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Voter turnout light in amendment election

Just over two percent of the eligible voters in Scurry County cast ballots Tuesday in an opportunity to change the 123- year-old Texas Constitution.

A total of 247 voters went to the polls Tuesday, and 75 voted in the early voting period.

"You would have to call this a very, very light turnout of voters," said County Clerk Joan Bunch.

Thirteen of 17 amendments to the constitution were approved in state-wide voting.

Propositions 5, 8, 9 and 10 were rejected by voters across the state. In Scurry County, voters favored Propositions 8 and 10, but voted against Propositions 5 and 9. Local voters also opposed Propositions 4 and 12.

Two of the four rejected amendments involved pay for public officials.

One would have created a judicial compensation commission to recommend salary increases for state judges. The second would have allowed state employees to be paid when serving on local government boards.

Voters also nixed two proposals to expand the governor's appointment powers.

Opponents of the judicial compensation commission, Proposition 9, said elected officials — the Legislature, not an appointed panel — should determine how much judges are paid from taxpayers' money.

Legislators' pensions are tied to the salaries of district judges, and the amendment would have allowed those pensions to be raised without either chamber voting.

Opponents of Proposition 5, the state employees amendment, said state workers already are paid by taxpayers and would be dipping into public pockets twice.

The other two rejected propositions, 8 and 10, would have seen the adjutant general and the state health and human services commissioner serve at the pleasure of the governor. With the defeats, those posts will remain two-year appointments confirmed by the Texas Senate.

The amendments approved included one to clarify who replaces the governor if there's a vacancy in the state's top job and another to expand the maximum size of urban homesteads to 10 acres.

Proposition 1 specifies that the lieutenant governor would fill a permanent vacancy in the governor's office.

The amendment could be useful fairly soon if Republican Gov. George W. Bush is successful in his bid for the White House next year.

The amendment requires the lieutenant governor to forfeit that office if he or she fills a permanent vacancy in governor's office.

The post of lieutenant governor — the presiding officer of the Texas Senate — then would be filled within 30 days by an election among the 31 senators.

Voters also approved Proposition 6, which allows the expansion of urban homesteads from one acre to 10.

Supporters say it will give more Texans the right and freedom to use their own property as security for a loan and that most who would benefit are not wealthy but own too much land to qualify under the original restrictions.

Opponents said the expansion would benefit wealthy people and would encourage some to buy expensive homes and then file for bankruptcy knowing their property would be protected from most creditors.

Also approved were:

— Proposition 2: Revising current provisions that authorize reverse mortgages, in which borrowers over age 62 can get payments or a lump sum secured by the equity in their homes.

— Proposition 3: Eliminating outdated and duplicative portions of the constitution, such as the authority of a governor to protect the frontier from hostile incursions by Indians and other predatory bands.

— Proposition 4: Allowing the Legislature to exempt from property taxes property owned by "primarily" charitable organizations rather than a "purely public charity."

— Proposition 7: Allowing garnishment of wages to enforce court-ordered spousal maintenance.

— Proposition 11: Allowing political subdivisions to buy non-assessable property and casualty insurance from mutual insurers.

— Proposition 12: Giving the Legislature power to exempt vehicles leased for personal use from property taxes.

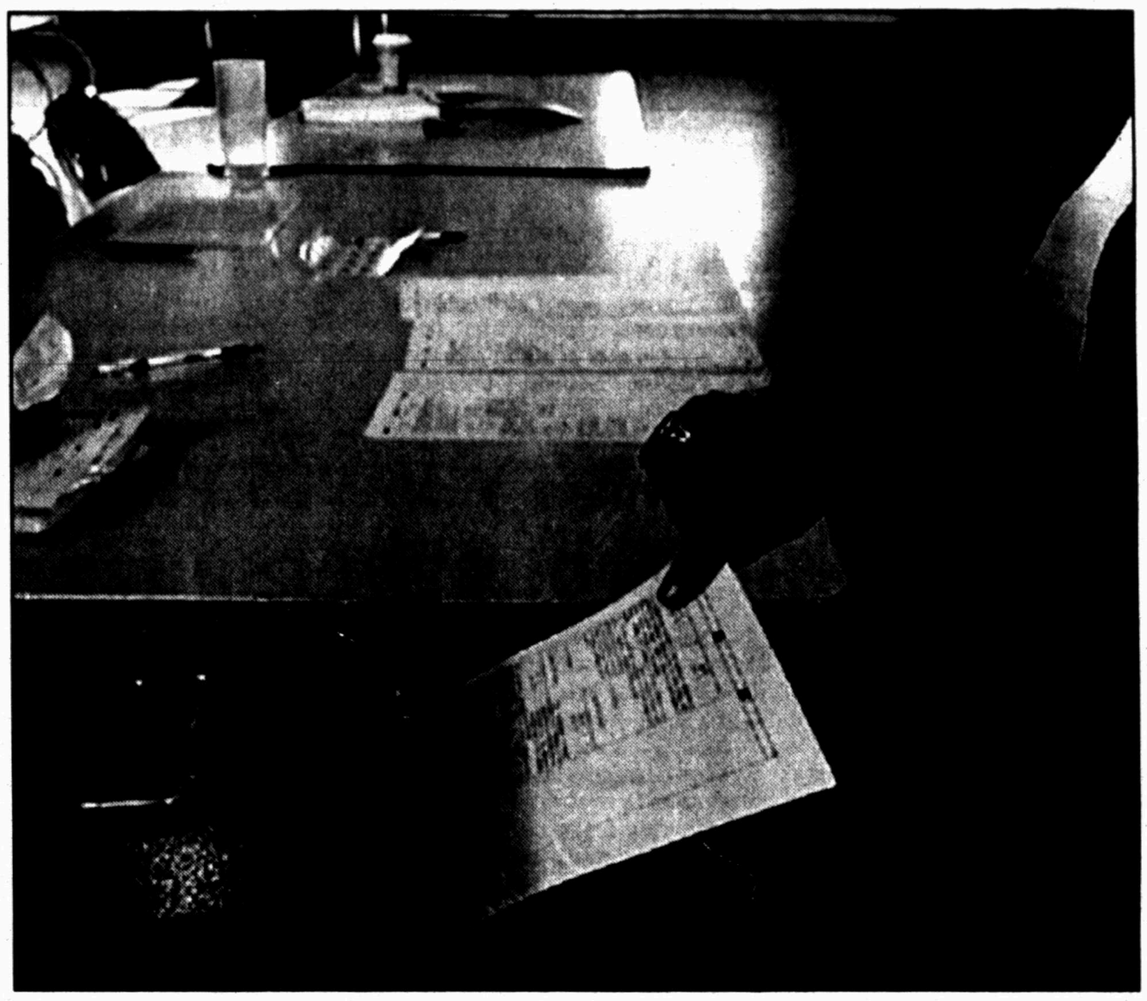
— Proposition 13: Authorizing another $400 million in bonds for college student loans.

— Proposition 14: Allowing state boards to have an odd number of three or more members.

— Proposition 15: Permitting spouses to convert separate property to community property.

— Proposition 16: Giving counties more flexibility to determine the numbers of justices of the peace and constables they have.

— Proposition 17: Giving regents of the University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems more flexibility in managing assets of the Permanent University Fund.



NOT MANY DID THIS — Only 247 ballots were cast in Snyder during Tuesday's constitutional amendment election. Including early voting, only 322 total ballots were cast. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Itching for something is okay, but remember you have to scratch for it."

Snyder teachers Walter and Christi Reneau communicate with their son, Casity, who is an engineering student at Texas A&M.

The Reneaus could identify with this e-mail received by parents with a kid off at college.

"Dear Dad,

$chool i$ really great. I am making lot$ of friend$ and $tudying very hard. With all my $tuff, I $imply can't think of anything I need, $o if you would like, you can ju$t send me a card, a$ I would love to hear from you.

Love,
Your $on"

And here was the reply:

"Dear Son,

I kNOw that astroNOmy, and oceaNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOr student busy. Do NOt forget that the pursuit of kNOwledge is a NOble task, and you can never study eNOugh.

Love,
Dad"

With the Thanksgiving holiday break approaching, someone passed along the Top 10 Reasons that college dorm students are looking forward to being home for Thanksgiving.

—You'll know that your turkey is a Butterball rather than a Grade E yet semi-edible fur ball.

—Your mother will not be serving your mashed potatoes and stuffing with an ice cream scooper.

—Pumpkin pie is a great alternative to green Jello.

—After your eighth glass of cider, your emergency dash to the bathroom will not be delayed by having to line the seat with toilet paper.

—Clean underwear, comfortable bed, access to car, bedroom larger than 12x14 cell...okay, even if for only four days.

—To eat your meals the only trek you'll have to make is from the couch to the kitchen.

—Instead of listening to "when I first started teaching here..." you can be entertained by "when you mother was your age..." and "during the Depression we weren't lucky enough to have brussel sprouts. Heck, all we could afford was the sprout."

—You can eat your corn steamed with butter rather than popped in the microwave.

—You'll know the hair in the shower drain is your own.

And the top reason college dorm students are looking forward to Turkey Day at home.

—You won't be eating off a tray. (Unless it's in front of the TV, watching football.)

Cogdell board meets Thursday

The federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997 affected most small hospitals, such as Cogdell Memorial Hospital, in a negative way by cutting federal programs and the associated income.

How this act will continue to impact the hospital's financial picture will be presented to the hospital's board of managers when it convenes at 8 a.m. Thursday for the regular monthly board meeting.

In action items, the board will consider the approval of minor revisions in the hospital's policies and procedures. This action is necessary to meet guidelines for the Joint Commission Survey in 2000.

The meeting will be held in the hospital board room.

26th veterans' reunion on tap

Matney's Raiders are coming to town as the 26th annual reunion of Company G veterans will get underway Thursday.

Headquarters for the reunion will again be at the Willow Park Inn.

The company was comprised of Company G, of the 142nd Infantry, 36th Division of guardsmen from Scurry County.

This year's reunion plans call for general visiting Thursday evening at the Willow Park, followed Friday evening by a barbecue dinner at 6:30 at the Martha Ann Women's Club where all reunion meetings will be held.

Saturday's events include a memorial service and business session at 10 a.m.

A banquet Saturday evening at 6:30 will conclude this year's reunion.

The company's history actually dates to World War I where it saw action in France. However, the company was deactivated after the armistice.

Capt. John E. Sentell reorganized it in Snyder on April 18, 1924.

As part of the Texas National Guard, the company carried 65 men and three officers, but as Hitler overran Europe and the United States moved closer to war, the company was enlarged to 250 men.

On Nov. 25, 1940, it was mobilized under the command of Captain Tim O'Cook. Some 106 men from Scurry County were included in Company G at this time.

G Company's first stop was at Camp Bowie in Brownwood, where the men trained for more than a year. They were then sent to Camp Blanding in Florida to participate in jungle training.

They also trained in the Carolinas, at Cape Cod, Mass., and the A.P. Military Reservation in Virginia.

Men from the company participated in the bitter assault on the Maggiore Pass, fought in the Battle of Cassino, the breakout of the Anzio beachhead and in the liberation of Rome.

Many of the men were killed and most were wounded before the company was relieved.

Scurry County, Texas
Amendment Election November 2

	For	Against
Amendment # 1	**205**	105
Amendment # 2	**154**	149
Amendment # 3	**199**	109
Amendment # 4	145	**165**
Amendment # 5	131	**176**
Amendment # 6	**198**	110
Amendment # 7	**164**	144
Amendment # 8	**156**	151
Amendment # 9	100	**203**
Amendment # 10	**156**	152
Amendment # 11	**163**	143
Amendment # 12	143	**161**
Amendment # 13	**166**	146
Amendment # 14	**222**	82
Amendment # 15	**182**	125
Amendment # 16	**174**	131
Amendment # 17	**159**	145

Country club's future discussed during meeting

Faced with a declining membership and resulting financial losses, directors of Snyder Country Club hope to decide the club's future by the end of the month.

During an emergency-called general membership meeting Tuesday night, members present voted to form two subcommittees to focus on separate areas of the club.

The members voted to appoint one committee to study clubhouse operations, which includes the restaurant.

One possibility is to seek requests for proposals for the lease of the restaurant facility.

A second committee will center on golf course operations, to include reduction of expenses. The committee will also explore the possibility of sharing maintenance with Western Texas College.

The membership also agreed to send cost-centered financial analysis, exclusive of dues, to each club member.

Currently there are 170 members, a decrease from 280 over the past two years, according to Joel Hook, club manager. At the meeting, members were told an estimated 230 dues-paying members is break even point, financially.

The two committees are expected to return with recommendations at a Nov. 17 board meeting. Dec. 1 is the target for putting new procedures in place to avoid closing of the club.

Over the past two years, the club has asked members for voluntary assessments, made mandatory assessments and has raised dues.

In addition, the club and golf course were open to the public on a limited basis, but has since returned to a members' club only.

Current losses, inclusive of dues but exclusive of debt service, were estimated at $1,000 monthly.

ASK US

Q—How come the Tiger football team doesn't get a bye in the playoffs like the volleyball team did?

A—There is no bye in football because the bracket is divided into big-school and small-school divisions. In volleyball, all teams compete together.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 55 degrees; low, 35; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 35; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.80 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low, upper 30s. Wind, light and variable. Thursday, mostly sunny. High 75-80. S wind 5-15 mph.



Zoe Briseno
Mostly Sunny

Sunset:
5:53 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:02 a.m.
Of 306 days in 1999, the sun has shone 299 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Opportunities are often things you haven't noticed the first time around.
—Catherine Deneuve



K-1 WINNER — Kindergarten and first place students at West who won last week's Red Ribbon Week coloring contest are from left, back row, Justin Gonzales, Garrett Snyder, Nicole Moulter, Brandi Espinosa; front row, Morgan DeLoera, Courtney Henson, Dominique Diaz. They each received a T-shirt. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

More repairs sought for 767 reversers

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the early 1990s, the Boeing Co. redesigned the thrust reversers on its 767 airplane after a crash, but problems remain and a reverser on EgyptAir Flight 990 was out of service when the plane crashed early Sunday.

However, there is no indication that any problem with a reverser caused the accident.

The Federal Aviation Administration acknowledged Tuesday that it has proposed two mandatory repair orders for 767 thrust reversers, a device that reverses engine air flow to slow a plane upon landing.

One airworthiness directive, or AD, proposed Sept. 9, would require the replacement of a pin on the thrust reversers on Pratt & Whitney PW4000 engines.

"The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent failure of the thrust reverser deactivation pins, which could result in deployment of the thrust reverser in flight and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane," the directive says.

The second FAA repair order, proposed Oct. 13, would require repeated inspections to reversers on PW4000 Series engines and the eventual replacement of certain sliding parts.

The directive said problems "could lead to a separation of a portion of the thrust reverser from the airplane during flight, possible impact of separated portions on airplane structure, and consequent possible rapid decompression of the airplane, reduced controllability of the airplane or reduced structural integrity of the fuselage."

The comment period for the first AD ended Monday, while the period for the second ends Dec. 3.

Investigators have no evidence that a thrust reverser accidentally deployed on one of the EgyptAir's two PW4000 engines, sending the plane and all 217 aboard plummeting to the Atlantic Ocean early Sunday.

They said Tuesday that one of the plane's reversers had been deactivated, but the aircraft met regulations for safe flying. The reason for the deactivation was not immediately clear.

"These issues will be fully investigated," said James Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

An accidental midflight thrust reverser deployment was blamed for the May 26, 1991, crash of another Boeing 767 that came off the Boeing assembly line immediately after the EgyptAir plane in 1989.

That airplane, operated by Lauda Air, crashed as it climbed after taking off from Bangkok, killing the 233 passengers and crew.

The accident stunned Boeing and the aviation industry because experts believed existing safeguards should have prevented it.

Although there was never any official explanation for the malfunction in the thrust reverser, investigators strongly suspected a flaw in the mechanism that controls it.

Boeing redesigned that mechanism on subsequent 767 and 757 models. The company and the FAA recommended that airlines flying the jets make similar modifications.

EgyptAir said the plane used for Flight 990 underwent the repairs in 1993.

FAA chief spokesman Eliot Brenner said the public should not read anything into the recent repair proposals.

"We put out ADs all the time," he said, estimating there are about 400 per year. "As part of our effort to raise the bar on safety, it's something we do every day."

A call to Pratt & Whitney was not immediately returned. Over the weekend, company spokesman Mark Sullivan said: "All aircraft engines are reliable." He said the PW4000 has an "excellent overall reliability and safety record."

Thrust reverser problems plagued another Boeing 767 once owned by EgyptAir.

Funeral industry is carving its own niche in cyberspace

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Caskets for sale on the Internet. Web sites, software and national directories for funeral homes. Online obituaries and videos to preserve a loved one's memory.

Death is a burgeoning industry in cyberspace.

"This is the future," said Jack Clarkson, the marketing director of Heavenlydoor.com who was among those gathered here this week for the annual convention of the National Funeral Directors Association.

Heavenlydoor.com lists everything from cemeteries and monument makers to virtual gravesite visits.

It's all designed to help customers in a difficult time while increasing profits for funeral providers, Clarkson said.

"People say the Internet seems like kind of a cold way to plan a funeral. But we think this takes the cold out and still leaves the personal part in," he said. "They can do this at home without a lot of pressure."

Many companies also create special memorials to the deceased.

Celebrate a Life.com features online obituaries and CD-ROMs that hold pictures, messages and mementos.

"We're trying to take the old and marry it with the new," said Robert Robinson, the company's executive director. "We do this for the non-techies, and for families that travel all over the world and aren't near the deceased."

A spokesman for the 14,000-member funeral directors association said e-commerce — along with stores that sell caskets at wholesale prices and other funeral-related businesses — still isn't a significant part of the industry.

About 35,000 caskets were sold via the Internet last year, only a fraction of the 1.8 million coffins sold overall during that time, said spokesman Ronald Troyer.

But Troyer, a 31-year veteran of the business, said he expects technology to bring more changes as aging baby boomers, comfortable with computers, begin to ponder the inevitable.

"We still see a lot of funeral home directors reluctant to join the technology age," he said. "That is going to change in the next five to seven years."

The increase in nontraditional funeral service providers has prompted the funeral directors group to push for stronger federal controls. The 14,000-member association wants tighter regulation on Internet companies, wholesale casket sellers and cemeteries that also provide caskets, said Kelly Smith, another association spokesman.



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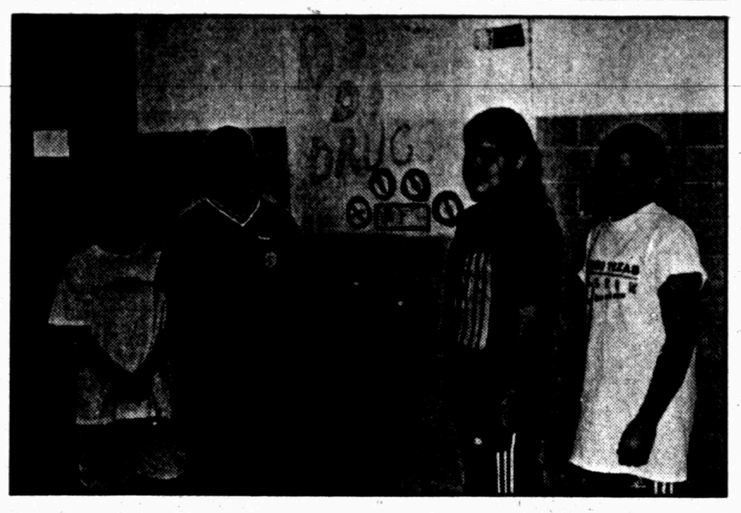
LAST WEEK WINNER IS LARRY THOMPSON

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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949. The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. Deweylene Stone 2. Gary Patterson 3. Mike Line 4. Susan Rinker 5. Jane Ann Harrington 6. Bill Hill 7. John Miller 8. Sue Jane Sullivan 9. Jacque Stehley 10. David Cotton







FIRST PLACE — Beverly Robertson's sixth grade students at West Elementary won first place in last week's Red Ribbon Week contest. To do so, they decorated their door with a Mummy and made several posters. Students shown with the Mummy (top photo) are from left, Nita Swan, Calvin Nobles, Cody Alaniz, Emily Jones. Ashly Pitner, counselor, coordinated the contest. Students pictured with some of the posters are (middle photo) from left, Anya Terrazas, Keenon Garcia, Chance Grantham, Ashley Bailey, Andria Nussey; and (bottom photo) from left, Noe Ruiz, Vanessa Chavez, Bryan Clifton, Jacci Westbrook, Krysta Burleson, Nicholas Martinez. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Jurors take 2 minutes to convict defendant

DALLAS (AP) — It only took jurors about two minutes to convict a teen-ager in the carjacking, rape and shooting death of a 24-year-old Dallas woman.

The jury found Bruce Lee Williams, 17, guilty Tuesday as many participants and spectators were still filing out of the courtroom.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for Williams in the Feb. 3 slaying of Pariya Kitsuwan.

Assistant District Attorney George West said the deliberation was among the shortest he had awaited in nearly two decades with the district attorney's office.

"There's no set time limit upon how long a jury needs to be back" in the jury room, he said. "They obviously understood the charge."

But West admitted he had a feeling jurors would not take a long time.

"We did have some solid, compelling evidence in this case," he said. "There were no issues that were left unresolved."

Michael Byck, a public defender representing Williams, declined to comment until after the sentencing phase in the capital murder trial.

Evidence presented by prosecutors included a handgun and several stolen items linked to Williams.

There was emotional eyewitness testimony from the victim's husband, Kriangkrai Nilkamhaen, 28, who was with his wife when she was assaulted and shot. He was shot in the arm.

Earlier Tuesday, prosecutors presented forensic evidence that Mr. Williams repeatedly sexually assaulted the victim and DNA evidence linled Williams to the crime.

Byck challenged the validity of the DNA evidence, noting that the husband did not mention that his wife was raped more than once.

"Somebody's got some bad science around here," Byck told the jury.

Byck said that evidence did show that Williams kidnapped the couple, committed a robbery and sexually assaulted the victim, there was doubt that his client intended to kill her.

Mistrial declared in subway incident

NEW YORK (AP) — A jury deadlocked in its sixth day of deliberations Tuesday, forcing a mistrial for a schizophrenic man who shoved a woman to her death beneath a subway train two weeks after his release from a mental hospital.

The jury had voted 10-2 to convict Andrew Goldstein of second-degree murder in the Jan. 3 slaying, with two jurors maintaining that Goldstein was not criminally liable for the death, a fellow juror said.

The family of Kendra Webdale, 32, was badly shaken by the mistrial, but vowed to return for a retrial.

Millennium's dawn may bring violence

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Religious extremists and those who fear Armageddon or a "New World Order" may use the new millennium as a pretext for unleashing a wave of violence, according to the FBI.

"We're not overreacting. We're not pushing the panic button. But (we) would be remiss if the U.S. did not prepare itself for this possibility," FBI senior spokesman Neil Gallagher said Tuesday before meeting with police chiefs from across the country.

An abridged version of the private FBI report for police agencies, titled Project Megiddo, was released on the FBI's Web site Tuesday.

"Many extremist individual and groups place some significance on the next millennium, and as such it will present challenges to law enforcement at many levels," the report said. "The significance is based primarily upon either religious beliefs relating to the Apocalypse or political beliefs relating to the New World Order (NWO) conspiracy theory."

Gallagher played down the bureau's handling of the 32-page report, saying it was a law enforcement tool for police to use if they detect suspicious activities.

Until Tuesday, the FBI refused to release a copy of the report to reporters. The Washington Post reported Sunday it had obtained a copy.

The report, named after an ancient battleground in Israel cited in the Bible's New Testament as the site of a millennial battle between forces of good and evil, said law enforcement officers should be on the alert for:

— Plans to initiate conflict with law enforcement.

— Extremists willing to become martyrs.

— Conflict during routine law enforcement activities such as traffic stops.

Thousands of lawsuits have been reinstated in nuke case

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A federal appeals court has allowed nearly 2,000 people to revive lawsuits over health problems they blame on the 1979 accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday that a lower court judge erred three years ago when she threw out the cases stemming from the worst nuclear accident in the nation's history.

That's little consolation for Amelia Beck, who says she has no plans to revive her late husband's lawsuit.

Earl Beck was one of plaintiffs who said their illnesses stemmed from the meltdown at the plant in central Pennsylvania. He was diagnosed with lymphatic cancer in 1983 and died in December.

"I don't plan to sue anyone for anything," she said. "Now he's gone. We could have used (the money) but I'm not going to worry about that now."

The 3-month-old Unit 2 reactor was generating electricity at 97 percent of its capacity in the early hours of March 28, 1979, when the control boards flashed the first warnings of the only general emergency ever declared at a U.S. nuclear plant.

Between one third and one half of the reactor's uranium-filled core melted in the first hours of the accident. The ensuing cleanup took nearly 12 years and cost $973 million.

Beck was 72 when U.S. District Chief Judge Sylvia Rambo ruled in 1996 that there was insufficient evidence to link the plaintiffs' various claims of cancer and birth defects to exposure to the radiation leak at the plant.

She threw out the cases of 2,000 plaintiffs based on testimony during a "mini-trial" or a test hearing of a group of 10 "typical" plaintiffs.

In Tuesday's ruling, Circuit Court Judge Theodore McKee said the remaining plaintiffs should have been given a chance to object to Rambo's decision. The ruling allowed all but the 10 plaintiffs involved in the test hearing to revive their cases.

"It is a victory and defeat for both sides," said plaintiffs' attorney Arnold Levin. "But for the 10 people whose case was thrown out, I feel sorry for them. As for the others, we will get back to their cases and pursue them."

Tom Kauffman, a spokesman for TMI, declined to comment, saying that officials there had not yet seen the decision.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Mom Has Plenty of Troops In Support of Custody Battle

DEAR ABBY: Since you didn't give marching orders to "In Shock and Heartbroken," whose surgeon-husband suddenly cleaned out the house and had his lawyer offer her $20,000 in exchange for custody of their children, may I offer some advice?

"In Shock," you deserve more than that jerk showed you. What kind of example is he setting for his children? More important, what kind of example will *you* set for them? I urge you to find the most aggressive, pit-bull lawyer in your area and tell him how you were cheated out of your marriage, belongings, means of support and children.

Many divorce lawyers will work for a percentage of the settlement rather than an up-front fee, especially in a case like yours. Your lawyer will file a motion to freeze hubby's accounts and hire a "forensic accountant" to track down what your husband must surely be hiding from you — and possibly the IRS as well. This was obviously planned for a long time, and it will take professionals to unravel the deception.

Hold him responsible. Stay and fight the good fight, and you'll never have to look back and say, "I wish I had," while your children grow up to be as selfish and manipulative as he is. I wish you love, luck, peace and victory in court!

STEAMING IN BOSTON

DEAR STEAMING: In fairness to me, the woman did not ask what steps she should take to proceed. She asked only if I thought she was right to stay and fight for her children.

An attorney who will take the matter on a contingency basis should be easy enough to find. Once she whispers the magic words, "surgeon" and "prominent family," the lawyer will know there is plenty of money and publicity to be had. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I read the letter about the surgeon who left his wife penniless and offered her $20,000 for custody of their children. I'm a family law attorney. You stated, "You have my respect for deciding to fight for your children against such odds, and I hope you prevail." While this is a sympathetic statement, I do not believe the woman is against such odds.

Depending on what state they live in and how long they've been married, she's probably entitled to at least one-half the community assets plus maintenance/alimony and child support, based on the parties' incomes. I would advise her to go to an attorney and file for temporary orders. Depending on the circumstances, the surgeon will be the one paying the attorney fees, plus maintenance and child support, until the court makes a final disposition of the property and a ruling on the parenting plan.

As he is a surgeon, I imagine he works long hours; and I imagine also that the wife has been the primary caretaker of the children. The odds are against him financially, and in her favor as the custodial or residential parent.

JAN YVONNE RINKER, GIG HARBOR, WASH.

DEAR JAN: Since more people are ignorant about divorce law than are knowledgeable about it, I'm sure your letter will be an eye-opener for many.

Several readers asked me to tell "In Shock and Heartbroken" that they doubted her husband's sincerity in seeking custody of their children — that he was either demanding them so he wouldn't have to pay child support, or using them as a bargaining chip. To quote "Dorothy in Maine":

"I wonder what he'd do if you said, 'Go ahead and take the kids.' His prospective new wife wouldn't be thrilled with that, I'll bet! Makes you want to spit, doesn't it? Hire a woman divorce lawyer ASAP. You'll prevail in the end."

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 11-03-99
♠ K Q 7 4
♥ A Q 2
♦ J 5 2
♣ 8 3 2

West
♠ 8 2
♥ 8 7 4 3
♦ K 10 7
♣ J 10 9 6

East
♠ A 6
♥ K 9 5
♦ 9 8 6 4 3
♣ K 7 4

South
♠ J 10 9 5 3
♥ J 10 6
♦ A Q
♣ A Q 5

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ J

Pushing kings aside

By Phillip Alder

In "The Rape of Lucrece," Shakespeare wrote, "Time's glory is to calm contending kings, / To unmask falsehood, and bring truth to light." What a great introduction for so many bridge columns!

This sort of deal defeats the less experienced player because he doesn't think before he makes a fatal move. How would you declare four spades? West leads the club jack round to your queen.

With his unappealing 4-3-3-3 hand, North makes a limit raise, showing some 11 support points with at least four trumps. South has a borderline raise, but the game bonus, like a conquerable territory to a king, is a seductive lure.

If it were a no-trump contract, East should put up the club king at trick one because his partner might have led from a suit headed by the ace-jack-10. But against a suit contract, the lead marks declarer with the ace-queen.

South led a trump at trick two. East won with the ace and returned a club. Now, with both red-suit finesses losing, declarer was destined to finish one down.

"That was unlucky," observed South.

"You speak with mendacity. I will unmask your falsehood," replied North.

He went on to explain that faced with a potential loser in each suit, declarer should have immediately led out the ace and queen of diamonds. West wins with the king and plays another club, but South wins with the ace, crosses to dummy with a heart to the *ace*, and discards his last club on the established diamond jack. With his loser count down to three, it is now time to get the trumps drawn as quickly as possible.

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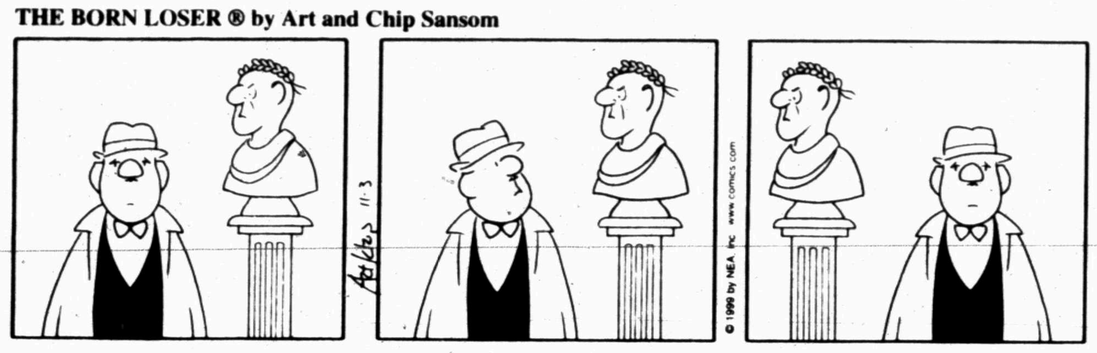
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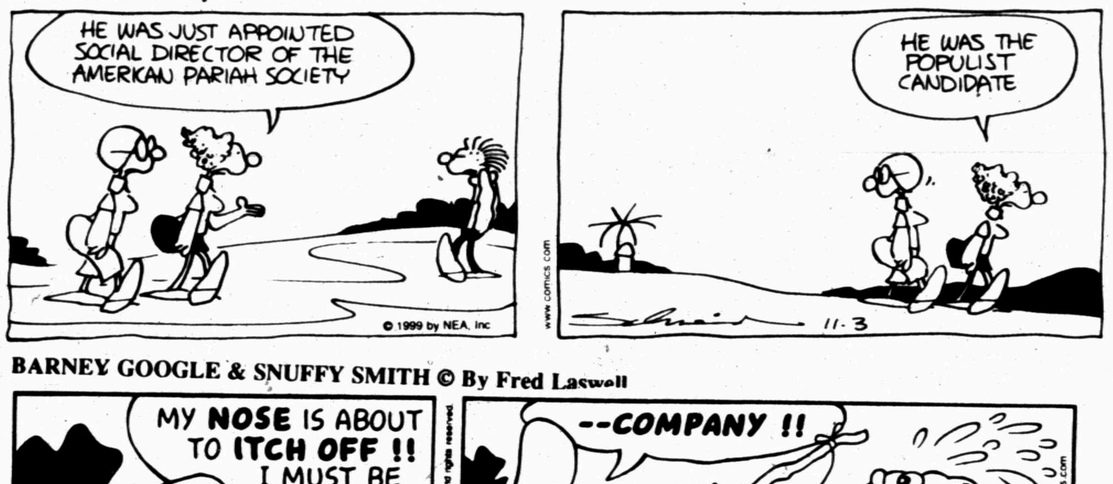
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ACROSS

1 First Greek letter
6 Greek peak
10 Kings' spouses
12 Amounts
14 Imaginary
15 Instigate (2 wds.)
16 Rep.
17 Roman three
19 Unit of heredity
20 Skittish
23 Shun
26 Ear (comb. form)
27 Boxing-victory letters
30 Categorized
32 — — flow
34 Teeter-totter
35 Bred
36 Before (poet.)
37 Beige
39 Cayuga and Seneca
40 Altar screen
42 City in Norway
45 Victory sign
46 "Social" end
49 Prairie wolf
51 Curly-haired dog
54 Ankle
55 One who is canvassed
56 Assess
57 Pays attention

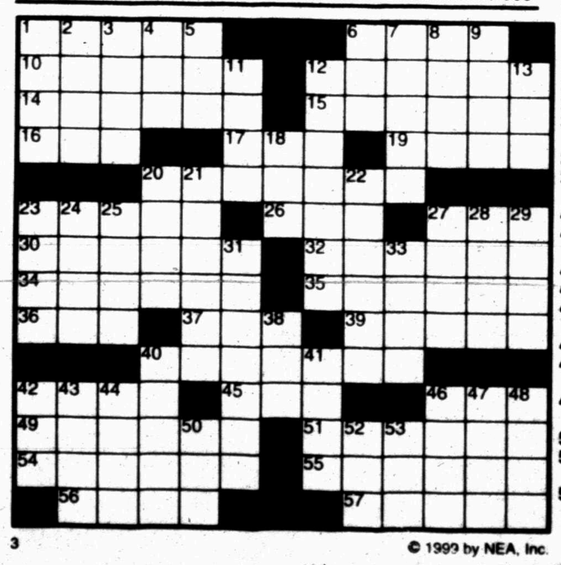
DOWN

1 Bluish-green
2 Breathing necessity
3 Sassy
4 "— Haw"
5 Collection of anecdotes
6 Your and my
7 Droopy
8 Large knife
9 Like — — of bricks
11 Skirt feature
12 Less noisy
13 One (Scot.)
18 "How was — — know?"
20 Lively dances
21 Conceive
22 Marine fish
23 Church part
24 Swerve
25 Curved molding
27 Chore
28 Type of jerk?
29 — and ends
31 Doc, Grumpy, Happy, etc.
33 Slant
38 Formerly named
40 Perch
41 Actor Johnny —
42 Tenth mo.
43 Rise up
44 Northern constellation
46 Not in use
47 Winter vehicle
48 Golf mounds
50 Cal. box
52 Companion of aah
53 Bullfight cheer

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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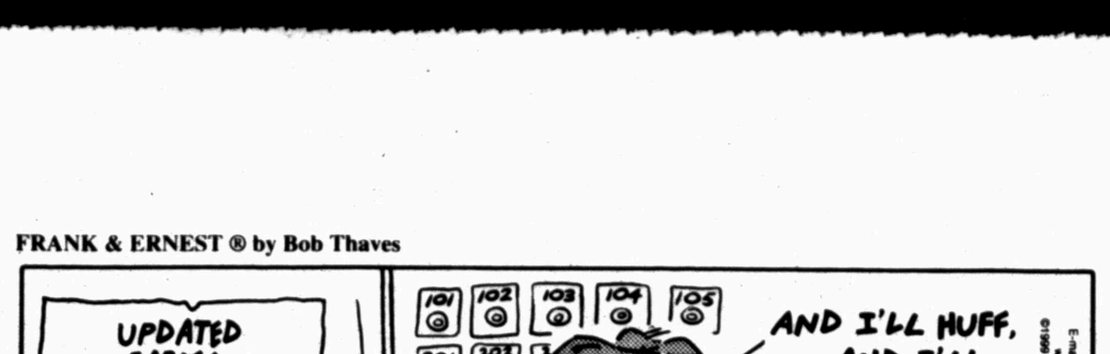
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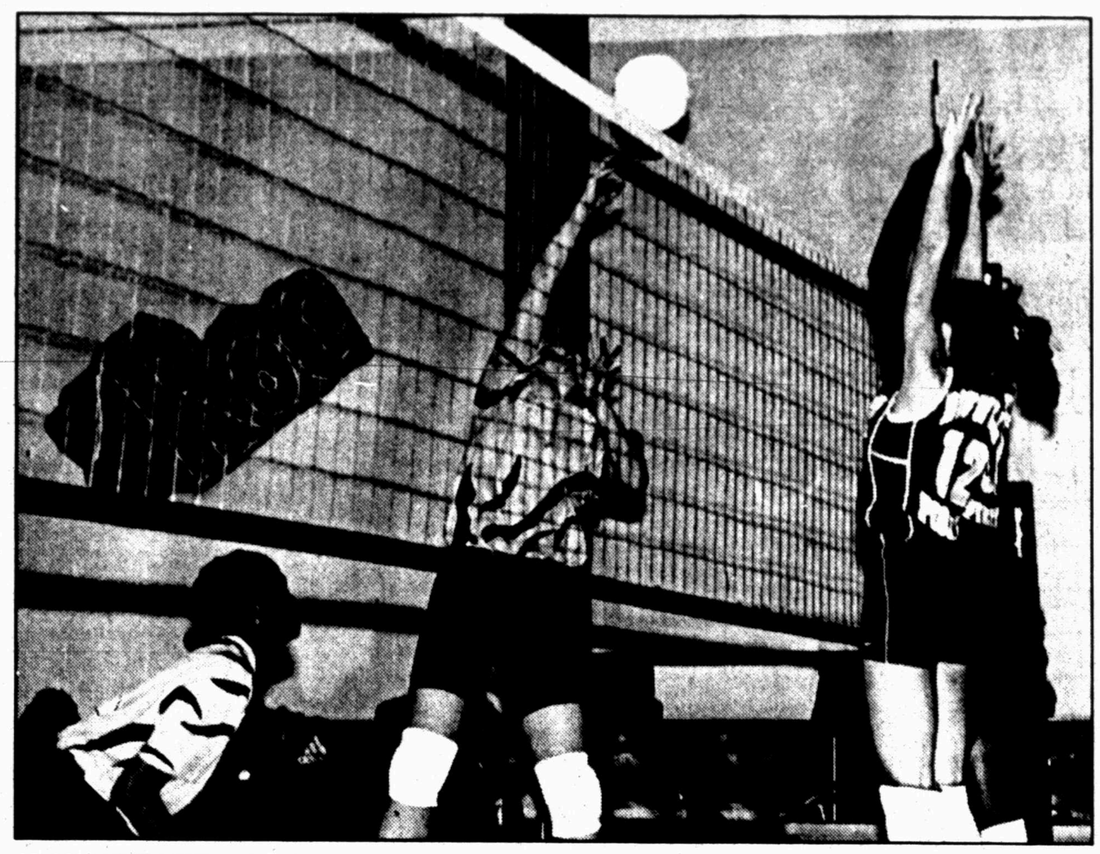


"That's the first time I've seen your mother leave the table without a second helping."



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SPORTS



ABOVE THE NET — Snyder junior Kameron Kallemeyn tries to tip the ball over the block put up by Saginaw Boswell's Stacy Bonds (12) and Natasha Giles (30), while Ashley Delce (left) looks on during area playoff action Tuesday night in Albany. The Lady Tigers, District 5-4A champions, fell to the Pioneers to end their season with a record of 21-11. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers bow to Boswell in area playoff

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

ALBANY — Following the opening game of their playoff match, it looked as if the Lady Tigers would be making reservations for this weekend's regional quarterfinals.

But looks can be deceiving.

Saginaw Boswell stole the momentum in Game 2 Tuesday night and never relinquished it, registering a 9-15, 15-7, 15-7 area playoff victory over Snyder.

The Lady Tigers finish their season with an impressive 22-10 record and the District 5-4A championship, but were one game away from accomplishing even more.

"These girls had a great season, and won the district championship. Nobody can ever take that away from them," Snyder coach Patty Grimmett said. "But they really wanted to win this match. We played really great in the first game. After that Boswell got the momentum, and we kind of went into a slump and never recovered."

Snyder opened a 13-4 lead in their 15-9 win in the opening game, then scored the first three points in Game 2, before the tide turned.

Boswell reeled off 10 unanswered points to take a 10-3 advantage, and the Lady Tigers never recovered.

"We produced a lot of offense in the first game, but we weren't able to in the last two games," said Grimmett. "And Boswell was really good on defense. They made quite a few great plays to save some points."

After the Lady Tigers' initial 13-4 blitz in Game 1, the Pioneers registered 15 of the next 20 points scored. The difference, according to Boswell coach Suzette Pritchett, was how the Pioneers attacked Snyder's rotation.

"It was obvious early on that we didn't have anybody that could stop No. 6 (Ashley Delce). Physically, we just didn't have any athletes that matched up with her," Pritchett said. "But late in Game 1, we also noticed that when she was on the bench, we could score in the middle. So when she was out, we attacked. And when she was in there, we just tried to survive."

The numbers confirm Boswell's plan. With Delce on the floor, the Lady Tigers outscored the Pioneers, 19-10. But with Delce out of the rotation, Boswell tallied 26 points, to just 10 for Snyder.

Delce finished the night with 10 kills, three blocks and three digs.

After closing out the second game, 15-7, Boswell stuck to its game plan in the final set.

Still looking to regain the momentum, Snyder kept Game 3 close, trailing by a slim 4-2 margin early on. But it would be as close as the Lady Tigers would get.

Following Delce's exit in the rotation, Boswell put together a 7-1 run to all but seal the victory.

"I though we did a pretty good job of defending their quick sets. They served a few aces at crucial times, and we couldn't get back the momentum," Grimmett remarked. "Give Boswell credit, they played probably one of their best matches of the season tonight."

While Delce led the Lady Tigers' attack, the Pioneers were spurred by Maren Monahan who registered 12 kills and 14 digs on the night.

Boswell improves to 33-8 on the year, advancing to face Denton in the regional quarterfinals.

Boswell def. Snyder 9-15, 15-7, 15-7
Snyder service points: Hildebrand, 8; Holder, 7; Kallemeyn, 5; Eicke and Martinez, 4; Tomlinson, 1. **Kills:** Delce, 10; Kallemeyn, 7; Hildebrand, 5; Geiger and Holder, 2. **Blocks:** Delce, 3; Geiger, Kallemeyn and Best, 1. **Digs:** Holder, 9; Kallemeyn and Hildebrand, 6; Martinez, 4; Delce, Best and Tomlinson, 3; Eicke, 2; Geiger and Webb, 1.

Rangers trade Gonzalez in 9-player deal

ARLINGTON (AP) — Juan Gone is long gone.

Juan Gonzalez, a two-time AL MVP and one of baseball's most feared hitters, was traded by the Texas Rangers to the Detroit Tigers in a nine-player deal Tuesday.

"We've been working the last couple of years to acquire a marquee player," Tigers general manager Randy Smith said, calling Gonzalez "a franchise player and future Hall of Famer."

Going with Gonzalez to Detroit were pitcher Danny Patterson and catcher Gregg Zaun.

The Rangers received pitchers Justin Thompson, Alan Webb and Francisco Cordero, outfielder Gabe Kapler, catcher Bill Haselman and infielder Frank Catalanotto.

Gonzalez, known as "Juan Gone" for his home runs, was the AL MVP in 1996 and 1998. The Tigers have until Saturday to exercise a $7.5 million option on him for next year, and the sides spoke shortly after the trade was made.

"We just weren't prepared to ... go into next season with that over our heads," Rangers general manager Doug Melvin said.

"I guess it heated up over the last couple of days," Melvin said. "We had talked about it at length. Randy Smith has been on vacation in Hawaii, so it was a long-distance call trying to get the deal done."

Smith, celebrating his wedding anniversary in Maui, said: "If you're going to deal with premier players, there's always a chance they'll walk. But you have to dare to be good."

"It's very difficult to entice a free agent to come to a city that hasn't won recently," he said. "Most players have to experience Detroit to see how good it is to play here."

Gonzalez, a two-time All-Star, hit .326 with 39 home runs and 128 RBIs this year. He led the Rangers to the AL West titles in 1996, 1998 and 1999, yet all three seasons ended in disappointment as each time they were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs by the eventual World Series champion New York Yankees.

Detroit went 69-92 last season and finished third in the AL Central, 271/2 games behind Cleveland in their final season at Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers hope for a fresh start next season when they move into new Comerica Park under newly hired manager Phil Garner.

"Over the last few years, we have worked hard to develop a farm system with a high talent level and strong depth," Smith said, without which "we could not have made today's deal."

Melvin said Thompson is highly regarded, although the left-hander underwent arthroscopic surgery on his pitching shoulder Aug. 26. At the time he was put on the disabled list, then manager Larry Parrish said Thompson was "mentally beat up."

"Whenever there's surgery, there's a certain amount of risk involved," Melvin said. "He was pitching hurt, and that was affecting his last few performances."

Thompson, 26, was 9-11 with a 5.11 ERA. He was an All-Star during his first full season in 1997, but has been slowed by injuries.

In 11 seasons with Texas, Gonzalez batted .294 with 340 home runs and 1,075 RBIs.

Gonzalez played in 49 games combined for the Rangers in 1989 and 1990 before spending his first full season in the majors in 1991.

He batted .314 with 47 home runs and 144 RBIs in 1996 as Texas won its first division title, and batted .318 with 45 homers and 157 RBIs in 1998.

The Puerto Rican native put up more big numbers last season, but his production was somewhat overshadowed by his refusal to play in the All-Star Game and the strong offensive production from teammates Rafael Palmeiro and Ivan Rodriguez.

Gonzalez and the hard-hitting Rangers also were criticized after getting swept by the Yankees in the opening round. Texas has scored a total of only two runs in their last 60 postseason innings, and lost nine in a row to New York.

Gonzalez was considered a lock to be one of the reserves chosen for July's All-Star game in Boston, but he told reporters that he would not play in the classic unless he was voted in as a starter by the fans. Melvin and Rangers manager Johnny Oates said they disagreed with Gonzalez's decision, but never criticized him publicly.

Kapler, 24, became the Tigers' center fielder once Brian Hunter was traded to Seattle early in the season. Kapler hit .245 with 18 home runs and 49 RBIs.

Cordero, a righty, made his major league debut and was 2-2 with a 3.32 ERA.

Mavs open season with 108-96 win

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks want to make Reunion Arena the kind of place opponents are afraid to visit.

And they say it with a straight face.

The Mavericks, coming off their first winning record at home in nine years, backed up their words Tuesday night by never trailing the Golden State Warriors en route to a season-opening 108-96 victory.

"When you have a team like we have that's not won in the past, you have to establish yourself somewhere," guard Robert Pack said. "You have to let teams know that coming in here that they're going to be in for a dogfight."

This uptempo game between teams that have gone a combined 14 seasons without making the playoffs could hardly be called a dogfight. Not when Golden State's starting frontcourt scored 20 points and the team committed 23 turnovers. Not when 7-foot-6 Shawn Bradley had a career-high five steals.

But Dallas did show the kind of spunk it's going to need if it plans to continue the mini-resurgence shown by last season's home record and an 8-7 final month.

The Mavericks grabbed a lead of as many as eight in the first half, made it nine in the third quarter and led by 13 in the final minutes.

"We just got things rolling and felt confident," said Michael Finley, who ignored the pain of a bruised right heel to score 26 points. "I hope we can take that throughout the rest of the season."

The Warriors are 0-1 for the fifth straight season because of sloppy play on both ends. Despite outrebounding Dallas by 10, Golden State was outscored in the paint 44-26.

"We didn't keep our composure," veteran Terry Cummings said. "I don't think we stepped up with our A game."

Finley did, despite missing the last four exhibition games with an injury that made him doubtful to even play.

Finley extended the NBA's fourth-best streak of consecutive games to 298.

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY
Football: Snyder JV at Lake View, 5 p.m.
Football: Ira JV at Wilson, 6 p.m.
Football: Westbrook at Ira JH, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY
Basketball: WTC vs. Seward County, at Liberal, Kan. tourney, 6 p.m.
Football: Lake View at Snyder, 7:30.
Football: Hermleigh at Borden County, 7:30.
Football: Ira at Westbrook, 7:30.
SATURDAY
Basketball: WTC vs. Barton County, at Liberal, Kan. tourney, 2 p.m.

National Hockey League

All Times Eastern
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	6	4	1	1	14	30	26
Philadelphia	6	6	1	1	14	37	33
N.Y. Rangers	4	7	2	0	10	23	30
Pittsburgh	2	5	3	1	8	33	35
N.Y. Islanders	2	6	1	0	5	18	30

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	9	3	1	0	19	38	23
Ottawa	8	3	1	1	18	41	25
Boston	4	5	4	0	12	30	29
Buffalo	3	7	2	0	8	29	38
Montreal	3	8	1	0	7	22	30

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	6	5	1	2	15	32	31
Carolina	5	3	3	0	13	31	27
Tampa Bay	3	6	1	1	8	27	34
Atlanta	2	6	2	1	7	22	38
Washington	2	6	2	0	6	23	36

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	7	3	1	1	16	38	25
St. Louis	7	4	0	0	14	36	24
Nashville	4	6	1	0	9	26	34
Chicago	2	5	4	0	8	26	34

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	7	4	2	1	17	42	37
Colorado	5	6	2	1	13	33	38
Edmonton	4	5	2	2	12	28	28
Calgary	3	8	2	0	8	28	45

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	9	3	2	0	20	49	37
San Jose	9	5	1	0	19	45	35
Phoenix	8	2	3	0	19	40	26
Anaheim	6	6	1	1	14	36	32
Dallas	6	5	1	0	13	23	26

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Tuesday's Game
Los Angeles 5, Pittsburgh 4

Wednesday's Games
Ottawa at Washington, 7 p.m.
Montreal at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Florida at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
Miami	1	0	1.000	—
New York	1	0	1.000	—
Washington	1	0	1.000	—
New Jersey	0	1	.000	1
Orlando	0	1	.000	1
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	1	0	1.000	—
Indiana	1	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	1	0	1.000	—
Chicago	0	0	.000	½
Atlanta	0	1	.000	1
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1
Detroit	0	1	.000	1
Toronto	0	1	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	1	0	1.000	—
Denver	1	0	1.000	—
San Antonio	1	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	0	0	.000	½
Houston	0	1	.000	1
Utah	0	1	.000	1
Vancouver	0	1	.000	1

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	1	0	1.000	—
Portland	1	0	1.000	—
Seattle	1	0	1.000	—
Sacramento	0	0	.000	½
Golden State	0	1	.000	1
L.A. Clippers	0	1	.000	1
Phoenix	0	1	.000	1

Tuesday's Games
Washington 94, Atlanta 87
Charlotte 100, Orlando 86
New York 92, Cleveland 84
Boston 103, Toronto 90
Indiana 119, New Jersey 112
San Antonio 89, Philadelphia 76
Dallas 108, Golden State 96
Milwaukee 98, Houston 93
Miami 126, Detroit 122, 2 OT
Denver 107, Phoenix 102, OT
Portland 106, Vancouver 86
Seattle 104, L.A. Clippers 92
L.A. Lakers 91, Utah 84

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New Jersey at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
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Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 10 p.m.

SDN Sports Briefs

Deer hunting contest

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BID NOTICE

The City of Snyder is accepting bids for the purchase of a new backhoe. Specifications for this equipment may be picked up at 1925 24th St., at the Snyder City Hall. The bids will be received until Wednesday, November 10, 1999 at 3:30 p.m. The opening will be in the accounting department at the city hall. The City of Snyder reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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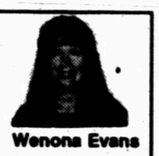
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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Parents should be there for tests

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do parents have a right to accompany their children during medical testing procedures? I realize that some parents could get in the way, and doctors don't want hysterical parents complicating their work, but it seems to me that a calm parent could soothe a frightened child, while making sure everything being done to the youngster was needed.

DEAR READER: I agree. I believe that the practice of parents accompanying their children for testing is appropriate — and many doctors encourage this involvement. Naturally, in certain circumstances — such as during surgery — parents are prohibited from being present, but they certainly can be nearby.

Parental presence is, as far as I know, not a right. However, physicians are obligated to explain procedures to parents. In my view, children should never be subjected to testing or surgery until the parents have been given a detailed and understandable explanation of what is to be done, the benefits and possible complications, and why the tests and procedures are being recommended.

In hospitals, rules often limit when and how long parents can stay with their children. Fortunately, these rules are surprisingly flexible and can be bent to suit individual needs. Pediatricians ordinarily welcome dialogue with parents on this issue.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been told that burning plastic in a fireplace can be harmful to health. My husband doesn't believe this and does it all the time. Who is correct?

DEAR READER: The practice can be harmful. Plastic is made from oil, and burning it liberates fumes and vapors that can be dangerous if inhaled. Many of these hydrocarbons are carcinogenic. Moreover, they cause air pollution and may be associated with chronic pulmonary disease.

Some plastics are highly flammable. In addition, plastic residue may stick to the inside of a flue and, over time, build up a combustible char — like creosote — that will ignite and cause a chimney fire.

I suggest that your husband consider more appropriate methods for plastic disposal; for example, he could recycle it — along with metal and glass — thereby becoming more environmentally responsible. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Insuring Your Good Health." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband splintered a rib in an accident several years ago. Will it get worse if he keeps rough-housing with the guys at work?

DEAR READER: Once a rib is fractured, it will heal in about two months, as will any other normal broken bone. Although healed rib fractures can produce occasional pain, I doubt that your husband will be harmed by "rough-housing with the guys" — unless, of course, he is unlucky enough to break another rib.

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Youth freed after essay lands him in jail

PONDER (AP) — A 13-year-old boy has been freed after spending five days in custody because the Halloween horror story he wrote as a school assignment described shooting a teacher and two classmates.

"It seems like a year ago, a big ol' long year," Christopher Beamon said after a judge ordered him released Tuesday from a juvenile facility.

"I was supposed to write a horror story. I don't think I did anything wrong."

His English teacher, Amanda Henry, thought he did such a good job that she gave him an "A," plus extra credit for reading it aloud in class.

The seventh-grader's story, written in first person and with misspellings, included a passage in which he becomes angry and "acssedently shot Mrs. Henry."

Some parents named in the essay worried that Christopher might harm their children. Ponder High School Principal Chance Allen called authorities, and deputies removed Christopher from school last Thursday.

Christopher's mother, Jan Beamon, said she met with a vice principal that morning and had no idea her son would be treated as a criminal.

"I left for work. Chris left for class. And then I got a phone call that he was in juvenile detention," Ms. Beamon said this morning on NBC's "Today."

School superintendent Byron Welch told NBC the outcome would have been different if Christopher had used fictional names. "The fact that we're dealing with real people, named specifically in the classroom, that is a real problem," he said.

Denton County Juvenile Court Judge Darlene Whitten ordered Christopher detained for 10 days after reviewing his school disciplinary records. She approved the early release after the family's attorneys demanded his freedom, journalists began highlighting the case and the district attorney said he didn't want to prosecute.

The judge wouldn't discuss specifics of the case but said she takes any threatening statement seriously.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1999

Today is the 307th day of 1999 and the 42nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1961, Jimmie Rodgers and Hank Williams Sr. became the first country music artists to be honored by the Country Music Hall of Fame.

On this day in 1970, Salvador Allende Gossens was elected president of Chile.

On this day in 1975 "Good Morning America" premiered on the ABC television network.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Stephen Austin (1793-1836), Texas hero; William Cullen Bryant (1794-1878), poet; Bronko Nagurski (1908-1990), football star; Bob Feller (1918-), baseball great, is 81; Charles Bronson (1922-), actor, is 77; Michael Dukakis (1933-), politician, is 66; Tom Shales (1948-), television critic, is 51; Roseanne Barr (1952-), actress, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1942, second baseman Joe Gordon of the New York Yankees was voted the Most Valuable Player in the American League.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is endless merit in a man's knowing when to have done." — Thomas Carlyle

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Oct. 31) and new moon (Nov. 7).

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BakerHughes		26¼	25¾	25 15-16— 1-16
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BellAtl		63 9-16	62 9-16	63 7-16+ 7-16
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HomeDepot		76 15-16	75 11-16	75 13-16—1 3-16
IBM s		95 15-16	93½	93⅝—1 5-16
IntlPaper		53⅜	52¼	52 7-16—11-16
JohnsonJn		105¼	103½	104⅜+ 2⅛
K mart		10 5-16	10¼	10¼+ ⅛
Kroger Co s		21 11-16	2121	— ¼
Litton		46¼	4646	— ¼
LockheedM s		20 1-16	19¾	19⅜— ⅛
Lowes Cos		57⅞	56	56 —1 3-16
Lubys		11 15-16	11¾	11¾— ⅛
LucentTech s		65¼	64¼	65 3-16+17-32
MayDeptStr s		33¼	33⅛	33¼+ 7-16
MediaOne		71⅛	70¾	70 13-16+ 3-16
Medtronic s		37 11-16	36¼	37 7-16+1 3-16
Mobil		96 13-16	95¼	95¾—11-16
Monsanto		40¾	39 9-16	40 5-16+2 7-16
MorganJP		132	130¼	130¼—1 11-16
Motorola		103 11-16	101 15-16	102¼
NCR Corp		32¾	32 1-16	32¼+ ⅛
Navistar		37⅛	35¼	36¼— 5¼
Penney JC		27¼	26¼	27¼+ ¼
PepBoys		12¾	11 15-16	11 15-16— ⅛
PepsiCo		34 3-16	33¾	33 15-16+ ¼
PhelpDodge		57 1-16	56 9-16	56 11-16— 5-16
PhilipPet		46 11-16	46	46 5-16— ¼
PilgrmPrd B		8¼	8 3-16	8 3-16— 5-16
Polaroid		21	20¼	20 15-16
Praxair		45¼	45¼	45 7-16—11-16
ProctGamb		107⅛	106¼	106 9-16+ 9-16
PubSNwMx		17 9-16	17 5-16	17⅜— ⅛
ReliantEngy		27 9-16	27 3-16	27 7-16+ ⅛
RoyalDut		60 9-16	60	60 1-16+ 9-16
SBC Comm		51¼	50¾	50 5-16— 7-16
SaraLee s		27	26⅛	26 11-16+ 3-16
Scripps EW		47¼	46 3-16	46 3-16— 5-16
SearsRoeb		28¼	27 15-16	28¼— ¼
SherwinW		23	22¾	22¾+ ⅛
SmithKlBchm		66 9-16	66¼	66 3-16+ 4⅛
SouthernCo		26 7-16	26 3-16	26¼— ⅛
SwstAirl s		17 3-16	16 13-16	16 15-16
SprintFON s		72¾	72 5-16	72⅝+ ⅛
SprintPCS n		82 3-16	81	81 15-16+15-16
Sunoco Inc		25⅛	24¼	24½— 3-16
TNP Ent		40 7-16	40¼	40 5-16+ 1-16
Tandy s		61 13-16	60¾	60¾+11-16
TempleInland		59¾	59¾	59 11-16+ ⅜
Tenneco		15⅜	15 3-16	15 9-16+ 1-16
Texaco		60¾	59¾	59 11-16+ 3-16
TexInd		34½	34¼	34 11-16+ 5-16
TexasInst		91¼	89¾	90¼+ 1¼
TexUtil		39¼	39	39 3-16 39⅜+ ⅛
Textron		73 13-16	71¾	73½—13-16
TriconGlbR		40	39 7-16	39½— 7-16
TrinityInds				30¼ 30304
TritonEngy		17 3-16	17	17 1-16
TylerTech				4¾ 4¼ 4¾
US West Inc		61¼	61¼	61¼— ¼
USX-Marathn		28¾	27 13-16	28 — ⅛
USX-USS		25¼	25¼	25¼— ¼
UnCarbde		63¼	61¾	62 9-16+ 9-16
UnionPacif		53¼	53 5-16	53 7-16— 9-16
UnitedTech s				60 3-16 59¾ 60
Unocal		33 1-16	32 7-16	32 15-16— ⅛
Venator Grp		8 1-16	7¾	7 15-16+ 3-16
WalMart s		56 7-16	55¾	56 — ⅛
WellsFargo		47 5-16	46 11-16	47 1-16— 1-16
WstnGasRs			16¼	16¼ 16¼
WinnDixie		28 3-16	27¼	27 11-16+ 3-16
Xerox Cp s		27	26 1-16	26 1-16— 5-16

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Patterson	12 7/8	+3/16
Dell	42 5/8	+1 7/16
Wal Mart	55 15/16	-3/16
Compac	18 15/16	0
Dol. Gen.	25 9/16	+1/16
GTE	74 3/8	+7/16
SBC Comm.	50 5/16	-7/16
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Genetically altered corn may be safe for butterflies

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Genetically altered corn may not pose as widespread a threat to monarch butterflies as previously thought, researchers say.

However, current research on the corn's toxicity is not yet extensive enough to determine any conclusive impact on the monarch, said Richard Hellmich, a U.S. Agriculture Department researcher at Iowa State University.

Scientists on Tuesday released 17 separate studies in response to a May report by Cornell University that linked the deaths of monarch larvae with pollen from genetically-altered Bt corn.

The corn — which contains a bacteria that kills certain insect pests — is one of the most widely planted genetically-modified crops in the United States. The Cornell study said caterpillars that eventually turn into monarch butterflies died after eating pollen from Bt corn.

The study appeared in the journal Nature.

Research presented Tuesday shows that while one variety of Bt corn could endanger the butterfly, other types do not.

"A lot of data presented was overwhelmingly positive," Hellmich said.

Stanford University entomologist Stuart Weiss agreed, saying a "toxic cloud of pollen" feared to be threate ing butterfly populations "is clearly not the case."

Still, researchers cautioned the separate findings were preliminary, and said more research is needed.

Blair Siegfried, a researcher from the University of Nebraska, said while pollen exposure apparently poses no great risk to the monarch, that "is not to say there isn't some risk" from exposure. "That cannot be downplayed."

Scientists conducted field research across the United States and Canada. More than half of the funding for the various research came from the Agriculture Department and biotechnology firms, some of which manufacture Bt pollen.

Manufactured by Novartis AG, Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. and Monsanto Co., Bt corn is laboratory-designed to produce a natural pesticide that kills the corn-destroying European corn borer. The altered strain accounted for more than 25 percent of the 80 million acres of corn planted in the United States in 1998.

The European Commission, which enforces rules for the 15-member European Union, cited the Cornell study this summer in delaying approval of pending requests to sell the corn variety, and Mexican environmentalists urged their government to ban its import and use.

Diversified By Greg Gruben, Extension Agent

Autumn is here, and with it comes the yearly chore of keeping the lawn free of fallen leaves. They should be removed from the lawn, since a heavy blanket of leaves can smother a lawn if allowed to remain. In previous years, leaves were burned or hauled to the dump to be burned or buried. Air pollution controls have made the smell of burning leaves a thing of the past.

Actually, leaves are much too valuable to burn. A better use is to compost them, to provide a ready source of composted soil for use in preparing flower and shrub borders, potted plants and top-dressing for the yard.

The simple method of composting leaves or other vegetable matte is to build up alternate four to six inch layers of vegetable matter with two to four inches of good garden soil. Sprinkling a commercial fertilizer on each layer of vegetable matter will hasten decomposition. One-half pound or one cupful of 10-10-10, 10-6-4, 10-20-0 or the equivalent, per ten square feet of vegetable matter layer is sufficient. Manure, if available and free of weeds, may also be added to good advantage to the soil layer.

The compost pile should be four to six feet wide, and of any desired length. The top layer should consist of soil, and the surface of the pile should slope toward the center, forming a basin to hold water. The layers of leaves should be watered thoroughly as they are spread out, and when the pile is completed, additional water should be added periodically to keep the material moist but not soggy.

The compost should be turned or mixed with a garden fork or shovel every three or four months, and within six months to a year, it should be ready for use.

SWCD Report

High winds and West Texas just seem to go together, and recent weather gives us a reminder that winter is on its way.

A good way to make both the wind and your utility bill a little bit more endurable is by planting a living windbreak. A properly installed windbreak goes a long way toward lowering your utility bill, and making life a lot easier on both people and animals.

Don't be fooled by the name. These trees do more than block the wind. Properly sited and spaced, they work well as sound barriers and/or privacy screens. Wildlife benefit from food and cover provided by windbreaks. Studies have shown that by softening rainfall, blocking high winds, and holding soil in place windbreak plantings reduce erosion by as much as 25 percent.

The Upper Colorado SWCD is beginning its annual windbreak tree sales program and we're ready to take your order.

Evergreen and hardwood varieties are offered again this year, along with four types of wildlife packers. Evergreen species include Afghan Pine, Pinon Pine, Australian Pine and Eastern Redcedar. Evergreen seedlings are shipped in tarpaper tubes and are $2 each.

Hardwood tree species offered are Catalpa, Osage Orange (Bois d'Arc), Green Ash, Hackberry, Honeylocust, Lacebark Elm, Little Walnut, Shumard (Red) Oak, and Native Plum. The seedlings are shipped bare root, and are $1.00 each.

Hardwood shrub species include Aromatic Sumac, Sand Cherry, Fourwing Saltbush, Russian Olive, Nanking Cherry and Amur Honeysuckle. These seedlings are also shipped bare root, and are $1 each. Amur Honeysuckle is in short supply, so pleasing get your order in soon.

Wildlife packets contain a total of 100 bare root seedlings (25 each of 4 varieties) individually tailored for quail and pheasant, deer, turkey, or squirrel. Wildlife packets are $50 each.

Order forms can be obtained at the Upper Colorado SWCD office. All tree orders need to be paid for at the time of order, and checks can be made out to Upper Colorado SWCD. Cut off date for all orders is Jan. 31, 2000. Please be sure to include a phone number on the order form, so we can contact you when the trees arrive. Delivery should be on or about Feb. 10, 2000. The Upper Colorado SWCD office is in the north end of the USDA Service Center located at 5308 Big Spring Hwy.

Town & Country Topics By Kathryn Roberts, Exten Agent

It's All About You

Are you in a nutritional rut? Do you feel that nutrition is important for your health but need some help making changes? You're not alone. According to the American Dietetic Association, only 40 percent of Americans say they're doing everything they can to make healthful food choices.

"It's All About You" is an exciting new program from the dietary Guidelines Alliance that has been consumer-tested with real-life people like you.

"It's All About You" converts the Dietary Guidelines for Americans into five simple, positive messages. The theme is "Make healthy food choices that fit your lifestyle so you can do the things you want to do." Here are the five messages of the program.

Be Realistic: Set small goals for yourself. You didn't develop your habits overnight, so don't expect to change them overnight. Make small changes over time. Once you reach a goal, challenge yourself with another. Small steps help you feel more successful and stay motivated. For example, try adding one more fruit or vegetable to your daily diet. Set a regular time to walk or do something active with friends. Small changes can lead to long-term improvements.

Be Adventurous: Have you ever tried star fruit, ugli fruit or jicama? A healthful diet won't be boring if you try new things. Today, fruits and vegetables from all over the world are available in your local supermarket. Check out your local farmer's market or produce department for foods that are new to you. A simple goal might be to try a new fruit and vegetable each month. Or go for international intrigue — try a new recipe from a different country each month.

Be Flexible: The big picture is what's important when setting goals. Balance what you eat with physical activity over several days. Don't worry about one meal or one day. If you overeat or don't exercise, adjust and make trade-offs over the next few days.

Be sensible: No food should be completely off-limits. Denying your craving can actually make you eat more of everything else. Moderation is the key. When eating out, consider splitting an entrée or dessert with a friend. Take time to enjoy the meal rather than rushing through it. Remember, you can enjoy all foods just be sensible about it.

Be Active: Find ways to fit physical activity into your everyday life. If you have a dog, don't just watch it run when you let it out, get out there and take it for a walk or run. Use the stairs instead of the elevator. Try a new activity such as swing dancing or gardening. Plan vacations that include some kind of physical activity such as hiking, biking or walking.

The goal is to make healthy choices that fit your lifestyle so that you can do the things you want to do. Remember, "It's All About You." What works for someone else might not work for you. Set your own goals and rewards for success. And put the fun back into food and physical activity!

Lubbock auction

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 1,040 head of cattle for the Thursday, Oct. 28, sale. Cows were $2 to $3 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were steady to $1 cheaper. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 30-38.50
Canner and low cutters: 26-32
Slaughter bulls: 40-48.50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 90-105
400-500: 80-92.50
500-600: 75-85
600-700: 73-78.50
700-800: 68-75.50
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 82-92
400-500: 75-85
500-600: 72-77
600-700: 67-73
700-800: 64-70
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 70-84
700-800: 60-70
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 600-725
Grade: 450-550
Springers: 300-575
Baby calves: 75-150
Doodlers: 125-200

C-City auction

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 643 head of cattle for the Saturday Oct. 30, sale. Feeder steers and heifers were firm with 500 pound steers $1 to $3 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls were steady. Bred were steady. Pairs were higher in a light test. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 92-100
300-400: 82.50-92
400-500: 83-90
500-600: 77-85
600-700: 72.50-75.25
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 80-90
300-400: 75.50-83
400-500: 74.50-77
500-600: 70.50-73.50
600-700: 69.50-73
700-800: 67-72.50
Replacement cows: 460-550
Bred cows: 355-450
Cow and calf pairs: 610-730
Older cow and calf pairs: 530-630
Slaughter cows: High dressing: 31-35
Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 42.50-40.50

NOTICE

On October 18, 1999, TXU Electric Company ("TXU Electric"), in accordance with Chapter 39, Subchapter G of the Texas Utilities Code, filed an Application for Financing Order to Securitize Regulatory Assets and Other Qualified Costs with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission). Customers potentially affected include those retail customers, whether or not receiving service from TXU Electric, whose facilities, premises and loads are located in TXU Electric's certificated service area and are either being served or have been served by TXU Electric at any time after May 1, 1999.

If the proposed Financing Order is approved, TXU Electric will be permitted to securitize generation-related regulatory assets and other qualified costs in the amount of $1,650,000,000, as calculated in accordance with Texas Utilities Code Section 39.302(5). To securitize such regulatory assets, authorization is being sought for a special purpose entity to issue transition bonds, for a term not to exceed 15 years. The proceeds from the transition bonds will be used to reduce the amount of recoverable regulatory assets, and to pay the costs to issue, service and support the transition bonds and the costs to retire or refund TXU Electric debt and equity.

Amounts needed to pay principal and interest and to service and support the transition bonds and related transaction costs will be recovered through non-bypassable transition charges. Such transition charges will be collected from customers by TXU Electric or other providers of retail electric service. Charges to customers will not be affected until the earlier of: (1) the effective date of the rates for customers who, after May 1, 1999, request to and then switch service to a different electric utility; (2) June 1, 2001, for customers who participate in the pilot project under Texas Utilities Code Section 39.104; or (3) January 1, 2002, for all other customers, although the rates set in this proceeding will be subsumed under TXU Electric's "price to beat" rates for residential and small commercial customers who take service under those "price to beat" rates after January 1, 2002.

Persons with questions or who want more information about TXU Electric's Application may contact Chris Schein at (214) 812-5338. A complete copy of TXU Electric's Application is available for inspection at 1601 Bryan St., 32nd Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Pursuant to Texas Utilities Code Section 39.303(e), the Commission must issue an Order no later than January 16, 2000. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Investigators examine engine work

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — As bad weather virtually shut down recovery efforts at the watery crash site of EgyptAir Flight 990, investigators began looking into whether a deactivated engine part played a role in the disaster that killed 217 people.

The part, called a thrust reverser, was blamed for a fatal Boeing 767 crash eight years ago in Thailand. It wasn't working on one of Flight 990's two engines and was deactivated sometime before Sunday's crash, investigators said Tuesday.

The reason wasn't known. Investigators, however, said the flight met regulations for safe flying and airplanes are allowed to fly with only one operating thrust reverser.

The parts are designed to slow a plane on landing by reversing engine air flow. Investigators will likely study whether the functioning reverser on Flight 990 might have suddenly activated in flight, knocking the jet off course.

An accidental mid-flight thrust reverser deployment was blamed for the 1991 crash of another 767 that came off the assembly line in 1989 immediately after the EgyptAir jet. After that crash, which killed 233 people, Boeing redesigned the mechanism that controls the thrust reverser.

EgyptAir said the plane used for Flight 990 underwent the modification in 1993.

Pilots who flew the plane in earlier legs also reported a flickering light on an air-conditioning system, and that two tires were replaced at a stop in Los Angeles. The three items were logged on a maintenance report.

"These issues will be fully investigated," said James Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Investigators interviewed the pilots who flew the plane on three flights before the fatal crash, Hall said. All said the flights "were normal," with no airplane problems.

Hall also said the air-conditioning system checked out fine.

Investigators hope to gain vital clues by recovering the plane's flight data and cockpit voice recorders from the ocean floor. A sonar-equipped Navy ship detected signals from both of the so-called "black boxes" on Tuesday.

Shooter gave no hint of trouble

HONOLULU (AP) — Hiro Uyesugi remembers his son losing his temper only once during 15 years at the Xerox Corp., when he kicked an elevator door a few years ago and had to undergo anger management counseling.

Nothing in Byran Uyesugi's history hinted at the bloodshed that erupted at Xerox's offices on Tuesday, when police say he walked into a second-floor meeting room and shot seven coworkers to death.

Uyesugi fled in a company van, but surrendered to police after a five-hour standoff. A search of his home found 11 handguns, five rifles and two shotguns owned by the former Roosevelt High School rifle team member.

"I'm going to bring him another gun so he can shoot himself," an anguished Hiro Uyesugi snapped when questioned by reporters.

The nation's latest episode of workplace violence was the worst tragedy in the company's history and the worst mass murder in Hawaii's history. It was a stunning blow in a state with just 24 murders last year and an enduring reputation as America's paradise.

"You would never think it would happen at your workplace. You hear it all around," said Andy De Leon, a Xerox employee. "But this is too close, way too close."

Uyesugi, 40, was expected to be arraigned today. Because multiple deaths were involved, he will likely face a first-degree murder charge, punishable by a mandatory sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. Hawaii has no death penalty.

Uyesugi, who fixed copiers at Xerox, was clad in a green Hawaii print shirt when he entered the building shortly after 8 a.m. KITV-TV, citing unidentified sources, said Uyesugi was on his way to a meeting when he shot two men, missed a third, and then shot five more.

"We all heard this banging noise, like a hammer hitting on a piece of metal," De Leon said. "We didn't think anything of it then. Then all of a sudden a boss called out and said, 'Follow us' and we started running out.

"Someone asked what happened and he said somebody got shot upstairs."

Uyesugi left the building and waved goodbye to another coworker before driving off.

Five victims were slain in a conference room and two other bodies were found nearby. All had been shot with a 9 mm handgun at close range, authorities said. Police found 20 9 mm shell casings at the scene.

The victims were identified as Melvin Lee, 58; Ron Kawamae, 54; Ron Kataoka, 50; Peter Mark, 46; Ford Kanehira, 41; John Sakamoto, 36; and Jason Balaticco, 33.

Uyesugi and the company van were spotted by a jogger at a nature park overlooking downtown. After hours of negotiations with authorities, he finally surrendered.

Obituaries



Deborah Beall

Deborah Beall

1954-1999

Funeral service for Deborah Ladale Beall is set for 4 p.m. Thursday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired minister, and Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Beall, 45, died Tuesday, Nov. 2, at Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a sudden illness.

Born Aug. 25, 1954 in Levelland, she married Bruce Warren Beall on Jan. 22, 1973 in Colorado City. He died April 28, 1995.

Mrs. Beall was a special education clerk for 10 years and a longtime member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. She was a member of Snyder Lions Club.

Survivors include a son, Jack Beall of Snyder; two daughters, Melissa Gordon of Conway, Ark., and Tara Beall of Denton; her mother, Dorothy Lavender of Snyder; a sister, Terri Herriage of Midland; and two grandchildren.

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Minimum wage vote not due until next week at the earliest

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sponsors of House measures to boost the minimum wage by $1 an hour are running out of time to reach agreement on how quickly the increase would take effect and the scope of a companion tax relief package.

Republican and Democratic sponsors of competing plans worked Tuesday to line up the necessary votes, but Majority Leader Dick Armey said the issue would not reach the House floor unless a GOP-tilted version with $30 billion in tax relief over five years appeared likely to gain sufficient bipartisan support.

"We're not going to put it on the floor if we don't have the Democrats to pass it," said Armey, R-Texas.

After a closed-door Republican meeting today, several GOP leaders said it was unlikely the necessary 40 to 50 Democratic votes would be found in time for action this week.

"If it comes up, it will be next week," said Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Okla.

The measure, sponsored by Reps. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., and Gary Condit, D-Calif., has not only drawn a veto threat from the Clinton administration over the tax package but is also viewed by many GOP moderates as weak because the minimum wage increase is phased in over three years.

"I really feel we can do a lot better," said Rep. Jack Quinn, R-N.Y.

Lazio and Condit both said Tuesday they were working to gain sufficient bipartisan support. "We're closing the gap," Lazio said.

Long a hallmark of Democratic politics, increasing the current $5.15-an-hour minimum wage has become a priority for Republicans in districts with large union constituencies, particularly in the Northeast. For that reason, House GOP leaders are willing to bring an increase to the floor, but they aren't actively supporting it.

"It's something you have to look at, I think, almost on a regional basis," Armey said. "It probably is, I think, a matter of some consequence in a lot of districts. It is not in my district."

A revised GOP tax package released Tuesday includes a five-year reduction in the estate tax, an expansion of the low-income housing tax credit, expanded pensions and delayed taxation of federal farm production payments. It would also increase the business meal deduction from 50 percent to 60 percent and make self-employed insurance premiums fully deductible in 2001 instead of 2003.

"This modest tax relief for those who create jobs will provide an effective antidote to the job-threatening potential of a government-imposed minimum wage increase," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas.

Dropped from that version were the original proposal's credits for independent film production and intercity buses that need wheelchair lifts, as well as a repeal of a tax paid by retailers and wholesalers of alcoholic beverages. Some of those could be resurrected to gain votes, however.

Top Clinton administration officials said Monday they would recommend a veto of the bill because the tax relief would be paid for out of projected budget surpluses beginning in 2001 — money they say is needed to safeguard Social Security and Medicare.

Democrats are pushing for the $1 increase over two years and a more modest, $8 billion package of tax relief for small businesses that would be fully offset with several revenue-raisers.

Lamesa man jailed on felony warrant

A 29-year-old Lamesa man was jailed Tuesday on a felony warrant.

Department of Public Safety troopers arrested Richard Scott Lashley of 1306 North 13th Street in Lamesa at 3:41 p.m. on a warrant for hindering a secured creditor. The warrant was out of Nolan County and the subject was taken into custody at U.S. Hwy. 84 milepost 342.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a report of a cotton trailer on fire at 2:05 p.m. Tuesday, some 15 miles east of Snyder on Hwy. 180. The fire was minor.

Fire officials said it was suspected that a wheel bearing overheated and caused the blaze.

Firemen were called to Snyder Healthcare around 9:45 a.m. today to a report of a possible fire, as workers could smell smoke in the building.

The building was checked and there was no fire. The wind was possibly blowing the odor into the building.

Scurry Health Unit sets flu shot times

Flu shots will be given until 4 p.m. today at the Scurry County Health Unit as the unit begins its November schedule of flu vaccinations.

The shots will also be given Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m., and from 1:30-4 p.m.

On Friday, the shots will be administered from 8:30 until noon.

Next week, the shots will be given on Thursday.

Cost of the flu shot is $5, or a Medicare card may be presented.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Delbert Jones, Nicky Silva, Joe League, David Lunsford and Amanda Sims.

DISMISSALS: Melravis Cobb, Barbara Gowin and David Lunsford.

CENSUS: 34 (Med./Surg.-8, Long-term Care-24, OB-2)

Birth

Amanda Sims announces the birth of her seven-pound, five-ounce daughter born Nov. 2 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Ritz tickets

The Ritz Theatre box office is open daily for reservations for the production of "I Remember Mama," with performances on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are $7 each, or $5 for groups of 10 or more. Student and senior tickets are $5 for the Sunday matinee.

Gospel meeting

A gospel meeting, featuring evangelist Rex Boyles of Canadian, concludes this evening with a 7 p.m. service at 37th Street Church of Christ.

Northeast parent council

The Northeast Elementary parent council will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium.

Rivers of Living Waters revival

The Rivers of Living Waters Church will have a revival beginning Thursday and ending Tuesday, starting at 7 each night. Evangelist is Mildred Williams of Albuquerque. On Saturday, services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Golden K garage sale

Golden K Kiwanis Club will have a garage sale from 1-4 p.m. Friday and from 8:30 until 1 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M. Donated items are being accepted.

Brisket dinner

The SHS baseball booster club will have a brisket dinner from 5-7 p.m. Friday before the Lake View football game. Tickets can be purchased from any booster club member or at the door. Carry-outs will be available. Funds will be used for new uniforms.

55th anniversary

Trinity Full Gospel Apostolic Church, 2510 25th, will celebrate its 55th anniversary Saturday. Services begin at 10 a.m. with prayer, singing and testimonies. The church history will be read. Lunch follows at noon and the afternoon service begins at 2 p.m.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 tonight are "The Holy Spirit & Miraculous Gifts," followed by "The Power of Prayer."

WTC planetarium open

The planetarium at Western Texas College is now open with its fall lineup of new programs, developed for specific age groups: pre-K and kindergarten, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, and grades 7 through adults. The 60-seat planetarium is open for group showings, by reservation, for Friday morning and afternoon programs. It is also available, by reservation, for group showings Thursday through Saturday evenings. For reservations, call Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Quilt-a-thon

Rock and Roll Quilting Club will sponsor a quilt-a-thon from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. starting Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center. Quilts and covers for the hurricane victims will be made. Everyone is welcome and donations will be accepted. For more information call 573-3733 or 863-2426.

Quilting Club

The Rock and Roll Quilting Club meets from 8 a.m. until noon each Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center. Everyone is invited for free quilting lessons. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Cogdell Home Health Open House

Cogdell Home Health will have an open house from 1-3 p.m. next Wednesday at 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B.

Support groups

Support groups for Cancer, Grief and Divorce Recovery meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at First Baptist Church. For information call 573-263. A new group for sexual assault survivors will meet at a confidential time and location. For information call 573-1822. Child care is provided.

Boy Scout popcorn sale

Boy Scout Troops 177, 61 & 27 are selling popcorn door-to-door now until Nov. 12. There are several varieties and 70% of the price goes to local scouting. You can also purchase popcorn by calling Trina at 573-3310, Glenn at 573-7446 or Libby at 573-6870.

Lord's Acre Festival

First United Methodist Church will host its annual Lord's Acre Festival Nov. 13 in the Scurry County Coliseum, featuring a variety of specialty items for the holidays, home-made goodies, an auction and a barbecue dinner.

Ira school annuals

The Year 2000 Bulldog annuals are on sale. The cost is $26 with a name on the cover, or $22 without a name. The annuals will be on sale until Nov. 19.

Tiger Times yearbook

The Snyder Junior High yearbook is on sale through Nov. 23. Copies may be ordered by paying $14 now, or paying a deposit of $7 with the balance due when the yearbooks arrive in the spring. Orders will be accepted in the school office or room 110. There will be no extra copies.

Road to Recovery program

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

WTC nursing program

Students wishing to enroll in the March class for Licensed Vocational Nursing at Western Texas College need to contact the counseling office to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through Dec. 7 and interviews will be scheduled through Jan. 10. Classes begin March 1. Contact the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313, or toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC.

Pick 3

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

1-6-7

(one, six, seven)

CashFive

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

8-12-22-35-37

(eight, twelve, twenty two, thirty five, thirty seven)

New cream helps stop growth of facial hair

NEW YORK (AP) — For women tired of excess facial hair, a convenient solution finally appears at hand.

Gillette Co., the world's biggest manufacturer of razors, and pharmaceutical maker Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. have developed the first prescription cream that stops the growth of facial hair in women.

About one in six American women have enough facial hair that they remove it at least once a week.

Studies of Vaniqa (pronounced van-ih-KAH) showed it helps most women and has no major side effects, researchers say. The drug could win Food and Drug Administration approval as early as next year.

"It will take women stuck with shaving and hiding behind makeup, and make their life a lot more pleasant," said Dr. Leslie Mark, a San Diego dermatologist who tested the drug.

Vaniqa is applied to the face like a moisturizer, twice daily. It starts working after a few weeks, and must be used regularly to be effective.

Creams cause fewer side effects than other treatments, which may make Vaniqa preferable, said Dr. Ricardo Azziz, a University of Alabama-Birmingham professor and an expert on excess facial hair.

Vaniqa appears to work in men as well, but the companies are trying to prove themselves with women first.

Facial hair in women has several causes, including an excess of male hormones. Genetics can also play a role. For instance, women of Mediterranean or Hispanic descent tend to have more facial hair.

The condition, known medically as hirsutism, can damage a woman's self-esteem. "It's very destructive, psychologically," Azziz said.

No one has to convince Ingrid Reyes, 29, a chemist from New York City. She's had a dark hair growth above her lip and male-like sideburns since she was a teenager.

"I've been on a date and suddenly he notices it and says, 'You have a lot of hair.' He doesn't mean any harm," she said, "but it makes you feel uncomfortable."

Reyes tried waxing to remove the hair, but that dried out her skin. She tried plucking it, but it only grew back thicker.

Lately she's been receiving electrolysis, which gets rid of hair permanently by delivering a small electrical current through a needle placed into the hair follicle. At $75 each, the multiple treatments are stretching her budget.

Shaving causes stubble, and skin may become irritated. Depilatories, or creams that remove hair, can irritate the skin. Bleaching paste has the same problem.

Some doctors have prescribed birth control pills, but many women avoid them because of possible weight gain and other side effects.

For New York-based Bristol-Myers, which also makes Clairol beauty supplies, Vaniqa marks the first foray into "lifestyle drugs," an emerging category of medicine that treats conditions such as baldness, obesity and impotence.

DaimlerChrysler to phase out Plymouth cars and minivans

NEW YORK (AP) — The road is coming to an end for Plymouth cars and minivans.

A DaimlerChrysler AG executive says the company is eliminating the Plymouth brand, and will phase-out out the Breeze midsize sedan, Neon small car, Voyager minivan and Prowler roadster starting in the second half of next year.

The executive spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

As the Plymouth brand has aged, it has traded in a muscle-car mystique for the more staid, suburban image that comes with affordable cars and minivans.

In 1973, when Richard Petty was winning stock car races in his light blue Road Runner, sales of Plymouth cars reached 750,000. Last year, sales were 307,000.

"Everything points to the death of the Plymouth," said Derek Humphrey, an analyst with J.D. Power & Associates.

DaimlerChrysler spokeswoman Kathryn Blackwell said the company had no statement.

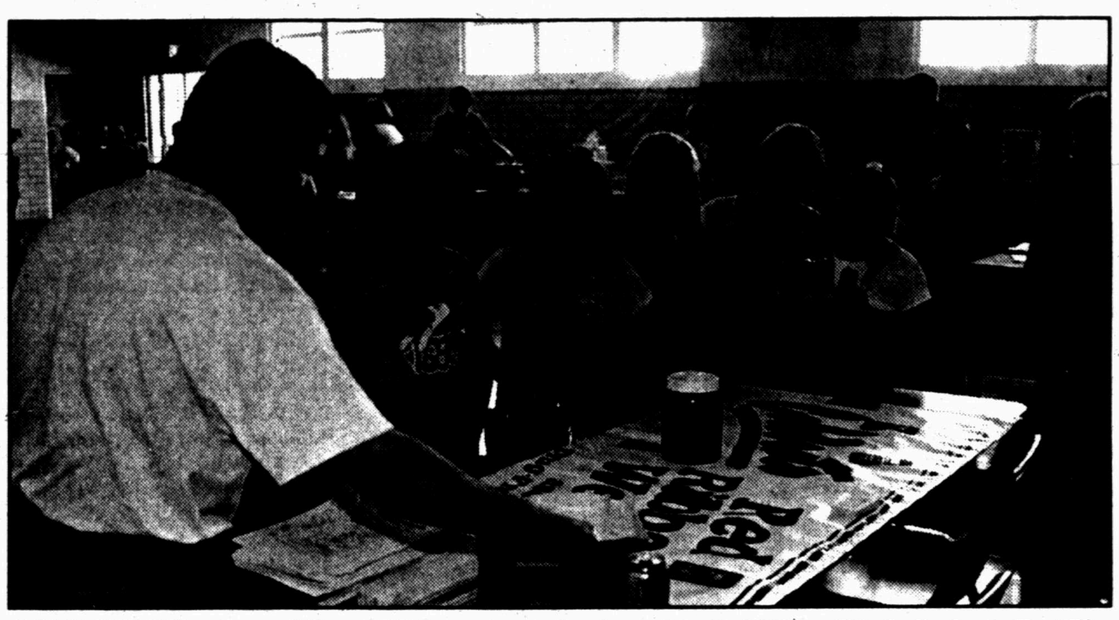
The automaker has combined many of its dealerships to sell Chrysler and Dodge cars and trucks. The Plymouth brand was stopped last year in Canada, and the company recently stopped placing the Plymouth emblem on the Voyager minivan.

"The company said it was to save money, but that's a lot of trouble to go through to save a few pennies," Humphrey said.

The Breeze sedan and Prowler roadster were introduced three years ago in an attempt to boost sales. DaimlerChrysler increased spending on advertising and put sales kiosks in shopping malls to attract the 20- to 40-year-old crowd.

But Breeze sales are down 10 percent this year — an embarrassing slide in a market that has increased by the same amount. Neon and Voyager sales are off more than 8 percent.

Dodge sells its own versions of almost all of the Plymouth vehicles. It has its own Neon, the Stratus (sister to the Breeze) and the Caravan (the Dodge version of Voyager). Outside the United States, the Neon is sold under the Chrysler brand.



CADA EXHIBIT — Leroy Ochoa, CADA representative, brought a Red Ribbon Week display to East Elementary for a recent health fair. Students pictured are Ashley Gonzales, Crystal Rodriguez, Shayla Wilson, Ashlei Lopez, Raquel Ruiz. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Nov. 4, 1999

Chances are success will come to you in the year ahead through someone you've known in the past, but with whom you had lost contact. This person will bring Lady Luck in his or her wake.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) By just being in the right place at the right time with the right people today could let something fortuitous drop in your lap. However, it'll still call for your input to bring it into being. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Although sometimes you need to get off by yourself, this is not one of those days. You'll come alive when you can surround yourself with lots of people who share your interests.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There should be no trouble achieving your ambitious objectives today. This is because you'll quietly lay out a game plan, but then aggressively pursue your goal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Beginning today, start diligently looking for a market for your wares. What you possess, be it hardware or knowledge, has a much greater value to others than you may realize.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The pursuit of an important goal today may develop and be successful in ways you would personally orchestrate if you could, and that is screened from the eyes of others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Conditions are ripe for you to negotiate a hard fought contract you've been working on for some time now. Today's extra push may do the trick.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Because you're willing to work for what you earn, a way can be found now to generate that extra income you've been wanting. It may come through an old source.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A social situation about which you've been dubious is not going to be as difficult to manage as you had anticipated. After today, you may wonder why you ever worried.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is a good day to shore up any wearing parts or sagging couches taking place in your house. With good maintenance at this time, you'll prevent trouble later.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll be at your best today when you can mingle with friends and associates and talk either shop or personal concerns. Brainstorming issues together brings good results.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep an eye peeled today for money making opportunities. Don't hesitate to chase down any and all leads that hold the potential of adding weight to your wallet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It may be your lot today to take charge and manage something others may find too overwhelming. They'll sense your innate leadership abilities and will eagerly follow your lead.

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