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Santa to light up Snyder tonight

Snyder merchants reported brisk traffic today, as the Christmas shopping season opened with the traditional Two-Day Sale.

There's a variety of Christmas-related activities, starting this evening, and another Christmas lighting ceremony Saturday night at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

The courthouse lighting ceremony starts at 6 tonight, and Santa Claus will be on hand to do the honors.

Jolly St. Nick will arrive aboard a fire truck and will greet boys and girls at the gazebo from 6 until 7:30.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will not be held, said Donna Fowler, chamber of commerce executive director.

The lighting ceremony launches a series of Christmas season activities.

Billy Ray Browning at the Wagon Wheel Ranch will feature "Lighting of the Ranch" at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Browning invited residents to come and "enjoy the ranch come aglow with thousands of Christmas lights." The ranch's Rusty Spur Cafe will observe regular hours, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Another Yuletide event is Monday evening on the Western Texas College campus. The Christmas tree lighting ceremony is set for 7 p.m. in the central courtyard. The program will feature music by Cindy Nix. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Martha Ann Woman's Club, the Snyder High School choir will present its sixth annual Madrigal Dinner.

Thursday is the last day to enter the window decorating contest for chamber member businesses. Entries can be made by calling the chamber. Five prizes of $25 each will be awarded.

Judging will be held next Friday.

The following day, Dec. 6, is the date of the annual Lighted Christmas Parade. Chamber officials are asking groups and individuals who plan on entering a float to call 573-3558 before the close of business Wednesday.

Prizes will be awarded for most unique and best use of lights.

Next weekend, the annual Christmas Arts and Craft Show will be held at the Scurry County Coliseum.

On Sunday, Dec. 7, Historic Scurry County Inc. and the Scurry County Historical Commission sponsor their holiday tour of homes from 2-5 p.m. Tickets are $10 and are available at Eddie's Pharmacy, Countryplace and Bar H Bar Family Outfitters.

Snyder Gold Coats is sponsoring a Christmas residential lighting contest on Dec. 13. Residents who wish to participate should contact the chamber before that date to be placed on the list for judging.

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THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Those who brag about what they will do tomorrow probably did the same thing yesterday."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

Everyone has to be an equal opportunity employer — whether they want to be or not.

Larry Crabtree, in the Vernon Daily Record, told a story that appeared in a civic club publication.

A business ran a classified ad looking for office help. Requirements for the job included ability to type, experience with computers and being bilingual. The ad stated the firm was an Equal Opportunity Employer.

A dog applied for the job with the newspaper ad in his mouth. The dog whined and the receptionist got the idea. She summoned the office manager.

The dog was determined, so the manager led him into her office. The dog jumped up on a chair and stared at her. She explained she couldn't hire the pup because of the typing requirement.

The dog jumped down, went to the keyboard and proceeded to pound out a perfect letter. The manager was stunned but told the dog, "The ad said you had to be able to operate a computer."

The dog went to the computer terminal and proceeded to enter and execute a perfect program that worked flawlessly for the first time.

The office manager was impressed. But she resisted, "I realize that you are a very intelligent dog and have some unusual abilities. However, I still can't give you the job."

The dog scratched on the ad, pointing to the Equal Opportunity portion.

The manager said, "Yes, but the sign also says that you have to be bilingual."

The dog looked at the manager calmly and said, "Meow."

And while on animal stories, Marshall Day, in the Gatesville Messenger published this one:

A hungry lion was roaming through the jungle looking for something to eat when he came across two men.

One was sitting under a tree, reading a book. The other was pecking away on his typewriter.

The lion quickly pounced on the man reading the book and devoured him.

Moral of the story: Even the king of the jungle knows readers digest and writers cramp.

Have a good weekend...

For re-election...

District clerk not candidate

One incumbent has announced for re-election, while another county office holder has announced her plans to retire at the end of her current term.

Elois Pruitt, serving her second term as district clerk, said today that she will not be a candidate for re-election.

Earlier in the week, however, Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom, a Republican, said he would seek a third term.

Pruitt, a Democrat, has worked in the district clerk's office since 1977. She was first elected in 1990 and elected for a second term in 1994.

"It is with mixed emotions that I announce my intention of not running for the office of district clerk," Pruitt said. "This has been a wonderful job and I have enjoyed working with the courthouse people. The people in our office and our 4th floor have become my second family.

"It has been a pleasure to work for the people of Scurry County. I love this county and this town and all the people who live in it. Who could ask for more? I want to express great appreciation to Polly Underwood who asked me to work for her in 1977. She was a teacher and friend.

"Without God, and you, my dear friends, and my children and grandchildren, and my dear, sweet Frank, I would not be where I am today."

Wednesday is the first day to officially file for office. Other local offices up for election and the current incumbents are:

—County Judge, held by Ricky Fritz, a Republican.

—Commissioner, Pct. 4, held by Jerry Gannaway, a Democrat.

—County Clerk, held by Joan Bunch, a Republican.

—County Treasurer, held by Charlie Bell, a Democrat.

—Peace Justice, Pct. 1, held by Charlie Reynolds, a Democrat.

—Peace Justice, Pct. 2, held by John Williamson, a Democrat.

Other offices on the ballot include those of U.S. Representive, State Senator and State Representative.

Congressman Charles Stenholm, a Democrat, will again be challenged by Rudy Izzard, a Republican who has moved from San Angelo to Abilene. Izzard ran a strong race against the incumbent two years ago.

District 30 State Sen. Tom Haywood, a Republican from Wichita Falls, is the only announced candidate.

State Rep. David Counts, a Democrat from Knox City, is seeking re-election and he will be opposed by Republican Scott McLaughlin of Big Spring. Counts narrowly defeated McLaughlin two years ago.

Other races of interest will be for governor where Republican George W. Bush will again seek his party's nomination. Land Commissioner Garry Mauro has indicated he will seek the Democratic nomination.

State Comptroller John Sharp, a Democrat, is running for Lt. Governor and Republican Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, will seek the GOP nomination for the same office. A host of candidates are already indicating an interest to fill those offices. Also Attorney Dan Morales, a Democrat, is also up for re-election.

Filing runs through Jan. 2. Anyone interested in filing should contact the county chairman. Drew Bullard is the Republican Party chairman; Billy Haynes is the Democratic Party chairman.

The election is March 10. Early voting will be held from Feb. 23 through March 6.



Elois Pruitt



FIRST OF MANY — Fabiola Rivero was wrapping packages at Bealls this morning before the sun came up as the Christmas shopping season in Snyder got off to an early start. Youngsters can make their wishes known to Santa this evening at a Christmas program on the courthouse lawn beginning at 6. (SDN Staff Photo)

After 96 visits...

Iraqis say nothing illegal

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. inspectors charged with overseeing the destruction of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction have visited 96 sites and found nothing illegal since resuming work late last week, the official news agency said today.

Eight inspection teams visited 13 of the sites today across Iraq "with the full cooperation of the Iraqis," the Iraqi News Agency reported. Three sites were under the surveillance of U.N. camera monitors.

The U.N. inspectors have not revealed results of their searches since they resumed Saturday.

INA quoted an unidentified spokesman of Iraq's National Monitoring committee as saying inspectors "did not find or see any activity or material out of the ordinary."

The news agency also criticized the inspectors for going ahead with their work on the Muslim Sabbath.

"Having no respect for the official holiday of Iraq, the Arabs and Muslims, the inspectors decided to continue their work even on Friday," INA said.

Also today, a pro-government Iraqi newspaper said Baghdad's recent decision to allow international observers to visit Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's palaces surpasses Iraq's obligations toward dismantling its weapons.

Winters, Lockney clash tonight in 2A playoff at Tiger Stadium

The Winters Blizzards hope Tiger Stadium will again be kind to their playoff hopes.

Last Friday, Winters posted a 24-3 blowout of the Iraan Braves to advance for today's Class 2A regional playoff clash with the Lockney Longhorns.

Winters again chose Snyder as the location for the playoff battle. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students. Snyder chamber officials said volunteer workers are needed.

The Blizzards sport an impressive 10-1 record and are champions of District 8-2A.

Lockney, the District 3-2A champion, is equally tough, bringing a stout 11-1 mark.

Last Friday, the Longhorns advanced by taking care of the White Deer Bucks, 38-21.

The winner of tonight's contest earns the right to face either Post or Stanton in the state quarterfinals next week.

The Antelopes (8-4) face the Buffaloes (12-0) in the other Region I contest tonight at 7 o'clock in Lamesa.

ASK US

Q.-Who is paying for the dirt work being done for the Lorber Industries site?

A.-Site preparation is part of the general contract that Lorber has with Brown-McKee. Grimmett Brothers is a subcontractor on the job.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 67 degrees; low, 45; high Thursday, 72 degrees; low, 49; 7 a.m. Friday, 50; no precipitation; total for 1997, 23.56 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low, mid 30s. NW wind 10-20 mph. Saturday, breezy, decreasing clouds. High 55-60. NW wind 15-25 mph, gusty.



Breezy!

Eric Munoz

Sunset: 5:41 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:23 a.m.
Of 331 days in 1997, the sun has shone 316 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams.

John Barrymore

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Abuse charges mar image of academy

HARLINGEN (AP) — Recruitment materials describe the Marine Military Academy as a prep school grounded in tradition, one that teaches students to study and grow by instilling confidence, pride and trust.

But a new image has emerged of the 32-year-old academy, that of a school where young boys have been terrorized by their peers, suffering physical and sexual abuse by students who routinely go unpunished.

The critics describe a school where illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco are commonplace and administrators open the door to delinquents to bolster their budget.

Their allegations are included in affidavits, sworn statements and letters, provided to The Associated Press, that are part of a class-action lawsuit filed against the academy last week by the parents of 11 former cadets.

The lawsuit is the latest blow to the academy, which schools 450 students in grades eight through 12 from 29 states and several countries.

Last month, two cadets were charged with attempted murder for allegedly slashing the throat of a classmate as he slept in his barracks.

Still reeling from that incident, academy officials now find themselves defending their institution as a place where discipline — not discord — rules.

"This school stands for the basic core values of honesty, integrity and becoming the best you can be," said Barry Zale, an academy graduate and school trustee whose son is a sophomore cadet.

He insists the parents' allegations are "totally without merit."

"You cannot have a school of 500 boys in it without having problems," said Zale, a Dallas businessman. "Does hazing go on? I'm sure it does to some degree. Do we condone it? No. Is it bad to a point where people are getting hurt? Absolutely not."

In the lawsuit, the parents accuse the academy of committing fraud and breach of contract by providing inadequate supervision that led to the physical and sexual abuse of their children.

The plaintiffs, 10 Texas parents and a New Jersey family who are not identified, seek unspecified damages and reimbursement of the $16,000-a-year tuition.

While the lawsuit contains no specific allegations of abuse, materials provided to the AP by the parents' lawyers portray an institution where children lived in fear.

The materials include a sworn statement from an unidentified former drill instructor, who said he knew "beatings, inappropriate sexual behavior, drug usage and inappropriate hazing occurred" at the academy.

"I believe that there is a lack of supervision and this is directly related to the problems between the boys," stated the instructor, who said he often was in charge of up to 81 children.

He said although some boys were dismissed for inappropriate behavior, others were simply suspended. "This way the school gets to keep the tuition," he stated.

"It is actually easier working my current job, at a prison, because at least I know what kind of people I am working with," the former instructor stated. "That was not the case at Marine Military Academy."

In one affidavit, a 16-year-old Dallas County boy described a reign of terror inflicted on him by his classmates that included two sexual assaults, being stabbed with a pair of scissors and being choked until he passed out.

The boy, who attended the academy in 1995, said he was sitting at his desk in his dorm room one day when a cadet came up behind him, "threw me on the floor and wrestled me, trying to put his penis in my mouth."

The boy said a similar incident occurred three days later. He said he reported all but the stabbing to his drill instructor and the assistant commandant of cadets. The boy said he also reported the assaults to the Harlingen police.

In another affidavit, a 17-year-old Dallas County resident, who attended the academy from September 1994 through May 1995, said he once was speaking on the telephone to his mother when a cadet pulled down his shorts and "ejaculated semen into my ear." He said the incident was reported to his drill instructor.

A 20-year-old Dallas County man, who attended the school in 1994-95, said he once got into a fight with another cadet who hit him up to 30 times on each side of his head, rupturing his eardrums. The man said he did not see a doctor until two days later.

In a separate statement, the man's mother said academy officials failed to inform her of the beating and that after she learned of it, tried to discourage her from coming to see her son.

She said the fight "was not of major concern to me, but to find but how severely he had been beaten and that there was apparently no adult authority available over a 48-hour period to discover his injuries made me madder than hell."

The plaintiffs contend the alleged abuse occurs because the academy accepts juvenile delinquents to boost enrollment and revenue.

However, academy officials said school policy prohibits the admission of students with criminal records.

"We do know that parents lie sometimes and occasionally a kid who has had past trouble has been admitted. But the school definitely does not want problem kids," said William Gary, a retired Marine who founded the academy and serves as executive vice chairman of the board of trustees.

But one parent said he withdrew his son for that very reason.

"The school was heading in the wrong direction by admitting bad young men," said Dan Alfaro, a Corpus Christi attorney who withdrew his son after the alleged throat-slashing. "A lot of kids are selling amphetamines, cocaine. I was quite naive."

Academy President Harold Glasgow said security had been tightened on campus in recent weeks, with locks and alarms being installed in the dormitories.

MM Academy facts

By The Associated Press

Here, at a glance, is a look at the Marine Military Academy.

PURPOSE: An all-male private boarding school in grades eight through 12 that is based on the customs and traditions of the U.S. Marines Corps but is not affiliated with the Marines.

LOCATION: Located in Harlingen, Texas, 110 miles south of Corpus Christi near the Mexico border.

FOUNDED: Chartered on April 30, 1963, the institution opened its doors in September 1965. It was founded and organized by former Marines.

ENROLLMENT: About 450 students from 29 states and several countries.

TUITION: About $16,000 annually.

ADMINISTRATION: Operated by a board of trustees composed of more than two dozen business, professional and military leaders from across the country, including the chairman and chief operating officer for Chrysler Corp. and the chancellor of the University of Richmond.



Felicia Ibarra

Ibarra will compete in youth event

Felicia Ibarra, daughter of Rudy and Alicia Ibarra of Snyder, has been selected to participate in the 1997 Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program which was to begin today in Dallas and continue through Sunday.

During the weekend event, three Texas students will be selected to receive a $1,000 U.S. Savings Bond and the right to serve as a state program titleholder for one year.

In addition, each winner will receive $250 to present to her respective school on behalf of the Distinguished Youth of America Program.

In all, more than $8,000 in awards and prizes will be presented to various participants.

The Distinguished Youth Program is not a beauty contest. Instead, it is designed to recognize girls who rank high academically and are strong leaders in their schools and communities.

Judging criteria includes: scholastic record, activities and service in school and community, personality projection and interview.

Lottery answers GTECH's lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery late Wednesday told a state judge in Travis County that the agency is immune from a lawsuit filed against it by its primary contractor.

GTECH Corp., of Rhode Island, sued the commission on Nov. 7, claiming a former lottery executive skewed against GTECH the process in which the lottery is seeking new bids for the work GTECH currently performs.

The company runs the on-line system for games like Lotto and Cash-5. It also warehouses and distributes instant games.

The commission opted to seek new bids earlier this year after months of investigation into the way GTECH does business. Members of the three-person commission said rebidding the contract could save the state money.

In its legal answer to GTECH's lawsuit, the lottery said GTECH has not received legislative permission to sue the agency, as it must under the standard of sovereign immunity. The lottery also said GTECH did not follow the legally set time limit for appealing to the commission its decision to rebid the contract.

"The Lottery Commission respectfully requests this court to dismiss GTECH's suit," the agency asked state District Judge Jeanne Meurer. No hearing has been set for the matter.

In addition to saying the agency can't be sued, the lottery said GTECH has no legitimate case.

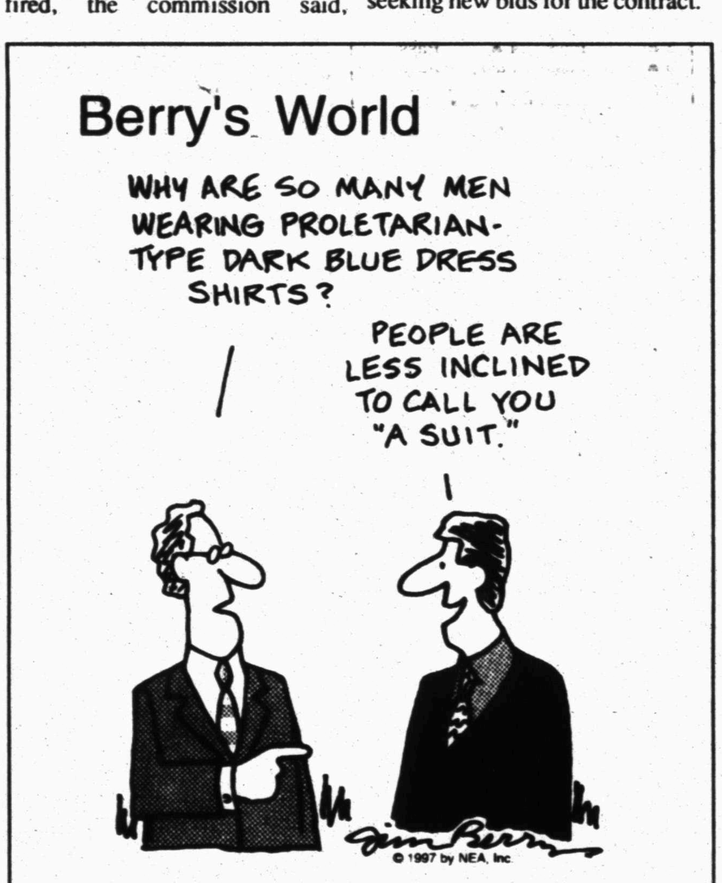
Lawrence Littwin, who GTECH has accused of making the bidding process biased against the company, was executive director for the lottery for about four months. He was fired last month.

During Littwin's tenure, he oversaw the writing of the request for new bids. In the past, Littwin worked for GTECH competitor Automated Wagering International.

Lottery officials said the rebidding process was not biased against any company. Littwin was fired, the commission said, because of a lack of confidence.

GTECH officials did not immediately return telephone calls for comment.

Before filing the legal documents, the commission told GTECH the agency would not reconsider its decision to continue seeking new bids for the contract.



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Nov. 29, 1997

The year ahead could be filled with promise and hope. Your recent bad times were meant to prepare you for bigger things this year. Use what you've learned to your advantage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Plans you formulate today could have far-reaching, positive effects. However, you must devise ways to put your ideas into action. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that will govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are now in a unique cycle where you can gain the upper hand by not being unduly aggressive, but by relying upon your smarts and sense of timing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This is a great time to begin a new project that has strong chances for success, especially if you use progressive procedures. Do not limit your thinking.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Secret ambitions you've been nurturing might soon be realized. The fulfilling trend could begin now; be open to positive people and things.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Solutions to an issue that appeared to be inconclusive could occur to you suddenly today. Your answers might be triggered by the chance comments of another.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A collective endeavor you share with another can make big strides forward today, provided you both use ingenuity. Experiment with new procedures.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your judgment, as well as other mental faculties, is exceptionally keen today. Even if you have to make decisions on the spot, they will be appropriate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Personal gains are probable today, but they aren't apt to come through your usual channels. Be alert; something out of the ordinary might present itself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you might enter into a new arrangement with someone whose ideas and philosophies complement yours. Collectively, your vistas can be expanded.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The greatest joy you'll derive today could come from doing things that protect and serve loved ones. You can have the best time being helpful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Early in the day you might not be in a social mood, but make plans anyway. By evening you'll want to be with pals who know how to have a good time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Conditions in general appear comfortably fortunate for you today. The area where you're apt to be the luckiest is in a material venue.

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Some Baptists will separate from BGCT

FORT WORTH (AP) — A group of conservative Baptists have opted to separate from the moderate-dominated Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The 30-member board of Southern Baptists of Texas voted unanimously to move forward with the split last week after about 400 conservatives met in Austin to discuss forming a separate group.

Rev. Dee Slocum of Lubbock said the group of conservative pastors and laymen will ask their congregations for financial support to help form the new state convention.

"We feel like we are being forced into this; we take no pleasure in it," said Slocum, who is the pastor of Highland Baptist Church in Lubbock.

The conservatives decided to move forward with the split after moderates approved changes they fear might move the Texas convention away from the conservative sway of the national Southern Baptist Convention, he said.

About 5,000 Southern Baptist Churches are members of the Baptist General Convention. Slocum said churches can align with either or both Baptist groups.

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Alamo City happy to be bigger than Dallas

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In a state where bigger is better, San Antonio is beaming about its leap ahead of Dallas in population to become the second-largest city in Texas.

U.S. Census Bureau figures released last week also showed San Antonio jumping from its previous ranking of 10th-largest city in the nation to No. 8.

"I guess the people in Dallas are going to have to stop talking about 'Big D' and start talking about 'Big S.A.,' " San Antonio Mayor Howard Peak said with a chuckle.

Seriously, though, Peak pointed out the Dallas metropolitan area, which includes surrounding areas, is larger than San Antonio's. And that is a more "realistic" population figure, he said.

Heywood Sanders, an urban administration professor at Trinity University in San Antonio, agreed.

"It's an enormous difference in terms of metropolitan area," he said.

Dallas' had a metropolitan area of 2.96 million in 1995, and San Antonio had 1.46 million. Houston, meanwhile, had a metropolitan area of 3.7 million people, according to Sanders' figures.

Dallas grew from 1,007,618 in 1990 to 1,053,292 in 1996 and now is the third-largest city in Texas and ninth-largest in the nation, the Census Bureau said.

The city of San Antonio grew from 959,295 in 1990 to 1,067,816 in 1996.

Houston remained the largest Texas city and the fourth-largest in the country with its 1996 population of 1.7 million.

One reason San Antonio has grown larger than Dallas is because it has had more opportunities to annex outlying unincorporated suburbs, Sanders said, noting that Dallas is surrounded by other incorporated cities that cannot be annexed.

"In part, we're growing because as a city we're constantly spreading out and covering more and more territory," Sanders said. "We're a big city without much around it."

But the census numbers provided plenty of fodder for local newspaper columnists and townspeople, some of whom are fiercely proud of San Antonio and not content with sitting in the shadows of Houston and Dallas.

Especially Dallas.

San Antonio Express-News columnist Roddy Stinson, recalling a similar battle between the two cities over population 20 years ago, cheered the notion of Dallas eating San Antonio's dust.

"And no one enjoys watching the grimy Dallas faces in the rearview mirror more than this longtime chronicler of the Big D decline," he wrote.

Express-News columnist David Anthony Richelieu reminded readers that for 200 years San Antonio was the largest city in Texas and that it relinquished that title only in 1930.

"Big D forgot that San Antonio has history on its side," he wrote.

Estela Rodriguez offered her opinion from behind the counter of the shoe repair shop she manages.

"You always hear so much of Dallas," Ms. Rodriguez said. "San Antonio was thought of as small, the River Walk, beautiful. And Dallas was always, oh my God, glitzy, big."

Fascination with San Antonio's size is partly due to "hometown boosterism" and a "peculiar local pride in being able to say, 'We've beaten Dallas,' " Sanders said.

Mayor Peak, whose background is in urban planning, downplayed the big-city rivalry and said he's just glad San Antonio is getting bigger at a moderate pace.

"We've got a good, steady, but manageable rate of growth," he said.

Sex offenders could get released early

AUSTIN (AP) — Dozens of convicted child molesters could walk free under a Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruling.

The court decided Wednesday the felons are eligible for an early-release program, drawing criticism from law enforcement, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

"It's obviously a very serious ruling and will have definite implications," parole board Chairman Victor Rodriguez said. "The end result of this could have an impact on public safety."

Rodriguez estimated several hundred convicted sex offenders could go free under the ruling. Once prisons release the convicts on mandatory supervision, parole officers supervise them, similar to convicts who are paroled.

The Legislature had tried to exclude child molesters from the program, but the court ruled lawmakers could not apply a new law retroactively.

The decision overturned rulings by prison officials and Attorney General Dan Morales that barred child molesters from participating in Texas' controversial mandatory supervision law.

According to the court, the problem is this: When the Legislature revised the mandatory supervision law in 1993, the crime of indecency with a child was not on the list of crimes for which offenders were ineligible for mandatory supervision.

When the omission was discovered a year ago, after a convicted molester challenged his having been barred from the program, legislative leaders admitted they had made a mistake.

The ruling came in an appeal filed by Randy Sullivan Schroeter, who received a three-year sentence in Brazoria County for indecency with a child.

The crime occurred in 1994, Schroeter was convicted in 1995 and he entered prison Dec. 19, 1995.

According to the ruling, Schroeter has accrued almost five years of time credits — enough for him to have been released on mandatory supervision long ago, his attorney argued.

The court agreed, ordering prison officials to release him immediately on mandatory supervision — unless he had lost accumulated time credits because of misbehavior in prison since the appeal was filed.

Rodriguez and Glen Castlebury, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said prison officials plan to examine the ruling more closely after Thanksgiving before deciding whether to release Schroeter or anyone else.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Office Workers Using Phones Should Be Seen and Not Heard

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I work in a large office where people are clustered into numerous "pods." These groupings are separated only by partitions. We use speaker phones that allow us to converse without lifting the handset.

Some of the people never pick up their handsets. Instead, they yell into the speaker so the caller can hear them. They turn the volume up as loud as it will go so they can hear their party anywhere in the office. This is very disturbing to those who are trying to concentrate on their work.

Many of these same people use the speakers to retrieve long personal messages from their voice mail.

I am offended when my co-workers are too lazy to pick up their phones. Certainly, hands-free has its benefits, but where do you draw the line? Abby, what is the proper etiquette in this situation?

FRAZZLED IN FLORIDA

DEAR FRAZZLED: No one should use the telephone in a manner that disturbs those nearby. Talk to your supervisor about the disruption and ask that a company policy be formulated and given to employees. Offer to help write the policy and to hold a training session on telephone etiquette should management deem this a good idea.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Greg" for almost a year. He is 32 and I am 27. For the last three months, Greg has been pressuring me to move in with him. Every time he brings it up, I change the subject.

He began our last conversation with me by saying, "So, when are you moving in?" I told him I can't move in with him unless we are married. He became angry and said, "Marriage is only a piece of paper."

I said it's the only right thing to do. We haven't spoken since.

At this point, I don't know what to do. Please help me.

OLD-FASHIONED IN L.A.

DEAR OLD-FASHIONED: From my perspective, you have done everything right. You have made your position clear. Now stick to your guns.

Greg will either come around and decide to marry you, or he won't. If he doesn't, consider yourself lucky to have come to your senses before investing any more time with a man whose values differ so greatly from your own.

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DEAR ABBY: In the scheme of things, this is not a big deal, but we would like to share with your readers a pet peeve that we jewelers have.

Sometimes customers come into our store for repairs and have trouble removing a tight ring, so they lick their fingers to facilitate its removal. This is gross!

How would you like to be handed a spittle-filled ring and then have to examine it to determine what repairs are necessary?

Jewelers have lubricants available for ring removal, and it is not necessary to share your spit — not to mention germs — with us.

Abby, on behalf of jewelers everywhere, we hope you print this.

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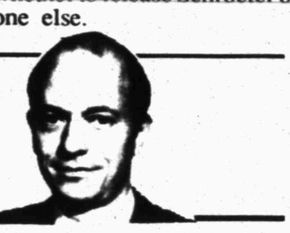
DEAR FED UP: While this may not be the most appetizing letter I've ever received, it is a problem for jewelers that deserves to be addressed: Readers, if your ring is so tight you must lick your finger in order to remove it, it's time to have it resized, or retire it. Jewelers, place your lubricant in an obvious location where customers can't miss it. Put a sign by it, if necessary, explaining its purpose.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
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6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

to declarer's queen. How do you defend?

Are you still thinking? If so, forget it — contract made.

As Sheinwold counsels, if declarer takes a repeatable finesse that is losing, don't win the trick. Don't even think of winning the trick!

Here, if you take trick two, declarer will cruise home. Say you switch to a diamond (nothing else is better). Declarer takes the club finesse, draws trumps, returns to dummy with a diamond, and repeats the club finesse.

After you duck smoothly, though, declarer will surely play a diamond to the dummy and repeat the spade finesse. Now you pounce with the king and return a diamond (or your spade nine). In dummy for the last time, declarer can take only one club finesse. He loses tricks to both black-suit kings.

The book is $25.95 postpaid from Baron Barclay (800-274-2221).

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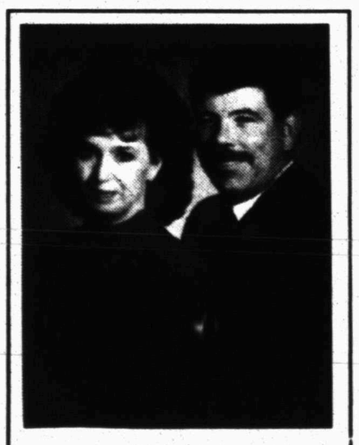
All the tips under one roof

By Phillip Alder

The Bols liqueur company sponsored 11 tips competitions through the International Bridge Press Association. Each year, several expert players and journalists were asked to supply a nugget of advice with one or two illustrative deals. Now all the articles have been put into one volume. Compiled by Sally Brock, "The Complete Book of Bols Bridge Tips" (Chess and Bridge, Ltd.) also includes thumbnail sketches of the tipsters.

Most advice is aimed at advanced players, but some is for the lower echelons. This was Freddy Sheinwold's deal. See if you can work out the tip.

Against six spades, you lead the heart jack. After some thought, South wins with dummy's king, dropping the queen from hand. Then comes a spade



Happy
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Mom & Dad

Community Calendar

FRIDAY

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

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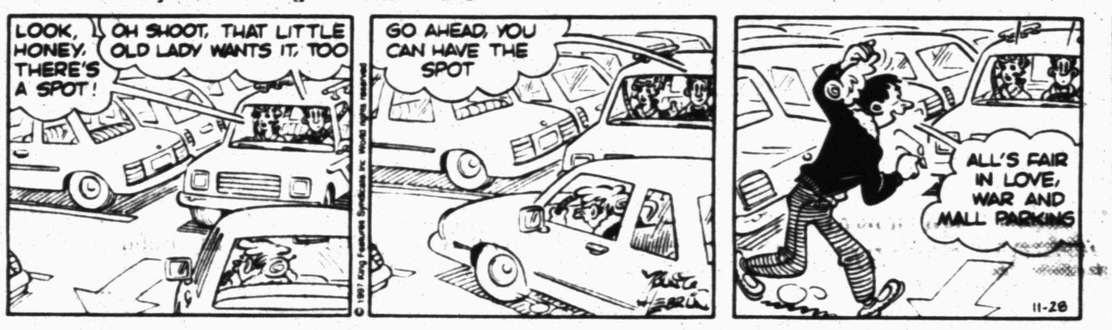
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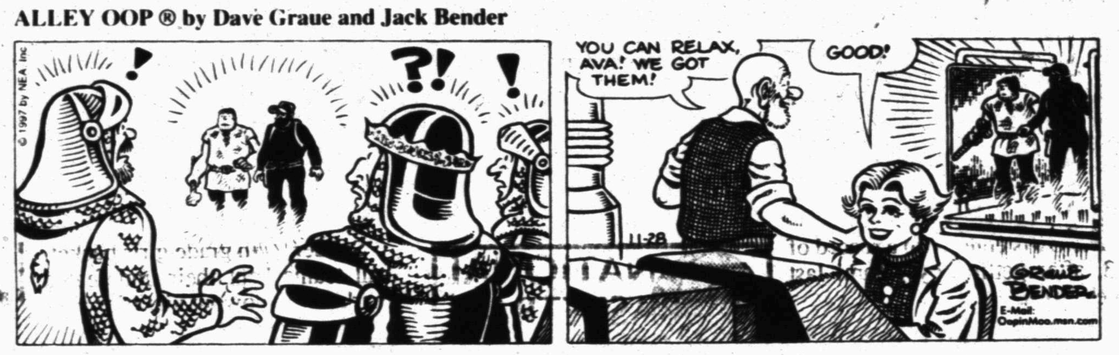
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Be of use
6 More distended
12 Weak point
13 Cape Kennedy rocket
14 Type of stork
15 Set on fire
16 Facing a glacier's origin
17 — and dine
18 Weight allowance
19 Broadcast
20 Allows
24 Just — —! (act!)
26 Thick sweet liquid
27 Oklahoma town
30 For this case (2 wds.)
32 Light — — feather
33 Actress Charisse
34 Take care of (2 wds.)
35 Shade of blue
36 Intended
38 Ceremony
40 Columnist Bombeck
41 Roman bronze
42 Sod
46 Poet
48 Cruise or Costner
49 Grope clumsily
52 For a short time
53 One-celled animal
54 Staggered
55 Having no feet
56 Beasts of burden

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1 Large artery
2 Energy
3 Demeaned
4 Infirmities
5 Pasture
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7 — — arms
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10 Building addition
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SPORTS

Cowboys in spirit of the season: give away

IRVING (AP) — The Oilers may not be in Texas anymore, but they still know how to sour a Dallas Cowboys season.

Tennessee beat Dallas 27-14 on Thursday to put the Cowboys in danger of missing the NFL playoffs for the first time in seven seasons.

It was the third time the franchise had beaten the Cowboys on Thanksgiving day.

The Oilers now have beaten four NFC East teams this year, including the New York Giants, Washington and Arizona.

The Oilers (7-6) intercepted Troy Aikman three times and returned a fumble for a touchdown. They also recovered another fumble that killed a Dallas drive on the 1-yard line.

"We haven't played well all season long," Aikman said. "I think we have the talent, and the effort has been there. Mistakes keep killing us."

The five-time NFC East champions dropped to 6-7.

Darryll Lewis intercepted two passes and jarred the ball loose from Eric Bjornson, allowing Marcus Robertson a 42-yard fumble return for a touchdown. Robertson also intercepted a pass as Tennessee produced five turnovers against the mistake-prone Cowboys.

Dallas coach Barry Switzer called the game "an embarrassment."

"You can't beat anybody if you have five turnovers," he said. "I don't know if we can get into the playoffs now. I don't want to figure that out right now. Does 9-6 get in there? I don't know. We have 10 days (Carolina on Dec. 8), and we'll see if we can get our wounded well."

Switzer said the Cowboys won't just go through the motions.

"Nobody quits on this team because it has been places no other team has ever been," he said of Dallas' three Super Bowl titles in the 1990s.

Aikman, who took a muscle relaxant to calm back spasms incurred during warmups, was unusually wild. Entering Thursday's game, he was the second-least intercepted passer in the NFL.

But he refused to make excuses.

"I don't attribute that (the spasms) to the interceptions," Aikman said. "However, in the locker room, they did grab me good and locked me up."

Robertson picked off Aikman's pass into double coverage intended for Stepfret Williams and returned the ball 48 yards before Aikman hustled over to knock him out of bounds at the Dallas 11.

"That interception got the fire and the momentum going for us," Lewis said. "We got rolling from there. We proved we're a defense capable of making big plays."

The Oilers scored on a fourth-down play when Steve McNair rolled out and hit center-guard Erik Norgard, who had reported in as a tight end, from 2 yards out. It was Norgard's second career touchdown.

"I didn't have time to think. I just reacted," Norgard said. "I knew I would be open."

With the ball back, Aikman remained off-target, and Lewis picked off a pass and returned it 34 yards to the Dallas 1, drawing boos from the Texas Stadium crowd. McNair then scored on a sneak for a 14-0 Tennessee lead.

Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher said the game-plan was to blitz Aikman into mistakes.

"We got pressure on the quarterback, and every time I looked up I saw Troy getting off the ground," Fisher said. "We had some big plays on defense that really helped us. We talked about what we had to do and we went out and did it."

Aikman hit Michael Irvin with a 19-yard touchdown pass on an 81-yard drive in which the quarterback was 4-of-4 for 78 yards. He also hit Irvin with a 37-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter.

After Al Del Greco's 29-yard field goal made it 17-7, the Oilers struck with another turnover. Bjornson caught Aikman's 10-yard pass but fumbled, and Robertson returned it 42 yards for the score.

The final Dallas foul-up was a lost fumble by Sherman Williams on the Tennessee 1-yard line with 4:11 to play. Williams was hit by Rayna Stewart, and James Roberson recovered to kill off all hopes of a Dallas comeback.

Injuries also hounded the Cowboys. Cornerback Deion Sanders suffered a fractured right rib when he was tackled on a punt return in the second period. Running back Emmitt Smith suffered a bruised shoulder in the third period and didn't return. Smith gained only 22 yards on 10 carries.

The Cowboys have three games left and trail the New York Giants (7-4-1) and Washington (6-5-1) in the NFC East.

Lions help Sanders pound Bears, 55-20

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Eleven weeks. Autumn comes, leaves turn brilliant, then fall off the trees. Maybe nature could learn something from Barry Sanders. His brilliance never seems to fade.

Sanders became the second-leading rusher in NFL history with a 167-yard, three-touchdown performance as the Lions kept their slim playoff hopes alive with a 55-20 comeback win.

Sanders, who had rushed for a total of only 53 yards in the first two games, now has 1,594 yards on the strength of 11 straight games of 100 or more yards, a streak that began against the Bears in Week 3. In the process, Sanders moved past Eric Dickerson (13,259) into second place on the all-time NFL rushing charts with 13,319 career-yards, and now trails only Walter Payton (16,726).

The sensational performance by Sanders almost overshadowed the fact that the Lions, who ran off 45 unanswered points, once trailed 17-3 and were behind 20-17 at halftime.

Sanders began the comeback with a 40-yard TD run with 47 seconds left in the second quarter. The Bears (2-11) appeared almost powerless to stop Sanders as he added a 25-yard scoring dash in the third quarter and zig-zagged his way to the end zone from 15 yards out early in the fourth.

The Bears, starting the game with almost perfect execution on both offense and defense, scored on three straight possessions. Chicago led 20-10 after Jeff Jaeger's second field goal, with 1:32 left in the second quarter.

Then Sanders took over.

It started with a trademark 40-yard TD run that narrowed Chicago's lead to 20-17 with 47 seconds left in the half. Sanders slipped through a hole off right tackle and sprinted for the corner of the end zone, pulling away from defenders.

Sanders opened the second half with a 14-yard run, and minutes later Jason Hanson's 29-yard field goal tied it 20-20.

Scott Mitchell found Johnnie Morton alone behind blown coverage on a 50-yard scoring play and a 27-20 lead with 6:57 left in the third quarter.

Ron Rivers tacked on a 15-yard TD run and Tracy Scroggins returned a fumble 17 yards for a score.

SDN Sports Week

Today

Football

Lockney vs. Winters, 2A regional playoff at Tiger Stadium, 7:30

Saturday

Football

Borden County vs. Silverton, state quarterfinal playoff in Idalou, 2 p.m.

Basketball

Snyder JV & varsity boys at Big Spring, 2:00, 3:30.

Clyde at Snyder 9th, JV & varsity girls, 1:00, 2:30, 4 p.m.

Coyotes face Owls in state quarterfinals

The Borden County Coyotes are hoping they won't need a second half comeback this Saturday.

The Coyotes (12-0), who rallied to defeat Grandfalls-Royalty last week, face the Silverton Owls (9-3) in a six-man state quarterfinal contest at 2 p.m. Saturday in Idalou.

Trailing 20-6 in the third quarter against Grandfalls, Borden County posted 24 consecutive points to grab the 30-26 victory.

The Coyotes were led by Fernando Baeza. The junior tailback-defensive back rushed for 160 yards on 18 carries, while registering 10 tackles on the defensive side of the ball.

The Owls enter with a record of 9-3, after getting by Miami last week, 20-6.

The winner of Saturday's contest earns the right to face either Sands or Lazbuddie in the state semifinals.

The Longhorns and Mustangs, both 11-1, square off tonight at 7:30 in New Deal.

7th grade girls top Big Spring

Snyder's 7th grade girls basketball teams kept their undefeated marks with blowout victories over Big Spring recently.

Hailey Putnam's 16 points led Snyder White in its 40-17 victory over the Lady Steers.

Zipporah Peoples poured in 10 for the Lady Tigers, while Chaelyn Robinson added eight more.

Dara Chambers chipped in four and Romana Zamora finished with two.

For Snyder Black, it was 12 points from Jacque Alvarez leading the way to a 33-10 win.

Lauren Day posted eight points, with Monica Fuentez registering four and Ashley Blevins, three.

Jacinda Judah, Wendy Proffitt and Magan Riley finished with two points apiece.

Both Snyder teams will host Levelland Monday, beginning at 5 p.m.

Greenlee records ace at Snyder CC

Troy Greenlee recorded a hole-in-one at Snyder Country Club.

Greenlee aced the 145-yard par-3 12th hole with a 6-iron.

Witnesses of the accomplishment were Craig Alexander, Don Sealy, Harold Lacik and Dutch Stehley.

Tigers face Big Spring; Lady Tigers host Clyde

The Snyder Tigers will be looking to reach the .500 mark, while the Lady Tigers will be trying to avoid it.

The Tigers (1-2), who captured their first win Tuesday with a 67-46 blowout of the Brownfield Cubs, will visit the Big Spring Steers at 3:30 Saturday.

The Lady Tigers (3-2) play host to the Clyde Lady Bulldogs at 4 p.m. Saturday.

In their last outing against Abilene High, the Lady Tigers made a fourth quarter rally, before being shutout in the final 1½ minutes for a 48-40 loss.

The Lady Tigers will be trying to avoid slipping to 3-3, after starting off the season with a win and the consolation title of the Big Spring Tournament.

As for the Tigers, they could need another big game from Jimmy Taylor. The senior poured in 28 Tuesday night, including one three-pointer.

The junior varsity boys will also be in action Saturday, beginning at 2 p.m.

The freshman and JV girls will precede the Lady Tigers' varsity contest. The ninth graders will tipoff at 1 p.m., with the JV starting at 2:30.

Following the Steers, the Tigers will host Chris Ogden and his Seminole Indians at 7:30 Tuesday.

Ogden, a 6'6" junior forward, is considered to be among the top players in the nation.

After facing Clyde, the Lady Tigers host Lubbock High at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

SDN Sports Briefs

Little dribblers' sign-up

Sign-ups for boys' Little Dribblers will begin Monday at Scurry County Boys & Girls Club.

Registration for 8-year-olds will be held Monday through Dec. 5. Ages 9-12 will sign-up Dec. 8 through 12.

Registration fee is $20. For more information contact the Boys & Girls Club at 573-3344.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

National Hockey League
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	16	7	0	32	68	40
Philadelphia	14	8	3	31	72	58
Washington	13	10	3	29	79	70
N.Y.Islanders	10	10	4	24	65	64
N.Y.Rangers	8	11	7	23	67	72
Florida	8	12	4	20	58	73
TampaBay	4	16	3	11	47	81

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	15	7	3	33	82	59
Pittsburgh	13	9	5	31	76	68
Boston	11	10	4	26	63	69
Ottawa	10	12	4	24	66	65
Carolina	9	12	4	22	68	73
Buffalo	7	12	4	18	60	70

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	17	7	4	38	90	63
Detroit	16	6	4	36	88	60
St.Louis	15	8	3	33	76	57
Phoenix	12	10	2	26	71	66
Chicago	9	13	4	22	56	67
Toronto	8	12	3	19	45	63

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	11	6	8	30	74	64
LosAngeles	11	9	5	27	81	70
Anaheim	10	11	5	25	60	72
SanJose	9	15	2	20	68	78
Edmonton	7	12	6	20	57	78
Vancouver	7	14	3	17	65	83
Calgary	4	15	7	15	64	83

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 3, Carolina 2
Philadelphia 3, Buffalo 1
N.Y. Islanders 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
Montreal 6, Washington 5
Colorado 3, Tampa Bay 3, tie
Florida 10, Boston 5
Detroit 4, Ottawa 1
Dallas 4, Los Angeles 1
Anaheim 2, New Jersey 0

Thursday's Games

Ottawa 3, Washington 1
Los Angeles 2, St. Louis 2, tie
Chicago 2, Calgary 2, tie
Dallas 4, Phoenix 1

Friday's Games

Vancouver at Boston, Noon
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Colorado at Florida, 4 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
New Jersey at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Washington at Boston, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Carolina, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 10:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 1:30 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	10	4	.714	-
NewYork	9	4	.692	½
Orlando	9	5	.643	1
NewJersey	8	5	.615	1½
Boston	7	7	.500	3
Washington	5	10	.333	5½
Philadelphia	3	8	.273	5½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	12	2	.857	-
Charlotte	9	3	.750	2
Milwaukee	8	5	.615	3½
Chicago	8	6	.571	4
Cleveland	7	6	.538	4½
Indiana	6	6	.500	5
Detroit	5	10	.333	7½
Toronto	1	13	.071	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
SanAntonio	8	6	.571	-
Houston	6	5	.545	½
Utah	7	6	.538	½
Minnesota	6	7	.462	1½
Vancouver	6	10	.375	3
Dallas	3	10	.231	4½
Denver	0	12	.000	7

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A.Lakers	12	1	.923	-
Seattle	11	3	.786	1½
Phoenix	8	2	.800	2½
Portland	10	4	.714	2½
Sacramento	5	9	.357	7½
L.A.Clippers	2	12	.143	10½
GoldenState	1	11	.083	10½

Wednesday's Games

L.A. Lakers 118, Boston 103
Atlanta 109, Toronto 104, 2OT
Cleveland 95, Philadelphia 89
Miami 84, Orlando 60
Portland 96, Minnesota 90
Milwaukee 101, Vancouver 82
Washington 98, San Antonio 94
Phoenix 111, New Jersey 99
L.A. Clippers 99, Sacramento 97

Thursday's Game

Indiana 106, Vancouver 85

Friday's Games

Phoenix at Boston, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 8 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Seattle, 9 p.m.
New Jersey vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Phoenix at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
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NewEngland	7	5	0	.583	288	216
Miami	7	5	0	.583	260	226
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	197	286
Indianapolis	1	11	0	.083	205	328

Central

Pittsburgh	8	4	0	.667	281	226
Jacksonville	8	4	0	.667	305	242
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	284	242
Baltimore	4	7	1	.375	233	257
Cincinnati	4	8	0	.333	225	309

West

Denver	10	2	0	.833	355	187
KansasCity	9	3	0	.750	247	203
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	264	277
Oakland	4	8	0	.333	278	313
SanDiego	4	8	0	.333	225	306

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East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
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Washington	6	5	1	.542	224	176
Dallas	6	7	0	.462	260	240
Philadelphia	5	6	1	.458	203	244
Arizona	3	9	0	.250	196	262

Central

GreenBay	9	3	0	.750	316	234
Minnesota	8	4	0	.667	274	262
TampaBay	8	4	0	.667	242	192
Detroit	7	6	0	.538	322	250
Chicago	2	11	0	.154	215	377

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Carolina	6	6	0	.500	201	224
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NewOrleans	4	8	0	.333	154	245
St.Louis	2	10	0	.167	202	281

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Thursday's Games

Detroit 55, Chicago 20
Tennessee 27, Dallas 14

Sunday's Games

Baltimore at Jacksonville, noon
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, noon
Indianapolis at New England, noon
New Orleans at Carolina, noon
New York Jets at Buffalo, noon
St. Louis at Washington, noon
San Francisco at Kansas City, noon
Atlanta at Seattle, 3 p.m.
Miami at Oakland, 3 p.m.
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Climate changes predicted if ocean currents are changed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Currents flowing like rivers from pole to pole and from ocean to ocean help keep the Earth's weather in a steady state, but the buildup of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is threatening this circulation and could dump Europe into a deep freeze, a researcher says.

The dependable pattern of ocean circulation is a key factor in controlling the Earth's weather and keeping it predictable, said Wallace S. Broecker of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University in Palisades, N.Y.

This has only been true for the last 8,000 years. Before that, ocean currents altered about every 1,000 years and scrambled the Earth's climate, Broecker says in a study to be published on Friday in the journal Science.

"We live in a climate system that can jump abruptly from one state to another," said Broecker. By dumping into the atmosphere huge amounts of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide from the burning of fossil fuels, "we are conducting an experiment that could have devastating effects," he added.

"We're playing with an angry beast — a climate system that has been shown to be very sensitive," explained Broecker.

The study findings come as representatives from more than 140 nations prepare to gather in Kyoto, Japan next week in hopes of forging an agreement binding industrial nations to specific reductions of greenhouse gases, especially carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels.

Broecker said studies of ice cores that date back 110,000 years show that about once a millennium the Earth's climate abruptly changes and within 10 to 20 years can cause such things as increased glaciers, halting of rainfall or crippling declines in temperature.

Ocean currents are controlled by the temperature and salt content of the water, according to the researcher. Cold, salty water is heavy and drops to the ocean bottom, while warm, fresh water rises.

This creates what Broecker calls a "conveyor" current that spans the globe. Cold, salty water in the North Atlantic sinks, working like a plunger to drive an ocean current from near North America to Europe. Warm surface waters borne by this current help to keep Europe's climate mild.

Without the current, said Broecker, "Europe would be a deep freeze" with average winter temperatures dropped by 20 degrees Fahrenheit or more. The climate of Dublin or London would be like that of Spitsbergen, Norway, which is 600 miles north of the Arctic Circle, he said.

The conveyor now flows past Europe, into the South Atlantic and then around Antarctica. The waters cool and pick up more salt, giving the current another boost. From the South Pole, the currents fan out into the Indian and Pacific Oceans and into the Atlantic to complete the cycle.

Broecker said the currents help to bring rain, seasonal cycles of moisture that farmers count on to plant crops.

If the currents are disrupted, he said, then agriculture would suffer. With a changing climate, there would be many more crop failures until farmers learned to cope with the changes.

Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp	121⅛	121	121	3-16+ ⅛
AT&T Corp	56	55 9-16	56	+ ⅛
AirTouch	39 7-16	39⅜	39 5-16+	5-16
Albertsons	44⅜	43 11-16	44⅛+	⅜
AlldSignal s	37 11-16	37⅛	37 9-16+	5-16
Alltel	39 15-16	39 13-16	39 15-16+	1-16
AmerOnline	74⅞	73¼	74 11-16+1	11-16
AmStoress	19⅝	19	11-16 19	13-16
Ameritech	77 3-16	76 1-16	77 3-16+1	3-16
Amoco	90	5-16	89¾	89¾+ 1-16
AndarkPtr	65	7-16	65¼	65 7-16
ArmcoInc			5⅛	5⅜ 5 7-16
AtlRichfld s	81	11-16	81	7-16 81¾+ ⅛
ATMOS Egy	26⅜	26	9-16	26⅜+ ⅛
Aviall	14¼	14	3-16	14¼+ 1-16
BakerHughes	42⅛	42	3-16	42 5-16+ ⅜
BellAtl	89⅝	88	3-16	89 5-16+ 1
BellSouth	55⅛	54	9-16	55 1-16+ 5-16
BethSteel	10	5-16	10⅜	10 5-16+ 3-16
BritPet s	82⅜	81	7-16	82⅜+ 13-16
BurlNoSFe	91⅛	90	15-16	91 7-16+ 7-16
Caterpillar s	48⅛	47	5-16	48 1-16+ ⅜
CenSoWst	24⅜	24⅛	24	9-16+ ¼
Chevron	80	3-16	79	9-16 79⅞+ 1-16
Chrysler	34⅜	33	11-16	34½+ 1⅛
Coastal	59	1-16	58⅞	58⅞+ 1-16
CocaCola	63	61	13-16	62⅛+ ½
ColgatePalm s	66½	66⅛	66½+	⅛
ComclMetals	32⅛	32	7-16	32½+ 5-16
CooperIn	51⅞	51⅝	51	11-16+ 7-16
CyprusAmax	18	1-16	17⅞	18 1-16— ⅛
DallSemicn		49	48	13-16 49 + ¼
DeltaAirl	111⅞	110	13-16	111½+ ⅞
DigitalEq	49	7-16	48½	49⅛+ 5-16
Dillards Inc	37	1-16	36⅝	36 15-16+ 7-16
DowChem	97	3-16	95⅞	97⅛+ 1⅜
DresserInd	37	9-16	37⅛	37 9-16+ ⅛
DuPont s	60	15-16	60	9-16 60 15-16+ 3-16
EastmanChem	60	7-16	60	5-16 60 7-16+ 5-16
EstKodak	61	1-16	60	7-16 61 + ⅛
EDS Corp	38	7-16	37⅞	38 1-16— ⅛
Entergy	25	13-16	25⅝	25 13-16+ 3-16
Exxon s		61⅛	61	61⅜— 1-16
Flowers s		20	19⅝	20 — 3-16
FordMotor		43¼	42½	43⅜+ 11-16
GTE Cp	51	11-16	50	51 7-16+1 9-16
GenDynam	86⅛	85	15-16	86½+ 13-16
GenElecs	74½	73	9-16	74½+ 1 1-16
GenMills	73	15-16	73	13-16 73 15-16+ ⅛
GenMotors	60	15-16	60	60 11-16+ 9-16
GaPacif		85⅛	85	85 1-16+ 7-16
GlobalMar		26	13-16	26 7-16 26 9-16
Goodrich		44⅜	43¾	44⅜+ 7-16
Goodyear s	60	15-16	60⅜	60 15-16+ 7-16
GtAtlPac	30	5-16	29	13-16 30 3-16+ 3-16
Halliburtn s	54⅜	54	1-16	54 5-16+ 3-16
Hanson ADS			25	13-16 25⅜ 25¾
HarteHanks	34	13-16	34	13-16 34 13-16— 1-16
HomeDepot s	56⅞	56	1-16	56 13-16+ 1
HoustonInds	23⅜	23½	23	11-16+ 1-16
IBM s	109¾	109¾	109½—	¼
IntlPaper		47½	47¼	47¾— ⅛
JohnsonJn	63¾	63	1-16	63 9-16+ ⅜
K mart	12⅜	12	7-16	12⅜+ 3-16
Kroger s	34	11-16	34⅛	34 11-16+ ⅜
Litton	50⅜	50	3-16	50⅜+ 1-16
LockhdMart	97	9-16	97	97½+1 9-16
Lowes Cos		46	45¾	46 + 1-16
Lubys	19⅜	19	11-16	19⅜+ 1-16
LucentTech		81⅜	80⅞	81 — 1-16
MayDeptStrs		54	53	9-16 53¾+ 9-16
Medtronic s	48⅛	47⅞	48	5-16+1 1-16
Mobils		71⅞	71⅛	71⅜+ ⅜
Monsanto		44	43¾	44 + ⅛
MorganJP	114	11-16	114	3-16 114¼— 9-16
Motorola		63⅛	63¼	63¼— 3-16
NCR Corp n	29	15-16	29⅛	29 9-16— 5-16
NationsBk s	60	7-16	60	3-16 60 5-16+ 3-16
Navistar		21	13-16	21⅜ 21¾+ 3-16
Norwests		37⅛	36	15-16 37⅜+ ¼
OryxEngy	27	26	11-16	26 13-16+ 3-16
Penney JC	64⅞	64	3-16	64 3-16— ⅛
Pennzoil		66¼	66¼	66 7-16+ 9-16
PepBoys			25⅜	25⅛ 25⅜
PepsiCo	37	9-16	36	15-16 37 9-16+ ⅜
PhelpDodge		66¾	66	7-16 66⅞+ ¼
PhilipPet		49	48¾	48 15-16+ ¼
PilgrmPrd	16⅛	15	15-16	16 1-16+ 3-16
Polaroid			42	15-16 42⅜ 42⅜
Praxair		44¼	43¾	44 — ⅛
ProctGamb s		77	75¾	76 13-16+ 1¼
PubSNwMx	20⅝	20	11-16	20⅝+ 1-16
RoyalDut s		52⅛	52⅛	52⅜— 9-16
SBC Comm	73	72	9-16	72 11-16— 5-16
SaraLee	52	15-16	52	13-16 52⅛+ ⅛
Scripps EW		42⅛	42	1-16 42⅛— 1-16
SearsRoeb	45	15-16	45½	45 9-16— 5-16
SherwinW s	28	15-16	28	7-16 28 15-16+ ½
SmthBc ADS s		49⅞	49½	49¾+ 11-16
SouthernCo		23	15-16	23¾ 23⅞+ ⅛
SwstAirl s	24⅛	24	7-16	24 9-16+ 5-16
Sprint		58	11-16	58¾ 58½
SunCo	40⅞	40½	40	13-16+ 9-16
TNP Ent	27	26	11-16	27 + 5-16
Tandy s	44⅛	43	11-16	43 11-16— 7-16
TempleInland			57¼	57 57⅛+ ⅛
Tenneco			43	3-16 43 43⅛+ ⅛
Texaco s	56	15-16	56	9-16 56⅜— 1-16
TexInd s			46⅛	45⅞ 46⅛+ ¼
TexasInst s	48¾	48¼	48	11-16— 3-16
TexUtil	40⅞	40	1-16	40⅜+ 3-16
Textron s		59¾	59¼	59¾+ ¼
Travelers s	50⅞	49	7-16	50 11-16+1 7-16
TriconGlbR n			33½	33⅛ 33 3-16
TrinityInds			45⅜	45¼ 45⅜+ ⅛
TritonEngy			34	3-16 34¼ 34 5-16— ⅛
Tyler			5¼	5¼ 5¼+ ¼
US WestCm	45	7-16	45	1-16 45 7-16+ 7-16
USWstMda		26⅜	26¼	26 11-16+ ⅛
USX Delhi			19	9-16 19½ 19 9-16
USX-Marathn	34	13-16	34	7-16 34¾— 3-16
USX-USS		31⅜	31¼	31 3-16— 1-16
UnCarbde		44¼	44	1-16 44¼+ ⅛
UnionPacif		58⅜	58	5-16 58⅜+ ⅜
UnitedTech s		75¼	74⅜	75 1-16+ ⅜
Unocal	39	13-16	39⅜	39 13-16+ ⅛
WalMart		40⅜	40	1-16 40⅜+ ⅜
WstnGasRs		22⅜	22¼	22 11-16+ ⅜
WestghEl		30¼	29⅞	30 + 1-16
WinnDixie	40	7-16	40	40 7-16+ 7-16
Woolworth		22¼	21⅜	21¾+ 9-16
Xerox Corp	78	3-16	76¼	77 11-16+ 2
ZenithE		7	13-16	7⅜ 7¾+ 3-16

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Mary Herndon, Cedar Hill; Joe Martin.

DISMISSALS: Glenna Bane, Mary Herndon, Billie Martin, Joe Martin, Wilma Scott, Helen Wortham.

CENSUS: 33 (Med., Surg.-7, Long-term Care-26.).

Son is released

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Thanksgiving was just another day for Laverne Carpenter to worry about her son, kidnapped in the Middle East nearly a month ago at an oil company's headquarters.

But a late afternoon telephone call from her son's wife, Natalia lifted her spirits considerably.

"She said, 'Mom, there's someone here who wants to talk to you,'" Laverne Carpenter said. "Those were beautiful words."

The next voice she heard was that of her son, Steve Carpenter, who had been freed by Yemeni tribes.

"I've just been crying for the last 30 minutes — tears of joy, you'd call it," she told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times Thursday afternoon. "I just thank God our prayers were answered."

Steve Carpenter, the executive director of the Yemen-based Hashedi Contracting and Oil Co., was abducted by six armed Yemeni tribesmen Oct. 30 as he walked into his company's headquarters in San'a, the nation's capital.

He was freed by members of the Bakeel tribe and was back in San'a by the end of the day Thursday, security sources said. Carpenter, 47, spent his childhood in Alice and Houston and attended Texas A&I University in Kingsville.

Security sources also said that five other Westerners — an American, two Italians and two others of unknown nationalities — kidnapped during the past two days were freed.

Seven are arrested in holiday period

Seven people were arrested Wednesday afternoon and Thursday on various charges.

Officers arrested a 26-year-old female at 4:25 p.m. Wednesday in the 1800 block of 15th Street for no driver's license and no liability insurance.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old male at 9:57 p.m. Wednesday in the 1800 block of 39th Street for probation violation/misdemeanor.

At 12:30 a.m. Thursday, officers arrested a 46-year-old male at the Plaza Truck Stop for public intoxication.

A 21-year-old male was arrested at 3:11 a.m. Thursday at College Avenue and Cogdell Boulevard for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

An officer was requested at a residence in the 200 block of 26th Street at 6:35 p.m. Thursday in reference to a man trying to get inside the house. Officers arrested the 37-year-old man for public intoxication and resisting arrest.

Two people were arrested at 11:53 p.m. Thursday in the 1100 block of 14th Street. Taken into custody were a 27-year-old male and a 19-year-old female on public intoxication charges.

In other activity over the two-day period, a person reported two juveniles were injuring a cat by throwing it up against a wall at a residence in the 200 block of 33rd Street at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Lilly Brewer reported the theft of her wallet at 5:53 p.m. Wednesday from the 1600 block of College Avenue.

A prowler was reported at 9:58 p.m. Wednesday in the 4100 block of Eastridge and at 11:39 p.m. in the 3100 block of Avenue T.

A report for loud music was made at 12:07 a.m. Thursday from the Field Crest Apartments.

The fire department responded to a grass fire at 1:07 a.m. Thursday on the west side of Round Top Acres. Some 20 acres of grass burned, according to the fire department report.

Rosemary Burton requested to speak to an officer at 7:55 a.m. Thursday as some windows had been damaged on her garage in the 4200 block of Avenue U. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

An offense report for aggravated assault was submitted at 10:40 a.m. Thursday in reference to an assault that occurred at a residence on South Highway 84. The investigation is continuing in the incident and a suspect has been identified, according to sheriff's deputies.

An officer was requested at the emergency room at 2:25 p.m. Thursday in reference to a seven-year-old male being bitten by a dog. An offense report for dog bite was submitted.

An offense report for assault/family violence was submitted at 7:55 p.m. Thursday.

Sherri Kidd requested an officer at 311 48th St. at 9:33 p.m. Thursday as one of her tires on her vehicle had been cut. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Officers were notified at 11:45 p.m. Thursday of a loud music disturbance in the 100 block of Peach Street.

Exiles send money to families; help economy

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Cuban exiles are helping prop up the troubled economy of the communist nation by sending millions of dollars to their island homeland just 90 miles off the Florida coast.

An upcoming U.N. report estimates that in 1996, individual exiles and private organizations sent Cubans more than $1 billion, channeling nearly as much money into the Cuban economy as tourism or sugar exports.

Most of the money comes from Cuban exiles such as Amaury Almaguer, a New Orleans insurance agent and publisher of a Spanish-language monthly. Every month for the last 15 years, Almaguer has sent $200 back home to Cuba, where his parents and siblings still live. He uses a Canadian company to get the money into Cuba.

"Each day it is worse," Almaguer says of the Cuban economy. "The difference is between those that have dollars and those that do not have dollars. If you don't have dollars, you don't eat. And Cuba doesn't pay its workers with dollars. If you have pesos, you can't buy anything."

Nearly half of the people in Cuba receive economic help from family and friends in the United States, said Amando Lago, a director of the Washington-based Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy.

The U.N.'s Economic Commission on Latin America and the Caribbean estimates that of the $1.1 billion sent to Cuba last year, $800 million came from family remittances. And that's just cash. It doesn't include the value of food, medicine and other goods.

To put that much cash into perspective: Cuba's tourism receipts for 1996 were $1.4 billion, sugar exports were $1 billion, and all other exports totaled less than $1 billion. In terms of net income, money that actually stays in Cuba, exiles account for more than Fidel Castro's government makes from sugar or tourists, says analyst Ernest Preeg of the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Despite economic sanctions, the U.S. does not ban Cuban-born Americans from giving cash to relatives in the communist nation.

Cuba's former chief economist contends about half of the cash remittances going into Cuba can be attributed to illegal commercial trade.

"The embargo is being openly flaunted, and everyone knows. It is a disgrace," said Antonio Jorge, Cuba's former chief economist and now an economics professor at Florida International University. "It is a matter of conscience. I do not oppose sending strict humanitarian aid, but I oppose what is taking place now."

While nobody knows precisely how many dollars are sent to Cuba — exile groups estimated family remittances at closer to $400 million before the U.N. report — no one disputes the money goes a long way toward feeding the Cuban people and keeping Castro in power.

Squeezed by worsening shortages since the former Soviet Union cut off aid, Cubans are turning with increasingly desperate pleas to family members in the United States.

A Cuban mother sent her family in Miami a letter with the footprints of her children traced on sheets of paper. "Please send shoes," she wrote.

Dollars became the de facto currency of the island in 1993, when Castro legalized the use of American currency. As shortages worsen, "dollar-only" stores have become the only places Cubans can get many of life's basic necessities.

Humanitarian aid — such as food and medicine — to Cuba is legal under the Helms-Burton Act, which sanctions foreign companies that invest or do business using confiscated U.S. property in Cuba.

Sending money to the homeland remains a divisive issue in the exile community — torn between the pleas of poverty-stricken Cuban relatives and the exiles' own unrelenting dream that the U.S. embargo will somehow drive Castro from power.

Some exiles blame Castro — who has referred to the exiles as "gusanos," or worms — for encouraging Cubans to ask their family members for the much-needed dollars. They say the cash flow is now so great that the Cuban people have come up with their own nickname for their American relatives: They call them "gusanos verdes," or green worms.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Diabetes may worsen heart problems

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have palpitations and dizziness that are caused by atrial fibrillation, which complicates my diabetes. My family doctor prescribed Lanoxin and Xanax. I am 70, but why is my heart muscle misbehaving?

DEAR READER: Because you are a 70-year-old diabetic. The diabetes can accelerate arteriosclerotic heart disease, which can lead to atrial fibrillation, an uneven heart rate associated with palpitations, lightheadedness and stroke.

Your doctor is treating you with Lanoxin (to slow your pulse and strengthen your heart muscle) and Xanax (to reduce anxiety). This is not enough.

A flood of medical studies have proved that patients with AF are at higher risk for stroke than are similar patients with a regular heart rhythm. Therefore, cardiologists strongly urge such patients to take Coumadin, a prescription anti-coagulant. In my opinion, your doctor should give you this drug.

Furthermore, in view of your diabetes, he should also check your heart (with a stress test, at least) to determine whether more aggressive therapy, such as beta-blockers, is indicated. Return to your physician. If he is noncommittal, request a referral to a cardiologist. You need more treatment and you should receive it as soon as possible.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife and I thoroughly enjoy your informative column and wouldn't miss it. She is a nutritionist who also writes a newspaper column. In the past few weeks, she has received several letters from readers who wanted to try your Certo and grape juice for arthritis. However, the stores were sold out and the readers were told that the drug-abusing population has discovered that Certo will mask the effects of drugs in urine tests. Is this true or is it just rumor?

DEAR READER: Rank rumor. Druggies dream up the most hare-brained schemes to cover their tracks and avoid testing positive for mind-altering substances. I do not believe that Certo, a compound used for making jellies and jams, would really mask any drug abuse.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there a product for females that would reduce the risk of sexually transmitted diseases? Also, I need a lubricant because I am post-menopausal.

DEAR READER: Female condoms might be the answer you seek. Designed like a male condom, this latex product substantially reduces the risk of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases; also, lubricated versions are available. Check with your pharmacist.

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Grandparents say children will get to live balanced lives

CARLISLE, Iowa (AP) — Mikayla McCaughey looked up at the magazine her grandmother was reading and shrieked joyfully, "Mommy!"

Momentarily distracted from her baby doll and stuffed monkey, all the 22-month-old Mikayla saw was her parents' picture on the cover. She does not yet understand that her seven new brothers and sisters have become a medical — and media — sensation.

But her grandparents are convinced she'll handle the changes in her life with ease.

"I don't think it will hurt her. I think she adapts well," grandfather Ken McCaughey said. "She's got lots of people around her and I think she'll always have people around her, paying attention to her, where the babies won't get it all like some people might think."

As they celebrated Thanksgiving, Ken and his wife, Val, mused about the past few months and their new grandchildren.

Val McCaughey said she's sure their son, Kenny, and his wife, Bobbi, will manage to give all their children balanced lives through their "natural instinct for parenting."

"Every family is a little different and normal life can be one thing to one person and another thing to another person," Val said. "But they will adjust their life to make it the best it can be for all of their children."

Kenny and Bobbi McCaughey became the parents of septuplets Nov. 19. The babies are the only living set of septuplets in the world.

Six — Alexis, Joel, Brandon, Kelsey, Natalie and Kenneth — have been taken off their respirators and were in fair condition at a Des Moines hospital.

Nathan remains in serious condition, which doctors say is normal for babies his age and size.

"I'm just confident the Lord's going to handle this. He's brought them this far and I think he's going to carry it through," Ken McCaughey said. "That's just the way we all feel about it. It's going to be. If for some reason he decides to change it, that's his will."

"But we don't think he will," Val McCaughey said.

Ken and Val McCaughey's house is busy, with their three youngest children entertaining friends, talking on the telephone and helping with Mikayla's baby-sitting.

Val, 41, a kindergarten teacher, and Ken, 52, an auto technician at the same Carlisle dealership where his son works, expect the coming months and years to be filled with even more baby-sitting.

"We'll take turns," Ken said. "There will be family members and church family and community members that are going to help, too. It'll work."

"When I leave work every day, then it'll be time to go help with the babies," Val said. "I have summers off, so that's perfect."

The elder McCaugheys are amazed by the outpouring of gifts for Bobbi and Kenny — from free diapers to offers for a new house.

"The original plan was just to put an addition on the back of the house there now to accommodate seven," Ken said. "That's feasible. But it's going to be better than that."

To the critics who question the amount of gifts, Val points out that Bobbi is the type of woman who shops for bargains at garage sales. And neither she nor Kenny uses credit cards.

2 dead aboard grounded freighter

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Two people are dead and 20 others were awaiting rescue Wednesday night aboard a foreign freighter that ran aground about 200 yards offshore from Dutch Harbor, in the Aleutian Islands 800 miles southwest of here.

The Coast Guard said the 386-foot vessel Kuroshima went aground in 90 mph winds Wednesday afternoon.

Petty Officer Mark Hunt said the vessel, which has about 240,000 gallons of fuel aboard, was in danger of breaking up in high seas. The ship is designed to carry frozen seafood.

Officials had few details about either victim, although they said the ship's first mate apparently died of a heart attack.

Hunt said strong winds and snow squalls made it too risky to try rescuing the crew with helicopter or small boats.

Waiting out the storm was too dangerous for the crew, he said.

Instead the Coast Guard would rely on an ages-old shore-based technique. The freighter's crew would shoot a light line to shore. The Coast Guard would retrieve the line and attach a tow line that would be hauled back to the freighter.

The Coast Guard team would hold on to the other end of the line and pull the freighter's life boat to shore.

Datebook

Nov. 28, 1997

Today is the 332nd day of 1997 and the 69th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1919, American-born Lady Astor was elected the first female member of the British Parliament.

On this day in 1963, Cape Canaveral was renamed Cape Kennedy in honor of President John F. Kennedy.

On this day in 1989, Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci arrived in New York after escaping her homeland by way of Hungary.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Blake (1757-1827), poet-artist; Friedrich Engels (1820-1895), philosopher; Jose Iturbi (1895-1980), conductor-pianist; Claude Levi-Strauss (1908-), anthropologist, is 89; Berry Gordy (1929-), founder of Motown records, is 68; Randy Newman (1943-), singer-songwriter-composer, is 54; Paul Shaffer (1949-), musician-bandleader, is 48; Ed Harris (1950-), actor, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, in a NHL game against Colorado, New York's Bill Smith became the first goalie ever to score a goal.

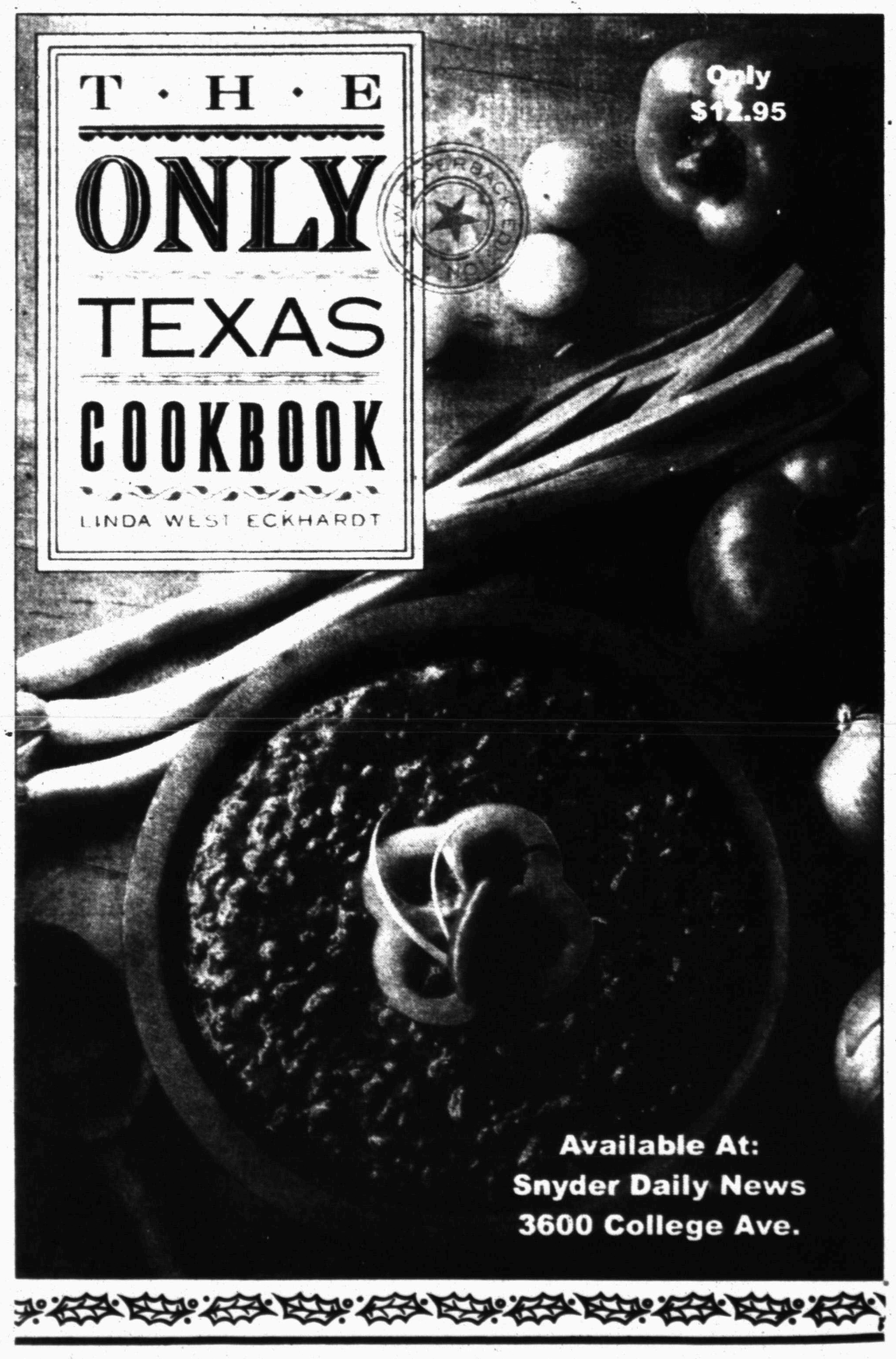
TODAY'S QUOTE: "No bird soars too high, if he soars with his own wings." — William Blake

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1912, snow fell in Florida — 1/2 inch in Mount Pleasant!

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the application of Exxon Corporation for a Sour Gas Pipeline Facility Construction Permit; Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit, Scurry County, Texas.

Applicant: Exxon Corporation, P.O. Box 4358, Houston, Texas 77210-4358 For information, Contact Mr. John Lane at (713) 431-1227.

Facility Description: The project involves the construction of pipelines to gather natural gas produced from wells in Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit and the construction of pipelines to supply CO2 injection gas to wells in the Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit.

Gas Gathering Pipeline

Type: Gas Gathering Diameter: 14" and 16" Length: Approximately 2.5 miles Description: API 5L Grade B, Schedule 20, Cement lined internally and externally coated.
Operating Pressure: 350 to 400 psi. Expected H2S concentration: 1725 ppm Description: The pipeline is comprised of two sections, each running from a meter site in the field (Site #'s 14 & 16) to Central Tank Battery #5.

CO2 Injection Pipeline

Type: CO2 Injection Diameter: 6" and 8" Length: Approximately 2.5 miles Description: API 5L X-52 Wall thickness .332 (6") and .375 (8") Cement lined internally and externally coated.
Operating Pressure: 2000 to 2500 psi. Expected H2S concentration: 1725 ppm Description: The pipeline is comprised of two sections, each running from Central Tank Battery #5 to a meter in the field (Site #'s 14 & 16).

Geographic Boundaries of the Radius of H2S Exposure: The H2S Radius of Exposure extends 2285 feet on either side of the pipelines which are located approximately 14 miles southwest of Snyder, Texas and approximately 2 miles northwest of Knapp, Texas.

Land Use and Habitation: The land within the radius of exposure is used primarily for agriculture and for oil and gas production operations. There are no inhabitants of the area comprising the radius of exposure.

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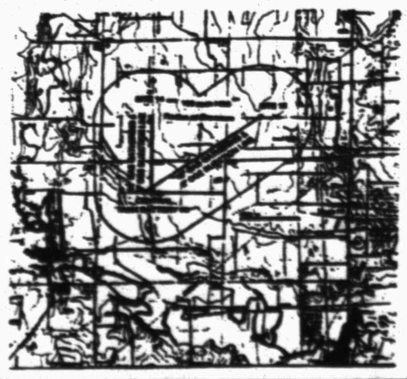


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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Holiday shopping season has arrived

NEW YORK (AP) — Shoppers headed to stores early today, hoping to beat the holiday crowds — and found crowds of other people hoping to do the same thing.

Despite a year of mediocre sales and concern over whether consumers will actually spend, retailers are optimistic about the holidays. But many went to great lengths to get consumers to begin shopping early.

Many stores opened before dawn today and some even stayed open on Thanksgiving, hoping to lure customers by offering extra discounts to those who got there early.

In Bismarck, N.D., a Wal-Mart store was already running low on shopping carts by 6 a.m. One shopper there, Sarah Berndt of Mandan, N.D., said her daughters, ages 10 and 11, wanted to get to the toy department to spend their Christmas money early.

"They set their own alarms," she added. "Why can't they do that on a school day?"

Lauren Kehoe dragged four friends to Filene's Basement in Boston early this morning, hoping to get the first crack at its discounted clothes and accessories.

In New York, Carol Smith had a quick bite with friends early today, aiming to start her shopping at 7:30 a.m.

"The name of the game is beating the crowds and finding some good deals," said Smith, who dressed accordingly in comfortable shoes and carried an extra-large pocketbook.

Before some consumers shopped today, they encountered demonstrators for "Buy Nothing Day," a protest organized by a group called Simply Living that asks Americans to hold back on frivolous spending.

"It's a boycott on consumerism," said Pat Marida, a member of the Columbus, Ohio-based group. "We find we're frantic out shopping for things. We don't have time to spend with our families."

Retailers count on the holidays for about half their annual sales and profits. Last year, consumers did 10 percent of their Christmas shopping during the weekend following Thanksgiving, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers, a New York-based trade group.

Although consumers will fill stores and malls this weekend, retailers still worry that they will browse rather than buy. Sales for much of this year have been less than stellar and the last two holiday seasons have been disappointing for retailers.

That comes despite record levels of consumer confidence and low inflation and unemployment. The Commerce Department reported today that Americans' personal incomes and spending grew 0.5 percent in October.

According to a recent Associated Press poll by ICR of Media, Pa., nearly a third of Americans say they will spend less on gifts this Christmas than in the last few years. Fifty-six percent of those polled said spending will stay about the same in 1996.

Armored car guard confesses in shooting of partner, theft

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An armored car guard suspected of fatally shooting his partner and stealing $300,000 has confessed, authorities said today.

Thomas Wheelock, 20, surrendered calmly Thursday afternoon to a Utah Highway Patrol officer who stopped him on Interstate 15 north of Salt Lake City, Utah, because his vehicle did not have license plates.

"After detectives arrived, the suspect was taken into custody without incident," said a statement from the Utah Highway Patrol. "During this interview, Thomas Wheelock admitted fully his involvement in the incident."

The statement also said a search of Wheelock's vehicle turned up two handguns, Wheelock's guard uniform shirt and about $30,000 in cash.

Wheelock was being held today for investigation of homicide and robbery in the Davis County Jail in Farmington, Utah. He was scheduled for an afternoon court appearance.

Police say Wheelock shot and killed his 30-year-old partner, Rodrigo Cortez, late Monday or early Tuesday morning, leaving Cortez's bloody corpse and the armored car in San Ramon, Calif., on the east side of San Francisco Bay. Police later found most of the money hidden under a mattress in a Sacramento hotel room and arrested an accomplice.

Wheelock, who had shaved his head, was found with a few hundred dollars in his pocket and was not carrying a gun, Utah Highway Patrol Sgt. Wayne Gifford said.

"Spending money, that was just in his pockets," Gifford said.

Oakland authorities arrived in Utah on Thursday night to question Wheelock and to search his Ford Bronco.

Unabomber...

Trial will resume on Monday

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A jury candidate who spent 15 years working with mentally ill youth told Theodore Kaczynski's courtroom that criminal behavior can be caused by psychological disorders.

But the Unabomber suspect, who became angry during discussion of his mental health a day earlier, wasn't in the courthouse Wednesday to hear the comments.

Kaczynski, who on Tuesday threw a pen and then refused to speak to his attorneys during a hearing over his mental state, "deserves a break," his lawyer Quin Denvir said.

Kaczynski stayed in his jail cell, but was expected to be back in the courtroom when jury selection resumes Monday.

One potential juror interviewed Wednesday has run group homes for mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed adolescents, many of whom had committed crimes.

Some of his charges, he said, suffered from schizophrenia — the same condition Kaczynski's attorneys say he suffers.

"I know people's disorders are going to cause behaviors they may not have intended to commit," said the man, who now works as a carpenter.

Another candidate — who said the first movie he had ever seen was "In Cold Blood," the story of two killers who are eventually executed — said proof of mental illness could well save Kaczynski from a death sentence.

"I think if it were proven that he were mentally ill and truly did not understand the gravity of the crimes committed ... I would have a very hard time sentencing someone to death," said the man.

Both men and a young woman who said she had a premonition she would be called for Kaczynski's case remain in the jury pool pending challenges.

Kaczynski's lawyers want to offer a mental defense for the 55-year-old former math professor turned hermit. He is accused in this trial of four bombings that killed two Sacramento men and injured two others.

The government contends Kaczynski is the Unabomber, the anti-technology terrorist suspected in a string of bombings that killed three people and injured 29 between 1978 and 1995.

Defense psychiatrists who examined the defendant early on reported he denies having any mental problems. He has stubbornly refused to submit to interviews or testing by government psychiatrists.

Prosecutors suggest this is a tactical move, but Kaczynski's lawyers say it is symptomatic of paranoid schizophrenia.

The question of whether mental health professionals will be allowed to testify remains unresolved with U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. urging the parties to reach a compromise.

At one point, Burrell snapped at prosecutor Stephen Lapham's questions. "You are wasting time," he said.

Obituaries

Mr. Hernandez

1959-1997

Tomas Hernandez, 38, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Services for Mr. Hernadez, a resident of Snyder since 1961, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 1, 1959 in San Antonio, he married Dora McGraw in Snyder. Until his health failed, he had worked as a mechanic for Nix's Automotive. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Dora Hernandez of Snyder; five daughters, Tonya Hernandez and Kim McGraw of Snyder; Judy Sanchez of San Antonio, Sara Hernandez and Sherry Hernandez, both of Roscoe; three sons, Kevin Alejandro of Austin, Tom Sanchez of Grand Prairie and Daniel Hernandez of Colorado City; five sisters, Dominga Sosa, Margaret Molina and Becky Jasso, all of Snyder, and Leonora Hernandez and Lillian Hernandez, both of Abilene; four brothers, Steve Hernandez, Joe Hernandez and Phillip Hernandez, all of Snyder; and Juan Hernandez of Aledo; and three grandchildren.

Janelle Pierce

1939-1997

LEVELLAND — Janelle Pierce, a former resident of Scurry County, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, at her home in Levelland.

Funeral service for Mrs. Pierce, 58, was set for 4 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Kerry Hurst, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to follow in the City of Levelland Cemetery under the direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors.

Born May 5, 1939 in Roscoe, she moved from Dunn to Hockley County in 1941. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Levelland.

Survivors include three sons, Jimmy Martin and Kurt Martin, both of Levelland, and Larry Martin of Carlsbad, N.M.; a stepson, Jerry Dale Pierce of Waxahachie; a daughter, Lori Cline of Levelland; a stepdaughter, Sherry Pierce of Grand Prairie; a brother, Bruce Durham of Plains; and six grandchildren.

Howard Simpson

1922-1997

LUBBOCK — Howard "Dude" Simpson, a native of Scurry County, died Thursday, Nov. 27, in Lubbock.

Graveside service for Mr. Simpson, 75, is set for 4 p.m. Saturday in Resthaven Memorial Park. Rodney Kruse, Hospice of Lubbock Chaplain, will officiate.

Born May 25, 1922 in Scurry County, Mr. Simpson was reared in Virgo Park and graduated from Wayside High School.

He married Mildred Hood in 1945 in Clovis, N.M. Mr. Simpson was a rancher in Texas, Colorado and New Mexico. He retired in 1978 while in Arlington, Colo. He moved to Lubbock from Tulia in August.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Simpson of Lubbock; a daughter, Lou McClellan of Colorado Springs; a brother, Bill Simpson of Hesperus, Colo.; and one grandson.

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ONGOINGS

Christmas lights for sale

Hermleigh Class of 2000 has Christmas lights for sale, $8 a set, $10 installed. The class will also install your lights for $5 per 100 lights. Call 863-2720. Leave a message, if no answer. Lights will be installed Dec. 1-7.

Lighting of the Star

The fourth annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain will take place at 7 this evening at the courthouse in Gail. The museum and courthouse will be open from 3 o'clock until after the program, which will consist of local music, a live nativity, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, hayrides and refreshments.

LVN pre-entrance exam

Students wishing to enroll in the March class for licensed vocational nursing at Western Texas College must contact the counseling office to arrange to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through the first week in December, and interviews may be scheduled through the first week in January.

Call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

Landfill closing

The city landfill will be open today, but closed Saturday.

Holidays for library

Scurry County Library will be closed through Sunday.

Bible study tapes on TV

Bible study video tapes run weekly on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "The Generation That Seeks a Miracle," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Historic Scurry County

Historic Scurry County is asking the public to share their ornaments, cookie cutters, cookie jars and nativity scenes for display at the Cornelius-Dodson House and Dermott School during the holidays. Call Jean Everett at 573-2763 or drop them by CountryPlace anytime or the Dodson House Monday after 9:30 a.m.

Blood pressure clinic

Total Home Health of Post will hold a free blood pressure clinic from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fluvanna Cafe.

Scurry County 4-H

Scurry County 4-H will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria.

Chili-Frito Pie supper

First United Methodist Church youth will sponsor a Chili-Frito Pie Supper on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the church, 2700 College Ave. Cost is $4 per person. Cinnamon rolls will be served for dessert.

Poinsettia sale

Snyder High School choir members are taking orders for their poinsettia sale. The plants will arrive at the high school Monday and students will deliver them that week. The plants come in three colors: white, red and red with white spots. They are $10 each, to be paid at the time of delivery.

'Robin Hood'

Snyder High School drama department will present "Robin Hood" next Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 4-6, at Worsham Auditorium. Shows are 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. for the final two performances. General admission is $3; orchestra seating $5.

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Snyder High School Technology Student Association (TSA Club) is selling shelled pecan halves at $6 per pound. Contact a club member to purchase.

Volleyball team fund-raiser

Snyder High School Lady Tigers volleyball team is selling 'Win Win Discount Cards' good through Nov. 30, 1998. The cards are $5 each and can be obtained from players, boosters or at the school office. The cards entitle the bearer to discounts at a number of local businesses.

Pick 3

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

6-6-5

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11-13-14-30-38.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: $102,600.
Winning ticket sold in: location not available.
Matching four of five: 203. Prize: $758.
Matching three of five: 8,636. Prize: $30.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 10-12-20-23-36-39.
Estimated jackpot: $13 million.
Number matching six of six: none.
Matching five of six: 120. Prize: $1,487.
Matching four of six: 6,755. Prize: $95.
Matching three of six: 125,771. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.
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