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Holiday season is approaching

The busy holiday season is fast approaching as Scurry County will join the rest of the nation in observing Thanksgiving on Thursday.

This will be the first extended holiday this semester for school students as Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira students will all be out of school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. WTC students will get out of class beginning Wednesday also.

And before the turkey is all put up, plans will be made for the busiest shopping day of the Christmas season on Friday.

Snyder merchants will have shopping values that will be promoted in the Thanksgiving edition of the Snyder Daily News.

Chamber of Commerce officials have been busy planning for the Christmas holidays as the lighted Christmas parade is set for Dec. 4 – just two weeks away.

"We need some entries," exclaimed chamber manager Donna Fowler. "We already have entries from Colorado City and Sweetwater, and we need some more local floats."

Entering the annual parade will be worthwhile as the chamber is offering a $150 first prize for the top-rated float.

Floats coming in second place and third place will each get $75.

While the parade will get underway at dark on Dec. 4, there are several other festivities on the local square that evening also.

Santa Claus will be at the courthouse gazebo from 4-6 p.m., and immediately following the parade, courthouse employees will host an open house complete with refreshments.

Fowler said the Snyder Goldcoaters will again sponsor their Christmas home decorating and lighting contest for residences within the city limits.

Top prize for the best decorated home will bring $75, while second place will be worth $50 and third place will win a $25 check.

Those wanting to enter the home decorating contest should contact the chamber of commerce.

Also in the Christmas spirit, Toys for Tots is now accepting applications.

A request for toys should be sent to Judi Martin, 3106 Hill Ave., Snyder, 79549-3845.

The request should include the household name and address, telephone number and monthly family income.

A list of children should be attached with their age (12 and under qualifies) and whether they're boys or girls.

Applicants should also list three toy choices for the children.

Upon approval, applicants will be notified by telephone of when to pick up the toys on the distribution date of Dec. 23.

Applications will be accepted through Dec. 18.

Persons needing additional information may call 573-3525, or 573-6725.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Worry is interest paid on problems before they happen."

If you think everything is going to fall apart on Jan. 1, 2000, then bet that it won't. If it does, you won't need to pay off anyway.

The worst thing we can imagine is for everybody to realize that the new millennium doesn't start for another year, and we have to endure another 12 months fretting about all the what ifs of a new century.

The next worst thing we can imagine is actually using all that stuff they say we should be storing up in case everything goes to pot.

Try not to get too excited, but there is now an "official luncheon meat" for the new millennium. Also there's an official millennium doughnut, pickle, mattress, Vienna sausage, condom and beer.

The new millennium has become as commercial as Thanksgiving and Christmas.

There are millennium cars, milk, spoons, clocks, candy, bath salts, corkscrews, paperweights, dolls, furniture, a toothpick holder, hair dryer, artificial-bait minnow and millennium bolo tie.

One company is selling gold-flecked millennium shoes for $2,335 a pair. You'll look sharp next to sweet-thing wearing an all-black party outfit with the Year 2000 down each sleeve.

The U.S. Patent office has granted 272 registered trademarks for goods or services bearing the word "millennium" and sometimes misspelled "millenium." The agency is said to be looking at applicants for almost 1,500 more items.

We read where prudent people are supposed to have an ample supply of Vienna sausage and Spam in case the grocery stores run out of everyday essentials.

Some 80 cans were suggested. In our case, one is sufficient.

In fact, running out of groceries may be good for Americans, especially those in the south who are said to be 25 percent overweight.

Put Spam and Vienna sausage on the table three times a day, and we can predict substantial shedding of pounds. We'll all begin the next 100 years lean and mean.

And if you save those millennium items or anything with Year 2000 on it, just think how valuable they will be by the time the year 3000 rolls around.

Your great-great-great grandkids will thank you for the valuable antiques which they can sell to stock up on necessities to ward off fears as they begin the year 3000.



VISIT WITH SANTA — Three-year-old Kaden Nachlinger visits with Santa Thursday night in the Western Texas College student center during the college's Christmas Happenings event. Saint Nick will be making several appearances around town as Christmas draws near. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Tragic accident claims another A&M student

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Mourning Texas A&M University students gathered for services today to remember the victims of this week's tragic campus accident as a 12th young person died of injuries received in the collapse of the college's annual bonfire log structure.

Tim Kerlee Jr., 17, a freshman from Germantown, Tenn., died at 8 p.m. Friday at College Station Medical Center, where he was taken with a crushed pelvis and broken arm. He had been on life support.

Special church services were scheduled today as students and university officials continued to mourn the losses, and in a suburban Houston church, the first of a series of weekend funerals was planned for this afternoon.

Officials said of the eight students still hospitalized, three were in critical conditions, two of them on life support.

John Comstock, 19, of Richardson was listed in critical condition and Dominic Braus of Hallettsville in serious condition at College Station Medical Center.

At St. Joseph Regional Health Center in Bryan, William Davis of Bellaire, Chad Hutchinson of Houston and J.H. Washam of Dallas were listed in critical condition and Will Harlan of Midland, Lannie Hayes of Monahans and Milton Thiel of Livingston were listed in fair condition.

Nineteen students who were hospitalized after the accident early Thursday morning on the Texas A&M campus had been released by Friday.

Makeshift memorials have been mounted where the logs that made up the wood-and-wire structure once stood. College officials continued today to try to figure out why the huge stack collapsed. Some said they heard a large crack.

"We're still trying to understand it," Texas A&M President Ray Bowen said Friday. "We don't have the answers to all the questions. We're still trying to deal with the shock."

Bowen on Friday ordered the formation of a task force of engineers and other experts to look into the disaster "so we'll be able to analyze all the facts and make decisions to see this horror never visits our campus again."

Officials have said about 70 people were stacking the logs upright in layers when the pile gave way. Some students were hurled from the structure. Others were trapped in the shifting logs.

University spokeswoman Cynthia Lawson said late Friday the university has hired Buchanan Soil Mechanics Inc. of Bryan to test the soil at the bonfire accident site.

Representatives of the company were at the scene Friday night, she said.

Community service Sunday

The Scurry County Minesterial Alliance is planning a community Thanksgiving service Sunday night at First United Methodist Church.

A mini-concert by the Praise Team will begin at 6:45 and Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will preach at 7.

A community Thanksgiving choir will also be featured and prayers will be offered for all aspects of the community. A reception in the fellowship hall will follow the service.

The offering will benefit the Minesterial Alliance's Utilities Fund.

A nursery will be provided. All churches are invited to participate.

Cogdell appoints education manager

Cogdell Memorial Hospital has named Cathy Boden, RN, MSN as its education/staff development manager.

"With the constant changes in health care and the way it is delivered, the hospital saw a need for a full-time education manager," said Jeff Reecer, chief executive officer.

Boden will be focusing on patient and family education at Cogdell, said Reecer.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to work with patients and their families as they learn more about ways to improve their health," said Boden. "Today, patients are very interested in taking responsibility for their own good health. My job is to help the patient and immediate family members understand medications and other aspects of their care."

Staff development will also be an integral part of her responsibilities.

"We want our professionals to be as well-educated as possible," said Boden. "When a patient or family member has a question, we want to be able to give a medically sound, thorough and easy-to-understand answer."

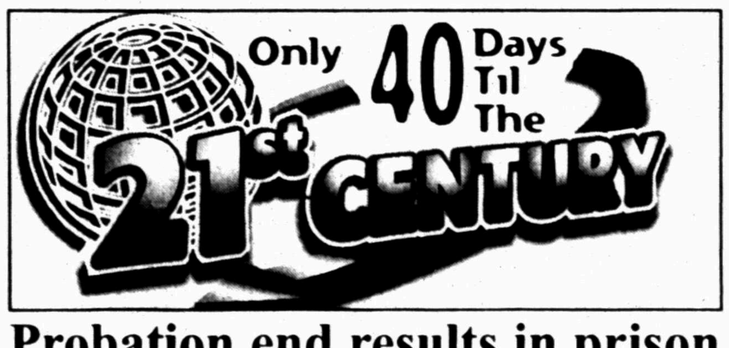


Cathy Boden

Originally from Alabama, Boden came to Snyder from Garden Ridge, near San Antonio, where she worked for a non-profit 119-bed acute care facility as its director of education.

She has also worked at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, and St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

"I encourage anyone with questions about patient education to call me at 574-7349," said Boden.



Probation end results in prison

A 24-year-old Snyder man will now serve two years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail facility following revocation of his probation Friday in 132nd District Court.

Raymond Lee Ware of 3734 Highland was serving a five-year probated sentence for burglary of a building, a 1994 offense.

Senior District Judge Gene Dulaney revoked Ware's probated sentence after the defendant failed to report to his probation officer, failed to pay probation fees and failed to complete his court-ordered community service.

WTC play set for weekend

Western Texas College's Drama Department will present "Inspecting Carol" Saturday night at 8 o'clock and Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for seniors and students.

In "Inspecting Carol," by Daniel Sullivan and the Seattle Repertory Company, a man walks into a midwestern theatre and asks for an audition. Everyone caters to this wannabe actor, mistaking him for the inspector from the National Endowment for the Arts. When he joins the cast of the current production, "A Christmas Carol," everything goes wrong.

The cast of characters include Zorah, Carolyn Girard; Betty, Dani Day; MJ, Tiffany Britton; Dorothy, Tiffany McAdams; Sidney, Rick Freeman; Larry, Dallas Martinez; Phil, Brad Williams; Wayne, David Olson; Walter, Kris Hollis; Bart, Duncan Day; Luther, Daniel Day; Kevin, Turney Coulter.

ASK US

Q - Are the two New Mexico girls who were arrested here Monday on drug charges still in jail?

A - No. They were released from the Taylor County Jail on $7,500 bonds each.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 66 degrees; low, 35; 7 a.m. Saturday, 36; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.80 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy. Low 40-45. SE wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny, warm. High 75-80. SE wind 10-20 mph.

Nancy Rubio
Warm and Sunny

Sunset: 5:43 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:16 a.m.
Of 323 days in 1999, the sun has shone 316 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Age is not important unless you're a cheese.
—Helen Hayes

Buyers to be carded

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Abercrombie & Fitch will verify that buyers of its racy Christmas catalog are at least 18, the clothing retailer said Friday in response to complaints from Michigan's attorney general.

The policy will be implemented at the company's 230 stores nationwide by the end of next week, spokesman Hampton Carney said.

"We always wrapped it in plastic and put the advisory label on it, but we are now going to be carding to make sure the purchaser is 18 or over unless accompanied by a parent," Carney said.

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm sent a letter to the Reynoldsburg, Ohio, retailer on Wednesday, saying its $6 "Naughty or Nice" Christmas catalog contains descriptions of sexual material that cannot be distributed to minors under Michigan law.

The 300-page catalog contains some photos of naked models and sexually explicit interviews and articles.

Granholm said she would file the company's response in court so that it would be enforceable. She also said she would conduct follow-up investigations to ensure it is complying.

Abercrombie & Fitch recalled a 1998 catalog after anti-drunken driving groups objected to a two-page article that gave directions for "creative drinking."







FINAL PERFORMANCES — Western Texas College's "Inspecting Carol" will give its final performances at 8 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Fine Arts Theatre. Tickets are $6 for adults, and $4 for seniors/students. Bring a friend and get a $1 off each ticket. In the top left photo, Dorothy (T.L. McAdams) and Sydney (Rick Freeman) want Wayne (David Olson) to recommend their production to other theatres. In the top right photo, Zorah (Carolyn Girard) and Phil (Brad Williams) discuss their date. In the bottom right photo, Martha (Tiffany Britton) discusses a scene with Burt (Duncan Day) (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

30 candidates sign up for New Hampshire's primary

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — What do the names Berry, Eaton and Mosby have in common with Bauer, Bradley and McCain? They're all on the ballot for the New Hampshire presidential primary.

The filing period ended Friday with 30 candidates: 16 Democrats and 14 Republicans.

The number of candidates was down from the 45 who ran in 1996.

In addition to the U.S. senators, vice president and governor most people have heard about, the ballot also contains a filmmaker, an out-of-work self-taught scientist, an industrial engineer and a marketing man with a flair for the dramatic.

Several have elaborate Internet web pages, while others seem to know little about how the process works. All have plunked down $1,000 to be listed on the ballots that will go before voters on Feb. 1.

Republican Sam Berry has a Web site on which he says he has never held elected office, but wants to be president to "find creative solutions to people's problems." The Medford, Ore., lawyer said less government involvement is key.

Democrat John Eaton, 77, of Oak Bluffs, Mass., was surprised so many other Democrats were running. He figured it would be Al Gore, Bill Bradley and him.

ABC has first contestant to win top game show jackpot

NEW YORK (AP) — Richard Nixon was worth $1 million to the first "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" contestant to win the top prize.

Appearing on ABC's hit quiz show airing Friday night, John Carpenter, a 31-year-old Internal Revenue Service employee, wasn't taxed by the final question:

Which of these U.S. presidents appeared on the television series "Laugh-In"? A. Lyndon Johnson; B. Richard Nixon; C. Jimmy Carter; D. Gerald Ford.

The correct answer, of course, was Nixon, who as a presidential candidate in 1968 provided a comic misreading of the popular "Laugh-In" catchphrase by saying, "Sock it to ME?"

Carpenter, of Hamden, Conn., won the largest one-time cash prize in the history of American television, excluding lotteries, according to ABC.

Carpenter socked it to "Millionaire" host Regis Philbin when the episode was taped in Manhattan Thursday night.

While disclosing no decision on whether he will leave the IRS, where he is a revenue officer, Carpenter allowed Friday that "I'm leaning toward doing something else."

He said he plans to use part of his winnings to improve his home and to take a vacation with his wife, Debbie. He refused to speculate on what his tax bite may be.

Even before the show aired Friday, Carpenter was reeling from his newfound fame and fortune.

On Monday morning, Carpenter is scheduled to appear on ABC's "Good Morning America," then receive the $1 million check from Philbin on his talk show, "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee." He also was to appear on "Late Show with David Letterman" on Monday night.

DCOS meeting held Thursday

Members of the Development Corporation of Snyder handled routine monthly items in a meeting held Thursday.

Board members approved the monthly financial statements, including the payment of the bills, and heard a report from Executive Director John DeLille.

DeLille told the board that financing for Snyder Brick & Tile should be finalized within a month.

"There's been some delays in the paper work process, but there is no reason to believe the deal will fall apart," said DeLille.

DeLille also said Lorber Industries had submitted a request for reimbursement for incentives based on gross payroll wages paid during the first year of operation under the DCOS incentive agreement.

Lorber is requesting five percent reimbursement on gross wages paid of $1,616,144.54 – a total of $80,807.25.

DeLille said the exact amount of the incentive reimbursement will be based on documented wage figures provided both by Lorber, and the Texas Workforce Commission.

Board president Jack Gorman Jr. presided and board members in attendance included Larry Anderson, David Cotton and Gary Landes. Roy McQueen was absent.

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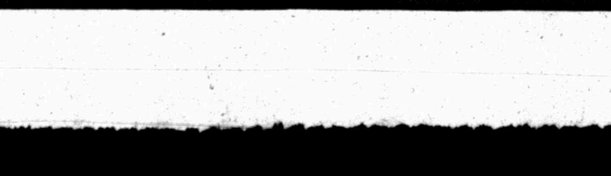
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Doyle named top employee

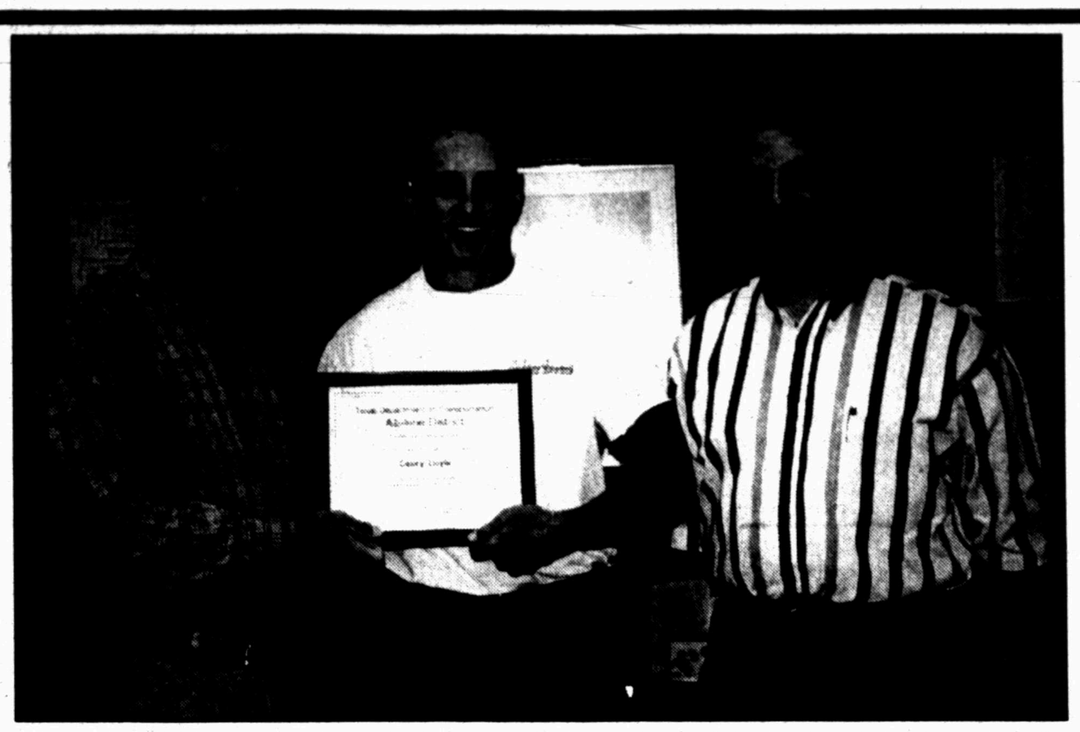
ABILENE — Casey Wayne Doyle, a 1998 graduate of Snyder High School, was named the 1999 Summer Employee of the Year — engineering for the Abilene district of the Texas Department of Transportation.

Doyle had just completed his second summer working in the Snyder area office as an engineering technician when he was selected for the honor. He was chosen from among students working in the same capacity throughout the 13-couinty Abilene district.

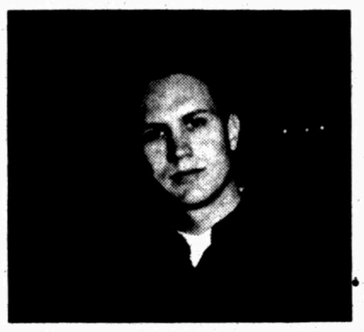
As an engineering technician, Doyle served the area office as an engineer inspector on the westside seal coat project, performed surveying duties and conducted numerous laboratory tests.

Doyle, the son of Tommy and Nancy Doyle of Snyder, is a sophomore business major at Texas Tech University.

Also receiving awards as 1999 Summer Employees of the Year were Casi Jo Joiner of Colorado City; Summer Employee of the Year — Office Support, and Chris McDaniel of Albany, Summer Employee of the Year — Maintenance.



TOP EMPLOYEE — Casey Wayne Doyle, center, a 1998 graduate of Snyder High School, received the Abilene TxDOT's district's 1999 Summer Employee of the Year —Engineering award from Bill Hale, left, and Mike Molter. Doyle has worked the past two summers in the Snyder area as an engineering technician for the Texas Department of Transportation. Hale is the Abilene district engineer and Molter is the Snyder area engineer. (TxDOT Photo By Mary Beth Kilgore)



Todd Goodlett

SHS grad will study at UCLA

Todd Goodlett, a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School, has been accepted for graduate study in the University of California at Los Angeles Department of Film and Television Screenwriting program.

He graduated from Texas Tech University in June of 1999 with a bachelor's degree in theatre arts.

Goodlett is the son of Herman and Debbie Guzman of Snyder and Kenneth and Diane Goodlett of Lubbock.

He is the grandson of Willie and Shirley Davis of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Goodlett of Dunn.

$200 million pact approved in case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The University of California on Friday accepted $200 million from Genentech Inc. to settle a long-running patent dispute over the company's lucrative human growth hormone.

Genentech agreed to pay the university $150 million and contribute $50 million toward construction of a biological sciences research building on a new campus in San Francisco.

Five researchers who worked on the growth hormone at UC will share $85 million of the payment to the university.

The dispute goes back to 1978, when a group of UC scientists isolated the DNA for human growth hormone, which was eventually patented. One of the scientists later left for Genentech, taking a sample of the DNA.

The school claims its sample led to Genentech's development of a growth hormone drug to treat abnormally small children. The company admits it had a sample of the DNA from UC but said it didn't use it to develop the drug.

Genentech, which did not admit any wrongdoing, wanted to end the fighting, Chairman Arthur Levinson said.

Y2K movie may cause some to panic

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Some of the people who have been working to get the nation's computers ready for the millennium are worried that Sunday's TV movie that depicts New Year's Eve as a Y2K nightmare will undermine their efforts and alarm the public.

Industry leaders, who have spent billions fixing Y2K computer bugs, are urging NBC and its affiliates to ensure that viewers understand "Y2K" is a fantasy thriller and not a likely scenario.

In the movie, which stars Ken Olin as a systems analyst, a chunk of the East Coast is hit by power outages, medical equipment malfunctions and a nuclear power plant threatens to melt down when computers misread 2000 as 1900.

"We're concerned that if you take the film together with some of the other messages of alarm ricocheting around popular culture that people may get a wrong message," said Jim Owen, spokesman for the Washington-based Edison Electric Institute, which represents companies that deliver about three-quarters of the nation's electricity.

NBC plans to air a disclaimer before the movie reminding viewers that it is a work of fiction.

The Edison Institute has asked network affiliates to reconsider airing the movie or to add further disclaimers. A letter from M. William Brier, the institute's vice president for communication, also suggested stations consider broadcasting a news report on local Y2K preparedness efforts.

"We understand the need for creative, exciting programming," Brier wrote. "But we also believe the importance of social responsibility at critical moments like the one we're about to enter."

The Y2K computer bug is a result of programming shortcuts that used two digits to denote the year. Experts have warned that systems could fail if computers are not fixed to properly read 2000.

At least one NBC station will go beyond the network advisory — WHDH in Boston will broadcast additional cautions throughout the movie, said spokeswoman Ro Dooley. Asked about the electric institute's request for Y2K news stories, Ms. Dooley said: "We'll probably do something after the film because it makes sense."

Business leaders complain about bottlenecks on bridge

McALLEN (AP) — Traffic tie-ups on the international bridge between McAllen-Hidalgo and Reynosa, Mexico is hurting business, retailers and maquiladora representatives said at a forum Friday.

The problem could worsen once Christmas shopping season kicks off and Mexican shoppers start flocking to the U.S.

The McAllen Chamber of Commerce, which co-sponsored the forum for business and community leaders, predicts there will be an additional 180,000 people coming in from Mexico for Christmas shopping. Between Oct. 15 and Jan. 3, $890 million in retail sales in the McAllen-Mission-Pharr area is expected.

"We're going to kill ourselves economically if we don't find a solution," said Bill Stocker, who described himself as a small, independent, McAllen business owner.

In the past several weeks, northbound bottlenecks on the international bridge have turned a 15-20 minute wait into an hour-long ordeal, business leaders said.

They blame INS and U.S. Customs for not opening up enough inspection lanes and for primary inspections that take too long.

"Our concern is that it's not even December," said Gary Sollner, director of operations at Oryx in Reynosa.

Maquiladora officials are concerned about the Christmas rush because of the additional cars that will be on the bridge. As it is, traffic at certain times of the day gets backed up into the streets of Reynosa, Sollner said.

Many maquiladoras also have suppliers on the U.S. side of the bridge. A long wait means a business slowdown. Tony DuCharme, general manager of West Bend in Reynosa predicts that if the tie-ups persist, some companies might turn to Mexican suppliers instead, taking business away from the U.S.

"When you start to lose that kind of time it's a loss of productivity," he said.

By all accounts, the bottlenecks are cyclical and tend to happen during the winter months when Christmas shoppers and winter visitors all convene to make one big traffic mess.

"This happens virtually every year," Sollner wrote in a letter he read at Friday's gathering. "Knowing this, can't the government better prepare?"

U.S. Rep. Ruben Hinojosa, D-Mercedes, blamed end-of-the-year budget hold-ups in Congress for the bridge clogs.

Without an approved national budget, INS and Customs are limited to how much they can spend, Hinojosa said.

"It is not our INS and Customs people unable to use good business sense like we as businessmen have to manage our budgets and our timing and scheduling," he said. "They don't have but 80 percent of the money and the law says you can't spend more than that, so they are between a rock and a hard place."

David Higgerson, U.S. Customs port director for the Port of Hidalgo-Pharr, said customs is

HIV/AIDS treatment now online

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — AIDS patients and their doctors can read the latest information on research, treatments and drug interaction warnings on the new online directory of the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Since 1985, the directory has been published in book form. The foundation placed an expanded version online Friday at www.amfar.org/td. Directory editors plan to update the online version continuously; the printed version still will be published twice a year.

Dr. Kenneth H. Mayer, director of the Brown University AIDS Program in Pawtucket, R.I., said he has relied on the book as a quick reference for analysis of all medical claims, especially to answer patients' questions.

"There are some patients who will invariably know more about the latest treatment than the doctor," Mayer said.

The online directory will include Web links to abstracts of original research and an up-to-date listing of clinical trials that seek patients.

The online directory was launched in Philadelphia to coincide with the convention of the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

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Kattes receives Founder's Award

David Kattes received the Founder's Day Award Thursday at a reception in the Western Texas College student center.

The prestigious honor for academic excellence was given by Phi Beta Kappa Society, celebrating its 81st anniversary.

Western Texas College chooses a member of the faculty, staff or administration from nominations from Phi Theta Kappa executive board and faculty advisors.

Eighty years ago, a small group of Missouri college presidents brought into existence an honor society for two-year colleges modeled after the four-year college honor society, Phi Beta Kappa. The mission remains unchanged: the recognition of academic excellence of two-year college students and to provide enrichment in four hallmarks: scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship.

This year's recipient was reared in Garland where his ag teacher inspired him to work in the education field.

Kattes received a master's degree in 1976 at Texas A&M, one of the first graduates in the field of entomology.

He worked at A&M's extension center as entomologist from 1976-79. He went to work for Von Roeder Seed Farm as a plant breeder I from 1979-1990. In 1990, began teaching at WTC and received his doctorate in agronomy in May of 1992 from Texas Tech.

Kattes has been active in civic affairs. He is a past president of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Board of County Development and initiated the Boll Weevil Eradication program for Scurry County. Kattes heads the wild flower tours for students and he tutors for chemistry and goes to extra lengths to help students and he continues to keep in contact with ex-students.

His hobbies are bugs and photography. Kattes and his wife, Molly, have four grandchildren.



KATTES RECEIVES AWARD — David Kattes, Western Texas College ag, chemistry and golf /landscape technology instructor, is recipient of the Phi Theta Kappa's Founder's Day Award. Pictured with Kattes is his daughter, Cari Limmer of Colorado City, and his wife, Molly Kattes. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Organizations band together to curtail fraudulent schemes

In an effort to combat the most pervasive and problematic form of white-collar crime-telemarketing fraud, — leading government organizations and agencies have partnered to launch an unprecedented consumer education initiative called kNOw Fraud.

Under kNOw Fraud, every home in America will soon receive a jumbo postcard containing valuable information to help consumers differentiate between legitimate telemarketersand scam artists.

Illegal telemarketing operations bilk Americans of an estimated $40 billion annually, according to government estimates. More than half of the victims are over age 50.

The card is designed to be displayed near the telephone in the home to help citizens make informed decisions regarding mail and telemarketing solicitations, and avoid being victimized by deceptive offers.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is joined in this effort by AARP, Council of Better Business Bureaus' Foundation, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Trade Commission, National Association of Attorneys General, and Securities and Exchange Commission.

In addition to warning consumers about the "red flags," kNOw Fraud will provide the following:

*a special fraud prevention video, part of the BBB's Consumer Education Video Series, which is being distributed to 16,000 libraries, to educate civic and consumer groups about ways to prevent being victimized by illegal telemarketing.

An Internet Web site (www.consumer.gov.know/fraud) to gain additional fraud information or to submit an online complaint to protect members;

*a toll-free telephone number (1-877-987-3728) to report a suspected crime of telemarketing or mail fraud;

and, an address to write for additional information or to submit complaints.





INDIANS — Cathy Beckman's fifth graders at Hermleigh have just completed their study of American Indians. They built dioramas depicting the Indians' way of life. In the top photo, Brian Molina, left, and Kelvin Doggett are working on the Woodlands' Indian display. In the bottom photo, Michael Barrera, left, and Bobby Lane, right, are working on the Southwest Indian display. The class also made dioramas for the Northwest and Plains Indians. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Financial Focus

As another year draws to a close, you may be asking yourself a couple of questions. First, "Where does the time go?" And second, "Can I still do something about my taxes?"

Although you can't do anything about the rapid passage of time, you, still employ some tax strategies that can help you on April 15. Here are a few suggestions:

TIME YOUR MUTUAL FUND PURCHASES. If you plan on buying mutual fund shares this year, you may want to wait until after your fund declares its capital gains distributions, which usually occurs in early December. Otherwise, you'll be liable for a whole year's worth of capital gains, even if you only held the shares for a brief time. On the other hand, if you plan to sell shares, you'll want to do so before your fund reports its distributions.

MAXIMIZE YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS. If you haven't yet contributed the maximum allowable amount to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored qualified retirement plan, you might want to do so. These contributions are made with pre-tax dollars, which will lower your annual taxable income. Plus, your earnings will grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means they will accumulate faster than they would if they were invested in a taxable account with a similar yield. In addition to fully funding your 401(k), you may also be able to put in more to your "traditional" IRA. Depending on your individual situation, these contributions may be tax deductible. (You have until April 17,2000, to make IRA contributions for 1999).

MAKE CHARITABLE GIFTS. By making a charitable gift to a qualified organization by year-end, you can get an income tax deduction for the year. If you transfer an appreciated asset that you have held over one year, such as a stock or a piece of land, you also will avoid capital gains taxes in the future.

LOOK FOR TAX-FAVORED INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES. If you think that your investments are generating too much taxable income, consider exploring some tax-favored vehicles for next year. For example, you may be interested in tax-free investments, such as municipal bonds. (Earnings from Roth IRAs also grow tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.) Or you can consider tax-efficient investments, such as mutual funds that do little trading, thereby generating relatively small amounts of capital gains.

By taking these steps you may be able to brighten your tax picture considerable. As with all decisions regarding your taxes, consult with your tax adviser before taking action. Because everyone's situation is different, not all strategies will be equally effective — buy some of them may well work for you.

District judge rejects air bag verdict

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge threw out a $750,000 verdict against DaimlerChrysler AG Friday and ruled that the automaker was not liable for the air bag-related death of a 5-year-old boy.

A federal jury in December determined that the air bag in a rented Dodge Caravan was defective when Michael Crespo was killed during a 1995 family vacation in Puerto Rico. It found the minivan's maker, DaimlerChrysler, 50 percent responsible for the child's death and recommended the award to the boy's family.

"Automobile air bags are the proverbial mixed blessing," U.S. District Judge Jed S. Rakoff wrote Friday in overturning the verdict. "To inflate rapidly and forcefully enough to save lives, they create a lethal hazard to young children and other small persons sitting too close to the point of deployment."

The risks associated with air bags "can be reduced, but not eliminated," Rakoff said.

The judge noted that air bags had saved the lives of more than 4,700 people through Oct. 1.

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Study: more volcanoes are on moon Io

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jupiter's moon Io, the most active body in the solar system, is wracked by more than 100 volcanoes and is dotted with lava lakes, towering plumes of ash and rivers of molten rock that dwarf anything on Earth.

New close-up views and measurements from the Galileo spacecraft show that just one of the volcanoes on Io puts out more heat than all of the volcanoes on Earth combined, NASA scientists said Friday.

Rosaly Lopes-Gautier of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory said that images snapped by Galileo instruments show that an Io volcano called Loki is the most powerful in the solar system.

"Loki has an enormous caldera that is repeatedly flooded by lava, over an area larger than the state of Maryland," said Lopes-Gautier.

Loki's eruptions are so massive, she said, they can be sighted by telescopes from Earth. Galileo photos show a large dark area rimmed with glowing red lava. The volcano is surrounded by a circle of material thought to be sulfur dioxide, spewed out and settled about the peak.

"The volcanoes on Io put out 100 times more lava than all of the volcanoes on Earth combined," said Torrence Johnson, the Galileo project scientist at JPL.

Observing the volcanoes of Io, said Johnson, is like moving back in time to a period when the Earth was wracked by similar-sized volcanoes.

"It gives us an opportunity to watch, in action, phenomena long dead in the rest of the solar system," he said.

An Io volcano called Pele has an intense hot spot that scientists believe is a lava lake constantly being refilled with molten rock squirting up from Io's interior.

A glowing line of red sighted by Galileo is thought to be a constantly refreshed flow of molten rock at the edge of a caldera. The hot lava stretches for six miles and is up to 150 feet wide. There are similar lava lakes in Hawaii, but Pele's lake is about 100 times larger, the scientists said.

The plume of another Io volcano, Prometheus, is erupting from a new location, the researchers said. The plume was first sighted by the spacecraft Voyager in 1979, but the new Galileo views shows that the plume source has moved about 60 miles west. The 50-mile-high plume appears to originate from a lava flow far from the main structure of the volcano.

Sue Kieffer, a volcano researcher who has studied geysers on Earth, said that volcanic action on Io is particularly violent because of its low gravity and atmospheric pressure.

Io, about the size of the Earth's moon, has a gravity one-sixth that of Earth. Its atmospheric pressure is only one-10 billionth that of Earth. As a result, eruptions on Io can be immense.

Old Faithful geyser in Yellowstone Park erupts regularly to less than 100 feet. A similar eruption on Io, said Kieffer, would reach almost 15 miles in altitude.

The new views of Io were taken when Galileo swooped to within 380 miles of the Jovian moon on Oct. 11. Galileo, which is orbiting Jupiter, will make an even closer flyby of Io next Thursday, passing just 186 miles from the surface of the volcano-tortured moon.

Crowd comes to see bones of saint

NAPERVILLE, Ill. (AP) — The Carmelite sisters here prepared for all emergencies. They brought in police patrols, lined their front walk with signs, organized crowd control. They even resorted to portable potties.

For good reason: Earlier this week, nearly 4,000 visitors came to see a box holding the sacred bones of St. Therese of Lisieux, a 19th-century French saint affectionately known as "Little Flower."

"Her message is not about doing extraordinary works or saying a million prayers," said the Rev. Bob Colaresi, who helped organize a tour of the saint's relics in the United States. "Her message was to do the ordinary of life well. That makes sense to a lot of people."

At each stop on the four-month U.S. tour and in 13 other countries before that, thousands have turned out daily to view the ornate jacaranda wood box containing three bones of the canonized nun.

St. Therese became known worldwide for her autobiography, "Story of a Soul." The late Mother Teresa of Calcutta took her name, saying she had inspired her to serve the poor. She is known as Little Flower because she believed that each person represented a different flower in God's garden, Colaresi said.

Although she died in 1897 at the young age of 24, St. Therese's life and work have been acclaimed ever since. She was canonized in 1925, and two years ago, Pope John Paul II made her a Doctor of the Church, calling her "the saint for the next millennium."

"Her message is a giving one," said Vivien Lindsey, a 65-year-old Naperville retiree. "She did small things to make people's lives better."

Many of the visitors on Sunday tenderly kissed the plastic surrounding the relics or gently rested a hand on top.

"I think we need something to believe in today," said Alice Bauer, a 57-year-old Naperville shop owner. "I needed this. ... I needed to see that other people felt the same way about God and church that I do."

Some came looking for old-fashioned miracles; others sought inspiration. But most said they came to thank a saint who has given them reason to believe.

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SJHS receives SHOPA grant

The SHOPA Foundation for Educational Excellence has awarded a "Kids In Need" Teacher Grant in the amount of $710.11 to Snyder Junior High School's Advanced Academic Services program.

Theresa Vest, Virginia Trevey, Stewart Long and Elaine Bragg are the teachers involved in the grant request.

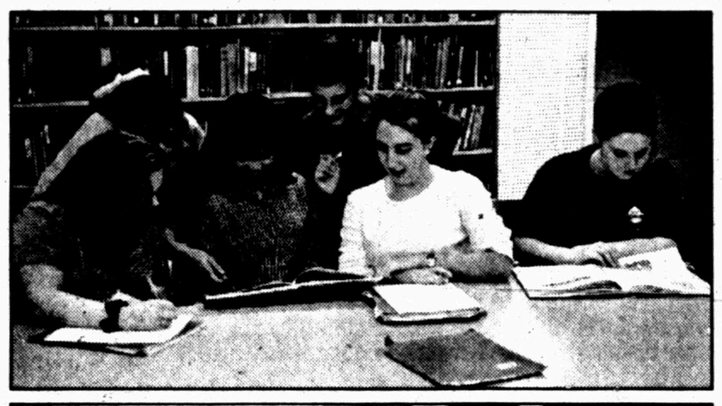
Of 1,815 applications, only 106 projects, totaling $76,157 were awarded.

The money will be used during the spring semester to purchase digital cameras, photo-quality printer paper, printer cartridges, and other needed supplies.

The spring semester project will involve the AAS students in activities that will help them develop an appreciation for the social, economic, and historical aspects of the community.

Members of the cutting edge class include: seventh graders Erin Hackfeld, Patrick Jones, Matthew Kerr, Matthew Morris, Blake Robertson, Kelsey Shaw, Whitney Warner, Kalli Wesson.

Eight grade include Ashlye Amox, Erin Burleson, Sarah Crawford, Beth Clements, Jordan Donelson, Emily Long, Sara Thornhill, Cami Trout, Amanda Whitson.









SHOPA GRANT – A grant from the SHOPA Foundation for Educational Excellence will enable students in Snyder Junior High School's Advanced Academic Services Program to work on a special project during the spring semester. In the top photo, students discussing their assignment are from left, standing, Erin Hackfeld and Matthew Kerr; Seated, from left, Whitney Warner, Ashlye Amox, Jordan Donelson, Matthew Morris. In the second photo, Elaine Bragg is helping students in the TIE Lab. From left are Blake Robertson, Meggan Minor, Amanda Whitson, Sara Thornhill. In the third photo, students looking at research material are from left, clockwise, Kalli Wesson, Kelsey Shaw, Erin Burleson, Cami Trout. In the bottom photo, students using magazines for research are from left, Patrick Jones, Sarah Crawford, Emily Long, Beth Clements. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Texas firm gets repair contract

GOOSE CREEK, S.C. (AP) — A Texas-based company has been awarded a $10.4 million contract to repair the military equipment that moves between the Lowcountry and the Middle East.

The U.S. Army this week offered the contract to DynCorp Aerospace Technology.

"Up to now, we've been working under a transition-year contract," said Ed Fellers, site supervisor for DynCorp.

The new contract means DynCorp will continue to repair Army equipment through next September and possibly longer.

Fellers said Thursday he had 280 people working for DynCorp at the base, with about 305 expected on board by early next year.

DynCorp in 1998 won a base-year contract, with nine option years, to repair military equipment at the Army's Combat Equipment Group Asia, located at the Charleston Naval Weapons Station.

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New York and Boston were linked by telegraph wires in 1847.

Date Books

Saturday, Nov. 20, 1999

Today is the 324th day of 1999 and the 59th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1955, Bo Diddley played "Bo Diddley" on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

On this day in 1945, the Nuremberg war crimes trial began.

On this day in 1992, fire damaged England's Windsor Castle, but most of its treasures were saved.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edwin Hubble (1889-1953), astronomer; Alistair Cooke (1908-), writer-TV host, is 91; Gene Tierney (1920-1991), actress; Nadine Gordimer (1923-), writer, is 76; Robert F. Kennedy (1925-1968), U.S. politician; Dick Smothers (1939-), comedian, is 60; Joseph Biden (1942-), U.S. politician, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1977, the Chicago Bears defeated Minnesota 10-7. In the game, Walter Payton rushed 275 yards, 65 of which were in the last three minutes of the game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Hollywood grew to be the most flourishing factory of popular mythology since the Greeks." — Alistair Cooke

Sunday, Nov. 21, 1999

Today is the 325th day of 1999 and the 60th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1877, inventor Thomas Edison announced his invention of the phonograph, which he termed a "talking machine."

On this day in 1937, Thomas Morris skipped rope 22,806 times in the space of two hours in Sydney, Australia — better than three skips a second, on average.

On this day in 1980, about 83 million TV viewers watched "Dallas" to find out who shot J.R. Ewing.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Voltaire (1694-1778), philosopher-writer; Rene Magritte (1898-1967), artist; Stan Musial (1920-), baseball great, is 79; Marlo Thomas (1943-), actress, is 56; Goldie Hawn (1945-), actress, is 54; Mariel Hemingway (1961-), actress, is 38; Ken Griffey Jr. (1969-), baseball player, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, the New York Rangers defeated California 12-1. The Rangers scored eight goals in the third period of the game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Every political good carried to the extreme must be productive of evil." — Mary Wollstonecraft

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Nov. 16) and full moon (Nov. 23).

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Woman receives life prison sentence

JASPER, Ala. (AP) — A woman received two consecutive life sentences for helping her lover murder her husband by wrapping him like a mummy in duct tape and dumping him in a river to drown.

Patricia Mildred Price pleaded guilty during her trial Thursday, avoiding the possibility of the death penalty for the 1994 slaying of her husband, Jesse "Buddy" Price, who was beaten with a pipe and taped up.

Her lover, Rayford Hagood, was convicted earlier and sentenced to death.

Mrs. Price had claimed that her husband was abusing her youngest son, and Hagood claimed to be the father of that child.

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American, Brazillian and West German scientists announced in 1985 that the skeltal remains exhumed from a graveyard in Brazil were those of Nazi war criminal Dr. Josef Mengele.

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SPORTS

Clyde 38, Snyder 27...

Fourth quarter slump costly for Lady Tigers

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

For three quarters Friday night, it appeared Snyder was on track for its first victory of the season.

But in the final eight minutes, Clyde sent the Lady Tigers on a detour.

Clyde held Snyder without a point and forced 10 Lady Tiger turnovers in the fourth quarter to register a 38-27 win at the SHS gym.

After closing the third period with a 5-0 run to knot the tally at 27-27, Snyder attempted only three shots in the final stanza.

"Our goal for the first three quarters was to put ourselves in a position where we could win it in the fourth," Snyder coach Sam Tipton said. "We accomplished that, and then we turned into a different ballclub in the fourth quarter. But at least we got to that point. Now our girls know what to expect down the stretch in a tight ballgame."

Clyde, which harassed Snyder all night with its full-court trap, turned up the heat down the stretch. The Lady Tigers turned the ball over on six of its first eight possessions in the fourth quarter, as the Lady Bulldogs built a 32-27 advantage with four minutes to play.

"I told the kids that we have to learn that we control our own destiny in a ballgame," said Tipton. "We allowed Clyde to control the tempo in the fourth quarter tonight. Then we got out of our rhythm and started committing turnovers.

"I thought our guards showed some signs of being good guards, and I thought our posts worked hard. But there are crucial times in a ballgame when you must have that killer instinct, and we're still working to get that."

After adding a bucket to stretch their lead to 34-27, the Lady Bulldogs ran 2:14 off the clock during one trip down the floor, effectively moving the ball in the half-court set and keeping it away from the Lady Tigers.

The marathon possession ended with Courtney Connel making one of two free throw attempts. Ashley Hawk added a three-pointer as the buzzer sounded for the 38-27 final score.

"I'm not upset with the girls, because the things that are going wrong right now aren't a result of them giving up," Tipton remarked. "They're making some mistakes right now, simply because they're still learning. They're trying to get it done, it's just not falling our way."

The Lady Tigers had it going their way early on. Snyder put heavy pressure on the Clyde guards, not allowing the Lady Bulldogs to get the ball inside. Clyde committed eight turnovers in the first quarter as Snyder jumped out to a 6-4 lead.

The Lady Bulldogs turned things around in the second period, out scoring the Lady Tigers 16-11. Ashley Delce helped keep Snyder close with five second-quarter points.

T'Leah Eicke got hot from the outside in the third quarter. Eicke drained a three-pointer at the 4:18 mark that tied the score at 22-22.

Clyde reclaimed a 27-22 lead with a minute left in the third, before Eicke connected from behind the arc, and Rina Geiger hit a baseline jumper as time expired to even the tally at 27-27.

Delce paced the Lady Tigers offensively, registering nine points to go along with six rebounds. Eicke finished with eight points.

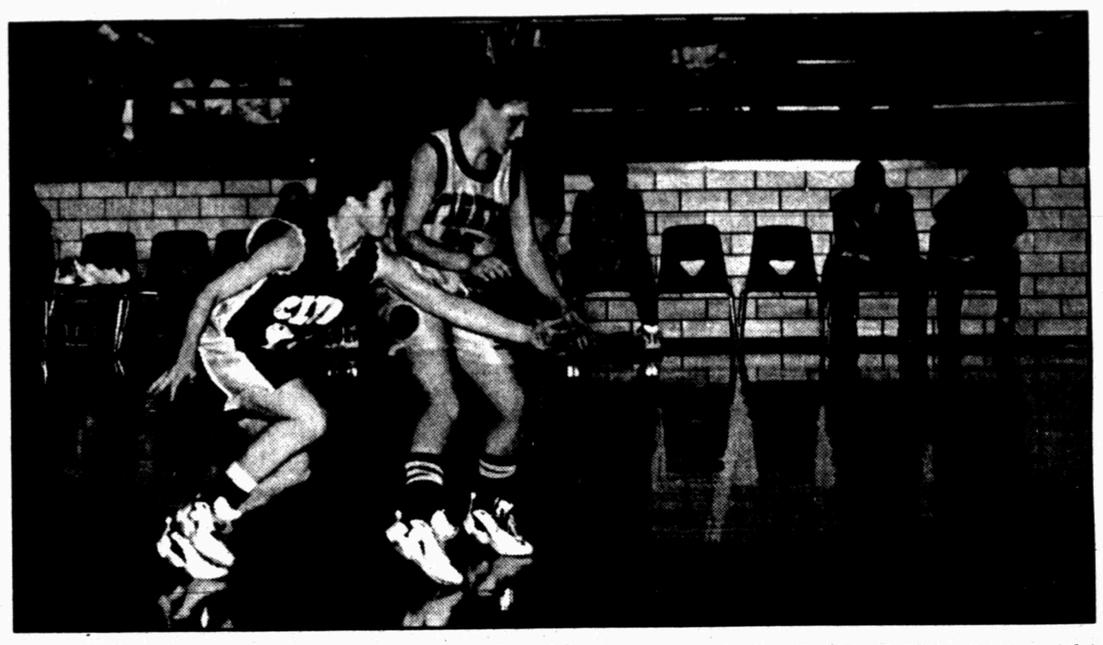
Snyder will be in action again Tuesday when it visits Levelland at 6:30.

Clyde	**04**	**16**	**07**	**11**	**— 38**
Snyder	**06**	**11**	**10**	**00**	**— 27**

Clyde
Hawk 4 2-6 11, Connel 0 5-6 5, Vinson 3 1-2 7, Rimer 3 0-0 6, Frazier 0 1-2 1, Walker 2 0-0 4, Crawford 1 1-2 3, Watts 0 1-2 1. **Totals 13 11-20 38.**

Snyder
Eicke 2 2-2 8, Delce 3 3-8 9, Kallemeyn 1 2-2 4, Geiger 2 0-0 4, Voss 1 0-1 2. **Totals 9 7-13 27.**

Three-point goals: Clyde 1 (Hawk), Snyder 2 (Eicke 2). Rebounds: Clyde 21 (Vinson 4), Snyder 23 (Delce 6, Kallemeyn 6). Total fouls: Clyde 13, Snyder 17. Fouled out — none.



PRESSURE — A Clyde defender attempts to swipe the ball from Snyder junior T'Leah Eicke during girls' basketball action Friday night at the SHS gym. Clyde used its pressure defense to hold the Lady Tigers scoreless in the fourth quarter, enabling the Lady Bulldogs to record a 38-27 victory. Snyder will be in action again Tuesday when it visits former district rivals the Levelland Lobos at 6:30. (SDN Photo by Leah Williams)

9th grade girls improve to 2-0 with 39-21 win

Snyder came out firing Friday night, opening up a 17-2 first quarter lead, before cruising to a 39-21 victory over Clyde in freshman basketball action.

The Lady Tigers maintained their defensive pressure throughout the contest, holding the Lady Bulldogs to singe digit scoring in all four quarters.

Afton Schwertner paced Snyder with 12 points, while Zipporah Peoples dropped in nine more.

Dara Chambers notched eight points, with Chaelyn Robinson recording four. Hailey Putnam, Reecie Sauceda and Romana Zamora chipped in two points apiece.

The Lady Tigers are now 2-0 on the season, after opening up with a 40-28 win over Seminole.

Putnam knocked down 14 points against the Maidens, with Peoples notching nine. Schwertner posted seven points, while Chambers finished with five, and Tamara Norman added four.

Snyder will be in action again Tuesday when it visits Abilene High at 6 p.m.

Fast-paced Tigers run through Slaton, 80-45

SLATON — The Snyder Tigers used a deliberate, slow down, half-court style to secure a district title last year.

But on Friday night, the Tigers employed an up-tempo, fast break scheme to record its first victory of the season.

Snyder forced repeated Slaton turnovers then turned the miscues into points during its 80-45 blowout Friday night.

Snyder's full-court press stymied Slaton and resulted in easy shots for the Tigers. Snyder connected on 77 percent of its attempts from two-point range, and shot 66 percent from the free-throw line.

"We got a lot of points off of turnovers," Snyder coach Bud Birks said. "We pressed full court and Slaton had problems with it. This group of kids can run the floor well when they want to, and they ran well tonight."

Snyder opened a 14-6 first quarter lead, which it stretched to a 33-15 advantage by halftime.

Heath Pinkerton led the Tigers' offensive onslaught with 27 points, including the team's only three-point bucket.

"We took a step forward tonight, as a team," Birks stated. "We played smarter on both ends of the floor. We didn't commit as many useless fouls, even though the officiating was very tight. We're very aggressively defensively, but our kids realized that the officials were going to call a lot of things, and they backed off as best they could, without losing their aggressiveness."

Sonny Cumbie and foreign exchange student Greg Knirsch also finished in double digits for the Tigers. Cumbie tallied 18 points, which included a perfect 10 for 10 night at the stripe, while Knirsch dropped in 11 points and went five for five from the line.

Snyder, now 1-1 on the season, will be in action again Tuesday when it visits Levelland.

Snyder	**14**	**19**	**23**	**24**	**— 80**
Slaton	**06**	**09**	**15**	**13**	**— 45**

Snyder
Pinkerton 11 4-7 27, Cumbie 4 10-10 18, Knirsch 3 5-5 11, Hester 2 2-3 6, McAnaw 2 2-4 6, Thornhill 1 4-7 6, Loper 2 0-2 4, Scott 1 0-3 2. **Totals 26 27-41 80.**

Slaton
Jones 5 15-21 26, J. Perez 2 5-6 10, Montgomery 2 0-1 4, R. Perez 2 0-2 4, Bixler 0 1-2 1, Fluellen 0 0-1 0, Mosser 0 0-2 0, Davies 0 0-2 0. **Totals 11 21-37 45.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 1 (Pinkerton), Slaton 2 (Jones, J. Perez). Total fouls: Snyder 27, Slaton 28. Fouled out — McAnaw, Thornhill.

Ira teams trip Trinity twice

IRA — The Ira Bulldogs got the revenge they wanted, and the Bulldogs got on the winning track Friday night during 1A basketball action at the Bulldog gym.

The Ira boys, who suffered their worst defeat of last season to Midland Trinity, got their redemption Friday night by knocking off the Chargers, 65-48.

In girls' action, the Lady Bulldogs leveled their mark at 1-1 with a 41-32 win over Trinity.

For the Bulldogs, it was stellar defensive efforts in the first and third quarters that made the difference. Ira held the Chargers to single digits in both quarters. After leading, 25-20 at halftime, the Bulldogs outscored Trinity, 19-9, in the third to put the game away.

"This was a big win for us," Ira coach Bubba Edwards said. "Trinity has a couple of Division I college prospects. I told Jose Juarez to go to work on one them and he wore the other kid out by the fourth quarter. The rest of the team played great help defense, and that was the key."

Logan Daves, the Bulldogs 6-6 senior post, poured in a game-high 21 points, with fellow senior Jerek Brown adding 17.

Drew Wall drained 14 points for Ira, with Juarez posting 10, and Jase Olvera chipping in three.

The Lady Bulldogs also opened with a stingy defensive effort, but had to overcome a third-quarter slump to notch the win.

Ira held Trinity to only three points in the first period, and held a 24-14 advantage at halftime.

But the Lady Bulldogs went cold in the third quarter, scoring just one point as Trinity slashed the margin to 25-24.

Ira's defense stepped up once again in the final stanza, surrendering only eight points to secure the victory.

"We stayed out of foul trouble better than we did last game," said Ira coach Jason Weese. "We hit a slump offensively in the third quarter, but the kids picked it up in the fourth and got the job done."

Morgan Clements poured in 15 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, with Celeigh Sterling registering 10. Jamie Goolsby finished with eight points, and Korby Calley had six.

In eighth grade action...

Snyder cagers knock off Big Spring

Snyder's eighth grade basketball teams opened the season with a pair of victories Thursday night, sweeping Big Spring in a double header at the SJHS gym.

Snyder Gold turned in a strong defensive effort and had eight players register points in its 41-28 win over the Steers.

Led by the defensive performances of Isaac Ramon, Mario Rivera and Marcus Villarreal, Snyder held Big Spring to single digit scoring in all four quarters.

Demetrius Horn paced the Tigers on the offensive end with 13 points, while Rivera accounted for eight. Villarreal and Daniel Fitts dropped in six points apiece, with Lee Scott draining four. Rivera added a bucket, and Blake Grimmett and Ruben DeLoera chipped in one point each.

Snyder Black held off a furious Big Spring charge in the fourth quarter to pull out a 30-29 victory. The Steers posted 10 points in the final period, but couldn't overcome the Tigers' 22-11 halftime lead.

Justin Stoker and Isreal Sosa tallied six points apiece to spur the Tigers, with Joe Maldonado and Brock Tyrrell adding four each.

Ty Collier, Bradley Price, Josh Pickerel, Tucker Early and Josh Kemp accounted for two points apiece.

Both Snyder squads will be in action again Monday when they visit the Andrews Mustangs. Tipoff for the opening contest is slated for 5 p.m.

SDN Sports Briefs

Haskins told players to lie

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Former Minnesota coach Clem Haskins lied to investigators about "widespread academic misconduct" in his basketball program and told players to lie, a report concluded.

As the report was released, university president Mark Yudof announced the resignations of McKinley Boston, vice president of student development and athletics, and men's athletics director Mark Dienhart.

The scandal began in March when former tutor Jan Gangelhoff said she did more than 400 papers for as many as 20 basketball players from 1993-98.

The investigation also found Haskins gave up to $200 in cash directly to three athletes, and arranged a standing hotel discount for parents of athlete.

Selanne charged in wreck

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — Teemu Selanne, the NHL's top goal-scorer last season, was charged with endangering public safety during a head-on collision in July.

The Anaheim Mighty Ducks star was traveling 80-90 mph on a narrow gravel road when he hit a slow-moving car while training for a rally road race.

Selanne was unhurt but the driver of the other car, Kalervo Kummola, president of the Finnish Ice Hockey Federation, broke a leg.

If convicted, Selanne could face a maximum two-year prison sentence.

Phoenix, Florida swap goalies

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Phoenix traded Mikhail Shtalenkov, NHL player of the month in October, to Florida for Sean Burke in a swap of goaltenders.

Burke was 2-5 with a 2.58 goals-against average and .913 save percentage. In 529 NHL games with New Jersey, Hartford, Carolina, Vancouver, Philadelphia and Florida he is 199-233-70.

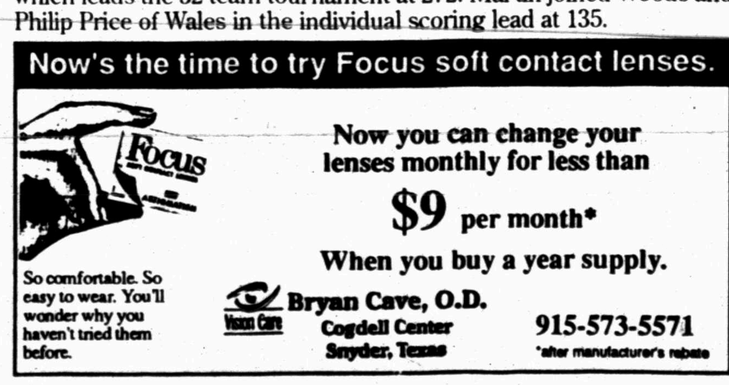
U.S. within one stroke of lead

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Tiger Woods had a 68 and Mark O'Meara a 6-under-par 65 as the U.S. team pulled within one stroke of the lead at the World Cup at 273.

Miguel Angel Martin and Santiago Luna each shot 66 for Spain, which leads the 32-team tournament at 272. Martin joined Woods and Philip Price of Wales in the individual scoring lead at 135.







SPORTS

Borden County 48, Sanderson 22...

Coyotes blast Eagles for quarterfinals berth

WINK — The Borden County Coyotes never let the high-flying Eagles get off the ground.

Borden County registered 22 points in the third quarter, and limited Sanderson to just six in the second half, en route to a 48-22 six-man regional playoff victory Friday night in Wink.

The Coyotes improve to 10-2 on the year and advance to face either Groom or Rochester in next week's state quarterfinals.

After trailing 16-14 at halftime, Borden County went to the air to start the third period.

Nick Flanigan hauled in a 27-yard scoring toss from Ed Rodriguez, before Joseph Hardman grabbed an 18-yard touchdown pass from Kevin Pinkerton. The aerial blitz lifted the Coyotes to a 28-16 advantage.

Following a Sanderson score, Borden County capped the third quarter with a 60-yard touchdown jaunt from T.J. Sharp.

Looking to secure its 36-22 lead, the Coyote defense shut down Sanderson in the final period. The Eagles, who mustered only 167 yards on the ground, failed to find the endzone in the fourth quarter.

Borden County padded its lead when Hardman sprinted 62 yards to paydirt, followed by a 32-yard TD scamper from Rodriguez.

Rodriguez, the Coyotes offensive leader, compiled some impressive numbers once again. Rodriguez tallied 204 yards on 21 carries, and caught two passes for 41 yards. He also completed a pair of passes for 17 yards.

Through the air, Pinkerton was four of four for 117 yards.

Rodriguez posted Borden County's only two scores of the first half. The Coyote sprinted in from 42 yards out in the first quarter, before catching a 27-yard TD toss from Pinkerton in the second period.

Hermleigh squads bomb Southland

HERMLEIGH — With a pair of offensive outbursts, Hermleigh chalked up two non-district basketball victories over Southland Friday night.

The Hermleigh boys averaged over 20 points per quarter in their 87-68 win, while the Lady Cardinals poured in 50 points in the first half of their 74-31 victory. Both Hermleigh squads improve to 1-1 on the season.

In boys' action, the Cardinals led by only four pints at halftime, before out scoring their opponents by 15 points in the second half.

"It was back and forth the whole ballgame," said Hermleigh coach Juan Rios. "It was a game of spurts, and in the end we got better shots than they did. I think our defense is better than this game showed. Southland got a bunch of points on their fast break, but we did a pretty good job in the half court.

Joey Garza had a monster night for the Cardinals, ringing up 38 points and hauling down 17 rebounds.

Andy Luna drained 22 points to go along with 10 assists and five steals.

Caleb Callaway posted 14 points, with Chris McClure and Tony Garza adding four apiece. Angel Vasquez and Tony Molina finished with two points each, and Alfonso Rangel chipped in one.

For the Lady Cardinals, it was blowout right from the start.

Hermleigh opened a 50-8 halftime lead, before coasting to the 43-point win.

Kendra Dacus paced the Lady Cardinals offensively with 24 points.

Sheena Callaway recorded 17 points, six assists and 11 steals, while Brandy Wood tallied 13 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

Crystal Jackson dropped in seven points, with Sabrina Terry and Randi Herrington adding four apiece. Toni Martinez notched three points, and Samantha Smith finished with two.

Both Hermleigh squads will be in action again Tuesday when they visit Westbrook at 6:30.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Roll-n-Hope League

Team	W	L
Martin Herefords	28	8
Baze Gun Repair	26	10
Spirit Energy	24	12
KSNY	23.5	12.5
Lawrence IGA	17.5	18.5
Snyder Lanes	11.5	24.5
Gutter Dusters	10.5	25.5

High series: Paula Beuerlein, scratch, 486; Jackie Martinez, handicap, 601.
High game: Wanda Johnson, scratch, 190; Michelle Ewing, handicap, 214.
Splits and special mentions: Gina Lunsford, 5-7; Dorris Martin, 5-6; Betty Boatman, 4-5.

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
The Shack	96.5	57.5
State Farm	90	64
McLeod Jewelers	88.5	65.5
Daylight Donuts	81	73
Rose Barber Shop	80	74
Headquarters	70.5	83.5
Stephens' Office	66.5	87.5
Wal-Mart	62.5	91.5
G&W Trucking	31	39
Clayton & Mills	19.5	50.5

High series: Rick Mammolite, scratch, 601; Charles Bennett, handicap, 699.
High game: Stacy Browning, scratch, 249; Barney Tate, handicap, 235.
Splits and special mentions: Jeff Smith, Mark Thompson and Butch Evans, 3-10; Barney Tate, 4-10; Roger Pavlik, 7-9; Bobby Hataway, 3-7-9; Charles Bennett, 5-6, 127 pins over avg.

NFL Glance

All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7	2	0	.778	250	181
Miami	7	2	0	.778	192	166
Buffalo	7	3	0	.700	204	149
New England	6	3	0	.667	208	174
N.Y. Jets	3	6	0	.333	150	167
Central						
Jacksonville	8	1	0	.889	216	79
Tennessee	7	2	0	.778	190	171
Pittsburgh	5	4	0	.556	172	124
Baltimore	3	6	0	.333	139	150
Cleveland	2	8	0	.200	99	253
Cincinnati	1	9	0	.100	130	302
West						
Seattle	7	2	0	.778	205	145
Kansas City	5	4	0	.556	200	136
Oakland	5	4	0	.556	185	162
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	136	194
Denver	3	7	0	.300	194	205

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	226	169
N.Y. Giants	5	4	0	.556	157	165
Washington	5	4	0	.556	287	257
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	115	187
Philadelphia	3	7	0	.300	149	212
Central						
Detroit	6	3	0	.667	201	171
Minnesota	6	4	0	.600	237	199
Tampa Bay	5	4	0	.556	139	128
Green Bay	4	5	0	.444	166	192
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	167	201
West						
St. Louis	7	2	0	.778	300	128
Carolina	3	6	0	.333	196	204
San Francisco	3	6	0	.333	156	258
Atlanta	2	7	0	.222	117	216
New Orleans	2	7	0	.222	147	185

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
New England at Miami, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
New York Giants at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
New Orleans at Jacksonville, 8:20 p.m.
OPEN: Minnesota

Monday's Game

Oakland at Denver, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 25

Chicago at Detroit, 12:40 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.

Kings outlast Mavs, 103-94

DALLAS (AP) — Chris Webber scored 24 points, including six down the stretch, as the Sacramento Kings won their fifth straight to match their best start in 47 years with a 103-94 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Friday night.

Predrag Stojakovic and Jon Barry came off the bench to score 15 points each and Vlade Divac had 14 points and 11 rebounds to help the Kings (6-1) equal the best start in franchise history. The 1952-53 Rochester Royals also started 6-1.

Sacramento's reserves outscored Dallas' bench, 52-13.

Michael Finley had 24 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists for the Mavericks, who had won three of their first four at home. Robert Pack had 20 points, Erick Strickland had 18 and Dirk Nowitzki 17 for Dallas.

Darrick Martin's layup with 3:48 left gave Sacramento a 92-91 lead. Webber added inside baskets on the Kings' next two possessions and converted two free throws with 1:15 to play as Sacramento built a 98-92 lead.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	7	2	.778	—
Boston	6	3	.667	1
New York	5	6	.455	3
Orlando	4	6	.400	3½
Philadelphia	4	6	.400	3½
Washington	2	7	.222	5
New Jersey	1	8	.111	6
Central Division				
Milwaukee	6	3	.667	—
Toronto	6	3	.667	—
Charlotte	6	4	.600	½
Indiana	5	4	.556	1
Cleveland	1	4	.500	1½
Detroit	4	6	.400	2½
Atlanta	3	6	.333	3
Chicago	1	8	.111	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	7	3	.700	—
Minnesota	4	2	.667	1
Utah	5	4	.556	1½
Dallas	4	6	.400	3
Denver	3	5	.375	3
Vancouver	3	5	.375	3
Houston	2	8	.200	5
Pacific Division				
Portland	9	1	.900	—
Sacramento	6	1	.857	1½
Seattle	8	2	.800	1
L.A. Lakers	8	3	.727	1½
Phoenix	6	4	.600	3
Golden State	2	6	.250	6
L.A. Clippers	2	7	.222	6½

Friday's Games

Boston 109, New Jersey 96
Atlanta 105, Indiana 99
Toronto 106, L.A. Clippers 100
Charlotte 103, Orlando 92
Minnesota 89, Utah 84
Portland 97, Philadelphia 91
Detroit 101, Cleveland 90
Sacramento 103, Dallas 94
Phoenix 96, New York 81
L.A. Lakers 103, Chicago 95

Saturday's Games

L.A. Clippers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Denver, 9 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
New York at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Minnesota at Vancouver, 3 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Texas High School Football Playoffs

CLASS 5A
DIVISION I

Region I
Midland Lee 34, EP Franklin 20
Lewisville (11-0) vs. Waco (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco

Region II
Mesquite (6-5) vs. Tyler Lee (9-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Bryan 29, Klein 6

Region III
Houston Westbury (9-2) vs. Alief Hastings (8-3), TBA Saturday, Rice Stadium, Houston
Aldine Eisenhower (10-1) vs. Clear Lake (8-3), 3 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome

Region IV
SA Taft (6-4) vs. CC Carroll (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Gustafson Stadium, San Antonio
Eagle Pass (5-6) vs. Edinburg (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Gustafson Stadium, San Antonio

DIVISION II

Region I
El Paso Eastwood (7-4) vs. Amarillo (11-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Bivins Stadium, Amarillo
South Grand Prairie (10-1) vs. Arlington Lamar (8-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Gopher Bowl, Grand Prairie
El Paso Andress (8-3) vs. Abilene (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Midland
DeSoto 21, Irving 17

Region II
Plano East (9-2) vs. Dallas Kimball (8-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Georgetown (6-5) vs. The Woodlands (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Moorhead Stadium, Houston
Garland (10-1) vs. Lufkin (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Rose Stadium, Tyler
Austin Westlake 24, Conroe 10

Region III
Houston Madison (9-2) vs. Katy (10-1), TBA Saturday, Rice Stadium
Beaumont Central (6-5) vs. Pasadena Dobie (11-0), Noon Saturday, Astrodome
Houston Yates (9-2) vs. Alief Elsik (7-4), TBA Saturday, Rice Stadium
Baytown Lee (6-5) vs. Galveston Ball (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Pasadena Memorial

Region IV
SA Marshall 37, CC Moody 7
Brownsville Rivera 21, Laredo United South 0
SA Holmes 45, SA Harlandale 35
Laredo Cigarroa 21, San Benito 14

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I

Region I
EP Ysleta (5-6) vs. Hereford (10-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
Brownwood (9-2) vs. Weatherford (10-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Region II
Waco Midway (8-3) vs. Dallas Hillcrest (7-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Mesquite Poteet 34, Texarkana (Texas) High 13

Region III
Jacksonville (8-3) vs. Nederland (10-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston
Texas City 47, Houston Forest Brook 13

Region IV
Hays 19, Belton 10
Alice 50, Beeville 22

DIVISION II

Region I
El Paso Parkland (10-1) vs. Canyon (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
Everman (8-3) vs. Wichita Falls (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, BISD Fine Arts-Athletics Complex, North Richland Hills
Wolfforth Frenship 30, EP Riverside 16
Stephenville (11-0) vs. WF Hirschi (8-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Region II
FW Dunbar (10-1) vs. Coppell (10-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Maverick Stadium, Arlington
Greenville 24, Dallas Lincoln 14
Dallas Roosevelt 16, FW Eastern Hills 8 (OT)
Dallas Samuell (9-2) vs. Ennis (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland

Region III
Hallsville (8-3) vs. PA Lincoln (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Thorne Stadium
La Marque 36, Crosby 13
Waller (7-4) vs. Port Neches-Groves (10-1), 9 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome
Brazosport 30, Houston King 9

Region IV
Smithson Valley 42, Dripping Springs 13
Schertz Clemens 21, CC Calallen 13
San Marcos 28, Austin Reagan 27
Floresville (9-2) vs. Mercedes (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Corpus Christi

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I

Region I
Lamesa 41, Muleshoe 12
Breckenridge 27, Abilene Wylie 10

Region II
Aledo 17, Frisco 10
Liberty Eylau (9-1) vs. Lindale (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Mesquite

Region III
Gatesville 21, Bellville 9
Cleveland 34, Hardin-Jefferson 15

Region IV
Burnet 12, Cuero 10
Mathis 31, Sinton 13

DIVISION II

Region I
Dalhart (6-5) vs. Greenwood (8-3), 5 p.m. Saturday, Kimbrough Memorial Stadium, Canyon
Childress 54, Eastland 15
Friona (10-1) vs. Crane (11-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Denver City
Iowa Park 29, Ballinger 25

Region II
Alvarado 49, Royse City 28
Hooks (8-3) vs. Brownsboro (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Mesquite
Commerce 41, Lake Worth 7
Atlanta 38, Emory Rains 6

Region III
Marlin (10-1) vs. Rockdale (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Pflugerville
Newton 30, Crockett 24
Robinson 21, La Grange 14
Barbers Hill 27, Corrigan-Camden 12

Region IV
Sealy 38, Llano 10
Aransas Pass 52, Bishop 46
Hondo 49, Gonzales 14
CC West Oso 35, Falfurrias 12

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I

Region I
Ozona 7, Post 0
Canadian (10-1) vs. Tuscola Jim Ned (6-5), 6 p.m. Saturday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock

Region II
Boyd 38, Pilot Point 9
Omaha Paul Pewitt (11-0) vs. Rio Vista (7-4), 7 p.m. Saturday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland

Region III
Hughes Springs 35, Malakoff 7
Mart 58, East Chambers 20

Region IV
Brookshire-Royal 53, Winters 27
Comfort 42, Karnes City 6

DIVISION II

Region I
Iraan 20, Stanton 11
Stratford (9-2) vs. Abernathy (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Bivins Stadium, Amarillo
Sonora (11-0) vs. Seagraves (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater
Spearman 29, Hamlin 17

Region II
Celina 28, Seymour 8
Grand Saline 36, Millsap 17
Gunter 43, Olney 15
Italy 22, Cooper 0

Region III
Elysian Fields (10-1) vs. Kerens (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Rusk
Garrison 22, Thorndale 13
Big Sandy (10-1) vs. New Waverly (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Crockett
Alto (10-1) vs. Rogers (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, College Station Tigerland

Region IV
Ganado 15, Little River Academy 10
Refugio 34, Blanco 13
Mason 29, East Bernard 7
Poth 33, Banquete 7

CLASS 1A

Region I
Wheeler 21, Springlake-Earth 7
Sudan (8-2) vs. Marfa (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kermit
Nazareth 14, Claude 7
Rankin 28, Anton 21

Region II
Aspermont 44, Roscoe 0
Baird 40, Rocksprings 8
Paducah 34, Rotan 17
Bronte 33, Menard 0

Region III
Celeste 34, Muenster 13
Dawson 41, Quinlan Boles Home 18
Valley View (6-4) vs. Detroit (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Denison
Karnack (8-2) vs. Meridian (8-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Van Horn

Region IV
Jarrell 51, Evadale 0
Charlotte 25, Leakey 14
Bartlett 56, Apple 14
Falls City 34, La Pryor 7

Tech falls in arena opener

LUBBOCK (AP) — A.J. Guyton scored 22 points as Indiana held off Texas Tech 68-60 Friday night in the season opener for both teams before a sellout crowd of 15,050 in the debut of the $62 million United Spirit Arena.

Lynn Washington and Dane Fife added 11 points each for the Hoosiers, who held the Red Raiders to 26.3-percent shooting in the second half of the game, nationally telecast by ESPN.

Andy Ellis led Texas Tech with a career-high 30 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Rayford Young chipped in 12 points, and Mario Layne added 10 points for the Red Raiders.

Indiana held a 35-34 lead at halftime before Ellis put Texas Tech up with a pair of free throws just 30 seconds into the second period. But the Hoosiers responded with a 16-4 run capped by a pair of Fife free throws that put Indiana up 51-40 with 12:27 remaining in the game.

NHL Glance

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	10	7	3	1	24	57	46
New Jersey	9	6	3	1	22	48	42
N.Y. Rangers	6	11	3	0	15	43	56
Pittsburgh	5	9	3	2	15	55	57
N.Y. Islanders	5	9	2	0	12	32	48
Northeast Division							
Ottawa	12	7	1	1	26	57	43
Toronto	11	7	3	1	26	60	43
Boston	9	6	5	0	23	55	48
Buffalo	8	10	2	0	18	54	56
Montreal	5	14	1	1	12	38	55
Southeast Division							
Florida	10	7	2	2	24	51	45
Carolina	8	7	4	0	20	46	50
Washington	6	8	4	1	17	48	56
Tampa Bay	7	10	1	1	16	51	58
Atlanta	4	11	2	1	11	37	64

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	12	5	3	1	28	66	44
St. Louis	12	6	1	0	25	59	43
Nashville	7	9	1	1	16	45	52
Chicago	4	11	4	1	13	48	60
Northwest Division							
Vancouver	9	6	4	1	23	57	60
Colorado	8	9	3	1	20	54	53
Edmonton	5	8	5	3	18	45	46
Calgary	6	12	2	0	14	47	68
Pacific Division							
San Jose	13	9	2	1	29	73	59
Los Angeles	12	5	4	0	28	67	53
Phoenix	11	6	3	0	25	61	51
Anaheim	10	9	2	1	23	56	51
Dallas	8	8	3	0	19	41	44

Friday's Games

Carolina 3, Washington 3, tie
Buffalo 4, Atlanta 0
N.Y. Islanders 3, Colorado 2
Calgary 3, Detroit 1
Anaheim 4, Chicago 2

Saturday's Games

Ottawa at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Game

N.Y. Islanders at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Men's Basketball League

Team	W	L
American State Bank	8	1
West Texas State Bank	5	3
Big Country Auto	5	4
Snyder National Bank	3	6
United Supermarkets	1	8

Big Country Autoland 88, United Supermarkets 73; American State Bank 94, Snyder National Bank 82.

Local Interest STOCKS

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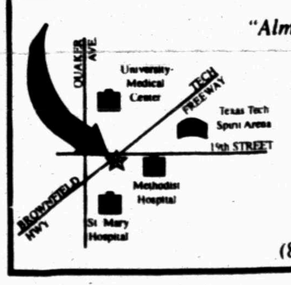
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Company expands its recall

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers are being advised to ask about the source of any unpasteurized orange juice they're served at restaurants and hotels.

The Food and Drug Administration said people should avoid drinking unpasteurized orange juice sold under several brand names by Sun Orchard Inc. Authorities announced Friday that another batch of the company's juice may be contaminated with salmonella.

Sun Orchard expanded its juice recall to three additional states where hotels, restaurants and other food establishments bought the latest batch: Illinois, Kansas and Michigan.

Salmonella can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people and those with weakened immune systems. Healthy individuals can suffer fever, severe headache, vomiting, abdominal pain and diarrhea.

On Tuesday, the FDA warned consumers to avoid Sun Orchard's unpasteurized orange juice. Although the Tempe, Ariz.-based company had recalled some batches of the juice last summer, additional possibly contaminated batches had been found, the FDA said.

On Friday, the FDA added still another batch to the recall list: Lot No. 9308, which bears an "enjoy by" date of 11/20/99 and was sold in gallon containers under the brand names Sun Orchard and Sysco, and in gallon and half-gallon unlabeled containers.

Previously recalled lots include: Nos. "9306, Enjoy by 11/18/99," "9307 Enjoy by 11/19/99," "9303, Enjoy by 11/21/99," "9309, Enjoy by 11/22/99," and "9309, Enjoy by 11/23/99." They were sold under the names Sun Orchard, Sysco, Aloha and Zupan in California, Washington, Oregon, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Arizona and British Columbia, Canada.



SMOKEOUT — Members of Snyder High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America helped to spread the word about the dangers of tobacco during Thursday's Great American Smokeout. Members passed out stickers, pins, bookmarks and literature and placed posters in the halls. Pictured front row, from left, are Adriane Williams, Daphny Lopez, Vanessa Lara, Jennifer Lara and Trisha Block. Second row, from left, are Suzanne Bogard, Marie Fuentes, Tiffany Gomez and Veronica Maldonado. Third row, from left, are Janie Hembree, Valerie Lara, Ashley Tucker and Lisa Marie Martinez. Top row, from left, are Cizun Moore, Taz Moorehead, Ana Robledo, Tammi Walker and Tiffany Craig. FCCLA advisers are Mrs. Carolyn Derouen and Mrs. Carolyn Limmer. (SDN Staff Photo)

Judge orders pretrial hearing in Linda Tripp's wiretap case

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. (AP) — Linda Tripp on Friday won her bid for a pretrial hearing in her wiretapping case amid questions about whether prosecutors obtained evidence from statements she had given under immunity from prosecution.

Judge Diane Leasure said Friday that Mrs. Tripp is entitled to the hearing before her trial starts, rather than after it ends, as state prosecutor Stephen Montanarelli had requested.

"This investigation is saturated with testimony from the independent counsel's investigation," Tripp lawyer Joseph Murtha told the judge. The defense hopes to get the charges dismissed during the pretrial hearing.

Assistant Maryland Attorney General Carolyn Henneman countered that Mrs. Tripp did not have immunity from prosecution on Jan. 16, 1998, when she gave Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr her secretly tape-recorded phone calls of Monica Lewinsky.

The letter of immunity Starr's office wrote to protect Mrs. Tripp does not apply to the state of Maryland in its wiretap case, the prosecutor said, contending that Mrs. Tripp didn't get immunity in the state until a judge granted it Feb. 19, 1998.

Outside the courthouse, Montanarelli said it would be extremely difficult to prosecute Mrs. Tripp if the judge rules that her immunity began on the earlier date, saying, "All of the case is based on evidence" that came to light between Jan. 16 and Feb. 19.

Tripp lawyer David Irwin insisted that Mrs. Tripp's immunity began on the earlier date and said that prosecuting her after she cooperated with federal prosecutors would foster distrust of the government.

At the pretrial hearing, scheduled for Dec. 13, Maryland prosecutors will have to show that all of the evidence in the case came from sources not linked to Mrs. Tripp's immunized cooperation in the Starr probe of President Clinton. The judge said she would like to rule by then on which date Mrs. Tripp's immunity began.

Murtha told the judge that Ms. Lewinsky, who helped Montanarelli's investigation, was tainted by Mrs. Tripp's statements to prosecutors.

"She is radioactive; she is glowing with information" from Starr's investigation, Murtha said.

TXU Electric & Gas offers cold-weather tips

Cool weather is a signal for home-owners to start winterizing their homes to lower their heating bills and ensure safe operation of appliances when "cold man winter" settles in.

"TXU Electric & Gs recommends you have your heating equipment inspected annually," Daryl Thomas, local manager said. "An annual, pre-season inspection and maintenance will help ensure safe, efficient and long-lasting operation of the heating equipment.

According to Thomas, TXU Electric & Gas offers the following "tighten up" measures to help lower heating bills:

— Check and clean or replace dirty filters monthly on heating equipment. Dirty filters cause equipment to work harder and use more energy.

— Set your thermostat at the lowest comfortable setting. Moving the thermostat setting down a few degrees can save both money and energy.

— Adequate attic insulation can save heating costs and make the home more comfortable. Because the ceiling is the area of greatest heat loss, you should have a minimum insulation value of R-30 in your attic.

— Weather-stripping around doors and windows reduces air infiltration and keeps heating costs down. Caulk wherever two different materials meet on the interior or exterior of you home.

— Ventilate attics to remove moisture in the winter. Do not cover attic vents in the winter if the ceiling is insulated.

— Keep the damper tightly closed on fireplaces when not in use. A glass fireplace screen can help minimize the loss of heated air.

TXU Electric & Gas recommends several safety tips for gas appliances to help ensure a safe winter.

— Prior to the heating season, you should have a qualified equipment dealer inspect the furnace.

— If the pilot light of an appliance goes out, turn off the gas appliance for several minutes before you attempt to re-light it. Instructions can usually be found attached to the appliance.

— Pilot lights and main burners on gas appliances should always produce a blue flame. If the flame is yellow or red, a certified heating and air conditioning contractor should be called immediately.

— Use a gas appliance only for its intended purposes. For example, an oven should never be used to heat a room.

— Never use or store gasoline or flammable liquids (such as paint, paint thinner, cleaning fluids, etc.) in the same room with any gas appliance.

— Have qualified service people install and maintain all gas appliances.

— Have a certified plumber make periodic inspections of gas lines in you home and on your property.

— Change filters on heating equipment every 30 days.

— If a space heater doesn't have a vent, or an oxygen cut-off switch, provide outside ventilation, such as a slightly open window.

— Keep space heaters away from furniture, draperies and other combustible materials.

For consumer information about gas or electric service, call the following toll-free numbers:

Gas service: 1-800-460-3030

Electric service: 1-800-242-9113

Ban on outdoor tobacco ads illegal

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Local bans on outdoor advertising of tobacco products violate federal law, the federal appeals court for nine Western states ruled Friday.

In a 3-0 ruling, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said a 1997 ordinance in Tacoma, Wash., violated a 1969 federal law that prohibits local governments from applying any "requirement or prohibition based on smoking and health" to cigarette advertising.

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ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROJECT — Wagon Wheel Ranch and Snyder National Bank, two of Northeast Elementary School's adopt-a-school partners, have joined forces to plant flowers in the flowerbeds along the front wall of the building. In the top photo, Paden Kinney, 7, helps his granddad, Billy Ray Browning, unload a wheelbarrow. In the middle photo, Paden, far right, and Joyce Coates, Joe Riojas and Mario Garcia, from left, are preparing the ground for planting. In the bottom photo, Pam Browning, left, and Susie White are planting the flowers donated by SNB. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Nov. 21, 1999

An extremely ambitious project might be undertaken by you in the year ahead. This is well and good, however, it will require the best that is in you to succeed. Be tenacious.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Co-operation and teamwork may not be forthcoming today, so don't make plans that call for them. You could be sourly disappointed if others don't come through for you. Major changes are ahead for Scorpio in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't forsake a job that desperately needs tending today for a social event you truly can't afford. You'll end up with nothing but regrets on both counts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A couple of self-serving pals could make things rather unpleasant for you today. Be extra careful with whom you select to spend your time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) There is a possibility you could be faced with an unusual domestic crisis today due to someone in the family not telling the truth in the first place. Handle it with a cool head.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be helpful where you can today, but don't allow yourself to get used financially. Someone might try to dump his or her expenses in your lap if you're not careful.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you hope to keep your cash flow in good condition today, it looks like you're going to need to manage your material affairs with caution and prudence. Don't be wasteful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you set the tone in your dealings with others today with a cranky disposition or the silent treatment, you can fully expect a reciprocal reaction. If the shoe fits, wear it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Avoid getting into any arguments with anybody for any reason at this time. People have a tendency today to overreact and things could quickly get out of hand fast.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You could be on rather thin ice today when it comes to arrangements or agreements. Don't you be the one to break a pledge or promise, but be alert that the other guy may do so.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Good intentions are not good enough today. You must be diligent and alert to unexpected occurrences if you hope to accomplish a task you set for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If today's plans are overloaded with emotional content, they aren't apt to work out too well. Be both logical and objective when dealing with friends

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be on guard today for a jealous opponent to attempt to stack the deck against you in some underhanded manner. Don't naively believe everyone is as fair and honest as you are.

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Judge names mediator; settlement a possibility

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a move that raises the likelihood of an out-of-court settlement, the judge in the Microsoft antitrust trial appointed a mediator to oversee voluntary negotiations between the government and the software giant.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson late Friday appointed Richard Posner, the chief judge of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago, leaving it up to Posner to set "the manner and duration" of any talks.

Microsoft Corp., whose stock jumped nearly $5 Friday in after-hours trading to $90.97, called the move "a very positive step toward resolving this case."

Both sides said they will work with Posner, who was appointed to his post by President Reagan, as was Jackson. Microsoft spokesman Jim Cullinan said the company wants to "reach a fair and reasonable solution."

The Justice Department called Posner "a highly respected jurist" and said it "has always been willing to seek a settlement that would promote competition, innovations and consumer choice."

Jackson, who ruled two weeks ago that Microsoft is a monopoly that stifled competition and hurt consumers, has encouraged the two sides to settle. He structured his verdict to come in two phases in an apparent effort to push lawyers toward the bargaining table.

"This greatly enhances the chances for settlement," said Kevin Arquit, a New York antitrust lawyer who has worked for Microsoft's rivals.

Posner has generally been inclined against breaking up companies in antitrust cases, one of the tough remedies under consideration for Microsoft by government lawyers, legal experts say.

"He's going to be very skeptical of that solution," said William Kovacic of George Washington University. "His published views on divestiture as an antitrust remedy are not favorable toward divestiture."

But other antitrust specialists said Posner's conservatism might view a breakup of Microsoft as the cleanest solution to avoid a federal court's continued oversight of the fast-changing technology industry.

"I don't think he would be very enamored with the idea that a federal judge should continuously monitor Microsoft's marketplace decisions," said Washington antitrust lawyer George Cary.

UPS customers accuse firm of committing insurance fraud

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Customers who bought insurance over the past 16 years for packages shipped by United Parcel Service have filed a lawsuit accusing the company of fraud.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of about 20 UPS customers from Indiana, Texas, Kentucky and Ohio, claims that UPS fraudulently collected fees to pay insurance for packages worth more than $100 even though the company was self-insured.

"The money collected for the insurance wasn't used to buy insurance but was directed to a Bermuda business owned by UPS stockholders," attorney James Swaim said.

UPS, the world's largest package delivery company, has acted properly and will fight the allegations, company spokesman Norman Black said Friday.

The lawsuit, filed Thursday in Montgomery County Common Pleas Court, seeks $14 billion in compensatory damages. If the judge approves it as a class-action lawsuit, that amount would be tripled to $42 billion.

The lawsuit stems from documents obtained in the federal government's tax case against UPS. A Tax Court judge has ruled that UPS set up a Bermuda-based corporation as an insurance company to avoid paying income taxes. The judge found that UPS must pay taxes on the money sent to the Bermuda company.

UPS recently took a $1.44 billion charge as a result of the ruling and made a $1.3 billion payment to the government to stop interest penalties while it considers an appeal, Black said.

Until 1984, UPS sold and provided its own insurance for customers. Rather than face the possibility of being regulated by state insurance commissioners, UPS then began using Pittsburgh-based National Union Fire Insurance Co. to write the insurance for UPS packages, Black said.

National Union Fire Insurance, a co-defendant in the lawsuit, used Overseas Partners Ltd. in Bermuda to reinsure the coverage National Union Fire had written. Overseas Partners includes the company that UPS spun off when it got out of the insurance business in 1984. It is owned by holders of private UPS stock but is independent of UPS, Black said.

"We believe we followed every state regulation and rule interpretation and application at the time we were exiting the insurance business," Black said.

Prince Charles plays polo for charity

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Prince Charles played a round of polo for charity, but his presence failed to inspire his losing side.

The heir to the British throne played his favorite sport Friday at the Ghantoot Polo and Racing Club on the outskirts of the Emirates capital, Abu Dhabi, on the third day of his visit here.

Senior Center Menu

Monday

Chicken strips w/cream gravy, whole kernel corn, golden carrots, tossed salad, sugar cookie

Tuesday

Spaghetti w/meatsauce, apple/carrot/raisin salad, broccoli, cheese sticks, apple cobbler

Wednesday

Barbecue on a bun, baked beans, potato salad, sliced onion, banana pudding

Thursday

Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Friday

Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Senior Center News

Monday

Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. Seniors may play dominoes and pool Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday

Sunshine Choir members will have a special practice session at the Senior Center from 9:30-10:30 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend since they will be practicing for their performance in Colorado City on Pearl Harbor Day.

"88" play begins at 10 a.m., the Local Yokels will entertain at 11 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon.

The swimnastics class at the Western Texas College pool is scheduled for Tuesday from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The center will open at 6:30 p.m. for the dance/game night. The Benny Benitez Band will play from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Wednesday

Birthday cake will be served at 10:15 a.m. and the Kitchen Band will entertain at 11 a.m. Line Dancers and Cloggers will practice at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively.

Thursday and Friday

The center will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The center is a non-profit organization that provides services for seniors citizens. It is located at 2603 Ave. M. The telephone number is 573-4035.

Newcomers and retirees are encouraged to contact the center whether they need assistance or want to help through the volunteer program. Call the office for more information.

Congratulations to Helen Wadleigh for her win in the monthly bridge tournament. Janice Cox placed second and Jean Thompson third. All senior bridge players are encouraged to join the games.

AARP is offering a "55 Alive" defensive driving course on Dec. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. until everyone is through. The cost of the course is $8. Participants are encouraged to contact their automobile insurance agents, because, in some cases, the companies will offer a discount if the driver has taken the course. To participate, contact the office.

The newsletter for December 1999 and January 2000 should be in the mail by Thanksgiving. Seniors are encouraged to read it carefully. There are several schedule changes and special activities during the month of December.

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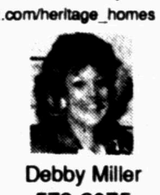
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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Fluoroscopes now seen as dangerous

DEAR DR. GOTT: When I was a child, I used to put my feet under a fluoroscope in shoe stores to see how the shoes fit. This was fun and, while waiting for my mother, I'd do it myself, as the X-ray machine was automatic. Could my foot stiffness be due to this radiation exposure?

DEAR READER: With the very real modern concerns about the harmful effects of radiation, it is chilling to reflect on the potential damage caused by foot fluoroscopes that were widely available in shoe stores years ago. These devices were treated as harmless toys at the time. We now know that they produced dangerous amounts of radiation.

I wonder if, in the future, we will look back on our current love-affair with the X-ray machine with the same horror. This is one reason that I discourage patients from having X-ray examinations unless the tests are absolutely necessary for diagnosis or treatment.

Your foot stiffness is probably due to the normal arthritis that inevitably comes with age. However, because of the X-ray exposure you had when you were growing, I cannot be certain. You should be checked by your doctor to make sure that your feet are all right and that you haven't developed problems in organs that are more radiation-sensitive, such as bone marrow and thyroid gland.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My elderly mother was prescribed digoxin for heart failure. After developing symptoms of nausea, fatigue, social withdrawal and depression, she was hospitalized. The doctors diagnosed digitalis poisoning. Since stopping the drug, she is back to her old self. Is this common?

DEAR READER: I'm afraid so. Digitalis has a very narrow therapeutic index, meaning that the difference between the appropriate, useful amount and the toxic dose is small. Elderly patients are often intolerant of digoxin and readily become sick from it because they cannot metabolize or excrete the drug as efficiently as a young person can.

Fortunately, a simple blood test — the digoxin level — will indicate, in a few hours, whether a patient's digitalis concentration has reached toxic proportions in the body. In my opinion, this test should be periodically performed on any digitalis-treated patients, especially if they show signs of mental deterioration, visual difficulties, nausea, loss of appetite or heart irregularities. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." 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: Whenever I eat asparagus, my tinkle stinks. Is this normal?

DEAR READER: Your what? Oh, your urine smells. This common phenomenon is caused by naturally occurring substances in the vegetable. It's normal.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For two weeks, I had intermittent chest pain. Then it became constant. It seemed to be centered behind my sternum, radiated to my left shoulder and caused my left arm to be tingly. I am a 58-year-old housewife.

I went to my doctor. He told me to run up and down the stairs a few times to see if the pain got worse. My concern is that his advice might kill me. What do you think?

DEAR READER: Your doctor's response was so astonishingly bizarre that, when I first read your letter, I thought you were pulling my leg. But when I saw that you included your name and return address, I decided that you must be on the level.

The symptoms you describe can indicate a serious condition. In adults, chest pain with radiation to the left shoulder must be assumed to have a cardiac basis until proved otherwise. If you were experiencing angina — cramping of the heart muscle because of inadequate oxygen supply — further strenuous activity, such as stair-climbing, could result in heart attack and death.

The doctor gave you rotten advice. Instead of advising you to exercise more, a prudent and qualified physician would have encouraged you to remain quiet and undergo immediate testing to determine the cause of your pain.

The discomfort you describe could also have a cardiac basis other than angina. For example, it could reflect pericarditis, an inflammation of the thin envelope that covers the heart. Pericarditis is common in young and middle-aged adults. It can produce pain that mimics angina. As the inflammation around the heart increases, fluid may form under the pericardium, leading to progressive pressure on the heart, cardiac failure or collapse. Rest is imperative for treatment, so your doctor again missed the mark by telling you to exercise. Depending on the severity of the pericarditis, hospitalization may be necessary.

Finally, your chest pain could be related to a lung ailment, such as pneumothorax — the partial collapse of a lung. This condition is common in young adults. Tiny holes can form in the thin membrane covering the lung. Air may escape through these holes and fill the space outside the lung, inside the chest cavity. Since this air cannot be expelled, it builds up to cause progressive lung collapse, pain and shortness-of-breath. Exercise is out of the question; it increases the amount of pneumothorax. In most instances, hospitalization is advisable.

Although your chest pain may have a trivial and simple cause, such as strained chest-wall muscles, your doctor was doing you no favor by his cavalier attitude. Chest pain in patients of any age should be carefully investigated. The symptoms must never be disregarded. If I were you, I wouldn't touch that doctor with a 10-foot pole; he and his patients are bound to get into serious trouble sooner or later. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Choosing a Physician." 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: What causes an addiction to chocolate? I've got it. Is it physical?

DEAR READER: I don't know what makes a chocoholic. I'd guess that most of us crave chocolate from time to time. Of course, people get addicted to the darndest things: alcohol, work, sex, food, caffeine, gambling — even eating clay or laundry starch. Chocolate contains sugar, caffeine and a stimulant called theobromine; one or all of these may be the basis for your attraction to chocolate.

If you really have an uncontrollable urge to consume chocolate, you may have an addictive personality, which is often a problem of attitude: the substance itself isn't really the cause. Without a change in attitude, you may "beat" your chocolate addiction, only to move onto some other compulsive behavior. Try working out your problem through a support group, such as Weight Watchers or Overeaters Anonymous. The Yellow Pages will list chapters in your area.

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Ulster Unionist leader battles own party to sell Belfast deal

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — If all parties accept a new compromise peace plan in Northern Ireland, a long-delayed Catholic-Protestant administration will receive powers from the British government on Dec. 2, an official said Saturday.

Peter Mandelson, the British minister responsible for the province, said Northern Ireland's legislature will convene Nov. 29 to confirm candidates for a 12-member Cabinet. That, he said, would pave the way for transferring powers from London to the new provincial government just three days later.

But that can happen only if the major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, first wins its own internal vote on Nov. 27 to accept the compromise formula engineered by American diplomat George Mitchell.

David Trimble, the leader of the Ulster Unionists, faces a bitter battle to get his rebellious Protestant colleagues — many of whom want to thwart the compromise — on board as well.

Some Ulster Unionists fear that the IRA won't follow throughout on its promises.

And even Trimble sounded cautious Saturday, warning he would cancel his party's Nov. 27 vote if Sinn Fein doesn't make clear that the Irish Republican Army will disarm after the government's formation.

In an opinion piece in Saturday's New York Times, mediator Mitchell predicted the IRA would follow through with the agreement and eventually disarm.

"Major hurdles remain," wrote the former U.S. Senate majority leader. "In both communities there are those who are still trying to disrupt the peace process with threats, murders and bombs, and many on both sides are skeptical."

Trimble, designated to lead the Protestant-Catholic government envisioned at the heart of the long-deadlocked 1998 accord, predicted "a quite significant endorsement" when his party's ruling council votes Nov. 27 on the new compromise plan engineered by American mediator George Mitchell.

Launching his weeklong "yes" campaign at Ulster Unionist headquarters on Friday, Trimble said "there is actually a mood in the country, which I'm sure our delegates will reflect ... that this is the time to break the stalemate."

The proposal requires Ulster Unionists to accept the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party as government colleagues without any guarantee that the Irish Republican Army will disarm — long the scenario that Trimble said he would never endorse.

But after three months of talks led by Mitchell, Trimble softened his position this week. He accepted as adequate an IRA pledge to begin talking to a disarmament commission the same day the Ulster Unionists and Sinn Fein sit down together in the same four-party Cabinet next month.

If Trimble wins and the Cabinet is formed, he would become the first Ulster Unionist leader in Northern Ireland history not to be dumped by his party at a moment of unpalatable compromise.

But if the hard-liners can marshal majority opposition within the 800-member council, that could well force Trimble's resignation — taking hopes of enacting Mitchell's plan down with him.

Already, six of Trimble's nine colleagues in the British Parliament in London have rejected his leadership, just as they did last year during a public referendum to ratify the Good Friday accord.

Macau hopes gang convictions will help rein in mobs' actions

MACAU (AP) — It was a horrific mob assassination, even by Macau standards.

Two purported members of the Soi Fong triad gang had finished dining in the wee hours one Sunday in August. They stepped outside a restaurant and were blown away by a remote-control nail bomb that left the roadway splattered with blood.

Wong Hung-to, 30, and Lai Yiu-shek, 38, became statistics in a turf war that seems to have spun out of control, giving Macau a serious image problem as Portugal prepares to hand the gambling enclave back to China on Dec. 20 after 442 years of direct rule from Lisbon.

There already have been 37 killings in Macau this year, nearly all of them attributed to mobsters settling various scores, compared with 27 in 1998 and 29 in 1997.

The hitmen typically arrive from mainland China, gun down their victims and then slip back across the border, law enforcers say. And even though authorities say they know which mob bosses are ordering the killings, they generally can't prove it.

"We have one difficulty: silence of the witness," said Maj. Gen. Manuel Soares Monge, who as Macau's undersecretary for security is the top law officer here. "We have some cases that we know for sure, the family knows who killed the victim, but they won't talk."

In the final weeks before the handover ceremony, Macau crime fighters hope to bag a trophy that will show the world their battle against the mobs has been serious.

Wan Kuok-koi, alias "Broken Tooth Koi," an alleged boss of the notorious 14K triad, is being tried along with eight codefendants for a variety of mob activities.

Wan insists he is an innocent businessman who knows about the 14K triad but is not involved. Judge Fernando Estrela is expected to hand down verdicts Tuesday.

If Wan walks, it won't be the first time. He was tried earlier this year on charges of intimidating casino workers, but witness after witness took the stand and said they knew nothing.

This time, prosecutors used testimony from police who rattled off evidence they claim to have gotten from informants. The defense calls it hearsay, far too flimsy for convicting anybody.

One of Wan's lawyers, Pedro Redinha, quit the case in protest.

The carnage in Macau has attracted considerable attention, scaring off tourists even though one Macau official famously sought to reassure ordinary people they were safe because the killings are carried out by professionals who don't miss their targets.

The recent focus on the mob violence is a sore point with the Portuguese, who are working hard to polish up Macau ahead of the handover. They insist organized crime is a problem all over the world and accuse the news media of sensationalizing the killings.

"The triads are not a specific problem in Macau," said Jorge Rangel, Macau's secretary of administration. "They are everywhere in Asia."

Tobacco lawyers OK fee

AUSTIN (AP) — Private lawyers hired to represent Texas in the state's lawsuit against the tobacco industry agreed Friday to accept $3.3 billion for their work and not seek more money from the state.

The five were awarded the $3.3 billion by a national arbitration panel as compensation for their work on the settlement that gave Texas $17.3 billion from tobacco companies.

The private lawyers were under a federal judge's order to decide by Friday whether to accept that amount or try to collect more under their original state contract, which called for them to get 15 percent of whatever Texas receives from the tobacco industry.

A 1998 report by professors at Yale University and the University of California-Berkeley said tobacco industry payments to Texas should be adjusted annually for inflation. That would help boost the value of Texas' settlement as high as $105 billion over 50 years, which could have allowed the lawyers to collect an additional $12.5 billion, said Texas Attorney General John Cornyn.

Cornyn had vowed to fight if the private lawyers tried to collect any of the state's portion of the settlement.

"I think this is a great day for Texas," he said.

A lawyer for the five private attorneys said he couldn't confirm Cornyn's numbers but said that the attorneys' decision Friday will save Texas taxpayers billions of dollars.

"My clients have never wanted to put the state on the hook and have said that over and over," said Michael Tigar. "Some have doubted their word."

Their decision amounts to a waiver of the contract with the state, which was negotiated by former Attorney General Dan Morales, a Democrat who didn't seek re-election last year.

"The lawyers recognize this (arbitration award) fairly and reasonably compensates them," said Tigar, a prominent defense attorney from Washington, D.C.

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Whereas by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued out of the District Court of Scurry County, Texas, on the 6th day of October, 1999, in Cause No. 15010, where Wacey Enoch Lee Parks, Caleb Tye Parks, and Calley Jo Parks, Minor Children, were Plaintiffs, and Gary Don Parks was Defendant, on a judgement rendered in said Court against Defendant, and in favor of said plaintiffs for the sum of Twenty-one thousand six hundred fifty-two and eighty-one/100 DOLLARS,with interest theron from the 8th day of October, 1993, at the rate of ten percent per annum, together with all costs of suit; I did on the 27th day of October, 1999, at 2:20 PM, levy upon the following described mineral interest situated in Borden County, Texas, as the property of Gary Don Parks to wit:

WRIT OF EXECUTION
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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Soy comes into its own

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: The new health claims about soy have me confused. What does soy have that makes it deserve a health claim, or is this just marketing? — U.Q., San Rafael, Calif.

DEAR U.Q.: That the U.S. Food and Drug Association decided to authorize a health claim for soy protein is no small accomplishment. To date, there have only been 10 FDA-sanctioned health claims allowed on the label.

At present, products that contain at least 6.25 grams of soy protein per serving can make the claim, as long as they are low in total fat, saturated fat, cholesterol and sodium. The wording of the soy health claim will be similar to the following: "Diets low in saturated fat and cholesterol that include 25 grams of soy protein per day may reduce the risk of heart disease. One serving of (name of food) supplies X grams of soy protein."

Soybeans contain compounds called isoflavones, which are phytochemicals unique to soy. These compounds have antioxidant abilities, which may play a direct role in soy's beneficial effects. A New England Journal of Medicine study on the health attributes of soy suggested that the isoflavones may be behind soy's cholesterol-lowering effect. Since then, studies have indicated that the isoflavones may also play a role in the prevention of cancer.

The two main isoflavones in soy are named genestein and daidzein. They are referred as phytoestrogens ("phyto" = plant) because they have chemical structures similar to the hormone estrogen found in humans. These compounds cannot act as estrogens in us, but the structural similarities are believed to be responsible for many of soy's beneficial health effects.

Genetsein, for example, can act as an "anti-estrogen" and it has some of the beneficial properties of tamoxifen, an anti-estrogen drug used to combat breast cancer. This may play a role in the lower incidence of breast cancer seen among populations eating soy-based diets.

Although the focus of the claim is soy protein, it is important to note that not all soy proteins contain the same level of isoflavones. If, for example, a soy protein is manufactured with an alcohol-based solvent, the isoflavones will be present to a much lesser degree.

Research tends to affirm the importance of the isoflavones. A study in the Sept. 27, 1999, Archives of Internal Medicine found that alcohol-extracted soy protein (with low isoflavones) did not have the same beneficial effects as an isolated soy protein with naturally high isoflavones.

At present, manufacturers are not required to state the isoflavone content of their products, but many are doing this voluntarily. Considering the attention being paid to soy, I expect to see more and more companies listing the isoflavone contents of their products. If you have any questions about a particular product, you should contact the manufacturer.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I was told by an M.D. that green tea can be beneficial because of its antioxidant properties. But she said that if I put milk in my green tea (which I always have), the protein in the milk will negate or minimize the benefits. Is this accurate? If so, please explain. I do love milk in my tea. It would be very hard for me to stop this habit after so many years. Thank you very much. — L.L. Champagne, Ill.

DEAR L.L.: There is good news and bad news here. The good news is that population studies have indeed suggested that certain compounds in tea can help reduce the risk of heart disease and other chronic ailments. Having at least one cup of tea per day, for example, is associated with halving the risk of a heart attack.

The mechanism is thought to be the ability of the compounds in tea to protect the fats in the blood (lipoproteins) from oxidation. Where the disappointing news comes in is that a few studies have noted that the addition of milk seems to blunt the tea's antioxidant prowess. The final answers aren't all in, but the "milk effect" does seems to be what is going on.

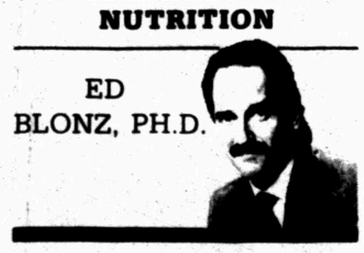
Take heart, and understand that tea is not the only antioxidant substance in our diet. As long as you have a good diet and you supplement wisely, go ahead and enjoy your tea the way you like it. After all, eating and drinking should not be viewed as a clinical prescription, but as pleasure.

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

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Bipartisanship ends troubled year

WASHINGTON (AP) — With passage of a huge budget bill, Congress ended a troubled year marked by impeachment and political gridlock, but President Clinton and Republicans still were able to find a bit of common ground.

Clinton, in his weekly radio address Saturday, singled out for praise a measure passed Friday to ensure that disabled people who go to work won't lose their Medicaid or Medicare benefits, a situation that now prevents millions of them from holding jobs.

"To Congress I say: We've done a good job for the American people by working together. Let's keep working together, build on our progress and get the right things done for the American people," the president said.

On that point, Republicans agreed. "It really shows what you can accomplish by working together," Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del., said.

The "Ticket to Work" bill for the disabled was part of an $18.3 billion package extending expiring tax provisions that passed the Senate, 95-1. A few hours later, just before adjourning until January, senators voted 74-24 for a $390 billion budget package that contained dozens of items large and small.

It also contained political victories for both parties, as demonstrated by the lopsided, bipartisan final vote. Republicans supported it by 42-12, Democrats by 32-12.

The measure gave Clinton money he wanted for hiring teachers and police officers, buying land for parks, paying arrears to the United Nations and expanding efforts to forgive debts of poor nations.

"In short, we have delivered a 21st century budget that prepares for the future and lives up to our values," the president said in the address, taped as he visited Europe.

Republicans claimed they won by limiting Clinton's demands for extra spending to $6 billion, preventing that spending from eating into Social Security accounts and rejecting higher taxes on cigarettes and other items.

"When we protect the Social Security surplus, we stop the government spending spree," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

Anti-U.S. protests mar Clinton's visit

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — President Clinton said Saturday the United States was wrong to back the military junta which took control in Greece in 1967 — an action at the core of festering anti-U.S. sentiments that erupted anew in violent protests during his visit.

In an address to business leaders here, Clinton said it is time for the United States to admit it erred 30 years ago by allowing Cold War strategy to outweigh concern for Greece's democratic government.

"When the junta took over in 1967 here, the United States allowed its interests in prosecuting the Cold War to prevail over its interest, I should say its obligation, to support democracy, which was, after all, the cause for which we fought the Cold War," Clinton said. "It is important that we acknowledge that."

The president's remarks were aimed at defusing hot anti-American sentiments that spilled into the streets of the Greek capital on Friday, when demonstrators set businesses ablaze to express their disdain for Clinton's visit.

During a joint appearance with Greek Prime Minister Costas Simitis, Clinton said he regretted the losses from the rioting. He said he felt those who opposed his visit had a right to protest, but that they had a responsibility to keep their protests peaceful.

"Therefore, I deeply regret the Greeks who had their property injured and suffered losses through these demonstrations," he said. "The important thing is we reaffirmed the value of the relationship between our two countries."

Clinton said the violence "doesn't affect our affection for and support for the people of Greece and the government of Greece. I hope most Greek citizens believe there is value in our relationship and our partnership."

Simitis said Greece is a nation "where everyone can express their opinions." But he agreed that such expressions should be made peacefully.

"I'm sorry for the fact that certain people did not respect this fundamental principle of law," he said, adding that relations between Greece and the United States "will not be determined by these protests."

Clinton spoke after separate meetings with Simitis and President Costis Stephanopoulos. Later, he was delivering a speech on U.S.-Greek relations and Greece's role in Europe before departing for Italy.

Friday night, riot police wearing gas masks faced off with more than 10,000 people in front of the parliament building in central Syndagma Square as Clinton and his wife, Hillary, were driven to a state dinner at the 19th century presidential mansion. The motorcade route was cleared of cars and he saw nothing of the violent protests, which were staged by opponents of the NATO bombing campaign against Yugoslavia.

The president was asked about the protests Saturday as he toured Acropolis hills, hand in hand with daughter Chelsea. "I'm sorry about it," was all he said then.

Obituaries

Betty Lloyd

1907-1999

Graveside service for Grace Bell "Betty" Lloyd is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Ira Cemetery. The Rev. Larry White, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lloyd, 92, died Friday, Nov. 19, in Snyder Healthcare Center following a lengthy illness.

Born March 6, 1907 in Oklahoma City, she married Hershell N. Lloyd on Oct. 16, 1936 in Albuquerque, N.M. He died on Nov. 2, 1998.

A resident of Snyder since 1956, Mrs. Lloyd was a homemaker and a charter member of Faith Baptist Church.

Survivors include two brothers-in-law and their wives, Claude and Wylna Lloyd of Andrews and J.P. and Rachel Lloyd of Nashville, Ark.; three sisters-in-law, Estelle Murphy of Snyder, Helen Davis of Mabank, and Ida Mae Webb and her husband, Loyd, of Snyder; and a special friend, James Mills.

Janet Sojourner

1943-1999

Funeral service for Janet Lee Sojourner is set for 4 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, and Dr. Tim Griffin, minister of First Christian Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Sojourner, 56, died Friday, Nov. 19, at her home in Snyder following a brief illness.

Born Aug. 25, 1943 in Stamford, she graduated from Stamford High School in 1960. She lived in Casper, Wyo., and returned to Stamford where she worked as an oil and gas analyst. She moved to Snyder in 1989 and worked as an interior decorator.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Michael Sean and Debbie Sojourner of Tucson, Ariz.; a daughter and son-in-law, Shanna Sue and Vince Viola of Abilene; a sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Don West of Snyder; a special friend, Jady Gilbert of Snyder; and two grandchildren, Sean Patrick Sojourner and Cori Caitlin Sojourner, both of Tucson.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Estella Rios

1928-1999

Estella Rios, 71, formerly of Snyder, died Thursday at an Abilene hospital.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church in Abilene, with Fr. Joe Uecker officiating. Burial will follow in Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Rios was born on Nov. 9, 1928 in Seguin and moved to Abilene from Snyder in September of this year. She was a Catholic.

Survivors include a son, Ralph Rios, Jr. of San Antonio; four brothers, Tomas Montez of Abilene, and Ray Montez, Ernesto Montez and Agustin Montez, all of San Antonio; two sisters, Virginia Gutierrez of San Antonio and Emma Serda of Abilene; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

J.B. Dawson

1921-1999

BROWNFIELD — J.B. Dawson, 78, of Brownfield died Thursday, Nov. 18, at Levelland.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Calvary Baptist Church with Revs. Jess Little and Pat Riley officiating.

Interment will follow at Terry County Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Mr. Dawson was born Sept. 13, 1921 in Snyder. He married Jody Folmar on July 6, 1945 at Snyder. They moved to Brownfield in 1963. He retired in 1970. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army. He was a member of Company G of the 142nd Infantry from Snyder. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Judy of the home; four sons, Marvin Dawson of Brownfield; David Dawson of Texarkana; Gary Dawson of Brownfield; Charles Dawson of Abilene; one daughter, Connie Corby of Salina, Kan.; one sister, Willodeen DeBusk of Oklahoma; two brothers, Wayne Dawson of Mayberry, Fla.and Leland Dawson of Smyrna, Tenn.

Also, 10 grand children and four great-grand children.

Altha Eubank

1906-1999

BOWIE — Mrs. Altha Eubank, 93, of Bowie, former Snyder resident, died Friday, Nov. 19, in Bowie.

The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Kevin Huddleston, pastor of Johnson St. Church of Christ in San Angelo, officiating. Burial will follow in Ira Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home from 7 until 9 p.m. Monday.

Mrs. Eubank was born on May 25, 1906 in Mesquite. She married Wiley Eubank on Sept. 20, 1924 in Ira. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bowie.

She was a former member of Bowie Garden Club and a charter member of Bowie Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Wiley Eubank of Bowie; a brother-in-law, Wayne Eubank of Snyder; numerous nieces and nephews; a caretaker, Nancy Harrison of Bowie.

Memorials may be made to Bowie Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, 705 East Greenwood Ave., Bowie, Tex. 76230.

One subject jailed, three reports filed

The weekend got off to a slow start for local law enforcement personnel as only one arrest was made and three offense reports were filed Friday and early Saturday.

Officers took a 19-year-old male into custody at 3:03 a.m. Saturday in the 1100 block of Avenue R for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

June Hardin requested an officer at Park Village Apartments at 11:30 a.m. Friday in reference to finding a bicycle.

A clerk with Town & Country on North College notified officers of a gas drive-off at 6:01 p.m. Friday. An offense report was submitted for Class C theft.

At 6:25 p.m. Friday, an offense report for Class C assault was filed.

Officers worked a four-vehicle accident at 4:21 p.m. Friday in the 3200 block of College. Involved were a 1995 Chevrolet Astro van, a 1998 Buick Regal, a 1999 Volkswagen and a 1992 Buick Park Avenue.

Steve Estes was the driver of the van, Vickie Wenetschlaeger was the driver of the Regal, Whitney Webb was the driver of the Volkswagen and Kristi Nachlinger was the driver of the Park Avenue.

Snyder EMS transported Webb to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where she was treated and released.

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Sound of Jubilee ministries, 908 E 25th St., will have evangelist Pat Jefferson from Fort Worth as a special speaker at 7 p.m. Saturday and at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

Brisket lunch

The Hermleigh Beta Club will hold a brisket lunch from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Hermleigh school cafeteria. Adult tickets are $6 and a child's ticket is $3. To purchase a ticket, call Randi at 863-2528, or Clarence at 863-2245. Carry-outs will be available. Funds will be used for the state Beta Club convention.

First Assembly speaker

Chuck Redger, executive director of Teen Challenge of the Permian Basin, will speak at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at First Assembly of God, 1809 College Ave. A student in the program will also give his testimony.

Community Thanksgiving service

Scurry County Ministerial Alliance will conduct a community Thanksgiving service Sunday at First United Methodist Church. A Praise Team mini-concert begins at 6:45 p.m. and Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will preach at 7. A reception in the fellowship hall will follow. A nursery will be provided.

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.

Baseball booster club meeting

The SHS baseball booster club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the SHS student center. All baseball parents, especially those with upper classman, are urged to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Four Horseman of the Apocalypse," followed by "Is the World Out of Control?"

Tiger Times yearbook

The Snyder Junior High yearbook is on sale through Tuesday. 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.

3 on 3 tourney

The Boys and Girls Club will sponsor a 3 on 3 Tournament next Friday and Saturday. There will be a boys and a girls division for ages 11-12 (Grades 5 and 6). There may be up to four players per team and entry fee is $35 per team. Entry deadline is next Wednesday. Call 573-3344.

Choir Poinsettia sale

The SHS choir and booster club are selling Christmas Poinsettias during November. Red, white and a jingle bell variety are available for $10. Place orders with any choir member or call the high school. Poinsettias will be here Nov. 29 and will be available for pickup or delivery that week.

Tiger's Lair senior dedications

Dedications for the SHS yearbook are due Dec. 1. The cost is $40. To reserve a space, call Katie Henson at 573-6301.

Technology student fund-raiser

The Technology Student Association at Snyder High is selling nuts as a fund-raising project to offset end-of-year competition costs. Call 573-6301 and ask for Darrin Duzan.

Christmas open house

The Scurry County courthouse employees will host an open house on Saturday, Dec. 4, immediately following the lighted Christmas parade. Refreshments will be served.

Library extends hours

Scurry County Library has extended its Saturday hours and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-W-F and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

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.

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.

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. Childcare is provided.

Cash Five

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

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

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Boy shoots girl in head in N. Mexico

DEMING, N.M. (AP) — A boy dressed in camouflage shot and critically wounded a 13-year-old female classmate in the lobby of their middle school Friday.

The boy also pointed a pistol at the principal and assistant principal, who told him to "stay cool," Superintendent Carlos Viramontes said. He was taken into custody shortly after the 12:45 p.m. shooting at Deming Middle School.

Araceli Tena was in critical condition at Thomason Hospital in El Paso, Texas, with a gunshot wound in the back of the head after being taken by ambulance to the hospital about 100 miles east of Deming, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Police identified the shooter as Victor M. Cordova Jr., 13, of Palomas, Mexico. He was charged with attempted murder.

Viramontes said school officials had "heard a lot of stories" but knew of no motive for the shooting at the only middle school in the farming and ranching town of about 15,000 about 33 miles north of the Mexican border.

"Right now, the only relationship that we know of is the fact that they were students here at the middle school. ... We don't know if there was any association between the victim and the suspect," Police Chief Michael Carillo said.

When police arrived at the school in response to a 911 call, they confronted the armed student in the lobby. They ordered him to put down the small-caliber pistol, and after about five minutes, he reluctantly put it down, Carillo said.

No other students were hurt, and only one shot was fired, he said.

Paden Vendreley, 12, said he heard the shot. "I thought it was a balloon, so I kept on walking," he said in an interview. "But then I turned around, and I saw a girl lying down on the floor."

Sixth grader Anjelita Gonzales, also 12, said school officials yelled "Code Red" over the loudspeaker and the teacher locked the classroom door.

Bush outlines foreign policy in speech

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — George W. Bush says his foreign policy would not view China and Russia as strategic partners, but as competitors — "without ill will, but without illusions."

The Texas governor, frontrunner for the Republican presidential nomination, said in unveiling his international agenda that Beijing's conduct is "alarming abroad and appalling at home," while Russia has behaved just as badly in Chechnya.

Speaking Friday at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Bush rejected the Clinton administration's view of the two countries as "strategic partners."

Bush, whose father was U.S. ambassador to China before becoming president, called Beijing "an espionage threat to our country. ... China's government is an enemy of religious freedom and a sponsor of forced abortion — policies without reason and without mercy."

He voiced support for China's entry in the World Trade Organization, and pledged that a Bush administration would honor U.S. promises to the people of Taiwan.

"We do not deny there is one China, but we deny the right of Beijing to impose their rule on a free people," he said. "As I've said before, we will help Taiwan to defend itself."

Bush condemned Russia for supplying weapons to "rogue states," for having a corrupt financial system and for brutally cracking down on civilians in its war with the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

"When the Russian government attacks civilians — killing women and children, leaving orphans and refugees — it can no longer expect aid from international lending institutions," the governor declared. "The Russian government will discover that it cannot build a stable and unified nation on the ruins of human rights."

He said the United States should treat Russia and China "without ill will, but without illusions."

Bush's speech drew criticism from Vice President Al Gore's Democratic presidential campaign.

Leon Fuerth, Gore's national security adviser, said: "Overall, it is a speech that makes you feel if it was well designed for some period that we have already passed through."

Republican rival Steve Forbes said Bush's speech was "very general, very vague, short on specifics."

Another GOP candidate, Gary Bauer, said Bush's new "American internationalism" sounded a lot like the "New World Order" pushed by former President Bush.

Bush was introduced by George Shultz, secretary of state under Reagan and one of the governor's advisers. Reagan's wife, Nancy, was in the audience, and Bush paid repeated tribute to her and her husband, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease and stayed home.

"We live in the nation President Reagan restored and the world he helped to save, a word of nations reunited and tyrants humbled, a world of prisoners released and exiles come home and today there is a prayer shared by free people everywhere: God bless you, Ronald Reagan," Bush said.

In his speech, Bush also said:

—The United States should build new theater and national missile defense systems — which are outlawed by current treaty — but doing so cooperatively with Russia.

—The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty would not stop nuclear proliferation because "it is not verifiable, it is not enforceable."

—The United States and Russia must "confront the legacy of a dead ideological rivalry — thousands of nuclear weapons, which, in the case of Russia, may not be secure." He called for an inventory of all nuclear material, and said Congress should substantially increase assistance to help Russia dismantle its weapons.

Two men from Middle East detained; did crew overreact?

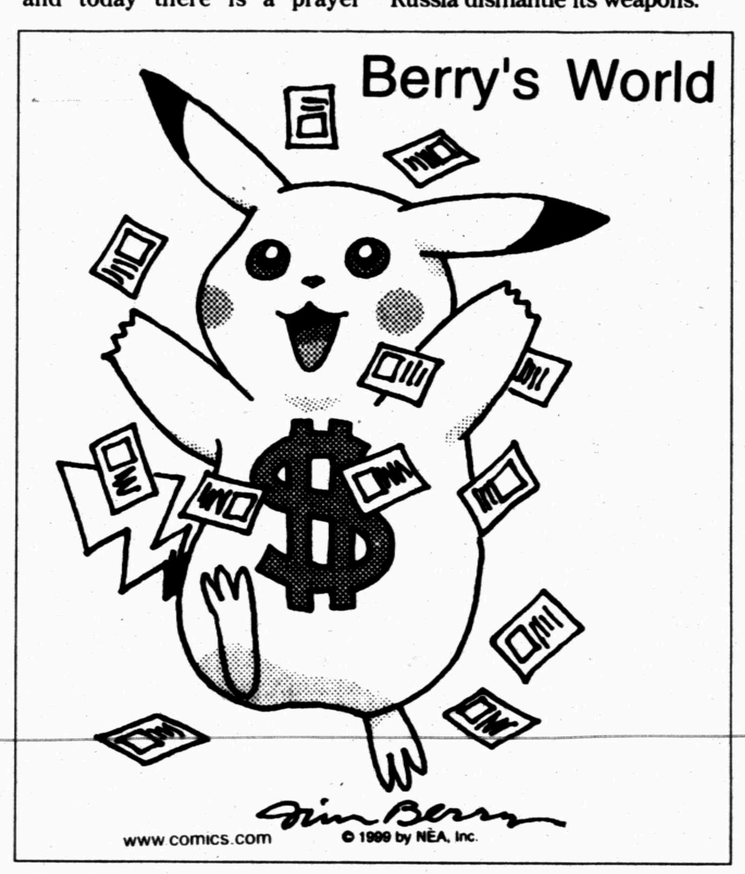
COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — An America West pilot ordered a runway evacuation after landing in Columbus on Friday because two passengers had asked suspicious questions and one jiggled the cockpit door, authorities said.

The two men were in custody for about three hours and questioned by the FBI before they were released, said Richard Morgan, chief of airport safety. FBI spokesman Ed Boldt would not release any details but said the FBI was satisfied no laws were broken.

The men identified themselves as Hamdan Alshalawr, 37, and Muhammad Al Qudhaieer, 34, doctoral students from Saudi Arabia who are studying linguistics at Arizona schools.

They said they asked questions about the flight merely because they were curious about their itinerary. One man said he was looking for a bathroom, not trying to get into the cockpit.

Alshalawr said he thought the flight crew overreacted because he and Al Qudhaieer are from the Middle East.



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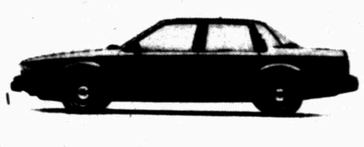
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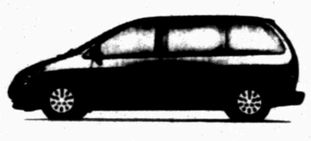
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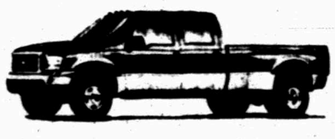
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Local science students design colony on Mars

A colony of Earthlings living on Mars in the year 2030 may sound far-fetched, but 15 earth science students at Snyder Junior High School recently spent two weeks planning such a venture.

Mandy Burns, Marissa Chaidez, Rudy Duckworth, Kristel Fitts, Christy Garcia, Gerrico Greenlee, Molly Haire, Val Hernandez, Aaron Lindsey, Chad Martin, Austin McCormack, Nichole Ornelas, Brooke Peterson, Casha Sanderson and Malcolm Wells worked on the Mars Millennium Project, a national effort sponsored by several entities.

Sonja Hanks, instructor, said students were asked to imagine a colony of 100 people who would arrive on Mars in the year 2030. They named their colony New Beginnings.

The students were given different areas to research using Internet sources and then they had to design solutions to fit the conditions that colonists might face on the planet.

She said students investigated the climate and weather conditions, transportation on the planet's surface, necessary clothing, shelter, sources of water, food and plants.

Each team then shared the results of their research with other students' work. They also included plans and ideas on dealing with the problems they might encounter. Students asked questions and discussed ideas with each team.

Kristel Fitts and Gerrico Greenlee worked on the carbon dioxide problem and they devised ways to transport plants, animals and water.

They determined that a mostly-automated ship with a small crew should preceed the colonists' ship. It would carry seeds which would be grown in a soilless medium. A timer would automatically regulate the watering and other care which they would need.

During the voyage, the small crew of astronauts would harvest the plants and freeze dry the vegetables.

To solve the carbon dioxide problem, Gerrico said they would need an exchange of respiration. They decided to put plants in everyone's room because plants give off oxygen and people give off carbon dioxide. Plants need carbon dioxide to live and people need oxygen to live so that would qualify as an exchange of respiration, they explained.

To transport water to Mars, Kristel said they reasoned they would need two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom for every molecule of water they would take. They would be transported in special dishes.

The ship would also carry the sperm and eggs of edible animals. Once on Mars, the sperm and eggs would be fertilized in test tubes and an artificial incubator would grow them to maturity.

Molly Haire and Nichole Ornelas had to determine which supplies the colonists would need. Molly said they decided that solar-powered battery-operated devices would be essential because Mars wouldn't have any electricity, and they could recharge every day when the sun came up.



MARS MILLENNIUM PROJECT — Earth science students at Snyder Junior High School recently took part in the Mars Millennium Project. Students include from left, bottom row, Chad Martin, Malcolm Wells, Aaron Lindsey; middle row, Marissa Chaidez, Christy Garcia, Brooke Peterson, Nichole Ornelas, Gerrico Greenlee; top row, Casha Sanderson, Val Hernandez, Austin McCormack, Molly Haire, Mandy Brown. Rudy Duckworth is not pictured. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Other things considered essential were food, clothing, medical supplies and computerized, notebook-sized disks that could hold 500 books on each one. Molly said since only one space shuttle would be used to transport the colonists to Mars space would be tight so they had to choose their supplies carefully and pack them very well.

Nichole said they included seeds so the colonists could grow food as well as building equipment to construct dwellings to live in. Some kind of sanitation system would also be needed for disposing body waste. In addition, they noted it would be very important to try and limit waste products. Therefore they included supplies that could be reused and recycled. They didn't want Mars to have a waste problem that Earth does.

Casha Sanderson and Aaron Lindsey thought the colonists should live in an underground dwelling with solar panels on the surface to generate energy from the sun. When they designed the housing they added enough rooms to accommodate the number of people who would be going to Mars, Aaron said.

Austin McCormack and Chad Martin tackled the climate and weather conditions of Mars, such as how cold it would get and how bad would the dust storms be. They asked themselves what kind of clothes and shelters would be needed.

Chad said they conducted research on the Internet and cut and pasted several pictures to illustrate what they discovered.

Marissa Chaidez and Christy Garcia chose what type of clothing would be best suited to live on Mars. Christy said they wanted to design something comfortable such as a jumpsuit and overalls for the men and women who would be working outside. For young children, boys would wear overalls and girls school uniforms.

Marissa said they discussed clothing a lot and had a hard time deciding what should be worn. They weren't sure if something like baggy pants should be included.

Marissa said they also considered clothing like what was worn in the Walt Disney movie, "Zeenon, Girl of the 21st Century."

When they began putting their ideas on paper, they came up with jumpsuits which can be

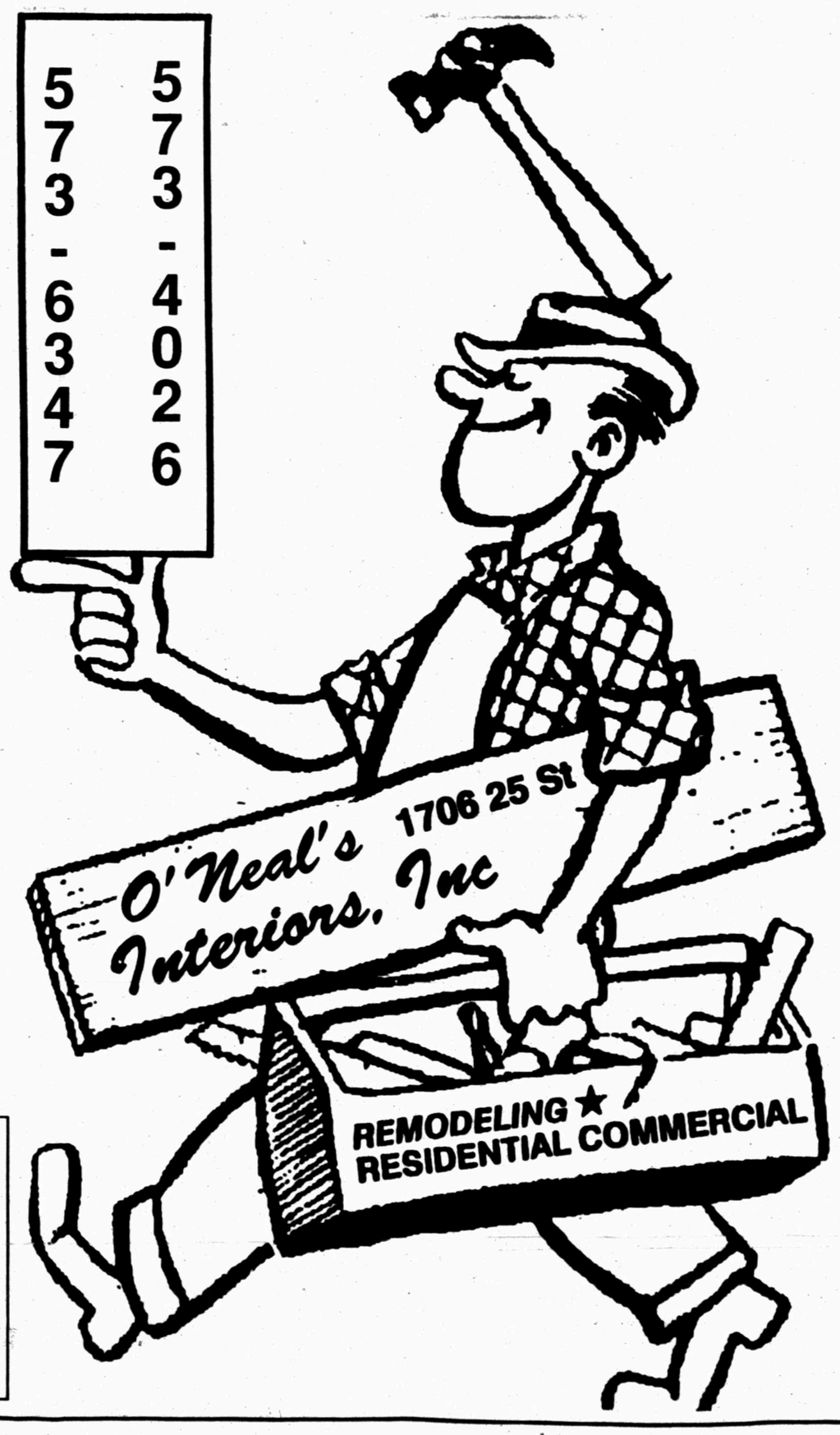
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Brown, Chavez pledged vows in WTC courtyard on Oct. 23

Twylla Francine Brown and Eloy Chavez were united in marriage in a 3 p.m., Oct. 23 ceremony in the Western Texas College Courtyard.

Bill Looney, minister at 37th Street Church of Christ, officiated the double-ring vows.

Parents of the groom are Joe and Mickey Chavez of Snyder and the bride's mother is Teresa Brown of Dallas.

Her grandfather, Garlan Williams, gave the bride in marriage.

She wore a ballroom gown with a train that featured long sleeves. Her headband of burgundy and ivory roses and English ivy was attached to a veil edged in pearl lace.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of burgundy and ivory, ivy, baby's breath, tulle interspersed with tulle and ribbon fillers, completed with an ivory bow with long streamers.

Brienna Chavez, the groom's niece, and Janice Baker, the brid's cousin of Lewisville were flower girls. Ring bearer was Christian Chavez, the groom's son.

Quincy Chavez, brother of the groom, served as best man and groomsman was Tracy Chavez, the groom's brother from San Angelo.

Male attire included khaki slacks, burgundy button-up long sleeved dress shirts.

Wendy Loper registered guests at a table covered with a white cloth and centered with a frosted glass vase holding burgundy and ivory flowers, decorated with ivy and matching ribbon.

The reception was held at the Christian Student Center. The white iced wedding cake embellished with burgundy and ivory flowers and topped with a Precious Moments figurine was featured at the bride's table. The cake, made by United, was served by three of the bride's aunts, Delia Baker of Lewisville; Beverly Griffith of Fort Worth and Cissi Williams.



Mrs. Eloy Chavez
(Contributed Photo)

The groom's table, covered with a white cloth and a burgundy lace overlay, held a cherry cake with white icing. Coffee was served, along with mints and nuts. Attending the table were two of the groom's aunts, Ramona Vargas and Josie Martinez.

The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner.

The couple resides in Snyder where the groom is employed by United. Mr. and Mrs. Chavez are both graduates of Snyder High School.

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Ennis Creek reunion registered 39 guests

Ennis Creek reunion was held Oct 23 with 39 registering.

Mildred Brown provided a scrapbook she had compiled over the years and a luncheon was held.

Those attending from out-of-town included Davis and Gladys Shaw and James and Paige Meayell, all from Abilene.

Others were Loyce Winn and Dub and Judy Stirman, Nadell McGlaun, all of Carrolton; Darrell Rains of Ballinger; Kay Pitner Burns of Irving; Jo McCullah of Plano; Mildred Browne of Colorado City; Keith and Chiva Pitner and Joe Bob and Dorothy Horsely of Austin.

Also attending were Jerry and Suanne Rains of Thorndale; Beth Kellner of Ira; Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Carol Davis from Muleshoe.

Those from Snyder were Elton and Reba Beck, Thula Whatley, Rufus and Faydean Hart, Mildred Nobles, Minnie Buchanan, Odell and Nell Graham and Opal Horsley.

Man asks for $20 at ATM, got a lot more

FRIDLEY, Minn. (AP) — Keith Obraske just needed a few bucks for soda and cigarettes. He got that, and then some.

On his way to work Wednesday, Obraske stopped at an ATM to get $20. He got the $20 — followed by a whole lot more of them. The machine gave him $5,580.

"I felt like I'd won the lottery," said Obraske, 23, who works as a ceiling sprayer. "I just kept scooping it up."

He said he thought briefly about what he could do with that much money. He also thought about the consequences.

"I felt like I was being tested big time," he said.

When he told co-workers about the windfall, he already knew he'd return the money.

Express Teller, a division of TCF Financial Corp., is working with the private group that owns the machine to find a substantial reward for Obraske, said Dan Engel, TCF's senior vice president.

Without his honesty, Engel said, it would have taken hours to figure out the mistake.

Officials said it was only the second time in about nine years that an Express Teller had become so recklessly generous. That customer also returned the money.

Soprano records Christmas CD in English

NEW YORK (AP) — Mezzo-soprano Anne Sofie von Otter introduced her new CD, "Home for Christmas," at the Swedish consulate by admitting she hadn't intended to sing any of it in English.

"American songs, I really had no intention; they weren't on my list," von Otter said Thursday. "Not because I don't like them. The thought didn't occur to me."

She said two of the three arrangers for the Deutsche Grammophon CD thought it was a good idea for her to try the songs in English.

"I had a go and it felt just great," she said.

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North 11-20-99
♠ K 8 7 4
♥ A Q J 5
♦ 10 4
♣ K 7 6

West
♠ 10 5 2
♥ 10 8 3
♦ K J 7 3
♣ A J 3

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

South
♠ A Q J 9
♥ K 2
♦ 5 2
♣ Q 10 5 4 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 3

Keep your eyes open

By Phillip Alder

The Senior Life Master started his monthly class by asking, "Would you try to cross a busy road with your eyes closed? Of course not. But I see many bridge players attack contracts as if having both their eyes and their minds closed. Take, for example, the first deal on my handout sheets."

After giving them a moment to study the North-South hands, the SLM continued.

Against four spades, West leads a fourth-highest diamond three. East wins with the ace, then returns the diamond eight, his original fourth-highest, to West's jack. West exits with a heart. You win with your king, then draw trumps in three rounds. What would you do next?

When his students had worked out their lines, the SLM proceeded.

Most players would lead a club to dummy's king, then return a club toward hand, going one down with this layout. Unlucky? A little, but experts try not to rely on luck. Instead, before broaching clubs, cash your heart tricks. What do you learn?

You find out that West began with three spades, three hearts and four diamonds (assuming his three was an honest card). So, West has three clubs to East's two. This makes it more likely that West holds the club jack.

It is correct to continue with a club to the *queen*. If she wins the trick, play another club, planning to duck in the dummy. Here, though, West wins with the club ace and returns a low club. Still sticking to the odds, you play low from the dummy and win with your 10, landing the contract. If East started with jack-doubleton of clubs, *then* you may claim you were unlucky.

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Bridge Scores

Games are played at the Snyder Country Club. Jane Hinton director on Friday and Sunday; Monte West directed Tuesday.

Friday, Nov. 12

1. Sue Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Billisue Stuard, Durelle Gorman.
3. TIE: Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen tied with Margaret Birdwell, Tizzy Hall.

Sunday, Nov. 14

1. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
2. Mippy Brownlee, Shirley Stewart.
3. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.

Tuesday, Nov. 16

1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Mippy Brownlee, Shirley Stewart.
3. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.

Peanut butter was invented in 1890 by a St. Louis physician seeking a nutritious, easily degested, high-protein food for some of his patients.

There are about 540 peanuts in a 12-ounce jar of peanut butter sandwiches.





GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Paul Turner of Fluvanna will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Friday. Hosting will be their daughters, Paula Miller and Robertanne Legan and their families. Friends and relatives are asked to join them in celebrating at 3 p.m. at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. They were married on Dec. 11, 1949. They have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. (Contributed Photos)

Evel Knievel plunges into matrimony

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Evel Knievel is tying the knot at the same spot that launched his career 32 years ago.

The famous daredevil was taking the plunge into matrimony today atop the fountains in front of Caesars Palace. Knievel, 61, was marrying 30-year-old Crystal Kennedy atop a stage erected above the fountains. The two met eight years ago.

The first time Knievel flew over the fountains, Dec. 31, 1967, he wrecked his motorcycle on the landing and ended up in the hospital for 31 days with broken bones.

Knievel said after surviving a lifesaving kidney transplant earlier this year he decided to marry.

"I feel like I got a chance and new life, so Crystal and I decided to start a new life, right here, where it all began," Knievel said in a statement.

Bryant Gumbel's estranged wife unhappy

NEW YORK (AP) — Bryant Gumbel's estranged wife says she's disgusted by his romance with another woman, but she says her religion makes it hard for her to accept a divorce.

"I'm a very devout Catholic — I find it difficult to dissolve a marriage," June Gumbel told People magazine in the issue out today. "I am just as married as I was 26 years ago."

The couple separated in 1997.

The article said Gumbel, 51, who recently returned to morning television as host of "The Early Show" on CBS, is romantically involved with Hillary Quinlan, who moved from Chicago to New York this year to be with him.

June Gumbel says she's unhappy about the relationship.

"People just accept infidelity from celebrities like it's OK or fashionable — I think it's disgusting," she said. "I don't think you can have happiness with someone else on the pain you've caused your family."

The Gumbels have two children together.

Kelli Edwards, a spokeswoman for CBS News, declined comment.

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Father's Day was first observed in West Virginia in 1908, but it was not until 1972 that the president signed a Congressional resolution making this uniquely American holiday official.



Howard and Joyce Boyd
(Contributed Photo)

Boyds celebrate 50th wedding anniversary with gala luncheon

A golden wedding anniversary luncheon honoring Howard and Joyce Boyd was held Oct. 23 in the Hilton Tower Hotel in Midland.

Their children and four grandsons, Jerry and Glenda Boyd, Jared and Justin of Snyder, and Janet and Donald Knipe, James and David of Midland hosted the family party.

The couple met in Fort Worth where Joyce was working and Howard was in the Air Force, stationed at Carswell Air Force Base. They were married Oct. 22, 1949 in the First Baptist Church at Lometa. Mrs. Boyd is the former Joyce McMahan of Lometa and Mr. Boyd is from Gatesville.

Tables in the Cactus Room were arranged in a U-shape and draped with floor-length white cloths. White crocheted pieces with a blue underlay were on the tables that held baskets of flowers, votive candles and wide gold ribbon.

On two side tables, covered with blue lace cloths, were family pictures, memorabilia and the guest book. Mrs. Boyd's dress and headpiece was displayed on a wicker mannequin at one side of the room.

A special table was decorated with a large white crocheted scarf and the anniversary cake. The cake was topped with a bride and groom figurine used on the couple's wedding cake. The table also held a white Holy Bible, wedding picture and framed invitation, mints and nuts. Under a crystal dome cake stand adorned with pearls and blue ribbon was a slice of the original 1949 wedding cake.

The couple lived in Fort Worth, Altus, Okla., Jal, N.M., moving to Snyder in 1970 where Boyd retired from El Paso Natural Gas Co.

Family guests were from Fort Worth, Waco, Lometa, Midland, Snyder and New Mexico.

The couple's anniversary trip to New Orleans where they honeymooned in 1949, Biloxy, Miss., Mobile, Ala., Florida and Atlanta, Ga., completed the celebration.



VON ROEDER RECEIVES HONOR — Max von Roeder received the distinguished Texas Jack Wiech Fellow award Tuesday evening at the Lions Club dinner held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Von Roeder has been a Lions member since August of 1975 and has held offices and headed many projects locally and in District 2-T2.



RECEIVES LIFE MEMBERSHIP — Carl Burleson, Snyder Lions Club member, was honored with a lifetime membership to the Texas Boys Ranch from Bill Overhulser, Lion's president. The award was given at the Snyder Lions Club "ladies night" dinner Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon, Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

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

Manic Depression(Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information cal 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m. p.m.

School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with milk; breakfast menu offers a choice of assorted dry cereal, toast w/jelly and juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Donut
Tuesday
Scrambled Eggs
Wednesday
Thanksgiving Holidays
LUNCH
Hamburger on a Bun or
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce w/Garlic Bread
Tossed Salad
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Fruit
TUESDAY
Chili Dog on a Bun or
Beef Nachos
Pinto Beans
Tossed Salad
Brownie

Ira

All meals served with choice of milk.

Monday
Vegetable Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Peaches
Cake
Tuesday
Sandwiches
Chips
Oranges
Wednesday
Thanksgiving Holidays

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast
Tuesday
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast
Wednesday
Thanksgiving Holidays
LUNCH
Monday
Corn Dogs
Relish Cup
Tater Tots
Orange Slices
Tuesday
Ham Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Potato Chips
Chilled Peaches

Dolly Parton to expand theme park

PIGEON FORGE, Tenn. (AP) — Dolly Parton is just getting warmed up for the next millennium.

"I've always been a dreamer, so I wouldn't describe this as a predetermined plan. It's almost inspiration that just feels right," Parton said Thursday in announcing plans to expand her Dollywood theme park empire.

A $5 million, 15,000-square-foot "interactive treehouse" will greet visitors when the park opens in the spring. Some 300,000 people are expected to climb into the treehouse the first year.

In 2001, she plans to open an adjacent waterpark.

Classic play has been cancelled

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — They won't be singing "Tonight" at Amherst Regional High School.

Plans for the school's spring production of "West Side Story" have been canceled after complaints that the classic Leonard Bernstein musical stereotypes Puerto Ricans.

"It was clear to me that moving forward with this play at this time would not be helpful to our school community," said principal Scott Goldman.

A parent complained weeks ago. Last week, the local school committee was presented with a petition opposing the musical signed by 158 of the school's 1,400 students. About 10 percent of the student body is of Hispanic descent, the majority of them Puerto Rican.

Wendy Kohler, the musical's co-director, said she was left with no choice but to cancel. She said every play she has produced over the last 10 years has been criticized at some level for stereotypes — from "My Fair Lady" to "Fiddler on the Roof."

She said another play will be performed instead, but the directors have not yet selected one.

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Associates Leasing, 2000 Ford truck from Jordan Ford.

Ray Heath, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Keith and Brigada Hiser, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

EZ Pipeline Padding, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Samijane Webb, 2000 Cadillac from Big Country Autoland.

Shirley K. Jones and Susan C. Miller, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Lupe Garcia, 1999 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Robert X. Martinez, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Antonio and Rebecca Peralez, 1999 GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Lynn Bradbury, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Johnny and Brenda Billings, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Homer C. and Melba J. Godair, 1999 GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Kirby and Carolyn McCravey, 1999 GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Roger J. Pavlik, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Michael Shane Bearden, 2000 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Arrow Construction, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling, 2000 GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Kenneth Lawrence Dillard and Jenny Ann Arispe, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Geneva Smith, Carl Witte, individually and as next spouse of Effie Witte and as next friend of Catherine Witte, a minor, and Effie Witte, individually, vs. Glena Belle Roggenstein, independent executrix of the estate of Mozell Roggenstein, deceased, suit for damages.

Hermleigh Independent School District vs. Jan Curry, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Hermleigh Independent School District vs. Jimmy Ray Digby and Sherene Digby, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Ira Independent School District vs. Guadalupe C. and Victoria V. Garcia, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Ira Independent School District vs. Barbara H. Holladay, individually and heir of the Janet Holladay Estate, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Ira Independent School District vs. Montecristo Royalty Fund 1988 Ltd, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Kemper Insurance Co. vs. Thomas Graham and Pool Company, dba Pool Energy Services, suit for damages.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Andrew Bryce Booker and Kimberly Kay Booker, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Sonya Jean Morin and Rene Morin, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Mark Wayne Mueller to Pat Moffett and Rodney Mueller, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, 5.997 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 5, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Teresa Alfaro to Maria Concepcion Ferrusca, the south 75 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 4 in Block 36 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Rickey and Paula Graham, individually and dba Rick's Machine Shop and Welding, to Loyd Nichols, tract one being the west 169.3 feet of the north 210 feet of Blocks 33 and 48 of the Scarborough Addition; tract two being a 150 x 150-foot tract out of the northeast one-quarter of Section 180, Block 3, H&GN survey.

James Paul and Era Lou Sawyer to Florena Garcia, tract one being a 100 x 150-foot tract out of Survey 153, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a tract out of Survey 153, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Alice B. Goodridge to Penelope Bauche, an undivided interest in 106.6 acres out of the Coleman Ranch in northwest Mitchell and Scurry Counties.

Dewey F. McAnear to Kay Porter, Lot 7 in Block 2 of the Forrest Addition.

Vera Mae Phariss to Tony and Dominga Sosa, all of Lot 20 in Block 1 of the Bates Subdivision of Section 98, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Rodney K. and Terry E. Busby to Alvin and Ann Dodson, 4.9620 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 383, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Lynn and Mayzell Fenton to Hildelberto and Maria Esbeida Arce, Lot 8 in Block 3 of the First Section of the Parkway Addition.

Martha E. Moore, Trustee of Trust A: Moore Family Trust, to Martha E. Moore, 160 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 207, Block 97, H&TC survey; and 30 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 206, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Dawn Lynn Herridge to Frank Maurice Herridge, Lot 8 in Block J of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Anita Albarez to Joe and Elecial Albarez, Lots 14 and 15 in Block 37 of the Andress Heights

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Mars millennium project

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worn over clothes. They discarded angle-length dresses for girls because they were clumsy and could be torn too easily.

Mandy Burns and Brooke Peterson worked on what the laws and government would be like. Mandy said they chose to elect a leader before they left Earth. The colony would be a democracy and penalties such as isolation would be enacted whenever a law would be broken.

Brooke said they also chose what type of people and how many would be included in the mission such as teachers, architects, engineers and astronomers and medical personnel.

No race issues were going to be allowed. Everyone who wanted to go would be eligible, they said.

Val Hernandez and Rudy Duckworth worked on transportation. How would the colonists get around? They would drive the Duck 2000 with six wheels and four-wheel drive capability so they could "move all over," Val said. The vehicle will be able to drive over rocks, pick them up and test soil samples for water. Plus the cargo area would be large enough to hold supplies.

Hanks said the Mars Millennium Project was the first time any of her students had drawn a futuristic situation. They discussed the issue and viewed a film from NOVA which depicts what going to Mars might be like.

This assignment was student directed. They took control and decided how to do things on their own, Hanks added.

"I'm very pleased with some of the ideas they come up with such as growing plants on the ship with automatic watering," Hanks said.

The eight graders' New Beginnings project will be on display at the Grace Museum in Abilene, along with projects from other parts of the Big County area.

Along with students' projects, art work by Robert McCall will be on display. McCall is well known for his NASA art work as well as science fiction designs.

His wife, also an artist, will have samples of her work on display. The Grace Museum has also obtained exhibits from NASA, including a space suit that people can model for pictures

The Mars Millennium Project is a national effort sponsored by the J. Paul Getty Trust, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Pet Propulsion Laboratory, National Endowment for the Arts, Managing Creativity Inc., U.S. Department of Education; White House Millennium Council, Challenger Center for Space Science Foundation, Challenger Center For Space Science Education, Pacific Visions Communications, Inc.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Autumn's Gift: A season of thanksgiving

Fall has always been my favorite season. I love the crisp, cool mornings and the way the sun warms the days and makes being outside nearly perfect for work or play. I enjoy the chilly nights that are perfect for snuggling and restful sleep.

My love for the autumn season probably stems from my early years on the farm. Fall was a time of harvest and reward for labor well spent. It was also a time of rest. I can remember long walks in the timber enjoying the shades of red, yellow and orange that colored the leaves of the hardwood trees. Often on those walks I'd see majestic wedges of geese as they winged their way south. I would hear their honks of encouragement and feel contented that all was well.

I also look at fall as a respite from the heat of summer and those pesky flying mosquitoes. And, yes I enjoy the football games, family visits and feasting at Thanksgiving.

A thankless season

Not everyone shares my view of autumn. For all too many people, autumn is just another time of year. Just more days to go to work, rake leaves, put up storm windows and do what has to be done before winter.

For them, autumn is a fleeting period before cold weather makes their lives really miserable. For these people, fall has no special beauty, and no significant meaning. Autumn is just another milepost on a thankless journey down the highway of life.

I feel sorry for people who miss the true beauty of autumn, and view Thanksgiving as just two days off from work. This is a great and wonderful season. As Americans, we truly have much for which to be thankful. We are blessed beyond belief. Let me encourage you to take a few moments to consider a little history of the holiday we celebrate as Thanksgiving.

A thankful heritage

Thanksgiving, as we know it today, started nearly 380 years ago. In 1621 Plymouth Colony Governor William Bradford declared a time of recreation, rest and feasting to show gratitude for the harvest as meager as it was.

President Lincoln proclaimed the official holiday in 1863. An Act of Congress in 1941 set the official thanksgiving celebration date as the fourth Thursday of November.

There is a great contrast between that first Plymouth thanksgiving celebration and the one you'll soon enjoy. We have so much more to rejoice about.

You see that first celebration was really a celebration of survival. The pilgrims had crossed the great ocean, separated themselves from family and friends and did not know for certain what the winter would bring.

Summer had not been easy. The work was grueling, the lifestyle one of meager subsistence. Yet, they rejoiced to be alive.

By fall they had carved a little clearing in the woods. They had made a new beginning in an unfamiliar world. They had brought a dream with them. They believed that God had helped them move toward their dream of establishing a new commonwealth, a new Nation. A place where freedom of thought and expression were welcomed. Where freedom of worship and political views were guaranteed for all.

This was why their hearts were thankful that first Thanksgiving day. They had endured the initial hardship and believed their dream would endure the winter season and live on and on.

Please remember that everything we enjoy today as Americans, as individuals, and as a Nation we owe to those who endured hardships to make the dream come true. Should we not celebrate that dream again this year? Let's thank God for the dream, the diligence and the day.

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

Q & A

Smoking

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Pop Quiz:

What activity would you think had the participation of 46,000,000 adults and 3,000,000 children and teenagers in the United States?

Answer: Smoking.

This is an unbelievable figure to some and a low estimate to others. The fact is that out of the 49,000,000 Americans who smoke, 2,000,000 will either **die** of a smoking-related illness or will eventually quit smoking.

Many people state that they did not begin smoking on purpose, but that they started when they were young and it was "the cool thing to do" or they saw their parents smoke and "since mom and dad were smoking, I didn't see what the big deal was". The "big deal" it turns out are all the health problems and risks you take every time you light up. Some of these risks include: skin damage, fertility/sexual activity, lung disease, heart and circulatory disease, cancer, death.

Joseph Califano, former HEW secretary called smoking "slow motion suicide". Research shows that more people die from Cardiovascular diseases, strokes, respiratory disease, and cancers caused by smoking, which is a chosen behavior. Smoking is the number one cause of lung cancer and is the most preventable cause of disease and premature death in world history.

Approximately 1,200 Americans die everyday from tobacco related illnesses and about one-half of all smokers will die of tobacco related disease. This year, of all the youth that begin smoking and continue to smoke regularly as an adult, 1 in every 3 will die from tobacco related disease.

Thursday was "The Great American Smokeout." On this day smokers were encouraged to stop smoking or to do a short-term quit for one day. Congratulations to those who chose to quit!

Deciding to quit was the hardest step! Now, you are on your way to a healthier lifestyle. There are some steps that can help make quitting easier, and might help you in achieving your goal:

Inhale less, smoke fewer cigarettes, take fewer puffs, smoke only half the cigarette, choose a low tar and low nicotine cigarette and make an attempt to interrupt your smoking pattern.

Research indicates that 70 per cent of people try to quit 1 to 2 times before succeeding; 9 per cent try 6 or more times. Don't be discouraged by failed attempts remember the old saying " If at first you don't succeed – try and try again".

Side affects to quitting:

These include a slight weight gain (about 5 lbs) but if you are exercising while quitting this side effect is easily offset. A person quitting will also experience short-term nicotine withdrawal for one to three days. These symptoms include anxiety, irritability, frustration, anger, difficulty concentrating, restlessness, an increase in your appetite and of course a strong urge to smoke.

Some things you could do that might help you in quitting are: eating a well balanced diet full of fruits and vegetables. Avoid empty calories in sugary or fatty foods. Satisfy your cravings for sweets with fruit and drink unsweetened fruit juices. Drink 6 – 8 glasses of water a day, and do some form of physical activity.

The good news is that about 3,000 Americans stop smoking everyday and if you are age 18 and you don't use tobacco products – chance are you won't ever start. Congratulations once again to all of those who have quit smoking or have decided to quit!

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar

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Need for food greater as Thanksgiving nears

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — For most Americans, Thanksgiving will be a time to celebrate family, food and abundance as the nation basks in a thriving economy.

Still, more and more families this year will line up at soup kitchens and food banks for the traditional turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie.

Despite the booming economy, the demand for food nationwide has far outpaced donations.

"Our requests for help are at an unprecedented level," said Nancy Carrington, executive director of the Connecticut Food Bank.

"It really is ironic," said Dave Krepcho, executive director of the Daily Bread Food Bank, which serves southeast Florida.

"You're surrounded with appreciated stock and people buying luxury automobiles and SUVs ... and they can't possibly imagine somebody living on the other side of the tracks."

Many providers say the increased need largely has been driven by welfare reform, which over the last three years has removed 1.7 million families from the rolls, but also left many unable to afford enough food for their families.

"People are feeling that the economy is good and unemployment is at an all-time low, but the stark reality is that the people who were getting General Assistance are off it, and those people are still needing food," Carrington said.

The government disputes that suggestion.

"We don't have any real hard evidence that the changes in welfare have resulted in a greater hunger or greater need for food banks," said Michael Kharfen, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

He said the agency is trying to work with states to let former welfare recipients know that they may still be eligible for food stamps.

Meanwhile, cities deal with the increased demand.

In Dallas, food donations have increased about 5 percent throughout this year, but the number of people asking for food is up about 15 percent, according to the North Texas Food Bank.

In Atlanta, donations this year are down 15 percent, but the demand has increased 30 percent over the last 18 months.

And in Wichita, the Kansas Food Bank Warehouse has distributed 37 percent more food this year than it did in 1998.

"The level of giving is not keeping up with the level of demand," said Evan Davidson, the warehouse's general manager for state operations. "Right now, we're making it by, but we're very close to having to tell people there's nothing for them."

America's Second Harvest, the nation's largest domestic hunger relief organization, says many of its 189 member food banks are reporting sharp increases in demand for food this year.

"When I go to meetings, I ask them to raise their hands if their need for food is up, and almost every hand goes up," said Deborah Leff, Second Harvest's president and chief executive officer.

With Wall Street enjoying a record year and unemployment at a 30-year low, some providers are surprised that the level of food donations hasn't increased more rapidly.

Some cities, such as Roanoke, Va., Atlanta and Surprise, Ariz., have even seen their donations decrease this year. And even though cities such as Evansville, Ind., Dallas and Los Angeles, have had increases in total donations, they also are facing increased demand.

Providers who blame welfare reform say many people who have been taken off government assistance get minimum-wage jobs that don't pay them enough to afford necessities, including food.

When the federal welfare reform law went into effect in August 1996, there were approximately 4.4 million families receiving welfare benefits. In March 1999, that number had been cut to 2.7 million, according to the Health and Human Services Department.

Even in Connecticut, among the richest states in the country, thousands of people rely on food pantries and soup kitchens. Last year, the Connecticut Food Bank distributed 15,000 turkeys for Thanksgiving. This year, it has had requests for 17,000, with hundreds more on a waiting list.

Genetically engineered food debated

CHICAGO (AP) — As Scott Fritz sees it, growing genetically modified corn and soybeans on his northern Indiana farm is a good thing. He says he needs fewer insecticides to protect the heartier plants and he's able to produce more on the same amount of land.

That's what he came to tell government officials and activists who were in Chicago on Thursday for a Food and Drug Administration hearing on the safety of genetically modified foods.

"Let us take the acres we have — and let us produce," said Fritz, a fourth-generation farmer who traveled from Winamac, Ind., to speak on behalf of farmers and the American Soybean Association.

But Kaye Murphy, a resident of the Chicago suburb of Oak Park, would rather farmers and the agricultural companies who are developing the genetically modified products leave Mother Nature alone.

"They're playing God," said Murphy, who joined a rowdy protest of about 100 at a downtown Chicago plaza. "It just doesn't seem right."

The FDA hearing — the first in a series of three nationwide — has been the public's first chance to tell government officials outside of Washington what they think of genetically modified food, a controversial topic in Europe and other parts of the world.

Thailand, for example, already has banned importation of genetically engineered food seeds, and some baby-food companies have stopped using biotech ingredients because of the backlash.

Activists — who criticize the new products as "frankenfood" — say they want guarantees that genetically altered food is safe, something at least one scientist at the hearings said isn't possible.

"You're not going to get any rational scientist to guarantee 100 percent safety," said Bruce Chassy, a food microbiology professor at the University of Illinois.

However, he said shutting the door on the so-called biotech field — and its many potential benefits — "would be a terrible mistake."

Biotech foods already are in wide use, including corn in tortilla chips and tomatoes in spaghetti sauce.

Officials from St. Louis-based Monsanto Co. who attended the hearings have long said their products, including genetically modified corn, are safe. But they welcomed the opportunity to "educate the public," said spokeswoman Lisa Watson.

So far, FDA officials have sided with industry, pointing out that companies developing new products — from Monsanto to DuPont Co. — have voluntarily stepped forward with product research.

In doing so, they have been able to show that, to the best of their knowledge, no new toxins or allergy-causing components are being introduced to the consuming public, said James Maryanski, the FDA's biotechnology coordinator.

Federal officials, however, also have declined to label food that contains genetically modified products — a policy that has opponents worried.

"It would tell the consumer that the government thinks there's something to be concerned about," Bill MacLeod, former director of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection, said at a news conference before the hearings.

Others say labels would allow consumers to decide for themselves whether to eat the genetically altered food.

"The bottom line is that they have a choice and can act on it, using their own beliefs and desires," said Joseph Mendelson, legal director for the Washington-based Center for Food Safety. "They have the right to decide what's safe for them."

His group has sued the FDA to force it to require labels and safety trials as a means for federal approval.

The second and third FDA public hearings on genetically modified food are scheduled for Nov. 30 in Washington and Dec. 13 in Oakland, Calif.

Appraisal board stays with SNB

The Scurry County Appraisal District board of directors voted unanimously this morning to remain with its current depository, Snyder National Bank.

The action came after review and discussion of each of the bids that were received. All five banks in town submitted bids this year, including American State Bank, First American Bank, Snyder National Bank, Texas Savings Bank and West Texas State Bank.

The appraisal district is required to go out for the bids every two years.

The board also approved both the 1998 appraisal/collection maintenance and operations audit and the 1998-99 tax collections audit.

Both audits were deemed clean by Story & Stovall of Fort Worth, the firm that prepares the district's audit.

Two bids were received on a new computer system for the office.

The board voted to go with the low bid of $28,665 for an AS400 IBM computer system from BECA of Lubbock.

In addition, the board approved a five-year prepaid maintenance program with the company totaling $11,610.

Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks said the office hopes to have the new system up and going by the end of December.

Crooks said the office is saving money by doing in-house work such as stringing cable.

He added that mapping department employee Tracy Powell has been beneficial by providing the labor and expertise to upgrade the district's personal computers.

"She has been a real asset to our office as a computer literate person," Crooks said. "She has saved us thousands of dollars."

The other bid the board received was from Pritchard & Abbott Inc. out of Fort Worth for $33,448.

That companies bid for the five-year pre-paid service plan totaled $14,924.

The board also approved bills payable for September and October.

Chairman Harold Lacik presided and all board members were present to include Ross Carroll, David Beaver, Fred Cross, Walter Stirl, Billy Calley and Rona Sikes.

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Addition.Leanord M. and Dolly J. Dodgen to Terry and Theresa Stephens, Lot 11 in Block 12 of the Park Place Addition.

Osvaldo and Mickey Arias to Winslow S. Hill, 22.08 acres in Section 484, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Russell Jones Jr. to Howard Lee Murphree, Lots 8 and 9 in Block 15 of the Bootheland Addition.

John R. and Mabel Covey to David and Mindy Carroll, 1 acre in the southwest one-quarter of Section 100, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Red Man deal is completed

Red Man Pipe & Supply Co. announced the consummation of the purchase agreement announced last month has closed. Locations acquired are located in Alabama, Colorado, Louisiana, Tennessee and Texas and will operate effective immediately as Red Man Pipe & Supply Co.

Craig Ketchum, president and CEO of Red Man Pipe & Supply Co., said "This acquisition positions Red Man to further enhance our market share in the downstream market and places us as a leading distributor providing products and services to the upstream, midstream and downstream segments of the energy industry."

Red Man, a minority-owned distributor based in Tulsa, was founded in 1977 and has won several recognitions, including its 1999 ranking as #1 Minority Business by Minority Business News.

The company store in Snyder is located at 3913 Lamesa Highway.

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Wind experts warn against complacncy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The danger from hurricanes and tornadoes is growing as more people live in vulnerable areas, yet many Americans seem unconcerned or unwilling to prepare.

"People living along the coast own more things, they paid more for them and there are more of them," hurricane researcher High Willoughby said Thursday.

If the hurricane that struck Miami in 1926 were repeated today, damage would range between $70 billion and $80 billion, he said.

Willoughby warned that after decades with relatively few storms, the pattern seems to be returning to that of the 1940s to 1960s when hurricanes were more common.

The "barn-burner" hurricane seasons of the last couple of years probably are a preview of what is in store for the first decade of the next century, said Willoughby, director of hurricane research at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's laboratory in Miami.

He joined other experts a symposium on reducing losses from windstorms, which was sponsored by the American Association for Wind Engineering.

"Even in areas where the risks are high, people have a blase attitude," said James R. McDonald of Texas Tech University.

"We have complacency out there to the max," added Tim Marshall, a Texas-based disaster damage consultant.

Marshall, a well known tornado chaser, studied the May 3 twisters that caused havoc in the Oklahoma City area, killing more than three dozen people and injuring more than 500.

Even though the twisters occurred in an area where tornadoes are relatively common, most homes were merely nailed to their concrete foundations and did not have shelters or wind reinforcement, Marshall said.

Even after that disaster, only about 15 percent of the new homes being built are incorporating safe rooms and other protection, he said. Builders are resisting the changes, contending that the public is unwilling to pay the extra money, he added.

Don Burgess of the National Weather Service office in Norman, Okla., noted that the average warning time on the May 3 tornadoes was 18 minutes, with 90 minutes warning of the most powerful of the twisters.

But people still need a safe place to go, he said, adding that can be a home shelter.

"Builders tell me that if the public demanded it, they would build it," Burgess said. He said he is building a home that includes an extra expense of $3,000 for a safe room and roof reinforcements.

McDonald said builders have resisted tougher building codes along the Gulf Coast, also citing the extra costs that they believe the public is unwilling to pay.

"In many communities, local officials are not willing to admit the hazards of wind," he said, and when a storm does strike, people expect help from insurance or the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Redger will speak at 'First Assembly' Sunday morning

Chuck Redger will speak at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at First Assembly of God, 1809 College Ave.

Redger, executive director of Teen Challenge of the Permian Basin in Midland, began working with troubled youth in 1962. He has worked with Teen Challenge in San Francisco and New York City before becoming the executive director of Teen Challenge in Midland in November of 1973. The Teen Challenge Ministry in Midland has grown to include a 70-acre farm south of the city.

Since coming to Midland, Redger has served as the secretary-treasurer, vice-president and president of the Midland Ministerial Association. He has served on the Midland Crime Prevention Commission and on C.A.S.A. (Committee Against Substance Abuse).

He has also received an Honorary Life Membership to the Texas P.T.A. He is currently serving as South Central Regional Representative to the Teen Challenge National Board in Springfield, Mo. He is an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God.

Accompanying Redger will be a student who is in the Teen Challenge program who will share his testimony of how God has set him free from life-controlling problems.

Teen Challenge is an international Christian organization with nearly 3000 centers throughout the world. Teen Challenge works with people with life-controlling problems.

Mike Matheny, pastor of First Assembly of God, invites everyone to attend.

The Scurry County Health Unit wants to encourage everyone to WALK YOUR WAY TO FITNESS. We want to continue to encourage a "Walker Friendly Community" for various reasons, with health benefits being priority. The health benefits of walking for Cardiovascular and Cancer prevention are immeasurable, but we don't want to stop here. We want to ensure accessibility and safety.

The 37th Street project is the beginning for such a "Walker Friendly Community". Bids should go out in March of 2000 and construction should begin 45 days later. This project includes widening of 37th Street highway and curbed sidewalks on both sides of the road. I hope the citizens of Snyder share our excitement about this project and will encourage policy makers about the importance of a walkable community for future projects.

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Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

I can't take credit for the following quote. I got it off the Internet, and there was no credit given to its author. Let's just say he or she lurks in the hearts and souls of every public school teacher:

"Let me see if I've got this right. You want me to go into that room with all those kids, and fill their every waking moment with a love for learning. Not only that, I'm to instill a sense of pride in their ethnicity, behaviorally modify disruptive behavior, and observe them for signs of abuse, drugs, and T-shirt messages.

"I am to fight the war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, check their backpacks for guns and raise their self-esteem. I'm to teach them patriotism, good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play, how and where to register to vote, how to balance a checkbook and how to apply for a job, but I am never to ask if they are in this country illegally.

"I am to check their heads occasionally for lice, maintain a safe environment, recognize signs of potential antisocial behavior, offer advice, write letters of recommendation for student employment and scholarships, encourage respect for the cultural diversity of others, and oh yeah, *teach*, always making sure that I give the girls in my class 50 percent of my attention.

"I'm required by my contract to be working, on my own time, summer and evenings and at my own expense towards additional certification, advance certification and a master's degree, to sponsor the cheerleaders or the sophomore class, and after school I am to attend committee and faculty meetings and participate in staff development training to maintain my current certification and employment status.

"I am to collect data and maintain all records to support and document our building's progress in the select state mandated program to 'assess and upgrade educational excellence in the public schools.'

"I am to be a paragon of virtue larger than life, such that my very presence will awe my students into being obedient and respectful of authority. I am to pledge allegiance to supporting family values, a return to the basics, and my current school administration.

"I am to incorporate technology into learning, but monitor all web sites for appropriateness while providing a personal one-on-one relationship with each student. I am to decide who might be potentially dangerous and/or liable to commit crimes in school or who is possibly being abused, and I can be sent to jail for not mentioning those suspicions to those in authority.

"I am to make sure *all* students pass the state and federally mandated testing and classes, whether or not they attend school on a regular basis or complete any of the work assigned. I am to communicate frequently with each student's parent by letter, phone, newsletter, and grade card.

"I'm to do all this with just a piece of chalk, a computer, a few books, a bulletin board, a 45-minute (or less) plan time, and a big smile—on a starting salary that qualifies my family for food stamps in many states.

"Is that all? And you want me to do all of this and expect me to do it without praying?"

Education is not filling a pail but the lighting of a fire.

—William Butler Yeats

Note: For those of you who missed the announcement last week, my latest thriller, *Torch*, a story about a serial arsonist and the investigative reporter who helps to track him down, is now available in paperback at Wal-Mart, but selling fast.

Letters to the editor

I know what I missed

Dear Editor:

It is said that you don't miss what you have never had, I thought that was true until recently when I realized that I did miss something that I never had.

I grew up in a home with one brother and no sisters and until a few days ago, I was happy with that situation. When I was in school there were three sisters going also, they were nice and I liked them and I was still happy being one of two children.

Over fifty years passed before the four of us would become members of the Sunshine Choir, although their younger sister, Norma, had been a choir director for a number of years, and I had been a member for sometime. They were all nice and I liked them and I was still happy to be one of two children.

On Thursday, Nov. 11, the choir sang at Snyder Healthcare. After that, the three sisters decided they wanted to do some fun things like go to the Senior Center and watch the 'Old Sorehead Band' from Stanton, go shopping at Wal-Mart, drink lime-Cokes at a drive-in (like teenagers), go watch the Prairie Dogs and shop at Dollar General.

They asked me if I wanted to go, and I said, "Yes," just to have something to do. Because I was very quiet when I attended school, I think they thought I might not enjoy being with them. Well, I have changed since school days and I truly enjoyed being with them.

They are not just sisters, they are best friends. They are funny, articulate, caring and good-natured. Usually, if you are with three women for a good part of a day, there is going to be some type of argument involved at some point, not so with them. Teasing, yes. Arguments, no. At the end of that day, I thought how lucky they were to have each other and how I wished I had sisters. After a good part of a lifetime I now know what I have missed. Cille, Avanell and Norma, I know you think you have enough sisters, but if you ever want to adopt one, I am at the head of the line. I love you three ladies.

Betty Boyd

Volunteers appreciated

Dear Editor:

Re: Volunteer appreciation celebration at the Price Daniel Unit, Nobless Obilage — meaning (Nobility obligates).

The week of Nov. 13, 1999 was volunteer appreciation celebration for all the volunteers who give, of themselves, their time and attention to aid in the Substance Abuse Treatment Program in the Daniel Unit.

Though these volunteers were not obligated, they displayed the noble attributes of honorable and charitable work for those offenders who are contending with drug addiction and addictive behavior.

These volunteers come from as far away as Big Spring, Colorado City, San Angelo, Lubbock, one is from Austin, and Snyder. They have dispelled the myth that "no one cares" by their selfless giving and expecting nothing in return, except to make someone's life better.

The substance abuse recovery program also expresses its deep appreciation to Warden Howard and Warden Pittman who support and aid the recovery treatment programs of substance abuse. Without them and their support, the substance abuse recovery program would not experience the high standard of recovery.

Again, our thanks and appreciation to all the volunteers who work with the Substance Abuse Treatment Program and related groups at the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder.

In the words of a great man, Winston Churchill, "Never have so few, done so much for so many." That says if all.

Pam Jarnagin
S.A. Coordinator
Price Daniel Unit

Excellent Doctors

Dear Editor:

Most people know that Cogdell Hospital has a "Specialty Clinic, that hosts out-of-town doctors of different health needs.

Dr. Joseph Rizzo, cardiologist, is one of those doctors who comes to Snyder on a regular basis, from Lubbock. He's a well-known and respected heart consultant in Lubbock.

Please do not hesitate to see Dr. Rizzo in Snyder, should you have a heart problem, or think you do. Your doctor will refer you to him, I think.

I'm very grateful to both Dr. Paul Thompson, who I think is one of the best, and Dr. Rizzo, who I know is very good, for all they did for me during my illness.

They're excellent doctors. I respect their abilities greatly.

Most Sincerely,
Jean Howell,
Snyder



No sports played in heaven

by George Plagenz

We don't know what a day in heaven will be like, but we can be sure of one thing: There won't be any sports played up there. If somebody so much as suggests choosing sides for a little game of "rounders," God will remember the near-riot that erupted at Fenway Park in Boston during the fourth game of the 1999 American League Championship baseball series, and he'll break their bats.

Not that this was the first time such an embarrassment to heaven has occurred. Sometimes, in fact, sports manage to disgrace themselves twice in the same day!

While the baseball massacre was taking place in Boston, Mike Ditka, coach of the New Orleans pro football team, was being fined $20,000 for shouting obscenities at the fans who pay him a salary in the millions and for making a vulgar gesture toward these same people.

Regarding the fracas in Boston, even the Boston sportswriters went off on their beloved city in their columns the next day.

A Boston Globe writer emptied his bottle of venom on his fellow Bostonians in these words:

"Way to go, people. Thanks for showing the international TV audience how to ruin a festive night of baseball and disgrace the entire city in one easy lesson."

A Boston Herald wrier chided the bottle-throwing, out-of-control crowd in these stern, unforgiving words: "Each and every person reading this should be ashamed for what some of his neighbors did last night. A series that ought to have been the highlight of the sports year will carry a stain forever. Every clod who threw a bottle in last night's free-for-all, here's the final line on your performance: 'You're a loser.'"

This wasn't the only time that Boston, "the city of culture," acted like a bunch of rowdies where its sports teams were concerned.

I was living in Boston when the Red Sox won the American League pennant in 1967. Jim Lonberg, who pitched the pennant-clincher, almost got his arm pulled off by the fans as he left the field. Autos were vandalized in Kenmore Square. There were some Bostonians who didn't want the Red Sox to win the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals. They were afraid the celebration would reach the riot stage. Fortunately, the Red Sox lost the seventh and deciding game.

But it isn't only baseball, and it isn't only Boston. When I was a sportswriter, I once called for an end to night football in the high schools after 11 beatings and stabbings occurred following four high school football games in Cleveland.

There was once a time when sports were said to build character and provide wholesome entertainment for the entire family.

Yes, and there was once a man named Amos Alonzo Stagg, "the Grand Old Man of Football." He spent most of his coaching career at little College of the Pacific.

On one Saturday afternoon, one of Stagg's halfbacks got off a 40-yard run down the sidelines for a touchdown. The other team, however, claimed he had stepped out of bounds on the 20-yard line. A big argument ensued.

Finally, Stagg got off the bench and went to see what was the matter. He had a suggestion.

"Why don't you ask my player whether he went out of bounds," said Stagg. Not only was Stagg Mr. Integrity himself, but he also was able to teach integrity to his players.

So the player was asked, "Did you go out of bounds?"

"Yes," said the player. That was that. The ball was brought back to the 20-yard line, and the game resumed.

But that was long ago and far away.



EDITORIAL COMMENT

The El Paso Times
On the wildlife license plate:

It's about time. The state this week unveiled its first wildlife conservation license plate, complete with a Texas horned frog, aimed at raising money to help preserve habitats of threatened species.

The plate, which features a color illustration of the horned frog and says: "Keep Texas Wild" at the bottom, will cost an extra $25, $20 of which will go toward the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The revenue from the new plates will be used to promote wildlife diversity, to support research, monitoring and educational programs about Texas wildlife, and for habitat conservation.

The horned frog, as something of an emblem for threatened species, is appropriate for Texas. Once very common, the species has been decimated during the past 20 years as development continues to encroach on habitat. The little reptile is now on Texas' threatened species list.

As Parks and Wildlife executive director Andrew Sansom points out, the beneficial aspect of the plate is that it's a great way for thousands of Texans to help fund state wildife-conservation work — the lion's share of which traditionally has been funded through hunting and fishing licenses.

Such a license plate was overdue in the Lone State state. More than half of the states have offered wildlife-conservation plates for several years. As a result, they have taken in millions to support their wildife-conservaiton efforts. As an example, since 1990, Florida has generated $19.5 million, while Indiana has generated $8.5 million since 1993.

Texans should embrace this opportunity to support wildlife conservation.

Houston Chronicle
On opposition to Potter books:

The hysterical opposition to the wildly popular "Harry Potter" books proves that some people just can't stand the thought that some child somewhere is having a good time without bothering anybody.

Parents with too much time on their hands have tried to get the books banned from schools and libraries, branding them morbid, hateful, disrespectful, even "sheer evil." Please.

The idea that British author J.K. Rowling's best sellers encourage childhood witchcraft and wizardry is sheer nonsense. Children know the books are just entertaining stories, just as they know that, Peter Pan to the contrary, humans cannot fly without mechanical assistance and do not persist in trying.

While the books stimulate young imaginations, they gently deprecate the notion of wizardry by their absurd treatment of the subject. If only more adults could be dissuaded from clinging to their superstitious delusions.

A recent Gallup poll found that a third of the Americans surveyed believe in ghosts. One in five believes in witches with magical powers and spells.

Many Americans believe not only that this planet is frequently visited by aliens from outer space, but also that they have been abducted by same. A large, overlapping segment of the population thinks the moon landings were fake, but professional wrestling is real.

Fairy tales and other fictions are helpful and perhaps essential in the development of children's imaginations. They also help children learn the nature of reality and the difference between the real and the imaginary.

Americans worried about "Harry Potter" should just be glad that more children are finding pleasure in reading. Children know there are no schools for wizards in their neighborhood, just as they know they don't have to keep clapping for Tinkerbell after a performance of Peter Pan ends.

Austin American Statesman
On light rail transit:

Local leaders wondering how to achieve widespread "buy in" on a plan to bring light-rail transit to the Austin area might check the 2-to-1 runaway vote.

How were Denver voters, wary of rail in the past, persuaded to support a major expansion of the city's system of lightweight urban trains?

"Analysts said the success in the Denver metro area was due to a giant

bipartisan political push, really bad traffic and the right combination of a road-and-rail package," the Denver Post reported.

Transportation writer Ricky Young tried to answer this question: Why did light rail get an enthusiastic thumbs up in Denver on Nov. 2 when similar measures were defeated in Kansas City, Mo.; Columbus, Ohio; Virginia Beach, Va.; and Aspen, Colo.?

Denver's world-class gridlock helped. The city has lots more traffic than the cities that said "no."

A no-new-taxes theme was important, the post-election analysts said.

Denver's new rail line will be paid for mainly with borrowed money and a

federal grant. No big tax increase was attached to the plan.

Pairing the rail initiative with a big highway construction package also helped win voter sympathy.

Mass transit boosters and road builders, not always on the same team, joined forces to get Denver's double-header proposal approved at the polls.

The Denver Chamber of Commerce reportedly was a key player in rallying support for rail. The chamber "commandeered the light-rail portion of the campaign," the Post said. The chamber controlled "the money and the message."

Light rail also got significant support from a political odd couple: Colorado's Republican governor and the city's Democratic mayor. Gov. Bill Owens and Mayor Wellington Webb campaigned together for rail-and-roads relief in the big city.

The Beaumont Enterprise
On the Bush quiz:

Even though normal people are thinking about deer hunting or plans for millennium parties, political junkies know that the 2000 presidential campaign is getting serious. The undeniable proof is that the first "pop quiz" scandal has already erupted.

George W. Bush, of course, was the first victim. Earlier this month during an interview in Boston he was asked if he could name the leaders of India, Pakistan, Chechnya and Taiwan. Bush bombed, and badly at that. The normally unflappable Texas governor looked very flappable for a few minutes, verbally stumbling around before spitting out half the name of the Taiwanese leader.

Were illegal contributions solicted?

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — A Texas state senator reportedly is asking Arizona lawmakers for a portion of their own campaign funds for Republican presidential contender George W. Bush, a practice said to be illegal.

Texas Sen. Teel Bivins, whose district includes Amarillo, used official Texas Senate stationery to tell Arizona legislators that a contribution of up to $1,000 from their own campaign account is legal, The Tribune, a newspaper covering suburban Phoenix, said Friday.

The Tribune also said Arizona statutes prohibit the transfer from any state campaign account to another candidate's federal or state campaign.

Rep. Marilyn Jarrett, R-Mesa, who heads the Arizona House Ethics Committee, told the paper she will send letters to Republican lawmakers warning them that funneling money to another candidate is illegal.

Bivins was not immediately available to comment this morning to The Associated Press.

The newspaper said it had obtained a copy of the letter which said in part: "You may already be aware of this, but I just learned the other day that you could make a contribution of up to $1,000 to a presidential candidate out of your campaign account.

"I believe there is one Republican candidate in the field that is especially deserving of a contribution. That is George W. Bush," Bivins wrote.

The letter also states — erroneously — that "state legislative campaign committees may contribute up to $1,000 to all federal candidates combined," The Tribune said.

Kelly Huff, spokeswoman for the Federal Elections Commission, told The Tribune the practice is not prohibited by federal law, so long as the money did not come from prohibited sources and the donation does not exceed $1,000, but that the Arizona ban on such donations would prevail.

Scott McClellan, a spokesman for the Bush campaign in Austin, said the campaign will not take committee money from legislative candidates in states where such transfers are prohibited.

As for whether accepting them from Arizona candidates would be illegal, McClellan said, "from my understanding, it's a debatable issue."

He said federal election laws would permit the Bush campaign to accept the funds, especially since Texas does not bar them, "but our campaign is not accepting such contributions."

McClellan also said the solicitation was Bivins' idea but had the Texas governor's approval. He said similar letters were sent to state lawmakers throughout the United States.

Rep. Karen Johnson, R-Mesa and a supporter of Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan, said she was offended by the letter.

"My reaction when I first got it and read it was I laughed," Johnson said. "The chutzpah of this person to send this is incredible. I think any right-thinking legislator would have known right off the bat that this would not be proper.

"You don't take your campaign money and send it to other candidates," Johnson told The Tribune. "People who donate their hard-earned money to you, they don't expect you to take that money and give it into some other candidate that they may not in any way, shape or form agree with."

House passes satellite bill, Senate next

WASHINGTON (AP) — A measure that will let millions of satellite dish subscribers watch their local TV news, weather and sports broadcasts — as cable owners do now — is headed to the Senate.

Lawmakers are under pressure to pass the bill because a key piece of it protects more than a million satellite subscribers now receiving local channels who face losing those signals by year's end.

The satellite legislation, tacked onto the massive budget bill the House passed Thursday, also aims to boost satellite's position as a rival to cable by allowing satellite companies to offer local channels.

Two disputed provisions were dropped from the bill before it became part of the appropriations package. One would have guaranteed $1.25 billion in federal loans to companies that provide local broadcast signals in rural areas. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, had opposed that language, contending that only a few big corporations would benefit.

"This is not urban versus rural. This is basically, 'Should we be giving away $1.25 billion dollars of the taxpayers' money by putting them on the hook?'" Gramm said.

The rural loan guarantees are a big issue for Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., who at one point Thursday told colleagues he might try to thwart lawmakers' desires to adjourn for the year if he didn't get assurances that the issue would be properly addressed in early 2000.

"His objection is designed to bring attention to an issue which affects as many as 10 million people in the country's rural and farm communities," Baucus spokesman Michael Siegel said.

Baucus eventually got those assurances; namely, that a bill dealing with the loan guarantee and containing only relevant amendments would be taken up by the end of March.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., one of the key architects of the satellite bill, also expressed dismay that the loan guarantees were dropped.

"It's a shame that a single senator blocked a sensible loan program to facilitate satellite TV coverage for rural areas, particularly in the West," Leahy said.

Also removed from the satellite measure was language that explicitly prevented Internet companies from getting special licenses to carry broadcast programming. That came after Internet providers, such as America Online, lobbied to have the provision cut.

"We're very pleased that Congress removed this last-minute insertion of language that could have harmed the growth of the Internet," AOL spokeswoman Kathy McKiernan said.

Internet service providers were worried the language would have prevented them from getting the same types of blanket licenses satellite and cable companies can have to carry TV programming.

House Commerce Committee Chairman Tom Bliley, R-Va., who backed the Internet companies, said Congress should keep an open mind.

"Digital technology has transformed our lives, and soon could transform the way consumers receive local broadcast programming," Bliley said.

The National Association of Broadcasters, the Motion Picture Association of America and other copyright holders had urged lawmakers to keep the provision in the bill, arguing that the Internet is inherently different from cable and, therefore, is not covered by the same types of licensing agreements.

"In our view, that is a correct interpretation of current law," said Jim May of NAB.

The legislation also includes language to modify the patent protection system, prevent public broadcasting stations from swapping donor lists with political organizations and crack down on "cybersquatting," the pre-empting of Internet domain names with the aim of selling those names to companies or people with trademark associations to them.

Super-tough bacteria genes are mapped

WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers have mapped out the complete gene pattern of one of the toughest bacteria known — a bug that may be used to clean up atomic radiation wastes and spills.

In a study appearing Friday in the journal Science, researchers report the complete sequencing of the genes in a bacteria called Deinococcus radiodurans, an organism that is able to survive and thrive in environments of extreme heat, cold, poison and radiation.

Michael J. Daly, a co-author of the study, said that having the complete genetic sequence "is like turning on a light" in a dark room for scientists who are trying to find ways to clean up polluted and radioactive dump sites.

"We've already been working with this organism, but having the gene sequence will make it go much faster," said Daly, a genetic researcher at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md. He is a military researcher who is developir biological ways of cleaning up radioactive and toxic wastes.

Deinococcus radiodurans is a member of a small group of microbes able to survive and reproduce in environments that would be instantly lethal for most organisms.

Papers suggest that lawyers did not believe endangered claims

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A supporting document filed by two plaintiffs' attorneys as part of a proposed $3.75 billion settlement of nationwide diet-drug litigation appears to contradict the argument by other lawyers that their clients faced long-term health problems from the drugs, a newspaper reported.

The Oct. 6 letter obtained by The Philadelphia Inquirer was written by two plaintiffs' attorneys the day before the tentative settlement was announced last month. The letter said in part that if heart-valve disease "is not present at the time of cessation of diet drug use (or shortly thereafter), it will not later occur as a consequence of drug use," the newspaper reported for Friday's editions.

That statement appears to contradict the plaintiffs' position in the New Jersey class-action trial, during which three medical experts hired by the plaintiffs contributed documents saying that, based on other models, "it is reasonable to expect that valvular abnormalities might appear only years later."

The letter, issued under the letterhead Diet Drug Litigation Negotiating Committee, was written to attorneys for drugmaker American Home Products Corp. by Philadelphia lawyers Michael Fishbein and Gene Locks.

Fishbein said late Thursday he stood by the contents of the letter.

"It doesn't say anything I'm ashamed about or embarassed about. That's the science I've heard from the experts," Fishbein said. He said he disagreed with the position of experts hired for the New Jersey trial.

"They aren't my experts. Believe me, I do not adopt what they said. In many ways, it was a very bad protocol; I don't want to be associated with that report because I don't buy it."

Locks could not be reached for comment.

One of the lead trial attorneys, Sol Weiss of Philadelphia, said the letter's proposed "findings of fact" will not be in the final settlement, which requires court approval and could be filed as early as Friday. The end of the letter states that it "shall not be admissible in evidence for any purpose," so it cannot be used in cases going to trial, he said.

Asked whether the letter contradicted the experts' report, Weiss said, "I understand you could take that interpretation."

The letter has caused a stir among other lawyers involved in the litigation, some of whom are already upset about terms of the proposed settlement. Mark Bern, a lawyer in New York, suggested he might sue the lawyers for undermining their legal position.

The obesity drugs Pondimin or Redux were taken off the market two years ago by AHP and its St. Davids-based Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories unit after studies linked them to heart-valve abnormalities. Pondimin, known generically as fenfluramine, was the "fen" in the "fen-phen" diet-drug combination, Redux the successor to Pondimin.

The letter concludes there is no "reliable epidemiological evidence" that people who took Pondimin or Redux for less than 90 days are at increased risk of developing significant valve disease, although the attorneys recommend monitoring for anyone who took the drug for more than 60 days, the newspaper said.

American Home said most Pondimin and Redux users took the drug for less than 90 days.

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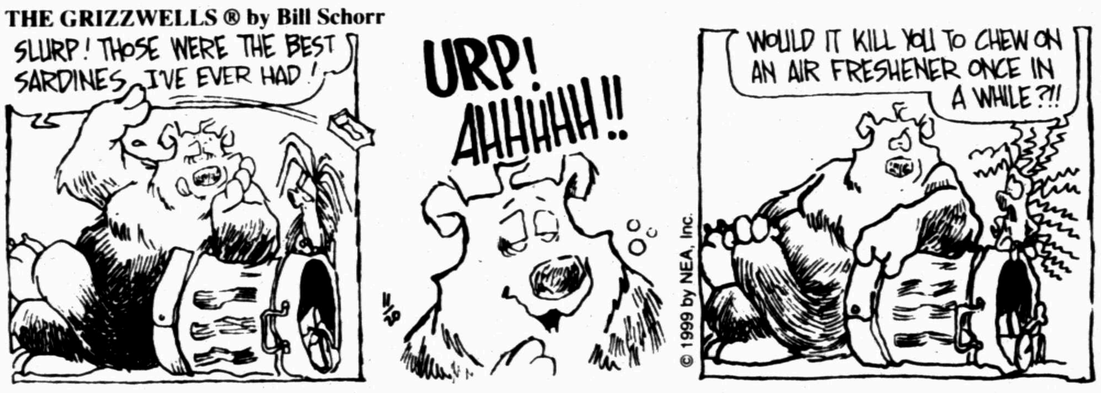
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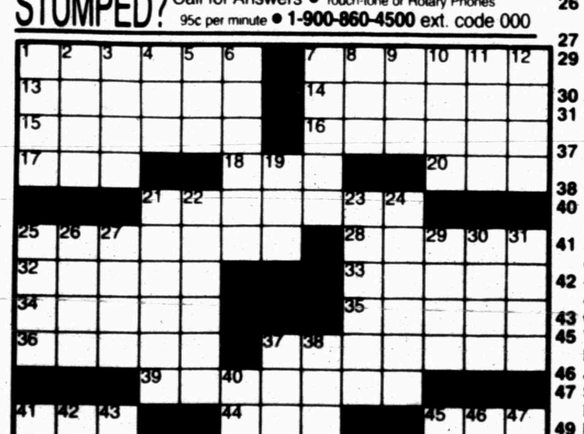
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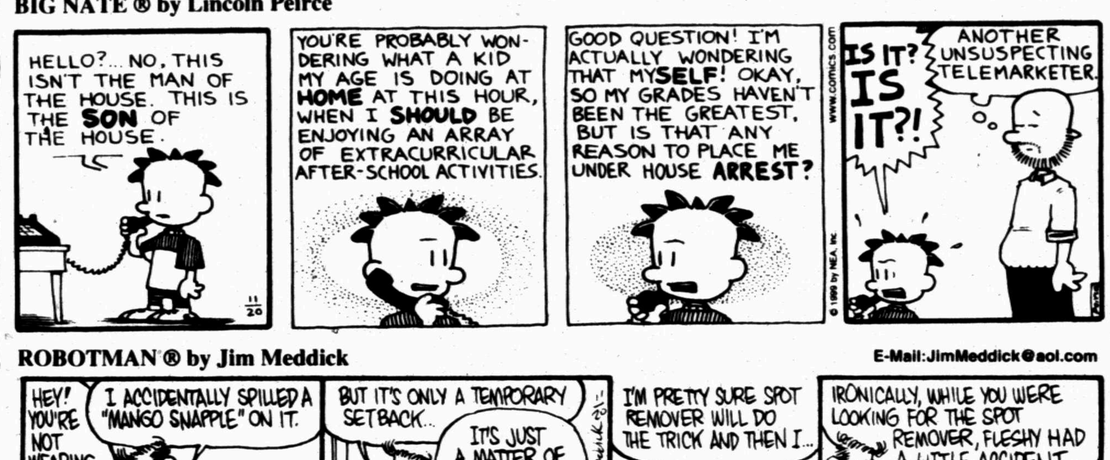
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Iowa farmers predict fewer farms

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Ninety-eight percent of Iowa farmers questioned in an annual survey agree the trend toward fewer, larger farms will continue in the 21st century and 96 percent say farmers will have to take outside jobs just to survive.

Ninety-five percent of the farmers say it is likely low farm prices will put many of them out of business.

Larry Kinsinger, a farmer in Wapello County, said the grim mood reflected in the 1999 Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll is accurate.

"Ten years ago we never would have thought about doing anything else, or at least contemplating it seriously, but in a short time frame, certainly this year, even more established farmers are saying, maybe I should take a look at other opportunities," Kinsinger said.

He said farm prices at 1960s levels and incomes, in some cases, at 40 percent of what they once were, are driving farmers to other jobs.

Nearly 2,600 farmers filled out a questionnaire distributed by Iowa State University Extension sociologist Paul Lasley. The farmers were asked what farming will look like in the next century.

Eighty-nine percent of the respondents expect the gaps between the rich and the poor to increase, while 81 percent said the high cost of living will prevent many people from retiring at age 65.

"We haven't made decent money for 2-3 years, we have to make a living someplace along the line," Kinsinger said.

Indianola area farmer Rex Hoppes said farmers who want to stay in the business will find a way, even if it's under contract to a large corporation.

"If a farmer is interested in staying on the farm and doing what he loves best, whether that's growing corn or cattle, calving cows or farrowing sows, he will find a way to do it," Hoppes said. "It just won't be like our grandfathers did it."

Seventy-one percent of the survey respondents think farmers will be forced to accept production and marketing contracts if they want to succeed, but only 18 percent think contract farming will provide better income.

On food safety, 70 percent said American eating habits will create opportunities for farmers who want to raise organic produce and range-fed stock.

But only 5 percent of the farmers polled believe young people are likely to enter farming, while 83 percent said it is unlikely.

In an ideal world, Hoppes said, farmers, should be able to run their businesses the way they have been run for the last 30 years. But that's unrealistic.

"I'm afraid, rather than be the good old boy at the coffee shop and complain every morning, there are those of us who plan on staying with it and we'll find a way to do that. Collectively, we can come up with solutions," he said.

The Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll, conducted annually since 1982 to gauge farmers' views on a variety of rural and agricultural issues, is funded by ISU Extension and Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station.

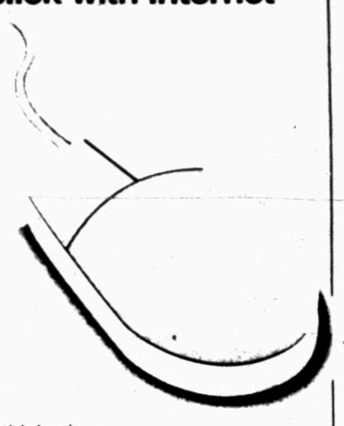
Mail-in questionnaires went to a random sample of 4,947 Iowa farm operators in mid-February, with a 52 percent response rate. The survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

Keeping an eye on Texas

New tax exemptions click with Internet

Starting on October 1, 1999, changes in the sales tax law will benefit one of the fastest growing sectors of the Texas economy.

- One section exempts the first $25 of a monthly charge for Internet access service from state and local sales tax.
- Another section exempts 20 percent of the value of data processing and information services from state and local sales taxes. These services include such Internet-related activities as designing and maintaining Web pages.



SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. (www.window.state.tx.us)

Criticism increases guns' ticket sales

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Gun advocate are buying tickets by the hundreds to show their support for a private school's gun raffle, which drew criticism from school safety advocates in the wake of the Columbine massacre.

Five hunting rifles and shotguns are being raffled Dec. 6-10 by Hobgood Academy in Halifax County, which plans to use the money to buy new equipment for the Future Farmers of America group of high school students.

In light of the April shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., where two students killed 13 others before committing suicide, as well as other school shootings nationwide, the raffle drew media attention and healthy criticism from school safety advocates.

Then buyers surfaced from all over the country, saying they wanted to register their disapproval of antigun groups by purchasing the $10 tickets. Many said they learned of the raffle from Internet newsgroups and newspaper articles, said headmaster John Hardison.

"I'm sure we're getting this interest because of the publicity," he said. "We're not insensitive to gun violence; we're a school, too. I don't understand what all the commotion is for. We weren't looking for this publicity."

Hardison said the school, a kindergarten through 12th-grade campus that has operated for 30 years, is still tabulating the number of tickets sold. The number has reached into the hundreds, with more expected, far surpassing anticipated sales.

Word of the raffle reached Fred Bonner a couple of weeks ago.

Bonner, a syndicated columnist and editor of Carolina Adventure, a Raleigh hunting, fishing and boating publication, posted information about the raffle to a few Internet gun advocate news groups and e-mailed it to hunting friends across the country to generate interest.

"My phone at home has been coming off the wall for days (after the e-mails were sent)," he said.

Bonner said he has no affiliation with Hobgood Academy, but wanted to support the raffle because he thought it was a good fund-raiser.

Hardison said the controversy caught him off guard.

"In the fall in eastern North Carolina with the hunting and all, we thought it was just a marketable idea to raise money for the FFA," he said. "We don't allow guns in the school. Only adults can win the raffle and they have to be approved."

Adults on the FFA advisory board picked the prizes, and the school bought the guns from a reputable dealer, Hardison said. Winners must undergo background checks and meet other legal requirements, he said.

Lisa Price, executive director of North Carolinians Against Gun Violence, said the school is the wrong venue for a gun raffle, but she will not try to stop it.

"Given recent massacres in schools, I thought it would be really inappropriate for a school to be holding a gun raffle," she said. "I realize this is a rural community, and there's a lot of hunting, but it's still a school."

PM, wife expecting their fourth child

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Tony Blair and his wife, Cherie, are expecting their fourth child in May.

Mrs. Blair had only a few words Friday for reporters camped outside the couple's Downing Street residence: "I was surprised."

Downing Street confirmed the news Thursday in a statement after being questioned by a London tabloid, saying the couple was "delighted at the news, which came as a total shock."

Mrs. Blair, 45, is a prominent lawyer who practices under her maiden name of Cherie Booth. She and the prime minister have two sons, Euan, 15 and Nicholas, 14, and an 11-year-old daughter, Kathyrn.

Man pleads guilty to using aliases to cheat

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — For four years, a New Jersey man fooled the computers at two music-by-mail clubs, using 1,630 aliases to buy compact discs at rates offered only to first-time buyers.

Investigators said it took an employee to notice that a suspicious amount of CDs were going to post office or commercial mailboxes in seven towns.

On Thursday, David Russo admitted he received 22,260 CDs by making each address just different enough to avoid detection, adding fictitious apartment numbers, unneeded direction abbreviations and extra punctuation marks.

Russo paid a total of about $56,000 for CDs, or about $2.50 each. Operating as "CDs for Less," he then sold the CDs at flea markets for about $10 each, said his lawyer, Paul Brickfield.

"It essentially started as a hobby," Brickfield said after a court hearing. "He joined a few times, made some money on it, and made the mistake of turning it into a business."

"It got to the point where people were ordering through him," he said.

The scam is believed to be the largest of its kind in the nation, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott S. Christie, who prosecuted the case.

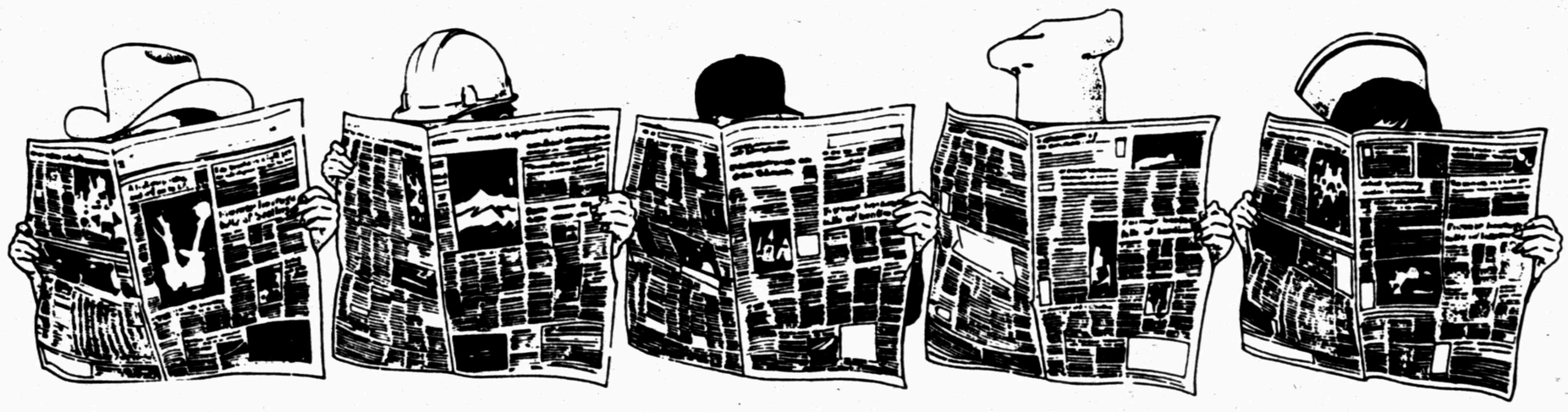
Russo, 33, pleaded guilty to a count of mail fraud, and could receive up to 18 months in prison and a fine of up to $250,000. He is free on a $50,000 bond until his Feb. 14 sentencing.

Russo admitted acquiring 12 mailboxes from 1994 to 1998.

The music clubs, BMG Music Service and Columbia House Music Club, eventually "felt that they were seeing a lot of orders" in the seven towns, said Special Agent Joseph Corrado of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

A "hand-by-hand" analysis revealed that the orders eventually attributed to Russo had the same handwriting, Corrado said.

The clubs' introductory offers typically provide nine free CDs with the purchase of one CD at the regular price, plus shipping and handling. The customer then purchases a set number of other CDs at later dates to fulfill club requirements.



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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Holiday dinner guest doesn't like paying for lack of choice

DEAR ABBY: Every year our family gathers at the home of "Aunt Dottie and Uncle Joe" for Christmas dinner. This includes us, our parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and their children. Aunt Dottie and Uncle Joe used to charge only the adults — the children ate free — and the adults also brought along bottles of alcohol. Now the charge is per person, so everyone pays.

Abby, we have no choice in the menu. Aunt Dottie and Uncle Joe plan the meal. If they serve something we don't like, or if we can't stay for the whole meal, don't you think we should get at least a partial refund? Shouldn't we have a say in the menu since we pay for our meals? They don't need the money, but they never offer a refund if we eat little or leave early.

I think a better plan would be for all of us to meet in a restaurant for Christmas dinner, so we'd have a choice. What do you think?

FED UP IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR FED UP: It's unrealistic to expect your aunt and uncle to refund the money for the uneaten food, and having a "committee" create the menu might be more of a hassle for your aunt and uncle than they're willing to accept. Since all of you pay for your own dinner anyway, your suggestion is practical. Mention it to your relatives and see how they react. More than a few may "second" the motion.

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DEAR ABBY: I had to laugh when I read the letter from "Uncorked in Hudson, Ohio." I had a similar experience.

Some out-of-town friends came to visit and, upon their arrival, presented us with a bottle of wine, too. Like "Uncorked," I had planned to serve a wine I had selected for dinner and did not open my guests' wine.

The next day, as our guests were leaving, the woman walked into my kitchen, grabbed her bottle of wine, and said that since we didn't drink it, she was taking it with her! I was speechless.

No matter how rude her gesture was, I realized I had hurt her feelings by not serving her wine, and since that experience I have always served the wine my guests bring — no matter what else I have planned. I would much rather keep my friends than worry about the perfect dinner.

UNCORKED 2, RICHLAND, WASH.

DEAR UNCORKED 2: That's one way of looking at it. Read on for another solution:

DEAR ABBY: In reference to "Uncorked in Hudson, Ohio": I agree that the host was not rude. I always play by the following rules when someone brings wine to the house. If it's wrapped, it is a gift and meant to be saved or added to my "collection." If it is not wrapped, it is meant to be served for that meal. This simple rule seems to work well for me.

CORKED IN ORINDA, CALIF.

DEAR CORKED: If it works for you, it has my blessing. But there is no formal rule of etiquette that dictates that a bottle of wine brought to an informal dinner party as a housegift must be served that evening. Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with as he or she chooses.

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DEAR ABBY: There is a possibility, hopefully slim, that a friend's bride-to-be may not show at the wedding. If this happens, what is the proper protocol for whomever is asked to announce the postponement of the service? What does one say in such a situation?

WANTS TO BE PREPARED, THOUSAND OAKS, CALIF.

DEAR WANTS TO BE PREPARED: If there is a possibility strong enough to write to an advice columnist that the bride will be a no-show, the wedding should be postponed *now* — while the guests can still cancel their travel and lodging reservations, and before anyone has gathered for the ceremony.

Were I the person whose duty it was to inform the wedding guests that the wedding was canceled, I would simply say: "Ladies and gentlemen, I regret to inform you that there has been a change of plans. There will be no wedding today. However, don't let that stop you from enjoying the music and refreshments that have been provided. I'm sure you'll be hearing the details in the weeks to follow."

DEAR ABBY: For many years, I searched for a family project to give added meaning to the holidays and instill in our children the foundations of "social service." Three years ago, at Thanksgiving, I found the perfect project, one our whole family could share.

Since most people get both Thursday and Friday off from work, we decided to spend all of Thanksgiving Day cooking a complete Thanksgiving dinner and delivering it to a needy family. With three children aged 7, 3 and 1 at the time, even the youngest could "help" mash potatoes and bake cookies.

Each year it has given us an opportunity to get acquainted with wonderful people who were in difficult circumstances, experience their joy at receiving these gifts, and feel we have something worthwhile to celebrate at our own Thanksgiving, which we now celebrate on Friday.

This family project has provided us with an altruistic and uplifting focus for the holiday. We have chosen to focus our giving on immigrant families who often work at the most unpleasant and dangerous jobs, and receive the lowest pay. However, any group that has personal meaning to the individual, such as the elderly, people with AIDS and single parents — the list goes on and on — would appreciate some special care on Thanksgiving.

Also, before Christmas, the children and I were cleaning out closets to make room for new toys and wishing we could find a good use for the old toys. We made a few calls and located a homeless shelter that welcomed our donation. Abby, we have a limited income, and cannot always afford to contribute to new-toy drives. However, we had an abundance of used-but-still-nice toys my children had outgrown, which made the children in the shelter very happy indeed.

We found our shelter by looking in the Yellow Pages under "Housing Assistance and Shelters" and "Social Service Organizations." If at first you don't connect, keep calling!

This has become a family tradition, and I can't tell you how much it has enriched our lives.

DARIA DOERING, SAN DIEGO

DEAR DARIA: What an inspiring way you have chosen to teach your children to share their abundance with others. Churches and synagogues can also provide names of families and older people who are in need and would welcome being included in a family celebration. Thank you for providing living proof that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

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Monetary chief apologizes for 'lousy design of coins'

HONG KONG (AP) — The territory's monetary chief says Hong Kong coins look "repulsive," but it's less of a criticism than a confession.

Joseph Yam, chief executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, disclosed this week on the Internet that he personally designed the coins that replaced old ones with Queen Elizabeth II's head on one side.

Yam is begging citizens of the former British colony for forgiveness.

"If readers examine the design of our coins, they will find it, at best, unattractive and unremarkable," he wrote in his weekly column on the monetary authority's Web site.

Several years before Hong Kong reverted from British to Chinese rule in 1997, officials decided to remove the queen's head from the money and replace the monarch with a "politically neutral design," Yam wrote.

The job was supposed to be kept confidential, so instead of hiring professionals to design the coins, Yam did it him

Yam's verdict on his work: "A design hardly befitting the status of Hong Kong as an influential financial center."

"I am sorry that users have to put up with them every day," Yam wrote. Although the bauhinia coins came into circulation in 1993, a few colonial era coins with the queen's head are still in use.

A spokeswoman for the monetary authority said Yam chose to disclose his self-professed blunder mainly because he found the topic interesting.

Perhaps Yam should have talked to a few citizens before coming down so hard on himself.

A number of them interviewed Friday said they have no qualms about the new coins, although a few revealed a nostalgia for the queen's profile.

"It's not bad because it's quite appropriate to use the bauhinia to represent Hong Kong," said Peter Chan at Shing Shun Stationery Co. "But I grew up with the old ones and I, of course, miss the queen."

Property developer Johnny Chin, 50, said he likes Yam's design but would have preferred pictures of Hong Kong's landmark mountain, Victoria Peak.

"You can find these flowers in southern China, but there's only one Victoria Peak in the world," he said.

John Hyland, a tourist from Washington, D.C., said he would like to see portraits of Hong Kong dignitaries on the coins.

"We're kind of used to seeing people" on currency, Hyland said. "I think it's a good way to remember, to honor somebody."

Hong Kong may be in store for changes, Yam hinted.

"Perhaps it's time to review the designs of our circulation coins soon," he wrote, "if only to make me feel less guilty."

McCaughy septuplets...

Year of milestones celebrated

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — There was no big community party this year for Carlisle's most famous toddlers. Instead, their birthday was celebrated quietly at home.

The McCaughey septuplets — Kenny, Brandon, Joel, Nathan, Alexis, Kelsey and Natalie — turned 2 Friday.

And for Kenny and Bobbi McCaughey, the parents of the nation's first living set of septuplets, it's been a year of rewards and challenges.

"Faith has always been a central part of our lives," Mrs. McCaughey says. "But we probably have more reliance on ... God himself and being able to pray each day for the strength we need. He doesn't give us more than we can bear."

Personalities in each of the towheaded toddlers have begun emerging. For example, Kenny, the first septuplet born, is called the "wild man" by his father due to his naughty streak. Brandon is moody and adventurous, climbing on tables and swinging from the chandelier. Natalie is sensitive. Alexis has a short temper.

They like Legos and playing with 3-year-old sister Mikayla on the playground equipment in the family's backyard. Joel has the scratches on his face to prove it, after recently coming down the slide headfirst.

Their favorite food is corn puffs. And they like being pulled in a wagon by their dad and watching music videos.

The children are talking, saying words such as "Mommy," "Daddy," "me" and "bye-bye."

All have taken their first steps, though Alexis and Nathan — who each suffers from a form of cerebral palsy — needed the help of a walker.

Alexis has hypotonic quadriplegia, a disorder that causes muscular weakness in all four limbs. Nathan has spastic diplegia, a condition that causes uncontrolled muscle tightening in his legs. Both toddlers wear plastic leg braces, and therapists work with them twice a week.

Alexis and Natalie also suffer from digestive problems. They take some food orally, but also rely on feedings of high-calorie formula through tubes into their stomachs. And Joel will undergo surgery soon to correct a muscle condition that causes one of his eyes to drift and cross.

The McCaugheys say they believe they have been given an opportunity to tell others of the role God has played in their lives. They say their donated 16-room house, 15-passenger van and supply of diapers are proof that God provided for them.

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