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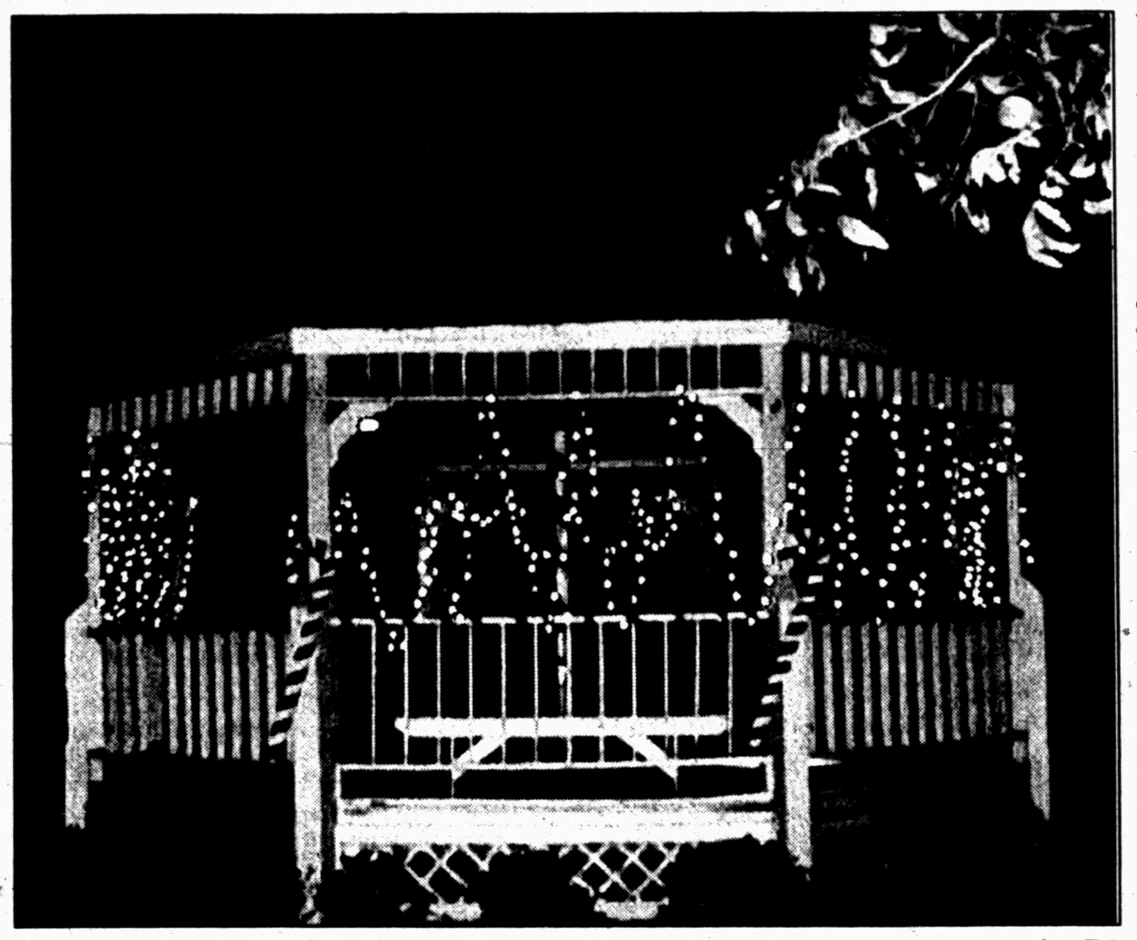
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Home Of Logan Ryan Tate



NEW COURTHOUSE LIGHTS - The new Christmas lights on the courthouse square were turned on Friday night and the sounds of the holiday can be heard throughout the community. The annual lighted Christmas parade and Santa's arrival is set for next weekend. (SDN Staff Photo)

Holiday events now coming at fast pace

There are new lights on the courthouse lawn and the sounds of Christmas are now heard throughout the community.

Santa Claus will make his annual appearance at the courthouse gazebo next Saturday from 4-6 p.m., just prior to the lighted Christmas parade.

The chamber of commerce-sponsored Christmas parade is still taking entrants.

"The chamber is offering a top prize of $150 for the top-rated float by our judges," said chamber executive director Donna Fowler. "So get busy and get your float ready for the parade."

Second place winners will get $75, as will the third place winners.

The parade will get underway at dark on Saturday.

Immediately following the parade, Scurry County courthouse employees will hold an open house – complete with refreshments – in the courthouse.

Residents will have a chance to enter their homes in the annual lighting contest sponsored by the Snyder Goldcoaters.

Toys for Tots application is on Page 13-A.

Applications must be turned in by Dec. 18

Entries within the city limits are now being taken at the chamber.

Top prize for the best decorated home is $75, while second place will bring $50 and third place is worth $25.

"Those prizes will go a long way in paying for decorations," said Fowler.

Continuing in the Christmas spirit, the Girl Scouts are again sponsoring the annual Toys for Tots program.

An application is in today's edition of the Snyder Daily News on Page 13-A. If other applications are needed, they are available at the newspaper office.

Follow the directions on the application, or call 573-3525 or 573-6725 for additional information.

Upon approval of the application, applicants will be notified by telephone of when to pick up the toys on the distribution date of Dec. 23.

Applications will be accepted through Dec. 18.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "To really build something, you need more construction workers than architects and inspectors.

Halloween passed and the Christmas commercials started. Now Thanksgiving is history, and we must start getting in the mood for Christmas.

We may have to blame it on the unseasonably warm weather, but those Christmas TV commercials with snowmen have yet to make us want to hear the jingle of bells.

But it's time. According to the experts, expect crowded stores and long lines. It may be just our imagination, but it seems that Christmas sales catalogues started coming about the time that school began.

Oh well, there is help for those of us who don't have a clue about what to buy.

The 1999 Neiman Marcus Christmas book is as luxurious and outrageous as ever, but this year it has a conscience.

Among the extravagant gifts are opportunities to "give back" to a number of causes.

This year's traditional His and Her gift: $200,000 to preserve a piece of ecologically endangered land in the U.S. It is offered through a partnership with The Nature Conservancy and the gift can be put "in the name of a loved one for millenniums to come."

For just $35, gift-givers can adopt a piece of the threatened rainforest for a year through the Nature Conservancy's Adopt an Acre program.

Still, there are plenty of incredible gifts that have made the catalog famous – extravagant jewels and adult "toys" such as a virtual reality video game capsule and a recumbent bike that has earned a spot in New York's Museum of Modern Art.

This year, Neiman Marcus is offering its most expensive gift ever, the Boeing Business Jet.

The modified 737 costs $35.25 million unfurnished or $42 million with a custom interior. The retailer suggests retrofitting with an executive lounge and private suite. It can travel 7,130 miles without refueling.

If you need a gift for less than a million, try draping a $450,000 181-carat diamond necklace over her shoulders. It is said the piece will practically sell itself.

The 134-page book includes 50 fully-equipped 2001 BMX X5 sport-utility vehicles for $57,995. If the SUV vehicles sell out, you can create an in-home arcade with a $96,000 Ventuer S2ei road simulator.

And if you're a Christmas traditionalist, purchase an 1822 manuscript of "The Night Before Christmas," for a mere $795,000.

Record stadium crowd watches A&M victory

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — After a week of mourning for 12 people killed in a bonfire accident at their school, Texas A&M University students found some consolation in their beloved football team upsetting archrival Texas before a record crowd.

Seventh-ranked Texas led the annual matchup at halftime Friday, but the No. 24 Aggies, weeping on the sidelines and wearing helmet decals in honor of the dead, came from behind to win 20-16 before 86,128 fans — the most ever to attend a game in Texas.

"We had the thought and memory of those 12 in our hearts and minds every single play," said Aggie offensive lineman Chris Valletta, his eyes watery and red. "I hope this win can ease the pain a little bit. I personally want to send this to all of them, from all of us."

Eleven A&M students and a recent graduate died after the 40-foot stack of logs they were building collapsed on Nov. 18.

"At the start, it was kind of somber because we still had our minds on those people who lost their lives while helping us win the game," said Ja'Mar Toombs, who scored two touchdowns for A&M. "We knew if we wanted to show our gratitude, there was not a better time than this game."

Flags flew at half-staff, and maroon and white ribbons were painted on the turf at Kyle Field over the school's logo. Thousands of fans released maroon balloons. Twelve doves, one for each victim, were set free into the stadium before the game.

Craft show is next weekend

The ninth annual Scurry County arts and crafts show will be held next Saturday and Sunday in the Scurry County Coliseum. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will be at the local coliseum with original and handcrafted items.

The coliseum will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

There is no admission charge.

The concession stand will be sponsored by the Snyder chapter of the American Business Women's Association. Proceeds from the concessions go to provide scholarships sponsored by the ABWA.



BUSH BOOK - The wife of former resident Harold Wade has added a book about the governor to her list of books she has written.



Author with Snyder ties publishes book about George Bush

The wife of a former Snyder resident has penned a book about Gov. George W. Bush.

Mary D. Wade, wife of 1948 Snyder High School graduate Harold Wade, has a number of other books to her credit targeted for the younger set, as is the biography of Texas' governor.

"I interviewed the governor in February," said Mrs. Wade. "And I obtained the photographs in the book from President Bush's library at Texas A&M.

"Gov. Bush is very adamant about his values being set in Midland and he is proud of the time spent in West Texas," said the author.

Mrs. Wade said she tried unsuccessfully to talk to the governor's mother about items for the book, so one day she said the governor suggested he write her for some information.

"About two days before the book went to press, Barbara Bush sent me a letter. I had asked her if it was true that every time the family had to go to the emergency room when her kids were little, it was for George W. She replied that if the trip to the hospital emergency room wasn't for George, the trip was caused by him," laughed Mrs. Wade.

The book chronicles the governor's life from his early years to his time spent at Midland and on to being elected governor.

The author's book about Gov. Bush was published by W.S. Benson & Co., and she has other books published by Millbrook Press, Discovery Enterprises, Inc., and Eakin Press.

Mrs. Wade said she likes to write about history, and not much fiction.

"During college days, I had a history professor who would burst into the classroom portraying the person we were studying about. That hooked me on history.

"I can't make up anything as good as those incredible stories I find while researching in the musty, crusty, dusty part of a library," she said.

She knows well about libraries, as she was a librarian for some 25 years.

The author said she started out writing Sunday School take-home papers and progressed from there. Her first articles were published in *Boys'Life* and *Highlights for Children.*

The author's husband still has family ties in Snyder as his mother, Lillian Wade lives here, as does a cousin, Mary Jimm Floyd.

She said her husband spent a year as a music major at Oklahoma State University before transferring to engineering. He obtained a Ph.D. in systems engineering, and now travels around the world teaching.

ASK US

Q—Will there be a blood drive before the holidays?

A—Yes. The comunity-wide drive is Tuesday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 73 degrees; low, 26; 7 a.m. Saturday, 44; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.80 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear. Low 35-40. SW wind 5-10 mph. Sunday, sunny. High, upper 70s. S-SW wind, 5-10 mph. Sunday night, clear; low, 35-40.



Clay Hirt
Sunny

Sunset:
5:41 p.m.
Sunrise:
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Of 330 days in 1999, the sun has shone 323 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Next week there can't be any crisis. My schedule is already full.

—Henry A. Kissinger

Scurry County gets federal funds from emergency program

Scurry County has been chosen to receive $11,947 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

A national board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) made the selection. It consists of representatives from Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, and United Way of America.

The organizations and agencies will provide the administrative staff and function as fiscal agent.

The board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local board will determine how the funds awarded to Scurry County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area.

The local board is made up of representatives of United Way, Scurry County Ministerial Alliance, The Food Cupboard, Scurry Community Services and Noah Project and is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private, voluntary, non-profits or units of government; 2) have an accounting system 3) practice nondiscrimination 4) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Scurry County has distributed emergency food and shelter funds previously through Scurry Community Services as a fiscal conduit. This agency was responsible for paying individual food, shelter and utility vouchers and providing group shelter funds for the homeless.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for emergency food and shelter program funds must contact Shirley Fritz, local board chair, at 573-7403 for an application.

The deadline for applications is Friday.



SUN CLUB OFFICERS — The SUN Club at Snyder High School gives environmentally-aware students a way to meet others with like interests and to become environmentally active. From left are, first row, Justin Guy, secretary; Trey Gorman, co-treasurer; back row, Ed McAnelly, advisor; Tera Kincaid, president; Emily Vinson, vice president; Liz Brown, co-treasurer; and Cheryl Reed, reporter. (SND Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Drug agents almost die in Mexico

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A group of Mexican gunmen, which apparently included some Tamaulipas State Police, surrounded and almost killed a pair of U.S. federal agents in Matamoros earlier this month, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has revealed.

The New York Times reported that about 12 to 15 gunmen, including one armed with a gold-plated AK-47, surrounded a car containing a DEA agent and an FBI agent. The newspaper reported that the gunmen wanted to take an informant that was with the agents.

The federal agents finally talked their way out of the jam on a busy street in downtown Matamoros by identifying themselves and warning the gunmen that they would never be allowed to get away with murdering American agents, the newspaper reported.

The DEA has called the Nov. 9 incident one of the most serious since the torture-murder of agent Enrique Camarena in 1985 in Mexico.

"The DEA is concerned about the safety of our agents," the agency said in a statement to The Brownsville Herald. "We are working with the Mexican authorities to search for the perpetrators of this crime. As in the Camarena case, Mexican state police officials appear to have been involved in this incident."

The agents were driving around checking out places frequented by alleged drug trafficker Oziel Cardenas Guillen at about 2:30 p.m. when they noticed a vehicle following them, news reports say.

Cardenas is believed to be one of the largest drug traffickers on the Gulf Coast and could be the current head of the Gulf Cartel, The Times reported.

The newspaper reported that three vehicles trailed the agents' car soon, then more vehicles arrived, including trucks. They surrounded and blocked the agents' car. The agents were based in Monterey, Mexico, and it was unknown if they were armed at the time, The Times reported.

Cuban trio that survived sinking allowed to stay

MIAMI (AP) — A 5-year-old Cuban boy and two adults who floated to Florida on inner tubes after their boat went down in the Atlantic will be allowed to remain in the United States, a Border Patrol official said Friday.

The boy was picked up by fishermen Thursday morning, a short time after the adult man and woman washed up on Key Biscayne. Authorities have recovered the bodies of at least seven others who drowned after the boat sank on Tuesday, and three others were missing. The adults told Coast Guard officials that the group had left Cuba early Sunday.

The boy, Elian Gonzalez, whose mother was among those who drowned, was released from the hospital where he had been treated for dehydration and minor cuts.

Relatives told television station WPLG they would be taking care of him.

"God wanted him here for freedom," cousin Marilysis Gonzalez said. "And he's here, and he will get it."

Elian and Arianne Horta, 22, and Nivaldo Fernandez-Ferra, 33, who remained hospitalized, "would be offered the opportunity to reside here in the United States," said U.S. Border Patrol Deputy Chief Mike Sheehy. "There is no provision to remove Cuban nationals to Cuba."

Sheehy said the group was being smuggled into the United States.

"We believe that an individual in the United States took a boat to Cuba to pick them up. We believe that individual is one of the deceased," he said.

AT&T defends plan to become largest cable company in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — AT&T says it's plan to buy cable company MediaOne will not fracture federal limits on the number of cable customers a single company can serve.

In filing with the Federal Communications Commission, AT&T defended its proposed $58 billion purchase of MediaOne, a deal which would create the nation's largest cable TV company and provider of high-speed cable Internet services.

AT&T laid out for the FCC how the merger would comply with a cap limiting a company's share of cable households. Under rules adopted in October, a single cable company cannot control more than 30 percent of the multichannel video market, which includes cable and its competitors such as direct broadcast satellite.

According to AT&T, the post-merger operation would only have 27 percent of the multichannel subscribers.

That figure conflicts with an economic analysis done by consumer groups this summer, which calculated that AT&T would have 57 percent market share of homes with its ownership stakes in various cable companies. Consumer advocates oppose the merger, saying it would give the AT&T too much control in the markets for cable TV and high-speed cable Internet services.

The consumer analysis was done before the FCC revamped its rules on cable ownership but the groups say the deal still violates the new limits.

The FCC's Cable Services Bureau had asked AT&T to explain how it would comply with the limits, even though the rules won't be enforced until a court challenge to them is settled.

In calculating it's post-merger audience, AT&T said it did not count MediaOne's 25 percent stake in cable systems owned by Time Warner Inc. AT&T asserts that MediaOne's stake in Time Warner is a "limited partnership" and should not be counted toward the ownership cap.

The FCC, in altering its rules in October, more narrowly defined what interests from a limited partnership would count against a company toward the 30 percent audience limit. For example, if a company can show it is not "materially involved" in the video programming activities of its partner, that partnership might not count against the ceiling.

AT&T says it falls into this category, because it will be insulated from the programming activity of Time Warner's cable systems. For example, AT&T said it won't have rights to participate in the management and operation of Time Warner's programming business and will only maintain the rights to vote on a limited list of matters.

"AT&T will have no ability to participate in or influence (Time Warner Entertainment's) video programing decisions post-merger," the company said in its filing.

The company also promised other measures to ensure that the business operations of the partnership are kept separate.

Consumer groups were skeptical that AT&T could keep such a partnership distinct.

"It's nonsensical to assert that such a substantial ownership stake has no influence over the programming market," said Gene Kimmelman, co-director of Consumer's Union. "This has been one of the most arrogant corporate campaigns to undermine a congressional directive to promote competition."

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GUESSING WINNERS — Northeast Elementary School recently declared guessing winners for their giftwrap fund-raiser. They include Kassidy Henderson, left, Starla Early, right. Libby Whitworth, fund-raiser chairman, is pictured in the center. (Contributed Photo)

There is no avoiding the high-voltage issue in this campaign

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the 2000 presidential campaign, the third rail is a hands-on issue because there will have to be changes in Social Security financing to deal with the 21st century retirement boom.

What once was untouchable is now unavoidable. But still a topic to be handled with political care, no less than when House Speaker Tip O'Neill described it as the third rail, the dangerous, high-voltage one. And while the crunch is coming, it won't be on the next president's time in office.

Gov. George W. Bush, leading the Republican field, said he'd consider future increases in the age of full entitlement, which is going up gradually now, from 65 to 67 effective in 2025.

So it is not a far-out notion, with life expectancy increasing and the old retirement age of 65 no longer applicable. Raising the eligibility age has been an option debated by a succession of entitlement reform panels, to no consensus.

Democrat Bill Bradley quickly disowned his suggestion that "discussion should continue" on the possibility of increasing the full benefit age to 70, after Vice President Al Gore's campaign pounced on it. Gore's spokesman said it suggested Bradley might be willing to make changes that could undermine Social Security.

"You know, if a Republican had proposed that, I think it would be more in keeping with their party's tradition," Gore said in an ABC interview.

Bradley later said he was not proposing to raise the age for either Social Security or Medicare. "I don't think it's a good idea," he told senior citizens in Detroit.

Bush said raising the age might be an option, although not in the short term. He said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that it could be "part of a trade-off" for the baby boom generation in which personal investment accounts would become part of the system.

While Republicans talk of individual accounts, the two Democratic candidates favor the use of budget surpluses to offset the increasing cost of Social Security in the next century.

President Clinton proposed this year to begin transferring 62 percent of projected budget surpluses to Social Security, to put more than $2.7 billion into the system over the next 15 years. He said about $700 billion of it should be invested in the stock market for increased returns.

Gore supports the administration plan.

Bradley says he is skeptical of the market investment idea.

Congressional Republicans boasted of protecting Social Security funds this year, claiming to have barred use of the current surplus in the system for other government spending — although their own budget analysts said about $17 billion will be spent anyhow. Congress did not deal with the long-term problem, which is what to do when the Social Security surpluses evaporate after the baby boom generation begins retiring in about a decade, and benefit costs go up while the work force paying into the system declines.

The first, obligatory, line of the political answer is that the 44 million Americans now receiving Social Security, and the generation soon to join them, will get their benefits paid in full. Senior voters are a powerful bloc; a proposal to curb future benefit increases may have cost Republicans control of the Senate in the 1986 elections.

Long term, the proposals vary.

Bush and Sen. John McCain of Arizona want a private investment option in which people would put some of the money that otherwise would go to Social Security into individual accounts for retirement. McCain says 62 percent of budget surpluses should be used to shore up the system. Conservative activist Gary Bauer advocates a 20 percent cut in Social Security taxes, with future benefits to be reduced to offset the cost. Steve Forbes favors an option in which people could choose the current system or one of private investments, saying he'd protect the system's funds while vetoing any tax increase or benefit cut.

That comes with a Forbes' fable about the use of surplus Social Security revenues for other spending — with IOUs to be paid later:

"If you take a big pot of money and put it in the forest, bears are going to come along and put their paws in the honey. Bears can't help it. It's their nature. ...

"When you take a big pot of money and put it in Washington, D.C., the political bears will come and put their paws in it. They can't help it. It's their nature.

"So we should show compassion to these Washington critters and not tempt them in the first place with big pots of money in Washington."

He smiles, his audiences snicker.

The future problem isn't a full Social Security pot. It is the need for action to keep it from emptying over the next 35 years.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Small plane cuts across block in Newark, N.J., killing three

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A small plane that took off in fog and rain crashed in a Newark neighborhood Friday, hurling flaming debris across a city block. All three people aboard were killed and 22 on the ground were injured.

"Everything was on fire. All the cars on the block were on fire," said Rhonda Savage, 38, who lives in the neighborhood.

Killed were pilot Itzhak Jacoby, 56, who also owned the plane; his wife, Gail, 50, and their 13-year-old daughter, Atira, all of Bethesda, Md. A neighbor said Jacoby had served as a pilot in the Israeli Air Force and still flew frequently.

Air traffic controllers lost contact with the single-engine Beech BE-35 five minutes after it took off for Washington from Linden Airport, 10 miles south of the crash site. Two airport employees had advised the pilot against taking off in rain and fog, Linden Mayor John Gregorio said.

Jacoby reported a problem with a gyro, which helps intruments give readings on critical factors such as angle and heading, less than 90 seconds after takeoff, said David Muzio, lead investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board.

Jacoby mentioned the problem to controllers at least three times before the crash, Muzio said.

Witnesses said the plane spun out of control, hit a tree and a factory, setting it on fire.

The plane sent fiery debris raining down on cars and sheared the roof off of one, critically burning a man. The plane broke apart as it continued down the block, with some parts landing in a cemetery, before it smashed into the side of a Kentucky Fried Chicken that was closed.

The street between the restaurant and the factory was littered with burned cars. One of the plane's red-and-white wings was leaning against a small tree near the restaurant.

Quanarah Sims, 15, who lives in an apartment less than a block from the factory, said the crash shook her house. "We went out and we saw body parts," including an arm, she said.

Theresa Gates, 28, heard the plane's engine stalling, then a loud boom. Her left wrist was cut when a window shattered in her third-floor apartment.

"Flames came through my window. I thought the world was coming to an end," she said.

Ibrhim Hussien, 32, was one of three workers on the first floor of the three-story factory when the plane hit. All three escaped without injury.

Nineteen adults and three children were taken to the hospital. The man burned in his car was in critical condition, and a woman was in fair condition with burns and a fractured ankle.

Thirteen cases are heard in city court

Thirteen cases were heard in municipal court Monday and Wednesday.

A 16-year-old female pleaded guilty to not wearing a seat belt. She requested community service in lieu of a $78 fine.

A 13-year-old male pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct, fighting. The case is set for Dec. 15.

A 14-year-old male pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct, fighting. A jury trial was requested and set for Dec. 15.

A 43-year-old female pleaded guilty to speeding and requested defensive driving in lieu of a fine.

A 29-year-old female pleaded guilty to Class C assault. She requested time to pay $145.

A 19-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication and requested to lay out his $145 fine in jail.

A 44-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication. He was given credit for two days in jail.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to no drivers license, no liability insurance and disregarding a stop sign. His fine and court costs totaled $373. He requested community service in lieu of payment.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to expired motor vehicle registration and his fine of $78 was paid in full.

A 34-year-old female pleaded guilty to allowing an unrestrained child in a vehicle and failure to appear. She was given time to pay her fine and court costs of $233.

A 27-year-old male was placed on 6 months deferral for no liability insurance.

A 17-year-old female pleaded guilty to minor in possession of tobacco. She requested community service in lieu of paying a $145 fine. Also, she was ordered to attend a tobacco awareness course.

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Suburban family fights government for their home, land

KELLER (AP) — A suburban Fort Worth family is fighting the federal government for their home, which prosecutors alleged was bought with drug money.

Misty Burton is scheduled to go to federal court in Fort Worth on Dec. 6 to try to prove that her husband, John Burton, did not buy their 5-acre farm near Keller with drug proceeds. But their final chance to respond to the federal seizure will be Monday.

It will be up to the family to prove the farm, where the couple and their two children live, was bought with money obtained legitimately.

Family friend Rusty Stroud said it doesn't make sense to punish John Burton to the point of hurting his wife and children, who are ages 11 months and 2 years.

"They're going to put these people on the street. It's not like she's got the means to put them up somewhere else," the construction contractor told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

John Burton was convicted in 1988 of a state charge of manufacturing amphetamine. He spent three years in prison and was released on parole. In 1998, his parole was revoked after police, in a search later ruled to be illegal, found a bag of methamphetamine on the family property. Misty Burton also has been arrested and accused of drug possession.

But Mrs. Burton contends the land was purchased with money her husband earned legally at his body shop.

"It's like they marked him and they're never going to let him live a normal life," she said.

Since the late 1980s, the federal government has made a concerted effort to seize money, cars, land and houses from people accused of drug crimes.

However, critics say that people's rights often have been violated in the process.

"It's just horribly abusive. They're slanted, one-sided, almost completely lacking in due process as they exist," said Jim Lavine, a Houston defense attorney who co-heads a committee on asset forfeiture for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Those concerns prompted the U.S. House of Representatives in June to approve revisions in the asset-seizure laws, 375-48. Two companion bills are pending in the Senate.

Although many government lawyers agree that legal reforms are needed, they note that forfeiture has been a part of the law for 200 years. They contend that changing the law too drastically could allow criminals to profit from crime.

"A criminal does not have a right to support his family through criminal activity," said Brock Stevenson, a federal prosecutor in Dallas who handles seizure cases.

Any reforms are unlikely to come in time to help the Burtons. In their case, the government is on the verge of taking the family's land without having its evidence challenged in court.

In January 1997, the Tarrant County Auto Theft Task Force raided the farm, suspecting that John Burton was trafficking in stolen car parts, according to court records. No charges were filed in that case because a judge ruled that the search was illegal. However, officers found methamphetamine while conducting the illegal search. That was enough to get Burton's parole revoked.

In January, U.S. Customs agents served the seizure papers on Misty Burton, saying John Burton bought the land in 1991 with drug money.

The couple, married in 1996, never responded to the suit because John Burton was in jail and Misty Burton, who is on welfare while she cares for their two children, said she lacked enough money to hire an attorney.

In March, U.S. District Judge Terry Means upheld the government's request to seize the land.

Since then, police and customs agents have been to the Burton home several times.



TOP CLASS — Donna Farley's fifth grade class was the top seller in Northeast Elementary's gift wrap fund-raiser. For selling $1,542, the students were treated to a doughnut party. Back row, from left, Kade Kruger, Austin Owens, Ashley Luecke, Starla Early, John Whitworth, Andrew Dupree, Chelsey Drummond; middle row, Williams Brasher, Claire Morris, Hollie Berryhill, Michael Mann; front row, Terann Ragland, Amanda Rivera, Krista Dorsett, Bryce Westmoreland, Sydney Wright. Not pictured are Matthew Beal and Leslie Eades. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Poll: Bush has big lead over McCain in South Carolina

WASHINGTON (AP) — John McCain's efforts in South Carolina against GOP presidential front-runner George W. Bush haven't yet paid off in the way they have in the neck-and-neck New Hampshire primary race, a new poll suggests.

But a McCain campaign official noted the Arizona senator hasn't spent nearly as much time in South Carolina, and he maintained that once he does the race there should tighten as well.

A Time-CNN poll released Friday showed Bush and McCain statistically even in New Hampshire, 37 percent for McCain to 35 percent for Bush, the governor of Texas. Multimillionaire publisher Steve Forbes was at 8 percent and the remainder of the candidates were in the low single digits.

Bush led McCain 62 percent to 15 percent in South Carolina. That's about the same as the lead Bush has in most national polls over McCain. Forbes and the other Republicans were in the low single digits.

Howard Opinsky, a spokesman for McCain, said the campaign isn't discouraged by the South Carolina results. He said McCain has not been as active there as in New Hampshire and many people in South Carolina still don't know the senator.

"We're confident that as the voters of South Carolina get to know John McCain as intimately as the voters of New Hampshire have, the numbers will continue to improve," Opinsky predicted. He said McCain has spent 12 days in South Carolina compared to 39 days in New Hampshire. And he said South Carolina has more media markets than New Hampshire, meaning it will take longer to saturate the air waves with McCain ads.

He said McCain's personal ratings are high in the state among those who know him and he said the McCain effort is "widely acknowledged to have the best grass-roots organization in the state."

The Bush campaign was unavailable Friday to comment on the latest polling results.

About half of the people surveyed in South Carolina and four out of 10 in New Hampshire said there was very little or no chance they would vote for McCain. Almost two-thirds in both states said there was very little or no chance they would vote for Forbes.

McCain's strategy calls for upsetting Bush in New Hampshire and South Carolina to gain momentum in the crush of primaries in early March.

McCain has concentrated much of his campaigning for the New Hampshire primary Feb. 1 and the South Carolina primary Feb. 19. Opinsky said McCain's presence in the state would increase dramatically after New Hampshire's primary. He is not competing in the Jan. 24 Iowa caucuses.

The Time-CNN poll was taken Nov. 19-23 of 504 likely Republican primary voters in New Hampshire and 508 likely Republican primary voters in South Carolina. There was an error margin of plus or minus 4 percentage points in both polls.

Other recent polls also have shown Bush and McCain essentially tied in New Hampshire.

No public polling information had been available in South Carolina for months to measure the success of the former Vietnam POW.

Clinton shops on the Web

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is joining the ranks of first-time Internet shoppers this holiday season, but he cautioned consumers to be careful when buying online.

"If we want Internet commerce to continue to grow, we all must work together to make sure that shopping online is just as safe as shopping in a mall," Clinton said today in his weekly radio address.

The president, a self-confessed Internet novice, said he will join the 4 million American families buying gifts online for the first time this year.

Last holiday season online sales reached about $3 billion. About 10 percent of shoppers say they will use the Web for gift buying this year, up from about 5 percent last year, according to a survey for the National Retail Federation.

"The Internet and other information technologies are revolutionizing our economy, powering one-third of our economic growth," Clinton said, adding that shoppers may buy as much as $9 billion through the Internet this holiday period.

Just as consumers should take basic precautions when shopping in stores, they should do the same online, Clinton said. He offered these tips:

— Always make online purchases with credit cards, which federal laws protect against unauthorized charges.

— Carefully check for extra fees, warranties, return policies, shipping and delivery dates and phone numbers to call if there is a problem.

— Read the merchant's privacy policy about what personal information is collected and how it is used, and don't share your passwords.

— Make sure you have a secure Internet connection. Your Web browser should display an unbroken key or padlock symbol.

A more detailed list of precautions can be found at http://www.consumer.gov.

Lisa Ferdinando, a White House spokeswoman, said Vice President Gore this week will release a report that details the administration's progress in encouraging companies to protect consumer privacy online. In the last year the number of commercial Web sites with privacy policies has increased from 15 percent to 66 percent, she said.

The report also describes advances in protecting online shoppers from fraud and providing Internet access to students and low-income neighborhoods, Ferdinando said.

Clinton also said Americans should use the Internet for giving.

"Charitable Web sites, like Helping.org, have made signing up to contribute time or money in your community as easy as checking on the weather," Clinton said. "So this holiday season, let's use every avenue possible, including the Internet, to give something back to our communities."

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In the Republican radio address, California Rep. David Dreier presented the GOP position on online shopping in the light of the upcoming World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle.

Financial Focus

With a record-setting bull market, it's tempting to think that every investor is looking just for capital appreciation. But many people also invest for income. And, if you're one of them, you've got more opportunities than ever before.

When should you invest in income-producing vehicles? If you're in the early or middle stages of your career, you may or may not actually need the income, but you'll find that income-oriented investments can serve to diversify a portfolio that would otherwise contain a large percentage of growth stocks. As you enter retirement, you may well need investment income to supplement your other financial resources — Social Security, retirement plan distributions, etc.

In other words, you will probably need different amounts of investment income at different times of your life. But where, exactly, should you put your money? Consider the following:

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT (CD) — CDs promise you a fixed rate of return and guarantee your principal. If you invest $10,000 in a one-year CD paying 5 percent, you will end up with $10,500, before taxes.

CORPORATE, TAX-FREE OR GOVERNMENT BONDS — Bonds also offer a set interest rate. So, if you put your $10,000 into a 7 percent bond due in 10 years, you will earn $700 a year. In ten years, when the bond matures, you will get your $10,000 back. If you choose to sell the bond before the ten years are up, you may get more or less than your $10,000, depending on current market interest rates.

While no investment is risk-free, your principal is generally safe in good-quality bonds held to maturity. However, you still risk losing purchasing power to inflation. But some income-producing investments, such as high-quality utility stocks and real estate investment trusts (REITs), also offer the potential for growth, which can overcome the effects of inflation.

HIGH-QUALITY UTILITY STOCKS — Until a few years ago, natural gas and electric companies paid investors steady dividends, but offered less potential for brisk price appreciation. Now, though, many utility companies are investing in non-regulated businesses, which can provide utilities with greater profits, increased earnings — and higher stock prices.

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REITs) — REITs own and manage investment property, such as shopping centers or apartment complexes. REITs are bought and sold on the market, just like stocks.

Apart from choosing different income-producing investments, you can also follow different strategies to maximize your returns. One such strategy is to create a "bond ladder". This simply means you buy bonds of varying maturities — short-term, intermediate, and long-term. When rates rise, you can reinvest some of your maturing short-term dollars into higher-rate bonds. But if rates are falling, you have given yourself some protection locking in higher yields typically offered by longer-term bonds.

By picking the right income-producing investments, you can go a long way toward meeting your financial goals — now and in the future.

Man spends nine hours trapped in an ATM lobby

RARITAN TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — An ATM lobby, activated to lock automatically on Thanksgiving evening, trapped a man as he completed a withdrawal, holding him inside until a bank employee arrived for work Friday morning.

James Kahlke, 36, spent nine hours at a Raritan Township branch of Commerce Bank — pounding on a door, pacing, making periodic withdrawals and finally curling up on a rug to sleep.

From 9 p.m. Thursday, when he heard the door click behind him, until 6 a.m. Friday, when the bank's assistant manager arrived, Kahlke was trapped in the ATM lobby.

"I heard a click and realized I was locked in," he said. "There was no way to alert the outside world where I was. There was no phone, no alarm system, no way I could call for help."

Commerce Bank spokesman David Flaherty described Kahlke's experience as a "very freak accident" and said the bank is looking into the problem to find out what happened.

Kahlke said the ordeal convinced him to take his money elsewhere.

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AMERICAN POP FOREVER — Two fourth grade classes at East Elementary presented "American Pop Forever." Freda Shepard's students (top photo) are front row, from left, Audra Hall, Kayla Pittman, Michelle Yruegas, Jodi Guerrero, Nathaniel Reyna, Jessica DeLeon, Vanessa Gomez; middle row, Christin Willson, Gloria Martinez, Josh Hoover, Kimberly Harlan, Greg Resendiz; top row, R.J.Keener, Michael Medrano, Zane Green, Karly Buchanan. D.J. Muniz is not pictured. Cindy Gayle's students (bottom photo) are from left, front row, Dylan Bunch, Kaden Billingsley, Vanessa Pena, Amanda Sanchez, Whitney Jenkins, Angela Massey; second row, Juan Balramma, Santiago Jaimes, Luke Robertson, Megan Velasquez, Kristina Chandler, Ryan Claxton; third row, Rebecca Juarez, Wes Richardson, Cody Burney, Jacob Slate, Rachel Scott, Joseph Hefner, Tiffany Carrisalez. Sharlot Sparlin is the music director for both classes. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Slump in cigarette sales may cost the state $200 million

AUSTIN (AP) — A nationwide decrease in cigarette sales this year could mean a $200 million loss from the state's budget over the next two years, cutting into $1.8 billion in health programs and payments to universities.

The possible shortfall is the result of a formula in the tobacco company settlements that allows tobacco companies to reduce their payments to states if sales slump.

Former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said Friday that was a key feature of the historic multibillion-dollar agreement reached between the companies and the states.

"One of my overall objectives was to see a reduction in the use of tobacco products, particularly among young people, and that is consistent with the formula used," said Morales, who was in office when the deal was reached. "As sales decrease, the percentage in overall dollars coming into the states will decrease."

Figures released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service show cigarette consumption has fallen 8.6 percent this year. Last year's sales were down about 3 percent.

The drop has been attributed to marketing restrictions and a 50-cent-per-pack price increase that the tobacco companies implemented to pay for the settlements.

According to The Dallas Morning News, lawyers in Connecticut, Florida, Minnesota and Texas — the states that led the battle against the tobacco industry — said Thursday they had been told that sales had dropped 7 to 10 percent since the price increases went into effect.

For every full percentage number the shipments decrease, the payments will go down 0.98 percent, said Laurie Loveland, a lawyer who helped negotiate the tobacco settlement for the North Dakota attorney general's office.

In Texas, lawyers estimated the sales slump would mean $200 million less than what the state had budgeted over the next two years, the newspaper reported. Any decrease in a payment to the state would take effect starting Dec. 31.

The tobacco industry already has paid Texas more than $1.5 billion and is expected to deliver a check for $326 million on Dec. 31 and another for $605 million Jan. 3.

Tobacco companies agreed to pay around $206 billion over 25 years to settle lawsuits against them by Texas and 45 other states to cover the costs states incurred to treat sick smokers.

The shipment figures have not yet been released to the public, tobacco industry spokesman Scott Williams said Thursday, and states cannot get a firm grasp on what their payment will be.

"The state may be just making an estimate on what they think the money's going to be. There's no hard figures on that yet," Williams said.

The situation has put a pinch on some state programs to be created with the expected money.

Ms. Loveland warned states against budgeting the expected payouts.

"Frankly, the prudent thing to do is not to spend specific dollars until they see what they will be," she said Thursday. "I think it's a mistake for state legislatures to become addicted to the tobacco money."

Texas has a host of programs due to receive portions of the tobacco settlement, including:

—$200 million for a pilot project aimed at reducing smoking in Texas.

—$400 million for higher education to benefit medical research, health education or treatment programs.

—$595 million for research and other programs benefiting public health at facilities such as the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio ($200 million) and the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston ($100 million).

Harsh POW treatment made McCain stronger

WASHINGTON (AP) — James B. Stockdale, the highest-ranking prisoner of war in Vietnam and later a Reform Party vice presidential candidate, says John McCain is "solid as a rock" and the harsh treatment he endured as a POW made him mentally stronger and more stable.

Stockdale said he was not surprised by assertions that the Republican presidential contender's flashes of temper are a sign he was psychologically affected by his POW experiences and may not be fit for the White House. Stockdale dismissed the idea.

"The military psychiatrists who periodically examine former prisoners of war have found that the more resistant a man was to harsh treatment, the more emotionally stable he is likely to become later in life," Stockdale wrote in an article Friday in The New York Times.

Stockdale, who ran as Ross Perot's running mate in 1992, said he got a call from a friend who is close to the GOP presidential campaign of Texas Gov. George W. Bush "soliciting comments on Mr. McCain's 'weaknesses,'" although the Bush campaign has denied fanning the speculation.

"I think John McCain is solid as a rock," Stockdale said he told the caller, whom he didn't name. "And I consider it blasphemy to smudge the straight-arrow prisoner-of-war record" of McCain.

Stockdale, a retired Navy vice admiral, was a POW for eight years, half of them in solitary confinement.

Odd couple may turn up at next world trade conference

WASHINGTON (AP) — If Cuban President Fidel Castro attends the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle next week, he won't be the only head of government there — but he won't have much company either.

President Clinton will attend, but no other head of state.

The 134-nation conference, expected to be dominated by foreign trade ministers, is designed to launch another round of talks to further open global markets.

Last week, Clinton asked some allied presidents and prime ministers to join him in Seattle, but the invitations were sent out belatedly and all declined.

Castro reportedly has made arrangements to attend the Nov. 30-Dec. 4 conference and also to make at least three evening appearances before private groups in Seattle. But, as of Friday, he had not requested a U.S. visa.

The conference would provide a congenial setting for Castro.

With few exceptions, the nations represented in Seattle share Castro's view that the U.S. embargo against Cuba, now almost four decades old, should be lifted.

Castro has described the embargo as an act of genocide against the Cuban people, and he is likely to use the WTO forum to staunchly attack the continuing trade restrictions. The Clinton administration maintains that it is merely a tool to encourage Castro to protect human rights and to enact democratic reforms.

Since he seized power 40 years ago, Castro has visited the United Nations several times but has been in the United States outside New York only once — a trip to Washington just three months after he took over.

Opposing a new visit, Rep. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., urged Attorney General Janet Reno on Wednesday to seriously consider indicting Castro for the murder of three American citizens who were shot down by Cuban jet fighters while they were flying in an unarmed plane north of Cuba.

Delta backs off fare increase

ATLANTA (AP) — Delta Air Lines, the nation's third-largest carrier, has dropped a 3 percent fare increase after several competitors refused to hike their prices.

American, the No. 2 carrier, raised prices on Monday, saying higher fuel costs were to blame. Delta, Continental and United Airlines, the industry leader, quickly followed suit.

But other competitors — including Northwest, TWA, US Airways and America West — refused to raise their prices, prompting a quick retreat by Delta on Thursday.

"If the market doesn't dictate an increase, we have to remain competitive," Delta spokesman Dan Lewis said Friday.

It was unclear Friday whether the other airlines would drop their fares. Spokesmen for United and Continental declined to comment. American Airlines officials did not immediately return phone calls.

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Aggies rally for emotional win

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The group of Texas A&M fans lingered around Kyle Field for about 45 minutes after the game.

They wanted to savor the moment of Friday's 20-16 victory over Texas.

Nine days after 12 people were killed building the annual bonfire before the Texas game — a tragedy that struck at the heart of Texas A&M tradition — the No. 24 Aggies rallied for the win over No. 7 Texas.

Ja'Mar Toombs led A&M with a career-high 126 yards rushing and two touchdowns and Randy McCown passed to Matt Bumgardner for the winning touchdown with 5:02 left before a crowd of 86,18, the largest ever to see a football game in Texas.

"You can't put it into words. A game like this is something you wish for all your life," said McCown, who choked up and fought to hold back tears after the game.

Football was the furthest thing from anybody's mind on Nov. 18 when a 40-foot bonfire stack of logs tumbled down, crushing the victims to death. Eleven A&M students and a recent graduate died.

Aggies players dedicated the game to them.

"We had the thought and memory of those 12 in our hearts and minds every single play," said offensive lineman Chris Valletta, who wrote the names of the victims on the shirt he wore under his shoulder pads.

"I hope this win can ease the pain a little bit. I personally want to send this to all of them, from all of us."

The tragedy had drastically altered the buildup to the state's biggest rivalry.

The Aggies didn't practice for two days after the accident. When the bonfire stack collapsed, A&M players helped rescuers move the logs in search of victims.

Texas pitched in as well as some Longhorns players and staff helped stage a blood drive for the victims. Texas officials also canceled their annual "hex rally" before the game and instead held a "unity rally" that included busloads of A&M students.

On Friday, Texas A&M players wore commemorative patches with an image of a burning bonfire on their helmets. Four F-16 fighter jets from the Air Force Reserve flew over the stadium in the missing man formation, usually reserved for military aviators killed in the line of duty. The pilots all were A&M graduates.

Twelve doves, one for each victim, were released into the stadium before the game.

"I was afraid of a possibility of the stress wearing our team down. I was uneasy about that all week," A&M coach R.C. Slocum said.

"They were very ragged the first day but that changed as the game got closer," Slocum said.

"It was a relief to get on the field," Aggies safety Michael Jameson.

"The victims were in the back of our minds," he said. "And we wanted to win it for them."

It looked as if the emotional week had taken its toll when the Aggies (8-3, 5-3 Big 12) fell behind 16-6 at halftime.

Texas freshman quarterback Chris Simms, who started in place of ailing Major Applewhite, led Texas to two first-half touchdowns on runs of 14 and 1 yards by Hodges Mitchell and Chris Robertson.

Applewhite, who contracted a stomach virus the night before, tried to warm up with the team but told coaches right before the game he couldn't start.

Simms, who completed 8-of-16 for 116 yards in the first half, wilted in the second under a tough Aggies pass rush as momentum shifted and the crowd made it difficult to call plays.

Toombs scored A&M's first touchdown on a 3-yard run in the first quarter and pulled the Aggies to within 16-13 with a 9-yard TD in the third.

"At the start, it was kind of somber because we still had our minds on those people who lost their lives while helping us win the game," Toombs said.

"We knew if we wanted to show our gratitude there was not a better time than this game," he said.

Simms completed just two passes for 14 yards in the second half before Applewhite took over in the fourth quarter and the Longhorns' lead slipping away.

"I feel horrible for all the seniors who had to depend on me," said Simms, the son of former pro quarterback Phil Simms.

"I don't know what to think about the game about right now," he said.

The Longhorns' offense gained just 71 yards in the final quarter and went three and out on Applewhite's first two series against an inspired A&M defense.

McCown, whose fumble on the Texas 25 earlier in the quarter stopped a potential scoring drive, drove A&M 48 yards for the winning touchdown. He hit Chris Cole for 24 yards before finding Bumgardner for the go-ahead TD two plays later.

Applewhite drove Texas to the Aggies' 45 on the Longhorns' last possession. But he fumbled when he was sacked by Jay Brooks and the ball was recovered by A&M's Brian Gamble with 23 seconds left.

Applewhite, Texas' first 3,000-yard passer, was 5-of-11 for 53 yards.

Texas (9-3, 6-2), winner of the Big 12 South Division, plays Nebraska on Dec. 4 in the Big 12 title game in San Antonio.

Texas A&M officials are still investigating what caused the bonfire stack to collapse.

Huskers edge Buffs to earn shot at Big 12 title

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Nebraska's national title hopes are still alive. Barely.

Dan Alexander ran for a career-high 180 yards, and Eric Crouch scored on a 1-yard run in overtime as the No. 3 Cornhuskers wasted a 24-point fourth-quarter lead before recovering for a 33-30 victory over Colorado.

The Huskers (10-1, 7-1 Big 12) advanced to the Big 12 championship game Dec. 4 against seventh-ranked Texas.

The Huskers still have an outside chance to overtake No. 2 Virginia Tech in the Bowl Championship Series and gain an invitation to the Sugar Bowl against top-ranked Florida State.

Colorado (6-5, 5-3) nearly spoiled Nebraska's bid for its fourth national title in six seasons, but Jeremy Aldrich's 34-yard field goal attempt was wide-right as time expired.

Aldrich converted from 33 yards in the overtime, but Alexander had an 11-yard run to set up Crouch's game-winning plunge.

Nebraska led 27-3 heading into the fourth quarter before Mike Moschetti led the Buffaloes back with three touchdown passes in the game's final nine minutes.

Moschetti finished 21-of-41 for 317 yards and Cortlen Johnson ran for 135 yards. Crouch threw for only 44 yards but had 123 on 19 carries.

TCU ballcarrier secures rushing title in 21-0 win

FORT WORTH (AP) — LaDainian Tomlinson ran for 125 yards to clinch the NCAA rushing title and scored both TCU touchdowns as the bowl-bound Horned Frogs beat rival SMU 21-0 Friday.

A week after running for an NCAA Division I-A record 406 yards, Tomlinson needed just 110 against SMU to stay ahead of Wisconsin's Ron Dayne, the carer rushing leader, and Virginia's Thomas Jones and become the first TCU player to lead the nation in rushing.

Tomlinson finished the regular season with a school-record 1,850 yards (168.2 per game) and tied another school record with 18 TDs rushing.

TCU (7-4, 5-2 WAC), which already accepted an invitation to play No. 21 East Carolina in the inaugural Mobile Bowl on Dec. 22, also clinched a share of the Western Athletic Conference title with Hawaii and Fresno State by winning its fourth straight game.

SMU (4-6, 3-3), which had won four straight after losing its first five, won't even play its last game.

The Mustangs traveled to San Jose State on Oct. 23 for a game that was canceled because of a power failure about an hour before kickoff. The game had been tentatively scheduled to be made up Dec. 4, if SMU still had an opportunity to share the WAC title. The Mustangs don't after being held to just 81 total yards on 51 plays against TCU.

Tomlinson was held to 37 yards on 14 first-half carries, but had nine carries for 56 yards on TCU's opening drive of the second half. That ended when he took a pitch left and ran 13 yards for the touchdown.

When the Horned Frogs got the ball back after an 18-yard loss by SMU on fourth down, they needed just seven plays before Tomlinson scored on a 1-yard plunge to make it 21-0 with 2:40 left in the third quarter.

SMU had turnovers on four straight possessions in the first half, but TCU managed only two field goals and a 6-0 lead.

An interception by Charlie Owens set up a 12-play, 44-yard drive that ended with Chris Kaylakie's 30-yard field goal. After Casey Printers threw a 23-yard pass to LaTarence Dunbar to convert a fourth-and-12, TCU couldn't get another first down and settled for the field goal.

Hokies rip Eagles, 38-14

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Virginia Tech got three long touchdown passes from Michael Vick and its usual tough defense to beat No. 22 Boston College and post its first perfect regular season in 81 years.

The 38-14 victory capped the Hokies' first perfect regular season since the 1918 team.

Other than a school-record 97-yard pass from Tim Hasselbeck to Dedrick Dewalt in the third quarter, the Eagles (8-3, 4-3) managed very little against the nation's fourth-ranked defense.

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New England	6	4	0	.600	225	201
N.Y. Jets	4	6	0	.400	167	174
Central						
Jacksonville	9	1	0	.900	257	102
Tennessee	8	2	0	.800	206	181
Pittsburgh	5	5	0	.500	182	140
Baltimore	4	6	0	.400	173	181
Cleveland	2	9	0	.182	116	284
Cincinnati	1	10	0	.091	161	336
West						
Seattle	8	2	0	.800	236	164
Kansas City	5	5	0	.500	219	167
Oakland	5	5	0	.500	206	189
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	156	217
Denver	4	7	0	.364	221	226

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	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Washington	6	4	0	.600	310	270
Dallas	6	5	0	.545	255	182
N.Y. Giants	5	5	0	.500	170	188
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	128	196
Philadelphia	3	8	0	.273	166	256
Central						
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	239	214
Minnesota	6	4	0	.600	237	199
Tampa Bay	6	4	0	.600	158	138
Green Bay	5	5	0	.500	192	209
Chicago	5	7	0	.417	207	242
West						
St. Louis	8	2	0	.800	323	135
Carolina	4	6	0	.400	227	221
San Francisco	3	7	0	.300	163	281
Atlanta	2	8	0	.200	127	235
New Orleans	2	8	0	.200	170	226

Thursday's Games

Detroit 21, Chicago 17
Dallas 20, Miami 0

Sunday's Games

Arizona at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
New York Jets at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 8:20 p.m.
OPEN: Denver

Monday's Game

Green Bay at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 2

Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 5

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

Monday, Dec. 6

Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 9 p.m.

High School Football Playoffs

CLASS 5A
DIVISION I

Quarterfinals
Region I
Midland Lee (12-0) vs. Waco (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Region II
Mesquite (7-5) vs. Bryan (8-4), 7 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Region III
Alief Hastings (9-3) vs. Aldine Eisenhower (11-1), 11 a.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston
Region IV
Edinburg 35, San Antonio Taft 32
Semifinals
Midland Lee (12-0) or. Waco (9-3) vs. Mesquite (7-5) or. Bryan (8-4), TBA
Alief Hastings (9-3) or Aldine Eisenhower (11-1) vs. Edinburg (10-3), TBA

DIVISION II

Regional
Region I
Amarillo (12-0) vs. South Grand Prairie (11-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Gopher Bowl, Grand Prairie.
Abilene (10-2) vs. DeSoto (8-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Region II
Plano East (10-2) vs. The Woodlands (10-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Garland 52, Austin Westlake 14
Region III
Katy (11-1) vs. Pasadena Dobie (12-0), 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston
Alief Elsik (8-4) vs. Galveston Ball (11-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Rice Stadium, Houston
Region IV
SA Marshall 27, Brownsville Rivera 21
SA Holmes 34, Laredo Cigarroa 14
Quarterfinals
Region I
Amarillo (12-0) or South Grand Prairie (11-1) vs. Abilene (10-2) or DeSoto (8-4), TBA
Region II
Plano East (10-2) or The Woodlands (10-2) vs. Garland (12-1), TBA
Region III
Katy (11-1) or Pasadena Dobie (12-0) vs. Alief Elsik (8-4) or Galveston Ball (11-1), TBA
Region IV
SA Marshall (10-3) vs. SA Holmes (12-1), TBA

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I

Quarterfinals
Region I
Hereford (11-1) vs. Weatherford (11-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Mustang Bowl, Sweetwater
Region II
Waco Midway 27, Mesquite Poteet 0
Region III
Nederland (11-1) vs. Texas City (11-0), 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome
Region IV
Hays (8-4) vs. Alice (10-2), 2 p.m., Saturday, Astrodome, Houston
Semifinals
Hereford (11-1) or Weatherford (11-1) vs. Waco Midway (10-3), TBA
Nederland (11-1) or Texas City (11-0) vs. Hays (8-4) or Alice (10-2), TBA

DIVISION II

Regional
Region I
Canyon (10-2) vs. Wichita Falls (10-2), 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Wichita Falls
Stephenville 31, Wolfforth Frenship 28
Region II
Greenville 59, Coppell 21
Ennis 45, Dallas Roosevelt 8
Region III
La Marque 26, Hallsville 6
Port Neches-Groves 35, Brazosport 21
Region IV
Schertz Clemens 30, Smithson Valley 23
San Marcos (10-2) vs. Floresville (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos
Quarterfinals
Region I
Canyon (10-2) or Wichita Falls (10-2) vs. Stephenville (13-0), TBA
Region II
Greenville (11-2) vs. Ennis (12-1), 1 p.m. Dec. 4, Texas Stadium, Irving
Region III
La Marque (11-1) vs. Port Neches-Groves, TBA
Region IV
Schertz Clemens (13-0) vs. San Marcos (10-2) or Floresville (10-2), TBA

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I

Quarterfinals
Region I
Lamesa 48, Breckenridge 23
Region II
Liberty Eylau 33, Aledo 24
Region III
Gatesville (10-2) vs. Cleveland (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Viking Stadium, Bryan
Region IV
Mathis 39, Burnet 21
Semifinals
Lamesa (11-2) vs. Liberty Eylau (12-1), TBA
Gatesville (10-2) or Cleveland (11-1) vs. Mathis (110-2), TBA

DIVISION II

Regional
Region I
Greenwood (9-3) vs. Childress (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock
Crane (12-0) vs. Iowa Park (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sweetwater
Region II
Alvarado (10-2) vs. Hooks (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Mesquite
Commerce 29, Atlanta 21
Region III
Marlin 41, Newton 34
Robinson 24, Barbers Hill 7
Region IV
Sealy 28, Aransas Pass, 0
Hondo 31, CC West Oso 0
Quarterfinals
Region I
Greenwood (9-3) or Childress (11-1) vs. Crane (12-0) or Iowa Park (8-4), TBA
Region II
Alvarado (10-2) or Hooks (9-3) vs. Commerce (13-0), TBA
Region III
Marlin (12-1) vs. Robinson (10-3), TBA
Region IV
Sealy (12-0) vs. Hondo (12-1), TBA

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I

Quarterfinals
Region I
Ozona (9-3) vs. Canadian (11-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock
Region II
Boyd (12-0) vs. Omaha Paul Pewitt (12-0), 7 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Region III
Mart 49, Hughes Springs 0
Region IV
Comfort 55, Brookshire-Royal 0
Semifinals
Ozona (9-3) or Canadian (11-1) vs. Boyd (12-0) or Omaha Paul Pewitt (12-0), TBA
Mart (13-0) vs. Comfort (13-0), TBA

DIVISION II

Regional
Region I
Iraan (12-0) vs. Stratford (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Plainview
Sonora 37, Spearman 14
Region II
Celina 42, Grand Saline 0
Gunter 28, Italy 21
Region III
Elysian Fields 20, Garrison 13
Alto (11-1) vs. Big Sandy (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, R.E. St. John Stadium, Kilgore.
Region IV
Ganado (8-4) vs. Refugio (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Victoria
Mason 48, Poth 7
Quarterfinals
Region I
Iraan (12-0) or Stratford (10-2) vs. Sonora (13-0), TBA
Region II
Celina (13-0) vs. Gunter (12-1), TBA
Region III
Elysian Fields (12-1) vs. Alto (11-1) or Big Sandy (11-1), TBA
Region IV
Ganado (8-4) or Refugio (11-1) vs. Mason (12-1), TBA

CLASS 1A

Regional
Region I
Wheeler 21, Sudan 0
Nazareth (10-2) vs. Rankin (8-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Brownfield
Region II
Aspermont 30, Baird 27
Paducah 24, Bronte 14
Region III
Celeste 35, Dawson 7
Detroit 34, Meridian 6
Region IV
Charlotte 13, Jarrell 7 (OT)
Bartlett 49, Falls City 6
Quarterfinals
Regional I
Wheeler (12-0) vs. Nazareth (10-2) or Rankin (8-2), TBA
Region II
Aspermont (12-1) vs. Paducah (10-3)
Region III
Celeste (9-3) vs. Detroit (12-0), TBA
Region IV
Charlotte (10-2) vs. Bartlett (12-1), TBA

SIX-MAN

Quarterfinals
Groom (11-1) vs. Gail Borden County (10-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, Floydada
Rule 52, Grandfalls Royalty 49
Richland Springs 43, Roscoe Highland 30
Gordon 61, Panther Creek 52
Semifinals
Groom (11-1) or Gail Borden County (10-2) vs. Rule (11-1), TBA
Richland Springs (10-3) vs. Gordon (12-1), TBA

Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Announced Claude Osteen, pitching coach; Rick Down, batting coach; Jim Tracy, bench coach; John Shelby, first base coach; Glenn Hoffman, third base coach; Rick Dempsey, bullpen coach; and Manny Mota, coach, will return next year.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

DETROIT PISTONS—Placed G Jermaine Jackson on the injured list. Activated G John Crotty from the injured list.

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Activated G Shammond Williams from the injured list. Placed F Lazaro Borrell on the injured list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed S Tre Thomas.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Claimed LW Pavel Torgaev off waivers from the Calgary Flames. Acquired LW Gordie Dwyer from Montreal for D Mike McBain. Placed D Ian Herbers on injured reserve.

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SPORTS

Rodriguez talks with Tech for second time

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech's interest in Rich Rodriguez for its football coaching vacancy apparently has been dialed up a notch or two.

Tech officials flew the Clemson offensive coordinator to Lubbock on Friday for the second time since opening the job to applicants Monday, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported in its Saturday editions.

The newspaper reported Rodriguez, 36, was flown in for meetings, visits and a tour of Lubbock and the Tech campus. He and his wife, Rita Rodriguez, inspected Tech's football facilities and toured residential areas.

"We were just looking at neighborhoods," Rodriguez said. "We were trying to get a feel for the city and campus."

On Monday, he met with Tech chancellor John Montfort and other school officials and had a preliminary job interview.

Texas Tech officials are casting about for a successor to Spike Dykes, who retired Nov. 20 after 13 years as the Red Raiders' coach.

State law requires that the Red Raiders' job be kept open for at least 10 days. However, Rodriguez is the only candidate they have been flown to Lubbock for an interview.

"It was a good meeting," said Gerald Myers, Tech athletic director and head of the search for Dykes' successor. "I'm going to talk to some more candidates and visit with some more next week."

Rodriguez was scheduled to return to his home in Clemson, S.C., Friday night. No offers have been made to him and no return visit had been scheduled as of Friday, Myers said.

Myers also said it was too early to call Rodriguez the official front-runner for the job, despite his two visits.

Tech also has contacted Oklahoma offensive coordinator Mike Leach, 38, New Mexico State head coach Tony Samuel, 44, and Southern Mississippi head coach Jeff Bower, 46.

Bower has told the Avalanche-Journal he is not interested. Dallas Cowboys defensive line coach Jim Bates has expressed interest, but the newspaper quotes an unidentified university source as saying Bates is not considered to be a serious candidate.

No rest for Cowboys' defense

IRVING (AP) — The inconsistent Dallas Cowboys have one sure thing going for them: When their defense scores, they are 4-0.

Only twice this season has Dallas (6-5) found a way to win without getting points from the guys whose main duty is to stop the other team from scoring.

The latest came Thursday when Dexter Coakley returned a third-quarter interception 46 yards for a touchdown and the Cowboys' first points in a 20-0 victory over Miami.

Dallas intercepted a rusty Dan Marino five times, including once in the end zone. The final three pickoffs came on consecutive drives in the fourth quarter when Marino was trying to force a comeback.

"We wanted to go out there and make a name for ourselves," said Coakley, who also had the final interception. "If we keep playing the way we're playing, we'll get that done."

The unit run by Dave Campo has held an opponent to one touchdown or less seven times this season. Miami's 273 total yards marked the seventh time the defense has held an offense under 300 yards.

Despite those lucky sevens, Dallas has only six wins.

Most of the blame goes to a sputtering offense. A perfect example of their problems came Thursday when the Cowboys reached or got inside the Dolphins' 30-yard line three times, yet failed to score.

Pushed back by penalties and lacking faith in kicker Richie Cunningham, Dallas ended the first two drives with incompletions on fourth-and-15 from the 35 and fourth-and-16 from the 36. The third one was wasted by a fumble.

The Cowboys got their only offensive touchdown of the day on a 65-yard pass from Troy Aikman to Raghib Ismail midway through the fourth quarter following the second of Marino's three straight interceptions.

It was only their second touchdown in the last nine quarters. The defense also has two touchdowns in that span, while allowing only two.

Overall, the Dallas defense has scored five touchdowns this season. That ties a 31-year-old club record and there are still five games left. Most important, four of the scores have given Dallas the lead or deflated an opponent's rally.

But the defense hasn't always come through. The Cowboys have lost games they have led by 17, 14, 10, 7 and 3 points, and they won the opener after blowing an 11-point lead.

"Our defense has pretty much hung in there for 60 minutes all year," Campo said. "It's been a situation where for some reason, we've struggled a little offensively in the second half, and it's like playing Russian Roulette. When your secondary is banged up, you keep pulling the trigger.

"Eventually, there is going to be a bullet in the chamber, and we've gotten it a few times. Today we made plays, and that's a big factor in the whole thing."

Pippen, Blazers nip Rockets

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Charles Barkley considered his team's 91-88 overtime loss to Portland and came up with the same evaluation of the Trail Blazers as he did last season.

The Blazers are good, but not great, he said, and they can be beaten.

The struggling Houston Rockets almost did that Friday night, despite shooting just 34 percent, committing 23 turnovers and losing their future Hall of Fame center to an injury shortly after halftime.

"They're not as good as I thought they were," Barkley said. "They've got a good team, but you can play with them. The best team is the San Antonio Spurs. December is when you give out presents, not championship trophies."

The last time Barkley was in town, Scottie Pippen was his teammate and they were on speaking terms. The Rockets lost 111-71 on March 7, their worst defeat to the Blazers, and fell to 10-8. The team's struggles disenchanted Pippen, who let his frustration spill out in a Sept. 29 interview on ESPN, in which he blasted Barkley's work ethic and called his former Dream Teammate "selfish" and "fat," among other things.

Three days later, Pippen was traded to the Blazers for six players. Friday's game was the first between the teams since that blockbuster deal, but it didn't turn out to be the blowout some people might have expected. Pippen and Barkley barely looked at each other and didn't speak before, during or after the game.

"I'm not disappointed we didn't talk," Pippen said. "I'm not interested in apologizing to him. As far as I'm concerned, it's over and it's behind me."

Barkley also said the matter is done, and even said it really wasn't a feud to begin with.

"You guys say I got a feud with Scotty," he said. "Scotty said some bad things about me. I've never said anything bad about Scotty, have I? Never. He said some things about me; obviously, I did not like them. But I can't sit around and whine like a little girl. It's over with."

The two didn't guard each other, but there was some physical contact on a couple of plays.

"Anybody that comes down the lane, I try to hit him," Barkley said. "Obviously, we have a strained relationship. But I don't have a vendetta, and I don't wish any harm upon him. That's evil. God don't like that."

While the grudge match didn't materialize, the game — ugly as it was — was exciting. Steve Smith hit three key jumpers in overtime to help the Blazers win.

Spurs notch convincing 101-78 win over Bulls

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Although the Chicago Bulls won six NBA titles in the 1990s, it has become clear that their run is long over.

Tim Duncan's 23 points and career-high eight blocks led the San Antonio Spurs, who tied a franchise record with 20 blocked shots, to a convincing 101-78 victory over the Bulls on Friday night.

The defending NBA champion Spurs won their fourth straight.

"All of our guys worked hard on the weak-side defense," said San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich, whose team has yet to allow 100 points this season. "We're blessed that all four work so hard and so well. It showed up in the blocks tonight."

Duncan and Malik Rose dominated inside. Rose scored 13 points, while Duncan had 10 rebounds.

"Tim (Duncan) comes to compete, that's his job," Popovich said. "He doesn't care who is on the court."

Chicago, which has now lost six straight games, was led by rookie Elton Brand's 24 points.

"Tonight, the Spurs played terrific," Chicago coach Tim Floyd said. "They played like a team with confidence like you would expect a championship team would. At the end of the game, they went to their go-to player and he is one of the best I have ever seen in this game."

San Antonio, which has won 19 straight games at the Alamodome, played most of the second half without the services of David Robinson, who left the game early in the third quarter with neck spasms.

"There was a little leftover irritation from the other night when I hurt it," said Robinson, who had 10 points before leaving the game.

Men's College Basketball Scores

EAST
Albany, N.Y. 73, Elon 69
Indiana 67, Temple 59
New Hampshire 75, Dartmouth 57
SOUTH
James Madison 88, Northwestern St. 68
N.C. State 79, Stetson 45
Tennessee 86, Long Island U. 47
Va. Commonwealth 79, Delaware St. 68, OT
MIDWEST
Dayton 73, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 51
Ohio 68, Princeton 60
SOUTHWEST
No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.
FAR WEST
Denver 72, Yale 69
Gonzaga 81, E. Washington 47
Sacramento St. 65, Nevada 57
TOURNAMENT
Carrs/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout
Semifinals
Georgia Tech 82, Washington 65
Kansas 111, Xavier 70
Consolation Bracket
Alaska-Anchorage 104, Grambling St. 85
Louisville 85, Georgia 62
City Bank-Aloha Airlines Big Island
Arkansas 73, Mercer 54
First Round
Cincinnati 91, Cleveland St. 56
Santa Clara 79, Rhode Island 70, OT
Hawaii Pacific Thanksgiving Classic
Wyoming 110, Hawaii Pacific 65
First Round
Fresno St. 90, Fla. International 75
LSU 87, Oakland, Mich. 80
SW Missouri St. 68, Toledo 59
IGA SuperThrift Sooner Holiday Class
First Round
Oklahoma 68, San Diego 61
UC Irvine 69, SW Texas 46
Lobo Classic
First Round
Alcorn St. 86, Chattanooga 80
New Mexico 71, Sam Houston St. 61
Preseason NIT
Championship
Arizona 63, Kentucky 51
Third Place
Maryland 72, Notre Dame 67
Puerto Rico Shootout
Semifinals
Michigan St. 59, South Carolina 56
Texas 68, DePaul 64
Consolation Bracket
Arizona St. 103, American U., P.R. 62
Virginia 80, Providence 64
SoCon Holiday Hoops Classic
First Round
Clemson 54, Cent. Florida 48
Mississippi 75, Furman 61
Oregon St. 92, S. Carolina St. 57
Wis.-Green Bay 76, Old Dominion 64
The Alabama Tradition
First Round
Alabama 94, Centenary 72
La Salle 85, High Point 62
USBWA Hoop & Quill Classic
First Round
Evansville 48, Northwestern 26
Murray St. 87, Rutgers 83
Southern Miss. 75, Nebraska 48
Valparaiso 68, Mississippi St. 59
United Airlines Tipoff Tournament
VMI 56, Oral Roberts 44

Women's College Basketball Scores

EAST
Dartmouth 88, Siena 63
Marshall 63, Rider 50
Rutgers 61, Northeastern 39
SOUTH
Arizona St. 70, Wake Forest 65
N.C. State 62, Drake 42
North Carolina 82, ETSU 55
Tulane 96, N.C.-Asheville 32
MIDWEST
Purdue 90, Florida 50
SOUTHWEST
TCU 92, Air Force 69
Texas Tech 102, SW Texas 44
FAR WEST
BYU 77, Gonzaga 58
Colorado St. 102, Vermont 69
Loyola Marymount 72, Army 43
Nebraska 70, Montana 58
Southern Cal 61, Creighton 56
Tennessee 79, Stanford 73
TOURNAMENT
Atlanta Marriott Northwest Classic
First Round
Georgia Tech 85, Elon 53
Hofstra 70, Yale 68
Auburn Thanksgiving Classic
First Round
Auburn 82, Mercer 41
Kent 83, Alabama St. 66
C of C Thanksgiving Tournament
First Round
Ball St. 85, Charleston Southern 75
Coll. of Charleston 56, Jacksonville 27
Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge Championship
Connecticut 109, Old Dominion 66
Third Place
Clemson 70, Kentucky 65
Coca-Cola Billiken Classic
W. Illinois 58, Belmont 56
First Round
Saint Louis 75, Murray St. 51
Comfort Inn Patriot Classic
First Round
George Mason 65, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 58
UAB 73, Akron 62
Coors Classic
First Round
Colorado 76, Wright St. 49
W. Michigan 68, Washington St. 65
Dead River Classic
First Round
Georgia 85, Stephen F. Austin 44
Maine 71, St. Francis, Pa. 62
FIU Thanksgiving Tournament
First Round
E. Kentucky 95, Hartford 87
Fla. International 76, Long Island U. 56
Grantree State
Montana St. 74, Morehead St. 58
First Round
Mississippi 80, Bowling Green 63
Home Run Inn Thanksgiving Tournament
First Round
Troy St. 86, Norfolk St. 76
IU Full-O-Pep Classic
First Round
East Carolina 67, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 59
Indiana 91, Stetson 43
Lady Tiger Classic
First Round
Memphis 72, Providence 59
Rice 67, Samford 60
Moran Realty Classic
First Round
Northwestern St. 91, James Madison 83
Seton Hall 76, DePaul 69, OT
OSU Classic
First Round
Marquette 86, Pacific 81, OT
Oregon St. 61, Idaho St. 47
Pacific Bell Classic
San Diego St. 53, Indiana St. 39
First Round
Missouri 67, Portland St. 48
Pepsi Shootout
First Round
Oregon 77, Howard 42
Virginia Tech 63, S. Utah 55
SMU Women's Basketball Classic
First Round
George Washington 94, Cent. Michigan 62
SMU 93, Texas Southern 59
Seminole Classic
First Round
Chattanooga 78, Florida St. 69
Xavier 80, Oakland, Mich. 72
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Tournament
First Round
Jacksonville St. 89, Morgan St. 67
The Alabama Tradition
First Round
Texas-Arlington 75, Centenary 39
The Princeton Invitational
First Round
Arkansas 88, N.C.-Wilmington 77
Princeton 69, Ohio 63
UIC Thanksgiving Tournament
First Round
Ill.-Chicago 77, Delaware St. 62
UMKC Thanksgiving Classic
First Round
Butler 84, Ark.-Little Rock 62
N. Iowa 73, Missouri-Kansas City 56
USD Masry & Vititoe Classic
San Diego 85, Quinnipiac 73
First Round
Dayton 79, Wyoming 59
USM-Cabot Lodge Classic
First Round
Southern Miss. 66, Alcorn St. 63
Tenn.-Martin 73, Nicholls St. 65
Wahine Classic
First Round
Hawaii 77, Va. Commonwealth 66
Virginia 100, Grambling St. 79
Washington 64, Portland 50
Walnut Creek Thanksgiving Classic
First Round
LSU 80, St. Bonaventure 43
St. Mary's, Cal. 69, UNC-Greensboro 56
Warner's Classic
First Round
Brown 55, Towson 64
Fairfield 83, Loyola, Ill. 68
EXHIBITION
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 66, Radford 39

NHL Glance

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	13	8	3	1	30	71	54
New Jersey	11	7	3	1	26	55	48
Pittsburgh	7	10	3	3	20	64	60
N.Y. Rangers	7	13	3	1	18	54	69
N.Y. Islanders	5	10	3	0	13	38	55

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	12	9	3	2	29	67	52
Ottawa	13	9	1	1	28	64	54
Boston	11	7	6	0	28	64	56
Buffalo	10	11	2	0	22	63	63
Montreal	8	14	1	1	18	48	61

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	12	8	2	2	28	60	54
Carolina	9	8	6	0	24	52	56
Washington	8	9	4	1	21	54	61
Tampa Bay	8	12	2	1	19	62	72
Atlanta	5	13	2	1	13	49	77

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	14	6	3	1	32	75	50
St. Louis	14	7	2	0	30	67	50
Nashville	7	13	1	2	17	50	64
Chicago	5	13	4	2	16	53	67

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	10	7	6	1	27	66	70
Colorado	9	11	3	1	22	59	68
Edmonton	6	10	6	3	21	55	58
Calgary	8	12	2	0	18	52	71

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	14	6	3	0	31	75	54
Los Angeles	13	7	4	1	31	78	63
San Jose	13	10	3	2	31	76	63
Anaheim	11	11	2	1	25	62	57
Dallas	9	11	3	1	22	48	54

Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.

Friday's Games
Philadelphia 3, Toronto 2, OT
Vancouver 2, Boston 2, tie
Anaheim 4, Dallas 2
St. Louis 2, Buffalo 0
Washington 1, Nashville 0
Pittsburgh 5, Ottawa 0
Carolina 3, Tampa Bay 3, tie
Florida 6, N.Y. Rangers 2
Detroit 4, Edmonton 2
Phoenix 7, Colorado 0
Saturday's Games
San Jose at Los Angeles, 3:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Ottawa, 2 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 3 p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
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New Jersey at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	9	3	.750	—
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Orlando	6	6	.500	3
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Philadelphia	6	8	.429	4
Washington	4	9	.308	5½
New Jersey	2	11	.154	6½

Central Division

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Charlotte	8	5	.615	—
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Cleveland	5	6	.455	2
Atlanta	4	9	.308	4
Chicago	1	11	.083	6½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Utah	7	6	.538	3½
Minnesota	5	5	.500	4
Dallas	4	9	.308	6½
Vancouver	3	9	.250	7
Houston	3	11	.214	8

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
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Seattle	10	3	.769	1½
L.A. Lakers	10	4	.714	2
Phoenix	8	4	.667	3
L.A. Clippers	4	8	.333	7
Golden State	2	9	.182	8½

Friday's Games
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Poor planning cited in downing of F-117

WASHINGTON (AP) — The downing of an F-117A stealth fighter in March in Yugoslavia was due in part to a "breakdown in mission planning" by U.S. commanders in the field, a retired general who oversaw the Air Force's fleet of aircraft said.

Retired Air Force Gen. Richard Hawley, former head of the Air Combat Command headquarters at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, said in an interview with Associated Press Radio that the sophisticated plane was the wrong one for the mission.

"Before that airplane took off from Aviano, there was better than a 50-50 chance it would be shot down. Those are unacceptable odds," Hawley said. Aviano is the air base in Italy used by NATO forces in the 97-day air campaign.

The El Paso Times reported that the Air Force, in response to a Freedom of Information Act request by the Texas newspaper, officially confirmed that the stealth fighter had been shot down. But the Air Force provided no more information. The aircraft had been from Holloman Air Force Base at Alamogordo, N.M.

The pilot, whom officials have refused to identify, was rescued by Air Force commandos after he ejected safely and is back with 8th Fighter Squadron at Holloman.

An Air Force spokeswoman, Capt. Laurel Schere, said the fact that the stealth fighter had been shot down by Serb air defenses "has been acknowledged before," even if this was the first time that the Air Force had put it in writing.

As to Hawley's allegations, she said, "In that he is a retired general, I'm not going to venture to speak on his behalf."

The Air Force convened a board to investigate the incident but withheld its results.

In the interview, Hawley blamed U.S. commanders in the field and other military planners for not properly understanding the strengths and weaknesses of the $45 million, radar-evading fighter.

"They put the '117' into a situation that it wasn't designed to handle, so we lost that airplane, and I attribute it as much to a breakdown in our mission planning as to anything else," Hawley said.

Hawley, who retired from the Air Force as a four-star general on June 11, said "stealth" does not equate to invisibility.

"It's a fine plane. ... But it encountered defenses we knew it was not designed to handle and it didn't need to get put in that situation," Hawley said.

Government sued by Indian farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Indian farmers and ranchers filed a $19 billion class-action lawsuit Wednesday against the Agriculture Department, alleging a 20-year history of discrimination in the granting of loans.

The lawsuit parallels a separate civil rights case brought by black farmers charging they were subject to discrimination in receiving loans and other assistance from the USDA. The case was settled in April at an estimated cost of $2 billion to taxpayers.

The 213 Indians who filed the suit on behalf of 19,000 plaintiffs with the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia contend they were told USDA loans were not available when they were, that loans were delayed until it was too late to raise their crops or that the approved loans would be less than requested, causing financial and property losses.

The plaintiffs also said that in some instances they had to put up more collateral than their white counterparts, limiting their ability to obtain further loans.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman "is deeply committed to native American civil rights and in serving native Americans," said department spokeswoman Susan McAvoy. "He is very concerned about the lawsuit."

"What our government has done to native American farmers and ranchers is a national disgrace," said Alexander Pires, the lead attorney. Pires, who also represented the black farmers in their lawsuit, said they would file for mediation immediately and ask the government to agree to stop all pending foreclosures.

Tex Hall, an Indian rancher of the Three Affiliated Tribes on the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota, said in a statement that the lawsuit "is the result of decades of discrimination by the Farm Service Agency and its predecessors against the original indigenous people of this land. As indigenous people, we are the first farmers and ranchers of this land. All we wanted is a fair chance to become successful." The Agriculture Department's Farm Service Agency administers farm loans.

To be eligible for participation in the class-action lawsuit, an Indian must have farmed or ranched at any time between January 1981 and the present, have applied for a federal farm program and complained to the USDA or tribal authorities about discriminatory treatment they received.

Senators seek four-month delay in roadless forest plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration should delay by four months an effort to ban roads in more than 50 million acres of federal forests so the public has more time to comment on the plan, 33 senators said Wednesday.

A 60-day comment period that began in late October is not enough time to collect and review data and study the initiative, said the letter to Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman signed by 32 GOP senators and Sen. John Breaux, D-La.

"This additional time would provide a critical window for the American people to assess the proposal and convey their thoughts," the senators said.

Glickman received the letter Wednesday but has not made a decision on the request, a spokeswoman said.

In October, President Clinton signed an executive order calling for regulations to put the already roadless forest land off-limits to development.

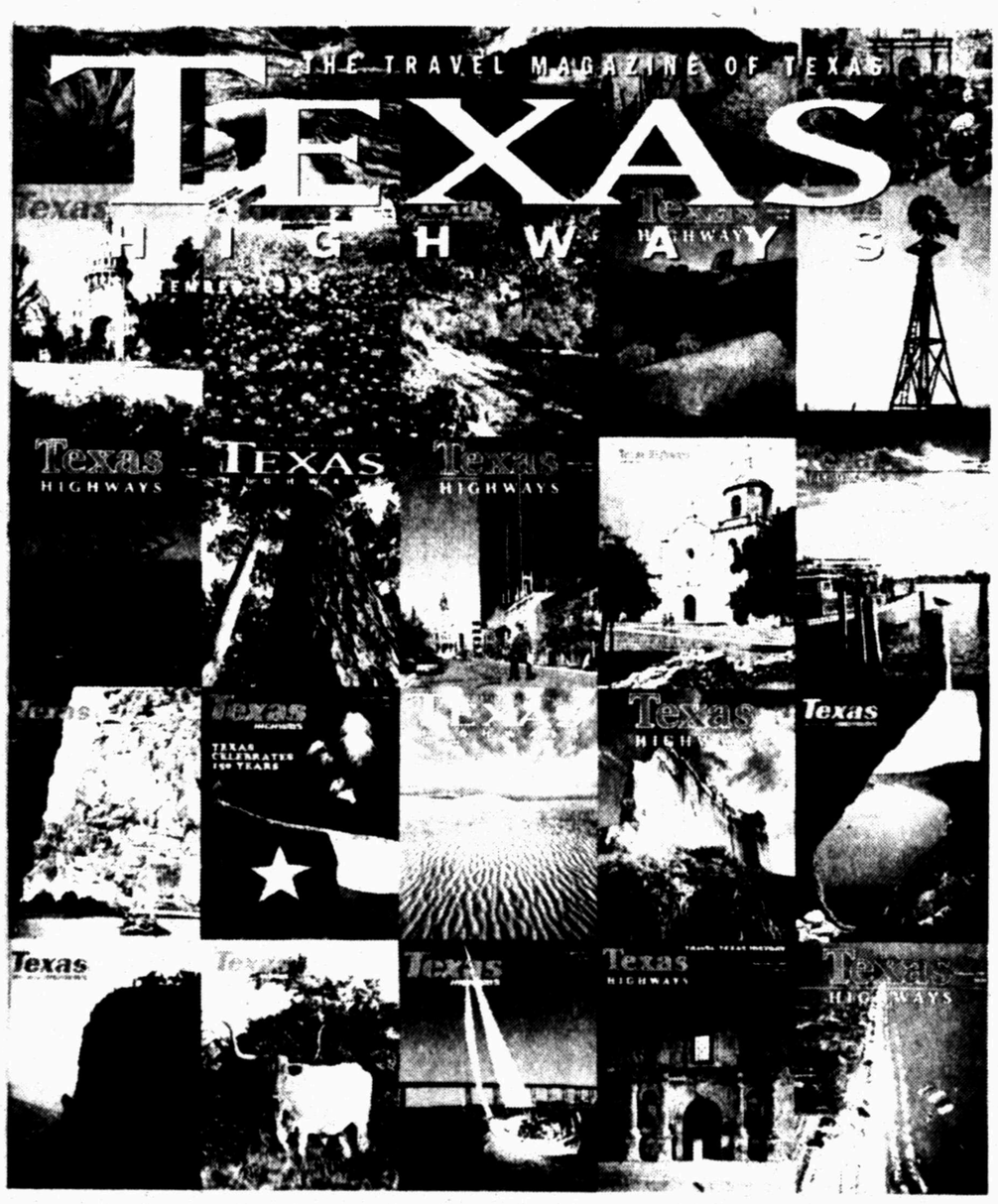
An administrative rule-making process to carry out the order began in late October and will take about a year to complete. The initial 60-day comment period is scheduled to end Dec. 20. Four public hearings remain: Portland, Ore., and Atlanta on Tuesday; Sacramento, Calif., on Wednesday and Washington, D.C. on Dec. 9.

A White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there will be ample opportunity for the public to comment on the forest initiative.

Ken Rait, director of the Heritage Forests Campaign, said the senators' letter is a thinly veiled effort to kill Clinton's plan. He said a four-month delay in the initial comment period would not allow Clinton to complete the plan before he leaves office in January 2001, leaving the possibility that a GOP would win the presidency and scuttle it.

But Mark Rey, a staffer for the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee, said it's simply difficult for people to find time to comment during the holidays.

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Paul and Gina Jones of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Lea Jones. Hannah was born at 8:14 a.m. on Nov. 20 in Community Hospital in San Angelo. Two sisters, Sabrina and Lesa Jones, welcomed her home.

Grandparents are Wallace and Barbara Jones and Ken and Jan Pierce, all of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Mildred Wilson of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. F.T. Pierce of Odessa.

Alleged plagiarism gets one critic fired

BALTIMORE (AP) — A music critic for The Sun newspaper was fired for lifting a passage from a reference book for an opera review.

Critic Stephen Wigler was fired after a reader pointed out that his Nov. 15 review of the Baltimore Opera's "La Traviata" included an unattributed excerpt from "The Metropolitan Opera Guide to Recorded Opera," Editor John S. Carroll said.

"The critic who wrote The Sun's review, when asked about the similarity, acknowledged having committed plagiarism," he said.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Family Dinners With Her Ex Give Woman Painful Heartburn

DEAR ABBY: I was married to my high school sweetheart for nine years, until he cheated on me. While I was at home taking care of our 1-year-old son, he was seeing other women. The one he was seeing when we divorced is now his wife.

Since she caused the breakup of my marriage, I really don't want to have anything to do with either of them socially.

I live 1,000 miles away from my family. When I visit them, my stepmother makes it a point to invite my ex and this woman to our family gatherings, including family reunions. The stress has caused me to have health problems. My stepmother is well aware of this.

I don't want to be a party pooper, but my feelings should come first. I am one of nine kids, and she does this only to me. It is very hard to sit across the table from them, as I feel very strongly that they don't belong in the picture. Any advice?

HEARTSICK
IN FORT ST. LUCIE, FLA.

DEAR HEARTSICK: Since your father and stepmother are aware of the circumstances that ended your marriage, and the fact that you are uncomfortable in the presence of your ex-husband and his new wife, but continue to invite them — face it: They have made a choice, and it isn't you. Before you return for another family reunion, ask them why they invite your ex-husband and his wife, and make your plans accordingly.

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DEAR ABBY: Here is another addition to your series on humorous inscriptions on tombstones:

My late husband, Jim Steele, was a sports announcer for WDSU-TV in New Orleans during the 1970s. At the end of his few minutes of live TV sports announcing, he would say, "Time's up. Gotta go."

Jim died Jan. 1, 1991. On his headstone I inscribed, "Time's up. Gotta go." Very appropriate, don't you agree?

JIM'S LOVING WIFE, GLORIA W. STEELE, METAIRIE, LA.

DEAR GLORIA: Indeed it is. You are not the only reader to comment on the tombstone letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter you printed about tombstone inscriptions reminds me of two others you might be interested in.

First, on a recent trip to Key West, Fla., we took the Conch Train tour of the city. When we passed an old cemetery, our guide told us of one tombstone inscription: "I TOLD YOU I WAS SICK."

When my first wife died a few years ago, I ordered a headstone for her and one for myself, leaving the final date blank, of course. But I added beneath my name, "OFTEN IN ERROR — SELDOM IN DOUBT." I hope it gives some visitor a smile.

G.B.F., GULFPORT, MISS.

DEAR G.B.F.: I'm sure it will! Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The recent letter in your column about tombstones spurred me to write.

"Trouble" was her nickname. She was 80-something and always enjoyed passing me articles in church that brought a smile to my face. God has "Trouble" now, but in memory of her I share this:

ON A TOMBSTONE

Remember, Friend, as you pass by,
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, you will be —
So be prepared to follow me.

Under that, in black crayon, was written:

To follow you I am not content —
Until I learn which way you went!

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DEAR ABBY: Last year, my sister called with a wonderful suggestion that we all pool our Christmas money given us by our parents and get them a wonderful gift. I was overjoyed.

When I replied, "I'll send the $40 ASAP," she was shocked. I was deeply hurt to find out the distribution of gifts to me and my siblings was as follows: $40, $40, $150, $150 and $200!

My parents are in their mid-70s and still quite vibrant. All of their children are married with small families and mid- to upper-class incomes. I'm 43, their third-oldest, and have been married 11 years. The $40 was unusual, as past gifts have usually been in the $25-$35 range. I had always assumed that my parents, over the years, had been sending all of us the same gift.

Needless to say, since that call from my sister a year ago, I no longer feel the same about my parents. Their favoritism has hurt me deeply. As this Christmas season approaches, please let your readers know that siblings do share information with each other.

SLAPPED IN THE FACE
IN OREGON

DEAR SLAPPED: I'm passing your message along. However, before you cut your parents off at the heartstrings, you should tell them exactly what you have told me. There may have been extenuating circumstances, and they deserve a chance to explain why they chose to be more generous with some of their children than others.

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DEAR ABBY: I agreed 100 percent with your advice to "Deserted in New Orleans," the man whose wife deserted him and their 5-year-old son. You advised him that if he could let her go without bitterness, he would be the winner in the long run, and to please consider counseling for himself and his son to help them through the heartbreak of being deserted.

We cannot choose or control what others do to us, only how we react to it. At the risk of sounding cynical, "deadbeats" come in all forms — dads, moms, children who ignore aging parents, spouses who cheat, partners who embezzle, and so on.

Let's hope "Deserted" will hang onto the positive and slough off the negative. By the way, just because he "lets her go without bitterness," he should *not* release her from her financial debts or child-support obligations. When you adopt a child, you agree in a court of law to be responsible for that child as though you birthed him yourself. A college-educated woman with a "good job in Florida" can still do much for her child financially. Good luck and God bless him and his son.

Abby, thanks for all you do. People need to hear supportive words. The ability to encourage others is a God-given gift as important as any other. Please don't reveal my name or location. This is a universal message.

KINDRED SPIRIT

DEAR K.S.: Thank you for the kind words. When I advised "Deserted" to let his wife go without bitterness, I did not mean to imply that he should do it without legal representation. In a situation such as the one the writer experienced, a lawyer is not only a great comfort, he or she is also an absolute necessity.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO "TUNED OUT IN TULSA": To paraphrase Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor and author who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986: More dangerous than anger and hatred is indifference. To be indifferent to suffering is what makes the human being inhuman. Indifference is not a beginning, it is an end — and it is always the friend to the enemy.

If I were you, I'd tune back in.

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Triglycerides: What's the scoop?

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DEAR DR. BLONZ: My doctor told me that my triglycerides were over 400. I have been losing weight since I started medication for high blood pressure and for the high triglycerides. Can you tell me exactly what triglycerides do in the body at normal levels, and what could happen if they are too high? — T., Newark, N.J.

DEAR T.: The role of triglycerides often confuses people. That's not surprising, given the speed with which it and other complex health terms have encroached upon our daily lives.

A triglyceride is the body's most concentrated form of stored energy. For simplicity, you could almost think of "fats" and "triglycerides" as being interchangeable, but the triglyceride is the form in which most fats are packaged. A list of triglycerides would include the fats in our diet (butter, cooking oils, etc.), the fats in our bloodstream and that fat that eventually makes its way to the body's excess energy storage areas — and we all know what that means.

Because we take in energy at mealtime, our blood triglyceride level usually goes up after we eat, even if there's a limited amount of fat in the meal. This is because the body is programmed to convert excess protein or carbohydrates into triglycerides — the form of energy best suited for storage. Food fats are already in the form of triglycerides, but during digestion they are disassembled, only to be put back together after absorption. A high intake of alcohol or of sugars such as fructose, sucrose or glucose tends to increase the blood triglyceride level.

To get an accurate read on one's baseline triglyceride level, tests are usually given after a 12- to 14-hour fast. Although there may be lab-to-lab differences, a normal triglyceride level is usually less than 200 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL), a borderline-high level is 200-400 mg/dL, a high level is 400-1,000 mg/dL, and a very high level is greater than 1,000 mg/dL.

Triglycerides are now recognized as a risk factor for heart disease, and if you think about this, it makes perfect sense. Simply put, it is not in your best interests to have higher than normal levels of fats roaming around your bloodstream. Fats have an ability to fall victim to free radical oxidation, a process that can damage your blood vessels and push you down the road toward coronary heart disease. It turns out that a high triglyceride level is even more of a risk factor if the blood cholesterol level is also elevated.

Finally, let me offer my congrats on your weight loss. High triglycerides are more common in people who carry excess weight, so I wish you success on your continued efforts.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Is it true that taking soy products like soy milk, etc. will affect thyroid medication? — K., Portland, Ore.

DEAR K: The hormones produced by the thyroid gland regulate the metabolism in every cell of the body. Those who produce insufficient thyroid hormone are given medications that serve as a replacement for the hormone or stimulate greater production by the thyroid gland.

There is evidence that soy products can interact with the thyroid gland or its hormones, but not all soy products have the same effect. It doesn't appear that this would be a significant factor in adults eating soy as a part of a mixed diet. With thyroid medication, however, it may be different.

Always follow the instructions for your particular medication. I say this because many thyroid medications are to be taken on an empty stomach to avoid potential interactions with foods. Be sure to consult your family physician or a pharmacist if you have any further questions.

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

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NUTRITION

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Airplane incident...

Man pleads innocent to assault, interfering

BOSTON (AP) — A man whose alleged belligerence forced a London-bound plane to stop in Boston to drop him off pleaded innocent Friday to charges that he interfered with the flight crew and assaulted a flight attendant.

Hussam Jaber, 33, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., was arrested Wednesday at Logan International Airport after American Airlines Flight 78, which originated at Dallas-Fort Worth, made an unscheduled landing around 10 p.m. to drop him off.

In East Boston District Court, Jaber denied charges that he was belligerent and unruly during the flight or that he poked a male flight attendant in the chest.

Prosecutors said Jaber was intoxicated, refused to remain seated during the flight and had brought his own bottle of gin on the plane.

His attorney, Michael Cerulli, did not deny Jaber was drinking, but said that because his client was served six drinks by flight attendants, the crew shared some responsibility for the bad behavior.

Sanders expected to seek re-election to U.S. House

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — U.S. Rep. Bernard Sanders, I-Vt., has decided to seek re-election instead of challenging U.S. Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., Democratic congressional officials say.

Sanders' plans to remain in the House is a victory for House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., who is working to win back control from the Republicans, and has promised Sanders a seat on the House Appropriations Committee if the Democrats regain the majority.

The GOP holds a 223-211 edge in the House. Sanders is the sole independent in the House but aligns himself with the Democrats.

Sanders' formal announcement, scheduled to be made on Monday, will end a year in which Democratic leaders in the House and Senate lobbied the highly popular Sanders. Both sides felt Sanders was crucial to their efforts to win seats and gain majorities in their own chambers.

In a possible Senate matchup, a recent poll found a virtual tie, with 42 percent supporting Jeffords, 39 percent backing Sanders and 19 percent undecided.

Sanders, who has served in the House since 1991, is virtually assured re-election.

Neither Sanders nor his aides would discuss his plans, but Democratic congressional officials speaking on condition of anonymity said he has told his colleagues he'll remain in the House.

Sanders' decision sets up a Democratic primary for the Senate. State Sen. Jan Backus, D-Chittenden, who lost to Jeffords in 1994, and state Auditor Edward Flanagan both plan to run.

Leading Iranian reformist sentenced to time in jail

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — An Iranian court controlled by hardliners handed down jail time Saturday to a close ally of Iran's moderate president — the latest chapter in a political power struggle over democratic changes pushed by the country's reformers.

Abdollah Nouri, a former interior minister and head of the popular Khordad daily, was sentenced to five years in jail, said Fariba Davoodi, Khordad's public relations director. He also was banned from holding any media-related position for five years, Davoodi said. She spoke to reporters outside the Tehran courthouse.

Nouri was also fined $5,000, and his newspaper was ordered to close, Davoodi said. He was to be taken to prison directly from the court, she said.

The move against Nouri apparently was an attempt to derail democratic reforms advocated by him and his ally, President Mohammad Khatami. Hard-liners had feared losing the presidency of parliament to Nouri after Feb. 18 elections, but he is technically barred from the elections because of the verdict.

"I just spoke to Mr. Nouri on his cell phone and asked him if he felt dejected," said Ali Hekmati, editor-in-chief of Khordad. "He told me he was in good spirits."

Nouri, flanked by eight bodyguards, arrived at the court in a BMW. Afterwards, police lined the 11/4-mile route from the court to Evin prison on the foothills of the Alborz Mountains in northern Tehran.

Earlier this month, a clerical jury found Nouri guilty on 15 charges, including insulting Islam.

The jury's opinion went to the judge, who Saturday issued the verdict and handed it to Nouri, a middle-ranking cleric.

The charges against Nouri were some of the most serious ever brought against a senior politician in Iran. They included publishing sacrilegious articles and opposing the teachings of Iran's revered revolutionary leader, the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, through his newspaper.

Nouri, 50, also was charged with publishing lies and advocating better ties with Iran's archenemies, the United States and Israel.

Nouri's trial was seen as part of the power clash between hardliners and Khatami's reformist supporters. Since his election in 1997, Khatami has pushed for political reform, calling for an easing of strict social codes and greater freedom of speech.

Hard-liners have taken a number of Khatami's closest allies to court, arrested journalists and refused to prosecute vigilantes who attack moderate newspapers and journalists. Three leading reformist newspapers have been shut down over the past year.

Mahmoud Shams, editor-in-chief of the reformist Asr-e-Azadegan paper, was among several reformers outside the courthouse Saturday in a show of support for Nouri. Shams.

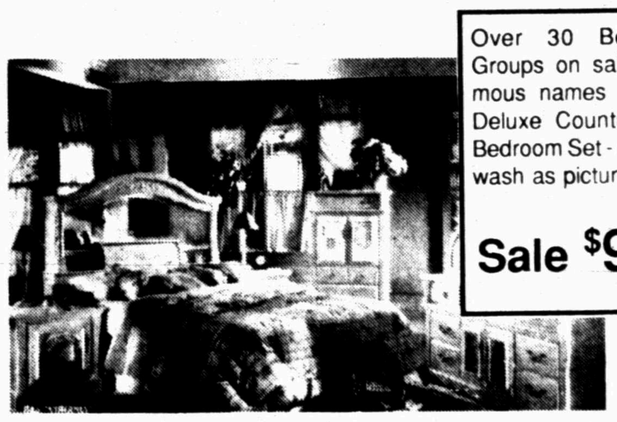
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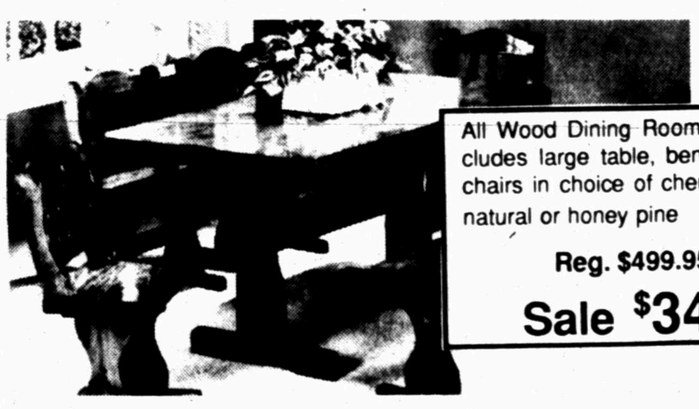
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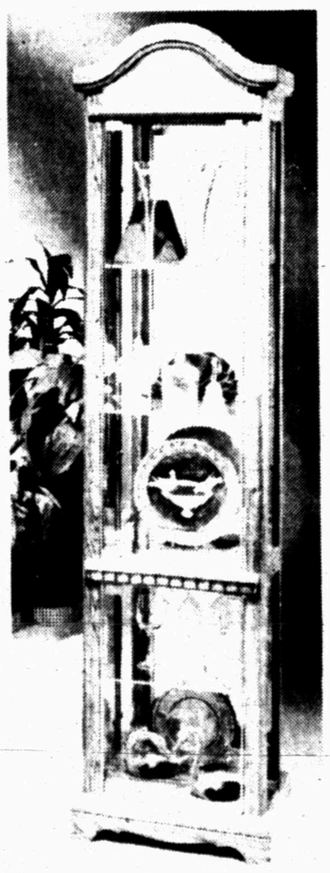
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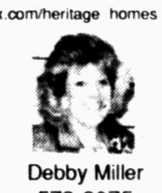
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Across the Pacific, one island after another wants to be first

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — Never mind the most expensive champagne or the most elaborate fireworks. In this corner of the world, the key word in ushering in the new millennium isn't "most," but "first."

The Antarctic, the South Pacific islands and then New Zealand will be the first countries to enter the year 2000 as a new day rolls over the international dateline at midnight.

But regional bragging rights evidently aren't enough. There's an all-out effort to produce the first wedding, first baby and first celebration of the new millennium. Others here hope simply to see the first sunrise.

"People are deciding they want to do something completely different," said Tony Harrington, who is organizing a flight from Australia over Antarctica to see in the new year.

In some places along the wobbly dateline, the claim of the first sunrise — which will occur 20 hours before the one in Los Angeles — is a matter of national pride. In others, it is an opportunity to cash in on an event that will bring scads of tourists and journalists to a region virtually unknown to much of the world.

The Fijian islands of Vanua Levu, Rambi and Tavenui are all bisected by the dateline. Fiji is claiming it will have the first wedding of the new millennium, and the country expects one of its women to give birth to the first baby.

On New Zealand's easternmost outpost, a spattering of volcanic outcrops called the Chatham Islands, locals will be staging the first horse races, fishing competition and golf tournament in a flurry of activity unprecedented on islands usually so quiet that their newspaper is published just once a month.

Pitt Island, population 50, is 430 miles east of mainland New Zealand. Its claim to fame is that it will be the first permanently inhabited land to see the sun rise on the new millennium. The reason? It has an extinct volcano, Mount Hakepa, giving it a head start on flat islands closer to the dateline.

About 500 people — mostly relatives visiting family and reporters — are expected to visit the islands for the festivities.

Early predictions of a tourist bonanza for South Pacific island states such as Fiji and Tonga have fallen through for the most part, although exclusive resorts on the picturesque islands are almost entirely booked.

The king of Tonga is hoping to greet the new millennium riding the Pacific waves in a specially crafted, double-hulled canoe, although it is not certain that the boat will be ready in time.

Mathilde-mania intensifies for royal wedding in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — For decades, the most affection Belgium's royal family got from many of its subjects was respectful reserve, bordering on sheer indifference. Then in walked Mathilde d'Udekem d'Acoz.

The aristocratic speech-therapist will marry Crown Prince Philippe next Saturday and the rest of the kingdom has already embraced the future princess.

"Mathilde, Already the Queen of Hearts," headlined Europe's mass circulation Paris Match magazine alongside a cover picture of the radiant 26-year-old at her engagement ball in the royal palace's famed indoor gardens.

The glittering event two weeks ago was covered live by at least a half dozen television stations. Politicians, pundits and newspapers of all hues gushed. It seems the whole kingdom was smitten.

Usually hard-nosed reporters were begging for any clue when the first public kiss would happen.

It was a remarkable feat for a local woman who was a virtual unknown until the wedding plans were announced Oct. 9. And to achieve it in a country with a deeply eroded self-esteem and little sense of national pride made it even more stunning.

Belgium's royal family has long had an extremely heavy history to carry. Allegations of improper conduct during World War II almost brought down the monarchy. Then there was the almost legendary brutality of Leopold II's rule over 19th-century Congo which remains the subject of harshly critical books.

Belgium's kings rule over 10 million subjects who almost continuously bicker over the rights of the majority Dutch-speakers and the minority Francophones. Many citizens consider themselves Flemish or Walloon rather than Belgian.

On top of that, Philippe was considered aloof and awkward, burdened with the charisma of a civil servant. At 39, he was seemingly headed for terminal bachelorship.

Then out of the blue, he announced his engagement to Mathilde, following a secret courtship of several years.

When Paris Match mentioned the "Queen of Hearts," it immediately conjured up visions of Britain's Princess Diana, who erased much of the stodgy image of Britain's royal family and captured the popular imagination like no other royal before she died in a car crash two years ago.

"That is exaggerated. Mathilde may be beautiful and smart, but she still has to prove everything," said Professor Christiaan Koninckx, a specialist in royal history at Brussels Free University.

She certainly has the stature to light up a room. Her looks have been compared to former top model Claudia Schiffer and her elegance at the engagement ball stood out. On high heels, her midnight-blue skirt ended well above the knees and a hint of cleavage was spectacularly draped in pearls and gems.

In the kingdom's 168-year history, Mathilde is now in line to become Belgium's first Belgian-born queen.

Of partly Flemish stock but hailing from deep in the forests of Wallonia and living in bilingual Brussels, she has the right credentials for this complicated nation.

After Belgium's scandal-ridden 1990s — with political assassinations, bribery and corruption affairs, child-sex murders and last summer's dioxin food poisoning — the Dec. 4 royal wedding should at least welcome the new millennium on a happy note.

Cyclo drivers fear their days are numbered in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Heng Sok's thin and muscular legs have propelled him through tough times for nearly 20 years.

A 65-year-old farmer from eastern Cambodia, where poor soil and unpredictable rain keep rice yields low, Sok works as a pedicab driver in the Cambodian capital for a few months each year to earn extra money while his crop ripens at home.

It's an annual migration made by thousands of rural Cambodians who provide cheap, rustic transportation to city-dwellers. But pedicabs — known as cyclos — could face extinction from motorized, three-wheeled taxi carts that hit the streets of Phnom Penh a few months ago.

"It is no longer easy. There are too many cyclos and motorbike taxis on the street already. And now comes a new type of transport," Heng Sok, a father of 12 children, says while a group of cyclo drivers gather in a patch of shade for a noontime snooze.

Cyclos and bicycles were the standard mode of transportation in Cambodia until the late 1980s, when cheap motorbikes began pouring in from neighboring countries.

Motorbikes also serve as taxis, but their limited cargo capacity left a niche for the cyclos, which can amble with heavy loads along the curbs of the capital's potholed streets, shuttling shoppers and goods to and from bustling markets.

Automobiles are also commonplace now that Cambodia is well on the road to recovery from the nihilism of the Khmer Rouge years and a more standard communist regime that followed, but the vast majority of Phnom Penh's 1 million residents still can't afford the $1,000 plus price of a used Toyota.

The slick new taxi carts, however, are quickly settling into the cyclos' niche. At $700 new, the Chinese-made trikes are being snapped up by ambitious motorcycle taxi drivers eager to exploit new markets.

But the taxis are too expensive for the farmers, who rent cyclos at a daily rate of 53 cents.

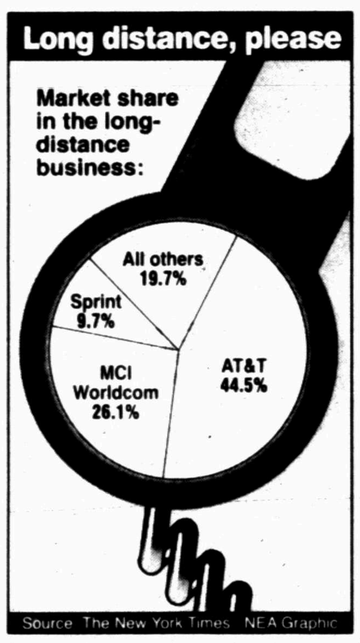
"I'm afraid we may soon be out of business because of those three-wheeled taxis," says cyclo driver Kang Cheat, also a rural transplant. "They are powered by an engine, while we rely on our muscles."

All that muscle power earns only about $2.60 a day, with half of that going for food and renting the cyclo.

The U.N. World Food Program plans to distribute 33,000 tons of rice to hungry rural families by the end of the year. Most of the aid is given through the WFP's Food for Work program, which exchanges food for labor on community development projects.

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Bangladesh women smuggled illegally

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Chasing a dream of a better life, Ibrahim Mia and his five daughters set out from their squalid village in Bangladesh to take up promised jobs in Pakistan.

A year later he was back — without his daughters.

Unscrupulous employment agents, promising lucrative jobs, smuggled the Mia family across the border into India. After traveling hundreds of miles toward the border with Pakistan, the agents handed the father to Indian authorities and disappeared with the girls, ages 9 through 16.

The case is one of dozens cited in a United Nations-sponsored report about the growing traffic in girls and young women in South Asia.

Tens of thousands of them are believe to end up in brothels or as cheap labor in homes and sweatshops in towns and cities in India, Pakistan, Dubai or Kuwait, women's activists say.

"It is impossible to count how many people are trafficked across the border each year," said Salma Ali, who heads an organization of lawyers campaigning against human trafficking.

"There is a great demand for underage girls in brothels in India and Pakistan as they are believed to be free from sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS," said Ali, of the Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association.

The Association, from January to March this year, rescued and repatriated 64 women and children from brothels and detention centers for illegal immigrants in India and Pakistan.

The study says recruitment agents prowl Bangladesh villages, where employment opportunities are few and poverty runs deep, offering respectable factory jobs and good marriage prospects in the Arab countries of the gulf.

The agents provide phony travel papers and bribe border guards. Some girls are abducted or bought from their parents or guardians.

Studies are only beginning to hone in on the extent of the traffic. The report, conducted by Ali's group and sponsored by the U.N. Children's Fund, examined 10 border villages believed to be main transit points.

The researchers found at least 50 people, including 42 women or girls, were taken across the border between September 1998 and June 1999. Most of the women were either divorced or widowed, and the girls were between the ages of 13 and 16, the report said.

According to the Lawyers Association, at least 25,000 people illegally cross the border each year.

Bangladesh and India share a 2,500 mile border, which officials say is inadequately manned and not clearly demarcated in places. India is the gateway to Pakistan and the Middle East for many aspiring migrants from Bangladesh.

Thousands of people cross the border every day to visit families, to get medical treatment or education, or as tourists and shoppers. It is nearly impossible to identify those being taken unlawfully.

People traveling by boat up along rivers that traverse the border or the coast of the Bay of Bengal often are not checked for visas.

Government officials admit illegal travelers are often difficult to detect.

"We cannot prevent people from crossing borders as it would be a violation of human rights," a Home Ministry official said.

He said Dhaka had no plans to introduce exit visas for women and children or a requirement that they be accompanied by a male relative, as some other Muslim countries do.

Under Bangladeshi law, the maximum punishment is death for trafficking in women and children. But few cases are ever brought to trial since most victims cannot identify the traffickers, who usually give false names and addresses.

"Sometimes we face hurdles while repatriating the victims as neither country wants to take the responsibility," Ali said. "

New Zealand premier concedes defeat

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Prime Minister Jenny Shipley conceded defeat Saturday in New Zealand's general election, ending nine years of conservative rule and ushering in a new center-left coalition.

Shipley spoke to supporters as early returns showed the coalition headed by Labor leader Helen Clark on its way to victory. With over a third of the vote counted, TV1 projected that Labor would oust Shipley's National Party.

"It appears that New Zealand has decided it is time for a change," Shipley said, her voice cracking. "I have spoken to the Right Honorable Helen Clark and I have warmly congratulated her on her success."

The Clark-Shipley race was the nation's first general election to feature two women battling for the premiership. Shipley, who became prime minister in November 1997, ran on her free-market ideals and promises of tax cuts for individuals and businesses.

"If you want more disposable income through reducing taxes and for New Zealand to be highly competitive internationally, please give National the party vote on Saturday," she said in a televised appeal Friday.

But Clark apparently won out with her pledges to raise taxes on the rich. The proposed levies are intended to help fund improvements in social and health services and to set up a venture capital fund for new businesses.

"I think New Zealanders are looking forward to a fresh start in the new century with a government committed to a better deal for the ordinary hardworking people," Clark said before the balloting.

Preliminary results showed Labor winning 52 seats, up from 37 in the 1996 election. National was down from 44 to 41 seats. The Alliance party had 11 seats, down two from 1996, and the Greens, competing in their first election, had six in the 120-seat parliament.

Labor will lead a coalition including Alliance and supported by the Greens.

"We are disappointed, of course," Treasurer Bill English, a National Party member, told TV1.

"National has been around a long time, we will take our medicine," he said. "What I want now is sit down and look at what went wrong."

The early results confirmed what pollsters have been saying for months — that Labor was almost certain to lead the next government. Analysts interpret the swing to the left as a simple desire for change.

Two nonbinding citizen-initiated referendums were also on the ballot. One recommended tougher sentences for criminals, while the other suggests that the number of lawmakers in parliament be reduced from 120 to 99. Based on early returns, both looked likely to pass.

A high turnout approaching 90 percent was expected.

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FBI seizes records of former official

PHOENIX (AP) — The FBI has seized documents belonging to a former Arizona state official accused of using his position to influence a gas company merger that could earn him millions of dollars.

FBI agents on Tuesday confiscated documents from the home of Jack Rose, a former executive secretary of the Corporation Commission, a state board that regulates utilities and the trading of public companies.

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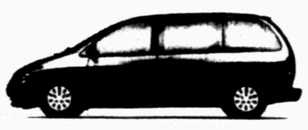
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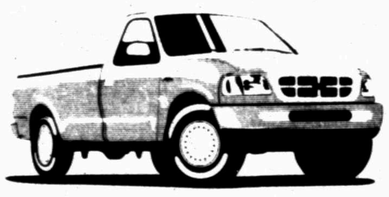
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Exxon-Mobil...

FTC expected to recommend merger

NEW YORK (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission has signaled to the states its intention to recommend the approval of Exxon's $81 billion acquisition of Mobil, which would create one of the world's largest energy companies, government officials close to the deal said Saturday.

Some states indicated they were not satisfied with the divestiture proposal — including the sale of about 2,400 gas stations nationwide — that was worked by the companies and the agency, although it is unlikely those states could block the merger.

"We're still concerned about the overall anti-competitive effects of so huge a merger with so sweeping an effect in consolidating ownership and control, and about the possible harm to consumers," Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said in an interview Saturday.

He said Connecticut opposes the deal. The New York Times, which reported Saturday on the pending FTC vote, said New Hampshire also notified federal regulators that it was leaning against the deal. Other states, including Texas and California, have agreed with the terms offered by Mobil and Exxon.

Two government officials close to the talks, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the FTC's five commissioners were expected to vote on the deal early next week.

The news comes as federal and some state officials have raised antitrust questions about another large oil merger, BP Amoco's proposed $29 billion purchase of Atlantic Richfield Co.

The centerpiece of the agreement between Exxon and Mobil — respectively the nation's largest and second-largest oil producers — is the sale of about 2,400 gas stations, roughly 15 percent of the companies' retailers around the country. Exxon would also sell a refinery in Benicia, Calif., and the companies would sell substantial interests in several pipelines throughout the United States.

In the BP Amoco-Arco deal, executives from the companies are expected to reach a final agreement allaying antitrust and other concerns raised by the state of Alaska, said Bob King.

Russian forces continue shelling Grozny

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — More than 500 people in Grozny were believed killed in a ferocious Russian shelling of the Chechen capital, the city's mayor said Saturday, as Russian artillery methodically continued the assault.

Russian units in the area of Alkhan-Yurt and Alkhan-Kala, five miles south of Grozny, unleashed hundreds of rockets at the city in the assault, which began Thursday night and ended early Friday. Similar attacks came from Russian artillery batteries to the north and east of the city.

It was the fiercest assault since the military campaign began, and much of the city has been reduced to rubble. The Russian military said hardly any living quarters remained intact after the assault. In buildings that have not collapsed, roofs have been torn off, and windows and doors shattered, Interfax said.

Grozny's mayor, Lecha Dudayev, told the Interfax news agency that survivors' reported at least 260 confirmed killed, but also indicated the death toll would be at least twice that, topping 500. The survivors' accounts could not be independently confirmed, and an accurate death toll is unlikely until after the shelling stops.

Russian artillery and Grad rocket launchers continued pounding the southern outskirts of the city Saturday, the news agency reported.

New, ultramodern ferry sinks off Norway, 20 feared dead

OSLO, Norway (AP) — People in this seafaring nation are expressing bewilderment and shock over the fatal sinking of a brand-new, ultramodern ferry that was equipped with the latest in high-tech navigation and rescue equipment.

The 138-foot Sleipner catamaran with 89 people aboard ran aground in familiar waters and sank on Friday evening, leaving as many as 20 people feared dead. Eleven deaths were already confirmed by early Saturday.

"The boats we use are new, with top modern equipment," said Arne Dvergsdal, of the local HSD ferry company that owned the ship. "It's incomprehensible that this could happen."

The high-speed ferry, just three months old, was streaking through the winter darkness and rough waters of the North Sea off Norway when it hit ground. Roughly 45 minutes later, it sank less than a mile from land.

One survivor, Haavard Rossland, told Norwegian television that he watched from the cold water as the ship's stern tilted into the air and then slid under the waves.

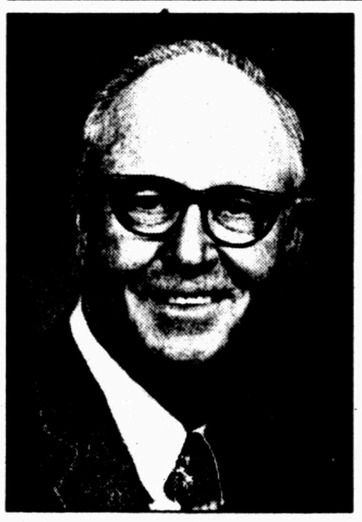
"It was like the film Titanic," he said. "I saw the Titanic before me."

Rescuers said there were 80 passengers and nine crew aboard. Some 14 hours after the accident, 11 people ranging in age from 17 to 78 were confirmed dead and nine were missing in the accident near Haugesund, about 250 miles west of Oslo.

At least 17 people were being treated for hypothermia or other injuries, including one in critical condition, according to reports. Others went straight home or were treated and released.

The Sleipner went down in one of the toughest stretches of a long coast.

Obituaries



Roscie Williams

Roscie Williams

1930-1999

Roscie Williams Jr., lifetime resident of Scurry County, died Friday, Nov. 26, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Service for Mr. Williams, 69, is set for 2:30 Sunday in the First Baptist Church in Snyder. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Visitation was set for 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church, Dayton McCarter and Alan Culp will officiate.

Born on March 16, 1930 in Hermleigh, he married Golia Faye Armstrong on Nov. 10, 1950 in the Hermleigh First Baptist parsonage. He was a minister of the Gospel and a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Golia Faye Williams of Snyder; three daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Dwayne Riggs of Colorado City, Darlene and Nelson Eckert of Hermleigh and Carlene and Steve Lee of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Ricky and Terri Williams of Snyder; four sisters, Loreta Hallman of Inadale, Sybil Minyard and Juanita Grover of Snyder and Izora Browning of Midland.

Other survivors include seven brothers, Aubrey Williams of Hermleigh, Wint Williams and Fred Williams, both of Odessa, F.R. "Bear" Williams of Snyder, Ted Williams of Post, Bob Williams of Muldrow, Okla., and Tommy Williams of Belgrade, Mont.; grandchildren, Dwayne, Nicki, Angela, Johnnie and Ross Riggs; Jason, Lori and Janet Eckert; Staci and Cody Lee; and Shaye, Matthew and Aaron Williams; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Ross and Delia Williams; a sister, Mary Lee Williams; and a brother, G.B. Williams.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons with Cody, Matthew and Aaron being assisted by Dwayne Riggs, Nelson Eckert and Steve Lee. Honorary pallbearers will be his brothers, the men of First Baptist Church in Hermleigh, and his nephews.

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Frances McGaha

1908-1999

Frances Lewis McGaha, a lifelong resident of Snyder, died Thursday, Nov. 24, at Christi Lee Manor in Colorado City following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. McGaha, 91, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday at 37th Street Church of Christ. Burial will follow in Ira Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 10, 1908 in Snyder, she married Judd McGaha on Dec. 8, 1928 in Snyder. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. McGaha worked for Piggly Wiggly and for Everybody's Thriftway for many years. She was a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Roaald McGaha.

Survivors include a son, Gearald McGaha of Snyder; and two grandsons, Gearald "Scooter" McGaha Jr. of Colorado City and Greg McGaha of Anchorage, Alaska.

L.M. Reep

1917-1999

ANTON — L.M. Reep, 82, of Anton died Thursday, Nov. 25, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Service for Mr. Reep will be held was held Saturday in the First Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Anton Cemetery.

Born on Nov. 4, 1917 in Fisher County, he married Dortha Davis on Oct. 21, 1939 at Camp Springs. Mr. Reep had farmed in the Anton area since 1949 and was a member of the Anton First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dewey Reep, on May 14, 1974, and by a daughter, Janice Hall on Dec. 2, 1988.

Survivors include his wife, Dortha Reep of Anton; three sons, Phil Reep of Lubbock, Rick Reep of Morton and Tim Reep of Denver City; two sisters, Roxie Etheridge of Hobbs, Texas, and Abbie Tankersley of Rotan; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Various offense reports are filed

A variety of offense reports were filed Friday and early Saturday ranging from dog bite to burglary.

An officer was called to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room at 10:44 a.m. Friday in reference to a dog bite victim.

An offense report for Class C theft was submitted at 11:02 a.m. Friday at Town & Country on North College in reference to a gas drive-off in the amount of $17.32.

A clerk with Town & Country on East Coliseum reported a gas drive-off in the amount of $10 at 5:57 p.m. Officers filed an offense report for Class C theft.

Junior Ingram requested an officer at B&F Well Service at 5:15 a.m. Saturday in reference to a mobile phone being stolen from his vehicle while it was parked at his residence in the 2700 block of 37th Street. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

Four subjects were taken into custody as the weekend began.

A 25-year-old male was arrested at 3:48 p.m. in the 2700 block of Avenue K on a warrant for motion to revoke probation.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 34-year-old male into custody at 4:15 p.m. at U.S. Hwy. 84 milepost 408 for driving while license suspended.

At 8:26 p.m., an 18-year-old male was taken into custody on a capias pro fine warrant for exhibition of acceleration. Officers arrested him in the 3500 block of College.

Public intoxication resulted in the arrest of a 47-year-old female at 10:38 p.m. Friday. She was taken into custody in the 1700 block of North Avenue P.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a report of a power line pole on fire at 3:54 p.m. Friday about one mile inside Scurry County from Garza County. Damage was limited to the pole.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Choir Poinsettia sale

Poinsettias sold by SHS choir will arrive Monday and will be available for pickup or delivery during the week.

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.

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 Salt of the Earth," followed by "Why Did Jesus Come?"

Genealogy meeting

The Scurry County Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Anyone interested in genealogy is welcome.

Basketball parents meeting

Varsity and JV boys basketball parents will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the SHS student center.

Ira picture retakes

Picture retake day for Ira School will be Tuesday for anyone who was not photographed in September or anyone wanting to get another package made. Also, pictures will be taken for the basketball teams as well as class favorites (grades 9-12), junior FFA, NHS, Student Council, high school FFA, FHA, and FCA. Envelopes for the basketball pictures and retakes will be passed out on Monday.

Tiger's Lair senior dedications

Dedications for the SHS yearbook are due Wednesday. The cost is $40. To reserve a space, call Katie Henson at 573-6301.

Rotary Christmas dinner

Members and spouses of the Snyder Rotary Club will have a Christmas dinner and party at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. To make reservations call 573-6963 or 573-0187 by Monday.

Auxiliary Discovery Toys show

The Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor a Discovery Toys show from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday in the hospital board room.

Christmas open house

The Scurry County courthouse employees will host an open house on Saturday, Dec. 4, immediately following the lighted Christmas parade. Refreshments will be served.

Faith Baptist Church anniversary

Faith Baptist Church will have 30th anniversary services Sunday, Dec. 5. Services will be at 10 and 10:50 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. Preaching will be Chris Boatman of Aransas Pass and singing will be the Alton Wiedel family of Fort Worth.

Library extends hours

Scurry County Library has extended its 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.

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.

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.

Support groups

Support groups for Cancer, Grief and Divorce Recovery meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month 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.

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

(three, thirty-five, forty-four, ninety)

3, 35, 45, 90

Pick 3

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

3-6-0

(three, six, zero)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

1-8-20-34-35

(one, eight, twenty, thirty-four, thirty-five)

Ulster Unionists approve Belfast peace conference

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Overcoming hard-line colleagues and swallowing their own deep skepticism, senior members of Northern Ireland's largest party voted Saturday to back compromise plans for saving the Belfast peace accord.

The 480-349 vote of the Ulster Unionist Party's governing council clears the way for the party leader, David Trimble, to try to form a new Protestant-Catholic government for Northern Ireland without waiting for the Irish Republican Army to start disarming.

NASA making nervous return to Red Planet

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Just two months after metrics and management doomed the last mission to Mars, NASA is about to attempt the trickier task of landing a probe on the Red Planet to search for water, study the climate and analyze the atmosphere.

Much more than science is now riding on the Mars Polar Lander: It's become a test of NASA's ability to explore the solar system on a shoestring budget, a trial of the "faster, better, cheaper" way of doing more missions with less money.

"The tension on the team is up by several factors because of what happened," said Richard Cook, the spacecraft operations manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, referring to the loss of the Mars Climate Orbiter in September.

"People want to get back to having the feeling that we can in fact do things like this," he said.

Polar Lander is headed for a Dec. 3 touchdown roughly 500 miles north of the planet's south pole, the first landing in the region. Scientists hope layers of dust and possibly ice will reveal secrets of Mars' climatic past during the 90-day mission.

Researchers want to find out what happened to the water that is believed to have flowed across the planet. Instruments will measure vapor in the atmosphere while a claw attached to a robotic arm will collect samples to be cooked and analyzed for water.

Before anything can be studied, the lander must arrive safely at its destination — something the Mars Climate Orbiter failed to do. The orbiter and lander were both made by the same company and managed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

An investigation confirmed the orbiter burned up in or bounced off the Martian atmosphere Sept. 23 because its builder, Lockheed Martin Astronautics, used pound and feet instead of metric units in a file critical to navigating the $125 million probe. It was quickly determined the same problem does not affect the lander.

More troubling were findings that JPL failed to communicate concerns with Lockheed and that navigators had a lack of knowledge about the orbiter. JPL was also faulted for understaffing and inadequate training in the Mars program.

NASA's investigation uncovered potential problems with the lander, too, including one involving the cold start of thrusters whose pulses will gently guide the $165 million, 1,270-pound probe toward the surface. A fix has since been found.

Officials maintain that the metrics problem was not discovered in time because rules were not followed, insisting that the space agency's policy of "faster, better, cheaper" missions played no significant role.

"Starting about a year ago, four interplanetary spacecraft were launched in 31/2 months. All four spacecraft worked. That's a fairly impressive record," said JPL Director Edward Stone. "And the cost of those four was one-third the cost of the Galileo mission (to Jupiter)."

Analysts who follow NASA disagree, arguing that shortcuts were taken because the program is increasingly understaffed and crews are overworked.

"They're basically trying to take 15-gallon trips on 10 gallons of gas," said John Pike, director of space policy at the Federation of American Scientists.

He said the loss of the lander would force NASA to take a hard look at "cheaper, faster, better."

"It's sort of like going after the Watergate burglars and ignoring Nixon," Pike said. "This report seemed to be more focused on fixing the blame on incompetent middle managers than on fixing the problem of not enough people."

A return to the days of billion-dollar missions every 10 years is unlikely, but some suggest taking steps to make the interplanetary exploration program less ambitious or update rules so they are more in line with the tight-budget era.

Space agency officials say the landing is not an impossible mission. Staff have been added. Navigators are double-checking every aspect of the lander's entry, descent and landing. Scientists are working to make sure data can be returned.

"Everything that can be done is being done," said Carl Pilcher, NASA's science director for solar system exploration. "There is no aspect of this mission that is not being re-examined to make sure it is the way it needs to be."

One of the benefits of "faster, better, cheaper" is that the loss of a single spacecraft is not devastating to the entire program, like the 1993 disappearance of the $1 billion Mars Observer.

Smaller, less expensive spacecraft now launch to Mars every two years. The loss of the lander could stall the campaign.

"The science of this particular mission is not decisive, but maintaining the momentum of the campaign is," said Robert Zubrin, president of the Mars Society. "In that sense, there's a lot riding on this."

Ongoing debate: When does millennium begin?

CHICAGO (AP) — Chester Nerheim gets mad a lot these days. Every time he turns on the TV or opens his newspaper, somebody is talking about how the new millennium is just weeks away.

He's put in calls to everyone from the editor of his hometown newspaper in Muskegon, Mich., to radio commentator Paul Harvey.

He'll tell anyone who'll listen that, hey, the new millennium won't start until Jan. 1, 2001. All his talk — not to mention the fact that he got his grandson to raise the issue with his junior high teacher — has his wife muttering something about giving it a rest.

"I'm not a perfect individual, but I think right is right and I guess on this issue I'm kind of adamant," says the 76-year-old Nerheim. "I like to see things kind of square."

He's not alone. All across the country, so-called millennium purists are phoning, writing and e-mailing complaints about everything from talking M&Ms who proclaim themselves the "Official Candy of the New Millennium" to America Online's "Countdown to the Millennium."

Their point: The new millennium really begins on Jan. 1, 2001, more than 13 months away.

They're even voting. On Millennium 321, the self-proclaimed "official" Web Site of the new millennium, more than 9,000 electronic votes have been cast — more than 80 percent coming down on the side of Jan. 1, 2001.

The furor has spawned other Web sites, including one belonging to the Real Millennium Group, which millennium 2001 types can join, buy a T-shirt, and scold those who don't agree with them, or don't care.

"Well, then, let's just say that two plus two equals nine," Jim Bergevin, founder of the Real Miillennium Group, wrote to someone suggesting that 2000 be made the millennium to "solve all the problems and fighting."

Bergevin, the general manager of Slocum's Bowlodrome in Ewing, N.J., has taken on the anonymous and the famous. "This is the stupidest thing I have seen yet," he wrote on the Web site after opening Peter Jennings' book, "The Century," and reading how the 20th century will end Dec. 31, 1999.

Jennings himself got a letter for that one. TV Guide has heard from Bergevin, too.

"What really bugs me is (that) people are ignoring history," Bergevin said.

That history is the work of a monk named Dionysius Exiguus, who's also been called Dennis the Small or Denny the Runt, depending on who's translating his name.

About 1,500 years ago, Dionysius was assigned by a pope to calculate the exact date of Easter. In doing that, he came up with a calendar that begins with A.D. 1, which he calculated as the year of Christ's birth.

It seems he made a mistake on the birth year, which means in all likelihood the millennium was actually three or four years ago. But that's another story.

He's also been criticized for starting with one rather than zero. But since the Roman numeral system in use at the time had no zero, it's tough to call him on that one.

Whatever problems he had, that calendar is all the history so-called millennium purists need.

"The inexorable mathematical logic which cannot be refuted is that the year 2000 is the last year of this millennium and 2001 is the first of the next millennium," said Frank Morgan, a mathematics professor at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.

The Royal Greenwich Observatory and the United States Naval Observatory have weighed in on the side of the 2001 people.

So have some Trekkies. Nobody takes their star dates more seriously. And while the nationwide network of Star Trek fan clubs hasn't taken an official position, it's no secret where Trekkie sentiments lie.

"Mr. Spock would say the year 2001," said Richard Benker, a 58-year-old fleet captain in Starfleet International and auto parts store employee in Las Vegas. "If Vulcans celebrated the new year, that's when they would celebrate it."

So what's the big deal? Some say there isn't one.

"It's like a kid born at 11:45 at night on January 6," said University of Kansas mathematics professor Saul Stahl. "On his 10th birthday you celebrate in the afternoon. You don't wait until 11:45 to say he's 10 even though you know technically he's not 10."

Then, he adds, "My position is I really don't care."

Nerheim hates that kind of talk. "The editor of the Chronicle told me, 'Yeah, you're right, but what difference does it make?'" he said. "I took umbrage at that."

Larry Smith, co-founder of Millennium 321, calls such disregard for the truth "very dangerous," particularly for children. "I want my kids to learn history as fact," he said. "With movies like 'JFK,' that's very difficult to do these days.

"This is just another link in that chain. We're just sort of blurring the line."

Special counsel given custody of shell casings

WACO (AP) — A federal judge has ordered the FBI to turn over 12 bullet shell casings to the special counsel re-investigating the Branch Davidian siege.

U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith of Waco said the casings must be turned over to John Danforth for independent testing, along with crime scene photographs taken by the Texas Rangers and FBI, and diaries, notes and other paperwork.






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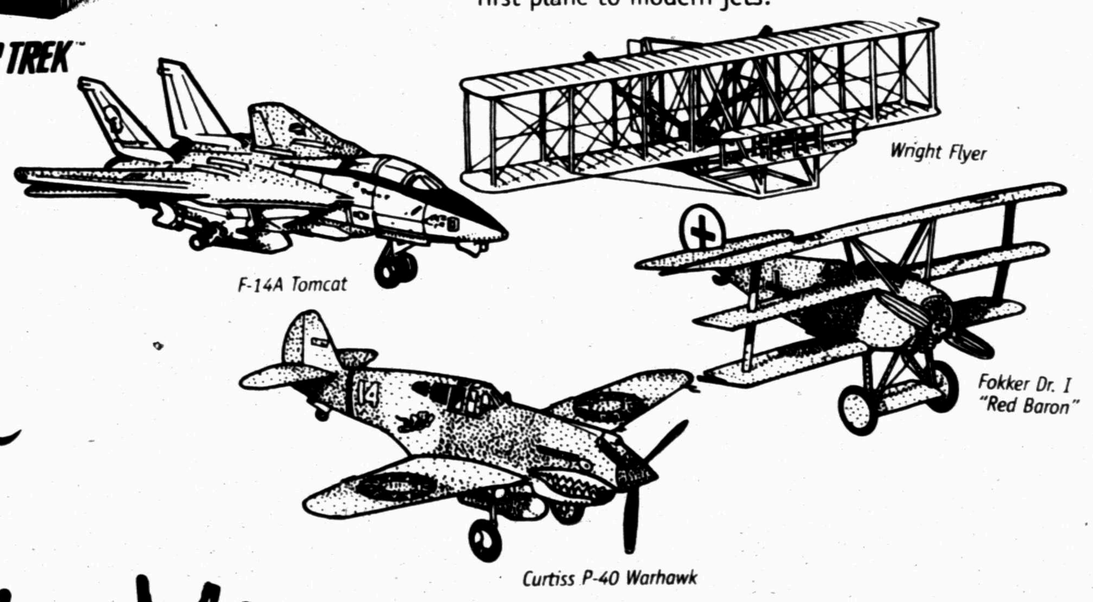
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Friday, Nov. 19

Monte West directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Billisue Stuard, Monte West.
3. Ann Davis, Louise Thompson.
4. Mippy Brownlee, ElWanda Nall.

Sunday, Nov. 21

Jane Hinton directed.

1. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
2. Nona Morrison, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Pat Floyd, Billisue Stuard.

Tuesday, Nov. 23

Jane Hinton directed.

1. Tizzy Hall, Louise Thompson.
2. Mippy Brownlee, Shirley Stewart.
3. TIE. Nona Morrison, Maribeth Vestal tied with Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.

The driest place on earth is Arica-Antonfagasta, on the Pacific coast of Chile, with an annual mean rainfall of 0.004 inches.



DECEMBER NUPTIALS SET — Mr. and Mrs. Steve West of Albuquerque, N.M. announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Stephanie, to Cody Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Lewis of Amarillo, formerly of Snyder. They are planning a Dec. 11 ceremony in the Mountainside Church of Christ, 12300 Indian School Road North East, Albuquerque. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	11-27-99
	♠ A K 8 5	
	♥ 7	
	♦ A Q 5	
	♣ J 7 5 3 2	
West		**East**
♠ 7 3		♠ 9 2
♥ 10 9 8 6		♥ K Q J 5 3 2
♦ 9 4 3		♦ J 8 7 6
♣ A 9 8 6		♣ 4
	South	
	♠ Q J 10 6 4	
	♥ A 4	
	♦ K 10 2	
	♣ K Q 10	

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	2 ♥
2 ♠	4 ♥	4 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K!

From the southern islands

By Phillip Alder

Last but not least, we come to the bimonthly New Zealand Bridge. In a small-page format, it includes material for all levels of player. It probably contains more technical errors than other magazines, but it also has far more real-life bridge. For example, you are South, the declarer in six spades. Yet East leads the heart king out of turn. What would you do?

First, you must call for the tournament director (TD). He will explain your options, which are: (a.) To accept the lead and spread your hand as the dummy; your partner becomes the declarer; (b.) To accept the lead and have partner spread the dummy; you remain the declarer and play second to trick one; (c.) Not to accept the lead. Then, (c.i.) you may require West to lead a heart or prohibit West from leading one. In either case, East picks up the heart king and may play any card. Or, (c.ii.) you may let West do whatever he likes. Then, the heart king must be played at the first legal opportunity.

Two hearts was a weak jump overcall, showing a decent six-card suit and some 6-10 points. Four no-trump was Roman Key Card Blackwood, the reply promising either three aces or two aces and the spade king.

The late national TD, Harry Goldwater, had this rule: Accept a lead out of turn. If a player doesn't know whose lead it is, he probably won't know what to lead.

It works perfectly here, but South asked West not to lead a heart. So, that worthy started with the ace and another club — one down!

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School Menu

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk; all breakfasts on the menu offer a choice of assorted cereal, toast with jelly, and juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Oatmeal
Tuesday
Biscuit w/Jelly
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday menus not available.
LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Fresh Apple
Tuesday
Hot Dog on a Bun or
Chicken Tetrazzini
Carrots
Oven Fries
Cookie

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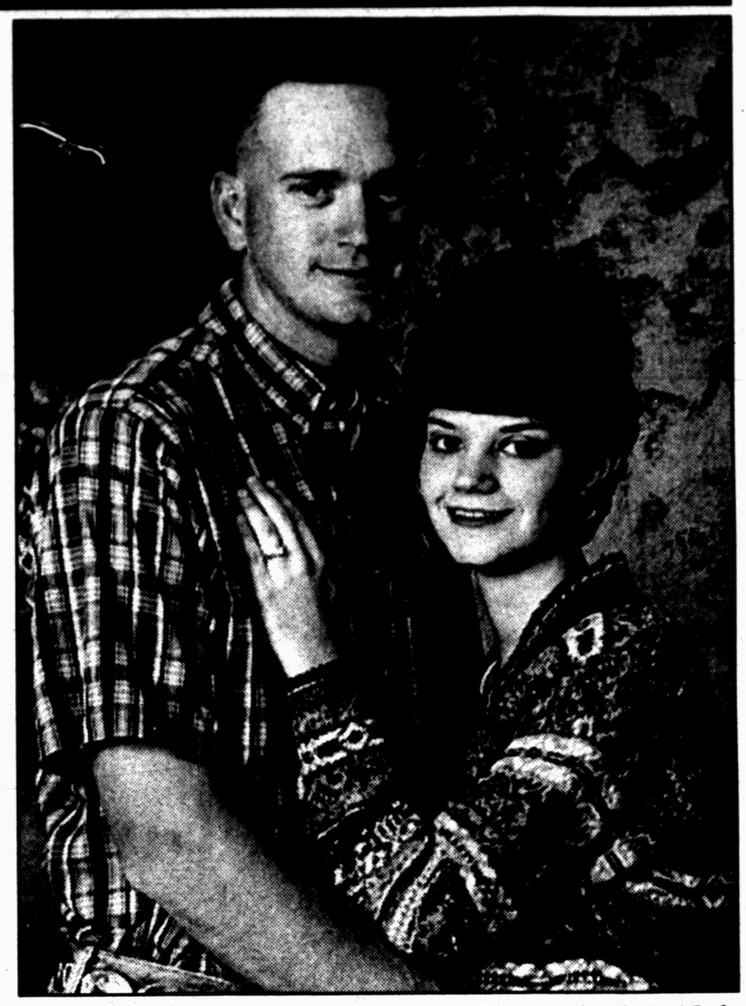
All meals are served with milk.
BREAKFAST
Monday
Juice
Cheese Toast
Tuesday
Fruit
Buttered Grits
Toast
Wednesday
Juice
French Toast Sticks
Thursday
Juice
Dry Cereal
Friday
Fruit
Sausage/Biscuits
LUNCH
Monday
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Biscuits
Apricot Cobbler
Tuesday
Chili Dogs
Tater Tots
Relish Cup
Pineapple Cake
Wednesday
Barbecued Pork Rib Patties
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Hot Rolls
Blonde Brownies
Thursday
Chicken Fajitas/Salsa
Refried Beans
Tortilla Chips
Chilled Pears
Friday
Hamburgers
Burger Salad
French Fries
Iced Graham Crackers

Ira

Monday
Beef Patties w/Brown Gravy
Green Beans
Bread
Brownies
Tuesday
Steak Fingers
Parsley Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Plain Cake
Wednesday
Vegetable Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Peanut Butter Chewies
Peaches
Thursday
Fish Sticks
French Fries
Pinto Beans
Biscuits
Cookies
Friday
Steak Sandwich
Chips
Orange



A group of pheasants is properly referred to as a nye.



JUNE WEDDING PLANS — James and Margaret Stanley of Lubbock, formerly of Matador, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill, to Greg Kitchens, son of George and Patsy Kitchens of Snyder. Jill, a 1998 graduate of Motley County High School, is a sophomore elementary education major at Texas Tech University and is employed at Comet Cleaners. Greg, a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School, is a junior ag education major at Texas Tech University and is employed by C.P. Masters. They will be married on June 3 at Oakwood United Methodist Church in Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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, 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.

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.

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 CountyLibrary News & Views

Scurry County Library staff reminds everyone that Children's Storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday. The staff presents stories, poems, fingerplay exercises and crafts. Sometimes they have flannelgraph stories or puppet shows.

Storytime lasts about 45 minutes, and the staff asks parents to remain in the building and browse during this time.

BOOK FEATURE

"No Future Without Forgiveness," by Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

With a clarity of pitch born out of decades of experience, Archbishop Tutu shows readers how to move forward with honesty and compassion to build a newer and more humane world. He presents a bold spirituality that recognizes the horrors people can inflict on one another, yet retains a sense of idealism about reconciliation. His country is seeking to move forward from despotism to democracy via and unprecedented method to heal a nation.

NEW NON-FICTION

"Handcrafted Weddings: Over 100 projects and Ideas for Personalizing Your Wedding."

"Journey Beyond Selene; Remarkable expeditions past our moon...," by Jeffrey Kluger.

"Landing It: My Life On and Off the Ice," by Scott Hamilton.

NEW FICTION

"The Killing Game," by Iris Johansen.

"Family Honor," by Robert B. Parker.

"Worst Fears Realized," by Stuart Woods.

"A Head for Poisoning," by Simon Beaufort.

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Senior Center Menu

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Tuesday

Baked ham, macaroni & cheese, spinach, orange whip, chocolate chip cookie

Wednesday

Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, green beans, jellied citrus salad, white cake/strawberries

Thursday

Chicken spaghetti, green peas, vegetables, heavenly delight salad, apple cutie pie

Friday

Fried fish, broccoli and rice, tater tots, tossed salad, peanut butter chewies

Senior Center News

AARP is offering a $55 Alive defensive driving course on Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until the finish. The cost is $8.

Participants are encouraged to contact their automobile insurance agents bcause, in some cases, the companies will offer a discount if the driver has taken this course. To participate, call the Senior Center at 573-4035.

Some 213 seniors enjoyed the Thanksgiving dinner, and 149 meals were delivered to shut-ins. Everyone had a wonderful time visiting and enjoying the dinner music by Barbara Tune. Now is the time to start pre-registration for the Christmas dinner scheduled Dec. 17.

Don't miss the daily exercise because of the cold weather. Seniors may walk in Travis Gym, ride the center's exercise bikes, join swimnastics or daily exercise, line dance or clog.

Monday

Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. Volunteers will be needed at 10 a.m. to help decorate the Christmas trees.

Tuesday

Seniors may play bingo from 10-11:45 a.m. with a break at 11 a.m. for exercise. All seniors are welcome to join them.

Wednesday

Kitchen Band members will entertain at Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. Line dancers and cloggers will practice at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively. Newcomers welcome.

Thursday

The AARP 55 Alive defensive driving course will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. until finish. The fabric painting class meets at 9 a.m. and the domino tournament begins at 10 a.m. The Senior Center will open at 6 p.m. for game night. All seniors are encouraged to join the fun.

Friday

Blood pressure and bridge both begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play "88" at 10 and join the sing-al-long at 11:30 a.m. Jeannie Williams from Council on Government will give a short talk on benefits that are available for senior citizens.

Mexico defends plans to require deposits for cars

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico will begin collecting deposits of up to $800 for U.S.-registered cars crossing the border next week, officials said Friday as they defended a program that has come under strong criticism on both sides of the border.

More than 350 workers have fanned out to the 12 largest border-crossing points to put the program into place in time for Wednesday's start, Treasury Ministry officials told reporters.

The officials said the new system will avoid fraud and corruption, and tried to reassure Americans and Mexicans residing in the United States that their money will be safe.

"We ask for understanding. That is all we can do," said Omar Fayad, Mexico's general administrator of customs.

Under the new program, any driver with U.S. license plates will need to leave a cash or credit-card deposit at the border when they enter Mexico. They will get a hologram sticker for their windshield, and recover their deposits when they leave Mexico.

The deposits will be $400 for car models older than 1994, $600 for models 1994-98, and $800 for models 1999 and 2000. In addition, all drivers will be charged a $15 fee.

The Baja California Peninsula, parts of Sonora state and a 15-mile strip along the border will be exempt.

The government says the move is necessary to prevent the illegal importation of cars, which often are cheaper in the United States, and to protect the domestic car industry. Officials claim more than 10 percent of cars in Mexico are illegal, U.S.-registered cars.

Treasury officials estimated that 150,000 cars will cross into Mexico this month alone, and said the yearly average is more than 650,000.

Critics say the measure will reduce U.S. tourism to Mexico because many Americans are uneasy with the idea of entrusting such large quantities of money to the government, or simply don't have the cash or a credit card.

In addition, groups representing Mexicans living in the United States say the deposits will make it hard for many to return home — and accuse the Mexican government of a Grinch-like move just before the Christmas holidays.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush has asked Mexican officials to reconsider, saying Texas residents won't be able to visit friends and family or do business in Mexico.

Members of the U.S. Congress also have appealed to the White House to help them block the program, and some groups along the border have threatened boycotts of Mexican-made goods.

In an apparent attempt to placate Mexicans abroad, the Treasury officials announced a one-time increase in the limit of duty-free merchandise that Mexicans residing abroad can bring with them when they enter Mexico by car, from $50 a person to $300 a person.

The increase will be in effect from Dec. 1 until Jan. 10.

Pets die in kennel fire

DEWITT TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — An early morning fire at a central Michigan kennel killed 58 dogs and seven cats while many of their owners were away celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday.

Only 31 pets escaped the blaze at the Samarkand Kennel, just north of Lansing, DeWitt Township veterinarian Dr. Stephen Thimmig said Thursday.

South Texas farmers seek better times

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — To many South Texas farmers, it must seem that if it weren't for bad luck they'd have no luck at all.

After enduring record droughts in 1996 and 1998, producers prayed for a year of recovery. But plunging commodity prices and Hurricane Bret dashed their hopes for 1999.

"It was a very difficult year. Prices in general were at near-record low levels," Bob Stallman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "What concerns me is that with the '96 and '98 droughts, and now low prices, those accrued years of financial stresses are taking their toll. I am expecting some fallout."

Addressing those concerns will be a top priority Sunday when the Texas Farm Bureau's 66th Annual Convention opens in Corpus Christi. During the three-day meeting, the 313,000-member organization will discuss efforts to secure assistance from Congress and the Texas Legislature and ways to combat low cotton, feed and corn prices and rising production costs.

In the Coastal Bend, Hurricane Brett's August floods ruined a promising cotton crop, lowering yields per acre and cotton quality. Already low prices which began the year in the range of 60 cents per pound fell to about 50 cents.

"We had the potential for such an excellent crop," moaned farmer Morris Michalk of Bishop, about 30 miles southwest of Corpus Christi. "Even though the prices were low, at 2.5 bales of cotton an acre, you can still make some money. But at 1.5 bales at 50 cents a pound, you can't."

Many farmers survived the year only with government assistance, and more help will be needed next year, Stallman said.

Asia's economic crisis hammered commodity prices in 1998, and its effects on world supply and demand are still felt. Except for a spike in 1995, cotton prices have fallen steadily since 1994.

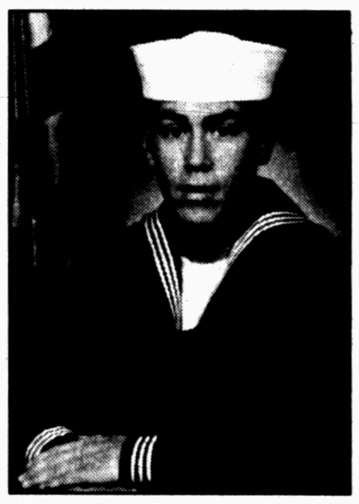
Adding insult to injury, this year's crop produced 20 percent fewer seeds for resale.

"Normally, we take the cotton to the gin to separate the seed from the lint, and the gin sells the cotton for us," said Edroy farmer James Ray Adams. "You can get $120 a ton for seed. This year, the cotton seed prices were $70 a ton. And the way the plants grew this year, we're actually having to pay the gin back some. So we took a double loss on it."

There have been a few bright spots among the dark days for cotton farmers. A successful boll-weevil eradication program saved millions in repeat pesticide sprayings, and those that got their crop harvested ahead of Bret had a record year.

Although planting for next season won't begin until February, many farmers are already struggling to fight off pessimism.

"There are no major prospects for price increases," Stallman said. "That's what makes it hardest for them."



Jesus Alonzo

Jesus Alonzo now stationed in Florida

Jesus Alonzo of Snyder graduated Nov. 12 from U.S. Navy basic training at Great Lakes, Ill. He is now stationed in Florida.

Alonzo is a 1998 graduate of Hobbs School. He is the son of Leonora and Pete Lopez of Snyder and the late Thomas Alonzo.

Alonzo's daughter, Alexus Daisha, and her mother, Alexandra Chairez, also live in Snyder.



Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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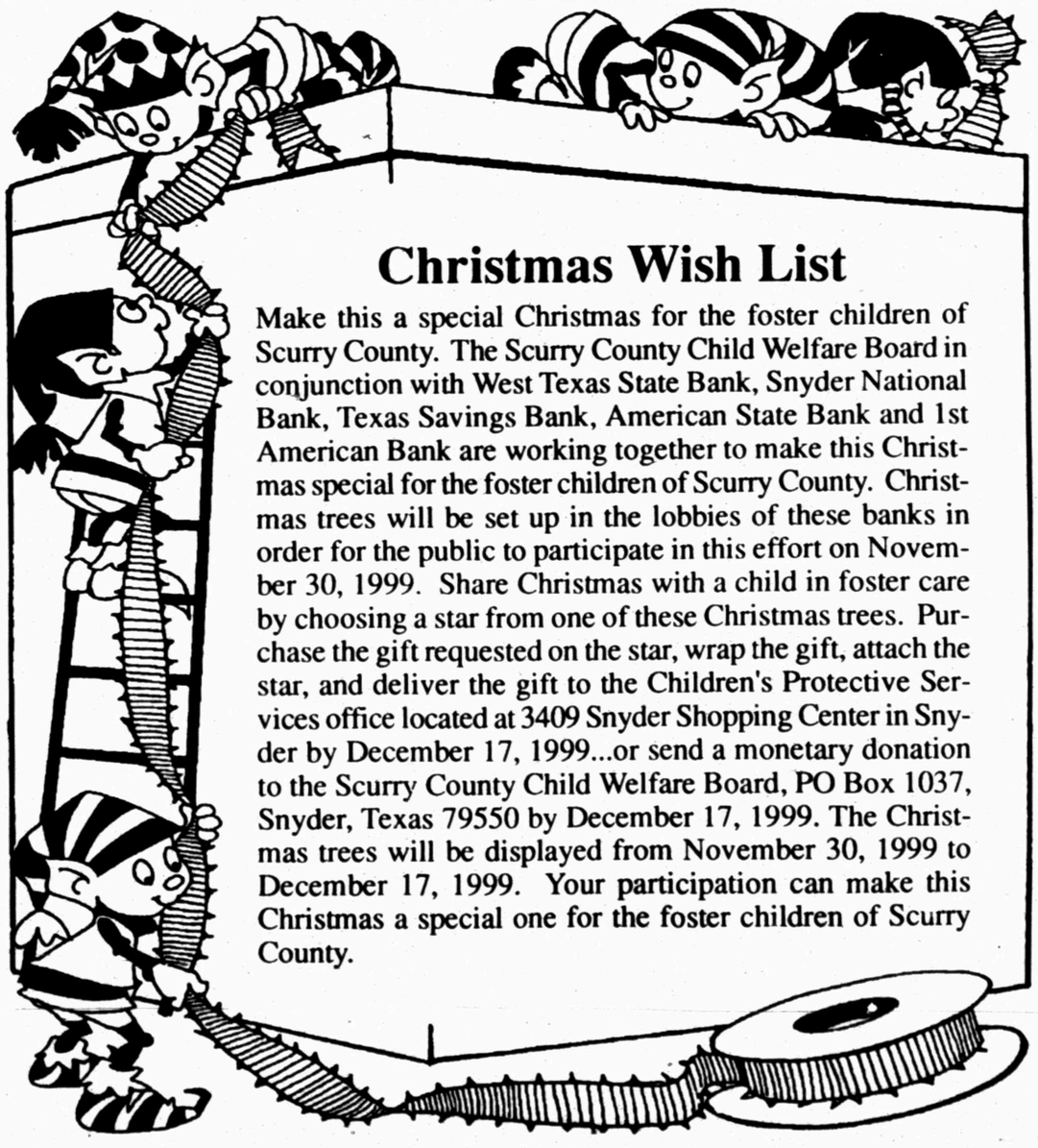
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Practice dropped

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — A county tax assessor has agreed to stop refusing to give property tax reductions to residents who can't speak English very well.

Madison County Tax Assessor Wayland Cooley was sued in 1996 by a Dominican couple and a Korean woman who said they were forced to overpay about $400 each year because Cooley wouldn't give them homestead exemptions and other waivers.

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Christmas Wish List

Make this a special Christmas for the foster children of Scurry County. The Scurry County Child Welfare Board in conjunction with West Texas State Bank, Snyder National Bank, Texas Savings Bank, American State Bank and 1st American Bank are working together to make this Christmas special for the foster children of Scurry County. Christmas trees will be set up in the lobbies of these banks in order for the public to participate in this effort on November 30, 1999. Share Christmas with a child in foster care by choosing a star from one of these Christmas trees. Purchase the gift requested on the star, wrap the gift, attach the star, and deliver the gift to the Children's Protective Services office located at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center in Snyder by December 17, 1999...or send a monetary donation to the Scurry County Child Welfare Board, PO Box 1037, Snyder, Texas 79550 by December 17, 1999. The Christmas trees will be displayed from November 30, 1999 to December 17, 1999. Your participation can make this Christmas a special one for the foster children of Scurry County.

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Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

For most people, a phone call at six in the morning can mean only one thing: bad news.

But since my husband works in an agriculture-related field, the only time he can get hold of some of his clients is in the predawn hours or after dark at night. So I wasn't alarmed when I grabbed for the phone. Kent's up at five every day and I knew I'd be handing it off quickly.

Then I heard my son's voice. "Mama," he said, "I'm calling to let you know that I'm all right."

I thought, he's been in a car wreck.

"Something terrible has happened," he said. "Bonfire collapsed."

The whole world seemed to collide with the stars in that one moment. Anybody who has ever known anything about Texas A&M bonfire knows that this is not just a stack of wood. It's a mammoth superstructure, held together with platforms and support beams and guywires and thousands of full-sized logs.

At any one time, there may be 50 students crawling around in hardhats, securing those logs with wire. It takes weeks to build.

"We just went off-shift at midnight," he said, referring to his Corps of Cadets outfit, D-1, known on-campus as Spider-D. "We were all back in the dorm. I was cramming for an exam, and I heard the sirens...and then guys were running down the halls of the dorm, yelling people's names, trying to find their friends..."

After a pause, he said, "We lost a Spider who was class of '99. A fifth-year senior who was finishing up his degree. He was working bonfire just because he liked to do it. Jeremy Frampton." He added softly, "He was a good guy. He was one of the good guys."

We weren't to know it at that time, but a total of 12 bright, beautiful young people would die. As of this writing, Monday, two more remain on life support, in critical condition. Dozens more were injured.

This was a tragedy beyond the scope of the human mind to embrace. And for our family, who has a rich Aggie tradition, it was almost unbearable. Add to that the fact that this young man had already buried his two closest friends before their 20th birthdays, before building a new life for himself at Aggieland...and you get a vague idea of the dimension of our grief.

But he would not permit us to grieve for him. "I didn't lose any of my closest friends this time," he insisted, "Don't waste your prayers on me. Just pray for the families who lost kids, and those who will soon be burying their best buddies. Pray for them, not me."

He didn't want any of us to come down, not even his sister, who was packing to make the two-hour drive from her campus. "We'll be humping out logs all day long," he said in that heavy, resigned way of someone grown accustomed to sorrow, "and I have an exam."

We respected his wishes, but planned instead a surprise visit on Thanksgiving Day. Corps guys—especially those in Parson's Mounted Cavalry, like Dustin—can't go home that holiday because they have so much to do to get ready for the game. We would stay long enough to hold him and love him and eat with him, then leave him to his work. This time—unlike in the other tragic events of his life—that would be enough.

Because something is different now in the life of our son. Those times before, when he lost dear friends—he didn't really have anybody but us. Once the funeral and all was over, he had to go back to his junior college and struggle along with his grief pretty much on his own.

But now, he's an Aggie. I can't explain it to people who don't understand, who haven't been there. So I won't try. Instead, I'd like to quote a letter that was sent to me by an Aggie online. It was written by University of Texas Student Body Vice-President, Eric Opiela:

"I had the great privilege of attending the memorial service at A&M tonight and was deeply moved by the events I experienced. The A&M student body is truly one of the great treasures of our State. As part of the UT delegation, we sat on the floor of Reed Arena, and immediately following the end of the service, I heard this rustling sound behind me. I looked over my shoulder and saw the sight of 20,000 students spontaneously putting their arms on their neighbor's shoulders, forming a great circle around the arena. The mass stood there in pin-drop silence for close to five minutes, then, from somewhere, someone began to hum quietly the hymn, "Amazing Grace."

"Within seconds, the whole arena was singing. I tried too—I choked, I cried. This event brought me to tears. It was one if not the defining moment of my college career. I learned something tonight.

"For all us Longhorns discount A&M in our never-ending rivalry, we need to realize one thing. Aggieland is a special place, with special people. It is infinitely better equipped than us at dealing with tragedy such as this one for one simple reason. It is a family. It is a family that cares for its own, a family that reaches out, a family that is united in the face of adversity; a family that moved this Longhorn to tears.

"My heart, my prayers; and the heart of the UT student body go out tonight to Aggies and their family and friends as they recover from this great loss. Texas A&M, The Eyes of Texas are Upon You—and they look with sincere sympathy upon a family that has been through so much tragedy this semester."

There is nothing I can add to that, except to thank all the wonderful people I do not know who remembered our family in their prayers during this awful time, some of whom called or e-mailed or stopped me in the street to say so. God bless you all.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

San Antonio Express-News
On mercury emissions:

Texas led the nation last year in mercury emissions from power plants, a new study released last week by environmental groups charged.

The three groups are Clean Water Action, Public Citizen and the Sierra Club.

Mercury, a byproduct of burning coal, is a heavy metal that can pose a health risk to humans if consumed, for example, through fish that have been exposed to it.

It also is the genesis for the term "mad as a hatter." Many workers who used mercury to tan beaver skins to make hats in the 19th century exhibited mental deficiencies.

Even though Texas leads the nation in mercury emissions, a state coal and utilities industry group said it will await a study (expected in June) by the National Academy of Science before recommending that Texas utilities clean up power plants.

This is hardly the volunteer spirit many Texans hoped for after Gov. George W. Bush persuaded the power industry this year to clean up voluntarily instead of the Legislature ordering them to do so.

The industry made that pledge as environmentalists lobbied hard, but unsuccessfully, for lawmakers to order utilities to retrofit or close their old, coal-fired plants, which were "grandfathered" from federal clean-air laws passed in the 1970s and reauthorized in the '80s.

But the Legislature, in deregulating utilities, did allow the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and the Public Utilities Commission to add mercury to pollution-reduction goals.

The agencies should do so. Two Texas utilities, one in Dallas, the other in Houston, were among the top 10 U.S. mercury emitters, the new report said.

Furthermore, Houston recently passed Los Angeles as the U.S. city with the dirtiest air. That nastiness undoubtedly affects South Texas when easterly winds blow. That makes it more than a Houston problem.

This issue also is becoming more than an air-quality problem. As Bush seeks the presidency, his environmental policies will come under increasing scrutiny. His opponents have not even begun their critical examination of such policies, which are weak but correctable.

Asking the TNRCC and PUC to add mercury to the old power plants' cleanup goals is one place to start.

Letters to the editor

Safest Place For Your Money

Dear Editor and readers:

The safest place for your money is in the bank. That's true today, and it will still be true in the year 2000 and beyond.

While the up-coming date change from the year 1999-2000 has created challenges for all businesses depending upon computers, including banks, you can rest assured that banks will be ready on Jan. 1, 2000 and beyond to provide you with the banking services you need.

As a former Texas banker, and now president of the Texas Bankers Association, I know first-hand that the banking industry has been a leader in Y2K preparedness. Bank regulators have worked closely with the banks of Texas to prepare for the Y2K date change. Banks have been required to meet several milestones for ensuring their compliant and readiness for the Y2K century date change.

Banks are using state of the art technology and have extensive backup records on all of their customer accounts. Customer deposits are guaranteed up to $100,000 with FDIC insurance, as they have been for many years. As banks have solved their Y2K problems, they are sharing their knowledge and solutions with consumers and other businesses to help them also be Y2K ready.

The safest place for your money is in the bank. I will have no more cash on hand that I would on any other New Year's weekend. I have confidence that my checks will be accepted, my debit/ATM cards will be useable and my credit cards will be accepted.

People should be especially guarded about fraud schemes revolving around Y2K. Do not give out any account numbers information or credit card numbers, or allow anyone to try to sell you "Y2K insurance" "or hold your money over year end."

Because the safest place for your money is in the bank, talk to your banker and ask him/her what the bank is doing and has done for the year 2000. Bankers will be happy to share their preparedness information with you.

Sincerely,
Rick Smith, president
Texas Bankers Association
Austin, Texas

Paper Articles Have Helped

Dear Editor:

Some may wonder if the articles in the paper on domestic violence have helped. Yes, because more people are making the statement, "I never interrupt when an abused person is talking, I just let them talk."

That is a good friend. The articles possibly will not have much affect on abusers, but will on other people and they in turn can help the abused person.

One subject that has not been discussed much is child abuse and that is the worst of the abuse. Some people in Snyder know about that because seven families in Snyder were host families to girls living in children's homes from 1962-1972.

They were either sponsoring the girls or just having them to visit. My first husband, Glen Bynum, and I started sponsoring a 6-year-old and it snowballed and a lot of people became involved.

That meant seeing scars on some of their backs, but worse scars on their hearts. That meant holding a crying girl and crying with her, but it also meant fun when all the girls were visiting.

There were parties when they would all end up at one home along with their local friends. It meant taking them with you on vacations, it meant having them for Christmas and several weeks vacation time for some. In the end it meant a bit of heartache.

I continued to sponsor Delores, who some of you remember, after my husband died. I did this until she was eighteen. At that age most of the time they are out of your life and it is like you have lost a daughter.

But I hope we touched their lives in a positive way. If you abuse a child or your wife you have done something that they will remember as long as they live.

That is why the rest of us need to be good listeners and good talkers, if the need to talk arises.

If you won't listen when an abused person wants to talk, you either don't understand the need or don't care.

Betty Boyd

Bailout Necessary

Dear Editor:

Last month, Congress passed an $8.7 billion farm rescue package. This package, when added to other direct government payments, will total an estimated $16.6 billion in aid to farmers in 1999, the highest level since 1987. Though uncooperative weather is frequently cited as the reason, most growers recognize that this bailout was necessary to counteract the damaging effect of the 1996 so-called Freedom to Farm Act, which phased out price subsidies. The government has now spent $19 billion more in the first four years of Freedom to Farm than it was supposed to spend during the act's seven-year lifespan. What growers knew four years ago was a bad idea, now almost everyone concedes is an expensive, failed experiment, everyone, that is, except the Republicans who wrote the bill.

GOP lawmakers such as Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas and Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana are still defending the disastrous act, which has broken every promise it made and forced thousands of family farmers into bankruptcy. Since the law's passage, already-low cotton prices have dropped to pre-World War II levels. Big Country cotton farmers have always known the problem is prices, which are determined by consumers rather than by producers because of our nation's "cheap food and fiber" policy. Imagine Bill Gates taking Windows 2000 to the market and meekly asking, "What will you give me for it?" It's absurd. American farmers have to play by rules that no other American industry has to play by, and endure government abandonment that no other nation's farmers have to endure.

To be sure, local growers would rather not get the government handout; they would rather earn their income from hard work. But in the absence of fair prices, family farmers have to take what they can get to survive. How did we get in this awful mess in the first place? Why is farm policy out of touch with real farmers?

The answers to these questions lie in the smoky world of Washington politics. Many Texas farmers may not realize that the farm lobby in Washington is a strong one, contributing $40 million to federal candidates during the 1998 elections. But in my conversations with West Texas farmers, I don't recall hearing a single one mentioning that they had given any money to a farm lobby or political candidate. If they had any money, they would likely be socking it away to pay for next year's production anyway.

The truth is that the so-called farm lobby in Washington represents mega-farm and agribusiness interests, exactly the folks who benefit most from family farm foreclosures. Ever wonder how the Freedom to Farm Act passed without your consent? Just follow the money.

Farmers I know like to say, "people will always need food and clothes," an argument for the permanence of agriculture. True enough, but the statement says nothing about who will be providing it. No where is it written in stone that family farms must be the source of American's food and fiber. In fact, corporate farms are growing because they can produce massive amounts at low costs, sometimes more efficiently than family farms. The Wal-Mart effect can happen in Ag, too, putting the little guys out of business, or at least forcing them to become employees. I don't know too many farmers that would enjoy having a boss around the farm.

In order for family farming to survive, grocers must respond in the same way they are being challenged: politically. The agriculture battles of the future will not take place in our backyards, but in the corridors of power in Washington and in high-level meetings such as the G7 and the World Trade Organization. Small growers of all commodities should recognize their common interests and join forces to save family farmers. They must secure strong and effective political representation in Washington, and stay tuned to policy development, what you don't know can and will hurt you. Such organization and knowledge could have helped prevent the passage of the 1996 law. Rep. Stenholm has done a sterling job defending family farmers; he and others like him should be commended and supported. Finally, growers should help city-dwellers understand their loss if family farms vanish. We are all woven together in the economic web, as we can recall from the devastating effects that the oil bust had on small towns. Unless Microsoft is considering putting a top-secret plant in Sweetwater in the next 10 years, West Texas is going to need family farms to exist in the next century. And, more importantly, the nation needs the rural tradition to remain sane.

Chris Pieper,

Chris Pieper, raised in Roscoe, now works at a public policy research organization in Austin.

Help Needed

Dear Editor:

We are asking for help. In placing flags on Veterans Day to honor those who served our country in the military, we were unable to locate anyone who can identify all of the veterans buried here.

Some of the stones have inscriptions with facts about the deceased's military service. These were easily identified and flags flew proudly at their graves.

However, we feel sure there are veterans buried there who cannot be identified as such. If you know of a veteran buried in the Hobbs or the Cottonwood cemeteries in Fisher County, whose stone does not indicate his or her military service, please notify one of us so we will be able to do a more complete job next year.

Please reply promptly.

Thank you.
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Bless You All

Dear Editor:

There are no words that I know that can adequately express my appreciation to all who have been so thoughtful and caring while I have been recuperating from injuries that I received the last evening of the Scurry County Fair.

To all that helped in any way to get the ambulance and get me to the hospital I am very grateful.

I feel very fortunate that Dr. Kathleen Weaver was at the Coliseum when I fell, she was at the hospital when the ambulance got there. The ambulance personnel were great too! Dr. Rakov was there shortly also. The two doctors are still working with me.

I must mention the physical therapy department and the wonderful care and help I have received there.

They are great and Jeff (Mason) even came to the hospital.

I feel so blessed to have all these facilities, and I am just "country" enough to believe that the professionals who know me are more interested in me than someone that never laid eyes on me before.

Bless you all, I appreciate you!

LaVerne Hood

Drug companies stockpiling more drugs

NEW YORK (AP) — Major drug companies are boosting their year-end stockpiles in case of hoarding by people afraid Y2K trouble will cut off their supply of life-sustaining medication.

Drug manufacturers and pharmacies say they have fixed their computers to correctly read the date in the new year. Their main fear instead is overreaction by seniors, diabetics and other patients.

"There is a huge supply of prescription medicines, but there isn't an unlimited supply," said Robert Grupp, spokesman for Eli Lilly & Co. "Hoarding in one area certainly has the potential to cause some shortages in another."

Pharmaceutical companies are also hoping the stockpiling itself discourages hoarding.

"By virtue of knowing we have more than adequate supplies, that should give our customers confidence that we can meet any extraordinary demand," said Tom Fuldner, a spokesman at Glaxo Wellcome.

Glaxo Wellcome boosted inventories of its drugs by roughly 15 percent. Eli Lilly, the No. 1 maker of insulin in the United States, will have 50 percent more on hand — 45 days' worth instead of the normal 30 days.

Bristol-Myers Squibb bought extra raw materials, identified alternative suppliers and kept stocks of partially completed drugs so it can increase production if needed. Critical care products, such as those for cancer and AIDS, got special consideration.

At the same time, the pharmaceutical industry is trying to discourage overbuying, recommending that patients get regular refills five to seven days before their medication runs out, just as they normally should. Manufacturers believe they can get drugs to the patient within that amount of time.

Drug makers said that if they have to, they will be able to get medication through methods reserved for hurricanes and other disasters: express mail, chartered planes and emergency deliveries by police.

William K. Hubbard, senior associate commissioner at the Food and Drug Administration, said the agency audited manufacturers of the 200 best-selling drugs, as well as companies that are the sole supplier of a particular treatment. He said he is confident manufacturers will be ready and found no evidence so far that consumers are stocking up.

Q & A

Tips on parenting

(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, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Parenting Skills:

21 Tips and Ideas to help you make a difference.

(Part 1 of 2)>

What's the biggest deterrent to your kids' using drugs and alcohol?

It's you.

Look at the facts: Kids who learn from their parents or caregivers about the risks of drugs are 36 percent less likely to smoke marijuana than kids who don't; 50 percent less likely to use inhalants; 56 percent less likely to use cocaine; and 65 percent less likely to use LSD.

You are the most powerful influence in your child's daily life. But anti-drug parenting strategies rarely are instinctive, even for the best of parents. The 21 tips that follow can help turn your child away from the drugs. You can do something. And you can start right now.

Get involved.

Kids who are close to their parents are least likely to engage in risky behaviors. The more involved you are in your child's lives, the more valued they'll feel, and the more likely they'll be to respond to you.

"Together time." Establish a regular weekly routine for doing something special with your child – even something as simple as going out for ice cream.

Don't be afraid to ask where your kids are going, who they'll be with and what they'll be doing. Get to know your kid's friends – and their parents – so you're familiar with their activities.

Try to be there after school when your child gets home. The "danger zone" for drug use is between 4 and 6 p.m. when no one's around. Arrange flexible time at work if you possibly can. If your child will be with friends, ideally they have adult supervision – not just an older sibling.

Eat together as often. Meals are a great opportunity to talk about the day's events, to unwind, reinforce and bond. Studies show that kids whose families eat together at least five times a week are less likely to be involved with drugs or alcohol.

Lear to communicate.

Do you know your kid's favorite music group? What's cool at school? The more you communicate, the more at ease your child will feel about discussing drugs and other sensitive issues with you.

Be absolutely clear with your kids that you don't want them using drugs. ever. Don't leave room for interpretation. And talk often about the dangers and results of drug and alcohol abuse. Once or twice a year won't do it.

Be a better listener. Ask questions – and encourage them. Paraphrase what your child says to you. Ask for their input about family decisions. Show willingness to listen as it will make your child feel more comfortable about opening up to you.

Give honest answers. Don't make up what you don't know; offer to find out. If asked whether you've ever taken drugs, let them know what's important: that you don't want them using drugs.

Use TV reports, anti-drug commercials, news or school discussions about drugs to help you introduce the subject in a natural, unforced way.

Don't react in a way that will cut off further discussion. If your child makes statements that challenge or shock you, turn them into a calm discussion of why your child thinks people use drugs, or whether the effect is worth the risk.

Role play with your child and practice ways to refuse drugs and alcohol in different situations. Acknowledge how tough these moments can be.

These tips were provided by the National Clearinghouse.

Send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-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.

37,500 gallons of oil spill from pipeline

GRAND ISLE, La. (AP) — Crews were cleaning up 37,500 gallons of crude oil that spilled from a Chevron pipeline, some of it washing up on a barrier island in the Gulf of Mexico.

The oil slick was about four miles long and a half-mile wide by sunrise Wednesday, but was moving offshore, away from barrier islands and marsh, according to a statement from Chevron and the Coast Guard.

About 40 percent of the oil had dissipated by midafternoon, Coast Guard Cmdr. Tom Sparks said.

Sparks did not know how much damage was caused by the 4,200 gallons of oil that washed up along about a mile of beach on Grand Terre Island, east of Grand Isle.

Investigators from Chevron and from the Coast Guard were trying to find out what caused the spill.

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The U.S. Constitution went into effect June 21, 1788, as New Hampshire by a 57-46 vote became the ninth state to ratify it.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



People: The key to Profit, Performance and Peace

The need to hire and keep quality employees is a growing problem facing small-business owners today. Businesses never outperform the people who work there.

In the last few weeks we've received many calls in our office on this topic. Therefore, I want to share some thoughts on attracting people who will improve your business performance, increase your profits and help your peace of mind.

Step One: Create a place where people want to work. While every person is unique, most potential employees are looking for similar rewards. They want an interesting place to work where they can use their education and skills. They desire to make decisions and feel valued for their accomplishments and progress. They need room to grow, potential for advancement and fair wages and benefits.

You can create that place by making work fun and flexible. Work should be a game. You must explain the game, define the rules and celebrate your wins. Flexibility is a philosophy that focuses on results rather than policies and procedures. If you really want to keep good people, give them options and let them have fun.

Step Two: Know what you need. A common problem in the hiring process is mismatching people and positions. This often leads to unhappiness between both parties and causes an employee to look for other opportunities. You can eliminate most of this problem by creating job descriptions that define the responsibilities and requirements of the job. List the education skills and abilities needed to get the job done. Keep this short and simple and focus on the fundamentals.

Step Three: Start early. The more urgent your need, the more likely you are to hire the wrong person. Begin the search for future employees before you actually need them. Look for people who have the attitude, character, education and skills that you need.

Step Four: Know where to look. Where are the best people? Working for good companies, good organizations and good families. How do you find them? By using a network of your best employees, customers and suppliers.

Don't count solely on the classifieds. Remember that many of the most desirable people are already working. Most aren't pouring over the "Help Wanted" ads. Use your network, keep your eyes open and be creative.

Step Five: Know what to look for. Quality people have some common traits. I've learned to look for high self-esteem, positive attitudes, strong communication skills, enthusiasm, a good sense of humor, personal pride and integrity.

If I can't have it all, I'll start with positive attitudes and integrity. I'll never hire a person without these two characteristics.

Step Six: Hire tough. It is better to hire no one than to hire the wrong one. Here are some tips on hiring tough. First, create a plan for your interviews. Second, find out what the applicant has done, why he or she did it and how well it was done. Third, prepare the right questions and let the applicant do most of the talking. Fourth, use multiple interviews for the finalists. Schedule these for different times during the day. Fifth, check references diligently. Do your own digging; don't just rely on those listed in the resume. Sixth, take good notes and use an evaluation form to help your memory.

Step Seven: Never stop training. Most small business owners devote very little effort to training their employees. Fewer than 10 percent of U.S. employers provide any formal training.

Focus your training on teaching basic job functions, product knowledge, customer care, communications, etc., and then move on to more detailed or technical areas.

Like recruiting, training is an ongoing process. Learning never stops and training never ends.

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Would-be soldiers being pitched by younger recruiters

COLLEGE PARK, Ga. (AP) — Cpl. LaTwanya Larry is not a career soldier. The fresh-faced 22-year-old doesn't even plan to reenlist after her current four-year term is up.

Still, Larry — not so grizzled veteran — is the first military person many would-be recruits meet when they wander into a recruiting office or stop by the Army booth at a career fair. The Army hopes young soldiers will be able to relate better to those considering enlisting.

In August, the Army began using corporals to deal with new recruits, whose average age is 21. Historically, recruiters have been in their mid-30s with a rank of sergeant first class or higher. That can be intimidating to someone fresh out of high school.

"It helped a lot that she was my age, for real," said Marcus Watson, 19, who stopped in to the College Park office to schedule an entry test with Larry for later in the week. "I was already interested in the Army, and she helped me make my decision final."

That's what Army officials want to hear, especially given the shortfall the military is facing. Last year's Army recruiting goal was 74,500, and only 68,210 signed up.

"We need a constant stream of manpower," said Doug Smith, spokesman for the U.S. Army Recruiting Command in Fort Knox, Ky. "The younger recruiters can relate better and say 'Hey, I was just there and here's what it was like for me.'"

The program is a spinoff of a similar approaches taken by the Navy and the Air Force, which are also facing manpower shortages in a booming economy where qualified applicants have their pick of jobs.

During the 1998 fiscal year, the Navy's recruiting goal was 55,321 sailors when only 48,429 signed up.

Recruiting younger recruiters hasn't been difficult. Recruiters receive an additional $375 a month for special duty pay along with their standard E-4 salary of about $1,200 a month. They work in offices, can live off-base if they want and don't work nights or many weekends.

Larry, a Detroit native whose previous assignment was a supply worker in Italy, says she plans on becoming a parole officer in civilian life.



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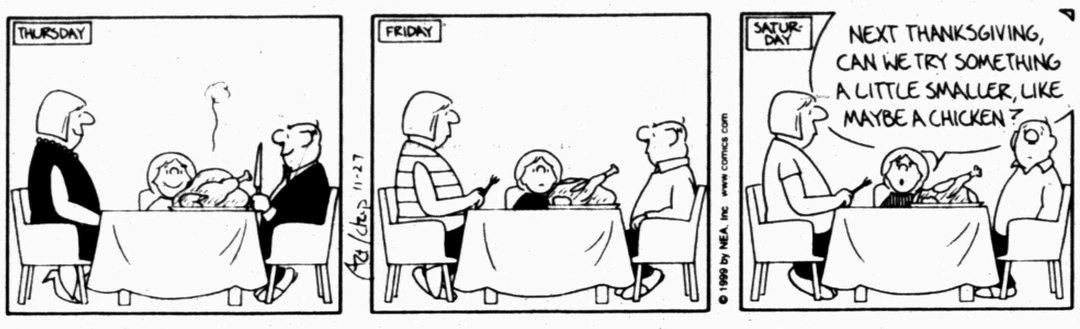
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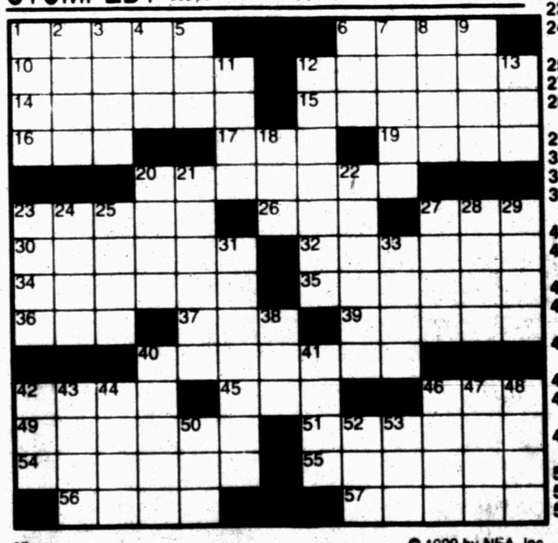
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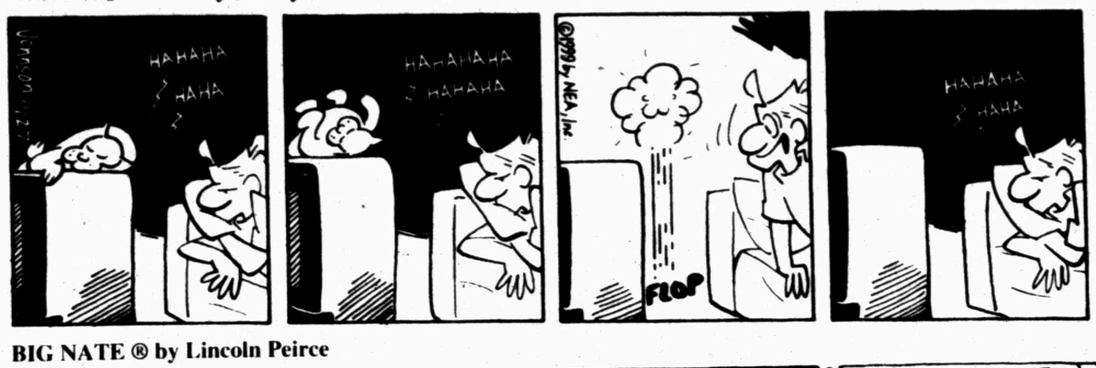


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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Nov. 28, 1999

New interests could occupy a substantial amount of your time and attention in the year ahead. These regards will open doors for you that you'd not be able to access otherwise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Persons you meet today could prove to be extremely lucky for you, so don't turn down any invitations you get where you might have a chance to make new contacts. Astro-Graph year ahead predictions make great Xmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the Zodiac. Mail $2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state the Zodiac signs you desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Some type of side venture in which you're involved may have more potential than you think. Occurrences today may open your eyes as to just how fortunate they could be for you materially.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This is a good day to get together with persons who share the same current interests as you do. Something rather large could result from the meeting.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Luck may play a big role in getting you into a job today that will in time prove to have material overtones attached to it. It may put you on to the ways and means to increase your earnings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The enthusiasm you exhibit today draws people to you, enabling you to advance your self-interests without others finding that offensive. Chances are, you'll meet with little resistance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't be afraid to use bold and imaginative strokes in ways that could better your abode. If you can visualize the end results, everything will work out wonderfully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) As you could discover today, there are numerous advantageous uses for some of your bright ideas. Just don't sit on them, do something about putting them into action.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There's an excellent chance today that the fruits for you ambitious efforts could be greater than usual. If possible, this is the day to get working on them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not delegate to others things you can do better yourself, even though matters that are under your direct supervision should work out fine. What you handle will work out far greater.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Through an indirect approach, you should be able to achieve your ends today in situations where you anticipate obstacles. Devise methods to outflank them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You could be especially keen today at assessing situations accurately that may have been previously obscured. Search for the solutions and you'll find them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Nothing is apt to bog you down today. In fact, the larger the objective, the better you will be able to cope with it. This is especially true with career related issues.

Your Birthday

Monday, Nov. 29, 1999

Advancement in your chosen field of endeavor is quite likely in the year ahead as your leadership qualities become more evident to those who can give your career a boost.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Watch yourself that you don't come off as thoughtless or arrogant today or else you could lose the respect of someone who now is very important to you and likes you a great deal. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius 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.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't dredge up any old, unpleasant issues today either deliberately or unwittingly. If you select your topics of conversation with care, you can avoid any ugly scene.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It might be wise to keep your thoughts to yourself with a friend who has a problem she or he is unable to solve. If your suggestions are followed and fail, you'll be held accountable.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Try to avoid getting into any arrangements today where you must rely on a partner. There's a chance that neither you nor your cohort will be a good team player.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Others could have more control over your work today than you'd like. Although you may deem it an intrusion, getting angry will only make your emotional state more vulnerable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Avoid getting involved in any costly enterprise today where you have little or no control. Chances are you're the one who'll suffer a loss should things go wrong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You might not get the same glowing reviews from your family that you'll get from your friends today if you don't treat them with the same respect you do your pals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you want your edicts followed today, you must first make sure you set the proper example. Simply issuing orders without putting out any effort yourself will fall on deaf ears.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Keep in mind today that extravagant impulses are always waiting to fulfill themselves, so at the first sign of weakness they can take over rather quickly. Be diligent over your wallet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It might be best today not to undertake a tedious household project. At the first sign of drudgery, you could abandon it, leaving behind an unfinished eyesore.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Get serious today over matters that deserve this respect, but don't waste precious emotional energy over petty things or worrying about what will never happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep your expectations about people within reasonable bounds today and you won't be disappointed over someone who makes it a habit of breaking promises.

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Researchers identify brain cells used in learning habit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Neurons flashing signals about the brain undergo a dramatic change as the mind learns new habits of behavior, researchers report.

Brain scientists using rats taught to run a maze found that as the rats learned, there was a change in the firing pattern of certain neurons in the brain. This new pattern may mark the way habits are acquired.

"We have made one small step toward figuring out what the brain does when we develop a habit," said Ann M. Graybiel, a brain researcher at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and senior author of a study appearing Friday in the journal Science.

Graybiel said just how the brain reacts as it acquires a habit of behavior is a complex process. Discovering how that process works, she said, may help researchers find new treatments for Parkinson's disease and for bad habits that affect behavior.

Parkinson's disease is a degenerative neurological disorder that destroys brain cells that produce a chemical important for movement. Symptoms include muscle stiffening, tremors and difficulty moving.

"Habits are hard to make and they are hard to break," Graybiel said. "The brain mechanisms that do this are special. They are different from the brain mechanisms that let us learn a phone number. We want to find out what that special mechanism is."

In the study, Graybiel and her colleagues implanted sensors into rats' brains. The sensors were placed in the striatum, a part of the brain involved in Parkinson's disease and in the formation of habits in people.

The sensors detected the rate of activity of brain neurons and sent signals to a computer. The sensors monitored thousands of brain cells at the same time; the computer recorded the rate of signal firing.

The rats then were taught to run a T-shaped maze. They were released at bottom of the T and then ran toward the top. The objective: find a food treat in either the right or left end of the T's cross arm. An audible clue, with one tone for left and one for right, was sounded as the rats ran through the maze.

The goal was for the rats to follow the tonal cue and turn either left or right.

Graybiel said that when the rats were just starting to learn the maze, most of the neurons firing in the brains occurred when the rats made their turn. But as the rats became maze veterans, the pattern shifted. Most of the neurons were firing at the beginning and at the end of the exercise.

"It was as if the animals learned how to anticipate" that if they just ran the maze, they would get rewarded with food, said Graybiel.

She said her research team now is wiring other parts of the brain to discover if there is a network of neuronal activity linked to exercising a habit.

"The question is do we use a piece of brain to learn a habit and then another part of the brain to exercise that habit," said Graybiel. "There may be a whole network and different parts of the network may be more active after the habit is learned."

Couple leaves Indiana city some $23 million

OSGOOD, Ind. (AP) — A couple who made a fortune by discerning changes in the way Americans lived and investing carefully left $23 million to their tiny hometown — more than its entire budget or the assessed value of every business, house, school and street.

The money from the estate of Gilmore and Golda Reynolds will be doled out to the community of 1,800 in yearly chunks of more than $1 million.

The foundation that will administer the money was created in 1990 after Gilmore died at 91. It has been giving out relatively small grants over the years — to the volunteer fire department, the library — and helped build the town hall and community center.

Mrs. Reynolds died last year at 98. The $23 million gift was the childless couple's entire fortune.

They were "just very good folks really interested in their community," Town Council President Carl Moore said.

As a sample of what's to come, the foundation gave the town a check for $120,000 on Nov. 15 to help pay for a major storm sewer renovation.

Mrs. Reynolds began as a teacher and her husband, who never attended high school, a partner in a car dealership. They were married in 1928.

As the car changed the American landscape, Reynolds noticed gas stations and other stopping points didn't have snacks that people could take with them. So they started a wholesale candy, tobacco and popcorn business.

Dog sniffing for money leads officials to find hidden cash

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — When Leika, a Customs-trained sniffer dog honed in on a whiff of green last month, she netted Uncle Sam more than $350,000 in contraband.

But what the Belgian malinois with the keen nose found hidden in an automobile's fender well and panels under the doors wasn't marijuana. It was U.S. currency being smuggled into Mexico, most likely drug profits being sent back to traffickers, officials say.

Leika's Oct. 14 discovery accounted for nearly half of the almost $780,000 she and her U.S. Customs team at the Nogales port of entry have found in 13 such seizures during the first 21/2 months of the 2000 fiscal year. The team focuses on finding money, amounts of more than $10,000, being taken out of the country without being reported.

Leika, a 4-year-old, has been stationed at Nogales for 21/2 years. Her team is one of 18 Customs has stationed at 14 ports nationwide, including those on the border at Hidalgo, Laredo, Brownsville and El Paso, Texas, and at San Diego.

In all, the dogs initiated 257 seizures of money in fiscal 1999 totaling $12.5 million.

Without the dogs, "there's probably a very good chance that it might not have been found," said Barbara Weaber, canine instructor and course developer at the U.S. Customs canine training facility at Front Royal, Va.

All 18 animals are trained to detect the smell of money, its paper and ink. Some react to hitting the jackpot by biting and scratching the site, others sit passively.

"Everything has an odor," said Ron Friend, supervisor of canine crews for Customs in Nogales. "While it may not be detectable to the human's olfactory senses, the dog's olfactory is many times greater than a human's."

It is not illegal to take more than $10,000 in cash out of the United States, but it must be declared on a currency reporting form.

"But of course that form is sent to the IRS, and later on in your life, you may have to give some explanation for the amount of money you have," said P.T. Wright, Customs' port director at Nogales. "And that tends to highlight the fact that you may not be able to show a legitimate source for the money."

When someone declares more than $10,000 in cash, the amount is counted to verify. At other ports, crossers have been known to understate, Wright said.

A Customs team has checked outbound vehicles and pedestrians for undeclared large cash sums at Nogales' three crossing sites for four years.

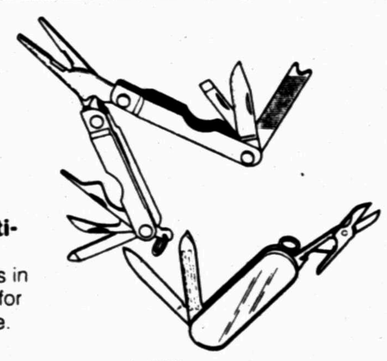
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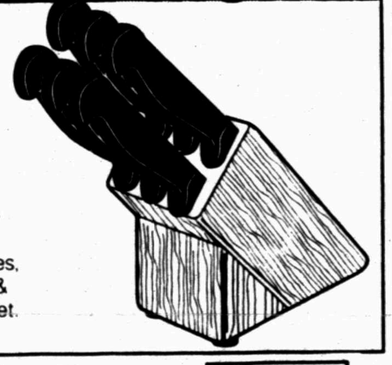
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Telecommunication firms are digging up streets in capital

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drivers in Washington are spending more time in auto repair, cyclists are bouncing off their bikes and winter threatens to be awful for commuters in the nation's capital — all because of a law passed by Congress.

As a result, telecommunications companies have been digging up the streets of Washington in the race to go high tech.

"It's a life-threatening situation," said Mark Gross, who manages Quick Messenger Service. "Just the other day, I witnessed a moped rider for one of our competitors go down really hard."

And drivers on four wheels have had problems as well.

"For the past year, it seems like my car is in the shop all the time," said Sheila Hankley as she maneuvered her Mercedes-Benz around trenches and patches on one downtown road to get to a garage. "I've needed my alignment adjusted, and my muffler fell off."

Other parts of the country have had similar experiences.

"Telecom companies intruded on our cities," complains Leonard Krumm, director of field services for the city of Minneapolis. "We weren't prepared at all."

In Washington, 12 firms are currently installing fiber-optic cable under numerous streets and permits are pending for many others, according to the city's Department of Public Works.

The telecommunications companies are digging trenches to install fiber-optic cable for high-speed Internet use and other services.

Businesses say this is essential, because fiber optics carry more data at a higher speed than existing copper technologies.

The rush to wire cities started after Congress passed the 1996 Telecommunications Act. It requires cities to allow companies to install fiber-optic cable, although cities can set regulations governing that work.

Some drivers say it's just not worth the trouble.

"It's great to say you have fiber optics in your 10th floor office, but you have to get to your 10th floor office first and that's not easy," said Gary LaPaitte, a consultant who recently relocated to the Washington area from Chicago.

Inconvenience is not the only problem, says Mantill Williams, a spokesman for the local chapter of the American Automobile Association. He notes drivers are constantly swerving to avoid hitting the trenches.

"You've got a pretty dangerous situation going on," he said.

Installing fiber-optic cable can take weeks or months, and officials acknowledge the freezing-thawing conditions of winter can turn the temporary road patches that accompany the work into potholes.

"If we have a harsh winter, certainly all this digging up will make our job more difficult," said Mayor Anthony Williams.

Williams has responded to complaints by requiring that work be finished within four months of the issuance of a permit.

But Washington is still more lenient on companies than many other cities. Williams says he wants it that way so companies consider doing business in a town not typically known for commerce.

LaPaitte had a different view.

"I don't know if you can say it's a business-friendly city when pedestrians and motorists can't get around," he said.

Telecommunications firms do not have to pay a fee when they cut into D.C. roads, unlike in Chicago, Minneapolis, San Francisco and many other cities.

"Every penny we spend to manage the right of way, we recover," said Krumm, of Minneapolis.

His city is one of several that require telecommunications companies to repave entire lanes or even entire roads after they cut into them, rather than just making patches.

Some cities are urging companies to make their underground installations at the same time, so that a street does not have to be cut more than once.

Date Books

Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999

Today is the 331st day of 1999 and the 66th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1826, the friction match was invented in England by John Walker.

On this day in 1957, "The Chirping Crickets," an album by Buddy Holly and the Crickets, was released.

On this day in 1978, Marlon Brando made his television debut, in the miniseries "Roots."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Levi Strauss (1809-1902), businessman; Mona Washbourne (1903-1984), actress; David Merrick (1912-), Broadway producer, is 87; "Buffalo" Bob Smith (1917-1998), puppeteer; Gail Sheehy (1937-), writer, is 62; Bruce Lee (1940-1973), actor; Eddie Rabbit (1941-) singer, is 58; Jimi Hendrix (1942-1970), musician; Caroline Kennedy (1957-), daughter of the 35th president, is 42; Robin Givens (1964-), actress, is 35; Jaleel White (1976-), actor, is 23.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1966, the Washington Redskins defeated the New York Giants in a game in which Washington made 10 touchdowns and the Giants made six.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Middle age is when you're faced with two temptations and you choose the one that will get you home by 9 o'clock." — Ronald Reagan

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Nov. 23) and last quarter (Nov. 29).

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Sunday, Nov. 28, 1999

Today is the 332nd day of 1999 and the 67th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1919, Lady Astor, who had been born an American, became the first female member of the British Parliament.

On this day in 1929, Lieutenant Commander Richard E. Byrd of the Navy began the first airplane flight over the South Pole.

On this day in 1964, Willie Nelson made his debut at the Grand Ole Opry.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Blake (1757-1827), poet-artist; Friedrich Engels (1820-1895), philosopher; Jose Iturbi (1895-1980), conductor-pianist; Claude Levi-Strauss (1908-), anthropologist, is 91; Berry Gordy (1929-), founder of Motown records, is 70; Randy Newman (1943-), singer-songwriter-composer, is 56; Paul Shaffer (1949-), musician-bandleader, is 50; Ed Harris (1950-), actor, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1929, Ernie Nevers scored 40 points for the Chicago Cardinals, setting an NFL record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Human speech is like a cracked kettle on which we tap crude rhythms for bears to dance to, while we long to make music that will melt the stars." — Gustave Flaubert

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (Nov. 29).

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What is Marfan's syndrome?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My niece has Marfan's syndrome. What is this disease?

DEAR READER: Marfan's syndrome is an inherited abnormality of connective tissue, the material that holds organs together. Patients with this disorder are tall, thin and have long extremities, giving them a gangly look. The syndrome is marked by a high, arched palate, crowding of the teeth, poorly developed muscles, asymmetry of the chest and spine, inguinal hernias, emphysema, eye abnormalities (especially displacement of the lenses) and degeneration of the aorta (causing aneurysms).

Virtually any organ can be affected, depending on the severity of the disease, because connective tissue is widely distributed throughout the body. The most serious consequence of Marfan's syndrome is aortic involvement. This major artery may balloon out, cause heart strain or burst. Aortic disease is the leading cause of death in patients with a severe case of Marfan's syndrome, most of whom succumb to cardiovascular complications by their early 30s.

Fortunately, modern surgical techniques make repair of the weakened aorta a life-saving procedure. However, not all patients require surgery; a considerable amount of biological variability occurs among patients with this ailment. In mild forms of the disease, simple restrictions (such as prohibition from strenuous activity and contact sports) may enable Marfan's patients to lead relatively normal lives.

Other medical treatment is directed to related problems: Hormone therapy (to speed up bone maturation in children), braces to prevent spinal curvature and prophylactic antibiotics to block heart-valve infection.

Some historians have suggested that Abraham Lincoln had Marfan's syndrome. Clearly, there are many patients with the disorder who lead long and productive lives. Although the precise cause of Marfan's is unknown, much can now be done to correct or ameliorate the abnormalities seen in the disease.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife complains that while I'm asleep, I stop breathing, then gasp and hyperventilate. She calls this sleep apnea and wants me to see a doctor. Should I?

DEAR READER: Many people, while sleeping, temporarily stop breathing and then unconsciously hyperventilate to catch up. Your wife is correct that your condition probably is sleep apnea. This affliction is common — particularly in middle-aged, overweight men — and should be evaluated in a sleep laboratory. Airway obstruction, obesity and brain disorders contribute to sleep apnea and should be treated, if possible. Listen to your wife and get to a doctor. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Sleep/Wake Disorders." 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: I am a 30-year-old woman with a full dark beard and a moustache. My doctor put me on estrogen but a year of therapy has not helped. I still have to shave. Would electrolysis be a better solution?

DEAR READER: Probably. But I think an even better approach would be to see an endocrinologist, a specialist in hormone imbalances. Although many women unhappily note increasing facial hair as they age, your problem suggests a more serious disorder, a glandular imbalance, called virilization syndrome, which may be caused by a tumor or disease of the adrenal glands. In my opinion, you need a thorough examination, as well as urine and blood tests, to discover the reason for your growth of facial hair.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Some of my friends swear by an exercise program that includes running in place in a steam room. They claim that this is the ultimate workout. This practice seems rather alarming to me. Could it be harmful?

DEAR READER: People dream up the darndest ways to take up free time. I always thought that saunas were for relaxation after strenuous exercise. I share your concern. Steam rooms can get very hot, and I worry that your friends might overdo it in the heat, become dehydrated and suffer cardiovascular collapse. Called heat stroke in athletes, this can be a serious condition. Jogging in a sauna may be the "ultimate aerobic workout," but I'd advise your friends to knock it off. They would risk fewer health complications by exercising in a temperate environment and then winding down in the sauna. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Insuring Your Good Health." 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: Is constant navel discharge something to worry about in a 74-year-old person?

DEAR READER: In an adult, chronic navel discharge usually signifies a skin infection. The skin of the navel is dark and warm and may remain moist, providing an ideal environment for bacteria and yeasts to grow.

Although such an infection is usually not serious, it can be annoying because of itching, odor or pain. A culture of the area will enable a doctor to pinpoint the cause and recommend appropriate treatment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with spinal stenosis. Can you tell me what this is and if there is a cure?

DEAR READER: Spinal stenosis means that bony outgrowths have appeared on the spinal bones, pressing against nerves or pinching part of the spinal cord. This condition usually causes arm pain (if the neck is involved) or low-back, buttock and leg pain (if the lower spine is affected). In many ways, the symptoms of spinal stenosis are identical to those caused by a herniated disc between the vertebrae. The diagnosis is established by CT scanning (with X-rays), MRI scanning (with electromagnetic waves) or by myelography (a special X-ray study of the spine).

Mild forms require only physical therapy and pain medication. However, if the affliction is severe and the pain is intense (or if a mild form progresses), surgery may be necessary to remove the bony outgrowths. In my experience, spinal stenosis is best managed by a neurosurgeon. Ask your doctor if such a specialist can help you.

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Important Dates
Spring, 2000

Tuesday, Jan. 4
Offices Re-Open
Monday, Jan. 10
Spring In-Service Begins
Wednesday, Jan. 12
Residence Hall Opens, 2pm
Thursday, Jan. 13
Registration & Placement Testing
Tuesday, Jan. 18
Classes Begin
Monday, Jan. 24
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December 1999

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7 Twilight Breakfast 9:00pm	8 SGA Mtg. Noon Finals begin	9 PTK Mtg. 10:45 SC-105	10 Lady Dusters vs Angelina @ Lufkin	11 Lady Dusters vs San Jacinto @ Lufkin
12	13	14	15 Residence hall closes, 2pm	16	17 End of Fall semester	18
19	20 Christmas holiday, campus closed through Monday, Jan. 3rd	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Final Exam Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 8
–6:30 p.m. Exam Time, 6:30-9:20 W Evening Class Time
Thursday, Dec. 9
–6:30 p.m. Exam Time, 6:30-9:20 TH Evening Class Time
Monday, Dec. 13
–8 a.m. Exam Time, 9:30-10:45 TTH Class Time
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–Noon Exam Time, 10:00-10:50 MWF Class Time
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Tuesday, Dec. 14
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