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Home Of Rob Robinson

ROLLING IN — Locally the cotton harvest is just now cranking up, while Inadale Gin in the eastern part of the county has been ginning 200 bales a day. Although this year's cotton crop is not great, it far exceeds production in 1998. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cotton:

Not the best, but better than last year say local ginners

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

It isn't the best cotton crop that Scurry County has ever seen, but one thing is for certain — it sure beats last year's.

Scurry County Gin manager Jim Edmonds said in the first week alone this year, the number of bales ginned surpassed last year's total.

The gin processed a total of 200 bales in 1998. That compares to 543 bales thus far since ginning started the first of October.

"We are looking at a fair crop, nothing excellent, but a fair crop," Edmonds said.

Since the first of October, manager Robby Robinson said Farmer's Co-op Gin has already ginned almost twice its 1998 total — 2,364 bales compared to 1,250 total last year.

The gins are not in full production yet.

"We are actually waiting for a freeze to get started," Edmonds said. "The freeze will have to kill the leaves so they will fall off and we can strip the cotton."

Edmonds said the cotton grades are good, but the staple is short.

"The staple is averaging 32," he said. "That is consistent with everything across the cotton industry right now."

Robinson added, "The staple is short because of the dry weather we had in August."

Robinson said that yield is not too good. "The farmers are making something around a half-bale an acre."

Edmonds said what cotton Scurry County has produced so far, runs anywhere from one-third a bale to three-quarter a bale per acre.

As for the price, Edmonds said it is pretty low, but the LDP (loan deficiency payment) helps.

"The LDP payment is a producer option payment that the government pays." Edmonds explained. "When the adjusted world price goes below the government loan price, they pay the difference between the adjusted world price and the government loan price."

While the two local gins have yet to reach their peak work load, the Inadale Gin in the eastern part of the county has already doubled last year's output.

"We're ginning the heck out of this cotton," said David Server, gin manager.

"We ginned 2,600 bales the entire season last year, and we have already doubled the figure this season," said Server.

So far, 5,414 bales have been ginned at Inadale and Server is predicting up to 6,000 more bales.

Server said the quality of the cotton is not the best, but it's dry and easy to gin.

"It just rolls through the gin."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Be careful of what you wish. Remember the guy who begged for a suspended sentence –they hung him."

When things get hectic over at the chamber of commerce, then something generally happens to lighten the day.

Such was the case recently when staffer Gaynell Cline opened the mail and found a routine request for information.

It was from a fourth grade student, trying to complete a class assignment. The letter writer requested information about Snyder and Scurry County.

The writer closed with a thank you, and was signed, "Anonymous."

Now, the chamber will be fielding calls about possible football playoff games, but Snyder residents are focused on the Tigers' perfect record in district, the conference crown and its own playoff starting next Saturday.

Fans will travel to Stephenville to take on Fort Worth Everman at 2 p.m. at Tarleton State University.

While the Snyder defense rose to the occasion on Friday night for a 16-13 win over the fired-up Lake View Chiefs, Everman defeated Granbury, 32-16.

Stephenville also is in the playoffs, surprise, surprise. But a member of that championship team is Sterling Doty. Snyder residents may remember him as the "little son" of Bob and Darla Doty. Sterling, little brother of Jay Doty, is listed on the Stephenville program at 238 pounds. He actually is one of the Yellowjackets' "little" linemen.

Bob Doty was rodeo coach at WTC, and Darla worked in recruiting. Both are now staffers at Tarleton State.

And speaking of playoffs, Snyder's Juanita Wright will be taking in lots of football. She was in the stands cheering for the Tigers Friday night, but she was also interested in the Seminole-Lamesa district championship game.

John Wright, a former Snyder Tiger and 1990 SHS graduate, is now a varsity assistant for the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes. He is a line coach and also works with the freshmen.

Wright is in his third year at Lamesa.

Lamesa Press-Reporter Sports Editor Dwight Heins tells us that Juanita has attended several Lamesa games and her enthusiasm is evident. When John was a starter for the Tigers, we can well remember Juanita standing and leading cheers in the stand.

Juanita plans to be in Odessa Friday night to watch Lamesa play Monahans in the Tors first trip to the playoffs since 1973. Then she will head east to Stephenville on Saturday to root for Tigers against Everman.

And another local family will be following the Tigers – and another area team.

Richard Gorman, son of Jack and Durelle Gorman and a 1974 SHS grad, is head coach of the Post Antelopes.

Post shutout Seagraves 7-0 Friday night to earn the right to face Hale Center in the first round.

Roby 'Millionaire' is arrested in dragging

Two Roby residents, including one of the "Roby Millionaires," have been accused of dragging another resident behind a pickup down a Nolan County Road on Wednesday.

Nolan County officials Friday charged Ralph Amador, 55, and Lionel Jerry Castillo Jr., 28, with aggravated assault.

Amador was arrested Friday and later released from the Nolan County Jail on a $15,000 bond. Castillo remains at large.

The two are accused of dragging Tony Chaverria a short distance behind Amador's pickup after beating him with a rock, their fists and an axe handle.

Chaverria refused to take calls in regards to the matter from his room at Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater Saturday morning.

"He has his phone unplugged and he is not talking to anybody today," said a nurse supervisor at the hospital.

Amador was one of the 43 Roby residents who pooled their money in 1996 to buy a winning $46.7 million Texas Lottery jackpot.

Although the incident resembles the dragging death of a black man in Jasper last year, Nolan County officials stressed the differences in the case.

All the participants in the Nolan County case are Hispanic and the incident wasn't racially motivated.

They said Chaverria's most serious injury appeared to be a broken nose and are unsure whether the assailants were trying to kill him.

On Thursday, Chaverria told authorities that the two men – who are lifelong friends, invited him to go riding around Wednesday afternoon and drink some beer.

He said they drove to Nolan County Road 121 where the two men pulled him from the pickup and attacked him.

After he was beaten, Chaverria told investigators a chain was wrapped around his left ankle and he was dragged about a mile.

He said he managed to unhook the chain from his ankle and escape to a nearby home where the occupants later called authorities.

Nolan County deputy David McDonald said he has found evidence that Chaverria was dragged, but because of only minor injuries, doubts he was dragged more than 100 yards.

Sweetwater attorney Lance Hall is representing Amador.

Court to canvass votes on Monday

Scurry County Commissioners will meet in special session at 10 a.m. Monday to canvass votes from Tuesday's constitutional amendment election.

The court has no other business to consider.

Woman receives prison sentences

A 40-year-old Snyder woman will now serve eight years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following a plea bargain and probation revocation hearing Friday in 132nd District Court.

Delores Ann Davis of 901 29th Street, pleaded guilty to theft of less than $1,500, but the charge was enhanced because of two prior convictions – both in Scurry County in 1984 and 1994.

Senior District Judge Gene Dulaney assessed a two-year-state jail sentence for the theft of a camera, film and Sony discman on Sept. 1 from Wal-Mart.

Judge Dulaney also approved a revocation order for Davis who was serving an eight-year probated sentence for felony theft.

The two sentences will be served concurrently.

FINAL RUN — The Ritz Theatre's "I Remember Mama," has two final performances this weekend. The curtain goes up at 8 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Shade Everton, who portrays Uncle Chris, closely examines the teeth of his niece, Christine, played by Lacey Kincaid. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

ASK US

Q—I would like to make a complaint about the way my son is being treated in prison. Where do I write?

A—Office of the Ombudsman, Texas Department of Criminal Justiace, Box 99, Huntsville, TX 77340.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 81 degrees; low, 51; 7 a.m. Saturday, 57; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.80 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, fair. Lows, mid 40s. Sunday, mostly sunny, fair night. Lows, 40s. Highs, lower-mid 80s.

Dusty Davis
Sunny

Sunset:
5:51 p.m.
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Of 309 days in 1999, the sun has shone 302 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It's not true that nice guys finish last. Nice guys are winners before the game even starts.
—Addison Walker

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TO PERFORM — Thirty-seven Snyder High School and Snyder Junior High School choir students have been selected to perform with All-Region choirs in Lubbock on Saturday, Nov. 13. High school girls include (top left photo) back row, from left, Natalie Perez, Sarah Boley, Jessica Rylant; third row, Jacinda Judah, Debra Bollinger, Stephanie Crisp, Rachel Cave; second row, Marcie Rodriguez, Valerie Hernandez, Tazmean Moorehead; first row, Janecia Zamora, Felicia Ibarra, Scotti Boone. The boys (bottom left photo) include top row, from left, Tyler Trout, Patrick Alderete, Jonathan Garza; middle row, Josh Gutierrez, Bobby Sands; bottom row, Rumaldo Martinez, Jr. The junior high students (top right photo) include: top row from left, Cody Wall, Me[illegible]a Jerome, Beth Clements, Shana Blackard, Kelby Drum, Sarah Crawford; middle row, Molly Haire, Logan Martin, Rankin Hardin, Traci Jordan, Stephanie Parmer; bottom row, Sharena Lewis, Gerrico Greenlee, Brooke Peterson, Tanner Reed, Bradley Price. Tyler Thompson and Ryan Ward are not pictured. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Snyder choir students to sing at Nov. 13 All-Region concert

Some 37 Snyder High School and Junior High School choir students have been selected for the Texas Music Educators Association Region XVI Junior High Honors Choirs for 1999.

Students recently auditioned in Lubbock at Irons Junior High School. Seminole High School and Junior High School combined for a total of 35 students.

"This is the largest number of students representing Snyder that we have had selected for the region choirs in several years," said Ronda Haire, high school choir director.

Marci Dennis is the junior high choir director.

In addition, seven other Snyder High School choir students were selected earlier this year to be in the High School All-Region Choir.

They include Crissida Tyler, soprano I; Haley Holmes, soprano II; Alesha Miller, alternate soprano II; Patrick Vantine, tenor I; Mat Coronado, tenor II; Michael Compton and Tony Arispe, both bass I.

Both the high school All-Region Choir and the junior high school All-Region Choirs will present a concert at 5 p.m. at Monterey High School in Lubbock on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Snyder Junior High School students selected to the SSA (three part women's) All-Region Choir were Shana Blackard, Sarah Crawford, Kelby Drum, Melissa Jerome, Traci Jordan, Brooke Peterson, Stephanie Parmer, and Gerrico Greenlee as a first alternate; and Sharena Lewis, as a second alternate.

Selected to the junior high mixed choir are Beth Clements, Molly Haire, Rankin Hardin, Tanner Reed, Logan Martin, Bradley Price, Tyler Thompson, Cody Wall and Ryan Ward.

SHS freshman choir students selected to the SSA All-Region Choir were Natalie Perez, Debra Bollinger, Jacinda Judah, Janecia Zamora, Stephanie Crisp, Tazmean Moorehead, and as second alternates, Felicia Ibarra and Scotti Boone.

SHS freshman choir students chosen for the All-Region Junior High Mixed Choir include Sarah Boley, Jessica Rylant, Patrick Alderette, Rumaldo Martinez Jr. , Josh Gutierrez, Jonathan Garza, Rachel Cave, Valerie Hernandez, Marcie Rodriguez, Bobby Sands, and as second alternate, Tyler Trout.

Florida inmates are evacuated after fire

STARKE, Fla. (AP) — A fire at Florida State Prison forced the evacuation of 96 inmates Friday and led to a disturbance and attempted break out in which one guard was stabbed and five others injured.

A fight broke out after the prisoners were taken into the recreation yard as smoke filled a wing of the prison at about 1:15 p.m., said Department of Corrections spokesman C.J. Drake.

During the disturbance, several inmates tried to scale a fence and escape, but were caught.

"Two warning shots were fired when several inmates tried to scale the fence, fired into the air, but no one was injured" by the shotgun fire, Drake said.

One guard was stabbed in the wrist and taken to the hospital. The other five suffered minor injuries.

The disturbance began when an inmate set his mattress on fire. It was quickly put out but "smoked the place up," Drake said.

More than a dozen inmates complained of breathing problems during the evacuation.

Woman awarded $6.3 million from lawyers

HOUSTON (AP) — The ex-wife of a Houston billionaire has been awarded $6.3 million by jurors who decided that the two prominent divorce lawyers acted unfairly and fraudulently collected a $6.5 million fee.

The award Friday went to Linda Sarofin Lowe, 46, and included all but $200,000 of a fee she claimed attorneys Robert Piro and Earle Lilly "extorted" from her while doing virtually no work during her divorce from Fayez Sarofin.

Sarofin was identified in September by Forbes Magazine as Houston's wealthiest resident with $1.8 billion in assets.

The two attorneys represented Ms. Lowe in her 1996 divorce from Sarofim after a 1991 marriage. She obtained a $56 million settlement in the divorce in addition to $13 million under a prenuptial agreement.

The attorneys told the Houston Chronicle they were "shocked" by a decision they interpret as an attack against lawyers.

"I still believe in the jury system, but I can't help feel that it's open season on lawyers," said Earle Lilly. He acknowledged that a fee of $6 million was unusual in a divorce case, but he said the settlement of $56 million was also unusual.

Piro also criticized the jury's finding.

"We thought we were being fair, kind and generous to this woman," Piro said. He attributed the case to a failed relationship between Lilly and Lowe.

The attorneys will appeal, the said.

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Richard has been employed in the Rehab Department at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for two years. He graduated high school at Palacios, Texas; earned a B.S. in Biology at Abilene Christian University in 1994, and a Masters in Physical Therapy at Hardin Simmons University in 1997.

Richard and his wife, Missy, have been married six years and have a two year old son, Nathan.

He said the most rewarding aspect of his job is "To receive a genuine 'Thank You' when you have helped relieve a patient's pain, and the 'Thank You' doesn't have to be verbal, merely a look."

Richard enjoys outdoor activities, travel, fishing, watching movies and Monday Night Football.

He was selected for this honor following nominations by co-workers. Comments on nomination ballots for Richard included: displays knowledge, skill, and caring when treating his patients...willing to share new skills and insights with colleagues and continues to seek ways to grow professionally and personally...always pleasant and helpful no matter how high his caseload gets...very considerate and caring of others, patients and staff members alike... a great asset to Cogdell Hospital and the Rehab Department.

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Victory to observe 25th anniversary and kick-off special Bible conference

Victory Baptist Church, 3303 Apple Street, will celebrate its 25th anniversary Sunday, and kickoff a Bible conference which will run through Wednesday.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. The worship service is set for 10:45 a.m., with dinner on the grounds to follow. The evening service begins at 6:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday services are set for 7 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Jonathan J. Stewart, executive director of Norris Bible Institute in Fort Worth and the associate pastor of Victory Baptist Church in Weatherford.

The theme will be "Living With Heaven In View."

Special music is also planned.

Victory Baptist Church was organized on Nov. 7, 1974. The church met for services in the Northeast Elementary cafeteria until property was purchased on Apple Street.

The auditorium was built and dedicated on March 10, 1977. Pat Githens was the first pastor. He served from 1974-1978 and was followed by George Harris from 1978-1983. Don Gonce served from 1983-1986. Jim Dillow served from 1986-1989.

Pat Githens returned and served from 1989 to 1994. Dan Crawford, the current pastor, came in 1994. He invites everyone to attend.

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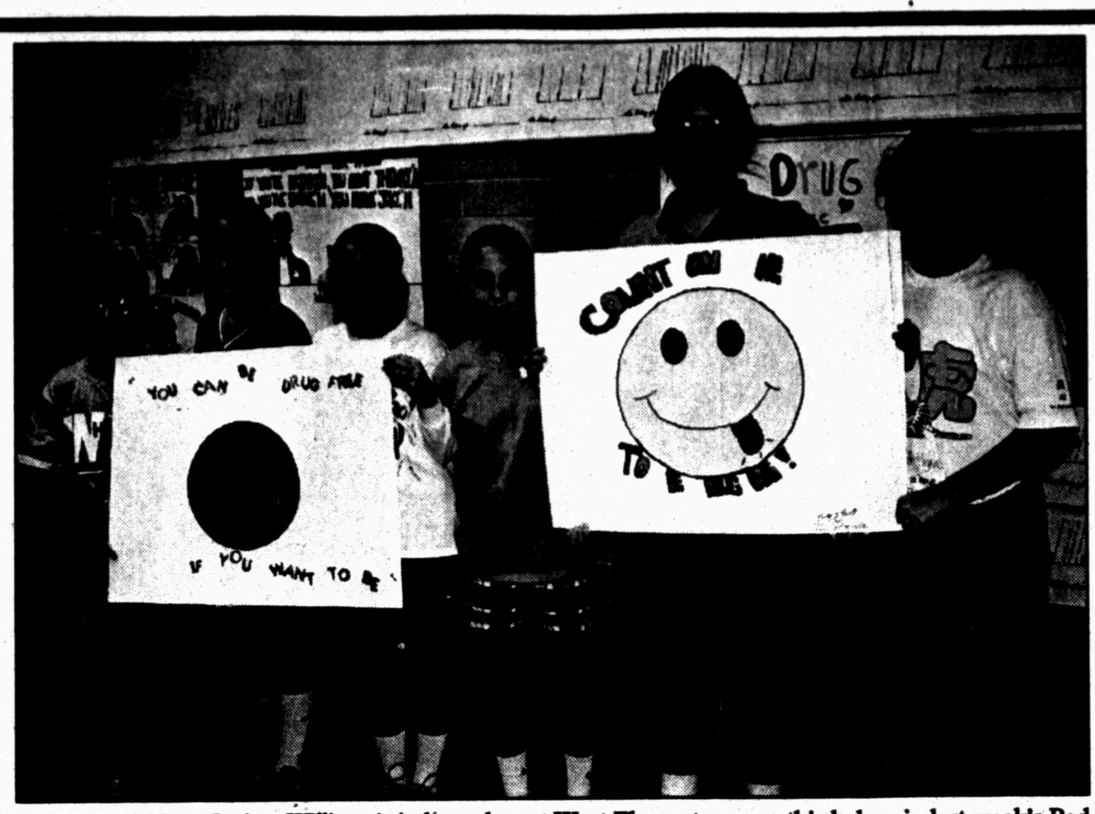
One soldier dies; 19 injured in mishap

FORT DRUM, N.Y. (AP) — A 5-ton military transport truck rolled over on the way to a training session Friday, killing an Army soldier and injuring 19.

The truck rolled over on a dirt road at Fort Drum, home of the 10th Mountain Division, a light infantry unit, according to a statement issued by the base.



THIRD PLACE — Jo Ann Williams' sixth graders at West Elementary won third place in last week's Red Ribbon Week poster contest. From left are Austin Lyle, Wendy Reed, Jana Lewis, Mega n McCormick, Kimberly Bell, Claire Pollard. Not pictured are Morgan Bilderback, Laura Boyd, Kathryn Curry, Ashley Hyer, Tara Kubena, Amber Luecke, Curtis Mason, Whitney Parks, Ashley Pavlovsky, Jessica Robbions, Tye Stone, Breanna Talavera, Christi Williams, Leslie Wright, Temi Thompson. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Amy Moore

Granddaughter of local couple very active in theatre

Amy Seale Moore was recently featured as Lucretia Otis in the Dallas Children's Theatre fall production, "The Canterville Ghost," written by playwright Oscar Wilde and presented in the Crescent Theater in Dallas.

Amy has appeared in several DCT productions. She also teaches acting at the Dallas Community Theater Academy. She recently co-produced a successful, independent short film entitled, "A Day At The Office."

Amy holds a BFA degree in theater from the College of Santa Fe and is the daughter of Marsha Moore of Colorado City, and the granddaughter of Bill and Finnie Seale of Snyder.

Shooter's sketch to be released

SEATTLE (AP) — Police say they have a sketch, based on witness accounts, of a fugitive gunman who killed two men and wounded two others at a shipyard office building.

They plan to release the sketch this weekend.

The shooter entered the gray, two-story Northlake Shipyard building through the front door on Wednesday. He went straight to the bookkeeper's office in the rear and opened fire. He left without a word.

Investigators say they believe the shooting was the result of a a grudge against one of the two men who died, according to unidentified law enforcement officials who spoke to The Seattle Times on Friday.

The conclusion was drawn from evidence at the scene and leads, said the sources, who spoke to the newspaper on condition on anonymity.

Peter Giles, 27, and Russell James Brisendine, 43, were killed in the shooting. Two others — a new employee and a fisherman — were wounded. The sources, who are familiar with the investigation, did not say who was believed to be targeted.

Police Chief Norm Stamper has described the attack as "a deliberate, calculated act," though he h:s not commented on a motive

Police refused to comment on the newspaper report Friday.

The gunman was described as a man in his 30s with curly brown hair and a mustache. He wore a baseball cap, sunglasses and a dark overcoat over camouflage clothing.

Region XIV now accepting applications for certification

Applications for the Region 14 Education Service Center's 2000-2001 Alternative Certification Program for certification of special education teachers will be accepted until Feb. 25, 2000.

The program allows college graduates wanting to be special education teachers to earn certification as they train and teach full time, serving as interns with mentor teachers in area school districts.

Participants complete course work and training in area school districts. Participants complete course work and training in the spring and summer prior to entering the classroom. During the intership year, further college course work and training is continued.

Applicants are selected from those meeting the following admission requirements:

*Received bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

*Attained a minimum of 2.5 grade point average overall or 2.75 on the last 60 hours.

Earned at least passing scores on the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP)

*Acceptable score on a critical thinking test administered at Region XVI ESC.

Completion of an interview process.

Those who are interested in applying for the training program must have passed the TASP (Texas Academic Skills Program). The latest possible administration that an applicant can take the test and still be eligible for acceptance into the program is March 4, 2000.

Registration deadline for that test is Feb. 4, 2000. Emergency registration (by phone only — 517-927-5398 is available through Wednesday.

The teaching certificate enables recipients to teach anywhere in Texas in special education in grades Pre-K through grade 12. Reciprocity is available in some other states.

For information on Region XIV's program contact: Brenda Jackson 915-675-8630.

First Christian gets new organ

First Christian Church has a new Rodgers, two manual, Model 751e organ with MIDI sequencers/sound module - the top of the line in electric powered organs.

The old organ, which had served the congregation for two decades, was struck by lightning last spring.

A formal dedication service is planned for later in the year or soon after Jan. 1.

Reba Bailey, the congregation's organist/pianist, said, "It can do just about anything. It can sound chimes, play like an orchestra and has a harpsichord/piano option on it. She will play the organ for the first time on Sunday.

Pair are arrested

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dennis Rodman and actress Carmen Electra were arrested on battery charges early Friday after getting into a fight at a hotel.

Both were charged with misdemeanors and ordered to stay at least 500 feet away from each other. They were released Friday afternoon on $2,500 bail after spending several hours handcuffed in custody.

Rodman, the former basketball player, and Electra, who appeared on the TV series "Baywatch," were married last year in Las Vegas. Nine days later, Rodman announced he was seeking an annulment, claiming he was of unsound mind when he recited his vows. Ms. Electra filed for divorce in April.

Rodman smiled as he left the Miami jail Friday, telling reporters: "It's one of those situations."

Their attorney, Roy Black, said the arrest was "an overreaction" and neither wanted to press charges. "They both told me that this was a misunderstanding between the two of them," he said.

Death recommend

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A jury recommended the death penalty on Friday for a 20-year-old man who killed his young girlfriend's mother by choking her, injecting her with a syringe of bleach and stabbing her.

Adam Davis buried his face in his hands when he heard the jury's recommendation of execution by a 7-5 vote. He was convicted Thursday of murder in the June 27, 1998 slaying of Vicki Robinson.

Judge Cynthia Holloway will decide between execution and life in prison at sentencing on Dec. 17.

Happy 8th Birthday
to our "Honey Bunny"
Amanda
Nicole Browning

We Love You
Mommy & Daddy

Department of the Month

Price Daniel Unit Clinic

Front row (from left) Carroll Spencer, D'Ann Beck, Kathy Huff; (second rwo) Carolyn Sutton, Patsy Ramon, Daisey Braziel, and Irene Canales; (back row) Lisa Brooks, Lana Hataway, Annette Grady, Sue Austin, Donna Bolton, Juanita Underhill.

In making this selection, Jeff Reecer, CEO, stated, "Cogdell Hospital's Medical Clinic at the Price Daniel Unit is faced with a unique set of challenges in fulfilling their mission to provide quality healthcare within a prison environment, and the CMH employees have certainly excelled in meeting these challenges."

The PDU Clinic was the pioneer in developing a viable partnership between the state's prison system and rural hospitals, a system that has proven to be very effective in meeting the healthcare needs of the state's offenders.

The clinic recently achieved the unprecedented feat of combining a perfect accrediation survey with a perfect score in certain areas of TDCJ's Operational Audit.

The Cogdell Memorial Hospital Medical Clinic at PDU provides medical, dental, and mental health services to the over 1300 offenders housed at the prison.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital operates this clinic under contract to Texas Tech University Health Science Center, which is responsible for providing medical services to the western half of the state's prison system.

PRICE DANIEL CLINIC CMH EMPLOYEES:

Charles Hurst, PHSA, (Prison Health Services Administrator)

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Medical Records: Lana Hataway

Secretarial Staff: Annette Grady, Sr. Sec., Lisa Brooks, Unit Sec.

Clinic Clerk: Daisey Braziel

Unit Supply Tech: Lynn Overton

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Financial Focus

To the casual observer, it might seem that for the past several years, everyone has been a winner in the stock market. It's easy to understand why this view persists. After all, headlines trumpet the latest milestone achieved by the Dow Jones Industrial Average, and news accounts are filled with stories about people who have made vast sums by investing.

However, it is often the case, truth is different from perception. In reality, much of the stock market's record run-up has been due to the performance of a relatively small number of stocks — mostly well-known blue chips and fast-growing technology companies. That leaves a lot of stocks that may not have done well — and many of them have not done well.

Just because a particular stock has slumped for a while, does that mean it's a "loser"? Not necessarily. Nonetheless, far too many people "bail out" on stocks that have fallen in value. By selling when the stock price is down, these investors are doing the exact opposite of the classic "buy low, sell high" investment formula.

The key to making smart "sell" decisions depends on careful analysis of the depressed stock. Any number of factors may cause a stock's price to drop for an extended period of time. An energy stock, for instance, will suffer when world oil prices are down. Other stocks may flatten because, after their prices initially ran up on investor enthusiasm, it may take some time for earnings to climb enough to support higher stock prices. This has happened in recent years with several well-known stocks, including Wal-Mart. If investors had jumped ship while these stocks were stagnant, they would have missed out on tremendous future growth.

When, then, should you sell stock that has performed sluggishly for some time? You need to determine if the stock's fundamentals have changed. Is a new management team in place? Have the company's products fallen behind those of its competitors? Or is the company a fading industry?

If any of these fundamental factors have changed, then it may be time to consider selling your stock and using the money to invest in a better opportunity. But if you determine that the fundamentals are still sound, and that the company still has good long-term prospects, then you should look beyond its current performance.

It's very costly to constantly buy and sell stocks, and most investors are not successful in chasing performance. That's why it's almost always a good idea to find good, solid companies — and hang on to them for the long term. Today's "losers" may be down — but they might not be out. And when they rebound, you'll be glad you stuck with them.

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Questions meant to embarrass not enlighten

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush calls it "gotcha" journalism — the setup designed to trip him up. The latest episode raises the issue of whether it's fair to ask questions intended to embarrass more than enlighten.

Politicians have been bedeviled in the past by questions on the price of milk, the location of Bosnia, a phantom county in Illinois and why they want to be president. Now Bush has flubbed a mini-quiz revealing he could not name leaders in three of four trouble spots.

While the media are sometimes torn over when it's right to investigate a politician's personal behavior, policy questions are usually a cinch in weighing journalistic ethics: Anything goes.

But Wednesday surprise test by Andy Hiller, political reporter for WHDH-TV in Boston, has some media-watchers wondering if even fact-driven questioning can go too far.

"Ambushing a presidential candidate is not necessarily unfair if the questions themselves are meaningful and the answers tell us something," says Tom Rosenstiel, director of the Project for Excellence in Journalism, a Washington think-tank affiliated with Columbia University.

"Unfortunately, I don't think these questions met that test."

Hiller challenged Bush to identify the leaders of Chechnya, India, Pakistan and Taiwan, four places that have been much in the news but are not uppermost in U.S. foreign policy. Bush identified Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan. (The others are Aslan Maskhadov of Chechnya, Atal Bihari Vajpayee of India and Gen. Pervaiz Musharraf of Pakistan).

It's not the first time questions have served — or even been designed — to catch a politician off guard.

In 1992, Carol Moseley-Braun fell for the legendary Illinois gotcha question. Asked in her successful Democratic Senate campaign how she expected to do in nonexistent Lincoln County, she predicted victory there — illustrating to some that she did not know her state very well outside Chicago.

In his 1996 Senate race, then-Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., peered at a globe and muttered: "It's here somewhere" when asked by a TV station to locate Bosnia.

He testily refused to estimate the price of milk, bread and gasoline — questions many candidates have faced from reporters or audiences trying to plumb whether they have enough of the common touch to know the insides of a grocery store. Wyden won anyway.

Vice President Al Gore's staff made hay of Bush's stumble but the undertone elsewhere in the political class was: There but for the grace of God go I.

Challenged by Bush on his own world knowledge, Hiller said that he, unlike the governor, is not running for president.

That's a reasonable point, said John Hughes, editor of The Deseret News in Salt Lake City and a former journalism teacher at Brigham Young University. "In this case, I don't think that particular set of questions establishes or not his qualification to conduct foreign policy."

Rosenstiel said putting Bush on the spot on U.S. policy in those three countries and the rebel Russian republic of Chechnya might have been revealing but simply testing him on names seemed pointless.

"Some expectation that he would have knowledge beyond the average citizen is not only expected but desired," he said. "But this wasn't that.

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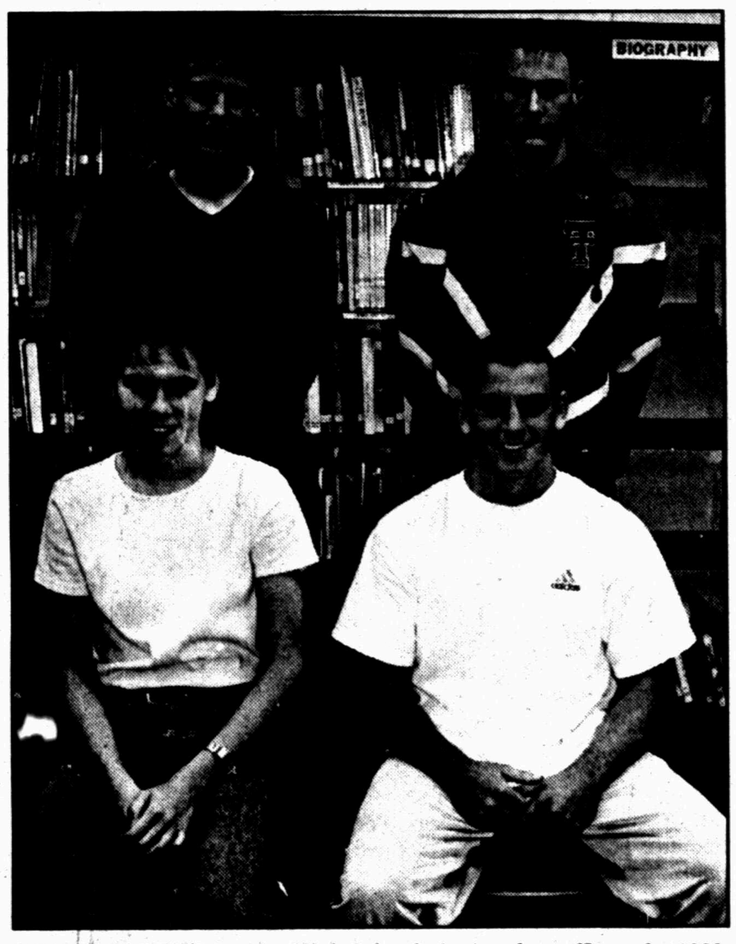

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SPORTS

Done deal: District champs

Tigers secure 5-4A title with 16-13 victory

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

It wasn't pretty, and it certainly wasn't easy. But when all was said and done, it was all theirs.

The Snyder Tigers captured the District 5-4A title outright Friday night, by holding off the upset-minded Lake View Chiefs, 16-13, at Tiger Stadium.

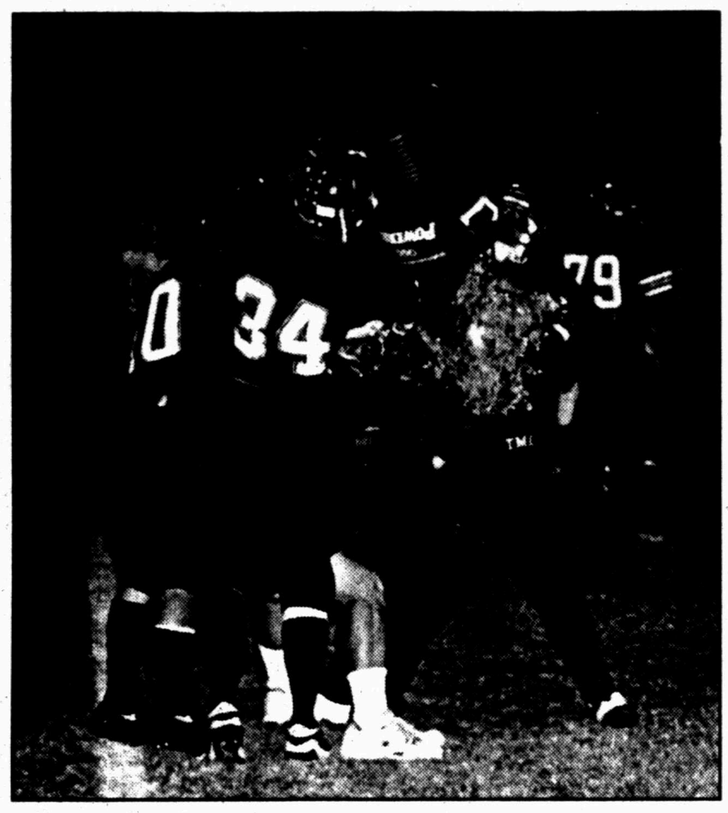
The district championship is the first for Snyder since 1990, and closes the books on a perfect 5-0 romp through league play. It's the first time Snyder has run the table in district competition since 1978, and only the sixth time in the last 50 years.

"If we would have lost, it wouldn't have been the most devastating loss we've ever had. But I wanted to win, and the players wanted to win," said Snyder coach David Baugh. "This is something these kids can really be proud of. It probably hasn't sunk in yet. But a few years down the road, they'll be able to look back and realize what a great accomplishment this is."

Regardless of Friday's outcome, the Tigers were headed to the playoffs for the third consecutive year. Snyder will square off with District 8 runner-up Everman (7-3) at 2 p.m. Saturday at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

With a postseason berth already in hand, Snyder was playing for a district championship. But the Chiefs almost spoiled the Tigers' coronation party.

After playing near flawless football through the first four district games, the Tigers committed a pair of rare second-half turnovers that gave Lake View new life.



CELEBRATION SHOWER — Michael Loper (34) and two Tiger teammates drench coaches Joe Granato and Steve Medley Friday night following Snyder's 16-13 win over Lake View. The victory clinched the District 5-4A championship for the Tigers. (SDN Photo by Laura Canada)

Clinging to a 16-6 lead, the Tigers opened the fourth quarter deep in their own territory. On second and six from the 9-yard-line, Lake View's Adrian Greenwood picked off a Sonny Cumbie pass and strolled untouched into the endzone. It was only Cumbie's fourth interception of the year, but it slashed the Tigers' lead to 16-13 with 10 minutes left in the game.

Two plays later, the Chiefs were back in business at the Snyder 45 when Edwin James fumbled at the end of a 20-yard run.

With the momentum clearly shifted in Lake Views' favor, the Chiefs began a 12-play, six-minute drive that would decide the Tigers' title fate.

Lake View workhorse Rashad Chance, who finished the night with 95 yards on 24 carries, ran four consecutive times down to the Snyder 30. Quarterback David Lankford completed a pair of passes to net 22 yards, and ran twice put the ball on the Tigers' doorstep.

With a third-and-goal situation at the Snyder 2-yard-line, it was Alfred Walton, instead of Chance, who got the call on back-to-back carries. But it was the Tiger defense that made the plays.

Snyder surrendered only a yard to Walton on third down, before stuffing him for no gain on fourth down. It was the third time the Tigers had stopped the Chiefs on fourth down. Lake View went for it on fourth down on its first two possessions of the night, but were turned away in both attempts.

"I thought our defense played great all night," said Baugh. "Lake View has a lot of quickness on both sides of the ball, and they are hard to contain. Chance had three long touchdown runs last week against Big Spring, but our kids didn't let him get loose all night."

The Tigers would have to halt only one more Lake View drive to secure the 5-4A crown. On fourth down from his own 38-yard-line, Lankford was still barking signals when the ball was snapped. Snyder swarmed the Chief QB for a 12-yard loss, then killed off the remaining 28 seconds.

"They made it close in the end," Baugh stated. "We ran the ball a lot more in the second half, because we got to a point where we were trying to run some time off the clock, and we were going into a stiff breeze. But I felt if they would've scored, we still had a good chance to win. I have enough confidence in our offense, that I think we could have made a run at them. But it ended up that we didn't need to."

The Tiger offense didn't need a desperation drive, thanks to a 16-point effort in the first half.

After Lake View failed to convert on fourth down from the Snyder 40-yard line, the Tigers methodically marched downfield. Josh Arizmendi capped the 11-play drive with a 26-yard sprint for a 7-0 lead, after the Ralph Ramon kick.

Following another fourth-down stop by the Tigers' defense, Ramon extended the margin in the second quarter with a 34-yard field goal.

After neither team could pick up a first down on its next possession, the Tigers benefited from the first turnover of the night just prior to halftime.

Lake View's Oscar Solis had Snyder punt bounce off his leg, and John Ortegon hopped on the loose ball at the Chiefs' 40-yard-line.

The Tigers immediately turned the miscue into points when Cumbie hit Matthew Grimmett with a scoring strike down the left sideline. The extra point attempt sailed wide, for a 16-0 halftime tally.

Lake View trimmed the margin midway through the third quarter when Chance hurdled the Snyder defense from a yard out. Bebos Martinez broke up Lankford's pass on the two-point conversion, preserving Snyder's 10-point lead.

"I'm really proud of the job our coaching staff has done this season to get the kids ready to play, and I'm proud of the way the kids have responded," Baugh remarked. "Nobody expected us to do this, but we did. This is a tremendous accomplishment for our players and coaches."

In addition to the district title, Cumbie notched another milestone against the Chiefs. The Tiger senior set a Snyder High School record for passing yards in a season, throwing for 1,325 yards to surpass the old mark of 1,272 yards, set by Matt Parker in 1995.

In other action around the district, Big Spring rolled over Sweetwater, 48-14, to put the Steers in the postseason. Big Spring will advance into the Division I playoffs where it will face Brownwood in the opening round.

Andrews finished its regular season with a 42-0 shutout of Fort Stockton. The Mustangs will square off with top-ranked Stephenville in the first round of the playoffs.

Game Summary

Lake View	00	00	06	07 — 13
Snyder	07	09	00	00 — 16

First Quarter

Snyder — Josh Arizmendi 26-yard run (Ralph Ramon kick), 2:29.

Second Quarter

Snyder — Ramon 34-yard field goal, 3:56.

Snyder — Matthew Grimmett 40-yard pass from Sonny Cumbie (kick failed), 1:03.

Third Quarter

Lake View — Rashad Chance 1-yard run (pass failed), 5:37.

Fourth Quarter

Lake View — Adrian Greenwood 15-yard interception return (Kenny Stewart kick), 10:53.

	LV	Sny
First Downs	16	12
Rushes-yards	38-150	36-228
Passing yards	159	68
Comp-Att-Int	12-21-0	3-11-1
Punts	2-38.0	3-38.7
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-yards	7-50	5-35
Time of poss.	23:24	24:36

RUSHING — Lake View: Chance, 24-95; Lankford, 12-54; Walton, 2-1. **Snyder:** Arizmendi, 10-92; Brandon, 16-60; James, 2-30; Cumbie 6-29; B. Martinez, 2-17.

PASSING — Lake View: Lankford 12 of 21 for 159 yards. **Snyder:** Cumbie 3 of 11 for 68 yards, 1 TD, 1 int.

RECEIVING — Lake View: Solis, 3-62; Linthicum, 4-37; Blankenship, 2-38; Gonzales, 1-14; Williams, 2-8. **Snyder:** Grimmett, 2-53; Arizmendi, 1-15.

District 5-4A Football

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	5	0	8	2
Andrews	4	1	8	2
Lake View	2	3	4	6
Sweetwater	2	3	3	7
Big Spring	2	3	7	3
Fort Stockton	0	5	2	8

Friday's results: Snyder 16, Lake View 13; Big Spring 48, Sweetwater 14; Andrews 42, Fort Stockton 0.

HEAD-TO-HEAD COLLISION — A pair of Snyder defenders gang up on a Lake View ball carrier Friday night duirng district action at Tiger Stadium. The Tiger defense stopped the Chiefs on the 1-yard-line to preserve a 16-13 win. (SDN Photo by Laura Canada)

16 players opt for free agency

NEW YORK (AP) — It didn't take long for the Yankees' players to turn their attention from the World Series title to business.

Catcher Joe Girardi became a free agent Friday along with two relievers who pitched to him: Mike Stanton and Allen Watson.

Sixteen players filed Friday, increasing the total to 105 with six days remaining. Among them were the Texas Rangers' Aaron Sele, who will be one of the most sought-after pitchers.

While Stanton and Watson apparently want to remain with the Yankees, Girardi isn't so sure. He'd like to be a full-time starter, perhaps returning to the Chicago Cubs.

Girardi hit .239 with two homers and 27 RBIs in 209 at-bats, while Posada hit .245 with 12 homers and 57 RBIs in 379 at-bats.

Stanton and Watson are both left-handed, which makes them valuable. The Yankees also may be interested in signing free-agent left-hander Graeme Lloyd. They dealt Lloyd to Toronto last February.

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SPORTS

NOT A CHANCE — Snyder junior Tremaine Johnson hauls down Lake View running back Rashad Chance during the District 5-4A finale at Tiger Stadium. Chance, who rushed for over 200 yards last week against Big Spring, was limited to just 95 yards. (SDN Photo by Laura Canada)

Coyotes take care of Cards in district finale

GAIL — The Borden County Coyotes are headed back to the playoffs, and Friday night they proved why.

Borden County rushed for 283 yards and passed for 137 more en route to a 62-14 victory over the Hermleigh Cardinals.

While Hermleigh finishes its season with a 4-6 mark, the 8-2 Coyotes advance to face Meadow in the first round of the playoffs Friday at 7:30 at Klondike.

In the regular season finale, the Coyotes and the Cardinals battled through the first period, before Borden County took control in the second quarter.

Ed Rodriguez, who scored from five yards out in the first quarter, plunged in from the 2-yard-line to raise the Coyotes lead to 14-0.

Borden County extended the margin on a 34-yard run by Joseph Hardman, before the Cardinals got rolling.

Hermleigh quickly slashed the deficit to 12 points when Chris Doggett took the ensuing kickoff and raced 68 yards to paydirt.

The Cardinals cut into the Coyotes' advantage again just minutes later with a three-yard touchdown pass from Doggett to Caleb Callaway for a 20-14 tally.

The Borden County defense made sure Hermleigh would get no closer. The Coyotes crafted a shutout for the remainder of the game, limiting the Cardinals' aerial attack to just 50 yards.

Borden County registered three more touchdowns before halftime. T.J. Sharp hauled in a 10-yard scoring toss from Kevin Pinkerton, followed by a three-yard Rodriguez run. Pinkerton closed out the first-half scoring when he scrambled in from 11 yards out.

Leading 40-14, the Coyotes kept the pressure on in the third quarter.

Pinkerton threw for one touchdown and ran for another to push the margin to 56-14. The pass covered 38 yards and was hauled in by Tom Griffin.

The Coyotes capped the scoring with a seven-yard sprint by Sharp, ending the contest on the 45-point rule.

Braves, Yankees on Griffey's short list

NEW YORK (AP) — It seems sort of unfair to the rest of baseball.

Junior in pinstripes?

After all, George Steinbrenner's New York Yankees have won two straight World Series and are the early favorite to win another next season.

Ken Griffey Jr. already has given the Seattle Mariners a list of teams he would be agreeable to play for in a trade — and the Yankees might be on it.

"We have a preagreed list of teams, so they're not wasting their time or knocking their heads," his agent, Brian Goldberg, said Friday.

The Mariners asked Griffey and Goldberg not to reveal the teams on the list or even the number of clubs.

"They may want to get some teams in the fray who are not part of it to drive the price up," Goldberg said. "Kenny said, 'That's the least I can do.'"

Atlanta, which has won eight straight division titles, is considered the front-runner to get Griffey, who said he wanted to play closer to his Orlando, Fla., home. It's a short flight away, and the Braves' spring training camp in Kissimmee, Fla., is within driving distance of Griffey's home.

Cincinnati is also interested. Griffey Sr. played for the Big Red Machine in the 1970s and Griffey Jr. grew up there.

But nobody's ruling out the Yankees — not even the competition.

"We all know the kind of great teams and great players that Mr. Steinbrenner has put on the field," Reds general manager Jim Bowden said. "I would not count him out."

Griffey had said he wouldn't play in the Bronx because of the way his father, Ken Griffey Sr., was treated when he played for the Yankees from 1982 to 1986.

But Goldberg said that's not necessarily true anymore.

"Senior made a point of telling him he shouldn't be blaming George for things that happened years ago as a kid," Goldberg said.

He said the senior Griffey told his son it was "more someone else's doing."

Advice from Senior to Junior is taken to heart, Goldberg said.

"Junior listens to his dad big time. He's very protective of his dad. He's real close to him," said the agent, who also represented Griffey Sr.

Without naming names, Goldberg indicated the cause of past Yankee trouble was manager Billy Martin, who died in 1989. Goldberg said he didn't want to accuse someone "no longer around to defend himself."

Griffey joining up with Derek Jeter, Bernie Williams, Roger Clemens, Orlando Hernandez, and Mariano Rivera, to name a few Yanks, could not be a pleasant thought for other teams hoping for a World Series championship for themselves.

Even with a payroll already approaching $100 million for next season, the Yankees could find space for Griffey, Williams and Paul O'Neill in the same outfield. With a top ticket price that probably will be $55 or $60 for next season and more than $50 million in broadcast income, the Yankees' revenue probably will be around $200 million.

And that doesn't even include the $200 million or more that Steinbrenner and his limited partners will get as a result of their merger with the NBA's New Jersey Nets.

Goldberg emphasized that Griffey will work with the Mariners and that any parting would be amicable. He doesn't know how quickly, or even if, a trade can be worked out.

His guess was that initial talks would take place at the general managers' meeting that starts this weekend in Dana Point.

'Dogs close year by finishing off 'Cats

WESTBROOK — To finish their 1999 gridiron campaign, the Ira Bulldogs put in a workman-like performance.

Ira registered a touchdown in every quarter Friday night, and rolled up 369 yards of total offense, to hold off Westbrook, 28-16.

The Bulldogs finish their season with an 8-2 mark overall, and a 3-2 record in District 6 competition.

Senior Jerek Brown, who moved to quarterback last week in place of injured sophomore Nathan Smith, posted all four of Ira's touchdowns through the air.

The Bulldogs took the early lead when Jose Juarez hauled in a 30-yard aerial from Brown in the first quarter.

The Wildcats jumped in front, 8-6, early in the second period, before Brown lofted a 46-yard touchdown pass to Cade Tucker. Logan Daves kicked the extra points for a 14-8 Ira advantage.

The Bulldogs' defense shut down Westbrook in the third quarter. Brown's 10-yard toss to Jeremy Bowden, and Logan Daves' kick, were the only points of the period and pushed the margin to 22-8.

Daves opened the final 10 minutes of action by hauling in a 10-yard strike from Brown to cap Ira's night offensively. The Wildcats scored in the final seconds to close the gap to 28-16.

Juarez anchored the Bulldogs' ground attack with 132 yards on 14 carries, while Bowden churned out 70 yards on 13 attempts. Through the air, Brown was 8 of 14 for 168 yards.

Spurs down struggling Rockets, 95-85

HOUSTON (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs and Houston Rockets are headed in opposite directions.

Avery Johnson scored 10 of his 14 points in the third quarter and Mario Elie hit two crucial 3-point baskets as the Spurs held off the Rockets 95-85 Friday night.

The Spurs opened their season 3-0 for the first time since 1984 and the Rockets started 0-3 for the first time since 1982.

The Spurs got approval on Tuesday for a new arena. The Rockets had a similar proposal rejected by voters.

"It's a great start," David Robinson said. "It could not have started much better than it has. We're not playing as good as we can play. It's exciting to be 3-0 and get the arena makes it a great week."

Terry Porter led the Spurs with 18 points in 29 minutes and Johnson kept the Spurs in the game when Houston made a third quarter charge.

"My game is pretty simple," Porter said. "When Avery needs a rest that's when I'm going to get minutes. Right now, my shot is going real good. I'm trying to contribute with that. It's exciting the way we started this year."

San Antonio took a 72-71 lead into the fourth quarter and led thereafter. Elie's 3-point basket with 7:13 to play gave the Spurs an 81-77 lead after the Rockets got within one.

With 1:42 to go and the Rockets trailing by five points, Elie sank another 3-pointer that ended Houston's hopes.

"That's why I'm here," Elie said. "It's like when Terry Porter came up big, I was here for our guys. I don't get many shots, but when I get open shots, I've got to knock them down."

Elie finished with 15. Tim Duncan had 14 points and 10 rebounds and Robinson had 10 points and 11 rebounds.

"Everything's going well but we have a lot of improvement to get where we need to be," Duncan said. "Tonight we played hard for 48 minutes. That's the only kind of basketball we know how to play."

Walt Williams led the Rockets with 19 points and Barkley had 18 points and 13 rebounds.

"You have to remain positive and this is a test for us," Barkley said. "You can't quit. You can die or pass out but you can't quit. We are only three games into the season but we need to get it together."

The Spurs went on a 10-2 run early in the second quarter for their biggest lead of the half at 39-30. Porter scored 11 points over the final seven minutes of the quarter, allowing San Antonio to retain the lead.

Stars snap winless streak

PHOENIX (AP) — Brett Hull's second goal of the third period, a power-play slap shot with 1:58 remaining, broke a tie and Dallas went on to a 6-4 victory over Phoenix on Friday night.

It ended a three-game losing streak for the defending Stanley Cup champion, which also got two goals from Guy Carbonneau, including an empty-netter with two seconds remaining.

Hull and Jamie Wright scored 21 seconds apart to forge a 3-3 tie 1:28 into the third period.

The Coyotes took a 4-3 lead on Jyrki Lumme's power-play goal with 5:45 remaining.

Dallas tied it with 3:31 left. Sergei Zubov wristed a loose puck past Coyotes goaltender Mikhail Shtalenkov.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	3	0	1.000	—
New York	3	0	1.000	—
Miami	2	1	.667	1
Washington	1	1	.500	1½
Orlando	1	2	.333	2
New Jersey	0	3	.000	3
Philadelphia	0	3	.000	3
Central Division				
Milwaukee	2	0	1.000	—
Charlotte	2	1	.667	½
Cleveland	2	1	.667	½
Toronto	2	1	.667	½
Indiana	1	1	.500	1
Atlanta	0	2	.000	2
Chicago	0	2	.000	2
Detroit	0	3	.000	2½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	3	0	1.000	—
Dallas	1	1	.500	1½
Denver	1	1	.500	1½
Utah	1	1	.500	1½
Minnesota	0	1	.000	2
Vancouver	0	2	.000	2½
Houston	0	3	.000	3
Pacific Division				
Portland	3	0	1.000	—
L.A. Lakers	2	0	1.000	½
Seattle	2	0	1.000	½
Sacramento	1	0	1.000	1
Phoenix	1	1	.500	1½
L.A. Clippers	1	2	.333	2
Golden State	0	2	.000	2½

Thursday's Games

Toronto 97, Miami 86
Charlotte 98, Indiana 89
Milwaukee 119, Atlanta 109
Utah 98, Houston 82
Phoenix 84, Philadelphia 80
San Antonio 104, Golden State 81
Seattle 106, Dallas 96

Friday's Games

Boston 103, Charlotte 100
Toronto 112, New Jersey 92
Cleveland 104, Orlando 99
San Antonio 95, Houston 85
New York 103, Detroit 91
Miami 105, Chicago 87
Portland 95, Denver 83
Sacramento 100, Minnesota 95
L.A. Clippers 91, Philadelphia 81

Saturday's Games

Boston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10 p.m.
Denver at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Utah at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Sacramento vs. Minnesota at Tokyo, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Charlotte at Toronto, 1 p.m.
Washington at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

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Sanders, Moss set for prime time match-up

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Deion Sanders' troublesome toe deprived football fans of one of the elite matchups in the NFL last season.

The league's best cover cornerback watched helplessly from the Dallas Cowboys' sideline as Randy Moss burned his backups for three long touchdown catches in the Minnesota Vikings' 46-36 victory on Thanksgiving Day.

Moss had TD receptions of 51, 56 and 56 yards in cementing his own reputation as a prime time player.

"There was a lot of talk about it last year, how things would've been different if we'd have had Deion," Dallas safety George Teague said.

The teams meet again Monday night at the Metrodome with Sanders and Moss, the 1998 Offensive Rookie of the Year, finally getting to face each other.

"There's going to be a lot of eyes on that matchup. I know I'll be watching to see what happens," Teague said. "Mr. Moss is a great athlete and a great receiver, but we've got a guy who can handle him, that's for sure. My money's on Prime Time."

Minnesota's money is on Moss, who has struggled at times this year against multiple coverage — he has just four TD catches after getting 17 last year — but is still every bit the threat he was last season.

He caught a career-high 10 passes against Detroit three weeks ago and had an 84-yard touchdown catch against Denver's Dale Carter last week called back by a debatable push-off.

Sanders is struggling, too. He strained a hamstring last week, when he was burned several times in Indianapolis, and has walked with a pronounced limp since.

But both are eager to showcase their skills in a key game for both Dallas (4-3) and Minnesota (4-4).

"I think it's a good chance for me to go against the best and for Deion to go against the best," Moss said.

Outwardly, Sanders isn't as caught up in the matchup.

"When you talk about the Minnesota Vikings, you're looking forward to Cris Carter, Randy Moss and Jake Reed — a trio of receivers that's great. You really can't just emphasize one," Sanders insisted.

But Sanders' teammates are absorbed in the showdown.

Sanders got beat several times last week by Marvin Harrison in Indianapolis, the worst coming when he bit on play-action and was burned for a long touchdown.

"The guy is human," Teague said. "I guess he is entitled to get beat once every six years."

Moss has held his own against the premier defenders in the league, including Carter last week and Oakland's Charles Woodson.

But he considers Sanders the only cornerback worthy of his worry.

When he faced Woodson in Week 2, he said he wasn't concerned at all: "I could see if it was Deion Sanders. I'd be like, well OK, I'm a little shaky, I'm a little nervous because it's Deion, but man it's just another guy."

Moss isn't just impressed by Sanders' skills, but by his showmanship.

"I think it's just his passion and desire to go out there and showboat and also to show you that he can still make it happen," Moss said.

Although many teams concede Sanders half the field, Minnesota quarterback Jeff George said he won't allow Sanders to negate his deep threat.

Class 5A

Abilene 20, Abilene Cooper 7
Alief Elsik 21, Alief Hastings 14
Allen 19, Richardson 14
Arlington Lamar 35, Duncanville 27
Arlington Martin 51, Arlington Houston 50
Austin Westlake 63, Seguin 0
Baytown Lee 17, Kingwood 16
Bryan 10, Pflugerville 7
CC Carroll 55, CC King 0
Carrollton Smith 28, Carrollton Turner 25
Clear Brook 21, Alvin 14
Copperas Cove 38, Killeen 6
Cypress Springs 41, Houston Langham Creek 0
Dallas Skyline 65, Dallas Molina 20
DeSoto 35, Mansfield 12
Eagle Pass 36, Zapata 28
Euless Trinity 40, Hurst Bell 6
Fort Bend Kempner 33, Fort Bend Dulles 7
Galena Park North Shore 37, Pasadena 14
Galveston Ball 48, Angleton 15
Haltom 42, Richland 9
Houston Lamar 41, Houston Bellaire 24
Houston Spring Woods 35, Houston Northbrook 26
Houston Washington 33, Houston Milby 26
Houston Worthing 63, Houston Sharpstown 57
Houston Yates 28, Houston Sam Houston 7
Humble 30, Baytown Sterling 23
Huntsville 24, Tomball 22
Irving MacArthur 13, Irving 10
Katy 42, Katy Taylor 21
Klein 48, Klein Oak 8
Klein Forest 31, A&M Consolidated 16
Laredo Cigarroa 27, Laredo United 14
Laredo United South 45, Laredo Alexander 14
Lewisville 42, McKinney 20
Lubbock Coronado 55, Lubbock 19
Lubbock Monterey 24, San Angelo Central 17
Mesquite 38, North Garland 14
Midland Lee 35, Midland 28
Odessa Permian 21, Odessa 0
Pasadena Dobie 28, Deer Park 16
Pearland 39, Clear Creek 21
Plano 33, Richardson Pearce 10
Plano East 42, Richardson Berkner 21
Rockwall 13, Lake Highlands 10
Round Rock Westwood 41, Round Rock 12
SA Clark 35, Del Rio 20
SA East Central 35, SA Jefferson 0
SA Harlandale 35, SA McCollum 14
SA Highlands 38, SA Brackenridge 3
SA Marshall 21, SA Taft 14
SA Roosevelt 42, SA Madison 7
South Grand Prairie 35, Flower Mound Marcus 0
Spring 28, Spring Westfield 14
Temple 34, Killeen Ellison 30
The Colony 22, Grand Prairie 16
The Woodlands 24, Conroe 14
Victoria 26, Miller 20
Waco 42, Leander 7

Class 4A

Alice 31, Rockport-Fulton 17
Andrews 42, Fort Stockton 0
Austin Lanier 22, Austin Travis 18
Austin Reagan 32, Austin McCallum 20
Beaumont Ozen 42, Lumberton 7
Beeville 29, SA Southside 0
Belton 23, Pflugerville Connally 0
Big Spring 48, Sweetwater 14
Brazosport 23, Columbia 0
Brenham 42, Montgomery 6
Brownwood 41, Burleson 7
CC Calallen 42, Kingsville 20
Canyon 49, Randall 7
Cleburne 62, Joshua 27
Coppell 25, Southlake Carroll 22
Crosby 37, New Caney 20
Dallas Highland Park 38, Wylie 15
Dallas Roosevelt 34, Dallas Jefferson 21
Dallas Samuell 33, Dallas Wilson 7
Dallas Spruce 44, Dallas Smith 0
Denton 36, Denton Ryan 0
Dickinson 3, Santa Fe 0
Dripping Springs 39, Lampasas 13
Dumas 35, Amarillo Palo Duro 21
Ennis 35, Athens 6
Everman 34, Crowley 7
FW Arlington Heights 25, FW Polytechnic 24
FW Brewer 20, Saginaw Boswell 9
FW Dunbar 28, FW Southwest 20
FW Wyatt 19, FW Eastern Hills 8
Floresville 43, Pleasanton 14
Grapevine 42, Keller 29
Greenville 31, Paris 3
Hays Consolidated 28, New Braunfels Canyon 23
Hereford 52, Caprock 21
Highland Park 38, Wylie 15
Houston Forest Brook 33, Houston Smiley 18
Houston King 39, Channelview 27
Jasper 21, Dayton 3
Kerrville Tivy 35, Fredericksburg 27
LC Mauriceville 24, Bridge City 13
La Marque 39, Friendswood 28
Little Cypress-Mauriceville 24, Bridge City 13
Lockhart 25, Bastrop 6
Lubbock Estacado 24, Levelland 23
Medina Valley 34, Uvalde 14
Midlothian 27, Red Oak 19
Mineral Wells 24, Azle 14
Mount Pleasant 41, Paris North Lamar 10
Mt. Pleasant 41, Paris North Lamar 10
PA Lincoln 10, West Orange-Stark 6
Plainview 40, Frenship 23
Port Neches-Groves 31, Nederland 8
SA Alamo Heights 23, Boerne 20
SA Memorial 21, SA Kennedy 14
Sherman 52, Denison 10
Silsbee 14, Livingston 13
Smithson Valley 40, San Marcos 22
Snyder 16, San Angelo Lakeview 13
Springtown 35, River Oaks Castleberry 21
Stephenville 32, Granbury 16
Texarkana Texas High 30, Sulphur Springs 8
Texas City 40, Galena Park 7
WF Hirschi 35, Burkburnett 14
Waco Midway 35, Cedar Hill 14
Waller 36, Magnolia 28
Waxahachie 28, Waco University 0
Weatherford 35, Justin Northwest 19
West Mesquite 24, Mesquite Poteet 13
Wharton 26, Calhoun 20
Wichita Falls 40, WF Rider 7
Willis 14, Navasota 13

Class 3A

Alvarado 28, Aledo 16
Amarillo River Road 8, Sanford-Fritch 7
Aransas Pass 35, Ingleside 0
Barbers Hill 49, Liberty 29
Bellville 17, Columbus 14
Bishop 27, San Diego 12
Brady 52, Merkel 0
Breckenridge 56, Eastland 0
Bridgeport 35, Gainesville 13
Brownsboro 34, Van 12
Cameron 43, McGregor 7
Carrizo Springs 20, Lytle 12
Childress 33, Henrietta 7
China Spring 39, Waco Connally 0
Clarksville 35, Linden-Kildare 32
Cleveland 55, Tarkington 19
Commerce 29, Bonham 6
Corrigan-Camden 33, Shepherd 14
Crandall 35, Eustace 6
Crystal City 21, Somerset 16
Cuero 31, Yoakum 13
Daingerfield 36, Pittsburg 34
DeKalb 14, New Boston 7
Decatur 43, Little Elm 29
Denver City 18, Brownfield 6
Dublin 43, Comanche 27
Fairfield 35, Mexia 28
Falfurrias 50, Hebbronville 12
Forney 38, Canton 3
Friona 34, Littlefield 27
Gatesville 27, Robinson 20
George West 20, Marion 12
Giddings 44, Hempstead 0
Glen Rose 32, Clifton 13
Gonzales 49, Industrial 7
Graham 36, Iowa Park 29
Hallettsville 21, Palacios 6
Hillsboro 49, Whitney 21
Hondo 56, Cotulla 8
Hooks 27, Atlanta 13
Huffman Hargrave 41, Port Arthur Stephen F. Austin 32
Jefferson 50, Sabine 0
Kaufman 22, Corsicana 17
Kemp 49, Ferris 12
La Grange 35, Smithville 12
La Vernia 31, Goliad 7
Lake Travis 28, Marble Falls 21
Liberty-Eylau 29, Pleasant Grove 0
Llano 43, Bandera 36
Luling 21, Edna 6
Lyford 21, Raymondville 14
Madisonville 32, Groesbeck 21
Marlin 33, Lorena 0
Mathis 42, Orange Grove 28
Midland Greenwood 49, Alpine 8
Muleshoe 41, Cooper 0
Newton 42, Kirbyville 0
Orangefield 41, Buna 20
Pearsall 13, Devine 7
Perryton 24, Dimmitt 14
Poteet 28, SA West Campus 9
Queen City 55, Redwater 12
Quinlan Ford 21, Frisco 9
Rains 40, Quitman 7
Rockdale 16, Taylor 8
Royse City 28, Princeton 14
Sanger 14, Lake Dallas 0
Sealy 42, Rice Consolidated 9
Seminole 14, Lamesa 0
Shallowater 48, Roosevelt 0
Sinton 20, Taft 7
Slaton 28, Colorado City 22
Splendora 14, Coldspring 6
Stafford 41, Needville 33
Sweeny 42, Hitchcock 32
Trinity 23, Center 0
Tulia 21, Dalhart 17
Vernon 34, Bowie 31
Wills Point 28, Mabank 6
Woodville 32, Kountze 16

Class 2A

Abernathy 18, Idalou 13
Ben Bolt 34, Benavides 7
Bloomington 14, Yorktown 13
Brookshire Royal 46, Brazos 20
Caddo Mills 35, Alba-Golden 14
Celina 55, S&S Consolidated 14
Dilley 14, Brackett 13
East Bernard 20, Tidehaven 14
East Chambers 26, Colmesneil 0
Electra 33, Haskell 6
Farmersville 29, Edgewood 16
Farwell 22, Bovina 7
Forsan 33, Junction 6
Frankston 34, Cayuga 0
Freer 21, Riviera 13
Ganado 41, Boling 6
Garrison 46, Timpson 14
Grandview 64, Maypearl 0
Holliday 42, Seymour 27
Howe 34, Leonard 0
Hull-Daisetta 59, Warren 10
Italy 49, Palmer 18
Jacksboro 40, Nocona 0
Karnes City 13, Woodsboro 12
Kenedy 14, Three Rivers 6
Kerens 68, Troup 38
Leon 35, Centerville 7
Lexington 20, Thorndale 10
Little River Academy 27, Holland 20
Lockney 21, Floydada 14
Lone Oak 48, Community 12
Malakoff 35, Crossroads 0
Mart 67, Bruceville-Eddy 0
Mason 43, San Saba 8
Millsap 22, DeLeon 21
Moody 42, Victoria Stroman 28
Morton 28, Olton 7
New Deal 49, Ralls 12
Olney 13, Archer City 7
Omaha Paul Pewitt 55, Honey Grove 0
Ozona 28, Wall 0
Paris Chisum 14, Rivercrest 8
Pilot Point 53, Prosper 21
Plains 19, Coahoma 0
Post 7, Seagraves 0
Poth 27, Stockdale 6
Pottsboro 44, Whitesboro 0
Quanah 62, White Deer 18
Refugio 55, Skidmore-Tynan 0
Riesel 40, Hubbard 20
Rio Vista 28, Hico 25
Rogers 41, Hutto 15
Rosebud-Lott 47, Somerville 21
SA Cole 28, Navarro 7
Salado 21, Troy 14
Schulenburg 6, Nixon-Smiley 0
Shiner 36, Weimar 20
Stanton 61, Tahoka 27
Valley Mills 40, Blooming Grove 0
Van Alstyne 25, Bells 6
Van Vleck 56, Danbury 0
West Sabine 48, West Hardin 20
Whitewright 26, Tom Bean 13

Class 1A

Agua Dulce 48, Bruni 0
Alvord 13, Bryson 7
Anton 12, O'Donnell 9
Aspermont 21, Munday 10
Bartlett 47, Granger 27
Bremond 49, Bosqueville 0
Burkeville 53, High Island 8
Charlotte 45, Runge 14
Chico 21, Petrolia 8
Detroit 55, Maud 0
Evadale 48, Chester 6
Falls City 38, Pettus 6
Gunter 61, Aubrey 13
Harper 33, Christoval 20
Iola 26, Normangee 0
Irion County 27, Nueces Canyon 18
Itasca 20, Axtell 7
La Pryor 41, Medina 12
Meridian 41, Frost 0
Milano 41, Flatonia 21
Motley County 59, Lorenzo 0
Nazareth 35, Happy 0
Paducah 54, Knox City 0
Petersburg 18, Valley 13
Ranger 44, Santo 21
Robert Lee 21, Water Valley 20
Rocksprings 24, Menard 22
Roscoe 18, Sterling City 6
Rotan 44, Roby 6
Savoy 42, Saint Jo 40
Springlake-Earth 47, Kress 0
Spur 39, Crosbyton 24
Sudan 62, Smyer 0
Sundown 35, Hale Center 14
Throckmorton 36, Crowell 12
Tolar 28, Gorman 20
Valley View 20, Collinsville 2
Vega 33, Hart 14
Windthorst 6, Perrin-Whitt 0
Wortham 35, Oakwood 12

Six Man

Abbott 55, Milford 40
Aquilla 30, Calvert 14
Blackwell 52, Paint Rock 6
Blanket 31, Zephyr 20
Borden County 62, Hermleigh 14
Bynum 45, Covington 0
Coolidge 54, Trinidad 6
Cotton Center 47, Amherst 7
Gordon 72, Iredell 22
Gustine 22, Mullin 14
Harrold 60, Vernon Northside 40
Highland 62, Loraine 14
Ira 28, Westbrook 16
Jonesboro 52, Buckholts 26
Klondike 70, Southland 40
McLean 66, Chillicothe 16
Meadow 65, New Home 12
Newcastle 52, Lueders-Avoca 7
Oglesby 56, Cranfills Gap 0
Sands 54, Grady 40
Trent 54, Veribest 6
Walnut Springs 48, Strawn 28
Whitharral 53, Silverton 6
Wilson 47, Loop 0

Private Schools

Arlington Grace Prep 38, FW Southwest Christian 0
Arlington Pantego Christian 55, Dallas First Baptist 50
Beaumont Kelly 27, Giddings State School 6
Bishop Dunne 52, Cedar Hill Trinity 28
Dallas Christian 48, Waco Reicher 8
Dallas St. Mark's 24, Dallas Greenhill 10
Dallas Winston 27, Faith Christian 20
Denton Liberty 33, FW Christian 23
Garland Christian 40, Carrollton Christian 14
Houston St. Pius 42, Victoria St. Joseph 28
Lakehill 39, Balch Springs Christian 12
Lubbock Christian 32, WF Notre Dame 21
Metropolitan Christian 61, Temple Christian Lewisville 32
Midland Christian 63, San Marcos Baptist 2
Midland Trinity 52, Amarillo Trinity Fellowship 6
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	7	6	2	1	17	43	37
New Jersey	7	5	1	1	16	34	31
N.Y. Rangers	4	8	3	0	11	27	37
N.Y. Islanders	3	6	2	0	8	23	34
Pittsburgh	2	6	3	1	8	34	37

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	10	4	1	0	21	47	28
Ottawa	9	4	1	1	20	44	29
Boston	5	5	4	0	14	33	30
Buffalo	5	7	2	0	12	37	43
Montreal	3	10	1	1	8	25	35

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	6	6	2	2	16	36	36
Carolina	5	5	3	0	13	33	36
Washington	4	6	2	0	10	31	40
Atlanta	3	6	2	1	9	26	39
Tampa Bay	3	7	1	1	8	28	38

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	8	3	2	1	19	42	28
St. Louis	8	5	0	0	16	38	30
Chicago	3	6	4	1	11	33	40
Nashville	4	8	1	1	10	31	42

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	8	4	2	1	19	45	39
Colorado	7	6	2	1	17	42	39
Edmonton	4	6	3	2	13	31	32
Calgary	4	8	2	0	10	33	49

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	10	6	1	0	21	52	41
Los Angeles	9	3	3	0	21	50	38
Phoenix	8	4	3	0	19	47	38
Anaheim	6	6	2	1	15	39	35
Dallas	7	6	1	0	15	30	33

Friday's Games

Detroit 3, Carolina 2
Chicago 3, Nashville 1
Colorado 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
St. Louis 2, Edmonton 1
Dallas 6, Phoenix 4

Saturday's Games

Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Toronto at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Locals secure medals at Tae Kwon Do event

FORT WORTH — Competing against 900 contestants from all over North America didn't deter the efforts of three local athletes at the Fort Worth International Tae Kwon Do Championships.

Snyder's Clint Faulkner, Alex Jaramillo and Jordan Gafford competed in the event, held last weekend at the Tarrant County Convention Center.

All three local contestants brought home medals in the free sparring competition, with Jaramillo capturing the gold medal in the 6 and 7-year-old lightweight green belt division.

Gafford secured the bronze medal in the 8 and 9-year-old heavyweight green belt classification, with Faulkner grabbing the bronze in the adult lightweight orange belt class.

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	6	1	0	.857	172	143
New England	6	2	0	.750	191	150
Indianapolis	5	2	0	.714	198	145
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	147	129
N.Y. Jets	1	6	0	.143	114	143

Central

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Jacksonville	6	1	0	.857	180	69
Tennessee	6	1	0	.857	166	140
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	130	102
Baltimore	2	5	0	.286	95	135
Cincinnati	1	7	0	.125	96	241
Cleveland	1	7	0	.125	74	197

West

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	2	0	.714	173	94
Seattle	5	2	0	.714	148	108
San Diego	4	3	0	.571	110	133
Oakland	4	4	0	.500	157	153
Denver	2	6	0	.250	144	168

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington	5	2	0	.714	242	188
N.Y. Giants	5	3	0	.625	138	138
Dallas	4	3	0	.571	182	129
Arizona	2	5	0	.286	85	156
Philadelphia	2	6	0	.250	107	151

Central

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Detroit	5	2	0	.714	151	121
Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	140	151
Minnesota	4	4	0	.500	183	158
Tampa Bay	3	4	0	.429	91	102
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	129	161

West

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
St. Louis	6	1	0	.857	238	87
San Francisco	3	4	0	.429	144	207
Carolina	2	5	0	.286	153	162
Atlanta	2	6	0	.250	110	186
New Orleans	1	6	0	.143	107	148

Sunday's Games

Arizona at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Washington, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Carolina, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
Tennessee at Miami, 8:20 p.m.
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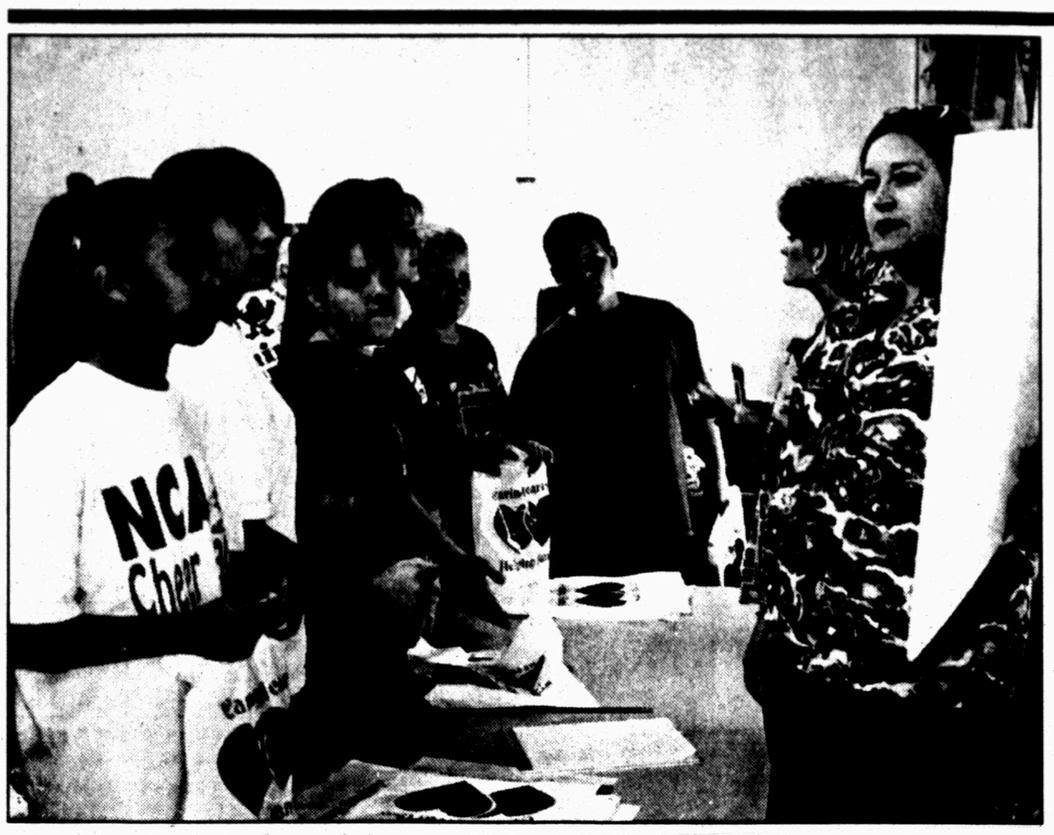

NUTRITION GAME — Stephanie Knipe, BSRN, Scurry County Health nurse, and Shawna Scoggins, LVN, presented nutrition facts in the form of a game show during West Elementary's recent health fair. Students pictured are from left, Breanna Talavera, Katie Curry, Ashley Pavlovsky, Shaela Thompson, Kasey Krop and Blake Scott. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Judge: Microsoft a monopoly; Bill Gates hints at settlement

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge who declared Microsoft Corp. a monopoly dropped powerful hints he may have harsh punishment in mind for the software giant.

Microsoft founder Bill Gates sent signals of his own after Friday's ruling, hinting he is more willing to negotiate with government lawyers who have fought an 18-month antitrust battle to prove the company holds illegal power over its competitors and harms consumers in the process.

"Most harmful of all is the message that Microsoft's actions have conveyed to every enterprise with the potential to innovate in the computer industry," U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson concluded.

In 207 pages of findings tilted heavily toward the government's view, Jackson said Microsoft has "demonstrated that it will use its prodigious market power and immense profits to harm any firm that insists on pursuing initiatives that could intensify competition against one of Microsoft's core products."

The judge used other blunt terms — calling one of Microsoft's key legal arguments "specious," for example — but stopped short of saying Microsoft behaved illegally.

Jackson cited Microsoft abuses of computer firms Netscape, IBM, Compaq, Intel and others.

"Microsoft's past success in hurting such companies and stifling innovation deters investment in technologies and businesses that exhibit the potential to threaten Microsoft," he wrote.

The result, he said, "is that some innovations that would truly benefit consumers never occur for the sole reason that they do not coincide with Microsoft's self-interest."

The "findings of fact" are a preliminary step toward a final judgment in the case. That decision, which may come by yearend, could lead to sanctions as serious as the breakup of Microsoft and a reshaping of the multibillion-dollar high-technology industry.

Other possibilities include forcing Microsoft to allow rivals to sell their own versions of its Windows operating system; requiring Microsoft to incorporate rival products in Windows; or barring Microsoft from selling Windows at lower prices to favored computer makers.

The judge found "serious and far-reaching violations that should lead to serious and far-reaching remedies," said Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal. His state was among 19 that sued Microsoft alongside the Justice Department.

But the case may not get that far.

Gates' colorful language in electronic mail messages seized by the government and his uncooperative answers to videotaped questions stole the show during months of dry court testimony. But he took relatively gentle issue with Jackson on Friday, saying he and other company executives "respectfully disagree with a number of the court's findings."

The billionaire corporate leader also appeared to open to doors for new settlement talks in a statement he read at Microsoft's Redmond, Wash., headquarters.

"We'll continue to make our best efforts to resolve the case," Gates said. "Getting it behind us would be a very good thing, but we'll continue to stick up for our principles."

Assistant Attorney General Joel I. Klein said the federal government was "always prepared to discuss settlements." But he added that "any talks would have to fully and properly address our competitive concerns."

Jackson's findings do not necessarily mean the company will lose the case.

Pizza chain sued for firing man

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A federal jury has recommended a national pizza chain pay a mentally retarded man $13 million in punitive damages for firing him because of his disability.

The U.S. District Court jury also recommended Chuck E' Cheese's pay Donald Perkl $70,000 for causing him emotional distress.

Also listed as a defendant was CEC Entertainment Inc. of Irving, Texas, parent company of Chuck E' Cheese's and formerly known as Showbiz Pizza Time Inc.

Federal law sets a $300,000 limit for damages in a job discrimination case, lawyers said.

"We believe this sends a message to employers that the rights of their employees with disabilities are important and have to be paid attention to," said Laurie Vasichek, an attorney for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which filed the lawsuit.

"The $13 million is important because it's a vindication for employees with disabilities," she said.

Perkl, 52, of Middleton, is unable to talk. He communicates with pictures and signs.

Perkl's lawyers said the company violated his civil rights and the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act.

The jury found Thursday that a restaurant in Madison fired Perkl from his minimum-wage job in 1997 because of his disability.

Lawyers returned to court Friday to argue what damages Perkl should be paid.

Perkl's family cheered when the damages were read.

"This is great. It's the best thing that could have happened. It sends a message that there should be no more discrimination because these people are human beings just like (employers)," said Ed Perkl, Donald Perkl's brother.

Jerry Hicks, a Dallas lawyer for the company, said the amount is "clearly excessive."

"This company has never seen anything like this," Hicks said. "We clearly feel this verdict is out of line with what the facts in this case say."

The company would appeal the jury's verdict if the court upholds it, Hicks said.

FRIENDLY VISIT — Ashley Farquhar pets Chaka, the police drug dog, while Officer Dan Hicks looks on during East Elementary School's recent health fair. Ashley holds one of the trick or treat bags which the police department donated. Various participants brought goodies and healthful information for the students. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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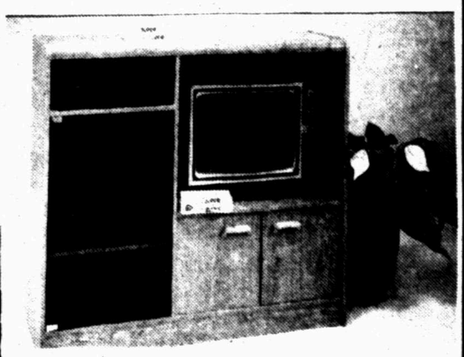

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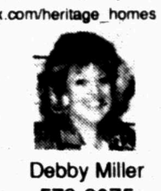

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The family of Corene Thomas wishes to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to friends and neighbors for their prayers and kind expressions of sympathy during the illness and loss of our wife and mother. Also, thank you to all who sent flowers, food and cards during this very difficult time.

Wendell & Karen

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Bride Puts Her Foot Down Over What Shoes to Wear

DEAR ABBY: I'm being married soon, and as a bride-to-be, I have been very laid-back and agreeable to all of the arrangements my mother has made. At first, I asked if we could have just a small, informal barbecue. She said no — so now we're having an all-out affair. My sister will be my maid of honor. I'm letting her wear whatever she wants. Even though my colors are blue, she is wearing a plum-colored dress. As long as she's happy, fine.

I have argued with my mother about only one thing: I have a beautiful, simple wedding dress. I want to wear a pair of sneakers with lace shoestrings because I will be on my feet all day. I don't want to wear heels because those shoes are not made for comfort. I think the sneakers with the lace "accents" will be very cute and nice.

Although this is really the only thing I am asking for myself, my mother is acting like I'll shame the family. (I am not doing the "garter" thing, so no one will even see the shoes.) I did agree with my mother that I'd wear proper wedding shoes for the ceremony and formal reception, but that wasn't good enough. I do not want to wear those ceremony shoes from 2:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.

Abby, my mother will not compromise. Why shouldn't I be comfortable at my own wedding? She's acting like I'm committing some horrible sin, and threatening I'll forever be the laughingstock of New Jersey. All I want is to be comfortable at my own wedding. Please help me put this into perspective.

WISHING FOR COMFORTABLE SHOES, PARSIPPANY, N.J.

DEAR WISHING: Please tell your mother I suggest that she loosen up a little. Since you're wearing a long dress, and will be wearing traditional "wedding slippers" during the ceremony, your mother should be willing to compromise and allow you to wear your sneakers at the reception. Many brides simply kick off their high-heeled pumps and go through their receptions in stocking feet. Your idea has merit.

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DEAR ABBY: I have just returned from my mother's funeral in another state. Not only did I have to go through the trauma of my mother dying in my arms, and then the funeral, but also a terrible battle with my brother and his wife about the "things" Mother left behind.

My sister-in-law made all the decisions about who would get what. Every time I tried to say that my mother told me during many telephone conversations what she wanted me to have, I was told, "You don't know what you're talking about!" There was an old will that did not specify to whom her possessions should go.

Abby, it was a horrible experience. I will never forget or forgive. I not only lost my beautiful mother, but a brother as well.

Please, advise older people to update their wills and make clear what is to be divided among the children or grandchildren. My brother disobeyed my mother's last wishes, and he must live with that knowledge for the rest of his life.

DIANE D., FORT PIERCE, FLA.

DEAR DIANE: This is a topic that has appeared in my column regularly. I hope it serves as a reminder to those who need it.

DEAR ABBY: I was stationed at Al Karj Air Base in Saudi Arabia during the holiday season last year. I would like to say thank you to you and all your readers who participated in Operation Dear Abby and sent mail to service members overseas.

We don't always get the chance to answer all of the cards and letters, but they are dear to us. We are grateful to everyone, from the third-grader who prints better than I do, to the 9-year-old whose brother beats up on him (he wins sometimes, though), to the veterans who remember what it was like to be far from loved ones during the holidays.

Abby, please print the military addresses again this year. Our military personnel need those morale-boosters.

ROGER SURRATT, WHEATLAND, CALIF.

DEAR ROGER: I'm delighted to oblige, and thank you for providing me this opportunity to announce to readers that it's time to launch Operation Dear Abby XV.

My thanks to each and every one of you who has worked to make Operation Dear Abby so successful every year. Your outpouring of cards and letters lifts the spirits of our servicemen and women who are far from home and family, to remind them they are in our hearts.

Many schools and clubs make this a group project, and in years past have sent cookies and packages to the troops. This year, however, in order to ensure that the mail is received within the required time frame and that it falls within the Department of Defense security guidelines, mail will be limited to *only* first-class letters and cards, 13 ounces or less.

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You can overdo it with gum

DEAR DR. GOTT: I chew five packs of gum a day. Is this harmful?

DEAR READER: This sounds like a lot of chewing gum. I'd advise you to reduce your consumption. The sugar in regular gum will affect your dental enamel and lead to cavities. Although sugar-free gum is easier on the teeth, the flavoring compounds often lead to chronic inflammation of the tongue, throat and mouth-lining. Also, being tougher than regular chewing gum, it can loosen fillings.

Try chewing the old wad longer. Don't change to new pieces so often. As gum is chewed, the sweetness and flavors leach out of the substance; tired-out gum is less likely to give you future problems.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the past five years, my weight has zoomed out of control. Finally, I found a dietary solution: I now follow a low-carbohydrate diet — and it's working. Is this a dangerous practice?

DEAR READER: Most cases of obesity are caused by eating too many calories. Many fad diets are useful for acute weight loss, but they are difficult — if not impossible — to follow indefinitely, with the result that the lost weight is quickly regained.

You have hit on a diet that I have been endorsing for 30 years. I'd publish a book on the subject, but you can't achieve celebrity status with a one-sentence book. It's that simple: avoid food made with sugar or flour.

This simple and effective diet has been a boon to many people. It allows moderate consumption of meat, poultry, fish, vegetables, salads and fresh fruit — in other words, a balanced diet that is easy to follow. By eliminating sugar and flour, most consumers also reduce their intake of fats, an important source of unnecessary calories. In my experience, this low-carbohydrate diet is safe, efficacious and well-tolerated. I call it the Gott Diet. You'll be glad you tried it. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." 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 friend goes to a chiropractor who uses a machine to test body temperature, then — based on this information — uses another machine to adjust the spine. Is this appropriate? The doctor is not listed in the telephone book, does not have a secretary and insists on an up-front payment of $1,500. I've heard that the doctor was run out of town once.

DEAR READER: I'm not surprised. Your town ought to run him out again. I won't even comment on the chiropractor's unethical and unscientific methods, except to say that they are outside the mainstream of appropriate chiropractic practice. Stay away from this guy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Isn't it about time to cut back on federal funding of medical research? Some studies are ridiculous; others simply prove over and over again what is already known.

DEAR READER: The late Lewis Thomas, M.D., the noted author and perceptive humanist, has written: "The only solid piece of scientific truth about which I feel totally confident is that we are profoundly ignorant about nature." Because human biology and medical matters are part of nature, one can, by extension, conclude that doctors are profoundly ignorant of medical matters.

And such, indeed, is the case. Oh, we have come a long, long way, it's true — but the most peculiar characteristic of science is this: The more that is learned, the more there is to be learned. Discoveries lead to discoveries. However, nature always stays two steps — two quantum leaps — ahead of us. Take neuroanatomy, for example.

This branch of medicine attempts to delineate the geography of the nervous system: what part of the brain controls your little finger, how do we experience taste, by what means do we perceive pain and so forth. Medical-school neuroanatomy professors make it sound easy and organized. If we are to believe them, we can view the nervous system as an enormously complicated miniaturized switchboard, chock full of microchips, relays, switches, and wires of different sizes and functions — and, as one wag has remarked, splendidly inexpensive to mass-produce.

This theory, popular in medical schools, is tempting — but to a large degree it is dangerously oversimplified. I once knew a renowned professor of neurology who, in commenting about neurological diseases in general, said: "We're lucky if we know it's in the brain!" Although nature has designed parts of our nervous systems like switchboards, much of our brain functioning eludes even the most brilliant investigators.

For instance, Western neurologists still do not understand how acupuncture works. Traditional neuroanatomical concepts simply do not explain the altered nerve pathways that must be present for stimulation in one part of the body to affect pain at a remote site. How can a doctor perform major surgery in the chest while relying on anesthesia produced by a single acupuncture needle implanted at the base of the thumb? And how, as I recently saw on television, can a woman experience painless childbirth while just engaging in a form of self-hypnosis? It seems that we have much to learn from the "non-scientific" approach of alternative practitioners.

There is another neurological phenomenon that defies traditional neuroanatomy, known by the tongue-twisting German name of mitempfindungen; it is unceremoniously called "referred itch" in English. A person who suffers from this condition can scratch a certain part of the body only to experience simultaneous pain or itching in another part. You scratch a bug bite on your foot and feel pain in your chin. The pattern follows no recognized nerve pathways and lasts only a few seconds. We know no more about it than we did when it was discovered more than a century ago.

Researchers are hard at work attempting to unravel the problems of human disease. It's an arduous process that involves scientists in many disciplines. These studies may, in the long run, lead only to additional questions, not answers, but that's the way science progresses.

In our country, there is a current political effort to reduce funding for scientific research. In my opinion, this is wrong. In our enthusiasm to balance budgets, we must not forget that medical studies, although facing hard times, still offer us the most tantalizing promise of conquering disease and should be allowed to thrive. Those of us engaged in non-scientific pursuits should be kind to scientists. They are searching. They need our understanding and support. Bear with them.

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Family wins suit

HOUSTON (AP) — The family of a man who died after outpatient shoulder surgery has been awarded $3.6 million by a Harris County jury.

The lawsuit alleged that Dr. Laverta Jane Crowder told Mark Alexander, 40, a design engineer, that she would provide general anesthesia during the surgery at TOPS Surgical Center on Sept. 19, 1997.

Lawyer Jim Perdue Jr., who represented Alexander's family, said that instead, the anesthesia was administered by a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

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'Black boxes' not recovered yet

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — There was little improvement Saturday in the ocean conditions that forced a delay in efforts to recover EgyptAir Flight 990's "black boxes" from the bottom of the sea.

Investigators had been encouraged by pinging signals from the vital instruments that were so loud technicians aboard a ship had to tear off their earphones — a sign that an underwater Navy robot was close to the recorders.

But the capture of the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder had to be put off after waves higher than 10 feet forced Navy crews to lift the robot off the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean late Friday.

Conditions Saturday were not much better.

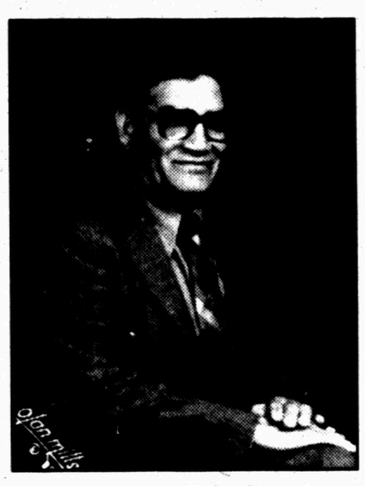
"Regrettably ... the news this morning is not favorable," said James Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

There was a small window of opportunity for putting the robot back in the water during a wind shift forecast for this afternoon, said Lionel Bryant, spokesman for the U.S. Coast Guard.

Hall said he remained optimistic that the recorders could be retrieved intact, but he stressed that investigators face a "long, long process" as they search for the cause of the crash.

"I'm hopeful — and I stress the word hopeful. We have in the past been able to get information off the recorders to give us an excellent understanding of what's occurred," Hall said.

Obituaries



Orosco, Felix Sr.

Felix Orosco Sr.

1929-1999

Felix B. Orosco Sr., longtime Snyder resident, died Friday, Nov. 5, at his home.

Service for Mr. Orosco, 70, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Fernando Prado of Midland and Carlos Pagen of Big Spring will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Prayer service is scheduled for Saturday from 7 to 8 p.m. in Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born on March 29, 1929 in Doole, he married Catalina Tavarez on Sept. 14, 1946 in Snyder. Mr. Orosco worked in the oilfield for Robinson Drilling and Patterson Drilling Companies. Mr. Orosco was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Iglesia De Cristo Church in Snyder.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ben Orosco, and one sister, Cruz Tavarez.

Survivors include his wife, Catalina Orosco of the home; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmy and Mary Orosco of San Angelo, Lionel and Claudia Orosco of Austin and Felix and Jan Orosco Jr. of Snyder; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary Jane and Manuel Terrazas, and Lupe and Raymond Orosco, all of Snyder, and Yolanda Gutierrez of San Angelo; a brother, Lolo Orosco of Doole; 14 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mildred Mathis

1898-1999

Funeral service for Mildred Elnora Mathis is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Fluvanna Methodist Church.

Don Campbell, minister of the Fluvanna Church of Christ, and Roland Bruns, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mathis, 101, died Thursday, Nov. 4, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born June 7, 1898 in Belton, she graduated from Belton High School in 1916 and attended Mary Hardin Baylor, McMurry College and Hardin-Simmons University. She moved to Scurry County in 1918 and married Fowler Mathis on Oct. 3, 1919 in Fluvanna. He died in 1979.

Mrs. Mathis was a teacher in the Snellings and Fluvanna schools, and she was a member of the Fluvanna Methodist Church.

Two sons, Wayland and Orval Mathis, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Faye and Bill Hurley of San Antonio; two daughters-in-law, Marge Mathis of Dermott and Gene Blair and her husband, Joe, of Lubbock; three grandsons, Dow Mathis of Kerrville, Mark Mathis of Cedar Park and Tom Hurley of Houston; four granddaughters, Lou Alice Wilson of Greensboro, N.C., Martha Hagood of Lubbock, Debbie Faulk of Enid, Okla., and Marsha Edmiston of San Angelo; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Jack Wilsford

1920-1999

Jack Wilsford, 79, died Wednesday, Nov. 3, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Wilsford is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Snyder Cemetery. Officiating will be the Rev. Loyd Stice, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 2, 1920 in Snyder, Mr. Wilsford served as a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

He was employed as a cowboy.

Survivors include a daughter, Melanie Ann Beaty of San Diego, Calif.; a son, Billy Wayne Wilsford of San Diego; two sisters, Billie Jean Harmon of Hemet, Calif., and Vivian Nell Mytar of Winchester, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

John Weaver

1942-1999

DULUTH, Ga. – John A. Weaver, a former resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, Nov. 3, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident near Jacksonville, Fla., last month.

Services for Mr. Weaver, 57, are pending with Bill Head Funeral Home in Duluth. Cremation is planned.

Mr. Weaver was born Nov. 5, 1942 in Houston, and he attended Snyder schools.

Survivors include his wife, Bianca Weaver, who was also injured in the motorcycle accident.

Elvia Sartor

1896-1999

ROTAN- Elvia Sartor, a former resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, Nov. 3, in a Rotan nursing home.

Funeral service for Mrs. Sartor, 103, was held Friday in the Rotan First Baptist Church. The Rev. Werth Mayes officiated with burial in the Belvieu Cemetery.

Born in Ben Wheeler, she moved to Rotan from Snyder in 1918 and married R.D. Sartor in 1923 in Sweetwater. She taught school in Rotan for 15 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Fannye Maude Hall of Beaumont; and two nieces and two nephews.

Frances Maness

1918-1999

SEWARD CITY, Alaska — Snyder native Frances M. Maness of Kenai, Alaska, sister of Sadie Mae Vandiver of Snyder, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, in Central Peninsula General Hospital in Soldotna.

Service for Mrs. Maness, 80, was held Friday in the Seward City Cemetery.

Born Dec. 26, 1918 to Floyd and Ada Bruton in Snyder, Mrs. Maness graduated from Snyder High School in 1936. She lived in Anchorage from 1963 to 1975, moved to Seldovia for a year, and then to Kenai this year.

She retired from civil service in 1969and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary while in Seward. Mrs. Maness was a protestant by faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Maness who is buried in Snyder, her mother and father, and a brother.

Other survivors include two sons, Harold Maness of Seward and Allen Maness of Seldovia; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club plans Monday quilt-a-thon

A relatively new quilting club, Rock and Roll, has planned a quilt-a-thon Monday from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. to make various bed covers for those in need.

Ellen Riley suggested the members make quilts to send to hurricane victims in North Carolina. Another quilter, Maggie Barnes, took the idea and began making contacts.

She first called an Abilene TV station who gave her the number for the Red Cross. The principal needs seemed to be for monetary contributions and physical labor. Red Cross personnel referred her to Adventist Community Care Center in Midland who notified a volunteer, Robbie Dean

Not available at the time, she soon returned Maggie's call. Canon said, "I can't believe it! The Lord works things out." She was in need of quilts and warm covering to send to the older mountain people in North Dakota and coats for those who help them.

Maggie said that Monday night they will tack used quilts and blankets and arrange an assembly line with sewing machines, quilting at frames and other jobs to complete as many as they can.

Donations of quilts, blankets, quilt batting, pieced quilt tops and muslin have been donated by Wal-Mart, Tincy Higgins, Geneva Burk, Pauline Walton, Sadie Shifflet, Diane Fisk and others.

After the quilt-a-thon, the Rock and Roll Quilting Club that was named from Amish saying, "The faster you rock the sewing needle, the quicker you roll the frame," will continue meeting each Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center.

Other members include Verline White, Joy Early, Fay Sims, Jean McCommas, Lee Spruell, Bernell Sealy, and Pauline Broyles.

Budget talks continuing

WASHINGTON (AP) — With passage of foreign aid legislation moving Congress closer to completing work on the government's spending bills, budget negotiators are trying to resolve remaining disputes with the White House over abortion and other issues.

Even with three spending bills yet to be resolved, Republicans were claiming victory in their drive to shrink government and balance the budget without touching Social Security surpluses.

"As we close out our budget negotiations with the president, we will keep our promise" to balance the government's books, House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., said Saturday in the GOP's weekly radio address.

"The president says we don't distribute federal funding the right way," Young said. "We say it's better to provide the money directly to our local communities, not through a bloated federal bureaucracy."

But House Democrats weren't so optimistic, saying that even the foreign aid bill Congress passed Friday contained loose ends.

"The child is in bed, but he is not yet asleep," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis.

Congressional and White House staffs expected to work through the weekend on outstanding issues, buoyed by Congress' step forward Friday that increased the chances of finishing the annual process next .week.

Three are arrested on alcohol-related charges Saturday

A report of several subjects urinating in the Plaza Truck Stop parking lot early Saturday morning led to the arrest of three subjects on alcohol-related charges.

Officers arrested the subjects at 2:16 a.m. Saturday. Two males, ages 18 and 19, were charged with public intoxication. The third male subject, 20, was charged with public intoxication and minor in possession of alcohol.

In activity Friday, Neil Cooper requested an officer in the Snyder High School junior parking lot in reference to someone keying his vehicle. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

At 6:13 p.m. Friday, an offense report for dog bite was submitted.

Deputies filed an offense report for misdemeanor possession of marijuana at 7:11 p.m. Friday at the Hwy. 180 overpass on CR 120. The two juveniles involved were released.

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ONGOINGS

Rivers of Living Waters revival

The Rivers of Living Waters Church is holding a revival that ends Tuesday. Services are at 7 each evening. Evangelist is Mildred Williams of Albuquerque. On Sunday, services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Sound of Jubilee

Sound of Jubilee, 908 East 25th St., will conduct special services at 7 p.m. Saturday featuring evangelist Don Wiggins. He will also speak at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday. One Accord of Odessa will provide the Saturday music while Heart and Soul will provide music Sunday.

Rock of Deliverance guest speaker

Rock of Deliverance Church will have a visiting minister, Randy Asebedo, speak at services at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday. The church is located at 35th St. and Avenue H.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Holy Spirit & Miraculous Gifts," followed by "The Power of Prayer."

WTC planetarium open

The planetarium at Western Texas College is now open with its fall lineup of new programs, developed for specific age groups: pre-K and kindergarten, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, and grades 7 through adults. The 60-seat planetarium is open for group showings, by reservation, for Friday morning and afternoon programs. It is also available, by reservation, for group showings Thursday through Saturday evenings. For reservations, call Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Quilting Club

The Rock and Roll Quilting Club meets from 8 a.m. until noon each Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center. Everyone is invited for free quilting lessons. Call 863-2426 for more information.

4-H horse club

The 4-H horse club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria.

Cogdell Home Health Open House

Cogdell Home Health will have an open house in observance of National Home Care Month from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday at 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B. There will be door prizes, refreshments and information.

Support groups

Support groups for Cancer, Grief and Divorce Recovery meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church. For information call 573-263. A new group for sexual assault survivors will meet at a confidential time and location. For information call 573-1822. Childcare is provided.

AARP workshop

AARP will have a leadership workshop at the Senior Center conference room Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. All officers for Chapter 2000 are asked to be present for the workshop led by an AARP member from Wichita Falls.

Boy Scout popcorn sale

Boy Scout Troops 177, 61 & 27 are selling popcorn door-to-door now until Friday. There are several varieties and 70% of the price goes to local scouting. You can also purchase popcorn by calling Trina at 573-3310, Glenn at 573-7446 or Libby at 573-6870.

Lord's Acre Festival

First United Methodist Church will host its annual Lord's Acre Festival next Saturday in the Scurry County Coliseum, featuring a variety of specialty items for the holidays, home-made goodies, an auction and a barbecue dinner.

Tamale, Menudo feast

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will serve menudo and tamales from 8 a.m. to next Sunday in the Parish Center.

Library extends hours

Scurry County Library has extended Saturday hours and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-W-F and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Cancer Society meeting

The Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Ira yearbooks on sale

The Year 2000 Bulldog annuals are on sale. The cost is $26 with a name on the cover, or $22 without a name. The annuals will be on sale until Nov. 19.

Tiger Times yearbook

The Snyder Junior High yearbook is on sale through Nov. 23. Copies may be ordered by paying $14 now, or paying a deposit of $7 with the balance due when the yearbooks arrive in the spring. Orders will be accepted in the school office or room 110. There will be no extra copies.

Choir Poinsettia sale

The SHS choir and booster club are selling Christmas Poinsettias during November. Red, white and a jingle bell variety are available for $10. Place orders with any choir member or call the high school. Poinsettias will be here Nov. 29 and will be available for pickup or deliver that week.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ASC Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

WTC nursing program

Students wishing to enroll in the March class for Licensed Vocational Nursing at Western Texas College need to contact the counseling office to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through Dec. 7 and interviews will be scheduled through Jan. 10. Classes begin March 1. Contact the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313, or toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-2-9

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 26-38-61-72

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 8-12-30-32-34

Experts: Judge's harsh words may hasten settlement in case

NEW YORK (AP) — The judge's blunt language in declaring Microsoft a monopoly Friday could prompt the combative software maker to seek a truce in its war with the government instead of dragging the case out with court appeals, industry analysts said.

"I see very little subtlety here," said Carl Howe, an industry analyst at Forrester Research in Massachusetts. "Using the word 'monopoly' means a very specific thing ... There wouldn't have been any pressure to settle this if that had not been the case."

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ruled that Microsoft has used its dominance of the personal computer software industry to stifle competition, hurting consumers.

While few had expected a victory for Microsoft in its antitrust trial, the harsh and stinging tone of the decision startled many observers.

"I was really surprised," said Bob Davis, chairman and chief executive of Lycos, the Web network and search service. "I didn't expect the force or the condemnation that we have seen."

Art Russell, an industry analyst with Edward Jones, an investment firm in St. Louis, also said the ruling could force Microsoft to rethink its legal strategy and pursue a settlement.

"The way this thing is worded so harshly — that language is a little strong."

However, he added, an appeals court could find the judge's tone extreme, helping Microsoft get the decision overturned.

Predictably, Microsoft's rivals gloated, the company's supporters stressed that the decision is only a first step in deciding the case and investors pounded the company's stock in after-hours trading.

"Hallelujah. If we could jump any higher right now, we would," said Ransom Love, president and chief executive of Caldera Inc., a Utah-based software maker that's suing Microsoft in a separate case charging predatory practices.

Paul Rothstein, a Georgetown University law professor and a consultant to Microsoft, said the decision was an "unwarranted extension of the antitrust laws," adding that it is too soon to say Microsoft has lost the case.

As expected, the judge made no mention of potential punishments, which likely won't be determined until well into next year. At the extreme, he could order that Microsoft be broken up into smaller companies.

Other possibilities include forcing Microsoft to allow rivals to sell their own versions of the Windows operating system, requiring Microsoft to incorporate rival products in Windows, or preventing Microsoft from selling Windows at lower prices to favored computer makers.

Microsoft's shares plunged about 3 percent after the ruling was released. The stock had ended the regular trading day on the Nasdaq Stock Market at $91.561/4, but fell to $87.061/4 in after-hours trading on other markets.

But, said Russell, the Edward Jones analyst, "As a shareholder of Microsoft, I would not panic and sell the stock. The business is still very solid."

EAST HEALTH FAIR — East Elementary students were given a lot of information at the school's recent health fair. Students pictured at Cogdell Memorial Hospital's table are Chris Williams, Michael Turner, Ramsey Rodriguez, Taylor Groat, Jacob Scifres, Jordan Derryberry. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Long-lost Archimedes paper being preserved and studied

CHICAGO (AP) — Once thought to be lost forever, a 1,000-year-old parchment manuscript containing the works of Archimedes is being preserved and studied for insights into one of the greatest minds of the ancient world.

The book, which scholars believe was copied in the 10th century by a scribe from Archimedes' original scrolls, was bought anonymously at auction for $2 million last year.

It is being displayed at the Field Museum in Chicago until Jan. 3, when it will be returned to the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore for restoration.

The manuscript is the only copy in the original Greek of Archimedes' theory of flotation of bodies. The text and diagrams also detail his mathematical treatises and mechanical theorems and contain the roots of modern calculus and gravitational theory.

"What this does is broaden the base of our understanding of the mainstream of Western mathematical historical tradition," said William Noel, the gallery's curator. "We can understand the tradition of thought."

Archimedes, born in Sicily in 287 B.C., is credited with discovering the principle of water displacement while sitting in his bath. He also invented the pulley and a planetarium that demonstrated the movement of the stars.

About 200 years after the book was written, the text and diagrams were erased by scraping the skin, and the leaves were cut and reused in a smaller book of Christian prayers. New words were written across the original text, which still shows up faintly.

The book disappeared around 1922-24 from a monastery in Constantinople. It resurfaced in the possession of a French family in the 1930s and was sold by the family last year.

The manuscript survived a fire, which parched the edges, and has also been damaged by mold.

The manuscript is called the Archimedes Palimpsest. Palimpsest is writing material that has been re-used by erasing earlier writing.

Restoration is expected to last four or five years.

Payton remembered by many at private service on Friday

SOUTH BARRINGTON, Ill. (AP) — Mike Ditka senses a sweet reunion from above for Walter Payton, the player called "Sweetness."

"It's a sad time, but you know God called him home. And I believe Mr. (George) Halas has him up in heaven now, and he's got the greatest Bear of all time," Ditka said.

Ditka, Payton's family, his close friends and teammates — many wearing "Sweetness!!!" buttons — came to mourn and honor pro football's most prolific rusher.

During an emotional, invitation-only memorial service Friday that drew about 1,200 people, they remembered Payton's practical jokes, his passion for those around him, his determination to be the best at what he did, and his generosity.

Payton died Monday of bile duct cancer at age 45.

The public was to get its chance to say goodbye during a ceremony today at Soldier Field.

Teammate Mike Singletary, one of five who offered a tribute at Friday's service, said if Payton saw people crying he would say: "'Hold everything — I'm on hallowed ground. I'm running hills. I'm running on clouds. I'm running on stars. I'm on the moon."

Payton, the National Football League's leader in yards rushing (16,726) and carries (3,838), was known for his durability. He missed just one game in his 13-year career with the Bears. That made his death seem all the more unbelievable to many.

Mourners included NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and many of Payton's teammates from the Bears' 1985 team that won the Super Bowl.

"He affected so many people in a positive way, not only through athletic prowess, but through his generosity and for the way he lived his life," said Ditka, the coach of that Bears team that went 18-1.

"Yeah, it isn't fair. Forty-five years on this Earth, you should be in the prime of your life. But I think it warns us that tomorrow is not promised."

The altar at the Life Changers International Church was awash in flowers, many of them orange. One arrangement formed the "34" that Payton wore first at Jackson State and then with the Bears.

At the altar's center was a color portrait of Payton in his Chicago uniform, with his trademark white headband. Payton's body was cremated, and his ashes were in a vase on the altar, a spokeswoman said.

Jarrett Payton, who at the age of 12 introduced his father at his Hall of Fame induction, said, "Little did I know that six years later, I'd be standing before you."

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Hawaii was formally annexed to to the United States in 1898 after Congress passed a joint resolution. Hawaii was granted territorial status in 1900 and became the 50th state of the union in 1959.

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Isaac Singer was granted a patent on his sewing machine in 1851.

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Man, 80 years young, enjoys variety of jobs

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

At 80 years young, Sid Stone, has held enough jobs to keep several people busy for a lifetime.

He has enjoyed them all, and his favorite is whatever he's doing at the moment.

Sid and his daughter, Carolyn, recently spent a weekend in Snyder, tuning pianos as well as visiting family and friends.

Sid and Carolyn both tuned about 12 pianos each. They stayed with Buck and Patsy Sitton.

Sid's interest in piano tuning began 70 years ago when he and his family lived on the Western slope of Colorado. His mother was a piano teacher so his interest in music comes naturally.

In those days, the piano tuner traveled from Denver, 250 miles away. Needless to say he didn't get to come very often. So Sid began to keep the piano in tune between visits.

He also played the piano for a Youth Gospel Team which sang at a host of small churches, most of which had pianos so out of tune, that it was hard to play anything at all.

He vowed then to learn to tune so he could tune a piano whenever he came across one that needed it.

In 1966, Sid joined the Piano Technician Guild where he trained a host of students, many who went on to make their mark in the tuning world. Sid had also written about 30 articles for the Piano Technician Journal and he is a past president of the Piano Technicians Guild.

When he first began tuning, he said it took him about two to three hours to finish a job. It takes him about an hour now, depending on the condition of the piano.

He said he prefers the old-fashioned way of tuning by ear, rather than using a piano-tuning device. He occasionally uses the machine for pianos that are extra hard to tune.

Carolyn noted she "grew up with piano tuning." She started out doing shop work for her dad, later graduating to repairs.

She tunes full time now, six days a week. "I stay busy and I get to meet lots of nice people. I also get to go to the nicest part of the home because that's usually where the piano is kept."

"I make a lot of friends this way. That's the neat part," she added.

She said her brother, David, paid for medical school by tuning pianos. She noted that her dad also paid his seminary fees tuning pianos.

As much as Sid likes to tune pianos, he has a lot of other interests which he also enjoys pursuing. Visiting churches is just one of them. He has visited about 400 so far, mostly in California where he lives. One day he intends to write a book.

Four churches in Snyder will probably be included because Sid visited them during a recent Sunday. He attended the early service at First Baptist Church, Sunday School at First Assembly of God on 30th St., morning worship at Word Is Life Deliverance Church and the evening service at East Side Church of Christ.

A retired Baptist minister, Sid decided three years ago that that the time had come for him "to see what was on the other side of the denominational fence." So be began making the rounds on weekends, visiting from two to five churches each time. He said he gets ideas from all of them.

When he visits various churches he noted that he usually "sticks out like a sore thumb." A few churches offered cool receptions, but in general, Sid said he is well received. And only one church was very distrustful of his presence. He thought church members were going to ask him to leave, but they didn't go that far.

Among his observations: That members of the black congregations he visited in California were the most formally dressed, including suits and white gloves for the ushers and suits and ties for the men and boys and dressy outfits for women and girls. He said he admires the respect they show for God's house.

He also likes their music.

He noted that the Mormons, or Latter Day Saints congregations he visited were also well dressed.

Besides Texas and California, he has visited churches in Kansas, Missouri, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Some had only four members while others had thousands.

TUNES BY EAR — Sid Stone of Hayward, Calif. prefers to tune pianos by ear, occasionally, using a machine for the extra hard ones. He visited family and friends in Snyder recently, and managed to squeeze in some piano tunings as well. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

His goal is to visit 500 churches, which he hopes to reach by next summer. Then he plans to write a book, "1,000 Fresh Ideas For Your Church."

Sid, who was married to the late Ludine Woolever of Snyder, is no stranger to the city. While his wife was living, he said they always attended the Woolever family reunions held here.

She died in 1975. She had multiple sclerosis and had been paralyzed from the neck down for 15 years.

A Chinese nurse named Alice cared for his wife. She and her daughter lived with the Stones. Her daughter and his son wed in 1976 and Sid married Alice in 1977.

When asked about his interest in different jobs, Sid said he's always on the lookout for something new to do. As for his longevity, he offered this tongue in cheek explanation.

"When I first wed, my wife and I had an understanding. If she had something on her mind, she would say it. If I did I had to walk around the block. All that exercise was good for me and kept me in shape," he laughed.

He also noted that he exercises, follows a healthy diet and does not smoke.

Sid has always had an interest in writing also. He started out writing a few newspaper articles and letters to the editor. Then he began attending a writers' group.

When he turned 80, he laid out his life story on paper, entitling the booklet, "80th Birthday Celebration."

Several gems are written on the cover including:

*I'd rather be 80 years young that 40 years old.

*You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing.

*It's not so important what happens to you, but how you take it and what you do about it.

*I'm not over the hill; but when I am, I expect to pick up speed.

*(Phil. 4:11)..."I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content."

Highlights of his book include his early years. Sid was born on the Eastern Slope of Colorado, 15 miles from the nearest town. He and his siblings walked three miles to school each day.

The students enjoyed potato soup every day. Sid's mother gave him and his brothers hot potatoes to carry to school, which kept their hands warn in the winter. Other students brought other ingredients such as milk, onion, bacons and other ingredients. That made the "best soup I have ever tasted," Sid wrote.

While in the second grade, his family moved to the Western Slope of Colorado. During the Great Depression, Sid recalled drinking "cottage tea" or "tea kettle tea" — hot water and milk, because the family couldn't afford store-bought tea.

They whittled their own toothpicks and made paste for school from flour and water. When his shoes developed holes, he put a piece of cardboard inside them. Haircuts meant a bowl placed on his head and his dad pulling rather than cutting his hair with dull scissors.

Sid's first paying job was selling life insurance when he was a junior in high school. He received 15 cents per hour and $1 for every policy he sold.

In high school, he also planted an acre of raspberries. He earned $35 after planting, weeding, irrigating and harvesting all summer.

Also in high school, he once worked as a cowboy on a cattle ranch, receiving 75 cents a day, plus room and board.

Sid also had an interest in sports and participated in football, basketball, baseball and played ping pong while in the military. He became an officer and earned several decorations and citations. After serving in the military, he "answered the call to become a minister."

He attended the seminary in

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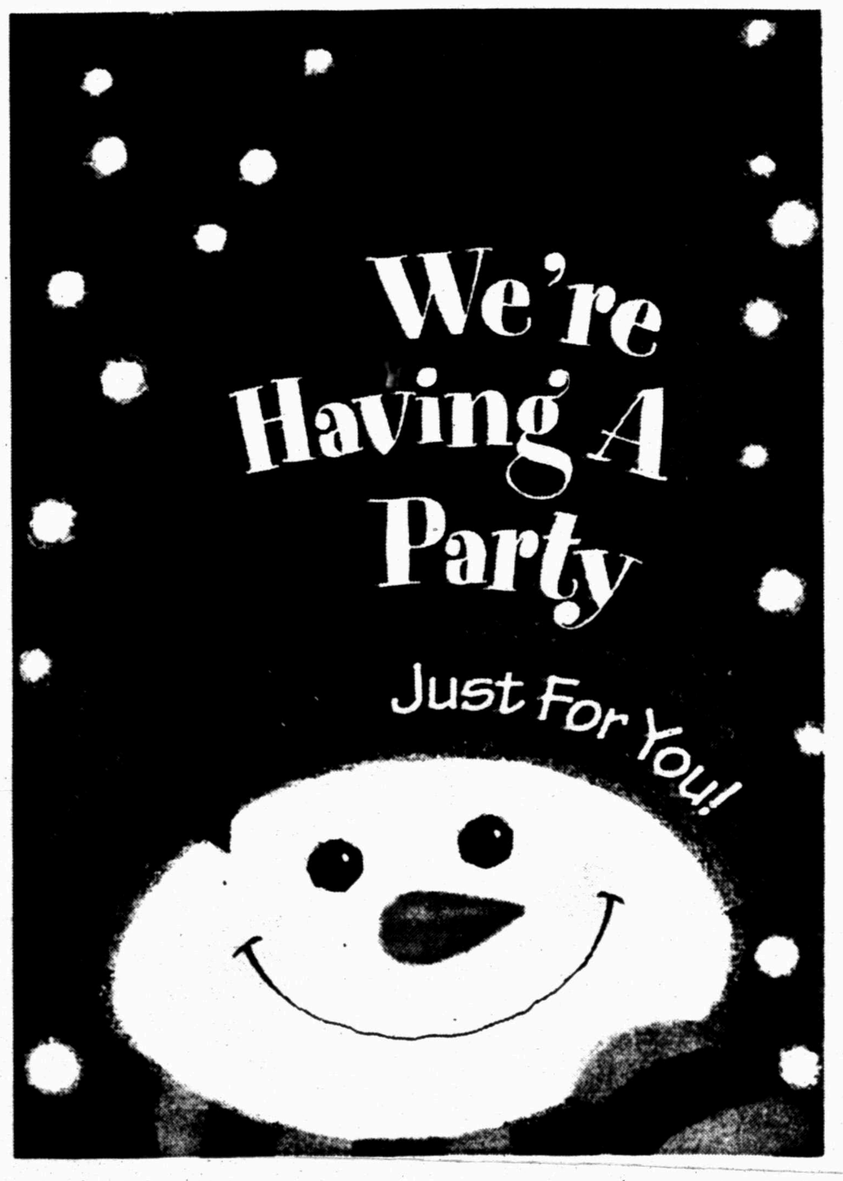

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club directors meeting; clubhouse; 4 p.m.

Al-Anon, Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

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

Defensive Driving Course; Monday and Tuesday 6 to 9 p.m.; Texas Savings Bank; call 573-2850 for more information.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room of Texas Savings Bank, 27th and College Ave.; 7;30 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

American Legion Post 181; 7:30 p.m.

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

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; "Wellness That Counts," by Beth Ashley; hostesses, LaDean Rhodes and Wanda Falls; 4:15 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; WTC Planetarium, 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Study Club; MAWC; 11;30 a.m.

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 57zzzzzzz3-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; Winston Field terminal bldg.; program, Hugh Campbell of San Angelo; hostess, Lila Guinn; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th Street; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings Bank; for more information, call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Scurry County Library, 1916 23rd; extending Saturday hours – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on a trial basis.

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m. p.m.

Millennium marriages planned

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — It's going to be one big New Year's Eve party — complete with wedding vows.

Thousands of couples from Philadelphia to Thailand are choosing to say their "I do's" in chorus on New Year's Eve as part of their city's celebrations to mark the new year.

SCURRY CHAPTER ABWA — Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women met Oct. 28 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club for a program by Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey, center. Reared in Scurry County, Lindsey served in the auditor's office for 10 years. The first woman to serve as commissioner in Scurry County, she explained her duties in Precinct 4. ABWA birthdays for the month included Lucy Dennis, Pat Faver, Maxie McNew and Leona Wiggins. Anita Felan presided, hostess was Genetha Payne, the invocation was by Vera Pruitt and the benediction was by Faver. Others pictured are guest Dorothy Lankford, left, and member Betty Boyd. The next meeting will be held Nov. 9 at the woman's club. (Contributed Photo)

Alysia Henderson will pledge her undying love to Eric Garrett, her 35-year-old beau, along with 999 other couples in Philadelphia for the $40 cost of a license. She says the mass wedding ceremony will help ease last-minute jitters.

"We wanted to make history. We were thinking about getting married anyway around this time of year," the 29-year-old Henderson said.

She downplayed the impersonal feel that might accompany reciting her vows along with hundreds of others.

"I never really wanted the fairy tale wedding that most people want, with the church and the limousine," she said. "I just wanted something simple and plain."

Philadelphia Mayor Edward G. Rendell and his wife, U.S. Circuit Court Judge Marjorie Rendell, will officiate the ceremony at the Grand Hall of the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

In Wilmington, Del., at least 75 couples have paid $30 to get married — and receive a commemorative "Millennium Marriage Certificate" — in a ceremony at a riverfront park.

Ken Boulden, Clerk of the Peace, decided to coordinate the celebration after fielding several requests to perform ceremonies at midnight on New Year's Eve.

"I've done a couple of weddings where two sisters have been married to two gentlemen. I've even had a father and his son married, but I've never been at a ceremony where this many people have been married," Boulden said.

If everything proceeds like clockwork, Boulden will declare the couples married at midnight and the sky will light up with fireworks. In another stroke of mathematical luck, the night will mark Boulden's 2000th ceremony.

In Thailand, the allure of a group wedding can be attributed to economics. With the country still trying to recover from the 1997 Asian economic crisis, the Wedding Business Consultant Company is pitching the ceremony with 2,000 couples as cost-effective way to tie the knot.

For $275 per couple, organizers will arrange the ceremony. Couples, however, must provide their own refreshments and pay for a honeymoon room.

And what if you're in the mood for a little Elvis?

Dozens of couples will be married at the Viva Las Vegas Wedding Chapel, with owner Ron DeCar dressed in a white jumpsuit as the King of Rock 'n' Roll. DeCar will guide the couples through the ceremony until the final "I do" when an ordained minister takes over.

He said the appeal of getting married with a group of strangers is no different than hanging out in freezing weather in New York City's Times Square, waiting for a giant crystal ball to drop.

"Look at everybody who goes across the country with people they don't know and party and drink and scream their heads off," DeCar said. "How many other people are going to be able to tell their friends they got married in a mass wedding?"

Bridge Scores

Jane Hinton directed bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Oct. 29

1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. ElWanda Nall, Margaret Presswood.
3. Maribeth Vestal, Barbara Yorgesen.

Sunday, Oct. 3

Swiss Team

TEAMS TIE: Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton, Nona Morrison, Barbara Yorgesen tied with Dot Casey, Louise Thompson, Margaret Presswood, ElWanda Nall.

Natchez wins $1,000 in recipe contest

Gilda Lester of Wilmington, N.C., took second place ($1,000) for her Natchez Chili in the Bryan Food/Opryland Family Traditions Recipe Contest winner.

Lester's chili recipe offers an exciting new chili dish with a Cajun twist. Sausage, onions, green and red bell peppers and garlic are blended with Cajun seasoning, picante sauce and beans. Sour cream and grated Swiss cheese put the finishing touch on this winning entrée.

NATCHEZ CHILI

1 lb. sausage, halved lenghwise and cut into ½-in. pieces
2 tbsp. olive oil
2 onions, chopped
1 red bell pepper, diced
1 green bell pepper, diced
6 cloves garlic, minced
1 pkg. (1-1/8 oz.) Cajun Style Chili Seasoning
1 can (14-1/2 oz.) crushed tomatoes with added puree
½ cup picante sauce (medium or hot)
½ cup beer
1 can (15-oz.) black beans, rinsed and drained
3 cups freshly cooked rice
sour cream, grated Swiss cheese for garnishes

Directions:

1. Heat oil in large saucepan or Dutch oven. Add sausage, onions, peppers and garlic. Cook 5-8 minutes. Stir in Cajun seasoning. Cook 1 minute longer.

Commuting rigorous

LIMA, Pa. (AP) — Don't tell Robert Ginsberg about the rigors of commuting. His commute is 121 miles each way.

Since 1972, Ginsberg, a Pennsylvania State University professor, has driven from his home in the Washington suburb of Takoma Park, Md. to teach at the school's Delaware campus, outside Philadelphia.

He only makes the commute twice a week, but it's a five-hour round trip on a good day. The commute can last up to five hours each way in bad traffic.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 11-06-99
♠ K 5 4
♥ A 6 3
♦ A J 10 9 5
♣ K 2

West
♠ J 8 3
♥ Q 7 4 2
♦ 8 2
♣ Q J 10 8

East
♠ A Q 10 9
♥ 5
♦ 7 6 3
♣ 9 7 6 5 3

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

How would you tackle it, given the North and South hands? Against four hearts, West leads the club queen.

With only three hearts, North had to adopt a two-step routine. First, he showed his own suit; then, he announced game values and exactly that number of trumps with his second-round jump to game.

Taking the suit in isolation, you should cash the heart ace, then finesse the jack (unless the queen pops up from East on the second round, of course). Here, however, that puts the contract in danger. West wins a trick with the heart queen and, if in midseason form, switches to the spade *jack*. (When you need three tricks from a suit like this, lead the honor; when two will suffice, lead low.)

To ensure that West cannot win a trick, take an avoidance play in hearts. After winning trick one with the club ace, lead the heart jack from hand, and unless West unwisely covers with the queen, play low from the dummy. Here, the finesse wins, and you collect 12 tricks. But if the heart finesse loses, the contract is safe. East cannot profitably attack spades, so you win his return, draw trumps, and run the diamonds in peace.

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Variation is the spice of life

No matter what one does in life, introducing variety is usually good; it reduces boredom, increases interest. The same applies at the bridge table. Some books contain pages and pages telling you the best way to play various suit combinations. However, those tables don't warn you that circumstances change conditions, or whatever the expression is.

In this deal, how would you normally handle the heart suit for no losers?

Egyptian mummies are being studied

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Though they died about 3,000 years ago, two Egyptian mummies had recent CAT scan appointments.

The mummies underwent scans Thursday.

Scientists are trying to get a better idea of what their faces looked like when they were alive.

"This is new territory for Michigan State University and for me," said Norm Sauer, a forensic anthropologist from the school. He plans to use the three-dimensional images as the basis for clay sculptures.

Bridal Registry

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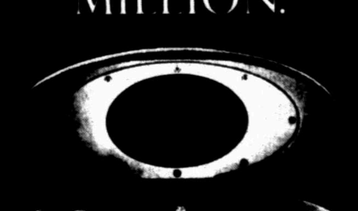

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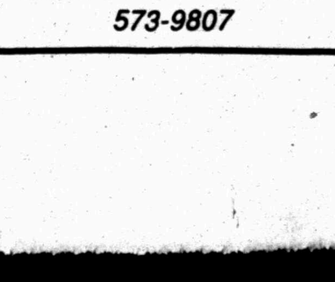

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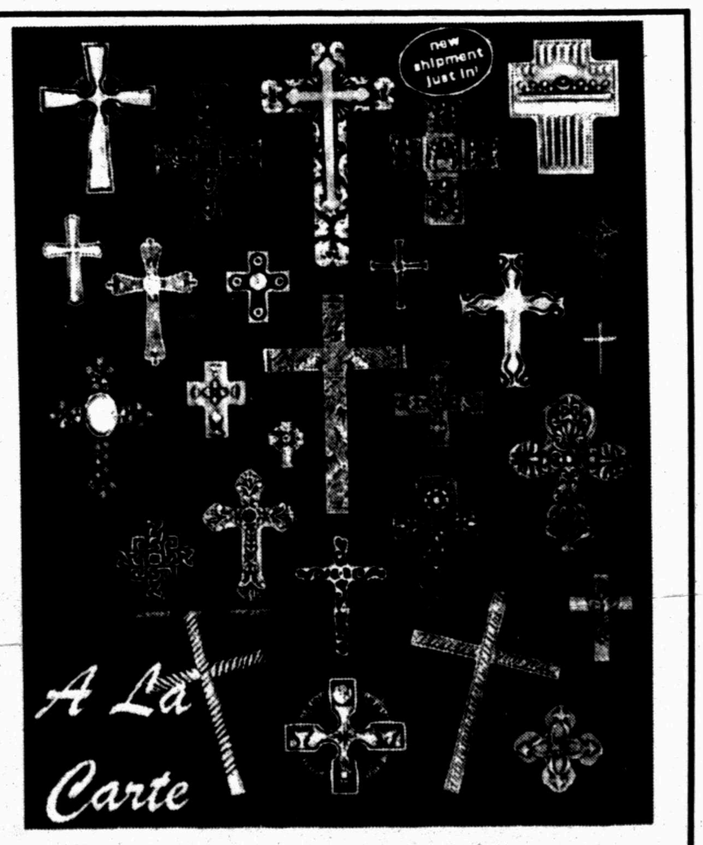

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CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS TRAINING — Fifteen students graduated from the Correctional Officer Training Class 55-A at Western Texas College Wednesday. From left, first row, are Luther Brownlee, Spur; Oscar Calderon, Loraine; Deric Calhoun, Coahoma; Jerry Crook, Clifton; Edward Deboard, Sweetwater; William Edwards, Jayton; Lily Hinojosa, Lamesa; back row, Sean Luna, Andrews; Tommy Matthews, Haskell; Gregory Mitchell, Odessa; Laderrick Richardson, Snyder; Troy Slate, Snyder; John Smith, Hermleigh; Anthony Tuck Jr., Midland; Joe Vandam, Anson; and Leanord Dodgen, director; and Judy Bartels, secretary. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

MARRIED — Juan and Leticia Martinez will be honored at a public celebration on Nov. 13 at 8-12 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. They were married on Sept. 14. (Contributed Photo)

School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with milk. The breakfast menu has a choice of assorted cereal, toast with jelly and juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Waffles w/Syrup
Tuesday
Biscuits w/Jelly
Wednesday
Donut
Thursday
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Friday
Sausage on a Stick
LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Country Fried Steak w/Texas Toast
Mashed Potatoes
Lettuce and Tomato
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Chili Dog on a Bun or
Homemade Pot Pie
Potato Puffs
Green Beans
Orange Half
Wednesday
Joe on a Bun
Ranch Beans
Oven Fries
Ice Cream
Thursday
Burrito or
Chicken Nuggets w/Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Green Peas
Sliced Peaches
Friday
Submarine Sandwich
Mixed vegetables
Gelatin
Fresh Apple

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Juice
Pancake/Syrup
Tuesday
Fruit
Breakfast Pizza
Wednesday
Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast
Thursday
Fruit
Cinnamon Toast
Friday
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Toast
LUNCH
Monday
Burrito/Chili/Cheese
Salsa Sauce
French Fries
Pink Applesauce
Tuesday
Glazed Ham
New Potatoes
Carrot Sticks
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Fruit Bars
Wednesday
Sloppy Joes
Fritos
Relish Cup
Rice Krispie Bars
Thursday
Chicken Casserole
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Vanilla Pudding
Friday
Sausage Pizza
Buttered Corn
Shredded Lettuce
Fruit Jell-O

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.

Monday
Tacos
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Cake
Tuesday
Flame Broiled Patties
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Fruit
Wednesday
Chicken Spaghetti
English Peas
Carrots
Crackers
Jell-O w/Fruit
Thursday
Ravioli
Vegetable Salad
Green Beans
Italian Bread
Fruit
Friday
Sandwiches
Chips
Orange

Exotic car designer is suing Jay Leno

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An exotic-car designer is suing Jay Leno, accusing the "Tonight Show" host of making disparaging comments about him at a car show and other events.

The "Tonight Show" host was accused of calling Claudio Zampolli a crook during last year's classic car show in Van Nuys and discussing rumors that Zampolli sold cars he never delivered.

"There were several events where Mr. Leno made slanderous remarks," said Zampolli's attorney Tristram Buckley said.

"It's a very small community," Buckley said, referring to car enthusiasts. "So if you make slanderous and defaming remarks in that community and you are Jay Leno, the repercussions are very serious."

The Superior Court lawsuit, filed Wednesday, seeks $150 million in damages for allegedly damaging the car designer's reputation.

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

BOTTLE CUTTERS: Julieann Dudash of Hebron, Ind., and Kathy Flies of Williamstown, Vt., were looking for this item. Many thanks to all of you for sending along information! Here's our bottle-cutter compendium: Lark Books Bottle Cutter Kit, (item number 1958), $29.95 plus $5.95 for postage and handling, (800) 284-3388; Market Place Bottle and Jar Cutter, (item number GR 626), $29.95, plus $6 postage, send order to: Grass Roots Marketplace, 450 Seventh Ave., Suite 1701, New York, NY 10123-0073; Eastern Art Glass Bottle and Jar Cutter Kit (item number 77-7721), $29.95 plus postage, (800) 872-3458; Aileene's Creative Living, (800) 825-3363.

ANOTHER WAY TO REPLACE A CLOTHESPIN BAG: Mary Bane of Lockport, N.Y., writes: "Purchase a cotton or flannel infant nightgown at a yard sale. Sew the bottom shut, and turn the nightgown inside out. Put the sewn nightgown on a plastic coat hanger, and presto! A clothespin bag! You can hang it right on the clothesline and take the bag off the hanger to wash it."

CARING FOR CRYSTAL CHANDELIERS: Eileen Schonbek Beer of Schonbek Worldwide Lighting Inc., a company that has been making crystal chandeliers for 129 years, wrote to tell us the advice they give people on caring for their crystal chandeliers. She writes: "We never recommend spray cleaners, because sooner or later the spray will work its way into any microscopic nicks or scratches in the frame finish and cause corrosion — even with 24-karat gold. Frames should be wiped with a dry cloth. Moisture is a no-no.

"A traditional chandelier with crystal pendants and octagon chains can often be cleaned without removing the crystal. One method is simply to wipe each crystal with a damp chamois. Or try our two-glove method: Wear white cotton gloves — one dampened with Windex and one dry. Caress the crystal with the damp glove and wipe it dry immediately with the dry glove.

"If you have a contemporary, sculpture-like crystal chandelier with a hidden frame, you probably need to remove the crystal to clean it perfectly. Or, to compromise, just wipe the crystal with a damp chamois. Locate your trim diagram before removing any crystal, so you'll know how to reassemble the chandelier.

"As to the frequency of cleaning, this depends on chandelier location, type of crystal, and shape of the crystal jewels. For example, Strass crystal, manufactured in the last nine or 10 years, has a surface that repels dust and needs cleaning only very occasionally.

Harvard is planning 4th meal

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Realizing that the traditional dinner hour isn't cutting it when so many students are burning the midnight oil, Harvard plans to offer its undergraduates a fourth meal late at night.

The nation's oldest college will join the ranks of other colleges nationwide in cooking up a second dinner to fuel late-night studying.

Administrators said they began to realize just how late students were staying up when they saw e-mails dated from 3 a.m. or 4 a.m.

"If Harvard wants to be a diverse school, it has to have diverse meals," said junior Charles Zerner. "Eating late is just a natural response to being up later. It's ridiculous if you're staying up till 2 to eat at 5. That's nine hours without food."

The idea first arose last year, when Harvard cafeterias set out late-night bagels, cereal and coffee cake during final exams. Students said the school should do it all year.

The university must now decide how to expand the meal plan without bumping up the cost of room and board. They also need to decide what time to serve it. Some want it around 11 p.m.; others want it as late as 2 a.m.

"It's just the culture here," student Chiwen Bao said. "If I want to do well, I have to strive, I have to stay up late. I have to sacrifice sleep, or else I'm not maxing out my opportunities."

Appeals court has refused to revive copyright case

MILAN, Italy (AP) — An appeals court refused to revive an Italian singer's copyright-infringement case against Michael Jackson, saying both singers copied the tune in question from old blues songs.

Thursday's ruling in Milan upholds a 1997 ruling rejecting the lawsuit by singer and songwriter Al Bano.

Bano claimed Jackson stole part of the musical motif of the 1987 song "I Cigni di Balaka" (The Swans of Balaka) and used it in "Will You Be There" on the 1991 album "Dangerous."

The courts said both songs were "devoid of originality" and inspired by old songs, including "Tell Hope," "Bless You" and "Just Another Day Wasted Away."

The civil case is independent of a criminal case over the same song.

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PIANO TUNERS — Sid Stone and his daughter, Carolyn Stone, are both piano tuners. They recently combined business with pleasure when they visited family and friends in Snyder, and also tuned about 12 pianos each one weekend. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Eighty-year-old enjoys full life

Continued from Page 1B

Berkley. When he candidated for the First Baptist Church of Fruita, Colo., he had to face several questions. When asked if he had any children, Sid answered, "I don't know."

That didn't go over very well until he explained that his wife was due any day and he didn't know if his daughter Carolyn had been born yet.

He later served other Baptist churches in California.

Other vocations included school teaching and certified message therapist. After WWII, he received an emergency teaching certificate. He was hired to take the place of a sixth grade teacher who had gotten married. He received $105 a month for the nine-month school year.

He became a message therapist after six months training at the San Francisco School of Massage. He had started out by rubbing his wife's back, and then decided to learn how to message.

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Sid is currently involved in coordinating a writing contest for students from the 7th through the 12th grades."

The subject is abstinence. The word limit is 500 and judging will be based on content, not length.

The deadline to enter in March 31, 2000. Prizes include $300 for each first place in each grade; $200 for each second place; $100 for each third place and four $25 honorable mentions in each grade.

To enter or for more information contact Rev. Sidney O. Stone, 2419 St. Helena Drive #2, Hayward, Calif. 94542.

Postal Service eases returns

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Postal Service began a new service Thursday for folks who want to return mail-order purchases.

The Electronic Merchandise Returns Service offers the buyer who wants to make a return a way to print out a mailing label with paid postage on a computer printer.

One catch: The retailer has to set up an account at a local post office to offer this service.

The first retailer to join up is Altrec, a Seattle based company selling outdoor goods.

In the system, called Returnsease, a buyer who wants to return an item contacts the selling company via the Internet. The retailer then provides the customer, also via the Internet, a mailing label including postage, that the customer prints out and applies to the package being returned.

The parcel can then be given to a letter carrier, dropped in a mail collection box or taken to a local post office.

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Fed investigators eye Bellush's murder

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Federal authorities in Texas have launched their own investigation into the death of a mother of quadruplets slain nearly two years ago in Florida, officials have confirmed.

The Sheila Bellush murder case has piqued the interest of officials at the highest levels at the U.S. attorney's office, the San Antonio Express-News reported today.

John Murphy, first assistant to U.S. Attorney Bill Blagg of the Western District of Texas, is handling the inquiry, according to an official familiar with the case.

Ms. Bellush, 35, was shot and stabbed in her Sarasota, Fla., home Nov. 7, 1997, six weeks after moving from San Antonio with her husband and six children, four of whom were 2-year-old quadruplets.

Sarasota prosecutor Henry Lee said Thursday he was aware federal officials are investigating the slaying.

Previously, the U.S. Justice Department was involved only in the Mexican extradition case of Jose Luis Del Toro, 23, a high school football star from La Pryor suspected of being the killer.

Sarasota authorities say Del Toro was part of a conspiracy hatched in San Antonio that has proven difficult to fully crack.

Despite two convictions in the case and Del Toro's pending trial in Florida, the Bellush murder story still has unanswered questions.

Strict rules bar testimony from accomplices in Texas courts if there is no corroborating evidence. The accomplice-witness rule has hampered Texas authorities and a Bexar County grand jury considering evidence in the murder plot, authorities acknowledge.

Federal courts don't have such restrictions. Jurors simply are instructed to consider accomplice testimony with caution.

Gerald Goldstein, whose San Antonio law firm is representing convicted conspirator Daniel Rocha, said federal authorities would have greater leeway prosecuting suspects in the Bellush case.

"It makes all the difference in the world," Goldstein said.

Del Toro's cousin, Samuel Gonzales, 29, has confessed to his role in the murder-for-hire plot and agreed to help authorities. He now is serving a 19-year sentence in Florida after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit first-degree murder.

In January, Gonzales testified against Rocha, a San Antonio amateur golfer, and helped secure a first-degree murder conviction. Rocha is serving a life sentence for his part in the conspiracy, but it could be reduced if he cooperates with authorities.

Rocha was golfing buddies with Bellush's ex-husband, Allen Blackthorne, 44, who hasn't been charged in connection with Bellush's death but was sued last year in a wrongful death lawsuit filed by her widower, James Bellush.

Blackthorne has denied involvement in the killing. He and his wife, Maureen, say they are conducting their own investigation to determine who was behind Bellush's death.

Snyder Beautification

By Glenda Glasscock, Horticulturist

(Editor's Note: The following article, contributed by Glenda Glasscock, horticulturist, is part of the Snyder Beautification Committee's efforts to enhance the appearance of the community. Mrs. Glasscock is a charter member of the Beautification Committee.)

Few bedding plants rise to glory in the fall like the pansy, a cool-season annual. Pansies can be planted in the fall and they will explode with color immediately.

They are surprisingly cold-hardy and their bright faces can bloom all winter – at the very least, they wait out the cold to bloom again with the first warm spell.

Pansies thrive in our area and anyone can grow them. Fall-planted pansies grow twice the size and produce more flowers than those planted in the spring because their root systems have more time to become established.

Plants should be set out at least four weeks before the first frost to give them time to establish their roots. This helps them to better endure the winter.

Gardeners may be concerned that pansies will be killed in winter, but many tolerate temperatures as slow as 15 degrees Fahrenheit before their tops are killed.

Research shows most of the popular selections of pansies are hardy to our area. Bingo, one of the most cold-hardy selections, survived winter trials at Michigan State University.

Pansies need at least six hours of sun. Plants growing in shade will produce fewer blossoms. They also need good drainage. If the soil stays wet and soggy through the winter, the plants may rot.

Set transplants at the spacing recommended on the label, which will probably be from 6 to 12 inches apart.

Water regularly when the weather is dry. Mulching with pine straw or bark chips helps to retain moisture and protect roots from winter cold.

Because pansies are heavy feeders, you will be pleased with their performance if you fertilize them well. A time-release plant food that mixes easily into the soil at planting will feed your plant for many months.

Because fall-planted pansies will have their roots in cool soil, it is best to select a product such as Pansy booster, which contains nitrate nitrogen, the form most available in cold soil.

Mix the fertilizer into soil before setting out the plants or put a little into the hole while planting. Read fertilizer labels carefully.

Reapply fertilizer in late winter to boost growth and blooms. Removing the faded blossoms will stimulate flower production.

In areas where fall planting is best, the weather begins to get too hot in the summer for pansies. Flowers get smaller and plants look stressed. This is the time to replace them with annuals that can beat the heat.

In the landscape, pansies can be planted among bulbs, in mass or in drifts with other flowers in beds and borders.

Pansies planted as companions to daffodils and tulips will cover bare ground before the bulbs come up. When bulbs do bloom, you'll have two levels of color – one at the ground, and one above the daffodil and tulip blossoms.

It is important to plant pansies either first or at the same time as you plant the bulbs. Otherwise, you might dig up or damage the bulbs when setting out the pansies. Pansies are also a perfect match for irises, filling out the bed in winter.

Because they are low, pansies are also ideal for the edge of a flower border or in a bed next to a terrace or walk. A neat growth habit will keep them from spilling out of their beds.

Go to your yard. Look, dream, plant and make the most of what you have.

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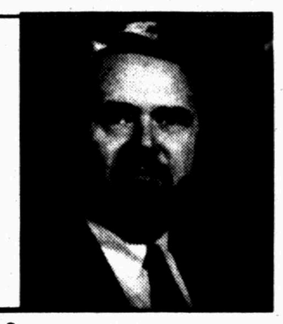

By Don Taylor

Is Customer Service Dead...or just Dying?
(First of two-parts)

Time: Wednesday, 8:47 p.m. Place: A small town near Austin, TX. Two men pull into a Dairy Queen with the intention of grabbing a quick bite to eat. There were no other cars in the parking area but the lights were on and the neon sign flashed, "OPEN."

Three employees - teenagers - were visible through the front window. They were eating ice cream. When the employees saw the car pull up they scattered. In a few seconds the lights went off.

The driver got out of the car and tried the front door. It was locked. The "business hours" sign stated that the business was open until 9:00 p.m. The man scowls and returns to the car. All Dairy Queens get a black mark in his mental book of places to eat. This Dairy Queen is dying.

Another time, another place

Time: Friday, 5:05 p.m. Place: Nashville, TN. A couple approached the registration desk of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Three employees are behind the counter, but only one is registering guests. The line is short, but 12 minutes pass before the couple is motioned up to the desk. They give their names and confirmation number.

The clerk informs them that they can register, but their room is not ready. There was a big convention in town and the rooms are still being cleaned.

They are told it will take only 20 minutes. Fifty minutes later someone finally gets a room clean and the couple receives a key. As they leave the lobby they see at least 20 others waiting for rooms.

When they arrive at their room it is nearly 85 degrees inside. The bathroom still has hair on the floor and in the tub. The couple decides not to complain because this may be the only room they'll get.

Both of these travelers agree to avoid Crowne Plaza hotels in the future. Listen closely and you can hear the death rattle in the hum of the alleged air conditioner. The hotel is dying.

Death on the strip

Time: Monday, 7:10 p.m. Place: Las Vegas, NV. Two couples hail a cab in front of the Treasure Island Hotel. They are going out for dinner and want to see the other end of the strip.

They ask the driver to take them to the Bellagio Hotel, a long walk but a short cab ride. The driver shows his disgust. "Just to the Bellagio?" he asks.

During the short ride the driver sulks. He doesn't want to talk or answer questions about the strip. The fare came to $5.80. He's given $6.00 and told to keep the change. The couple agrees the 20-cent tip is too much. Somewhere in Las Vegas a cab company is dying.

Service is declining

The scenes I just described are true. They are not isolated cases. Customers agree, service stinks. Sadly, these stories are repeated every day in millions of similar situations. Your friends and co-workers all have their own stories to share.

Customer service is an area where perception is the reality. If the customer feels that service is declining, then it is. Most customers are ready to attend the final rites for customer service.

The American Customer Service Index, compiled by the University of Michigan, shows a dramatic decline in customer satisfaction between the years of 1994 and 1998. Most Americans are fed up with poor performance.

How much will we take? What happened to good service? Will the lack of service open the door to more E-commerce? Are there opportunities for companies who stay focused on caring for customers? We'll tackle these questions and more next week. Don't miss "Is Customer Service Dead..." part two.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

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Charles Durant made early aviation history in 1830 by flying in a balloon from New York City across the Hudson River to Perth Amboy, N.J.

Diabetes and nutrition

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During National Diabetes Month, Codgell Memorial Hospital would like to remind you that healthy eating is key to managing your diabetes. Eating well will help you manage your blood glucose, provide you with the essential nutrients and help you gain control of your diabetes – all leading to a more flexible lifestyle. You will start to feel better immediately and gain confidence in being able to manage your diet as part of your diabetes treatment plan. Follow these simple eating tips:

- Always eat three moderate meals at the same time every day, consume the same quantity of food and make room for a bedtime snack.
- Stick to eating only 4 to 6 portions of starch per day.
- Eat two portions of fresh fruit per day preferably during lunch and snack time.
- Eat lots of green vegetables because they are loaded with fiber, vitamins and minerals. They provide a lot of nutrition without increasing your blood glucose significantly.
- Try to eat small portions of lean poultry, fish and beef. Excess fats and calories are associated with large portions of fatty meat products.

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Cousins Leasing Trust, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Michael Herrera, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Associates Leasing Inc., 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Toby and Stephanie Duchenaux, 2000 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling Co., two 2000 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Reynaldo and Graciela Rios, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Martin Pena, Mona A. Pena and Ramona Pena, 2000 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Robert Glen Garvin, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Dwayne P. and Deborah K. McFatridge, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Donald and Jean C. McMillon, 2000 Lincoln from Wilson Motors.

George L. Knox Jr., 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Arthur R. and Mary J. White, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Doyce Taylor, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Filed in District Court

Scurry County vs. Southern Petroleum Exploration Inc., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Barbara Lou Loper Graves, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. E. Lila Snow, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Petra Louise Brockman, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Marriage License

Twylla Brown and Eloy Chavez both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

Chrysler Financial Corp. vs. Snyder Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge, Jeep and Eagle, notice of non-suit.

In the marriage of Tommy Ralph Bynum and Cynthia Carol Bynum, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Tommy Ray Elam Jr. and Alicia Anne Elam, divorce granted.

In the marriage of William Lewis Smartt and Kimberly Sales Smartt, divorce granted.

Deed Records

James U. and Jennifer M. Short to Aurelio Medina, Lots 19-22 in Block 30 of the Belmont Heights Addition.

Trustees of Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital to Billy F. Calley, 12,000.7 acres commonly known as the Shannon Ranch in Scurry County.

Kevin and Kim Shifflett to Dusty and Katrina Burney, 13.158 acres in the northeast one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter of Section 250, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Nieves Joseph and Susie Morin to J.H. Guelker, Lot 27 in Block 4 of the 1st Replat of the Noble Heights Addition.

Edwin Brooks and Lila Elaine Sullivan to Gary P. and Lisa C. Kretzschmer, Lot 26 and the north 9 feet of Lot 27, Block 2 of the Park Place Addition.

Elwanda Stewart Nachlinger to Teresa Danene Courtney, 1 acre in the southeast one-quarter of Section 134, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Billie Hardiman to Ricky Gomez, Lots 7-9 in Block 25 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Mid-State Trust VII to Jim Walters Homes, Lots 21-24 in Block 23 of the Belmont Heights Addition.

Deborah Mathis Faulk, Marsha Mathis Edmiston and Dow Clark Mathis to Marjorie Faye Trevathan Mathis, the east one-half of the northeast one-quarter and all of the east one-half of the northwest one-quarter and the south one-half of the west one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 437, Block 97,H&TC survey.

Shirley McMillan, Gerald Wayne Snyder, Terry Leon Snyder and Dennis Snyder to Prudencio and Janie Salinas, tract one being all of Lot 5 of the J.F. Lammert Subdivision of a 5.46 acre tract out of Section 124, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a tract out of the east one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 124, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Senior Center Menu

Monday

Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, potato rounds, dill pickle spears, peanut butter cookie

Tuesday

Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, Mexican salad, sopapillas

Wednesday

Oven fried chicken w/cream gravy, baked potato, green beans, macaroni salad, cherry dessert bar

Thursday

Creole steak, wild rice, steamed broccoli, cottage cheese & pineapple, brownie

Friday

Fried fish, parslied potatoes, golden carrots, coleslaw, bread pudding

Senior Center News

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the Golden K Kiwanis Garage Sale.

Two special events are coming up this week that are not listed in the October-November newsletter. On Thursday, the "Old Sorehead Band" from Stanton will entertain in the dining room at 11 a.m.

On Friday, the AARP will have a training workshop in the conference room from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The center's Thanksgiving dinner is scheduled Nov. 19. Seniors are asked to pre-register by signing up at the center's registration table or by calling 573-4035.

Monday

Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. The Sparkle City Line Dancers will entertain at Snyder Healthcare at 1 p.m.

Tuesday

"88" play begins at 10 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon. Swimnastics is on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Western Texas College's pool. Social Security agents will be in the center from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday

The Kitchen Band will entertain residents at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. The AARP board will meet at 10 in the bridge room. Beginning at 11:30 a.m., Anne Gregory will be entertaining in the dining room and the advisory board will also meet. Line Dancers will practice at 1 and Cloggers at 2 p.m.

Thursday

The Sunshine Choir will be entertaining the residents of Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. All seniors are encouraged to hear the "Old Sorehead Band" at 11 a.m. Game night begins at 6 p.m. All seniors are welcome to join this activity and bring table games of their choice (Skip-Bo, Uno, and Scrabble, etc.)

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. "88" play begins at 10 a.m. The AARP training sessions is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the conference room.

Two pandas arrive in Atlanta Friday

ATLANTA (AP) — The U.S. panda population grew to six Friday when two giant pandas from China arrived in Atlanta, where they will stay for 10 years for a reproduction research project.

A specially equipped United Parcel Service plane, dubbed the "Panda Express," landed this morning at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport and was saluted with arched sprays of water.

"Oh, man, I'm so happy," said Zoo Atlanta director Terry Maple, who was on hand to greet the animals. "What a great day for all of us."

The 2-year-old pandas will have a new $7 million home at Zoo Atlanta, where they will be on loan for the next decade. Researchers will study them to try to learn more about why the endangered animals show little interest in mating while in captivity.

The pandas were loaded into crates before leaving Beijing on the 7,500-mile, 17-hour flight. They will be in quarantine for about two weeks before going on public display Nov. 20.

Bob Peterson, a former Air Force pilot who flew the last leg after a refueling stop in Anchorage, Alaska, said the bears appeared to enjoy the flight.

"They just seemed to lie back and relax the whole way," he said.

Pandas are native only to China.

Date Books

Saturday, Nov. 6, 1999

Today is the 310th day of 1999 and the 45th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1895, George Selden received a patent for his gasoline-powered automobile.

On this day in 1947, "Meet the Press" premiered on NBC television.

On this day in 1974, Ella Grasso was elected governor of Connecticut. She was the first woman to be elected governor without having succeeded her husband in that post.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Philip Sousa (1854-1932), bandmaster-composer; Ignace Jan Paderewski (1860-1941), composer-Polish patriot; James Naismith (1861-1939), educator-inventor; Walter Johnson (1887-1946), baseball great; James Jones (1921-1977), novelist; Mike Nichols (1931-), director, is 68; Sally Field (1946-), actress, is 53; Maria Shriver (1955-), broadcast journalist, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1934, the Philadelphia Eagles defeated the Cincinnati Reds 64-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The freethinking of one age is the common sense of the next." — Matthew Arnold

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (Nov. 7).

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Sunday, Nov. 7, 1999

Today is the 311th day of 1999 and the 46th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1874, in a cartoon that appeared in "Harper's Weekly," the elephant was first used as a symbol of the Republican party.

On this day in 1916, Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman to be elected to the House of Representatives.

On this day in 1974, singer Ted Nugent won the National Squirrel Shooting Archery Contest.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Marie Curie (1867-1934), chemist; Leon Trotsky (1879-1940), Russian revolutionary; Konrad Lorenz (1903-1989), animal behaviorist; Albert Camus (1913-1960), philosopher-novelist-playwright; Billy Graham (1918-), evangelist, is 81; Joan Sutherland (1926-), singer, is 73; Jim Kaat (1938-), baseball player-broadcaster, is 61; Joni Mitchell (1943-), singer-songwriter, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1991, "Magic" Johnson announced that he would retire from professional basketball because he had tested positive for HIV.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Ideas are to literature what light is to painting." — Paul Bourget

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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Extension cord and cord reels recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 149,600 household extension cords sold in the Midwest and 1,000 extension cord reels sold by Lowe's hardware stores are being recalled because of the danger of shock.

Fairlong International of Addison, Ill., recalled the extension cords, which are six- or nine-feet long and have three receptacles, because they have undersized wires, incorrect ratings and lack safety protections.

Meanwhile, Wood Industries of Carmel, Ind., recalled some 1,000 metal extension cord reels because they can become energized and shock consumers.

No injuries have been reported from using any of the products, the Consumer Products Safety Commission said Thursday in announcing the recalls.

The Fairlong cords were sold in the Midwest from July 1997 until last month. They were made in China and are marked: "SPT-2, 18AWGX2C, VW-1, 60 C."

Consumers should return the cords to the store of purchase for a refund or call 800-577-8197.

The red cord reels, ACDelco model 28003, contain a black 30-foot retractable extension cord. They were sold nationwide at Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse stores from July until September for about $35.

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Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

This past week, on *Good Morning, America*, I watched a segment where a financial advisor was showing a single mother how she could best save for her kids' college tuition. This woman, who earned $42,000 a year, had already managed to save $25,000 apiece for her two teens, an outstanding accomplishment in anyone's book. But she was told that she would need to put back *$250,000* in order to put her two kids through college.

We've got two kids in college now, and do you know what I have to say about that?

Barnyard manure!

If her kids go Ivy League, or some otherwise very pricey private school route, then yeah, they might need that much money. But who said every single young person today simply *has* to go to Princeton or Stanford to succeed?

In fact, the Nov. 1 edition of *Newsweek*, in an article entitled "The Worthless Ivy League," Robert J. Samuelson reports the findings of a new study that shows that simply possessing a degree from a name university does not mean you will make more money. "The schools don't make the student's success," said the researchers. "Students create their own success."

In other words, young graduates from "Podunk U" who display creativity, discipline, ambition, perseverance, and hard work will do better in the long run than some bonehead who just happens to have a degree from some elite school. "What students bring to colleges matters more than what colleges bring to students," says Samuelson.

Young people—and their pushy parents—who think they should only attend an elite, expensive school in order to succeed, should check to see what the *graduation rate* these name universities have from their freshman classes. They might be very surprised at how many kids drop out, coming home after a semester or a year stressed-out, disgusted, exhausted, lonely, and confused.

We have one child at Texas A&M University, which is a world-class school, and his education is going to cost about $40,000. Our daughter attends Stephen F. Austin State University, and her undergraduate schooling will run about $35,000, plus a year's internship where she will earn a small stipend. That's a whole lot less than $250,000.

Keep in mind, too, that this is not all out of our pockets. Our daughter has won numerous scholarships, and they live frugally, work, and contribute toward their expenses. Also, these are highly respected state universities, not private schools.

Choosing a college is going to be the most important decision a young person will make. There are many things that must be taken into consideration. Entrance requirements come first—some kids, like my daughter, are recruited heavily by every name university in the country. My son, on the other hand, had to look for a school that asked only that you show up and have no communicable diseases.

Which is fine - it provided him an excellent transition from high school to college, helped him grow up, and enabled him to transfer into A&M later on. (Also, community colleges are much cheaper.) But even choosing a community college takes care. If a child wants to transfer to a name university later, he has to choose a community college, which can still be academically challenging. At Blinn College, which my son attended for two years, Dustin had professors there who were every bit as demanding as his profs at A&M. It took him a semester or two, but he learned how to study and how to make the grade.

Next, a young person needs to consider the academic strengths of that particular university. Some schools are strong in the sciences and pre-professional schools; others have powerhouse liberal arts departments. Even then, many young people don't really know yet what they want to major in or do for a career.

That's when visiting a campus becomes absolutely key. They should talk to people other than recruiters—regular students on the campus are best, as well as alumni. Some of these "name" schools are enormous—Texas A&M has 45,000 students. That's like living in a small city. Some classrooms can seat up to 300 students. And those name professors seldom teach undergraduate classes—they're too busy pursuing research and grant dollars, or getting published.

But at Stephen F. Austin, a jewel of a liberal arts college set in the deep-east piney woods of Texas, there are about 15,000 students. Classes are manageable in size and the professors get to know their kids and are accessible to them. My daughter is a theatre major. Unlike many of her friends who attended name theatre schools, she acted in four plays her freshman year alone. (The elites usually only cast grad students and upperclassmen.) When she auditions for her first professional job, they're not going to care where she went to school, but whether she's had a chance to learn her craft.

Choosing a college means choosing a young person's next home, their home. They will be living there and making friends as well as studying and preparing for a career. When a young person visits the campus, it should feel comfortable; it should feel "right." It should be a place where they can feel safe while they journey the rocky road to adulthood, and have a lot of fun on the trip.

And that has nothing to do with dollars, but a whole lot to do with sense. Even so, tune in next week and we'll talk about how, no matter how broke you are, you can still manage a college education.

Do you believe in life after death?

by George Plagenz

Your phone rings, and when you answer it, you can't believe your ears.

"Mary!" you say with astonishment. "I was thinking of you this very minute."

Mary is an old school chum you haven't seen or heard from in years. Is it just a coincidence that you had each other on your minds at precisely the same moment?"

"No," writes Char Margolis in her new book, "Questions From Earth, Answers From Heaven" (St. Martin's Press). The two old school friends were "sharing a psychic experience."

"We're all psychic," says Margolis. Many anecdotes she relates in her book are much more sensational than the one about the two friends from girlhood days. Margolis said that she herself talks to the dead and believes we all can.

Thomas Edison told some of his close friends just before he died that he was working on an idea for a machine that would pick up voices from the dead.

Nobody knows how far the inventor of the electric light bulb and the phonograph got with his revolutionary idea, but if he had been successful, he would have made believers out of even the most hardened doubters.

We would have been impressed not only by Edison's standing as a scientist but also by the fact that he was an agnostic who didn't believe in personal immortality. He would feel vindicated; therefore, if he got his machine working and no voices from the dead came across. Then he could say, "See, just as I said." Here was somebody we could trust not to make up a story about talking to the dead.

A friend of Edison's, Allan Benson, always believed that it was the inventor's admiration for the famed physicist Sir William Crookes that sparked his interest in the afterlife.

Crookes' familiarity with physics had not destroyed his faith in spiritualism and in the ability of the spirit of the dead to communicate with the living dead to communicate with the living.

Edison no doubt read the astounding story Crookes told about the spirit of a dead woman that visited his home.

Summoned by a medium who would lie on a couch in the room adjoining the library when Sir William and his friends would gather, she appeared in what seemed to be flesh and bones, "clad as any woman might be for an afternoon call."

But she did not walk in. She was there instantaneously — nobody knew how. Some even felt her pulse. It was beating 70 times per minute.

These meetings occurred all winter that year in the early 1900s. Sir William took 43 pictures of the spirit woman, according to Benson. When Edison read accounts of these goings-on, what could he think? He could not doubt Crookes' veracity or his intelligence. It was also unlikely that anybody could dupe the man of science.

Benson felt that Edison was "in the position of one who cannot disbelieve.

Is this when Edison began to wonder whether it might be possible to make a machine that would enable departed spirits to communicate with the living without the aid of medium?

To a scientist like Edison, wary of the spooky world of seances, this would end all doubting — or confirm what he had believed all along about the impossibility of life after death.

Sorry to say, this is how the story ends.

Letter To The Editor

Humiliated

Dear Editor:

On Tuesday, Oct. 26, our family had a funeral for our grandmother. The service at Bell-Cypert-Seale was beautiful. A chapel filled with family and friends from both Snyder and out of town.

When we, all 40 of us, arrived at Hillside Memorial, the gravesite was not prepared, or even dug. After 10 minutes of aggravation, we were informed that it would be another hour or so before the grave would be prepared.

We not only lost a very important person in our lives, but we had to suffer the humiliation of this situation.

We have been compensated from the funeral home, but we have received nothing from Hillside Memorial.

We were present when the cemetery was notified and yet the cemetery worker attempted to blame the funeral home.

We, as a family, don't care who is to blame. All we know is we can never be compensated enough to get rid of the disrespect the cemetery has shown to our grandmother.

Thank you,
Alice M. Borrego and
The family of
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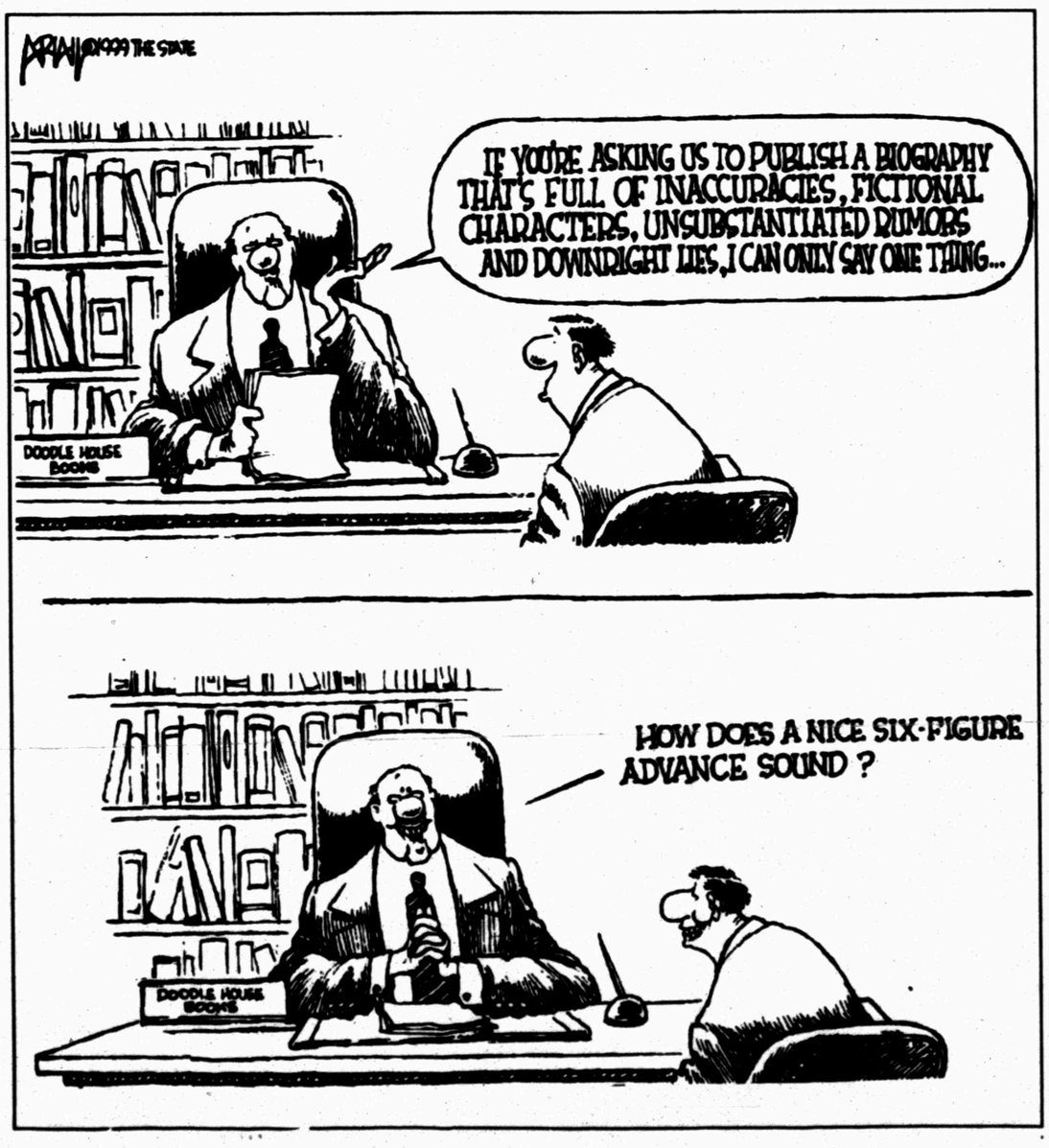

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Fort Worth Star-Telegram...

On profiling dangerous school children:

Profiling school children by using law enforcement assessment techniques is troubling.

The practice of labeling schoolchildren has gone on since the first kid cracked the binding of a book at a little red schoolhouse.

Children tagged as slow learners or troublemakers or pranksters in their early years often can never outgrow the stigma, whether it is deserved or not.

Such identifiers can become self-fulfilling prophecies. One teacher after the next reads the "permanent file" and begins to treat Johnny as a troublemaker even though he's just an exuberant young lad.

How many times over the years have students been threatened with the contents of their permanent files, as if they would ever go anywhere beyond the school counselor's office? It wasn't like a future employer would see it, unless the kid was going to work for the FBI.

That was then. This is the high-tech, plugged-in, computerized now.

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has enlisted the assistance of Gavin de Becker Inc., a California threat-evaluation company, to come up with a software program that will help school administrators spot troubled students.

In an effort to head off what is unquestionably disturbing but extremely rare behavior, officials are resorting to a predictive technique that has been publicly condemned when used by law enforcement: profiling.

By using a set of "carefully crafted" questions developed by experts from case histories of violent people, school administrators are supposed to be able to sort out the typical teen-age malcontent from the potential terrorist.

"For the first time, schools at the elementary, middle, and high school levels will have access to technology and methods that have long been used for many of our nation's highest stakes assessments," claims the Mosaic-2000 Web site.

Similar systems have been in use for a decade to access threats to U.S. Supreme Court justices, governors and the CIA, and at some institutions of higher education including Yale University, Boston University, Penn State and the University of California system.

The program's developers contend that the system does not label students — "the objective process resists bias" — or invade their privacy. The information will be held in stand-alone computers at the schools and isn't a "Big Brother" approach to identifying potential for problems.

One can be excused for exhibiting great skepticism here, what with the success rate that government agencies have in keeping computer systems secure.

A student's evaluation could be triggered in several ways, according to the Mosaic-2000 Web site: A student makes a threat; alarming writings are observed; a student brings a firearm to school; a student gets into trouble with police; or a teacher, counselor, psychologist, parent or fellow student becomes concerned and makes a report.

So a typical teen who has contact with local law enforcement because he broke curfew or got caught with a cigarette, or is reported by a peer as making a threat, could end up in "the system," being evaluated as a future security risk.

The Mosaic-2000 system is set to go online in February. Twenty-five test districts get it for free; after that, a monthly fee will probably be assessed for schools that sign up, although officials have yet to assign a price tag for its use.

The implications for every parent in America should chill them to the bone.

School administrators who are willing to substitute a criminal profiling system for personal contact and one-on-one interaction have allowed overreaction, panic and hysteria to cloud their judgment.

No easy answers exist for identifying a child who might one day become the next Kip Kinkel or Eric Harris. But to put in place in America's schools a system for evaluating every child the same way criminals are profiled is repugnant.

To read more about Mosaic-2000, go to www.gdbinc.com

The Dallas Morning News...

On Mexican trucks:

Under the North American Free Trade Agreement, the United States promised Mexico something that it did not deliver. It promised to open Texas and the other border states to Mexican trucks by December 1995. It promised further to open all of its territory to Mexican (and Canadian) trucks by Jan. 1, 2000.

President Clinton justified his decision to block the agreement's trucking provisions on documentable concerns about the safety of Mexican trucks.

But his decision always had the odor of politics about it. Mr. Clinton knew well that organized labor opposed Mexican competition. If he were truly concerned about safety (and not just about his political base), then he should have taken steps to ensure that only safe trucks entered the United States.

Indeed, the agreement contemplated that the United States, Mexico and Canada would harmonize their trucking standards and regulations and that any truck would have to comply with the laws of the country in which it was operating.

Mexico had never been keen about opening itself to U.S. competition; it had agreed only to appease the United States. As a consequence, it was less concerned about being denied access to the U.S. trucking market than it was about Washington's failure to keep its word.

Five years after the first Mexican trucks were supposed to have entered all of Texas, the countries still have much to prepare.

For example, they have addressed certain safety issues, such as licensing, driver and carrier supervision and medical fitness for duty. But the United States still has too few inspectors on its borders. And the chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board worries that the countries have done too little to ensure an unhampered flow of information about drivers and carriers.

Should the United States fulfill its promise to allow Mexican and Canadian trucks onto all of its territory on Jan. 1? Lamentably, the answer is probably no.

The necessary safeguards are not in place. Mr. Clinton telegraphed his decision to labor representatives on Oct. 7, saying: "I don't intend to allow the trucking rules to be changed until there's safety there that we can know about."

Trucking safety is not an exclusively Mexican problem. Plenty of U.S. trucks violate U.S. regulations, too. The solution should be to keep every unsafe truck off the road, regardless of its origin.

Mr. Clinton should get busy concluding agreements with Mexico and Canada that address all trucking safety concerns. Then he should quickly implement the agreement's trucking provisions according to the staggered scheduled contemplated in the agreement.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Nov. 7, 1999

You could develop a number of new interests in the year ahead that'll expand your circle of friends and acquaintances. Benefits will be derived from viewing things from a new perspective.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Things which may be of critical importance to you today might not be considered top priority by the rest of the family. Instead of starting a row, operate independently. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It may be all too easy to start letting things pile up on you today through total neglect. It's best that you keep up with your duties, or you'll end up with a real mess on your hands later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't let dissenting factions within the circle you operate draw you into their petty politics today. Whatever side you choose could end up costing you both goodwill and money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It's going to take all the fortitude you can muster to regroup your forces if you suffer setbacks today because of not defining your objectives clearly and concisely.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) What will do you the least amount of good today is to waste a lot of emotional energy rehashing an old problem. Instead, seek feasible solutions and focus on results, not rantings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone who has continually footed your bills is beginning to lose patience with you, because you've shown little signs of reciprocating, even in non-monetary ways. Do so today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Although you have little stomach for disputes, taking the middle ground between two dissenting factors makes you a foe to both. Take a firm stance today on what you actually believe.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This will not be much of a fun day for if you put off tasks you should attend to early in the day. Your responsibilities will hang over your head and spoil having a relaxing time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Trying to impress acquaintances by putting on a phony front has been gaining you little and you might realize this today. Turn over a new leaf and be who you really are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An old family issue might rear its ugly head today without any warning. This might be the day to put it to bed once and for all and give everybody a new lease on life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually you take the time to think things through and be methodical in your actions. In your haste today however, you could bungle a job and possibly break something you dearly love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not put yourself in a bad financial position today merely to go along with what others want to do or what they have. Be responsible and live within your means.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Nov. 8, 1999

Circumstances you'll not control might inaugurate a transition in the year ahead that will afford you greater material security. Once its launched, you'll guide matters to your purpose.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Wherever you go today you're likely to be more noticed than usual, so be extra mindful of both your appearance and demeanor. You'll want to make a good impression. Major changes are ahead for Scorpio in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The enormous amount of inner resolve upon which you'll be able to draw will put you in good stead should you have to contend with any type of testy development.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be prepared to assume some burdens laden on others today, because chances are people will be looking to you for assistance. You're more than up to the task.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You should be on a winning roll today, so do not put off until tomorrow anything that could be done now, especially if it pertains to your career. You'll be glad that you did.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The best way to avoid repeating old mistakes today is to not fall back on faulty habits that previously caused you complication. Profit from your past experiences.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Fully utilize your innate intelligence and perceptive insights wisely and you shouldn't have any trouble realizing a profit from your commercial affairs today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Concerning a situation where you may be unable to bring your full weight to bear, you simply have to ask a friend with clout for help today and she or he will go to work on your behalf.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't let testy challenges intimidate you in any way today. You're more than up to handling difficult tasks or assignments from which you'd normally shy away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) People will thoroughly enjoy your company today, so get out and mingle or invite some pals in for coffee. This includes dealings you have with the opposite gender.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) To your credit, you'll make the concerns of persons in your charge take priority over your personal needs today. You'll want to do for them what they can't do for themselves.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Mental chores or tasks that require your total attention and intellectual abilities will turn out to be a breeze for you. Your powers of concentration are extremely acute today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you assert yourself a bit today in order to better your position, the chances for adding to your resources are extremely good. Go at it with all your might.

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Americans vulnerable to cyber attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are addicted to the Internet — and their dependence is making them vulnerable to cyberterrorist attacks, warns a national security adviser.

Most Americans don't realize how dependent they have become on computers — not only at home or at the office, but also to run their electricity, telephone, transportation and other infrastructure systems, said Richard Clarke, the National Security Council adviser who heads counterterrorism efforts.

That reliance has made the nation vulnerable to attacks by terrorists who strike through computers rather than with bombs or bullets, Clarke said Thursday during a keynote address at a cyber threat summit.

"We could wake one morning and find a city, or a sector of the country, or the whole country have an electric power problem, a transportation problem or a telecommunication problem because there was a surprise attack using information warfare," he said.

The summit, intended to raise awareness about computer security awarenes.

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Suspect arrested

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — A suspect in a Dallas murder who has eluded capture for more than a year was in jail Friday after being pulled over for a broken tail light.

The Shreveport police officer who made the traffic stop Thursday said Kelvin Harris, 28, also had an open container of alcohol in the car.

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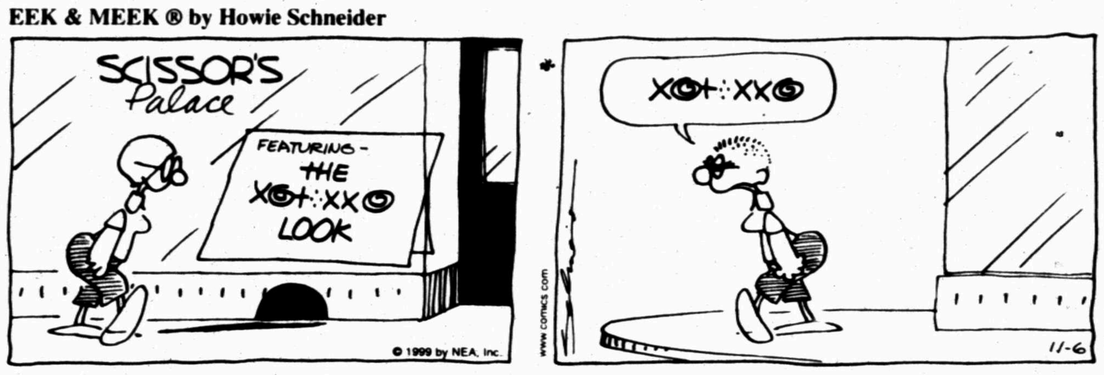

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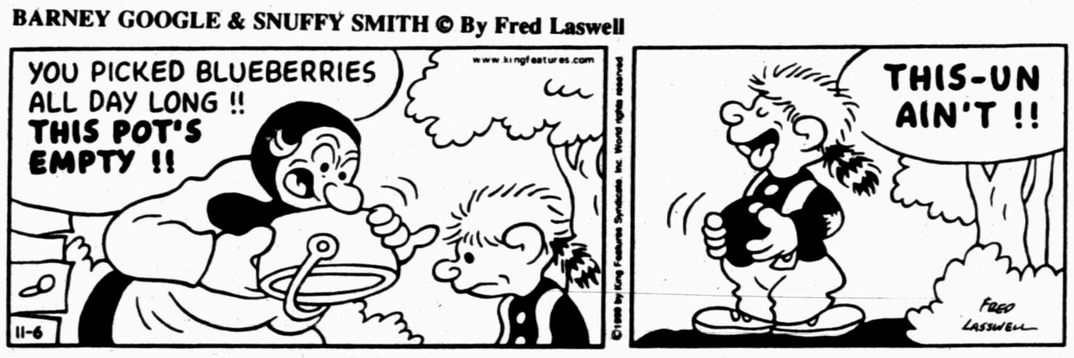

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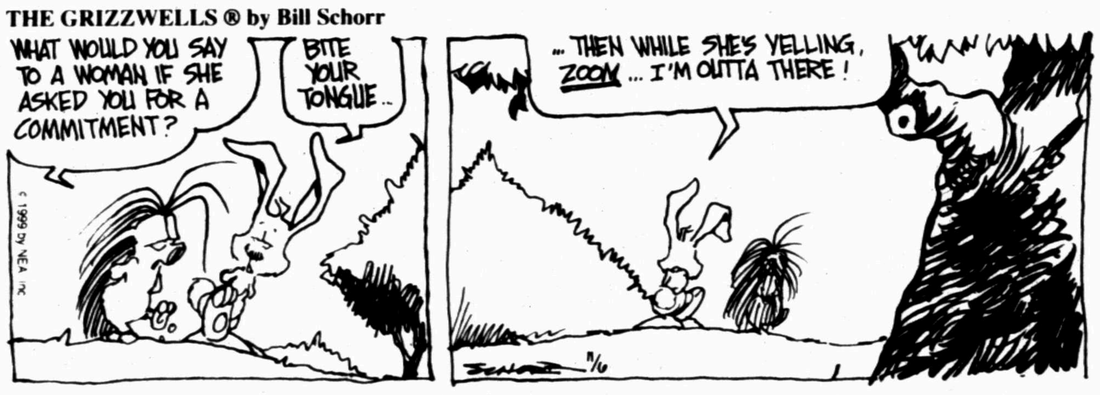

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ACROSS

1 Surgical stitch
7 Mark Twain's forte
13 Befuddled (3 wds.)
14 Pressed
15 Malaysian garment
16 Excavating ore
17 Petitions
18 Bird (comb. form)
20 "Kitchen" end
21 Ruffle
23 — B. DeMille
27 Terminating
32 Muse of poetry
33 Provide food for the party
34 Kitchen device
35 Shadow
36 Foes
39 Requires
40 Antelope
42 "— the night . . ."
46 Yalie
47 Amino —
51 — studies
53 Deli meat
55 Reluctant
56 Martina Navratilova's birthplace
57 Place in another chair
58 Most sensible

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1 Hissing sound
2 Two-toed sloth
3 Weight allowance
4 Flying saucers (abbr.)
5 Actor Silver
6 Actress Samantha —
7 Red as a beet, e.g.
8 Jackie's second mate
9 Dial —
10 Monogram pt.
11 Tenant's obligation
12 Rim
19 Singer Damone
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31 Pate de foie —
37 Small hole
38 Actor Mineo
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42 Russian ruler
43 Used a loom
44 High cards
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48 Actor Nicolas —
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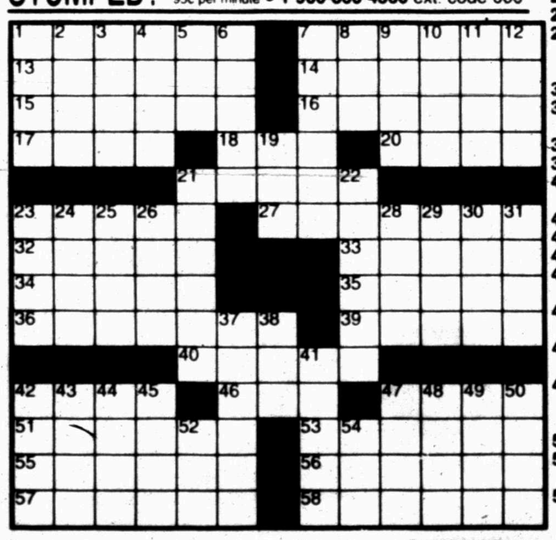

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NIH Study: Age doesn't lower melatonin levels

WASHINGTON (AP) — If you're getting old, the TV ads suggest, you need to pop some melatonin pills. After all, this hormone so important for a good night's sleep has long been thought to decrease with age.

Now a study funded by the National Institutes of Health suggests the dogma was wrong.

"We never anticipated the result we found," said Dr. Charles Czeisler of Harvard Medical School, lead researcher of the study published Friday in the American Journal of Medicine. "The conventional wisdom was that melatonin levels decline with age — some referred to it as the 'aging clock.'"

The new study, Czeisler said, means older Americans shouldn't believe those ads that urge popping over-the-counter melatonin supplements starting at age 40.

"There's no point in replacing something that's not missing," he said.

Melatonin is a natural hormone produced by the pineal gland deep in the brain. It is produced at high levels during a person's normal sleeping hours, and as the body starts to wake up, the melatonin levels drop. It's all part of the body's sleep-wake clock.

Some other studies do suggest melatonin can treat jet lag and certain other causes of insomnia. The study by Czeisler and co-author Jamie Zeitzer did not examine that.

Instead, it addressed whether just getting older means you have less melatonin, a serious question since so many older Americans do have sleeping problems — and many take melatonin supplements, said Dr. Andrew Monjan of the NIH's National Institute on Aging.

"We have the culture now of self-medication based upon what may be pseudo- or quasi-scientific claims," Monjan cautioned. This study "clearly shows sleep problems in older people cannot be explained primarily on the basis of melatonin decreases with age."

The study compared 34 healthy older men and women, ages 65 to 81, with 98 men ages 18 to 30. Unlike many previous studies, this one carefully controlled for anything that could artificially lower melatonin levels:

—Exposure to light, such as when people get up in the middle of the night and switch on the bathroom light, lowers melatonin.

—Varying sleep-wake times can make melatonin fluctuate.

—Drugs commonly used by the elderly, including beta blockers that treat high blood pressure and even aspirin, can lower melatonin.

Then the researchers brought the study volunteers into a sleep lab and carefully measured melatonin with their sleep-wake cycles.

The finding is important because no one knows how safe the chronic use of melatonin supplements truly is, particularly in the large doses typically sold, Monjan said. Among other possibilities, some studies suggest high-dose melatonin could constrict blood vessels in the brain and risk stroke.

Melatonin supplements are typically sold in 3 milligram tablets, about 10 times higher than normal body levels, he said.

Some studies suggest much smaller doses of melatonin can fight jet lag, perhaps by helping the body reset its normal sleep-wake cycle, and that a small dose puts insomnia sufferers to sleep.

Larger studies are needed to prove that, said Czeisler. Some studies are under way.

He complained, melatonin already is advertised as if its use is proved to help, because federal law allows dietary supplements to sell with far less proof of safety and effectiveness than most other over-the-counter medications.

Many older Americans do suffer insomnia, Monjan noted. He urged that they try to cure their insomnia by finding the root cause of the sleep problem, often pain, depression, even sleep-depriving medications.

Utility apologizes for Hispanic survey

HOUSTON (AP) — A Tennessee utility has apologized for a customer service survey sent to employees and prominent city residents that asked pointed questions about Hispanic customers.

The nearly 30 questions, distributed earlier this fall by the Memphis Light, Gas & Water Division, singled out Hispanics, asking: "Do Hispanics run up bills and do not wish to pay?" and "Do Hispanics park illegally in handicap (sic) parking spaces?"

A utility company employee who wrote and distributed the survey said it was meant to learn more about the city's growing Hispanic population, estimated in the tens of thousands.

The survey outraged the Washington-based League of United Latin American Citizens.

"I can't believe they thought they would get away with it," said Rick Dovalina, a Houston lawyer and president of the 115,000-member group.

Other survey questions included: "Are Hispanics sometimes squatters?" and "Would you say that Hispanics work 3-6 months per year and leave without disconnecting the service?"

In an Oct. 20 letter to utility president Herman Morris Jr., Dovalina said the questionnaire "demonstrates at best ignorance towards Hispanics in general and at worst outright intolerance and racism."

League representatives met with utility officials recently after learning of the letter. The power company apologized and agreed to improve its relations with Hispanics, spokesman Mark Heuberger said on Thursday.

"When something like that happens, there's not much else you can do," Heuberger said. "You can't take it back."

James Overton, an electrical engineer who wrote and distributed the survey, said they were sent to utility workers and "pillars of the community." He declined to give a number.

"I've been burned," Overton said. "This was something I did to try to help Hispanics, but they viewed it as something different, and I'm sorry."

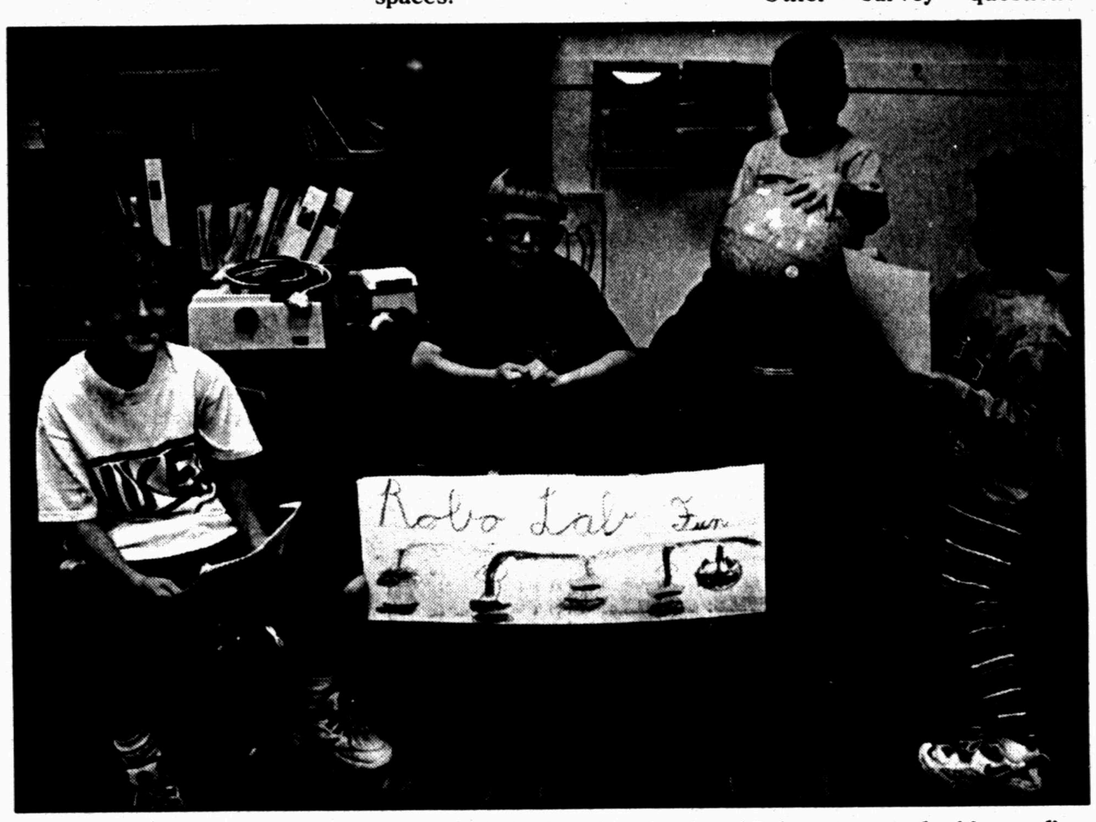
Heuberger said Overton is a new employee who did not understand company policy.

"He may have had good intentions, but he didn't know the process we go through," Heuberger said.

In Dovalina's letter, in addition to criticizing the survey, he asked that the company stop making Hispanics provide proof of residency or citizenship to receive service. "Unless MLG&W requires all of its clients to provide proof of national origin and visa status, then this practice is patently illegal," Dovalina wrote.

Heuberger said the power company requires all customers to show some form of identification.

K-1 WINNER — Kindergarten and first place students at West who won last week's Red Ribbon Week coloring contest are from left, back row, Justin Gonzales, Garrett Snyder, Nicole Moulter, Brandie Ornelas; front row, Morgan DeLoera, Courtney Henson, Dominique Diaz. They each received a T-shirt. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



ROBO PETS — Joyce Lionberger's Hermleigh third graders developed Robo pets recently. After reading, "Romona's Book Report," the class also made commercials. From left are, Chris Boone, Rustin Webb, Sean McClure, Marissa Webb. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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Substance abuse & mature woman

In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, devotes this column to questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Substance Abuse ***and the Mature Woman***

(Part 1 of 2) >In June 1998, the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA) published the first comprehensive analysis of substance abuse and addiction involving alcohol, prescription drugs and tobacco among the 25.6 million mature American Women—those age 60 and older.

A year-old woman in America today can expect to live at least into her eighties with a quality of life that has increased dramatically in recent decades. Yet millions of these women suffer from substance abuse and addiction that robs them of their health, independence and life, and triggers some $30 billion in Medicare, Medicaid and private health care charges a year.

Because of the rising number of mature women, the health care costs of the failure to face up to this problem will top $100 billion in the next 20 years.

The impact of substance abuse among mature women can be calculated in terms of illness, injury, disability, hospital and physician visits, nursing home stays, Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance bills.

Harder to measure are the human tragedies, the impact on husbands who lose their spouses, children who lose their mothers, grandchildren who lose their grandmothers, and the women themselves who lose their mental acuity, physical functions, ability to live independently and ultimately their lives in a premature disability and death that are preventable.

The Greater Susceptibility of Mature Women

Women over 59 experience problems related to alcohol and psychoactive prescription drugs and get addicted faster, and when using smaller amounts, than any other group of adults because:

—Tolerance for alcohol and prescription drugs falls with age; and

—Women of any age are more vulnerable to the effects of alcohol, and preliminary evidence suggests, to the effects of some psychoactive prescription drugs than are men.

What constitutes safe and moderate drinking or psychoactive prescription drug use for a woman in her 30s and 40s can be dangerous in her 60s and 70s. The mature female alcoholic is likely to drink less than alcoholics of any other age or sex. Dependence on psychoactive prescriptions can sneak up with frightening stealth and speed, taking hold without any apparent abuse of the medication.

Mature women are also susceptible to abuse and addiction because they are more likely than any other adults to use psychoactive drugs (particularly sedatives and hypnotics), to be long-term users and to abuse them in combination with alcohol, which can hasten the onset of dependence.

Characteristics of Mature Females Who Drink or Use Psychoactive Prescription Drugs

More than one out of four mature white women are current drinkers, compared to one out of six mature African American women and Hispanic women. But mature white and black women are equally likely to drink heavily, and both of these groups are more likely to drink heavily than mature Hispanic women.

Use of psychoactive prescription drugs is most common among women who are white and those who have higher incomes. CASA's analysis finds that adult women in households with incomes of $15,000 or more are 44 percent more likely to report use of psychoactive prescription drugs in the past year than are adult women in households with incomes below $15,000 (12.5 percent vs. 8.7 percent).

Risk Factors for Alcohol and Prescription Drug Abuse

Substance abuse and addiction among mature women has many faces: women may abuse alcohol, abuse psychoactive prescription drugs and smoke cigarettes. Use of illicit drugs is very rare among mature adults. This may change as Baby Boomers, who have grown up in an era of wider experimentation with illicit drugs, reach age 60.

Different types of substance abuse and cigarette smoking often coincide, stemming from common risk factors and affecting the brain in similar ways. The factors that contribute to each problem include traumatic personal losses and financial crises that can cause stress and depression, a rising incidence of medical and sometimes chronically painful illness, which can also contribute to depression, and greater social isolation. Each of these factors is most common among mature women and together they predispose women to "late onset" alcohol

problems and the prescription drug abuse that often accompanies such problems. At least 200,000 mature women who live in nursing homes have current or past alcohol problems.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions may be submitted anonymously. 24-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Former POW honorably discharged

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Steven Gonzales says his brutal treatment during 32 days as a prisoner of war in Serbia led him to take an early honorable discharge from the U.S. Army.

Gonzales, 22, returned to his home here earlier this week after being discharged from the military. He plans to start college in January at nearby Texas A&M University where he will major in mechanical engineering.

He says it was a tough decision to leave the Army.

"That had been my life for three years...that's been my life," he said. "It's really hard to get up and leave it."

His quiet return home contrasted sharply with the hero's welcome he received when he came home on leave in May following his release by the Serbs.

Gonzales told Dallas television station KTVT that he and the other two soldiers captured with him on March 31 were brutally beaten and threatened with execution.

Gonzales, Staff Sgt. Christopher Stone and Staff Sgt. Andrew Ramirez were on patrol near the Yugoslavia border when they were captured.

He said that for the first week the soldiers were kept in handcuffs with hoods over their heads.

"There were quite a few instances actually during captivity when I thought it was the end, that we were going to die," Gonzales said.

Speaking of the early hours after his capture, Gonzales said, "They knelt us down and we (had) hands behind us and they came by and they were pointing guns at our head. I remember seeing Sgt. Stone and Sgt. Ramirez out of the corner of my eye thinking I am going to see one of my friends get their head blown off. Then it is going to be my turn next."

"I remember lying on the ground and I saw a boot coming at me...and that was the last thing I remember for a couple of seconds," Gonzales said. "I guess I blacked out after that one."

"And then I realized blood was streaming from my nose and head," he said. "That kind of put a reality to it."

He said they were beaten frequently while they were kept hooded and handcuffed during the first week.

"Whenever we moved, we would receive blows," he added. "They would hit us or pull us up and throw us into a truck."

The soldiers were then taken to a prison, each placed in separate cells. The hoods and handcuffs were gone, but the beatings continued, he said.

"There was one set of guards in a group of two. Every time they had night shift, they would start their shift by beating the prisoners," Gonzales said.

The prisoners received very little to eat, mostly bread, water and soup.

Gonzales said it wasn't the beating or sparse food that he remembers most. He said it was the fear of not surviving.

Asked if he felt like he had let his country down by being captured, Gonzales said, "In a sense, I think I did. I felt maybe like I failed."

Gonzales said a propaganda video taken of the three soldiers by Serbian authorities that shoved them into the harsh spotlight of political propaganda now serves as a source of inspiration to him.

"It's almost reassuring to look at that now...because I see and I remember what happened when I see that picture," he said. "It brings back a lot of memories. But then again, I know we made it through it."

Enron Corp. agrees to move windmills

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp. has dropped plans to build 53 windmills in an area north of Los Angeles populated by California condors, an endangered species.

There are only 49 condors in the wild, 20 of them in the proposed windmill area. The birds have 9-foot wingspans and can glide 150 miles in one day. Environmentalists had said the turning blades of the energy-producing windmills 200 feet above the ground would have been a deathtrap for the birds.

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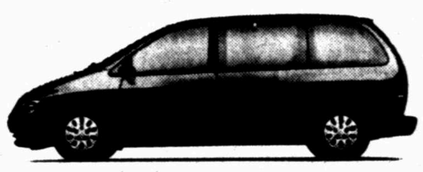

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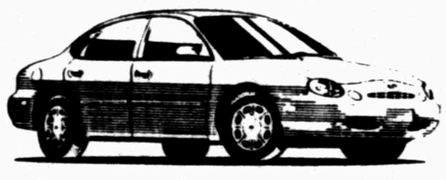

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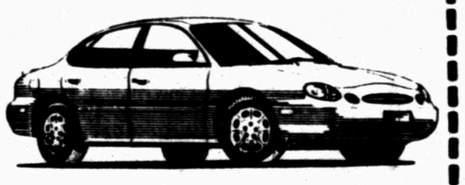

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