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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A good rule for life is to keep the heart a little softer than the head."

Santa has to be on his toes these day.

Macy and Katy Cotton of Hamlin were in Snyder a couple of weeks ago, visiting their grandparents, Dan and Jane Ann Cotton.

The two gals, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cotton, were taken to Wal-Mart by their grandmother to have a little talk with Santa.

Santa was doing pretty well. Naturally, Santa got around to asking them what they wanted for Christmas.

Five-year-old Macy answered, "I want a Cabbage Patch doll that eats."

Santa was stumped. "I don't think I've heard of that," said the jolly gentleman.

Little sister Katy, 3, came to the rescue, "There's one right there," she said, pointing to one of the nearby toy displays.

The big toy in demand this year is the Tickle Me Elmo doll and Nintendo 64. As in the Cabbage Patch Kids craze back in the 1980s, parents are using guerrilla-shopper tactics.

There have been stories of hundreds of parents lined up before dawn to try to get the most requested toys. At a store in Aurora , Ill. police charged a woman with assault after she slapped another woman who grabbed the last Nintendo box on the shelf.

Stores reportedly can't keep enough stock of the Tickle Me Elmo, a plush doll based on a Sesamee Street character than giggles when you press its stomach.

Tyco Toys Inc. is flying the doll from factories in China to the U.S. to get them in stores faster. More than a million are expected to be sold.

Here are some of the most asked for Christmas toys of past years:

--1983, Cabbage Patch Kids
--1984, Trivial Pursuit
--1985, Teddy Ruxpin
--1986, Lazer Tag
--1987, Pictionary
--1988, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
--1994, Might Morphin Power Rangers
--1995, Holiday Barbie

What happened to apples and oranges? We nuts are still there...

HANGIN' ON — This unique scene at the Joe Minefee residence in the 2500 block of 35th Street has caused more than one passer-by to slow down for a second look. Minefee and his son Darryl constructed a holiday-spirited character who hangs on to the roof after his ladder falls out from under him. (SDN Staff Photo)

More decisions await president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite a bevy of high-level White House job announcements, President Clinton still has much work left to fill out his second-term Cabinet and freshen his staff of close advisers.

At least four Cabinet-level posts out of 14 remain unfilled, and Clinton has yet to announce the status of four other Cabinet members who are expected to stay — something he hopes to do by Christmas. He's also rushing toward a holiday deadline to work out much of the reshuffling of his top White House staff as he tries to reward longtime loyalists.

"There'll be some more announcements next week," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said. "The president still needs to talk to a lot of people."

At a news conference Friday, Clinton announced the appointment of New Mexico congressman Bill Richardson as his new U.N. ambassador, giving the ad hoc diplomatic trouble-shooter an official foreign policy role. Richardson would replace Madeleine Albright, nominated as secretary of state last week.

The president also picked a fresh face as commerce secretary, Chicago Democratic Party activist and attorney William Daley. The Cabinet post now is held by Clinton friend Mickey Kantor, who is returning to private life.

Daley, the youngest son of legendary Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley, literally swooned over the announcement of his selection, collapsing in a faint at the news conference. He blamed hot television camera lights and the lack of lunch.

Clinton also announced that four Cabinet-level officials will stay for his second term: Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, Attorney General Janet Reno, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner. Reno's fate had been in question until she met with the president Thursday night.

"Bob Rubin has been the captain of our economic team for four years first as director the National Economic Council and now as secretary of the Treasury and I am pleased that he is staying on," Clinton said, acknowledging the Treasury chief's role in maintaining a healthy U.S. economy and thus helping the president's re-election effort.

Clinton also rewarded other members of his economic team, naming aide Gene Sperling to replace Laura Tyson as chairman of the National Economic Council and Charlene Barshefsky as U.S. trade representative, a post she now holds on an acting basis.

But Clinton's hopes to announce a replacement for Joseph Stiglitz as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers fell through.

Pentagon planners consider cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's military force would be trimmed by up to 10 percent under a likely option that the Pentagon is considering as it considers spending and operational plans for the early 21st century, officials say.

In the "worst-case scenario" among many options being studied, the Army would shrink by two combat divisions, the Air Force would lose hundreds of fighter planes and the Navy would have dozens fewer surface ships, The Associated Press learned.

But the most drastic cuts already have run into opposition from members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and are far from a certainty

"More realistically, we are probably looking at cuts of 5 to 10 percent" in the current 1.4 million-member active-duty force, a senior official knowledgeable about the planning proposals said Friday.

That would translate into cutting one or two Air Force fighter wings of about 70 planes each, up to a dozen surface ships and "maybe" an Army division, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The discussions are part of the Pentagon's large-scale examination of long-term strategies and forces dubbed the "Quadrennial Defense Review." It is the third major assessment of the military's strategies and resources since the end of the Cold War.

It is putting together proposals to guide Defense Department budgets into the years 2003 and 2006, the official said.

"There are a wide range of things being considered, including worst-case scenario cuts," and six packages of options are being drawn up for the consideration of top Pentagon officials, the official said.

"Everybody's jockeying for position right now. ... A lot of this is just mumbling," he said.

The congressionally mandated review is expected to be completed by May 15.

'Pinocchio' showing here

"Pinocchio," an American Family Theatre production, will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday at Worsham Auditorium.

Tickets are $10 for reserved seating and $6 for general admission and are available at the door.

The Broadway for Kids series production, filled with special effects and song, has been performed before sell out audiences throughout the United States and Canada.

Ritz play on stage now

Ritz Community Theatre's production of "The Butterfingers Angel, Mary & Joseph, Herod the Nut and The Slaughter of 12 Hit Carols in a Pear Tree" continues its run with two more performances.

Showtimes are 2:30 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Tickets are available at the door and are $7 for adults and $4 for children under 12.

The play deals with the timeless Christmas story from a fresh and entertaining point of view, said Ellie Dryden, director.

New items on county agenda

Scurry County commissioners will consider five items of new business in open session and discuss another in executive session in a meeting set for 10 a.m. Monday.

The court will meet in closed session under the Texas Open Meetings Act section that deals with the lease of county property.

Commissioners will also consider:

—formulating a request for proposals for county employee health insurance;

—a revised policy and procedure manual;

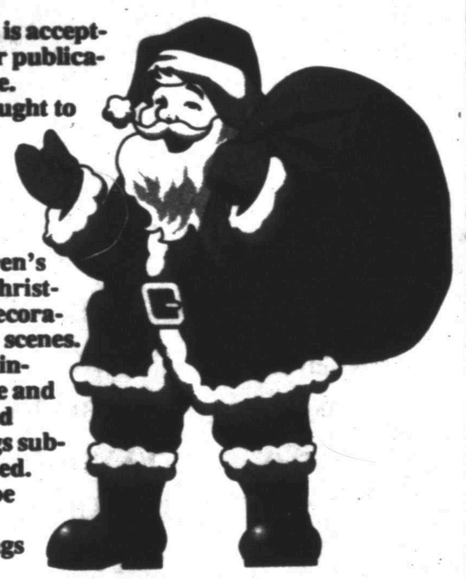
—county board appointments for the coming year;

—bond for the county tax assessor;

—and the court meeting schedule for next year.

Budget amendments and line-item transfers will also be considered, as well as bids for sealcoating rock.

Letters deadline nears



Snyder Daily News is accepting letters to Santa for publication in its Dec. 24 issue.

Letters may be brought to the newspaper office at 3600 College Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 949.

This year, the SDN will also accept children's drawings depicting Christmas, such as Santa, decorated trees and Nativity scenes. The drawings should include the child's name and age. Because of limited space, not all drawings submitted can be published.

Drawings will not be returned.

Letters and drawings must be received by 5 p.m. Wednesday in order for them to be forwarded to the North Pole in time for Christmas.

Blood drive surpasses last year's amount here

Scurry County blood donors can be proud to know they topped the 1995 effort with this past week's drive.

The three-day drive took in 172 units, giving the county 609 for 1996. There were 604 units donated in Scurry County last year.

The call for blood for Mrs. Jean Yearwood was also answered. Of the 172 units donated, 110 were designated as replacement units for her, if needed.

Tuesday's community drive at the Family Life Center produced 110 units. Thirty-nine were drawn at Cogdell Memorial Hospital on Wednesday and 23 were donated by Price Daniel Unit employees on Thursday.

Ethel Head received a 13-gallon pin and William C. West received an eight-gallon pin. Others receiving pins were Darren Jackson and Charles Ed Casebolt, six gallons; Vernest Tippens, five gallons; Joseph Singleton and Norris Lofton, four gallons; Juanita Buchanan, three gallons; Mike Velasquez and Danita Roe, two gallons; and Frankie Hines and Edward McDaniel, one gallon.

Those who donated received coupons from local businesses and a holiday T-shirt. Gift certificates were awarded by drawing from several local businesses.

ASK US

Q—What are the six numbers that have been chosen the fewest times in the Texas Lottery?
A—18, 30, 34, 37, 44 and 50.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 71 degrees; low, 32; 7 a.m. Saturday, 46; no precipitation; total for 1996, 18.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, windy, sharply colder; slight chance of light rain or a rain/snow mix mainly after midnight. Sunday, mostly cloudy with snow flurries possible early.

Bryan Clifton
Colder!

Sunset: 5:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:36 p.m.
Of 348 days in 1996, the sun has shone 344 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

(Psa 2:11 NKJV) Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.

Lottery commissioner resigns position

AUSTIN (AP) — Lottery Commissioner Joe Morin resigned Friday, saying he wanted to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest over links between his office building and the lottery's primary contractor.

Morin, appointed by Gov. George W. Bush last year, said he just recently learned that an association he heads leases space in an Austin building partly owned by officials of GTECH Corp., which runs the lottery's on-line games.

Questions about Rhode Island-based GTECH and lottery executive director Nora Linares are being investigated by lottery commissioners. Mike Moeller, a friend of Ms. Linares', got a $6,000-a-month contract from GTECH shortly after the company won a five-year deal to run the lottery.

Morin said he didn't know until after the Moeller contract was revealed that the Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce, which he heads, leases space in an Austin office building partly owned by GTECH officials.

Morin, president of the association, has said the group won't renew its current lease.

"Even though the Lottery Commission attorney has told me that there's no conflict of interest in the current arrangement, the public's perception of a conflict of interest must be considered," Morin told Bush in his resignation letter.

"I think it would be in the best interest of the Lottery Commission for me to resign," he wrote.

"While lawyers say this is not a conflict of interest, I applaud Commissioner Morin's recognition that the public perception of the lottery must be above question or reproach," the governor said.

THANKS

My family and I would like to thank those of you that brought flowers, came by, or called during my recent illness. Most of all thanks for your prayers. I'm home now and doing well.

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Benitez fund is established

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Mrs. Benitez has cancer and is taking treatments.

SHOPPING SPREE WINNERS — Mr. and Mrs. J.M. McPherson were the lucky winners of a $100 per week for a year shopping spree at Lawrence IGA. Shown presenting their prize is Bud Pinkerton, site manager at Lawrence IGA #100. (SDN Staff Photo)

Parents to be offered choice

MIDLAND (AP) — Minority students will be forced to trek across town more often than whites if the Midland school district goes ahead with plans to open grade schools to parental choice, opponents to the plan charge.

School board Trustee James Fuller, who was part of the losing end of a 5-2 vote Tuesday to approve opening the district's 23 elementaries up for citywide choice, called the measure a "blatant violation" of MISD's desegregation agreement with the U.S. Justice Department.

The judgement to which he refers reads: "Any new plan ... must not increase any inequity in the transportation burden borne by a particular racial or ethnic group, and must be consistent with the (district's) desegregation obligation."

Fuller claims students naturally will flock to five new grade schools in the northern, and mostly white, part of town.

Trustee Jack Hightower, who supported the new plan, said freedom of choice for every Midland youngster is the most natural form of integrating schools.

"I personally feel that most people will want to go to schools in their neighborhood," Hightower said. "This could satisfy the needs of many people."

He said the district has had to turn down students' requests to attend schools across the street from their homes under the current system.

Hallums fund is established

A fund has been established at Snyder National Bank for Bennie Hallums, who lost all of his possessions in a Dec. 7 house fire.

The log cabin was first brought to America by settlers from Sweden.

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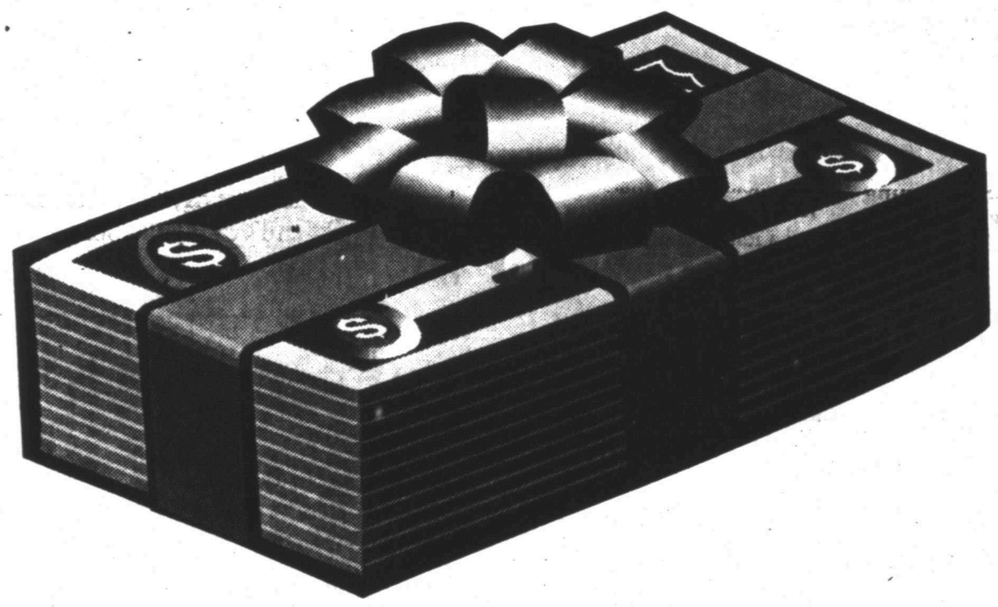

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The Officer of the Month for November 1996 is Officer Terry Snyder. Officer Snyder is a Snyder native. His parents are Shirley and Ted McMillan of Snyder.

Officer Snyder grew up in Snyder and is a 1991 graduate of Snyder High School. Officer Snyder was one of the first members of Snyder Law Enforcement Explorer Post #573, sponsored by the Snyder Police Department. He has also attended Odessa College. He attended and graduated from Odessa College Law Enforcement Academy in 1994. Prior to attending the police academy Officer Snyder was employed as a Snyder Police Department dispatcher. He was later employed as a jailer with the Scurry County Sheriffs Office.

After graduating from the police academy Officer Snyder began his employment with the Snyder Police Department as a police officer on April 15, 1994. Officer Snyder is currently assigned to "A" Shift in the Patrol Division.

On December 18, 1996 Officer Snyder will be promoted to Corporal and will be assigned to "C" Shift in the Patrol Division.

Officer Snyder was selected as the November 1996 Officer of the Month by Police Chief Lannie Lee based on a selected set of criteria that includes exemplary public service and devotion to duty.

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YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT! — When Wayne Kennedy, principal at East Elementary School, got ready to kiss a pig Thursday morning, the entire school was watching. Kennedy was making good on a pledge he had made earlier in the school year. If the fourth grade students earned 4,500 reading points before Christmas he would kiss a pig. They did and he did. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Students 'pig out' on books...

Fourth graders reach reading goal

East Elementary School fourth graders recently completed what may have seemed an impossible goal a few months ago. And because they did, Wayne Kennedy, principal, did something he thought he would never have to do — kiss a pig.

It all began when the 224 students set a goal to read 4,500 points worth of books before Christmas. When Kennedy agreed "to kiss a pig" if they did, they were so motivated that they reached their goal on Nov. 25.

Kennedy had his close encounter with a pig Thursday morning in the school auditorium, filled with students, teachers and other staff members.

The 100 students whose names are listed on the Accelerated Reader Wall of Fame gathered on the stage, anxiously anticipating the big moment when the pig would arrive.

Snyder High School agriculture science students soon arrived and carried the pig on stage by its legs. They turned it over and Kennedy, who was standing on the floor near the stage stepped back, slightly hesitated, then wondered aloud "How did I get myself into this?" before he bent down and kissed the pig — much to the delight of everyone, especially the students.

Nationwide, students in all grades are improving using the AR system. Accelerated Reading Program was funded through school money, the Goal 2000 grant, and the East Parent Council.

The students may choose to participate by reading library books and gaining points by taking computerized comprehension tests over the books. Each book is worth from .5-20 points per book, and the point value is based on the reading level and length of the novel.

The next goal for the school will be 10,000 points. When this is met East PE Coach Brad Brunson, has agreed to shave his head. The students can't wait.

The program encourages all students to read, sponsors say, because "reading is knowledge, knowledge is power."

Man risks life to shut of valve

REFUGIO (AP) — Oilfield worker Ruben Longoria shrugs off his new label of town hero, but residents here say that is exactly what he is.

Longoria, 40, risked his life Wednesday to shut off a gushing well that was spewing oil and natural gas into a neighborhood.

"I don't care about being a hero," Longoria, who works for T.C. Oil Company in Refugio, was quoted as saying in the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "That's my job. I'm used to emergencies like that."

Longoria was helping a friend mend a fence when he heard what he described as a loud boom.

Petrochemical unit restructured

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican state oil monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos said Friday it had authorized the division of its petrochemical unit Pemex Petroquimica into ten subsidiary companies.

In a news release, Pemex said the secondary petrochemical companies created under the organizational restructuring would be based at the complexes of Cosoleacaque, La Cangrejera, Morelos, Pajaritos, Independencia, Salamanca, Ciudad Camargo, Escolin, Reynosa and Tula.

It said it hoped the move would assist in Pemex's modernization and expansion strategy for its petrochemical sector.

The Mexican government earlier this year retreated on initial plans to open up its petrochemical plants to full domestic and foreign private investment, following strong political protests on the domestic front.

But it still hopes to sell up to 49 percent stakes in its existing petrochemical complexes.

Computer Solutions commemorates 100th customer

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Clint Eastwood becomes dad again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dirty Harry is a dad again.

Clint Eastwood, 66, and second wife Dina Ruiz, a television anchorwoman in Salinas, had their first child Thursday — an 8-pound, 4-ounce daughter, publicist Marco Barla said.

Morgan Eastwood is the actor's fifth child.

"Everything went smoothly and mother, father and child are home and happy," Barla said.

Eastwood and Ruiz, 30, were married March 31 in Las Vegas.

The couple live in Pebble Beach, but chose to have the baby in Los Angeles, where Eastwood was working on a film, Barla said.

Eastwood has two children from his 25-year first marriage, which ended in divorce in 1978.

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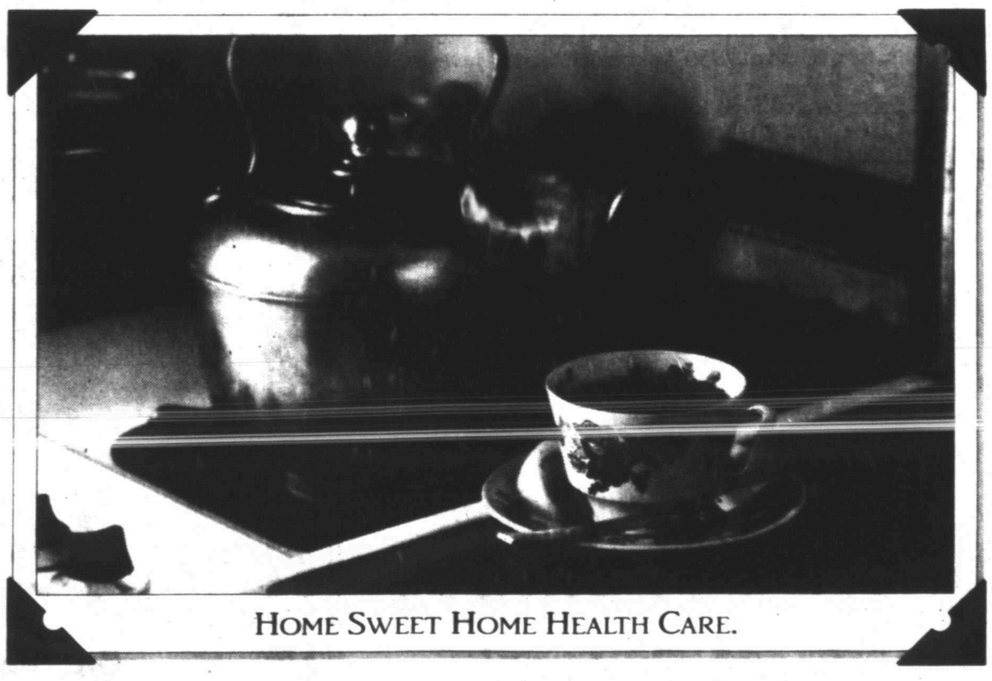

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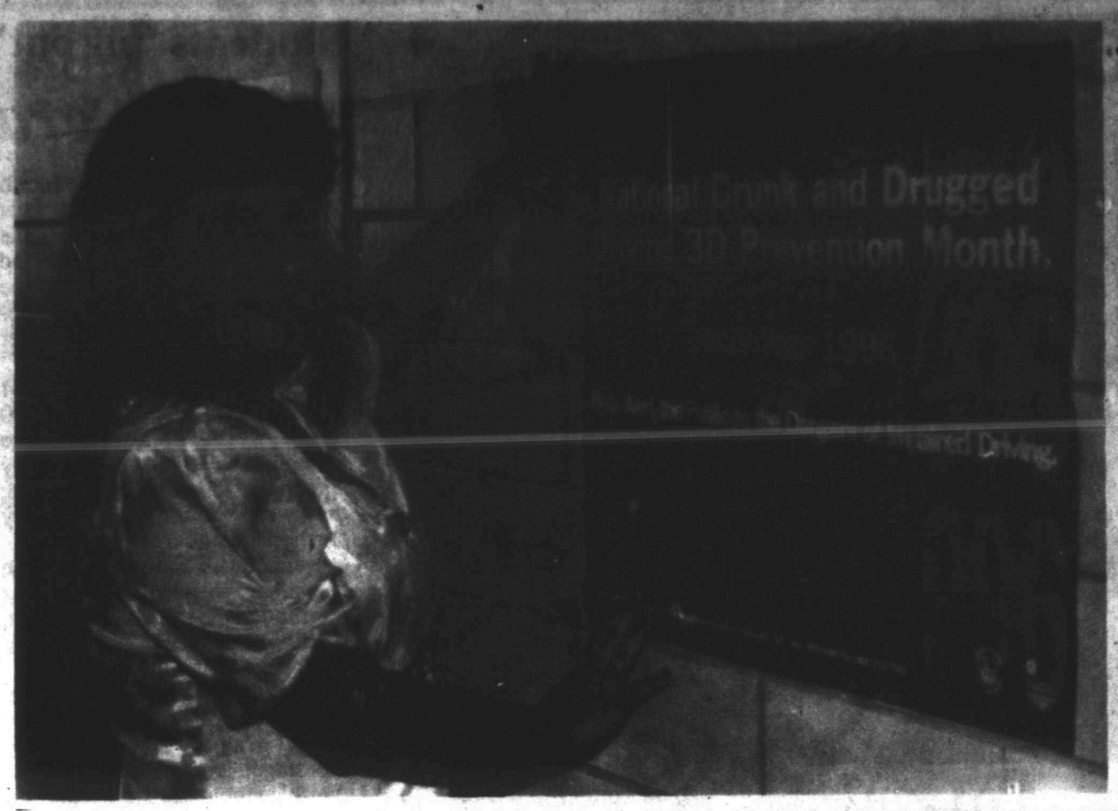
Lights on For Life Day slated here December 20

The Snyder High School chapter of Future Homemakers of America (FHA) wants to remind everyone to drive with their lights on Dec. 20, "Lights on For Life Day."

Lights on for Life is one of several activities taking place during December as part of National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month.

Drivers across the county will be turning on their lights in remembrance of persons killed and injured by impaired drivers and as a reminder of law enforcement's pledge to get impaired drivers off the road.

Advisers are Carolyn Derouen and Carolyn Limmer.



LIGHTS ON FOR A DAY — Snyder Future Homemakers of America (FHA) are reminding everyone to drive with their lights on Dec. 20. (See story above, left) FHA student Elizabeth Hollaway is putting up this sign advertizing the upcoming event. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

The Food Cupboard would like to thank everyone who donated food to the Scout Food Drive.

We would especially like to thank all of the boys, girls and parents who worked so hard to make this food drive a success.

THANK YOU!

Financial Focus

Will Rogers, the great American humorist, once said that all he knew was what he read in the newspaper. If everybody believed everything they read in the newspaper, we'd all be scared to invest.

Fortunately, most of us are smarter than that.

Serious investors have always been skeptical of sensational news. They rely instead on their own research and good judgment - and they are usually rewarded.

For example, in 1950, while still recovering from the scars of World War II, the United States engaged in a major conflict with Korea - hardly a prudent time to invest, if you believed the headlines. But what would have happened if you had decided to ignore the headlines? What if you had invested $10,000 in the stocks represented by the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Index and reinvested all your dividends?

During the following years, the Korean War escalated, there was an excess-profits tax, and the government took over the steel mills. Despite all this bad news, however, by the time the Korean conflict had subsided at the end of 1954, your $10,000 would have grown to $29,045 - nearly triple your original investment.

The next 10 years were critical times. There was a crisis in the Suez and a recession at home. Cuba fell to Castro, and the Berlin Wall was erected. But when John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, your investment was worth $83,106.

When world problems seemed to relax, domestic unrest erupted. Civil rights issues exploded, and riots plagued U.S. cities. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy were assassinated, and the Vietnam war escalated. Money was tight, and the market was falling. When business activity declined, wage and price freezes were initiated. Newspaper headlines of the early 1970's announced trade deficits, skyrocketing oil prices, Watergate and New York City's financial crisis.

During the rest of the decade, news highlights included a stalled economic recovery, a falling U.S. dollar and unprecedented inflation. In spite of this, by the end of 1980, your stock market investment was worth $288,425.

Although inflation and high interest rates dominated the first two years of the 1980s, by 1983 the bull market began to heat up. Budget and trade deficits, plus a host of other problems, erupted, but the bull roared on until Oct. 19, 1987, when it stumbled. The headlines were bad, but when 1987 ended, your investment was worth $712, 128.

The next decade, although remarkable for the stock market, was not without its share of bad news. Despite the headlines, however, by the end of 1995, your original $10,000 investment made at the beginning of a major world conflict would have been worth $2,273,901.

Obviously, one of the worst things bad news can do is to keep people from investing. The best way to make the most of your money is to invest consistently, regardless of the headlines.

Queen Noor of Jordan presents Texas Tech graduation address

LUBBOCK (AP) — King Cotton has moved over for a couple of days as the reigning monarch of Lubbock.

The city rolled out the red carpet Friday for Jordan's Queen Noor, in town to give the commencement address at Texas Tech University and greet prominent invited Lubbock residents at a $50-a-ticket reception.

"I've been very moved by the hospitable spirit this evening," she told guests, which included a handful of Jordanian students. "It makes it clear that our countries — West Texas and the Hashemite Kingdom (of Jordan) — are so similar."

The American-born, Princeton-educated queen married King Hussein in 1978, but Jordanian professor Mohammed Maqusi, who currently teaches at Tech, said people from his homeland have studied in West Texas for about 30 years.

Jordan's University of Science and Technology and Texas Tech have shared collaborative grants since 1988, and Maqusi's three-year visiting professorship in electrical engineering stems from that relationship.

"I believe the choice made by Texas Tech to internationalize is a very wise step in the right direction," he said. "The world is really becoming a small globe."

Tech Chancellor John T. Montford announced the establishment of a scholarship in the queen's honor Friday night, dedicated to the education of Jordanian students at the university.

Montford wryly joked about the unusually mild December night: "I must tell you, Your Majesty, that this has been a fairly typical West Texas evening."

The queen, who greeted guests and posed for pictures with excited exchange students for a half hour, presented the school with two ornate, cream-and-gold ceramic vases and a plate.

She called Tech's not-yet-completed International Cultural Center, the site of the reception, a beacon of the school's dedication to the world stage.

"I can speak from a special personal perspective, having been born in this country and lived and worked abroad in my life," she said.

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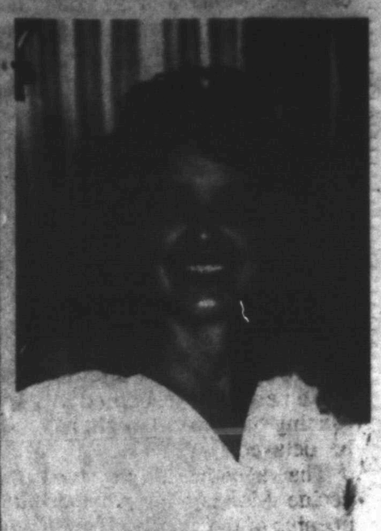

Julie Bynum

Julie Bynum earns degree in pharmacy

Julie Tyann Bynum, a 1992 graduate of Snyder High School, received her bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from the University of Texas at Austin.

The graduation banquet was held last Saturday at the Renaissance Austin Hotel.

Bynum graduated in the top 10 percent of her class. She is a member of Rho Chi Honor Society, Pharmacy Leadership Society, Kappa Epsilon and Longhorn Pharmaceutical Association.

She is married to Jason Bynum, another SHS graduate and the son of Harley and Judy Bynum of Snyder.

Bynum is the daughter of Becky Johnson and the late Eddie Johnson.

Rigsby earns promotion

FHTNC — Marine Lance Cpl. Jennifer L. Rigsby, daughter of Joe W. and Teresa A. Graves of Snyder, recently was promoted to her present rank while serving with Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The 1995 graduate of Snyder High School joined the Marine Corps in August of 1995.

Town honors rat killers

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — At this party, dancers need to bring at least 50 rat tails before they can shake their own.

Admission to the Cabuto town dance is the latest gimmick toward vermin control in the central Philippines.

Cabutan is in Iloilo province, one of the country's biggest rice-growing regions. Rats have destroyed 58,000 acres of rice in Iloilo alone.

Town officials were inspired by the "Miss Rat" contest earlier this year in nearby Monpon, which did much to end that town's problem, provincial agriculturist Apolinario Sotomil said.

Contestants were judged not only for their beauty but also for the number of rats they and their sponsors could kill.

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Trinity rail delay expected

DALLAS (AP) — DART officials say the agency is scrambling to save its credibility after reports that a new train scheduled to start running on Dec. 30 might have to be delayed.

The agency is expected to decide Monday on whether the opening of the Trinity Express rail line, that was supposed to link Dallas with Irving, Texas, will be postponed until March of 1997.

Last week, Dallas Area Rapid Transit showed off a new car for the Trinity Express rail line.

But the cars DART ordered for the Trinity Express aren't ready and officials say the agency is having trouble finding replacement cars.

By Monday, Lonnie Blaydes, vice-president of commuter rail for DART, has to advise the DART board either to delay the opening of the 10-mile commuter rail line or start the service on time with temporary equipment.

It is just one in a string of problems for the Trinity Express, which has been in the planning stages since 1983.

Officials said it wasn't until last Monday, two days after publicly unveiling the prototype, that they were sure Canadian manufacturer, GEC Alsthom AMF Transport Co., would not come through in time.

Still, there were warning signs.

In July, the contractor showed DART a schedule that reflected the delay, said Bill Whitbred, a project consultant.

"We told them 'no way,'" he said.

The contractor then sped up its efforts to refurbish the 13 cars, all built in the 1950s, that DART wanted by Dec. 30.

DART sent four engineers to Montreal to help a month later, when the project was still behind.

By November, DART officials had told the contractor to concentrate on getting five cars ready for the December opening.

MOCK WEDDING — Snyder High School individual and family life classes enacted a mock wedding Friday. From left are, Amanda Williams, bride; Matt Ornelas, groom; Renee Lujan, bridesmaid; Jimmy Murphy, best man. Lisa Moore, minister, is shown in front. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Students carry out mock wedding for SHS class project

Snyder High School individual and family life classes completed the semester's studies with a mock wedding staged Friday in the Home Economics Living Room.

Students involved were Amanda Williams, bride; Matt Ornelas, groom; Renee Lujan, bridesmaid; Jimmy Murphy, best man; Lisa Moore, minister; Elizabeth Hollaway, mother of the bride; Sherri Smith, mother of the groom; Vincent Montoya, father of the bride; and Dwayne Robertson, father of the groom.

Others were ushers Raymond Guzman and Frank Martinez. Marina Alvarado was in charge of music and Elyse Merritt registered guests.

Members of the houseparty were Amanda Powell, Christy Luna, Kathy Guerra, Maria Barron, Gloria Barron and Monica Saenz.

Special guests were Maria Cabrera and Orlando Hernandez.

Carolyn Derouen is the teacher.

Foreign names out

BEIJING (AP) — "Manhattan Plaza," "Monte Carlo Villas" and other foreign names have been banned in the southern city of Canton, in an effort to promote Chinese culture, the state-run news agency reported Friday.

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Project RIO needs help from potential employers in area

Project RIO, a viable program that is saving the state valuable tax dollars and helping ex-offenders to become productive members of society, needs some help from potential employers.

Project RIO is unique in that it coordinates services provided by various state agencies and other organizations — including the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division (ID), Pardons and Parole Division (BPP) and the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

Subsequent to release from prison, the Board of Pardons and Paroles initially refers potential clients to the Texas Workforce Commission's intake personnel. The ex-offenders then report to the local TWC office for intake evaluation, counseling and, if needed, additional testing.

They also receive information on supportive services such as the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, United Way and the Salvation Army and are referred to training and education sources such as the Adult Learning Center for GED classes and West Central Texas Council of Governments for job training.

Employers who hire ex-offenders are eligible for cost-free bonding up to $10,000 for an ex-offender upon request. Also, ex-offenders may qualify for Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC).

This is a tax credit given to employers who hire qualified ex-offenders. For most ex-offenders, employers may claim a maximum credit of $2,100 per eligible worker. This is based on 35 percent of up to $6,000 in qualified wages during the first year of employment.

WOTC was authorized for one year, effective Oct. 1, 1996 through Sept. 30, 1997. The ex-offender must have been hired after Sept. 30, 1996 to qualify.

The Abilene TWC Project RIO coordinators provide these services to the surrounding Big Country area including Scurry County.

Once a month, a RIO coordinator travels to the Big Country counties to provide services to ex-offenders.

Presently, it costs $35 to $41 per day per inmate for confinement — almost $13,000 each year. Each new prison cell costs in excess of $20,000. Texas A&M University's independent research estimates that placing parolees in immediate employment saves Texas taxpayers more than $10 million per year in potential reincarceration costs.

In addition, each ex-offender who gains employment after release generates about $1,000 per year in state and local taxes.

For more information or questions or if you are an employer and would like to help, please contact the Abilene TWC office at 915 672-43461 and ask to speak with Project RIO coordinator Vickie Hefner or Ron French.

Inmate poses as employee, escapes

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A 39-year-old man serving time for theft and escape apparently walked away from a Huntsville prison Friday by coloring his prison whites with a magic marker, state authorities said.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials believe Steven Russell colored prison clothes with a green marker to look like hospital scrubs.

Russell then posed as a prison employee and walked away from the Estelle Unit, said prison spokesman David Nunnelee.

The escapee is believed to have gone to a nearby home for a ride into town. He was last seen at a Denny's restaurant around 6 a.m.

Russell was sentenced in Harris County to 45 years for aggravated theft, theft and escape. He began serving the term on Sept. 11.

He had been released from prison a year earlier under mandatory supervision after serving four months of a three-year sentence for theft.

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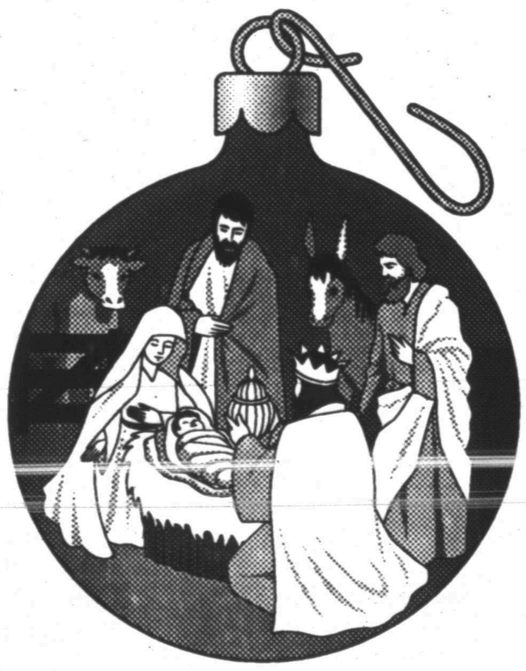

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Jury decides no law broken

DALLAS (AP) — A leader in Dallas' New Black Panther Party committed no crime when he interrupted a school board meeting last spring, jurors determined Friday.

Aaron McCarthy was accused of disrupting a May 14 meeting of the Dallas school board. Prosecutors said he was threatening and intimidating and denied others a chance to speak.

But after four hours of deliberations, a jury of four whites and two blacks determined that although McCarthy interrupted the meeting, he was never asked to leave and broke no law.

"Of course we knew in our hearts and a lot of other people knew that I wasn't guilty of any charge that the state had against me," McCarthy said after the verdict.

"The people have spoken," said Dallas County prosecutor Clark Birdsall. "The grand jury saw there was an offense and indicted it. We looked at it. We thought it appeared as though people's rights were being violated. But the jury has made their decision and this county will live by it."

New Black Panther Party drew attention earlier this year for protesting the Dallas school board's lack of a black president or vice president despite the fact 42 percent of the district's students are black.

Murderer beheaded

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — A man convicted of fatally stabbing his wife was beheaded Saturday in southern Saudi Arabia, the 67th execution this year under the kingdom's strict interpretation of Islamic law.

ST. NICK OF TIME by Jimmy Johnson

Datebook

Dec. 14, 1996

Today is the 349th day of 1996 and the 84th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1819, Alabama became the 22nd state in the union.

On this day in 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen and four companions reached the South Pole.

On this day in 1986, the aircraft Voyager took off on its nine-day, non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nostradamus (1503-1566), physician-seer; Tycho Brahe (1546-1601), astronomer; Spike Jones (1911-1965), bandleader; Don Hewitt (1922-), TV-news producer, is 74; Charlie Rich (1932-), singer, is 64; Lee Remick (1935-1991), actress; Patty Duke (1946-), actress, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1953, the Los Angeles Dodgers signed pitcher Sandy Koufax.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I became a good pitcher when I stopped trying to make them miss the ball and started trying to make them hit it." — Sandy Koufax

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1991, a colossal avalanche lowered the summit of New Zealand's Mt. Cook by several feet.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 10) and first quarter (Dec. 17).

Dec. 15, 1996

Today is the 350th day of 1996 and the 85th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1791, the Bill of Rights went into effect following its ratification by Virginia.

On this day in 1939, "Gone With the Wind" premiered in Atlanta.

On this day in 1989, the military dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet ended with the election of Patricio Aylwin to be president.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alexandre Gustave Eiffel (1832-1923), engineer; Maxwell Anderson (1888-1959), dramatist; John Paul Getty (1892-1976), oil developer; Alan Freed (1922-1965), entertainer; Tim Conway (1933-), comedian, is 63; Don Johnson (1949-), actor, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Alabama coach Bear Bryant announced his retirement from football.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Oh, the days dwindle down / To a precious few... / And these few precious days / I'll spend with you." — Maxwell Anderson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1945, more than 3 feet of snow were dumped on Buffalo, N.Y., with even more falling on areas southeast of the city.

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Senior Center News

The Senior Center will host its traditional Christmas dinner Thursday, with prime roast beef, scalloped potatoes, herbed green beans, Waldorf salad, yeast rolls and pecan pie on the menu.

Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. to help accommodate the large crowd expected, and senior citizens who plan to attend are asked to make reservations by Thursday.

Barbara Tune will provide music starting at 10:45 a.m.

David and Judy Brown will be performing Monday morning with a program beginning at 11:15 a.m. Bridge will begin at 9:30 a.m. Monday.

Hoss Clayton and his band will present a musical program at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday. 42 is scheduled to begin at 10.

Senior citizens with December birthdays will be honored during a birthday party Wednesday morning. The line dancing class will meet at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday.

A bridge tournament will begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday. The Sunshine Choir will go to Snyder Oaks Care Center for a program at 10 a.m.

The center is seeking donations to help purchase new chairs for the dining area. Large tables have been placed in the room and the old chairs, now 19 years old, do not work well with them.

The immediate need is for 90 chairs, each costing between $35 and $45. A jar has been placed in the center to make it convenient for visitors to leave donations, change or checks.

Persons who would like to make a donation in honor or in memory of a friend or relative is invited to contact the office for information.

Morales tells Texans to ignore rumors

HOUSTON (AP) — The state attorney general is warning Texans to ignore rumors that they can receive refunds from a price-fixing class-action settlement with infant-formula makers.

Attorney General Dan Morales said Friday that Texas isn't part of the settlement and Texans aren't eligible for payments. The deal involves consumers in 17 other states.

Morales advised Texas consumers not to send money or personal information to anyone who claims they can obtain refunds.

One rumor is that consumers can get up to $1,400 by sending $5 and information to the settlement claims administrator, Morales said.

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Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 15, 1996

In the year ahead, you might form an important confidential alliance that could benefit your career. It may turn out to be the most constructive arrangement you've made in a long time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you are realistic today, it will help you to minimize your frustrations. Do not insist that everything is OK when it isn't. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make an effort to think through every aspect of an important undertaking today. Otherwise you will run the risk of painting yourself into a corner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not let your friends pressure you into doing something today if you feel you really can't afford it. It is your money, not theirs.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will not accomplish your objectives today if you get too involved with people who are totally self-absorbed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Usually, your hunches are reasonably accurate, but this might not be true today. Do not let your instincts overrule your logic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Use caution today, especially in business matters. If you work with a new associate, let this person prove himself before you trust him with an assignment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Unless there is a clear-cut understanding of who is responsible for what, a partnership arrangement might collapse today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A misunderstanding with a co-worker should be clarified as quickly as possible today. This rift could widen if it is ignored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You should avoid risky situations today. Your luck might run out just when you need it most, so try not to take chances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not let associates make decisions for you today if you should make them for yourself. You might be penalized if you lose control of a project.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your powers of observation will be above-average today, but you might misuse this gift to focus on the negative aspects of life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Even though your instincts may urge you to do otherwise, you might still be too extravagant for your own good today.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 16, 1996

In the year ahead, you will elevate your sights higher than you have in the past. Objectives that were too much for you previously will be more manageable now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you will have the ability to make the most of what you have. Skillfully managed opportunities could yield impressive returns. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It will behoove you to do more listening than talking today, because valuable information might be forwarded to you from unexpected sources.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will be lucky enough to be in the right spot at the right time today. You can benefit from something that is at an early stage of development.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Try to remain hopeful and positive today, and concentrate on finding new opportunities. Something good will appear on the horizon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Financial conditions are favorable, so try to focus your energy on situations that will build or enhance your resources.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you should have a better grasp of the big picture. You can fit all the pieces together to your advantage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your shrewd ability to manage your financial affairs will become important today. You will find solutions which will benefit everyone concerned.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Compatible associates could play key roles in your affairs both today and tomorrow. Make every effort to keep these alliances intact.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, be on the alert for larger- than-usual opportunities at work. Do not hesitate to accept additional assignments or responsibilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep the channels of communication open this week, especially with friends in faraway places. You might hear good news from a distant source.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Joint endeavors could be successful for you at this time if you are involved with people who can make equal contributions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your warm, ngratiating attitude and your generous outlook will be your tickets to success oday. Let your true personality emerge.

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U.S. military employee gets 5 years

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — An appeals court sentenced a civilian employee of the U.S. military to five years in prison Friday for beating his South Korean girlfriend, who later died of her injuries.

Henry C. McKinney, 36, an electrician assigned to the 8th U.S. Army based in Seoul, received a seven-year term in a lower court ruling in July.

Presiding Judge Hwang Inhang said his three-judge panel decided to reduce the sentence because the defendant had a history of mental illness.

McKinney, of Owensboro, Ky., was accused of beating his live-in girlfriend in January during a fight over her desire to separate, police said.

Homer Anderson

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To try to produce the transformation by "will power" is to struggle and fail **(Romans 7:15-21)**. It is only when the will is yielded to God by faith in Christ that His power can give us the will power (and the won't power!) to become new persons. Herein lies the power of the victorious Christian life. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" **(Romans 12:37)**.

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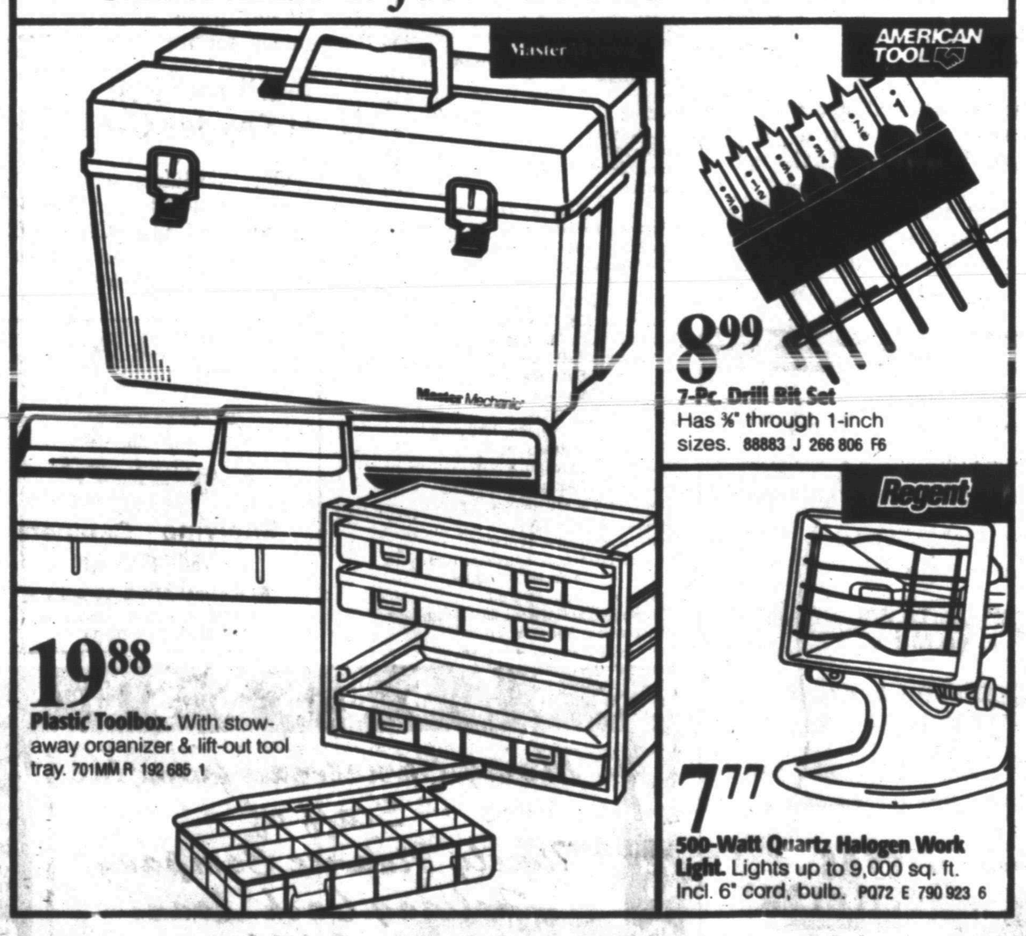

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SPORTS

Clip Seagraves...

SHS Tigs advance in tourney finals

MEADOW — The SHS girls varsity basketball team posted its 10th win of the season Friday in the Meadow Invitational Tournament.

Senior Erica Garvin got a hot hand and scored 21 points to pace the Lady Tigers to a 65-56 triumph over Seagraves in the championship bracket semi-finals game Friday.

Melanie Kidd tossed in 11 points while Mandy Hess and Darla Blackwell tossed in nine each while Tiffany Garza added seven. Brooke McGuire and Alicia Peoples each scored four while Leslie Daniell chipped in two.

Jenny Davis led Seagraves with 20 points.

The Tigers had opened tournament play Thursday with a 70-25 drubbing of Trinity Christian. The Lady Tigers were to challenge Meadow at 6:30 p.m. Saturday for the championship trophy.

Snyder used a stingy first-quarter defense, allowing only five points in the initial period. Snyder increased its advantage to 31-17 at halftime. In the third quarter, Seagraves outscored Snyder 22-14, but the Lady Tigers remained in control, 45-39, going into the final eight minutes in which Snyder outpaced the Eaglettes by three points.

Coach Rick Archer's charges are now 10-6, the ladies enjoying their best start in history. Next Friday, the Lady Tigers travel to Sweetwater.

Snyder JV, frosh split in tourney

COLORADO CITY — Snyder's junior varsity and freshman girls split games Friday in the opening round of the Colorado City tournament.

The Snyder Lady Tigers JV was edged, 24-23, by Midland Greenwood, but Snyder came back to take a 52-41 victory over Rotan.

The Lady Tigers JV were to play the winner of the Post-Coahoma game at 2:40 p.m. Saturday in the consolation semi-finals. The winner of that game was to play for the consolation title at 6:40.

Greenwood hit a basket with two seconds left to take the narrow victory. Amber Haddox and Amanda Scott led Snyder's scoring with six points each. Jodi Dennis put in five while Whitney Owen had three, Renee Trevino two and Felsha Biggers one.

Against Rotan, Snyder led all the way and was paced by Jodi Dennis' 20 points. Amanda Scott chipped in 13 while Amber Haddox canned 10. Jessica Murr and Whitney Owen each had three while Renee Trevino, Felsha Biggers and Terrie Moore put in one each.

The freshman girls bowed to Big Spring, 43-29, and then edged Sweetwater, 35-32.

Against Big Spring, Lexie Beard led with eight points while Christy Tomlinson and Gail McKinney each put in six. Bridget Espinosa had five while Amber Burt and Kaycee Marricle each added two.

Against Sweetwater, Lexie Beard was again the high scorer with 12 points while Laura Lewis accounted for 10. Kaycee Marricle had four while Courtney Rinehart had five and Tessa Hildebrand one.

The frosh girls were to play at 8 a.m. Saturday against the winner of the Coahoma-Colorado City tilt.

High School grid playoffs

CLASS 5A
Division I
Final
Lewisville (14-0) vs. Converse Judson (13-1), Saturday, 12:07 p.m., Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco

Division II
Semifinals
Abilene Cooper 24, Richardson Lake Highlands 21 (OT)
Aldine (13-1) vs. Austin Westlake (14-0), Saturday, 7 p.m., Astrodome, Houston
Final
Abilene Cooper (12-3) vs. Aldine or Austin Westlake, TBA.

CLASS 4A
Division I
Final
Grapevine (14-0) vs. Hays Consolidated (13-0), Saturday, 7 p.m., Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco

Division II
Semifinals
Denison 21, Highland Park 13
La Marque (12-2) vs. Corpus Christi Calallen (14-0), Saturday, 4 p.m., Astrodome
Final
Denison (14-1) vs. La Marque or Corpus Christi Calallen, TBA.

CLASS 3A
Semifinal
Friona (13-1) vs. Tatum (10-4), Saturday, 1 p.m., Texas Stadium, Irving
Coldspring (13-1) vs. Sealy (13-1), Saturday, Noon, Astrodome

CLASS 2A
Semifinal
Iraan (14-0) vs. Holliday (12-1-1), Saturday, 7 p.m., Jones Stadium, Lubbock
Groveton 14, Ganado 6
Final
Groveton (15-0) vs. Iraan or Holliday, TBA.

CLASS A
Final
Windthorst (14-0) vs. Tenaha (14-0), Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Pennington Field, Bedford

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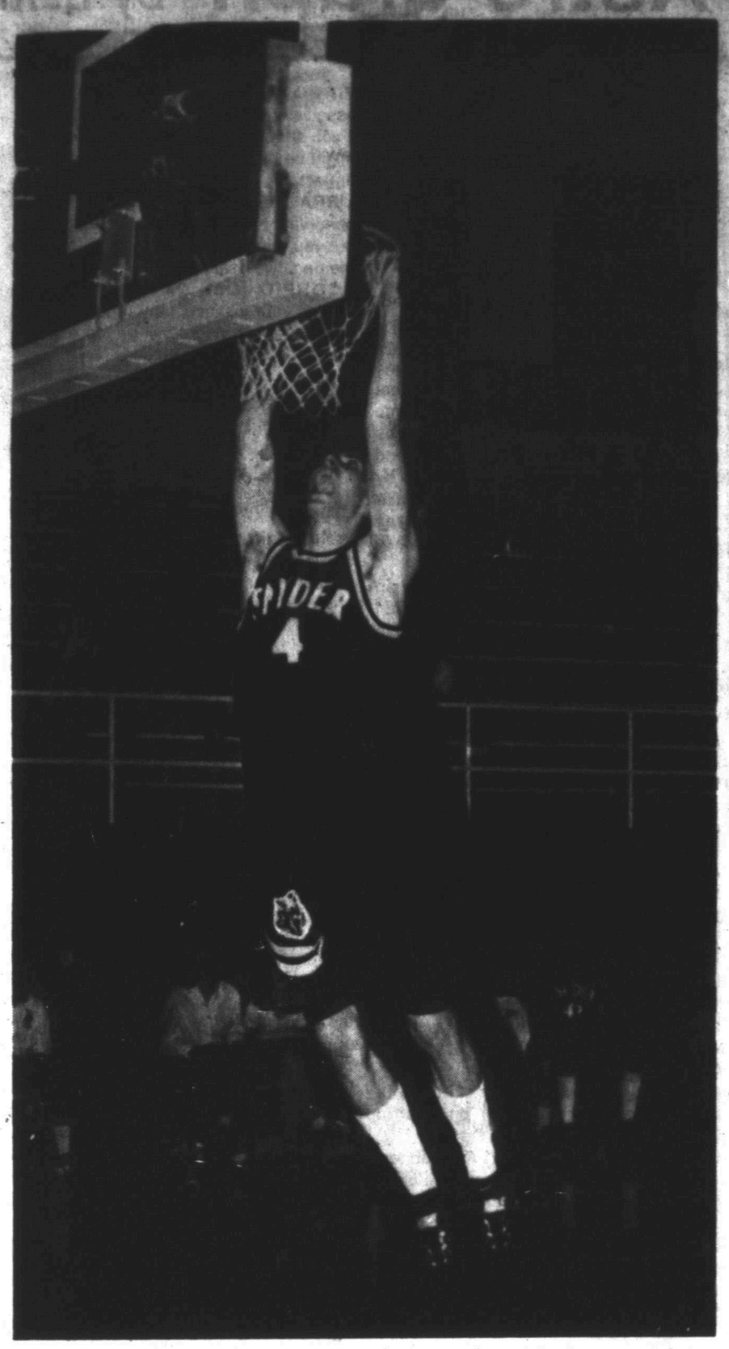

SLAM DUNK — Snyder's Rick Henderson gets a fourth-quarter slam dunk Friday night against El Paso Austin. The Tigers won, 61-42, and were to play for the Big Spring tournament championship Saturday afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo)

Abilene Cooper in finals

IRVING (AP) — Courtney Martin's 22-yard field goal in overtime, following a penalty that gave him a second chance, lifted Abilene Cooper to a 24-21 victory over Lake Highlands in a Class 5A Division II semifinal Friday.

Martin's 44-yard attempt moments earlier was short and to the right, but Cooper got the ball back when Lake Highlands was called for roughing the kicker.

Cooper (12-3) advances to the Class 5A Division II championship next week against the winner of Saturday's game between Aldine and Austin Westlake.

Lake Highlands finished the year 13-2 and a game short of the state championship for the second straight year.

The Wildcats took the first possession in overtime, but Cooper defensive tackle Roy Strahan stripped quarterback Sean Stilley of the ball and recovered on the first play.

Lake Highlands had to overcome a two-touchdown deficit in the fourth quarter. Stilley scored on a 35-yard run with 8:42 to go and then set up the tying score with a 52-yard pass to Drew Harden. Sam Needum made it 21-21 with 2:31 to go on a 1-yard touchdown dive.

Dominic Rhodes scored on a 5-yard run and finished with 101 yards on 31 carries for Cooper.

Denison advances, 21-13

FORT WORTH (AP) — Chris Robertson scored on a 66-yard run and an 80-yard screen pass, leading Denison to a 21-13 victory Friday night over Highland Park in a Class 4A Division II semifinal game.

Calallen and LaMarque play Saturday for the right to meet Denison (14-1) next week for the state championship. The game will be at Texas Christian University again if LaMarque wins and at Kyle Field in College Station if Calallen wins.

Demolish EP Austin...

Snyder Tigers in tournament finals

BIG SPRING — All the makings were there for a train wreck:

Three Snyder regulars were sidelined, the Tigers had played back-to-back games Thursday night, and the Friday the 13th opponent was big and quick.

But Snyder's express cruised to an impressive 61-42 victory over El Paso Austin Friday night to advance to Saturday's championship game in the Big Spring Rotary Tournament.

Coach Bud Birks wasn't smiling after the game — he was beaming.

"Aren't those kids something else!" The coach wasn't asking a question, but rather heaping praise. "We've played four games without three of our good players, and they've done a great job. They're playing together, playing as a team — and they're having fun."

The Tigers, who on Thursday night toppled Merkel in the tournament's opening game, waited about 80 minutes, before taking to the hardwoods again to defeat Midland JV.

After Friday's strong finish against EP Austin, the Tigers found themselves in Saturday's 3:30 p.m. championship game. The winner of the Big Spring-Pampa contest was to face EP Austin at 11 a.m. Saturday to determine Snyder's opponent.

Against EP Austin, the Tigers looked good for three quarters, but they looked terrific in the final eight minutes.

Playing agressive zone defense, the Tigers held the Panthers to only three points in the first quarter while scoring 11 on offense.

The Tigers increased its lead to 21-12 by intermission, but EP Austin in the third quarter finally found a seam in the zone wall, succesfully getting the ball inside to big Jorge Vargas who put in six field goals and a free shot for 13 of the team's 16 points in that period. The Tigers managed only 11 in the third, but still had a 32-28 lead going into the final eight minutes.

"We went back (in the fourth quarter) to doing what we do best," Coach Birks said. Snyder's switch to a man-to-man defense and turned-up tempo forced a pair of turnovers that put the momentum solidly in the Tigers' court.

It all started when Alvin Fabre completed a steal at mid-court and successfully laid up two points. Just seconds later, Jimmy Taylor's steal went the length of the court for a gentle jam. David Smith then sank a two pointer and the Tigers led 38-30 with 6:54 left.

But the fireworks had just begun. Justin McNair, moved up from the junior varsity to help fill voids by the trio sidelined, hit nothing but the net for a three-pointer that put the Tigers ahead 41-30 with 6:18 remaining.

There was more. Taylor, who led the Tigers in rebounds, had back-to-back steals resulting in field goals, and Snyder's advantage increased to 45-31 with 5:31 left.

The Panthers called timeout, but couldn't cool the torrid Tigers. After the rest, Snyder turned up the heat with a three-pointer by Rick Henderson who had been double-teamed much of the evening.

Taylor, who finished the night with 21 points, got another basket. Henderson, who finished the evening with 16 total points, hit his second trey and Snyder led 53-38 with 2:58 left.

Henderson responded with another steal, going almost full court for a dunk. Smith hit another bucket, Taylor tipped one in and Smith was on target again and the Tigers led 61-40 with 1:19 remaining.

Smith contributed a total of nine points while Ramsey Castillo hit a pair of treys for six points. McNair had one trey and Chad Carter put in two points.

For the Panthers, Vargas was the team's leading producer with 14 points. Leo Frayre and Marcos Martinez each added six.

The Tigers are now 11-3 for the year. On Monday, the Tigers and JV will travel to Sweetwater for games set for 6 and 7:30 p.m.

NBA at glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	17	5	.773	-
NewYork	14	6	.700	2
Orlando	9	9	.500	6
Washington	9	11	.450	7
Philadelphia	7	14	.333	9½
NewJersey	5	12	.294	9½
Boston	5	15	.250	11
Central Division				
Chicago	19	3	.864	-
Detroit	16	4	.800	2
Cleveland	13	8	.619	5½
Atlanta	12	8	.600	6
Charlotte	12	9	.571	6½
Milwaukee	11	9	.550	7
Indiana	9	11	.450	9
Toronto	7	14	.333	11½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	19	2	.905	-
Utah	17	3	.850	1½
Dallas	8	12	.400	10½
Minnesota	8	14	.364	11½
Denver	5	18	.217	15
Vancouver	4	19	.174	16
SanAntonio	3	17	.150	15½
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	18	7	.720	-
Seattle	16	8	.667	1½
Portland	13	10	.565	4
L.A.Clippers	8	14	.364	8½
Sacramento	8	14	.364	8½
GoldenState	8	15	.348	9
Phoenix	6	15	.286	10

Friday's Games
Chicago 113, New Jersey 92
Washington 108, Denver 104
Charlotte 84, Philadelphia 75
Indiana 97, Boston 94
Cleveland 101, Golden State 87
Minnesota 108, Phoenix 105
Vancouver 95, Orlando 93
L.A. Lakers 120, Portland 119, OT

Saturday's Games
Toronto at Miami, 1 p.m.
Denver at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Utah, 9 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.

Williams gets ace at Snyder C-Club

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SPORTS

Against Patriots Sunday...

Cowboys look for fifth straight division title

IRVING (AP) — In a firestorm season of suspensions, injuries, and poor point production for the defending Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys, there has been one calming influence: a rock-steady defense.

Coordinator Dave Campo's crew held together through thick and thin and that's one reason the Cowboys can win a fifth consecutive NFC East title if they defeat the potent New England Patriots on Sunday.

"Our defense has been outstanding in a year where the offense has yet to do the job," said quarterback Troy Aikman.

The Cowboys were the NFL's top defense going into Sunday's game with the Patriots, who led the league with an average of 28 points per game.

Campo, in his second year as coordinator, is starting to get some of the credit, although no big job offers are stacking up in his office at Valley Ranch.

A newspaper recently moved a list of the top 15 candidates for NFL head coaching jobs and Campo's name wasn't mentioned.

"I have that on my board in the office," Campo said. "It's a tremendous motivator to me. It pushes you into doing something more whether it's working harder or doing something to try to make things happen.

"It's like when I read the Cowboys are dead. I like that from a motivational standpoint."

The Dallas defense is suddenly getting the credit for the Cowboys 9-5 season.

"I feel it's good our defense is starting to get some recognition," Campo said. "Success brings good things for everybody. Sure, some day I'd like to be a head coach but that's not what I'm worried about right now."

The Cowboys are worried about the 10-4 Patriots, who can clinch their first AFC East title in a decade with a win.

"This could be a real battle," Aikman said. "We've got to put some points on the board because we know how capable their offense can be even against a defense like ours."

It will be the Dallas defense against the New England offense Sunday when the teams play with division titles on the line.

"We have something to prove to ourselves," said quarterback Drew Bledsoe. "We have an opportunity to find out where we stand."

Bledsoe said the Dallas defense "is the best we've faced this year. It will be a great challenge."

New England coach Bill Parcells seconded the motion.

"Their defense could be trouble for us," Parcells said. "They are playing extremely well particularly the secondary which is the best we've played."

The playoff scenario boils down to this:

--New England wins the AFC East with a win at Dallas or a Buffalo loss at Miami on Monday. The Patriots also clinch a first round bye with a win at Dallas and a Pittsburgh loss at San Francisco. The Pats already own a wild card.

--Dallas clinches NFC East title with a win against New England or Philadelphia loss to New York loss Saturday and Redskins' loss.

Ira Bulldog varsities pounded by Roscoe

ROBY — The Ira Bulldogs fell victims to Roscoe Friday in the second round of the Roby Roundball Classic.

The Ira girls bowed to the Plowgirls, 49-18, while the Bulldogs lost to the Plowboys, 87-33.

Teresa Robinson led the Lady Bulldogs with six points while top scorer for the Ira boys was Logan Daves with 11.

The girls were to play Roby at 6 p.m. Saturday while the boys were scheduled to face Roby at 7:30.

NFL at glance

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-NewEngland	10	4	0	.714	389	279
Buffalo	9	5	0	.643	285	241
Indianapolis	8	6	0	.571	269	284
Miami	6	8	0	.429	292	283
N.Y.Jets	1	13	0	.071	231	402
Central						
z-Pittsburgh	10	4	0	.714	315	214
Jacksonville	7	7	0	.500	286	305
Houston	7	7	0	.500	308	277
Cincinnati	6	8	0	.429	320	332
Baltimore	4	10	0	.286	334	390
West						
z-Denver	12	2	0	.857	357	240
KansasCity	9	5	0	.643	269	256
SanDiego	7	7	0	.500	280	339
Oakland	7	7	0	.500	300	241
Seattle	6	8	0	.429	276	335

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Dallas	9	5	0	.643	264	207
Philadelphia	8	6	0	.571	313	302
Washington	8	6	0	.571	301	275
Arizona	6	8	0	.429	254	342
N.Y.Giants	6	8	0	.429	217	257
Central						
z-GreenBay	11	3	0	.786	387	197
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	267	267
Chicago	6	8	0	.429	237	257
Detroit	5	9	0	.357	285	313
TampaBay	5	9	0	.357	177	253
West						
y-Carolina	10	4	0	.714	322	188
y-SanFrancisco	10	4	0	.714	349	228
St.Louis	4	10	0	.286	255	369
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	265	408
NewOrleans	2	12	0	.143	199	322

z-clinched division title.
y-clinched playoff spot.

Saturday's Games
Philadelphia at New York Jets, 12:30 p.m.
San Diego at Chicago, 4 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Baltimore at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
New England at Dallas, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 4 p.m.
Indianapolis at Kansas City, 4 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 4 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 4 p.m.
Seattle at Jacksonville, 8 p.m.

Monday's Game
Buffalo at Miami, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21
New England at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m.
New Orleans at St. Louis, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 22
Arizona at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Houston at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Miami at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 4 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 4 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 23
Detroit at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

Hermleigh's Digby chosen all-district

Hermleigh's Billy Joe Digby made the first team defense and second team offense on the 6-A All-District six-man teams announced Friday.

Digby was first team pick as a defensive lineman and was a second-team selection as an offensive end.

Larry Lambaren was honorable mention all-district quarterback. Other honorable mention performers by Hermleigh were Ricky Luna and Mario Gonzales as running backs, Scott Smith at center and Kenny Hancock as a punter.

On defense, Hermleigh honorable mention were T.J. Wood as a lineman, John McHaney and Jason Hernandez at linebacker and Scott Smith at safety. Smith was also named an alternate to the all-star game.

The Ira Bulldogs also had honorable mention all-district nods. They included Max Perez and Perry Jamison as running backs, Thad Davis as a defensive lineman and Logan Daves as a punter.

College Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST
Buffalo 85, Morgan St. 70

SOUTH
Miami 74, Hartford 58
Troy St. 98, Loyola, NO 88

MIDWEST
Maine 60, Youngstown St. 57

FAR WEST
New Mexico 84, New Mexico St. 82, OT

TOURNAMENTS

Carrier Classic
First Round
E. Michigan 79, Old Dominion 78
Syracuse 77, Pepperdine 64

Cougar Classic
First Round
Boise St. 65, Brigham Young 58
St. Mary's, Cal. 72, Houston 65

Indiana Classic
First Round
Indiana 73, Louisiana Tech 44
Santa Clara 90, E. Illinois 80

Snyder's Smith Gran Prix champ

ABILENE — Allan Smith, Snyder 8th grader, competed in the December Gran Prix at Rose Park Tennis Center on Dec. 7 and captured first place after defeating several top Abilene players.

In first round play, he split sets with David Wu, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Advancing to quarterfinals, he defeated John Barnsby from Clack Middle School, 6-2, 6-0. In the semifinals, Smith blanked Jeremy Bartley of Clack Middle School, 6-0, 6-0. In the finals, Smith upended Charles Davenport of Madison Middle School, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Bowling News

Men's Commercial
League Standings as of 12/10/96

Team	Won	Losts
Reef Chemical	111½	70½
E.D. Walton Const.	110	72
Bar-H-Bar	102	80
Whit Parks Auto	98	84
The Shack	95½	86½
Leveas Gas & Oil	95½	87½
Stephens Office Supply	83½	98½
Price Const.	78½	103½
Blue Sunoco	76	106
Racers	60	122

High Series Scratch: Whit Parks 565.
High Series Handicap: Dennis Snyder 646.
High Game: Harold Kornegay 211.
High Game Handicap: David Hoops 236.
Splits: Glen Cox 3-10; Don Johnston 4-5-7; Barney Tate 9-10; Russell Loyd 3-9-10; David Hoops 3-10; Whit Parks 3-17.

Jack-N-Jill
Standings as of 12/11/96

Team	Won	Lost
House of Anticks	40	20
B.J. Services	38	22
KSNY	37	23
Holcomb	36	24
Rogers Backhoe Service	35	25
Buchanan Printing	29½	30½
Misfits	26½	33½
Ace Hardware	26	34
Landes Home Furn.	24	36

Bowlers of the Week: High Scratch Series, Roger Batchelor, 574, Debra Wells 503 scratch series; High game, Dennis Snyder 201, Donnia Jackson 190.
Converted Splits Roger Batchelor 5-7, 3-10; Charles Bollinger 3-10; Charlie Teague 3-10; Darren Jackson 3-10, 9-10; Don Johnson 3-10; Debra Wells 3-10.

Roll-N-Hope
League Standings as of 12/9/96

Team	Won	Losts
Eddins-Walcher	36	20
Fuller Food	34	22
Should of Been's	28	28
Carousel Arcade	28	28
Red Man Pipe & Supply	27	29
IGA	27	29
CNB	25	31
J.C. Wells	19	37

High Series Scratch: Dorris Martin, 512.
Handicap: Dorris Martin 656.
High Game Scratch: Georgie Tarver 196.
High Game Handicap: Ginger Moore 208.
500 Series: Ginger Moore, 236.
Splits: Paula Beuerlein 9-10; Leda Beck 3-10; Bonnie McDorman 2-7; Lynn Maldonado 4-5-7; Georgie Tarver 3-10; Michelle Ewing 310.
200 Games: Ginger Moore, 208; Bernie Seale 204.
500 Series: Dorris Martin 512.

SDN Sports Week

Basketball

Monday
SHS Tigers and JV at Sweetwater. JV tipoff at 6 and varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday
Ira hosts Dog Pound Tournament. Boys and girls varsity.

Friday
SHS Tigers and JV at San Angelo Central. Tipoff for JV at 2:30 and varsity at 4 p.m.
SHS Lady Tigers and JV at Sweetwater. JV tipoff at 6 and varsity at 7:30 p.m.
Ira hosts Dog Pound Tournament. Boys and girls varsity.

Saturday
SHS Lady Tigers, JV and Freshman at Colorado City. Freshman tipoff at 5 p.m., JV at 6:30 and varsity at 8 p.m.

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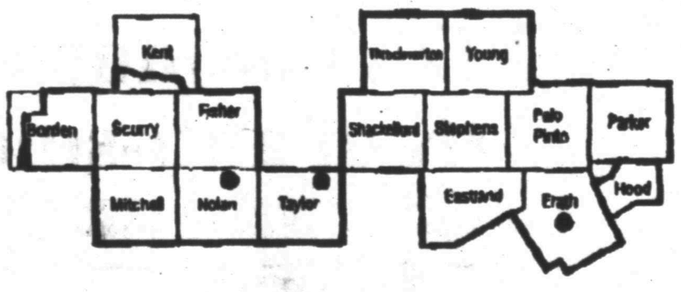

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Woman accused of slowly poisoning husband to death

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — For more than a year, Robert Curley was being slowly poisoned. A drop in his drink, a little on his dinner. By the time he died, he had 900 times the lethal dose of thallium in his system.

Prosecutors say his wife, Joann Curley, killed him for $300,000 in life insurance. She even brought thallium to his bedside in a thermos of iced tea as he lay dying in a hospital, according to court documents.

"Please help me, my wife is trying to kill me, she is not as she seems," Curley, 32, told a nurse at Hershey Medical Center on Sept. 22, 1991, the affidavit said.

His heart stopped the next morning.

Ms. Curley, 33, was arrested Thursday and charged with first-degree murder. She cried during her arraignment, where she was denied bail. Prosecutors said they would seek the death penalty.

District Attorney Peter Paul Olszewski said detectives in the community 100 miles north of Philadelphia had been investigating the death since April 1994, when they exhumed the body under pressure from the victim's sister.

"The arrest was the right thing to do," said Olszewski. He said it took five years because of the complexity of the case.

Attorney Frank Nocito said Ms. Curley would plead innocent and that he would petition the court to release her on bail.

Court records describe a focused killer who systematically coated her husband's food and drink containers with poison for about a year.

Curley was hospitalized in September 1991 with flu-like symptoms and deteriorated rapidly over 10 days. He complained of debilitating pain in his palms and the soles of his feet, then began vomiting. His hair fell out.

After his death, blood tests on both Ms. Curley and her 4-year-old daughter revealed traces of thallium in their systems too. Authorities now say Ms. Curley intentionally swallowed some of the poison and gave some to her daughter to throw suspicion on to her husband's co-workers.

Police at first believed Curley, an electrician, was poisoned by co-workers as a prank. Thallium, a metallic substance once used as an ingredient in rat poison, was stored at the Wilkes University lab where Curley worked.

But investigators ruled that out after tests showed Curley had 900 times the lethal dose of thallium in his system, and that the poisoning had begun before he started working at the university.

Police said Ms. Curley was motivated by more than just her husband's insurance money. She also did not want to share the $1.7 million civil judgment she received after her first husband died in a car accident.

"We're just very, very thankful," Susan Hooper, Curley's sister, said after the arrest.

Ms. Hooper, bewildered by her brother's deterioration, begged Ms. Curley to call for an ambulance in August 1991 — the one-year anniversary of the couple's marriage.

Paramedics told police Ms. Curley refused to tell them what medication her husband was taking and described her as "seemingly unconcerned."

"We just hope to get closure on this case," Ms. Hooper said. "It's been a long five years to deal with this. He was a great guy ... and he never should have suffered like this."

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BICYCLE SAFETY — East Elementary School kindergarten and first grade students learned about bicycle safety last week. Snyder policeman David Holley (top photo) told kindergarten students that he rides a bike on the job. He also shared safety tips. In the bottom photo, Snyder Future Farmers of America (FFA) members showed students a bike and shared other safety information. Kindergarteners shown are Clint McFatridge and Raven Gist. FFA students shown in back are Justin Stribling and Tomas Arguello. Those in front are, Sha Marricle, Clark Church and Matt Preston. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

FDA committee recommends OK of anti-smoking inhaler

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — People who want to quit smoking but aren't ready to give up puffing on something that provides nicotine may get some relief.

A smokeless inhaler that looks a like a fat, plastic cigarette won the approval of a federal advisory committee Friday.

If the Food and Drug Administration goes along, the Nicotrol inhaler would be the fourth source of nicotine for people trying to give up smoking. The current alternatives are nicotine patches, chewing gum or nasal spray.

The inhaler is puffed on like a cigarette and gives the individual something to fidget with during the day, but it is not lighted and there is no smoke.

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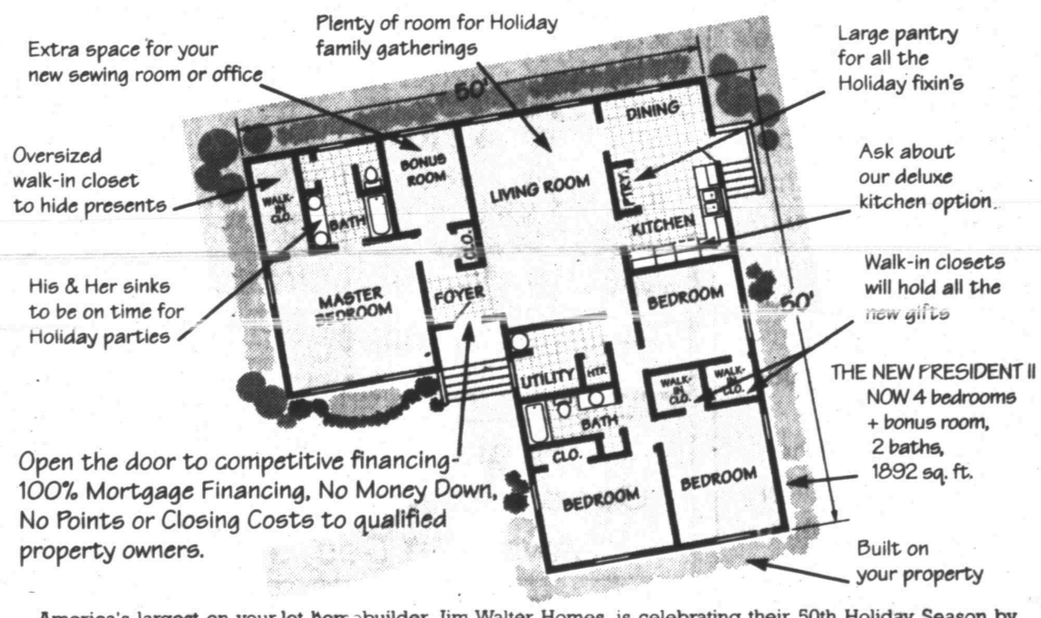

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is protein diet a bad idea?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm interested in your opinion on the popular weight-loss diet that recommends the following: Eat only fat and protein; avoid carbohydrates, fruits, vegetables and grains. Is this a healthful diet for people in middle age? Is the emphasis on red meat, eggs and cheese a good thing for people with high cholesterol?

DEAR READER: I do not endorse this diet for what I believe are two very good reasons.

In the first place, most people would have a hard time following such restrictive eating practices for any length of time. As anyone who has dieted knows, losing weight initially is relatively easy; the difficult part is keeping the pounds off.

Therefore, I'm against "quick-fix dieting" and I encourage my patients to follow a well-balanced diet that they can stick to for the long haul.

More important, the diet you mention — although popular nationwide — is not nutritious. The prohibition against fruits, vegetables and grains is downright foolish. These edibles provide important nutrients and variety.

Moreover, I believe that a high-fat diet is totally inappropriate. For one thing, fat contains twice the calories of protein and carbohydrates. For another, most responsible physicians and dietitians recognize that cholesterol-containing fats often increase the levels of blood cholesterol, leading to a variety of health problems, including hypertension and heart disease.

Therefore, I urge people to avoid the diet you mention. A far more healthful approach would include the following: limit fat; eschew sugary foods and alcohol; reduce the size of meal portions; don't snack; exercise regularly. This is a program that most people can — and should — follow indefinitely.

To give you more information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Calorie-Wise Cooking" and "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 67-year-old male with hypothyroidism, diagnosed in 1992. Since then, my waist has grown from a size 40 to 46. Could this pot belly be a result of hypothyroidism? I just retired and could take daily walks on our treadmill, but to me, exercise is just another chore. I've never been a heavy eater, so this isn't the problem. Do the symptoms of hypothyrioidism persist even though I am taking appropriate amounts of Synthroid?

DEAR READER: An underactive thyroid gland can cause fatigue, loss of energy, slow thinking and heart disease — but not a pot belly. Moreover, the use of supplemental thyroid hormone, such as you are taking, should effectively neutralize any symptoms of hypothyroidism.

Because your girth increased while you were on drug therapy, I am certain that your waist problem is unrelated to the thyroid gland.

You may have merely put on weight, despite your claim that you don't overeat. Or your liver may have enlarged. Do you consume alcohol regularly? This could cause liver swelling.

I advise you to bring your abdominal problem to your doctor's attention. After examining you, he should be able to suggest a solution.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: A month ago, I became ill with a cough and fever. My doctor ordered chest X-rays, told me I had pneumonia and prescribed antibiotics. A week later I felt worse and was X-rayed again. The doctor then told me that I had viral pneumonia and that antibiotics would not help.

I slept for two weeks in a recliner. I had fever and pain on breathing. Even now, I'm not back to normal. I'm 75 and feel 95. My doctor told me to be patient, but I don't understand how I could get this infection after having had the flu shot and the pneumonia vaccine.

DEAR READER: Pneumonia simply means that the lung tissue itself has become infected. There are literally hundreds of kinds of microorganisms that can cause pneumonia, including many species of bacteria and viruses.

Ordinarily, when an otherwise healthy person develops pneumonia out of hospital (so-called "community-acquired" infection), doctors attempt to identify the cause by examining the patient's sputum. However, the amount of sputum is often scant, making precise analysis impossible. In such cases, physicians usually prescribe antibiotic pills — as was done in your case — after the X-ray tests.

If the pneumonia is caused by bacteria, the treatment is almost always effective; the patient quickly recovers and that's that.

On the other hand, if the infection is caused by viruses, the antibiotic therapy will be ineffective — because, as you know, antibiotics do not kill viruses. In such instances, physicians must rely on the patient's own immune system to cure the pneumonia, a slow process that may take several weeks. Despite the many marvels of medical therapy, viral pneumonia remains a challenge.

While your experience was frightening and frustrating, it is far from unique. In my view, your doctor treated you properly, albeit ineffectively.

The influenza shot will not protect you against viral pneumonia (even though the cause of influenza is a virus). But by preventing flu, the injection will reduce the risk of your contracting bacterial pneumonia as a consequence of influenza.

The pneumonia shot is another issue. Made from several bacterial types, this injection will protect against 23 of the most prevalent bacterial pneumonias. Not all, you understand; just the 23 most common. It will not immunize against viral pneumonia, for which there is no preventative.

Finally, I don't know why you got viral pneumonia. Perhaps you were merely in the wrong place at the wrong time, or you had a preceding upper-respiratory infection that temporarily altered your lungs' immunity.

By way of follow-up, make sure that you have periodic examinations by your doctor until your lungs have healed the infection. If within three or four weeks the pneumonia is still present (by examination on X-ray), your physician will have to investigate further — with special X-rays or bronchoscopy (to look into the infected lung) in order to determine if your pulmonary affliction has an unusual basis, such as an abscess or tumor.

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2 pilots survive

DEL RIO (AP) — An Air Force trainer jet crashed while trying to land, slightly injuring both pilots, officials said Friday.

The T-37 crashed around 11 p.m. Thursday while attempting to land at Laughlin Air Force Base.

One pilot was in good condition Friday at Val Verde Memorial Hospital, said spokeswoman Dava Kloudt. The other man was treated and released.

Their names were not immediately released.

The crash involved a flight instructor and a student pilot, according to Ms. Kloudt. She did not know if the hospitalized man was the teacher or the student.

He was expected to be transferred to Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio for further examination, said Ms. Kloudt.

Laughlin AFB spokesman Lt. Dave Smith said a military board will review the accident.

Prayers may remain at GISD

HOUSTON (AP) — Prayer will still be allowed at a Galveston school district that was sued by four students for promoting religious activity at district functions, according to a federal ruling.

Galveston U.S. District Judge Sam Kent ruled that prayer can remain part of the Sante Fe Independent School District's graduation ceremonies and activities before sports events.

But Kent stipulated that only students may organize and present the prayer and that the prayer must be non-sectarian and non-proselytizing.

High school band played on too long; school owes $1,200

IRVING (AP) — Hold the horns. Deaden the drums. Smother the cymbals. Your time is up.

High school marching bands should be warned that too much music can cost big bucks at Jerry Jones' Texas Stadium.

Stadium officials sent the Abilene Cooper band a letter last week saying it owed $1,200 because its halftime marching show went over by two minutes during a quarterfinal playoff game against Flower Mound Marcus last week.

According to information from Texas Stadium, fines are generally imposed because a longer halftime show often causes the game to run over, which increases operating costs.

During the Cooper game, each band was allotted half of the 24-minute halftime. Marcus used only eight minutes, so Cooper band director Anthony Gibson figured he'd have plenty of time.

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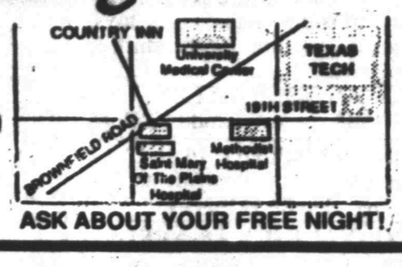

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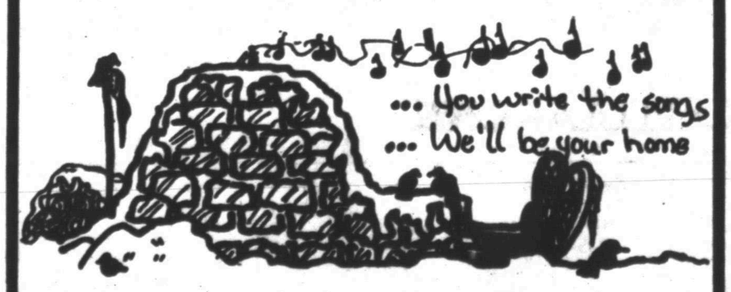

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO SECURE
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MIDWEST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (the "Utility") hereby gives notice that it intends to secure a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from the Public Utility Commission of Texas to construct a 69,000 volt transmission line (the "Transmission Line") in Scurry County, Texas. Persons with questions about this project should contact: Vesta Orr or Jimmy Kiker at (915) 776-2244 or Jerry Scrivner at (915) 573-3161. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas at P. O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility 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. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is February 18, 1997, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the commission by that date.

The Transmission Line is designed to operate at 69,000 volts and be supported by ungayed concrete poles on single-pole structures. The estimated cost associated with the project is $799,285 for substation and transmission facilities. The location of the Transmission Line as proposed by the Utility, is as follows: the Transmission Line originates at the proposed SN TX Substation site within the SN TX Park I approximately 1.3 miles northeast of the intersection of US Highways 84 and 180 east of Snyder. The proposed substation is located in the NW/4 of Section 75, Block 3, H&GN RR. Co., Scurry County, Texas. From this point of beginning, the Transmission Line will exit the substation generally south-southeast for a distance less than two hundred feet, then turn east for approximately one-tenth mile. From this point, the Transmission Line will turn ninety degrees and proceed north approximately one-half mile before crossing County Road 132 approximately 1.4 miles east of it's intersection with US Highway 84. Prior to crossing County Road 132, the entire facility is within SN TX Park I. After crossing County Road 132, the Transmission Line will turn ninety degrees and proceed west along the north side of County Road 132 for a distance of approximately one-quarter mile. From this point, the Transmission Line will turn ninety degrees and again proceed north approximately one-half mile, then will turn ninety degrees to again proceed west approximately one-quarter mile. From this point, the Transmission Line will turn ninety degrees and again proceed north approximately one-half mile to connect with the existing transmission line that parallels the south side of FM 1673. The location of this intersection with existing facilities will be approximately two miles east of Avenue E in Snyder.

An alternate route for the Transmission Line has also been identified. The location of the alternate route for the Transmission Line is the same as the above route to the point just north of County Road 132 approximately 1.4 miles east of it's intersection with US Highway 84. After crossing County Road 132, the alternate route would turn ninety degrees and proceed east along the north side of County Road 132 for a distance of approximately one-half mile. From this point, the alternate route would turn ninety degrees and proceed north along the west side of County Road 141 approximately one mile to connect with the existing transmission line that parallels the south side of FM 1673. The location of this intersection with existing facilities would be approximately three miles east of Avenue E in Snyder.

A map illustrating the location of the Transmission Line and alternate route may be reviewed at Midwest Electric Cooperative, Inc. headquarters: 1010 W. South 1st Street, Roby, Texas or at the Midwest Electric Cooperative, Inc. branch office: 2100 College Ave., Snyder, Texas. A copy of the map illustrating the location of the Transmission Line and alternate route may be obtained at Midwest Electric Cooperative, Inc. headquarters: 1010 W. South 1st Street, Roby, Texas 79543.

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Trysts in principal's office; money extorted

CLEVELAND (AP) — For nearly a year, 52-year-old Nancy Marks carried on an affair. Among the gifts she gave her lover — toys.

She was an elementary school principal. The object of her affections was a sixth-grade boy.

Their trysts began in April 1994 in Ms. Marks' office at Case Elementary School after she began counseling he 12-year-old boy, who was misbehaving in class.

"Part of his psyche was missing and I wanted to make him whole. He said no one had ever loved him before," Ms. Marks said as an explanation for the affair.

Before the affair ended in March 1995, their meetings had moved from the school in a poor city neighborhood to Ms. Marks' home in suburban Cleveland Heights. She began to shower the boy with spending money, toys and other gifts.

Police said she gave even more money to the boy's mother, Robbie Robinson, who extorted $15,000 in exchange for silence about the affair.

Both women were charged, convicted and sent to prison. The boy's brother, 17 at the time, was also convicted of extortion. The boy, now 15, lives with an uncle.

"My dog has better maternal instincts than you do," Common Pleas Judge Kathleen Ann Sutula told Ms. Robinson.

Ms. Robinson, 36, said repeatedly that she complained about the principal's relationship with her son but that police, school investigators and social workers did nothing.

Police said Ms. Robinson reported the affair but recanted when the payoffs began. She renewed the allegations when Ms. Marks ran out of money.

Ms. Marks, who resigned in March 1995, pleaded guilty to raping a child and corrupting a minor. She got a break for cooperating with the prosecutor and was sentenced in May to five to 25 years and could be out in about three years.

On Dec. 3, Ms. Robinson was sentenced by another judge to 43 to 85 years in prison for child endangering and extortion. She will be eligible for parole in about 10 years.

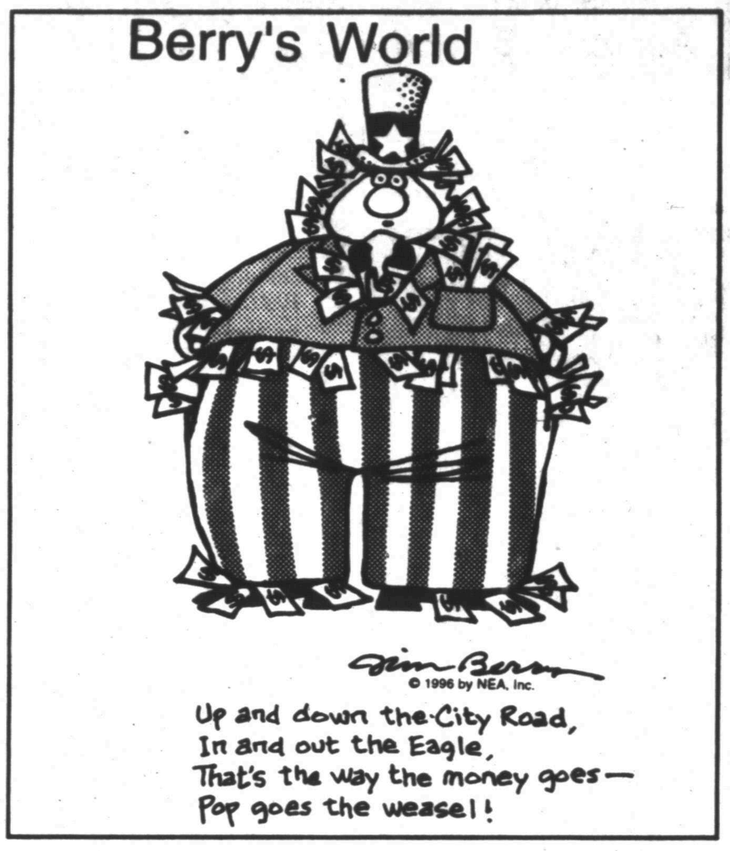
The disparity in sentences bothered the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which asked the judge to reconsider Ms. Robinson's sentence. Ms. Marks is white and the Robinson family black.

Ms. Robinson's brother, Cary Andrews, said authorities would have quickly stopped a black principal from abusing a white child.

Ms. Robinson found out about the affair from her older son, Joseph, said her attorney, Michael Troy Watson.

Police say Ms. Robinson confronted Ms. Marks in the principal's office. The meeting was interrupted by a call from Joseph Robinson demanding money from Ms. Marks. Ms. Robinson took the phone, talked to her son and then made her own extortion demand, authorities said.

"No doubt that she exercised some poor judgment," Watson said.



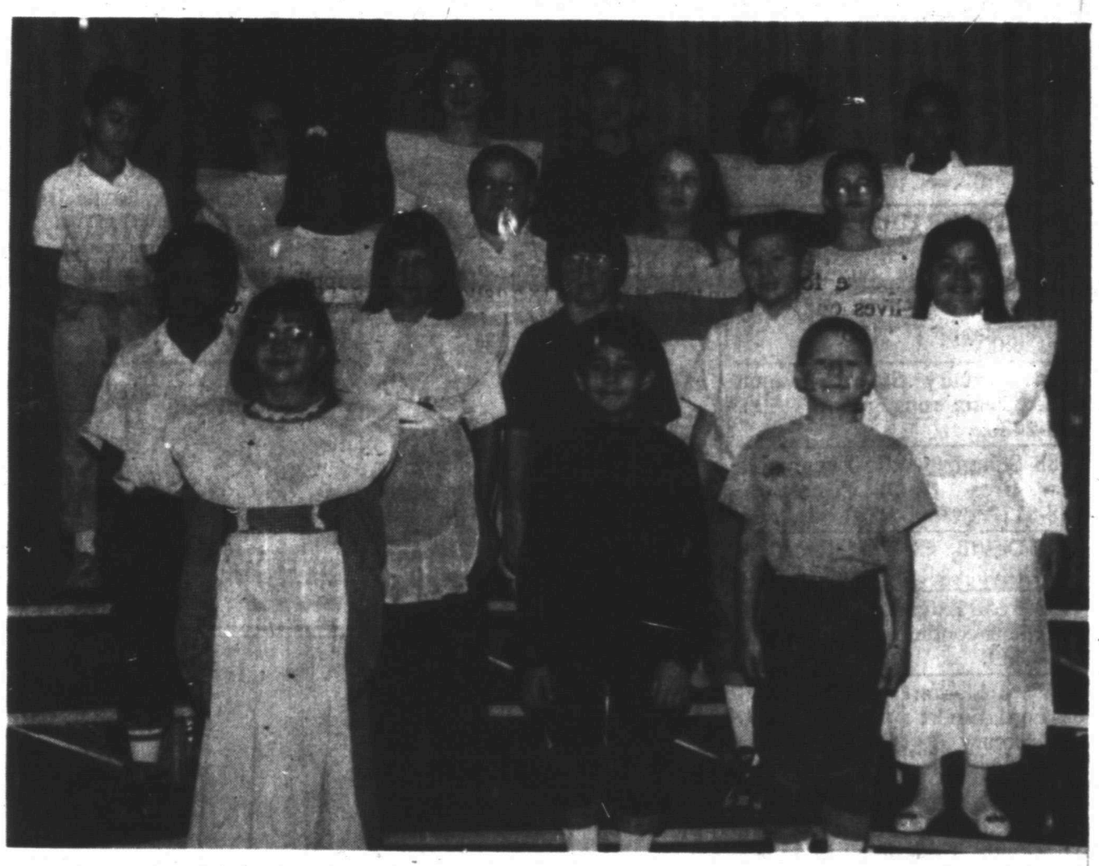
Nine convicted in drug case

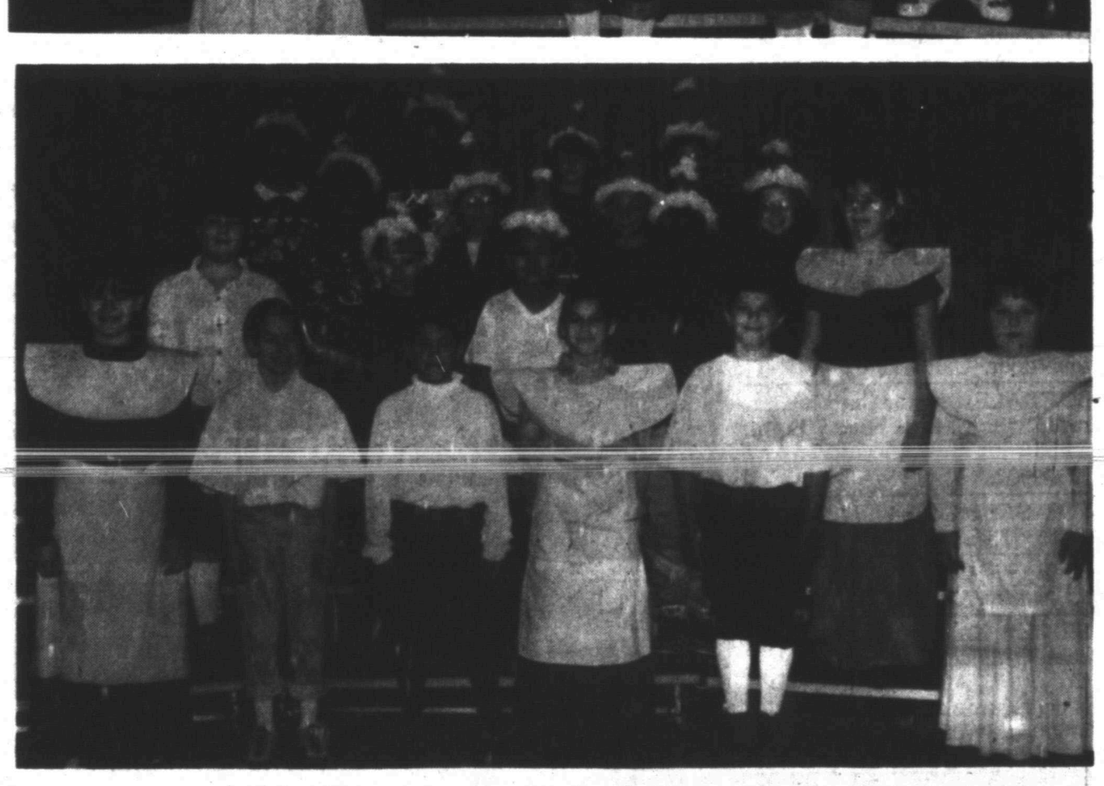
HOUSTON (AP) — A federal jury has convicted nine people and acquitted three others of conspiracy in a cocaine trafficking operation that once consumed a square block of downtown Richmond, Texas.

Police say the operation was one of the most brazen in the state, with dealers openly stopping cars on the street to make sales.

Twenty-three Richmond residents were indicted by a federal grand jury between June 18 and Aug. 29. The 13-count indictments charged the 23 with conspiring to distribute cocaine base, commonly referred to as crack.

Travis Randle, 31; Joe Lewis Randle, 25; Charles Brown, 40; Sylvester Lewis, 57; Gracie Randle, 72; Alford Lewis, 57; Tyrone Bonner, age unknown; Kevin Randle, 27; and Myreon Pierson, 24, were found guilty of charges related to trafficking crack cocaine in "Mud Alley" Friday.





AN EARLY AMERICAN CHRISTMAS — Northeast students taught by Susan Scott, Danita Beccue and Elizabeth Conger presented "An Early American Christmas" on Thursday. The teachers and Dorothy Kayser, music teacher, coordinated the play which compared modern Christmas to Christmas in the 1700s. Scott's students (top photo) are back row, from left, David Rodriguez, Katie Chandler, Gretchen Hollis, Priscilla Ybarra; third row, Tony Medrano, Leslie Carrisalez, Kristel Fitts, Kyle Bryan, Meagan Langham; second row, Walter Whitely, Gilbert Escamilla, Aaron Lindsey, Jordan Dea, Rudy Davenport; first row, Josh Pickerel, Michael Campbell, Boicy Martinez, Ashley Stroud; Beccue's students (middle photo) are back row, from left, Kenny Alcala, Sara Bradberry, Amanda Whitson, Brian Rios, Ramana Escabedo, Misha Wofford; third row, Rosanna Gonzalez, Jonathan Guy, Mandy Burns, Elizabeth Stewart; second row, Andres Gutierrez, Krystal Beasley, Mikey Lindsey, Corey Longorio, Veronica Estrada; first row, Tiffany Kubena, Matthew Garcia, Chet Dove; Conger's students (bottom photo) are back row, from left, Leslie Marguez, Laura Arellano, Candice Gordon, Andrew Bane; third row, Mary Ann Gutierrez, Katie Haggard, Marcus Villarreal, Sharon Grove; second row, Trey Jenkins, Chevy Block, Daniel Gutierrez, Demetris Horn, Amanda Gibson; front row, Tass Baze, Bryan Huddleston, Roberto Sauceda, Shana Blackard, Josh Proctor, Bridgett Manlief. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Help for panic disorder just toll-free call away

DEAR ABBY: My heart went out to the woman who wrote about her panic disorder and inability to drive. However, I was even more troubled about her isolation and shame over having an illness — panic disorder — that is no more a sign of "weakness" than is diabetes, heart disease or any other ailment.

While I heartily echo your encouragement that she seek help from a mental health professional, and while her personal physician is an excellent place to start, please tell your readers about a wonderful service sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). It's a 24-hour toll-free line: 1-800-647-2642, which provides free literature about panic disorder.

Too many people who need treatment are unable to seek professional help due to financial limitations, geographical restrictions and fear of being thought "crazy." Straightforward information not only can prove useful, it also can give sufferers the reassurance they may need to seek help. Although panic attacks are agonizing to experience, they are usually treatable — and often by understanding them, relief can be gained.

You do people a world of good with your sound, sympathetic and commonsense advice, Abby. As a mental health professional for the past 20 years, I'm a huge fan and never miss your column.

SYMPATHETIC TO
PANIC SUFFERERS

DEAR SYMPATHETIC: I am pleased to publicize the National Institute of Mental Health toll-free number, because an estimated 24 million Americans suffer from one or another of the anxiety disorders. As you pointed out, panic disorders are treatable with education and medication. Thank you for making the effort to inform my readers.

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DEAR ABBY: When my mother died in 1995 at the age of 83, she left behind five cartons of loose photographs that she had intended to sort and label. "Sometime when I have time," she always said. I couldn't identify half the people in the pictures, but I knew who could.

After the funeral and lunch at the small country church, I spread the photographs on two tabletops and invited the gathered relatives to dig through them to select those photos they wanted for themselves or others they know who were in them.

For more than three hours, the survivors marveled, laughed and reminisced about days gone by. My uncles and aunts identified the individuals in the frames, sought out the person to tell them the occasion and setting when the picture was taken, and then handed them the pictures.

Everyone left with a handful of precious memories.

BILL B. FROM MINNESOTA

DEAR BILL B.: What a terrific idea. And what a clever theme for a holiday party when relatives gather to celebrate.

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DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for many years, but this is the first time to write.

When my mother was getting old and in poor health, I would see friends of hers and they would say, "I would call your mother, but I'm afraid she might be sleeping or resting." Abby, that is not the way she wanted it to be.

Now that I am getting old, my greatest joy is for someone to visit or call me. Wake me up! I have plenty of time to sleep. Please call me any time of day or night — early or late. Just call me. It would make my day.

WAITING FOR A CALL
IN TUCSON, ARIZ.

DEAR WAITING: I can think of few things as depressing as isolation. Stop waiting for your phone to ring and make some calls to others. You don't say how old you are, or the condition of your health, but if you're able to leave your dwelling, a wonderful way to meet people and stay involved is to volunteer your time for a worthwhile cause. Please consider it.

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

DEAR ABBY: Last year I missed your column on Christmas gifts for seniors. I remember in the past you printed some great suggestions, and since there are several seniors on my list this Christmas, how about helping us again?

JESSICA IN ANAHEIM, CALIF.

DEAR JESSICA: Certainly! I combed my past columns and found a wealth of ideas that come from the heart, not the wallet. Remember, most seniors have more than their share of dusting powder and aftershave, and have run out of room for bud vases and bird feeders. Consider these more practical alternatives:

— Postcards or lined stationery and envelopes with a generous supply of postage stamps.

— A gift certificate for their favorite grocery store, deli or pharmacy.

— An assortment of greeting cards for birthdays and anniversaries, as well as get-well and condolence cards.

— A "paid in advance" certificate for 10 lawn mowings or snow shovelings by a neighborhood youngster.

— A "certificate" for a service you can perform that is difficult for them — a thorough house cleaning, a month's laundry, a handyman visit for home safety inspection and minor repairs.

— An offer to rewrite their address book in larger, more legible print.

— A month of Sunday drives to church, or to the country, the museum or the park.

— If the person on your list is on a limited income, a check in any amount will be appreciated.

— A subscription to their favorite magazine or the daily newspaper.

— A basket of goodies assembled especially for them — cans of ham, tuna, chicken, hearty soups, chili and stew; instant coffee and tea bags; crackers; instant soup mixes.

— A selection of their treasured, tattered photos retouched and placed into a new album, with captions.

— A drive to see the Christmas lights and decorations, as well as store windows.

If a senior says, "Please don't give me anything," that usually means, "I have more things than I need." However, a gift of your time may be appreciated and will be remembered long after the holiday has passed and the material gifts are stored away.

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DEAR ABBY: The recent list you published of armed services addresses for your annual "Operation Dear Abby" brought back a flood of memories.

Five years ago, a parent volunteer in my second-grade class brought me a clipping from your column and suggested that this would be an excellent writing project for my students. We wrote to two of the addressed and received two responses. Both were from U.S. Marines in Japan. They became splendid pen pals, but one went above and beyond the call of duty.

This pen pal, Dennis DeNoi, always sent each child an individual response, even if it was just a few lines. (Remember, he was writing to a class of 30 children whose writing was not always legible!) Needless to say, this wonderful Marine caught the attention of the teacher, and we began an 18-month correspondence that eventually resulted in a very happy marriage.

My husband will retire soon from his beloved Marine Corps after 22 years of service to his country, to begin a new career in law enforcement. As the fifth anniversary of our first letter approaches, I want to say, "Thank you and God bless you!" You and this wonderful man have given me so much. I am forever grateful.

I encourage all of your readers to support Operation Dear Abby and our servicemen and women. You may use my name.

CHERYL TUCKER DE NOI,
LOS ANGELES

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Ghanaian chosen new secretary-general

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Kofi Annan promises to restore the financial strength and moral authority of the troubled United Nations after the Security Council chose the veteran U.N. insider as the organization's seventh secretary-general.

The 15-member council gave its unanimous approval Friday to the 58-year-old Ghanaian. The 185-member General Assembly is to ratify the choice Tuesday so Annan can take office when Boutros Boutros-Ghali's five-year term expires Dec. 31.

Annan, a soft-spoken, U.S.-educated career civil servant, assumes leadership of the 51-year-old organization at a time of diminishing financial resources and uncertainty about the U.N.'s role in the world.

Mindful of the organization's unfavorable image on Capitol Hill, Annan promised to work with member states to promote "motivation and performance at the highest level."

Annan's unanimous selection defused what could have been a bruising struggle after the United States defied the rest of the council and unilaterally vetoed Boutros-Ghali for a second term on Nov. 19.

Washington contended that the 74-year-old Egyptian was sluggish in promoting U.N. reform. The United States, France and the other permanent council members — Britain, China and Russia — have veto power in council votes.

France, which supported Boutros-Ghali, had opposed Annan, in part because he was Washington's favorite. But the French dropped their opposition after the rest of the council, including Egypt, lined up behind him.

After the United States' veto of Boutros-Ghali, France had supported Ivory Coast Foreign Minister Amara Essy.

In an interview Friday with The Associated Press, Annan said his main goal would be to work closely with the 185 U.N. member states to decide "what sort of U.N. we want in the 21st century ... in a climate where financial resources are diminishing."

"I hope to make the U.N. an organization of 'we the people' by opening it up to the public with good programs and seeking their support," Annan said.

U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright said she was "personally delighted" by Annan's selection. The United States said it wanted a secretary-general with administrative skills to push through U.N. reforms.

Critics said the aristocratic Boutros-Ghali became a scapegoat for foreign policy failings of both the United Nations and the Clinton Administration.

Albright praised Boutros-Ghali as a "renowned statesman" who "has made his mark in history."

A senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it would be easier now for the Clinton Administration to persuade Congress to pay the more than $1 billion that the United States owes the United Nations.

But a source close to Annan, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the new secretary-general might not be able to begin reforms as quickly as Washington hopes.

Propane prices surge nationwide; hard times for customers expected

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Art Schaefer shut the heat off to the upstairs of his Nebraska home. He might have to cut it off to two rooms on the main level.

Propane prices for some 14.3 million households are up about 50 percent across the country.

While heating oil and natural gas prices also are well above last year's level, propane has been in particularly tight supply as a result of an early cold spell, supply disruptions and demand from farmers and grain processors who use the gas to dry corn after a wet harvest.

Schaefer paid $1.17 a gallon to keep his 500-gallon tank full and heat his two-story home in Garland, a town of 250 people about 20 miles northwest of Lincoln. That compares with about 76 cents a gallon last winter.

That's a big expense for the 77-year-old, who lives on about $1,800 a month in railroad retirement funds.

"When they hand you that bill it's enough to make you swear," he said this week.

The Schaefers could wind up spending $2,000 this winter on heating costs, twice what they spent last year.

Schaefer and his 74-year-old wife, Margaret, said the increased propane cost will affect the holiday for their 33 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"It's going to make a difference come Christmas, that's for sure," Schaefer said. "We're going to cut back on Christmas gifts, absolutely."

Some 60 million people use propane — the byproduct of natural gas and crude oil -- in one form or another, including drying crops and heating buildings for livestock.

In Nebraska, some 65,000 homeowners use propane for heat.

Propane prices have spiked higher than at any time since 1989.

In North Dakota propane recently hit $1.11 a gallon, up from 63 cents a year earlier; in Kansas it was $1.05 per gallon, up 45 cents; in Iowa it was $1.18 a gallon, more than 40 cents over last year.

Democratic Sens. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska and Tom Harkin of neighboring Iowa asked Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary and Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman to look into pricing practices.

Kerrey's agriculture representative in Lincoln, Eugene Glock, received two dozen calls from constituents in a two-day span.

"It's a short-term crisis," Glock said. "It isn't anything that's going to challenge our national security. But for people and even whole communities that rely on propane, it is a crisis."

A number of factors converged to create the high prices, according to the National Propane Gas Association, including a late winter last year that depleted inventories and an early cold spell this year that bit further into the propane stock.

An unusually wet fall in the Midwest ate up propane used to dry the harvest.

In the meantime, supplies are being kept tight by high worldwide demand for propane, while supplies have been reduced by a July explosion at a gas plant that supplies 30 percent of Mexico's propane production.

Clinton moves to double adoption of foster care kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — Invoking the Christmas spirit in "this season of hope and light," President Clinton moved Saturday to double the number of children who move from foster care to adoption by loving families.

"I can think of no better way to fulfill the promise of this season than to bring a child to a family and a family to a child," the president said in his weekly radio address.

"No child should be in foster care for one day longer than he or she needs to be," he said.

Clinton said there are now nearly 450,000 children in the nation's foster care system, and of these, some 100,000 will not return to their original homes.

While the goal is finding adoptive parents for all of them, as it stands now fully two-thirds of the 100,000 children will not be placed.

Moving to fulfill a promise made in his re-election campaign, Clinton said his goal is "to make adoption easier and to make moving children out of foster care easier."

"These children wait far too long, three years or more, to find families," he said.

The aim, he said, is to double the number of adoptions among these foster-care children from 27,000 now to at least 54,000 by 2002.

"No child should be trapped in the limbo of foster care, particularly when there are families with open arms waiting," the president said.

The president signed a directive urging the Departments of Health and Human Services to report back in 60 days on ways to improve coordination among states, federal and local authorities to raise adoption rates.

In addition, he asked for a specific recommendation outlining "sensible financial incentives to help states improve adoption rates."

And he directed that Health and Human Services join with the Treasury and Commerce Department to increase awareness among the public of the need to increase the number of adoptions.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, a strong advocate of adoption, raised the possibility earlier this year that she and her husband would themselves adopt, saying she would love another child.

But White House officials said Saturday that the president has concluded that would be unwise, at least while he is in the White House.

Clinton felt he would be unable to devote the time and attention a baby needs while he is president and that an older child would have a very hard time dealing with the pressures and public attention the White House brings, the officials said.

What's Up?

Living Nativity scene

Colonial Hill Baptist Church presents its fifth annual drive-through living Nativity scene from 6:30-9 p.m. Saturday. Motorists are asked to enter on Denison Street, adjacent to the School Administration Building. Hot chocolate will be served to those waiting in line.

Children's Christmas party

A children's Christmas party, sponsored by the American Legion and VFW will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at 1800 Ave. R. Boys and girls age 12 and under are invited. Santa will be there and refreshments will be served.

Tree of Light

The music ministry of First Baptist Church will present Tree of Light, a Christmas musical, at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday. The public is invited.

Methodist cantata

"Everlasting Lord" by Mosie Lister will be sung by the combined choirs of First United Methodist Church and Trinity United Methodist Church. Sunday, 7 p.m. at FUMC and Monday at 7 p.m. at TUMC. Adult Sunday school classes will hold a reception honoring the choirs on Sunday.

Adult Christmas party

American Legion and VFW members are invited to a Christmas party at 6:30 p.m. Monday at 1700 Ave. T. Women are asked to bring pot luck dishes. Gifts will be exchanged; there is a $10 limit.

Key to Kingdom series

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "Where in the World Is Jesus," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Choir booster club

Snyder High Choir Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the choir room.

Christmas open house

Parents and students of the Hobbs Alternative School are invited to a program at the campus from 7-8 p.m. Monday. There will be a brief program and visitation.

More on Monday activities

More on Monday activities for Monday at SHS will include a New Students Club meeting at 7:50 a.m. in the Home Economics living room and lunch in the Student Center with Staff Sergeant Joe Huddleston, U.S. Marine Corps. Karon Keller, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, will hand out drug awareness information in the Student Center.

Counseling staff will be available from 6-8 p.m. Call 574-6049 for more information.

Lions Club notice

Lions Club members are asked to bring an unwrapped toy to Tuesday's noon meeting at Martha Ann Woman's Club for donation to the Toys for Tots campaign.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Angel Tree ministry

Angel Tree is a volunteer ministry of Prison Fellowship that provides Christmas gifts for children of prison inmates. The ministry needs families, churches, Sunday School classes or other organizations to help in purchasing these gifts. Any group that can help provide a Christmas gift for some children in Snyder whose parent is in prison is asked to call a Colorado City number, 728-5829, after 5 p.m.

Junior class to aid drive

Snyder High School Junior Class, with the help of Lawrence IGA, is aiding in the Goodfellows' food drive. Citizens are encouraged to leave spare change at the cashier's stations at the IGA on 30th Street and College. A box will also be set up for non-perishable foods.

Pick 3

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

Cash 5

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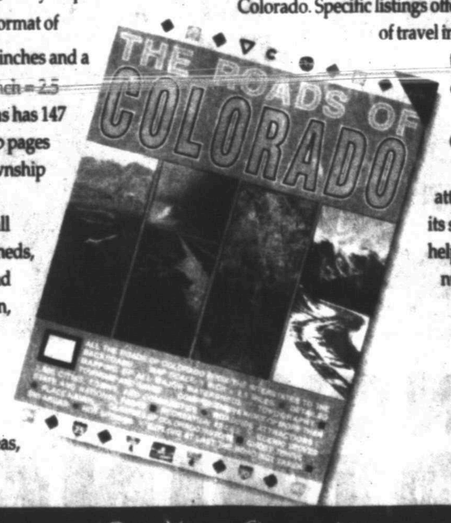

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NTSB lists 747 fuel tank safety change ideas

EAST HAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) — Government safety officials issued urgent recommendations that the nation's airliners be required to protect fuel tanks from heat sources to prevent the type of explosion that downed TWA Flight 800.

The parts of the TWA jet recovered from the ocean floor and carefully reconstructed "are consistent with an explosion originating within the tank," the National Transportation Safety Board said Friday in a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Investigators have been unable to figure out what sparked the catastrophic explosion aboard the Boeing 747 on July 17, but leading mechanical theories include static electricity, faulty wiring or a spark from the center tank's fuel pump.

Although no conclusions have been reached in the crash that killed 230 people, "NTSB investigators believe there are potential safety improvements that can be made," the letter said.

The board urgently recommended that the FAA require tanks to be designed so that they will not contain any explosive fuel-air mixtures, and to consider adding insulation between the fuel tanks and heat-generating equipment such as air conditioners and hot air ducts. Also, it said the FAA should require probes in the fuel tanks.

The NTSB said procedures should be modified to reduce the possibility of an explosion — for example, turning off the air conditioners while planes wait for takeoff, filling center tanks with cooler fuel, and keeping enough fuel in the tanks to prevent volatile vapors from accumulating.

NTSB officials haven't ruled out a bomb or missile as the cause of the crash, but the recommendation seems to indicate that the agency is leaning toward mechanical failure.

James Kallstrom, the head FBI investigator, said in Saturday's editions of The New York Times that he was angry the NTSB was drawing even tentative conclusions about the crash.

"It is not prudent, nor professional, to speculate on what might or might not be the cause of this tremendous tragedy," he said. "And I am amazed that people continue to do that. It is not helpful."

However, NTSB spokesman Peter Goelz said, "We are not even close to issuing a probable cause" of the crash.

An accident investigator, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the latest cause being seriously considered is static electricity that could result as fuel is transferred through the plane's pipelines.

The probe into the deadly explosion has already changed air travel. Because of the possibility of a criminal act, airports imposed new security measures in the summer. Now possible mechanical causes are leading to new safety recommendations.

The NTSB said the military prevents the risk of fuel tank ignition by inserting nitrogen into tanks to create a fuel-air mixture that will not ignite. However, the board conceded that developing and installing the nitrogen systems on commercial airliners would be expensive and may be impractical.

Flu-like bug sends many patients to hospitals, beds

BOSTON (AP) — People with aches, fevers and chills may feel miserable, but they're not alone, as people across the country are crawling beneath the covers to nurse flulike symptoms.

"We are inundated with people with cold symptoms, coughing, wheezing, muscle aches, low-grade fevers, feeling like you-know-what," said Dr. Irving Danesh, an emergency room physician at Lawrence General Hospital north of Boston.

So far this season, 34 states have confirmed at least one case of influenza, and that's not the only bug making people feel lousy, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

The number of sufferers is soaring each week, and in two of those states — Colorado and Pennsylvania — the outbreaks are considered widespread, the Atlanta-based CDC said.

Peak flu season runs from December to March, but many doctors said it's unusually early to see so many people feeling so sick.

"I didn't have the energy to go to the store to get chicken soup," said Elise Levin, 40, of Brockton. She missed several days of work this month at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. "All I did was sleep."

Schools in several states, including Pennsylvania and Ohio, have had to shut their doors for a few days because so many students and teachers were absent.

Doctors and hospitals don't have to report influenza cases to health officials, so it's difficult to pinpoint how many people have been sidelined by the disease, experts said.

But CDC and state health departments do ask some clinics and laboratories to provide influenza test results in order to gauge the virus' severity.

In spite of the name, it's not all flu.

In Massachusetts, for example, only nine of 68 tests submitted to the Department of Public Health this season tested positive for influenza.

The rest of the tests found flulike viruses — similar symptoms but different diseases, things like viral pneumonia and rhinoviruses.

"People have come to use 'flu' as a general term for upper respiratory infections with fever," said Donna Lazorik, a nurse with the Massachusetts Immunization Program.

Most people who turn up at emergency rooms are treated with fluids, Tylenol and cough medicine and sent home to rest.

The flu can be dangerous for the very young, the elderly and people with chronic medical conditions. It can turn into pneumonia, especially among older patients.

Each year, some 20,000 people might die of complications from influenza, CDC spokesman Tom Skinner said.

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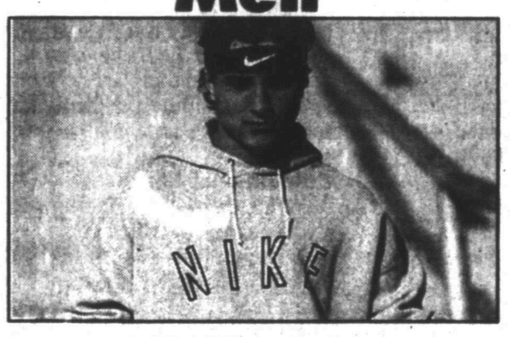

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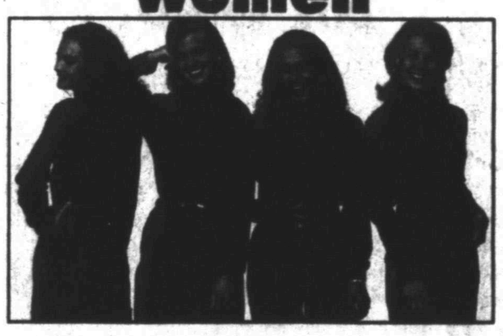

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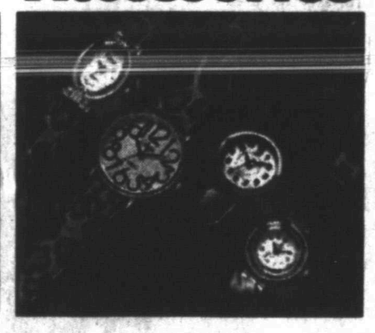

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Wilson and Joy Howell share interest in roses

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

For more than 30 years, Wilson and Joy Howell have enjoyed the flowers of a longtime neighbor. So, it's no wonder that when Wilson retired in 1989 he turned his attention to growing roses.

About four years ago, the couple delved into the world of flower shows for the first time. They liked that so much that two years ago they broadened their showing to include irises.

Since then they have won an impressive collection of trophies and other prizes. The Howells have shown roses in five states and have won best rose in show in two states.

They have attended many shows in various cities, including Oklahoma City, Dallas, Albuquerque, El Paso and Austin.

Others have been Louisville, Ky. and Seattle, Wash., where they traveled by plane both times, taking their roses with them.

Wilson said the showing season begins in April and continues through October or so. Roses begin blooming in March and continue up until a freeze.

The roses are a joint venture for the Howells. Wilson does the growing, spending most days in the garden. While being a very enjoyable hobby, roses are also a challenge, one that Wilson said he enjoys very much.

Joy prefers the flower shows. She helps prepare the flowers for transport and she and Wilson groom them for showing.

They both enjoy meeting people at shows and have made several friends. In six years, they have also learned a great deal about the art of growing and showing roses.

As novices, they said they first selected roses by color. They later learned that roses are rated by points and that the higher the rating the better chance it has at shows.

Roses rated seven or higher have a better chance to win. The Howells have consistently won with polyanthas. They have also had success with floribundas, miniatures and hybrid teas.

They have also learned a great deal about judging criteria and eligibility of entries. For instance, one of the requirements for hybrid teas or HTs is that they must have a 24-inch stem and a center.

For judging, flowers are alphabetically divided into divisions. The first place winner in each letter group then competes against each other for the top show honors.

Unlike a game of cards, the queen is the best flower in the show. Others are king, second place, and princess, third place. Some shows also name court winners, Wilson said.

Exhibitors vie for certificates and trophies, some traveling. The American Rose Society also presents ribbons.

The Howells pack some 30 to 40 big roses and another 30 to 40 of the miniatures for each show. Roses have to be handled carefully. They are gathered five to six

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LOCAL ROSARIAN — Wilson Howell spends many enjoyable hours in the garden, tending to some 500 roses, 125 irises and 50 lilies. Since retiring in 1989, he has become an accomplished rosarian. Besides growing them, he and his wife, Joy, enter several flower shows throughout the season, winning a host of prizes including best rose of the show in two states. (Staff PhotosBy Shirley A. Gorman)

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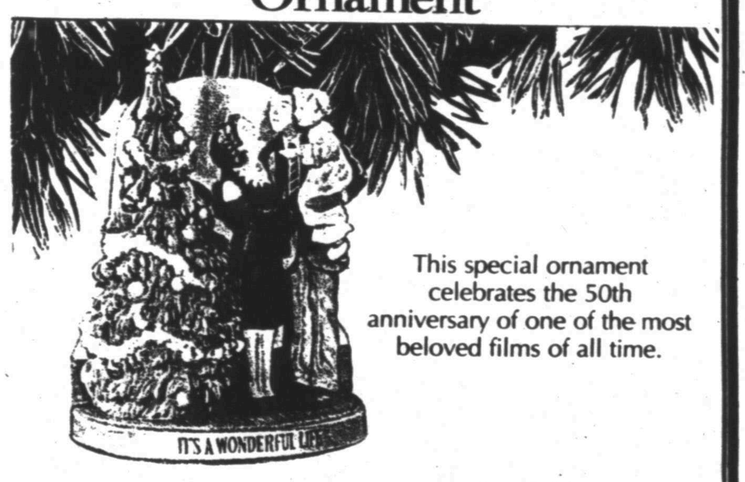

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CHRISTMAS TEA — A Christmas Tea, hosted by Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary members, was held in the board room for hospital employees, doctors and their staff, and other medical related employees. Pictured from left in the serving line, behind the table holding home-made treats, are Jerry Vestal, June Mebane, Carla Bradshaw, Selena McGuire, Jan Kruse, Carol Davis, Marge Anderson, Ann Looney and Ouida Bruner. Approximately 180 attended the annual event. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

School Menus

Ira

All meals are served with milk

MONDAY
Burritos w/Chili
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Crackers
Orange

TUESDAY
Pizza
French Fries
Crackers
Pear Halves
Juice Bars

WEDNESDAY
Ham w/Dressing
Green Bean Casserole
Mashed Potatoes
Rolls
Cranberry Sauce
Jeweled Jello w/Topping

THURSDAY
Frito Pie w/Cheese
Vegetable Salad
Creamed Corn
Sliced Peaches

FRIDAY
Sandwiches
Cookies

Snyder

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
All meals are served with milk; breakfasts are also served with assorted cereal, toast and fruit juice.
Pancakes w/Syrup

TUESDAY
Waffles w/Syrup

WEDNESDAY
Donut

THURSDAY
Breakfast Taco

FRIDAY
Sausage Stick

LUNCH

MONDAY
Rib Sandwich
Chicken Burger
Lettuce & Tomato
Pickles
Tater Tots
Fruit Cocktail

TUESDAY
Baked Chicken
Steak Fingers
Baked Potato
Corn
French Bread

WEDNESDAY
Turkey and Dressing
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Sweet Potato Pie w/Topping
Yeast Rolls
Cranberry Sauce

THURSDAY
Chicken Enchilada
Taco, Beef
Pinto Beans
Spinach Rice

FRIDAY
Sausage Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Cowboy Cookies

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Juice
Buttered Grits
Toast

TUESDAY
Fruit
Sausage/Biscuits

WEDNESDAY
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast

THURSDAY
Fruit
Cinnamon Toast

FRIDAY
Juice
Pancake Pups

LUNCH

MONDAY
Pepper Steak
Steamed Rice
Tossed Salad
Hot Rolls
Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY
Pinto Beans
Carrot & Celery Sticks
Corn Bread
Orange Slices

WEDNESDAY
Turkey/Dressing/Giblet Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Fruit Salad

THURSDAY
Vegetable Soup
Cheese Sticks
Crackers
Baked Apples

FRIDAY
Ham Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Potato Chips
Apple Wedges

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 12-14-96
♠ J 10 9
♥ 8
♦ J 10 8 7 6 3
♣ Q J 6

West
♠ A Q 8 5 4
♥ 10 7
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 8 7 2

East
♠ 6 2
♥ K J 9 4 2
♦ 4
♣ K 10 9 5 3

South
♠ K 7 3
♥ A Q 6 5 3
♦ A K Q
♣ A 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

A second macropedia

By Phillip Alder

This year has seen the publication of two encyclopedic bridge books. First came Jean-Marc Roudinesco's "Dictionary of Suit Combinations." Now arrives Alan Truscott's "Bidding Dictionary." It describes almost all possible meanings for up to four bids (doubles and redoubles count as bids, but passes do not) in a contested or uncontested auction. For example, you and your partner bid 1 ♦-1 ♠-2 ♣-3 ♥. What does the three-heart rebid show? Truscott gives three possibilities: natural and game-invitational, or natural and game-forcing, or a splinter bid in support of clubs. This will help you to build your bidding system.

Truscott was on the British team that won the European Championship in 1961, but he has lived in New York City for the last 34 years. And he has been the bridge correspondent of The New York Times since 1964.

Here is a deal he played brilliantly. Against three no-trump, West led the spade five: nine, six, three. What's your line?

Truscott played a heart to his queen, cashed the heart ace and took his three diamond winners before exiting with the spade king. (If South exits with the spade seven, West wins with the queen and returns a low spade to South's king, making declarer guess who has the club king.)

West cashed four spade tricks, but then had to lead a club, which resurrected the dummy. Truscott's nine tricks were one spade, two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs.

"The Bidding Dictionary" is available for $34.95, postpaid, from the publishers, Lawrence & Leong, 10430 Greenview Drive, Oakland, CA 94605.

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Four tables of Duplicate Bridge Club were directed by Dot Casey at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Frances Stevenson, Malven Stevenson.
2. Marjorie Brown, Monte West.
3. Billisue Stuard, Louise Thompson.

SUNDAY
No Game

TUESDAY

Four tables were directed by Dot Casey.

1. TIE: Dot Casey, Mippie Brownlee and LaVerne Hood, Shirley Stewart.
2. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hall
(Contributed Photo)

70th wedding anniversary to be celebrated by couple

Cecil and Mary Hall will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 22, in the garden room of First Baptist Church. A reception from 2 to 4 p.m. will be hosted by their children and their spouses, Jean and Jim Summer of Midland, Cele and John Gandy of Christoval, and Joyce and Brice Fuqua of Hermleigh.

They invite friends and relatives to help them celebrate their parents' anniversary with shared memories, not gifts.

Mr. Hall was born on Oct. 18, 1901 in White House, Texas, and Mary Walker Hall was born on Aug. 2, 1905 in Randolph County, Ga.

When asked how they met, Mary said, "We've known each other always."

Mary Hall's family moved from Georgia to Limestone County. Hall's oldest brother, Hickman, married Mary's sister, Nina Walker in 1912. In 1921 another brother, Jess, married Mary's sister, Ruby."

Cecil and Mary married in Colorado City on Dec. 22, 1926. Living in the Hermleigh community until 1928, they purchased a farm east of Snyder in the Pleasant Hill Community. In 1949, they moved to the Rio Grande Valley where they purchased some citrus groves, and he did contract grove care in other parts of the country.

In 1958, health problems forced Cecil to sell the valley property and they bought a farm northeast of Hermleigh where they now live.

In addition to their three daughters, they have seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

New Year's Eve lock-in planned

Ring in the New Year at the place just for girls! The West Texas Girl Scout Council invites all girls to a New Year's Eve lock-in at the new program center in Abilene.

According to Jennifer Stuckey, coordinator, lots of fun activities, games and snacks will be provided. Girls must be registered by Dec. 20.

For more information about this and other activities for girls and women that are taking place at the Program Center, call Jennifer Stuckey at 915-670-0432.

Book anniversary

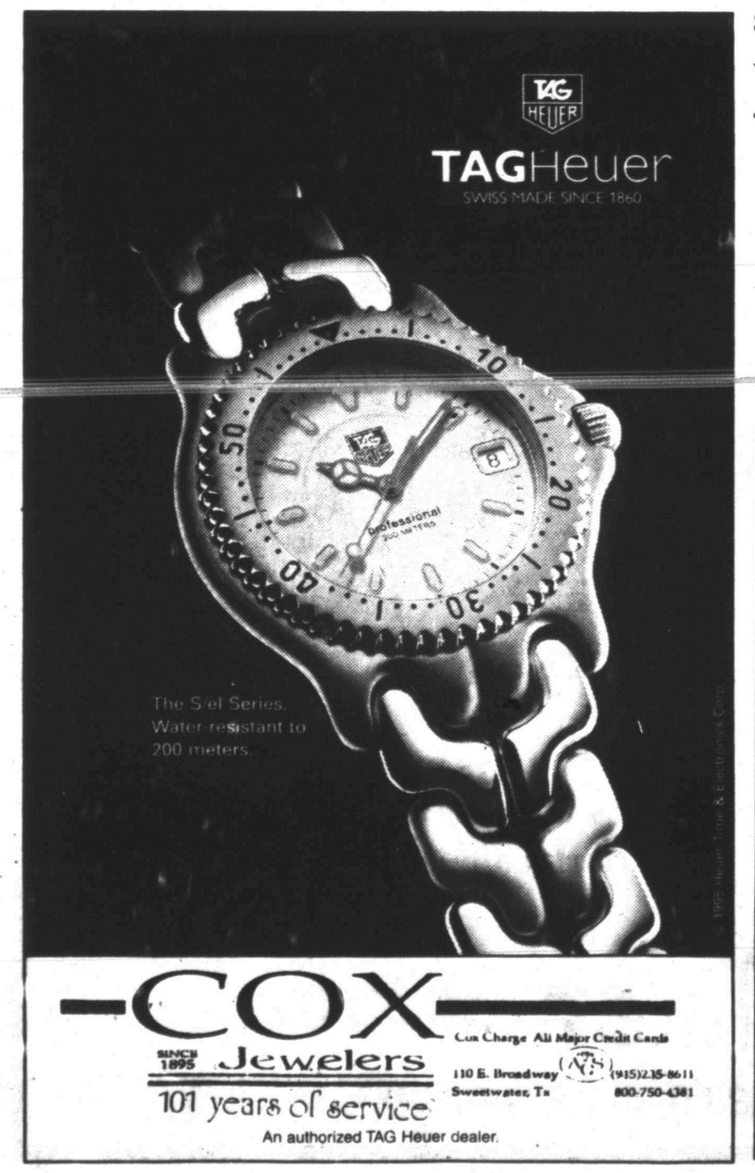
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Hunter S. Thompson, the doctor of gonzo journalism, is now a Kentucky Colonel — and unofficial firefighter.

Thompson, a Louisville native, was presented the honorary designation Thursday during a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the publication of his book "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas."

An eclectic cast of entertainers and politicians joined Thompson, who sat just off the stage at Memorial Auditorium, occasionally blasting those at the rostrum with a fire extinguisher.

"It is elegant for me to be back here among real friends," Thompson said.

Johnny Depp, who is being considered for the role of Thompson in an upcoming movie based on "Fear and Loathing," read from the book. Singer Warren Zevon opened the evening.



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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime at Scurry County Library will be held for four- and five-year-olds; 1916 23rd Street; 10 a.m.

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

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 5 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Stargazers TFCEC; 3117 Ave. T; for more information call Pauline Broyles at 573-5144; 7 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; bor more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters luncheon; Christmas Carols by the male quartet, 4-Giv'n; hostesses are Glenda Glasscock, Mary Ann Key, Frances Denman; 11:30 a.m.

Cosmorama Study Club; program by 4-Giv'n, a male quartet composed of Matt Cross, David Trevey, James Hanks, Wayne Knox; hostesses, Margaret Drum, Jan Harrell, Neoma Harlin; 4:15 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; country club; noon

Pen Women; Martha Ann Woman's Club; program, Yvonne Nunn; hostess, Jen Everett; 1:30 p.m.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free)$ noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

'Mountain Girl' says estate reneged on agreed settlement

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP) — Jerry Garcia's "Mountain Girl" hopes an old love letter proves that she didn't need to coerce the late Grateful Dead guitarist into signing a $5 million divorce agreement.

"You tickle me with your sweet talk," Jerry Garcia wrote to Carolyn Adams Garcia from a Chicago hotel room while on tour with the Grateful Dead in the mid-1980s. She read experts from the letter Wednesday in Marin County Superior Court.

Carolyn Garcia, of Eugene, Ore., also known as "Mountain Girl," claims the estate reneged on the settlement Garcia agreed to pay her in 1993 when their 12-year marriage ended.

Lawyers for Garcia's widow, filmmaker Deborah Koons Garcia, and six other heirs claim Carolyn Garcia took advantage of her drug-fogged husband by manipulating him into signing a divorce agreement giving her $250,000 a year for the next 20 years.

BRIDE-ELECT HONORED — A bridal shower honoring Juli Smith of Amarillo, bride-elect of Russell Schlegel, also of Amarillo, was recently held in the parlor of First United Methodist Church. The couple will marry on Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. in Saint Stephens Methodist Church in Amarillo. Pictured from left are Malva Teague-Smith, the prospective groom's mother from Lubbock; Kellie Schlegel, his sister from Lubbock; Zelda Teague, his grandmother from Anton; Zola Schlegel of Snyder, his mother; the honoree; Luann Smith, the bride-elect's mother from Amarillo; and Jill Brue, her sister from Plainview. (Contributed Photo) Hostesses included

Scurry County Library

News and Views

Scurry County Library has a storytime program each Monday morning at 10 a.m. where the children's librarian reads to four- and five-year-olds. She has a prepared 30 minute session for the children. During storytime, the children participate in fingerplay exercises and do handicrafts. Occasionally, programs will include puppet shows, flannelgraphs, games and drawing stories.

Programs may be arranged for tour groups and for school classes by contacting the children's librarian.

BOOK FEATURE

"A Dog of Your Own," by Bob Adams.

A dog can be a pal, a buddy, and a best friend. He is someone to play with, to feed, to watch TV with and who will curl up on your bed at night. Dogs have been a kid's best friend since the Stone Age. But dogs need regular attention. This book takes you through the process of choosing a dog, setting up a schedule for work and play, and to help you find your own best friend.

NEW NON-FICTION

"Technology," by Roger Bridgman.

"Everyone is Entitled to My Opinion," by David Brinkley.

"The Discovery of Dragons," by Graeme Base.

NEW FICTION

"Say You Love Me," by Joanna Lindsey.

"Where the Broken Heart Still Beats," by Caroly Meyer.

"Louisiana Blue," by David Poyer.

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat.

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Tues. & Thurs.

Shoppers, beware of fraud

ST. LOUIS (AP) — You're more vulnerable to fraud and financial mishaps in the frenzy of getting your holiday shopping done, notes Michael Greenfield, Walter D. Coles professor of law at Washington University.

His suggestions for not getting socked financially:

— Budget your purchases to avoid finance charges on your credit card account. Pay balances off each month if you can. Greenfield estimates an annual finance charge of $500 on a $2,000 balance for some credit card plans. "If you need to carry a balance, by all means pay it off as quickly as you can. Never pay just the minimum monthly payment amount."

— Watch out for telemarketers, he warns. Beware of alleged "surveys" that turn into sales pitches. Never give out your credit card number unless you are the one who places the call. "You could be talking to someone who is after your card number, not your business."

— Keep track of credit card receipts and carbons so that no one can pick up your account numbers. If someone does get your account number, you will only be liable for the first $50 of the fraudulent credit card use, but it's a big hassle getting fraudulent charges removed from your account. Check your credit card receipts against your bill, he advises.

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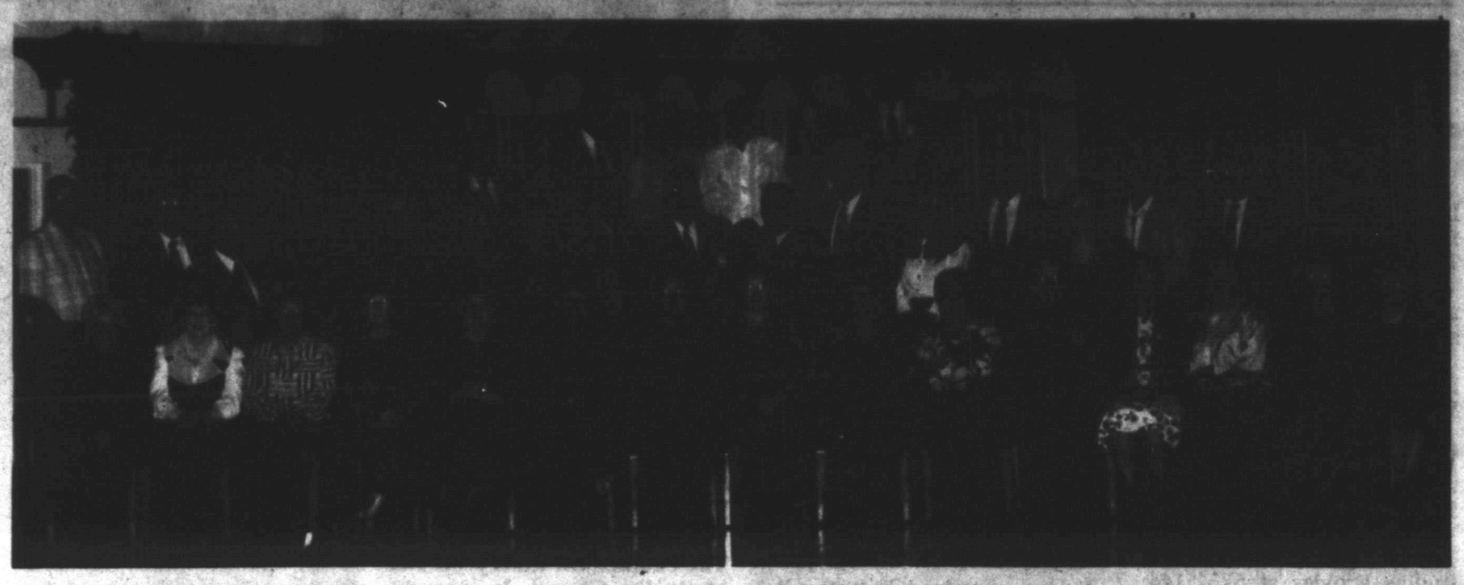
PARENTS ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT — Dr. and Mrs. Edward Barkowsky of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bynum of Ransom Canyon announce the engagement of their children, Holly Kay Barkowsky and Bart Bynum. Both are graduates of Texas Tech, and both are associated with Bynum Concepts Inc. of Lubbock. They plan to marry on March 8, 1997, in Westmont Christian Church in Lubbock. (Harley Bynum Photo)



50th REUNION HELD — Forty-one attended the fall reunion of the Snyder High School class of 1946. Two-day activities corresponded with the White Buffalo Festival in Snyder. Pictured from left are, back row, Doug Riley, Bob Billingsley, Bud Coonrod, Bob Sealy, Waylon Bruton, Mac Hill; second row from top, Bill Early, Raymon Bynum, Harold Wade, Jack McGlaun, Dot Sands Brannen, Joyce Hall Fuqua, Nancy Richardson Peacock, Billy Longbotham, Bobby McCormick, Billy Joe York, Edwin Parks, Opal Ikard Swinney, Joe Reynolds, Allie Beth Rosson Beauchamp, Hal Clarkson, Charles Lyons, Steve Birdwell; front row, Billie Jean Henderson Faver, Wanda Mills Behrends, Joy McGlaun, Connie McMullen Lee, Patsy Eaton Rutherford, Patsy Spikes Shannon, Dovie Pogue Brownfield, Della Mason Herring, Anna Beth Bills Roberts, LaVerne Middleton Lee, Barbara Stewart Ainsworth, Mary Lou Devenport D'Esposito, Doris Camp Stokes, Jo Miller Taylor and Jean Taylor Jordan. (Photo by Tom Gonzales)

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

Floods of FEEDBACK to our Christmas questions! Thanks to you, Dear Readers, we now know of six catalogs that carry items which many of you are seeking. The catalogs are:

— Miles Kimball, 41 W 8th Ave, P.O. Box 3600, Oshkosh, WI 54903 or call 1-414-231-4866. This catalog has clip-on candle holders for Christmas trees, bubbling lights and lots of Christmas tree ornaments.

— The Lillian Vernon catalog, Lillian Vernon, Virginia Beach, VA 23479, or call 1-800-285-5555. It also has Christmas decorations, candle holders for trees and bubbling Christmas tree lights.

— The Vermont Country Store, P.O. Box 3000, Manchester Center, VT 05255 or call 1-802-362-2400, carries both the clip-on candle holders and the bubbling lights.

— The Walter Drake catalog, Walter Drake & Sons, Drake Building, Colorado Springs, CO 80904, has all sorts of Christmas things, including an ornament storage box with six pull-out drawers. It's item #X7494, costs $24.99, plus shipping, and may be ordered by calling 1-800-525-9291.

— Carol Wright Gifts, 340 Applecreek Road, P.O. Box 8522, Lincoln, NE 68544, or call 1-800-200-3934, also has plenty of Christmas items, including the bubbling lights. A selection of clip-on candle holders, both large and heart-shaped, is available, along with lots of Christmas items from the Goosebury Patch Co. Their catalog is a gem. To receive one, call: 1-800-854-6673.

Delores Minogue of Mt. Prospect, Ill., was looking for Nancy Reagan's Christmas cookie recipe. Thanks to all of you for sending this recipe along.

NANCY REAGAN'S VIENNA BARS

1 cup (2 sticks) butter
1-1/2 cups sugar (divided)
2 egg yolks
2-1/2 cups flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 jar (10 ounces) jelly (strawberry or raspberry works well)
4 egg whites
2 cups finely chopped nuts

In mixing bowl, cream butter and 1/2 cup of the sugar. Beat in egg yolks. Add flour and salt; knead with fingers. Pat batter out on greased 9-by-9-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes, or until lightly browned.

Remove from oven, spread with jelly. Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold in remaining 1 cup sugar and nuts. Gently spread on top of jelly. Return pan to oven. Bake 25 minutes longer. Cut into squares while still warm. Makes about two dozen bars.

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Reminiscing school days 50 years later

Snyder High School class of 1946 celebrated its 50th class reunion on Oct. 4-5. Activities began with members meeting at the Hays Ranch for a barbecue in conjunction with the celebration of the White Buffalo Festival.

The next day, 30 class members road on a float they decorated for the parade. Members also participated in an unveiling of the original cornerstone of the old school building, held at the coliseum. The cornerstone monument was presented to the Historical Society.

The final activity was a banquet at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. There were 61 members of the class and 41 attended the reunion.

AARP OFFICERS — Shirley Neace of Abilene, left, installed local AARP officers at a recent luncheon meeting held in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Officers from left are Marie Armstrong, president; M.J. Merritt, vice president; Carolyn Cox, secretary; and Ben Odorizzi, treasurer. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Popular and fun gifts for children, adults

By The Associated Press

Fun and toys for the smallfry and their parents this holiday season:

Dolls

— Would your little girl like to have her own little girl who looks just like her? My Twinn is a doll that will be uniquely hers, customized with matching eyes, skin color, hair color, texture and style, facial features, clothing, and accessories. Working from a snapshots and from a detailed questionnaire, the artists who make these dolls can duplicate even freckles, moles, and eyebrow configurations. There is a selection of costumes and accessories; a doll in a floral dress with shoes and tights is $149.95, and the girl's matching dress is $45 or $48, depending on size range. My Twinn is featured at FAO Schwarz or can be ordered by phone. Call 1 (800) 566-2201 for order forms and more information. The dolls take four to six weeks to complete; if yours can't be completed by Christmas, a gift certificate set, including a jewel box and jewelry, is available.

— Taking your child back through history, Girlhood Journey dolls by Ertl have authentic period dress and coordinating storybooks (each about $59.99). Juliet, from Medieval England, comes dressed in a shimmery gown with period details; Kai, of a 14th century Nigerian tribe, is dressed in classic African prints and beads; Marie, from 18th century France, wears a long dress with starched apron and mob cap; and Shannon, from 19th century California, has a middy outfit with big bows in her ringlets.

— Little Big Ears ($34.99), also by Ertl, are individual baby dolls with all kinds of personalities and appearances, just begging for a caring owner. Each doll comes with a guardian ring, guide, and a secret note with the baby's name. The dolls, meant to teach guardianship, diversity and responsibility, are vehicle for a partnership between the manufacturer and Big Brothers-Big Sisters of America.

— Nurturing dolls from Kenner include Juice 'n Cookies Baby Alive ($32.99), which lets little mothers mix food, feed it to her, and watch her actually chew. Baby also drinks from her own juice box.

— There's a new bundle of joy for little mothers — Newborn Baby So Beautiful, with life-like skin, chubby faces and bodies and baby-fine hair (or no hair at all). The 11-inch baby joins the line of Baby So Beautiful dolls ($16.99 to $19.99) which look as varied as real children.

— The Olympic Gymnast Barbie ($12.99) and Cabbage Patch Olympikid ($24.99) are both recommended in "Toy Guide for Differently-Abled Kids" catalog put out by Toys 'R' Us, aimed at children with disabilities. Each will encourage children to imitate the dolls' stunts to fine-tune their motor skills or hand-eye coordination. The catalogs, filled with toys chosen by the chain, the National Parent Network on Disabilities and the National Lekotek Center, are at the Toys 'R' Us stores.

— Feeling blue? It must be because of the return of the Smurfs, those authentic blue-bloods based on the cartoon figures that are part human, part troll, and part whatever. Courtesy Irwin Toy, Papa Smurf, Smurfette and Baby Smurf are featured in a variety of styles. Baby Smurf, in plush ($29.99), has a face that changes from blue to red when fed Smurfberries.

— Your favorite mice, Mickey and Minnie, are the characters in Disney Babies Touch N'Crawl toys. The rompered pair ($21.99 each) crawl alongside baby on the floor or in the crib.

— Fluffy My Come Here Puppy ($46.99) from Kenner reacts to its owner's voice by lifting its ear, wagging its tail, barking and walking toward its master or mistress.

— Tuggles, The Walking Pup ($14.99) from CAP Toys, follows wherever its owner goes. Just pull on the leash and it will toddle along, without benefit of batteries.

— They've now got Pound Puppies and Pound Pur-r-ries in miniature breeds, ready for adoption from Galoob. They come in three-packs ($5.99-$6.99) and five-packs ($8.99-$9.99) for a houseful.

— Kermit the Frog in plush for the holidays ($9.99 and up) from Jim Henson Productions comes in two sizes — for kids and bigger kids.

— Chelli, a soft terry patchwork pooch modeled on one of the characters of the new Muppet show, Big Bag, is $17.99 from Tyco Preschool.

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Laura Ann Wilson, 1996 GMC Yukon from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling Co., 1995 Chevrolet truck from Big Country Autoland.

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John L. Cox, five 1996 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Southern Electric, 1996 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Ruby Joyce Crownover, 1996 Lincoln from Wilson Motors.

James Cleo Thompson Jr., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Jana Wesson Martin, 1997 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Jerry V. and Suzette Martin, 1997 Jeep from Snyder Chrysler.

GELCO Corp., 1997 Dodge wagon from Brookdal Dodge.

Jim Ham, 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big County Autoland.

Roy Rosson, 1997 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Tracy F. Holladay, 1996 Chevrolet van from Big Country Autoland.

Richard Fuentes, 1996 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

B.A.L. Inc. and Virginia Ann Lighthill, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Price Construction Co., 1997 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Rita S. McGlothlin, 1997 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Kenneth R. Maberry, 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Mesquite Oil Tools Inc., four 1997 Ford pickups from Wilson Motors.

John E. Shields, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Rachel Ann Pesina and Gilbert Pesina, divorce granted.

City of Snyder vs. Eudelia R. Garcia, et al, order for release of funds.

Deed Records

Chrystalene Woolsey to Alfredo Arce, tract one being the south 50 feet of the east 50 feet of Lot 1 in Block 43 of the Original Town of Snyder; tract two being the east 50 feet of Lot 4 in Block 43 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Lynn and Sue Bratton to David and Juanita Cox, the east 75 feet of Lot 3 in Block 31 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Dale Nolan to Raymond A. and Gloria D. Dunkins, tract one being the west 50 feet of the north 100 feet of Lot 1 in Block 22 of the T.N. Nunn's 1st Addition; tract two being Lot 2 in Block 22 of the T.N. Nunn's 1st Addition; tract three being the north 22 feet of the east 80 feet of Lot 3 in Block 22 of the T.N. Nunn's 1st Addition.

Buddie Ann Odstrcil to Joe B. and Esther R. Odstrcil, the south one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 140, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Roger D. Weaver to Treva Moore, tract one being an 83 x 1,990-foot tract out of the southwest one-quarter of Section 207, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being an 82 x 363-foot tract out of the southwest one-quarter of Section 207, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Development Corporation of Snyder Inc. to Lorber Industries of Texas Inc., all of Lots 9 and 12 in SnTx Park I, a subdivision in Scurry County.

Jeffery E. and Tiffany G. Fowler to Marcia J. Odal, the south 42 feet of Lot 3 in Block 9 of the Blankenship Addition.

Geraldine Stokes, independent executrix of the estate of Travis H. Stokes, to Geraldine Stokes, the southeast one-quarter of Section 133, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Abel Guzman to Rachel Guzman and Juan Carols Guzman, all of Lots 3 and 4 in Block 27 of the T.N. Nunn 2nd Addition.

Joe Lopez, Johnny Lopez and Jesusita Lopez Morales to Angel and Delfina Lopez, an undivided interest in Lot 4, Block 28 of the Chambers Addition.

Mavis Morine Browning Via to Mikel L. Davis, tract one being a 90 x 160-foot tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a 50 x 60-foot tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Betty Lou Price to James Glen Price and Jerry Frank Price, each an undivided one-twentieth interest in: tract one being a tract of land in the northwest one-quarter of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 1.2219 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being 3.3 acres in Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract four being 4.89 acres in Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey.

James L. and Helen B. Wadleigh to the James L. and Helen B. Wadleigh Living Trust, Lot 5 in Block 20 of the W.S. Cross Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

James L. and Helen B. Wadleigh to the James L. and Helen B. Wadleigh Living Trust, tract one being all of Lots 3 and 4 in Block 8 of the Mandry Addition; tract two being all of Lot 26 in Block 3 of the Eastridge Addition; tract three being all of Lot 19 and the west 20 feet of Lot 20 in Block 1 of the Forrest Addition; tract four being all of Lot 2 and the northwest 60 feet of Lot 3 in Block 5 of the Wadleigh Addition, Section 2, and all replat of the Wadleigh Addition except Lots 1-3 in Block 1;

Also tract five being all of Lot 4 and the southeast 60 feet of Lot 3 in Block 5 of the Wadleigh Addition, and replat of all the Wadleigh Addition, except Lots 1-3 in Block 1; tract six being all of Lots 5, 6, 8 and 10 of Block 5 of the Wadleigh Addition, Section 2, and replat of all the Wadleigh Addition except Lots 1-3 of Block 1; tract seven being all of Lots 1-3 in Block 2 of the Wadleigh Addition, Section 2, and replat of all the Wadleigh Addition except Lots 1-3 of Block 1;

Also tract eight being all of Lots 4 and 6 of the Wadleigh Addition, Section 2, and replat of all of Wadleigh Addition, except Lots 1-3 in Block 1; tract nine being all of Lot 5 in Block 13 of the J.B. Chambers Addition; tract 10 being all of Lot 4 in Block 13 of the J.B. Chambers Addition; tract 11 being all of Lots 1-6 in Block 14 of the J.B., Chambers Addition;

Also tract 12 being all of Lots 9-12 in Block 14 of the J.B. Chambers Addition; tract 13 being all of Lot 11 in Block 17 of the J.B. Chambers Addition; tract 14 being all of Lot 8 in Block 20 of the Chambers Addition; tract 15 being all of Lot 4 in Block 19 of the Chambers Addition; tract 16 being all of Lots 3-5 in Block 18 of the Chambers Addition; tract 17 being all of Lot 5 in Block 24 of the Chambers Addition;

Also tract 18 being all of Lot 9 in Block 20 of the Chambers Addition; tract 19 being all of Lots 3 and 6 in Block 19 of the Chambers Addition; tract 20 being Lot 1, Block 1 of the Houston Avenue Addition; tract 21 being 4.51 acres in Tract 63 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank sudivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, J.P. Smith survey; tract 22 being 0.1624-acre tract out of Lots 1 and 2, Block 21, Lots 5 and 6 of Block 20 of the Gross Replat of the Cody Addition and part of Block 16 of the Gross Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

Ganymede looks like planet

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The solar system's largest moon has all the characteristics of a planet, including a cocoon of magnetic particles similar to the one enveloping Earth, scientists say.

The evidence of the planet-like characteristics of Jupiter's huge moon Ganymede were revealed by audio recordings relayed to Earth from the Galileo spacecraft, scientists said Thursday.

The soaring whistle and hissing static provide evidence that Ganymede — three-fourths the size of Mars — has its own planet-like, magnetic field called a magnetosphere.

Such a region of hot, ionized gases and highly charged particles never before has been found around a moon.

Donald Gurnett, a University of Iowa physicist and Galileo researcher, said the noise is consistent with magnetospheres he's studied on Earth, Saturn and Jupiter.

He said the spacecraft's approach to Ganymede was quiet "until all of a sudden, there's a big burst of noise that signals the entry into Ganymede's magnetosphere. Then for about 50 minutes we detected the kinds of noises that are typical of a passage through a magnetosphere."

Ganymede, 3,269 miles across, has ridges, icy grooves and craters that hint at an Earthlike crust that pulls apart and fills in with flowing rock.

NASA is preparing for next Thursday's encounter with Jupiter's moon Europa, suspected of hiding a frozen ocean and possibly life beneath its fractured, icy crust. The unmanned Galileo spacecraft, now making a two-year tour of Jupiter and its largest moons, will come within 433 miles of Europa.

'Love-pat' on teacher's rear gets first grader in trouble

MIDDLETOWN, Del. (AP) — It started with a first-grader's "love pat" on a teacher's behind.

The teacher talked to the principal, who talked to the district superintendent. School officials then called the Delaware attorney general's office for clarification on a controversial state law against "offensive touching."

On Thursday, cooler heads prevailed. The matter was dropped.

"The glove did not fit. This was not a criminal act," Tony Marchio, superintendent of the Appoquinimink School District, said after meeting with the girl's mother, Gerrie Martin.

It all began during recess Friday afternoon at Silver Lake Elementary School in Middletown, when 6-year-old Stephanie Martin poked teacher Laurie Wicks on the buttocks.

"She said she was giving her a love pat. It's something she and I do. I never dreamt it would come to this," Ms. Martin said. "She said, 'I was just saying hi to her.' In her mind, she has no idea why she is in trouble."

Ms. Martin said her daughter has done nothing but cry since Monday, when the school said it was considering suspending Stephanie.

School administrators said their hands were tied because the 4-year-old law requires them to notify authorities of possible crimes such as offensive touching, school assaults, extortion and crimes involving weapons and drugs.

Bum Santa Award nominees needed

by Bill McClellan

Texas Monthly has released its Bum Steer Awards.

Me, I'm in the process of taking nominations for the Bum Santa Awards.

Bum Santa nominees can be thieves or just plain bah-humbuggers. These awards go to the element of people out there who have no qualms about wrecking, or at least dampening, someone else's Christmas.

Last week, for instance, some low-life broke into a warehouse and made off with 10 large boxes of toys and other gifts being stored for the Rio Grande Children's Home.

The kids are certainly worse off than the thieves. Most of the 77 children who live at the Rio Grande facility are there because they were abused or neglected at home — if they even had a home.

"I can't believe someone would do that to kids who already don't have a home and no place to go, and no moms and dads to buy them a lot of Christmas," said the daughter of two staff workers at the home.

What happened to the Rio Grande Children's Home has a bright side. Having heard about the theft, many generous people responded by sending in gifts and cash donations so that the kids can still have a good Christmas.

The thieves who stole the Christmas presents destined for the children's home are certainly deserving of a Bum Santa Award nomination ...and jail time.

Even in Snyder, Christmas seems to bring out the worst in some people. Fortunately, the problems we experience usually amount to little more than vandalism of outdoor Christmas displays.

Unfortunately, though, those kinds of reports are beginning to roll in pretty steadily this year at the Law Enforcement Center.

And make no mistake — there *are* thieves in Scurry County, too, and citizens should take precautions. Lock your car, store packages in your trunk when shopping, and make sure the home is secure. Keep your purse closed and in your hand or over your shoulder.

Bum Santa Awards won't go to just criminals, though. There are some nominees in Pensacola, Florida, where carolers have been booted out the mall door.

"This isn't a concert hall. It's a mall," explained marketing director Candy Carlisle.

Merchants in the two major malls in Pensacola complain that the carolers were taking up valuable retail space and singing too loudly.

"It was just a major bottleneck for shoppers," said Carlisle.

'Tis the season to be jolly. And in the mall business to be jolly is to sell, sell, sell.

Not everyone sees it that way.

"We have obviously lost our focus on what Christmas is all about," said the parent of a disappointed youngster, who learned that his fifth grade choir would not be singing at the mall this year.

Those malls and Ms. Carlisle deserve a Bum Santa Award nomination, too.

Have any nominees?

Christmas: not so jolly for everyone

DEANIE FRANCIS MILLS

Though I had a lot of fun with last week's column, and I've got some hilarious stuff in mind for next week, I'd like to take a moment to share with you a personal message, and some tips that might help to make this holiday season a little more bearable for those of us who are not feeling particularly joyous this year.

On the day before Thanksgiving, my son's best friend, and an "adopted" son of the Mills clan, died by his own hand in a terrible and tragic way. He was eighteen years old. Because of the manner in which this awful event took plae, there is some question as to whether the death was an accident or a suicide, so I am not going to comment on that, out of respect for his family's privacy. What I would like to talk about is that sometimes because of tragedy, and sometimes for no particular definable reason at all, some of us just don't feel like jingling any bells this time of year.

I know I have had that feeling as I've put out all our lovely Christmas decorations recently. I've felt detached from them, as if they were mere things; so much clutter that had no sentimental value for our family, which is simply not true.

Christmas at the Mills house has traditionally been the very most favorite time of year for all of us. Since my honeymoon year, I've collected all sorts of lovelies that, combined with a home-cut cedar tree, lots of candles, and cedar boughs placed all over the house, has the effect of transforming this old place into what our dear friend Jerry Worsham refers to as "a fairyland."

My son, particularly, has always been in high spirits and a good mood from Thanksgiving through New Year's. Ever since he was a little boy, Christmas has been a magical time for him. He cherishes every tradition and wants everything done in just the same way. In fact, it means so much to the kids that we stopped traveling the 500 miles to Grandmama and Grandma's houses during the actual Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, preferring to visit either just before or just after the actual days, so that we can spend a quiet country holiday together in our own home.

But Brock's death has changed all that this year, has cast a shadow over all things happy. My son, bless his heart, had to serve as a pallbearer in his best friend's funeral one day, and return to college to face final exams the next. His father and I watched him grow from a boy to a man overnight, which added a certain poignant sadness to our sorrow.

Hospital and law enforcement personnel will tell you that this time of year is a very crucial one for people who are depressed. Suicide attempts always increase around the holidays. I think this is partly because of the national media's portrayal of an almost unattainable idea of family and tradition that increases the feeling of despair and hopelessness that an already depressed person feels.

With people like Kathie Lee Gifford seemingly assuring us that with enough confection in our lives, all can be sweet; and Martha Stewart promising that if we only put up the trappings of perfection, that our lives can be perfect; and magazine covers everywhere depicting posed and airbrushed sentiment and movies full of song-singing and happy endings...it can only make someone who already feels set apart from everyone else, feel downright freakish.

Christmas and New Year's can be a rushed, frantic time, in which busy people are pressured to do and be even more than they already do and be. Charities and churches demand our time and money and there are so many details to attend to. When this happens, it is easy to overlook someone — even someone close to us whom we love — who is sitting quietly in the corner, fading from sight. They don't make any demands on our time or our attention. We don't mean to ignore them, but it is easy to do when all these other squeaky wheels need our grease.

It's important that now, more than ever, we start looking around the room and spot, not the happy child, but the quiet young person, the elderly, sick, the recently bereaved. If they are on our minds and hearts, we need to make a note on a sticker pad to call them or invite them over and stick it someplace where it bugs us until we do it.

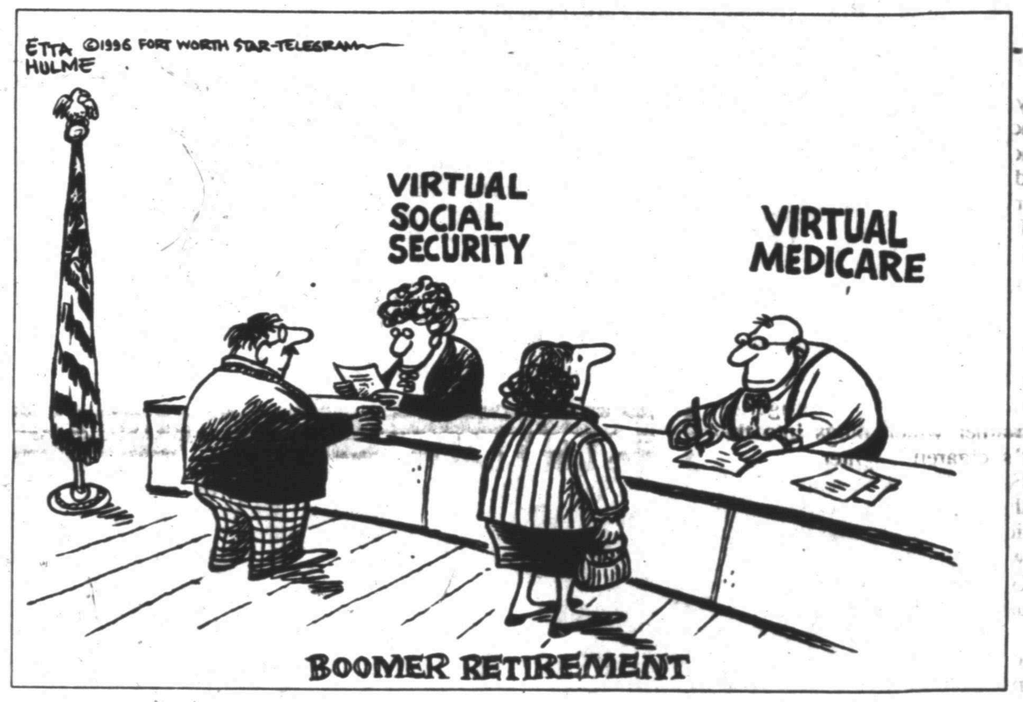
And we must realize that a depressed person is, to quote my son, "not feeling very sociable right now." It is a natural desire for them to withdraw from people and brood on their own thoughts. Lord knows, we all need a little solitude, and it isn't necessary to suffocate someone who is licking his or her wounds and needs a little private time. But we can't take no for an answer every time we approach them. We must insist. We must draw them out. We must make absolutely certain that they know we love them, are praying for them, and want to spend some time with them.

Though they may feel set apart from the festivities, there is something contagious about joy, something that can nudge a smile from the saddest heart. Sit next to them. Touch them. If they've lost a loved one, please don't hesitate to share funny or loving stories about the person they have lost. It won't make them sad. They will appreciate your keeping his or her memories alive.

Let them know that they are not alone. They may feel very alone, but they are not, and they need to be reassured of that whenever possible.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Mankind is a stream whose source is hidden." Each of us is a drop in that great rushing vastness of the spirit-stream of life. We are all together in this business of getting through the days. Sometimes, some of us forget this.

This time of year, more than ever, let's make sure to remind them.



Letters

Great evening

Dear Editor:

To Valerie Moss Greene and Cogdell Memorial Hospital — I want to thank the hospital for including me (as a member of Hospital Auxiliary) at your Christmas Party at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

The Christmas atmosphere, the food and the kindness of the hospital staff and/or their spouses by helping me on and off the Wagon ride made for me and my guest a most happy, enjoyable, memorable evening.

You certainly added 'Golden' to my golden years.

Thank you again
Betty Kellum
Snyder

So blessed

Dear Editor,

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Clause." Even for someone seventy years old.

I had such a wonderful surprise Thursday. I am so blessed with friends and family. I do thank you and shall enjoy your thoughtful generosity.

I know you are also blessed because we are taught "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Virginia Johnston
Snyder

A success

Dear Editor:

Historic Scurry County would like to thank all of you who helped to make last Sunday's Tour of Homes so very successful.

Special thanks to the home owners: the Elliott Cox Family, the Dr. Krenek Family and the Tim Riggan Family.

Special thanks to the ticket sellers and businesses who helped sell tickets.

Special thanks to the docents and volunteers; your hard work makes an event like this possible.

And special thanks to all of you supporters who purchased tickets. It is with the support from you all that the Heritage Village continues to grow and flourish.

Best wishes for the happiest holidays and we look forward to having you tour the village in 1997.

Most cordially,
Noreen Taylor,
Secretary
Historic Scurry County
Snyder

Thanks to all!

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped out with the Scurry Co. Rodeo Assn. Queens float.

Everyone was wonderful to donate anything they could to make the float a success. The Wagon Wheel Ranch and Rusty Spur Cafe donated the wagon for the Rodeo Assn. and myself.

Key Brothers Lawn and Leisure donated a generator so the float could have lights. A special thanks to Terry Franks for all his help. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Voss for allowing us to use their barn so we would have a place to decorate the float.

Also, a big thanks to a very special lady in our community, Shana May. Shana spends several hours last week just decorating and organizing the float. Shana is always there for me. She never tells me she doesn't have time to help out; instead she is always encouraging me to do more. Shana is a true asset to the Rodeo Assn. I can't think of anyone better for the job.

Jennifer Voss is another very special person to me, who I love and appreciate very much. Jennifer is always lending a helping hand. She has helped me tremendously.

Thanks to all of the rodeo directors, Garret Hale, Aryn May and my brother Chance for helping out and riding on the float.

I've had so much help already this year from the people in the community. I'll always remember what Snyder has done for me.

Thanks to my family for all their support. Without you I would not be able to do all these things. I'm truly having the time of my life serving as the Scurry Co. Rodeo Queen this year.

Thanks again to everyone.

Riley Ann Tatum
Scurry Co. Rodeo Queen

Incensed

Dear Editor:

Perhaps this letter may well be better addressed to the city manager and the city council, but I am incensed that for the month of November 1996 my sewer charges on my City of Snyder Utilities Statement are $5.70 greater than are the charges for water. I consider this absolutely ludicrous. Perhaps those who serve without charge (or an axe to grind?) are not to blame. Perhaps their instructions come from "the Fed" or the EPA or some other State of Texas controlled agency. I ask you, people, what are we doing with this kind of government?

I have a sprinkler system and I try my best to maintain a pretty lawn in my neighborhood. The water I use on my lawn and trees does not enter the sewer system but, nevertheless, I pay sewer charges for water that soaks the soil. What can be more absurd than paying for a service that does not benefit you?

Upon seeking relief I learn I can have another water meter installed that feeds only my home, probably, at a cost exceeding $350 since a licensed plumber must disconnect the present one-inch water meter and connect the smaller meter and then be inspected by the City of Snyder Engineering Department.

Let this be a lesson to those who entertain the idea of having a new sprinkler system installed. If all the water goes through one water meter you will pay a greater cost for maintaining a pretty lawn. The city manager and the city council cannot figure out how to accommodate homes with sprinkler systems unless they have an additional meter installed at an increased cost. Besides that, they will have two bills to pay each month.

Even if I spend $350 (plus?) for an additional water meter, I still have to pay $35.66 per month sewer bill for a home with two people until October 1997 because there is no relief allowed.

Sincerely,
George R. Clark
Snyder

'Free press' not without price

By STEVE BLOW
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — I went to see "Ransom" the other night. It's a rip-roaring good movie. But as happens so often these days, one part of the story had me scrunching down in my seat. The reporters.

There was poor Mel Gibson, the anguished father of a kidnapped son, being pounced upon by a pack of yapping reporters, all thrusting microphones and hurling stupid questions in his moment of crisis.

That has become a standard plot device in movies these days. And I always want to hide my eyes.

We have enough problems in this profession without becoming standard movie villains. But I suspect we see it a lot in the movies these days because it rings so true.

Ask Richard Jewell.

Now, I'm absolutely sure that I was the only person in that movie theater who took notice a few minutes later when mad Mel decided to turn the tables on the kidnappers.

And what did he do? March straight to the mean-old media for help.

Suddenly those same reporters were his best friends as he used them to tell the kidnappers that he was using the ransom money to put a bounty on their heads.

Instantly, his message was communicated. Instantly, everyone was his ally. And those yapping reporters were his strongest tool.

As I say, I'm sure I'm the only one in the theater who noticed. At least I was the only one who jumped up and yelled, "Yea! Way to go, mainstream media!"

This is a funny business. At times, we're invisible. People see only the message we deliver. At other times, people see only the messengers. And they want to kill us.

Well, kings could do it, but it's not acceptable to literally kill messengers any more. (Thank goodness.) But you know what? You can scare them to death. And you can starve them to death.

Monday marked the fifth anniversary of the demise of the Dallas Times Herald. As a member of the surviving newspaper, I know that anything I say will be suspect.

But trust me when I say that no one outside the Herald mourned its closing more than other working journalists. Competition has always been at the heart of this business. Competition helps to keep us on our toes.

But with all the changes in the media these days, it becomes more important than ever for you — the readers, the viewers — to keep us on our toes. And you can scare the messengers.

No reporter likes to draw complaints. But if you read a story that is not fair and balanced ... if you spot something that seems biased or blatantly insensitive ... if you find an error in a story ... don't just fuss and fume. Pick up the phone. Ask to speak to an editor.

I don't promise that the editor will immediately agree with you. This is a business of judgment calls. And we have some rip-snorting debates within our own walls about how to handle certain stories. But speak up. Join the debate.

And, as a last resort, starve the messenger. Don't support news outlets you don't respect.

I don't say that lightly. I periodically receive notice that subscriptions have been canceled because of some column I've written. That always hurts.

But in a way, I do the same thing. I won't watch "A Current Affair" or "Hard Copy." Those "tabloid TV" shows pay for interviews. And that violates a basic rule of good journalism. If you pay people to talk to you, they will say what is profitable, not necessarily what is true.

I don't watch "Entertainment Tonight" anymore. It began as pretty good entertainment-industry journalism. Now it just panders to Playboy or anyone else who will put a lot of skin on the screen.

I certainly don't mean to say that readers and viewers bear all the responsibility for the quality of journalism. We need to do more within our own ranks to examine what we do, to explain what we do and, especially, to shame those who do it unethically.

This wondrous thing we call a "free press" will never be neat and orderly. It's messy. It's intrusive. It's irritating. But it's also one of the best safeguards of democracy our founders created.

If our excesses turn us into movie villains, we may all be in trouble.

WINNERS — Wilson and Joy Howell discovered a very enjoyable hobby after Wilson retired. They have been entering their roses and irises in flower shows for about four years. A few of the prizes they have won are shown on the table in front of them. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Couple shares common love of roses

Scurry County Folks

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by Shirley A. Gorman

days before a show, Joy said, then placed in a bucket of hot water. Once inside, they are cut again under running water. They are stored in an icebox.

For the flight to Seattle, Wilson built a special suitcase for the roses. But first, they placed each in smaller tubes which fit inside the suitcase.

Flowers are covered with blue ice to help preserve them. The Howells also have a refrigerated container which plugs into their car's cigarette lighter.

For shows, Roses are treated with floral life dissolved in water, which helps to preserve their flowers.

Grooming roses takes several hours. Pantyhose, cloth or natural oil from the thumb and finger works well, said Joy, who enjoys shining and arranging the flowers.

Gardening takes up many hours of Wilson's time. He sprays insecticide as needed, but he sprays weekly for black spot and other diseases.

Via automatic timer, the roses are watered every day.

Even with watering, "spring roses were terrible" due to the recent drought, Wilson said. He also has installed lights in the garden which automatically come on at dusk.

From around Feb. 1 to March 1, Wilson "prunes them (roses) and cuts them down to about one-third their size." After roses lose their leaves, they go dormant, he explained.

Through the years, the Howells have joined various rose societies in order to keep up with current information. They attend meetings in Midland because they live closest to that city. They receive newsletters from rose societies in Fort Worth, Dallas, Beaumont, Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

They also belong to the American Rose Society headquartered in Shreveport, La.

Wilson loves growing roses so much that he recently completed requirements to become a rosarian. To do so, he attended special studies in Oklahoma City and later passed a test to earn certification.

Wilson decided to become a rosarian because he wanted "to go by the book" in raising and showing roses — not only for himself but for anyone seeking advice. He thinks he may be the only certified rosarian in Snyder.

The Howells also enjoy "A Year In A Rose Garden," written by a 90-year-old man from Orange. Month by month, Wilson said the man describes exactly what to do.

They said his motto is "Grow them, show them and share them."

They said it's a great book for beginners as well as for more experienced growers.

They credit a neighbor, Janie Graham, for getting them interested in flowers. For some 17 years, they lived two doors down from her. They have lived "this side of her" for 20 years. During that time, she always shared her roses and lilies with them.

At 91, they said their neighbor still maintains her own garden. She also comes over every day to talk to their flowers, calling each by name.

Joy is a native of Snyder, but Wilson arrived in 1949, the same year he founded Howell Electric. He sold it three decades later.

He also worked for Moorman Manufacturing Co. for 21 years, selling and delivering feed. He operated a hog farm for a few years, but he said Joy much prefers roses over pigs because they smell better.

After the Howells married, they lived in Abilene for three years.

They have two children and four grandchildren. Their son, Rickey Howell and his wife, Kathy, have a son and a daughter. Rickey, a former football coach, is now the principal at Bronte.

They also have a daughter, Ginger Rose of Grapevine. She and her husband, Dan, have two daughters.

New high-intensity training to begin for Marine recruits

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — To become one of the few and the proud, Marine recruits must now pass through The Crucible — a new 54-hour test of teamwork that takes them through smoke-filled obstacle courses and exhausting military drills.

Carrying weapons, knapsacks and only three meals to see them through until Saturday morning, hundreds of recruits began the test Thursday morning with a six-mile march in the dark.

They'll clamor up towers, wiggle through yellow smoke and barbed wire on a firing range and balance on rope bridges. They'll sleep outside and only for four hours a night.

But by Saturday most of the 560 recruits, 110 of them women, will have earned a steak-and-eggs breakfast and the Marine insignia with its eagle, globe and anchor. An additional week of training follows before graduation.

For years, recruits have had to negotiate many of the same courses. The difference in The Crucible is they must work as a team, making sure their comrades get through.

"It's really awesome," said Jenifer Gambling, of Bear Lake, Idaho, one of the first women into The Crucible. "This recruit had to carry another recruit (as a casualty) and it was very tiring."

The Crucible is being run for the first time this week both at the Parris Island Marine Corps Training Depot and at the other training depot in San Diego.

The Corps changed the test to foster more teamwork and increase the emphasis on the values of honor, courage and commitment, said Brig. Gen. Jerry Humble, the depot commander.

"Boot camp is an individual thing until this point," he said.

The Corps' new emphasis on values comes out of a concern among commanders that there is an increasing gap between the values of Marines and those of society as a whole.

On the confidence course, a squad of male recruits negotiated a three-story wooden tower. There were no corrections yelled from nearby drill instructors. Each squad met to decide how to best attack the obstacle.

Drill instructors met with them briefly afterward to critique their performance, but it was more like a college class discussion than boot camp.

"I'm going through this with the recruit. As they get more mature in regular recruit training they get more responsibility," said Sgt. Eborah Lawson of Dale City, Va.

Recruit Gina Chojnacki, of Saginaw, Mich., pausing to put Vaseline on her blisters and change her socks, said the obstacles are challenging.

"We're all going to be pretty tired. But just knowing we're going to get the eagle, globe and anchor when we're finished, the pride really builds up," she said.

26 Tamil rebels die

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Twenty-six rebels were killed in this week's attack on a police commando camp that left at least 38 policemen and soldiers dead, guerrilla leaders said Friday.

The Tamil Tigers killed 50 soldiers and captured a large stock of weaponry during Wednesday's attack at Pulukunawa village in eastern Sri Lanka, the rebels said in a statement from London.

Military officials estimated that 38 government policemen and soldiers died in the attack, the deadliest since October, when rebel suicide bombers rammed an explosives-laden boat into a Sri Lankan gunboat and killed at least 12 sailors.

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Defense tries to undermine reliability of DNA evidence

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — A police technician could have contaminated blood evidence in the O.J. Simpson case when she used dirty tweezers to collect crime-scene samples, a scientific expert testified for the defense.

Microbiologist John Gerdes acknowledged, however, that except for a couple of tests, he had "no direct evidence" of actual contamination, only of risky collection techniques and unusual results.

And as for those questioned tests — on blood in Simpson's Bronco and on a blood drop near the bodies of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman — Gerdes backpedaled, noting that other tests validated these results.

Asked specifically during cross examination whether it appeared the Bronco blood test was not contaminated, Gerdes said, "Yeah, I guess you could say that."

Questions from plaintiff attorney Tom Lambert at the wrongful death trial Thursday followed the defense's attempt to sketch out an ominous scene of a messy police lab.

Defense lawyer Robert Blasier played a videotape, with narration from Gerdes, of a police technician haphazardly collecting blood samples.

The video — produced by prosecutors in Simpson's criminal trial to demonstrate police efficiency — shows Andrea Mazzola swabbing up blood drops while leaning a gloved hand on dirty ground, touching tweezers with the same hand, then using the tweezers to manipulate a bloody swatch.

"I'm sure she's not aware of it," Gerdes testified. "Everything that's been brushed around with her hands (on the ground) is now on the tweezers."

"Anything on the tweezers is contaminated," he said, "and she uses the tweezers to pick up an evidence swatch."

Mazzola was shown failing to change her gloves between handling of samples, placing wet swatches in plastic bags where Gerdes said bacteria could grow, and cleaning the tweezers by merely wiping them with clear water.

"As sensitive as this process is, you should use a new sterile instrument," he said. "She uses water, and you can't get DNA off with water."

There were muffled gasps in the courtroom as the tape played. Several jurors leaned forward to get a better view and took copious notes as Mazzola brushed her hand across the ground as if to clean off the pavement.

Blasier, questioning Gerdes, pressed his point that sophisticated DNA results from two highly respected labs were worthless because they were based on such contaminated samples.

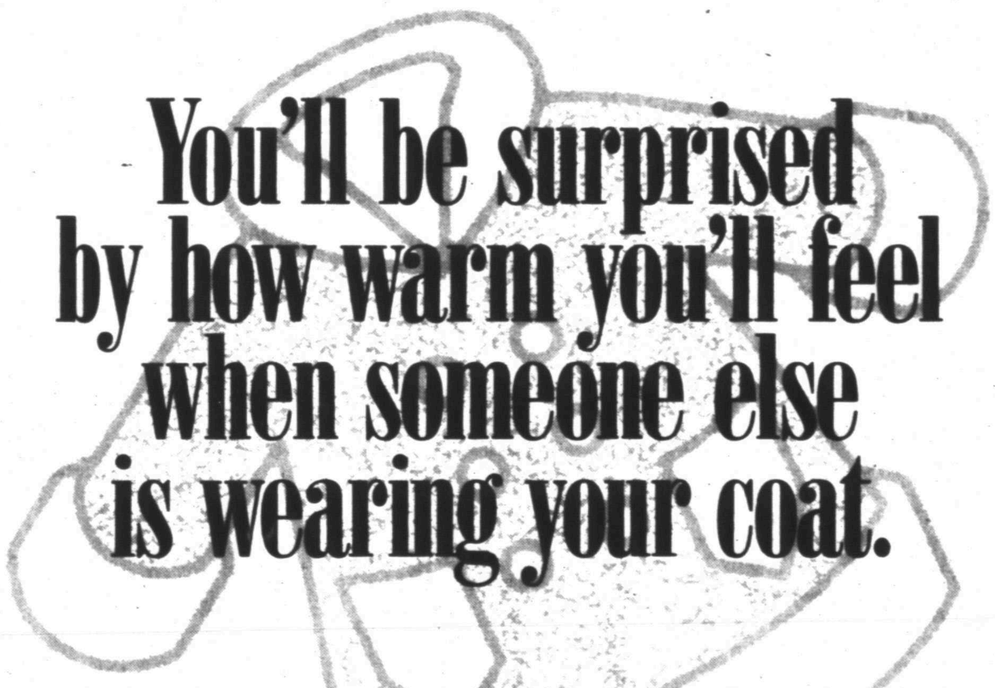
In cross-examination, however, Gerdes acknowledged that just because samples could be contaminated didn't mean they were.

Blasier switched gears during redirect questioning and focused on another theory: Evidence was planted.

He suggested police not only planted blood on a crime-scene gate and on socks — scenarios raised in the first trial — but that somebody even switched the little white control swatches so they would back up the test results.

It was like that all day for the defense: advance and retreat. By the end of the session, lead defense lawyer Robert Baker surrendered,

You'll be surprised by how warm you'll feel when someone else is wearing your coat.



It feels good to help those in need. That is why we're hoping you'll join us during the "St. Mary Cure For The Cold" coat drive. From November 18 to January 18, we invite you to drop off an old or new coat at the location listed below. Your donation will be distributed by the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance. And, in return for your generosity, you'll receive a special St. Mary Christmas ornament. With your help, the "St. Mary Cure For The Cold" will make this a warm winter for everyone.

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18 Archie Bunker's wife
20 Do housework
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23 Witty saying
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29 Soap ingredient
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32 Native of Rome
33 Ending for real or social
35 Attest to
38 Auctioneer's word
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40 Tackle
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51 Chemical suffix
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53 Half a score
54 Actor Sparks
55 Put forth effort
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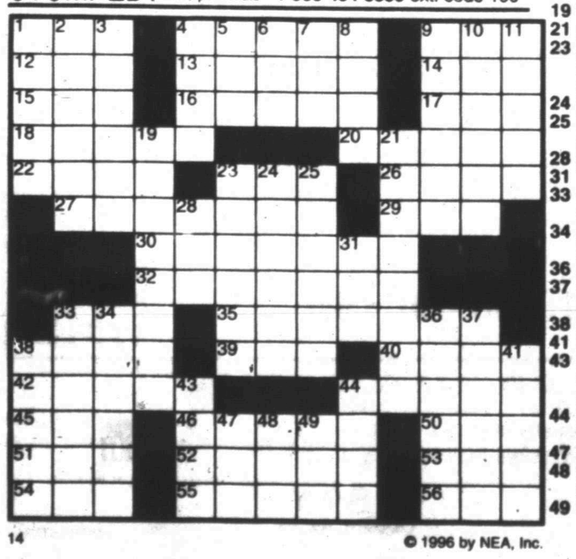

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Twenty at WTC listed in Who's Who

Jonathan Carroll

Jana McCloy

Twenty WTC sophomore students have been named to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges.

They were selected by a campus committe based on each student's academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Those selected are Stuart Cody Brasuell, Cindi Lou Burrow, Maria Louisa Calderon, Jonathan David Carroll, Jessica Dee Critz, Cody Glenn Cummings, James Lee Fillpot, Pamela Foster, Lance Adam Gaillard, Rebecca Suzanne Gruben, John Ethan Holtman, Michael Craig Jones, Landon Shane Kelly, Jana Marie McCloy, Lila Jo Rector, Paul Rucker, Edward Robert Russell, Rebecca Ann Sweet, Tonya Lee Tiday and Morten Vildhøj.

Stuart Cody Brasuell is from Sweetwater and majoring in landscape contracting and sprinkler managment. He is the son of Jackie and Kay Brasuell and his wife is Judy Brasuell. He graduated from Highland High School. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and his honors here include being named to the President's List and Dean's List. Also, he was the Outstanding Golf and Landscaping Student in 1995-96, Outstanding Freshman Golf Landscaping Technician and a nominee for Outstanding Male Academic Student last spring.

Cindi Lou Burrow is majoring in accounting and information systems. She is the daughter of Sidney and Gloenna Burrow of Snyder. She was named an Outstanding Freshman English Student last spring and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa executive board.

Maria Luisa Calderon is from Loraine and is majoring in business. Her parents are Rodolfo and Elida Calderon. She was awarded the Outstanding Freshman in Business and has been named to the President's List and Merit List.

Jonathan David Carroll is majoring in biology/journalism. Paula and John Carroll are his parents from Hawley. Jonathan is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Student Senate and is a Texan Staffer. He has been awarded an Outstanding English Student award and is a Faculty Association scholarship winner. He was most recently named as one of two students representing WTC as nominees for the All USA Community and Junior College Academic Team.

Jessica Critz is from Sweetwater and is majoring in meat science. Her parents are Dale and Judy Critz and Sherry Critz. She is a member of the 1995-96 Meat Judging Team, winning several individual honors.

Cody Cummings is from Garden City and is majoring in drama. He is the son of Glenda and Gerald Cummings and is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa. He has participated in several drama productions since entering WTC as a freshman and was selected Outstanding Drama Student last spring.

James Lee Fillpot is from Snyder, the son of Pat Fillpot of Burleson and Charles Fillpot of Amarillo. He graduated in Canyon and is majoring in golf/landscape technology. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and participated in intramural basketball and softball. He has been named to the 1995-96 President's List here, was an Outstanding Male Academic Student Nominee and was named to the 1995-96 National Dean's List.

Pamela Foster is majoring in English and journalism. A graduate of Coahoma, she is the daughter of Dee and Lucille Foster of San Angelo. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and a Texan Staffer. She was named the Outstanding Creative Writing Student last spring and had poems, a short story and an essay published in the WTC literary magazine Aquifer.

Lance Gaillard is from Texhoma, Okla. and is a communications major. He is a member of the WTC Rodeo Team and a staff writer for the Texan. He is the son of Bud and Annette Gaillard of Texhoma.

Rebecca Gruben is majoring in occupational therapy. Wayne and Deanna Gruben are her parents from Roscoe. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Senate. She was named to the Dean's List her freshman year.

John Ethan Holtman is majoring in agriculture business. He is from Hawley and his parents are Bernie and Suanna Holtman. He was a member of the 1995-96 meat judging team and is currently a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Michael Craig Jones is a pre-law major from Winters. He is the son of Randy and Linda Jones and is involved in the Student Senate at WTC.

Landon Shane Kelly is the son of Altus A. and Brenda Kelley of Colorado City. He is an agriculture major. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Meats Judging Team.

Jana Marie McCloy is a physical therapy major, the daughter of Mark and Annette McCloy of Morse. She currently serves as president of the WTC Student Senate. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Rodeo Team also. Last spring, she received the Rodeo Team academic award. Most recently, she was named as one of two students representing WTC as nominees for the All USA Community and Junior College Academic Team.

Lila Jo Rector is an agronomy major from Knox City and the daughter of John and Barbara Rector. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has been named to the academic honor roll at WTC.

Paul Rucker is majoring in golf/landscape technology. His parents are Sonny and Mary Rucker from Lubbock. He is a Texan Staffer, a WTC cheerleader and a Phi Theta Kappa executive board member. He is a recipient of a Cunningham Scholarship here.

Edward Robert Russell is a Golf Course and Landscape Technology major from Mineral Wells. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has received a scholarship from West Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Last spring, Russell participated in GLT competition sponsored by the Associated Landscape Contractors of America (ALTA).

Rebecca Ann Sweet is a physical therapy major from Colorado City. She is the daughter of Denise Wemken of Colorado City. At WTC, she is an executive office for Phi Theta Kappa and serves as a student recruiter.

Tonya Lee Tiday is a theatre major from Graham, the daughter of Frank and Rita Herpeche. She has been involved with various drama productions since enrolling as a freshman and is a recipient of the Baze Drama Scholarship and the McKanna Scholarship. She is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa executive committee.

Morten Vildhøj is majoring in math and a native of Denmark. His parents are Susanne and Søren Vildhøj Jensen. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and a captain of the WTC Golf Team. Last season, he was the third ranked individual golfer in the Southwest Conference of Region 5.

Final exams slated at WTC

Final exam week begins Monday at Western Texas College and will continue through Wednesday.

The WTC dormitory will close for the fall term at 2 p.m. Wednesday and the fall semester officially ends Friday.

The campus will reopen after the Christmas holidays on Monday, Jan. 6, 1997, followed by faculty in-service for spring on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Registration for the spring term is Jan. 13-14, 1997.

The fall final exam schedule is based on when the class met during the regular semester. The schedule reads:

Class Meeting Time
8-8:50 MWF
9-9:50 MWF
10-10:50 MWF
11-11:50 MWF
12-12:50 MWF
8-9:15 TTH
9:30-10:45 TTH
11:30-12:45 TTH
1-1:50 MWF
1-2:30 TTH
4-5:15 TTH
Evening Schedule
Monday evening
Tuesday evening

Examination Time
8 a.m., Wednesday, December 18
10 a.m., Tuesday, December 17
Noon, Monday, December 16
10 a.m., Wednesday, December 18
10 a.m., Monday, December 16
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Evening Schedule

Monday evening	December 16, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday evening	December 17, 6:30 p.m.

WTC picks nominees

Two WTC sophomores have been chosen as the college's nominees for the All USA Community and Junior College Academic Team sponsored by USA TODAY and Phi Theta Kappa.

Jonathan Carroll of Hawley and Jana McCloy of Morse are the winners.

They were chosen from a slate of five students derived from the list of Who's Who in American Junior Colleges honorees from WTC.

WTC faculty members initially nominated students for the Who's Who honor and 20 were selected.

Based upon a criteria of highest grade point average and involvement in campus activities, the top five students from this list of 20 were then considered for the academic team honors.

In addition to Jonathan and Jana, other Top Five nominees were Cody Brasuell from Sweetwater, Cindy Burrow from Snyder and Pam Foster from Snyder.

Each of the five prepared an essay of 500 words or less detailing their most outstanding experience while attending WTC.

These essays were then ranked by campus English teachers and, based on a point rating system, the top two were chosen.

The essay as well as recommendations from campus faculty and administrators will now be forwarded for the nationwide contest.

From each participating state, 20 first, second and third place winners will be selected. The first place winners will travel to Anaheim, Calif. and be recognized during the Phi Theta Kappa Presidents Breakfast at the AACC Convention.

Jonathan and Jana will travel to Austin next spring for the state-level of competition.

The 20 first place students will also receive a $2,500 cash stipend and be featured in the April 14, 1997 edition of USA TODAY.

The second and third place winners will receive medallions and have their names listed in USA TODAY.

Primitive human remains found in Java

WASHINGTON (AP) — A primitive, humanlike species that science thought had disappeared in Africa more than a million years ago has been found to have lived in Java as recently as 27,000 years ago alongside modern humans, researchers said Friday.

New techniques to date Java fossils give the first evidence that Homo erectus, a beetle-browed hominid, lived at the same time and place as anatomically modern humans, according to a study in the journal Science.

Carl C. Swisher III of the Berkeley Geochronology Center said he believes the Homo erectus lived in Java between 27,000 and 53,000 years ago. Modern humans arrived at the island about 40,000 years ago.

"These are the youngest dates ever found for Homo erectus and it is quite startling," said Susan Anton, a University of Florida anthropologist and co-author of the study. "This is the first time that they have been shown to coexist (with modern humans). Even in Africa, they didn't overlap."

Homo erectus was similar to modern humans, but had a flat skull, a sloping forehead and a dental bridge that thrust forward. The brow ridge was very large, as if casting a shadow over the eyes.

"They were stocky and very powerfully built individuals," Swisher said.

The key difference between erectus and sapien was in the brain. The sapien brain is about 25 percent larger and this may have been the difference between the survival of one species and the demise of the other.

Most experts believe Homo erectus arose in Africa about 1.8 million years ago and then spread throughout Asia. Anton said it is widely believed that Homo sapiens evolved in Africa, perhaps from Homo erectus, about 200,000 years ago and then spread into the rest of the world.

Homo erectus disappeared earlier from Africa and Asia, but Java "was sort of a refuge" for the species, said Swisher.

At the same time Homo erectus and Homo sapiens shared Java, Homo sapiens and the Neanderthal, another primitive human species, were reigning in Europe. Swisher said the Neanderthal and sapien probably had a common ancestor in Africa that could have been erectus.

"Homo erectus, Homo sapiens and Neanderthal coexisted on the planet to about 30,000 years ago," he said.

A time, such as the present, when there is only one species of humanlike creatures may be unique in the history of Earth, said Anton.

Java was once connected with Asia by a land bridge, Swisher said, and became an island when the sea level rose.

Swisher said it has never been shown that the erectus species developed water transportation, but the more advanced sapien did build boats.

Anton said sapien and erectus hominids probably shared Java for hundreds of generations, but that the modern humans eventually overwhelmed the primitive forms.

"I find it hard to imagine that there wasn't some effect from a new hominid moving in," she said.

It was probably not war that wiped out Homo erectus, said Anton, but more likely the ability of Homo sapiens to produce more children and to live more successfully.

Philip Rightmire of the State University of New York, Binghamton, said the fossils used in the study by Swisher and Anton "are pretty convincing." He said there may be some "technical issues to sort out" about the age-dating.

"The results are intriguing," said Rightmire, an anthropology professor. "We need to think about what this means."

Milford Wolpoff of the University of Michigan said he doubts that the fossils are actually Homo erectus, noting that they are very similar to Australian natives.

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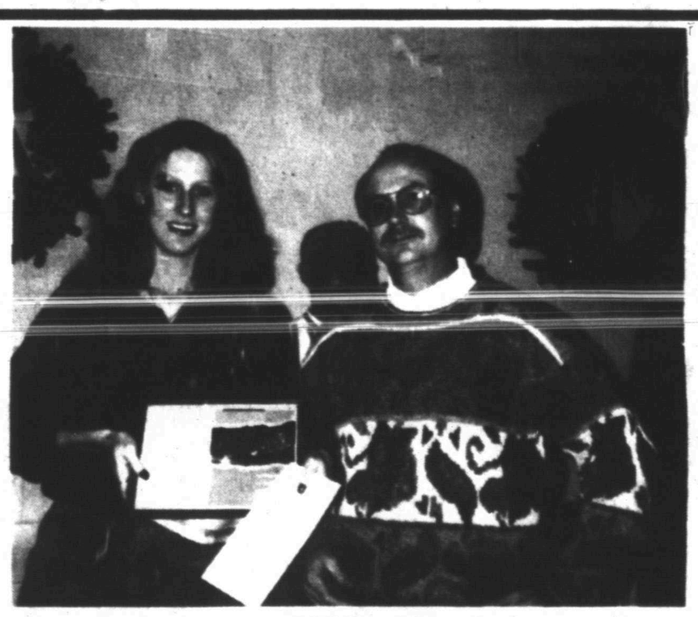

Betty Hicks & Bud Pinkerton, store manager

At the Christmas Party for the Lawrence IGA Teammembers, Glenda Anderson and Betty Hicks were presented with the IGA "Teammember of the Year" award for their store. Presenting the award was C.R. Perez, store manager for store #400, and Bud Pinkerton, store manager for store #100. Glenda and Betty each received a plaque for Outstanding Performance and a cash award. Glenda is a customer service clerk and Betty is the assistant in Deli/Bakery.

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Murder defendants told to pay victim's kin

AMARILLO (AP) — Even after Billy Dean Bratcher's wife and two other relatives went to prison last year for killing him in an insurance scheme, his parents wanted to make sure the guilty never profited.

Now that Bill and Gayle Bratcher have won a $50.4 million civil judgment, they feel more comfortable that the trio responsible for their son's death can't sell their story and use the money to buy their way out of federal prison.

"We don't quite trust the whole system," she told The Associated Press on Thursday. "We could see these people making millions off of our son's death ... and what kind of a life could they buy themselves in prison with it?"

Mrs. Bratcher said she and her husband also pursued the multimillion-dollar judgment in the hope it will inspire other parents whose children have been violated to do everything possible to seek justice.

"How many parents don't pursue it?" she said. "And trust me, we don't have lots of money, either."

The victim's wife, Chyann Michelle Bratcher, and her mother, Brenda Fine, are serving life sentences without parole for murder and conspiracy to commit murder in Billy Bratcher's April 1994 drowning.

Thomas Fine Jr., Chyann's brother, received a 30-year sentence for conspiracy to commit murder in exchange for his confession.

He and the two women recently were found liable in a wrongful death suit brought by the Bratchers, who are raising Billy and Chyann's two young children.

Mrs. Bratcher said her son's 6-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son will receive the $500,000 in life insurance money from a policy the guilty women took out on Billy Bratcher three months before his death.

State District Judge Pat Pirtle also ordered the trio to turn over whatever little money and property they might have to the Bratchers, said Susan Burnette, another attorney representing the parents.

"We have not yet conducted post-judgment discovery," Ms. Burnette said. "Obviously, our three defendants are in federal custody ... but we don't know of any substantial assets they might have."

Attorneys' fees will take nearly half of the insurance money, Ms. Burnette added.

The Associated Press wasn't immediately able to contact Bob Garner, an attorney for the Fine family.

Billy Bratcher, 26, drowned April 9, 1994, while on a fishing excursion with Fine on Lake Meredith, about 35 miles northeast of Amarillo.

Dog tags from China verified as U.S. airman's

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five U.S. military dog tags recovered in a mountain ravine in China were from American airmen whose B-24 bomber was reported lost in 1944, Pentagon officials say.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin turned over photographs of the dog tags, as well as a videotape of the crash site, to President Clinton when the two met in the Philippines last month. Two actual dog tags were presented to Defense Secretary William Perry when he met his Chinese counterpart at the Pentagon this week.

The 10 men aboard the lost B-24 were never found and were presumed killed.

Chinese officials said they had recovered an unspecified number of human remains at the bottom of a deep ravine north of Guilin in Guangxi Province on China's southern coast bordering Vietnam. They also collected small pieces of the World War II aircraft, as well as the dog tags and crew items such as a canteen.

U.S. officials plan to fly to Beijing later this month to take possession of the human remains at a military ceremony. Forensic anthropologists will attempt to determine their identities. A U.S. search team also will visit the remote crash site, probably early in 1997, to try to find and recover more remains.

Larry Greer, a spokesman for the Defense POW-MIA Office, said officials had located the original Army report of the lost aircraft and verified the five names.

Greer said the identities of the five dog tags would not be publicly confirmed until the families are notified. He said two families already have been notified, but would not say which two.

The 1944 War Department report said the B-24 bomber, with a crew of 10 aboard, took off at 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 31, 1944, from a 14th Air Force base at Liuchow, China. As part of the 375th Bomb Squadron, the plane bombed Japanese ships in Takao Harbor in Formosa (now Taiwan) and was returning to Liuchow when it disappeared.

The U.S. Army Air Force had several bases in China from which U.S. planes attacked Japanese forces, which from 1939 occupied not only Formosa but much of China.

Greer said the B-24 crashed into the side of a 6,000-foot mountain and tumbled into a deep ravine. He said China had not explained how — or when — it happened to find the crash site, which Greer said is in an extremely remote area.

An official report last week from the Xinhua News Agency in China said wreckage was first spotted Oct. 2 by two farmers who were digging for medicinal herbs on a mountain. Also found in addition to the dog tags were four engines, six machine guns and bullets, eight pistols, five coins, a pocket watch marked USA and a flashlight, the report said.

A crew member of another bomber on the same mission, Capt. Elmer E. Haynes, wrote in a diary that his plane was within 40 miles of the Liuchow home base on its return trip when it was diverted to another airfield because Liuchow was under air attack.

Michael Ovit quits as president of Disney Co.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood power broker Michael Ovitz quit Thursday as Walt Disney Co.'s No. 2 executive after trying for a year to share power with Michael Eisner, a friend for 25 years who never worked out as his boss.

He is the latest top Disney executive to leave in recent years after chafing under Eisner's apparent unwillingness to cede control.

"It is important to recognize when something is not working," Ovitz said in a statement released by Disney.

Ovitz officially departs Jan. 31. Disney said there were no plans to replace him, potentially reopening a debate about the company's future if Eisner, who has had quadruple heart bypass surgery, should develop serious health problems. Company officials say Eisner, 54, is in good shape.

Eisner has run Disney since 1984, building on its theme park and family-movie base to create a powerhouse in film and TV production, home video, broadcasting, sports and consumer products.

All the world, it seems, loves the Magic Kingdom, the Lion King, Snow White, Pocahontas, Cruella DeVil and the 101 Dalmatians she covets. And after acquiring Capital Cities/ABC, including the ABC and ESPN networks, Disney is second in size only to Time Warner Inc. among entertainment companies.

Sony Corp., which owns the troubled Columbia and TriStar studios, and Viacom Inc., which owns Paramount Studios, denied reports published Thursday that Ovitz might be headed their way for a job.

Ovitz is the former head of Creative Artists Agency, which he built over 20 years into Hollywood's top talent agency. Through a spokesman, he said it was his idea to leave Disney, and that he wouldn't work for another company, but would be inclined to start or buy his own business.

He leaves with a lucrative severance package of stock options and cash, admitting he made a mistake.

"I hope that my decision to leave will eliminate an unnecessary distraction for a great company," he said in the Disney statement.

Disney said Ovitz's departure was a mutual decision and that he would continue to consult for the company. Despite their difficulties working together, Eisner and Ovitz had remained close enough personally to take a bicycle vacation together in France last summer, and their wives are friends.

"I will miss Michael's energy, creativity and leadership at Disney," Eisner said in the statement. "We have been doing business together while being friends for many years and I know that both our personal and professional relationships will continue."

Ovitz's relationship with Eisner had been watched closely since he became Disney's president in August 1995. Many wondered how two such forceful executives could share power, and some recent reports had Eisner questioning Ovitz's job performance.

Ovitz had been in New York on business all this week. Eisner flew in late Wednesday, and the two talked from 11 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. Thursday, finalizing the details of Ovitz's exit, spokesmen said.

Word of Ovitz' pending departure Thursday pushed Disney stock down $1.87½ to close at $70.25 on the New York Stock Exchange.

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