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Fourth lowest in history...

1998 rainfall total is meager

It's been 44 years since Scurry County recorded as little rainfall as fell this year.

In 1954, 10.36 inches of rain was recorded, and this year, 10.50 inches fell making 1998 the fourth-lowest rainfall total in history.

The county averages 20.83 inches of rain annually and unless 10 inches falls before midnight, the county will have received half of what it normally does.

The lowest recorded rainfall was in 1917 as only 8.15 inches of rain fell.

In 1951, 10.26 inches were recorded, and in 1934, 10.78 inches of rain fell in the county.

The 10 inches this year is more than 15 inches less than was received in 1997 as 25.69 inches of rain were recorded.

The county was teased early this yeare with prospects of a wetter than normal year as February and March rainfall totals almost doubled the average.

The county received 1.56 inches in February as compared to the average of .84 inches.

In March, 2.03 inches of rain was recorded, as compared to the average of .86.

April and May were extremely dry, as .21 was recorded in April, and .31 was recorded in May.

The average for April is 1.92 inches, and May is historically the wettest month of the year as it averages 3.21 inches of rain.

The most rain ever recorded in Scurry County for a one-year period was in 1941 when 44.02 inches of moisture was recorded.

That year, almost 10 inches of rain fell in October.



BUSY DAY AT THE OFFICE — Tax collector Rona Sikes posts Elaine Steakley's property taxes. The tax office was a busy place this morning as many people were paying their 1998 taxes. If homeowners plan to report the taxes on their 1998 filings, they must pay by today or have their payments postmarked by midnight tonight. (SDN Staff Photo)

New Year's Day holiday for many

New Year's Day on Friday will mean a holiday for many in Scurry County.

All banks and financial institutions will close, as will all city and county offices.

The Scurry County Library will be closed Friday through the weekend, reopening on Monday.

The post office will be closed as well, with no mail to be delivered or placed in boxes.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "You may be getting older when you finally get to the top of the ladder, but it's leaning against the wrong wall."

(The original author is unknown, but the message seems to fit too many of us, especially as we sweep up the remains of 1998 and look forward to '99.)

There is nothing the matter with me,
I'm as healthy as I can be.
I have arthritis in both my knees,
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,
But I'm actually well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for both my feet,
Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street.
Sleep is denied me night after night,
But every morning I find I'm alright.
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent?
Well my "Get up and Go" has got up and went.
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin,
Of all the grand places my "Get up" has been.

Old age is golden I've heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed.
Hair on a shelf, ears in a drawer,
And my teeth in a cup,
My eyes on the table until I wake up.

I think my liver is all out of wack,
And a terrible pain returned to my back.
My hearing is poor, my sight is dim,
Most everything seems to be out of trim,
But I'm alfully well for the shape I'm in.

I thank the Good Lord for all that's been,
If I could live it over, I'd do it again.
The moral is, as the tale we unfold.
That for you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin,
Than to let them know the shape that we're in.

Happy New Year to all!

Year in review...

Oil prices continue slide

(Editor's Note: This is third in a series of four articles reviewing news highlights in Snyder and Scurry County for 1998. This article will focus on the third quarter of the year.)

Whether to blame it on El Nino or La Nina, everybody agreed on one thing — it was a long hot, hot and dry, dry summer.

After having temperatures of 100 degrees or more for 23 days in June, it didn't improve much in July, except for a short break for a two-day Fourth of July holiday celebration.

In July, Scurry County residents experienced 22 days of triple digit heat — including 13 consecutive days. The warmest day was July 12 when the mercury reading was 108 degrees.

Temperatures improved slightly in August, when temperatures reached 100 or more for only six days.

The results, however, were obvious. Most of the cotton that got planted and up, didn't get necessary moisture for growth. And scorched pasture lands were ripe only for range fires. Ranchers were either having to haul feed or sell off livestock.

And oil prices started to dip. It was bad news for the local economy, even though prices at the gas pump were at a record low of 81 cents.

While citizens could agree unanimously on the weather, they were divided over how to fix aging school buildings and they were almost evenly divided on whether President Clinton should step down as president.

July

The heat broke for the July 4th celebration in Towle Park. It was a mild 98 as the month started and only 94 on July 4th — but no rain.

The dry conditions kept firemen busy battling area grass fires, and farmers were plowing cotton under to avoid paying the $10 per acre assessment for boll weevil eradication.

Bank deposits were off — just like the moisture. Just like the previous month, violent weather showed up and teased thirsty citizens. On July 12, a wind storm ripped the roof off the party barn at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. The storm produced only .08 of an inch of moisture.

On July 16, there were more storms — again wind and little rain. High winds damaged the roof of a mobile home in the McBeth Pecan Addition. Rainfall measured only .28 of an inch.

Despite lack of rainfall, John Grant, manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, told Snyder Rotary Club members that Snyder's water supply remains adequate.

In other July news, Mayor David Holt was named chairman of a citizens group to help promote passage of the Aug. 8 bond issue for school improvements. Early voting began.

Bryan native Vernon Pittman arrived in Snyder to become assistant warden at the Price Daniel Unit. Meetings were held to explain the proposed consolidation of Midwest Electric Cooperative with Stamford Electric Co-op.

Citizens learned that Snyder was on the rail route of 10,000 gallons of napalm headed to a depot in Deer Park, near Houston.

Shelly York was named queen of the Scurry County Rodeo. Owners of the Purple Sage Motel observed their 25th anniversary in Snyder.

A transformer at the Scurry County jail exploded on July 18, leaving the facility to resort to an emergency power generator. A Lubbock firm, Monterey Construction Co., was awarded the $4.6 million bid to expand the TDCJ warehouse in Snyder.

Two Snyder residents, 24-year-old Lisa Sandoval and Gerald Sisneros, 25, were killed in a head-on collision on July 19, 10 miles north of Snyder on Highway 208. Their car was in collision with an auto carrying two Lubbock residents.

Deaths in July included former Justice of the Peace Dan Callaway on July 25; retired banker Cecil Boren, also on July 25; and Ruby Anderson on July 30. Mrs. Anderson, a retired school teacher, has been a longtime member of the Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary.

August

Fire damaged the American Legion Hall on Aug. 2, forcing temporary closure of the facility. The fire department announced a plan to help prevent fires by starting regular inspections of businesses.

With the bid awarded for expansion of the prison warehouse, a groundbreaking cere-

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Daves is retiring after almost 30 years as post office window clerk

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

A postage stamp went for six cents and all calculations were done on a hand-operated adding machine when Annie Daves went to work for the United States Post Office back in 1969.

Times have changed a great deal, and now after almost 30 years of working as a window clerk, Daves is retiring.



LAST DAY — After almost 30 years working as a post office window clerk, Annie Daves is retiring after today. She is pictured assisting Snyder National Bank employee Eric Lang with a box letters to be mailed out. (SDN Staff Photo)

She began her postal career May 10, 1969 in the Ira Post Office.

"The lady at Ira said, 'Why don't you take this test?' And I did and I passed it. That's about all there was to it."

She worked in Ira until December 1972 when she received a call from then Snyder postmaster James Stewart.

"James Stewart called and asked if I would work just two weeks because they were shorthanded. I've been here ever since."

Daves said she has enjoyed being a window clerk "all these years."

"It's been fun. Most people are really enjoyable to wait on. I have many friends and I'll miss them. Everybody has been real nice."

In her time in the Snyder office, Daves has worked for six different postmasters including James Stewart, Jack Tilson, Wendell Thomas, Charles Thorton, Steve Justice and current postmaster Dale Lipsett.

"There have been lots of changes," Daves said. "The majority of them for the better."

One change she was happy to see was the addition of computers.

"I started with hand operated adding machines, then we went electric, then calculators and now computers. Computers have been

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ASK US

Q—Was a local police officer or DPS trooper arrested in Snyder this week for DWI?

A—No. An Amarillo police officer was arrested for misdemeanor DWI early Tuesday morning in the 100 block of 25th Street.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 66 degrees; low, 33; 7 a.m. Thursday, 36; no precipitation; total for 1998, 10.50 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy. Slight rain chance. Low 45-50. S wind 10-20 mph. New Year's Day: Mostly cloudy; 30% rain chance. High around 65. SW wind 10-20, gusty. Saturday, Sunday: Highs in 40s.



Lauren Lunsford
Chance of Rain

Sunset: 5:51 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:43 p.m.
Of 364 days in 1998, the sun has shone 358 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"The miracle is this ... the more we share, the more we have."

Leonard Nimoy

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Cross-country skier leads rescuers to crash survivors

DENVER (AP) — High in the Colorado mountains, cross-country skier Frank Marics was battling snow and 100-mph winds when he spotted the small plane in trouble. It hugged the treetops for a moment — and then it was gone.

"I caught a glimpse of it and could tell by its trajectory, this plane is definitely going to crash," Marics said.

The Piper 28 Cherokee went down Wednesday near Rollins Pass, about 40 miles northwest of Denver and not far from the Winter Park ski resort. All three people aboard were injured, none of them seriously.

It took Marics about two hours to get to the wreckage, where he used his cell phone to help authorities pinpoint the site. The pass is at 11,600 feet near the Continental Divide.

"Everyone was in great spirits," Marics said, a 37-year-old county parks worker. "They were reasonably all right, considering the wreckage."

The plane's passengers had used their own cell phone to report the accident before Marics arrived, but high winds prevented aircraft from flying in the area.

"They'd already gotten word out that they'd crashed but they couldn't really describe the location," Marics said by telephone from his home in Boulder. "I was able to convey on the cell phone not where the aircraft was, but which trailhead it was near."

With Marics' help, rescuers on snowmobiles reached the wreckage around 5 p.m., about two hours after the veteran skier. The rescue effort took several hours because of bad weather and difficult terrain, said Cherokee Lake, a spokeswoman for the Gilpin County sheriff's office.

The pilot, Gert Eberlein, 52, of Menlo Park, Calif., Rebecca Rudd, 53, of Palo Alto, Calif., and her daughter Natasha Rudd, 22, of Boulder were treated and released from St. Anthony's Central Hospital, said hospital spokeswoman Beverly Lilly.

She said the trio, flying from Boulder to Steamboat Springs to ski, didn't realize how bad the crash was until they crawled out of the aircraft.

"They think an angel was sitting on their shoulder because they are all in very good condition," Lilly said.



PROMOTIONS AND NEW EMPLOYEES — Price Daniel Unit recently announced several promotions and new employees. Pictured front row from left are Randy Lewis, captain; Connie Rushing, new disciplinary clerk; Elizabeth Merritt, tracking coordinator; Angela Brazil, new countroom clerk; and Joe Hargrove, lieutenant. Back row from left are Mike Cade, field sergeant; Lanette Callaway, counsel substitute; Joe Cheyne, grievance coordinator; Kyle Hilliard, sergeant; Keenan Kendrick, laundry manager; and James Shoemaker, newly employed electrician. (SDN Staff Photo)

New York City plans to party like it's 1999

NEW YORK (AP) — The champagne is chilling. The confetti at Times Square has been tested. The Ice Bears are preparing for their annual plunge in the frigid Hudson River.

And the hosts of countless New Year's Eve parties — in churches and nightclubs, lofts and libraries, museums and malls and at least one armory — will all likely have the same song cued up and ready to go at the stroke of midnight tonight. You know the one.

"Listen. You will not be hearing 'Auld Lang Syne' at my party," promised Casper Wallace, a 28-year-old Brooklyn man who was buying rum, gin and champagne at a liquor store Wednesday. "It will be strictly '1999' (the song by Prince, when he was still Prince). I've been waiting to play that song, at that moment, for a long time."

The center of the city's celebrations, of course, will be Times Square, where people have gathered every year since 1907 to watch the slow descent of a ball signal the start of a new year.

This year, more than 1 billion people are expected to watch on television and another 500,000 are expected to pack themselves into the square to see it live amid temperatures forecast in the mid-teens.

One city tradition that has ended is New Year's Eve at the Rainbow Room. The swank club, famed in part for its New Year's Eve conga line, closed earlier this month, leaving hundreds of people who paid $450 for an evening of dining and dancing scrambling for alternatives.

5 dogs poisoned

MILTON, Mass. (AP) — The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is offering $1,000 for information after the deaths of five dogs who ate poisoned meat left in neighborhood back yards.

Police said Tuesday they had no motive. The meat left out Saturday was believed to be laced with strychnine, often used as rat poison.

Healthy subjects reportedly used in hallucinogen testing

BOSTON (AP) — Researchers trying to find ways to treat schizophrenia gave more than 100 healthy people a powerful hallucinogen without fully informing them that the drug could potentially produce psychotic episodes, The Boston Globe reported today.

The studies involved the drug ketamine, also known as "Special K" and considered a "date-rape" drug because of the stupor-like condition it can cause.

The Globe said the studies, which began in 1994, involved both mentally ill and healthy people, and participants often were not told they were being given ketamine specifically to induce conditions similar to schizophrenia.

Ketamine is available by prescription only, and was approved by the Food and Drug Administration as an anesthetic. Its primary use is as an animal tranquilizer.

Healthy people given the drug reported feelings of floating, having a radio in the ear, tearfulness and sad moods and feelings of "life and death at the same time," the Globe said.

The possibility of long-term harm from drug-induced psychosis is less likely in healthy people, but there is a possibility of flashbacks months later, according to the report.

Disclosure is important because there is the possibility of "hooking someone" on the drug, said Arthur Caplan, a bioethicist at the University of Pennsylvania.

Experiments were done primarily at the National Institute of Mental Health at Bethesda, Md., or facilities financed by the institute, such as medical schools at Yale University and New York University.

The NIMH's institutional review board approved the studies.

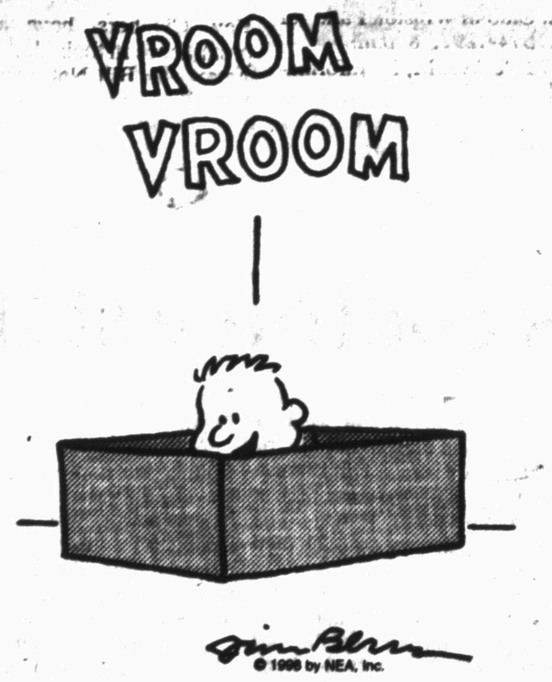
"This is a medicine which is given under close scrutiny for a short-term basis. There is no repeat long-term exposure," said Dr. Trey Sunderland, chairman of the review board.

Sunderland said consent forms mentions that "you might get an altered mood, hallucinations ... The main side effects of the medication are listed in black and white."

Dr. John Krystal, a Yale psychiatry professor, said he began using ketamine because old literature showed it might model symptoms and problems of schizophrenia.

"The hope ... is that we might gain new insights into treatment of these symptoms," he said. "People who participate are made aware that it has effects on mood that may make some people want to use it."

Berry's World



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After spouse or loved one dies...

What to do with your mates' plants

POUND RIDGE, N. Y. (AP) — When your gardener spouse or companion dies, what do you do with the plants he or she left behind?

You may not be a gardener or, if you are, your tastes may be different. Your mate may have been a vegetable grower while you are strictly ornamental in the plants you cultivate.

Heart-searching, sorrow and guilt, but some comfort and joy, too, surround the solutions that present themselves. You may want to bide your time before taking any decisions at all about these plants that are still alive while the person who nurtured and cherished them has passed away.

This has just happened to me. My wife of 60 years has died, leaving as a garden legacy many fine outdoor perennials and an excellent collection of indoor plants. She cultivated the latter under fluorescent lights in a custom-built dining room stand and in a south-facing window greenhouse. This last was a special treasure of hers and she was constantly acquiring new things that liked the sun.

The problem is that I have been mainly a vegetable gardener,

Now, you would think that in a long marriage like ours we would have discussed the fate of our plants after one of us died. After all, barring an accident or a double suicide, it is life's sad pattern for one spouse or companion to precede the other in death.

But while we disposed of other property in wills and otherwise, we didn't get around to our gardens. Maybe we didn't think of living plants as "property."

In any case, I couldn't see myself saying, "What will I do with your abutilon 'clementine' if you die before me?"

Presumably, she felt the same reticence, for she never asked what I would like her to do with my asparagus patch if I went first.

Right now that abutilon is displaying a rich orange-red flower and I've done a little research about it. The plant, which has many other cultivars besides "clementine," was known to the Victorians as "flowering maple" or "parlor maple." In a sunny window, it will bloom the year around. It needs fertilizing and watering, of course, and I'm trying to take care of it.

I'm feeling the same attraction for another of her window plants, a mitristigma axillare, or "African gardenia." This has dense clusters of tiny, pure white flowers emerging from dark green foliage, a delight to the eye and fragrant, too. I also like a citrus myrtifolia whose branches are now displaying two small, but lovely oranges.

There are other plants in the window I'm not so sure about, but I'm watering them anyway for the time being.

Not so with three orchid plants in the dining room she had for many months tried to resuscitate into flowering after the original blooms had died. I didn't think it was worth the effort. Fortunately, our son, who lives nearby, agreed to give them a new home, so I didn't have to make a guilt-ridden decision to dump them.

Aside from the extra demands on my gardening time, most of the plants under fluorescents — such as African violets and cyclamens — I can care for quite easily.

Outdoors, I promise myself that when spring comes I will tend her beds of lilies, irises and peonies and will prune the azaleas, viburnums and other shrubs as needed.

Perhaps the unspoken legacy she left behind will make me, for a while at least, a better gardener.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 12-31-98
♠ A J 6
♥ A Q J 7
♦ A 5 4
♣ K Q J

West
♠ K Q 10
♥ K 10
♦ K Q J 10 9 7
♣ A 10

East
♠ 9 8 5 3 2
♥ 9 5 2
♦ 6
♣ 8 7 6 3

South
♠ 7 4
♥ 8 6 4 3
♦ 8 3 2
♣ 9 5 4 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♦	Dbl.	Pass
1 ♥	3 ♦	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♦ K

This layout occurred during the Spring Nationals, held in Reno, Nev., last March.

When West rebid three diamonds, perhaps North should have realized that his partner was very weak and settled for three hearts. With 4-3-3-3 distribution and six losers (two in spades, one in hearts, two in diamonds and one in clubs), that hand is not worth its face value of 22 points. Still, at the table, it is difficult not to hope partner has a useful goody or two.

After winning trick one with dummy's diamond ace, declarer called for the club king. West won with the ace, cashed his two diamond tricks, and switched to the spade king. Declarer ducked this trick, took the next with dummy's spade ace, ruffed the spade jack in hand, took the trump finesse, and cashed the heart ace. When the king dropped, South claimed the remainder for one down.

You're right — West does better to revert to diamonds after his spade king holds. With East having the heart nine, the defenders must score a trump trick as well.

Back in the days of whist, the Earl of Yarborough made good money betting his 1,000 pounds to the player's one pound that the player wouldn't pick up a Yarborough — a hand with no card higher than a nine — on the next deal. The true odds are 1,827 to one against. And here are two Yarboroughs in one deal! What are the odds against that happening? Is it about 182 million to one, or is my arithmetic un-honor-able?

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The rarest of the year

For the final day of the year, let's look at one of the rarest deals ever. Why is it so unusual?

Tips: nurture a new marriage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newlyweds should carefully nurture their relationship "as if it is their first child," counsels psychologist Thomas L. Wright.

Communication is the key, says Wright, psychology professor at The Catholic University of America.

But men and women often have different attitudes. "Wives feel that relationships are better if they talk about a problem with their spouse, and husbands often feel that relationships are better when they don't have to talk about it," he says.

"Premarital and marriage counselors encourage husbands to increase their tolerance to talk things out more and remind wives to be mindful of their husbands' fears of conflict."

A support network of close family members, friends and clergy can be a haven to couples, either together or individually. "These are the people who can encourage the couple to go back and work out their problems."

Wright says he often recommends couples adopt what's called a relational bank account. Devised by psychologists Howard Markman and Clifford I. Notarius, it works on a system of deposits for acts of kindness versus withdrawals for put-downs. Each "zinger," or put-down, takes away 20 acts of kindness.

Key members increase

It took 56 years for Key Club international to reach the 100,000 mark in members. But it only took an additional 17 years to double that total. Key Club, the world's largest service club for high school students, surpassed 200,000 members for the first time in September. Key Clubs are now active in 4,500 high schools in the United States, Canada, and 18 other nations.

Well over a million adult men and women today can look back on Key Club as part of their high school experience. There are even a growing number of multi-generational Key Club families with parents and children who have been members.

Over the years, many former Key Clubbers have achieved prominence in their chosen fields. Astronauts Bill Nelson and John Young, sports figures like baseball pitcher Tommy John and quarterback Joe Namath, entertainers like Elvis Presley, and political leaders like President Bill Clinton, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, and Florida Governor Lawton Chiles. Governor Chiles was a vice president of Key Club international in 1948, and former Shuttle astronaut Nelson was president of the organization in 1959-60.

How did Key Club become such a success story? Key Club began mofestly, with 15 members at Sacramento High School in California in 1925. In that era, high school fraternities were a growing problem. To provide a positive outlet for student engergies, vocational education teacher Frank C. Vincent proposed a club for "key" students develop their career plans and encourage voluntary service to the school and community.

Vincent was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Sacramento. A fellow club member, Albert Clyde Olney, was the state commissioner of schools. They put their heads together, got the Kiwanis club involved, and sold the idea to the Sacramento High principal. The Sacramento High School Key Club is still meeting today, 73 years later.

The idea of a high school service club spread slowly through the Kiwanis organization and among school administrators, mostly by word of mouth. By 1940, there were 50 clubs scattered across the nation.

During World War II, Key Clubs contributed to the war effort with victory gardens and scrap metal drives. Key Club also provided the nation with its first combat hero. Alexander "Sandy" Nininger Jr., a charter member of the Fort Lauderdale Key Club in 1936, was killed during the Battle of Bataan and became the first Congressional Medal of Honor winner of Warld WarII.

By 1946, there were more than 170 Key Clubs, including the first Key Club in Canada. Convinced of the organization's potential, Kiwanis International began to promote Key Club sponsorship as a priority youth program. By 1981, membership had climbed to 100,000. Then remarkable, in just 17 years the membership has doubled to 200,000 years.

Key Clubs promote the ideals of voluntary service to others and provide high school students with opportunities for leadership development. Each Key Club member is required to perform at least 50 hours of service work each yerar.

The Major Emphasis Program for Key Club Internationbal for 998-99 is called "Team Up To Create Champions." During the coming school year, Key Clubs will sponsor projects to served the needs of children through partnerships with other volunteer service and community organization.

Key Club members served their schools and communities under the slogan, "Caring — Our Way of Life."

For more information about Key Clubs, check the Key Club International Web site at www.keyclub.org/.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

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Help Your Heart Recipes

This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day — not for each food or recipe.

Country Breakfast Casserole

- Vegetable oil spray
- 8 ounces reduced-fat smoked link sausage
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 2 pounds frozen country-style hash browns (no oil added)
- 2 cups fat-free milk
- Egg substitute equivalent to 6 eggs
- 2 slices fat-free or low-fat American cheese, diced (2 ounces)
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ½ teaspoon dry mustard
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons finely snipped green onion (green part only) (optional)

Preheat oven to 350° F. Lightly spray a 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan with vegetable oil spray.

Heat a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté sausage for 3 to 4 minutes, or until browned, turning occasionally.

Add maple syrup and cook for 1 minute, stirring to coat sausage. Arrange in a single layer in baking pan, then top with hash browns.

In a medium bowl, whisk together remaining ingredients except green onion. Pour over hash browns. Bake for 1 hour, or until center is set. Sprinkle with green onion and let cool for at least 10 minutes before cutting into squares. Serves 10.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving

184 kcal	Calories	13 mg	Cholesterol	1 g	Saturated Fat
14 g	Protein	463 mg	Sodium	1 g	Polyunsaturated Fat
25 g	Carbohydrates	3 g	Total Fat	1 g	Monounsaturated Fat
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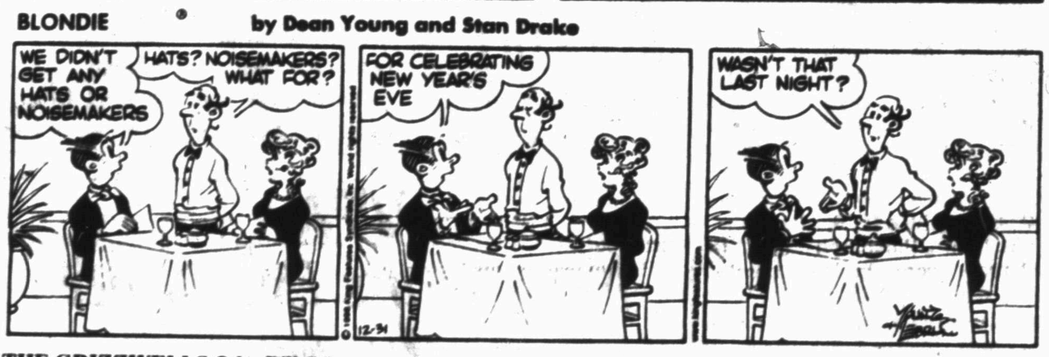


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16 Actress Bloom
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18 Anglo-Saxon letter
20 Stuff
21 Brief preface
23 NCO's nickname
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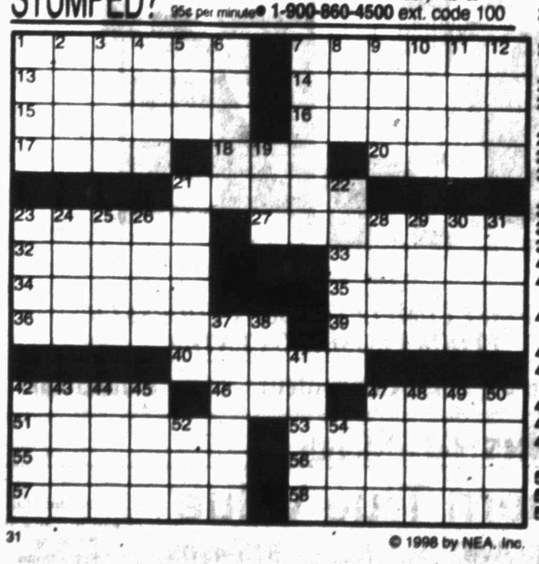
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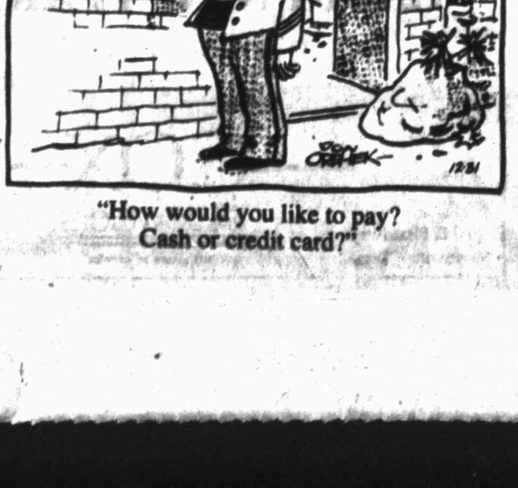
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SPORTS

'Dogs seize second tournament crown

KLONDIKE — The Ira Bulldogs got balanced scoring and used a third quarter spurt to scoot past Lamesa JV for the Klondike Cotton Classic Championship.

While the Ira boys captured their second tourney title, the Lady Bulldogs fell to Smyer in the third-place match-up.

Morgan Clements poured in 20 points for the Ira girls to finish with a tournament record 73 points.

In the boys' championship, Ira trailed by a bucket at halftime, before taking the lead to begin the third quarter.

The Bulldogs put together a 8-2 run to begin the second half and grabbed a 42-37 advantage entering the final period.

Three Ira players finished in double digits, led by Jerek Brown's 15 points. Logan Daves dropped in 14 points and Richard Wilkins finished with 11.

Drew Wall and Seth Sterling added seven points apiece, with Nathan Smith chipping in three.

In the girls' bracket, Smyer came out firing, taking control early with a 17-7 run in the opening quarter.

The Lady Bulldogs trailed, 41-24, after the third period, before narrowing the gap over the final eight minutes.

Clements' 20 points led all scorers. E'Lissa Goolsby posted seven points for Ira, while Tara Allen notched six. Kristen Harless added five points, with Brook Wilkes and Korby Calley chipping in one each.

Both Ira squads will be in action again Saturday when they host Hermleigh at 2 p.m.

Tech, Ole Miss eye bowl victory

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Both Texas Tech and Mississippi quickly got the six victories needed for bowl eligibility.



Spike Dykes

The Red Raiders won their first six games, and Ole Miss — which has played just five seniors this season — was 6-2 after a 37-31 overtime victory over LSU on Oct. 31.

But since the strong starts, it has been a struggle for the two teams that play tonight in the Independence Bowl.

"Losing is the pits, but you also have to be realistic. We lost to good teams and lost games we could have won," said Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes.

At least the difficulties for the Red Raiders (7-4) have been limited to the field, were they lost four of their last five games by a total of 14 points. They had 11 turnovers in the four losses.

Mississippi (6-5), with a three-game losing streak, has plenty of questions. The Rebels have a new coach; quarterback Romaro Miller hasn't played since breaking his collarbone Nov. 21 and receiver Grant Heard is doubtful after injuring his knee Monday on a muddy practice field.

And Ole Miss players and the new coaches are still getting to know each other to play a game less than a month after David Cutcliffe was hired.

Cutcliffe's head coaching debut in the Independence Bowl comes 12 years after Dykes coached his first game for Texas Tech in the same bowl with the same match-up, Ole Miss won 20-17 in the 1986 postseason meeting.

"Coach Dykes had a little more advantage. He didn't have to put tape on players' helmets to learn names," Cutcliffe said. "He had been on staff there, and some of the staff stayed there.

"It has been interesting preparation, with a lot of things going on ... getting a staff put together, trying to get recruiting going in the right direction and preparing for this bowl game."

While there are uncertainties surrounding the Ole Miss offense, Texas Tech counters with its own Ricky Williams — not the Heisman winner — and a balanced offense (202.7 yards passing and 201.7 yards rushing per game).

"When you have a great receiver in Donnie Hart and a great runner in Ricky Williams ... we want to utilize them both," said Tech quarterback Rob Peters. "We have been able to do that so far. That's our game plan."

Williams, a third-team AP All-American and second-team Big 12 selection behind Texas' Williams, has rushed for 1,582 yards and a school-record 13 touchdowns. Hart has 48 catches for 871 yards and seven TDs.

"We really are a balanced team ... that is not necessarily by design as much as how it all worked out," Dykes said. "I don't know if I've ever been on a team that it's that close."

The Red Raiders savor the chance to end on a positive note a season that began with their first 6-0 record since 1976. After a second straight victory over Big 12 rival Texas, Tech ended its regular season with a 20-17 loss at Oklahoma.

"Coming off our last game, we are excited to have the chance to go back out and play," said Hart, Tech's leading receiver. "We had a bad taste in our mouths after the Oklahoma game. This gives us a chance to go out as winners."

Ole Miss hasn't won a game in two months. During the losing streak to end the regular season, the Rebels were distracted by the rumors about coach Tommy Tuberville, who denied publicly and to his players that he was interested in another job.

Two days after the regular season finale, however, Tuberville validated the rumors when he was named Auburn's new coach.

The Rebels took little time hiring Cutcliffe, the offensive coordinator for No. 1 Tennessee, which plays No. 2 Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl on Monday night.

Huskers shucked by 'Cats

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Just when Nebraska and Arizona were settling into a defensive struggle, the Holiday Bowl reverted to its wild past.

Keith Smith, half of Arizona's two-quarterback system, threw for one fourth-quarter touchdown and his scrambling set up the game-winning, 1-yard plunge by Kelvin Eafon with 6 minutes, 8 seconds to go as the No. 5 Wildcats beat the No. 14 Nebraska Cornhuskers 23-20 Wednesday night.

Arizona added to its school-record victory total by finishing 12-1. The Wildcats were knocked out of a Rose Bowl berth when UCLA was upset by Miami on Dec. 5, but Arizona made the most of its first Holiday Bowl visit by winning for the 16th time in 17 games.

The bowl-record crowd of 65,354 saw a rarity — Nebraska's first-four loss season in 30 years. The Cornhuskers finished 9-4 under first-year coach Frank Solich, who replaced Hall of Famer Tom Osborne.

Chris McAlister, Arizona's All-America cornerback, capped a big game with a leaping interception of Eric Crouch's pass with 3:03 left. McAlister jumped in front of Shevin Wiggins at about the 8-yard line and returned it 22 yards.

Nebraska had one final desperation shot, but McAlister deflected Crouch's pass as time expired.

After a scoreless third quarter, there were three lead changes in the fourth.

Arizona went ahead 16-13 on Smith's 15-yard pass to Brad Brennan, who made a fingertip catch before tumbling into the end zone on the first play of the fourth quarter. The Wildcats converted one fourth down and one third down on the 66-yard drive.

McAlister had a chance to really swing the momentum when he intercepted Crouch's pass deep in Nebraska territory, but split end Kenny Cheatham forced and recovered a fumble.

Nebraska went on to complete the eight-play, 88-yard drive thanks to two big catches by tight end Tracey Wistrom, including a 4-yard TD pass from Crouch with 10:55 left for a 20-16 lead.

Smith then led the Wildcats 68 yards to the winning score.

At the Cotton Bowl...

Early kickoff doesn't worry coaches

DALLAS (AP) — Jackie Sherrill says he could never coach at the University of Texas because he doesn't believe in being politically correct. He likes to speak out on issues, consequences be damned.

With that in mind, here's what the Mississippi State coach thinks about the 10:15 a.m. kickoff of Friday's Cotton Bowl between his Bulldogs (8-4) and the Longhorns (8-3):

"It's something you've got to understand about college football. It's called exposure," Sherrill said Wednesday. "Bowl games and TV contracts have been very good for college football. ...

"We can debate this over and over, but you have to understand that there is only one sport in college athletics that pays the bills and that's football. ... Even at the University of Texas, which probably has more money than anybody — and I'm saying that with respect, but it's true — it's still football that carries Texas."

Longhorns coach Mack Brown doesn't mind the early start time. After all, his team's last game — against Texas A&M the day after Thanksgiving — also kicked off at a time more suited for breakfast.

"The thing we found with the A&M game is there is not another TV game on ... so everybody in America will be focused on this ballgame," Brown said. "That helps the exposure of both teams nationally.

'There's no question it makes an impact on recruiting because everybody watched our A&M game through at least three quarters. I think that's a real positive for the Cotton Bowl."

Sherrill hasn't had a game start this early since 1979, when he was coaching Pittsburgh and the Pirates were in the baseball playoffs.

However, Sherrill said the Bulldogs have started games at 11 a.m. and noon, so the extra hour or so shouldn't be too different.

"We've played enough early games that I don't think it'll have any effect," he said. "It's probably tougher on the assistant coaches because I make them get there about an hour earlier than everybody else. So they'll be getting up at 4:30, 5 o'clock."

Players from both teams have had early wake-up calls all week, so it won't be too much of a shock when their alarm clocks blare in the wee hours of 1999. And each team has practiced before noon so players' body clocks should be adjusted to contact at an early hour.

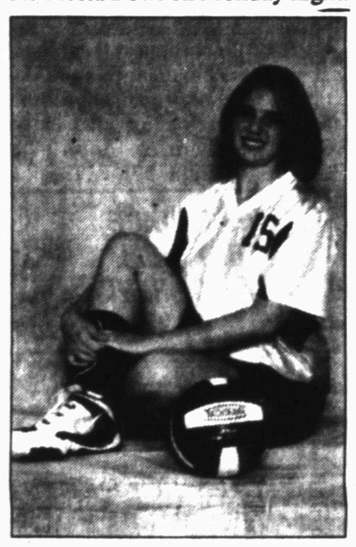
Early starts during bowl week makes it tough for players to enjoy the festivities surrounding the game. Since Sunday, they've been treated to performances by Roy Firestone and Sinbad, a barbecue dinner and a prime rib feast — all at night.

"They've had fun, but it's been bang, bang, bang," Sherrill said. "They can handle it all, but there's a lot of things involved. If you're not careful, you can really wear them out."

Brown learned his lesson about too much bowl-week fun several years ago. This is the fourth straight year he's had players practice in the morning, leaving them too tired to go out at night.

"We've made sure players understand that going to the bowl was not the important thing. You need to win the bowl game," he said.

Texas is 9-9-1 in 19 Cotton Bowls, but the Longhorns haven't won one since 1982. They missed a chance at a national title by losing to Georgia in 1984 and were blown out by Miami in 1991.



ALL-STATE — Andrews volleyball player Ali Bane was selected to the Texas Sportswriters Association Class 4A All-State Team. Bane is the daughter of former Snyder residents Eddie and Penny Bane. The District 5-4A MVP is the granddaughter of Glenna Bane of Snyder and the late C.C. Bane and Edith Jones of Van Buren, Ark. and the late Dr. Wilton Jones. She is the step-granddaughter of Carolyn Jones of San Angelo. (Contributed Photo)

Franchione comfortable playing role of underdog

EL PASO (AP) — Dennis Franchione has become the consummate champion of underdogs. The coach who takes football programs where they've rarely been.

A year ago Franchione completed a six-year rebuilding project at New Mexico by leading the Lobos to their first bowl bid in 36 years, then moved on to the challenge of a TCU program that was 1-10 in 1997.

What worked in Albuquerque — Franchione's demanding commitment to discipline and hard work — produced immediate success in Fort Worth and an invitation to today's Norwest Sun Bowl.

TCU (6-5) faces Southern Cal (8-4), and Franchione is again David to Goliath. The Trojans, who wound up the regular season by shutting out nationally ranked Notre Dame, 10-0, were 16-point favorites to beat the Horned Frogs.

Beating the odds has made Franchione one of the rising stars in the collegiate coaching ranks, but it's a role he wouldn't mind giving up.

"I really hope someday I'm the top dog," Franchione said Wednesday. "It seems it's one of the things I've had to do a bunch in my career."

TCU is making only its third bowl appearance since 1965 and looking for its first bowl win since 1957. Southern Cal's bowl history is much more illustrious. The Trojans have won 25 bowl games — second only to Alabama's 28.

"It's not something this team is uncomfortable with," Franchione said of the Horned Frogs' underdog status. "We went in as that when the year started and have remained in that position most of the year. They believe in themselves and that's all that matters."

USC coach Paul Hackett said with the layoff between the end of the regular season and post-season games, there's very little predictability in bowl games these days.

"Coaches in bowl games are always nervous because you don't know how it's going to turn," Hackett said. "The team that can find the rhythm they had when they were going good during the season ultimately wins."

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Idaho 42, Southern Miss 35
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Arizona 23, Nebraska 20

Thursday, Dec. 31
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At Memphis, Tenn.
Brigham Young (9-4) vs. Tulane (11-0), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Texas Christian (6-5), 2 p.m. (CBS)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (9-2) vs. Georgia (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Mississippi (6-5) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs. Kentucky (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Michigan (9-3) vs. Arkansas (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Texas (8-3), 11 a.m. (FOX)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Wisconsin (10-1) vs. UCLA (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Texas A&M (11-2) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Syracuse (8-3) vs. Florida (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 4
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Tennessee (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

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House committee claims that China hurt national security

WASHINGTON (AP) — China's aggressive pursuit of U.S. technology, including sensitive military secrets, hurt national security and calls for extensive reforms, a House committee has concluded.

Committee members refused to discuss specifics Wednesday after unanimously adopting their report and did not release the 700-page document, much of which is classified.

But The New York Times reported in today's editions that the committee concluded the Chinese stole some of this nation's most sensitive military information, including nuclear weapons designs, from American military laboratories.

Those allegations of Chinese theft of information go beyond the report's findings about satellite deals with China that sparked the original committee investigation. The newspaper reported that the satellite deals by two U.S. aerospace companies, Hughes Electronics Corp. and Loral Space & Communications, helped Beijing's ability to launch satellites and rockets.

The report, which the committee approved unanimously, found the Chinese have been pursuing U.S. military information aggressively for more than 20 years.

"These transfers are not limited to missile (and) satellite technology, but cover militarily significant technology," said Rep. Christopher Cox, chairman of a special House committee investigating military and commercial deals with China.

"Based on unclassified information, we have found that national security harm did occur," said Cox, R-Calif. He said China's record in aiding weapons proliferation was a consideration.

In Beijing, Zhu Bangzao, a spokesman for China's Foreign Ministration, said, "The allegation is groundless and irresponsible and we express our strong resentment over this."

The select committee of five Republicans and four Democrats began with an inquiry into the Clinton administration's satellite export dealings with China and whether the administration's actions compromised security or were influenced by campaign contributions. Loral's chairman, Bernard Schwartz, is a major Democratic donor.

When it was formed in June, the committee was given broad subpoena powers and special authorization to look into tax records of individuals and businesses it considered pertinent to its investigation.

But Cox indicated the report covers both Republican and Democratic administrations.

"United States transfer of technology to the People's Republic of China has been the target of serious PRC efforts over the last two decades," Cox said.

The report's findings on transfer of sensitive materials went beyond the initial investigations of Hughes and Loral to other technology deals, Cox said.

Valuable military technology allegedly flowed to China as part of commercial satellite deals in which U.S.-built communications satellites were put into orbit on Chinese rockets. Hughes and Loral have maintained they did nothing to hurt U.S. national security.

White House officials said they would carefully consider the recommendations.

"We haven't seen the report and we look forward to reading it and studying its recommendations," said David Leavy, a White House spokesman. "It's known that we have consistently supported effective export controls to protect U.S. national security interests.

Visually impaired Texas man files lawsuit

HOUSTON (AP) — A visually impaired North Texas man has filed a lawsuit against Ticketmaster and Texas A&M University for refusing to sell him front-row seats to concerts by Garth Brooks, Michael Bolton and Wynonna Judd.

Patrick Cavanagh of Wylie in Collin County says that the ticket seller and the university are obligated by federal law to accommodate his disability.

Cavanagh alleged in the lawsuit filed Wednesday in federal court that Ticketmaster and the university are violating the Americans with Disabilities Act by refusing to give him seats "at or near the front of the concert venues."

Representatives of Ticketmaster and A&M could not be reached late Wednesday, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

Cavanagh said he regularly attends concerts throughout Texas and "plans to continue to do so."

Officers handle thefts, burglary

Law enforcement personnel investigated two thefts, a burglary and made one arrest Wednesday.

A deputy was requested in the 2400 block of Business Hwy 84 at 2:49 p.m. in reference to a theft at Georgette Kornegay's residence. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Norman Neves requested an officer at 5:53 p.m. in the 3700 block of Avondale in reference to a stolen bike. An offense report for Class B theft was filed.

At 2:56 p.m., Juan Saenz requested an officer in the 4000 block of Avenue U in reference to his home being burglarized. An offense report for burglary of a residence was filed.

A 44-year-old male was arrested at 1:24 p.m. at the drivers license office on Taylor County warrants for misdemeanor theft by check.

In other activity, an offense report for found property was filed at 10:44 a.m. at Travis Gym in reference to an officer locating a bicycle.

A woman requested an attempt to locate on her 14-year-old daughter at 9:55 a.m. The girl was later located in a field a mile from Huffman Avenue and transported to the police department where she was released to her mother.

Officers worked a two-vehicle accident at 11:56 a.m. in the 3700 block of Avenue V. Involved were a 1970 GMC pickup driven by George Lee of 3101 Hill Avenue and a 1993 Chevrolet Lumina driven by Marsha Jo Falls of 4508 El Paso.

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ADMISSIONS: Howard Brown, Corryne Sullivan, Malcolm Crawford, Elbert Hill, Naomi Larralde, Carrie Tarter, Mary Wright, Genise Capetilla.

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AT&T Corp	76¼	74¼	75	—1 13-16
AirTouch	69 13-16	68¼	68 13-16	— 9-16
Albertsons	63¾	63¼	63 9-16	+ 5-16
AlldSignal	44 9-16	44¼	44 7-16	— ¼
Alltel	59¾	58 13-16	59¼	— ½
AmOnline s	149 13-16	142	144¼	—3 5-16
AmStores	37	36¼	36 15-16	+ 3-16
Ameritech	63¼	62¾	62¾	—13-16
Amoco s	56 5-16	54	55 13-16	+1 1-16
AndarkPtr s	30 11-16	30¼	30 11-16	+ ½
ArmcoInc			4¾	4¼ 4¼
AtlRichfld	67 1-16	66	7-16 66¼	— ½
ATMOS Egy			32¼	3232 — ¼
Aviall			11¾	11 11-16 11 11-16
BakerHughes	17 13-16	17¼	17 7-16	— 1-16
BankAmerica	61	60 5-16	60¾	—1 3-16
BellAtl s			57 15-16	5757 — ½
BellSouth s			47¼	47 3-16 47¼ — 5-16
BethSteel			8 3-16	8 8 3-16+ 3-16
BritPet	85 3-16	82¼	84 11-16	+ 1¾
BurlNoSFe s			33¾	33 1-16 33¾+ 1-16
CBS Corp			32	31 5-16 31 5-16 — 9-16
Caterpillar	47¾	46 5-16	47¾	+1 15-16
CenSoWst			27¼	27 7-16 27 9-16
Chevron	84 7-16	83 9-16	83 9-16	— ½
Citigroup			50 13-16	5050¼ — 7-16
Coastal s			35	34¾ 34¾+ ¾
CocaCola	67 13-16	66¾	66 13-16	— 1
ColgatePalm	92 13-16	92	3-16 92	7-16 — 3-16
ComclMetals			27¼	27¼ 27¼
Cooperin	47¼	47	5-16 47	5-16 — 1-16
CyprusAmax			9 13-16	9¾ 9¾+ ½
DaimlrChry s	97¾	96¾	96 9-16	— 3-16
DellComics	39 13-16	39	3-16 39	3-16 — 3-16
DeltaAirl s			53¾	52¾ 52¾+ ¾
Dillards Inc			28 5-16	27¾ 28 5-16+ 3-16
DowChem			91¼	91¼ 91¼ — ¼
DuPont			56 5-16	55¾ 55 15-16+ ½
EastmanChem	44 11-16	44¼	44 9-16+	5-16
EstKodak			72¼	71¾ 71½ — ¼
EDS Corp			50¾	5050¼+ 3-16
Entergy			31	30¾ 30 13-16 — ¼
Exxon			74¼	73¾ 73 13-16 — 13-16
FstBksAm			19	18¾ 19 +2 3-16
Flowers			23 9-16	23¾ 23½ — 1-16
FordMotor s			58¾	58 1-16 58 3-16+ 1-16
GTE Cp			68¾	67 7-16 67 7-16 — 15-16
GenDynam s			58 7-16	57¾ 57¾ — 5-16
GenElec			102 11-16	101¾ 102 — 5-16
GenMills			78¼	77¾ 77¾ — 3-16
GenMotors			72¼	71¼ 71 15-16 — 1
GaPacGP			57 5-16	56 7-16 57 + ¾
GlobalMar			8 15-16	8¾ 8¾+ 1-16
Goodrich			35¼	34¾ 35 + ¼
Goodyear s			51	50¾ 50¾+ ¾
GtAtlPac			29 9-16	29 5-16 29 9-16+ ¼
Halliburta			29¼	29¼ 29 7-16+ 1-16
Hanson ADS				38¼ 38¼ 38¼
HarteHanks s			27 7-16	27¼ 27 7-16+ 1-16
HomeDepot			61¼	60 13-16 61¼ — 3-16
HoustonInds			32¼	32¼ 32¼ — 1-16
IBM			187 3-16	186 186 — ¼
IntlPaper			44¼	43¾ 44 9-16+	13-16
JohnsonJn			84½	83¾ 83 9-16 — 7-16
K mart			15¼	14 15-16 15 1-16+ ¼
Kroger Co			59¼	58¾ 59¼+ 1¼
Litton			63¼	6363¼ — 7-16
LockhdMart			83 5-16	82 13-16 83 5-16+ 1-16
Lowes Cos s			51¾	51 1-16 51 7-16 — ½
Lubys			15¼	15¾ 15 7-16 — 1-16
LucentTech s			111	109¼ 109 11-16+1 1-16
MayDeptStrs			60 5-16	59 13-16 60¼ — 3-16
MediaOne			45¼	45 9-16 45¾+ 9-16
Medtronic			75¾	74 1-16 74¼ — 1¾
Mobil			87 15-16	87¼ 87 5-16 — 11-16
Monsanto			47 11-16	46 47 9-16+ 1¼
MorganJP			108¾	107 107¾+ ¾
Motorola			61 5-16	60¼ 60 15-16 — 1-16
NCR Corp			41¾	41¼ 41¾+ ¼
Navistar			28 1-16	27 9-16 27¾ — ½
OryxEngy			13 5-16	13¼ 13 5-16
Penney JC			47¾	46¾ 47¼+ ¼
PennzEnergy s			15¾	15 5-16 15 9-16+ 7-16
PepBoys			15¾	15¼ 15 5-16
PepsiCo			40 11-16	40¼ 40¾+ ½
PhelpDodge			51 1-16	50¾ 50 13-16 — 3-16
PhilipPet			42 11-16	42 5-16 42 9-16 — 1-16
PilgrmPrd B			19 11-16	19 7-16 19 11-16+ 3-16
Polaroid			19¾	18¼ 19 + ¾
Praxair			34¾	3434¼+ ½
ProctGamb			92¾	91¾ 91 13-16 — 7-16
PubSNwMx			20 5-32	20 1-16 20¼+ 1-16
RoyalDut				48¼ 4848 — ½
SBC Comm s			53 3-16	52 9-16 52¾ — ¼
SaraLee s			29	28¼ 28¾+ 1-16
Scripps EW				49¾ 49 49 1-16
SearsRoeb			41 9-16	4141¾+ ½
SherwinW			29¾	2929¾ — ¼
SmithklBchm			69 9-16	69¾ 69 9-16+ ⅛
SouthernCo			29¾	28 15-16 29 — 1-16
SwstAirl s			23	22 11-16 22 15-16 — 3-16
SprintFON s			84¾	83 5-16 83¾ — 11-16
SprintPCS s			21¾	21¼ 21¾+ ¼
Sunoco Inc			36 5-16	35¾ 36¼+ 7-16
TNP Ent			37 13-16	37¼ 37 13-16+ 1-16
Tandy			41¾	41¼ 41 9-16+ 3-16
TempleInland			57¾	57¼ 57¼+ 3-16
Texaco			34 5-16	33¾ 34 — ½
Texaco			53 7-16	52 13-16 52 13-16 — 11-16
TexInd			27	26 11-16 26½ — 1-16
TexasInst			88¼	86¾ 86¾ — 1¾
TexUtil			46¾	46¼ 46¼ — 1-16
Textron			76¼	75 5-16 76¼+ 7-16
TriconGlbR			50¾	50¼ 50¾+ ¼
TrinityInds			36 11-16	36¼ 36¼+ 9-16
TritonEngy			7¾	7¼ 7 9-16+ 3-16
Tyler			6¼	5 15-16 5 15-16 — 5-16
US West Inc			64	63 7-16 63¾ — 11-16
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UnitedTech	110 9-16	108	13-16 108	13-16-1 5-16
Unocal			29¼	28 11-16 28¾+ 1-16
Venator Grp			6¾	6¼ 6 11-16+ 1-16
WalMart			80¼	79 9-16 79¾ — ¼
WellsFargo			39¼	38 15-16 39 — ¼
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mony was held Aug. 12. The state delegation was headed by State Rep. David Counts and Art Mosley, TDCJ deputy executive director.

Lorber Industries of Texas held an open house at its new spinning mill located in the industrial park. Attending were Arnold Lorber, U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm and U.S. Secretary of the Agriculture Dan Glickman.

Only 16 percent of eligible voters went to the polls on Aug. 8 and those that did defeated, by 327 votes, a bond proposal for school improvements.

While the vote was not positive news for educators, there was good news from Austin. Snyder ISD received an exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency.

There was also good news at WTC, as trustees were told that more state money is available, allowing trustees to lower the tax rate.

There was more negative news on the school front. Opening day of classes revealed 160 fewer students. Just after Labor Day, however, 100 of those missing students were in classes.

Scurry County commissioners were told that extensive repairs were needed at the Towle Park swimming pool.

Last year's theft of golf equipment from 52 cart sheds at Snyder Country Club landed a Lubbock man in the rough. The man was sentenced to seven years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

On Aug. 22, another traffic death occurred. Ernesto Cerda, 17, died when the vehicle he was driving was hit by an auto driven by a Sweetwater man as Cerda attempted to cross U.S. 84 at Huffman Ave.

Two major construction projects got underway. Snyder National Bank began work on a $1 million drive-in facility in the half block bounded by College Ave., 24th Street and Ave. R. Contractor is Knox, Gailey and Meador of Lubbock.

After months of speculation, United Supermarket of Lubbock broke ground for a new 40,000-square foot store to be located in the 3500 Block of College Ave.

September

The new month brought more construction news. Phase IV of Golden Terrace Village was approved. The senior housing project will include 30 one-bedroom units on 3.183 acres, located just west of Cogdell Hospital.

Doctor recruitment began to pay off. Dr. Robert Rakov, family practitioner joined St. Mary Family Health Clinic. Later in the month, Dr. Gloria Gerstner, podiatrist, joined the Cogdell Hospital medical staff.

Ray Peveler, chief appraiser for the past 18 years, announced that he would resign at the end of the year. Later in the month, the Scurry County Appraisal District board named Larry Crooks as Peveler's replacement.

After defeat of the school bond issue, trustees began talk of calling a second election, likely in early December in hopes of taking advantage of facilities funding from the state.

The Workforce Learning Center at WTC was put into use on the WTC campus. About the same time, a faulty transformer caused a power outage on campus and cancellation of classes for four days.

Much attention was shifted to Washington where President Bill Clinton was under seige for his involvement with Monica Lewinsky. Results of a Snyder Daily News poll said Scurry County residents were evenly divided on the question of whether President Clinton should resign.

Snyder hosted a Region V Wardens meeting and House Speaker Pete Laney was in Snyder for an appreciation dinner for State Rep. David Counts.

Wendell Sollis, SISD assistant superintendent, resigned to accept a similar position with the Ector County ISD.

September deaths included Dr. Jack Nesbit, Snyder optometrist for 44 years who died Sept. 20; G. A. Parks, a retired Chevron production foreman and former hospital and school board member who died Sept. 21; and Bill Jones, Fluvanna area farmer and former WTC trustee, who died Sept. 23. **Tomorrow: the final three months of 1998.**

Daves to retire

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a wonderful thing for the post office."

Some interesting things have passed — or tried to pass — through the post office during her years there.

"The strangest thing I've seen was people brought in a jar of jelly and a box of crackers and wanted to mail them. They weren't in a box. I told them the jelly might break, but they wanted to mail it anyway."

Daves said she has mailed "lots of different things" for people over the years.

"Dirt, potatoes, lizards, insects, rocks — we even got in a few cremations."

She even mailed a pecan pie to California once.

"Somebody won it on a football game."

Now that she will not be selling stamps any longer, Daves said her plans for right now are to watch the grandchildren and "so some visiting."

"I'm going to watch basketball games," she said. "And do a little visiting, a little traveling, a little of whatever we want to."

She and her husband, Bill, have two sons, Tom and Richard, and five grandchildren.

Software executive warns of Microsoft's influence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Intuit Inc. software founder Scott Cook warned his company's directors that he feared Microsoft Corp.'s response if they rejected a $2 billion buyout offer.

At the time, the immensely successful Intuit was maker of the world's most popular personal finance computer software, called Quicken. That made it an attractive target for Microsoft, whose Windows operating system is dominant but whose rival finance software at the time was panned by critics.

In a confidential letter to his company's directors, Cook outlined Intuit's options if it rejected the offer in the summer of 1994: Microsoft might try to improve its own finance software to compete with Quicken, or Microsoft might try using its operating system as leverage against Intuit.

"We fear the second approach," Cook wrote.

In written testimony made public Wednesday, William Harris, the company's chief executive officer, described for the judge in the Microsoft antitrust trial how Microsoft has "unparalleled power" in the nation's high-tech industry because of its influence as the maker of Windows.

"Microsoft's ability to be the gatekeeper of the Internet will be unchallenged, and competition on the Internet will be constrained," Harris warned.

Microsoft responded by calling Harris' allegations "half-baked" and noting that Quicken successfully competes with Microsoft's product, called Money.

"Intuit apparently wants the government to guarantee it a permanent lead in the marketplace without actually competing," Microsoft's response said. It said the government's lawsuit "has degenerated to a state where any competitor with a business grudge can come to Washington and use the (Justice Department) as a weapon."

In its antitrust case, the government alleges that Microsoft illegally wielded its influence to crush a rival Internet software company and to extend its dominance from operating systems to other types of software.

The trial resumes Monday.

Harris said Intuit's fear that Microsoft might include finance features within Windows, as described in Cook's 1994 memo, influenced its decision agreeing to the $2 billion buyout.

The deal was called off in 1995 after federal regulators raised antitrust concerns because Intuit and Microsoft together dominated the market for financial software.

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Study: Stronger warnings needed about tainted food

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's the "it can't happen to me" mentality: During the nation's largest salmonella outbreak, consumers who were told they had bacteria-tainted ice cream in their freezers ignored the warnings, ate the ice cream — and got sick.

"Basically, they just didn't believe" the warnings, said Dr. Barbara Mahon, who conducted the first study of how effective recalls of unsafe food truly are — and concluded Wednesday that health workers must do a much better job.

Because of changes in the nation's food supply, "the risk of widespread outbreaks like this one seems to be increasing," said Mahon, who investigated the salmonella outbreak for the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "It's probably never going to be possible to get 100 percent of the people to hear a (warning) message or to believe it. But I suspect we can do a lot better."

A consumer advocate said preventing further illness as soon as tainted foods are discovered is a constant struggle. "What we have here is a time bomb. If recalls aren't done quickly and well, people will get sick, and some people will die, unnecessarily," said Michael Jacobson of the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

Yet government regulators don't have the legal authority to mandate recalls of suspect foods. Even when manufacturers voluntarily recall tainted foods, they often do not adequately warn that continuing to eat the product is dangerous, Jacobson said.

Although a recall removes unsafe food from store shelves, public warnings are necessary to alert customers who already have the food in their homes.

Mahon investigated a 1994 salmonella outbreak blamed for sickening 224,000 Americans who ate bacteria-tainted Schwan's ice cream. The contamination was traced to a trucking firm that carried ice cream mix to the Schwan's Inc. factory in the same tanks it used to carry raw eggs, a common salmonella culprit.

This outbreak was unique: The Minnesota company delivers frozen foods directly to customers' houses, so, unlike in most food-poisoning cases, scientists could test whether consumers heard and heeded the recall.

In October 1994, two weeks after Schwan's recalled the suspect ice cream, workers from CDC and Georgia's health department surveyed 179 Georgia households that bought Schwan's products.

Despite warning letters mailed by Schwan's and widespread news coverage, 9 percent of customers still had not heard of the salmonella risk. Customers who had heard reported first learning of the warning a median of five days after the recall.

Murders keep on dropping in largest cities in America

By The Associated Press

Peggy Naylor is no longer afraid to go to the grocery store by herself in Washington Heights, once the drug hub of New York City.

"It used to be so awful here, with all those drug dealers on the streets, day and night," said Ms. Naylor, whose community had 13 murders this year compared with 122 in 1991.

"Now my grandchildren can play outside," she said. "There's Christmas lights on the block."

Murder took a long holiday in most major American cities in 1998, with several seeing their lowest homicide tallies in decades.

New York, whose total peaked in 1992 with 2,262 killings, and Los Angeles each posted a 20 percent drop in murders for the second straight year.

Only a few big cities — including Dallas, Minneapolis, Newark, N.J., Phoenix and Seattle — had more murders this year than last, but most were still well below their peaks, according to an Associated Press survey of big-city police departments.

"The economy's good, apprehension rates are high and the emergency clinics are excellent in saving people's lives," said police Lt. A.J. Biello of Atlanta, which had 146 murders in 1998 as of Monday, four fewer than last year.

New York dropped from 767 murders last year to 616 as of Monday — the lowest toll since 1964. Los Angeles went from 566 in 1997 to 414 on Monday, a level not seen since 1970. Among the next three largest cities, Chicago's toll is comparable to that of the late 1980s, Houston to the late 1960s and Philadelphia to the mid-1980s. Miami's homicide rate is similar to that of the mid-1970s.

The trend began in the early 1990s. Aside from the booming economy, the reasons given for the decline include a waning crack cocaine trade, mandatory prison sentences, better police work and perhaps even changing attitudes toward crime.

"There's been a rising revulsion in personal violence in those neighborhoods," said Eric Monkkonen, a professor at the University of California at Los Angeles who specializes in studying murder in American cities. "And violent young men are no longer honorable."

In New York, officials credit drug crackdowns and a war on "quality of life" crimes, such as jaywalking and riding bicycles on the sidewalk.

"The people who are involved in minor crimes are sometimes the same people who are involved in major crimes, or have knowledge of major crimes," Police Commissioner Howard Safir said.

Other cities with lower numbers than last year were Chicago (695 from 755); Houston (229 from 241); Philadelphia (333 from 418); Miami (94 from 97); Boston (35 from 42); Nashville, Tenn. (96 from 112); Denver (56 from 72).

Even cities that saw more murders were still off totals from just two years ago. Newark had 94 murders in 1996, 58 last year and 59 so far this year. Minneapolis went from 86 in 1996 to 58 last year and 61 this year.

Despite an 8 percent decrease from 755 murders last year, Chicago was headed for the highest toll in the country, with 695 as of Tuesday. And Baltimore had 310 murders, the same as 1997, despite the city's strong push to get below 300 for the first time in nine years.

Datebook

Dec. 31, 1998

Today is the 365th day of 1998 and the 11th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1929, Guy Lombardo and the Royal Canadians made the first of their annual New Year's Eve broadcasts on CBS radio.

On this day in 1946, President Harry Truman proclaimed the end of World War II.

On this day in 1961, a band that had been known as Carl and the Passions performed as the Beach Boys for the first time, in Long Beach, Calif.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Cornwallis (1738-1805), British general; George C. Marshall (1880-1959), U.S. Army general-statesman; Anthony Hopkins (1937-), actor, is 61; John Denver (1943-1997), singer-songwriter; Ben Kingsley (1943-), actor, is 55; Diane von Furstenberg (1946-), designer, is 52; Patti Smith (1946-), singer-poet, is 52; Donna Summer (1948-), singer, is 50; Paul Westerberg (1959-), singer, is 39; Val Kilmer (1959-), actor, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, Notre Dame defeated Alabama 24-23, winning the Sugar Bowl and the national college football championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Our policy is directed not against any country or doctrine but against hunger, poverty, desperation and chaos." — George C. Marshall

TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (Jan. 1).

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High blood pressure often not treated aggressively enough

BOSTON (AP) — Doctors shouldn't be so quick to blame the patient when attempts to lower a person's blood pressure fail, suggests a study published in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

The study of Veterans Administration clinics found that doctors often fail to switch drugs or prescribe higher doses even when their patients' blood pressure is clearly too high.

In these cases, the study found, poor access to care or patients' unwillingness to take their medicine cannot completely explain the failure to control blood pressure.

"Physicians themselves must accept some responsibility for the problem," the doctors wrote in the study directed by Dr. Dan Berlowitz of the VA hospital in Bedford, Mass.

The doctors examined the case of 800 men with high blood pressure who were treated at five VA clinics in New England over a two-year period. About 40 percent of them had blood pressure that was above 160 over 90, despite making an average of more than six visits a year for hypertension.

The doctors found that the men's medication was increased on just under 7 percent of the visits.

The doctors also frequently failed to try different treatments.

Newt may run

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — Newt Gingrich hasn't ruled out a run for president — someday.

For now, though, the outgoing House speaker plans to open a consulting firm in suburban Atlanta and stay out of politics for a while.

"For the next few years, I want to stay in private industry," Gingrich said in Wednesday's Marietta Daily Journal. He said his company would lobby for technology and health issues and offer management advice to other companies.

Gingrich, who will officially resign from Congress on Monday, has said before that he has no plans to run for the Republican presidential nomination in 2000.

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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Do Asians have the world's best diet?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read one of your articles and was a bit concerned. Do you really want to say that more of a person's daily calories should come from fat than protein? Is this really what Americans need to hear?

I live in Japan and work as a personal trainer in the United States, and I am very much in tune with people's physical condition. I can tell you from first-hand experience that the lack of dietary fat in the Japanese diet has a huge effect on the populace, especially as they get older. Senior citizens here (and by senior, I mean upper 70s to 80s) are spry, vigorous and slim. Americans, if they are overweight, cannot say the same thing — mostly because they die before they ever reach that age or have debilitating conditions resulting from the body's attempt to carry extra baggage.

Americans who live over here for any length of time lose weight, and what's interesting is that these are the same people who used to talk about wanting to enjoy their food and their right to lead their own gastronomical lives without feeling guilty. These are the people who end up looking better, feeling better and taking a more active part in what goes on around them. In short, they're happier.

I know that not everyone wants or needs to lead a fitness professional's lifestyle. But let's face it: telling the most overweight country in the world (by a wide margin, no pun intended) that it should eat more fat than protein is only slightly short of criminal. Please keep your audience in mind in subsequent columns. — C.C., Hiroshima, Japan

DEAR C.C.: I appreciate your comments, and I regret your concerns about what I wrote earlier. Let me say that I have great respect for the traditional Asian diet — a healthy, low-fat way of eating, which focuses on plant foods. The flavors and foods of Asian cuisine are marvelous, and there is no question that they represent a healthful way of eating — certainly better than what the average American eats. Health statistics routinely bear this out. However, this isn't the only way to eat healthfully.

In the United States, we need to begin making better food choices. When we focus solely on fat, we get the mistaken message that a highly-processed, "fat-free" food is better for our bodies than a nutrient-rich whole food that happens to be naturally higher in fat. How many of us shy away from serving a portion of a whole food — such as an avocado — with a meal because it contains fat, while at the same time not thinking twice about snacking on fat-free cookies?

The way of eating I encourage consists of a regimen rich in fruits, vegetables, legumes, whole grains, fish, nuts and low-fat dairy products; is not excessively high in calories; is low in saturated fat; and has no partially-hydrogenated fats. This way of eating would ideally include predominantly monounsaturated oils — such as olive or canola oil — and with the exception of fish, would rely on a minimum of animal (meat) products. This model has great potential, and the data from scientific studies bear this out.

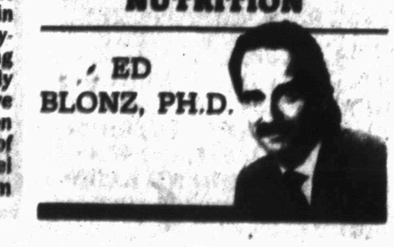
A good diet need not be tied to a rigid fat quota (as some dietary guidelines insist) as long as it does not contain excessive calories. Using calories, as opposed to fat, as a guideline provides limits that help us regulate our body weight. Another factor — one that you as a personal trainer would certainly endorse — is that regular physical activity must always be recognized as the foundation of good health. Throw in a daily allotment of time for the enjoyment of food with family and friends and you're on your way. It's been working in other parts of the world for hundreds of years. Why not here as well?

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

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Some states to refund surplus taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's healthy economy brought state governments $11.4 billion more in taxes than they had anticipated while planning their 1998 budgets, according to the nation's governors.

Only Alaska, Hawaii and Nevada took in less than expected, according to the National Governors' Association's twice-yearly report on state finances, released Wednesday.

Georgia and Iowa met collection targets, and all other states had surpluses. On average, the 50 states and Puerto Rico estimate they collected 3.6 percent more than they anticipated in sales, personal income and corporate income taxes in fiscal 1998, compared to an average of 2 percent extra in the previous four years.

In many states, taxpayers will be getting some of the money back.

Minnesota and Ohio have enacted legislation to return surpluses to taxpayers. Colorado, Massachusetts, Missouri and Oregon have reached previously set limits on state revenue growth and have already or plan to grant tax cuts and credits.

The governors' report said that overall, states plan to cut taxes and fees by a total of $7 billion in fiscal 1999 — the largest single-year reduction in five consecutive years of state tax cuts. The bulk of the reductions will come from personal income taxes, which 29 states are slashing.

However, anticipating that the good times that have caused the tax windfall will have to end eventually, 22 states are socking away at least some of the extra money in general rainy-day accounts.

"Governors are making their states stronger by building reserves to prepare for possible future economic downturns," said governors' association executive director Raymond C. Scheppach.

Some states are even creating or adding to reserve accounts designated for specific purposes. South Dakota, for example, keeps one meant to ensure the state can carry out promised property tax reductions in the future. And Maryland is establishing a reserve fund for welfare.

Other states have pumped surpluses into education, construction of schools and roads or technology improvements, including solving the year 2000 computer problem.

"The general trend was that the states seemed cautious about making commitments that would continue for the long term. Many of these were one-time investments," said governors' association spokesman Noel Milan.

Besides an eventual slide in the economy, many governors fear that states could lose as much as $20 billion a year in sales taxes as more consumers take advantage of tax-free shopping over the Internet.

"As more and more transactions occur online and are exempt from sales taxes, the sales tax collections on which states rely will erode," said the report.

Online product purchases are not currently subject to sales tax mainly because governments have not yet figured out how to overcome the legal complexities of collecting them. Congress this year imposed a three-year moratorium on any new Internet taxes while a commission studies the problem.

Based on projections that online sales could reach $300 billion by 2002, states could lose $15 to $20 billion a year in sales taxes they would have otherwise collected, according to governors' association estimates.

Sales taxes provide nearly half of the money for state and local budgets.

Saturday begins rare succession of full moons

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the full moon takes its place in Friday night's cold winter sky it will begin an unusual series of full moons not seen in more than eight decades.

There will be two full moons in January, none in February, and two again in March. That last occurred in 1915, reported Geoff Chester of the U.S. Naval Observatory.

January's first full moon, the moon after Yule or old moon, becomes full at 8:30 p.m. EST Friday.

The month's second full moon occurs at 11:07 a.m. Jan. 31.

When a month has two full moons the second is known as a "blue" moon, though it only rarely has a blue tint that unusual atmospheric conditions can supply.

Occasionally the moon takes on unusual colors, but most often it tends to be reddish, reports Guy Ottewell of Furman University in Greenville, S.C.

The occasional blue or bluish-green moon can take place when a lot of dust is present in the air, such as after a volcanic eruption, Ottewell notes in his Astronomical Calendar 1999.

After January's double full moon, February manages to skip a full moon. At 28 days, it's the only month short enough to accomplish the feat.

The moon's cycle varies from 29.2 days to 29.9 days, averaging 29.53. Thus, a month with 30 or 31 days has a complete cycle of all four phases of the moon.

February last lacked a full moon in 1961 and will miss one again in 2018, Chester said.

After January, the first full moon will be March 2 at 1:59 a.m. EST.

The full moon of March is variously known as the sap moon, crow moon or Lenten moon. And at 5:49 p.m. March 31 will come another blue moon, the second in the same month.

The remaining full moons of 1999 will be:

—April 30, called the grass moon or egg moon.

—May 30, the planting moon or milk moon.

—June 28, the rose moon, flower moon or strawberry moon.

—July 28, the thunder moon or hay moon.

—Aug. 26, the green corn moon or grain moon.

—Sept. 25, the harvest moon or fruit moon.

—Oct. 24, the hunters moon.

—Nov. 23, the frosty moon or beaver moon.

—Dec. 22, the moon before Yule.

Amoco-BP merger to proceed

WASHINGTON (AP) — British Petroleum Co. and Amoco Corp. said they will complete their $53 billion merger Thursday, after winning regulatory approval from the Federal Trade Commission.

The FTC said Wednesday it voted 4-0 to approve the deal after the companies agreed to address antitrust concerns by selling 134 gasoline stations and nine petroleum terminals.

They also agreed to give owners of more than 1,600 gasoline stations in 30 cities permission to end their contracts.

FTC Chairman Robert Pitofsky said the agency was satisfied that "the operations of these two companies rarely overlap in a way that threatens competition."

Formal FTC approval becomes final after a 60-day comment period.

The stock merger, announced Aug. 11, is among the largest in history involving an American company. Chicago-based Amoco is the nation's fifth-largest oil company with roughly 9,300 gasoline stations.

London-based British Petroleum, the world's third-largest oil company, sells its products through a network of about 17,900 stations.

Shares of both companies fell Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange. Amoco dropped $3.25, or 5.6 percent, to $54.75 per share, while BP fell $6.75, or 7.5 percent, to $83.18¾.

In a joint statement, British Petroleum and Amoco said they will finalize the merger at 4 p.m. Thursday, when U.S. markets close. The companies had previously said they wanted to complete the deal by year's end.

"We set ourselves the demanding target of closure by year-end," BP Chief Executive John Browne and Amoco Chairman Larry Fuller said in a statement. "We are delighted that we will achieve that and, in the process, set a new record of 100 working days for the completion of such a large and complex transaction."

Eight states in the union have a population of less than 1 million.

In the naming of Atlantic hurricanes, the letters Q, U, X, Y and Z are skipped.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 1, 1999

A number of opportunities to better inform you on subjects that are important to your forward progress could be in the offing in the year ahead. It'll be up to you, however, to take advantage of them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Stand up for your ideas today if you believe yourself to be right. Just because an associate can speak louder or faster than others doesn't make his or her concepts better. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and 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.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your usual methodical manner in which you handle assignments or tasks could go by the boards today. If you find yourself in a muddle, shelve these little jobs for another day.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Because of your reluctance to exclude guests who don't get along well with one another, any social event you might be chairing today might not come off too smoothly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you are hoping to finalize a matter of consequence today, timing will be the primary factor. Don't wait until the opportunity has passed, but don't close prematurely either.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your sign can be either totally open-minded or completely nonreceptive to the suggestions of others. Unfortunately, you might choose the latter today, even when others are trying to help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Under today's influences, you're going to need to be watchful that you don't become wasteful and blow the very financial gains you've achieved. Try to tuck some of it away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Resourceful measures can be taken today to circumvent any negative developments that might occur. Just put your mind to doing so. Think your way through or around obstacles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Rather than think about the difficulties you may endure to complete your tasks today, concentrate on the rewards you can garner from your labors. It'll pay off handsomely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Of all the people you may have difficulty pleasing, a friend who is usually rather easygoing might be your greatest challenge today. Bite the bullet, hold your tongue and keep your pal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Just because you may not be able to complete a project you deemed to be of great significance today, don't abandon it altogether. Catch your second wind and try again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Unfortunately, those you encounter today may feel equally as protective about their ideas as you do about yours. Show the same tolerance for their thinking as you desire for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If a joint venture you get involved with today is not in equal balance of give-and-takes, it's not likely to work. Make sure the requirements are equitable before you get committed.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman Struggles to Separate From Her 'Inseparable' Friend

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I have a terrible problem on my hands and desperately need your advice.

Several years ago, after enduring a nightmare marriage for 27 years, I left my husband "Joe," with the loving support of a dear friend I'll call "Sally." I found a kindred spirit in this funny, gentle, intelligent woman — and without her I don't know how I could have survived that terrible time in my life. We were virtually inseparable. I had my own room in her home, and she had her own room in mine. We took trips together, spent weekends and holidays together, took care of each other and each other's kids. We did everything together, and I must admit I've never been happier. We were always there for each other.

But after three years of trying to make it without a husband, I caved in and remarried Joe. He promised to change, and he's been quite tolerable. The problem I'm faced with is that I no longer have a place in my life for Sally. I just don't have any time for her. She does not fit in with my "married crowd." She's a single mom, and even though I love her dearly, she's quite eccentric and my husband does not approve of her.

I know how to break up with a man. My question is, how do I "break up" with a girlfriend without hurting her? I really thought that she would understand, but she apparently doesn't. She is terribly upset with how things have turned out, but there's nothing I can do about it.

CAUGHT BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

DEAR CAUGHT: Your letter gives credence to the adage, "No good deed goes unpunished." There's no way to break up with Sally without hurting her.

It's not surprising that your husband disapproves of Sally. She was your lifeline during the separation, and she symbolizes your independence. Where was your "married crowd" when you needed support after your "nightmare marriage" and no longer fit in with them?

If you really wanted to, you could maintain the friendship despite the altered circumstances. However, since you don't — show her this column and, I assure you, she will understand.

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DEAR ABBY: Just a few words to let you know what happened after you printed my letter about the donation of frequent-flier miles to the Make-A-Wish Foundation:

The overwhelming number of phone calls the Make-A-Wish Foundation received at their national office prompted them to set up a special phone line to facilitate the high volume of inquiries they received after the column ran. Northwest Airlines WorldPerks members donated more than 800,000 miles in the two days following the date my letter appeared. And in addition, the foundation's Delta Airlines account was credited with more than 5 million miles during the month of July!

So, Abby, I'm pleased to report that hundreds of children will benefit. Bless you and your many readers who made this possible.

SID FISHER, PALM SPRINGS, CALIF.

DEAR SID: That's terrific news, and I know my readers will be as pleased as I to read it. To all my readers who donated airline mileage so generously, thank you on behalf of the children who will benefit for making this possible.

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DEAR READERS: Have a happy, healthy and prosperous 1999. And remember, if you're driving, don't drink; and if you're drinking, don't drive.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

How often should kids see dentist?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it really necessary for my kids to go to the dentist every six months for exams and fluoride treatment? At each visit, my 4-year-old is found to have a couple of cavities, but she is so scared of dentists that I hate to put her through the trauma.

DEAR READER: I'll leave the decision about frequency of visits to the judgment of the expert: your dentist. Cavities in young children are, in my experience, unusual — provided the youngsters are eating properly balanced meals, going easy on sugar products and using fluoride toothpaste in an appropriate manner. Perhaps your child has an abnormality in her tooth enamel. If so, six-month visits may be mandatory. Ask your dentist if there is some way that the child's appointments could be made less unpleasant, or ask for a referral to a pediatric dentist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 150-pound man who lost 75 pounds on a diet two years ago. The bad news is that my smoking increased to three packs a day. I've tried on my own to quit or cut down — no luck. Anti-smoking clinics haven't helped either. Is it healthier to weight 225 and smoke one pack a day, or to be in my present state?

DEAR READER: Neither. You are limiting your options too much. Smoking is clearly harmful and will bring with it serious health consequences in the future. Similarly, weighing 225 and smoking even a pack a day still increases your risk of disease.

You seem to have licked the weight problem. Now you can focus on the next challenge: tobacco. I suggest that you try the nicotine gum or the nicotine patches, both of which are available without prescription. Your doctor may be able to help.

Rather than thinking "either/or," try to view the problem more positively. You have proven to yourself that you can lose weight; by extension you have the power to stop smoking. In short, with help, you can overcome your bad habit. Viewing yourself as fat or as a victim of cigarette-addiction is being a loser. You can be a winner.

To give you related information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Winning the Battle of the Bulge" and "Help II: Substance Abuse & Mental Health." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report 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(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: How can I get rid of stretch marks?

DEAR READER: Caused by rapid expansion of the skin (as in pregnancy or sudden weight gain), stretch marks can be troublesome to treat. Surgery has been the standard therapy.

However, Retin A, a compound commonly used to treat acne, has been reported to improve unsightly stretch marks, if applied daily. The prescription cream or lotion may have to be used for at least six months to be effective.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On December 30, 1998, Texas Utilities Electric Company ("TU Electric"), in accordance with Substantive Rule 23.23(b) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), filed a Petition with the Commission seeking final reconciliation of all eligible fuel and purchased power expenses incurred during the reconciliation period of July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1998. TU Electric is also seeking an accounting order from the Commission that will allow certain costs incurred to facilitate the use of coal as a supplemental fuel at its Monticello lignite-fueled generating plant and costs relating to the internal rail transportation systems at its Monticello and Martin Lake lignite-fueled generating plants to be treated as eligible fuel costs and billed pursuant to TU Electric's Rider FC – Fuel Cost Factor. All of TU Electric's customers and classes of customers and all territories served by TU Electric are affected by the Petition. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Commission's Office of Consumer Affairs at (512) 936-7120. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Rift opens between Rep. Hyde, Sen. Lott over trial procedures

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opening a rift with House prosecutors, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott is suggesting that President Clinton's impeachment trial be cut short unless an early, preliminary vote finds that a two-thirds majority wants to proceed. Failure to attain that margin could open the door to a censure.

Clearly alarmed, lead House prosecutor Rep. Henry Hyde wrote to Lott on Wednesday urging that he neither "sacrifice substance and duty for speed" nor "unwisely short-circuit" the first presidential impeachment trial in 130 years.

The proposal jeopardizes plans for the 13-member team of House "managers" to air its full case charging Clinton with perjury and obstruction of justice. Hyde, chairman of the Judiciary Committee that brought the impeachment charges, wrote that the full presentation must include witnesses and that the managers "have concerns with your proposal" that none would be called.

In addition to the two-thirds requirement for completing the trial, Lott and Democratic leader Tom Daschle discussed the possibility of a censure vote, according to a Senate leadership source who would not be quoted by name.

The two leaders agreed to present their rank-and-file with a plan that would permit a censure vote if there was no possibility of conviction by a two-thirds vote.

The split between Hyde and Lott came as Senate leaders discussed more detailed plans for the trial, which could convene Jan. 7, the day after the new Congress is sworn in.

Another Senate source, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said Lott and Daschle discussed opening the trial in early January with as few as three days of presentation — one day each for the House prosecutors and Clinton's defense team and a third day for questions.

That would be followed by possible private deliberations and then the test vote — on the issue of whether the charges reached a sufficient legal standard to warrant removal of the president.

If that failed to gain the support of two-thirds of the senators, a censure alternative could be brought to the floor.

By setting the bar at two-thirds for proceeding with a full trial, Hyde said, Lott would be granting "one-third of the Senate the power to decide whether there will be any airing of the evidence."

Births

Kevin and Tonya Combest of Lubbock are parents of a daughter, Karlee Anese, born on Dec. 29. She weighed seven pounds, eight ounces.

Grandparents are Wallace and Bobbie Combest of Snyder and Andy and Debbie Holt of Lubbock.

She's finally home, but work has just begun for mother

HOUSTON (AP) — Finally back home after three grueling months in the hospital, the mother of the Houston octuplets already is gearing up for her next big challenge: preparing to care for her seven surviving babies.

Nkem Chukwu knows she'll need support — lots of it.

"I'll get help from the members of my church, our friends," the 27-year-old mother said Wednesday before she was released from St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital.

"God has been my great provider, and he will continue to provide for me and the babies," she added. "I know he'll take care of them."

But Ms. Chukwu and her husband, Iyke Louis Udobi, also put out a call for some secular assistance — specifically, donations to help them provide for their new family.

"Whatever we have now will be multiplied by seven," said 41-year-old Louis, a respiratory therapist. "We'll still need a bigger house, car or van."

Donations have poured in since Ms. Chukwu delivered seven of her babies on Dec. 20. The first arrived several weeks earlier. The tiniest, Odera, died Sunday of heart and lung failure.

"It's just sort of been a steady flow," said Katy Gill of Texas Children's Hospital, which is coordinating gift donations for the family. A separate bank fund for cash contributions also has been established.

Items pledged range from a lifetime supply of diapers and training pants to car seats and formula. One woman even offered to coordinate a volunteer committee to help the family with daily chores such as shopping.

"It is so wonderful," Ms. Gill said. "They're going to need everything they can get."

Ms. Chukwu said she is overwhelmed by the generosity.

"I thank the whole world for their support and prayers," she said.

Weak but radiant with pride, Ms. Chukwu was released from the hospital after visiting her babies and speaking with reporters for the first time since her remarkable delivery.

While she acknowledged her pregnancy was difficult, she said the pain and fear gave way to wonder and gratitude the moment she gazed upon her babies.

"When I saw them for the first time, I was so amazed at what God blessed me with," she said. "They are unique."

Ms. Chukwu was confined to bed and fed intravenously during much of her hospital stay.

Forces in Gulf reduced

WASHINGTON (AP) — The USS Enterprise battle group is set to leave the Persian Gulf by week's end as the Pentagon reduces its military force in the region despite skirmishes between Iraqi air defense and U.S. and British warplanes patrolling Iraq's no-fly zones.

"The forces left will be adequate to do what we need to do," Pentagon spokesman, Lt. Col. Pat Sivigny, said Wednesday.

He noted that another carrier, the USS Carl Vinson, remains in the region, along with more than two dozen other ships, 200 aircraft and 20,000 troops.

During a four-day bombing attack on Iraq earlier this month, the United States had both carriers in the area — with about 40 other ships, 350 aircraft and 29,900 troops.

Two failed Iraqi missile attacks against U.S. and British warplanes in three days this week in Iraq's no-fly zones hasn't changed plans to withdraw some forces, Pentagon officials said.

Col. Richard Bridges, another Pentagon spokesman, said Western warplanes patrolling northern and southern Iraq have shown during the U.S.-Iraq missile exchanges that they're well prepared to defend against threats from Iraqi antiaircraft sites.

"None of this has affected our ability to enforce the no-fly zones," Bridges said.

In challenging the no-fly zones, set up in 1991 and 1992 to protect Kurds and Shiite Muslim rebels from Iraqi attack, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein appears to be taunting U.S. and British warplanes to challenge tight U.N. and U.S. controls on him, say foreign policy experts.

On Wednesday, four F-16 fighters and an EA-6B electronic warfare aircraft blasted an Iraqi antiaircraft site with two missiles and up to eight laser-guided bombs after Iraq fired six to eight missiles at British bombers in the southern no-fly zone, the Pentagon said.

Obituaries

Delfina Gonzales

1925-1998

Delfina Gonzales of Snyder died Wednesday, Dec. 30, in Snyder's Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Gonzales, 73, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in St. John's Catholic Church in Monahans with Fr. John Lucido officiating. Burial will follow in the Monahans Cemetery under the direction of Harkey Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 3, 1925 in Roswell, N.M., she was married to Angel Gonzales on Feb. 2, 1946 in Big Spring. He died in 1986.

She was also preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Gonzales, a homemaker and a Catholic, moved to Snyder from Monahans 10 years ago.

Survivors include three sons, Angel Gonzales of Snyder, Jaime Gonzales of Uvalde and Phillip Gonzales of Monahans; four daughters, Cris Benitez of Snyder, Angie Munez of Odessa, Delvia Abila of Washington and Irene Bustos of Monahans; a brother, Thomas Sosa of Anthony; a sister, Maria Munoz of Big Spring; 27 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Troy Etheredge

1902-1998

ROTAN — Troy Etheredge, 96, of Tyler and formerly of Rotan, died Monday, Dec. 28, in Tyler. He was the brother of Edna Ruth Cave and Faye Rinker of Snyder.

Service was set for 2 p.m. today in Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel with Melanie Bradford officiating. Burial was to follow in the Hobbs Cemetery.

Born in Scurry County, Mr. Etheredge was retired from Gulf Oil Co. in 1964. He was a member of Central Baptist Church in Port Arthur.

Survivors also include his wife, Flora Spencer Etheredge of Tyler; one daughter, Ernestine Covington of Dallas; two sons, Edwin Etheredge of Sterling, Va., and Alvin Etheredge of Tyler; two brothers, Pete Etheredge of Roscoe and Bob Etheredge of Gorman; another sister, Tura Lou Duke of Boswell, Okla.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Jackie Waldon

1949-1998

RANGER — Jackie Basham Moody Waldon, former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, in a local hospital.

Graveside service was set for 3:30 p.m. today in Bullock Cemetery, directed by Edwards Funeral Home.

Mrs. Waldon, 49, was a member of Northside Baptist Church in Snyder. She was a waitress for many years.

Survivors include two daughters, Shelia Sharp of Ranger and Audrey Montgomery of Odessa; three sons, Monty Montgomery of Eastland, Colby Moody of Gordon and Wade Moody of Ranger; and six grandchildren.

Anne Bomar

1896-1998

BALLINGER — Anne Dial Bomar, the mother of Robert Bomar of Snyder, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, in a Ballinger nursing center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Bomar, 102, was set for 3 p.m. today in the First Presbyterian Church. Burial was to follow in the Talpa Cemetery under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 11, 1896 in Bastrop County, she was a homemaker and a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include three other sons, Tom Bomar of Ballinger, James Bomar of Winters and Weldon Bomar of Cleburne; a daughter, Elizabeth "Dot" Schroeder of Ballinger; 20 grandchildren; and 70 great and great-great-grandchildren.

Jim Griffin

1933-1998

COAHOMA — James W. "Jim" Griffin, 65, died Tuesday, Dec. 29, in the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Big Spring.

Graveside service for Mr. Griffin was set for 2 p.m. today in the Vincent Cemetery with the Rev. Ben Neel officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 29, 1933 in Paducah, he was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include a son, Mike Griffin of Coahoma; two daughters, Sharon Stanford of Anson and Cindy Hudson of Abilene; an adopted son and daughter, Ramond Griffin and Brenda Griffin, both of Lake Thomas; his mother, Catherine Griffin of Abilene; a sister, Neta Pointer of Abilene; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

New Year's Eve service

Sound of Jubilee will hold a New Year's Eve service from 8 until midnight this evening. Everyone is welcome.

New Year Mass scheduled

Our Lady of Guadalupe announces its New Year Mass for 7 tonight and 10 a.m. Friday.

Apostolic Faith Church services

Apostolic Faith Church, 2506 25th St., will have a Watch Night Service this evening from 7 until after midnight. The multiple service will feature singing, special music and several speakers. There will also be a break for snacks and fellowship. The public is invited.

Swearing-in ceremony

Scurry County officials elected and re-elected in the November general election will be sworn in at 10 a.m. Friday in a ceremony to be held in the district courtroom of the Scurry County Courthouse.

First Christian service at Jr. High

The First Christian Church will have its worship service once again in the Snyder Junior High School auditorium. The Sunday service begins at 10:50 a.m. with no Sunday School classes.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, can be purchased at the church or Classic Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre projects.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Church as Part of God's Eternal Plan," followed by "Teaching Your Child to Pray."

Lions Club meeting

The Snyder Lions Club will resume meeting at noon Tuesday.

Economic review, outlook

A satellite presentation entitled "Outlook '99: Catch the Vision," will be presented Tuesday at the Edward Jones office in Snyder. Chad Holliday, CEO of DuPont, will be a special guest on the broadcast. For more information or to reserve a seat call 573-4055.

Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will have its stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the lodge hall.

Rotary meeting

The Snyder Rotary Club will resume its regular noon meeting next Thursday.

Snyder Bible Institute

Bible History I will be taught for 24 weeks beginning next Thurday in the Christian Student Center on the WTC campus. Richard Rogers of Sunset International Bible Institute Satellite School will be the instructor. Classes meet from 7-9 p.m. All Bible students are welcome and tuition is free.

Community singing

Join in singing praise and worship songs and enjoy special music at a community worship set from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, in the Scurry County Coliseum. The public is invited and there is no admission charge. Bring lawn chairs to sit on floor level, or seating in stands is also available.

Library storytime change

Beginning in January, Storytime for 4-5-year-olds at the Scurry County Library will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednedays.

Pick 3

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

3-4-3.

(three, four, three)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

Wednesday's winning numbers were 2-3-22-26-32-42

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $22 million.