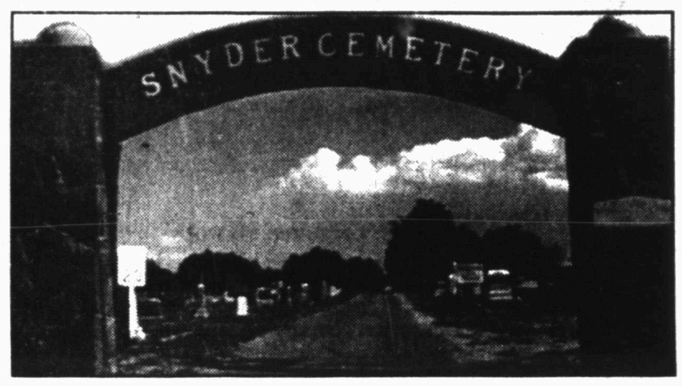
While no one knew why he was killed, *The Snyder Signal* speculated: "We don't know. In the course of his professional life he defended the majesty of the law. He had prosecuted men accused of crimes. He had defended others. Perhaps he was in somebody's way."

Western Texas College students handled the production chores of the videotape of Snyder Cemetery, and new drama director, Ray Newton, narrated.

Sophomore Corey Knipe operated the camera. The most experienced of the student production team, he spent part of last summer working on *Grand Champion*.

Marie Noelle Bailly and Seth Sterling jointly shared the boom mike operation. She is from Belgium and he is from Ira.

Lucinda Mendez from the Slaton area, held up the white cards to color balance the camera. Also assisting was Chris Hensley, freshman drama student. He graduated from Monterey High School where Ray Newton was his drama instructor last year.



ENTRANCE — This is the entrance to Snyder Cemetery. (All photos reprinted from the fall, 2001 *Texan.*)

Aline Parks, longtime member of The Scurry County Historical Commission, first approached Donny Brown, assistant professor of mass communications at WTC, about producing the video.

Historical groups like the local historical commission have the opportunity to receive a Distinguished Service Award each year. The county group has won several times in past years.

The guidelines for receiving the award include producing an educational video or slide show of from 15-30 minutes. Some aspect of local history must be covered in the topic.

While several ideas were discussed, the one offering the most visual opportunities was stories associated with Snyder Cemetery.

The brief histories of five of the people buried in the cemetery was provided by Aline Parks, who based them on her book, *Snyder Scrapbook: Hidetown to Boomtown*, published in 1998.

Snyder Cemetery is located north of U.S. Hwy. 84. The Snyder Cemetery Association is a non-profit group governed by a local volunteer and seven board members.

The operation of the cemetery is financed by the selling of plots and annual donations received by members and friends of the association.

Paid staff members include Opal Stout, "sexton," and two grounds crew workers. Sexton refers to an individual, usually a church official, in charge of maintaining church property, especially, the church graveyard. At one time, graveyards were associated with churches rather private entities or municipalities.

According to Mrs. Stout, the earliest gravestone date is 1885.

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MARRIED 60 YEARS — O.C. and Opal Cozart are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary and will be honored with a reception at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Union Community Center. The Cozarts married on Dec. 24, 1941 in Scranton, Tex., and have spent most of their married life in Ackerly and Dublin. They recently retired from farming and moved to Snyder. Their children are Travis and Jonnie Cozart of Dublin, Larry and Liz Cozart of Cisco and Stanley and Linda Cozart of Snyder. The couple have six grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 12-22-01
♠ J 7 6
♥ 9 4
♦ 6 5
♣ A Q 10 9 8 6

West
♠ Q 8 3
♥ K 3
♦ K Q J 7 4 3
♣ K 4

East
♠ 5 4 2
♥ 10 8 6 5 2
♦ 9 2
♣ J 5 3

South
♠ A K 10 9
♥ A Q J 7
♦ A 10 8
♣ 7 2

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
	1 ♦	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Saturday, Dec. 22, 2001

Thrown into the lion's mouth

By Phillip Alder

The Senior Life Master carefully hung up his cashmere scarf, his cashmere overcoat, and his woolen ski cap. There was snow thick on the ground outside.

"I am pleasantly surprised to see so many of you here," he said to his students, "what with the inclement weather and the holiday season. Now let's look at ..."

After about an hour and a half, the SLM reached his final deal.

For the last lesson (the SLM continued), look at all 52 cards. Would you prefer to be South or East-West in this three-no-trump contract?

The bidding is in the modern style, with North making a weak jump overcall despite the adverse vulnerability. South, with 18 high-card points and a doubleton club, couldn't bring himself to pass.

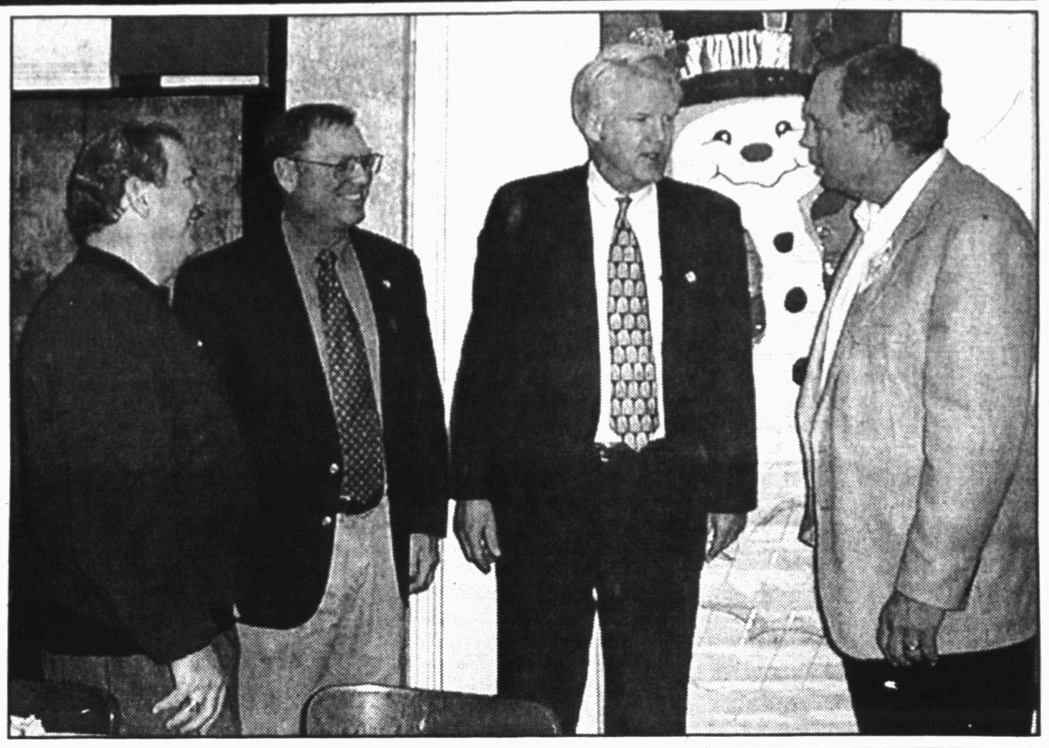
West led the diamond king, of course, and continued the suit, declarer winning the third round after dummy and East each discarded a spade. Now came a low club to dummy's eight. East won with the jack and shifted to a heart, but declarer won with the ace, led his second club, and soon claimed nine tricks: two spades, one heart, one diamond and five clubs.

A few hands shot up.

Well done, some of you (said the SLM). Yes, West misdefended. Despite the usual guideline about second hand playing low, West should have put up the club king on the first round of the suit. What could South do then? If he ducks in the dummy, West cashes his diamonds. And if declarer wins with dummy's ace, he gets only two club tricks and must fall to defeat.

Have a great time over the holidays (concluded the SLM).

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LIONS MEET AT MAWC — Show visiting following the Lions Club meeting are from left, vice president Bob Moore, Police Chief Steve Warren, UTPB president David Watts and state representative candidate Drew Darby of San Angelo. In the picture at right, David Holt, Lions Club president, presented a check to Mayor Francene Noah for $200 to go toward a dishwasher for the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Noah is treasurer for the MAWC board of directors. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

UTPB college president spoke to local Lions Club members

University of Texas Permian Basin President W. David Watts visited Snyder and was guest speaker at the Tuesday Lions Club meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Former vice president for academic and student affairs at Jacksonville State University in Alabama, Watts is the fifth president of UTPB in Odessa. He began his duties on June 11. After his first semester there UTPB realized a record student enrollment, an increase of 6.5 percent over the 2000 fall semester with a 2,421 enrollment. Watts said he and other colleges in West Texas face the challenge of declining population or a shift in population. He projects that in 2004 the majority will be the minority which will be Hispanics and they have the highest dropout rates.

He said on the positive side Texas population has increased over 20 percent and now is the second laargest populated statestate. He also said that Texas has the better climate and exellent facilities

Another positive note, he said, are the grant programs that help students with the cost of an education that now runs somewhere in the $10,000 per year range. These include the Texas Tomorrow Fund and the Texas Grant Program.

He also congratulated Dr. Greg Williams on the success of Western Texas College.

Drew Darby, state representative candidate for District 72 also attended the meeting.

Lions Club will not meet Dec. 18, 25, or Jan. 1.

A representative from the Texas Boys Ranch will present the program on Jan. 8.

SC Library News & Views

By Librarian Janie Romine

The Scurry County Library will be closed from Dec. 29-Jan 1 for the holidays. It will be open again on Jan. 2. We wish everyone a very happy holiday!

BOOK FEATURE

Your First Resume, by Ron Fry.

If you're getting ready to dive into the workforce for the first time — or for the first time in years — you probably need some help. How long should a resume be?

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NEW NON-FICTION

Kovels' Antiques and Collectibles Price List, Illustrated," by Ralph M. Kovel.

Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap and Others Don't, by James D. Collins.

Books may be returned in the book drop in front of the library. We ask that videotapes and audiotapes not be placed in the book drop, as they could be damaged. Please remember to return your books promptly.

Queen gets portrait

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II received a new portrait of herself, an uncompromising work in oils featuring the characteristic broad brushstrokes of Lucian Freud.

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Bridge Scores

Friday, Dec. 14

Monte West directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

North-South

A Group

1. Maribeth Vestal, Jane Hinton.
2. Charlotte Mitchell, Shirley Stewart tied with Sassy Furlow, Dorothy Hudson.
3. Ann Davis, Monte West.

B Group

1. Charlotte Mitchell, Shirley Stewart.
2. Gwen Riggs, Margaret Presswood.
3. Margaret Dillaha, Tizzy Hall.

East-West

A Group

1. Coleen Palmer, Bette Byrd.
2. Gracie Craig, Artie Harris.
3. Dorothy Rosson, Frances Stevenson.
4. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott

B Group

1. Gracie Craig, Artie Harris.
2. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
3. Christine Stuard, Peggy Hardin.
4. Gwen Sealy, Dora Blakey.

~~Sunday, Dec. 16~~

No game

Tuesday, Dec. 18

1. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.
2. J.O. Morrison, Nona Morrison tied with Dorothy Rosson, Nonnie Ward.
3. Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 574-1292 or 573-9458, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 573-8494 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 574-1292; 6 p.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8494 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

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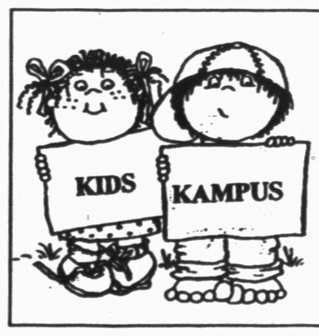
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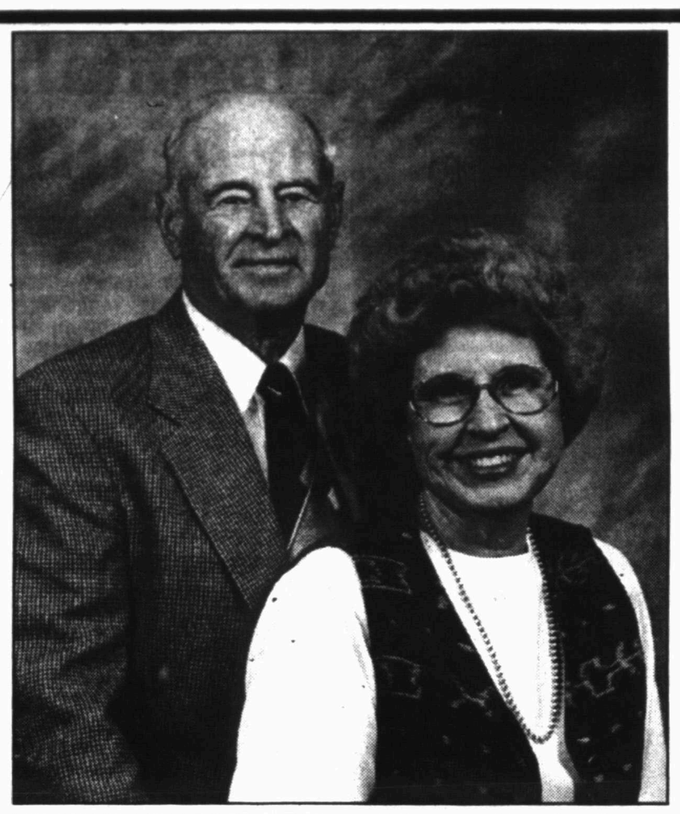
REMEMBER...

The Scurry County Health Unit wants to remind you to walk through the Holiday Season for **HEART HEALTH, WEIGHT CONTROL,** and **ENERGY**. Wear clothes that are right for the season. Layer your clothing in the Winter, and as you warm up you can take off layers.



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MARRIED 50 YEARS — O.L. and Suzanne Ferrell will note their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday. They were married Dec. 23, 1951 in the Lamesa First Baptist Church. Their children and spouses, Susan and Larry Scott of Snyder, Stan and Rose Ferrell of Allen, and Cynthia and Buddy Mayes of Midland, gave them an early trip to Hawaii. The Ferrells have six grandsons. (Contributed Photos)



Buford and Gradine Sterling
(Contributed Photo)

Buford and Gradine Sterling celebrated 60th anniversary

Buford and Gradine Sterling celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Friday, Dec. 21. They married on Dec. 21, 1941 in Rankin.

Both Buford and Gradine graduated from Ira High School and have lived their whole lives in Scurry County.

Buford is a retired farmer and rancher who loves to play dominoes at the senior Citizens Center. Gradine is a homemaker and has been active in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary for 30 years.

They have one daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Richard Hester of Snyder. They also have two grandsons, Matthew Hester of San Angelo and Jared Hester of Lubbock.

Motorcycle club delivers toys to kids

Wings of Grace chapter of Christian Motorcycle Association members from Snyder and Big Spring delivered toys to Gateway Family Services Monday for 59 children who received services at the facility throughout the year.

Those attending were Shirley North, Dee Harmon, Raymond Swafford, Richard Bross, Sally Bross, Wesley Turner, Joy Turner, Joan Harmon, Janie Swafford, Clarence Palmer, Matt Cross, Becky Cross, Tim Sims and Wendal North.

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The basic monetary unit of the Dominican Republic is the peso, and its chief fractional unit is the centavo.

Connecticut is the fifth state. It was admitted to the Union in 1788.



BRIDE-ELECT HONORED — A bridal shower honoring Lauren Hackfeld, bride-elect of Will Collier, was held Dec. 2 in the garden room of First Baptist Church. From left are Janice Collier, Nona Williams, grandmothers of the prospective groom; Becky Collier, Micah Collier, sister-in-law and niece of the future groom; Connie Collier, his mother; the honoree; Karen Pinkerton, mother of the future bride; Elouise Lambert, her grandmother; Laci Hackfeld, Erin Hackfeld and Marci Pinkerton, sisters of the bride-elect. (Contributed Photo)

Cheese swirls make tasty snacks



SPINACH-CHEESE SWIRLS
Thaw Time: 30 min.
Prep Time: 20 min.
Bake Time: 15 min.

½ pkg. Pepperidge Farm Frozen Puff Pastry Sheets (1 sheet)
1 egg
1 tbsp. water
½ cup tbsp. water
½ cup shredded Muenster or Monterey Jack cheese
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 green onion, chopped
1/8 tsp. garlic salt
1 pkg. (about 10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well drained.

Thaw pastry sheet at room temperature 30 min. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Mix egg and water. Mix Muenster cheese. Parmesan cheese, onion and garlic.

Unfold pastry on lightly floured surface. Brush with egg mixture.

Top with cheese mixture and spinach. Starting at one side, roll up like a jellyroll. Cut into 20 (½ inch) slices.

Place 2 inches apart on baking sheet. Brush tops with egg mixture.

Bake 15 min. or until golden. Serve warm.

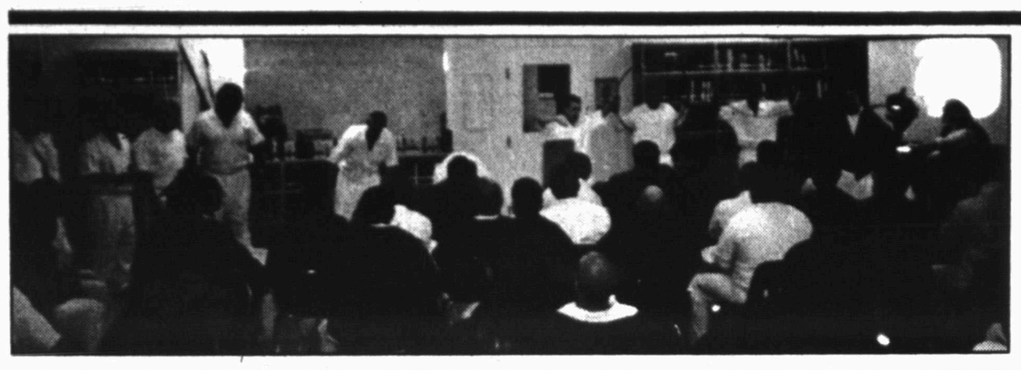
Or remove from baking sheet and cool on wire rack. Serve at room temperature. Makes 20 appetizers.

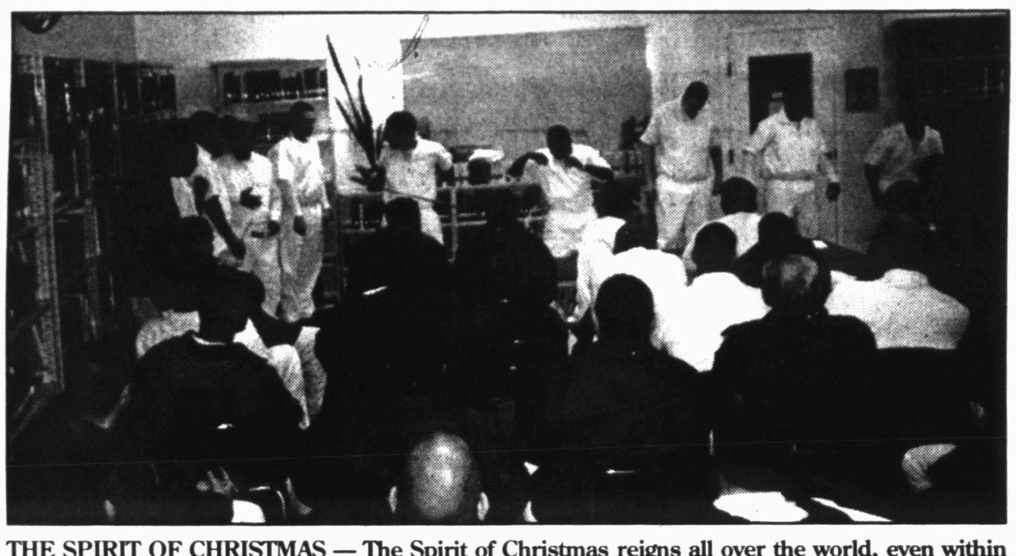
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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS — The Spirit of Christmas reigns all over the world, even within the walls of Price Daniel Unit where a Christmas program was held Tuesday for those enrolled in Windham School. Various inmates and staff provided a variety of entertainment, including Christmas trivia, songs, riddles, poems and a skit. Mary Williams accompanied the group on her flute as they sang familiar carols. In the photos above, Daniel inmates present *the Twelve Days of Christmas* by acting out the parts of the song. (Contributed Photos)

Hospital, university cleared in healthy woman's death

CLEVELAND (AP) — Federal regulators have cleared the University Hospitals of Cleveland and Case Western Reserve University of significant wrongdoing in the death of a healthy nurse involved in an Alzheimer's disease study.

Elaine Jones Holden-Able, 70, died in May, a month after she drank a mixture of orange juice and an amino acid called methionine, The Plain Dealer of Cleveland reported Friday. The drink was prepared by an unlicensed dietary aide.

After she died, Dr. Robert Friedland, a University Hospitals neurologist, voluntarily ended the research project. The study was to involve 20 healthy volunteers and 20 Alzheimer's patients.

The hospital also changed its policy to require a licensed pharmacist to prepare all substances given to research subjects, The Plain Dealer reported.

"This is no Johns Hopkins," said Dr. Robert Daroff, chief of staff at University Hospitals, referring to the university in Baltimore where a healthy 24-year-old died while participating in an asthma study. The death triggered a temporary shutdown of some research at Johns Hopkins.

The Office for Human Research Protections cleared the University Hospitals, Case Western and their researchers three weeks ago.

Methionine is an essential amino acid commonly found in meat and milk and widely available in health food stores. Studies have found that high levels of methionine are associated with cardiovascular disease. Alzheimer's patients also have elevated methionine levels.

Friedland was studying how a one-time dose of methionine was processed in healthy volunteers compared with Alzheimer's patients.

Holden-Able, of suburban Warrensville Heights, drank the methionine cocktail on the morning of April 4 and began vomiting about 21/2 hours later. That afternoon, she became confused and combative and was moved to the emergency room, where she went into respiratory arrest. She died at University Hospital the following month.

Blood tests revealed that four hours after she drank the methionine mixture, the level of the amino acid in her body was 144 times higher than normal.

The nutrition aide, who had worked on research projects for more than 20 years, said she gave the woman the correct dose. But she admitted some confusion to investigators about how to convert milligrams to grams.

"Put all together, we can't rule out an overdose," said Eric Cottington, associate vice president for research at Case Western.

Firefighters who worked at WTC developing respiratory problems

NEW YORK (AP) — Hundreds of firefighters who worked at the World Trade Center site in have developed respiratory problems, and some may have to retire, a fire union official said.

Thomas Manley, sergent-at-arms for the Uniformed Firefighters Association, said Thursday that many who participated in rescue and recovery efforts are easily winded, suffer from a chronic cough, or have symptoms of asthma.

Manley estimated that as many as 300 who are on medical leave with lung problems could be unable to continue to fight fires if their health does not improve.

Fire Department spokesman Francis Gribbon said it is too early to predict the health implications for firefighters who have had respiratory symptoms.

"We won't know for some time what the short- and long-term effects will be," Gribbon said. "But we are being very aggressive in not only treating people but in tracking their progress,"

The Fire Department began health screenings for firefighters in late October, conducting lung function exams, chest X-rays, hearing tests and blood work.

More than 1,000 firefighters have filed notices to protect their right to sue the city over inadequate protection from dangerous materials at the trade center site.

Kemp graduates

SAN ANGELO — Angelo State University conferred degrees to 339 students during fall commencement exercises last Friday.

Keri D'Von Kemp of Snyder received a bachelor of science degree.

Graham to preach in Dallas/ Ft Worth

DALLAS (AP) — The Rev. Billy Graham will return to the Dallas-Fort Worth area for the first time in 31 years with a crusade at the invitation of north Texas pastors and others.

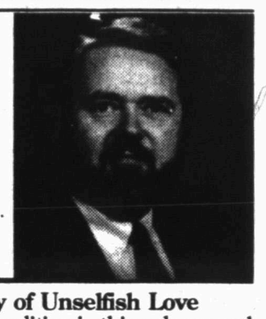
Scheduled for Oct. 17-20, 2002, the event will take place at Texas Stadium in Irving, which opened with a Graham crusade in 1971.

"The Metroplex has grown and changed so much since we were last there in 1971, that I believe the time is right to conduct another evangelistic emphasis there to reach a new generation, and indeed many new Texans, with the gospel message," Graham said in a prepared statement.

Graham turned 83 last month and has been in frail health.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Unlucky Jim: A Christmas Story of Unselfish Love

The story of Unlucky Jim is a Christmas tradition in this column and definitely worth sharing again. For the past several years, I've used it to share what I believe is the true meaning of Christmas.

Unlucky Jim is a sad little story my mother read to me when I was small. It is sad, but has a strong message and a happy ending. The story came from a book by Arthur S. Maxwell titled, "Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories."

It's about a little boy named Jim whose family was very poor. His little sister was an invalid and spent most of her days in bed. Christmas held no hope or joy for either of the children.

As he trudged home from school each day, Jim would stop to look at the toys in the bright store windows. More than anything, he wanted a little red fire engine. Jim knew he would never be lucky enough to get one. In fact, his only marble had rolled down a storm drain the previous week. He felt that he was the unluckiest boy alive.

Then, one night just before Christmas, Jim received an invitation to a Christmas party for the poor children in the neighborhood. A nice lady from a nearby church mission promised Jim a special gift. Jim grew excited as he drew near the mission. He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the Christmas tree. It was covered with lights and surrounded by toys. Jim saw a bright red fire engine just like the one in the store window.

When it came time for each child to pick out a gift, Jim's heart nearly stopped. He was afraid that someone else would pick the fire engine. Fortunately, when his turn came, the little red truck was still under the tree. As Jim reached for the engine, he thought of his frail little sister at home in bed. He stopped and turned to the mission lady. He asked softly if he might pick two gifts, one for himself and one for his sister at home. The lady shook her head sadly and told Jim there were only enough presents for one for each child.

Jim's Christmas Spirit

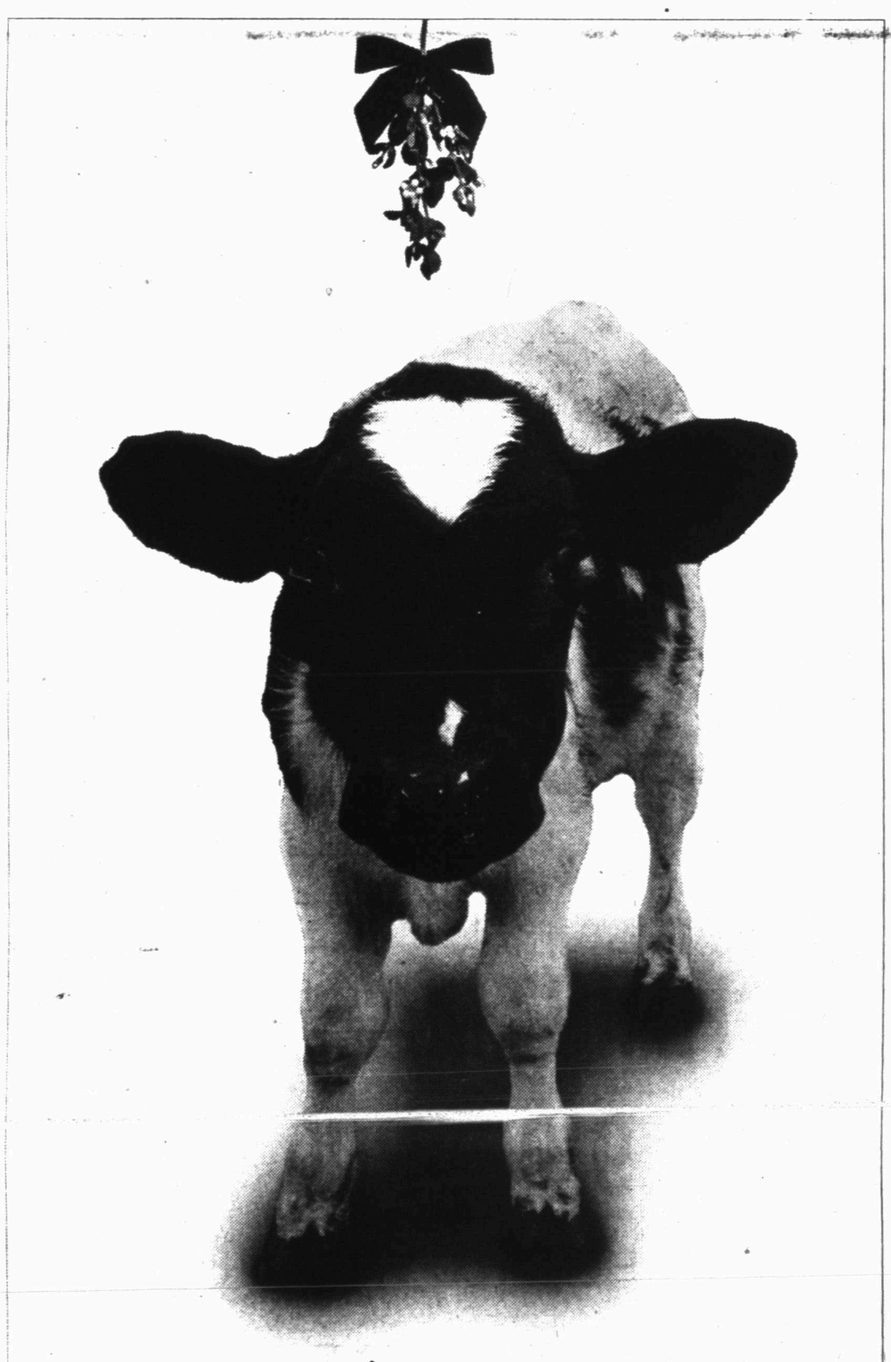
Jim looked longingly at the little fire engine. Then he picked out the prettiest doll under the tree. It had blue eyes and curly blond hair just like his little sister. As he returned to his seat with the doll, the other children began to laugh and make fun of him. Unlucky Jim clutched the little doll and ran from the mission. He stopped crying by the time he reached home.

Jim began to feel better when he saw the look of surprise and delight on his sister's face. As she hugged the doll and cried with joy, Jim didn't feel so unlucky after all.

Later, as Jim sat by his little sister's bed watching her play with her doll, someone knocked on the door. When he opened it, the mission lady was there. She gave Jim a neatly wrapped package and explained to him that the children were sorry they had laughed at him. They had not known about his sick little sister. After she told them why Jim had chosen the doll, the children asked her to bring him a present. To Jim's delight, the package contained the most beautiful red fire engine he' d ever seen.

Jim's unselfishness should be our model all year long. Christians celebrate Christmas to remember the birth of Jesus Christ. Whether or not you're a Christian by faith, Christ's life of giving, sharing and caring is a good example for all men.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.



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New students must bring TASP scores
Placement testing May 14 at 9a.m. and 1:30p.m. Contact the counseling office at 573-8511 ext. 313

Farmers seeking insurance may be charged higher cost

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Tim Gubbels, who operates a small grain elevator in Laurel, Neb., is worried about getting insurance.

"I've been hearing that our premiums are going to double," said Gubbels, who also is president of the Nebraska Grain and Feed Association.

Grain elevators, fertilizer dealers, feed mills and refined fuel dealers all report having trouble obtaining insurance — or at least affordable insurance — as financially troubled insurers hike premiums or pull out of the agriculture market.

Over the last several years, a competitive market had driven agriculture insurance rates down. Insurance companies made up losses by investing in the high-flying stock market, said Gale Squier, owner of Anchor Insurance in Lincoln, an independent insurance agency.

But the stock market's fall this year — along with Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which rocked the insurance industry — have made insurers scrutinize all of their policies and the risks they carry, Squier said.

One insurer, Grain Dealers Mutual Insurance Co. of Indianapolis, said it has stopped insuring grain elevators and other agriculture businesses. The company has been losing money for several years in the industry.

The Nebraska Grain and Feed Association estimates that more than one-third of Nebraska grain elevators, feed mills and chemical dealers could be affected by insurance companies dropping coverage or charging dramatically higher rates.

The association plans to focus its Feb. 19-20 winter convention in Kearney on the problem.

Tim Wagner, director of Nebraska's Department of Insurance, said the problem of insurance availability extends to agriculture and other businesses around the country.

"I don't blame the whole market problem on Sept. 11," Wagner said. "A number of companies have sustained losses and today are looking at what they should underwrite."

Gubbels said he had just begun a search to renew his policy, which expires July 31. And as he worried about the prospect of finding an insurer he could afford, he thought back to a time when coverage was much easier to come by.

"It used to be every third year they'd fight for my business," Gubbels said.

Q & A

You drink & Drive. You Lose.

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA), are devoting this column to current information and answering your questions about substance abuse.

You Drink & Drive. You Lose.
Part 2 of 5
The Sobering Facts About Impaired Driving

Chances are you, a friend or a family member has been involved in an alcohol-related motor vehicle crash, resulting in personal injury or property damage. In fact, recent studies have shown that three in ten people will become involved in an alcohol-related crash in their lifetimes.

Last year alone, 15,935 traffic fatalities were attributed to impaired driving. This number represents 3 percent decrease of all motor vehicle fatalities. The fact remains that too many lives are lost each year to a tragedy that can be avoided. That's why the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has initiated the **You Drink & Drive. You Lose.** campaign, with the goal of reducing the alcohol-related fatalities to no more than 11,000 per year by the year 2005. Through this effort, NHTSA hopes to educate the public about the dangers associated with impaired driving, creating not only a change in attitude, but also a change in behavior.

What constitutes impairment?

Impairment begins with one alcoholic drink - whether it is "hard" liquor, wine or beer. Once alcohol is consumed, it is absorbed by an individual's blood system, and can be measured as Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC). Studies show that even one drink decreases one's ability to react quickly, a factor that can prove fatal when an impaired individual gets behind the wheel of an automobile.

How do I know when I'm past my limit?

While accepted BAC levels vary from state to state, the rate of absorption in one's body varies according to an individual's height, weight, experience with alcohol and food consumed prior to alcohol consumption. So it is a good idea to assign a designated driver and/or plan alternate modes of transportation when even a minimal amount of alcohol is consumed in any given situation.

What will happen to me if I get caught?

If an individual is found to be impaired while driving, he/she will experience criminal repercussions. These repercussions can include fines, the loss of driving privileges, incarceration, higher insurance rates and a criminal record. Law enforcement officers are cracking down on impaired drivers, stepping up their policing activities on a regular basis, and implementing a network of sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols throughout the year.

The question of being caught, however, is a major factor in the impaired driving problem.

The public needs, instead, to ask what will happen if I don't get caught?

This answer is much more frightening, and carries with it much more dire consequences than fines, prosecution or the loss of one's license. The destruction impaired drivers inflict upon their communities is immeasurable. Everyone is affected by the impaired driver's irresponsible and malicious behavior, whether it is from higher taxes or the emotional destruction a family experiences after losing a loved one. Because no matter how you look at it, when **You Drink & Drive. You Lose.**

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Public Records

Marriage License

Billy Wayne Thompson and Amelia Millie Costello, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Jeanette Ann Claxon and Brandon Joe Claxton, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Julie Joanne Clinkinbeard and John Elton Clinkinbeard, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Theresa Kildow and Kyle Herrley, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Brian Anthony Fowler and Casie Michelle Fowler, divorce granted.

Providian National Bank vs. Roy M. and Christine D. Collier, judgment for plaintiff.

Deed Records

Ronald Ray Hollister to Donald Rex Hollister, tract one being the east 60 feet of Lot 3 in Block 38 of the Blankenship Addition; tract two being the east 45 feet of the west 90 feet of the north 100 feet of Lot 3 in Block 38 of the Blankenship Addition.

Brandon Joe Claxton to Jeanette Ann Claxon, two tracts in the southwest one-quarter of Section 109, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Shirley Jones to Charles Allen and Karen Sue Jones, tract one being 117.38 acres in Section 536, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 211 acres in Section 536, Block 97, H&TC survey.

United Supermarkets Inc. to United Supermarkets Ltd., 4.501 acres out of a 4.53-acre tract in Section 154, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Aurora Loan Services Inc. to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Lot 18 in Block F of the Highland Park Addition.

Lola Mae Swinney, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Murvin Swinney, to Michael and Theresa Fay Swinney, the east one-half of Section 507, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Abel H. Becerra, attorney-in-fact for Ruben and Rita Becerra, to Juan and Esther Quintana, Lot 6 in Block 1 of the Muir Addition.

Ernest Walter Jackson, independent executor of the estate of Dorothy Exa Cox, to Cade Allen and Deana Kayleen Proctor, Lot 4 in Block 6 of the Replat of the south one-half of Block 7 and all of Blocks 6 and 11 of the Highlands Addition.

SHS grads help carry Olympic torch



PASSING THE TORCH — Last month in Austin, Ammie Harrison, center, passed the Olympic torch to her brother, Wayland, as Olympic officials look on. (Contributed Photo)

Wayland Harrison and Ammie Harrison, two graduates of Snyder High School, helped carry the Olympic torch in Austin last month.

Wayland, who is an engineering technician in 200 Metal Deposition Chambers, carried the official torch one-fifth of a mile closer to Salt Lake City where the Olympic Winter Games will be held beginning Feb. 8.

He, along with 76 Central Texans, were chosen by Olympic officials and judges to be a torch-bearer to run in the biennial Olympic relay as it passed through Austin.

Many torchbearers, such as cancer survivor and three-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong, have inspirational stories.

Wayland had severe asthma as a child, but became an athlete anyway. His sister, Ammie, nominated him. Then she was chosen to help carry the torch in Austin.

On Nov. 12, Ammie passed the Olympic flame to her brother.

Ammie, nominated by her graduate professor, wrote a 100-word essay on how her brother inspires her.

Wayland was notified in July that he was a final nominee. The mayor of Austin selected the torch carriers.

Wayland was excited to participate. In addition to carrying the torch, he also liked meeting the other torchbearers.

Besides his mother, Darlene, Wayland's wife, Stephanie, and her parents, Densell and Jeannie Fambro, as well as co-workers turned out to cheer him on Nov. 12 as he ran his quarter of a mile.

Wayland graduated from Snyder High School in 1993. He currently attends a University of Texas technical school. Ammie graduated from SHS in 1996. She earned her masters degree in English literature this month at the University of Illinois.

They are the children of Willis and Darlene Harrison and the grandchildren of Easter Smith and Dolly Harrison, all of Snyder.

Deadline passes for personally claiming prize

AUSTIN (AP) — A $13 million Texas Lottery jackpot is going unclaimed Friday, with no one coming forward to personally claim the winnings before a six-month deadline passed.

Unless the winning ticket arrives at Texas Lottery Commission headquarters by mail with a postmark date of Dec. 20, the jackpot will go to the lottery's unclaimed prize fund and an account for health care to benefit the poor.

Lottery officials said early Friday that the ticket was likely purchased by someone who then lost track of it.

"I would think that's what has happened," said lottery spokeswoman Kristina Tirloni. "Someone lost or misplaced it or forgot they were in the Humble area then."

The Quick Pick ticket — containing winning numbers of 10-12-16-25-29-41 for the June 23 jackpot — was purchased at a liquor store in Humble. The buyer chose the cash value option, making the ticket worth $7.3 million before taxes.

Winning tickets are only valid for 180 days after a drawing. The deadline for the June winner was midnight Thursday.

The only other time a Lotto Texas jackpot went unclaimed was in 1995. A ticket worth $12.4 million, purchased for the drawing held Oct. 26, 1994 in Flower Mound, was never turned over to lottery officials in Austin by the deadline date of April 24, 1995.

The latest a winner came forward was in 1996 when Robert Wantland Family Investments, Ltd waited 147 days to claim an $8 million jackpot, lottery officials said.

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Letters to the editor

Eyeglasses collected

Dear Editor:

Carmen McCown and Sammie Jarrell are collecting reading glasses, sun shades and hearing aids that people no longer need for the third world countries. Many people who live there are too poor to buy them. This is sponsored by The Lions Club.

Dr. Bryan Cave, Texas Savings Bank and all the banks accept these glasses, sunshades and hearing aids in their bank and also their drive in windows. They are very cooperative about this.

Mr. McCown and Mrs. Jarrell will send the glasses and shades to Midland and the hearing aids to Lubbock to be prescribed for a proper fit for the people who receive them.

There are many third World Countries, among them are Mexico, and many Central American countries such as Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador etc. The people who live in the warmer climates or those near the Equator, are much in need of sun shades.

These much-needed collections will go on for many years. Anytime you have eyeglasses, sunshades and hearing aids to give away. They can be taken to the above-mentioned places for collection by the Lions Club.

Helen Wadleigh

Thanks for help

Dear Editor:

We would like to extend a special thanks to the Snyder merchants for all their help throughout the year — Bill Davidson and C.R. Perez at Davidson's IGA, Gary Shifflett at United and Mrs. Baird's Bread.

The success of Discovery School events depend on these merchant's generosity and kind hearts.

Sincerely,
Nancy Candanoza
Evelyn Liccardi
The Children and
Staff of Discovery School

Concerned friend

Dear Editor:

To whom it may concern:

I have a friend that has two grown children. She and her husband celebrate Christmas with such joy and enthusiasm on 37th Street there is a house that you can't miss.

They have a life size Santa and Mrs. Santa and two elves in the front yard. They have put up Christmas lights on the ground around the front yard.

There has been a group of boys, after school, that have been stomping the lights so badly, not only breaking bulbs, but stomping the base of the bulbs right off the wire of the lights. This can't be fixed.

I spoke to my friend and she told me, "sadly," that they won't decorate next year, because they will have to replace all of the strings on the ground.

The boys are big enough that they should have more respect for other people's property.

If you are a parent of any student walking home, going east from West Elementary. Please let them read this and see if they know who has done this.

Christmas is for all of God's children that celebrate his son's birth. To do mean things this time of year is very disheartening. This is mean and thoughtless.

These boys may just be trying to impress their peers, but do they realize this is not just a childish prank, it is against the law to defame someone's property. Do these boys know that this is the reason lots of people do not decorate for the holidays.

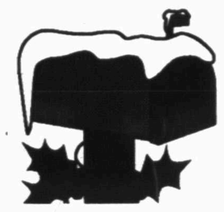
What a "sad" day for Snyder to have children in our town, that have no conscience or respect for others, to commit the unlawful act, day after day!

If you read this to your son and he does happen to admit this, a simple apology would be in order for my friend.

I really hate that my friend and her husband can't enjoy their yard decorations and the rest of the town, but maybe they will feel better about this next year.

In closing, I just want these boys to realize what they have done and the sadness they have caused my friend.

Thank you,
Vivian Norwood



Participation appreciated

Dear Editor:

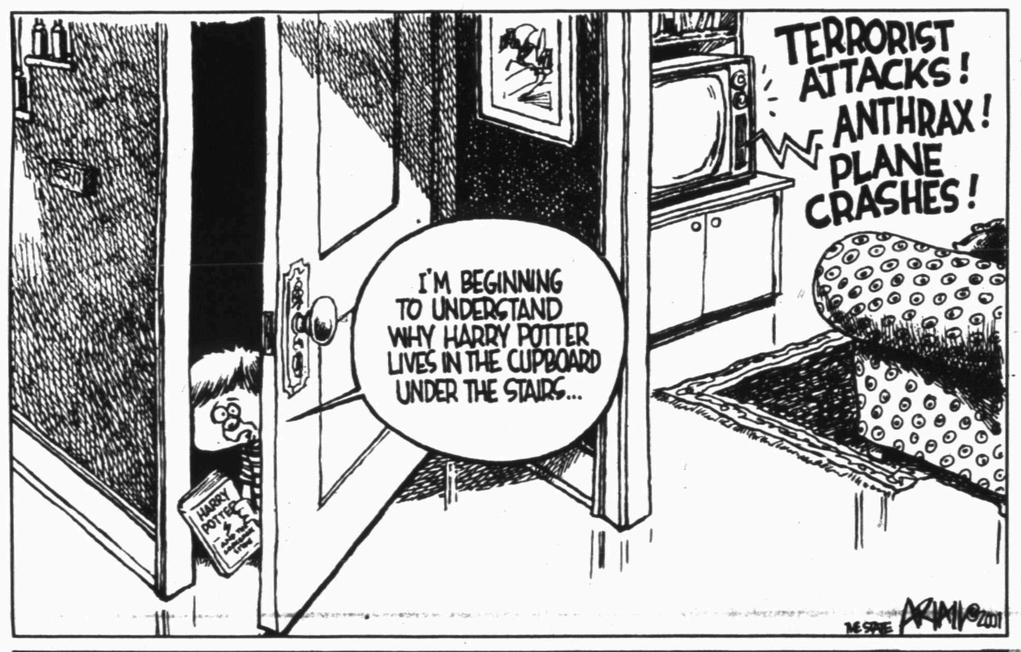
The Scurry County Salvation Army Service Unit would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual drive.

Thanks to United Supermarkets and Wal-Mart for allowing us to place our Red Kettles at their stores, and thanks to all the volunteers who contributed their time and efforts, including membership of the SHS Band, who rang the bells and collected donations for our local unit.

Thank you to Texas Savings Bank, Snyder National Bank and West Texas State Bank for distributing our envelopes.

A big 'Thank You' to all the generous people who made donations. With your combined efforts, we will be able to continue our year-round programs to help others.

Happy Holidays!
Lesa Mayer, treasurer
Scurry County
Salvation Army Service Unit







North of Forty by Red Green

I want one of those

I was out at a fundraiser with my wife the other night, and she was mortified to discover that another woman was wearing the same dress as she was. To women, this is the ultimate humiliation. On the other hand, the men were dressed almost identically in black tuxedos.

We have no problem with that. That's because, while women prefer to present themselves as independent and unique individuals, men generally want what the other guy has, no matter how ridiculous it is.

If my neighbor comes home with an aardvark, I immediately go over to see it and ask a whole bunch of questions, starting with "How much is an aardvark worth?" But the main thought going through my mind is that if Bob has an aardvark, I should probably have one, too. And I would more than likely buy one that day except for one thing. I'm married.

Wives have so many important functions, but the most important of them may be to prevent us men from following our basic instincts, Saturday nights notwithstanding.

NECESSARY HANG-UPS

Most people I know are pretty fed up with telemarketers. They bother us all at home, usually at dinner time, with some product or service that we're not interested in. And they make no effort to get to know us before they call. They don't even dial the number. That's all done by computer.

You can tell because when you answer, there's a pause for a second or two while the computer brings the caller online. This is an excellent opportunity for each of us to hang up. That's what my friends and I do.

So if you call any of us, please be warned that you need to speak up as soon as we answer. If you take a second to yawn or stifle a sneeze or swallow your gum, we'll hang up on you. If you get frustrated, e-mail us and tell us when you'll be calling. Luckily, we live in the age of communication.

THE PARTY PIECE

The day after a party can be a day of revelation for a married man. It's only then that he discovers that his behavior at last night's party was not entirely acceptable. Don't let it get that far. Here are some signs to watch for when you're at a party with your significant other:

— She keeps interrupting what you think is a funny story.

— She unplugs the speakers while you're dancing.

— You look out the window from the party and see her sitting in the car.

— She hides your drinks.

— She individually tells each guest that you've been under a lot of stress lately.

— She has loud conversations with strangers, and they're all about Viagra.

YOU AND YOUR CLUNKER

My first car was an old clunker that had a lot of idiosyncrasies. You had to move the gearshift to a certain position and pump the gas pedal a certain way and turn the key to a certain point, or it wouldn't go. At first it was a nuisance, but eventually it became second nature. These days if I want to do something like watch a movie, I have to sit a certain way so my legs don't fall asleep, and hold my head at a certain angle so that my neck doesn't go into spasms and squint a certain way so that I can read the credits. The lesson here is to never complain about an old clunker because one day, the old clunker is you.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "They say golf is a metaphor for life, but in life you don't get a mulligan." — Red Green

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Valley Morning Star (Harlingen)

Internet free speech

Internet scribblers have the same First Amendment protections as those in print and other media, the New York State Supreme Court ruled last week.

"(I)n the widely watched case of the National Bank of Mexico against Narconews.com," reported Wired.com, "the court ruled that online journalists reporting on matters of public importance, like their colleagues in other media, can only be found guilty of libel if their actions are deemed malicious ...

"The Bank of Mexico also known as Banamex, now part of Citigroup initiated its lawsuit against the drug-war investigative reporting Web site in New York state court last year, when Narconews published reports linking Banamexs then-president with narcotics trafficking. Banamex charged these allegations were false and libelous."

New York Supreme Court Justice Paula Omansky wrote, "The nature of the articles printed on the Web site ... constitute matters of public concern because the information disseminated relates to the drug trade and its effect on people living in this hemisphere."

The ruling is consistent with the U.S. Supreme Courts 1997 striking down of the so-called Communications Decency Act, which censored the Internet, said Solveig Singleton, a senior analyst at the Project on Technology and Innovation at the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

"It wouldn't make much sense to treat Internet journalism differently from printed journalism," she said.

Indeed, most major newspapers nowadays, including the Star, put out Internet editions. Are our online stories less protected than the same stories in print? Obviously not.

Likewise, strictly online enterprises, such as Narconews.com, should receive the same protection.

State supreme court rulings generally apply only to the specific state involved. But much-watched cases like this one can have a national influence as bellwethers. And such cases can be cited elsewhere in court presentations by attorneys and in rulings from the bench.

Especially in these troubling times, people need as much information as they can get. The Internet is not an abridgment of the First Amendment, but an extension of it.

The Longview News Journal

Texas Public Information Act

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn has suggested that state lawmakers study whether a security exemption should be added to the Texas Public Information Act. Perhaps the terrorist attacks on the United States have made him jumpy.

But Texans who expect open government should watch this carefully to see that it is not overplayed. The federal Freedom of Information Act does exempt information from release if it is considered harmful to national security or the defense of foreign relations. That exemption has widely been abused and used to cover up scandals that have embarrassed government officials. Its much like the attempted abuse of "executive privilege" that both former Presidents Richard M. Nixon and Bill Clinton tried to use in Watergate, Travelgate and Monicagate.

Cornyn undoubtedly is sincere. And it should be noted that his track record of supporting open government has been strong. But its hard to equate state government responsibilities particularly at the local level with those of national defense and intelligence matters.

Would a local school district claim a security exemption over releasing its plans to respond to a school shooting? Parents would surely like to know what safety measures were in place for such an incident.

Might a city government or water district refuse to provide data on how it tested water quality because a terrorist might find a way to circumvent the test? Lets hope not.

Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, the head of the states Task Force on Homeland Security and a candidate for lieutenant governor, agrees with the idea of a security exemption. He says water, electric and nuclear power officials have told the task force that engineering data is an example of the kind of information available to the public that should be exempt from the Texas Open Records Act because terrorists could use the information to plan an attack.

That kind of thinking must be weighed against such situations as the building of the nuclear power plant at Comanche Peak, where public scrutiny revealed structural design flaws that delayed the plant from going on line for several years. That's a matter of public safety.

The Odessa American

Social Security reforms

President Bush's Social Security commission has delivered a political and open-ended draft report on Social Security reforms that incorporate some variant of a personal investment retirement account. That is probably appropriate.

Social Security, for better or worse, is a quintessentially political issue and is likely to remain so until the system is reformed and stabilized and probably well beyond that. The report presents three options: one that would allow workers to put 2 percentage points of their wages (of the 6.2 already taken) into a personal investment account, one that would allow them to invest up to 4 percent and have existing benefits cut, and one that would allow them voluntarily to put an additional 1 percent over and above existing deductions, up to 3.5 percent of wages, into a personal investment account.

The commission chairmen, former New York Democratic Sen. Patrick Moynihan and designated AOL Time-Warner chief Richard Parsons, a Republican, suggest another option: allowing workers to contribute an additional 1 percent over and above current payroll taxes, with another 1 percent to be "contributed" by government.

One might fault the commission for coming up with options none of which is ideal, rather than one preferred plan accompanied by legislation. But given the political landscape, it might be the most effective way to advance the debate.

The virtue of the report is that it presents three options, all vetted by Social Security and independent accountants, that offer more individual choice and the promise of workers gaining more control over retirement funds, without significantly cutting existing benefits. That makes it clear that reform in the direction of choice is not just a theoretical pipe dream.

In fact, if anything is pie-in-the-sky it is the notion that the present system is sustainable. Not only does it offer workers a poor return on the money extracted from their paychecks and takes money from many minority workers for a lifetime and gives them nothing in return it will go broke in the foreseeable future as baby boomers retire.

In terms of good policy, the best course would be to turn the system into one where all "contributions" went into individual accounts that workers own, control and can pass on to their heirs.

While that makes sense economically, however, its probably a nonstarter politically.

Thus this report with three baby-step options. Michael Tanner,

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Parents who shower together can safely leave their kids

DEAR ABBY: Hello? Is anybody home? How could you agree with "Lucy in Cheyenne, Wyo.," who admonished married couples not to shower together because they leave the children unsupervised when they do? Tell that ice cube to get a life!

Are we to assume that single parents don't bathe? Or that in a two-parent household, Mom doesn't shower unless Dad is at home to watch the kids? Do they take turns sleeping?

Obviously, Lucy never had kids. And, with her negative attitude about physical closeness, she probably never will! **— JOYCE IN DOLTON, ILL.**

DEAR JOYCE: Cool off. Lucy and I both stand corrected. As long as the child is secured in a playpen or a child-proofed room, it's probably going to be just fine if the parents take a shower break. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I am so steamed, I can hardly sit still to write you!

As an extremely busy mother of three active boys (one with special needs), I want to tell "Lucy" to MYOB.

Couples have to give up a lot (albeit willingly) when their children are born. Sneaking a few private moments in the shower while their little ones are asleep or behind a security gate is neither neglectful nor unsafe.

Why? Baby monitors! They are so sensitive you can hear your child breathing, much less waking up and crying for attention.

Loving, affectionate parents who enjoy intimacy are among the greatest gifts you can give a child, assuring them of a stable home life. **— MAD REDHEAD IN TEXAS**

DEAR MAD REDHEAD: That's true. Couples who play together usually stay together.

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DEAR ABBY: "Smokeless but Outnumbered in Pennsylvania," who dreaded the thought of her heavy-smoking in-laws holding her newborn baby, has a legitimate concern. Many smokers have the mistaken idea that their secondhand smoke is a gas that is "gone with the wind" when the cigarette goes out.

Quite the contrary. Cigarette smoke produces microscopic particles of carcinogenic substances that land on clothing, skin and hair. These particles are stirred up with every movement and drift into the air and can be inhaled by those around them long after the cigarette is out.

People who are subject to secondhand smoke have a four times greater chance of getting lung cancer than those not exposed. As a respiratory therapist who works in pediatric intensive care, I am always outraged when I have a pediatric patient who is struggling to breathe, and Mom and/or Dad and/or relatives come into the room reeking of cigarettes. I try to explain that even though they go outside to smoke, they are bringing particles into the room that have clung to their hair and clothing.

Smokers should take a paper towel and wipe down the windows of their cars. That yellow stain on the paper towel is not a gas but an accumulation of microscopic particles that also lodge in people's lungs.

I would urge "Smokeless" to allow her in-laws to hold her baby only after they shampoo, shower and put on clean clothes since their last cigarette. A baby can't defend itself. If her husband won't, then she has to. **— BOB CRONIN, CAPE ELIZABETH, MAINE**

DEAR BOB: You have written a powerful letter. If it convinces just one set of young parents to assert themselves on their child's behalf, then it was well worth the space in my column.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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DEAR ABBY: After many years of part-time college classes squeezed in between working and parenting our children, finally at age 42, I have earned my bachelor's degree. I skipped the traditional graduation activities, such as the commencement exercise, but I did order announcements to send to close friends and relatives.

My husband said I shouldn't send announcements. He views them as bids for gifts, which he thinks are for 20-somethings just starting out in adult life.

Abby, I mailed the announcements anyway. Some people did respond with gifts, none of which were inappropriate or overly expensive. Others brought bottles of wine to our party to celebrate my accomplishment. However, I would still like to know if announcements for mature graduates are in poor taste. **— PROUD "OLDER" GRADUATE**

DEAR GRADUATE: Announcements of accomplishments such as obtaining one's degree are not in poor taste. It's never too late to celebrate becoming the person you want to be. Just because it took you longer to get your degree than those who were fortunate enough to study full-time, no one should minimize your hard work.

Congratulations on your tenacity and your degree. You are a role model for your children and other adults.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old high school student. Until I was 13, I did some modeling and my mother entered me in beauty pageants. I constantly worried about my appearance and considered myself ugly if I didn't win. At 13, I began what my mother called "the ugly years."

At my last pageant, the judge told me I was gaining some "chub" and needed to lose weight. After that, I became bulimic for a year. Fortunately, I realized what I was doing to myself and stopped bingeing and purging.

During the four years I have not competed in pageants, I've become happier and more self-confident. My mother recently told me that now that I'm through the "ugly" stage, it is time to begin modeling again.

Abby, I don't think I can do it. I never told my mother about my bulimia, and she refuses to listen to my reasons for not wanting to model. I don't want her to know about this disorder, especially since I am over it. What should I do? **— NO NEED TO SHOW OFF**

DEAR NO NEED: Tell your mother exactly what her ambition cost you the first time around. It's time she stopped projecting her own ambitions on you. At 17, you are nearly an adult. Under no circumstances should you allow yourself to be pushed into a career that's potentially so damaging to your physical and emotional health.

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DEAR ABBY: My brother-in-law's father recently passed away. We had met him several times, but were unable to travel to the funeral services.

My husband and I want to share our sympathies with the family, but we don't know to whom we should send our condolences — my brother-in-law, his mother or both. What is proper in this situation? **— WONDERING IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR WONDERING: Send an individual note of sympathy to each of them. While one letter might suffice, they are both grieving and would appreciate a personal message acknowledging their loss.

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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-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

WTC announces academic lists

The President's List

Twenty-seven students were named to the President's List for the fall 2001 semester at Western Texas College. The president's list is the highest scholastic ranking achievable at WTC. To be honored, students must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while taking at least 12 academic credit hours.

Honorees include Sara Arizemdi, Alexander Brignac, Cinia Cabrera, Donald Crenshaw, John Dorsey, Brianna Frazier, Jennifer Freeland, Erin Fry, Emma Garrett, Maria Gonzales, Ryan Greenwood, Romelia Hernandez, Bruce Hoyt, Kandace Kimmel, Randi Long, Thomas Lowery, Ryan Minchew, Jamee Moreno, Carly Pyburn, Steve Rodriguez, Aimee Row, Lavinda Smith, Sam Spreadborough, Delinda Strickland, Jarrett Thornton, William Tinkler and Alissa Wells.

Dean's List

Forty-six students were named to the Dean's List. To qualify students must have a 3.5 grade point average and carry at least 12 hours of course work.

Students named to the Dean's List include Tracie Adams, Kristian Benjamin, Felsha Biggers, Jason Bond, Kristi Bond, Alisha Bowden, Jeremy Bowden, Jared Boyd, Denise Caswell, Jeffrey Clark, Clarence Davidson and Diajaira Garcia.

Others are Vicki Green, Laura Greenwood, Christine Guelker, Brandon Hackfeld, Rita Hagins, Lisa Hall, Joshua Heaton, Michael Hembree, Chirstopher Hensley, Samantha Hernandez, Donald Huston, Matthew Jones, Christopher Kellner, Michael Kermick, Tina Lee, Cameron Mackey, Raylene Marlow and Lucinda Mendez.

Also, Christopher Metsgar, Jesus Montalvo, Jeffrey Murray, Seiichi Noda, Richard Payne, Casey Peevy, Terry Pina, John Ritchey, Lance Smith, Christa Tankersley, Trevor Thompson, John Todd, Tosha Walker, Dorothy Ward, Shawna Wilking and Paul Wilson.

Merit's List

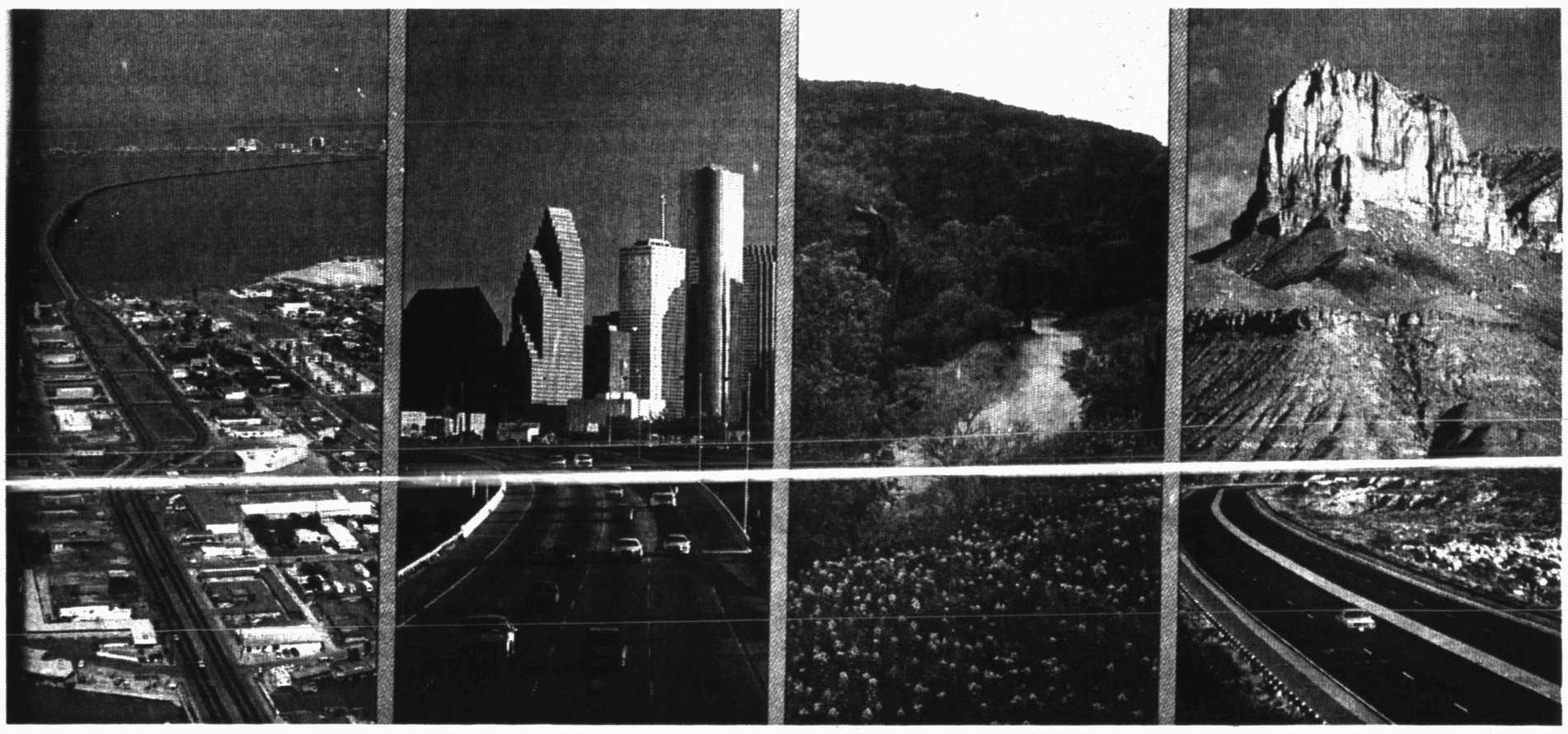
Seventy-seven students were named to the Merit List. To qualify students must have a 3.5 grade point average and enroll for more than 8 and less than 12 hours of course work.

Students named to the Merit List include Juan Aguilar, Amber Alexander, George Alvarez, Kevin Aycock, Brian Back, Ashley Baremore, Alex Best, James Bond, Stephanie Bradley, Ashley Branch, Kenton Burns, Esther Cabrera, Jason Campbell, Stormy Clark, Kasey Collier, Danny Cox, Kasey Crill, Michael Cruz, Patricia Daniel, Michael Datesman, Amanda Davis, Riki Dorsett, Cody Driver and Joel Ellison.

Others on the list are Sheila Ford, Donna Gafford, Kathy Geraldon, Bryan Gibson, Ray Gutierrez, Jason Hall, Ronnie Head, Candelaria Hernandez, Manuel Hernandez, Keri Hoelscher, Mandy Holdridge, Toby Johnson, Cynthia Kendrick, Robert Kennedy, Evan Kirchhofer, Marci Kruger, Nicholas Landes, Susan Lara, Phillip Lee, George Lewis, Terry Luecke, Shane McCarter, Brandon McGuire, Amanda McMillan, Samantha Meador, George Meyer, Elmer Moore, Cary Nichols and Crystal Porter.

Also, Tanner Ray, Katrina Reynolds, Eric Richardson, Gloria Rodriguez, Amber Russell, Britt Sharrock, Russell Simpson, Jaci Smith, Nathan Smith, Philip Smith, Ember Strand, Alvin Torres, Tim Uddley, Joseph Veracruz, Justin Weaver, Dustin Whitson, John Williams, James Wilson, Rachael Wilson, Alfred Wolfgramm, Kelly Wood, Kate Wright and Donna Zajicek.

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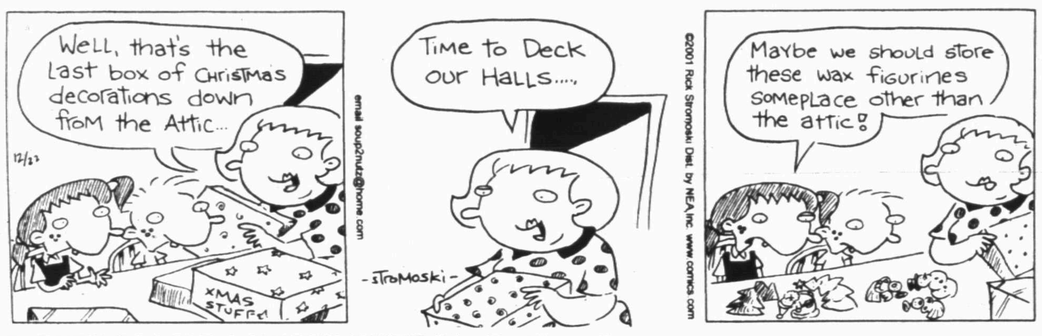
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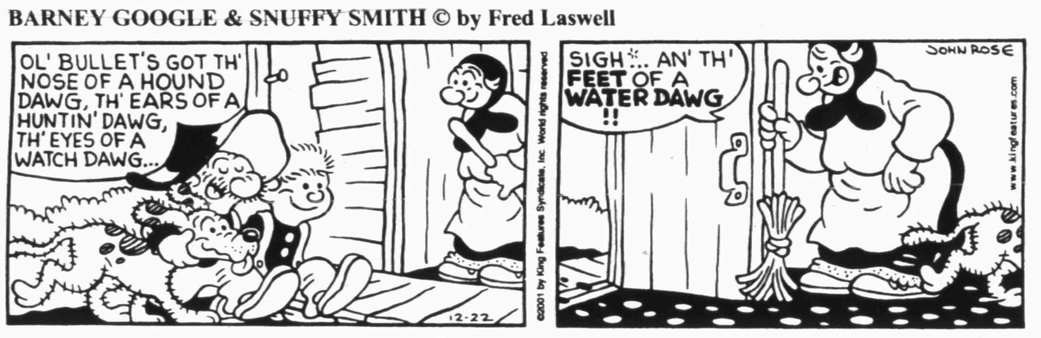
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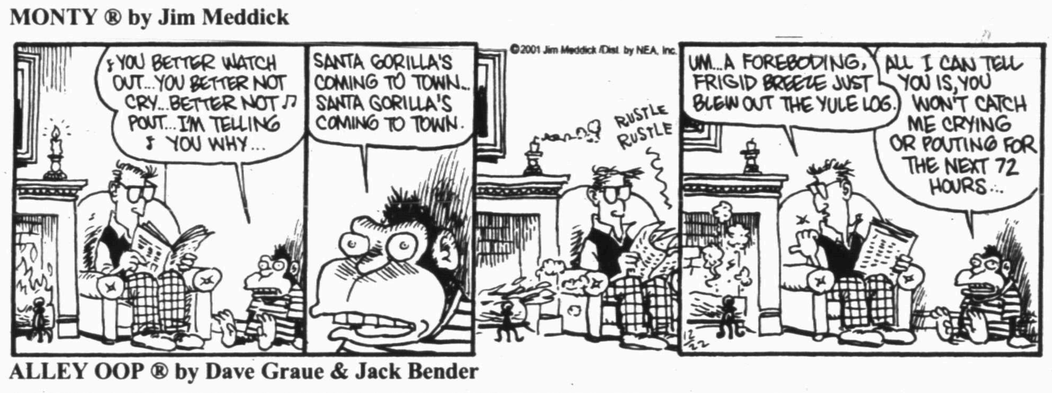
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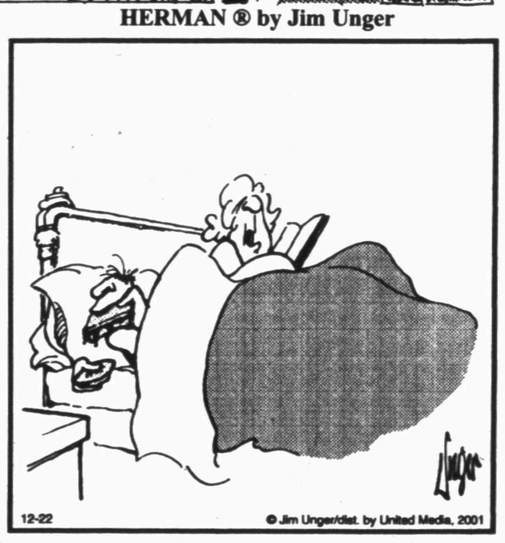
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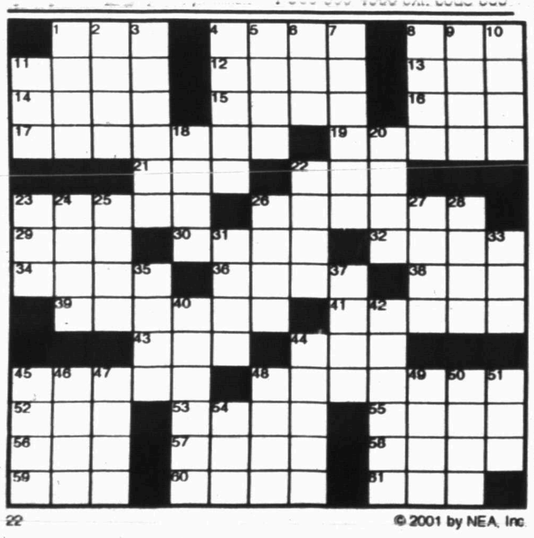
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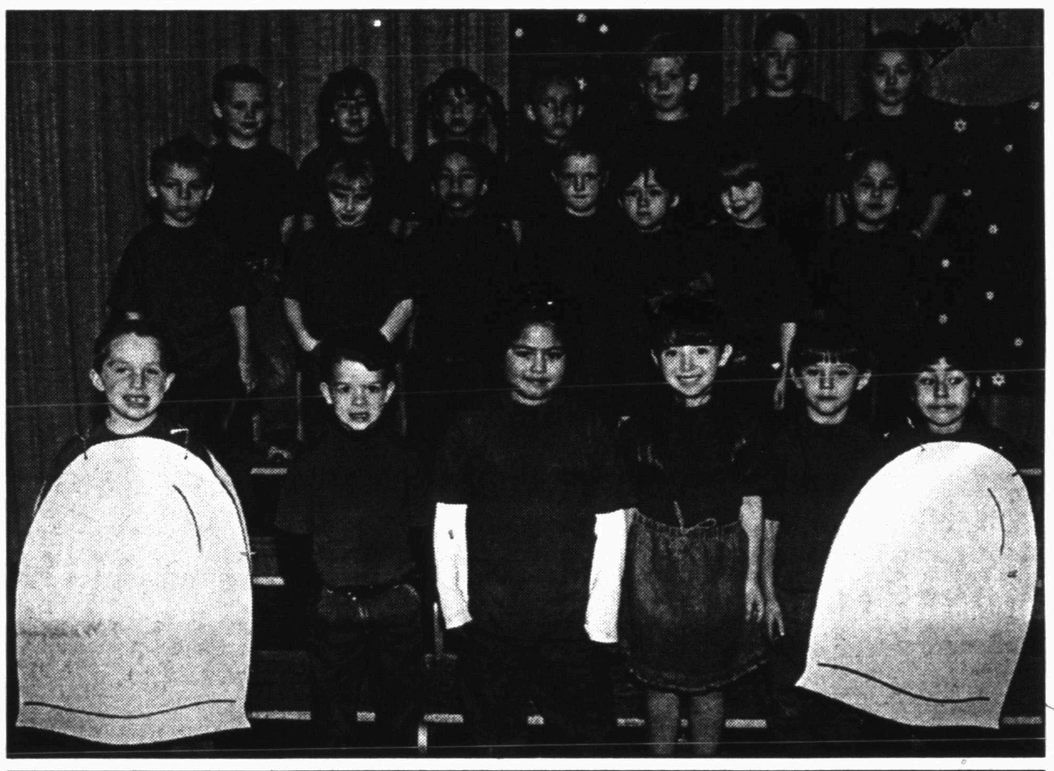
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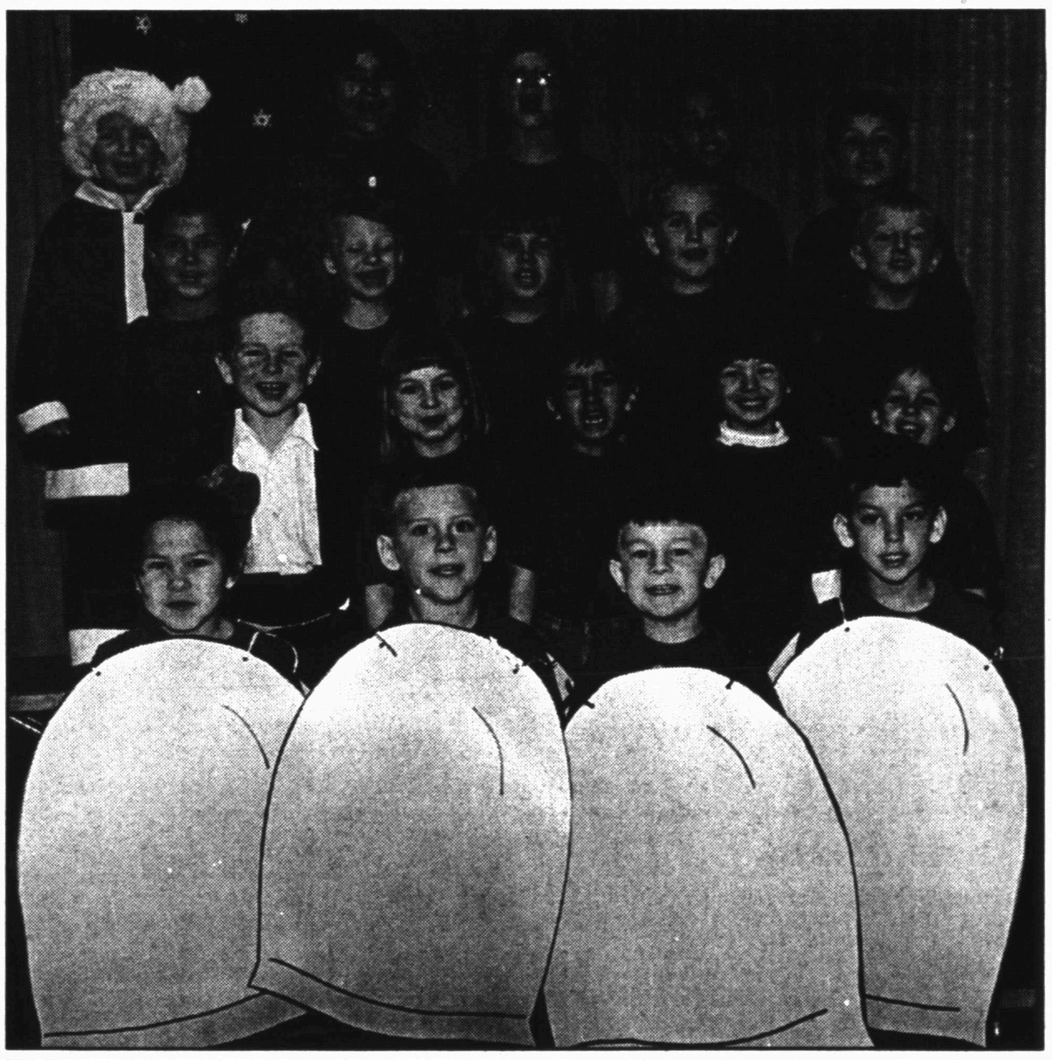
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"LISTEN, DENNIS. WE'RE CHRISTMAS CAROLING. YOU'VE GOT TO STOP SAYING, 'TRICK OR TREAT'."







THE LITTLE BELL THAT COULD NOT RING — Three kindergarden classes at West Elementary presented *The Little Bell That Could Not Ring*. Judy Brown is the music teacher. Kathy Caldwell's students (top photo) are from left, back row, Eyvye Mann, Miccah Wesley, Nathan Gutierrez, Ryan Martinez, Austin Palacios, Chris Sands, middle row, Amy Maguna, Krystalina Lara, Kelsie Barrera, Davina Jackson, Miranda Flores, Amber Diaz; front row, Samantha Bloom, Adrianna Hernandez, Tyler Fields, Alex Payne, Fidel Solis, Thomas Martinez. Pinson's students (middle photo) are from left, back row, Chance Rogers, Samantha Rodriguez, Jaylen Boon, Levi Platero, Hunter Ward, Dakotah Neff, Kelbie Herrley; middle row, Brandon Sutton, Allison Claxton, Xavier Jaramillo, Rowdy Mhoon, Hillorie Earnest, Savannah Marricle, Andee Leal; front row, Kegan Scifres, Josh Molter, April Belman, Briana Doucette, Sierra Garcia, Gabriella Sanchez. Mrs. Brewster's students (bottom photo) are from left, top row, Clancey Gruben, Ashley Martinez, Alyssa Sturdivant, Bobby Diaz, Jose Cabrera; third row, Timothy Sifuentes, Braden Hall, Katrina Aviles, Dylan Kirby, Mason Tabor; second row, Logan Rinehart, Keeley Glass, Teah Hinds, Brittany Birkenfeld, Chelsea Browning; bottom row, Sandy Leal, Talon Carroll, Braydin Moreland and Kyle DeLoera. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Scientists available to provide counseling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government scientists are fanning out to counsel some of the thousands of people weighing whether to get three shots of anthrax vaccine, more antibiotics — or to call it quits and hope their bodies are free of the bacteria.

In the wake of the anthrax attacks-by-mail, no one knows how many are really at risk of relapsing despite taking two months of antibiotics. Thus federal scientists offered the extra therapy as a precaution, yet can't say exactly who should take it. They are rejecting criticism that leaving it to individuals to decide is a copout.

CDC doctors injected 48 people, all Capitol Hill workers, with vaccine Thursday, set up hot lines and issued the first printed list of vaccine pros and cons to help others decide whether to try it.

While anthrax vaccine itself is not experimental — it has been used for decades. It can cause side effects, so "make sure that you know the risks and possible benefits before you agree to take part in this program," reads the CDC's consent document.

The forms say:

—Burning at the injection site is common, as are soreness, redness, itching and swelling of that arm for up to a week. Up to 35 percent of recipients have muscle and joint aches, malaise, rashes, chills, a low fever or nausea for up to a week.

—Serious allergic reactions occur less than once in every 100,000 doses.

—Studies of over 500,000 vaccinated people suggest reports of more severe reactions, such as muscle diseases, are not caused by the vaccine.

—You cannot get anthrax from the vaccine.

Date Book

Saturday, Dec. 22, 2001

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1841, the USS Mississippi was commissioned in Philadelphia. It was the first oceangoing side-wheel steam warship of the United States.

On this day in 1886, the American Association of Public Accountants was established in New York City.

On this day in 1977, the last section of Interstate 75 was dedicated. I-75, which runs from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada, was the first highway to connect the two borders of the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924), composer; Connie Mack (1862-1956), baseball player-manager; Edward Arlington Robinson (1869-1935), poet; Claudia "Lady Bird" Johnson (1912-), U.S. first lady, is 89; James Wright Jr. (1922-), congressman, is 79; Steve Carlton (1944-) baseball great, is 57; Diane Sawyer (1945-), broadcast journalist, is 56; Maurice and Robin Gibb (1949-), singers, are 52; Jan Stephenson (1951-), golfer, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, Lionel James of the San Diego Padres set an NFL record by collecting 2,535 all-purpose yards in a single season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The aged love what is practical, while impetuous youth longs only for what is dazzling." — Petrarch

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

Sunday, Dec. 23, 2001

Today is the 357th day of 2001 and the third day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1826, Capt. Thomas ap Catesby Jones of the USS Peacock and King Kamehameha of Hawaii negotiated the first treaty between Hawaii and another nation.

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

On this day in 1974, major-league baseball players without contracts became free agents.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Smith (1805-1844), religious leader; James Stockdale (1923-), Naval hero-vice presidential candidate, is 78; Robert Bly (1926-), poet, is 75; Akihito (1933-), Japanese emperor, is 68; Paul Hornung (1935-), football player-announcer, is 66; Susan Lucci (1949-), actress, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, Norm Van Brocklin threw a 73-yard touchdown pass to Tom Fears, enabling the Los Angeles Rams to win the NFL title by defeating the Cleveland Browns 24-17.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "This world, after all our science and sciences, is still a miracle; wonderful, inscrutable, magical and more, to whosoever will think of it." — Thomas Carlyle

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (Dec. 22).

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Companies agree to reduce emissions

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas-based petroleum refiners Conoco Inc. and Holly Corp. have agreed to reduce emissions from seven U.S. refineries in five states, federal officials said Thursday.

The agreements will require Houston-based Conoco to spend an estimated $95 million to $110 million to reduce emissions at four refineries, pay a $1.5 million civil penalty and spend about $5 million on environmental projects in refinery communities.

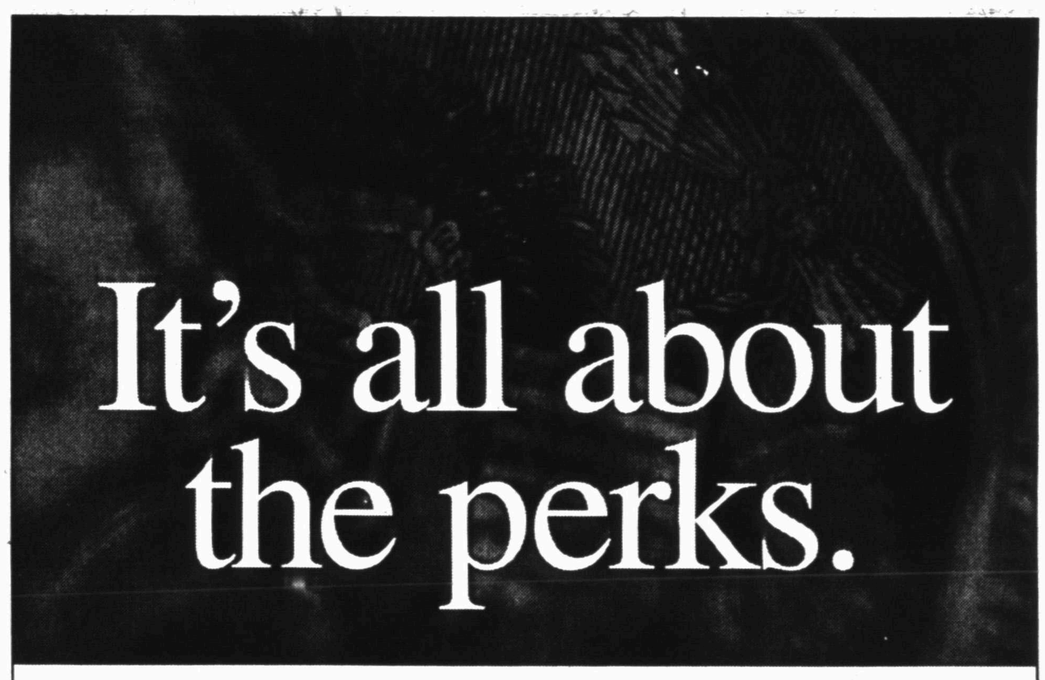
Dallas-based Holly's Navajo Refining and Montana Refining units agreed to spend $16 million to $21 million on improvements, pay a $750,000 civil penalty and spend $1.5 million on environmental projects.

The agreements are expected to reduce emissions of chemicals such as nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide by more than 10,000 tons per year, the Justice Department and Environmental Protection Agency said in announcing the settlement.

A consent decree filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Houston will require Conoco to install emission-control equipment on smokestacks, wastewater vents, leaking valves and flares throughout its refineries.

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Government's aid program for terrorist victims criticized

NEW YORK (AP) — The government announced an aid program that would give families of victims of the terrorist attacks an average of $1.65 million — a plan that some families say doesn't go far enough.

"I think it's a disgrace," said Bill Doyle, whose 25-year-old son Joseph worked at Cantor Fitzgerald in the World Trade Center. He called the average compensation figure "incredibly low."

The program, announced Thursday, is aimed at compensating victims' families for economic losses, along with pain and suffering. The Justice Department will begin taking claims Friday and the first partial checks could be issued before New Year's.

For many relatives of victims, the compensation payments would come on top of thousands of dollars they are receiving from charity groups. The amount of money they would get from the new fund would not be affected by the size of payments from charities.

At a news conference Thursday, Kenneth Feinberg, the lawyer in charge of the fund, said it was "an unprecedented display of taxpayers' generosity." The fund was set up in September as part of a $15 billion airline bailout bill passed by Congress.

But Feinberg later told The Associated Press that he doubted it would satisfy victims' families.

"They are just so caught up in the horror of what they've gone through that I think they have different expectations," said Feinberg, who said he has met with hundreds of victims' relatives.

Irene Boehm, whose husband died in one of the towers, was worried that the compensation for pain and suffering wouldn't be enough.

"They should have been at my house Tuesday when they came to tell me they had identified my husband's remains and then they would see that the figures for pain and suffering are ludicrous," she said. "No amount of money is ever going to replace him but my children should never have to want for anything."

Rochelle Gerlich of Monroe, Conn., was relieved to learn she wouldn't have to worry about finances for a while. But she said it would do nothing to lessen her grief over the loss of her husband, Robert.

"It's not even close to ... having my husband here," she said tearfully.

The size of compensation payments would depend largely on the victim's family size, age and earnings. Survivors of a low-income, 60-year-old bachelor may receive $300,000, while those of a high-earning 35-year-old with two children could receive $3.8 million.

Life insurance and pension fund payments would reduce the size of the awards. Citing those deductions, some said the average compensation amount is a misleading figure.

"I am very concerned that the number that has been released has been misrepresented," said Nikki Stern, whose husband, James E. Potorti, was killed at the trade center.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



C-section may be necessary

DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter is expecting her first baby in January. Her obstetrician advised her that the placenta was lower than the fetus, and he hoped the condition would correct itself. But there has been no change, and a C-section is very probable. What causes this condition, and what risks are involved?

DEAR READER: When a fertilized ovum reaches the womb, it can attach anywhere on the uterine lining. Usually, this happy event occurs on one side of the uterus, and the baby grows and is eventually delivered without complications.

However, in about one out of 200 pregnancies, the ovum attaches to the lower uterus, often near the opening (cervix). The cause of this abnormality is unknown. As the placenta (the tissue that supplies the fetus' metabolic needs) grows and enlarges, it can literally block the uterine opening. Called placenta previa, the condition does not affect the unborn child. But, at term, this tissue can prevent a normal vaginal delivery.

Although the decision whether to allow a vaginal delivery should be made by a qualified obstetrician, most specialists opt for caesarian section, when the baby is removed through an abdominal incision. This is safer for both the mother and her child.

Therefore, if your daughter has a placenta previa, the odds are that she will need a C-section. This is a standard procedure and should not cause her (or you) undue concern or alarm.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've had gout for about three years, ever since my doctor prescribed a diuretic to control my high blood pressure. Am I unjustified in being suspicious that the medicine could be to blame?

DEAR READER: No, you're not. Gout, the accumulation of uric acid crystals in joint fluid, causes repeated attacks of acute, excruciatingly painful arthritis. Unfortunately, it is aggravated — and often precipitated — by certain diuretics (water-eliminators) used to treat hypertension. In particular, hydrocholorthiazide and furosemide can lead to gouty arthritis.

Therefore, if this is your problem, your doctor might consider substituting other anti-hyperten[illegible] blockers or ACE-inhibitors. Or you might be helped by anti-gout medication, such as Zyloprim and Colbenemid. Return to your doctor to resolve this issue.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "About Gout." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 15-year-old daughter suffers from pinworms every few months. I treat her with Vermox, but the problem continues. Do you have any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Pinworm eggs, which are excreted in the stool, may enter the environment and remain infective for weeks. Thus, people who put their fingers in their mouths may be inviting infection from objects or dirt that they have touched. For obvious reasons a re-infection pattern is more common when more than one family member has pinworms. In short, your daughter may be picking up pinworm eggs from someone else in your household.

Therefore, I recommend that every family member — adults included — be checked for pinworms. Your doctor can easily perform this service at very little cost.

In addition, your daughter must be fastidious in her personal hygiene and hand washing. If she is a nail-biter, she should stop. Also, if there are young children in the home, their underwear should be frequently changed and washed. Ask your family physician for further advice that will depend on your individual home situation.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are the symptoms of glaucoma and cataracts? I'm sure there are elderly people, like myself, who want to know more about these serious eye diseases.

DEAR READER: Glaucoma, a pressure increase of the fluid within the eyeball, is a major cause of blindness. Its cause is unknown, and it is common in elderly patients. Symptoms include headache, halos around lights, impaired dark adaptation, blurred vision and frequent change of glasses. Treatment with drops, pills or surgery is almost always successful.

Cataracts, the progressive clouding of the clear lenses in front of the eyes, also affect vision. They are painless. Cataracts are often part of the aging process but can also be caused by diabetes, exposure to X-rays or sunlight, inflammation and certain drugs (notably cortisone).

Symptoms include progressive diminution of vision. Treatment, with lens extraction and other surgery, is curative.

Both glaucoma and cataracts should be diagnosed by professional eye specialists (either ophthalmologists or optometrists). Screening for these two diseases should be an integral part of any routine eye examination.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from panic and anxiety attacks. Recently, during my attacks, I experienced throat constriction and a burning in my chest. The emergency room doctor claimed it's all in my head, yet my psychiatrist says the condition is real. Please explain the difference between anxiety and real heart pain.

DEAR READER: Panic attacks are real (not imagined) for the people who have them. The episodes are marked by an irrational dread or fear of a nameless, imminent catastrophe. They are often associated with throat constriction, chest pressure, lightheadedness, nervousness, anxiety, rapid pulse, trembling, sweating and nausea.

The cause is unknown. Panic attacks can be successfully treated by counseling, in conjunction with prescription medication, such as Paxil, Ativan or Xanax.

Doctors sometimes have difficulty distinguishing panic attacks from life-threatening physical ailments, such as heart attacks. As a general rule, anxiety and fear are the paramount symptoms of a panic disorder, and tend to occur in response to specific situations (such as exposure to crowds or public places) — whereas heart attacks are characterized by chest pain and other symptoms that precede the anxiety.

Finally, the chest discomfort of panic attacks is typically vague and diffuse. The pain of coronary occlusion is ordinarily centered in the left chest, is more discrete and may radiate to the arm, neck or jaw.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Are there any exercises to help claudication? I'm 75 and love to walk, but the condition causes knots in my calves and constant pain.

DEAR READER: Claudication, the appearance of muscle cramps and severe leg discomfort during exercise, is due to inadequate circulation caused by arterial blockage from arteriosclerosis. Although walking and similar activities benefit patients with this affliction, such physical exertion is sometimes impossible because of pain.

When this happens, I recommend walking to the point of pain, resting and then continuing. Regular exertion will frequently improve circulation but, in my experience, it is not particularly effective therapy for claudication. Rather, surgery to remove blockages or to bypass the obstruction is far more helpful.

See your doctor for specific recommendations. He will probably order an arterial study to investigate the precise location (and extent) of the blockage. In the meantime, continue to walk within the limits imposed by your condition. There are no special exercises to treat this affliction, which is a mechanical problem usually requiring a mechanical solution.

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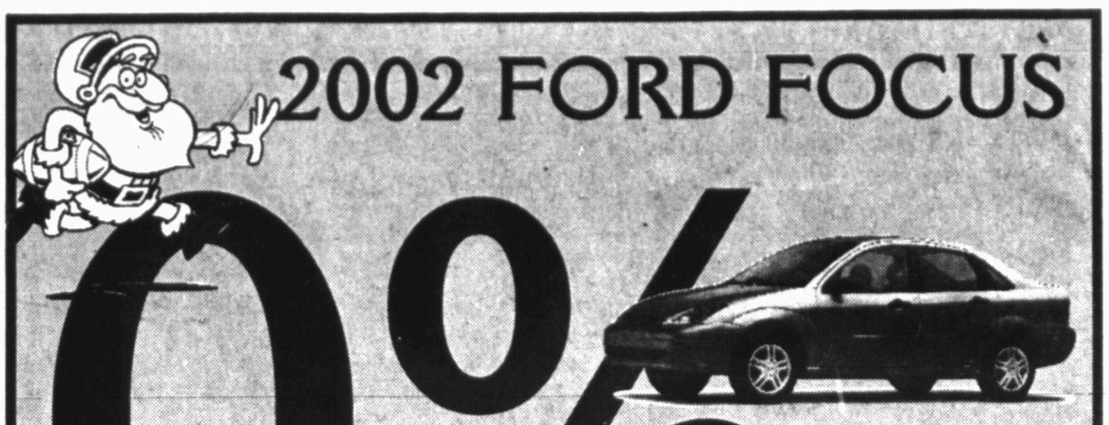
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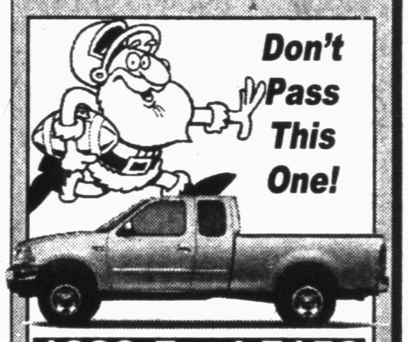
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