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County to take sheriff applications

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

After a round of verbal ping-pong between commissioners, the Scurry County commissioner's court voted 3-1 this morning to accept applications for sheriff for a two-week period.

Commissioner Roy Idom objected to the length of time, saying it was not enough.

"Two weeks is a pretty short time," the Precinct 2 commissioner said. "I don't know why we are rushing. I think that's a little quick."

Ralph Trevey, Precinct 1 commissioner, responded, "I tend to differ. I think that's adequate time."

Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey defended her motion, which Trevey seconded, by pointing out the media coverage the matter had received since it began in March.

"I think everybody already knows," she said, adding that the county does not have to wait for out-of-town applications because a person must live in the county to qualify.

"I really feel like two weeks is a reasonable time. Anyone who is interested can get their things together in that amount of time."

Idom said he hated for someone interested in applying miss out because they did not see the notice.

Judge Ricky Fritz said, "I understand both of your concerns. You want everyone to have a chance, but like Florida, at some point we have to say enough."

Idom then added, "I don't see what the big rush is." To which Trevey went into a monologue about the constitutional responsibilities of the court to appoint a sheriff. "It says, 'You shall appoint a sheriff,'" Trevey added, emphasizing the "shall." "The appointment needs to be made as soon as possible after the first [of January].

Idom then questioned Trevey, "What's your 'soon as possible'? He wants Jan. 1, but I don't want to be rushed into anything," Idom said.

Trevey also brought up the issue of bonds, which are basically insurance policies on the sheriff and his deputies. The current bonds with Snyder Insurance expire Dec. 31, and new bonds will need to be purchased Jan. 1.

They are usually purchased for two or four years, but the uncertainty of whom will be in office Jan. 1 and for how long leaves that as another unanswered question if the matter is drawn out past the first of January.

Fritz said in an earlier interview that a representative in the state's attorney general's office — John Fuller — recommended that the county not officially declare the position vacant or fill it until after Jan. 1.

Fritz said that the law states that if there is a current office holder and there has not been a replacement named then the current officeholder would maintain that position until a replacement is named.

Therefore, present Sheriff Darren Jackson would remain in the office until he or someone else is officially appointed to it.

In that case, bonds would have to be purchased for Jackson, and in the case he is not the court's appointment, new bonds would then have to be purchased for the appointee.

The office is vacant as Keith Collier submitted a letter last month declining to take the office to which he was elected Nov. 7. The Democratic Party appointed Collier as its candidate after Jackson was ruled ineligible to be on his party's ballot after voting in the Republican primary.

In other business, Lindsey and Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer volunteered to temporarily serve on Cogdell Memorial Hospital's finance committee as it reviews proposals from firms to conduct the hospital's cost report.

"With two commissioners being involved in the review of audit firms now, it will help when next year we are looking for a new audit firm," Fritz said.

He said that the ultimate goal is to have the same company performing the county's audit and the hospital's cost report.

A company has already been named to complete the 2000 audit, so the county could not make a change until 2001.

Commissioners agreed to seek bids for the purchase of two automobiles for the sheriff's department and to seek bids for the lease of a Bituminous distributor — a piece of seal coating equipment — for the county's road and bridge department.

Changes were also approved to the county's vacation policy, revamping the way leave time is accrued and carried over.

One budget amendment and several line-item transfers were also approved.

The budget amendment, which is for Precinct 1, totaled $24,500. Trevey said that he put the funds in reserve in 1999 as he anticipated the need for a new motorgrader and that the amendment transferred the funds back to his budget.

The bills were also paid.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS GALORE! — Don Gray Trucking Co. won first place in the lighted Christmas parade Saturday evening. Enduring the 27-degree weather, there was a large crowd to see the 20 entries. TXU Electric won second place and Big Country Electric third. Santa visited children in the courthouse gazebo and then rode a fire truck in the parade. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Post office ready for the rush

The U.S. Postal Service has recruited the help of the Grinch and the residents of Whoville to put a little fun into getting the message out to mail Christmas packages early.

It has also bulked up its workers and delivery fleet to speed the holiday mail movement — bringing in thousands of temporary workers, 80 more airplanes and extra trucks and trains.

"We don't anticipate any big delays. We have put on extra equipment," Snyder Postmaster Dale Lipsett said. "Here at Snyder, we have always had adequate capacity to get them from here to the processing units. I don't see a problem here."

The Grinch and Whoville theme is a commercial tie-in to the Universal Pictures film "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

"We've got some licensed retail merchandise that is mostly a fun thing," Lipsett said.

As for holiday packages, the key, he said, is for customers to get items in the mail as early as possible.

"The big thing about the packages is the earlier you mail them, the better chance you have of getting them to where you want them to go on time." Lipsett said.

In order to get holiday packages to their destinations without paying higher fees, folks need to get them in the mail by Sunday.

"The closer you get to Christmas, the more expeditious method of shipping you are going to have to use," he said.

If customers wait until Dec. 20 to mail packages, the postmaster said they would have to go priority mail in order to get them there in time for the big day.

Thereafter, it would take express mail.

"If you are going to send it by parcel post, Dec. 10th is your best bet. After that, you are going to have to use a more expeditious shipping method."

Lipsett said he hopes people will not procrastinate, but the Post Office will be prepared if they do.

"We really hope that customers are not going to wait until the last minute, but if they ship stuff in on Christmas day, we will ship the express mail that comes in. If we receive it, I will have someone here to deliver it."

Lipsett reminds citizens that although the Snyder Post Office closes at 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Snyder Drug is a postal contract station.

Council to meet

The second reading of an ordinance setting the guidelines for use of city right-of-way by utility companies will highlight this evening's city council meeting at 6:30.

The first reading of the ordinance was passed in October, and since that time, the council's utility committee has met with representatives of utility companies to make changes from the original.

If passed tonight, the ordinance will set standards for construction and the granting of permits to work in the rights-of-ways. It will also outline penalties utility companies will pay for violating the ordinance.

The second reading of an ordinance making budget amendments for the city's fiscal year 1999-2000 is also ready for council action.

In addition, the council will discuss the adoption of a new personnel policy for city employees, and the awarding of bids for two vehicles for the police department.

The council will also consider the appointment of Jimmy Kiker to the city's board of electrical examiners.

Funeral service set for young fire victim

A two-year-old Snyder girl died Saturday as a result of a house fire in northeast Snyder.

Funeral service for Kimberly Torres is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The young girl was staying at her grandmother's house at 1201 24th St. when the fire started in the north part of the residence.

During the investigation of the fire Saturday afternoon, Snyder firemen found a light socket in that area of the house that had wires that appeared to have shorted out.

The local department was assisted in the investigation by two deputy state fire marshals from the Lubbock office.

Four fire trucks and 28 firemen responded to the call at 8:13 a.m. When the firemen arrived, the home's interior was black with heavy smoke.

Several firemen donned life support systems and searched in the house, but the child was not located. The grandmother and two other children were at the home when the fire broke out, but there were no other injuries.

The firemen's search was hampered by the ceilings and roof caving in, and by thick smoke.

After the child's body was located, it was taken to Lubbock's University Medical Center for an autopsy, as required by state law.



TRAGIC FIRE — Snyder firemen pour water on a house Saturday morning that took the life of two-year-old Kimberly Torres. Twenty-four firemen and four trucks responded to the blaze at 24th and Avenue L. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—Where will the community-wide Christmas service be held this year, and when?

A—It is traditionally held on Christmas Eve, and it will be at First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 37 degrees; low, 27; high Sunday, 37; low, 32; 7 a.m. Monday, 37; trace of precipitation; total for 2000, 21.13 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low, upper 20s, light NE wind. Tuesday, partly cloudy, high mid 50s, light, variable wind, becoming SW 5-10 mph.

Allen Mehrafshan
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
5:42 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:29 a.m.
Of 338 days in 2000, the sun has shone 331 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that sometimes he has to eat them.
—Adlai Stevenson

For Missouri-born diver, sub mission wasn't like any other

PARKVILLE, Mo. (AP) — Handy with tools and drawn to the sea, Don Degener has made a living beneath the waves.

Construction, welding, concrete work — whatever jobs can be done undersea, Degener has performed them in nearly three decades as a professional diver.

But nothing prepared him for what he saw Oct. 21 when he descended 350 feet into the frigid Barents Sea off Russia's northwest coast.

Before him was the stricken Russian nuclear submarine Kursk. Five stories high and more than 500 feet long, the sub held 118 dead Russian sailors, most killed by an explosion in August.

How Degener, 48, came to be the only American on the Kursk recovery team is a story that began decades ago not in some seaside town, but in this Kansas City suburb.

Growing up in Parkville, Degener was always fascinated by bodies of water, and what lay under the surface.

"One of my favorite TV shows when I was a kid was 'Sea Hunt,'" Degener said, referring to the Lloyd Bridges diving classic. "Then those Jacques Cousteau documentaries came along. I thought I was going to be an oceanographer."

When he was 11, he rigged an air hose to a bucket and spent a half-hour walking on the bottom of the family swimming pool.

After his schooling he worked in Wyoming oil fields for a while until, in 1975, he enrolled in a diving school.

"I haven't worked a day in the United States since," Degener said at his Parkville home.

He has worked on oil rigs, undersea construction projects and other diving jobs, mostly for Dallas-based Halliburton Co., an energy-services giant.

For the Kursk operation, Degener joined 11 other Halliburton divers — nine British, one Norwegian and one South African. All had worked together for years around the globe.

Six Russian divers joined the team, and Carrier trained them to use equipment they knew nothing about. Then the diving ship Regalia steamed to the Kursk wreck site.

On Oct. 21, Degener and other divers were on the seabed, aiming a cutting machine at the Kursk's hull. The cutter fires a water-and-cutting-grit mix out of a nozzle at a pressure of 15,000 pounds per square inch.

"That thing will cut your leg off like a light saber out of 'Star Wars,'" Degener said.

The divers cut through a tough rubber sheath that covered the sub, then through an outer steel hull. They used torches to cut through a layer of support beams, pipes and wiring. Finally, they used the cutting machine to create a 6-foot-wide hole in the 3-inch steel forming the sub's inner hull.

On Oct. 25, as Russian divers entered the Kursk, Degener observed from pressurized living quarters, watching television images from cameras mounted on the divers' helmets.

SANTA INC. by Dave Whamond



PepsiCo to buy Quaker Oats

NEW YORK (AP) — PepsiCo Inc. has agreed to acquire Quaker Oats Co., the maker of Cap'n Crunch cereal, Aunt Jemima pancake products and Gatorade, in a deal worth $13.4 billion in stock.

Adding the popular Gatorade to its fleet of non-carbonated beverages, which includes Aquafina water, Lipton teas and Tropicana juices, will give PepsiCo control of the dominant brand in the $2.5 billion sports drink category.

"This will be a truly outstanding combination," Roger A. Enrico, PepsiCo chairman and chief executive officer, said in the statement. "Bringing together Quaker and PepsiCo creates a wealth of exciting growth opportunities."

PepsiCo will offer 2.3 of its shares for each Quaker share under the deal announced Monday. The boards of both companies approved the deal over the weekend, but it's still subject to regulatory approval.

When the deal closes, Enrico said Steve Reinemund, PepsiCo president and chief operating officer, will succeed him as chairman and CEO. Chief financial officer Indra Nooyi will add the title of president.

Morrison, Quaker chairman and CEO, will be a vice chairman of the combined company.

Under terms of the deal, Quaker Oats can back out if PepsiCo's stock dips below $40 a share for a period of 10 random days in the month before closing. Under this scenario, PepsiCo would have to increase the share-exchange ratio in order to keep the deal alive.

At least two PepsiCo rivals had a similar thirst to acquire Quaker Oats: the board of Coca-Cola Co. abandoned talks to buy Quaker for a reported $15.75 billion two weeks ago and French food conglomerate Danone SA backed away from a possible bid.

In the end, PepsiCo beat out its competitors with an offer that essentially mirrored the one rejected by Chicago-based Quaker roughly one month ago.

"Gatorade would do even better under PepsiCo than it has under Quaker Oats because of better marketing and distribution," said John Sicher, a veteran soft drink industry watcher who publishes Beverage Digest in New York.

The deal could raise antitrust concerns because of PepsiCo's ownership of All-Sport, a competing brand to Gatorade, albeit with much less market share. However, PepsiCo has agreed to get rid of All-Sport in order to keep the deal alive.

Tom Pirko, who heads the beverage consulting firm Bevmark in Santa Barbara, Calif., said a PepsiCo-owned Gatorade would actually be good for competition. Under PepsiCo, Gatorade would benefit from a vast distribution system and over time would spur demand for more products in the sports drink category, he said.

Pirko said the acquisition of Quaker Oats, and Gatorade in particular, would give PepsiCo a "huge psychological edge" in its competition with Atlanta-based Coca-Cola, the world's leading soft drink manufacturer. "PepsiCo is building a formidable "package of leading brands," he said.

While picking up Gatorade was no doubt the primary thrust of this transaction for PepsiCo, analysts were quick to point out that Quaker Oats' food products, which include granola snack bars and rice cakes, nicely complement PepsiCo's line of salty snacks.

"Quaker Oats' grain-based snacks could show real growth within the Frito-Lay marketing and distribution system," Sicher said. "PepsiCo's Frito-Lay division is the nation's leader in salty snacks with brands such as Lay's, Fritos and Doritos chips.

Quaker vast food business also includes such brands as Quaker and Life cereals, and Rice-A-Roni.

Coca-Cola abandoned its pursuit of Quaker Oats after the soft drink company's board rejected a deal reportedly worth $15.75 billion. Only hours after Coca Cola's announcement, the French food conglomerate Danone issued a statement that it may be interested in making a bid for Quaker Oats. But it also dropped out of the running.

Gatorade began in the 1960s as a drink for thirsty athletes but has become a mainstream beverage.

Beverage Digest estimated Gatorade accounted for 84.1 percent of take-home sales of sports drinks in the first nine months of this year. Coke's Powerade had 10.9 percent while PepsiCo's All Sport had 2.8 percent, Beverage Digest said.

PepsiCo's Pepsi-Cola division is the nation's second biggest soft drink concern with brands like Pepsi, Diet Pepsi and Mountain Dew. Atlanta-based Coca-Cola is the soft drink leader.

PepsiCo has been moving to expand its non-carbonated drink portfolio. It recently agreed to buy South Beach Beverage Co., which makes herbally-enhanced juices and teas.

Tiger cub will have surgery

TYLER (AP) — Five-month-old Karma is preparing to undergo open-heart surgery on Saturday to save his life.

No ordinary patient, the tiger cub is thought to be the first of his species to have surgery that corrects a congenital heart defect. And the groundbreaking procedure will be done in a human facility — Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

"Heart bypass surgery to allow surgeons to correct congenital heart defects in children is routine," said Dr. Sonya Gordon of the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine. "However, the procedure on a 45-pound tiger may create some unique challenges since it hasn't been done before."

Karma's surgery — a collaborative effort of Texas Children's Hospital and the A&M veterinary school — aims to correct a heart defect that is common in humans, doctors said.

"He has a big hole inside the heart and there is obstruction of a pathway of blood to the lungs," Dr. Charles Fraser, chief of cardiac surgery at Texas Children's Hospital, said in Monday's editions of the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

"We are going to close the hole and fix the pathway so blood can get to the lungs more readily."

The cat will stay at the hospital overnight, then be transported to Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine. Karma is expected to spend three to five days there in the intensive care unit. Doctors expect him to recover soon after the operation.

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

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 $30 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 8-22-24-27-32-49.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $38 million.

Pick 3

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

5-8-6

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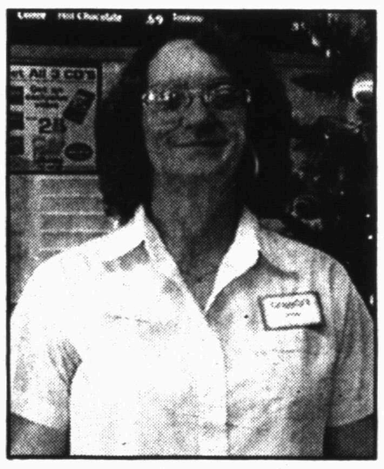
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New leader may have stormier economic seas

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton may be taking more with him than his suitcase when he leaves the White House on Jan. 20. His amazing run of luck with the economy seems to be disappearing as well, right on cue with the end of his second term.

That means that his successor, either George W. Bush or Al Gore, will have to navigate stormier seas. Some forecasters are even worried about a recession next year — a problem Clinton never had to confront as he presided over a record stretch, now in its 10th year, of uninterrupted economic growth.

"How ever one looks at it, the economic data recently have been quite negative and the possibility of a serious hard landing is rising," says Allen Sinai, chief economist at Decision Economics in New York.

While Sinai said he believed the chances of an outright recession — where economic growth actually contracts — are still small, he was concerned about a prolonged period of weak growth that would translate into a rising unemployment rate.

David Levy, an economist at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y., was even more pessimistic, putting the odds of a full-fledged recession next year at 70 percent.

"When you put all the problems facing the economy together, it is not a pretty picture," Levy said.

Things were not supposed to turn out this way. The overwhelming view among economists had been that the United States was headed for a soft landing in which a series of interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve would slow economic growth enough to keep inflation in check without tipping the country into a recession.

But since the Nov. 7 election, while the country has been transfixed by the ballot battle in Florida, the economic ship of state has been springing leaks.

A series of government reports has shown unexpected weakness in areas ranging from consumer spending to U.S. factory orders.

The weaker economic data has added to pessimism on Wall Street, which has been on a stomach-churning ride for most of the fall. The technology-heavy Nasdaq index has lost almost half of its value since reached record highs in March.

The concern is that the sharp fall in stock values will trigger a cutback in business investment and consumer spending, two of the major driving forces behind the current expansion.

Clinton had the good fortune of taking office as the country was pulling out of the 1990-91 recession. That period was called the jobless recovery because even though the economy was growing again, the unemployment rate was stuck at high levels — 7.5 percent in 1992, which Clinton used with success against President Bush.

Many economists still believe the most likely outcome for 2001 will be growth of around 3 percent. Even that rate will seem lackluster compared with the 4 percent rates turned in for the past four years, the best performance since the mid-1960s.

"The economy was a good friend to the Clinton administration and it is just not going to be as friendly to the next administration," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com, a West Chester, Pa., forecasting firm.

Bruce Steinberg, chief economist at Merrill Lynch in New York, said if the economy threatens to weaken more than the 3 percent range, the Fed can quickly step in with rate cuts to recharge consumer spending and bolster the stock market.

"If things get weak, they will react. They won't sit around twiddling their thumbs," Steinberg said.

Other analysts worry that a variety of factors could detail the Fed's efforts to achieve its soft landing: For example, rising corporate and personal debt levels that could threaten the nation's banking system, or a sudden flare-up in the Middle East.

Jerry Jasinowski, the head of the National Association of Manufacturers, said business executives are also concerned that the rising level of bitterness over the undecided presidential election will stalemate Republicans and Democrats, preventing the government from acting to bolster a faltering economy.

"It's still 'the economy, stupid' and politicians seem to be forgetting that just when the economy is headed south," Jasinowski said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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	♦ A K 7 6 5 3	
	♣ 4	
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♥ J		♥ Q 5
♦ Q J 10 9 8		♦ 4
♣ K 10 9 7 2		♣ Q 5
	South	
	♠ A Q	
	♥ A 10 7 6 3	
	♦ 2	
	♣ A J 8 6 3	

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	2 NT	4 NT	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	7 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2000

The Ferrari and the Ford

By Phillip Alder

The Bridge World magazine, produced monthly in Scarsdale, N.Y., by editor Jeff Rubens, aims primarily at experts. However, the 12-page Bridgeworks section is written for aspiring players. The magazine is like a grand prix racing car with a street-vehicle trunk.

Here is an Improve Your Play problem from this section. You are in two spades. West leads the spade jack: four, five, ace. You cash the spade king, but East discards a diamond. How would you continue?

There is a case for North's passing out two hearts. It works very badly here, but it would be right if South were 5-5 in the majors. Still, South might be 6-4, when two spades will surely be a better contract than two hearts. Also, if South is going to take a third bid, showing significant extra values, North, with two aces, probably has enough for game. So, it is right to give preference to spades, simultaneously keeping the auction open.

There are eight tricks available, assuming West has at least three diamonds. Draw a third round of trumps, take the club ace, play a diamond to dummy's ace, ruff a diamond in hand, return to dummy with a heart to the ace, and ruff another diamond. You score three top spades, one heart, one diamond, one club, and two diamond ruffs in hand.

An annual subscription is $67. Full details are available from its Web site, www.bridgeworld.com. There you will also find material for players at all skill levels, including beginners. And you can subscribe to the free eBridge World, an electronic newsletter.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2000

The success factors in your chart look exceptionally hopeful in the year ahead. You're likely to generate more interest in your endeavors, finding it easier to achieve your aims.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It could be your luck today to get teamed up with someone who really knows the ropes of the game. With what she or he brings to the team effort could make you a winner. Astro-Graph year ahead predictions make great Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the Zodiac. Mail $2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state the Zodiac signs you desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Something that is usually quite difficult for you will run smoothly, and you'll accomplish your aim with relative ease. Much of it will be due to your positive attitude.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The splendid way in which you deal with people will be in full operation today. In fact, you could make a new friend of someone who was, at best, a reluctant contributor.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Although you may or may not be too adroit at managing your resources, today the opposite will be true. Through your dealings, you might attain something quite nice for your home.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're especially observant and analytical today in assessing matters as they unfold: If you use these qualities in positive ways, Lady Luck will jump on board and make things better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An endeavor in which you're involved might give signals today that it's even more promising than you've led yourself to believe. Reassess the development and see where it takes you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Concentrate on objectives that promise to provide you with great gratification once they're achieved. You have what it takes today to achieve something quite worthwhile.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Whereas challenges can sometimes cause you to waffle in uncertainty, today you won't buckle under pressure. You'll be glad you stayed the course, because it could take you far.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It won't necessarily take a whole lot of money for you to have a good time today. Being with good friends who enjoy thought-provoking conversation is what will fill the bill.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) People with whom you're involved today could have much more to offer than you realize. You might get invited into a good deal someone already has going.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Rely on your logic today, but don't discount any hunches you might get. Common sense coupled with insight can make for a dynamite combination in bringing about success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Someone with whom you're involved today might not do things as you would do them, but that's okay. This person could demonstrate to you a far better way of performing your tasks.

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Gates, Buffet in bridge tourney

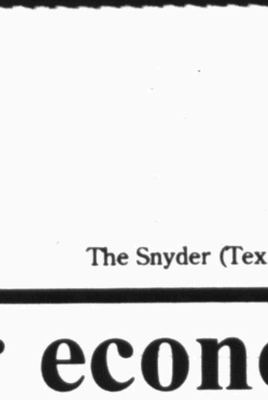
OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Bill Gates and Warren Buffett, two of the world's wealthiest men, faced off for fun — not money — at a local bridge tournament.

"It's my house against his house," joked Buffett, founder and chairman of investment company Berkshire Hathaway, before Saturday's game at the Omaha Bridge Club. But Gates, whose home and land in Washington state are valued at nearly $110 million, wasn't ready to bet.

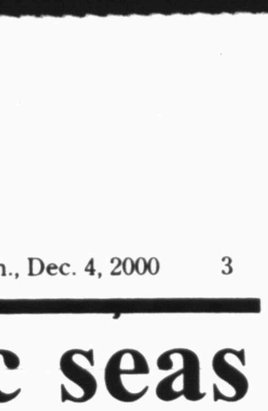
"No money, no money," he said smiling.

Gates, founder and chairman of Microsoft Corp., played in the tournament at Buffett's invitation. Both are self-described bridge junkies, although Gates is a relative newcomer. Buffett has played for years.

Neither Gates nor Buffett played a perfect hand.



Happy Birthday Mama & Daddy



Raymond Helen

Thank for setting the example for our lives based on Joshua 24:15 "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."
Love
Rich, Connie, Bo

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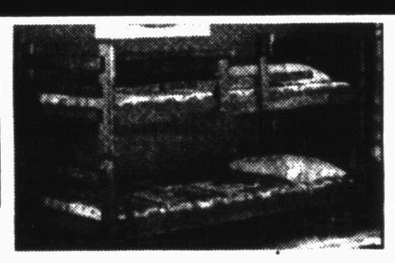
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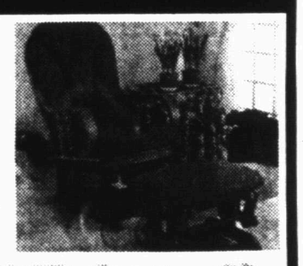
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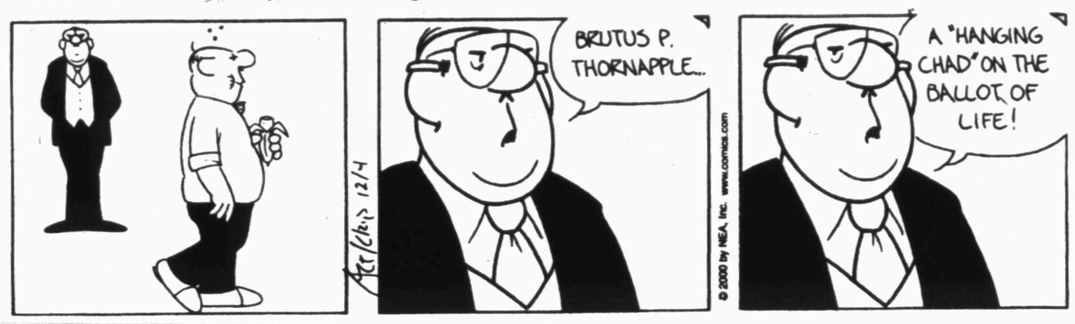


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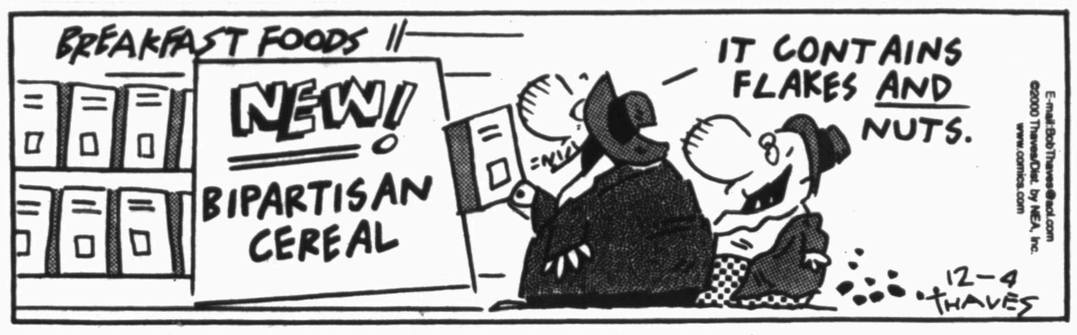
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ACROSS

1 Spanish title
6 Oaths
10 Distant planet
12 Potent
14 Desert illusion
15 Eyelash
16 Pt. of a min.
17 Atl.'s counterpart
19 Ms. Bombeck
20 Unnerved
23 Large trucks
26 Dawn goddess
27 Timid
30 In good working order
32 Perfect place
34 Large amounts
35 Boone or Webster
36 Deposit
37 Type of curve
39 Uptight
40 Less dense
42 Computer input
45 Sweet potato
46 "Ball —"
49 Come forth
51 Instigate (2 wds.)
54 Counterfeited
55 Using a stopwatch
56 "— — a man . . ."
57 "— — Grows in Brooklyn"

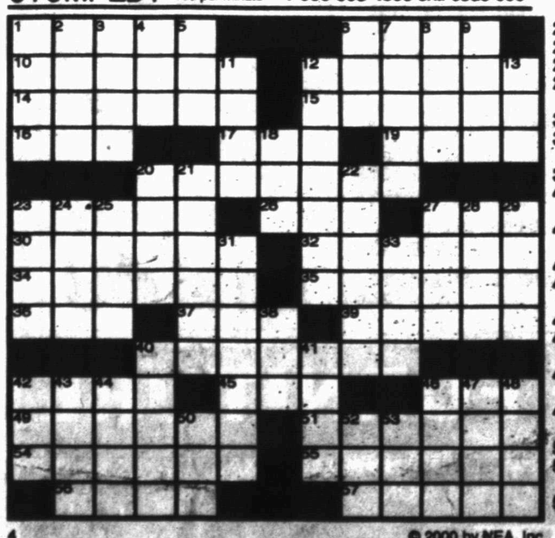
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1 Totals
2 Part of HOMES
3 Undercover cop
4 "— — Clear Day"
5 Carpet
6 Roman seven
7 Was a wolf
8 Buzzing sound
9 Partly fermented grape juice
11 Back-to-school mo.
12 Dennis Weaver TV series
13 Ms. Sumac
18 Noshed
20 They're often spare!
21 Snoozing
22 Landed property
23 Type of pump
24 Brother of Jacob
25 Ship's pole
27 Rotate
28 Speeds
29 Ivy League school
31 Tried
33 Remarkable person
38 Malaga Mrs.
40 Army officer, familiarly
41 Plant disease
42 Dict. entry
43 "Help," in France
44 Semester
46 He has "will" power
47 First-rate (2 wds.)
48 "Picnic" author
50 Obtain
52 Narrow inlet
53 UK time

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers suffer first setback in title game

SAN ANGELO — With their undefeated record and the tournament title on the line, the Snyder Lady Tigers saw both fall by the wayside by a single point.

Snyder suffered its first setback of the season Saturday, falling in overtime to El Paso Coronado, 39-38, in the championship game of the Concho River Classic at San Angelo Central High School.

The Lady Tigers, who had won six straight to open the season, fell behind by seven points early on, before battling back in the second half.

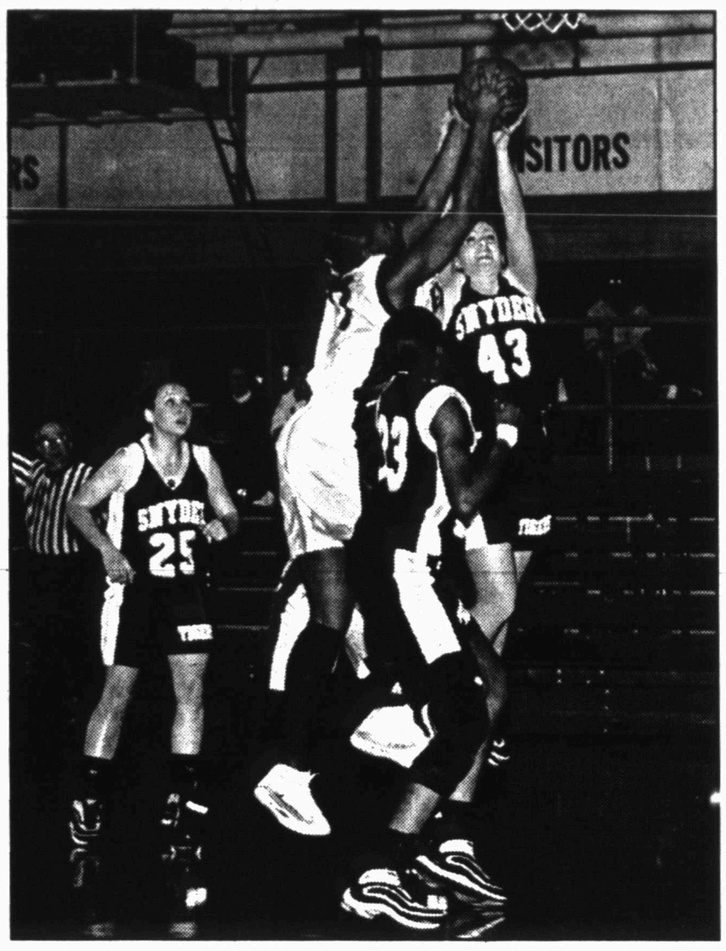
Snyder outscored Coronado, 14-8, in the third quarter to get close the gap to 28-27.

The Lady Tigers knotted the tally at 36-36 by the end of regulation, but managed only two points in the extra session to fall, 39-38.

Ashley Delce poured in 17 points to pace Snyder, while Kameron Kallemeyn added 16.

Snyder had knocked off El Paso Socorro in the opening, before downing Killeen Ellison in the semifinals.

The Lady Tigers will put their 6-1 record to the test at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday when they host San Angelo Central at the SHS gym.



REBOUND — Snyder's Kameron Kallemeyn (43) and Ashley Delce (33) battle a Killeen Ellison player for a rebound, while teammate T'Leah Eicke (25) looks on during action at the Concho River Classic in San Angelo. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Bulldogs fall to Lobos in overtime

COAHOMA — The Ira Lady Bulldogs came out on the short end of their final two tournament games, but just barely.

Ira fell to Monahans in overtime, 54-53, after suffering a 47-42 setback to Borden County at the Coahoma tournament on Saturday.

Against Monahans, the Lady Bulldogs held a four-point entering the fourth quarter, before the Lady Lobos knotted the tally at 47-47 at the end of regulation.

In the extra frame, Monahans posted seven points, while holding Ira to only six to pull out the victory.

Morgan Clements poured in 25 points to pace the Lady Bulldogs, while Kristen Harless added 10.

Clements had another strong game against Borden County with 20 points.

The Lady Coyotes opened up a 19-15 lead in the first quarter, then held off Ira down the stretch.

The Lady Bulldogs will be back on the court at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Colorado City.

Tigers end skid with win over El Paso Franklin

WOLFFORTH — The Snyder Tigers picked up their defensive intensity and ended a three-game skid Saturday at the Cotton Pickin' Shootout at Frenship High School.

Snyder improved its record to 4-4 with Saturday's 45-40 victory over El Paso Franklin.

The Tigers had dropped three straight to Seminole, Canyon Randall and Weatherford, before getting back on track against Franklin.

Snyder limited Franklin to only 16 points in the first half, and held a 10-point lead at the midway point.

El Paso made a small run in the third quarter to trim the deficit to five points, before the Tigers posted 12 points in the final frame to preserve the victory.

Senior Jared Thornhill poured in 18 points to pace Snyder, while senior Heath Pinkerton added 12.

Snyder returns home to face Lubbock High at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

College Bowl Game Glance

College Bowl Games
Involving Texas Teams
All Times CST

Wednesday, Dec. 20
Mobile Alabama Bowl
Payout: $750,000
TCU (10-1) vs. Southern Mississippi (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

Galleryfurniture.com Bowl
At Astrodome
Payout: $750,000
Texas Tech (7-5) vs. East Carolina (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

Thursday, Dec. 28
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Payout: $750,000
Boise State (9-2) vs. Texas-El Paso (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Friday, Dec. 29
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Payout: $1.9 million
Texas (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 31
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Payout: $1.1 million
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. Mississippi State (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	14	2	.875	—
New York	11	7	.611	4
Boston	8	9	.471	6½
Miami	7	10	.412	7½
Orlando	7	11	.389	8
New Jersey	6	11	.353	8½
Washington	4	14	.222	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	11	7	.611	—
Cleveland	9	7	.563	1
Toronto	9	7	.563	1
Detroit	8	9	.471	2½
Indiana	7	9	.438	3
Milwaukee	7	10	.412	3½
Atlanta	4	13	.235	6½
Chicago	2	14	.125	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	13	4	.765	—
San Antonio	11	5	.688	1½
Dallas	11	7	.611	2½
Denver	9	8	.529	4
Houston	9	8	.529	4
Minnesota	9	8	.529	4
Vancouver	6	11	.353	7

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	11	4	.733	½
L.A. Lakers	13	5	.722	—
Phoenix	11	5	.688	1
Portland	12	7	.632	1½
Seattle	9	10	.474	4½
Golden State	5	13	.278	8
L.A. Clippers	5	13	.278	8

Saturday's Games
Atlanta 101, Milwaukee 94
Charlotte 94, Utah 89
Philadelphia 112, Cleveland 78
Orlando 95, New Jersey 74
New York 100, Minnesota 90
Miami 93, Washington 90
Portland 96, Houston 85
Denver 103, Seattle 92
Dallas 97, Golden State 78

Sunday's Games
Boston 96, L.A. Clippers 87
Milwaukee 92, Indiana 80
San Antonio 97, Vancouver 79
Detroit 93, Washington 87
Phoenix 84, Portland 79
Seattle 118, Golden State 102
L.A. Lakers 99, Dallas 97

Monday's Games
L.A. Clippers at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Denver, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
New Jersey at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Utah, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

SHS girls battle larger teams for second place

SAN ANTONIO — The Snyder Lady Tigers gave their opponents a lesson in cold-weather golf.

Snyder, the only Class 4A squad in the 20-team field, fired rounds of 349 and 350 in chilly temperatures over the weekend to take second place at the San Antonio Invitational.

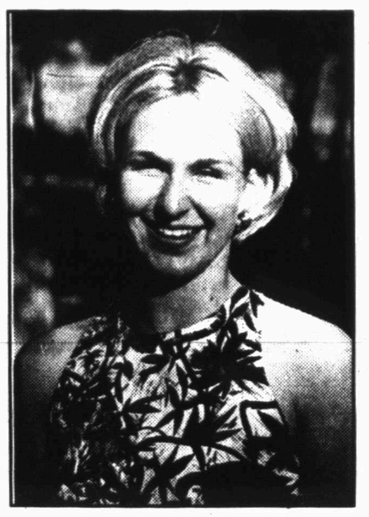
The tournament was the Lady Tigers' final event of the fall, and Coach Matt Glenn believes his squad has made huge strides, heading into the spring.

"It was all 5A schools and then us. So I think we made a pretty good showing," said Glenn. "It was cold down there and I think that helped us, because we're used to playing in those conditions.

"We still need to improve, but we're getting better. We just need to play with more confidence. The other teams down there didn't have better players than us, but they have more experience and they played with more confidence."

Victoria won the event, with San Antonio Reagan taking third.

Snyder trailed Reagan for second place after the first day, but made up ground in the final round when temperatures dropped into the 30s.



Andra Lancaster

Andra Lancaster carded rounds of 75 and 84 to pace the Lady Tigers and finish fourth in the medalist race with a two-day total of 159.

Katie Curley shot an 88-85—173, while Kellie Dodson turned in an 89-91—180. Kara Harrison came in at 97-90—187, and Christian Curry finished with a 104-94—198.

"This was a good tournament for us," said Glenn. "We played better than we have been, plus we learned that if we can eliminate some mistakes here and there, then we have a chance to be a really good team."

Ira boys grab consolation crown, 43-26

KLONDIKE — The Ira Bulldogs' full-court pressure finally took its toll on the Klondike Cougars.

Ira wore down the Cougars in the second half Saturday to secure the consolation title of the Klondike tournament with a 43-26 victory.

Action was tight throughout the first half, with Ira clinging to a 22-20 lead at the midway point.

But the Bulldogs turned up the pressure in the second half. Ira surrendered only six points over the final two quarters, including a 15-3 run in the third period to take control of the game.

Nathan Smith poured in 20 points to pace the Bulldogs.

UIL Football Playoff Pairings

CLASS 5A

DIVISION I
Region I and II
Midland Lee (11-2) vs. The Woodlands (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Royal-Memorial Stadium, Austin
Region III and IV
Aldine Eisenhower (12-0) vs. Austin Westlake (13-0), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome
DIVISION II
Region I
Arlington Lamar (8-4) vs. Abilene Cooper (10-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium
Region II
Tyler John Tyler (10-3) vs. Waco (7-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, John Clark Field, Plano
Region III
Katy (13-0) vs. Alief Elsik (8-4), 8 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome
Region IV
SA Marshall vs. SA MacArthur, 2 p.m. Saturday, Gustafson Stadium, San Antonio

CLASS 4A

DIVISION I
Region I and II
Frenship (11-2) vs. Denton Ryan (11-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium
Region III and IV
Bay City (12-1) vs. SA Roosevelt (10-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome
DIVISION II
Region I
Wichita Falls (13-0) vs. Southlake Carroll (9-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Wichita Falls
Region II
Jacksonville (11-2) vs. Ennis (11-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium
Region III
La Marque (10-3) vs. West Orange-Stark (13-0), Time TBA, Friday, Houston Astrodome
Region IV
CC Calallen (12-1) vs. Rockport-Fulton (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Victoria

CLASS 3A

DIVISION I
Region I and II
Abilene Wylie (13-0) vs. Everman (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Birdville FAAC, Haltom City
Region III and IV
Gatesville (13-0) vs. Bandera (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lion Field, Leander
DIVISION II
Region I
Greenwood (10-3) vs. Muleshoe (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Denver City
Region II
Commerce (13-0) vs. Forney (9-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium
Region III
Marlin (10-3) vs. Cameron Yoe (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kyle Field, College Station
Region IV
La Grange (11-2) vs. Mathis (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas A&M-Kingsville

CLASS 2A

DIVISION I
Region I and II
Sonora (13-0) vs. Pilot Point (11-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, Waco
Region III and IV
Arp (13-0) vs. Blanco (9-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco
DIVISION II
Region I
Stanton (11-2) vs. Albany (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater
Region II
Whitewright (12-1) vs. Cooper (10-2) or Celina (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Region III
Mart (13-0) vs. Corrigan-Camden (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bowers Stadium, Huntsville
Region IV
Refugio (13-0) vs. Rogers (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Heights Stadium, San Antonio

CLASS 1A

Region I
Iraan (10-2) vs. Stratford (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock
Region II
Roscoe (13-0) vs. Collinsville (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Birdville FAAC, Haltom City
Region III
Beckville (11-1) vs. Wortham (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Mesquite
Region IV
Burkeville (8-4) vs. Shiner (13-0), TBA

CLASS 6-MAN

Regions I and II
Whitharral (11-1) vs. Highland (13-0), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Gail
Regions III and IV
Aquilla (11-2) vs. Panther Creek (13-0), TBA.

National Football League

All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	10	3	0	.769	270	166
N.Y. Jets	9	4	0	.692	287	246
Buffalo	7	6	0	.538	243	270
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	334	283
New England	3	9	0	.250	192	253

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	10	3	0	.769	256	188
Baltimore	9	4	0	.692	262	135
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	253	201
Jacksonville	6	7	0	.462	284	272
Cincinnati	3	10	0	.231	158	294
Cleveland	3	11	0	.214	137	360

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	10	3	0	.769	372	256
Denver	9	4	0	.692	409	316
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	283	274
Seattle	5	8	0	.385	246	308
San Diego	1	12	0	.077	223	352

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	9	4	0	.692	253	198
Philadelphia	9	5	0	.643	300	214
Washington	7	6	0	.538	245	210
Dallas	4	9	0	.308	249	300
Arizona	3	10	0	.231	190	366

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Minnesota	11	2	0	.846	330	267
Detroit	8	5	0	.615	264	251
Tampa Bay	8	5	0	.615	320	204
Green Bay	6	7	0	.462	277	268
Chicago	3	10	0	.231	169	301

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	8	5	0	.615	279	245
St. Louis	8	5	0	.615	439	383
Carolina	6	7	0	.462	257	221
San Francisco	5	8	0	.385	335	353
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	216	377

x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Games
Seattle 30, Atlanta 10
Miami 33, Buffalo 6
Carolina 16, St. Louis 3
N.Y. Giants 9, Washington 7
Cincinnati 24, Arizona 13
Denver 38, New Orleans 23
Tampa Bay 27, Dallas 7
Pittsburgh 21, Oakland 20
Tennessee 15, Philadelphia 13
San Francisco 45, San Diego 17
N.Y. Jets 27, Indianapolis 17
Jacksonville 48, Cleveland 0
Green Bay 28, Chicago 6

Monday's Game
Kansas City at New England, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 10
Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Miami, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 4:15 p.m.
New Orleans at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 8:35 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 11
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 9 p.m.


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New drug treats rare form of leukemia

HOUSTON (AP) — A treatment for leukemia that patients say has fewer side effects than aspirin is surprising doctors at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center with its success.

The first treatment for chronic myelogenous leukemia, a drug called STI571, was a central topic at a recent medical conference in San Francisco.

M.D. Anderson researchers reported that last year all of its 31 patients with chronic myelogenous leukemia, or CML, who took the drug went into complete remission. Lead investigator Dr. Moshe Talpaz called the pill "the holy grail we are looking for in our business," the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

At M.D. Anderson this year, 550 patients with chronic CML resistant to conventional treatment took the drug, and in more than 90 percent, their blood was normal after six months of treatment, according to research reported Saturday in San Francisco at a meeting of the American Society of Hematology.

In about half the patients, the chromosomal abnormality that initially causes the leukemia also disappeared.

Last year, Gerald Bourque of Houston expected to die when he didn't respond to standard treatments and his blood cancer rapidly progressed into the fatal phase. He joined a study of the experimental pill at M.D. Anderson last December, taking four capsules a day. Within a few weeks, Bourque's blood returned to normal, and has stayed that way.

"This has been a godsend," said the 62-year-old sales engineer. "I have energy I didn't realize I had. It's unbelievable."

The drug, developed by Brian Druker, a researcher at Oregon Health Sciences University in collaboration with drug manufacturer Novartis Pharmaceuticals, focuses on shutting down the enzyme that causes the cancer without harming healthy cells.

"I will tell you, the hematology community is excited about the prospects for the approach this drug took," said Dr. Ed Benz, president of the hematology society and president of the Harvard-affiliated Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. "We need many, many more studies and patients to know exactly how powerful this drug will be, but the early results are promising."

CML causes a proliferation of white blood cells, which begin to outnumber other blood cells and flood the body's organs and arrest their function. It affects about 4,500 Americans each year and is caused by a defect in a chromosome found in bone marrow cells. An abnormal enzyme is produced by the defect, which makes for the abundance of white blood cells.

"I've been in this field 20 years, and this drug is by far better than any other developed for CML," said researcher Dr. Hagop Kantarjian, chairman of the department of leukemia developmental research at M.D. Anderson.

Novartis Pharmaceuticals, the drug's manufacturer, expects it to become available commercially next year. A third-phase trial, enrolling more than 1,000 patients in the United States and Canada, is in progress.

The drug will also be used in clinical trials of glioblastoma, a brain tumor, and gastrointestinal stromal tumors, a rare cancer of the digestive system's connective tissue.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Gum disease is associated with stroke

DEAR DR. GOTT: My dentist has urged me to have my gum disease actively treated so that I won't have a stroke. This doesn't make any sense to me. Is he putting me on?

DEAR READER: I'm afraid not. In fact, he should be congratulated for being aware of new findings about periodontal disease.

For years, studies have shown that gum and tooth infection is a risk factor for heart disease. Now, in a new study, investigators in Buffalo, N.Y., reported in the Archives of Internal Medicine (Oct. 9, 2000) that periodontal disease also makes people more susceptible to stroke. Even subjects without teeth were found to have a risk factor. The researchers studied about 10,000 adults who were judged to be representative of a typical American sample population.

The reasons behind this relation are still obscure, but the Buffalo group suggests that periodontal infection could constitute a bacterial challenge that affects the proteins of the immune system, leading to more rapid clotting of blood. As tiny clots form on the arterial linings, they may break off and be carried to the brain, causing stroke (and heart attacks). Regardless of the physiology, the relation appears real. Thus, the prudent practitioner would do well to urge his patients to undergo aggressive therapy for periodontal disease. Follow your dentist's advice with respect to cleaning, antibiotics or surgery for your gum problem.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Strokes." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from painful fibromyalgia that has not responded to conventional therapy. Several women in my support group swear by the chelation therapy in Mexico. Why do they have to go to Mexico?

DEAR READER: You surprised me by that last line. I anticipated your question to be: "Should I look into this?" or "Is there anything to this?" I don't know why the women in your group choose Mexican chelation when the services are readily available in the States. Why don't you ask them?

Chelation therapy is expensive and, except for treating certain forms of metal poisoning, has not been shown in reputable medical studies to have any health value. If I were you, I'd avoid it and save your money for a nice holiday. In Mexico?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife is 78 and takes the following medicines for high blood pressure: Vasotec, Aricept, and Norvasc. Does she need so much?

DEAR READER: This list of three drugs seems stunningly small in comparison to the 10 or 15 medicines that are often (over-) prescribed for elderly patients. But I do have a couple of comments.

Aricept is not a drug for hypertension. It is a medicine that may slow the mental decline in patients with Alzheimer's disease. Whether or not your wife needs Aricept is an issue you'll have to decide for yourself.

Vasotec and Norvasc are good anti-hypertension drugs. In your wife's case, however, one is probably enough. I'd recommend doubling the dose of either one, skipping the other entirely and monitoring her blood pressure weekly. But please don't make any changes without checking with her physician, who may have a valid reason for wanting your wife to take two medicines for high blood pressure.

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Legend Airlines files for protection under U.S. bankruptcy laws

DALLAS (AP) — Legend Airlines has filed for bankruptcy protection from creditors as it reorganizes its business and the struggling airline's chief executive said he has not ruled out selling the company.

Legend announced Sunday that it filed for protection under Chapter 11 of U.S. bankruptcy law. The announcement came just one day after the struggling airline shut down operations due to $44.7 million in losses since it was launched in 1996.

"We are doing our best to assemble the necessary resources to get our airline back in the air with service for our customers," T. Allan McArtor, Legend's president and chief executive officer, said in a statement. He said the company was talking to venture-capital firms, other airlines and individual investors and hopes to resume flying by the end of the year.

McArtor said he has not ruled out selling the airline, but said he hoped to avoid that option.

McArtor, a former Federal Aviation Administration director, said the airline was hurt by high costs of fuel and retrofitting its planes.

Other airlines are honoring Legend tickets, including America West, American, Continental, Continental Express, Frontier, National, as well as Delta Air Lines and its Delta Connection carrier, Atlantic Southeast Airlines.

American Airlines and the city of Fort Worth, a partner in Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, had tried to block the airline from offering service from Dallas Love Field, near downtown Dallas, but Legend won a lengthy court battle and began flying on April 5.

Last week Legend said it lost $25.6 million during its first six months of service. The airline had just $184,522 in cash on hand as of Sept. 30, and reserves were declining by nearly $14,500 a week. At that rate, it would run out of cash the week of Christmas.

Paramedics to accompany some FD calls in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Some of the city's most serious emergencies will draw a new emergency team along with the usual fire department crews.

The Houston Fire Department Emergency Medical Service, beginning Monday, will send an additional vehicle — staffed with paramedics — on some of its worst calls. The new program is the first recommendation in a recently released audit to be implemented by the embattled department.

Dispatchers will also send an ambulance staffed by emergency medical technicians, with the goal of freeing up paramedics trained to provide advanced care whenever 911 calls turn out to be minor.

"This is a good move for the department to make," Dr. David Persse, EMS medical director, told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's editions.

Termed "a major philosophical shift," Persse said it will ultimately "increase the level of paramedic protection in each neighborhood."

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SouthernCo	31.75	31.06	31.38	+ .38
SwstAirl	30.70	30.20	30.23	—.58
SprintFON	23.25	22.94	23.19	+ .25
SprintPCS s	23.69	22.88	23.06	—.19
Sunoco Inc	28.75	27.94	28.56	+ .75
TXU Corp	40.88	40.19	40.69	+ .63
TempleInland	50.50	48.63	50.25	+ 1.50
Texaco	60.25	59.00	59.75	+ .44
TexInd	23.88	23.69	23.75	
TexasInst s	39.25	37.94	38.44	+ .69
Textron	49.63	48.50	49.00	
TriconGlbR	34.19	33.69	33.88	—.38
TrinityInds	25.81	25.56	25.56	—.06
TritonEngy	25.75	24.69	25.75	+ 1.19
TylerTech	2.00	2.00	2.00	
USX-Marathn	27.56	27.13	27.25	+ .25
USX-USS	16.56	15.75	16.50	+ .50
UnCarbde	50.06	46.44	49.75	+ 2.94
UnionPacif	47.56	45.75	47.25	+ 1.44
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Man registers four Internet domain names

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — What's the quickest, surest way to cash in on South Carolina's lottery?

While South Carolinians were debating should we shouldn't we on the lottery referendum in November, Sparticus Heyward, 25, was registering Internet domain names: southcarolinalottery.com, scarolinalottery.com, sclottery.com and sclotto.com.

His $500 investment could turn to lotto gold if the state's as-yet unformed lottery commission wants to use one of those names in the next four years.

The domain names have been valued by EchoArts, an online appraisal firm, as being worth $150,000 each, and the Charleston native and Texas Southern University law student says he's looking for a buyer.

"Hopefully, I'll be able to pay off my student loans, and I'm thinking about starting my own firm when I get out," Heyward said.

Lottery Web sites, such as Georgia's galottery.com, provide information about winning numbers, how to play and where to play.

Heyward said he bought the names in September 1998, when he was a University of South Carolina student. He said he bought them anticipating the election of Gov. Jim Hodges, who made an education lottery a central theme in his 1998 campaign for governor.

"If Hodges got elected, I knew the lottery was definitely coming," Heyward said. "If enough people voted for him, enough people would vote for the lottery."

When the voters did as Heyward predicted on Nov. 7 by voting to eliminate the constitution ban on lotteries, he "went out and bought myself a steak dinner that night."

However, for Heyward's keen insight to turn into spending money, the General Assembly will have to pass laws creating a lottery. That likely would include a nonprofit lottery corporation to run the games, which would then have to decide how valuable the domain names are.

Kevin Geddings, director of the Education Lottery Coalition that led the pro-lottery campaign, said he's not sure taxpayers would stand for a high-priced domain name, though he did give Heyward credit.

"He certainly gets the smart entrepreneur of the year award," Geddings said.

Heyward isn't the first person to buy a domain name that might be important to a big business or other enterprise. And there are laws against "cybersquatting" — buying domain names to intentionally harm or squeeze money out of another person or group.

Bobby Pearce, an intellectual-property attorney with Columbia-based Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough, said Heyward doesn't appear to be violating any laws, but the value of his domain names are another issue.

Most of the high-profile sales of domain names have been for generic names, he said. Business.com, for instance, sold for $7.5 million and loans.com, for $3 million.

But, Pearce said, a lottery commission could easily find an alternative, available name to suit its needs.

Date Book

Monday, Dec. 4, 2000

Today is the 339th day of 2000 and the 74th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1815, the U.S. Senate convened in a brick building on the present-day site of the Supreme Court because British troops had burned the Capitol the previous year.

On this day in 1867, the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry was founded in Washington D.C. It was the first nationwide agricultural organization in the United States.

On this day in 1965, the Gemini 7 spacecraft, piloted by Cmdr. James Lovell of the United States Navy, was launched into orbit.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881), writer; Samuel Butler (1835-1902), writer; Lillian Russell (1861-1922), singer-actress; Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926), poet; Stewart Rawlings Mott (1937-), business executive-philanthropist, is 63; Deanna Durbin (1922-), actress, is 78; Jeff Bridges (1949-), actor, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1977, the Chicago Bears defeated the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 10-0. It was the 10th loss in a row for the Buccaneers.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Let life happen to you. Believe me: life is in the right, always." — Rainer Maria Rilke

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (Dec. 3).

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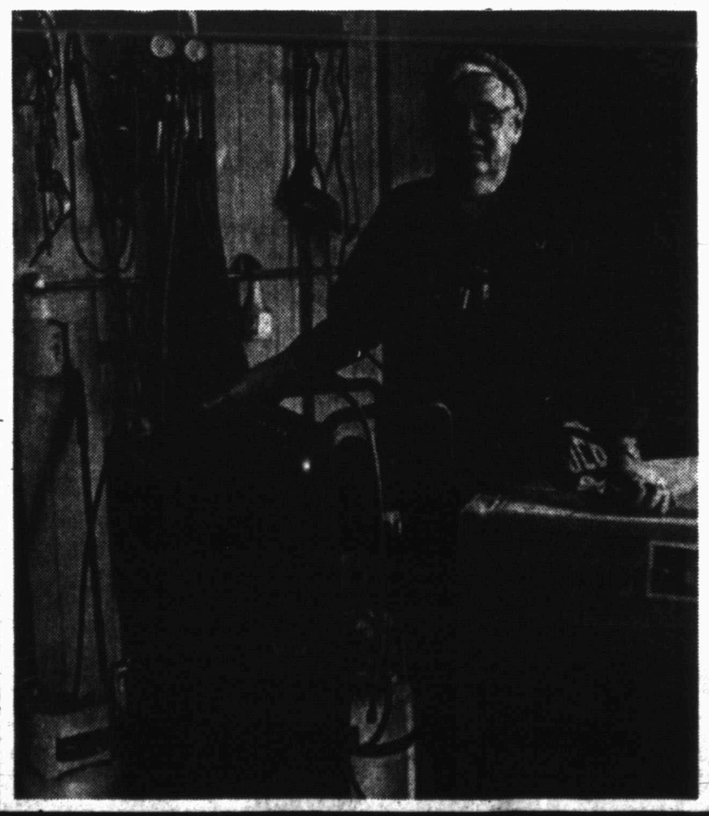
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National database for auto lemons sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — The trouble began soon after Vicki and Joe Parisi bought their used car in 1994. The radio would go out. The power windows stopped working. The gas gauge incorrectly read empty.

Soon, the 1993 sedan needed a brake job, transmission repairs and major front end work. Then came the last straw: The car died while the Parisis traveled in the fast lane of a busy Ohio freeway.

When the Uniontown, Ohio, couple investigated, they discovered the car was a lemon that the manufacturer had bought back from an owner who had similar problems in New Jersey, a state that required the vehicle's title be stamped as a lemon.

The automaker did repair work and shipped it to Ohio, which at the time did not require title stamping but does now. The dealership got a new title in its name, effectively erasing the lemon stamp.

Consumer advocates say this "lemon laundering" is widespread, a claim the auto industry denies, and want the Federal Trade Commission to require that automakers tell consumers about their duds.

"If you are going to put your family in this car and travel at 70 mph down the road you want to know if there is a history of problems," said Rosemary Shahan, founder of Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety, a Sacramento, Calif.-based group working to improve lemon laws.

The FTC will wait to review the proposal before commenting, agency spokesman Mitch Katz said. "It's possible that this could be in our jurisdiction, but you are talking about a major resource investment," Katz said.

The FTC held hearings on lemons four years ago at the request of the consumer groups, but has not taken any action.

No one knows how many repurchases all the manufactures make, in part because different state laws make it hard to track buybacks. States have different definitions for a lemon, require varying levels of disclosure when the vehicle is resold, and offer different ways for consumers to seek compensation.

In the Parisis' case, they successfully sued the automaker and the dealer, which has since gone out of business, after they refused to take the car back.

Some private companies, for a fee, will search a vehicle's history, but their data can be incomplete because of the differing state requirements.

Phil Nowicki, a consultant on lemon laws who used to head Florida's Lemon Law Arbitration Program, estimates that about 75,000 of the roughly 45 million used vehicles sold every year in the United States have been repurchased by the manufacturer under a lemon law decision or settlement. He believes few consumers are aware they have bought a repurchase vehicle.

"I'd say compared to two or three years ago, the industry has improved to some degree," Nowicki said. "But you get cars that are moved across state lines. I would say for the most part it isn't meant to defraud anybody, it's just the nature of the business."

Under the system proposed by the consumer groups, a used car buyer could check the vehicle's identification number on an Internet database to find out if the manufacturer had bought back the vehicle from an unsatisfied customer. The groups would like each search to be free or cost no more than perhaps $2.

The groups, including CARS, Consumer Action, the Consumer Federation of America, Public Citizen, and the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, also want a permanent label affixed to the car identifying it as a "lemon law buyback."

Auto industry groups say that while they support full disclosure of a vehicle's history, they object to labeling every buyback as a lemon.

John Whately, a lawyer for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, said automakers sometimes repurchase vehicles to make unsatisfied customers happy, not because there is a defect.

"Those shouldn't be branded as lemons," he said. "I won't pretend that those are the majority of vehicles bought back, but they shouldn't all be branded as a lemon."

Navy helicopters resume normal flights

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Fitted with new warning systems, U.S. Navy helicopters are flying again, three months after a Gulf Coast crash that killed four crew members.

"We're back to full flight schedule now, 20 to 25 flight hours a day. It's been good for us. When you don't let 600 people do what they came into the Navy to do ... there can be a little bit of cabin fever," Cmdr. Bob Riehl told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times in Sunday's editions. Riehl is commanding officer of the HM-15 mine countermeasures squadron based at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi.

The Naval Air Systems Command in Maryland grounded all of the Navy's and Marine Corps' H-53E helicopters on Aug. 27, following the fatal crash of an MH-53E helicopter also known as a Sea Dragon.

The minesweeping helicopter crashed three miles off the shore of the Gulf of Mexico during an Aug. 10 training mission.

Killed in the crash were the pilot, Lt. Shawn O. Jacobs; his co-pilot, Lt. Edward R. Fassnacht; Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey S. Paschal and Petty Officer 2nd Class David E. Rutherford.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeremy J. Yaklin and Airman Shawn R. Palyo were rescued soon after the crash and taken to a hospital.

The Navy has not determined what caused the accident, but inspections of the grounded aircraft showed potential problems in the "duplex swashplate" bearings in the main rotor. The swashplate changes the angle and tilt of the blades on the rotor to move the helicopter.

To remedy concerns over the bearings, the Navy is fitting the aircraft with Bearing Monitoring Sensor systems, which alert the crew to overheating in the bearings.

Riehl said his squadron's first official day in the air was Nov. 11, but two of the MH-53's are still grounded while a team from Stratford, Conn.-based Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. installs the new systems.

In May 1996, a similar model, the CH-53E Super Stallion crashed, killing four Sikorsky employees in Stratford. A faulty swashplate bearing was blamed. The Navy temporarily halted flights of all "E" models, including the Super Stallion and the Sea Dragon.

Riehl said the indication the August crash was caused by a mechanical error rather than a mistake by the pilot has eased his mind.

"The one thing I said I wanted to do when I took command (in March) was to end with the same number of guys and the same number of aircraft," Riehl said. "And obviously that didn't happen. At least I know, from my perspective, that we here at HM-15 couldn't have done anything different."

A Navy spokesman told the newspaper there is no date set for a final investigation report to be completed.



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Child #5 Name _____

Age Sex

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Toys will be picked up Monday, December 18th from 1-6 p.m. and on Tuesday, December 19th from 9-6. Each family will be notified (by phone) of their pick up time. Only adults will be allowed to pick up and sign for toys (ID will be needed). Mail applications to: Judi Martin, Christmas For Kids, 3106 Hill Avenue, Snyder, Texas 79549-3845. For more information, please call 573-3525 or 473-6725. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, December 13th.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Holidays lose their cheer on couple's fixed income

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are senior citizens living on a fixed income. It has become harder and harder to purchase gifts or give money (which we have done in the past) to all our beloved family members. Recently a grandson called to inform us they are expecting their first child. Instead of being happy for them, we were filled with dread, because now there will be another gift to buy!

During the year, I try to save for Christmas gifts; it's never enough. I've told my husband that we are going to have to be honest with the family. He is too embarrassed to break the news to them that we cannot give like we have in the past.

Abby, how have other senior citizens solved this problem? I lie awake nights worrying. Believe me, that's no way to live! The holidays should be a happy time, but I don't look forward to them anymore. — **WORRIED IN WELLSVILLE, OHIO**

DEAR WORRIED: Yours is a problem I am asked about almost every year. One solution is to be upfront about it. One day this week, write a note to the friends and family members on your Christmas list, saying, "We are thankful for folks with whom we can be honest. We're not in a position to send Christmas gifts this year (nor do we expect any) — but please accept our love and sincere good wishes for a happy, healthy, blessed holiday."

If this seems too drastic a measure, another solution is to give one gift that can be enjoyed by the whole family, such as a game, movie coupons, or popcorn in assorted flavors.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl with a problem. A week ago, a half-sister I had never met, and whom my dad hadn't seen in 16 years, suddenly showed up at our home. I was happy at first, but later my sister and I realized that our father paid more attention to her in one hour than he had to us in all the time since we were born.

My sister and I have tried to be a part of his life, but he has never wanted to spend time with us. He tells us we are both being selfish. If what he says is true, do we have the right to be upset? Please help. — **CONFUSED TEEN IN TEXAS**

DEAR CONFUSED: Since your father hadn't seen your half-sister in 16 years, his reaction to her was understandable. Before you allow your resentment to get the better of you, allow yourself to get to know the girl. It's possible his reaction had something to do with guilt rather than preference. Take it slowly, and you might find you and your half-sister have a lot in common.

P.S. Although you say your father has been emotionally unavailable to you, he has been physically AND emotionally unavailable to her all these years. Count your blessings.

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DEAR ABBY: Here's one for the "I don't believe it!" list:

We recently attended a 50th anniversary reception for some old friends. The party obviously exceeded their children's budget because, as we left, there was a gold basket and a sign at the door that read: "Please help us have a happy Thanksgiving by defraying the cost of this entertainment for you this afternoon." Can anyone top this? — **MYSTIFIED IN FORT WORTH**

DEAR MYSTIFIED: Probably. But it's not going to be easy.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1 Lake Thomas, a 7,500-foot wildcat located 15 miles southwest of Snyder. Location is in Section 74, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 176-6 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Planned depth is 7,200 feet, and drill site is in Section 251, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kent County

Hollis R. Sullivan Inc. will drill the No. 1-243 Beggs, a 5,000-foot wildcat located 11 miles north of Jayton. Location is in Section 243, Block F, H&TC survey.

Fisher County

GeoStrat Inc. will drill the No. 1 Cook Children's Hospital, a 4,500-foot wildcat located three miles northeast of Roby. Location is in the T.H. Crosby survey.

Nolan County

LCS Production will drill the No. 1 Texaco in the Mulberry Canyon field, six miles northeast of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 3,999 feet, location is in Section 69, Block 5, T&P survey.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Supreme Court sets aside Florida ruling

By The Associated Press

With the calendar closing in, the U.S. Supreme Court set aside today a Florida ruling that narrowed George W. Bush's minuscule margin over Al Gore in the state that will settle their presidential struggle — but without a clear decision to settle the issue.

That ruling in Washington led a Florida judge to delay his own verdict on Gore's case for hand recounts of ballots in two counties his lawyers argue would reverse the Bush edge for the decisive 25 electoral votes in the challenged and stalled presidential election.

With electors to be chosen Dec. 12, and with leaders of the Republican state legislature considering a special session to name a Bush slate, anything that slows the process works to Bush's advantage. Gore's lawyers said as much in arguing their recount case in Tallahassee.

The Supreme Court ruling, issued as routinely as though it was an everyday matter instead of a judgment on the closest presidential election in 124 years, did what Bush had asked — but only temporarily.

"The judgment of the Supreme Court of Florida is ... vacated and the case is remanded for further proceedings not inconsistent with this opinion," the court ruled, its decision issued while the justices heard arguments in a soccer mom's appeal against a seat belt arrest.

The action added more uncertainty in the most uncertain election of modern times.

Bush had appealed a Florida Supreme Court ruling in which Gore won an extension of the time for certification of the state election, time spent recounting until Nov. 26. Bush was then certified the winner by 537 votes, down from the edge of 930 he had held.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court sent the case back to Tallahassee "for further proceedings," a spokesman for the Florida high court said he couldn't comment on what happens next.

Within minutes of the Supreme Court ruling, Judge N. Sanders Saul sent word that his own ruling on Gore's case for hand recounts in Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties would be delayed while he tries to determine whether the ruling has any impact on the case before him.

After presiding over a trial unlike any other — a grueling weekend of testimony capped by closing arguments that stretched late into Sunday night — Sauls, a Leon County circuit judge, promised to rule quickly on Gore's bid for a recount of 14,000 disputed ballots in heavily Democratic counties.

NASA weighs how to unfurl the rest of the solar panels

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — NASA officials were assessing their options Monday about when to finish unfurling the international space station's newly attached set of powerful solar panels.

The debut of the $600 million solar wings was incomplete as only the right panel was deployed Sunday. Although the right wing has started generating electricity, some of its tension cables appeared to be slack.

Engineers spent the night trying to figure out if that would be a problem in unfurling the left wing. They decided on a slight change in procedures, and Mission Control tentatively aimed for an opening of that panel late today.

Disturbances, mischief investigated here

• ***Close patrols***

Officers were asked to keep a close patrol on Snyder Lanes in reference to several juveniles gathering at the location and creating disturbances.

A woman requested officers keep a close patrol in the 4100 block of Kerrville in reference to someone putting whipped cream and chocolate syrup on her garage door.

At 6:04 p.m. Sunday, a representative with Nancy's Art Style in the Snyder Shopping Center reported that several flower pots had been turned over and damaged and that a cement bench also had been damaged. A close patrol was requested.

• ***Theft***

Mike Velasquez notified police at 12:34 p.m. Saturday of the theft of car ramps from his residence at 3211 Avenue A.

• ***Lottery tickets stolen***

Police are investigating the theft of 75 lottery tickets from Wes-T-Go at 4201 College. Manager Vicky Renshaw reported the missing tickets at 1:04 p.m. Saturday.

• ***Harassment***

At 9:31 p.m. Saturday, an offense report for harassment was filed after a woman reported that her ex-husband was continuously calling her and coming to her residence.

• ***Arrests***

A 19-year-old man was taken into custody at 10:25 p.m. Saturday in the 6200 block of College on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

A Department of Public Safety trooper arrested a 25-year-old man at 11:05 p.m. Saturday, three miles east on Hwy. 84, for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers took four subjects into custody at 1:43 a.m. Sunday in the 2300 block of Avenue K on alcohol-related offenses. A 23-year-old man was jailed for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, ande three males - ages 17, 23 and 35 - were jailed for public intoxication.

Two men were arrested at 9:13 a.m. Sunday in the 800 block of East Coliseum Drive. A 40-year-old man was booked into custody on a Mitchell County warrant for theft by check while a 20-year-old man was arrested on warrants for minor in possession, no valid driver's license and four counts of failure to appear.

A charge of Class A assault/family violence landed a 41-year-old man in jail at 10:28 p.m. Sunday.

Officers arrested a 20-year-old man at 1:17 a.m. today in the 2800 block of Avenue K for driving while intoxicated.

Youth injured during parade

A Snyder Junior High eighth grader is in satisfactory condition in Lubbock's University Medical Center with lacerations of the right foot.

Alex Neal was injured Saturday night while riding on the junior high school choir float during the annual lighted Christmas parade.

"Alex has a cut to the inside of his right foot," said his father, Darrell, this morning. "And we're really not for sure yet how it happened."

"We expect he will have to undergo extensive surgeries to repair the foot," said Mr. Neal.

He added that the youth had significant skin, muscle and slight bone loss in the foot.

"Jana and I would like to express our appreciation for all the calls and acts of kindness extended to us since the accident," said Mr. Neal.

The youth was first treated at Cogdell Memorial Hospital and then transported to Lubbock.

Obituaries

Kimberly Torres

1998-2000

Kimberly Torres, age 2, died Saturday, Dec. 2, at her home in Snyder as a result of a house fire.



Kimberly Torres

Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Snyder Cemetery. Brady Trawick, First Baptist Church minister of students, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Survivors include her parents, Misty and Martin Torres of Snyder; four sisters, Josie Torres, Heather Torres, Eva Torres and Sabrina Torres; two brothers, Martin Torres Jr. and Zachary Torres; maternal great-grandparents, Troice and Erma Speigel and great-great-grandparents, Mrs. Mary Miller and Mrs. Ruth Kerr; eight aunts and uncles; and numerous cousins.

Frank Feather

1908-2000

Frank Feather of Dallas, a longtime Snyder resident, died Sunday, Dec. 3, in Charlton Methodist Hospital in Dallas.

Graveside service for Mr. Feather, 92, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

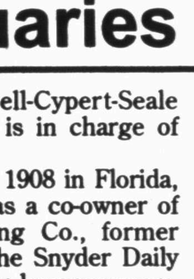
Born Feb. 3, 1908 in Florida, Mr. Feather was a co-owner of Feather Printing Co., former publishers of the Snyder Daily News. In Snyder, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Feather of Dallas; a son, Jim Feather of Coppell; a daughter, Sandra Jones of Duncanville; a sister, Sabina Gardner of Little Rock, Ark.; a brother, Dan Feather of Slaton; and two grandchildren, Kevin and Matt Jones.

Mary Doak

SAN ANTONIO — Mary Clark Doak of San Antonio, formerly of Snyder, died Friday, Dec. 1.

Following cremation, plans for the service and interment will be under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Mary Doak

Mrs. Doak was the widow of Herman Doak, longtime Gulf Oil Distributor and director of West Texas State Bank.

Mary McPherson

1911-2000

ABILENE – Mary Joyce McPherson, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, Dec. 2, in an Abilene nursing home.

Graveside service for Mrs. McPherson, 89, was set for 1:30 p.m. today in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. Arrangements were under the direction of Elmwood Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 15, 1911 in Snyder to R.E. and Laura Sturdivant Joyce, she was a graduate of Snyder High School and attended Western Texas College.

She married Herman Cooper McPherson on Feb. 14, 1931 in Snyder. He died in 1981.

A resident of Big Spring for more than 50 years, she worked as a cost accountant for Webb Air Force Base during World War II. She later worked at Big Spring Hardware and McGlaun's Appliance Store.

Survivors include a daughter, Jerilynn Yungblutt of Abilene; two sisters, Milton Joyce Vicary of Abilene and Faye Joyce Polk of San Francisco; three grandchildren, Scott Yungblutt and Cherisse Flanagan, both of Abilene, and Traci Kidwell of Lewisville; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1926 Campus in Abilene, 79601.

Bill Longley

1924-2000

STAMFORD – John William "Bill" Longley, district manager for U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm and a frequent visitor to Snyder, died Thursday, Nov. 30, in a Stamford nursing home.

Funeral service for Mr. Longley, 76, was held Sunday in the First Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Highland Memorial Cemetery.

Born in Dallas, he married Merdell Green and operated a grocery store in Stamford before becoming manager of the 17th Congressional District for Rep. Stenholm.

Mr. Longley, a Baptist, was active in the Stamford United Way and had served on the Texas Commission for the Blind.

Survivors include his wife, Merdell Longley of Stamford; a daughter, Phyllis Taylor of Van Horn; and two grandsons.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Dec. 2 – Charlotte McDowell, Joy Alexander, Billie Stipe; Dec. 3 – Edgar Ashley, Charles Thomas, Helen Wadleigh, Mary Woods, James Cain, Santos Gutierrez, Lucille Shaw and Howard Ziegler.

DISMISSALS: Elizabeth Brunson, Robin Holden and boy, Vanice Lovett, Rios boy, Cherie Rosas; Dec. 3 – Erica Arispe and baby boy and Joy Alexander.

CENSUS: 43 (Med./Surg.-18, Long-term Care-22, ICU-1, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Births

Crystal White announces the birth of her seven-pound, two-ounce daughter at 9:22 a.m. on Dec. 3 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

AARP Christmas dinner

The AARP Chapter 2063 Christmas dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. today at Martha Ann Womans' Club. Val Cervantes, area community coordinator, will be present to install chapter officers for 2001.

East reading night

East Elementary will host a family reading night from 6:30 to 8 this evening. Pizza and drinks will be served and childcare is provided. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

VFW and ladies auxiliary to meet

The VFW and the ladies auxiliary will meet at 7:30 tonight. A reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. for Bosnian veterans from the local area. A rememberance for Pearl Harbor veterans will also be held at 6:30 p.m. Dress is casual.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "When Tradition Becomes Sin," followed by "Are You Having More Fun at Church Nowadays?"

Lions Club to meet

The Lions Club will meet at noon Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Members are to bring a gift for Christmas for Kids (formerly Toys for Tots) Dec. 12 is the deadline for bringing a toy or being fined $10.

Vocational nurse program testing

Testing for the March vocational nursing class at WTC is set for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and at 9 a.m. on Jan. 5. Testing in the extended application process is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Jan. 31 and 9 a.m. Feb. 5. To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

Pearl Harbor Day

Take a trip down Memory Lane. Scurry County Senior Center will present a "Remember Pearl Harbor Day" program at 11 a.m. Thursday at the center. World War II veterans are encouraged to be there by 11 a.m.

Hospice holiday celebration

Community Care Hospice will have a holiday celebration from 4-6 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Garden Room. The public is invited.

Northeast reading night

Northeast Elementary's Family Reading Night will be at 6:30 Thursday. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. Childcare is available. All Northeast Elementary families are invited to attend.

West Family Reading Night

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

ProACTive meeting

Mayor Dayton Robertson will answer questions at a meeting of ProACTive at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Scurry County Library meeting room. All interested citizens are invited. Questions have been furnished to the mayor. A question and answer period will follow. ProACTive is an acronym for "People Retaking Ownership Achieving Community Trust Through Involvement Vision Education."

Country and gospel music

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

VFW arts, crafts show

Vendors are needed for the VFW Arts and Crafts show set for Sunday at the Scurry County VFW Post. Contact Jim Bailey after 3 p.m. at 573-5338.

Historical commission to meet

The Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at noon Tuesday, Dec. 12, at The Shack.

Christmas band concert

The Christmas band concert is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Worsham Auditorium. Performers include the sixth grade, the junior high and the high school bands.

Social Security reps

Representatives of Social Security will be at the Senior Citizens Center Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado SWCD will take orders for windbreak trees until Jan. 31. Evergreens are $2 and hardwoods are $1 for 12 to 18 inches tall. Come by 5309 Big Spring Hwy or call 573-6317.

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.

Harris County deputy killed

HOUSTON (AP) — A rookie Harris County sheriff's deputy was shot and killed Monday morning while chasing an auto theft suspect through a wooded area, authorities said.

"He was shot in the face and is deceased," Sheriff Tommy Thomas said.

The deputy, whose name was not immediately released, is the second Harris County sheriff's deputy to be killed in the line of duty in about six weeks.

Authorities in helicopters and using tracking dogs were hunting for the suspected killer, described as an Hispanic man.

Thomas said the officer and a partner were summoned before 7 a.m. to the northwest part of the county to investigate report of several men breaking into a car.

When the officers arrived, the suspects fled and were pursued by the deputies.

The slain deputy told his partner over a radio that he had apprehended one of the men, Thomas said.

"Then he heard some gunshots," Thomas said.