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For at least 90 days...

City delays action on gas rate increase

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

A proposed rate hike for Lone Star gas customers in Snyder, was postponed — at least temporarily.

A formal city council vote on the rate hike request will be delayed by 90 days as a result of action Monday night by the Snyder city council.

Following almost an hour of discussion on the proposed 4.63 percent rate increase, the council followed the advice of City Attorney Dana Cooley and agreed to the 90-day delay.

In postponing action on the rate request, the council also agreed to spend up to $4,000 on an outside consultant to assist in the decision-making process.

Cooley told the council that she was not recommending the city suspend action on the request because of any suspicions about the information the utility company had provided, but because of the volume of the information.

"Lone Star Gas has provided very thorough, very detailed information," said Cooley. "We are charged by statute to make a reasonable inquiry into their request for an increase."

Cooley said she felt it would be deligent on the council's part to seek the advice of an expert.

"There are experts out there who can help us fulfill our statuatory requirements," said Cooley. "We are just being good stewards of our citizen's money."

The city attorney's recommendations followed the presentation of the rate request by TU Electric/ Lone Star Gas manager Daryl Thomas.

Thomas said the utility needs the rate hike to cover costs of operating in Snyder, saying the company's last rate increase was in 1984.

"And since 1985, Lone Star Gas has lost 513 customers in Snyder and we are selling 22 percent less natural gas," Thomas said.

The number of Lone Star Gas customers have dropped from 4,194 to 3,681 in the last 12 years, Thomas added.

Thomas said the utility company had spent $341,787 in improving the distribution system in Snyder since the last rate increase.

Thomas said the proposed rate increase would average $1.44 monthly for residential customers, and $20.01 for commercial customers.

If approved, the ordinance granting the rate increase would also remove the Snyder Independent School District from its present rate structure and would result in an increase of 18 percent in gas costs annually.

Thomas said the Texas Railroad Commission notified the utility company in 1989 that school districts would eventually lose their special rates.

"Basically, the commission wants each department — residential, industrial, commercial — to stand on their own costs," said Thomas.

However, Thomas said the company is expected to work with the local school district to phase in the increase to have as little impact as possible.

The request for a rate increase drew the ire of councilman I. E. Martin.

"With oil and gas prices like they are in Scurry County, I find it very difficult to believe your company picked this time for a rate increase," said Martin.

"I think your company picked some bad economic times for this. Some of us may have to go back to burning cow chips and kerosene lamps," Martin said.

"I'm willing to study your request, but I still think your company picked a bad time," said Martin, noting that natural gas costs are less than in 1984.

"I want to emphasize," Thomas replied, "That the rate increase request is not gas-cost related. It does not at all involve the cost of gas."

"It is based on revenues decreasing by $350,000 and 513 less customers," said Thomas.

The city plans to have a workshop on the rate request prior to February's council meeting.

"This will give us time to gather information and study the rate increase in a prudent manner," said Mayor David Holt.



MORE ON THE WAY — Wal-Mart food department manager Leon Gutierrez restocks shelves with jugs of water. The store ran out of water over the weekend as a result of a 300 to 400 percent increase in sales of the gallon jugs. One pallet of water was received Monday night and more pallets are on the way. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snyder water sales soar as lake drops

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Even with the cool temperatures outside, bottled water is a hot item in local stores.

"Water is selling better now than it did in the summer when it was 110 degrees outside," Wal-Mart manager Charles Alvarez said.

The Water Shop manager Nelda Martinez said she has also seen an increase in water sales.

"There are a lot of new faces, new customers," she said.

Both attributed the increase in water sales to the muddy taste of Snyder's city water — water which Darrell Callahan, head of the city's water treatment plant, says is still safe to drink.

"It may not smell, taste or look good, but it is safe," Callahan said.

The water treatment plant is required by the state to collect monthly samples to submit to state-regulated labs for analysis, and Callahan said Snyder makes every effort to ensure a safe water supply.

"We go above and beyond that. We take additional steps daily to make sure the water is good to drink. We've never failed a sample."

The reason for the muddy taste is obvious, Callahan said.

"Thomas is a clay-bottom lake, and as we suck out the last remaining part of the lake water, the mud is more concentrated."

John Grant, general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, said Monday Lake Thomas is 3.42 percent full at 6,975 acre feet and measures are being taken to increase the lake level.

"We are putting 4.5 million gallons of Lake Ivie water a day into Lake Thomas," Grant said.

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Electric co-op picks officers, changes name

It's official.

Midwest Electric Cooperative has new customers, a new name, an enlarged board of directors and new officers.

The consolidation of Midwest Electric with Stamford Electric Cooperative became official Monday.

Big Country Electric Cooperative's 16-member board met in Roby Monday to elect officers and adopt by-laws and policies.

Jimlee Baucum, an Anson electrician, was elected president and Carl Williams, a stock farmer east of Snyder in the Camp Springs area, was named vice president. Lewis Corzine, a retired Stamford farmer, was named secretary while John Ward, a Polar area rancher, was named treasurer.

Dan Cotton of Snyder and Charlie Brownfield of Stamford will remain as attorneys for the electric cooperative.

Jerry Stapp, Big Country general manager, said two subsidiary businesses were renamed. They are Big Country Premium Servcice and Big Country Development Corporation.

Last August, members of the two cooperatives overwhelmingly approved the merger. The new company will serve approximately 12,000 customers over 5,300 miles of lines serving 12 counties.

The service area includes Jones, Haskell, Schackelford, Stonewall, Fisher, Scurry, Nolan, Mitchell, Garza, Kent and Borden counties.

Stapp said three full-service offices will be maintained in Stamford, Roby and Snyder. All communications are on new letterheads and vehicle decals will be changed over the next few weeks.

The combined 16-member board will serve for three years after which members will elect a nine-member board.

By City Council...

Action is tabled on engineering work

In addition to the rate request, the city council considered several other items Monday night — including the cost for outside engineering services for the city's water line replacement program.

The city is considering a proposal from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper to assist in the engineering work through 2000.

Following a 30-minute discussion, the council voted to table any action on the project, and it will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday for a workshop.

The council also tabled action on a proposed S.T.A.R. Program boot camp on city property on Deep Creek between 30th and 37th Streets.

Cooley said she and S.T.A.R. director Pete Barrera had met and discussed some liability issues on the proposed facility, and likely would report to the council in February.

During a public hearing on a $10,188 grant the local police department has received, Police Chief Lannie Lee said the department would be purchasing up to four items with the money.

The items include a lap top computer, night vision equipment and electronic monitoring devices for narcotics investigations, and possibly a camera for the intoxylyzer room at the jail.

Lee said the city had to make a 10 percent match of the grant funds.

The council okayed bids for a scraper for the landfill for $200,000 from West Texas Equipment, a sanitation truck for $96,850 from Shamrock Chevrolet in Lubbock, and caustic soda for the water treatment plant in the amount of $19,076 from Dixie PetroChem in Sweetwater.

The council also heard the quarterly investment report from City Secretary Jeanne Johnson.

Mayor Holt presided at the first meeting of 1999, and all council members were present to include Dayton Robertson, Vernest Tippens, Jerry Webb, Martin and Terry Martin.

Woman indicted Monday morning enters guilty plea

A 34-year-old Snyder woman, indicted Monday by a Scurry County grand jury, pleaded guilty Monday afternoon in 132nd District Court to tampering with a government record

Kimberly Villarrael of 2302 41st Street, received a sentence of two years in a state jail facility, probated five years.

Villarreal was also fined $500 and was ordered by District Judge Ernie Armstrong to pay $3,510 in restitution to the Texas Department of Human Services.

Villarreal was charged with defrauding the state agency last January when she erronously reported her household did not own a vehicle.

Villarreal made the false statement in applying for food stamps and received more food stamps than she was actually qualified to receive.

Villarreal was one of six people indicted by the Scurry County grand jury yesterday.

Grand jurors also indicted Gary Lynn Kasparek for the third degree felony charge of driving while intoxicated.

Kasparek, 42, of 2506 Ave. N was indicted for the July 2, 1998 offense of DWI.

Kasparek has previous DWI convictions in Howard and Scurry counties and is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Also indicted for DWI was Blas Suarez, 23, of 2810 Ave. J.

He was arrested on Dec. 17 and is free from jail on a $5,000 bond.

Suzrez was convicted twice previously in Scurry County for DWI.

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Nobody will ever win the battle of the sexes. There is too much fraternizing with the enemy."

We didn't find the outdoor decorations — but we had fun finding someone to blame.

Ole what's-her-name used pumpkins from Halloween and Thanksgiving for outdoor Yule decorations by spray-painting them gold and silver. They looked remarkably festive with a big red bow.

Eating a hamburger after church one evening, she told teachers Ned and Kathy Moore about her Halloween pumpkins turned into Santa decor. They decided to do the same.

But sometime during the holiday, someone decided to cart off a couple of her pumpkins. It was no big loss — the bows were actually more valuable than the pumpkins.

Then ole what's-her-name mentioned the pumpkin caper at work. WTC President Harry Krenek then mentioned the decoration theft to his son and daughter-in-law who were visiting from Dallas a couple of weeks before Christmas.

Dan and Melissa Krenek returned to his parents' home on Denison all excited. They announced that they had spotted the missing painted pumpkins — just around the corner on El Paso.

That was a Saturday evening - and we looked forward to razzing the Moores about "the theft" at church the following morning.

Ned, an art teacher, should at least appreciate this theft story:

A Parisian nearly got away with stealing several paintings from the Louvre.

After planning the crime, breaking in, evading security and making his getaway, the thief was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas.

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious mistake, he replied:

"I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gough."

This showed up on our desk. More and more of us can identify with this "Senility Prayer."

"God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway; the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference."

ASK US

Q—When will Snyder students be given their report cards for the third six weeks?

A—Report cards for the third six weeks, which is also the end of the first semester, will be handed out Wednesday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 44 degrees; low, 16; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 25; no precipitation.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low, lower 30s. W wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High near 70. W wind 10-20 mph.

Kyler Hatley
Warm

Sunset:
5:55 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:44 a.m.
Of 4 days in 1999, the sun has shone 4 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes."

Oscar Wilde

Jesse Ventura takes oath of governor's office

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Former professional wrestler Jesse Ventura took the oath of office Monday as Minnesota's 37th governor after a two-month honeymoon as the country's most unlikely political star.

In his 11-minute inaugural speech, Ventura sought to reassure Minnesotans that they didn't make a mistake in electing a bald, boisterous radio host, former Navy SEAL and actor known as "The Body."

"Now we move forward to do Minnesota's business and we will do it to the best of our ability," Ventura said to about 800 people watching in the Capitol rotunda. He then added the Navy cheer "Hooyah!"

Chief executives also were sworn in Monday in Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

But none of them had generated as much attention or amazement as Ventura, the Reform Party candidate who got 37 percent of the vote in November, good enough to stun two political veterans, Republican Norm Coleman and Democrat Hubert Humphrey III.

As he did through the campaign, Ventura spoke mostly without notes — from the "heart and soul," as he described it, with people standing three and four deep on two balconies overlooking the rotunda floor.

"I'm not changing," Ventura said.

He doled out thank-yous and talked about his hopes but did not touch on any plans he might have for tax relief, a central theme of his campaign. He did reach out to the young, disenchanted voters who provided much of his support at the polls.

"We must put down the partisan party politics and look at the bigger picture," he said. "We must not fail because if we do, we can lose this generation."

Ventura, 47, replaced Republican Gov. Arne Carlson, a 30-year public servant who was state auditor before becoming governor.

Ventura became the 37th person to hold the office of governor. Rudy Perpich was elected governor to non-consecutive terms in the late 1970s and 1980s.

Ventura's only political experience was as mayor of the Minneapolis suburb of Brooklyn Park from 1991-95.

His most notable acting role was in "Predator" (1987), in which his character declares: "I ain't got time to bleed."

"Predator" co-star Arnold Schwarzenegger sat with Ventura's family at the inaugural. Although Schwarzenegger is a Republican, he had nothing but praise for his friend.

"He's a very disciplined man, and if there's one thing politics needs right now it's a lot of discipline," Schwarzenegger said.

As if to drive that home, Ventura made several references to his four years in the Navy in the 1970s. He wore a gold Navy trident in his lapel and read from a letter sent to him by Master Chief Terry Moy, who oversaw his training in Coronado, Calif., and stood behind the podium Monday in Navy dress blues.

The letter urged Ventura to draw on the strength he found in the brutal SEAL training to get him through the rough parts of his four-year term.

After he was sworn in, Ventura hugged his wife, Terry, and their two children, Jade, 15, and Tyrel, 19.

He scheduled an invitation-only reception at the governor's mansion, but he planned to be back in the office Tuesday to work on the state's two-year, $23 billion budget.

He decided to forgo a black-tie ball in favor of a "people's celebration" bash at the Target Center on Jan. 16 with live music.

2 SS employees stabbed by man

DECATUR, Ala. (AP) — An irate man stabbed two Social Security workers in their office Monday during a dispute over his missing check.

Larry Edward McGee, 31, became angry when told his Social Security check had not arrived because the office thought he was in jail, witnesses told police.

"They said they would get it all straightened out," said Daniel Suits, who was in the office at the time. "He told them they were all crazy. He got up and that's when he stabbed the first lady. We all ran out the back door."

Police said McGee used a butcher knife pulled from his pants to stab Gayle Bowman in the throat. He then stabbed office manager William Moore in the forehead and hand, police said.

McGee surrendered in the building lobby and was held on two counts of assault, Decatur police Lt. John Bradford said.

Ms. Bowman underwent surgery and was listed in good condition; Moore was released following treatment.

Ex-WTC student named extension agent in Gaines

Former Western Texas College student Brian Cody Smith has recently been named assistant county extension agent in Gaines County.

Smith, of Aspermont, is a recent graduate of Texas Tech University. He graduated from Aspermont High School in 1994 and attended WTC before going on to Tech to receive his bachelor of science in interdisciplinary agriculture in December.

He was the high ranking male graduate at WTC. In addition, he has been named to the National Dean's List, Texas Tech Dean's List and named Who's Who among students in American Junior Colleges.

Smith has also received the Lone Star Farmer degree, Gold Star award, I Dare You Award, was a council delegate for District 3 4-H, qualified for state in livestock judging and competed in all major livestock shows in high school.

Dunkin' Donuts sues to dump store with mouse problems

NEW YORK (AP) — Dunkin' Donuts is suing to cancel its franchise agreement with the owner of a shop where rodents were photographed nibbling on doughnuts.

A photo of a mouse resting on a glazed doughnut while munching a coconut-covered one was published by the New York Post last week with the caption: "EEEEEEK! Guess who's eating the donuts."

The newspaper followed up the story for two days with stories headlined "Mouse Trap" and "Under Mouse Arrest."

In the federal lawsuit, Dunkin' Donuts said it sent the franchise operator, National Donut Restaurants of New York Inc., a termination notice Friday.

"It was determined that there had been gross negligence of our Dunkin' Donuts standards at this one location," said company spokeswoman Jen Rosenberg.

The Randolph, Mass.-based company, with more than 3,400 shops in the United States and more than 1,000 overseas, said the store on trendy Fifth Avenue in midtown Manhattan breached its contract by permitting a mice infestation.

A store inspection last week found fresh mouse droppings in the basement and storage areas, said Sandra Mullin, a spokeswoman for the city's health department. The inspection also noted missing ceiling tiles, structural holes and spilled syrup and grease on the floor, she said.

The city, however, did not find violations sufficient to close the store, Mullin said.

Dunkin' Donuts was still inspecting all 30 of its New York City franchises operated by Riese Restaurants, the parent company of the store. Riese operates other fast-food restaurant chains in the city.

Horrific subway death stuns people in N.Y.C.

NEW YORK (AP) — Jenna Gamble left Dallas a year ago for New York City and she's felt safe.

Then came Sunday, when 32-year-old Kendra Webdale was decapitated by a train after allegedly being shoved off a subway platform by a stranger police say has a history of mental illness.

"Nothing bad has ever happened to me," said Ms. Gamble, 29. "But I come into the station where that woman was killed nearly every day, and this has really scared me."

She's not alone. The nightmarish death has shaken a city that is known more these days for its safe image and booming economy than for violence.

"I hope this is not a sign that crime is making a return," worried Sylvia Zimmerman, 65, who began riding the subway again last year after being mugged 10 years ago.

New Yorkers — who have enjoyed a drastic decline in murders, other violent crimes and subway attacks in the past few years — recoiled at the death. "Horror on the Tracks" the New York Post's front page read. "A Future Ends in a Fit of Madness," was one headline in the Daily News.

Ms. Webdale's death appears to be a random act of violence and the 29-year-old suspect, Andrew Goldstein, apparently had no motive, Lt. John Shields said Monday.

Kevin Canfield, the suspect's attorney, said his client suffers from schizophrenia.

"It could have been anyone and any place," Ralph Webdale, the victim's father, said in today's New York Times. "Kendra always liked New York, and she was very comfortable in the city when we visited there."

Ms. Webdale moved to the city about two years ago, friends and family said, sometimes returning to her family's upstate home in Fredonia, south of Buffalo, for visits. She had spent Christmas there.

She worked at a Manhattan record company and was researching a screenplay.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1999

If you feel you are now ready to put what you've learned to profitable uses, do so in the year ahead. Knowledge you've acquired academically or from personal experiences could turn out to be of real value.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you find yourself in the presence of a profound thinker today, be a good listener. This person might say something you could use to your advantage in furthering your aims. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If someone else has already laid the foundation, a joint venture could hold more promise than usual for you today. This will be true even if you end up playing a minor role.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The lesson of the day may be that real friendship works. From your efforts to help a friend achieve his or her aspirations, something beneficial could happen for you in the process.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) What may be the toughest part of your job could be to clarify your objectives and goals properly today, especially where your career is concerned. Once they're defined, the rest comes easy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The spotlight could be turned on you today regardless of your involvement. Whether or not you seek attention will not be a factor. It'll be your appealing mannerism that others notice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're always an adaptable individual, but you might be more malleable than usual to changes initiated by others today. However, these alterations will end up benefiting you the most.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If your common sense tells you that something can be done more effectively with teammates, forego any independent tendencies you might harbor today. Partners are lucky for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will be rewarded in proportion to the efforts you expend today, so take pride in your tasks and assignments. Your compensation will reflect how good of a job you're truly doing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When you take charge today, it won't ruffle anybody's feathers. In fact, any commanding presence you take will be recognized as a plus for others, rather than a liability.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It's not that you're being relegated to operating as the power behind the throne, because you've chosen this for yourself. This is where you'll be the most comfortable today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Use your influence over your intimate friends today in ways that does the greatest good for the largest number. You'll not only be more effective than usual, but the most popular.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Devote your maximum effort today to something you're presently involved with that could be meaningful for you financially. Your possibilities for success look extremely good.

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Date Book

Jan. 5, 1999

Today is the fifth day of 1999 and the 16th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1956, Elvis Presley recorded "Heartbreak Hotel."

On this day in 1975, "The Wiz" opened on Broadway.

On this day in 1983, President Reagan nominated Elizabeth Dole to be secretary of transportation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Stephen Decatur (1779-1820), U.S. naval hero; Zebulon Pike (1779-1813), explorer; Konrad Adenauer (1876-1967), German statesman; Jeane Dixon (1918-1997), astrologer; Walter Mondale (1928-), U.S. politician, is 71; Alvin Ailey (1931-1989), choreographer; Robert Duvall (1931-), actor, is 68; Diane Keaton (1946-), actress, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1963, the San Diego Chargers beat the Boston Patriots 51-10, winning the AFL championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The most serious charge which can be brought against New England is not Puritanism but February." — Joseph Krutch

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 1) and last quarter (Jan. 9).

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Berry's World



"Don't tell me. Let me guess. You are thinking outside of the box.'"



GOOD NEWS
By Wayne Horton

DIRECTION

Well, how're you doing on your New Year's resolutions? Someone said those things work until about four in the afternoon on January first. And what authority do you choose for your resolutions and the direction of your life. Here are some that I've read about:

Greece said, "Be wise, know yourself!"
Rome said, "Be strong, discipline yourself!"
Religion says, "Be good, conform yourself!"
Epicurianism says, "Be sensuous, enjoy yourself!"
Education says, "Be resourceful, expand yourself!"
Psychology says, "Be confident, assert yourself!"
Materialism says, "Be satisfied, please yourself!"
Pride says, "Be superior, promote yourself!"
Humanism says, "Be capable, believe in yourself!"
Legalism says, "Be pious, limit yourself!"

Some of this advise is good and, of course, some is not so good. Why not try what Jesus said: "BE KIND, GENEROUS AND LOVING, RELEASE YOURSELF!" You can know if it works only if you try it. Happy New Year!

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Planning your wedding for memories

By KAROL STONGER
Associated Press Writer

Garlands of baby's breath, tiny white lights and French ribbon are long gone from the rustic posts and beams. Grass on the ramp has turned brown, the trees are bare and there's a chill in the air. But there are warm memories of a special day for a couple who say:

"If you can successfully plan your wedding together and have a good time, it's good training for your life together."

Mil and Lance are practical and wanted to leave nothing of their day to chance. They're also creative and wanted more than a cookie-cutter ceremony punched out by wedding professionals. So they did it all themselves.

They developed a master plan of what Lance calls "dates and deliverables" and sat down every Sunday night to chart their progress and to parcel out the next week's chores. Still in love after more than 70 such Sunday sessions, they were married in an outdoor ceremony on a warm clear day in early spring.

Both Lance and Mil are thirty-something professionals in New York City. She was born in Washington, D.C., grew up in Philadelphia and went to Quaker schools and summer camp. After college she worked for a time in Paris. He was raised as a Southern Baptist not far from Frankfort, Ky. He spent a lot of time on his grandparents' farm, and between college and grad school went to the Philippines with the Peace Corps. If there was a theme to the wedding, it was an informality and the blending of their beliefs.

"We wanted the event to be about the marriage, not about the wedding," Lance says. "And to have it reflect what it is that you want to create in your life together. With us it was friendship, our social commitments, community."

The ceremony with far-flung friends and relatives closer by took place in picturesque Bucks County, Pa., on a grass-covered cattle ramp leading to a big red barn and the reception.

When they first looked at the barn as a possible venue, Mil said, "It was a moment of 'Wow, it really could be perfect.' All of the Kentuckians would love it because it wouldn't be a huge psychic shift, friends from the city could enjoy a weekend in the country, and for those from abroad it would offer a bucolic American setting."

Every detail for the day had meaning. The small-batch bourbon (Kentucky), the Champagne (France). Her long, Champagne-color sheath was complemented with a light wrap made by her friend the dressmaker. His suit, Mil says, "was made by a designer in Brooklyn we wanted to support. His shirt was made by a Nigerian we wanted to support."

In recalling all of the hideous bridemaid's dresses she never wore again, Mil asked the attendants to express their own good taste. No two dressed alike, and all seemed confident and comfortable and lent a certain sophistication to the scene.

Nor were the women lined up behind the bride and the men aligned with the groom. Lance's sister was one of his attendants. Mil's brother was one of hers. "It just seemed the most natural thing in the world to have the people nearest and dearest to each of us 'on our side.'"

Beyond the bridal party, many guests and family members had special roles in what Lance calls "a participatory wedding." Mil's mom did the flowers, from the bridal bouquet to the table arrangements; an aunt from her extended family was the jeweler who designed the rings. And friends contributed their talents as wedding gifts: the deejay, a graphics design director, a producer, a professional musician among them.

The man who married them had worked with Mil at Habitat for Humanity and was chosen for his convictions more than his religion. After the wedding vows were read, guests were invited to stand up and speak to or about the couple, Quaker-style. Their early fears that no one would rise were unfounded. It seemed as though everyone wanted a chance.

"That whole process of having the community be the ultimate authority that affirms your union is a tradition we really have a lot of respect for," Lance says.

The Quaker aspect provided one of the day's highlights for Lance. The other was when he and Mil repeated the vows they had written. "I thought that moment was magical ... We wanted the vows to reflect what it was we were creating as a couple in the marriage. When we actually got to the moment when we stood and said them to each other, it felt like the beginning of something."

Mil's favorite memory is of Lance singing to her at the reception. She says some months earlier she suggested with a wink that Lance follow a family tradition. His grandfather, a gospel singer, was known for a rousing rendition of Tennessee Ernie Ford's "Sixteen Tons." It's a song "which everyone knows, including all the French people at the wedding. There's this very funny line, which is '... ain't no high-toned woman gonna make me walk the line.'"

Lance sang it. And after months of practice and a little professional coaching from his best man, he also sang John Coltrane's "My One and Only Love." A cappella.

"Everyone who was at the wedding has been talking about this ever since," Mil says. "I have to agree with them that it was fabulous, but from my perspective it was a transcendent moment."

Could a glorious sunny day when 85 friends and relatives celebrated a union end without a hitch? No. The glitch came when it was time to throw the rice, the confetti or whatever. As an alternative to rice (harmful to birds), Mil chose to honor both her and Lance's heritage. She chose packets of Kentucky bluegrass seeds for him, mixed with rose petals in lieu of out-of-season cherry blossoms from her birth city.

"It was a fatal mistake," she recalls. The seeds are tiny, about the size of poppy seeds, and some of the guests "dumped whole bags on our heads. Our scalps were encrusted . We had to rake to get them out."

Even after days of shampooing and combing, they had visions of the seeds taking root and creating the "Chia couple."

Another minor crisis turned into a blessing. Mil's luggage was left in her maid of honor's car. So rather than retiring to a secluded cabin, the newlyweds traveled country roads and tracked the luggage to a restaurant where their friends had gathered.

"We wound up having dinner with everyone in the wedding party," Lance recalls. To which Mil adds: Such a nontraditional event "was truly one of the highlights."

Looking back on the day, Mil says, "I just loved it. It just flew ... I'm hard-pressed to think of anything I'd do differently."

Lance says there was stress at times, but it was rare.

"We were married in a community we had imported for the day. There was a village in evidence. That's what we wanted to create, and we did. I can honestly say I had a fabulous time at the wedding.

"I wrote Mil a note a few months later, saying I'd do it all over again."

Lance Pierce and Mildred Niepold were married at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 1998, in the barn at the Erwin-Stover House, Tinicum Park, Erwinna, Pa.

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Help Your Heart Recipes

This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day — not for each food or recipe.

Apple-Berry Dessert Couscous

- 1 teaspoon acceptable* vegetable oil
- 2 medium apples (such as Fuji, McIntosh, or Rome Beauty), cut into ½-inch pieces (2 cups)
- ¼ cup dried cherries or cranberries
- ¼ cup golden raisins
- 3 tablespoons dried currants
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 cups unsweetened apple juice
- ½ cup water
- 1 teaspoon coarsely grated lime zest
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice (2 medium limes)
- 2 cups uncooked couscous

In a large saucepan, heat oil over low heat, swirling to coat bottom. Stir in apples, cherries, raisins, currants, brown sugar, and cinnamon. Cook, covered, for 10 minutes, or until apples have released some of their juices, stirring occasionally.

Add remaining ingredients except couscous. Bring to a boil, covered, over high heat.

Add couscous, stirring well. Cover pan and remove from heat. Let sit for 15 minutes. Fluff with a fork before serving. Serves 6.

*Use canola, safflower, soybean, sunflower, or olive oil.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving

303 kcal	Calories	0 mg	Cholesterol	0 g	Saturated Fat
7 g	Protein	14 mg	Sodium	1 g	Polyunsaturated Fat
67 g	Carbohydrates	1 g	Total Fat	0 g	Monounsaturated Fat
5 g	Fiber				

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Year round care for poinsettia plants

Now what do you do with your poinsettia?

According to Ellen Ellison from Brenham, here is how:

Protect from hot and cold drafts, water when dry, and place in a room with enought natural light for reading.

Now: Apply all-purpose house plant fertilizer. Continue light, water, and fertilizer. Plant should remain colorful for many weeks.

Valentine's Day: Do nothing unless your plant has become long and leggy. If it has, prune to 5 inches from the soil.

Memorial Day: Poinsettia should be around 3 feet high. Trim off 2 to 3 inches from ends of branches, to promote side branching. Re-pot to larger container. Move plant outside first to indirect, then direct light.

Fourth of July: Trim plant again. Make sure it has full sunlight. Slightly increase the amount of fertilizer. If you would like root cuttings, they will root easily if kept warm.

Labor Day: Poinsettia may have grown to 5 feet or more. Move indoors, but make sure it has 6 hours of direct light from an uncurtained window. Reduce fertilizer.

First Day of Autumn: Starting on or near Sept. 21, give plant 13 hours of uninterrupted darkness and 11 hours of bright light per day. Keep night temperatures in the lower 60s. Continue to water and fertilize. Rotate plant each day to give all sides even light.

Thanksgiving: Discontinue day/night treatment. Put plant in a sunny area. Reduce water and fertilizer.

Christmas: Enjoy your now-new poinsettia!

Seems the poinsettia plants have been so pretty this year. Maybe you can meet the challenge of keeping the plants growing all year and blooming for 1999 Christmas.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

ACBL 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 & Ave. M; for 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 information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North	01-05-99
♠ 10 8 5	
♥ 7 4 3	
♦ A J 9 8	
♣ Q 4 2	
West	**East**
♠ J 7 6	♠ K Q 3
♥ K 10 8 6 5	♥ Q 2
♦ 6 5 3	♦ K 7 4 2
♣ 9 6	♣ 10 8 7 5
South	
♠ A 9 4 2	
♥ A J 9	
♦ Q 10	
♣ A K J 3	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 6

The ruling number is seven

By Phillip Alder

This week we are looking at whether declarer or the defender sitting over dummy should win the first trick or duck. Yesterday, we started with an elementary example of the holdup play. But it can get more complicated.

Against this three-no-trump contract, West leads the heart six, and East puts in the queen. How should South proceed?

Note South's rebid of two no-trump. Don't show a four-card major at this stage unless you have at least five clubs. Balanced hands are meant to bid no-trump. If North is interested in a 4-4 spade fit, he can always bid three spades next.

South has seven top tricks. Two more are available in diamonds — maybe three if the finesse works. But what is the heart position? If hearts are splitting 4-3 or 6-1, there's no danger. So, worry about 5-2. Then, South must duck the first trick and win East's heart return. He takes the diamond finesse at trick three, confident his contract is safe.

Could South safely duck two heart tricks? Not if West is on the ball. Knowing he has no entry, West might switch to spades, setting up five tricks for the defense: two spades, two hearts and one diamond.

Were you tempted to win trick one because your remaining jack-nine might produce a second heart stopper? If so, you probably forgot to use the Rule of Eleven. West led the heart six. So, there are five hearts (11 - 6) higher than the six in the other three hands. And you've seen them all: dummy's seven, East's queen, and your ace-jack-nine. So, West must have the king-10 sitting over your jack-nine.

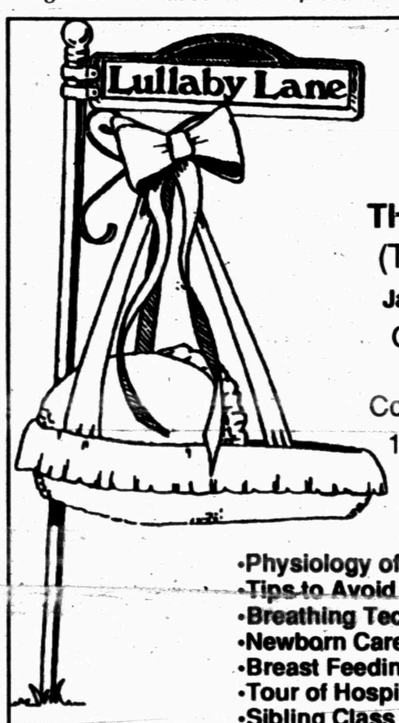
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Free Y2K Preparedness Workshop: 12 Step Planning

Recently, the **American Red Cross** recommended Americans begin preparing for Y2K. Some people are beginning to realize that Y2K may create severe hardship and even life threatening conditions in many parts of the world. Strategic planning for the year 2000 computer problem is crucial in the months ahead. This is a time for prudence, not panic; a time for faith, not fear.

The Bible says, **"A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it."** (Prov. 22:3) We all need to sharpen our personal reliance skills rather than relying on others if we are to be a blessing for the problems arising from the Millennium Bug.

Here is a minimum statement of the major areas we all must address to be ready for the year 2000:

- *What will you do in the event of a sustained power failure?*
- *Where would you live in a crisis?*
- *Would you be reasonably safe without 911?*
- *What if you lost your job?*
- *Are your savings and valuables safe?*
- *What will you do if there are food and water shortages?*
- *Are you on friendly terms with your neighbors?*
- *What if you or your family needed medical services, or medicine?*

These are all-important questions to consider and thinking about them in advance will help you to become a part of the Y2K solution instead of a panicky, Y2K victim. Our prayer is that this Y2K crisis will pull us together. The difference is being prepared physically, emotionally mentally, financially, and most importantly, spiritually.

This practical, hands-on 12-Step Planning Workshop will address each of these topics and provide sources for each: Keeping Your Identity • Drinking Water • Food/Sources • Finances • Clothing • Emergency Medical Supplies • Heating/ Lighting Sources • Emergency Preparedness Library • Communication • Waste Disposal • Home Safety • Family Safety.

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Location: FamilyLife Community Church
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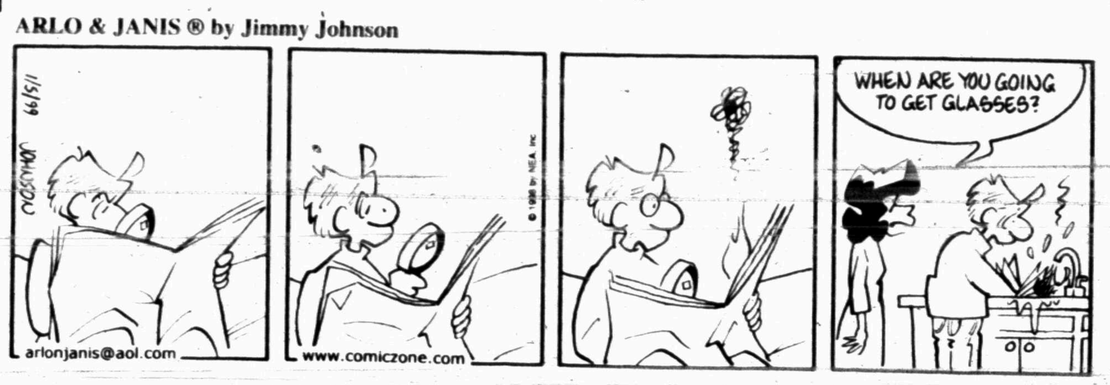
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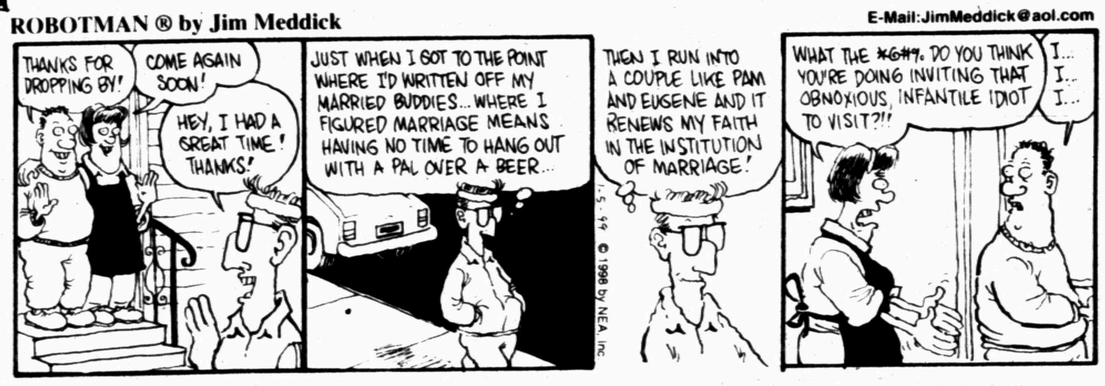


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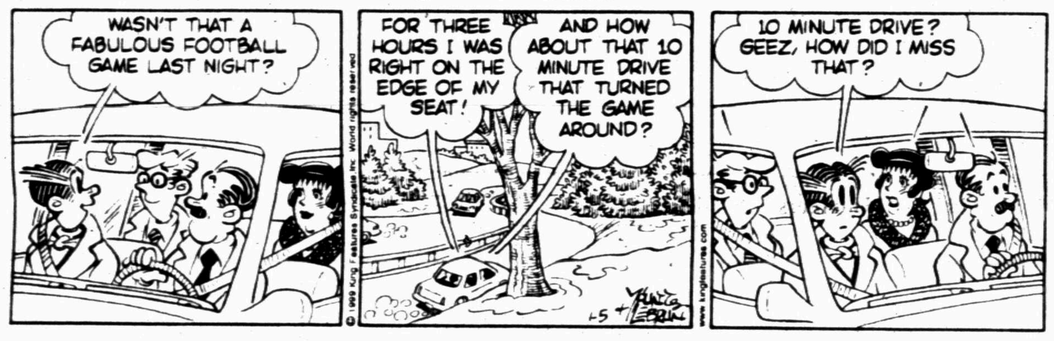


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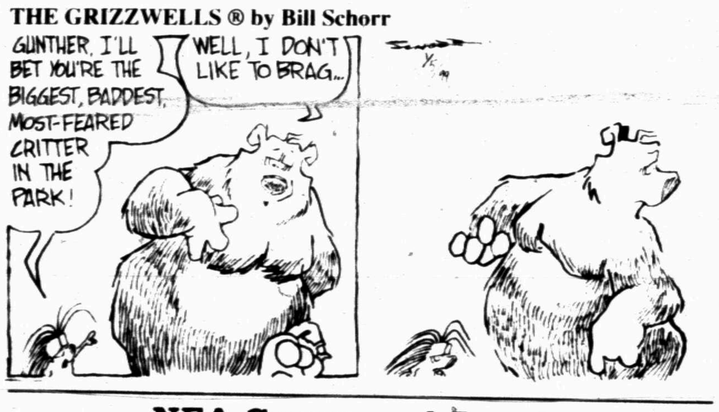
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1 Author Verne
6 Walked
10 Epic poem
12 P.G. Wodehouse character
14 — G. Robinson
15 Atelier items
16 Spawn
17 Gun grp.
19 Very, to Pierre
20 Lennon, McCartney, etc.
23 Mint —
26 Dawn goddess
27 Extinct bird
30 Genus of ants
32 Speaks
34 Sheep's coat
35 Beach areas
36 Passing fashion
37 That man
39 Like some leaf edges
40 Certain water body
42 Anglo-Saxon serf
45 Brit. Navy abbr.
46 Give — — whirl
49 Actor Clooney
51 Ocular cover
54 More like deer meat
55 Strolled
56 Marsh plant
57 Deep chasm

DOWN

1 Mock
2 Hair style
3 Actor Rob —
4 Clean-air org.
5 Sun. speech
6 It's in the bag!
7 Relaxes
8 Finished
9 Remove (text)
11 Author Ferber
12 Like a possessive lover
13 Draft org.
18 AAA suggestion
20 — noire
21 Periods of time
22 Swimmer Williams
23 Bridges or Daniels
24 W. Coast coll.
25 Fibbed
27 Type of fish
28 Crude metals
29 The caama
31 Nor's partner
33 British party
38 Mother, in Britain
40 Unearthly
41 On the briny
42 It's often scrambled
43 Scorch
44 Seaport in Alaska
46 Badly
47 Cravats
48 Puts 2 and 2 together
50 Certain high-school doc.
52 Entertainer Sumac
53 Subside

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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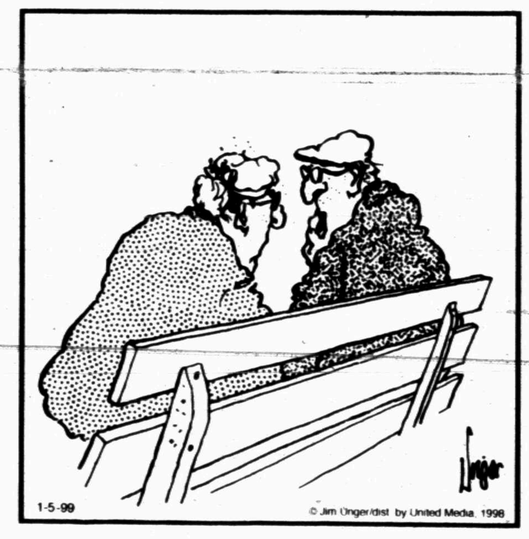
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SPORTS

Lady Dusters improve to 10-4 with two wins

WACO — With conference play fast approaching, the Lady Dusters might be playing their best basketball of the season.

Western Texas got 26 points from sophomore guard Christy Wells and shut down Angelina in the second half to notch a 95-74 victory Monday at the Southwest Shootout.

The victory, paired with a win Saturday over Collin County College, improves the Lady Dusters' mark to 10-4 on the season.

WTC was to have squared off this afternoon against Panola in its final contest of the shootout.

Against Angelina, the Lady Dusters headed to halftime with only a one-point lead, 46-45. But a defensive effort in the second half which surrendered only 29 points preserved the win.

"We played a lot better defense in the second half," WTC coach Valery Jackson said. "And Christy had a great game. After the break, she's come back refreshed and is playing really well right now."

Wells' 26 points led the Lady Dusters, while sophomore Pam Odhuong'o and freshman Crystal Williams dropped in 12 apiece.

WTC returns home Friday to host Blinn at 6 p.m. at Scurry County Coliseum.

The Lady Dusters then open WJCAC play on the road Monday at New Mexico.

WTC 95, Angelina 74

WTC: Christy Wells, 26; Pam Odhuong'o and Crystal Williams, 12; April Walker, 8; Mary Cavazos and Roselind Lawrence, 7; Carrie Fincher, 6; Heather Moon and Danielle Brown, 5; Kathy Tran and Latasha Vizcorrondo, 4.

WTC 84, Collin County 59

WTC: Lawrence, 17; Williams, 16; Wells and Odhuong'o, 10; Vizcorrondo, 8; Tran and Walker, 7; Cavazos, 4; Moon and Brown, 2; Fincher, 1.

Vols nab undisputed national title

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The game to end all arguments about who's No. 1 in college football didn't get any this time.

Top-ranked Tennessee claimed the undisputed national championship Monday night, capping a perfect season with a very imperfect 23-16 victory over Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl.

The Volunteers received all 70 first-place votes in the final Associated Press media poll. Ohio State was second, followed by Florida State.

Under the new Bowl Championship Series format, Tennessee was crowned national champion in the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll immediately after the game.

"We had to prove to everybody we were the No. 1 team in the nation," said quarterback Tee Martin, who stepped in for Tennessee folk hero Peyton Manning and led the Vols to their best record ever, 13-0.

"We had a chip on our shoulders. We won all our games. We were 12-0 and we still didn't get our respect."

They have it now. The Vols were the only team from a major conference to finish undefeated.

"All year long we've been called a team of destiny," coach Phillip Fulmer said. "During the course of the year, we did what we had to do. It wasn't always perfect, it wasn't always pretty, but they found a way to get it done."

Tennessee hadn't won a national championship since 1951. Winning this one wasn't easy.

Martin threw two touchdown passes, including a 79-yarder to Peerless Price with 9:17 to go to put the Vols ahead 20-9. But the Seminoles (11-2), despite their own turnover and penalty problems, wouldn't quit.

After Jeff Hall kicked a 23-yard field goal to extended the lead to 23-9 with 6:01 left, Florida State cut the lead to 23-16 on Marcus Outzen's 7-yard TD run with 3:42 left. The play was set up by his 39-yard pass to Ron Dugans on a third-and-seven.

Sebastian Janikowski's onside kick after the score was recovered by Florida State, but the ball hit the kicker's hand after it traveled only 7 yards and the Vols took possession.

And just when it looked like Tennessee would score again to put the game out of reach, linebacker Brian Allen recovered Travis Henry's fumble at the 10 to give Florida State one more chance.

Outzen, though, was overmatched in just his third start. On Florida State's first play after the recovery, his long pass intended for Peter Warrick was tipped by Deon Grant and intercepted by Steve Johnson, who returned it 20 yards to the Florida State 45.

The Vols ran out the clock, the sideline emptied and Fulmer ran to midfield with his daughters in tow.

"It was not one or two guys," he said. "It was a whole football team believing they could get it done."

The Seminoles fell to 1-2 in games deciding a national championship.

"We congratulate Tennessee for the national championship they deserve," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "They made more big plays than we did. We had a hard time getting the ball to our threat, and they deserved to win."

Martin made the most of his opportunity to do what Manning couldn't — win a national title. The 6-foot-2, 220-pounder from Mobile, Ala., was 11-of-18 for 278 yards and two TDs, while Price caught four passes for 199 yards and was voted the game's MVP.

"Nobody believed us," Price said. "I'm happy to be able to make some plays for my team."

Florida State clearly lacked offensive punch, and the Vols were all over Warrick, who managed a 51-yard punt return but caught only one pass for 7 yards.

He may have been able to beat Florida two months ago, but Outzen was no match for linebacker Al Wilson and the Vols' defense. He was 9-of-22 for 145 yards with two interceptions, and he was sacked four times. He also ran 18 times for minus 1 yard.

Florida State was penalized 12 times for 110 yards, while Tennessee was penalized nine times for 55 yards.

It took 15 minutes of sloppy play by both teams before the Volunteers warmed up briefly in Sun Devil Stadium, where a record crowd of 80,407 — many of them in the burnt orange of Tennessee — showed up.

After a scoreless first quarter that featured two fumbles, shanked punts, a missed field goal by the normally reliable Hall and 59 yards in penalties, Tennessee struck for two touchdowns in 25 seconds.

First, the Vols took three points off the board after the Seminoles' Dexter Jackson was penalized for roughing the kicker on Hall's 24-yard field goal. That put the Vols on the Florida State 4, and two plays later Martin hit fullback Shawn Bryson on a 4-yard touchdown pass.

On Florida State's second play after the kickoff, cornerback Dwayne Goodrich stepped in front of Outzen's pass intended for Warrick and ran 54 yards for a touchdown with 13:40 left in the half.

Outzen, who stepped in after Chris Weinke was lost for the season with a neck injury on Nov. 7, was 4-of-10 for 35 yards in the first half.

Despite eight penalties for 67 yards, the Seminoles still managed to close the gap to 14-9 by halftime.

After dismal playoff performance...

Gailey meets with Cowboy players

IRVING (AP) — Dallas coach Chan Gailey still hasn't seen the tapes of the Arizona NFC wild-card ambush. He's been busy interviewing players trying to figure out what went wrong in the shocking 20-7 loss.

"I met with each player for 10 or 15 minutes," Gailey said Monday. "I got the sense of a big disappointment and they were still hurting. But there was guarded enthusiasm and anticipation for next year."

The NFC East division champions produced a 10-6 in Gailey's first season as head coach, but lost to an Arizona team they had beaten twice in the regular season.

Gailey said he woke up Sunday morning after the loss feeling as down as coach can be.

"It was a sickening feeling and it sticks with you awhile," Gailey said. "You can't believe the season is over."

Gailey said in the next couple of months he will break down the Dallas offense and try to determine what happened.

"Every problem we have is correctable," Gailey said. "I'm very encouraged about next year and what I think we can be."

The most discouraging part of the loss was the breakdown of the Dallas offense. Gailey, a former offensive coordinator from Pittsburgh, was hired for his ball-moving expertise after owner Jerry Jones gave Barry Switzer the gate.

"We're going to evaluate the offense in the off-season and find out what happened exactly," Gailey said.

Quarterback Troy Aikman threw three interceptions and was sacked four times in the loss. Dallas abandoned the run in the second half after Emmitt Smith rushed for 74 yards in the first half as the Cowboys trailed 10-0. Dallas ran the ball only four times in the second half.

"Our execution was not there," Gailey said. "We had some tough injuries to (wide receiver) Ernie Mills and (running back) Chris Warren but that's part of life and you have to adjust."

Gailey said he talked to cornerback Deion Sanders, who criticized his team and said "big-time players should step up in big-time games."

"Deion was just disappointed the team didn't win," Gailey said. "Anytime you don't win it hurts."

Gailey said the players should be better adapted to his system in 1999.

"I know I'll feel more at ease with our situation and have a much better idea of our needs," Gailey said. "Everything should work a lot smoother."

Jones gave Gailey a big vote of confidence, saying "he will be one of the outstanding coaches in the NFL."

Jones said Gailey should "have a longtime future" with the Cowboys.

Jones admitted he was "very surprised and disappointed" by the shocking loss to the Cardinals.

"We had no balance, no points on the board," Jones said. "That was a surprise. We should have been better at moving the ball."

Jones shrugged off claims the Cowboys are getting old, saying, "there are 12 teams in the NFL older than we are. I feel very good about the team we can put together for next year...we have a plan in place. We can't stand pat. We must improve."

The Cowboys will only have about $6 million or so to play with under the new salary cap. They have 13 free agents.

Jones wouldn't discuss personnel moves. The Cowboys have to come with five names for the new Cleveland franchise to pick over on Feb. 12.

"We've got a lot of time to think about all of this," said fullback Daryl Johnston.

Ex-49er coach George Seifert hired as head man in Carolina

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — George Seifert spent his first stint in the NFL trying to maintain a championship team. He'll spend his second trying to build one.

Seifert was introduced Monday as the new leader of the Carolina Panthers, a 4-year-old franchise that has fallen on hard times since advancing to the NFC championship game in just its second season.

The Panthers are coming off their worst year yet, one in which they were hampered by injuries, finished 4-12 and had to deal with several distractions by players. Quarterback Kerry Collins, Carolina's first draft choice, was cut amid questions about his commitment, and linebacker Kevin Greene, regarded as a team leader, was suspended for attacking an assistant coach on the sidelines.

It's a stark contrast from 1989, when Seifert took over as the head coach in San Francisco. The 49ers were coming off their third Super Bowl title in seven years and had a roster peppered with the likes of Ronnie Lott, Joe Montana, Jerry Rice and Steve Young.

The Panthers don't appear to have any guaranteed future Hall of Famers on their roster, but Seifert is nonetheless confident he can get Carolina back on track.

"I know what the expectations are," he said. "I'm used to going into the season saying, 'Hey, we're going after a Super Bowl.'"

Seifert, 58, will be Carolina's head coach and will have the final say in all personnel matters. The Panthers gave him a five-year contract worth an average of more than $2.4 million annually, according to sources who spoke on condition they not be identified.

It appeared as if Seifert's NFL resume was finished when he left the 49ers after the 1996 season. He spent two years fishing, hiking and traveling with his wife, Linda, and dabbled as a television analyst for NFL games.

But Seifert said he never lost the desire to coach.

"The last couple of years I've kind of been living in a gray twilight," he said. "It's an empty feeling."

That feeling passed when he met with Richardson last Tuesday.

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Stanford 77, Oregon 59
UCLA 88, Arizona St. 85, OT

Local Sports Schedule

TUESDAY
Basketball: WTC vs. Panola, Southwest Shootout, Waco, 2 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder varsity girls & boys at Levelland, 6:30, 8 p.m.
Basketball: Loraine at Hermleigh varsity girls & boys, 6:30, 8 p.m.
Basketball: Klondike at Ira varsity girls & boys, 6:30, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY
Basketball: Snyder JV boys vs. Andrews, Snyder tourney, 9 a.m.; Snyder JV boys vs. Wylie, noon.

FRIDAY
Basketball: Blinn at WTC, Scurry County Coliseum, 6 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder JV & varsity girls at Andrews, 4:30, 6 p.m.
Basketball: Lamesa at Snyder varsity boys, 7:30.
Basketball: Ira varsity girls & boys at Grady, 6:30, 8 p.m.

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Coastal s	34	15-16	34	13-16 34 13-16— 1-16
CocaCola			67	7-16 66¾ 67 1-16— ⅛
ColgatePalm			90¾	89⅛ 89¾— ⅛
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DaimlrChry n	102	5-16	101¾	102⅛+ 7-16
DallSemico			38⅛	38¼ 38 7-16
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MediaOne			47¼	46 11-16 47 1-16+ ⅜
Medtronic			72¼	71⅜ 71 13-16— 1¼
Mobil	87	85	15-16	86 3-16—11-16
Monsanto			48¼	47¾ 48 1-16+ ⅛
MorganJP			108	106¼ 106¾— 7-16
Motorola			65	7-16 64⅝ 64¾— ⅛
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Navistar			28¼	27¾ 28 1-16+ 5-16
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IRS slates special session on problem solving in Lubbock

DALLAS — The Internal Revenue Service will reach out on Thursday to help West Texas taxpayers in a special program aimed at helping Texans who may have unresolved federal tax problems.

During an IRS Problem Solving Day in Lubbock, taxpayers will be able to cut through red tape by getting one-on-one help from IRS experts. The Problem Solving Day will be held from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at IRS, 1205 Texas Avenue, Room 608.

Lubbock area residents who are interested in attending are encouraged to make reservations by calling 806-472-7581. People can drop by without an appointment, but a reservation will help ensure that the right IRS workers are available to deal with their situation.

Problem Solving Day has become a cornerstone of the agency's new emphasis on taxpayer service.

"Problem Solving Day shows how we're doing things different at the IRS these days," said Charles Rossotti, commissioner of Internal Revenue.

"Problem Solving Day gives many taxpayers a good opportunity to quickly iron out their problems," said Taxpayer Advocate Mark Zuverink, whose office runs Problem Solving Day.

That's because IRS district administrators will be in the same room at the same time tackling the same questions. In Some cases, issues that can take weeks to get sorted can be worked out during one sit-down meeting.

"People will be able to cut through any red tape by having the complete attention of the agency's decision-makers," Zuverink said. "We'll have the right people in place with the expertise and the ability to get things done."

In North Texas, more than 1,100 people sought help at Problem Solving Days. More than half the cases resolved around seven issues raised by tax payers: audit reconsiderations, compromise offers, installment agreements for tax payments, requests for technical or procedural explanations, questions about IRS inquiries, tax penalties and inability to pay.

Outstanding warrants result in three arrests on Monday

Outstanding warrants sent three subjects to jail Monday and early Tuesday, while a fourth subject was arrested for public intoxication.

Deputies arrested a 48-year-old male at 2:56 p.m. in the 8700 block of CR 4144 on an outstanding Young County warrant for theft; Wichita County warrant for bail secured bond; Baylor County warrant for fraud/insufficient funds; Archer County warrant for fraud/insufficient funds; outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants for no liability insurance, failure to drive in a single lane and failure to appear.

He was also charged with outstanding Lubbock County warrants for no liability insurance, expired registration, speeding and two counts of failure to appear.

Two subjects were arrested at 12:46 a.m. Tuesday in the 3300 block of College Avenue. Taken into custody were a 27-year-old male for public intoxication, failure to identify, and outstanding city warrants for disregarding a stop sign, speeding and failure to maintain financial responsibility. A 28-year-old male was also arrested for public intoxication.

At 6:04 a.m., officers arrested a 24-year-old male at the police department on a warrant for modification of community supervision.

In other activity, Rebecca Johnson requested an officer at the American Motor Inn at 7 a.m. in reference to her vehicle being vandalized. An offense report for criminal mischief was filed.

An offense report for Class C criminal mischief was filed at 12:02 p.m. at York Vacuum Co. in the 900 block of North College in reference to an employee's vehicle being vandalized.

At 3:26 p.m., a woman requested an officer in the 1700 block of Avenue I in reference to her 15-year-old daughter leaving the residence and not returning. An offense report for runaway was filed.

The girl was located and transported to the sheriff's office where she was released to her mother.

Linda Guy requested an officer at 3:29 p.m. in the 400 block of 32nd Street in reference to someone painting her van. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Singers to stay

NEW YORK (AP) — The youthful heartthrobs of the Backstreet Boys plan on performing together for decades to come.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Joyce Brown, Andrea Rodriquez, Douglas Sawyer, Brett Banks, Victor Beinhauer of Hermleigh, Janie Dever, Maurine Holman, Vivian Kyle.

DISMISSALS: Clydie Barham, Howard Brown, Mary Wright, Christi Haltom, Vivian Kyle, Ella Moffett, Chrisina Torres of Hermleigh, Annmarie Woods of Marble Falls.

CENSUS: 49 (Med., Surg.-17, Long-term Care-25, OB-3, Nursery-4).

Births

Lisa Luera of Snyder announces the birth of her six-pound, 10-ounce daughter at 5:34 p.m. on Jan. 4 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Are chitosan supplements safe?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have recently seen advertisements for a new product called Fat Absorb. It is marketed as a dietary supplement that can help you lose weight without dieting or exercise. I even saw an infomercial on the same product — the person talking about Fat Absorb said that if you take a bunch before having a fatty meal, your body won't absorb the fat. The product is able to hold fat and make it unabsorbable by the human body. My concern is that this product could pose some pretty important health risks. If it truly binds to fat, it will also bind to fat-soluble vitamins such as A, D, E and K. The advertisement suggests taking this product with every meal. Have you looked into the safety of this product? — F.S., Bridgewater, N.J.

DEAR T.D.: Fat Absorb, along with a number of similar products, is derived from a substance called chitin (KITE-un), which comes from the shells of crustaceans such as crabs, shrimp and lobsters.

Chitosan, the name of one of the chitin derivatives, has the ability to bind with fat in the stomach before it has a chance to be absorbed. The chitosan — and the fat — travels through the digestive tract and is eventually eliminated from the body.

The upside is that fewer fat calories are absorbed. Researchers estimate that each gram of chitosan has the ability to absorb four to eight times its own weight. This means that a 250-milligram capsule could prevent the absorption of 1-2 grams of dietary fat, as long as the fat was in the digestive tract at the same time as the capsule. Another plus is the fact that the product is safe.

The downside is that chitosan is not selective in the types of fatty substances it binds with. This aspect should not be dismissed lightly. As you correctly point out, chitosan can grab on to essential nutrients like fat-soluble vitamins, valuable phytochemicals and the omega-3 fatty acids found in fish. One study found that a high intake of chitosan led to a rapid decrease in the level of vitamin E in the blood. It is also plausible that chitosan would prevent the absorption of medications as well. Many prescription drugs are made from fat-based substances. Steroids, birth control pills, hormone replacements and many cholesterol-lowering medications, for example, are all fat-based compounds.

The bottom line is that chitosan poses more questions than it answers, and it does little to influence the healthy eating habits that are the key to long-term weight-loss success.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Reading your column every week is most helpful, and now I have a question of my own. What is white distilled vinegar made from? How is it made? Is it healthy, or harmful? — F.X., Los Angeles

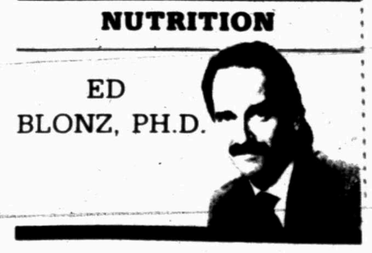
DEAR F.X.: It is estimated that vinegars have been used as flavor enhancers, flavorants, preservatives and folk remedies since 5,000 B.C. Vinegars come from fermented carbohydrates. There are many varieties, and the particular flavor of a vinegar depends on the type of carbohydrates used in fermentation. White distilled vinegar comes from the distillation of grains such as corn, rye and barley. The acid in vinegar is acetic acid, and it is usually present in solution at about four parts per hundred. White distilled vinegar's main failing is that it has the strongest, most acidic taste of all the vinegars. It can be used in foods, but it is perhaps best suited for pickling. It is not healthful, in that it provides no needed nutrients or beneficial attributes. However, vinegar is in no way unsafe or harmful if used appropriately.

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



Clinton's impeachment: Trial of the Century

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before President Clinton was impeached, the congressman who will be the lead prosecutor said the House decision was "merely" that there was enough evidence for a Senate trial.

There's nothing mere about it now — one Republican senator said it is not only the trial of the century but of all time.

And Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania also said it should be a full trial, with witnesses testifying before the Senate. He said so outside the White House Monday, after watching Clinton propose a tax break for long-term health care. Specter complimented Clinton for a good job in handling that business as usual.

In the unprecedented situation awaiting the Congress convening Wednesday, the incongruous is ordinary.

Rep. Henry Hyde, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, leads the 13 managers who will prosecute the impeachment case when it begins — locking the normally talkative Senate into a rigid and silent role as Clinton's jury.

"Now we seek impeachment, not conviction nor censure," Hyde said on Dec. 11, as the committee brought its party-line charges against Clinton. "Those are decisions for the other body, the Senate. We merely decide if there is enough for a trial."

That was decided on near party-line votes in the House for two counts of impeachment — perjury and obstruction of justice — in the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal. Republican leaders blocked a vote on censure, scrapping that Democratic alternative, 230 to 204.

Republicans said flatly that censure was unconstitutional, although Hyde and others had earlier suggested it might be an option for the Senate.

It may yet be — there are Republicans who see it as a way to settle the case short of firing the president, which Americans overwhelmingly oppose in public opinion polls. Of course the polls registered majority opposition to impeachment, too, and the House went ahead.

Since the impeachment votes on Dec. 19, the House tone has hardened, with Hyde and his prosecution team demanding a full Senate trial to prove their case for conviction of the president.

But Senate leaders are talking of compromise, on trial and punishment.

Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., the majority leader, has guardedly endorsed the idea of an abbreviated trial without witnesses, followed by a test vote to determine whether two-thirds of the Senate considers Clinton's conduct, if proven, to warrant conviction.

Assuming, as Senate leaders do, that there are not the votes to

AP analysis

convict — with 55 Republican senators, 45 Democrats and 67 votes required — the impeachment trial could be adjourned by majority vote, and the Senate could consider censure. But that would take advance agreements; it isn't envisioned by the rules.

"They hear the country, they want to get it concluded, and that's a way to get it concluded," said Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., one of the House managers. Hutchinson said on ABC that there should be a trial, with witnesses, and that Ms. Lewinsky would be on the short list to testify "in a very dignified way."

But neither the dignity nor the duration of a Senate trial would be manageable once testimony began, although a majority could vote at any point to end the whole proceeding. Were Democrats to hold their lines, that would take the votes of at least six Republican senators.

Lott's hints of a three-day trial led Hyde to write him that "the Senate should hear from live witnesses ..." and should not short-circuit the case the House brought against Clinton.

He said the "extensive factual record" compiled by special prosecutor Kenneth W. Starr was sufficient for House impeachment, but that the managers will want to summon witnesses at trial.

Democrats called that inconsistent. Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said it was noteworthy that the House chose not to hear from "the characters that have become all too familiar" in the Lewinsky scandal, and that he is not wildly interested in having them called before the Senate.

During the House debate, Hyde said, "We have been attacked for not producing fact witnesses," but the House didn't need them, with 60,000 pages of Starr evidence in hand. "We had the facts — under oath," he said then.

But now, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., complained, the House is trying to tell the Senate how it must proceed. Worse still, he said, one of the House managers, Rep. Bob Barr of Georgia, said senators don't have the attention span of the average juror, so the case will have to be simplified for them.

"That kind of condescending arrogance is not going well," Leahy said on CBS.

He was one of 16 senators on TV Sunday morning. Specter was another, and he said on NBC that even with witnesses, the trial can be expedited and brief.

"Probably less time than we spend on the Sunday talk shows," he said.

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.

Interest rates fall in Treasury auction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities fell in Monday's auction to the lowest level in a month.

The Treasury Department sold $7.50 billion in three-month bills at a discount rate of 4.380 percent, down from 4.520 percent last week. An additional $7.51 billion was sold in six-month bills at a rate of 4.420 percent, down from 4.525 percent.

The three-month rate was the lowest since Dec. 7, when the bills sold for 4.320 percent. The six-month rate was the lowest since Dec. 14, when the rate was 4.390.

The new discount rates understate the actual return to investors — 4.490 percent for three-month bills, with a $10,000 bill selling for $9,889.30, and 4.585 percent for a six-month bill selling for $9,776.50.

Study: Quality sells in local TV newscasts

NEW YORK (AP) — Local television news doesn't necessarily need to emphasize blood and guts crime reporting to land viewers, a new study suggests.

Quality news broadcasts were more likely to succeed than fail in the ratings, according to the study released Monday. Tabloid-oriented broadcasts also do well, indicating that the stations that suffer are the ones confused about which direction to take.

The study ranked newscasts at 61 stations in 21 cities and was conducted by the Project for Excellence in Journalism, a group funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts and affiliated with the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

Its results should cause television news directors to question old ideas, including the axiom that "if it bleeds, it leads" local newscasts, said Tom Rosensteil, a former media critic and the project's director.

"I hope that they begin to question some of the conventional wisdom that is kicked around in local TV about flash, crime, brevity and infotainment," he said.

Rosensteil said TV news audiences are segmented, with some preferring serious broadcasts and others a tabloid approach. What they don't like is when stations try to have it both ways, he said.

Stations that succeeded with quality did more long stories, quoted more sources on stories and spoke to more average citizens, and also showed enterprise by doing more than just reacting to breaking news, the study said.

Researchers also found a correlation between longer stories and rising ratings.

"It suggested that people's attention spans are not ever-shrinking," Rosensteil said. "When you have a story that's really interesting, people want to hear it in depth."

The study found mixed results when it looked for quality, he said. Researchers were surprised at how many times some of the basics of journalism, like seeking both sides of a story, were overlooked.

Big-city broadcasts also tended to score lower in quality rankings than those in smaller cities, the study found. Rosensteil isn't sure whether that's because late-evening broadcasts tend to get higher ratings in the larger cities, and these try to pack more stories into a half hour.

Barbara Cochran, president of the Radio and Television News Directors Association, said she was heartened by the finding that quality can pay off in ratings.

Retailers slash prices on high-end computers

NEW YORK (AP) — Even though cheap computers flew off store shelves this holiday season, retailers are stuck with a supply of more expensive PCs, and many are offering big discounts to clear them out.

That means consumers can find powerful computers with lots of goodies attached for around $1,000, well below what they would have paid a year ago.

"If you want to buy a higher-end system, this is the time to buy," said Matt Sargent, an analyst at ZD Market Intelligence in La Jolla, Calif.

"The stores are overstocked and they want to clear their shelves to make room for new inventory," he said Monday.

It was a strong year for the computer industry, largely because prices dropped to levels affordable enough to appeal to the masses.

According to ZD Market Intelligence, the average retail price for a personal desktop computer was $983 in November, the first time it dropped below $1,000. A year ago, the average price was $1,329.

In addition, market share increased sharply for cheap computers. In October, PCs under $600 accounted for 5.5 percent of retail sales. By November, they accounted for 16.6 percent.

Retailers now hope price cuts on higher-end models move those products out of stores quickly.

Among the deals Best Buy is offering is a Packard Bell 350 megahertz computer, with monitor and printer, for $999.70, down from $1,376.70.

Among the deals at Radio Shack is a 300 megahertz Compaq desktop computer, with monitor and printer, for $950, down from $1,500.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Advice about sex for men and women

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 71-year-old married woman who continues to enjoy sex with a competent, caring husband. I disagree with your "survey" in which you concluded that a large majority of post-menopausal women object to their partners' continuing intimate activity.

In my experience, there are women who, as a general rule, don't like most of the things their husbands do: sex, sports, gardening, hunting, you name it. I've found that it is precisely these women who complain the loudest. The quiet ladies are the ones who have their priorities straight and their lives in balance. They're the people who continue to feel the "oneness" with the partners they love. They keep their thoughts to themselves. They are a silent majority.

DEAR READER: Perhaps you're correct, but my mail still runs about five to one against sex, a ratio that I am told is similar to one that my fellow columnist, Ann Landers, reported several years ago.

In any, informal study, the most opinionated people respond. This usually leads to conclusions that may not be held by the majority of people who have neutral views. Hence, such a survey may be misleading.

I wasn't really so interested in the percentage of women who object to sex as I was in obtaining opinions — and simply letting women ventilate pro or con. I wouldn't be surprised to learn that most women are fairly content with their partners, can take or leave sex, enjoy it on occasion, and don't make a big deal out of the situation. Nonetheless, as I have previously written, we men cannot dismiss out of hand the sizeable proportion of women who feel they are exploited because of one-sided sex. This is, indeed, a complex subject, but I am glad that it has once again been a topic of attention and debate.

At the risk of submersing myself (yet once more) in controversy, I have the following advice:

Women: Stop incessantly complaining, have a little empathy for your men, accept the consequences of an interpersonal relation (even if they are less than ideal), emphasize the positive, consider pleasuring your partner in ways other than intercourse, see a gynecologist if you need to, and remember that the sex urge is biological (frankly, your partner may seek out alternative sources of gratification if he cannot find it at home).

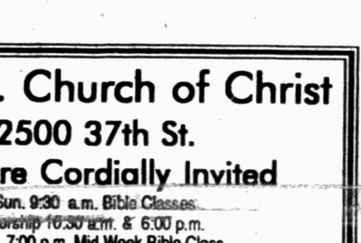
Men: Denounce the age-worn concepts that you have to have intercourse for good health and that sexual activity is a God-given right, be more caring and gentle, make an effort to pleasure your partner, be sensitive to her needs and wishes, and — above all — consider the sex act to be a reaffirmation of mutual love, closeness and respect.

Both Sexes: Communicate.

Now, if that doesn't generate some mail, I'll be surprised.

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PETER GOTT, M.D.

Milano, Tate wed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Alyssa Milano charmed musician Cinjun August Tate so much that he decided to make her his wife.

Milano, a star of the WB series "Charmed," wed Tate at a plantation home in Rosewood, La., near Baton Rouge, on New Year's Day, according to Milano's publicist, Cece Yorke.

Guests included the Milano's "Charmed" co-stars, Shannen Doherty and Holly Marie Combs.

Milano, 25, grew up on television, playing Samantha Micelli for eight years on "Who's the Boss." She also played vixen Jennifer Mancini on "Melrose Place."

The couple will continue to live in Los Angeles, Yorke said Monday.

I buried my daughter, Rhonda Wadleigh, recently. Wright Colonial Funeral Home, 200 37th Street, did a beautiful job. They have a lovely home, chapel, good casket selection, excellent price, and near to both cemeteries.

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Luke recorded, "With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord, and great grace was upon them all" **(Acts 4:33).** What gave the apostles such extraordinary power? How did they have such impact on such large numbers of people? They turned the world upside down with their message. A modern religious message hardly gets a raised eyebrow, much less a dynamic response. What was the source of their power?

Two things are mentioned in this passage. One is the power of the Holy Spirit within. The other is the demonstrated love without. This combination of the Spirit within and the selfless giving ourselves to others will restore to the modern church the power of early Christianity.

Women with HIV forgo costly AIDS treatment

BOMBAY, India (AP) — Both husband and wife have the virus that causes AIDS, but only one of them can afford the fistful of daily drugs that is the best treatment for the deadly and incurable disease.

The wife, who refused to be named for fear of being ostracized by her neighbors because she carries the HIV, says she never hesitated to give up her own battle. The Bombay homemaker hopes combination drug therapy will buy her husband's survival well into the new year.

"Look, only one of us can go in for the treatment. Naturally it's him," she said. "Whatever money is left I have to save for my child."

Subhash Hira, director of Bombay's Aids Research and Control Center, says the Bombay homemaker's story is typical. Increasingly, women with HIV are forgoing treatment in favor of their husbands.

"It is the woman who is stepping back. She thinks of herself as dispensable. They are pushing their husbands and even their children for the combination therapy but say, 'I'll decide later.' It's sad," Hira said.

Hira estimates that less than 1 percent of those living with HIV in India can afford what has become known as the AIDS cocktail. Indigenous production of drugs and perhaps even development of a vaccine may be the only way for developing countries to combat AIDS. But costs remain high in India even though an Indian company has begun to produce some of the treatment drugs.

While there is no way to eliminate the AIDS virus from the body, three- to four-drug cocktails have successfully lowered HIV to undetectable levels in many patients. Typically, HIV patients on the cocktail treatment take about 20 pills a day. Even in industrialized countries, where incomes are higher, the cost of such treatment is burdensome.

Most middle-class Indian households, with the husband as breadwinner, earn an average monthly income of about $120.

Patients shelled out six times that amount each month in 1996 for the cocktail therapy, including Azidothymidine (AZT), needed to boost their battered immune systems. The cost dropped by about half this year for AIDS drugs after Cipla, an Indian pharmaceutical company, began manufacturing a key drug.

India, one of the poorest countries in the world, has the most HIV-positive citizens — an estimated 4 million people. Here, families often chip in money to help with treatment, Hira said.

The Bombay homemaker's family is furious that the money they send to buy her drugs is being spent on her unemployed husband. She said she never had the time to feel angry that her husband had infected her with HIV a year ago.

"He was so sick and running such high temperature. There was no time to think, 'Because of him, I'm infected.' Sometimes now I do get upset."

Her husband's recurring fever, ulcers and diarrhea stopped with the medication.

"He's much better now. But I can feel the tiredness," she said.

Officials at Cipla say prices will fall if the government cuts import tariffs. Cipla imports ingredients in bulk to produce its pills.

Before the drugs were manufactured in India, patients had to apply for customs duty exemption for drugs manufactured abroad.

"It took more than a month for the forms to be processed, and the moment we got the capsules, we had to apply for the next batch. Now it's much simpler, but still costs are high," the Bombay homemaker said.

On a global level, the World Bank wants to encourage pharmaceutical companies to develop AIDS vaccines even though most of the users would be in poor countries that cannot spend much money on medicine. Officials in India and Africa have been approached to pursue a vaccine.

FDA approves drug for dogs

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a nightmare for dog lovers: They leave the house and their beloved pooch gets so upset it chews up the sofa and urinates on the rug.

Separation anxiety afflicts thousands of dogs, and is one of the most common reasons that dogs are euthanized. Now the government has approved the first drug treatment — an antidepressant called Clomicalm that, when used together with canine therapy, promises to help Fido behave better when his owners leave home.

"This is a very difficult syndrome to treat," said Dr. Stephen Sundloff, the Food and Drug Administration's veterinary chief. "Oftentimes (success) can mean the difference between having to put their animal to sleep or being able to live with their pet. ... Having tools like this available can really make a tremendous difference."

The FDA approved the sale of Clomicalm, known chemically as clomipramine, on Dec. 10, but made the approval public late Monday. It is made by Novartis Animal Health, which did not immediately return phone calls seeking a price.

Dogs are pack animals, behavior specialists explain. So for some, being left alone even for short periods can prove stressful — and they may exhibit that stress with destructive behavior that veterinarians label "separation anxiety." Chewing or ripping furniture or other objects, excessive salivation, and inappropriate urination or defecation are symptoms.

Separation anxiety accounts for 20 percent to 40 percent of all dog visits to vets for behavior problems. Behavior therapy can help, but it can be a lengthy, complicated task, as pet owners even have to practice leaving home for progressively more minutes each day so the dog learns that its "family" will come back.

Vets have experimented with giving dogs mixes of human drugs, such as antidepressants, to calm them down, but Clomicalm is the first drug ever proven to work in these dogs, Sundloff said.

About 160 dogs were given either Clomicalm or a dummy pill in addition to their behavior therapy. After a week, 47 percent of the Clomicalm dogs had improved, compared with just 29 percent of the dogs getting behavior therapy alone.

By the end of two months, 65 percent of the Clomicalm dogs had improved, compared with 55 percent of the placebo dogs.

The state flower of Kansas is the sunflower.

Sawyer, Gibson to host program

NEW YORK (AP) — Diane Sawyer and Charles Gibson had reason to wonder whether ABC News President David Westin was serious when he asked them to take over as co-hosts of "Good Morning America."

Sawyer is one of the news division's prime-time stars who has long since paid her dues on morning television.

Gibson had left the show just last April after 11 years as co-host, believing he had put the struggling show behind him. He and Ms. Sawyer "both sort of giggled" at the idea of becoming morning show hosts again.

"All of a sudden we realized that they weren't kidding," Gibson said.

Not at all. ABC said Monday that Ms. Sawyer and Gibson would take over in two weeks, its most dramatic effort to turn around a show that has sunk slowly in the ratings through the 1990s. They replace Kevin Newman and Lisa McRee.

Westin said ABC needed to send a strong signal that it was serious about improving "Good Morning America." He appealed to Gibson and Ms. Sawyer as team players, convincing them that the entire news division's image suffered because the show had become something of an industry joke.

It's unclear how long the Gibson-Sawyer team will stay on. Ms. Sawyer said it would likely be a few months, but Gibson said that "we'll do it for as long as it takes."

Ms. Sawyer, who was Charles Kuralt's co-host on the "CBS Morning News" from 1981-84, will continue as a correspondent on the newsmagazine "20/20." But she will cut down on her traveling.

The surprise announcement comes as the once-dominant morning show has slipped perilously close to third place in the ratings. McRee and Newman, who both joined within the past two years, haven't helped.

So far this season, NBC's "Today" show has a 5.3 rating and 21 audience share in the morning competition. "Good Morning America" has a 3.3 rating and "This Morning" on CBS is at 3.0. Ratings for NBC and CBS are unchanged from last year, while ABC has dropped 17 percent.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Locals in Wine Country Know They Must Drive With Caution

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: The letter about the wine taster with an alcohol problem prompts this letter. I, too, live in Napa, Calif. — and the letter you ran that described the winery worker's on-the-job alcohol abuse is a dirty little secret here in "wine country."

Should I become injured or killed in an auto accident on local roads, my family knows what to do. I told them to look into the driver's recent whereabouts, and if the driver is a wine tasting-room employee to seek compensation from both the driver and the employer! The same holds true if the driver was a guest at the wine tasting room and is inebriated.

The letter said the woman's supervisor was aware of her drinking problem. In my opinion, this makes the winery at least equally responsible in a highway accident — perhaps more so if they have not attempted to resolve the problem.

The supervisor should use company money to get the alcoholic employee into a treatment program. There happens to be a premier treatment facility in the heart of Napa Valley.

In the meantime, the worried co-worker should drive herself to work — that is, unless she wants to make her survivors wealthy.

AVOIDS THE ROADS WHEN I CAN

DEAR AVOIDS THE ROAD: Telling your survivors to sue the winery will do nothing to protect *you*. Few of us can avoid traveling on roads and highways, so let me repeat a message that longtime readers have seen before: If you have been drinking, do not drive. If you are driving, do not drink. And do not *ride* with a driver who has been drinking or using drugs. The biggest liability settlement in history is no compensation for the tragedy of lost life and limb — and that's the result when someone under the influence gets behind the wheel.

As you have pointed out, treatment is available. Effective, free self-help programs like Alcoholics Anonymous exist in almost every community. Telling someone at work, at home, in your neighborhood or your social life that you're concerned about his or her substance abuse isn't easy. People in denial usually don't welcome these conversations and may react with anger; however, speaking up instead of remaining silent may prevent a terrible tragedy.

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the woman who wanted to name her son "the third," even though his name won't be identical to his father's or grandfather's. She told you that "English kings do it all the time."

Abby, please inform that woman that the number after a king's name is a historical designation only. It's not part of his name and is not used during his lifetime. The king now known as Henry VIII was called "King Henry" in his time. Although he was the son of King Henry VII, he wasn't even related to Kings Henry I through VI. He would have had to be the eighth Henry in his family to carry the number VIII after his name while he was living.

Unless the mother plans to crown her son king (in which case he would be the first, not the third), she must use her husband's and father-in-law's exact name in order to call her son a III. Please sign me ...

ROYALLY SPEAKING

DEAR R.S.: How clearly you explain the system! Thank you for clarifying the numbering of England's kings. It is also the system used to number other European monarchs, as well as the popes of the Catholic Church.

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FRED CRAWFORD DAY

January 13, 1999

As a tribute to the memory of Country and Western great Fred Crawford, January 13, 1999 will be "Fred Crawford Day" from 7-9 a.m. on K.V.M.C. - K.A.U.M. Radio. We will remember the music of the late Fred Crawford.

The family of Fred Crawford will have some of Fred's memorabilia on display January 12th thru January 16th. This will be on display at the Heart of West Texas Museum in Colorado City, Texas.

Fred Benjamin Crawford will be remembered and loved by many. The family of Fred Crawford will remember and hold him dear to their hearts.

Fred Crawford
(1928-1998)

TEXAS GOLF

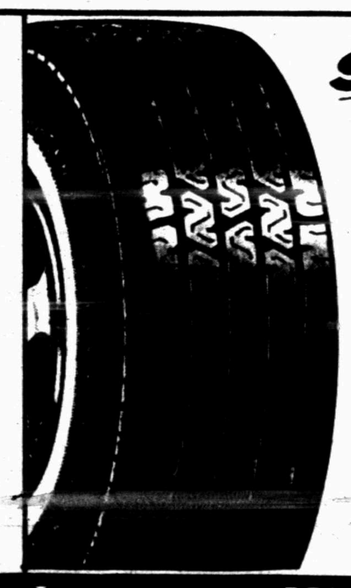
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Lott crafting guidelines for Clinton trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the new, 106th Congress set to convene in a day, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott is struggling to craft guidelines for President Clinton's historic impeachment trial that can satisfy Democrats as well as Republicans divided among themselves.

Lott slipped out of the Capitol without speaking to waiting reporters on Monday night, after a day in which the GOP rank and file heaped fresh criticism on a bipartisan proposal for truncated proceeding that would result in a test vote in less than a week's time.

"I simply believe we must accept our responsibility to conduct the impeachment trial, followed by a vote to remove or retain the president," GOP freshman Sen. Rod Grams of Minnesota told Lott in a letter. He cautioned against a proposal to "shortcut the procedure" envisioned in the Constitution.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said today a majority of senators want to expedite the proceeding against Clinton.

Water sales soar in local stores

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Callahan said the efforts are helping.

"The CRMWD is pumping in about 5 million gallons a day and and Snyder uses around 3 million a day this time of year, so we are gaining 2 million a day."

Callahan said approximately 36 million gallons of water were pumped in last week and that Thomas' level rose from 3 percent full to 3.4 percent.

"Every little bit helps. We are slowly bringing up the elevation, but we have a long way to go."

Callahan stressed that the water is safe to drink.

"I have had several citizens call me. Many believe that because of the taste it it unsafe. That is not true. Even though it may not taste like you would want it to, it is safe."

Nevertheless, the taste and smell have sent many folks scurrying to stores to buy water.

"Our water sales have increased 300 or 400 percent," Alvarez said. "We have been selling about a pallet of water a day."

He added that he had not anticipated the sharp increase in sales.

"I didn't anticipate it spiking as soon as it did. We ran out over the weekend."

Wal-Mart did receive one pallet of gallon jugs Monday night, and more is on the way.

"We shouldn't run out again. We've been ordering."

At The Water Shop, Martinez said she is keeping up with the demand.

"Mostly I see people coming into the shop and buying water here with their own jugs."

She said they haven't ran out.

"Not so far anyway."

Richard Wright, Water Shop owner, said he was in business to give people a choice.

"You can drink Snyder water, and if you are happy, you are happy. If not, you can do something about it."

Citizens will have to continue to make that choice until the water level rises at Lake Thomas.

"The ultimate answer is rain. Rain in the lake will dilute the mud and the taste will subside."

Guilty

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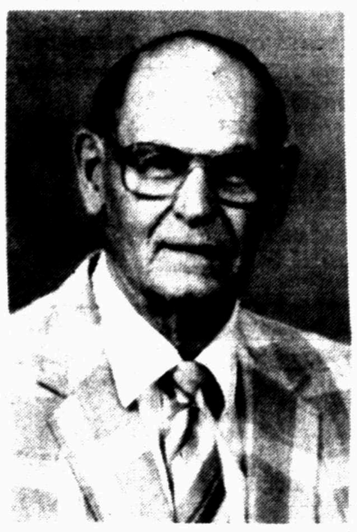
A 66-year-old Ruidoso, N.M. man was also indicted for DWI.

Hugh Rector Lackey, of 144 Chuck Wagon Road in Ruidoso was indicted for a Dec. 15 offense.

He has two previous DWI convictions in Lincoln County, N.M., and is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Two other persons were indicted Monday, but have not been arrested.

Obituaries



Loyd "Bill" Minyard

L.B. Minyard

1914-1999

Funeral service for Loyd "Bill" Minyard is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church. F.R. "Bear" Williams and Roscie Williams, lay ministers of Snyder, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Minyard, 84, died Sunday, Jan. 3, in Midland.

Born on July 9, 1914 in Union, he married Sibyl Williams Jones in New Mexico on June 28, 1947.

Mr. Minyard was a salesman for All Woods-Schroder Hardwood Co. for many years. He was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church.

The family will be receiving guests at noon Wednesday at 4333 Co. Rd. 132, Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Sibyl Minyard of Snyder; two daughters, Carol Hill of Midland and Patricia Johnson of Rangely, Colo; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the First Baptist Church in Snyder or the Second Baptist Church Building Fund in Midland.

Mrs. Taylor

1912-1999

MARFA — Mary Martin Taylor, former Snyder resident and sister of Janie Graham of Snyder, died Saturday, Jan. 2, at her son's home in Shreveport, La.

Graveside service for Mrs. Taylor, 86, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Marfa Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Funeral Home in Marfa.

Born on Sept. 9, 1912 in Dermott, she married Charles "Booger" Taylor in 1934 and they later moved to Marfa. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Taylor was a graduate of Snyder High School and Draughan's Business College. She was employed by the City of Snyder, the City of Marfa, and the office of the state representative of Presidio County in the state capitol, retiring as an employee for the State Fireman's Pension's Commission. She was an active member of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Episcopal Church.

Other survivors include two sons, Charles Taylor of Austin and Jim Taylor of Bossier City, La.; four grandchildren, Nathan Taylor, Charlie Taylor, Heather Taylor and Wesley Taylor; and a niece, Helen Roberts, a great-niece, Sherry Merritt, and a nephew, Buford Browning, all of Snyder.

The family asks that memorials be made to the Church of the Resurrection or to the local home delivered meals through the Snyder Senior Center.

Bruce W. Farmer

1912-1999

Bruce W. Farmer, longtime Snyder resident, died at 4:20 a.m. today in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Farmer, 86, is set for 4 p.m. Wednesday at Hillside Memorial Gardens. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born on March 18, 1912 in Brookston, Tex., he married Evie Diffee on May 21, 1932 in Hugo, Okla.

Mr. Farmer was a mechanic, moving to Snyder 44 years ago from Seagraves where he was engaged in farming. He worked for the Western Company for 33 years, and was the first mechanic hired by Eddie Childs after he started the Western Company in Seagraves.

He was preceded in death by one son, Doyle Farmer, on Dec. 29, 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Evie Farmer of Snyder; a daughter, Anita Farmer of Snyder; three sons, Bruce T. Farmer of Snyder, Herman B. Farmer of Long Beach, Calif., and Tim G. Farmer of Lake Whitney; one sister, Monnie Downs of Powderly; two brothers, Wayne Farmer of Paris, Tex., and Marshall Farmer of Redding, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford St., Abilene, 79605-9989.



Mabel McCain

Mabel McCain

1908-1999

EASTLAND — Mabel Brock McCain, a former Snyder educator, died Sunday, Jan. 3, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. McCain, 90, of Lubbock is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Eastland First Christian Church. The Rev. Jim Wright of Eastland will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock and Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland.

Born April 26, 1908 in Eldorado, she moved to Abilene in 1925 and earned a B.A. degree from Hardin-Simmons College in 1928. She received her M.E. degree from Hardin-Simmons in 1952.

She was a school teacher and Scurry County School Superintendent from the late 1930s to the late 1940s. She returned to teaching in 1948 and taught the fifth grade at West Elementary from 1956 to 1968.

Mrs. McCain was a lifetime member of the National Education and Texas State Teachers associations, and she was the first president of Snyder's Teachers Credit Union.

Mrs. McCain was a member of the Art Guild Study Club for 33 years, and she was the first chairman of the Scurry County Library Board. She was a member of the cancer board and an honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma. She was a board member of the March of Dimes and was secretary and treasurer of the Girl Scouts for more than 20 years.

She married Gaston Brock on June 26, 1928. In 1967, she married C.M. McCain and moved to Eastland where she served twice on the board of the First Christian Church. She is a former member of the Abilene Women's Club, Lone Cedar Duplicate Bridge Club and the Eastland Civic League.

Survivors include a daughter, Johnnie Delle Cogdell of Lubbock; a sister, Mary Lee Casey of Dallas; two granddaughters, Connie Cogdell of Lubbock and Carol Courtney of Houston; two great-grandsons, John Courtney and David Courtney.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mildred Galbraith, in 1987.

The family suggests memorials to the First Christian Church of Eastland, or to a favorite charity.

Family visitation will be held at the First Christian Church in Eastland from 12:30 until 1 p.m. Wednesday.

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WHAT'S UP?

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4-H Canyon Reef Club

The 4-H Canyon Reef Club will meet at 6:30 this evening at the Pizza Hut. Cost is $5 per person.

Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will have its stated meeting at 7:30 tonight at the lodge hall.

Computer club meeting

The Scurry-Mitchell Computer Club will meet at 7 this evening at The Shack.

Rotary meeting

The Snyder Rotary Club will resume its regular noon meeting on Thursday.

Snyder Bible Institute

Bible History I will be taught for 24 weeks beginning Thursday in the Christian Student Center on the WTC campus. Richard Rogers of Sunset International Bible Institute Satellite School will be the instructor. Classes meet from 7-9 p.m. All Bible students are welcome and tuition is free.

Historical commission

The Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Scurry County Library.

Community singing

Join in singing praise and worship songs and enjoy special music at a community worship set from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the Scurry County Coliseum. The public is invited and there is no admission charge. Bring lawn chairs to sit on floor level, or seating in stands is also available.

Y2K preparedness workshop

The FamilyLife Community Church will hold a Y2K workshop from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday at the church, 904 26th St. Admission is free.

Retired teachers meeting

The Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack Restaurant. Mrs. Sherma Barham will bring a program on home health care.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Don't Worry, Be Happy," followed by "A Child's Heaven."

Library storytime change

Beginning this month, Storytime for 4-5-year-olds at the Scurry County Library will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, can be purchased at the church or Classic Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre projects.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is selling windbreak trees. Both evergreens and hardwoods are available. Call 573-6317, or come by the office at 5309 Big Spring Highway.

Social Security visits

Representatives of the Big Spring Social Security office will be at the Snyder Senior Center next Tuesday. For additional information, call 1-800-772-1213.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Cash Five

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

5-7-12-14-17

(five, seven, twelve, fourteen, seventeen)

Pick 3

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

3-7-5

(three, seven, five)