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WINDOW SCENE — Krista Maddox, prevention specialist at the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, paints a window scene on the front of the office. The facility, located at 2513 College Avenue, will host a 10th anniversary open house Monday from 3 to 6 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

During Monday meeting...

City sick leave policy subject of discussion

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Approval of a new personnel manual for city employees was tabled by the city council Monday night due to the sick leave policy.

City building inspector Tom Valentine addressed the council on the subject and said that due to his present medical circumstances this month, he would owe the city for eight working days at the end of December.

This is in spite of Valentine having 70 days in his long-term sick-leave "bank."

"I know I might be the only one affected like this by the policy," said Valentine. "But I don't feel this is right.

"I've worked for the city for seven years and have taken a total of 14 sick days in this time," Valentine added. "I'm not looking to abuse the sick leave policy."

The council agreed that the policy had been written to deter abuses of the city's policy, a point certainly not missed by Mayor Dayton Robertson.

"If people are abusing the city's sick-leave policy, they should be run off," exclaimed the mayor.

Robertson added that he felt the city seemed to be writing policies to cover every conceivable circumstance, and said that common sense should enter into the picture somewhere.

"We've got good people working for the city... good department heads, I think they can make good decisions related to their employees using sick leave," Robertson said.

City Secretary Jeanne Johnson said the reason the sick-leave guidelines are put in the manual were just for that purpose – to have guidelines. "Before, each department had their own guidelines."

Discussion of the personnel manual also centered on drug testing.

Councilman Terry Martin, who has long-favored a comprehensive drug testing program for all employees, said he felt a drug test should be given to employees following any accident.

The manual states that a drug or alcohol test would be given for reasonable cause, which shall include any accident that results in bodily injury requiring medical injury, or significant property damage.

Martin said he would like to see the wording changed to any property damage. It is expected the manual will be on the council's Jan. 8 agenda.

The council also tabled action on a new right-of-way ordinance at the request of Southwestern Bell representative Randy Teakell.

Teakell said he had just taken over the telephone company's territory that includes Snyder, and he asked to meet with the city's utility committee before the ordinance is approved.

Mayor Robertson said that in a spirit of cooperation, he would grant the request and the item also is expected to be considered in January.

TXU Electric had only one change request in the proposed ordinance and it related to proof of insurance.

In other action items last night, the council awarded the bid for one police patrol car to Wilson Motors in the amount of $18,449, and to Big Country Autoland for $20,970 for a vehicle for the criminal investigation division.

The board also appointed Jimmy Kiker to the city's board of electrical examiners and approved a budget amendment for the 1999-2000 budget.

Johnson also reported that the city had made application to the West Central Council of Governments for additional grant money to expand its water line replacement project.

The city's presentation was ranked ninth among 42 other applicants, including Scurry County. The city's request will now go to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to determine if the grant is approved. Scurry County has made application for additional improvements to the Hermleigh water system, and that application ranked 30th by the WTCG.

Robertson presided at the meeting and council members present were James Ashley, Vernest Tippens, James Jenkins and Martin.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "We're told cheerful people resist disease better than grumpy ones. In other words, the surly bird catches the germ."

Good grief, surely there is somebody else to blame.

That seems to be the attitude of many Americans who contend it couldn't possibly be their fault.

A case in point is the guy in New Jersey who sued McDonald's for injuries sustained when he was involved in an auto accident with one of its customers.

According to the American Tort Reform Association, the man claimed the driver who hit him did so after spilling the contents of his chocolate milkshake on his lap while reaching for some fries.

The sue-happy guy alleged that the restaurant sold their customer food knowing he would consume it while driving and without affixing a "don't eat and drive" warning to the takeout packaging.

After three years of legal wrangling, the court determined that McDonald's had no obligation to warn customers of the obvious.

However, the same court refused to require the plaintiffs pay the defendant's legal fees. The court said the plaintiff's attorney shouldn't be penalized for being creative and imaginative.

Because of such trivial suits, companies are becoming more cautious. Consider some of these actual warning labels:

—On a hair dryer. "Do not use while sleeping."

—On a bar of soap: "Use like regular soap."

—On some frozen food dinners. "Serving suggestion – defrost."

—On a shower cap in a box provided by a hotel. "Fits one head."

—On a box of Nytol cold medicine. "May cause drowsiness."

—Printed on a tin of mixed nuts. "Contains nuts."

—On a chainsaw owner's manual. "Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands.

–On packaging for a clothes iron. "Do not iron clothes while wearing them on body."

More silly suits:

A guy in Ohio was sentenced to 30 days in jail after his sixth DWI. He tried for 15 months to get in the jail, but was turned away because of overcrowding.

The man filed a lawsuit in federal court, claiming that his constitutional rights were violated by the jail's refusal to admit him.

A man in Fort Worth filed a lawsuit against Elvis Presley Enterprises, contending that the King faked his death and ran off to live a normal life.

He said he knew for certain that Elvis is alive because he has frequent telephone calls from him.

And a New York woman sued the company that makes The Clapper, saying she has to clap too hard in order to turn her appliances on."

And if Santa doesn't bring the right stuff, watch out.

Eleven persons indicted by grand jury Monday

Eleven people were indicted by the Scurry County grand jury Monday as it convened in an all-day session.

Leo Jackson Jr., 48, of 511 35th St. was indicted for the Sept. 22 offense of stealing jewelry from Dillard Teal.

Jackson remains in jail on a $5,000 bond.

Also indicted for the same offense was Debbie Faye Broom. Broom, 39, of 4400 Ave. U had not been arrested but is expected to turn herself in at the police department.

Beverly Paulk Porter, 41, of 215 35th St. was indicted for possession of cocaine. She is accused of having less than one gram of cocaine on Nov. 17. She is free of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Michael Edward Johnson, 40, of 2906 42nd St. was also indicted for the Nov. 17 offense of cocaine possession. He remains in jail on a $5,000 bond.

David Lee James, 43, of 3108 Ave. L was indicted for the Oct. 27 offense of passing a forged check to Western Auto in the amount of $138.55 on the account of Lori Sealy. James remains in jail on a $5,000 bond.

James has a prior conviction in Scurry County in 1979 for murder and in Taylor County in 1993 for forgery by passing.

Two other persons indicted for forgery have not been arrested.

Teresa Diaz, 38, of 3900 Muriel was indicted for theft, a state jail felony. She is accused of acquiring food stamps and other state benefits by deception for several months in 1999 and 2000. Her bond is set at $5,000.

Martha Emerson, 47, of 4400 Ave. U was indicted for securing execution of a document by deception in November 1999. She is accused of falsifying a report to obtain food stamps by not listing her employer on the application. Bond is set at $5,000.

Four other persons were indicted, but have not been arrested.

Tulia to appeal drug testing ruling

TULIA (AP) — Tulia Independent School District board members voted unanimously today to appeal a federal judge's ruling that its drug testing policy is unconstitutional.

"We need to appeal," said Tulia Superintendent Mike Vineyard. "It needs to be settled at an appellate level."

Vinyard said U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson, who ruled last week that Tulia ISD's "mandatory random, suspicionless drug testing" violates the Fourth Amendment, used the wrong standard to make her ruling.

"Other circuit court opinion in cases similar to ours have upheld similar drug-testing programs. In our opinion, she (Robinson) used the wrong standard to determine a need for our program," he said.

While not sure of a date, Vinyard said the appeal would be filed soon.

The Tulia policy requires all students in grades 7-12 who participate in extracurricular activities to submit to drug testing. The policy covers about 80 percent of the student body.

In 1997, Tulia High School student Hollister Gardner, then a straight-A student and now a college senior at Angelo State University, sued alleging the district was violating his Constitutional rights by forcing him to submit to a drug test in order to participate in the National Honor Society.

His father, Gary Gardner, the only school board member to vote against the policy in October 1996, says Robinson's ruling shows his son was right.

It's time for serious studying

Final exams week continues at Western Texas College with Tuesday evening students testing tonight at 6:30.

Final exams for students with a day schedule began Monday.

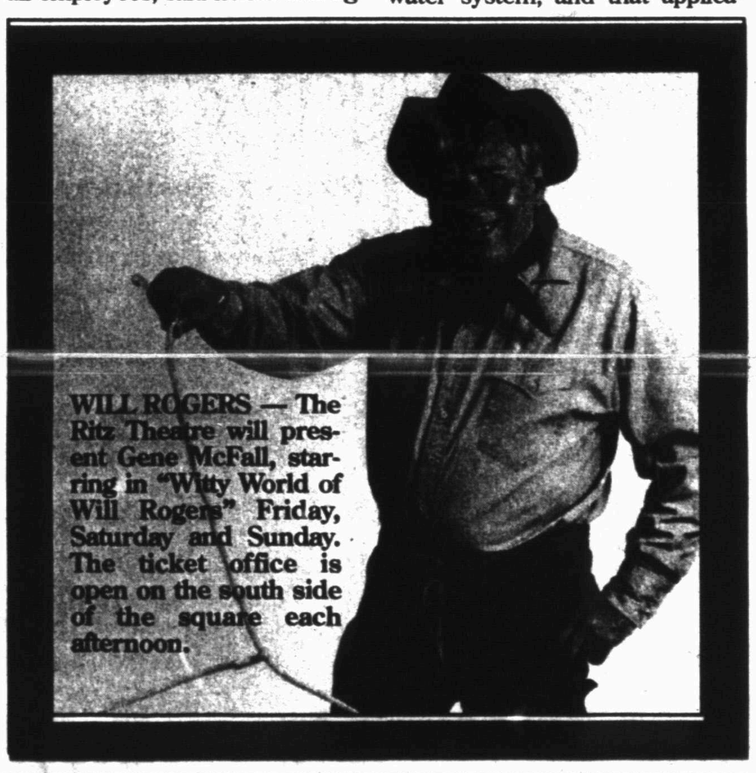
Finals were to be given at noon today in classes that meet from 10:50-12:05 Tuesday-Thursday and at 2 p.m. in classes that meet from 12:15-1:30 TTH.

Students who attend 3:05-4:20 TTH day classes will test at 4 p.m. today.

The examination time for classes that meet 8-8:50 Monday-Wednesday-Friday is 8 a.m. Wednesday. The test time is 10 a.m. Wednesday for classes that meet 11-11:50 MWF.

The end of the fall semester at WTC is Friday. The campus closes Dec. 11 and will not reopen until Jan. 3.

Students in county public schools still have a couple of weeks left before their semester ends as Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh schools end the first half of the year Dec. 20.



WILL ROGERS — The Ritz Theatre will present Gene McFall, starring in "Witty World of Will Rogers" Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The ticket office is open on the south side of the square each afternoon.

ASK US

Q—How can I donate money to the family of the two-year-old who died in the fire Saturday?

A—An account has been set up at Snyder National Bank. The number is 186-693-1.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 42 degrees; low, 37; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 37; no precipitation; total for 2000, 21.13 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, windy, cloudy, low 35-40, S-SW wind 5-15 mph becoming N 20-30 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy, windy, high 45-50, NE wind 20-30 mph. diminishing by PM.



Bryan Hamlin
Windy

Sunset:
7:42 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:29 a.m.

Of 339 days in 2000, the sun has shone 332 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The right word may be effective, but no word was ever as effective as a rightly timed pause.

—Mark Twain

Two few programs help juveniles with mental health woes

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — At least half of all jailed juveniles suffer from mental illness but few programs exist to help them, according to a report released today by a congressional advisory group.

In its annual report to Congress, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice called for $100 million in federal spending to create community-based mental health programs for youths and their families.

"The real crime is that many troubled and traumatized children have to get arrested to get mental health services," said Robert Pence, chairman of the Washington D.C.-based coalition.

The group said an estimated 50 percent to 75 percent of youngsters in the juvenile justice system nationwide suffer from mental health problems.

As many as 36 percent of parents surveyed by the coalition said their children were in the juvenile justice system because they couldn't get needed mental help outside the system. One in five parents relinquished custody of the child.

The coalition recommended laws ensuring no parent be forced to yield custody, and proposed training corrections workers on mental health, cultural, racial, gender and sexual-orientation issues.

SHS band students earn all region

Seven Snyder High School band students were named to the All-Region band Saturday. Five of those students advanced to area competition slated Jan. 6 in Odessa. They include seniors Kara Babcock and Zach Allred and juniors Ryan McAnally, Carcie Posey and Cody Beaver.

Sophomore Shell Hembree and freshman Brock Tyrrell also received all region honors.

Kara plays the clarinet; Ryan the bass clarinet; Zach the trumpet; Carcie the French horn; Cody, percussion; Shell, the clarinet; and Brock, the tuba.

Kara (12th chair), Ryan (1st chair), Zach (10th chair), and Cody (6th chair) will perform in the Honor Band. Carcie (10th chair) and sophomore Shell Hembree will perform in the symphonic band.

Freshman Brock Tyrrell earned third chair tuba in the Freshman Band.

The All Region band concerts are slated Jan. 26-27 at the Civic Center in Lubbock.



ALL REGION BAND — Seven Snyder High School band students have been named to the All Region band. Back row, from left, Shell Hembree and Brock Tyrrell; front row, Cody Beaver, Kara Babcock, Zach Allred, Carcie Posey, Ryan McAnally. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
14-15-16-29-35

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
8-7-5

Date Book

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2000

Today is the 340th day of 2000 and the 75th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1786, rebels led by Daniel Shays seized the town of Worcester, Mass.

On this day in 1908, in a game between the University of Pittsburgh and Washington and Jefferson College, numbers were sewn on the Pittsburgh uniforms. It was the first use of numbers on uniforms in a football game.

On this day in 1964, Captain Roger Hugh Donlon of the U.S. Army won the first Medal of Honor awarded in the Vietnam War.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Martin Van Buren (1782-1862), U.S. president; George Armstrong Custer (1839-1876), U.S. cavalry officer; Walt Disney (1901-1966), film producer; Strom Thurmond (1902-), U.S. senator, is 98; Otto Preminger (1905-1986), film director; Joan Didion (1934-), writer, is 66; Art Monk (1957-), football player, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Helena Sukova defeated Martina Navratilova 1-6, 6-3, 7-5.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life is the source from which self-respect springs." — Joan Didion

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Dec. 3) and full moon (Dec. 11).

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Ask The Preacher ...DID GOD CREATE EVIL?

by Bill Looney

The Bible says, "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things" (Isaiah 45:7; KJV). What a shocking statement! But, the Bible shows that there is more than one kind of evil. God is not the cause of **moral** evil. God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone" (James 1:13). "He is a God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He" (Deuteronomy 32:4).

God is the cause of **evil as a penalty for disobedience.** When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, the evil of thorns, weeds, toil, pain, diseases and even death as a penalty came upon them. (Genesis 3:17-24).

God is the cause of **evil as a disciplinary measure.** "All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterward it yields the peaceful fruit righteousness" (Hebrews 12:11).

God is the cause of **vicarious evil.** In the horrible agony that came on Jesus. "He Himself bore the sin of many (Isaiah 53:12). He was being made "to be sin on our behalf" (2 Corinthians 5:21). He was suffering vicariously.

Did God create evil? The answer is Yes and No. When problems of evil appear completely unsolvable, when struggles come into one's life, happy is the man who loves the Lord and keeps on trusting. Even when we cannot understand, "all things, work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Please address questions to:
Ask The Preacher
2500 37th Street
Snyder, Texas 79549

37th Street Church of Christ



CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS TOY APPLICATION

Household Name
Phone #
Street Address
Total Monthly Family Income $

Please list each child's name, age (16 and under), sex (M or F), and three toys each child would like to have. We do not give out shoes and clothing. We will try to give at least one new toy from each child's list.

Child #1 Name
Age Sex
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2
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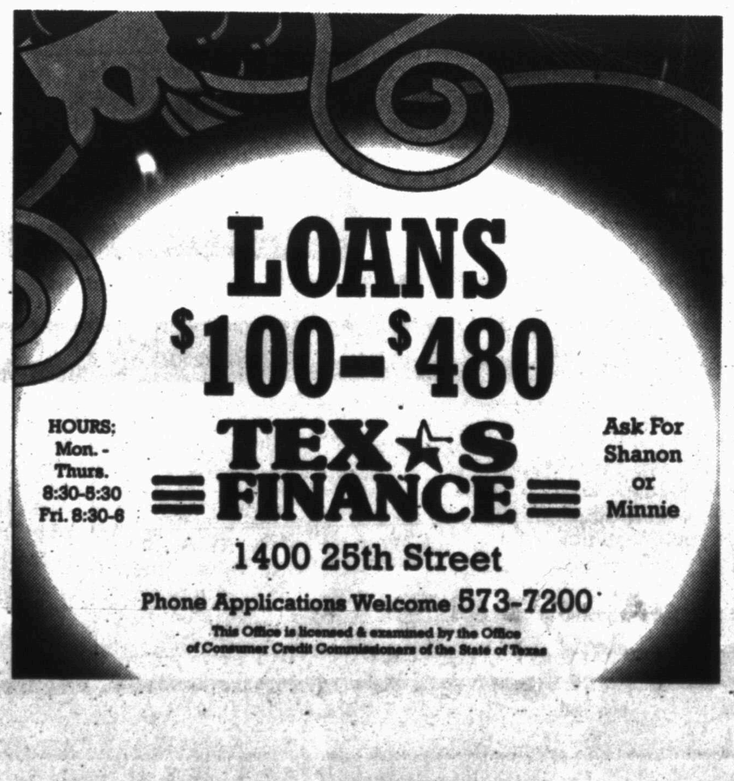
Child #2 Name
Age Sex
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3

Child #3 Name
Age Sex
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3

Child #4 Name
Age Sex
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2
3

Child #5 Name
Age Sex
1
2
3

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



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2000

A slow but consistent growth pattern could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. Don't attempt to speed up the progress through impatience, however, because you could stall it, instead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Owing to the pressure put on you today by a biased companion, you could be talked into changing a well-considered opinion if you're not careful. Stick by your initial assessment. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Should you put your foot in your mouth by blurting out something you shouldn't, let it rest instead of attempting to rectify it. Chances are what you further say will only make things worse.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't try to alter social arrangements with others today merely to gratify a personal interest. If you don't go along with what was planned, you could anger friends.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Unless you are purposeful today, it isn't likely you'll achieve your objectives. Relying on letting things happen might get you close, but a near miss is as good as missing by a mile.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be careful today that you don't allow your ego to get the better of you and cause you to pretend you know more about something than you actually do. Chances are you'll get caught.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you decide to act as the underwriter of someone else's cause today, you'd better first understand what you're getting yourself into. It could prove to be a very costly mistake.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Find a way to be of like mind today involving any serious issues concerning both you and your spouse. Undesirable results can be expected if your aims don't jive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Disappointment is likely today if you're inclined to do a little and expect a lot back in return. Rewards will be completely commensurate to the services you render.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Should you find yourself having to choose between a social function involving a small group as opposed to a large one, pick the smaller one. Too many tensions exist between people today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Without careful planning, attempting to mix people together can be a treacherous road to follow. It doesn't matter if it's a seating at a dinner table or matchmaking. Results can be bad.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Unfortunately, that perfect judgment you usually possess could be absent today. There's a possibility you could gore a sacred cow or offend someone with a thoughtless remark.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't let yourself act impulsively on an investment you hear about today just because the opportunity to get involved is fleeting. You could get yourself into a bum deal.

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Bipartisan group attends naming of federal courthouse

NEW YORK (AP) — A bipartisan group of legislators turned out for the naming of the Manhattan federal courthouse after Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

The Democratic congressman is retiring after 24 years in the Senate.

Sen. Charles Schumer initiated the drive to attach his New York colleague's name to the courthouse.

Among those at Monday's ceremony was Hillary Rodham Clinton, who will replace Moynihan in the Senate.

"His size 12 shoes are too big for me to fill, but I will certainly do my best," said Clinton, who won election to the seat last month. "This courthouse renaming is a very small measure of respect for your years of service."

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SORORITY HAS ART LESSON — SHS art instructor Suzan Hughes looks on as Beta Sigma Phi member Niki Glasscock creates her piece of art at Tuesday's meeting at the country club. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hughes presents art program

Suzan Hughes, art teacher at Snyder High School, presented a program on art to members of Beta Sigma Phi Tuesday evening at the Snyder Country Club.

After the dinner, Hughes discussed several art mediums and explained that people use art every day in their lives. She also said that everyone should enjoy art in their own way.

She gave background information on how colors are made and then members participated in a mini-workshop using watercolors. Hughes guided members through the steps of watercolor painting and then each person produced a piece of art under her guidance.

President Jacalyn Lowrance conducted the monthly business meeting where the service project for Christmas was discussed and the social chairman, Norma Cumbie, gave a report on the upcoming Christmas party.

The next meeting will be social on Dec. 12 in the home of John and Carolyn Greene.

Homemade breads make good quick gifts

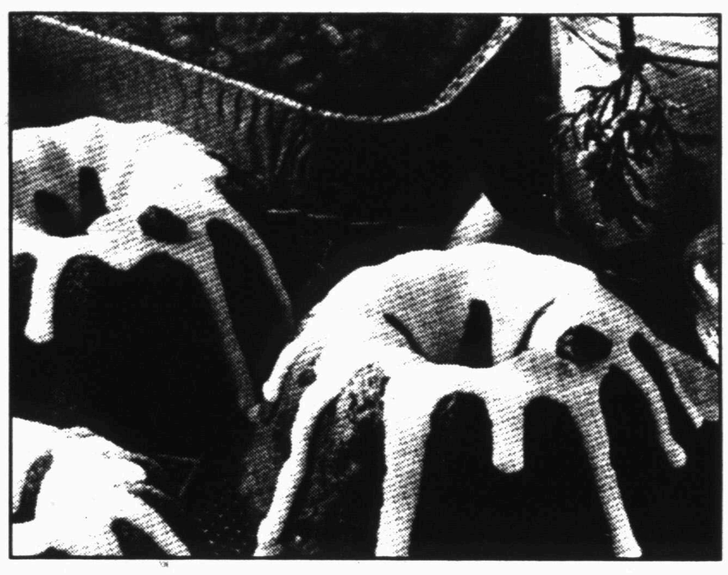
So simple, these breads are prepared with on-hand ingredients. The whole grain oats used in place of some of the flour boost the fiber and add a delicious, nutty flavor. Since quick and old-fashioned oats are interchangeable in baking, you can use whichever happens to be on your shelf.

BERRY-CHERRY BREADS

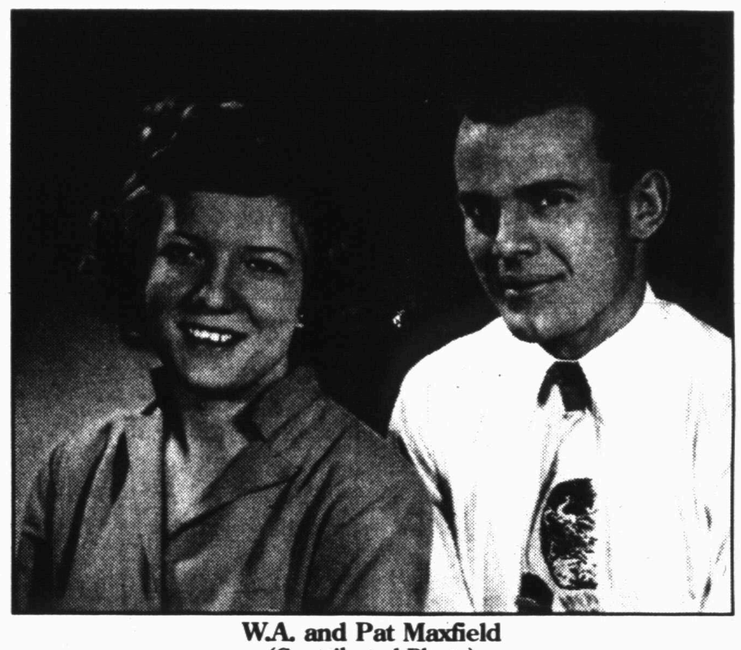
6 mini loaves
2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup dried cranberries
¾ cup dried cherries
¾ cup honey
¾ cup milk
12 tablespoons (1½ sticks) butter, melted and cooled
2 eggs, lightly beaten

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray six mini bundt pan cups with cooking spray. In large bowl, combine first six ingredients; mix well. Add dried fruit; mix well. Add combined honey, milk, butter and eggs all at once; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. (Do not overmix.) Divide batter evenly between cups. Bake 23 to 27 minutes or until tops of breads feel firm when touched and wooden pick inserted into breads has a few moist crumbs clinging to it. (Do not overbake.) Remove breads from cups; cool on wire rack. Drizzle with favorite glaze. Decorate as desired. Store wrapped in aluminum foil up to 2 days. For longer storage, label and freeze.

Variation: Spoon batter into four 6 x 3 ¾-inch disposable foil mini loaf pans sprayed with cooking spray. Bake 22 to 28 minutes.



'TIS THE SEASON — If your entertaining, searching for a perfect gift—try this fruit-studded Berry Cherry Breads for both. These festive breads make an attractive centerpiece on a holiday brunch table, and each recipe makes six mini loaves to give friends and loved ones.



W.A. and Pat Maxfield
(Contributed Photo)

Maxfields celebrate 50th

W.A and Pat Maxfield mark their 50th wedding anniversary today. They will celebrate with a family and friends dinner Saturday at The Shack.

W.A. was born Nov. 15, 1926 in Mt. Carmel, Ill., and Pat Jackson was born on Nov. 27, 1936 in Belton. They met at the Street Car Café in Snyder in April of 1950. They married Dec. 5, 1950 in Lovington, N.M.

They lived in Wyoming one year and the remainder of their marriage in Snyder. W.A. is retired and Pat is bookkeeper at their business, Snyder Iron and Metal. W.A. has worked for Robinson Drilling Co., was a truck driver for E.L. Farmer and Musslewhite, and Pat is a former salesperson for Rio Grande Insurance and an employee of Furr's.

The couple are members of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Their children include Cory Maxfield and Chris Maxfield, both of Snyder, and Tammy Ayola of Post. They have four grandchildren.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	12-05-00
	♠ 8 4	
	♥ A 7 2	
	♦ A 10 8 7	
	♣ 8 5 3 2	
West		**East**
♠ J 10 9 7 6		♠ 5
♥ K J		♥ Q 10 9 3
♦ Q 9 5		♦ K J 6 4 2
♣ K 9 4		♣ Q J 6
	South	
	♠ A K Q 3 2	
	♥ 8 6 5 4	
	♦ 3	
	♣ A 10 7	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♠ J

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2000

The Ferrari and the Ford

By Phillip Alder

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

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

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

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

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

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Christmas Lighting Contest

Sponsored by
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Deadline To Enter December 11
Judging will be the evening of December 13
To allow for judging time please leave lights on till 10 p.m.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Mail entries to P.O. Box 840, 79550
or bring by the
Snyder Chamber of Commerce
2304 Ave. R

Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.





Happy Birthday Mama & Daddy



Raymond Helen

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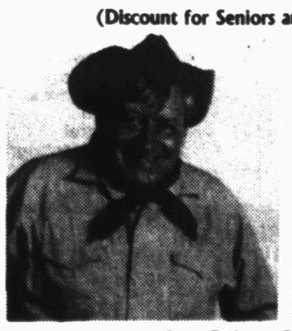


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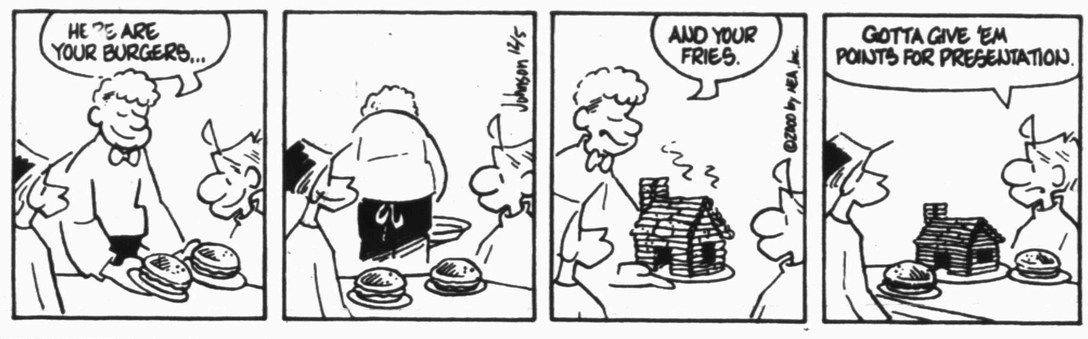
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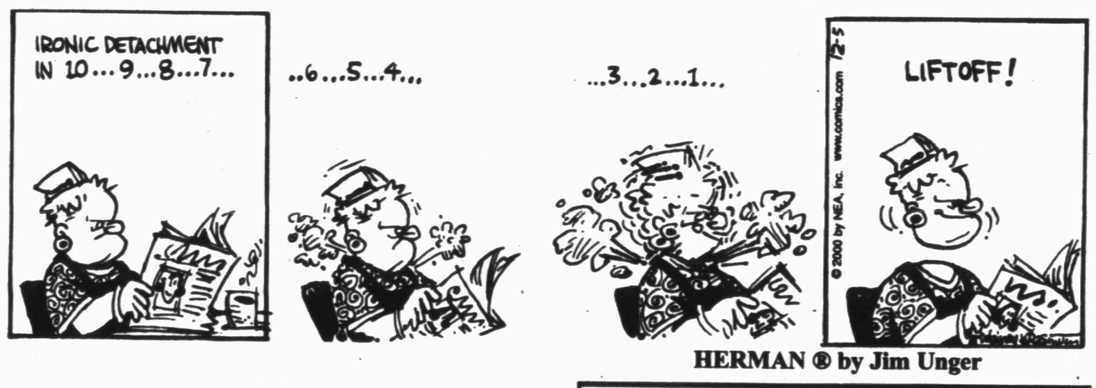
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14 Dickens-based musical
15 In the preceding month
16 Original inhabitant
17 Draft agcy.
18 Pasture
20 Allow
21 React testily
25 Some army food
28 Elevate
32 Gives off (fumes)
33 Kilmer or Pitt
34 Type of attack
35 San —, Calif.
36 Secretary
37 Wagon that carries artillery ammunition
39 Real
41 Nonprofit TV
44 Timetable abbr.
45 Calif. hours
48 — Express
51 Publisher Thomas
54 Pre-license document
55 Shade of difference
56 Like metal
57 Like a lawn

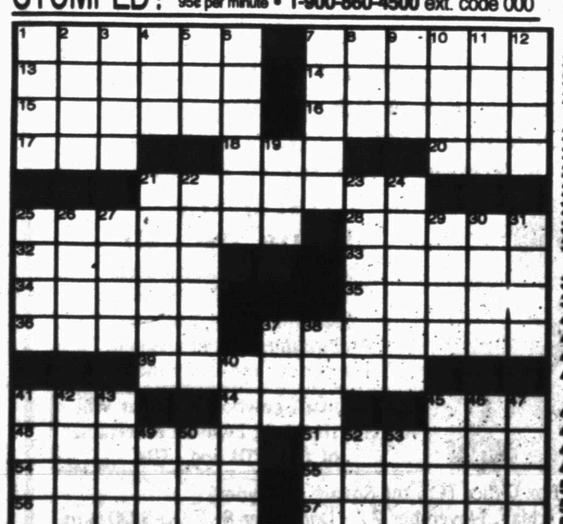
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2 House wings
3 Humorists
4 Bird (comb. form)
5 Brink
6 Porcelain clay
7 "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" star
8 Guido's high note
9 Use a chair
10 Sinister
11 Pierre's dream
12 Allowance for waste
19 Kind of curve
21 Nipping
22 Pistol
23 Introductory matter
24 Type of tax
25 Agts.
26 Latin I word
27 Prong
29 The sweetsop
30 Trademark
31 Video-game movie
37 Mongrel
38 Broadcasting
40 Dapper
41 Bursts
42 Author Harte
43 Equine father
45 Sewing aide
46 Bags
47 He and she
49 Uncle
50 Zero
52 Over (pref.)
53 Drivers' org.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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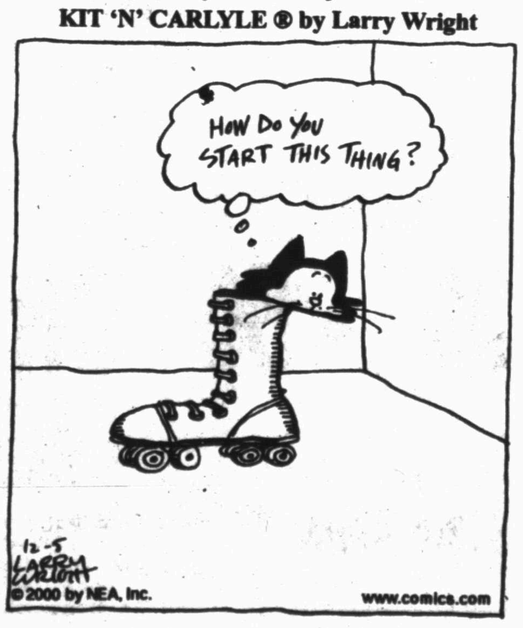
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SPORTS

SHS cagers look to get back on track

The Snyder Lady Tigers hope to prove that Saturday's setback was just a minor bump in the road.

The Lady Tigers will look to get back on track at 6:30 tonight when they host San Angelo Central, while the Snyder boys hope to build on Saturday's victory when they welcome Lubbock High to the SHS gym at 8 o'clock.

The Lady Tigers (6-1) suffered their first loss of the season when they fell to El Paso Coronado in overtime, 39-38, in Saturday's championship game of the Concho River Classic. But Coach Sam Tipton believes his squad can use the game as a learning experience.

"Of course you would like to win them all, but our girls learned a valuable lesson on Saturday," said Tipton. "Physically, we were in good shape. But mentally, we weren't focused like we needed to be. The girls learned that you must be prepared physically and mentally to win ballgames."

Following the Lady Tigers' match-up with the Lady Cats, the Snyder boys hope to pick up their fifth victory of the season against the Westerners.

The Tigers have had an up-and-down start to their season. After dropping the season opener, Snyder won three straight, before suffering three straight losses. The Tigers ended the skid Saturday with a 45-40 victory over El Paso Franklin at the Cotton Pickin' Shootout.

"We're struggling in some areas right now," said Coach Bud Birks. "We're having too many breakdowns, defensively, and we've been getting out-rebounded. We're working hard to correct some things, and hopefully the hard work will start paying off."

In tonight's other area action, Ira's girls and boys visit Colorado City, while Hermleigh hosts Rotan. All girls' games start at 6:30, followed by the boys at 8 o'clock.

Dallas assistant takes OSU job

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Les Miles has resigned his assistant coaching position with the Dallas Cowboys and has accepted the head football coaching position at Oklahoma State, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has confirmed.

An announcement on Miles, who was OSU's offensive coordinator in 1997, when the Cowboys went 8-4 and reached the Alamo Bowl, could be made on Wednesday, various print and Oklahoma City-area broadcast outlets have reported.

Jones told The Daily Oklahoman for Tuesday's editions that Miles had "everything and will be a successful coach."

"We're sorry to lose him, but he made a top contribution while he was here," Jones said. "He's extremely well-qualified to be a college head coach, and I know he had a very serious (passion) for Oklahoma State."

Oklahoma City television station KFOR reported that Miles told Jones of his intention to resign and accept the OSU job KWTV and radio station WWLS, also reported on Monday that Miles was the choice, but a news conference announcing his selection has not been set.

In a teleconference with reporters who cover OSU football on Monday, athletic director Terry Don Phillips would not confirm the move.

Asked if a decision was imminent, Phillips said, "close."

Last week, Boise State coach Dirk Koetter accepted the OSU job but rescinded his acceptance a day later and took an offer from Arizona State.

Phillips said he doesn't think the coach's reversal will reflect negatively on OSU.

"Dirk Koetter is an outstanding coach and he's got an impeccable record regarding his honesty and integrity," Phillips said. "Our research confirmed he is an outstanding man and he's going to do an outstanding job at Arizona State University."

Phillips said Koetter was always up-front about his fondness for Pacific 10 Conference schools. In meetings with OSU officials, Koetter cited Oregon and Arizona State as schools that were very attractive to him. OSU made an offer before Koetter visited ASU.

"But last week, he did tell us that he was coming," Phillips said in the Tulsa World. "It was my understanding that there were no conditions on coming. It was just an issue of working out the contract with his attorney."

Koetter got a five-year, $3.5 million deal to coach the Sun Devils. His selection was announced on Saturday.

Efforts to reach Miles for confirmation were not immediately successful. Miles would replace Bob Simmons, who was fired in November after six seasons.

The 47-year-old would be a popular choice among some players. Last week, five Cowboys met with Phillips to describe the kind of coach they hoped he'd hire and used Miles as a model.

Senior quarterback Tony Lindsay, one of the players who met with Phillips, was excited when told Miles was the apparent choice.

"That'll work," said Lindsay, whose best year at OSU was the '97 season spent under Miles' tutelage. "Coach Miles can bring a lot to the team."

He has served on staffs under prominent head coaches, and played for Bo Schembechler at Michigan from 1972-75.

SJHS girls whip Cavazos

Snyder's seventh grade girls haven't dropped a game yet. They haven't even come close.

Snyder Gold trounced Lubbock Cavazos, 59-15, while Snyder Black recorded a 48-4 whipping of Cavazos during Monday night's seventh grade girls' basketball action at Travis Gym.

Three players scored in double figures for Snyder Gold, led by Sequoya Powell's 14 points. Glyn Wright and Breanna Talavera registered 10 apiece.

Sirena Medrano dropped in eight points, while Emily Jones posted five. Teddi Crenwelge and Shaela Thompson netted four points each, and Jessica Taylor and Aeryal Peoples chipped in two apiece.

Morgan Pavlovsky poured in 12 points to pace Snyder Black, while Kenetra James and Ashton Wall accounted for eight each.

Ciara Latta drained six points. Gena Dooley, Amber Luecke and Bianca Gonzales notched four points apiece, and Khristian Torres finished with two.

Eighth grade girls roll over Lubbock teams

Snyder's eighth grade girls continued their winning ways Monday night with another pair of wins over Lubbock Cavazos.

Snyder Gold routed Cavazos, 40-9, while Snyder Black notched a 39-20 decision to run Snyder's record to a combined 6-0 to start the season.

Briana Burk netted 10 points to pace the Gold squad, while Rebecca Aguirre added nine more.

Kassey Burney tallied eight points, and Courtney Cox registered six. Stacey Williamson, Kayla Guerrero and Jacy Beccue finished with two points apiece, and J.J. Farmer chipped in one.

Ashley Villegas led Snyder Black with 12 points, while Erin Hackfeld posted nine.

Marisa Munoz dropped in five points, and Kalli Wesson and Kelsey Shaw accounted for three each. Casey Crain, Mosheka Williams and Taren Knipe drained two points apiece, and Stephanie Parmer added one.

Snyder Gold will be in action again at 6 p.m. Thursday at the SJHS tournament, while Snyder Black's next contest will be Monday at Lubbock Atkins.

Freshman boys rout Cavazos

Snyder posted its second consecutive victory in convincing fashion Monday with a 74-51 decision over Lubbock Cavazos in freshman boys' basketball action.

Monday's win comes on the heels of an 81-36 rout of Abilene Cooper over the weekend.

Against Cavazos, Marcus Villarreal paced the Tigers with 14 points, while Blake Grimmett added 13 and Justin Boyd posted 11.

Isaac Ramon tallied eight points. Lee Scott drained seven, and Tucker Early netted six. Jacob Rodriguez accounted for five points, while Demetris Brandon added four. Brad English finished with three points, and Israel Sosa chipped in two.

In the victory over Cooper, Boyd poured in a game-high 24 points to lead the Tigers, while Villarreal tallied 19 and Early added 16.

Ramon dropped in six points, and Sosa, Scott, Brandon and Rodriguez netted four apiece.

The Tigers will be in action again Friday at Abilene Cooper. Snyder Black will take on the Cougars at 5 p.m., followed by the Gold squad at 6:30.

JV Tigers bow to Wylie

COAHOMA — Snyder's junior varsity boys faced their fourth consecutive varsity opponent Saturday, falling to Abilene Wylie, 67-50, at the Coahoma tournament.

Snyder trailed by 10 points early on, but cut the deficit to 34-26 by halftime, before the Bulldogs pulled away in the second half.

Josh Mendoza drained 23 points to pace the Tigers, while Colby Driggers poured in 13.

Brady Reed netted five points. Cory Lyons chipped in three, and Brad Spells, Tyler Pollard and Tanner Beard finished with two apiece.

Snyder will be in action again at 6:30 this evening when it hosts Lubbock High at the SJHS gym.

The Tigers will host the Snyder JV boys' tournament Thursday and Saturday.

Ira JH falls to Wildcats, 42-31

WESTBROOK — Ira's junior high boys fell to Westbrook, 42-31, Monday night to suffer their first setback of the season.

Wesley Kellner poured in 17 points to pace the Bulldogs.

Brandon Crane tallied six points, while Logan Lloyd netted four. Kerry Jamison and Travis Frey chipped in two points apiece.

Ira, now 2-1 on the season, will be in action again at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Grady.

JV girls split tourney games

SWEETWATER — Snyder's junior varsity girls split games over the weekend at the Sweetwater tournament.

Snyder responded from a 34-24 setback to Abilene Wylie with a 35-25 victory over Breckenridge.

Amber Russell poured in 13 points to lead the Lady Tigers against Wylie, while Zipporah Peoples added seven more.

Cindy Sanchez notched two points, and Hailey Putnam and Chasity Perales chipped in one apiece.

Russell posted a game-high 15 points against the Lady Buckaroos, with Putnam and Perales dropping in six each.

Peoples and Dara Chambers tallied three points apiece, and Patricia Vargas finished with two.

Snyder will be in action at the SHS gym at 5 this evening against San Angelo Central.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Basketball

San Angelo Central at Snyder JV and varsity girls, 5 and 6:30

Lubbock High at Snyder JV and varsity boys, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Ira girls and boys at Colorado City, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Rotan at Hermleigh girls and boys, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Basketball

Snyder varsity girls vs. Austin LBJ or Columbus, at Austin Lake Travis tourney, 7:55

Snyder varsity boys vs. Breckenridge, at Abilene Wylie tourney, 12:30

Ira girls vs. Midland Trinity, at Midland Christian tourney

Hermleigh girls and boys at Roby tourney

Snyder JV boys vs. Abilene Cooper, at Snyder tourney, 9 a.m.; vs. Abilene Wylie, noon

Snyder JV girls at Snyder tourney

Snyder freshman girls at Sweetwater tourney

Snyder 7th and 8th grade girls at Snyder tourney

Snyder 7th and 8th grade boys at Sweetwater tourney

FRIDAY

Basketball

Snyder at Austin Lake Travis tourney

Snyder varsity boys at Abilene Wylie tourney

Ira girls at Midland Christian tourney

Ira boys vs. Robert Lee-Coahoma winner, at Midland Christian tourney

Hermleigh girls and boys at Roby tourney

Snyder JV girls at Snyder tourney

Snyder freshman girls at Sweetwater tourney

Snyder freshman boys at Abilene Cooper, 5 and 6:30

Snyder 7th and 8th grade boys at Sweetwater tourney

National Football League

All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	10	3	0	.769	270	166
N.Y. Jets	9	4	0	.692	287	246
Buffalo	7	6	0	.538	243	270
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	334	283
New England	4	9	0	.308	222	277
Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	10	3	0	.769	256	188
Baltimore	9	4	0	.692	262	135
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	253	201
Jacksonville	6	7	0	.462	284	272
Cincinnati	3	10	0	.231	158	294
Cleveland	3	11	0	.214	137	360
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	10	3	0	.769	372	256
Denver	9	4	0	.692	409	316
Kansas City	5	8	0	.385	307	304
Seattle	5	8	0	.385	246	308
San Diego	1	12	0	.077	223	352

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	9	4	0	.692	253	198
Philadelphia	9	5	0	.643	300	214
Washington	7	6	0	.538	245	210
Dallas	4	9	0	.308	249	300
Arizona	3	10	0	.231	190	366
Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Minnesota	11	2	0	.846	330	267
Detroit	8	5	0	.615	264	251
Tampa Bay	8	5	0	.615	320	204
Green Bay	6	7	0	.462	277	268
Chicago	3	10	0	.231	169	301
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	8	5	0	.615	279	245
St. Louis	8	5	0	.615	439	383
Carolina	6	7	0	.462	257	221
San Francisco	5	8	0	.385	335	353
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	216	377

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Monday's Game

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Sunday, Dec. 10

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

Monday, Dec. 11

Buffalo at Indianapolis, 9 p.m.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	14	3	.824	—
New York	12	7	.632	3
Boston	8	9	.471	6
Miami	7	10	.412	7
Orlando	7	11	.389	7½
New Jersey	6	11	.353	8
Washington	4	14	.222	10½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	11	7	.611	—
Cleveland	9	7	.563	1
Toronto	9	7	.563	1
Detroit	8	9	.471	2½
Indiana	7	9	.438	3
Milwaukee	7	10	.412	3½
Atlanta	4	13	.235	6½
Chicago	2	14	.125	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	13	4	.765	—
San Antonio	11	5	.688	1½
Dallas	11	7	.611	2½
Denver	10	8	.556	3½
Houston	9	8	.529	4
Minnesota	9	8	.529	4
Vancouver	6	11	.353	7
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	11	4	.733	½
L.A. Lakers	13	5	.722	—
Phoenix	11	5	.688	1
Portland	12	7	.632	1½
Seattle	9	10	.474	4½
Golden State	5	13	.278	8
L.A. Clippers	5	14	.263	8½

Monday's Games

New York 106, L.A. Clippers 78
Denver 105, Philadelphia 98

Tuesday's Games

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

Wednesday's Games

L.A. Clippers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Denver at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Toronto at Portland, 10 p.m.
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Minor injuries caused by natural gas pipeline leak

MONT BELVIEU (AP) — A natural gas pipeline that ruptured and exploded has forced evacuations of about 40 homes and vented hydrocarbon product into the air, with plane flights also rerouted around the area to prevent another blast.

Several minor injuries were reported Monday night when the pipeline, owned by Channel Industries Gas Co., exploded near Houston Raceway Park, close to the intersection of Farm-to-Market Roads 2354 and 565. The explosion sent rumblings as far as Baytown, more than 10 miles to the south.

No fire resulted from the blast, said Baytown police Sgt. Keith Dougherty.

"We don't know what caused the explosion," he told The Baytown Sun in Tuesday's editions.

Evacuated families sought temporary refuge at a nearby convenience store. One man said wall fixtures fell to the floor and windows rattled as if they would break.

"I thought the whole plant had exploded," said the resident, who declined to be identified.

Chambers County sheriff's deputies went through neighborhoods east of Farm-to-Market Road 565, asking residents to voluntarily leave their homes.

Baytown police and fire departments assisted county authorities in the evacuations and setting up roadblocks.

Flights east of Houston were being routed around a three-mile radius from the rupture as a precaution, said Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Richard Vasser.

"This is just blowing natural gas into the atmosphere. And once you get the proper mix of gas and oxygen, it's an explosive mixture," he said. "Any kinda spark will ignite it."

Volunteers and equipment from Bayer Corp. sent volunteers and equipment to assist with clean-up of the blast site.

Beneath the Southeast Texas town of Mont Belvieu are salt caverns that comprise the world's largest storage site.

6 Republic of Texas members indicted on firearms charges

PECOS (AP) — Six members of the Republic of Texas separatist group have been indicted on firearms charges stemming from the 1997 standoff at their embassy near Fort Davis.

A Pecos grand jury returned the 13-count indictment against the six members last month. It was unsealed Friday at a detention hearing.

Indicted on firearms charges were Richard McLaren, 47; Roberto Otto, 49; Robert Jonathon Scheidt, 46; Richard Frank Keyes III, 25; Gregg William Paulson, 49; and Karen Simon Paulson, 37.

The six, who now are in custody, also were indicted on charges including conspiracy to make, transfer, receive, and possess unregistered firearms and firearms not identified by a serial number.

If convicted of all charges, Otto faces up to 70 years in federal prison, and Paulson faces up to 80 years. The other four face up to 75 years in federal prison. A trial date has not yet been scheduled.

One person died in a 1997 shootout with officers during a seven-day standoff.

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Photos suggest Red Planet may have been land of lakes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Photos from a satellite orbiting Mars suggest the Red Planet was once a water-rich land of lakes, boosting the theory that billions of years ago it may have had the conditions needed for the evolution of life.

The photos, taken by the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft, show massive sedimentary deposits, with thick layers of rock stacked one on top of another in miles-deep formations.

In the wall of a massive canyon that stretches for thousands of miles, there are sharp layers of rock, rather like the formation that causes a striped pattern on the walls of Arizona's Grand Canyon, said Kenneth S. Edgett, a co-author of the study in Science.

"I don't know how to do that (form such layers) without water," said Edgett at a news conference Monday at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He said the layering could possibly have been formed by other means, such as wind or volcanism, "but water is the leading candidate."

Michael C. Malin, lead author of the study, said that "the regularity of the layering is hard to create" without the presence of water.

The researchers both are with Malin Space Science Systems in San Diego.

Malin, the principal scientist using a camera on the Mars Global Surveyor, said the photos suggest that water may have seeped in and filled Martian craters that were punched out of the planet surface by impacting asteroids around 3.5 billion years ago.

"My guess is that there were lots of lakes," said Malin. "There may have been some areas that were so wet that there were small seas."

Malin said that the researchers have found no geologic evidence of Earthlike oceans, however.

The layered rock, like that sighted on Mars, would "where you would go to find evidence of life," said Malin. On Earth, sedimentary rock is often rich with fossils.

But not all planetary experts were persuaded by the photos released by NASA.

Alan H. Treiman said he and some other planetary geologists at the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston believe the interpretation by Malin and Edgett is not correct.

Treiman, in a telephone interview, said that it already was known that there were layered rock formations on Mars and that the new photos do little to advance the understanding of how such rocks formed.

"It's nice to see the images, but this is not a dramatic new revelation," said Treiman. He said actions other than water - volcanism or blowing dust - could have formed the layered rock.

"This is not evidence for an early wet, warm Mars," said Treiman. He said the layered rock "is probably not relevant to the possibility of life forming very early on Mars."

However, J. William Schopf, head of UCLA's Center for the Study of Evolution and the Origin of Life, said the study gives strong support for theories that Mars was wetter, warmer and potentially more friendly to life billions of years ago.

"This is the strongest evidence yet for what appear to be sedimentary units (rock formations) on Mars," said Schopf. "If we saw these things from Earth orbit, we'd know" they were formed by water.

If there once were lakes of water on the planet, Schopf said, "it makes it increasingly plausible" that life could have existed on Mars. He cautioned, however, that the only way to be sure is to go to Mars and return with samples.

"You cannot have Earthlike life without having water, but the presence of water, in and of itself, doesn't say that there was life there," said Schopf.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Alcohol allergies: uncommon but real

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 51-year-old woman in excellent health. About three years ago, I began having a peculiar reaction to alcohol, which I consume very moderately. No matter whether I have spirits, wine or beer; I break out in giant hives after the first drink. My doctor has never heard of an alcohol allergy. What's going on?

DEAR READER: In all probability, an allergic reaction to alcohol. While such a hyper-sensitivity is distinctly unusual, it can sometimes happen. Our bodies have an uncanny ability to react adversely to almost any foreign substance, and, I suspect, this is your problem. To define your hypersensitivity more completely, you should be examined and tested by an allergist. Let me know what the specialist discovers.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My sister has two young boys, ages 2-1/2 and 8 months. She regularly takes them to a chiropractor for spinal adjustments. The most recent visit was to treat an ear infection. Needless to say, this practice disturbs me. I believe that the children would be better off seeing a pediatrician. Am I worrying for nothing?

DEAR READER: On the contrary. I agree with you that chiropractic adjustments in children — especially for an ear infection — are totally inappropriate. In my opinion, this practice is without any merit whatsoever — and most reputable chiropractors would endorse my position. Except for well-child exams and periodic immunizations, healthy youngsters do not need medical (or chiropractic) attention. When children do become ill, a pediatrician is the only sensible resource.

Although your sister is unlikely to change her habits (until she has good reason to do so), I think that regular adjustments are dumb and may cause more harm than good, one reason being that she may inadvertently deprive her children of appropriate medical attention when they most need it.

In anticipation of receiving a flood of hate-mail from disgruntled chiropractors, I reviewed your letter with a past president of the American Chiropractic Association. He completely agrees with me.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 57-year-old man who has never been especially athletic — I've rarely exercised and never worked out. I have a big belly, skinny arms and legs like toothpicks. Can I, even at my age, improve my physique?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt you can — but it will take work. The fastest way to achieve your goal is to sign up at a health club or fitness center, and hire your own trainer. Under close supervision, you can take advantage of weight machines (and free weights) to develop the muscles of your trunk, torso and extremities. Your age is not a particular drawback. Although you won't bulk-up like a teen-aged body builder, you can certainly add muscle mass, increase strength, look more trim, and feel much more healthy and vigorous. But, again, let me warn you that this is not an overnight transformation; rather, it will take months of dedicated activity and consistent commitment. Go for it.

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Grand Prairie wins SHS speech tourney

Grand Prairie High School was the big winner Saturday at the "Who's Your Daddy Speech Tournament," sponsored by Snyder High School's speech team.

Local students did not compete because they hosted the tournament.

GPHS won first in sweepstakes, with 535; followed by Gregory Portland High School, 475; and Frenship High School, 125. Brownfield High School won the small school sweepstakes with 70 points.

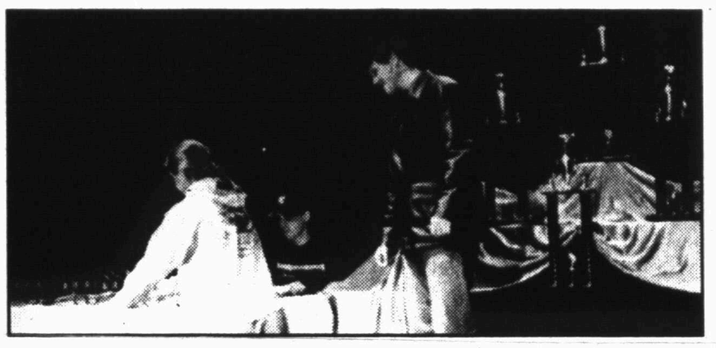
"The tournament ran pretty much without a hitch, but only because we had such great community support," Ron Hester, SHS speech coach said. "That really saved us and we can't thank them enough. We wanted to also help the economy of Snyder and I think were did that," Hester continued.

"We really want to thank the Chamber of Commerce for their donation for our trophies and to all of the businesses and individuals who made donations to make this tournament happen," Hester added. "It is a big undertaking and I hope it brought more recognition to the high school and the great people of Snyder."

Lynda McCormack, SHS speech coach, also spoke highly of the tournament. "The experience our students got running a tournament can't be duplicated in the classroom. The pressure and responsibility is tremendous and something they don't forget. The life skills they gain are life-long skills," she added.

"Our students represented SHS very well and did an excellent job running this tournament. I am very proud of the job our team did," McCormack said.

"Our SHS team parents did a great job. They worked behind the scenes and put in long hours on Saturday," McCormack noted, adding that volunteers Tina Hill, Libby Whitworth, Ray Hill, Loretta Lee, Lannie Lee and Danny McCormack worked the entire tournament. She said other speech team parents also judged and worked throughout the day."



AWARDS CEREMONY — Snyder High School speech students who helped hand out awards at Saturday's "Who's Your Daddy" TFA Speech Tournament are Hayli Henderson, junior; and seniors Josh Heaton and Brandon McCraw. (Contributed Photo)

Top winners include: Matt Tonne , top C-X debater; James Lasley, top L-D debater; Kesha Key, Grand Prairie High School, top speaker; Sandra Mendez, Gregory Portland High School, and Larry Frier, Grand Prairie High School, top interpreters.

C-X placings include Harris and Baker, Grandbury High School, first; Haygood and Pearce, Andrews High School, second; Cox and Tonne, Wall High School, third; and Bouressa and Gatski, Monahans High School, third.

L-D placings are as follows Morgan Thompson, Grand Prairie High School, first; James Lasley, Gregory Portland High School, second; Jeff Titus, Brownfield High School, third; and Willie Smallwood, Gregory Portland High School, third.

Foreign extemp winners include James Lasley, Gregory Portland High School, first; Kevin Narag, Wylie High School, second; Adrian Serna, Frenship High School, third; Staci Buckley, Grandbury High School, fourth.

U.S. extemp winners include Kimberlee Landrum, Grand Prairie High School, first; Holly Englert, Ballinger High School, second; Jerame Brownin, Grand Prairie High School, third; Paul Massey, Grandbury High School, fourth.

Impromptu award winners include Kesha Key, Grand Prairie High School, first; Seth Andrews, Frenship High School, second; Lauren Schreiber, Grand Prairie High School, third; Jennifer Rios, Colorado City High School, fourth.

Duet acting award winners include Anna McLaughlin and Toryn Haynes, High Spring High School, first; Larry Frier and Candice Click, Grand Prairie High School, second; Robert Maxhimer and Renae Smith, Gregory Portland High School, third; Hunter Davis and Nolan Smart, Andrews High School, fourth.

Oratory award winners include Kesha Key, Grand Prairie High School, first; Vanessa Leal, Gregory Portland High School, second; Lauren Schreiber, Grand Prairie High School, third; Renae Smith, Gregory Portland High School, fourth.

Poetry award winners include Larry Frier, Grand Prairie High School, first; Renae Smith, Gregory Portland High School, second; John Hortenstine, Gregory Portland High School, third; Lauren Schreiber, Grand Prairie High School, fourth.

Prose award winners include Sandra Mendez, Gregory Portland High School, first; Robert Maxhimer, Gregory Portland High School, second; Cody Kirkpatrick, Gregory Portland High School, third; Nathan Rippstin, Gregory Portland High School, fourth.

Humorous award winners include Christian Rivera, Grand Prairie High School, first; Sandra Mendez, Gregory Portland High School, second; Ben Cruz, Grand Prairie High School, third; Miranda Amyx, San Angelo Lakeview, fourth.

Dramatic award winners include Kesha Key, Grand Prairie High School, first; Lauren Schreiber, Grand Prairie High School, second; Ben Cruz, Grand Prairie High School, third; Scott Gryder, Brownfield High School, fourth.

To seek new trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lawyers for the first three officers convicted in a police corruption scandal said Monday that they will seek a new trial.

Sgts. Brian Liddy and Edward Ortiz and Officer Michael Buchanan were convicted Nov. 15 of conspiracy and perjury for framing gang members during a 1996 arrest. Prosecutors said the officers made false police reports claiming they were intentionally struck by a pickup truck.

Harland Braun, representing Buchanan, said jurors wrongly relied on a computer-generated police report about the incident that said "great bodily injury" was involved — which the officers did not allege in their handwritten account.

The three officers' attorneys said they planned to ask for a new trial next week. A fourth officer tried with the group was acquitted.

The police corruption investigation was sparked by statements from Rafael Perez, a former officer convicted of stealing cocaine from an evidence locker. Perez claimed that he and others in a Rampart-area anti-gang unit planted evidence, filed false reports and shot innocent people.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Casual fun of rustic cabin is spoiled by formal dining

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were thrilled when his 80-year-old parents decided to transfer ownership of their rustic family cabin to us. We have made many repairs and are responsible for its upkeep. We love it, and because we are teachers, we have the entire summer to enjoy it.

The problem is, my in-laws expect me to be the "perfect hostess" when they visit — even if they don't let us know in advance they are coming.

I am an excellent cook, but my mother-in-law expects me to serve full meals — meat, vegetable, salad, rolls and dessert. In addition, she expects me to put out butter knives, salad plates and linen napkins. She seems obsessed with the table setting and makes nasty remarks if I don't set the table to suit her. (She doesn't utter a peep when her daughter omits the butter knives and extra plates!)

The unannounced visits and fixation with meals have seriously damaged my relationship with my in-laws. This is not something I can discuss with them, because they are both elderly and set in their ways. I should add that the cottage has no dishwasher, so everything must be washed by hand in lake water, which we pump in.

Abby, I don't think formality should be the rule in a casual summer cottage. Sometimes a sandwich on a paper plate on the deck is just the ticket. I don't want to be a slave to the kitchen. I have serious projects to work on and have only the summer to accomplish them.

My husband supports me in this, but he knows his parents are too old to change. Even if we tried discussing it with them, my mother-in-law is hard of hearing, and they both seem to have memory problems. Any suggestions? — **PAPER CUPS ON CRYSTAL LAKE**

DEAR PAPER CUPS: Since your in-laws have memory problems, make up a calendar showing the weeks you will be using the cabin. With a bright pen, circle the dates you would like them to visit. Consider posting your "lazy days" menu so there will be no surprises.

There are nice paper products on the market these days. Select the fanciest, most substantial paper plates and cups you can find, and use them when your in-laws visit. Then say to your mother-in-law, "Darling, I'll cook, but because you set such a lovely table, we'd like you to be the official table-setter, please." If she refuses, then it's time to ignore their comments, regain control, and make the cabin your own rustic hideaway.

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DEAR ABBY: I love the "random acts of kindness" letters that appear in your column from time to time. Here's mine:

My husband died at work five years ago, leaving me with two teen-age daughters. It was the week before Thanksgiving.

My whole neighborhood took up a collection for us — not just the immediate neighbors; I mean the ENTIRE neighborhood. In the ensuing weeks before Christmas, all the neighbor kids came to my home, raked the leaves, and even cleared away the dog droppings!

If that wasn't enough, we opened our front door at Christmas to find that gifts, plants, and cards with prayers had been left on our doorstep. I barely knew some of these neighbors, yet they were there for us when we needed them the most — right down to the littlest toddler. Needless to say, I'm never moving from here. — **MARY IN SMITHTOWN, LONG ISLAND**

DEAR MARY: The caring spirit of your neighbors is inspiring. However, I know the secret to having good neighbors is being one, and I suspect the outpouring of support you received was deserved.

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Ground beef recalled in wake of E. coli scare

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Citing an E. coli scare in Minnesota, meatpacking company American Foods Group Inc. said Monday it would recall ground beef sent to stores in 15 states in early November.

Chief Executive Carl Kuehne said no tests have confirmed the company's meat was contaminated, but he said: "Circumstantial evidence raises the possibility that recent serious illnesses may be related to our product."

The decision to recall the meat was reached after consultation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Green Bay company said in a news release. The recall involves 1.1 million pounds of ground beef from Nov. 2 and Nov. 3.

The Minnesota Department of Health is investigating 22 cases of E. coli poising with links to ground beef sold at eight Cub Foods stores in that state. Health Department epidemiologist Kirk Smith said the number of confirmed infections was expected to increase.

Cub Foods and parent company Supervalu late last week recalled ground beef from Cub stores in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Chicago and Indianapolis and some Supervalu and Supervalu-supplied stores in Minnesota, including County Markets, Kowalski's, Jerry's and Driskills.

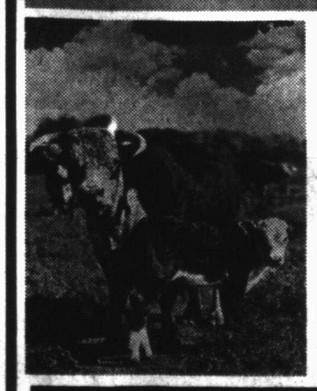
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Ex-con charged in deputy's death

HOUSTON (AP) — A 22-year-old Houston man with a lengthy criminal record was jailed without bond Tuesday on a capital murder charge for fatally shooting Harris County rookie sheriff's deputy Barrett Hill.

Robert Gene Will could face the death penalty if convicted.

Investigators say Will stole a car at gunpoint after shooting Hill Monday morning. The officer was chasing him on foot while investigating a report of a possible auto theft.

Another man, Allen Michael Rosario, was charged with auto theft and was held on $50,000 bond. In addition, a girlfriend of one of the men was held on an unrelated drug possession charge, officials said.

Maj. Juan Jorge, who heads the department's detective division, said he doesn't expect any more arrests.

Court records show Will served a year in jail for stealing a car in 1997 and was given probation for robbery with a weapon for the same crime. He also served 10 days in jail for evading arrests in 1995, records showed.

Will was arrested in Brenham, about 75 miles northwest of Houston, driving a car stolen from a woman accosted at gunpoint near the shooting scene, Jorge said.

Authorities said he was carrying a .40-caliber pistol, the same caliber as spent shells found at the scene.

Will was treated at Houston's Ben Taub Hospital for a wounded hand before being taken to jail.

"He probably accidentally shot himself in the scuffle," Jorge said.

Hill, 38, was shot at least three times, once in the face, once in the chest and once in the hand, Jorge said.

The officer is survived by his wife, Cathy, and two daughters, Whitney, 7, and Lacy, 18, said Rick Hartley, spokesman for The 100 Club, an organization which collects donations for dependents of peace officers killed in the line of duty.

Hartley said the organization Tuesday would give the slain officer's family $10,000 to assist with immediate needs.

Hill was described by colleagues as an outstanding employee, a dedicated family man and an officer known for his sense of humor.

He had worked for the department for more than three years, primarily at the jail, and was in his last week of training to become a patrol officer.

Hill became the second Harris County deputy in six weeks to be killed on duty. Another officer was shot and critically wounded in August.

Gore pins presidential hopes on appeal

By The Associated Press

Al Gore struggled for survival in the nation's overtime presidential election on Tuesday, while George W. Bush, projecting confidence about a victory, said he hoped to "seize the moment" after taking office.

"Obviously we've got a lot of work to do," Bush told reporters outside the state Capitol in Austin. He said he expected to begin making personnel announcements in short order, although Cabinet appointments are likely to wait until Gore's final legal challenge has been rejected.

The vice president was in Washington, pinning his hopes on his appeal of a ruling Monday that reaffirmed Bush's narrow certified victory in Florida and refused to order any recounts.

Gore's running mate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, met privately with Democratic lawmakers.

"We have always said that the Florida Supreme Court will be the final arbiter," Lieberman said.

That's where Gore was headed, after Judge N. Sanders Sauls ruling on Monday on the vice president's unprecedented legal challenge to Bush's 537-vote win in Florida. There was no immediate word from the court when — or whether — it would take the appeal.

Bush's running mate, Dick Cheney, was also on Capitol Hill, meeting with the GOP rank and file.

He said Bush's transition was "up and running and operational now."

After weeks of fierce post-election combat, Bush and Cheney both seemed to be going out of their way to soften their tone, wishing, perhaps, to grant Gore the room to bow out.

Bush, speaking on Monday, said the vice president is "going to have to make the decisions that he thinks are necessary."

Defense opens its case today

CAMP ZEIST, Netherlands (AP) — Lawyers in the Lockerbie trial called an FBI agent and a Maltese meteorologist Tuesday to testify as they opened their defense of two Libyans accused of downing an American jetliner 12 years ago, killing 270 people.

In what is expected to be several months of hearings, defense attorneys Richard Keen and Bill Taylor have said they will bring evidence indicating Palestinian terrorist groups were responsible for the Dec. 21, 1988, attack over Lockerbie, Scotland.

After hearing several witnesses, the court adjourned until Jan. 8 to await the arrival of new evidence from Syria sought by the defense that it believes will implicate the Palestinians further.

After granting repeated postponements in the trial that began last May, the judges warned they would grant no further delays, barring "the most exceptional circumstances."

Prosecutors rested their case Nov. 20 against Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, offering a thick file of circumstantial evidence that the two dispatched the bomb onto Pan Am flight 103 via a feeder flight while operating as Libyan intelligence agents in Malta. The Libyans have pleaded innocent to murder and conspiracy to commit murder.

Meteorologist Joseph Mifsud, was called to counter earlier witness testimony that al-Megrahi purchased clothes and an umbrella in Malta. Prosecutors claim the charred clothing found in the wreckage of the Lockerbie crash was purchased in Malta by al-Megrahi.

Reviewing airport weather charts, Mifsud testified it was unlikely that it rained the morning of Dec. 7 when al-Megrahi was said to have purchased the umbrella and clothes at a shop in the Maltese resort of Sliema. It did rain the following day, he said.

Stamp price to go up Jan. 7

WASHINGTON (AP) — The price of sending a letter will go up a penny — to 34 cents — on Jan. 7.

The board of governors of the Postal Service set the date for the increase on Tuesday, accepting under protest the Postal Rate Commission's series of recommended prices.

"We will implement the recommended decision, but are returning it to the commission for further consideration," said Board Chairman Einar V. Dyhrkopp.

While the independent rate commission agreed with the post office's requested 34-cent first-class rate, it reduced the agency's proposed increases in other areas.

Under the rates recommended by the commission, a letter will cost 34 cents for the first ounce, but the second ounce will cost 21 cents, a penny less than at present.

The result of that and other changes, Dyhrkopp said, will not provide sufficient revenue for the agency.

"We cannot accept a situation that threatens the ability of this organization to provide the levels of service that the American people expect and deserve," he said.

Postmaster General William Henderson said the cuts made by the rate commission reduced the post office's planned contingency fund by $1 billion.

The post office is currently in arbitration with three of its largest labor unions and it expects to need the added income to pay higher salaries and to meet other rising costs, including fuel and equipment.

Obituaries

Kimberly Torres

1998-2000

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



Kimberly Torres

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

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

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Frank Feather

1908-2000

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

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

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

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

Jimmie Brooks

1919-2000

Jimmie Marie Brooks, former Snyder resident, died at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, in the Lutheran Home of West Texas in Lubbock where she had resided for the last five years.



Jimmie Brooks

A memorial service for Mrs. Brooks, 81, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 607 N. College, with Michael O'Halloran, minister, officiating.

Born on April 11, 1919 in Batesville, Ark., she moved to Snyder in 1973 from New Mexico. She became one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1949.

She is survived by her daughter, Sherell O'Halloran of Snyder.

Woman jailed two times, wrecks car

• *Arrested twice*

It went from bad to worse for a 41-year-old Snyder woman who was arrested twice and wrecked a vehicle in one 24-hour period.

The woman was first taken into custody at Wal-Mart at 2:36 p.m. Monday after employees called and reported her as a shoplifter. She was charged with Class C theft.

At 1:23 a.m. today, Officer Kurt McMillan located an abandoned vehicle in the 3700 block of Lamesa Highway that had received front-end damage.

Upon investigation, the patrolman discovered that the vehicle, a 1986 Ford Crown Victoria, had been involved in an accident in the 1700 block of 26th Street.

It had struck a tree and a utility pole.

The 41-year-old woman was then arrested again at 1:47 a.m. today in the 3700 block of Lamesa Highway for public intoxication.

• *Theft*

Julie Pinkerton contacted officers at 3:06 p.m. Monday to report that someone had stolen a sink, toilet and vanity from her backyard in the 2200 block of 41st Street.

• *Disturbance*

An officer was requested at the Lawrence IGA parking lot at 3:57 p.m. Monday in reference to a group of people arguing. Officers spoke to the subjects and they then left the area.

• *Indictment*

Gary Wayne Sorrells, 33, of 402 CR 122 was arrested at 8:40 p.m. Monday at Rip Griffin's on a Scurry County Grand Jury indictment for theft.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Vocational nurse program testing

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

Pearl Harbor Day

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

Hospice holiday celebration

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

Northeast reading night

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

West Family Reading Night

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

ProACTive meeting

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

Country and gospel music

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

VFW arts, crafts show

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

Open house

Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse will held a 10th anniversary open house from 3-6 p.m. Monday at 2513 College Ave.

West PTO

West Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in Room 4. All parents and teachers are welcome.

Historical commission to meet

The Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at noon next Tuesday at The Shack.

Christmas band concert

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

Social Security reps

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

Windbreak trees

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

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Adult basic education classes

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

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Simpson and motorist involved in altercation

MIAMI (AP) — O.J. Simpson was involved in an altercation with another motorist who claimed the former football great grabbed his glasses and scratched him, police said.

Jeffrey Pattinson, 55, told police that he saw a black Lincoln Navigator drive past a stop sign late Monday in the suburban community of Kendall. Pattinson said he "flicked his lights" at the sport utility vehicle.

The Navigator stopped and its driver exited the vehicle and walked toward the other car, Detective Rudy Espinosa said. The two men argued briefly, he said.

Simpson then "reached inside the car and pulled the glasses off the victim's face, causing a small scratch on his face," Espinosa said.

"The victim went home and called police and was able to identify the driver of the black Navigator as Orenthal James Simpson," Espinosa said.

Simpson called local television station WSVN Tuesday morning and denied wrongdoing. He said he told Pattinson, "You got your bright lights on me, sitting on my heels. I've got two kids in this car, guy"