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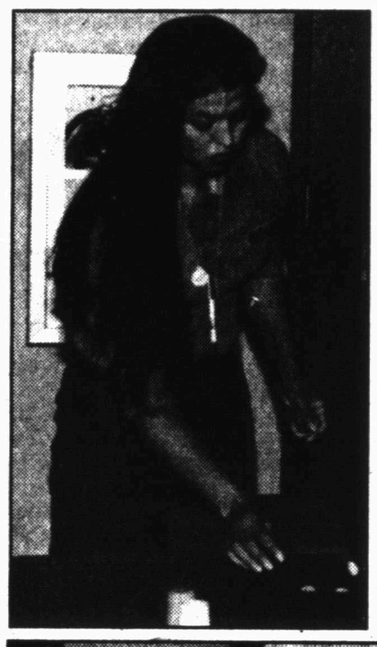
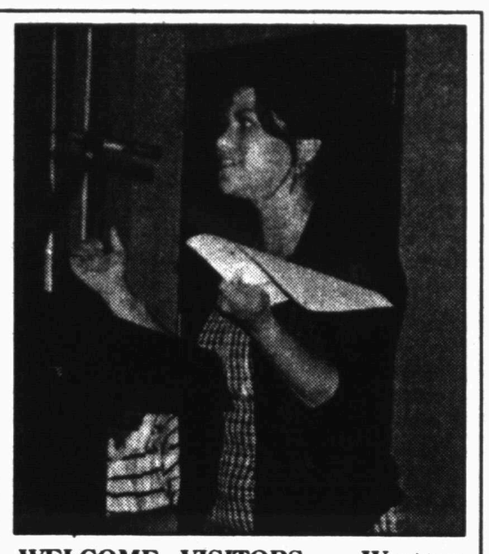
WTC hosts student government meeting



TIME FOR LUNCH – Linda Gonzales, student senator for WTC's Student Government Association, helps decorate the dining area prior to a breakfast being served at the SGA meeting held Friday and Saturday at the college, the Wagon Wheel Ranch and the Willow Park Inn. (SDN Photo by Justin Guy)



WELCOME VISITORS – Western Texas College's Student Government Association president Lena Alvarez delivers the welcoming address during the student government association workshop held in Snyder. (SDN Photo by Justin Guy)

GETTING READY – WTC student senator Trey Shirley gets the electronic equipment ready before the general session of the student government meeting. (Contributed Photo)

Western Texas College hosted the 2000 convention of the Region I Texas Junior College Student Government Association Friday and Saturday.

Participating in the convention were representatives from WTC, Amarillo College, El Paso Community College, Frank Phillips College, Howard College, Midland College, Odessa College, South Plains College and Vernon Regional Junior College.

In all, over 120 students attended the convention.

"I was pleased with the turnout we had, and I think it was good for WTC and Snyder. This gave us a great opportunity for our students to shine in leadership positions," said Debbie Duddleston, WTC's Student Government Association advisor.

Each college represented had the opportunity to run for an executive office on both the regional and state level. WTC is making plans to submit a representative to the regional secretary's position.

Convention-goers were pleased with the event, and Region I president Jamie Stephenson of South Plains College said the convention was one of the best the region ever had.

Polls to open 7 a.m. Tuesday for voting

In less than 24 hours, voters will go to the polls for the general election. If the early voting pattern holds true on election day, a record number of Scurry County voters will have had have their say for new president of the United States, as well as Scurry County sheriff.

Early voters cast 390 ballots Friday to bring the early voting total to 2,638. And through this morning, another 191 mail-in ballots had been received to bring the total votes cast so far to 2,829.

The final early-voting tally is 101 more than the 1996 general election when 2,537 early votes were cast.

The race that has generated the most interest locally is between former sheriff Keith Collier and write-in candidates Cole Herring, Joe Salinas and Kirk Taylor for the position of Scurry County Sheriff.

Collier became the stand-in for present sheriff Darren Jackson when Jackson was ruled ineligible to be on the Demo ballot after he voted in the Republican Primary. The local Democratic Party, who nominated Collier, is hoping the commissioners' court will see the support for Collier as an indication the people want the commissioners to appoint Jackson to a second term. Collier has vowed not to take office if elected.

Incumbent Precinct 3 county commissioner Howard Limmer, a Republican, is being challenged by Democrat Donna Gray.

There is also a contested race for Justice of the Peace in Precinct 2 where Republican Travis Brackeen faces independent candidate Pam Bryant.

Local candidates unopposed on the ballot include 132nd District Judge Ernie Armstrong, District Attorney Dana Cooley and County Attorney Michael Hartman. All three are Republicans.

Diana Williamson, a Democrat, is unopposed for the county tax assessor-collector post. Rona Sikes, who currently holds the office, chose not to seek another term. In addition, Democrat Ralph Trevey, precinct one commissioner, has no opponent.

Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd and Precinct 1 Constable Pat Alexander also drew no opponents. The two, both Republicans, won their bid for the posts in their party's primary and were then appointed by the Scurry County Commissioners' Court to fill in the vacant positions.

Listed on the Presidential ballot along with Republican George Bush and Democrat Al Gore, are Libertarian Harry Browne, Green Party candidate Ralph Nader and independent Pat Buchanan.

There are also three write-in candidates seeking the oval office, including Howard Phillips, James "Jim" Wright and David McReynolds.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson, a Republican, has drawn three opponents, including Democrat Gene Kelly, Libertarian Mary J. Ruwart and Green Party candidate Douglas S. Sandage.

Democrat Charlie Stenholm, longtime U.S. Representative for District 17, has drawn three opponents. Republican Darrell Clements, Libertarian Debra M. Monde and write-in candidate Pete Julia are all hoping to unseat Stenholm.

David Counts, Democratic state representative for District 70, is running unopposed.

Election results will be posted on SDN web site

Up-to-date election returns will be available Tuesday night on the Snyder Daily News On-line edition.

As soon as precincts begin to report after the polls close at 7 p.m., the SDN on-line edition will begin to post accumulative totals of top races in Scurry County.

The four-way sheriff's race results, as well as the contested race in Precinct 3 for county commissioner, will be updated continuously beginning Tuesday evening. How Scurry County voted in the presidential election will also be posted.

The newspaper's web site is snyderdailynews.com.

Citizens should check cards before voting

There are 11 different voting precincts in Scurry County and voters should look on their voter registration card to see in what precinct ballots should be cast in Tuesday's general election.

Voting precinct #5 is in Fluvanna at the Fluvanna Community Center.

Voting precinct #6 is at Union and voters will cast ballots in the Union Community Center.

Persons living in northwest and west Snyder are in voting precinct #7 and the voting location is the Scurry County Library.

West central Snyder residents will vote at the SISD school administration building

Voting precinct #3 is in Ira and voters will vote at the Ira Community Center.

Voting precinct #10 is in Southwest Snyder and the voting location is at the Towle Park Barn.

Dunn residents are in voting precinct 11 and votes will be cast at the Dunn Community Center.

Residents in voting precinct 12, which consists of central and southeast Snyder, will vote on the south side of Scurry County Coliseum.

Hermleigh residents are in voting precinct 13 and they will vote at the Hermleigh Community Center.

Lloyd Mountain residents will vote in voting precinct 14 at the Northeast Community Center.

Residents in north and northeast Snyder will vote on the north side of the Scurry County Coliseum in voting precinct 15.

To compare a voting precinct with a commissioner's precinct, Precinct 1 commissioner Ralph Trevey is in Voting Precinct 14 and 15, while Precinct 2 commissioner Roy Idom is in Voting Precinct 5, 6 and 7.

Howard Limmer, Precinct 3 commissioner, is in Voting precincts 8, 9 and 10, and Chloanne Lindsey, Precinct 4 commissioner, is in Voting Precincts 11,12 and 13.

DISPLAY — A display of election memorabilia is on display at the Republican headquarters on the square. (SDN Staff Photo)

Court approves Air Force lease

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

In action this morning, Scurry County commissioners agreed to lease to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers nine acres of land on which a facility will be constructed for use in the Air Force's flight training of B1 and B52 bomber pilots.

The court had previously tabled the item, pending clarification of several provisions in the lease agreement. Commissioners' questions included whether the facility would become the property of the county once the lease expired, who would be responsible for maintenance of the property and what mineral rights the county retained during the lease period.

County Attorney Michael Hartman told the court that he had spoken with Army Corp representatives and that a few changes had been made in the agreement.

Hartman said the government declined to put in specific provisions leaving the building to the county, but the document already had a provision stating that the government would not be required to restore the land to its original state.

"They have no obligation to restore the land," Hartman said. "They will not restore it. Whatever they build, they will leave it."

Hartman said that two sections were deleted pertaining to the county maintaining the property and that the Air Force would be responsible for mowing and other upkeep.

"We deleted any provisions that would cause us problems," he said.

The agreement also prevents the county from establishing any drilling operations on the surface of the nine acres, but slant drilling for oil or gas would be permitted.

In other business, the commissioners formally approved a four-year tax abatement plan for Farmer's Design Group.

In its last meeting, the court readopted the county's policies on tax abatements and voted to crate a reinvestment zone on Fran Farmer's land south of Snyder.

The action today was formal adoption of the abatement on all improvements on a 1.19-acre tract of land where Farmer plans to expand her business.

The court also voted to make a formal record defining the boundaries of the Snyder Independent School District. The action is necessary due to the fact when SISD and the Fluvanna school districts merged, the official boundaries were never defined in court records as required by law.

Charlie Bell also gave his third quarter treasurer's report, showing a cash balance of $6,157,535 as of Sept. 30.

This is $428,971 less than the same period in 1999.

Interest earned for the third quarter is down $6,367 from 1999 to $115,693. However, year-to-date, interest is up $42,109 to $352,977.

Bell said the county has less money on hand, but earnings are higher.

A budget amendment in the amount of $24,262.58 was approved for Precinct 1 as the precinct used more supplies than budgeted for road construction.

Judge Ricky Fritz presided and commissioners present included Ralph Trevey, Roy Idom and Howard Limmer. Chloanne Lindsey was absent.

City council expected to act on cable franchise

Snyder's city council is expected to approve the franchise agreement with Cox Communications to operate the cable TV system in Snyder through 2015 when it meets this evening at 6:30.

The franchise has been operating on a month-to-month basis after the cable TV franchise expired in May.

The agreement is a result of numerous meetings between the city's cable TV committee and its consultant, Jack Hopper of Austin, and representatives of Cox.

In other business, the council will review specifications on a new fire truck, and review a new personnel policy for action in the December council meeting.

The council will also review the city's goals and objectives for budget year 2000-01.

Other action items on the council's agenda are the reappointment of Tim Birk, Garlan Williams, Ed Block and Mike Post to the board of electrical examiners, and the approval of a special use home occupancy permit to James Jenkins, Jr.

Last month, the council approved the first reading of a new ordinance related to utility companies using the city's rights of way in alleys and other locations.

The ordinance drew opposition from utility companies following the meeting, and a city committee currently is working on revisions.

The ordinance is not on tonight's agenda, but is expected to be acted upon later when the revisions are made.

ASK US

Q—Who scheduled the Snyder Tigers to play on Thursday this week?

A—Lubbock ISD has four teams that share one stadium, so some of Estacado's home games must be played on Thursday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 59 degrees; low, 52; high Sunday, 73; low, 46; 7 a.m. Monday, 46; .08 of an inch precipitation; total for 2000, 19.34 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, 40% rain chance, low mid 40s, E wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, cloudy, 70% rain chance, high, upper 40s; NE wind, 10-20 mph.

Kyra Lara
Rain

Sunset: 5:51 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.
Of 310 days in 2000, the sun has shone 305 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You treat people right and fair and decent, and in return, they will give their all to you.
—J. Willard Marriott

New way to say irradiation sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Do consumers have a beef with having their meat irradiated? Lawmakers think so, and they blame it on irradiation, the word.

They have told the Food and Drug Administration to consider allowing alternative terms for irradiation, such as "cold pasteurization," that meatpackers can use on labels. A spending bill that President Clinton recently signed into law directs the agency to come up with the wording by early 2002.

The use of the word irradiation "clearly stirs some anxiety in some consumers," said Brian Folkerts, vice president of government affairs for the National Food Processors Association. "It's construed by some consumers as a warning."

The Agriculture Department in February approved the use of irradiation to kill E. coli O157:H7 and other harmful bacteria in ground beef and other meat. Even before that approval, industry officials worried that consumers would balk at the term irradiation.

Food is irradiated when it is exposed briefly to electrons, gamma rays or X-rays. The process does not raise the temperature of the food, hence the term "cold pasteurization."

A leading advocate of alternative labeling is Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, whose state has a facility that treats ground beef with electron-beam radiation.

The FDA requires labeling of irradiated products to indicate that they have been treated with irradiation. They also must bear a special symbol, known as the radura, which consists of green petals in a broken circle.

At the direction of Congress, the agency proposed early last year to consider alternative language for the labels. The FDA has yet to act.

The FDA is reviewing public comments as it considers the idea of different language on food labels.

Consumer advocacy groups oppose any changes.

"It's hard to continue to be supportive of irradiation when there is this continuing effort to hide it from the public," said Carol Tucker Foreman, director of the Consumer Federation of America's Food Policy Institute. "It undermines public confidence in a new technology."

Industry officials say they want to make irradiated food sound less frightening to consumers.

"The use of the term irradiation can be misleading," said Christine Bruhn, director of the Center for Consumer Research at the University of California-Davis. "They think perhaps it's radioactive."

Bruhn recently received a grant from the Agriculture Department to devise programs to promote irradiation.

She suggests that labels read something like this: "Treated with cold pasteurization (irradiation) for improved safety."

Research by both the food industry and consumer advocacy groups has shown that shoppers want the term to appear on treated products. The studies have differed as to whether consumers prefer additional wording used in conjunction with what the FDA now allows.

The vast majority of products now irradiated are spices, herbs and seasonings. Some irradiated fruits, vegetables and poultry also are available, along with treated ground beef, in Florida and the Midwest, according to a recent report by the General Accounting Office.

The major buyers of irradiated products are health care and food service establishments that want to minimize the threat of foodborne illness.

On the Net: Food and Drug Administration: nttp://www.fda.gov

National Food Processors Association: http://www.nfpafood.org

Consumer Federation of America: http://www.consumerfed.org

Farm-related injuries to children on rise

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Three Wisconsin children were killed or maimed in farm accidents during the past two months, focusing attention on the dangers of farm work for the young.

The number of children killed on farms has remained steady nationally in recent years, but the number of injuries appears to have increased recently, said Nancy Esser, agriculture safety specialist at the National Farm Medicine Center in Marshfield, Wis.

"We've seen nine or 10 fatalities in Minnesota and surrounding states — including Wisconsin — in less than a month," said John Shutske, agricultural safety specialist at the University of Minnesota. "The information we're seeing suggests it's been a particularly bad year for children in these states."

Farm safety groups estimate more than 100 children are killed and 33,000 are injured each year in farming-related accidents in the United States.

The National Safety Council ranks agriculture as among the most dangerous jobs in the nation. Tens of thousands of children live and work on the nation's 2 million farms.

Children injured or killed during this year's harvest season in Wisconsin include:

—A 9-year-old boy whose arm was severed in a grain elevator while helping a farmer load a corncrib.

—A 10-year-old boy killed when he was pulled into a silage chopper box.

—A 4-year-old girl who lost her arm to a corn chopper when she wandered into the family's fields.

"There is a concern that farm parents are not taking heed to the many messages coming to them to keep these kids away from working conditions unless they are physically and (intellectually) mature enough," said Barbara Lee, director of the Marshfield center and its National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety.

Children on family farms are only loosely covered by federal and state labor regulations, and some farmers say efforts to regulate farming for children are impractical.

"These are people's homes. That's their back yard," said Mark Purschwitz, an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the agricultural safety and health specialist for the extension office there. "The idea of the government telling you where kids can go on your farm — that's a sensitive issue."

Safety advocates instead have pushed voluntary measures and education.

The National Committee for Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention established guidelines to help adults give children safe and appropriate jobs on the farm.

"A lot of this comes down to common sense," said Paul Wolf, who farms 2,800 acres in Washington County, Wis., with his three brothers and their families.

On the Net: National Farm Medicine Center: nttp://www.marshfieldclinic.org/nmfc/

Byrd's sister campaigns with Gore

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The sister of James Byrd Jr. graphically recounted his 1998 murder behind a pickup truck in Texas as she campaigned with Al Gore Sunday and charged that Texas GOP Gov. George W. Bush "did nothing" to help her family.

Louvon Harris, at an outdoor rally with Gore, spoke of how her brother was fatally dragged.

"They spray-painted him black, chained him to a truck, dragged him three miles. His head came off, his arms — dismembered his whole body," Harris said to a crowd on the lawn outside Philadelphia's Memorial Hall.

"We have a governor of Texas who doesn't think that's a hate crime," she said. "My question to him is, if that isn't hate, what is hate to George Bush? We had an opportunity to do something for our family. He did nothing."

Following Byrd's death, there was a clamor in 1999 to toughen Texas hate-crimes law.

The debate grew rancorous as some lawmakers sought to extend hate-crimes protections to homosexuals. Saying "all crime is hate crime," Bush declined to intervene. The bill died.

Berry's World

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2000

The key to success in the year ahead will be dependent upon your ability to construct strong foundations, be they business related or involve personal relationships. Keep your feet on the ground.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You'll be a delightful person to be around today unless money enters the picture and becomes an issue. You won't take kindly to someone who doesn't ante up his or her share. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Look for answers to a serious problem that arises today, not a scapegoat. It won't solve a thing for anyone until the situation is rectified.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Nothing involving your work or career should be based upon an emotional premise today. Only hard logic and diligent reasoning will produce the success you desire.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You can end up in the profit column today, but only through the proper handling of things, no matter how tough they may be. If you behave irrationally, you could be courting red ink.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be especially careful how you deal with others, because you could be skating on thin ice in the personal relationship department today. With forethought, you can maintain harmony.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In a situation where you are an observer, don't butt in. You may not know the situation well enough to give advice, and someone's feelings could be hurt.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you step out of character today and cater only to those whom you think can do you some good, you could alienate one who has been a good friend to you. It may have long-term consequences.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Regardless of what you think might impress another today, when it comes to decision making, stick to doing the right thing, not what you believe is popular. Your reputation could be at stake.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Instead of getting bogged down with peers who do not have the experience to know the intricacies of your job, take your case to those in management who can give you the guidance you need.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Placing social events above obligations today will get you off to a poor start. You would have to be prepared to work your bum off the rest of the day making up for lost time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Although by taking on a partner you may accomplish what you set out to do today, you might have to be willing to get past some obstacles first in order to do so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you might have to deal with someone at work who lacks compassion and tolerance, but by keeping your wits about you, you'll come out the winner.

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Writers guild seeks poems, limmericks

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is seeking original poems and limmericks (3) to be published in the Jan.-March issue of "Bards of a Feather."

The deadline is Nov. 15. All submissions should be mailed to MCWG, 9221 S. Hwy 208, Hermleigh, Tex. 79526 or e-mailed to dade@bigcountry.net.

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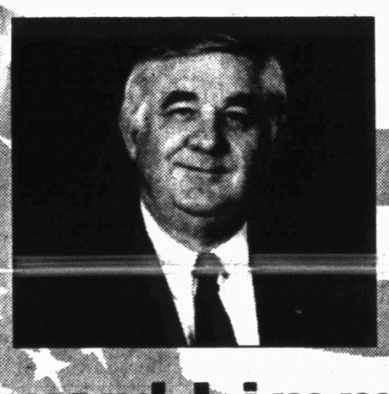

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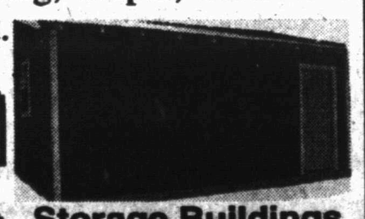

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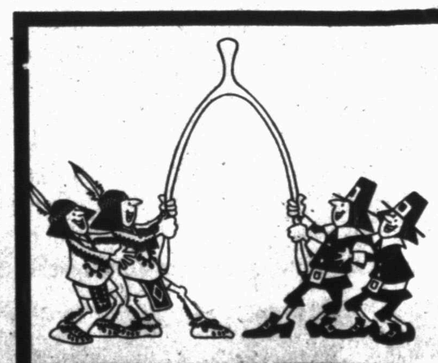

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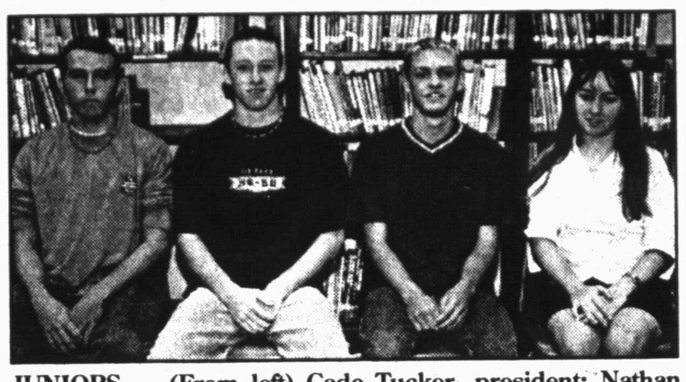

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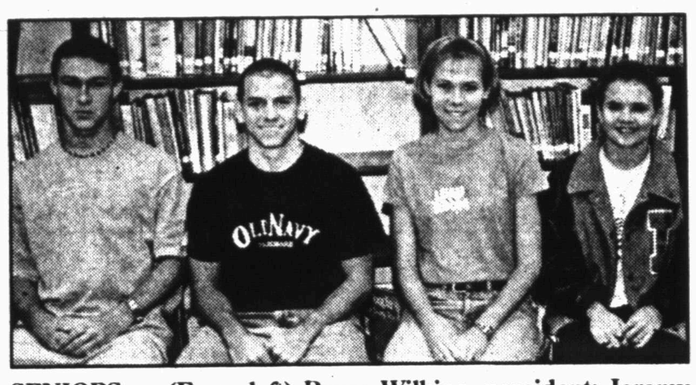

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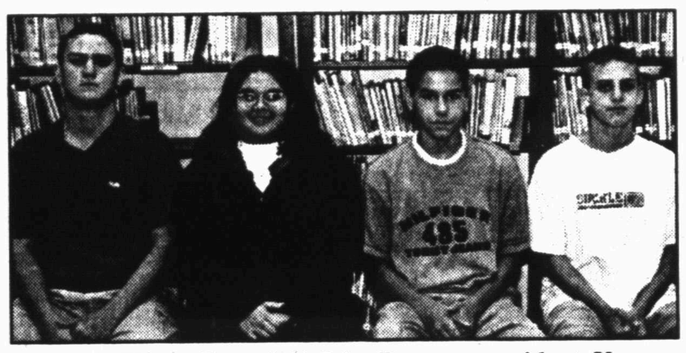

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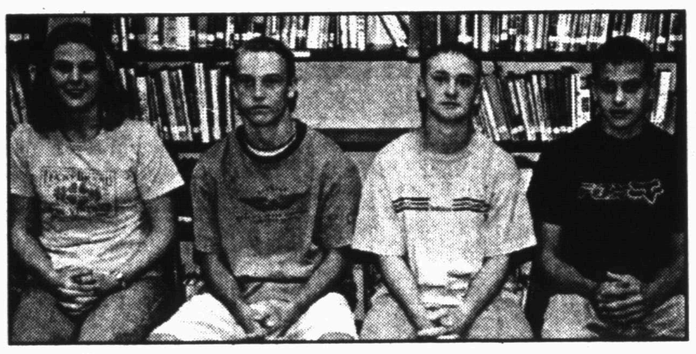

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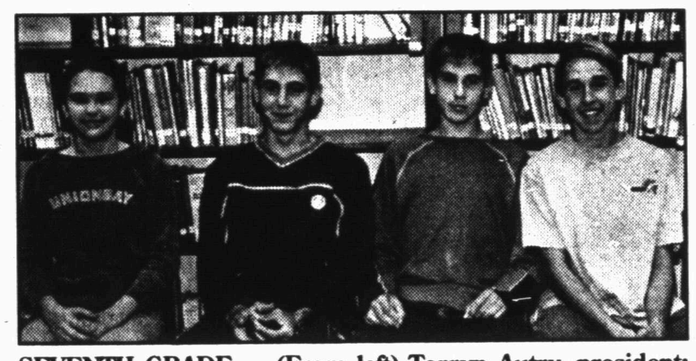

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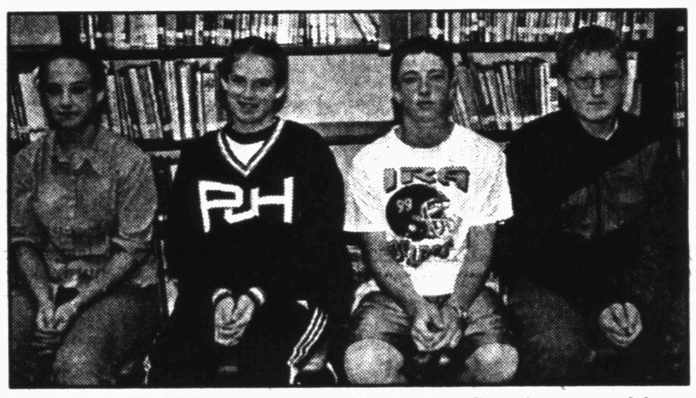

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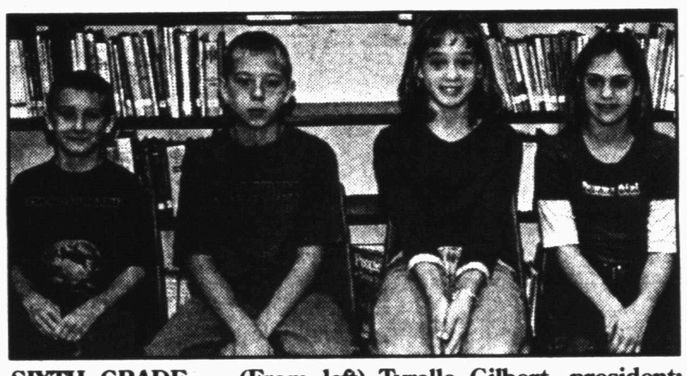

SIXTH GRADE — (From left) Tyrelle Gilbert, president; Corbin Clements, vice president; Aryn Calley, secretary; Kate Wall, treasurer.

Photos by Shirley A. Gorman

Morales decision due by January

DALLAS (AP) — Federal prosecutors are expected to decide before the end of the year whether to indict former state Attorney General Dan Morales for allegedly trying to funnel $260 million in tobacco legal fees to a former law partner and longtime friend, according to to lawyers involved in the matter.

For the past year and a half, the FBI and two U.S. attorneys have investigated Morales' relationship with Marc Murr of Houston. Morales is alleged to have improperly and secretly given Murr a contract entitling him to a cut of the state's $17.3 billion settlement with the tobacco industry in 1998, despite complaints that Murr did little, if any, work on the case.

Federal prosecutors in Austin and Houston hope to decide by the end of the year whether to present evidence to a grand jury or close the investigation, The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

Also, the five trial lawyers Morales hired to sue eight tobacco companies and three trade groups in March 1996 have been told they are no longer targets in the probe, lawyers close to inquiry told the newspaper.

Morales' suit sought reimbursement of about $8.6 billion in Medicaid funds spent on Texans' smoking-related illnesses dating to 1968. The case never went to trial and resulted in the massive settlement.

The five private attorneys who helped represent the state were awarded a total of $3.3 billion in fees. In December 1997, Murr asked for $520 million for his role as an adviser to Morales.

A state arbitration panel approved half — or $260 million — even though the other attorneys said Murr did little or no work on the case. Some people associated with the case said they had never heard of Murr when the deal with the tobacco companies was being negotiated.

Murr withdrew the $260 million claim on May 6, 1999, one day after Attorney General John Cornyn, who succeeded Morales, alleged in a filing in federal court that Murr's contracts had been doctored. Murr also waived claims to a $1 million award from the national arbitration panel.

Morales, now a consultant to Southwestern Bell, has denied any wrongdoing and has said Cornyn's allegations were politically motivated.

Cornyn is a Republican and a major supporter of Gov. George W. Bush, while Morales is a Democrat who many say is among the most electable officials in Texas.

Cornyn declined to pursue a state investigation and handed evidence over to federal prosecutors.

The five lawyers were investigated after prominent Houston attorney Joe Jamail said in an affidavit that Morales solicited $2 million from private lawyers he considered hiring for the tobacco suit. Jamail interviewed to work on the litigation but was not selected.

Union Pacific tracks said in disrepair

FORT WORTH (AP) — Union Pacific Railroad tracks statewide are in disrepair, and some of the worst sections of track are those that handle high volumes of hazardous or toxic cargo, according to a recent report from the Texas Railroad Commission.

Union Pacific, the largest carrier in Texas, has about half, or 6,300 miles, of the state's almost 12,000 miles of mainline track. The commission, which regulates rail operations as well as oil and gas production and environmental safety, routinely inspects 1,455 miles. The rest is inspected by the Federal Railroad Administration.

The state commission's third-quarter 2000 report states much of the track it inspects overall is in "less than favorable" condition. Tracks running from Bloomington to Algoa, through Gulf Coast counties, and the yards and rail at Angleton and Sweeny, both in Brazoria County, are in "very poor" condition, the report says.

Those tracks handle large volumes of hazardous and toxic chemicals.

The report also says Union Pacific's maintenance operations are inadequately equipped, and the railroad doesn't have enough inspectors to maintain their assigned territories. The report also said Union Pacific inspectors failed to report actual track conditions after they inspect them.

Mark Davis, a spokesman for Omaha, Neb.-based Union Pacific, said state officials overstated the problem and that the company had been diligent in fixing problems in its rail lines, including recently replacing 600 ties in Angleton.

"We have an excellent safety record, which ties into the way we maintain our track," Davis told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for Sunday's editions.

"It does not do us any good to ignore maintenance of a railroad," Davis said. "Union Pacific would not be in business if we did."

The company will spend $248.5 million this year and $333.8 million in 2001 on maintenance in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas. Much of that will be spent in Texas, Davis said.

Officials from the Federal Railroad Administration did not reach the same conclcusions about Union Pacific's tracks in Texas after reviewing the report.

"Upon closer examination, FRA has not identified systemic or ongoing hazards related to Union Pacific's track maintenance in Texas," said Warren Flatau, an administration spokesman in Washington.

The railroad administration, a division of the U.S. Department of Transportation, regulates the nation's railroads. It has 480 field safety personnel, 51 who inspect tracks nationwide. Texas has nine track inspectors and two supervisors stationed in Hurst near Fort Worth.

Still, the report has worried some agency officials that a derailment similar to a May accident in Eunice, La., could happen in Texas, especially in a highly populated area like Fort Worth, where trains routinely transport chlorine, sulfuric acid, anhydrous ammonia and propane.

A track running from Fort Worth to Big Sandy in East Texas was listed in poor condition.

Veteran's Day Activities
November 11, 2000
Layne-Kite American Legion Post 181

- Breakfast served from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Dinner served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

No charge, but donations will be accepted.

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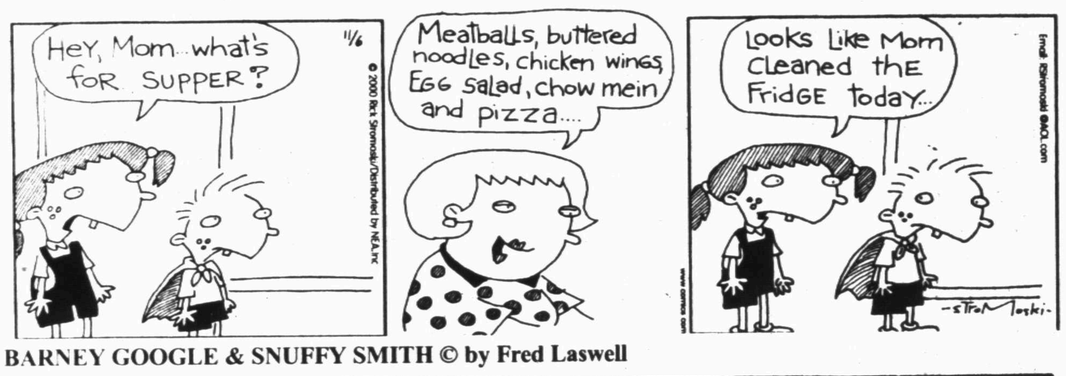

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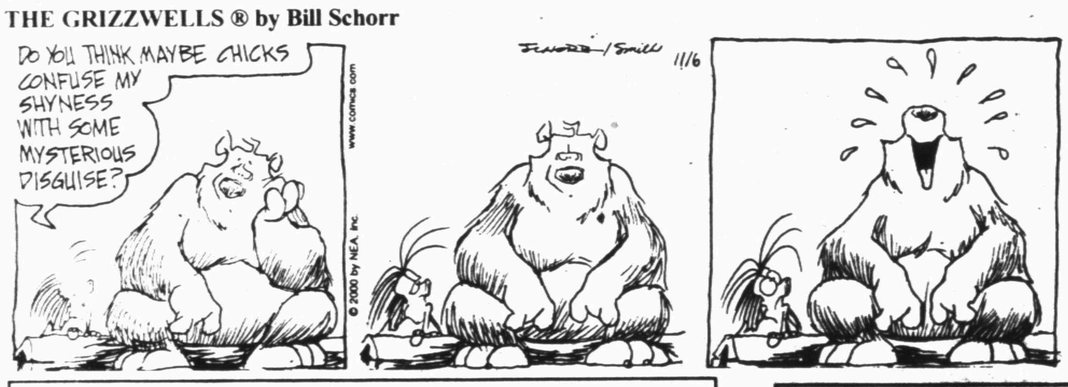

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1 Ford and Volvo
6 District in Germany
10 Monks
12 Demeanor
14 Redeem from captivity
15 Light
16 Bullring cry
17 Dawn goddess
19 Holly
20 Not in any place
23 Derived from gold
26 Crude metal
27 — — fault (overmuch)
30 Use these to produce sparks
32 — of London
34 Toughen
35 New York ballplayer
36 Tattered cloth
37 Type of neckline
39 "— — is human"
40 Weaker
42 Hollywood's elephant boy
45 Nonprofit TV
46 Pod ingredient
49 ". . . surrey with a — on top"
51 Ancient
54 Wild donkey
55 Did roadwork
56 Hebrew tyre
57 George and Louise, e.g.

DOWN

1 Bushy hairdo
2 — Mountains of Europe
3 Fork prong
4 Western hemisphere assn.
5 Sign of a hit show (abbr.)
6 Droop
7 "Little Orphan —"
8 Blue dye
9 Nerve network
11 Small duck
12 Like Scrooge
13 Oedipus —
18 Cry of surprise
20 Cats have — lives
21 Musical interval
22 Give an account of
23 At a distance
24 Skeleton part
25 Wedding band, e.g.
27 Playful child
28 River in Germany
29 Jacob's son
31 Amtrak car
33 — — about (indefinite)
38 Recede
40 Baseball-practice hit
41 Future LL.Bs.' exam
42 Calif. airport
43 Wild buffalo
44 Prejudice
46 Type of chop
47 Robert — —
48 Tallies
50 Neighbor of Fr.
52 Guy's date
53 History unit

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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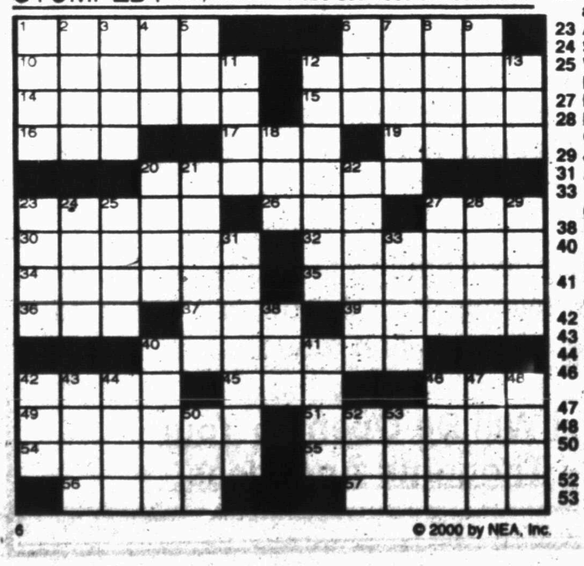

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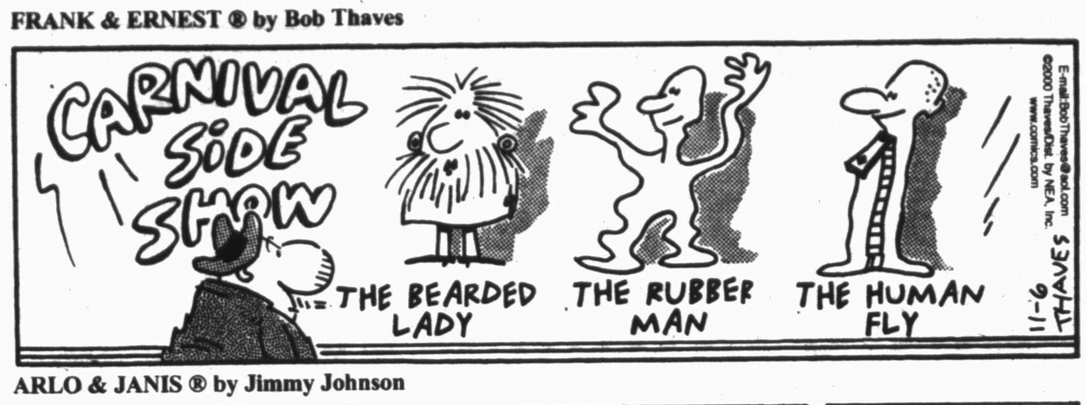

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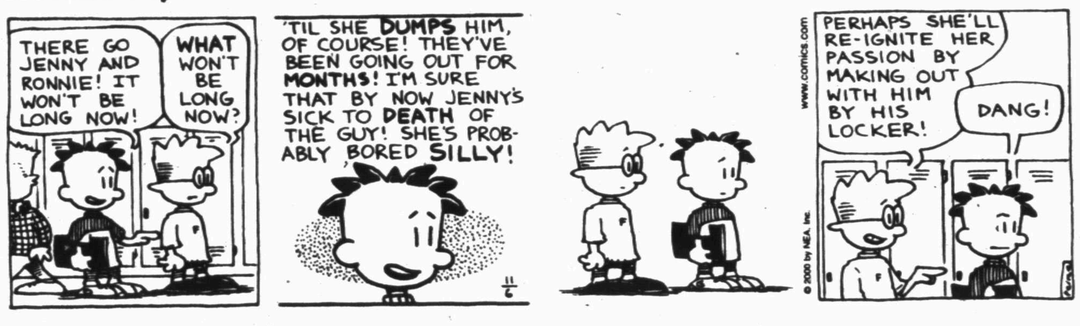

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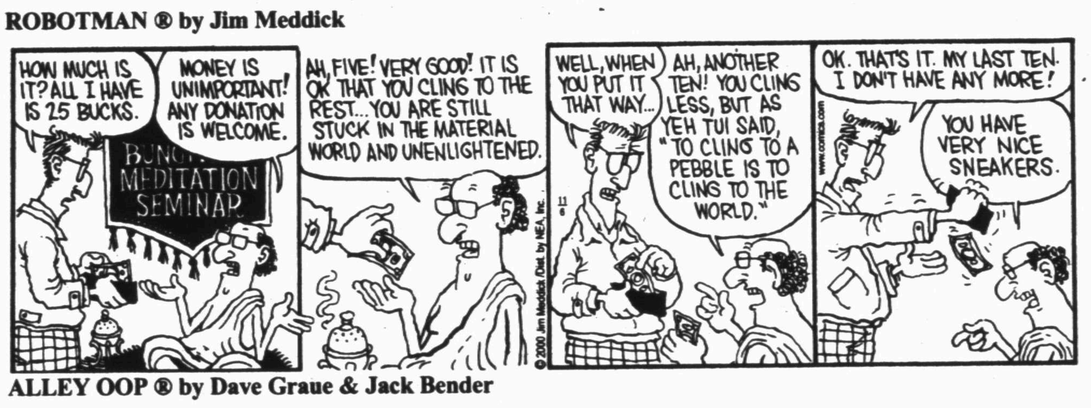

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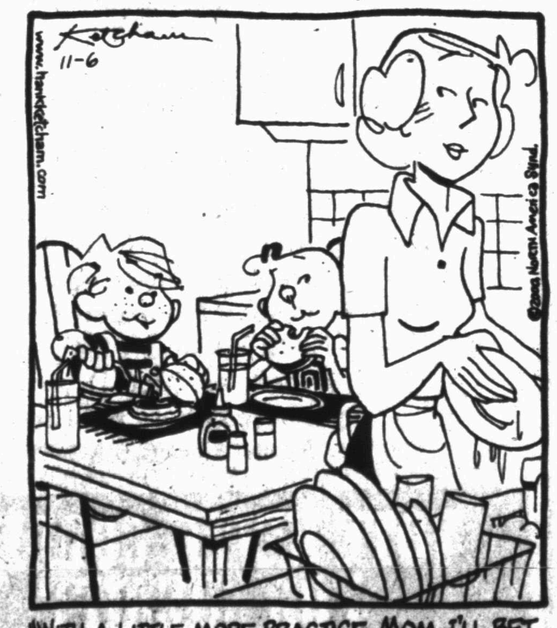

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SPORTS

WTC men capture rodeo title

PORTALES, N.M. — Western Texas dominated the men's competition in the short round and rode away with the Eastern New Mexico collegiate rodeo title.

Five Westerners notched first-place finishes in the finals to fuel the victory, while the Lady Westerners claimed the runner-up spot, only 15 points behind Tarleton.

After the final rodeo of the fall, the men's performance puts WTC a close second in the regional standings behind Tarleton, while the WTC women still hold the regional lead.

"Anytime you get five guys to the short round and all five get something done, you've had a good rodeo," said WTC coach Greg Rhodes. "It's a lot of fun this year, because it's very competitive throughout the region, for the men and women both.

"It's going to come down to the individuals and team that learns how to win. The people who can perform well, consistently, will end up first in the region."

For the WTC men over the weekend, Tyson Thompson and Trevor LaValley registered matching scores of 72 in the finals of the bareback riding to split first and second places. Thompson finished first in the overall standings, while LaValley was third.

Calf roper Houston Hutto and bull rider Shawn Willingham won the short round in their events, and secured the top spot in the average. In the finals, Hutto notched a time of 10.6 seconds, and Willingham posted a score of 75.

In the saddle bronc event, Rawley McFarland's 74 gave him first place in the finals and second in the average.

On the women's side, Jamie Standifer streaked across the line in 17.91 seconds to take second in the short round. She also finished as the runner-up in the overall standings.

Tibba Smith registered a time of 10.0 in the goat tying to take third in the finals and in the average.

It was the final event of the fall. Regional rodeo competition will resume in March at Hobbs, N.M.

Lady Tigers host scrimmage tonight

Local basketball fans can get their first glimpse of the Snyder Lady Tigers at 7 tonight when they host a scrimmage with Ballinger at the SHS gym.

The Lady Tigers have been practicing full time for the past three weeks, but Head Coach Sam Tipton doesn't put a lot of stress on the scrimmage.

"We won't do that much full-court stuff," Tipton said. "We'll mostly be in the half-court, working on certain things. We'll play a lot of players and get a look at everybody. That's the main thing we want to do."

Prior to the varsity scrimmage at 7, freshman and junior varsity action will get underway at 5:30. The freshman scrimmage will be held at the junior high, while the JV will be at the high school.

The SHS girls' basketball program will also host "Meet the Tigers" on Friday. A hamburger supper, which includes chips, a soft drink and dessert, will be served for $5. To make a reservation to eat with the Lady Tigers, call Coach Tipton at 573-6301 ext. 30, before noon Thursday.

Also on Friday's schedule, are a pair of intrasquad scrimmages and a free throw shoot-a-thon, with proceeds benefiting the girls' basketball program.

The Snyder boys will be in action at 5 p.m. Tuesday when they host a scrimmage with Abilene High.

Weaver holds on for Snyder links crown

Thirty-six holes wasn't enough to decide the winner of the Snyder City Golf Championship.

Randy Weaver edged James Higdon in a playoff Sunday at Snyder Country Club to win the overall title of the event.

Both players fired opening rounds of 74 Saturday at Western Texas College, before posting a pair of 76s in the final round.

Matt Glenn bounced back from a first-round 80 with a 71 the final day to finish third in the Open Division.

In the Senior Division, Tommy Baker fired an 86-85—171 to hold off Kenneth Parker by two strokes.

Jeral Beard carded a 79-76—155 to win the Super Senior Division. Dutch Stehley turned in an 87-77—164 to take second place.

Snyder City Championship

Open division: Randy Weaver, 74-76—150; James Higdon, 74-76—150; Matt Glenn, 80-71—151; Brian Brachii, 77-80—157; Rick Hopper, 81-77—158; Ernie Armstrong, 77-82—159; Alton Patterson, 84-82—166; Blake Rundell, 89-78—167; Joe LaRoux, 87-80—167; Jeremy Hernandez, 90-88—178; Johnny Reed, 88-91—179; Curt Rinehart, 94-90—184; Pete Rios, 96-96—192.

Senior division: Tommy Baker, 86-85—171; Kenneth Parker, 85-88—173.

Super senior division: Jeral Beard, 79-76—155; Dutch Stehley, 87-77—164.

McGinnis records first victory

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Washington Redskins dominated the game on the ground and through the air — but they managed just one touchdown.

The result was a stunning 16-15 loss to the lowly Arizona Cardinals on Sunday.

Aeneas Williams returned a fumble by Stephen Davis 103 yards for a touchdown. MarTay Jenkins took the second-half kickoff 72 yards to set up Michael Pittman's 7-yard run for Arizona's other touchdown.

Washington (6-4) had a 27-11 advantage in first downs and 331-178 in total yards.

The Cardinals (3-6) snapped a three-game losing streak and handed Dave McGinnis, a 1969 gradaute of Snyder High School, his first victory as a head coach.

Kris Heppner kicked field goals of 35, 28 and 29 yards for Washington.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

BASKETBALL: Ballinger at Snyder girls, scrimmage, JV at 5:30, varsity at 7 p.m.

BASKETBALL: Ballinger at Snyder freshman girls, scrimmage at SJHS, 5:30

TUESDAY

BASKETBALL: Abilene High at Snyder boys, scrimmage, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

FOOTBALL: Snyder at Lubbock Estacado, 7:30

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL: Ira at Hermleigh, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Highland at Borden County, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Estacado at Snyder JV, 5 p.m.

Saturday's College Football Scores

EAST

Air Force 41, Army 27
Albany, N.Y. 37, Monmouth, N.J. 10
Alfred 41, Canisius 7
Boston College 31, Temple 3
Brown 28, Yale 14
Buffalo 20, Kent St. 17, 2OT
Cornell 49, Dartmouth 31
Duquesne 40, Siena 14
Fairfield 21, Marist 17
Fordham 31, Lafayette 28
Georgetown, D.C. 43, Iona 14
Harvard 34, Columbia 0
Holy Cross 10, Bucknell 9
Iowa 26, Penn St. 23, 2OT
La Salle 21, St. Peter's 7
Lehigh 20, Colgate 14
Massachusetts 38, Villanova 17
Middle Tennessee 66, Connecticut 10
New Hampshire 45, Delaware 44
North Carolina 20, Pittsburgh 17
Penn 40, Princeton 24
Richmond 13, Rhode Islar 10, OT
Robert Morris 31, Sacred Heart 20
Syracuse 31, West Virginia 27
Wagner 35, St. John's, NY 3

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 52, VMI 0
Austin Peay 35, Virginia-Wise 25
Bethune-Cookman 34, Hampton 31
Chattanooga 20, The Citadel 13
Davidson 20, Centre 17
Delaware St. 46, N. Carolina A&T 45
Elon 24, Liberty 17
Florida 43, Vanderbilt 20
Florida A&M 50, Southern U. 49
Florida St. 54, Clemson 7
Furman 45, Georgia Southern 10
Grambling St. 20, Alabama St. 2
Jackson St. 34, Alabama A&M 28, OT
Jacksonville St. 28, Northwestern St. 24
James Madison 22, Maine 7
LSU 30, Alabama 28
Louisiana-Lafayette 21, Louisiana-Monroe 18
Louisville 49, Southern Miss. 28
MVSU 12, Alcorn St. 3
Maryland 35, N.C. State 28
McNeese St. 18, SW Texas 3
Miami 41, Virginia Tech 21
Mississippi St. 35, Kentucky 17
Morehead St. 63, Kentucky Wesleyan 34
Morris Brown 24, Texas Southern 13
Murray St. 24, E. Kentucky 22
Norfolk St. 19, Morgan St. 14
S. Carolina St. 38, Howard 20
Sam Houston St. 27, Nicholls St. 21
Samford 21, Charleston Southern 14, OT
South Florida 30, W. Kentucky 24
Tennessee 19, Memphis 17
Tulane 41, Houston 23
UCF 20, Louisiana Tech 16
Wake Forest 28, Duke 26
Wofford 35, ETSU 31

MIDWEST

Butler 45, Quincy 12
Cincinnati 33, UAB 21
Colorado 28, Missouri 18
Drake 42, Jacksonville 0
E. Illinois 38, SE Missouri 9
E. Michigan 31, Cent. Michigan 15
Illinois 42, Indiana 35
Illinois St. 25, W. Illinois 18
Indiana St. 23, S. Illinois 22
Kansas St. 56, Iowa St. 10
Marshall 20, Bowling Green 13
Miami (Ohio) 27, Ohio 24
Nebraska 56, Kansas 17
Northwestern 54, Michigan 51
Ohio St. 27, Michigan St. 13
SW Missouri St. 52, Tenn.-Martin 6
Toledo 38, N. Illinois 24
Valparaiso 16, Dayton 15
W. Michigan 42, Ball St. 3
Wisconsin 41, Minnesota 20
Youngstown St. 42, Hofstra 35, 2OT

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Pine Bluff 32, Prairie View 13
Boise St. 42, Arkansas St. 14
Idaho 16, North Texas 14
Mississippi 38, Arkansas 24
Oklahoma 56, Baylor 7
Rice 43, SMU 14
Texas 29, Texas Tech 17
Texas A&M 21, Oklahoma St. 16
Troy St. 6, Stephen F.Austin 0

FAR WEST

E. Washington 27, N. Arizona 9
Fresno St. 45, Hawaii 27
Montana 38, Idaho St. 21
N. Iowa 43, Cal Poly-SLO 41
Oregon 27, Washington St. 24, OT
Oregon St. 38, California 32
Portland St. 31, Montana St. 24
Sacramento St. 64, CS Northridge 61
San Diego St. 17, New Mexico 16
San Jose St. 27, TCU 24
Southern Cal 44, Arizona St. 38, 2OT
St. Mary's, Cal. 45, Towson 33
UCLA 37, Stanford 35
UTEP 45, Nevada 22
Utah 38, UNLV 16
Utah St. 44, New Mexico St. 37
Washington 35, Arizona 32

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	7	2	0	.778	200	119
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	256	198
N.Y. Jets	6	3	0	.667	208	193
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	179	186
New England	2	7	0	.222	156	187
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Tennessee	8	1	0	.889	181	125
Baltimore	6	4	0	.600	167	105
Pittsburgh	5	4	0	.556	137	93
Jacksonville	3	6	0	.333	165	207
Cincinnati	2	7	0	.222	87	194
Cleveland	2	8	0	.200	101	233
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Oakland	8	1	0	.889	256	172
Denver	5	4	0	.556	268	201
Kansas City	5	4	0	.556	243	215
Seattle	3	7	0	.300	157	239
San Diego	0	9	0	.000	145	236

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	7	2	0	.778	168	115
Philadelphia	6	4	0	.600	204	147
Washington	6	4	0	.600	185	158
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	147	246
Dallas	3	6	0	.333	204	213
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Minnesota	7	1	0	.875	197	178
Detroit	5	4	0	.556	169	187
Tampa Bay	5	4	0	.556	232	152
Green Bay	3	5	0	.375	168	167
Chicago	2	7	0	.222	137	226
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
St. Louis	7	2	0	.778	354	279
New Orleans	6	3	0	.667	183	142
Carolina	4	5	0	.444	183	153
Atlanta	3	7	0	.300	176	277
San Francisco	2	8	0	.200	253	323

Sunday's Games

Miami 23, Detroit 8
Buffalo 16, New England 13, OT
Chicago 27, Indianapolis 24
Tampa Bay 27, Atlanta 14
Philadelphia 16, Dallas 13, OT
Baltimore 27, Cincinnati 7
Tennessee 9, Pittsburgh 7
N.Y. Giants 24, Cleveland 3
New Orleans 31, San Francisco 15
Arizona 16, Washington 15
Denver 30, N.Y. Jets 23
Seattle 17, San Diego 15
Oakland 49, Kansas City 31
Carolina 27, St. Louis 24
Open: Jacksonville

Monday's Game

Minnesota at Green Bay, 9 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Golf tourney

A two-person shamble will be held Saturday at Western Texas College. Cost is $30 per player. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

WGA weekly play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its final weekly play day at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be least putts on the back nine.

A luncheon, business meeting and installation of new officers will follow play.

Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum. For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Mickelson holds off Woods

ATLANTA (AP) — Phil Mickelson ended his season by winning the Tour Championship with a record score and stopping another amazing streak by Tiger Woods.

Mickelson closed with a 4-under 66 for a two-stroke victory at East Lake Golf Club.

It was the first time in 20 tournaments, dating to his third tournament as a pro in 1996, that Woods had at least a share of the 54-hole lead and failed to win.

WVU coach to retire

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia coach Don Nehlen announced he will retire after this season following his team's 31-27 loss to Syracuse on Saturday.

Nehlen has 199 career wins, fifth among active Division I-A coaches.

National Basketball Association

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	4	0	1.000	—
Boston	2	1	.667	1½
New York	2	1	.667	1½
Orlando	2	2	.500	2
Miami	1	2	.333	2½
New Jersey	1	2	.333	2½
Washington	1	3	.250	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	3	0	1.000	—
Charlotte	3	1	.750	½
Indiana	1	2	.333	2
Milwaukee	1	2	.333	2
Detroit	1	3	.250	2½
Toronto	1	3	.250	2½
Atlanta	0	3	.000	3
Chicago	0	3	.000	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	3	0	1.000	—
Utah	3	0	1.000	—
Dallas	2	1	.667	1
Minnesota	2	1	.667	1
Vancouver	2	1	.667	1
Denver	1	2	.333	2
Houston	1	3	.250	2½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	3	1	.750	—
Phoenix	3	1	.750	—
Sacramento	2	2	.500	1
Golden State	1	2	.333	1½
Portland	1	2	.333	1½
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Indiana 94, Chicago 81
Toronto 103, Washington 96
Philadelphia 84, Miami 82
Orlando 107, Atlanta 104
Cleveland 91, Boston 89
Charlotte 98, New Jersey 87
Minnesota 99, Sacramento 91
Utah 112, Dallas 106
Milwaukee 97, Detroit 88
Phoenix 102, Denver 99
Portland 97, Seattle 90
L.A. Clippers 77, Houston 74
San Antonio 117, Golden State 105

Sunday's Games

Phoenix 104, Houston 99
L.A. Lakers 108, L.A. Clippers 103

Monday's Games

Seattle at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
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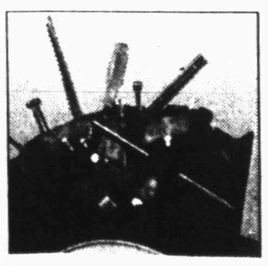
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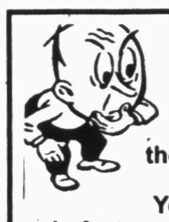

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband claims that I have too much body acid, because my wedding ring turns my finger black. How do I remedy the situation?

DEAR READER: Before I answer your question, let me address the larger issue of body acidity. The balance of body acidity and alkalinity is meticulously regulated by many natural and complex mechanisms, primarily involving the lungs and the kidneys.

Carbon dioxide, an acidic product of metabolism, is exhaled in precise amounts to maintain the proper acidity of body tissues. When excess carbon dioxide builds up in the system, the blood becomes slightly more acidic than normal, and we automatically breathe more rapidly to expel the excess.

Similarly, if the body becomes too acidic, because of excess metabolic waste — such as occurs in diabetics whose blood sugars are not controlled — the system compensates by increasing the respiratory rate, thereby decreasing carbon dioxide and reducing acidity.

In contrast, if excess amounts of carbon dioxide are exhaled, leading to under-acidity, the blood becomes alkalotic. You can experience the consequences of this by hyperventilating for several seconds. The lightheadedness and tingling you'll feel are due to the alkalosis resulting from a decrease in the body's carbon dioxide.

In a like manner, the kidneys conserve or excrete acids that are water-soluble. If you eat an especially acidic meal, the kidneys regulate the normal acid/base balance by excreting more acid in the urine.

Conversely, if you were to ingest large amounts of an alkali — such as bicarbonate of soda — the urine would become alkaline because the kidneys excrete the excess in an attempt to regulate the body's normal acidity.

Thus, your body's acidity is rigidly controlled by normal mechanisms that are, by and large, not easily modified by conscious attempts on your part.

If course, hyperacidity can affect specific areas of the body; the most common example is peptic ulcer, which is often the result of too much gastric acid. In such situations, people can modify this acidity by eating antacids, for example.

Also, some patients form kidney stones (such as uric acid crystals in gout) when the urine is consistently acidic; therefore, in such patients, the regular use of alkali (such as soda bicarb) may help prevent stones by reducing the urine's acidity.

To get to your question, the problem of skin discoloration from your wedding band may be due to the interaction between substances in your perspiration and one of the metals, such as nickel, alloyed with gold to give strength. This kind of reaction is unrelated to body acidity, which needs no remedying.

In some people whose skin turns black under gold jewelry, the cause of the discoloration is the residue of cosmetic substances, such as face powder and hand lotion, that readily abrade a fine powder from the jewelry. This powder sticks to the skin and looks black because the particles are so fine they don't reflect light. To avoid the problem, remove any jewelry before applying cosmetics and carefully wash the skin under the jewelry with soap and water.

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Bridge

To finesse or not to finesse

By Phillip Alder

The finesse is a simple concept, giving one a 50-50 shot at an extra trick. However, like most things in bridge, there is a complex side to the easy basic. Look at today's spade suit. How would you play it for no losers? Now consider the North-South hands. You reach six spades, and West irritatingly leads a diamond. How would you proceed?

North 11-06-00
♠ K 5 4
♥ K Q J
♦ 6 3 2
♣ A K Q 3

West
♠ Q 8
♥ 9 6 5 3
♦ K Q 8
♣ 10 8 6 5

East
♠ 10 7 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ 9 7 2

South
♠ A J 9 6 3
♥ A 10 8
♦ A 7 4
♣ J 4

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

South's two-no-trump rebid described a balanced minimum opening. Then, note his excellent four-diamond bid. This announced that he was at the top of the minimum range and had the diamond ace, in case North was thinking about a slam. (With nothing special, South would just raise to four spades.)

If needing to play the spades without loss, you should cash dummy's king, then finesse the jack on the second round. And if that worked here, you would win all 13 tricks: five spades, three hearts, one diamond and four clubs. Yet if you lose a quick spade trick, the opponents will inconsiderately cash two diamond tricks. That possibility alters the odds. You still start with dummy's king: two, three, eight. Next, though, you should lead a spade to the ace; you should not finesse.

When the queen drops, you claim an overtrick. However, suppose West plays the remaining low spade. Then you switch to clubs, hoping to get both your diamond losers away. As long as the opponent with the spade queen has at least three clubs, your small slam is safe. And if spades go 4-1, you need the opponent with four also to have at least four clubs. Not so likely, but such is life occasionally.

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Births

Pedro and Elizabeth Gonzales announce the birth of their daughter at 3:36 p.m. on Nov. 4 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, 3 ½ ounces.

Toby and Misti Haynes are parents of a son weighing seven pounds, seven ounces. He was born at 11:40 a.m. on Nov. 4 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Nov. 3-Bennie Ellington, Natalie Hand, Vicki Smith, Jose Torres, Drew Wall, Iva Black; Nov. 4-Elizabeth Gonzales, Margaret Grossman, Misti Haynes, Mary Stinson; Nov. 5-Luther Bedwell, Clarence Hall Sr., Howard Ziegler, Lorraine Bruns and Janie Guerrero.

DISMISSALS: Nov. 3-A.L. Byrom, Latrisha Hearn, Felicia Ybarra, Mozelle James, Iva Black, Willie Davis; Nov. 4-Mindy Carroll and baby boy, Natalie Hand, Vicki Smith, Jose Torres, C.J. Thornton; Nov. 5-Misti Haynes and baby boy.

CENSUS: 39 (Med./Surg.-Long-term Care-24, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Car windows broken at local business over the weekend

• ***Criminal mischief***

Barry Bowlin of Bowlin Automotive on the Old Lubbock Highway contacted police at 4:02 p.m. Sunday to report that someone had knocked the windows out of several cars at the business. A report was filed for criminal mischief.

• ***Family violence***

In separate incidents, offense reports for assault/family violence were filed at 1:20 p.m. Saturday and at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

• ***Runaways located***

Two 16-year-old females reported as runaways Thursday were located at 2:32 p.m. Saturday by the Sweetwater Police Department.

• ***Arrests***

A 45-year-old man was taken into custody at 12:19 a.m. Sunday in the 2100 block of 21st Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested a 22-year-old female at 4:08 a.m. Sunday at 25th Street and Avenue H for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

City warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear as well as a Nolan County misdemeanor warrant for motion to revoke probation landed a 25-year-old man in jail at 9:12 a.m. Sunday.

Stephen Robert Casarez, 26, of 3801 Noble was taken into custody at 9:44 a.m. Sunday for a state jail felony charge of assault/family violence.

A Department of Public Safety trooper arrested a 31-year-old man at 3:33 p.m. Sunday at the Avenue E and U.S. Hwy. 84 overpass for driving while intoxicated.

An outstanding warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility (no liability insurance) sent a 38-year-old woman to jail at 12:07 a.m. today.

• ***Accidents***

At 7:05 p.m. Saturday, officers investigated a two-vehicle mishap in the 1700 block of 25th Street. Involved were a 1990 Mercury Cougar driven by Cindy Lynn Sanchez, 16, of 2215 44th Street and a 1991 Ford Explorer driven by Edilyn King Smith, 46, of 4120 Kerrville.

A minor accident occurred at 10:45 p.m. Saturday in the 2900 block of Avenue F. Involved were a 1999 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Kristin Leann York, 17, of 2805 Avenue U and a parked, unoccupied 2000 Plymouth Neon owned by Esther Martinez of 2909 Avenue F.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	32.94	31.88	32.69	+ 1.00
AT&T Corp	22.88	22.31	22.81	+ .50
Albertsons	24.31	23.75	24.25	+ .44
Alltel	63.81	62.44	62.88	—1.19
AmerOnline s	54.69	53.75	54.39	+ 1.14
AmEl Pw	41.94	41.06	41.69	+ .31
AndarkPtr	58.85	57.55	58.53	—.47
ATMOS Egy	23.56	23.50	23.56	—.06
Availl	5.88	5.75	5.88	+ .19
BP Amoco	49.63	48.81	48.94	—.25
BakerHughes	36.81	35.56	35.56	—1.44
Bahk of Amer	50.38	48.94	50.19	+ 1.31
BellSouth	46.50	45.13	45.44	—1.06
Beth Steel	2.88	2.81	2.88	+ .06
BurlNoSFe	26.69	26.56	26.63	+ .06
Caterpillar	36.06	34.81	36.06	+ 1.25
Chevron	81.50	80.56	81.38	+ .63
Citigroup s	55.19	54.56	55.13	+ 1.00
Coastal	74.81	73.13	74.56	+ 1.88
CocaCola	60.31	58.81	60.31	+ .46
ColgatePal	58.10	57.27	57.54	—.96
CooperIn	38.25	38.00	38.19	
DaimlrChry	47.65	46.96	47.12	—.50
DallSemicn s	39.06	38.38	38.75	+ .38
DeltaAirl	49.00	46.88	48.69	+ 1.69
Dillards Inc	11.38	11.06	11.31	+ .44
DowChem s	31.88	31.00	31.50	
DuPont	43.00	42.38	42.38	—.69
EastmanChem	43.38	42.63	43.00	+ .13
EstKodak	46.88	46.13	46.81	+ .06
EDS Corp	47.94	47.63	47.81	—.06
Entergy	37.56	36.88	37.44	+ .56
ExxonMobil	88.19	86.81	87.31	—.31
Flowers	15.44	15.19	15.44	+ .13
GenDynam	70.44	69.50	70.13	+ 1.38
GenElec s	53.94	53.31	53.75	+ .50
GenMills	41.44	39.94	41.44	+ 1.13
GenMotors	59.38	57.50	59.06	+ 2.00
GaPacGP	27.25	26.44	27.13	
GlobalMar	28.50	26.94	27.31	—1.19
Goodrich	39.38	38.75	39.25	—.06
Goodyear s	18.28	18.00	18.17	+ .13
GtAtlPac	9.44	9.28	9.38	+ .19
Halliburtn	37.75	37.06	37.44	—.25
Hanson ADS	27.25	27.00	27.06	+ .38
HarteHanks	22.75	22.63	22.75	+ .25
HomeDepot s	42.75	40.69	41.75	+ .25
HoneywellIntl	52.44	51.75	52.25	+ .63
IBM	102.38	99.75	101.75	+ 1.25
IntlPaper	37.00	35.75	36.81	—.13
JohnsonJn	92.94	91.69	92.75	+ 1.06
K mart	6.25	5.94	6.00	—.25
Kroger Co	23.00	22.81	22.94	+ .19
Litton	54.63	53.00	54.13	+ 1.13
LockheedM	34.12	32.15	34.00	+ 1.70
Lowes Cos	45.25	44.31	44.63	+ .06
Lubys	5.56	5.38	5.56	
LucentTech	25.69	24.00	25.50	+ 1.19
MayDeptStr	28.44	28.13	28.25	+ .13
Medtronic	56.69	55.88	56.69	+ .19
MorganJP	165.50	162.31	164.88	+ 3.15
Motorola s	26.25	25.38	25.63	
NCR Corp	44.31	43.13	44.00	—.19
Navistar	33.63	33.19	33.56	+ .13
Penney JC	11.25	11.06	11.13	—.06
PepBoys	4.56	4.38	4.44	—.13
PepsiCo	46.81	45.94	46.63	+ .75
Pharmacia	57.19	55.88	57.06	+ .81
PhelpDodge	47.81	46.75	47.75	+ .75
PhilipPet	59.75	58.94	59.63	—.31
PilgrmPrd B	6.94	6.88	6.88	
Polaroid	9.81	9.69	9.69	
Praxair	37.38	36.50	36.75	—.38
ProctGamb	68.63	67.81	68.50	+ .25
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RadioShack	64.94	61.56	61.75	—3.25
ReliantEngy	40.81	40.25	40.31	—.63
RoyalDut	58.81	58.19	58.31	—.31
SBC Comm	57.25	56.75	57.06	—.13
SaraLee	21.69	21.56	21.69	+ .13
Scripps EW	60.00	58.94	60.00	+ 1.44
SearsRoeb	30.65	29.87	30.31	—.11
SherwinW	22.38	22.13	22.19	
SmithkBchm	67.06	66.56	67.06	+ 1.31
SouthernCo	29.63	29.19	29.50	+ .31
SwstAirl	29.75	28.81	29.75	+ 1.06
SprintFON	23.75	22.56	23.19	—.69
SprintPCS s	29.31	26.13	27.44	—1.06
Sunoco Inc	30.06	29.50	29.75	—.25
TXU Corp	37.38	36.50	36.81	+ .13
TempleInland	45.31	44.25	45.00	+ .19
Texaco	58.13	57.06	58.13	+ .63
TexInd	23.81	23.06	23.19	—.50
TexasInst s	47.56	46.88	47.13	+ .13
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TriconGlbR	30.31	30.06	30.19	+ .19
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TylerTech	2.25	2.13	2.13	—.13
USX-Marathn	27.56	27.06	27.06	—.44
USX-USS	15.06	14.63	15.06	+ .19
UnCarbde	47.38	46.06	46.50	—.25
UnionPacif	48.69	47.88	48.38	+ .13
UnitedTech	69.00	67.56	69.00	+ 1.88
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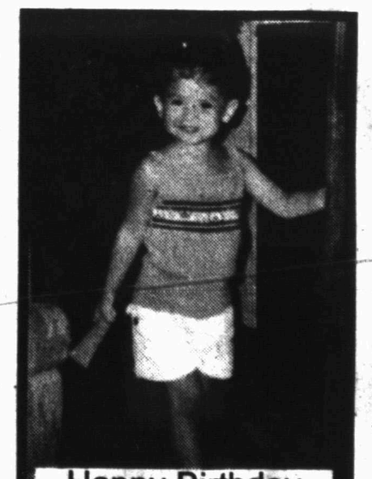

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Opposition to Indian mascots intensifies

CHICAGO (AP) — A school board in suburban Chicago votes to do away with "Indians" as a nickname for a high school. At the University of Illinois, American Indians and others are trying to force the school to retire its mascot Chief Illiniwek.

Activists say these events are part of a resurgence to eliminate potentially offensive Indian nicknames as schools become more conscious about racism and face increased scrutiny about their mascot names.

"The pace is really picking up," said Cyd Crue, president of the Illinois chapter of the National Coalition on Racism in Sports and the Media. "We're seeing more educators around the country, in middle schools and high schools and at universities, concerned about the racial climate in schools (and) are dropping these symbols."

The movement started making headlines in the 1970s, when the University of Oklahoma rid itself of an Indian character named "Little Red" and Stanford abandoned the "Indians" as its team name.

Among the schools that recently dropped Indian nicknames are Marquette, which replaced Warriors in favor of the Golden Eagles; Miami of Ohio, which changed Redskins to the RedHawks; and Seattle University, which switched from Chieftains to Redhawks this year. Campus battles continue, including at the University of North Dakota and San Diego State University.

The NFL's Washington Redskins face a lawsuit over their name, and other professional teams face pressure to change their nicknames. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ruled last year that Redskins have no right to trademark the name because it is disparaging to American Indians. The team has filed an appeal.

"There seems to be some resurgence in this romanticism of Native Americans," said Dorene Wiese, who chairs the board of the American Indian Health Service in Chicago. "We're kind of in vogue now."

Perhaps more important, though, is what Wiese saw at a recent school board meeting in Skokie to discuss doing away with Niles West High School's Indian mascot.

"One man who spoke is part of an American Indian lawyers association," she said. "Not that long ago there weren't any Native American lawyers in Chicago (and) it's hard to do this kind of thing without lawyers."

Schools that choose not to change Indian nicknames could see their funding cut. In New York, the Onteora School District reversed a decision to drop the high school's American Indian mascot. The move prompted activists to ask the U.S. Education Department pull the district's federal funding.

Kevin Gover, who heads the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs, applauds such an effort.

"Any school putting forward a stereotyped image of any race is in violation of civil rights laws, and I think should lose federal funding," he said. "If the Justice Department won't do it, lots of lawyers like me will do it for them."

Antibiotic may help Alzheimer's disease

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An antibiotic tested on mice genetically designed to mimic the effects of Alzheimer's disease reduced and even eliminated protein deposits that are a major feature of the disease, a researcher says.

Clioquinoline was approved as a human drug decades ago and is now being tested on 50 Alzheimer's patients, said Dr. Ashley Bush of Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School.

The drug was last used in the 1970s, when it was linked to a rare neurological disorder, Bush said during a Society for Neuroscience news conference Sunday. Bush is a consultant, scientific adviser and shareholder in Prana Biotechnology Ltd., which makes the drug.

The drug was effective in the mice experiments not because it kills germs but because it binds two metals, Bush said. The mice used in the initial experiments were genetically programmed to overproduce beta-amyloid, which creates the sticky plaques that are a major feature of Alzheimer's.

Copper and zinc "decorate" those plaques — and mice given clioquinoline, which marries those metals, showed a 51 percent reduction in the plaques compared to untreated mice from the same strain, Bush said.

In one-third of the younger animals, it eliminated the plaques, even though the animals continued to overproduce beta-amyloid, he said. He said he believes this indicates that "the brain can heal, can clear out the mess, if you get the plaque out of the way."

The mice also got healthier and did better on a test of general behavior than untreated mice. Bush said he had not tested their ability to learn.

All of the patients testing the drug are being carefully monitored for any possible side effects, Bush said. They have mild to moderate Alzheimer's, and researchers expect to bring in more patients before the study is done a year from now.

The study is exciting, said David Morgan of the University of South Florida. "It's very powerful data."

However, he noted when discussing his own research that mice are an imperfect model of Alzheimer's disease because they do not lose large numbers of neurons, as people do.

Morgan described tests on mice treated with a possible vaccine, produced by Elan Pharmaceuticals, an experiment which proved his own hypothesis wrong.

Morgan had expected the vaccine to hurt the animals' ability to learn, because it causes inflammation in the brain.

Instead, he confirmed that there was a slight plaque reduction and confounded his predictions about learning: The treated mice did much better than untreated mice in a water maze.

The maze's six arms radiate from a circle in the middle. One arm has an underwater platform on which a mouse can stand. The platform was in a different arm each day; mice swam through it five times a day.

"It's sort of like remembering where you parked your car that day," Morgan said.

By the fourth or fifth time through, 15-month-old treated mice remembered where to swim. Untreated 15-month-old mice did not.

Morgan said the magazine Nature plans to publish his results, but gave him permission to release them at this meeting.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Teens busy schedules leave little time for play

DEAR ABBY: I am a senior in high school, and I don't think I can take it anymore! I attend vocational school, in addition to my regular school, work part time, study, and have a boyfriend I'll call "Johnny." My relationship with Johnny is being held up because we can't find enough time to see each other. He also works and has a schedule similar to mine.

Abby, Johnny is my main concern at the moment. I don't know how to balance our schedules so we can have more time with each other. Please help. — **STRESSED-OUT SENIOR**

DEAR STRESSED OUT: When people become stressed out, they need to take a "time-out" and evaluate their priorities. Let me give you something to consider while you do that.

You and Johnny are juggling extremely full schedules, doing what is necessary to establish secure futures for yourselves. I applaud you for it, and by the end of the school year, you'll both be rightfully proud of what you have accomplished.

Although you would like more time together, there are only so many hours in a day and so many days in the week. One of the definitions of maturity is the ability to postpone for tomorrow what you would like to be doing today. While it would be nice to spend more time together, it is essential that you both prioritize your schedules right now. In six months, you'll be finished with high school and have more time to spare. In the meantime, you're taking care of business. Keep your eye on the goal, and you'll be there before you know it.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a problem with bugs in my bedroom. I have tried opening the window, closing the window, lights off, lights on, foggers, sanitizers — but none of it works.

I typically get bitten five times during the night, always above my waist. My last two bites lasted a week. They itch and leave red marks. I don't know what to do. Help! — **BUGGED IN BOTHELL, WASH.**

DEAR BUGGED: It's time for a consultation with your dermatologist. Show him or her the bites and see if the doctor can figure out what's causing them.

Once that's done, call a pest control company. Since home remedies haven't subdued your attackers, let the professionals resolve once and for all what's bugging you.

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DEAR READERS: An estimated 80 percent of the population of western nations will experience at least one episode of severe back pain.

Of course, any individual who suffers from severe back pain should consult a doctor. Most patients are prescribed muscle relaxants, pain killers and/or sessions with a physical therapist, and given instructions for exercises to be performed at home. Does this mean the patient emerges pain-free? Not necessarily. For many people, the back pain persists to a greater or lesser degree for years.

A new book, "7 Steps to a Pain-Free Life," written by Robin McKenzie with Craig Kubey (published by Dutton), is now available in bookstores. Mr. McKenzie is an honored and respected physical therapist from New Zealand, and more than 20,000 health professionals worldwide have been trained in his methods. Most important, patients who have learned to use his exercises for back and neck pain assert that for the first time they could effectively manage — or banish — their own pain.

P.S. A word to the wise: Before beginning this, or any other exercise program designed to reduce pain from any condition, consult your doctor.

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Supermarket clinics dispense flu shots

DENVER (AP) — Hundreds of elderly people waited in a line that stretched past shelves stacked with toilet paper and household cleansers and wound around the meat cases.

The bargain that brought the customers in wasn't a good deal on, say, canned tuna — it was flu shots.

For years, the Visiting Nurse Associations of America has offered cheap and convenient flu shots at supermarkets, drug stores, department stores and other public places across the country at prices ranging from $9 to $12.

This year, because of a shortage of flu vaccine, the lines are extraordinarily long, with many people afraid they won't be able to get a shot if they don't hurry.

Those who are older than 65, have serious illnesses or are pregnant can get shots this month at the supermarket clinics. Others have been asked to wait until next month, when more vaccine will be available.

At an Albertson's store in Denver, people began lining up three hours before the clinic opened. More than 100 were turned away.

"I don't mind the wait," said Pauline Hoagland, 83, who arrived 40 minutes early.

The idea was spawned nearly two decades ago on an airplane flight when Dr. Steven Mostow of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center buttonholed the president of the Cincinnati-based supermarket chain Kroger.

Mostow, a former field tester of vaccines for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suggested using supermarkets to offer mass immunizations.

The company agreed, but had the Visiting Nurse Association set up in a camper in a King Sooper's parking lot in Denver because of liability worries about giving people shots inside stores. The patients entered a side camper door, got shots and left by the back door, nurse Cathy O'Grady remembered.

One recipient was an employee of the rival supermarket chain Safeway, who urged her employers to adopt the program, and the idea began to spread, O'Grady said.

In 1982, the program's first year, 30,000 people got vaccines at supermarkets, while 100,000 people got them in doctors' offices, Mostow said. Last year, the clinics gave 300,000 shots, while doctors administered 1 million shots.

Mostow said he initially received a lot of calls from doctors angry that the clinics were taking business away. But Mostow said everyone has accepted the benefits of the clinics. And because of this year's shortage, some doctor's offices have recommended their patients use clinics.

Supervalu, Publix and Stop 'N Shop are among the supermarkets also offering shots, along with drugstore chains like Walgreen's, CVS, Brooks and Osco.

John Works, who waited but was unable to get a shot, said the clinic provides a great service. "Just about anyone can scrape together enough money to get a shot," said Works, who planned to try another clinic.

Madonna gives rare performance at club

NEW YORK (AP) — The Material Girl was short on material.

Pop star Madonna gyrated on stage for hundreds of fans lucky enough to score free tickets to a rare live performance by the pop star Sunday night.

But the event was far from a concert, as Madonna sang just a handful of songs from her new album, "Music," at the club Roseland in midtown Manhattan before for a standing-room only crowd that included celebrities such as designer Donatella Versace.

"I'm so happy to be onstage again!" shouted Madonna, dressed in a black tank top and pants decorated with gold sequins, looking fit less than three months after giving birth to her second child, Rocco.

Madonna hasn't toured the United States since 1993. She recalled the last time she performed at Roseland, more than a decade ago, she was opening for the now defunct teen group New Edition.

But Madonna proved she still knows what it takes to keep the crowd dancing as she writhed on stage with her techno-disco beats from "Music."

The thumping beats often dominated Madonna's limited voice, which at times appeared to be enhanced by pre-taped vocals. But that didn't matter much to the adoring crowd, who shrieked and cheered each time Madonna moved her hips or shimmied across the stage with her two backup singers and four bare-chested male dancers.

The crowd gave the biggest ovation for her recent No.1 hit "Music," but the packed dance floor also cheered wildly as she sang other songs on the album, including the slower-paced "What It Feels Like For a Girl."

The free tickets were doled out by local radio stations. Raspy-voiced singer Everlast opened for Madonna with tunes off his new album, "Eat At Whitey's."

Madonna is expected to go on tour early next year, although her publicist said no specific dates or cities have been set.

Man killed on Walt Disney World ride

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A Walt Disney World tourist was killed Sunday after he stepped off the Splash Mountain ride midway through it and was hit by another boat.

"He got out of the boat on his own, he wasn't pushed, he didn't fall, why he did that nobody knows," said sheriff's spokesman Bernie Presha. "We don't know if he was trying to cross or if he slipped. He was struck by another boat in the same ride."

The ride closed after the accident, which happened about 2 p.m., said Rena Callahan, a Walt Disney World Resorts spokeswoman. She expected the ride to reopen Monday.

Callahan said the 37-year-old man had been visiting the park with friends for the day. Witnesses told investigators that his boat was weaving through the inside of the man-made mountain when he stepped out, she said.

"Clearly this is a tragic event and our hearts do go out to the family and friends of this person," she said.

The man was taken to Celebration Hospital with serious injuries and was later pronounced dead, the Orange County Sheriff's Office said.

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Manti Operating Co. will drill the No. 1-A Clayton in the Mesquite Creek field, five miles northwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 9,800 feet, drill site is in Section 5, Block 31, T5N, T&P survey.

Texaco will drill the No. 3425 Jo-Mill field unit, nine miles northwest of Vealmoor. The venture is planned for a depth of 7,450 feet, and location is in Section14, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Devon Energy will drill the No. 1402 Canon Ranch unit in the Jo-Mill field, 15 miles west of Gail. The project is scheduled for a depth of 7,600 feet, and drill site is in Section 45, Block 33, T5N, T&P survey.

Howard County

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 4-R Douthit in the Howard-Glasscock field, 18 miles southeast of Big Spring. Contracted for 3,400 feet, location is in Section 123, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Atropos Producing Corporation will drill the No. 186 Guthrie in the Signal Peak field, eight miles northeast of Forsan. Planned depth is 8,200 feet, and location is in Section 86, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Atropos Producing will drill the No. 2-R Douthit in the Howard-Glasscock field, 17 miles northeast of Big Spring. Also planned for 3,400 feet, location is in Section 115, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Santa Fe Snyder Corp. has completed the No. 2-16 Martin in the Signal Peak field, five miles southwest of Coahoma. The venture was finaled to produce 80 barrels of oil and 32 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,808-990 feet, and location is in Section 16, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 2849-C Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles southeast of Coahoma. The well was completed to produce 39 barrels of oil and 165 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,584-819 feet, and location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Date Book

Monday, Nov. 6, 2000

Today is the 311th day of 2000 and the 46th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected president.

On this day in 1945, near San Diego, Calif., an FR-1 Fireball piloted by Ensign Jake Ryan landed on the USS Wake Island, an aircraft carrier. It was the first landing on an aircraft carrier by a jet-propelled airplane.

On this day in 1947, "Meet the Press" premiered on the NBC television network.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Philip Sousa (1854-1932), bandmaster-composer; Ignace Jan Paderewski (1860-1941), composer-Polish patriot; James Naismith (1861-1939), educator-inventor; Walter Johnson (1887-1946), baseball great; James Jones (1921-1977), novelist; Mike Nichols (1931-), director, is 69; Sally Field (1946-), actress, is 54; Maria Shriver (1955-), broadcast journalist, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1869, in New Brunswick, N.J., the first intercollegiate football match took place. Rutgers beat Princeton 6-4.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If I miss one day of practice, I notice it. If I miss two days, the critics notice it. If I miss three days, the audience notices it." — Ignace Jan Paderewski

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Nov. 4) and full moon (Nov. 11).

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Man accused of killing his wife

BEAVERTON, Ore. (AP) — A retired private investigator has been accused of killing his wife and then trying to burn her corpse in a back yard incinerator.

Robert Wendell Walker told investigators that he shot 46-year-old Terrie Lee Walker in self-defense in their home near Beaverton, said Sgt. Marlene Gaskins, spokeswoman for the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

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Presidential race still neck and neck

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — With the presidential contest still neck and neck a day before the nation votes, Al Gore and George W. Bush made their final sustained pushes Monday through battleground states.

Republican Bush promised "a sprint to the finish, while Gore told audiences it's time "to move your feet." Both candidates emphasized get-out-the-vote drives, hoping to energize their core supporters and reach still-undecided voters.

Leaving Florida for the last time before the election, Bush told reporters, "We've laid the groundwork for victory, now it's up (to us) to get people to the polls."

Bush said he was "excited" heading into Tuesday's election.

"I trust the people. I trust they have heard our message. And tomorrow I believe we're going to have a good day. People got to go vote. My supporters have got to make sure they show up."

Appearing on NBC's "Today" show, Bush strategist Karl Rove said Republicans were concentrating on get-out-the-vote efforts in the campaign's last 10 days, placing 70 million phone calls to voters, sending out 110 million pieces of mail and mobilizing 243,000 volunteers in 28 battleground states.

Heavy rains continue to plague Texas

DALLAS (AP) — High winds damaged homes and toppled power lines as several twisters were spawned by severe thunderstorms that pounded Central and Southeast Texas, flooding roadways and knocking out electricity at a newspaper.

Dozens of flights were delayed or cancelled at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport as the storms moved through North Texas, forcing many passengers to stay overnight Monday at terminals.

One tornado touched down southwest of Conroe in Montgomery County at about 11:30 p.m. Sunday, National Weather Service meteorologist Mark Fox said. Many trees were felled by winds, a sheriff's dispatcher said, but no injuries were reported from the twister.

However, severe weather that began Thursday with the slow passage of a cold front and upper-level low pressure system through the state was responsible for flooding that claimed six lives.

Fox said radar indicated another twister in nearby Walker County, but it had not yet been confirmed.

At The Huntsville Item, newspaper officials said they lost electricity about 11:30 p.m.

In Central Texas earlier Sunday, homes were damaged by high winds at Burnet.

Numerous funnel clouds were sighted in the San Antonio area, with reports of wind damage in Bexar and Medina counties.

Storms dumped heavy rains, prompting a flash flood watch in parts of Texas.

Obituaries

Enid Turner

1913-2000

ALPINE – Enid Douglas Sears Turner, a native of Scurry County and lifelong Democrat, died Saturday, Nov. 4, at her home in Alpine.

She was 87. No services are planned.

Born March 14, 1913 in Snyder, she was reared in Snyder and attended Texas Tech University where she met Lacey Turner who became her husband of 65 years. He died last Feb. 6.

Enid Turner

The Turners moved to Wink where he began his coaching career. While Mr. Turner served in World War II, Mrs. Turner moved back to the family farm, 15 miles west of Snyder.

After the war, the Turners continued to live on the farm until 1955 when they moved to Odessa. Mr. Turner coached and Mrs. Turner worked as a legal secretary for the law office of Harold Young for six years.

She became active in the Democratic party and remained active when the Turners moved back to Scurry County in 1967. She went door-to-door to register voters, worked in elections, helped organize various campaigns and served as a delegate to the state convention.

Mrs. Turner was a founding officer of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and Snyder Neighbors Sharing. She moved to Alpine in October.

The day before her death, Mrs. Turner marked her early-vote ballot for the straight Democratic ticket.

From 1967 until their retirement in June, 1999, the Turners raised registered Angus cattle at their farm on the Arah Route west of Snyder.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Earnest Friend and Cecil Ella Sears.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Lalae and Mark Battista of Alpine; a granddaughter, Mauda Hueni of Silver Spring, Md.; and a grandson, Arah Joe Battista of Alpine.

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Allene Baird

1913-2000

BIG SPRING — Alice Allene Baird, aunt of Joe Bass of Snyder, died Friday, Nov. 3, in Integrated Health Services in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mrs. Baird, 87, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Baird, a Big Spring resident, was a passenger in an automobile accident resulting in serious injuries on May 13 at the East Traffic Circle in Snyder. She had been hospitalized since the accident.

Born Sept. 7, 1913 in Paducah, she married Lowell Baird on March 7, 1932 in Lovington, N.M. He died Sept. 11, 1981.

Mrs. Baird, a homemaker, was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Philathea Sunday School Class.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, Morris Bass in 1937, and Prentis Bass in 1980.

Survivors include another nephew, Bill Bass of Houston; and one niece, Candyce Drummond of Midland.

Jose Rodriguez

1934-2000

Jose H. Rodriguez, a retired truck driver for Ezell-Key, died Sunday, Nov. 5, in Lubbock's Covenant Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Rodriguez, 66, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. The Rev. Leo Moras, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Rosary is set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home chapel. Robert Ramirez will officiate.

Born Oct. 12, 1934 in Sinton, he married Paula Martin on Sept. 24, 1955 in Bloomington, Tex. Mr. Rodriguez was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters; a brother; and one daughter.

Survivors include his wife, Paula Rodriguez of Snyder; two daughters, Grace Valadez and Rachael Lopez, both of Snyder; four sons, Raul Rodriguez and Patrick Rodriguez, both of Odessa, Robert Rodriguez of Plano and Joey Rodriguez of Snyder; a half-sister, Julia Mendez of Corpus Christi; two sisters-in-law, Andrea Mendez and Janie Martinez, both of Sweetwater; 11 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Bonnie Kingston

1909-2000

LAMESA – Bonnie Kingston, a Borden County resident for 27 years, died Friday, Nov. 3, in IHS Nursing Facility in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Kingston, 91, was set for 2 p.m. today in Northside Baptist Church in Lamesa. Robert Isaacs of Lubbock was to officiate and burial was to follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 27, 1909 in Callahan County, she married E.S. "Shorty" Kingston on June 17, 1928 in Nolan County. He died July 1, 1982.

Mrs. Kingston moved to Borden County in 1949 fron Howard County. A farming wife and mother, she moved to Lamesa in 1976 and was a member of the Northside Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Wayne Kingston in 1952; a daughter, Nell Scott in 1994; and two grandchildren, David Wayne Holmes in 1986 and Patrick Clay Kingston in 1994.

Survivors include two daughters, Pearl Armstrong of Ackerly and Ollie Holmes of Borden County; three sons, Glen Kingston of Borden County, Bobby Kingston of Vasalia, Calif., and Jerold Kingston of Apache Junction, Ariz; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Deborah Hall

1945-2000

FORT WORTH – Deborah Louise Hall, a former resident of Snyder, died Friday, Nov. 3, at her home in Fort Worth.

A memorial service for Mrs. Hall, 55, is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday in the McKinney Memorial Bible Church. Private burial will be at Rocky Top Ranch, the Hall's home away from home in Palo Pinto County, under the direction of Greenwood Funeral Home.

Deborah Hall

Born July 14, 1945 in San Antonio, she spent most of her childhood in Snyder, graduating from SHS in 1963. She graduated from Texas Christian University in 1967 and married Ron Hall in 1969.

They lived in Forth Worth before moving to Dallas for 11 years and then returning to Fort Worth.

She was a Wednesday Watchman and a regular prayer warrior at the Union Gospel Mission, a ministry to the homeless.

Mrs. Hall was preceded in death by her parents, Rupert and Virginia Short.

Survivors include her husband, Ron Hall of Fort Worth; a daughter, Regan Hall of Dallas; a son, Carson Hall of New York City; two sisters, Daphene Jones of New York and Gretchen Molmen of Houston; her in-laws, Earl and Tommye Hall; four nieces; two nephews; and six godchildren.

Memorials may be made to Union Gospel Mission, 1331 E. Lancaster in Fort Worth, 76113.

Velma Page

1917-2000

IOWA PARK – Velma May Page, the sister of Ida Pinkerton of Snyder, died Friday, Nov. 3.

Funeral service for Mrs. Page, 83, was set for 3 p.m. today in the Memorial Park Chapel with the Rev. Jim Powell, pastor of the Howardwick First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo.

Mrs. Page, a homemaker, also is survived by a daughter, Billie Melton of Howardwick; two sons, Edward Page of Iowa Park and Bobby Page of Slaton; a brother, Pete Walls of Post; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Charlie McCright

1924-2000

CLYDE – Charlie Ambers McCright, the father of Fran Arbuckle of Snyder, died Sunday, Nov. 5, in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. McCright, 76, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Clyde Church of Christ. Burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 12, 1924 in Roysston, he married Billie Jo Wilkins on Aug. 29, 1941 in Clairemont.

Mr. McCright lived in Snyder from 1958-59 and was employed by Alston Construction that built Stanfield Elementary. He was a member of the Clyde Church of Christ.

Survivors also include his wife, Billie McCright of Clyde; a son, Danny McCright of Fort Worth; a brother, Jim McCright of Rotan; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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SHS speech team meeting

Parents and SHS speech team members will meet at 6 p.m. today in Room 109 at the high school to prepare for the December tournament.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Miracles of the Holy Spirit," followed by "The King Who Played the Fool."

Social Security reps

Representatives of the Social Security office in Big Spring will be at the Senior Citizens Center in Snyder from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday.

East reading night

East Elementary will host a family reading night from 6:30 until 8 Tuesday at the school. Pizza and refreshments will be served and childcare will be provided.

FFA booster club

Snyder FFA booster club will meet Tuesday in the SHS ag building. Officers meet at 6:30 p.m. and parents at 7 p.m.

Hermleigh booster club

The Hermleigh booster club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria. All parents are urged to attend.

West Family Reading Night

West Elementary's Family Reading Night is held every Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. Refreshment, prizes and childcare are provided.

Golden K garage sale

The annual Golden K Kiwanis garage sale will be from 1 until 4 p.m. Friday and from 8:30 a.m. until noon Saturday at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M.

Garage and bake sale

Grace Lutheran Church will have a garage and bake sale from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at the church, 5500 College Ave.

Diabetes Day

Diabetes Day will be held from 8:15 to 1 p.m. Saturday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. RSVP by calling 574-7259.

Colonial Hill fall festival

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will have its fall festival Saturday from 6-8 p.m. Indoor and outdoor games and events for all ages are planned. Everyone is invited to this youth-group fund-raiser.

Church of God revival

The Church of God, 21st and Ave. O, will have a revival next Monday through Wednesday. Services will be at 7 p.m. Rev. Vernon Groce will be the evangelist.

Dunn homecoming

The Dunn community homecoming will be held Saturday at the Dunn community center. Registration starts at 1 p.m. Bring sandwiches and cookies for the 5 p.m. meal. Everything else will be furnished. Mrs. E.M. Ashley is chairman of the event.

Veteran's Day activities

Veteran's Day activities Saturday at American Legion Post 181 will begin with breakfast served from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. The flag raising at the post home will be at 9 a.m. Dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. No charge for meals, but donations will be accepted. The Ladies Auxiliary of Post 181 will sell poppies at Wal-Mart and United on Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Country and gospel music

A country and gospel music program will be held on the second Saturday of each month at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center. The next event will be at 6 p.m. Saturday. Everyone is invited and there is no charge. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Lord's Acre Festival

First United Methodist Church's annual Lord's Acre Festival will be held Sunday at the Scurry County Coliseum. A barbecue lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. followed by a live auction of handmade and special items. There will also be a large buffet of booths with gifts and baked goods open to the public from 1:30 to 5 p.m. A silent auction and free concession will run concurrent with the booths.

Veteran's Day worship

First United Methodist Church will honor those who have made sacrifices for freedom at a Veteran's Day Worship Celebration from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m. Sunday at the Scurry County Coliseum. Use the west entrance.

Ira 2001 annuals

The 2001 Bulldog annuals are on sale. The cost is $26 with your name on the cover or $22 without. They will be offered for sale until Nov. 21. The supply is limited. To order, contact Ira ISD's principal's office at 573-2628.

Tiger Times yearbook

The 2000-01 Tiger Times yearbook are on sale at the junior high until Nov. 21 in room 110 or the office. The full $14 may be paid now, or a deposit of $7 may be paid with the balance due in the spring. Checks must be made out to Snyder Junior High School. No extra copies will be available.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7, 3, 4

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $37 million. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 19-21-27-39-48-50