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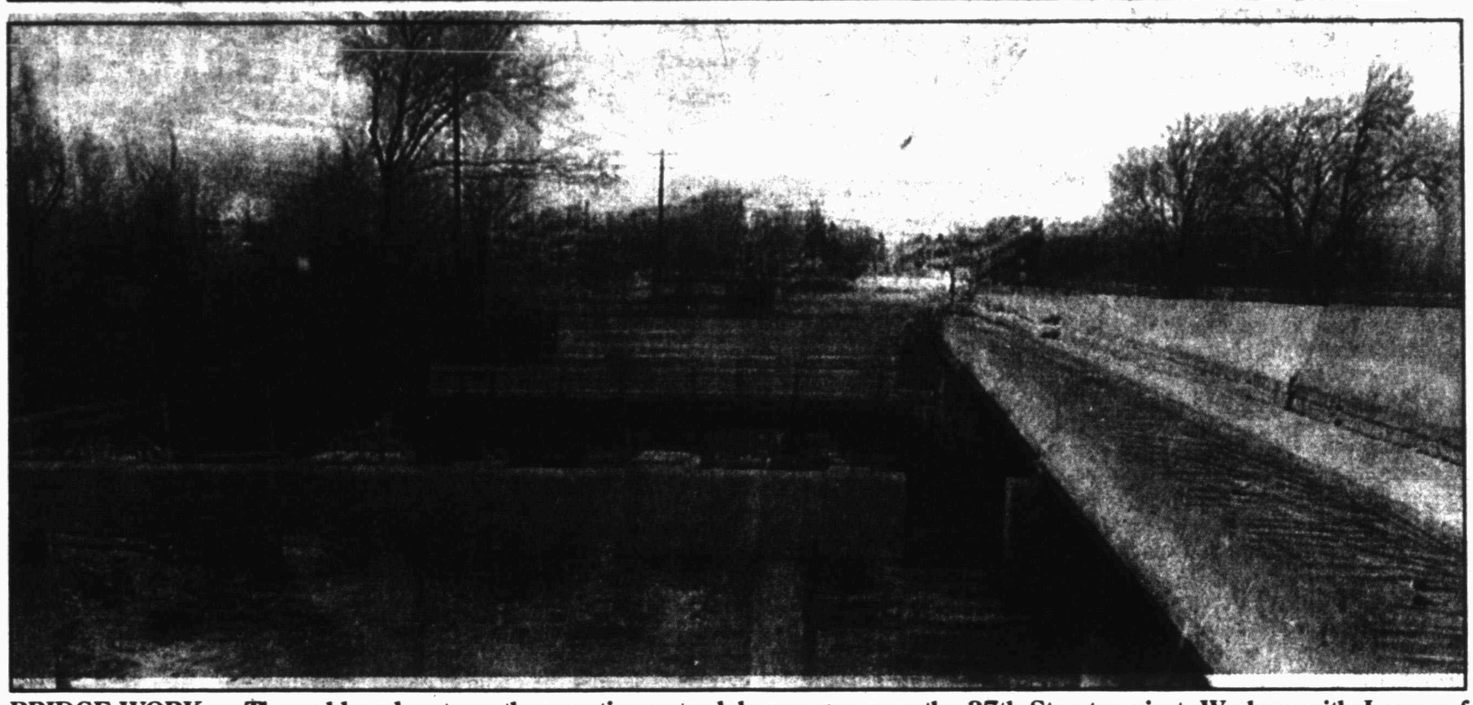
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Home of Cindy Fritz



BRIDGE WORK — The cold and wet weather continues to delay progress on the 37th Street project. Workers with Jascon of Uvalde, a subcontractor for Price Construction, work in the cold this morning on the second half of the bridge over Deep Creek. Texas Department of Transportation officials said an opening date for through traffic is still uncertain, as dirt work cannot be done in present weather conditions. (SDN Staff Photo)

From ZTV...

BCD to hear funding wants

Two requests for funds will highlight Wednesday's Board of County Development meeting at noon.

John Zalman, owner of ZTV Productions, has made a request for $34,500 to purchase video equipment such as camcorders and play-record decks.

Zalman, in his letter seeking funding, said the money would be used to purchase three camcorders and two play-record decks.

The company has been in existence for three years, and the wear-and-tear of the business has taken its toll on the present equipment, said Zalman.

"Our economic income and circumstances do not allow us to consider this replacement and minimal upgrade," wrote Zalman.

"Even though local sponsors advertise during news telecasts, that income is insignificant related to the wear and tear on the equipment, not withstanding labor costs," said Zalman.

Zalman also explained that the company uses numerous part-time employees, including five as announcers and five more are used as reporters, and/or the clerical staff.

Zalman also stated in his funding request that ZTV's financial information would be provided to the BCD or a sub-committee of the board if the information is kept confidential.

The board will also consider a request for funds from the Upper Colorado Soil and Conservation District.

The water district seeks funding for its operation and last year was granted $1,250.

Jimmy McMillan will present the request from the water district.

Supreme Court still pondering ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — One day after closely questioning lawyers for all sides, the Supreme Court pondered its ruling Tuesday in the nation's presidential election, a contest that holds George W. Bush and Al Gore in limbo and the nation in thrall. The Florida Legislature moved cautiously to intervene, careful not to get ahead of the high court.

As is their custom, the justices gave no indication of when they might rule in the case of Bush v. Gore — the name on the court docket as well as a choice that confronted the voters when they marked their ballots five tumultuous weeks ago. At least two justices were at work by midmorning.

There were obvious time pressures, since Tuesday was a deadline of sorts for the states to certify their slates of electors.

But there was controversy about only one — Florida — and the court's widely anticipated ruling on the issue of manual recounts, as well as the Legislature's stated readiness to appoint a slate of its own — added to the sense of uncertainty.

"I think we ought to just wait and see what they do," President Clinton said Monday after the justices heard the case. "One way or the other, it will be a historic decision that we will live with forever," he added, more than a month after the nation voted on his successor.

Bush was in Texas and Gore in Washington as the justices pondered the legal controversy that turned on the vice president's bid to resume manual recounts ordered by the Florida Supreme Court over the weekend. The recount was suspended less than 24 hours later when the U.S. Supreme Court, divided 5-4, granted Bush a stay.

The Texas governor has been certified the winner by 537 votes by Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris — a victory that would give him the state's 25 electoral votes and the White House if it stands up in court. Gore looked to the recount to overtake his rival statewide and give him the presidency.

Away from the courts, the GOP-controlled Florida House of Representatives began debate on legislation appointing electors loyal to Bush. A vote was scheduled for later in the day, although leaders said they would suspend the proceedings to study any ruling from the nation's highest court.

Committees for the House and Senate advanced the legislation on Monday, the House panel acting on a party line vote, the Senate panel's vote turning up one Democratic defector.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Just because the committee is meeting is no assurance that the committee is on the right track."

Holidays are a time for too much food, but you can't gain weight on the following "food for thought." The bits of wisdom, 21 things to remember, were mailed in by a reader:

—No one can ruin your day without your permission.

—Most people will be about as happy as they decide to be.

—Others can stop you temporarily, but only you can do it permanently.

—Whatever you are willing to put up with, is exactly what you will have.

—Success stops when you do.

—When your ship comes in, make sure you are willing to unload it.

—You will never have it all together.

—Life is a journey, not a destination. So, enjoy the trip.

—The biggest lie on the planet is "When I get what I want, I will be happy."

—The best way to escape a problem is to solve it.

—Ultimately, takers lose and givers win.

—Life's precious moments do not have value unless they are shared.

—If you do not start, it's certain you will not arrive.

—We often fear the things we want the most.

—He or she who laughs...lasts.

—Yesterday was the deadline for all complaints.

—Look for opportunities, not guarantees.

—Life is what's coming, not what was.

—Success is getting up one more time.

—Now is the most interesting of all times.

—When things go wrong, don't go with them.

And faithful reader and friend Flo Joyce keeps digging in her treasures and finding stuff. She called it a goodie, and we agree:

"I am fully aware
That my youth has been spent.
That My Get Up and Go
Has Got up and Went.
But I really don't mind,
When I think with a grin,
Of all the swell places
My Get Up has been."

And life's lessons:

No matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

In other words, "this too shall pass."

Also, you can tell a lot about a person by the reaction to annoyances, things like:

—being given the wrong order at a fast-food place.

—lost luggage or cancelled flights.

—tangled Christmas tree lights.

—lights that won't twinkle, and lights that won't stop twinkling.

Guilty pleas result in prison time for four residents

Four Scurry County residents will spend time in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following guilty pleas entered last week in 132nd District Court.

A 21-year-old man who stole a vehicle and then took money from a customer at Allsup's in Hermleigh was sentenced to serve two concurrent five-year prison terms.

Estevan Renda Lara of 1401 Ave. R pleaded guilty to the Sept. 29 offense of unauthorized use of a vehicle owned by Mattie Green. Lara also entered a guilty plea to the Sept. 30 charge of felony theft, taking money from Charles Spencer Smith of Hermleigh who was a customer at the convenience store.

Lara has prior felony convictions in Tarrant and Dallas counties for car theft.

Lorenzo Rodriguez Larralde Jr. pleaded guilty to an Aug. 28 charge of failure to register as a sex offender.

Larralde, 19, was ordered to serve two years in a TDCJ state jail facility by District Judge Ernie Armstrong.

The court also revoked a 10-year-probated sentence Larralde had received for a Jan. 18, 1999 charge of indecency with a child.

Larralde, whose address was listed as the American Motor Inn, will now serve 10 years in prison on the indecency charge. The motion to revoke was based on Larralde's failure to report and pay court costs, failure to maintain his residence and failure to register as a convicted sex offender.

Beverly Paulk Porter, 41, of 215 35th Street, was assessed a two-year sentence in a state jail facility by Judge Armstrong after pleading guilty to a Nov. 17 charge of possession of a controlled substance, cocaine.

Dennis John McKee, 51, of 5747 CR 3128 in Ira pleaded guilty to a July 1 offense of felony driving while intoxicated. McKee, who has two prior DWI convictions in Scurry County, was sentenced to five years in the state prison system.



days until Christmas

Indictments result in two being arrested

Two men have been arrested on Scurry County Grand Jury indictments for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Dennis Ray Howard Jr., 18, of Muleshoe was arrested in that city on Dec. 8 while Jimmy Flores Selvera, 17, of 1104 20th Street was arrested here Monday.

The two are charged with taking a 2000 Ford F-350 pickup from Wilson Motors on Oct. 28.

Both subjects have been released on $5,000 bonds.



OPEN HOUSE — The Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse held an open house Monday in celebration of 10 years of service to Snyder and surrounding areas. Cathie Rhodes, licensed chemical dependency counselor, serves punch to Robert Adams, a CADA board member. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—How do I go about getting a job at Six Flags?

A—You can apply at the Six Flags Over Texas Job Fair to be held Jan. 12-15 at Hurricane Harbor, across I-30 from Six Flags. Applications will be accepted on Friday from 4-8 p.m., and from noon until 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 39 degrees; low, 17; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 17; no precipitation; total for 2000, 21.13 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, cold. 20% snow chance, low upper teens, SE wind 5-10 mph. Wednesday, cloudy, high 35-40, SW wind 10-20 mph.



Larissa Arellano
Cold

Sunset:
5:43 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:34 a.m.
Of 346 days in 2000, the sun has shone 339 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Even the woodpecker owes his success to the fact that he uses his head and keeps pecking away until he finishes the job he starts.
—Coleman Cox

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Employers seeking higher health benefit contributions

NEW YORK (AP) — With health insurance costs rising at double the inflation rate for three straight years, the number of employers planning to pass those costs on to workers has more than doubled from a year ago, according to a study released Tuesday.

At the same time, fewer companies are offering retiree health benefits as they look to shave costs without risking the loss of employees in a tight labor market, according to the survey of 3,300 companies conducted by the William M. Mercer consulting firm in New York.

The average annual cost of health insurance per employee rose 8.1 percent in 2000 to $4,430, up from $4,097 in 1999. Health insurance coverage rose 6.2 percent in 1998 and 7.3 percent in 1999, the firm said.

Employers have been reluctant to pass these costs on to workers as they struggle to attract and retain employees when the nation's unemployment rate hovers near 30-year lows.

But with health insurance premiums projected to rise 11 percent on average in 2001, many employers said they can no longer absorb those hikes.

Forty percent of employers surveyed said they plan to increase employee contribution levels in the coming year, up from 21 percent who said so a year ago, the study said. Seventeen percent of the companies surveyed said they would raise deductibles or co-payments, up from 9 percent a year ago.

"Attraction and retention of employees is still a big issue," said Blaine Bos, one of the study's authors. "But in companies where shareholder demands and the pressures of global competition are driving the bus, controlling runaway expenses takes priority."

Prescription drug costs rose 17.5 percent, on average, the employers reported. That's up from a rise of 15.2 percent a year ago.

The number of employers offering retiree health benefits dropped sharply, continuing a downward trend. Thirty-one percent of companies offered health coverage to pre-Medicare-eligible retirees, down from 35 percent, as the average cost of coverage rose to $5,537. The number offering benefits for Medicare-eligible retirees fell to 24 percent from 28 percent; the average cost of covering this group rose to $2,319 per person.



County leaders are told to get ready for deregulation

GALVESTON (AP) — Deregulation of the Texas electric market, which will allow residents to choose their power providers by 2002, might be a shock for government leaders who are unprepared for the change, according to a county coalition.

Texas power companies, which have operated as regulated monopolies protected from competition with their rates set by the Public Utility Commission, will compete in an open market starting in January 2002.

While competition could bring big savings for some consumers, benefits might be smaller for large power customers who fail to prepare, said Donald Lee, executive director of the Texas Conference of Urban Counties.

"There are going to be good deals and bad deals," Lee told The Galveston County Daily News in Tuesday's editions. "It will be up to you to negotiate those rates."

At a workshop of the county commissioners court, Lee warned officials they needed to prepare to get the most savings for taxpayers.

Currently, Galveston County spends about $1 million a year for electricity, budget officer James Wilson said.

But Lee said the county could save from 8 percent to 15 percent, or $80,000 to $150,000, a year under deregulation — if leaders prepare for the change.

An unregulated electrical industry will be similar to deregulation in the telecommunications business, with companies offering myriad plans at varying rates.

"You won't be able to pick the best rates unless you know exactly what your usage profile is," said Lee.

He said even consumers as large as the county will have to join forces to get the best rates.

"You have to make sure you aggregate and pool," he said. "You have to go into the marketplace with volume, or you are going to get run over by the big utility companies."

He said the Texas CUC Aggregation Project, a nonprofit corporation, would determine energy needs, shop for low rates and negotiate contracts with power companies on behalf of its members. Already, Dallas, Tarrant and Harris counties have joined the project.

Disbarment case is delayed

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A judge has pushed back a deadline in President Clinton's disbarment case, leaving little chance for the case to be heard before the end of the year and likely not until Clinton is out of office.

The complaint to strip Clinton of his law license, filed by the state Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, is based on Clinton's testimony about his relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Pulaski County Circuit Judge Leon Johnson, in an order released Monday, gave lawyers for both sides an additional month to respond to requests for admissions submitted Nov. 9, setting the new deadline at Jan. 11.

Clinton leaves office Jan. 20.

The lawyers in the case could not be reached late Monday and did not immediately return messages left at their offices and homes seeking comment. Both sides agreed to the delay, though the committee previously had pressed for the hearing to be held before the end of the year.

The Supreme Court committee had petitioned the circuit court to revoke Clinton's license to practice law in his home state, contending he was unfit to practice law because he gave misleading testimony under oath about his relationship with Lewinsky.

Clinton has said disbarment would be too harsh of a punishment.

Moynihan to take job at SU

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the author, former ambassador and adviser to four presidents, is going back to school after he leaves the Senate.

Moynihan, 73, has accepted a faculty position with the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, The New York Times reported Tuesday. The senator said he plans to lecture, tutor and hold seminars.

Moynihan was on the faculty at the Maxwell School from 1959 to 1961, before taking a position in the Labor Department during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. He later taught urban studies at Harvard University.

Moynihan, the former chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, was considered a safe bet for a fifth term, but decided against running for re-election in 2000. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was elected to the seat.

Born in Tulsa, Okla., Moynihan grew up the rough lower Manhattan neighborhood known as Hell's Kitchen. At Tufts University in Massachusetts, Moynihan earned bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees.

President Nixon named Moynihan ambassador to India in 1973 and President Ford tapped him as ambassador to the United Nations in 1975. In the Senate, Moynihan is known for lofty oratory that often includes detailed histories of whatever program or institution is being debated.

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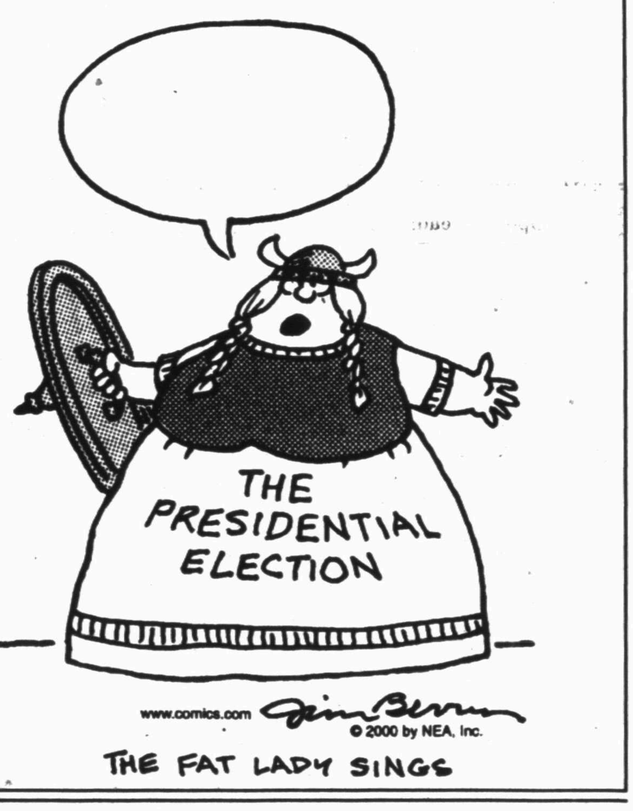
Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
1-3-22-23-31

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
1-0-7

Berry's World



Date Book

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000

Today is the 347th day of 2000 and the 82nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1792, 22-year-old Ludwig Von Beethoven received his first music lesson from composer Franz Joseph Haydn.

On this day in 1897, a comic strip titled "The Katzenjammer Kids" first appeared in the New York Journal.

On this day in 1974, the Rolling Stones announced that guitarist Mick Taylor would be leaving the group.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Jay (1745-1829), U.S. statesman-jurist; William Lloyd Garrison (1805-1879), anti-slavery leader; Gustave Flaubert (1821-1880), writer; Edward G. Robinson (1893-1973), actor; Frank Sinatra (1915-1998), entertainer; Bob Barker (1923-), announcer-animal rights activist, is 77; Ed Koch (1924), politician, is 76; Connie Francis (1938-), singer-actress, is 62; Dionne Warwick (1941-), singer, is 59.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, the Heisman Trophy was awarded to Miami quarterback Gino Torretta.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "All one's inventions are true, you can be sure of that. Poetry is as exact a science as geometry." — Gustave Flaubert

TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon.

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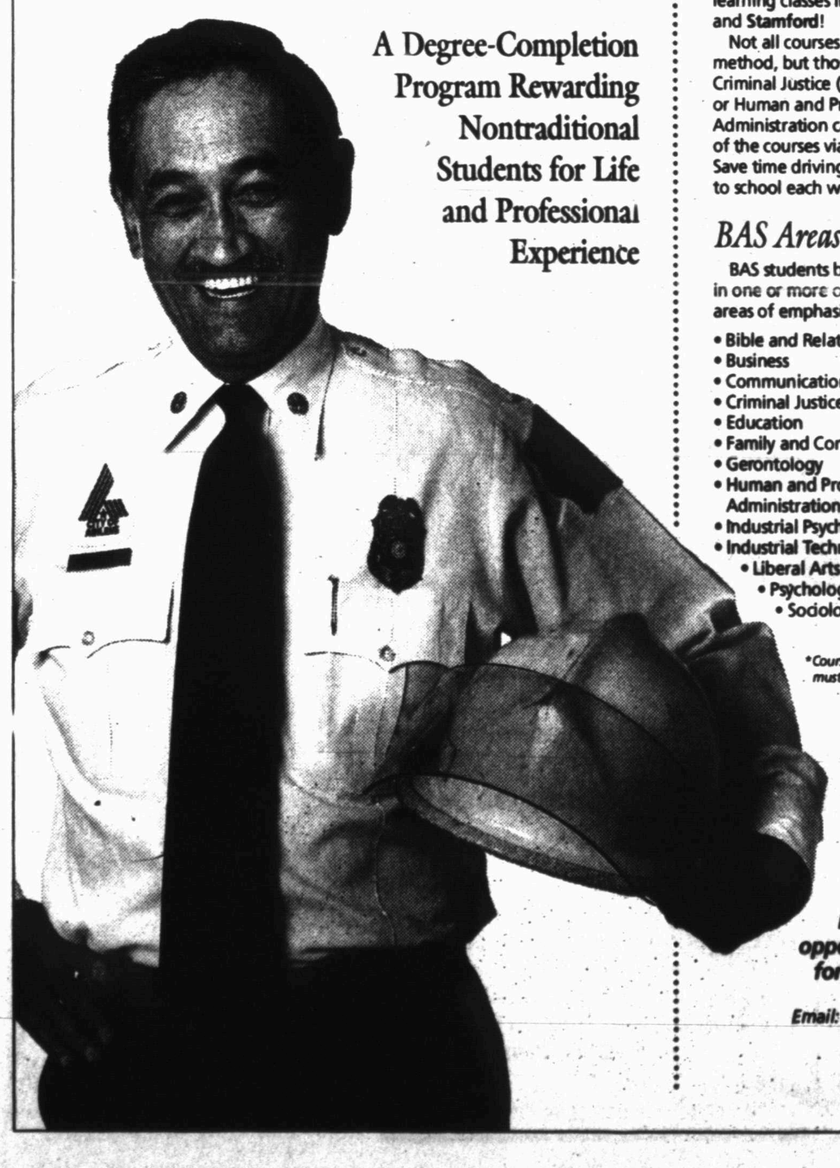
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SHS graduate introduces book

Patsy Rainwater-Maddux, a 1967 graduate of Snyder High School and former Tiger gymnastics coach, is introducing her first children's book at the Rest Stop on College Avenue.

"Fairview Friends" is a 72-page fiction book, based on the author's experiences as principal of Wall Intermediate at the Fairview campus from 1991-93. The book features several conflicts that faced the students in 1991, including the closure of the 67-year-old campus.

"A teacher is always a teacher," Maddux said. "After anyone reads this book, I hope they will learn from several situations that were developed in 'Fairview Friends'." The story allows the author to promote two of her favorite volunteer efforts, involving the American Cancer Society (ACS) and the sport of tennis. The book mentions her father, R.C. Rainwater, and former SHS tennis coach Ken McAllister who is presently the executive director of the United States Tennis Association/Texas Section.

One of the chapters in the book reflects on how her students reacted to a guest speaker from the ACS at Fairview. In 1990 as chairman of ACS Great American Smokeout for Tom Green County. Maddux invited



Patsy Rainwater-Maddux

one of the honorary chairmen from the Lost Chords Club to speak to the students. Her father, who was a laryngectomee for six years, reminded the students against the hazards of tobacco products.

"Through 'Fairview Friends,' my father continues to promote his anti-smoking message," Maddux said. Rainwater, a former Snyder resident, died in 1998.

The former educator is presently the public information officer at the San Angelo District of the Texas Department of Transportation. As an educator at school districts including Wall, San Angelo Central and Iowa Park, her journalism students won state and national awards. In 1987 the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund recognized Maddux as a nominee for National High School Journalism Teacher of the Year. She also serves on the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce Convention and Business Bureau advisory board, the Concho Valley Tennis Association board, and the communications committee of the U.S. Tennis Association/Texas Section. She has also been an active volunteer throughout the years for Project Graduation.

The book is currently sold at several stores in San Angelo, including Hastings, Eggemeyers General Store and Family Christian Stores.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; "Madonna" program by Millie Sentell; hostesses, Loy Forbes and Nona Williams; 4:15 p.m.

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

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room at Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 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

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

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

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, for information call 574-1292 or 573-8018, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Snyder Palette Club; Christmas luncheon (will not meet Dec. 28).

Gateway corporate board meeting; MAWC; noon.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 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.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.



LIONS CLUB DONATION — Dennis Moseley, principal of the Hobbs Alternative School, accepted a $100 from the Lions Club, presented by Mac McCown, treasurer (right). The money was to be used for a school project. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Drunken driver almost halts parade

WELLS, Maine (AP) — A drunken driver almost brought one town's Christmas merrymaking to a halt.

Scott Salisbury, 50, was charged Sunday with driving under the influence, driving to endanger and failing to stop for a police officer after cruising his car at 15 mph past people and floats in the town's annual parade, police said.

Salisbury told police he had been drinking when he went to a convenience store for more alcohol. He said he watched the parade from a parking lot and thought it was through when he pulled onto the street.

Police Chief Leslie Richard Connelly left the procession and stopped the errant car.

Births

Brandon and Rebecca Houdek of Rapid City, S.D., are parents of a son, Liam Eugene Houdek, weighing four pounds. Liam was born at 11:15 a.m. on Dec. 10 in Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Kem and Tammy Houdek of Rapid City; maternal grandparents are Roy and Christine Bennett of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Roy Bennett Sr. of Snyder and the late Jean Bennett.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Dec. 11 – Edgar Ashley, Elbert Hill, Emma Lewis of Plains, William Maxfield, Tonya Nobles and Becky Williams.

DISMISSALS: Bobby Davis, Emma Lewis of Plains, Lucille Blassingame of Colorado City, Shelly Duggan and baby girl, Morris Harris, Roland Wallace and Rocio Ynguanzo and baby girl.

CENSUS: 39 (Med./Surg.-15, Long-term Carae-23 and OB-1)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ J

Point ranges for no-trump bids

By Phillip Alder

How many points do you show with a one-no-trump or two-no-trump opening? The actual numbers don't matter that much, as long as you and your partner are in accord. The key factor is that a one-no-trump opening may have a three-point inclusive range, like 15-17. But a two-no-trump opening should have only a two-point inclusive range, like 21-22.

Why? Because, over a one-no-trump opening, responder can invite game by raising to two no-trump. Opposite 15-17 points, the responder shows 8 or 9 points with this raise; opposite 16-18, 7 or 8 points. However, opposite a two-no-trump opening, most opponents will not let responder raise to two-and-a-half no-trump to invite game. So, keep two-no-trump bids — openings and jump rebids — with a narrow two-point range, making it comfortable for partner to know when to pass and when to raise.

More on this tomorrow, but for now, have a look at today's deal.

North has nine points. Opposite 16-18, North should jump straight to game. Opposite 15-17, though, he should raise to two no-trump. Then, South should accept the game-try because of his aces.

West leads the diamond jack. Declarer has six top tricks. Three more can be established in clubs. So, as the opponents cannot get more than three diamonds and one club, South should win trick one and immediately attack clubs.

Note that if declarer ducks the first trick, East will (should!) switch to the spade king. Then, when he gets in with the club ace, he runs spades for two down.

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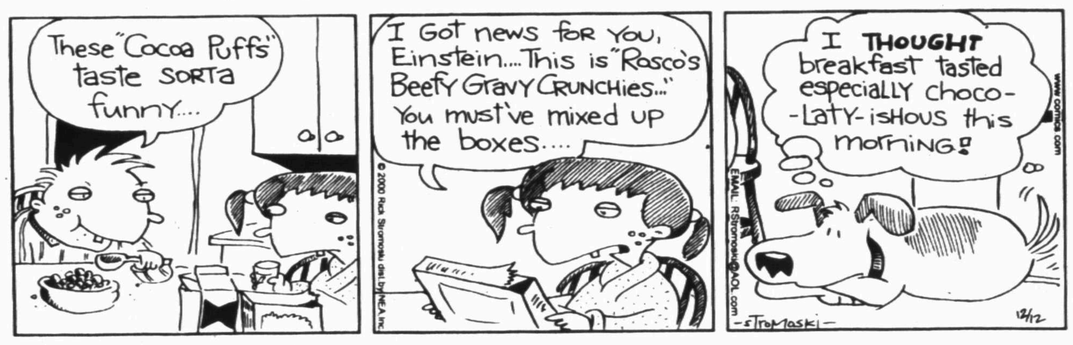
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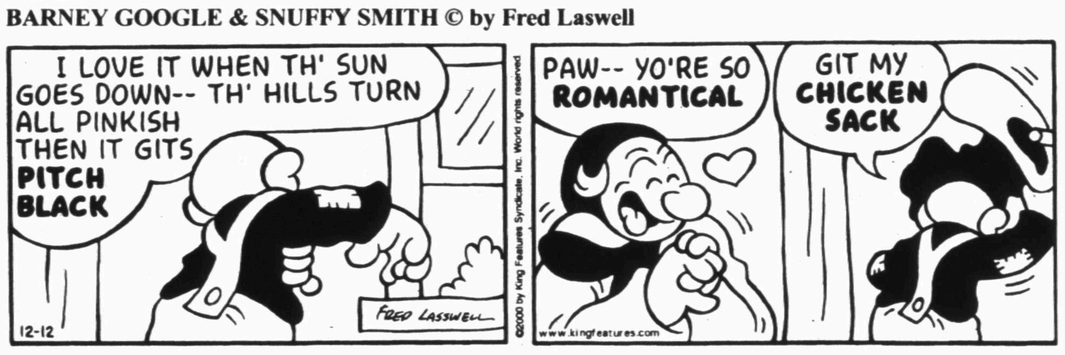
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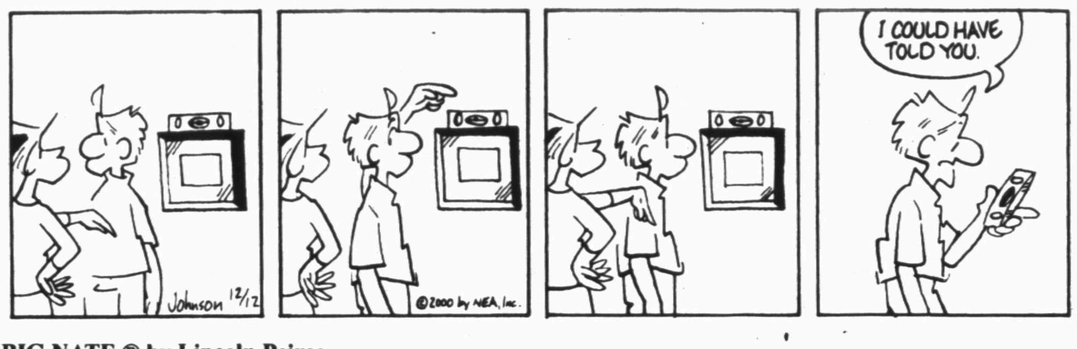
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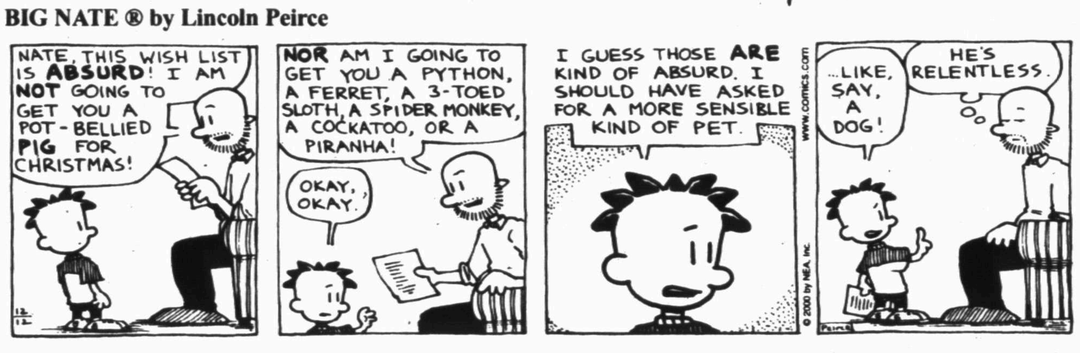
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6 Door device
10 Like cashmere sweaters
12 Curlier
14 Machine
15 Cold time (2 wds.)
16 Draft org.
17 Harmless cyst
19 Singer Diana —
20 Beginning
23 Made public
26 "Verb" finish
27 Youth org.
30 Squirm
32 Ancient
34 Diminish
35 Oklahoma Indian
36 Opp. of NNW
37 Map abbr.
39 Is inclined (to)
40 Weaker
42 Ship canvas
45 Lakers' org.
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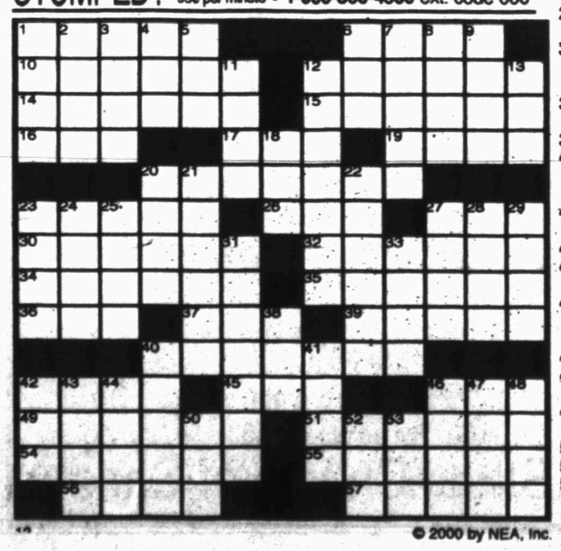
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2 Electrified particles
3 Ships' records
4 Yalie
5 Lion's home
6 Fond du —
7 Out in the open
8 Hi or bye
9 Beer barrels
11 Latest happenings
12 Variety of apple
13 Dwelling place (abbr.)
18 Author Umberto —
20 Court dividers
21 Cling (to)
22 Nullify
23 Leather-working tools
24 Angers
25 Stand up
27 Beethoven's birthplace
28 Winter vehicle
29 Cooling drinks
31 International understanding
33 Water pitcher
38 Decline
40 Tournament of Roses feature
41 Suburbanite's pride
42 Calif. airport
43 "— Misbehavin' "
44 "— — Wonderful Life"
46 Liver fluid
47 Southwestern Indians
48 Low or high —
50 Gums
52 Swiss river
53 Mom's dessert?

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Rangers break bank for A-Rod

DALLAS (AP) — A-Rod is baseball's newest lightning rod, a quarter-billion dollar example of the star system dominating professional sports.

Even before Alex Rodriguez finalized his $252 million, 10-year contract with the Texas Rangers on Monday, baseball's doom-and-gloom faction was saying the money has become too much.

"This amount of money spread out over 10 years could probably buy three franchises or so at the bottom end of market value," said Sandy Alderson, an executive vice president in baseball's commissioner's office.

Rangers owner Tom Hicks predicted the All-Star shortstop will lead his team to national prominence, to "fulfill its dream of continuing on its path to becoming a World Series champion."

Hicks paid $250 million to buy the entire franchise three years ago from a group headed by George W. Bush and Rusty Rose.

"The Rangers are serious about winning," Texas general manager Doug Melvin said. "I know expectations will be high. We're ready for that challenge."

But, while A-Rod now has I-Rod — catcher Ivan Rodriguez — as a teammate, they don't pitch. Texas hasn't added much to staff that had a major league-worst 5.52 ERA last season.

And the Rangers must contend with teams who claimed Rodriguez and agent Scott Boras bamboozled them into overpaying by tens of millions of dollars.

"I'm the whipping boy for 'baseball games will destruct,'" Boras said.

The contract calls for a $10 million signing bonus paid over five years and salaries of $_1 million in each of the first four years — well above the $15.8 million Minnesota paid its entire team this season.

The 25-year-old Rodriguez gets $25 million a year in 2005 and 2006, and $27 million in each of the final four seasons. A total of $36 million is deferred at 3 percent interest, the money to be paid from 2011-2020.

The contract is double the previous record for a sports contract: a $126 million, six-year agreement in October 1997 between forward Kevin Garnett and the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves.

And it was finalized just two days after Mike Hampton's $121 million, eight-year deal with Colorado, which had been baseball's highest package. New York Yankees president Randy Levine criticized Texas as among the teams "whining about out-of-control payrolls" and said it would be "the height of hypocrisy" for them to "ever complain about anything again."

"At first they were talking about 200 million — 250 (million) came out of nowhere," said Rodriguez's new teammate, Rafael Palmeiro. "It's just incredible."

Rodriguez, who can opt out of the agreement after seven years and become a free agent again at age 32, came away with an average salary of $25.2 million — 48 percent higher than the previous top, the $17 million Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado agreed to in October as part of a four-year contract.

But A-Rod fell short of the highest average salary in sports. Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal will average $29.5 million in an $88.5 million, three-year extension that starts with the 2003-04 season.

"People are talking about the money, but you have to recognize the type of player he is and what he can accomplish," Oakland general manager Billy Beane said. "And he's only 25 years old."

The lanky infielder from Miami — he's 6-foot-3 — was highly prized because he became a free agent at such a young age. In seven seasons with the Seattle Mariners, he has a .309 career average with 189 homers and 595 RBIs.

This year, he made $4.25 million in the final season of a $10.6 million, four-year contract he signed against Boras' advice in 1996.

"Yes, he's special because he can hit a baseball. Yes, he's special because he can hit it a long way," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "We're talking about more than hitting a baseball. We're talking about marketing an area."

Lady Tigers open district tonight

After a successful non-district campaign, the Snyder Lady Tigers will try to duplicate their efforts tonight when they tip off District 4-4A action at home against San Angelo Lake View.

Snyder hosts Lake View at 7:30 tonight at the SHS gym in the district opener for both squads.

The Lady Tigers enter the contest with a record of 9-2, while the Maidens sport an 8-6 mark. But despite the difference in records, Snyder coach Sam Tipton expects a battle tonight.

"It's going to be a war every night out in this district, so that's we're preparing for," Tipton stated. "Lake View has been getting a little better each time I see them play, so they're going to be ready tonight."

The Lady Tigers will also be ready, but perhaps a little banged up.

Starting guard T'Leah Eicke injured her knee last week and missed all of the Lake Travis tournament over the weekend. Starting posts Ashley Delce (knee) and Kameron Kallemeyn (hamstring) are also gimpy after the physical play in Austin.

"It was pretty physical down there, but our girls didn't mind," Tipton said. "Delce and Kallemeyn are scheduled to play, and I fully expect them to.

"Elcke, we're not as sure about. A brace was suppose to be in here this morning, and we'll have to wait until warm-up tonight to see if she'll be able to go."

In tonight's other district action, Levelland visits Andrews. Plainview travels to Frenship, and Estacado hosts Big Spring.

The Lady Tigers continue league play at 7:30 Friday when they visit Levelland.

Freshman boys edged, 75-73

Snyder came up two points short of securing third place at the SHS freshman boys' basketball tournament.

Snyder fell to Seminole, 75-73, after knocking off Kermit, 69-50.

In the third-place setback to the Indians, Isaac Ramon poured in 15 points to pace the Tigers, while Blake Grimmett added 13. Tucker Early finished with 10 points.

Marcus Villarreal, Lee Scott and Israel Sosa drained eight points apiece. Justin Boyd netted seven, and Tye Collier tallied four.

Against Kermit, Grimmett's 23 points paced the Tigers. Villarreal added 12, and Boyd finished with 11.

Early tallied eight points. Scott dropped in five. Sosa and Ramon drained four apiece, and Collier chipped in two.

SJHS boys nab 2nd place

SWEETWATER — Snyder Black wrapped up second place in the Sweetwater seventh grade boys' basketball tournament.

The Tigers toppled Sweetwater and Ballinger, before falling to Colorado City in the title tilt, 41-24.

Keenan Garcia poured in seven points in the championship game to pace Snyder, while Tyler Hogan added six more.

Joel Tarin tallied four points. Chase Ashworth, Chris Thompson and Chris Lopez finished with two points apiece, and Bryan Clifton chipped in one.

In the Tigers' 27-21 victory over Ballinger, Tarin's 14 points led the way.

Ashworth drained four points, while Stephan Martinez netted three, and Lopez, Hogan and Marcus Williams scored two each.

Lopez and Tarin posted eight points apiece in Snyder's 40-14 win over Sweetwater.

Garcia and Martinez notched six points each. Hogan and Williams recorded four apiece, and Ashworth and Clifton registered two each.

Seventh grade girls split games

Snyder's seventh grade girls suffered their first setbacks of the season during the Snyder junior high girls' basketball tournament.

Snyder Gold whipped Lubbock Alderson, 85-11, before falling to Lubbock Irons, 33-26.

Aeryal Peoples poured in 16 points to pace the Lady Tigers against Alderson, while Sirena Medrano's eight points led the way against Irons.

Snyder Black fell to Lubbock Dunbar and Alderson, before knocking off Wilson, 42-31.

Bianca Gonzales had six points to pace Snyder against Dunbar. Morgan Bilderback paced the Lady Tigers with seven points against Alderson, and 10 against Wilson.

Snyder Gold 85, Alderson 11
Snyder: Aeryal Peoples, 16; Sequoya Powell, 15; Sirena Medrano, 14; Glyn Wright, 12; Breanna Talavera, 10; Shaela Thompson, 8; Jessica Taylor and Emily Jones, 4; Teddi Crenwelge, 2.

Irons 33, Snyder Gold 26
Snyder: Medrano, 8; Powell and Talavera, 5; Peoples, 4; Jones and Wright, 2.

Dunbar 32, Snyder Black 16
Snyder: Bianca Gonzales, 6; Ashton Wall, 4; Ciara Latta, Kenetra James and Ashly Pavlovsky, 2.

Alderson 28, Snyder Black 20
Snyder: Morgan Bilderback, 7; James, 5; Latta, Gonzales, Khristian Torres and Amber Luecke, 2.

Snyder Gold 42, Wilson 31
Snyder: Bilderback, 10; Pavlovsky, 6; Latta, 5; James, Wall and Amanda Murray, 4; Ashley Pruitt, 3; Torres, Gonzales and Gena Dooley, 2.

Local Sports Schedule

TUESDAY
Basketball
Lake View at Snyder JV and varsity girls, 6 and 7:30
Hermleigh girls and boys at Ira, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

THURSDAY
Basketball
Snyder JV boys at Sweetwater tourney
Ira JV girls and boys at Sands tourney

FRIDAY
Basketball
Snyder JV and varsity girls at Levelland, 6 and 7:30
Snyder varsity boys at Abilene Wylie, 6:30
Highland at Ira girls and boys, 6:30 and 8 p.m.
Roby at Hermleigh girls and boys, 6:30 and 8 p.m.
Snyder JV boys at Sweetwater tourney
Ira JV girls and boys at Sands tourney

SATURDAY
Basketball
Snyder JV boys at Sweetwater tourney
Ira JV girls and boys at Sands tourney

Eighth grade girls drop game

Snyder's eighth grade girls suffered their first setback of the season in the championship game of the SJHS girls' basketball tournament.

Snyder fell to Lubbock Irons, 51-11, in the title tilt, after knocking off Lubbock Alderson, 44-20, in earlier action.

Against Irons, Rebecca Aguirre led the Lady Tigers with four points, while Briana Burk added three more. Stacey Williamson and Courtney Cox finished with two apiece.

Snyder had no problems with Alderson, thanks in part to eight points from Cox, J.J. Farmer and Kassey Burney.

Williamson netted six points. Aguirre, Burk and Heather Holmes drained four apiece, and Jacy Beccue chipped in two.

National Basketball Association

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	16	5	.762	—
New York	14	8	.636	2½
Miami	10	11	.476	6
Boston	9	11	.450	6½
Orlando	9	12	.429	7
New Jersey	7	14	.333	9
Washington	4	17	.190	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	12	7	.632	—
Charlotte	13	9	.591	½
Indiana	10	10	.500	2½
Toronto	10	10	.500	2½
Milwaukee	9	11	.450	3½
Detroit	9	12	.429	4
Atlanta	4	16	.200	8½
Chicago	2	19	.095	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	16	5	.762	—
San Antonio	13	7	.650	2½
Dallas	14	8	.636	2½
Minnesota	13	8	.619	3
Houston	12	9	.571	4
Denver	10	12	.455	6½
Vancouver	7	14	.333	9

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	14	4	.778	—
Phoenix	14	6	.700	1
L.A. Lakers	15	7	.682	1
Portland	14	8	.636	2
Seattle	10	12	.455	6
L.A. Clippers	7	16	.304	9½
Golden State	6	15	.286	9½

Monday's Games
Minnesota 96, Philadelphia 91, OT
Phoenix 86, Chicago 80
San Antonio 91, Utah 83
Houston 82, Vancouver 75
L.A. Clippers 92, Orlando 80

Tuesday's Games
Indiana at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Chicago at Boston, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Utah, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

National Football League

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East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	10	4	0	.714	283	182
N.Y. Jets	9	5	0	.643	294	277
Indianapolis	8	6	0	.571	378	303
Buffalo	7	7	0	.500	263	314
New England	4	10	0	.286	239	301

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Tennessee	11	3	0	.786	291	191
x-Baltimore	10	4	0	.714	286	138
Jacksonville	7	7	0	.500	328	282
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	.500	263	231
Cincinnati	3	11	0	.214	161	329
Cleveland	3	12	0	.200	161	395

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Oakland	11	3	0	.786	403	263
x-Denver	10	4	0	.714	440	340
Kansas City	6	8	0	.429	322	318
Seattle	5	9	0	.357	270	339
San Diego	1	13	0	.071	226	376

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	10	4	0	.714	283	208
x-Philadelphia	10	5	0	.667	335	238
Washington	7	7	0	.500	258	242
Dallas	5	9	0	.357	281	313
Arizona	3	11	0	.214	200	410

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Minnesota	11	3	0	.786	359	307
Tampa Bay	9	5	0	.643	336	217
Detroit	8	6	0	.571	277	277
Green Bay	7	7	0	.500	303	281
Chicago	4	10	0	.286	193	318

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	9	5	0	.643	310	272
St. Louis	9	5	0	.643	479	412
Carolina	6	8	0	.429	271	236
San Francisco	5	9	0	.357	362	384
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	216	377

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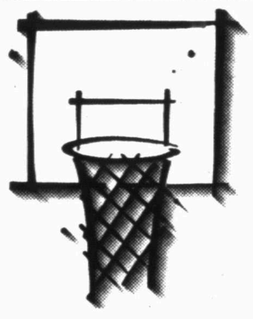
Sunday's Games
Green Bay 26, Detroit 13
Chicago 24, New England 17
Baltimore 24, San Diego 3
Tampa Bay 16, Miami 13
Kansas City 15, Carolina 14
N.Y. Giants 30, Pittsburgh 10
Jacksonville 44, Arizona 10
Tennessee 35, Cincinnati 3
Philadelphia 35, Cleveland 24
Denver 31, Seattle 24
Dallas 32, Washington 13
St. Louis 40, Minnesota 29
New Orleans 31, San Francisco 27
Oakland 31, N.Y. Jets 7
Open: Atlanta

Monday's Game
Indianapolis 44, Buffalo 20

Saturday's Games
Washington at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 17
Detroit at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Chicago at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at Miami, 4:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:35 p.m.
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St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 9 p.m.



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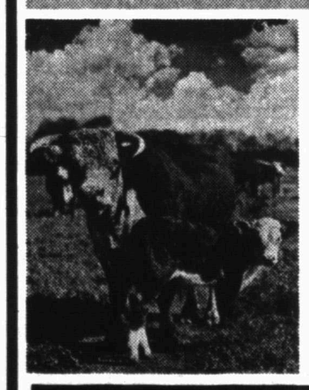
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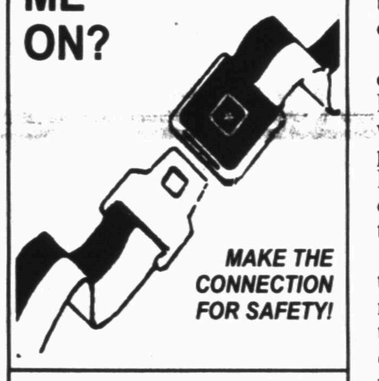
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New NASA venture aims to make software reliable

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The agency that landed men on the moon, built a space station and sent robots to Mars is tackling another tricky high-tech challenge: Developing computer software that doesn't crash.

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NASA, Carnegie Mellon University and a dozen high-tech companies announced Monday the formation of a consortium whose primary mission is to eliminate failure in software vital to the nation.

Systems to be targeted by the High Dependability Computing Consortium include those that play a crucial role in air traffic control, the space program, banking and health care — "software that you depend your life on," said Henry McDonald, director of NASA's Ames Research Center.

"The embedding of software into the whole fabric of the United States ... introduced a level of dependency that demands utterly reliable, utterly dependable systems," he said.

Research promoted by the group probably won't lead to better home computers any time soon but could result in safer skies, better health care and successful space missions, organizers said.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is no stranger to buggy software. Last year, the $165 million Mars Polar Lander crashed on the Red Planet after a glitch caused an early shutoff of its descent engines.

Twelve information technology companies — including IBM, Sun Microsystems and Microsoft — will work with Carnegie Mellon and NASA to develop the consortium and its agenda.

AG Reno blocks release of man held for three years

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno on Tuesday blocked the release of a Palestinian man jailed for three years without charges, a congressman who has criticized U.S. handling of the case said.

Just moments before Mazen Al-Najjar was to be released, attorneys received a phone call telling them of Reno's action, said Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich., who has been advocating the man's release.

The government has maintained that Al-Najjar, 43, had links to Mideast terrorists and was a threat to national security.

Al-Najjar denied the allegations. Not even his lawyers have ever seen the evidence against him.

"I'm stunned and disappointed," Bonior said. "We have to be strong and keep fighting and it will happen."

Officials with the Justice Department in Washington did not immediately return calls seeking comment Tuesday.

Last week, U.S. Immigration Judge R. Kevin McHugh ordered Al-Najjar's release on $8,000 bond, saying the government failed to give him enough information to defend himself. McHugh had viewed the classified evidence in chambers. The Board of Immigration Appeal then held up the release, but the board lifted its own order Monday.

Fox executive denies giving Bush exit poll information

NEW YORK (AP) — The head of Fox's projection team said he spoke five times with his cousin, George W. Bush, on election night but insists he did not give out confidential exit poll information. Bush got that information elsewhere, he said.

John Ellis, an election night consultant for Fox, was hired by Inside.com to write an account of what happened that night; it was posted on the Web site Monday. Ellis is becoming a regular columnist for the online publication's new magazine, Inside.

Publicity about his relationship to Bush has proved an embarrassment to Fox, whose executives were angry with him Monday for writing about it. The network is still investigating whether Ellis, who was working on a temporary contract, provided the Bush campaign with insider data.

Fox was criticized for having a Bush cousin as director of its team responsible for projecting the presidential race. The network, and Ellis, said an executive above Ellis had the final say on whether a state was called.

In their final conversation on election night, the Texas governor told Ellis that Al Gore had taken back his concession of the race. "I hope you're taking all this down, Ellis," Bush reportedly said. "This is good stuff for a book."

Ellis did not discuss the spate of stories that questioned the ethics of a Bush relative working as part of the team that projected election night winners and losers.

But he did note that the three other members of Fox's decision desk team included two Democrats and a third person with Democratic ties.

DNA testing inconclusive in 1981 case

PERRY, Ga. (AP) — Tests conducted on fingernail scrapings in the 1981 slaying of a Georgia college student have proven inconclusive.

The DNA tests neither link Ellis Wayne Felker to the death of 19-year-old Evelyn Joy Ludlam nor clear him of the crime, for which he was executed, Forensic Science Associates of Richmond, Calif., said Monday.

"It reaffirms what I have said all along," Houston County District Attorney Kelly Burke said. "Scientific evidence is but a small part of the prosecution process."

Ludlam was reported missing the day she met with Felker about a job at his leather shop. Her body was found in a Twiggs County creek two weeks later.

Felker was convicted and sentenced to death in 1983. He professed his innocence through his execution in 1996 at age 48.

Hoping technology unavailable at trial might determine Felker's involvement, The Boston Globe, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, The Macon Telegraph and CBS News obtained court permission in July to perform tests.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	39.44	38.00	39.25	+ .31
AT&T Corp	21.75	20.31	21.44	+ .94
Albertsons	23.38	22.94	23.31	+ .38
Alltel	63.13	61.88	63.06	+ .81
AmerOnline	49.10	47.40	48.53	+ .04
AmEl Pw	45.38	44.69	45.31	+ .56
AndarkPtr	66.30	64.21	64.76	+ .04
ATMOS Egy	23.13	22.63	22.88	—.38
Aviall	5.44	5.31	5.31	
BP Amoco	48.94	48.38	48.63	+ .63
BakerHughes	36.00	35.06	35.69	+ .38
Bank of Amer	43.31	42.25	43.13	—.31
BellSouth	42.94	41.94	42.88	+ 1.00
Beth Steel	2.00	1.88	2.00	+ .06
BurlNoSFe	26.63	26.38	26.50	+ .06
Caterpillar	43.63	41.88	43.31	+ .94
Chevron	82.44	81.56	81.88	+ .38
Citigroup s	52.81	51.75	51.88	—1.00
Coastal	81.50	79.13	80.94	+ 1.56
CocaCola	58.69	57.63	58.06	—.25
ColgatePal	59.90	58.35	59.25	+ 2.70
ComclMetals	25.56	25.19	25.19	—.38
CooperIn	43.44	42.88	43.13	—.31
DaimlrChry	45.00	44.60	44.60	+ 1.01
DallSemicn s	29.75	28.38	28.88	—5.13
DeltaAirl	50.81	49.63	50.44	+ .25
Dillards Inc	11.81	11.63	11.81	+ .06
DowChem s	34.94	33.31	34.69	+ 1.31
DuPont	43.50	41.75	43.25	+ 1.31
EastmanChem	47.75	46.13	47.31	+ 1.44
EstKodak	42.88	37.00	41.75	+ 2.19
EDS Corp	57.38	56.50	56.81	—.13
Entergy	38.88	37.63	38.63	+ .75
ExxonMobil	87.38	86.31	86.31	+ .56
FstBksAm	17.13	16.06	17.13	+ .25
Flowers	16.56	16.38	16.44	
GenDynam	74.75	73.63	74.00	+ .38
GenElec s	55.00	52.31	53.00	—2.31
GenMills	39.19	38.75	39.00	—.19
GenMotors	54.13	51.50	52.81	+ 1.25
GaPacGP	27.38	26.00	27.13	+ .81
GlobalMar	27.06	26.31	26.63	
Goodrich	34.50	34.00	34.31	
Goodyear s	18.98	18.32	18.95	+ .70
GtAtlPac	7.00	6.56	6.63	—.44
Halliburtn	38.38	37.50	37.81	—.13
Hanson ADS	30.69	30.25	30.69	+ .69
HarteHanke	23.44	22.94	22.94	—.69
HomeDepot	44.94	44.38	44.63	—.50
HoneywellIntl	54.00	51.50	52.13	—3.06
IBM	96.13	94.06	94.44	—.56
IntlPaper	38.75	37.69	38.69	+ 1.06
JohnsonJn	97.13	95.50	96.94	+ 1.31
K mart	5.50	5.38	5.47	—.03
Kroger Co	25.13	24.31	24.88	+ .88
Litton	61.00	59.81	60.69	
LockheedM	31.69	31.06	31.66	+ .04
Lowes Cos	42.50	41.25	41.88	+ .06
Lubys	4.00	3.94	4.00	
LucentTech	19.13	17.06	18.50	+ 1.81
MayDeptStr	30.63	29.38	30.25	+ .81
Medtronic	54.31	53.44	53.75	—.94
MorganJP	157.25	154.63	156.38	—.38
Motorola s	21.81	20.44	20.69	—.94
NCR Corp	50.56	50.00	50.31	—.50
Navistar	21.38	20.25	21.19	+ .94
Penney JC	9.56	9.25	9.50	+ .44
PepBoys	4.38	4.13	4.25	+ .06
PepsiCo	47.44	46.69	47.38	+ .31
Pharmacia	59.13	58.38	58.50	—.19
PhelpDodge	54.63	53.25	54.56	+ .94
PhilipPet	53.63	52.88	53.19	+ .31
PilgrmPrd B	7.88	7.81	7.81	—.13
Polaroid	7.50	6.75	7.31	+ .44
Praxair	38.75	37.63	38.69	+ 1.31
ProctGamb	73.50	70.50	72.56	+ 3.50
PubS NwMx	24.50	24.13	24.19	—.25
RadioShack	50.50	47.69	50.50	+ 2.88
ReliantEngy	40.94	40.13	40.81	+ .94
RoyalDut	56.19	55.63	55.75	+ .81
SBC Comm	52.38	51.00	52.19	+ 1.38
SaraLee	24.44	23.88	24.31	+ .13
Scripps EW	60.56	60.00	60.00	—.31
SearsRoeb	35.84	34.00	35.75	+ .96
SherwinW	23.00	22.31	23.00	+ .31
SmithkldBchm	62.63	61.81	62.50	+ 1.06
SouthernCo	29.19	28.69	28.94	+ .13
SwstAirl	32.56	31.64	32.50	+ .57
SprintFON	24.63	23.56	24.38	+ .56
SprintPCS s	29.25	27.63	28.75	+ 1.88
Sunoco Inc	30.81	29.81	30.81	+ 1.00
TXU Corp	39.94	39.50	39.81	+ .38
TempleInland	51.88	50.19	51.88	+ 1.44
Texaco	59.38	58.69	59.06	+ .19
TexInd	24.31	24.00	24.25	—.06
Texasinst s	51.81	50.38	51.63	—.25
Textron	46.75	45.63	45.81	—1.00
TriconGlbR	36.00	35.06	35.88	+ .81
TrinityInds	26.44	26.38	26.38	—.25
TritonEngy	24.88	23.88	24.13	—.19
TylerTech	1.56	1.38	1.56	+ .13
USX-Marathn	26.69	26.44	26.50	+ .31
USX-USS	16.25	15.69	16.25	+ .38
UnCarbde	49.06	46.69	48.88	+ 1.63
UnionPacif	47.63	46.94	47.56	+ .69
UnitedTech	74.06	72.25	73.81	+ 1.56
Unocal	36.69	36.13	36.31	+ .25
Venator Grp	14.31	13.88	14.25	—.06
VerizonComm	56.25	55.38	56.06	+ .94
WalMart	51.81	49.81	51.19	—.19
WellsFargo	50.00	49.31	49.38	—.38
WstnGasRs	24.31	24.25	24.31	
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GM may phase out Oldsmobile division

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. plans a series of restructuring changes that could lead to the demise of its Oldsmobile division, a source familiar with the situation said.

Details of the changes were expected to be announced Tuesday.

A source, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said the automaker's chief executive, Rick Wagoner, would announce a series of "fairly dramatic steps aimed at kind of shaking the company up."

A GM spokesman declined to comment Monday.

In recent years, GM has denied repeated rumors about plans to end the 103-year-old Oldsmobile brand. The automaker has defended its brand-management system as the best way to capture sales in a mature U.S. market for cars and trucks.

But Wagoner has said in the past several months that no division was sacred and each would have to prove itself over time.

In the past, a GM division was like a company within a company, handling its own manufacturing and engineering. Today the divisions — except for Saturn — are just marketing and sales arms, peddling vehicles from one engineering center.



JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS — These lucky Snyder ISD students each won $150 in the perfect attendance drawing for November. From left back row, Kelsey Shaw, Snyder Junior High School; Aerifel Witte, West; Austin Haire, Snyder High School; front row, Gina Guerrero, Central; Allen Jones, Northeast; Beth Iglehart, Stanfield. LaShondrick Richardson, East, is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000

Being more ambitious than you have in the past bodes well for success in your endeavors in the year ahead. Strong motivations will encourage strong work ethics for getting what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) While at a gathering today, should someone start saying unkind things about another who isn't present, immediately walk away. The news will get carried back as to who said what to whom. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Any half measures given to a project will result in frustration and failure, so if you have something of importance to get done, devote all your efforts and energies solely to it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't expect others to be supportive of your views and opinions if you can't, in turn, be supportive of theirs. The example you set is what will prevail today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take appropriate measures today to protect your interests in any commercial joint venture into which you enter. Conditions are a trifle more complex than they may look on the surface.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's going to be up to you today to stiffen your back should you feel you're being pushed into a corner to make a concession that does not serve your best interests. Don't buckle under.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be especially careful of your behavior today when dealing among equals with co-workers. Work together with them, and don't attempt to put yourself above them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could allow a social situation today to cause you to spend lavishly, without regard for your budget. If you see those dollars flying out of your wallet, halt the carnage immediately.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Should your motivation ebb and flow today rather than be consistent, it won't matter that you know what needs doing. Unless you actually do the job, nothing will come of it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Watch what you say about others today, because someone's reputation could be hurt. Say nothing you wouldn't want said about you if the circumstances were reversed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your usual good sense of bargains and values may not be operative today, so be on guard should you go shopping. You could get stung or pay more for something than it's worth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Before you knock yourself out on something today, be sure it's worth it. There's a good chance that what comes easily to you will be more rewarding than that for which you strive very hard.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Holding a grudge today could end up hurting you more than it does the person you dislike. Try to let bygones be bygones and get on with your life.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Worker's college education gets no respect from Boss

DEAR ABBY: I recently received my bachelor of science degree. It took determination and sacrifice to fulfill the requirements to graduate. Now that I have found a job where I can use my academic knowledge, I am finding stumbling blocks to career advancement. I work with managers who refuse to recognize the importance of an academic education.

Several of the upper-level managers attained their high-paying positions by staying with the company and working their way up the organizational ladder. They frequently comment that education is "overrated." I have great respect for these managers and their fortitude in staying with the same company; however, they belittle the value of education. I believe they are not aware of the time and energy one must expend to attain a degree.

I have also noticed that managers who have an advanced level of education appreciate what it takes to get a degree and don't minimize its value. Unfortunately, I must report directly to a lesser-educated manager, and I would appreciate your advice on how to handle the situation. — **SUPPORTS THE VALUE OF EDUCATION**

DEAR SUPPORTS: Keep your mouth shut and your eye on the goal. Pointing out your manager's ignorance will make you an enemy.

College doesn't always teach the "practical" aspects of a job. Experience is also a great teacher. Learn, absorb and weigh everything your managers have to say. They would not be at the level to which they have risen had they not earned the respect of their employers.

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DEAR ABBY: Twenty years ago, my high school civics teacher gave us a choice for a project: Write a research paper or perform 20 hours of volunteer work and report on the experience. For not completely altruistic reasons, I chose the volunteer experience because I thought it sounded more interesting — not to mention easier!

That was one of the most memorable high school experiences I had. I didn't come from a perfect background (does anyone?), but it was good for me as an impressionable young person to see how those in true need lived. I will never forget rocking a baby who was born without eyes because his mother dallied with drugs during her pregnancy.

Most volunteer experiences aren't as sobering, but there is always something to learn. As a result of that school project, I have led a life of volunteering — even if it is just an hour a week. In addition, I have introduced my children to the wonderful world of volunteering as young as age 3, and they love it. My parents were also volunteers.

Abby, please address the subject of volunteering with your readers. If they don't volunteer, they owe it to themselves to give it a try. It's a wonderful experience. Just when they think they will only be giving, lo and behold, they'll be receiving an education and a worthwhile experience. — **GRATEFUL TO BE ABLE TO HELP, ST. PAUL, MINN.**

DEAR GRATEFUL: I agree volunteering can be gratifying. I heartily recommend it. The subject has been mentioned in this column before. Years ago, I volunteered my time to the Red Cross as a "Gray Lady," reading and writing letters for shut-ins. Later I worked for the Mental Health Association and to raise funds for the March of Dimes.

Volunteer work is emotionally rewarding, a sure cure for the blues and a self-esteem builder. Some people have stumbled onto fulfilling career opportunities through volunteering at hospitals, schools, shelters, etc.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Fast food robber get 8 years after guilty pleas

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who authorities believe assisted in the planning of a McDonald's restaurant burglary that led to a fire and killed two Houston firefighters was sentenced Monday to eight years in prison.

Jorge Correa was charged of participating in two different restaurant robberies.

Correa, 23, pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon. He received eight years on each charge, but the sentences will run concurrently.

While the charges are unrelated to the Feb. 14 torching of a Houston McDonald's where Lewis Mayo III, 44, and Kimberly Smith, 30, died fighting the three-alarm fire, authorities say the man may have been involved in the planning of that burglary.

"He talked about it," prosecutor Steve Baldassano said in Tuesday's editions of the Houston Chronicle. "But there is no evidence he went into that McDonald's the night of the fire."

The charges against Correa stem from an earlier robbery at that restaurant on Feb. 1.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Bronchiectasis sounds ominous

DEAR DR. GOTT: After having been bothered for years with a chronic cough requiring repeated antibiotic therapy, I've been diagnosed with bronchiectasis. What is this disorder? It sounds ominous.

DEAR READER: Bronchiectasis is a type of localized chronic lung infection, often associated with emphysema and bronchitis, which causes increased amounts of sputum, cough, wheezing and (sometimes) blood in the sputum (hemoptysis).

Specialists are not sure why bronchiectasis develops in some patients but not in others. It is more common after bouts of pneumonia and is often a consequence of inhaling injurious material, such as silica, or of bronchial obstruction. Also, it is a frequent complication of cystic fibrosis, a chronic genetic lung condition marked by thick mucus and a susceptibility to pulmonary infection.

Bronchiectasis causes portions of the bronchial passages to stretch and dilate. The bronchial tubes are normally shaped like straight pipes, similar to a car's exhaust system. Bronchiectasis alters this shape: the muffler (bronchiectasis) bulges between two pipes of uniform diameter (the bronchial tubes).

Early bronchiectasis causes few, if any, symptoms. More advanced forms produce the symptoms I mentioned. Severe degrees are associated with respiratory insufficiency, heart failure and significant scarring of pulmonary tissue. The diagnosis is usually made by CT scanning or bronchography, a special type of lung X-ray.

Doctors seek to improve breathing and eradicate underlying infection in bronchiectasis patients. For example, physicians may prescribe breathing exercises, antibiotics, avoidance of air pollution, discontinuation of smoking and home oxygen. Also, postural drainage, during which a patient leans head down over the side of the bed several times a day, may assist the mechanics of breathing by ridding the lungs of trapped mucus that is not easily expelled by coughing. In cases of significant pulmonary bleeding or resistant infection, the segment of bronchiectasis may have to be surgically removed.

If you take good care of your health and follow your doctor's advice, the progression of your lung disorder can be arrested and you should be able to avoid the serious complications I described.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I seem constantly to suffer from colds that linger indefinitely, with sneezing, headache, scratchy throat and runny nose. Because most over-the-counter decongestants should not be used by people with high blood pressure, which I have, what alternatives do I have to suppress the cold symptoms?

DEAR READER: Most people do not repeatedly catch colds, nor do such infections last more than a few days. Your pattern of symptoms suggests that allergies might be the cause of your problem. Therefore, I suggest that you request a referral to an allergist, who should be able to help you identify substances in your environment that are causing your symptoms.

Over-the-counter decongestants, which are often useful in relieving the runny nose, headache and irritated throat of both allergies and upper respiratory virus infections, usually contain compounds that may raise blood pressure, worsen glaucoma and aggravate thyroid disorders.

In my practice, I've found that most hypertensives under treatment are not affected by the short-term use of non-prescription decongestants. Nonetheless, you should ask your doctor if such products are safe for you to use. As another option, try over-the-counter Actifed or Chlor-Trimeton; also, prescription antihistamines (Claritin, Allegra and Zyrtec) are often useful, as are various nasal sprays, such as Vancenase and Nasalcrom.

You are correct to read labels and ask your pharmacist about which drugs to avoid, but I would feel more comfortable having you discover the source of your symptoms, rather than simply treating them. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Allergies." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Age Sex

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Robert Downey Jr. charged in drug case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Downey Jr. was charged Monday with two felony drug counts and a misdemeanor stemming from his Thanksgiving weekend arrest at a Palm Springs resort.

The actor, who was arrested only four months after being released from prison in connection with another drug case, faces a maximum of six years in state prison on the felonies and a year in county jail on the misdemeanor if convicted.

He also could face an additional year's imprisonment because he has served a prior state prison term, according to Riverside County Assistant District Attorney Sue F. Steding.

Downey, 35, will plead innocent to the charges, said publicist Alan Nierob. The arraignment is set for Dec. 27.

The actor's attorneys are continuing their investigation "regarding the circumstances of Mr. Downey's arrest," Nierob said in a brief statement Monday.

Downey was arrested Nov. 25 after an anonymous 911 call led police investigators to a room at Merv Griffin's Resort Hotel and Givenchy Spa. The police allegedly found Downey with cocaine and methamphetamine.

Three days later, he returned to work on the Fox series "Ally McBeal." He was signed to appear in 10 episodes, and the network said Monday it expects him to complete the work before his court date.

Downey was charged with felony possession of cocaine and the tranquilizer diazepam, plus a misdemeanor charge of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

After Downey's arrest last month, his publicist assessed his client's situation: "He's a recovering addict. Recovering addicts have relapses. He's working hard at his sobriety as he has for the last 18 months," Nierob said.

Downey's stepmother, Rosemary Rogers Downey, says in the current issue of People magazine that the actor was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, known as manic depression, and has not gotten help for it.

"It's the reason he has a hard time staying sober. What hasn't been tried is medication and intensive psychotherapy," said Rosemary Downey, who lives with Downey's director-father in New York.

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Gerald Ford, the 38th president of the United States, worked as a park ranger in Yellowstone National Park. Ford's job at the park included directing traffic and feeding the bears.

Sixty-two killed in Nigerian bus crash

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Sixty-two people, most of them bus passengers, were killed in a deadly fire sparked by a three-vehicle pileup along a highway in southeastern Nigeria, the Guardian newspaper reported Tuesday.

The Saturday accident occurred after the bus slammed head-on into an oncoming truck. A third vehicle smashed into the first two, exploding on impact and causing all three cars to burst into flames.



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Marines ground Osprey fleet

WASHINGTON (AP) — The commandant of the Marine Corps grounded all MV-22 Osprey aircraft Tuesday following a crash in North Carolina that killed four Marines and raised new doubts about the future of the tilt-rotor plane.

Gen. James L. Jones, the commandant, also asked Defense Secretary William Cohen to convene a panel of experts to review the troubled $40 billion program, said Marine Corps spokesman Maj. Dave Andersen at the Pentagon.

"This program is very, very important to the Marine Corps, to me and I think to the nation, and we're going to work very hard to find out what happened," said Lt. Gen. Fred McCorkle, head of Marine aviation.

An Osprey crashed Monday night in a forested area near Jacksonville, N.C., killing all four Marines aboard. It was the second fatal Osprey accident this year. In April an Osprey crashed while attempting to land at an airport in Arizona, killing all 19 Marines aboard. Human error was blamed for that accident.

At Marine Corps headquarters, Andersen said Jones has asked the Pentagon to delay indefinitely a decision that was due this month on giving the go-ahead to begin full-rate production of the Osprey, which is a revolutionary tilt-rotor aircraft that takes off and lands like a helicopter and flies like an airplane.

Jones wants the decision put off "until further information is gathered" regarding the Jacksonville crash, Andersen said.

The four killed in Monday night's crash were identified by Marine Corps headquarters as: Lt. Col. Keith M. Sweaney, 42, of Richmond, Va.; Maj. Michael L. Murphy, 38, of Blauvelt, N.Y.; Staff Sgt. Avely W. Runnels, 25, of Morven, Ga.; and Sgt. Jason A. Buyck, 24, of Sodus, N.Y.

The Jacksonville crash is under investigation. The last communication with the aircraft, based at the Marine Corps Air Station at New River, N.C., was a mayday call received at 7:27 p.m., officials said.

"The pilot gave no specifics on the nature of the situation, just that it was a mayday," McCorkle said.

"The rotors got real loud, and it disappeared behind a tree," said Mark Calnan, who lives near the crash site in a southeastern North Carolina forest. "There was an orange flash, a great big one. Then I heard a pop. It crackled like thunder."

Rescue workers had to use a bulldozer to create a path through the trees so they could reach the site about 10 miles north of Jacksonville.

The Osprey program has had a troubled history. There were nine aircraft in the Marines' inventory before the Monday crash. A prototype version crashed in June 1991 while undergoing its first flight in Delaware, and in July 1992 another prototype Osprey crashed near Quantico, Va., killing seven people.

Just last month, Jones, the Marine commandant, said he fully expected the Pentagon to give the go-ahead to begin full-scale production of the Osprey, which is built jointly by Boeing Co. and Bell Helicopter Textron.

Clinton, Hill leaders hope to finish budget this week

WASHINGTON (AP) — Budget writers are putting the final touches on a package that President Clinton and congressional leaders hope will end their standoff over school spending and other issues — and let the lame-duck 106th Congress finally adjourn.

In a third Oval Office meeting in eight days, Clinton and leaders of the House and Senate agreed on outlines of a budget accord that would complete the last pieces of the $1.8 trillion budget for fiscal year 2001, which began Oct. 1. Congressional leaders must now sell the pact to rank-and-file lawmakers and decide how individual education, health and other programs will fare.

"There will be a lot of good in this bill," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla.

Noting that the agreement would spend less than a tentative deal reached a month ago, Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., called Monday's pact a "shakedown." But he said it seemed likely to pass Congress.

The compromise included $108.9 billion for many education, labor and health programs, said Obey, top Democrat on House Appropriations. That would be close to $13 billion more than was spent last year, a victory for Clinton, but roughly $4 billion less than last month's tentative deal, a win for the GOP.

Leaders said they hoped to push the measure through Congress on Thursday or Friday.

"That is the plan," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

Violence continues in MidEast

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli soldiers gunned down an activist in Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement Tuesday, Palestinian witnesses said. The killing outside the man's West Bank home came hours after Israel said it would hunt those who attack its citizens.

Also Tuesday, three Israelis were wounded in two separate roadside shootings, one in the West Bank and one in the Gaza Strip.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said he hoped conditions would soon be ripe for a resumption of peace talks. Earlier this week, Israel and the Palestinians resumed high-level contacts to try to quell violence.

The Fatah activist killed Tuesday was identified as Yousef Abu Swayeh, 27. Doctors said he was hit by 17 bullets.

Witnesses, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Abu Swayeh was wanted by Israel. They said he was in his home in Irtas village near the West Bank town of Bethlehem on Tuesday.

Obituaries

Cheri Hollis

1954-2000

Cheri Hollis, 46, died Monday, Dec. 11, at her home in Snyder following a lengthy illness.

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Miss Hollis was born on Oct. 26, 1954. She was preceded in death by her father, Milton Hollis.

Survivors include her mother, Dolly Hollis of Snyder; a daughter, Melissa Hood of Snyder; and a son, Seth Hood of Austin.

Blanche Jackson

1906-2000

Blanche Jackson, longtime Snyder resident, died Sunday, Dec. 10, in Snyder Healthcare Center following a lengthy illness.



Blanche Jackson

Funeral service for Mrs. Jackson, 93, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Miller Robinson officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Dec. 27, 1906 in Vinita, Okla., she married Lewie Jackson on May 12, 1924 in Golden, Colo. He died in 1994.

Mrs. Jackson moved to Snyder in 1953 from Colorado. A homemaker, she was a member of the First Christian Church and the Christian Women's Fellowship.

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Survivors include a son, Frank McNeill of Odessa; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Westbrook

1913-2000

NACOGDOCHES – Charles E. Westbrook, a native of Scurry County, died Saturday, Dec. 9 in Nacogdoches.

Funeral service for Mr. Westbrook, 87, was set for 10 a.m. today in the East Main Church of Christ with Ellis Reynolds, minister, officiating. Burial was to follow in Sunset Memorial Park under the direction of Laird-McGill Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 29, 1913 in Snyder, he was the son of Ella Mercer and Little Westbrook. He was married to Oleta Ashmore who preceded him in death.

A funeral director for 50 years, he worked for Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home for 25 years. A member of the East Main Church of Christ, Mr. Westbrook was a past member of the Nacogdoches Kiwanis Club.

Survivors include a son, Will Westbrook of Nacogdoches; a daughter, Lyneta Litterst of Gentry, Ark.; a sister, Lyndall Ellard of Odessa; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Dink Lanier

1931-2000

ROBERT LEE – Edmond A. "Dink" Lanier, the brother of two Snyder residents, died Monday, Dec. 11, at his home in Robert Lee.

Funeral service for Mr. Lanier, 69, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Decker Cemetery in Nolan County under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Born March 4, 1931 in Blackwell, he was a 1951 graduate of Blackwell High School. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and married Jackie Womack on March 18, 1956 in Sweetwater.

A former Sweetwater policeman and Nolan County deputy sheriff, he moved to Robert Lee in 1969 and was employed by the CRMWD as a patrolman at Lake Spence.

Mr. Lanier also received his private investigator's license in Texas and had owned several businesses in Robert Lee before his retirement. A member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church, he was also a member of the Farm Bureau and Woodmen of the World.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie Lanier of Robert Lee; a daughter, Vicki Bullard of Odessa; a son, Brad Lanier of San Angelo; his mother, Emma Lanier of Bronte; two brothers, Bob Lanier of Snyder and Tom Lanier of San Angelo; three sisters, Rudy Thomas of Snyder, Virginia Harris of Blackwell and Patti Lanier of New Braunfels; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Bobby Mack Wells

1940-2000

OVALO — Bobby Mack Wells, former Snyder resident, died Sunday, Dec. 10, at his home in south Taylor County after a sudden illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Wells, 60, is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday in Oplin Cemetery. The Rev. Don Kinder will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Fry-Bartlett Funeral Home in Tuscola.

Born Sept. 20, 1940 in Pyote, Mr. Wells moved to Snyder when he was six years old and was a graduate of Snyder High School. He lived in Odessa before moving to Ovalo in 1974. He was the production manager for an oil producing company. He married Linda Orr in 1960 in Snyder.

He was preceded in death by his parents, DeWitt Patterson and Imogene Wells; and a brother, Charles Ray Wells.

Survivors include his former wife, Linda Wells of Ovalo; two sisters, Pauline Alvarado and Martha Banks, both of Snyder; two brothers, Billy Gene Wells of Kermit and David P. Wells of Andrews; and several nieces and nephews.

Auto parts taken from man's vehicle

• *Auto parts taken*

Ted Umphries contacted police at 6:54 p.m. Monday to report that someone had stolen an Edelbrock air breather and a temperature oil gauge bracket from his 1983 Chevrolet pickup. He told officers that the theft occurred while the vehicle was parked at Whataburger.

• *Assault*

At 10:31 p.m. Monday, a mother reported that her 15-year-old son had been assaulted by another juvenile.

• *Arrests*

A 33-year-old man was booked into custody at 1:25 p.m. Monday on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

A 17-year-old male and two 18-year-old males were arrested in the 1900 block of Coleman Monday afternoon on misdemeanor possession of marijuana charges.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Seniors helping seniors

Snyder High School seniors are assisting senior citizens this holiday season by helping put up outside Christmas lights and other decorations. For assistance, call 573-6301 and ask for Beth Bowen.

East Family Reading Night

East Elementary will host a Family Reading Night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. this evening. Refreshments will be served. All parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Childcare will be provided.

Early head start registration

Scurry Community Services announces registration for the new Early Head Start program to begin Jan. 3. Applications will be taken from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. today through Friday at Snyder Day Care, 2800 2nd St. Bring birth certificate, proof of income, social security card and immunizations records. Call 573-7403 for additional information.

4-H horse club meeting

The 4-H horse club meeting set for this evening has been changed to next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. because of the weather. The meeting is held in the East Elementary cafeteria.

Christmas band concert

The Christmas band concert is set for 7 this evening in the Worsham Auditorium. Performers include the sixth grade, the junior high and the high school bands.

West Family Reading Night

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

Central Stars go caroling

Central Elementary's choir, "The Central Stars," will carol Friday. Under the direction of Sheila Sorrels, the choir will perform at Snyder Healthcare Center at 9 a.m., Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m., Burger King at 11 a.m., First Baptist Church Chapel at 1 p.m. and West Texas State Bank lobby at 2 p.m.

Christmas musical

Faith Baptist Church's adult choir will present "Bethlehem's Child," a musical drama, at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the church, 208 37th Street.

Christmas programs

Calvary Baptist Church, 2405 35th, will have a day of Christmas celebration Sunday. The adult choir will present "2000 Decembers Ago" at 10:50 a.m. The children and youth will present "Wonderful Christmas' at 6 p.m.

Christmas concert

First Church of the Nazarene will present a Christmas Concert featuring Kimberley and Tom Wagner with Compassionate Heart Music at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. A nursery is provided and there is no charge.

Retirement reception

A reception in honor of Rona Sikes will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse. Mrs. Sikes has served as county tax assessor-collector since Jan. 1, 1985. The tax office will be closed during the reception.

Raw peanuts for sale

The women of The Church of God in Ira are selling raw peanuts for holiday cooking. The cost is $10 for a five-pound bag. To order, call Sheila Alexander at 573-8148, or Juanita Hester at 728-3312.

Windbreak trees

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

Glory Room open

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Vocational nurse program testing

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

Adult basic education classes

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

Court shuts down fake ID card site

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal court has shut down a Web site that offered templates to help produce fake driver's licenses and state identification cards.

The Federal Trade Commission brought a complaint against the site's proprietors earlier this month, saying fake IDs made from the site can be used not only for underage drinking and voter or passport fraud but also for identity theft.

The complaint alleges that Jeremy Martinez of Tarzana, Calif., sold 45 days of access to fake ID templates for $29.99. The site, identified in the complaint as 'newid,' contained "high quality" templates for the creation of fake driver's licenses for several states, including California, New York and Florida, the complaint says.

"This is a no-brainer," the FTC's director of consumer protection, Jodie Bernstein, said Monday. "Any business that empowers and encourages people to break the law should and will be shut down."

The FTC declared war on identity theft earlier this year.

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