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Home Of Katy Spradlin

*Four confirmed dead, but number could increase...*

# Aggie bonfire workers killed

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A 40-foot pyramid of logs assembled for Texas A&M University's traditional pregame bonfire collapsed early today, killing at least five students and injuring 25.

Officials today confirmed that four students were killed, but a law enforcement official who asked not to be identified told The Associated Press that a fifth student was crushed to death and remained under the wood pile.

In the hours after the 2:30 a.m. collapse, rescuers pulled four students from the rubble, said Bart Humphreys, a fire department spokesman. One student wasn't pulled free until more than six hours later.

Workers were tapping on logs and ordering spectators to be quiet and not move around so they could hear if anyone was still alive. Cranes were removing the logs gingerly to search for more students. The structure is designed to twist inward and collapse on itself as it burns said officials.

Cynthia Lawson, a spokeswoman for the university, said crews could hear "moaning and tapping sounds," leading them to believe one or more students were still trapped.

Sixty to 70 students were on top of the logs when the accident happened in a field on the northeast corner of the campus, according to university officials. A maximum of 70 students are allowed on the stack at one time.

"Every piece of wood in that pile is unstable and every piece of wood that moves affects other pieces of lumber," Humphreys said.

Students were gathered near the scene holding hands and praying while the rescue efforts continued.

"The scene right now is a scene of disbelief," said Sallie Turner, editor of the Battalion, the student newspaper. "A lot of the students just feel it's surreal."

Officials did not have an explanation for the collapse, but said engineers would be examining the site. Rusty Thompson, assistant director of the Memorial Student Center and the bonfire faculty adviser, said students told him "there was just a sudden movement. Five to seven seconds and it was on the ground."

At St. Joseph Regional Health Center, spokesman Al Guevara said five students with minor cuts and bruises were treated and released and seven suffering injuries ranging from fractures to internal trauma remained.

Another 13 students were taken to College Station Medical Center, where two were in serious condition with broken bones and 11 others were being treated for minor injuries and were expected to be released, said spokesman Joe Buser.

Officials were performing head counts at the university's residence halls in an effort to account for everybody who may have been working on the structure.

The annual bonfire tradition began 1909 when Texas A&M was still an all-male military academy to get students fired up for the big football game against archrival Texas. The only year the bonfire was not lit was 1963, following President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

With input from professional engineers, students cut the logs and construct the structure themselves over the course of several weeks. Cranes and tractors lift the multiple stacks of full-size logs, then students bale them together.

This year's bonfire was supposed to reach 55 feet and be lit on Thanksgiving night. Students were working on the fourth of six stacks when the accident occurred.

The Aggies are set to play Texas on Nov. 26, the day after Thanksgiving.

School president Ray Bowen said this year's bonfire will be canceled, but he didn't know if the tradition will be abolished permanently.



BONFIRE TRAGEDY - Rescue workers are shown on the scene of the collasped bonfire on the campus of Texas A&M as they look for victims. (Photo by Dave McDermand, The Eagle)



INSPECTING CAROL — "Inspecting Carol" will open at 8 tonight at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. (See accompanying story.) Zorah, played by Carolyn Girard, explains to Wayne, the ghost of Christmas to come, played by David Olson, why she is lonely at Christmas. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

# WTC drama troupe opens play tonight

Western Texas College's Drama Department will present "Inspecting Carol" , tonight through Sunday afternoon. The curtain will rise at 8 tonight, Friday and Saturday. Sunday's performance begins at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for seniors and students. To make a reservation, call 573-8511, ext. 234. Bring a friend and get $1 off each ticket. Box office opens one hour before curtain.

In "Inspecting Carol," by Daniel Sullivan and the Seattle Repertory Company, a man walks into a small, midwestern theatre and asks for an audition.

The cast of characters include Zorah, Carolyn Girard; Betty, Dani Day; MJ, Tiffany Britton; Dorothy, Tiffany McAdams; Sidney, Rick Freeman; Larry, Dallas Martinez; Phil, Brad Williams; Wayne, David Olson; Walter, Kris Hollis; Bart, Duncan Day; Luther, Daniel Day; Kevin, Turney Coulter.

## WTC holiday events are set

Western Texas College will kick off its Christmas Happenings this evening with events starting at 5:30.

Pictures with Santa Claus will be made at that time in the student center.

The Scurry County Museum will present "Christmas A to Z" beginning at 5:30 also, and continuing until 7 o'clock.

"A Christmas Story" will be presented in the planetarium at 6 and 7 p.m.

The Christmas tree lighting will take place at 6:30 in the central courtyard and will be followed by a talent show.

The Fine Arts Christmas Shoppe will be open from 7-8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery.

## One to prison

A 40-year-old Snyder man was sentenced to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following a guilty plea entered Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Jeffery Wayne Turner, of the Ponderosa Motel, pleaded guilty to burglary of a habitation.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong ordered the 10-year prison sentence for the June 6 burglary of the home owned by Lana Joy Turner. The defendant was also ordered to pay $390 in restitution.

Also pleading guilty in district court was Erin Brooke Fry Rodriguez, 18, of 3110 Crockett.

Rodriguez entered a guilty plea for credit card abuse, a May 31 offense.

Rodiguez was sentenced to two years in a state jail facility, probated for three years with deferred adjudication. The defendant was also fined $750 and ordered to make restitution totaling $1,708.88.

# *Corridor group is seeking finances*

By Joyce May
*Staff Writer*

The Texas, Mexico & Asian Corridor Corporation met in Sweetwater Wednesday, approving three action items in the 2½-hour meeting, including one that would require each participating member to put in 20 cents per capita based on the 1990 census.

The funds must be paid by Dec. 15.

Scurry County's share is around $3,600, and Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz, who is president of TM&AC, said this morning he didn't know how the funds would be obtained.

"It's however you can come up with the money," Fritz said. "Pass the hat or whatever. However you want to generate the money."

Corridor board members from each county will be responsible for gathering the funds. For Scurry, this would include Fritz, Ralph Trevey and David Kattes.

Dave Byerly of Jones County made the motion and Trevey seconded it.

"We are reaching a point where we need the commitments," Byerly said. "We need to figure out who is on board and who is ready to go."

The group also approved a motion by Byerly for the executive committee to develop a set of policys and procedures for how the money can be spent, as well as an operating budget.

The executive committee consists of the six county judges of the member counties, plus other members who are officers.

In this case, it is the judges and Mike Hatley, who is treasurer.

Hatley is the executive director of the Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development.

The question was raised as to whether counties who did not put in the money would be kicked out of the corridor.

"We never did really answer that," Fritz said. "But, if you are not participating, you will not

See Corridor meeting, Page 9




# Appraisal board to hear audit reports

The Scurry County Appraisal Board of Directors will meet at 8:30 a.m. Friday at the appraisal district office, 2612 College Avenue.

The board will be presented a letter from Story & Stovall of Fort Worth, the district's auditor, concerning the 1998-99 audit.

Both the 1998 appraisal/collection maintenance and operations audit and the 1998-99 tax collections audit were deemed clean.

"There was nothing unusual. It was a good, clean audit," Lisa West, administrative assistant, said.

The board will also consider depository bids.

The appraisal district is required to go out for the bids every two years.

"All five banks in town sent a bid and the board will decide which is the best bid," West said.

Snyder National Bank is the current depository.

Also to be considered will be bids on a new computer system.

"We had run out of space on the old computer system. We were having lockdowns and other problems," Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks said. "We were at the point where we had to change."

Crooks said a couple of bids were received and the board will be discussing them.

In other business, the board will consider accounts payable and hear tax collection reports for September and October.

## SISD trustees meeting today

Snyder ISD board of trustees will hear the district's annual audit report when it meets at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Supt. Gayle Lomax said representatives from Davis, Kinard & Co. will present the audit report.

Trustees will also consider approval of Scurry County ag agent Greg Gruben as an adjunct staff member. This action would allow 4-H students to be counted present for the school day when attending 4-H shows with Gruben as their sponsor.

This would help maintain the district's average daily attendance on which the Texas Education Agency bases part of its payments to school districts.

"It won't be a lot of money, but in these times, every little bit helps," said Lomax.

Also, trustees will consider a nominee for the Scurry County Appraisal District board and will consider several policy amendments as recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards.

The meeting will be held in the administration building.

## THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "A guy in the coffee shop muses that his grandson is so tied to the computer that he doesn't have time for kindergarten."**

A fellow up near the Red River sent us some one-line bumper snickers. These deep thoughts, some old and some new, came via Email, so the origin has to be cyberspace.

—I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

—When did my wild oats turn to prunes and all bran?

—I finally got my head together, now my body is falling apart.

—Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.

—If all is not lost, where is it?

—It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

—If at first you do succeed, try not to look too astonished.

—The first rule of holes: If you are in one, stop digging.

—My brother-in-law went to school to become a wit, and only got halfway through.

—It was all so different before everything changed.

—Some days you're the dog, some days the hydrant.

—Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

—I wished the buck stopped here. I could use a few.

—It's not the pace of life that worries us, it's the sudden stop at the end.

—Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun.

—The only time the world beats a path to your door is if you're in the bathroom.

—If God wanted people to touch their toes, he would have put them on their knees.

—When you're finally holding all the cards, why does everybody decide to play chess.

—There are two kinds of pedestrians – the quick and the dead.

—A closed mouth gathers no feet.

—Being healthy is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

—It's not hard to meet expenses – they're everywhere.

—The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

—Letting the cat out of the bag is a lot easier than putting it back.

—It don't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep.

—There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither of 'em works.

—Never miss a good chance to hush.

Okay!

## ASK US

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## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Area Forecast:** High Wednesday, 79 degrees; low, 42; 7 a.m. Thursday, 56; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.80 inches.

**Snyder Temps**: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 40-45. W-NW wind 10-20 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. High, 70-75. N-NE wind 5-15 mph.



Kendra McGuire
Partly Cloudy

**Sunset:**
5:44 p.m.
**Sunrise:**
7:14 a.m.

**Of 321 days in 1999, the sun has shone 314 days in Snyder.**

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't.**
**—Erica Jong**

# Meteors light up sands of Arabia

By The Associated Press

The Leonid meteor shower boomed into the most glorious display of shooting stars in 33 years, raining down flashy fireballs over the Arabian desert while putting on a more demure show in other spots.

"I see this as nature's contribution to the celebration of the new millennium," said Ariel Cohen, a professor of atmospheric sciences at Hebrew University in Israel, where a streaking canopy of shooting stars delighted observers overnight.

The global average peaked about 9 p.m. EST Wednesday in a storm of 1,688 meteors per hour, according to NASA's monitoring station at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. It fell short of some predictions but still blew past the threshold of 1,000 meteors per hour to qualify as a true storm.

"The mood was elation," said aerospace engineer Bill Cooke of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. "It fully lived up to our expectations."

The quick, two-hour storm, which may be the most intense for decades to come, was probably the most studied in history. Much lower, but still elevated numbers of shooting stars also were likely at least through tonight in a continuing shower, scientists said.

The shower forms from dust and ice pellets shed by the comet Tempel-Tuttle. They streak into the Earth's atmosphere at 40 miles a second and burn up. The shooting stars and fireballs can dart anywhere overhead, but all appear to come from the direction of the constellation Leo, which gives the shower its name.

Since the orbiting comet dumps extra debris every 33 years when it races past the sun, the chances for a true meteor storm rise very 33 years. The last great storm was 1966, with a peak of 144,000 shooting stars per hour. A typical year might yield just 20 per hour. Last year reached 270 an hour.

In the freezing cold of Jordan's desert, about 50 astronon ers from around the world signed with wonder as fireballs blazed over the sand like lightning.

"This experience was exceptional. I have never seen a shower in my life, and I've been in the field for the past 25 years," exulted German astronomer Georg Dittie, of Bonn.

In Spain, on a beach near Valencia, streaks of sparkling light rocketed silently overhead in the cloudless night. A half dozen observers murmured in admiration as multiple meteors burst into the atmosphere. Four whizzing together like an airplane squadron crossed overhead, buzzing the constellation Orion.

"That's worth the price of admission!" said one spectator.

Clouds blanketed skies over Britain, dimming the display in many regions.

"It is a disappointment, but we are at the mercy of the elements," said John McFarland, an astronomer at the Armagh Observatory in Northern Ireland. "It's been overcast all night and I haven't been able to see anything at all."

Although astronomical calculations had forecast the best spectacle in the Middle East and Europe, professional and amateur sky watchers in the United States also took to mountaintops, fields, and just about anywhere else away from city lights to view the show.

The best conditions had been predicted on the East Coast, but the spectacle was sedate in many locales.

In Williamstown, Mass., two classes of astronomy students from Williams College took notes from a country road off campus. Lydia Haile, who lives outside Baltimore, said it was the first time she had ever seen shooting stars.

"It was really, really neat," she said. "It does look like a star moving. It's too fast for a plane."

Dozens of enthusiasts, including families with small children, fixed their gaze skyward from Hard Labor Creek Observatory in Rutledge, Ga. Some occupied themselves peeping at planets through telescopes while waiting for meteor action to intensify.



HOLIDAY ANGELS — United Store Director Rusty Carter presents a $100 gift certificate to Kay Price, member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. The gift certificate will be used to purchase groceries for 10 families to have Thanksgiving dinner. Also pictured is Keith Bryant, a member of the Sons of the American Legion. The "Holiday Angels" is the auxiliary's holiday project. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Study: Holiday weight gain, one pound

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Rejoice! You will likely gain only one pound, not five, this holiday season.

But don't get too happy: researchers warned Wednesday it is also likely you will keep that pound with you for the coming year.

"The idea that everyone gains five to seven pounds during the holidays is humbug," said Patrick O'Neil, the director of the Weight Management Center at the Medical University of South Carolina.

O'Neil and Jack Yanovski, the head of the Unit on Growth and Obesity at the National Institutes of Health, discussed a study of holiday weight gain during the annual meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity.

O'Neil said the common wisdom is people gain about five pounds over the holidays but it was unclear just where that number came from.

So the researchers set out to see just how much weight people gain from Thanksgiving through the first week in January.

Those in the sample of 200 adult men and women from the Bethesda, Md., area were weighed during the study, but other vital signs also were taken so participants would not know the research was about weight gain.

The results showed participants gained just under one pound during the holidays, with men and women gaining about the same.

Yanovski said the average person seems to gain about a pound a year so there may be indications that weight gain comes mostly from holiday eating. He said participants were not asked what type of foods they ate.

Starting the study, the researchers felt a five pound weight gain would not prove accurate.

To gain that much weight, O'Neil said, you would have to consume an extra 3,500 calories a week. That's the equivalent of drinking an extra case of beer each week, in addition to your regular diet.

The best way to approach the holidays, he said, is to "eat, drink and be wary."

Also Wednesday, the 1,200 doctors, researchers and dietitians attending the conference heard that health care costs are higher for people who are obese.

One study found annual medical care costs for obese people are 36 percent higher than for those with normal weight. Another found that participating in a weight management program, for those who need it, lowered health care costs $1,648 a year.

## Date Book

Thursday, Nov. 18, 1999

*Today is the 322nd day of 1999 and the 57th day of fall.*

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1919, printers in Seattle refused to print a newspaper advertisement criticizing organized labor.

On this day in 1928, animator U.B. Iwerks drew the animated character Mickey Mouse for the first time.

On this day in 1949, Jackie Robinson was named the Most Valuable Player in the National League.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Clarence Day (1874-1935), writer; Eugene Ormandy (1899-1985), conductor-music director; George Gallup (1901-1984), pollster; Johnny Mercer (1909-1976), lyricist; Alan Shepard (1923-1998); Margaret Atwood (1939-), writer, is 60; Linda Evans (1942-), actress, is 57; Warren Moon (1956-), football player, is 43.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1967, the University of Southern California defeated UCLA 21-20, due to O.J. Simpson's 64-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "A divorce is like an amputation; you survive, but there's less of you." — Margaret Atwood

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between first quarter (Nov. 16) and full moon (Nov. 23).

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# Texas fugitive finally caught

HOUSTON (AP) — After six years on the run, a man who escaped from a brand new maximum security jail in Texas has been caught in Washington state, where he was training to be a cook.

Robert Lee Davis, 44, was arrested last week by an FBI fugitive team and is fighting extradition back to Texas, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

Davis and four other men escaped April 25, 1993, by breaking through a ceiling in Liberty County's new, $6 million jail, where he was serving 85 years for escape, kidnapping and burglary.

He and three of the fugitives had previously broken out of the county's old jail.

At the time of his arrest Thursday, Davis was learning cooking in a Fair Start Program, which helps train the homeless to find jobs.

## Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



### Your Birthday

**Friday, Nov. 19, 1999**

If things have been going smoothly for you, you should continue to operate on the same plane in the year ahead. Stick-to-itiveness is what will bring you success and fulfillment.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** There is a strong possibility that you might gain in some manner from a situation that has been engineered by another. This will make for a rather exciting time today. Astro-Graph year ahead predictions make great Xmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the Zodiac. Mail $2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state the Zodiac signs you desire.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Wherever you go and whatever you do today, your charisma will be operating at full throttle and friends will find you extremely charming and pleasing. It should be a nice day for you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Turn away from the use of traditional tactics today and a rather unique goal you've established for yourself can be achieved. Let your ingenuity devise the plan of action.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Telling it like it is will be the most effective tool you possess today, so don't hesitate to speak or write what is on your mind. Frills will not be required to make your points.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Even though there are no visible ways at this time to achieve something material you want, unforeseen circumstances could intervene today and help you fulfill this desire.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Listen carefully to what others have to say today, but don't discredit your own findings. Your judgment is likely to be a trifle keener than that of someone with whom you'll be associating.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** A matter you've had to handle solely on your own up until now may get the assistance today you've been hoping for. Things could speed up considerably for you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Be extra careful that your concepts are well thought out before you present them to associates. Others are apt to act on your thoughts, and you won't want to be embarrassingly wrong.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You're well-equipped to take on a leadership role today, so don't be reluctant to assume the responsibility when asked. People will be depending on you for guidance.

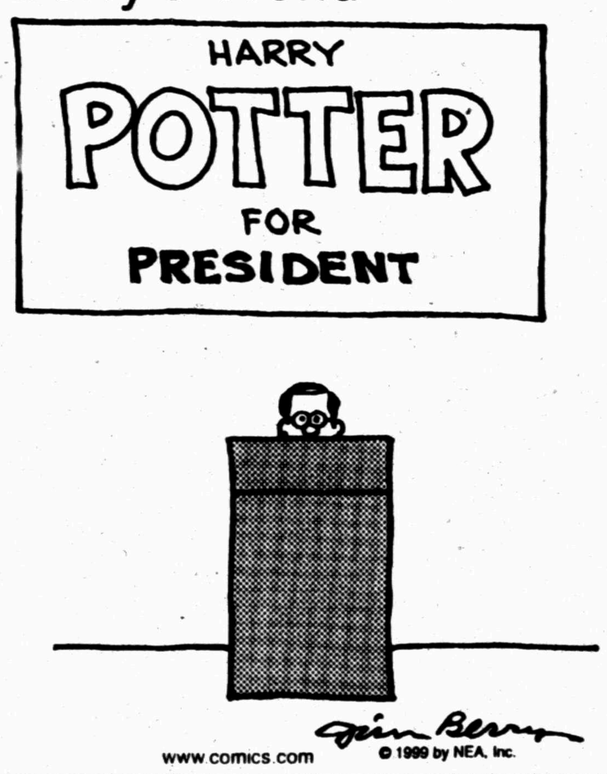
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** There's a good chance you could meet someone today with whom you'll have much in common. However, this person may be hidden among a crowd you don't like, so be nice to all.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Several loose ends that have been left dangling concerning a financial matter that is important to you could be tied down today through an unexpected occurrence. Be on your toes.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Don't hesitate to offer guidance today to a friend who lacks your imagination and experience. You are the right candidate for helping your pal get back on track.

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Berry's World




# Two media giants agree to form newsgathering alliance

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC and The Washington Post company have formed a partnership to share news reports in print, on TV and on the Internet.

NBC News, the MSNBC cable network and Internet site will contribute to the alliance, along with print and Web operations of The Washington Post and its sister publication, Newsweek magazine.

In addition to newsgathering, the partners will share technology and offer joint advertising packages in a variety of media. Financial terms of the deal weren't disclosed.

The partnership announced Wednesday is the latest of several newsgathering alliances as media companies seek to boost their brand names at a time of heightened competition.

Starting immediately, journalists from The Washington Post and Newsweek will appear on NBC News programming and on MSNBC Cable, including regular segments on its nightly program "The News with Brian Williams."

"You'll see contributors both on the air and the Web with original content," said Merrill Brown, editor in chief of MSNBC.com. "Potentially, we'll be breaking stories together."

But the arrangement is nonexclusive, allowing Washington Post and Newsweek journalists to appear on other networks as well.

Under the deal, MSNBC.com will carry editorial content from Newsweek.com and Newsweek magazine, along with material from The Washington Post and washingtonpost.com. In turn, washingtonpost.com and Newsweek.com will have access to NBC News multimedia content, covering broadcast, cable and the Internet.

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MYERS-LOVELESS SHOWER — A bridal shower honoring Melissa Myers, bride-elect of Ryan Loveless of Lubbock, was held Saturday at the home of Linda West. Miss Myers is a candidate for a teaching degree at Texas Tech in Lubbock and her fience attends Texas Tech Law School. From left are Misty Myers, sister of the bride-elect from Richardson; Bonnie Loveless, mother of the future groom from Amarillo; the honoree; Gloria Myers, mother of the future bride; Clara Hoskins of Hermleigh, paternal grandmother of the honoree; Miranda and Becky Myers of Arlington, niece and sister-in-law of the honoree. The betrothed couple will pledge their vows to each other on Dec. 18 in the East Side Church of Christ. (Contributed Photo)



FRAZIER GIVES SGC PROGRAM — David Frazier, vocational agriculture instructor at Snyder High School, told about his summer trip to Langen, Germany, to members of the Snyder Garden Club. He stayed with Freddy Kirschner, former exchange student to Snyder that lived with him this past year. In Frazier's two-week stay, he visited several places of agricultural interest. Gussie Gray, club member, is shown looking at pictures. In the background are Bonnie Fry and Betty Wood. The garden club plans a pilgrimage to Lubbock on Dec. 4 to visit Holland Gardens. (Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



DAR MEETING — Ann Galey from Colorado City, Joanne Sterling, DAR regent, and Trooper Sparky Dean of Abilene visit prior the Daughters of the American Revolution meeting at the country club. (Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

# Trooper Dean speaks to DAR

Trooper Sparky Dean, 22-year state trooper and six years in safety education, presented the program for Daughters of the American Revolution last Tuesday at the Snyder Country Club.

"It Only Takes a Second," a film showing how making a wrong choice takes only a second to sometimes kill or totally change a person's life. "With demands on daily lives today," he said, "it is easy to get careless and take chances. "Perception is very important when driving."

A quiz followed with group participation, that demonstrated how one could miss the obvious when hurrying through a task.

In addition, he gave pointers on how to be aware of possible dangers when going about doing daily normal routines and when traveling. He highlighted a few thought provoking statements: many hitchhikers have warrants; women need cell phones when traveling; be aware of surrounhdings at ATM machines, always have children ride in the back seat of vehicles because of more severe injuries from air bags; have each bicycle rider (any age) wear a helmet because brain injuries won't heal like arms, legs and etc.; seat belts are a must even if traveling for only a block; and if you suspect you are being followed, head for a crowded area.

Trooper Dean said he enjoyed everything about his career except delivering death messages.

He concluded with "You don't stop laughing when you get old, you grow old when you stop laughing; have a good time and enjoy life."

Regent Joanne Sterling presided over the business session. A motion was made to support the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., by listing the name of a loved one or friend who served either in military or on the home front during that period of U.S. history.

Helen Hatter's father, the late John Robert (Sam) Joyce's name will be placed in the Book of Remembrances on a monument for service on the home front. He inspected aircraft during the war.

The book is on display at the DAR National Headquarters as a permanent reminder of our commitment to win the war.

During the business session, Mippy Brownlee was appointed recording secretary and appreciation was expressed to longtime active member Rae Adams who will soon move from Snyder.

Ann Galey of Colorado City, drivers license tech in the Snyder office, was welcomed as a guest. Maribeth Vestal and Dot Casey were hostesses.

# Bridge

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♥ 5 2
♦ A 6 3
♣ Q 4 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ♠ | 2 NT | 3 ♥ | Pass |
| 3 NT | Pass | 4 ♠ | All pass |

Opening lead: ♦ K

## Turning four into two

By Phillip Alder

It is possible to telescope two losers into one if both opponents win trick 13. Does that sound paradoxical? Well, what really happens is that one defender ruffs his partner's side-suit winner. But have you seen a deal in which four losers are condensed into two? If not, read on, Macduff!

Over South's one-spade opening, West used the Unusual No-Trump, showing at least 5-5 in the minors. After North mentioned his heart suit, South bid three no-trump because he had both minor-suit stoppers — yet only of a sort in clubs. North did well to correct to four spades; three no-trump would surely have failed. Not that four spades looks like a bargain with the bad breaks. Declarer seems about to lose two spades, one diamond and two clubs, yet he managed to extract 10 tricks.

South ducked the diamond-king lead, won the diamond-queen continuation, and cashed his two top trumps, getting the not unexpected bad news. Then he played off dummy's two heart winners, ruffed a heart in hand, trumped a diamond in the dummy, ruffed a heart in hand, played a club to dummy's ace, and trumped the last heart in hand. Have you been counting? Of course you have — so you know that that was South's 10th trick: two spades, two hearts, one diamond, one club, three heart ruffs in hand and one diamond ruff in the dummy.

What happened to the defenders' four remaining winners? Well, at tricks 12 and 13, West's winning jack and king of clubs are ruffed by East's two trumps.

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# Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Nov. 17-Frank Beauchamp.

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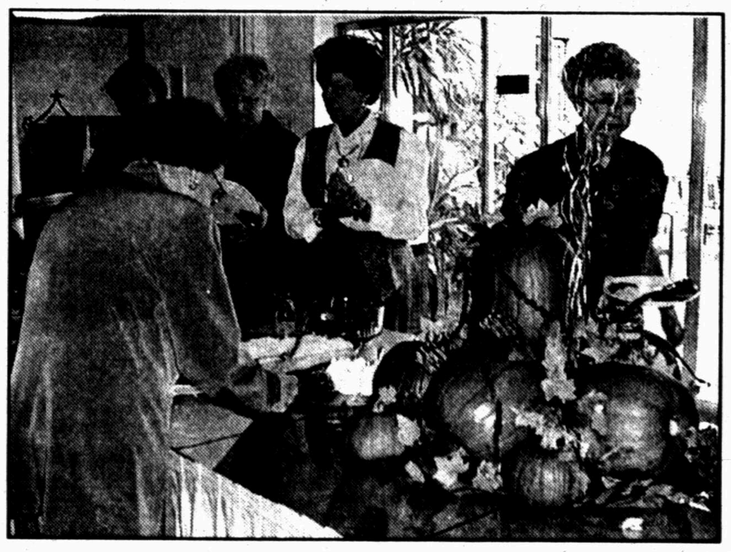
## Good manners pays off

DETROIT (AP) — A display of good manners paid off big for Peter Cummings.

The chairman of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra sat down to compose a personal thank-you note to a woman who had donated $50,000 to the orchestra.

Two weeks later, the woman, Mary Webber Parker, promised another $50,000. Cummings wrote another thank you.

The end result was a donation of $500,000 a year for five years.



LUNCHEON, GAME DAY — Martha Ann Woman's Club's monthly luncheon and game day was held Wednesday. Shown behind the Thanksgiving decorated buffet table (from left) are Jan Harrell, Paula Gilbert, Mary Ann Key and Joy Lloyd. Games of choice were played following the luncheon. Sandra Brace is caterer. Proceeds from the events are used to maintain the woman's club. (Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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## NEA Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Cart
6 Drinks like a dachshund
10 Visigoth king
12 Expand
14 "Tender Mercies" actor Robert —
15 Located at the tip
16 Uncle
17 Tycoon Onassis
19 Differ
20 Snappy retort
23 Bet
26 Neighbor of Ill.
27 Trouble
30 Friends
32 Creepily
34 — quintuplets
35 Metal fastener
36 Observed
37 Mountain on Crete
39 Golfer Sam —
40 Left a lasting mark
42 Actress Pitts
45 Casual shirt
46 Brown kiwi
49 Do a pilot's job
51 Empties
54 Hip area
55 "Crocodile —"
56 Stalk
57 "— — is human"

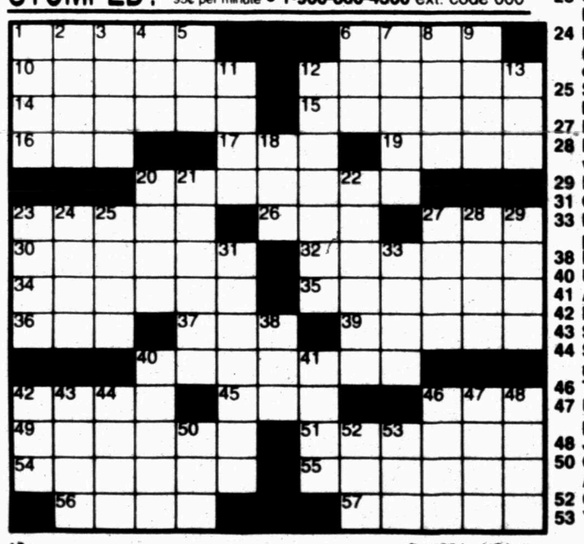
**DOWN**

1 Walk in water
2 Grad
3 Donated
4 ". . . man — — mouse?"
5 Nothing
6 Mouth part
7 Animated
8 South American rodent
9 Headliner
11 Applaud
12 "Please Don't Eat the —"
13 Bridge expert Culbertson
18 Tier
20 Bridle part
21 Peaceful
22 Type of fly
23 Compressed lumps
24 Inter — (among others)
25 Shine brightly
27 Dry (dishes)
28 Earthenware vessel
29 Looked at
31 Calms
33 McNally's partner
38 Exist
40 Urbane
41 Actor Foxx
42 Nuke
43 St. crossers
44 Sedimentary material
46 Take the bus
47 Unique person
48 Jacob's son
50 Comedian Allen
52 Groove
53 Year (Sp.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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| I | C | A | R | U | S | | | B | Y | R | O | A | D |
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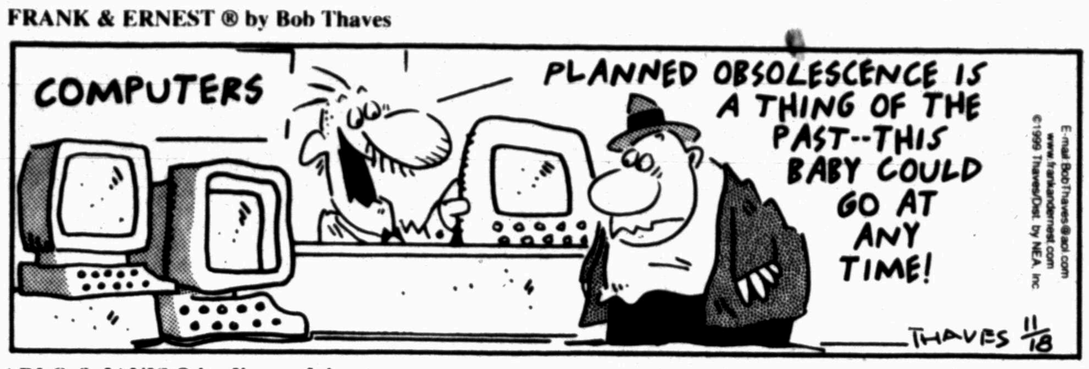
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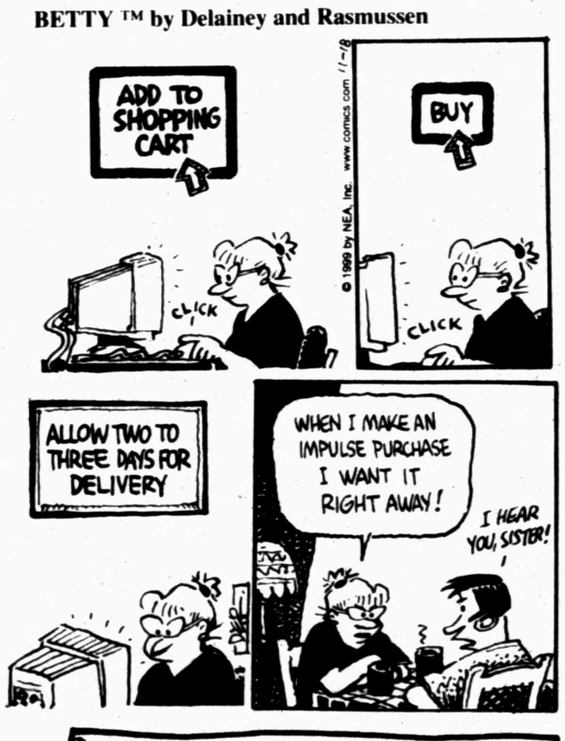

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**"WOW, GRAMPA! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYBODY STOP FOR A YELLOW LIGHT BEFORE."**

# SPORTS

## Coyotes face Eagles in regional playoff

The Borden County Coyotes will be looking to extend their gridiron season when they take on the Sanderson Eagles in a six-man regional playoff Friday night at 7:30 in Wink.

The Coyotes, who advanced to the state title game the last two years, enter Friday's contest with a mark of 9-2, while the Eagles sport an 8-1 record.

Borden County had no problems disposing of Meadow in the bi-district round, registering a 53-6 rout of the Broncos. Sanderson received a bye in last week's opening round of the playoffs.

Friday's winner will advance to face either Rochester or Groom in the state quarterfinals.



**RUNNERS-UP — The Double Trouble girls softball team took second place recently in the 10-under division of the Midland tournament. Members of the team are, front row from left, Tana Sullenger, Kate Wall, Devin Davidson, Chelsey Drummond, Jessica Castillo and Courtney Tyrrell. On the back row are Kateshia Russell, Paige Newby, Stephanie Grant, Michelle Arispe, Brittany Hill and Coach Rick Arispe. (Contributed Photo)**

## Hornets sting Mavs with 104-99 victory

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Charlotte Hornets weren't about to get overly excited about improving to 5-0 at home this season. That's because they're headed back on the road, where they're 0-4.

"That type of enthusiasm we have at home, we've got to get that on the road, too," Eddie Jones said after he had another impressive game to lead Charlotte to a 104-99 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night.

Next up for the Hornets is a game against the Magic in Orlando on Friday night.

"I hope this carries over," Charlotte coach Paul Silas said after the Hornets grabbed a season-high 60 rebounds and had a 47-27 edge in bench scoring. "We've got to have a road win. The Orlando game is critical."

Jones, who came in averaging an NBA-best 2.8 steals, added four more to go with his 24 points, nine assists and six rebounds.

Derrick Coleman and Brad Miller paced Charlotte's reserves. Coleman had 21 points, 18 rebounds and eight blocks, and Miller added 13 points and 12 boards. The 30 rebounds for Coleman and Miller were 11 more than the total for the Mavericks' entire starting lineup.

"Those guys can do that every night," Jones said. "That's the best thing for us when you get guys coming off the bench like that and giving you a lift."

It was the best game yet for Coleman, who had struggled since being charged with drunken driving for his role in a wreck just before the season started that also left teammate Eldridge Recasner injured.

"It was just the aftereffects of the accident," Coleman said of his slow start. "It was like everything was tight. So I was getting massages and things like that to get it loosened back up."

The Mavericks, who one night earlier shot a season-high 52 percent in a 19-point victory over Houston, were held to 42-percent shooting by Charlotte, including just 17 percent in the second quarter.

"We had the second-quarter blues," said coach Don Nelson, whose Mavericks missed 19 of their 23 field-goal attempts in the period.

The Mavericks' second-quarter woes dropped them from a seven-point lead to 15 behind at halftime.

## Americans tied for third at World Cup

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Mamoru Osanai, skipping a big-money tournament at home, shot a 6-under-par 65 today, helping Japan take a 4-stroke lead after the first round of golf's World Cup.

"Just being ahead of Tiger Woods makes me very happy," said the 29-year-old Osanai, whose round included eight birdies and two bogeys.

Woods snapped at photographers while shooting a 67 and might have matched Osanai's score except for several missed birdie chances on the front nine and a double-bogey on the ninth hole. He rebounded with six birdies and, like Osanai, birdied Nos. 15-18 in succession.

Osanai's 65, coupled with partner Mitsuo Harada's 70, gave Japan a 7-under 135 total.

Osanai's score at first was listed as tying the course record. Officials announced later that the record was 8-under 63, set by Vivek Bhendari of India in the 1998 Kuala Lumpur Open.

Wales followed with 139 on Philip Price's 3-under 68 and David Park's 71.

The United States, with Mark O'Meara's 73, was tied at 140 with Spain's Santiago Luna (71) and Miguel Angel Martin (69).

Osanai, ranked 26th last year on Japan's money-earning list, said most of his nation's top players stayed home this week for the Japanese tour's richest tournament, the Dunlop Phoenix.

"I'd rather compete with international players," said Osanai, who won Japan's match play championship in September.

Woods' missed chances on the front nine included a 3-foot birdie putt that lipped the cup on the eighth. On the ninth, he drove into trees on the right, left his second shot short and then 3-putted from 18 feet.

But Woods immediately birdied the 10th, drew back to even-par with another on the 12th and then birdied the last four holes, finishing with a 10-foot putt.

"Leave me alone," a frustrated Woods said toward the gallery as he strode away from the ninth green. Thousands of spectators followed the Americans, playing in the same group as the host Malaysians, around the 6,807-yard par-71 Mines Resort and Golf Club course.

Woods said later, however, that "the crowds were great. It wasn't the crowds. Some of the photographers kept taking pictures at the wrong time."

He added, "I guess I was night and day. ... Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. On the front nine, I hit a lot of good shots and didn't make anything. On the back nine, I got it going, made some good putts and continued to hit the ball solid."

O'Meara said, "I didn't play great, but I didn't play like 2-over.

"The greens were very difficult because there is a lot of slope, and sometimes the grain runs opposite to the slope. You've got to have the right speed. I'll come out tomorrow and play better," said the 1998 U.S. Masters and British Open winner.

Wales' Price said, "We will certainly have a chance of winning if we keep playing like this."

Ireland, Argentina, Denmark and Zimbabwe were tied for fifth at 1-under 141.

For Ireland, Paul McGinley shot 70 and Padraig Harrington 71. For Argentina, Angel Cabrera shot 69 and Eduardo Romero 72.

## Gators, FSU eye title berth

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

Unlike some of Saturday's rivalry games, Florida-Florida State needs no gimmick. It's not The Game or the Big Game or the Apple Cup. There are no barrels, baskets or buckets on the line, either.

When the top-ranked Seminoles (10-0) and third-ranked Gators (9-1) meet in The Swamp, they'll play for one prize — a ticket to the national championship game.

In four of the past six seasons, the Florida-Florida State winner has played for the national title. The teams even met for the title in the Sugar Bowl after the Seminoles beat the Gators in the '96 regular season.

Florida State won its only national title in 1993, while Florida won its championship in '96.

"We are looking forward to the game, a typical game," Gators coach Steve Spurrier said. "FSU is usually 10-0 or 9-1, we are usually 9-1. We have been 10-0 a couple times coming into it. Each team has an opportunity to keep on going in the national picture."

If the Seminoles win, they are a virtual lock to finish first in the final BCS standings, which determine the teams in its national title game (the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4). If the Gators win, they would then need to win the SEC title game on Dec. 4 to put themselves in a strong position to play for another championship.

OK, OK. The winner get the Governor's Cup, but so do lots of other games between state rivals.

The Seminoles seem to have the edge, at least at quarterback. Chris Weinke has thrown for 2,840 yards and 24 touchdowns, including six last week against Maryland. He lines up against the Gators for the first time.

"Hands down, it's the biggest game of my career," said Weinke, who missed the final few games of last season with a neck injury.

The Gators counter with Doug Johnson — and Jesse Palmer. A cranky Spurrier indicated this week Johnson will start, but Palmer will play, too. The two may even alternate every play, just like Johnson and Noah Brindise did when the Gators beat the 'Noles 32-29 in '97.

Johnson has thrown for 2,360 yards and 19 TDs, but has just three TD passes — and five interceptions — in the Gators' last five games. In last week's 20-3 win over South Carolina, Johnson sat and Palmer played the whole game.

While the Seminoles are counting on an offense featuring wide receiver Peter Warrick, the Gators are hoping their defense will come through. The Gators give up 17.1 points a game and the rushing defense is fourth nationally at 71.6 yards a game.

Several other rivalry games will decide titles and major bowl bids.

In the Big Game, Stanford (6-3, 6-1) needs a win over California (4-6, 3-4) to clinch the Pac-10 title and a Rose Bowl berth against Wisconsin.

The Cardinal have won the last four meetings, and in '98 knocked Cal out of a bowl berth with a 10-3 win.

If Cal wins, then Oregon or Washington could earn a trip to Pasadena. Oregon State visits Oregon in the Civil War, and Washington State is at Washington for the Apple Cup.

Also, No. 8 Alabama (8-2, 6-1 SEC) is at Auburn (5-5, 2-5) in the Iron Bowl needing a win over its rival to earn a trip to the league title game against Florida; and No. 19 Purdue (6-4, 3-4 Big Ten) visits Indiana (4-6, 3-4) for the Old Oaken Bucket.

## Stars, Caps skate to 2-2 tie

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard Zednik scored his second goal with 9:11 remaining Wednesday night to give the Washington Capitals a 2-2 tie with the Dallas Stars.

Zednik put in his own rebound after his first point-blank attempt was stopped by Manny Fernandez. Zednik received the puck when Jan Bulis threaded a perfect pass from the right wing.

Zednik's first goal 7:54 into the game ricocheted off Stars defenseman Brad Lukowich's stick and was kicked into the net by Dallas right wing Chris Murray.

Fernandez made two big saves in the final minute of overtime to preserve the tie, stopping Bulis with a kick save and Peter Bondra from close range on a power play. Washington had seven shots on goal in overtime.

Joe Nieuwendyk scored twice late in the second period for the Stars.

## SDN Sports Briefs

### Basketball games changed

Snyder High School's freshman basketball game scheduled for this evening has been cancelled. Also, Saturday's freshman contest has been moved to Lamesa, and Saturday's JV game has been moved from Abilene to Snyder.

### Boxing event scheduled

A boxing event will be held at the National Guard Armory Saturday at 7 p.m. Several bouts are scheduled, and tickets will be available at the door.

### Phillips denies insubordinate allegations

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Running back Lawrence Phillips, suspended by San Francisco for conduct detrimental to the team, said he didn't deserve such a harsh punishment and hopes to play for the 49ers again.

Phillips denied he was insubordinate at last Friday's practice or burst out laughing during an on-field lecture by coach Steve Mariucci. He also said he at no time declined to take part in workouts.

### PGA to honor Stewart with award

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The PGA Tour will honor the memory of Payne Stewart with an annual award that will go to the player who best represents the ideals of the two-time U.S. Open champion.

The trophy for the Payne Stewart Award, a likeness of the player known for his knickers and tam o'shanter cap, will be unveiled during the tour's awards dinner at the Mercedes Championship in Hawaii the first week of January.

## NBA Glance

*All Times EST*

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miami | 7 | 2 | .778 | — |
| Boston | 5 | 3 | .625 | 1½ |
| New York | 5 | 5 | .500 | 2½ |
| Orlando | 4 | 5 | .444 | 3 |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 5 | .444 | 3 |
| New Jersey | 1 | 7 | .125 | 5½ |
| Washington | 1 | 7 | .125 | 5½ |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Toronto | 5 | 2 | .714 | — |
| Indiana | 5 | 3 | .625 | ½ |
| Milwaukee | 5 | 3 | .625 | ½ |
| Cleveland | 4 | 3 | .571 | 1 |
| Charlotte | 5 | 4 | .556 | 1 |
| Detroit | 3 | 6 | .333 | 3 |
| Atlanta | 2 | 6 | .250 | 3½ |
| Chicago | 1 | 7 | .125 | 4½ |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Midwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Antonio | 7 | 2 | .778 | — |
| Utah | 5 | 3 | .625 | 1½ |
| Minnesota | 3 | 2 | .600 | 2 |
| Dallas | 4 | 5 | .444 | 3 |
| Vancouver | 3 | 4 | .429 | 3 |
| Denver | 2 | 5 | .286 | 4 |
| Houston | 2 | 7 | .222 | 5 |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Portland | 8 | 1 | .889 | — |
| Sacramento | 4 | 1 | .800 | 2 |
| L.A. Lakers | 7 | 2 | .778 | 1 |
| Seattle | 7 | 2 | .778 | 1 |
| Phoenix | 5 | 4 | .556 | 3 |
| Golden State | 2 | 6 | .250 | 5½ |
| L.A. Clippers | 2 | 6 | .250 | 5½ |

**Wednesday's Games**

Boston 114, Cleveland 103
Miami 98, Philadelphia 93
Detroit 109, New Jersey 107
Portland 81, Orlando 79
Charlotte 104, Dallas 99
L.A. Clippers 89, Minnesota 85
Utah 98, New York 90
Phoenix 105, Chicago 81
Seattle 111, Golden State 108

**Thursday's Games**

Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

**Friday's Games**

New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Indiana, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

## NHL Glance

*All Times EST*

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | T | RT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 56 | 45 |
| New Jersey | 9 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 22 | 48 | 42 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 6 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 15 | 40 | 51 |
| Pittsburgh | 5 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 54 | 55 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 4 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 29 | 46 |

**Northeast Division**

| | W | L | T | RT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ottawa | 12 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 26 | 56 | 39 |
| Toronto | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 26 | 60 | 43 |
| Boston | 8 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 21 | 50 | 45 |
| Buffalo | 7 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 50 | 56 |
| Montreal | 5 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 37 | 49 |

**Southeast Division**

| | W | L | T | RT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Florida | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 51 | 42 |
| Carolina | 8 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 19 | 43 | 47 |
| Washington | 6 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 45 | 53 |
| Tampa Bay | 6 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 49 | 57 |
| Atlanta | 4 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 37 | 60 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

| | W | L | T | RT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 12 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 28 | 65 | 41 |
| St. Louis | 11 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 23 | 56 | 43 |
| Nashville | 6 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 39 | 51 |
| Chicago | 4 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 46 | 56 |

**Northwest Division**

| | W | L | T | RT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vancouver | 9 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 23 | 57 | 60 |
| Colorado | 8 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 20 | 52 | 50 |
| Edmonton | 5 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 18 | 45 | 46 |
| Calgary | 5 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 44 | 67 |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | T | RT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 12 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 28 | 65 | 50 |
| San Jose | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 27 | 69 | 58 |
| Phoenix | 10 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 23 | 58 | 49 |
| Anaheim | 9 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 21 | 52 | 49 |
| Dallas | 8 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 40 | 43 |

Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.

**Wednesday's Games**

Dallas 2, Washington 2, tie
Boston 2, New Jersey 2, tie
St. Louis 3, Toronto 2
Carolina 2, Ottawa 1
Atlanta 5, Tampa Bay 4
Detroit 7, Vancouver 2
Florida 2, Colorado 1
Anaheim 2, Calgary 1

**Thursday's Games**

N.Y. Rangers at Boston, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

## Local Sports Schedule

**BASKETBALL**

**Thursday**

Big Spring at Snyder 7th and 8th boys, 5 and 6 p.m.

Snyder 7th and 8th girls at Big Spring, 5 and 6:15

**Friday**

Western Texas vs. New Mexico, at Howard College Classic, 4 p.m.

Snyder varsity boys at Slaton, 6 p.m.

Clyde at Snyder 9th, JV and varsity girls, 5 and 6:30

Midland Trinity at Ira, 5 p.m.

**Saturday**

Western Texas vs. Lubbock Christian JV, at Howard College Classic, 4 p.m.

Abilene Cooper at Snyder JV boys, 10:30 a.m.

Snyder 9th boys at Lamesa, 10:30

**FOOTBALL**

**Friday**

Borden County vs. Sanderson, regional playoff at Wink, 7:30

## College Basketball

***Preseason NIT***
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***First Round***
***Tuesday, Nov. 16***

Siena 89, Davidson 79
Notre Dame 59, Ohio St. 57
Utah 76, Arkansas St. 43
New Mexico St. 69, Hofstra 55
Arizona 88, Kansas St. 69

***Wednesday, Nov. 17***

Tulane 80, Fordham 69
Maryland 71, San Francisco 61
Kentucky 67, Penn 50

***Quarterfinals***
***Thursday, Nov. 18***

Siena at Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.

***Friday, Nov. 19***

Utah at Kentucky, 7 p.m.
Tulane at Maryland, 8 p.m.
New Mexico St. at Arizona, 11:30 p.m.

***At Madison Square Garden***
***New York***
***Wednesday, Nov. 24***
***Semifinals***

Notre Dame-Siena winner vs. New Mexico St.-Arizona winner, 6 or 8 p.m.
Kentucky-Utah winner vs. Maryland-Tulane winner, 6 or 8 p.m.

***Friday, Nov. 26***
***Third Place***

Semifinal losers, 6:30 p.m.

***Championship***

Semifinal winners, 9 p.m.

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# NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

**NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE** ORIGINAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SCURRY

Date and Time of Sale: The first Tuesday in the month, December 7, 1999 at 2:00 p.m.

SUIT NO. 16,794

SCURRY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

VS.

LUCY FLETCHER WOOLSEY, ET AL.

All of the West 1/2 of Lot 4, Block 29, Town of Hermleigh, Scurry County, Texas and being more fully described in Volume 300, page 901 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. Account No. 01-0208-0395-0029-0010. (1295) R1496.

DATE OF JUDGMENT: February 17, 1994

DATE OF LEVY: October 22, 1999

SUIT NO. 19,365

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

KENNETH STEVE BABCOCK, ET AL.

All that certain 1.7505 Acre Tract, more or less, out of Tract 50, in the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision, out of Section 38 of the Kirkland and Fields Survey, as described in Volume 386, page 327 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (R16388)

DATE OF JUDGMENT: July 15, 1998

DATE OF LEVY: October 22, 1999

SUIT NO. 19,728

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

JESSE SALINAS, ET AL.

The East 75' of Lot 3, Block 55, City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as described in Volume 366, page 200, Deed Records of said County. (R6167)

DATE OF JUDGMENT: July 15, 1998

DATE OF LEVY: October 22, 1999

SUIT NO. 19,939

IRA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

VS.

DONNA LEE SIMMONS, ET AL.

.010417 RIU, A.E. Clark Lease, K & F Survey, N 140 acres of 3, Blocks 32-33, Section 14, Scurry County, Texas. (N6147)

DATE OF JUDGMENT: July 15, 1998

DATE OF LEVY: October 22, 1999

SUIT NO. 20,072

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

GLORIA HUNTER, ET AL.

Lots 1 and 2, Block 38, Cody Heights Addition, in the City of Snyder, or as more fully described in Volume 380, page 613 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (R9214)

DATE OF JUDGMENT: January 6, 1999

DATE OF LEVY: October 22, 1999

SUIT NO. 20,157

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

FRANKLIN KELLY, ET AL.

Lot 6, Block 18, Chambers Addition, City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as described in Volume 304, page 133, Deed Records of said County. (R4502)

DATE OF JUDGMENT: May 5, 1999

DATE OF LEVY: October 22, 1999

Listed in the caption above are delinquent tax suits in which Judgments of Foreclosure have been rendered and Orders of Sale have been issued. The listing for each suit sets out: (1) the Cause Number; (2) the Plaintiff Tax Unit; (3) the Defendants; (4) the date of the Judgment; (5) the date of Levy; and (6) the Property Description.

Under the Order of Sale issued pursuant to each Judgment above listed, I did at the time specified for each suit levy upon each Property in such suit as described above as the property of the Defendants named or designated in such suit. On the sale date specified above, which is the first Tuesday of said month, I will offer and sell at public auction, for cash, each property described above, and all the right, title, interest and estate in and to each such property owned or claimed by the Defendants named in connection with each such property; PROVIDED, however, that no property shall be sold directly or indirectly to anyone other than a Tax Unit which is a party to that specific suit for less than the total amount of taxes, penalties, interest and costs due against that particular property or any adjudged value decreed, whichever is lower.

The Foreclosure Sales under this Notice will be held on the first Tuesday of said month, at the Courthouse door of said County, at the time set out above, by and through the LAW OFFICE OF HENRY GATES STEEN, JR., P.C., 3001 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite 306, Austin, Texas 78705, Telephone (512) 476-4688 and Telecopier (512) 476-0325, my authorized representative. The sale of each property shall be subject to the rights of the Defendants named in connection with each particular property, and any successors in title, to redeem such specified property in the time and manner provided by law; and subject also to the rights of any defendants to have each particular property owned or claimed by such defendants divided and sold in less divisions than the whole as provided by law. The sale as to each property is to be made to satisfy the Judgment rendered against that particular property and the Defendants named in connection with that particular property. The proceeds of the Sale of each property are to be applied to the satisfaction of the Judgment against that particular property, and the remainder of the sale proceeds, if any, are to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Snyder, Texas on this the 25 day of October, 1999.

Darren Jackson
Darren Jackson, Sheriff
By: Betty Boothe, Deputy

# Markets Midday Stocks

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| | High | Low | Last | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMR Corp | 59 13-16 | 58¾ | 58¾ | — 1¾ |
| AT&T Corp s | 47¼ | 47¼ | 47 9-16 | + ¼ |
| Albertsons | 36 11-16 | 35¾ | 36 7-16 | — 1-16 |
| AlldSignal | 62½ | 61¾ | 61 11-16 | + ¾ |
| Alltel | 88 11-16 | 85¼ | 88 | + 2¾ |
| AmOnline s | 159¾ | 155¾ | 158 5-16 | +2 5-16 |
| AmOnline wi | 80 | 78 3-16 | 79 9-16 | + 1¾ |
| AndarkPtr | 35¾ | 34 11-16 | 34¼ | — 9-16 |
| AtlRichfld | 98¾ | 96 13-16 | 96 13-16 | —11-16 |
| ATMOS Egy | 22 11-16 | 22¼ | 22⅜ | — 3-16 |
| Aviall | 8¼ | 8 3-16 | 8¼ | + 5-16 |
| BP Amoco s | 62 3-16 | 61¾ | 61¾ | — 1-16 |
| BakerHughes | 29 3-16 | 27½ | 27¾ | — 1¾ |
| Bank of Amer | 66 15-16 | 66 3-16 | 66¼ | — 5-16 |
| BellAtl | 65¼ | 64 7-16 | 64 15-16 | — ¼ |
| BellSouth s | 45¼ | 44 9-16 | 44¾ | — 3-16 |
| BethSteel | 6 9-16 | 6 5-16 | 6⅜ | + ⅛ |
| BurlNoSFe | 29 15-16 | 29 9-16 | 29⅝ | + 1-16 |
| CBS Corp | 55 1-16 | 54 | 54 11-16 | +15-16 |
| Caterpillar | 55 15-16 | 55 5-16 | 55¾ | + ¼ |
| CenSoWst | 21¼ | 20¾ | 20 15-16 | — 1-16 |
| Chevron | 96¾ | 95 | 95 1-16 | — 1½ |
| Citigroup s | 57 1-16 | 56 | 56 1-16 | — 5-16 |
| Coastal | 40¾ | 40¼ | 40⅝ | + 5-16 |
| CocaCola | 60 | 59¼ | 59 11-16 | — ¼ |
| ColgatePal s | 57 5-16 | 56 11-16 | 56 11-16 | —11-16 |
| ComclMetals | 33¼ | 32¾ | 33¼ | + 1-16 |
| CooperIn | 44 11-16 | 44 1-16 | 44¼ | — 1-16 |
| CyprusAmax | | | 19¼ | 1919 |
| DaimlrChry | 72⅞ | 72¼ | 72¼ | —13-16 |
| DallSemicn | | 61 | 60¼ | 60 5-16+ ¼ |
| DeltaAirl | 49¼ | 48¾ | 48 15-16 | —15-16 |
| Dillards Inc | | | 19¾ | 19¼ 19 5-16 |
| DowChem | | 123 | 121 9-16 | 122½ |
| DuPont | 62 7-16 | 61½ | 62 5-16 | + 1-16 |
| EastmanChem | 39 | 38¼ | 38 15-16 | + 1-16 |
| EstKodak | | 67 1-16 | 66¼ | 66¾ |
| EDS Corp | 64 11-16 | 63 7-16 | 63¾ | + 7-16 |
| Entergy | 27 11-16 | 27⅜ | 27⅝ | + 1-16 |
| Exxon | 81 1-16 | 80 3-16 | 80¾ | + ⅝ |
| Flowers | | 17 3-16 | 1717 | + ⅛ |
| FordMotor | 53¾ | 51¼ | 51½ | — 1¾ |
| GTE Cp | 76 | 75¼ | 75 13-16 | — ⅝ |
| GenDynam | 54¾ | 53¾ | 53 15-16 | + ½ |
| GenElec | 140 15-16 | 139 3-16 | 139⅝ | —1 9-16 |
| GenMills s | 40¼ | 39 11-16 | 39 13-16 | — ½ |
| GenMotors | 71 11-16 | 71 | 71 7-16 | + ⅝ |
| GaPacGP s | 43 3-16 | 42 9-16 | 43¼ | + 3-16 |
| GlobalMar | 17 7-16 | 16¾ | 16⅞ | — 7-16 |
| Goodrich | 23 3-16 | 22 15-16 | 22 15-16 | |
| Goodyear s | 38 13-16 | 36¾ | 38 3-16 | — 5-16 |
| GtAtlPac | 27 1-16 | 26 31-32 | 27 | + 1-16 |
| Halliburtn | | 44¼ | 42¾ | 42⅞ — 1¾ |
| Hanson ADS | 39¾ | 39 | 39 5-16 | + 1¾ |
| HarteHanks | 21 3-16 | 21¼ | 21 3-16 | + ¼ |
| HomeDepot | 80¾ | 80 1-16 | 80½ | + 9-16 |
| IBM s | 98¼ | 93 9-16 | 96 15-16 | +3 11-16 |
| IntlPaper | 54½ | 53¼ | 53 15-16 | — 1 |
| JohnsonJn | 105 | 103 15-16 | 104 | — 1¾ |
| K mart | 9 7-16 | 9 5-16 | 9 5-16 | — 1-16 |
| Kroger Co s | 23 11-16 | 23¼ | 23 7-16 | + ¼ |
| Litton | 46 9-16 | 45 11-16 | 46 7-16 | +13-16 |
| LockheedM s | | 19¾ | 19 5-16 | 19¾ + ½ |
| Lowes Cos | | 56½ | 55¼ | 56¼ + 1¼ |
| Lubys | 12 1-16 | 11¼ | 11⅞ | — 1-16 |
| LucentTech s | 78¼ | 77¼ | 77 13-16 | +1 1-16 |
| MayDeptStr s | 32¼ | 32 1-16 | 32 1-16 | — 3-16 |
| MediaOne | 71 15-16 | 71 1-16 | 71½ | + ⅜ |
| Medtronic s | 40 3-16 | 39 | 39 9-16 | + 9-16 |
| Mobil | 105 11-16 | 104¾ | 105¼ | + 3-16 |
| Monsanto | | 46¼ | 45½ | 45 13-16 + ¼ |
| MorganJP | 141¼ | 139 9-16 | 139⅜ | — ¼ |
| Motorola | 122¾ | 120¾ | 121¼ | + 2¼ |
| NCR Corp | 35 3-16 | 33 9-16 | 35 | + 1¼ |
| Navistar | 39¼ | 38 | 38 11-16 | +11-16 |
| Penney JC | 22 11-16 | 22¼ | 22⅜ | + 1-16 |
| PepBoys | | 9 15-16 | 9 11-16 | 9¾ |
| PepsiCo | 34⅜ | 34⅛ | 34 3-16 | + 1-16 |
| PhelpDodge | 54 9-16 | 54¼ | 54 7-16 | — 3-16 |
| PhilipPet | 51½ | 50 9-16 | 50 9-16 | —13-16 |
| PilgrmPrd B | | 8¼ | 8¼ | 8¼ + 1-16 |
| Polaroid | 20⅝ | 19 15-16 | 20 5-16 | + ⅜ |
| Praxair | 48 3-16 | 47 9-16 | 47 9-16 | — ⅜ |
| ProctGamb | 109 11-16 | 108 5-16 | 109 5-16 | + 5-16 |
| PubSNwMx | 17 | 16 9-16 | 16 15-16 | + 5-16 |
| ReliantEngy | | | 26¼ | 2626¼ |
| RoyalDut | 65¼ | 65 3-16 | 65 3-16 | + ⅛ |
| SBC Comm | 52 | 51 7-16 | 51½ | — ⅛ |
| SaraLee s | 25 15-16 | 25¼ | 25 13-16 | — 3-16 |
| Scripps EW | | 48 7-16 | 4848¼ | — 1-16 |
| SearsRoeb | 31 15-16 | 31 9-16 | 31 13-16 | + ⅛ |
| SherwinW | | 21¾ | 21¼ | 21⅛ — ¼ |
| SmithIntBchm | | 67¼ | 66 5-16 | 67 + ¼ |
| SouthernCo | 24 13-16 | 24 9-16 | 24 9-16 | + ⅛ |
| SwstAirl s | 16 15-16 | 16¼ | 16½ | — ¼ |
| SprintFON s | 74¼ | 73 13-16 | 74 3-16 | + ¼ |
| SprintPCS | 90⅜ | 89 13-16 | 90 | + 5-16 |
| Sunoco Inc | 27¾ | 27 1-16 | 27 3-16 | + 3-16 |
| TNP Ent | 41 7-16 | 41¾ | 41¼ | — 1-16 |
| Tandy s | 68 11-16 | 67 1-16 | 68 3-16 | + 1⅛ |
| TempleInland | 64¼ | 63 | 63 11-16 | — 1-16 |
| Texaco | 65¾ | 64¼ | 64 7-16 | —15-16 |
| TexInd | | 34½ | 33¼ | 34¼ + ¼ |
| TexasInst s | 98 7-16 | 95¾ | 98¼ | + 3¼ |
| TexUtil | 37 15-16 | 37 9-16 | 37 11-16 | — 1-16 |
| Textron | 74 13-16 | 73¾ | 74 7-16 | +15-16 |
| TriconGlbR | 42 11-16 | 42 1-16 | 42¼ | + 5-16 |
| TrinityInds | 29¼ | 29 | 29 3-16 | — 1-16 |
| TritonEngy | | 27 | 25½ | 25¾ + ⅜ |
| TylerTech | | 4¼ | 4 1-16 | 4 1-16 |
| US West Inc | 65¾ | 65 3-16 | 65¾ | + ⅛ |
| USX-Marathn | 30 1-16 | 29¾ | 29 9-16 | — ¼ |
| USX-USS | 25¼ | 24 11-16 | 25¼ | + ½ |
| UnCarbde | 62 3-16 | 61 7-16 | 61 15-16 | + ⅜ |
| UnionPacif | 52 | 51 9-16 | 51 9-16 | — 1-16 |
| UnitedTech s | 57¼ | 55¼ | 57 9-16 | +1 3-16 |
| Unocal | 35¼ | 34 13-16 | 34 13-16 | — ⅛ |
| Venator Grp | | | 7¼ | 77⅛ + ⅛ |
| WalMart s | 59¼ | 58 15-16 | 59¼ | + ¼ |
| WellsFargo | | 47¼ | 47¼ | 47⅞ + ⅛ |
| WstnGasRs | 14 15-16 | 14¼ | 14¼ | — 3-16 |
| WinnDixie | | 28¼ | 2828⅛ | — 1-16 |
| Xerox Cp s | 26⅛ | 25¾ | 26¼ | + 1⅜ |

**Local Interest STOCKS**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Patterson** | 15 3/4 | -1/16 |
| **Dell** | 40 | +1 4 |
| **Wal Mart** | 59 1/8 | +1/4 |
| **Compac** | 25 | +1 1 4 |
| **Dol. Gen.** | 24 15/16 | +3/16 |
| **GTE** | 75 15/16 | -1/4 |
| **SBC Comm.** | 51 5/8 | 0 |
| **Tx Instr.** | 98 3/8 | +3 7/16 |
| **LU** | 77 3/4 | +3/4 |
| **Cisco Sys.** | 86 1/16 | +1 5/16 |

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# Say Goodbye To Starvation Diets Forever

# Amazing Fat Fighting Pill Ends Hunger- Guarantees Super Fast Weight Loss!

## U. S. Patent reveals weight loss of as much as 28 lbs. in 4 weeks and 48 lbs. in 8 weeks..

**Las Vegas, NV** - There now exists an all natural, bio-active weight-loss compound so powerful, so effective, so relentless in its awesome attack on bulging fatty deposits that it has virtually eliminated the need to diet.

News of this super pill from Asia is sweeping the country. The product is called FatStopper 2000 and it's dynamite!

In fact, thousands of people are now trying FatStopper 2000 and losing weight faster than ever before! People throughout the country are reporting incredible weight losses.

### EXCESS CALORIES ARE FLUSHED RIGHT OUT OF YOUR BODY!

FatStopper 2000 ingredients were developed in Asia by medical researchers. The product contains no drugs whatsoever. It's ingredients are derived from a certain plant that grows primarily in Southern Asia.

The technical name is *Amorphophallus Konjac* which comes from the Konjac root.

Why the Konjac root? For years it was a widely held belief that extracts of the Konjac root had magical properties. When a person ate a small amount of this unique plant extract they would miraculously lose weight!

Researchers investigated this phenomenon and discovered, through sophisticated testing, that the plant extract did indeed cause the human body to bring about rapid weight-loss.

Actually the way it works is truly extraordinary.

Shortly after taking small portions of the plant extract it dissolves into a completely natural gel which surrounds excess figure destroying calories and prevents them from forming body fat.

This action actually alters the time contact is made with the intestinal membrane! In addition and more importantly this remarkable plant gives you a natural feeling of fullness so you're not hungry while your excess weight comes tumbling off.

The research team was so impressed with the plant extract's abilities that they produced an amazing weight-loss pill which uses the key ingredients of this plant extract.

But what's even more impressive, the FatStopper 2000 pill actually surpasses the incredible powers of this plant extract because the FatStopper 2000 ingredients are so highly concentrated.

In fact, the FatStopper 2000 ingredient is so effective at producing massive weight-loss in record time that it was even awarded a patent for weight loss #3,973,008 by the United States Patent Office.

The clinical studies of both men and women revealed in this patent showed individual weight losses of as much as 28.65 pounds in 4 weeks - and as much as 48.5 pounds in 8 weeks: the average weight loss for all participants in that same time period was 33.9 pounds.

The FatStopper 2000 ingredient was awarded patents in other countries as well, including Japan, France, Germany and the United Kingdom.

Another U.S. Patent #3,856,945 was awarded to this incredible product for its added ability to reduce harmful cholesterol levels.

As Japanese medical doctor Mutsuhiko Kuroki explains: when *Amorphophallus Konjac* enters the small intestines it "Blocks cholesterol absorption - reduces the amount of fat absorbed - prevents a sudden increase in blood glucose levels and normalizes the body's cholesterol level".

Clinical studies on *Amorphophallus Konjac* have been conducted in some of the worlds leading medical schools and Universities. The results of a number of scientific studies on this remarkable ingredient have already been published worldwide in major medical journals.

### EAT ALL YOUR FAVORITE FOODS AND STILL LOSE WEIGHT ( PILL DOES ALL THE WORK )

By now it should be obvious the FatStopper 2000 is no ordinary diet pill. Unlike other diet programs, once you've taken FatStopper 2000 there is really nothing else to do. You'll marvel at the way FatStopper 2000 literally reverses years of overeating.

You need only follow the simple instructions. That's it! You can continue to enjoy all those foods you love to eat. FatStopper 2000 makes it easy for you to simply not allow your body to consume and absorb excess calories. Period!

With FatStopper 2000 you can eat all of your favorite foods but because you will experience a natural feeling of fullness you will of course eat less, not feel hungry and thereby lose weight.

Each day you'll notice absolute visible results as your unwanted pounds of fat, flab and cellulite completely disappear.

There is even a low fat, low calorie diet that comes with the FatStopper 2000 pills that together make up the entire program for those who want to eat healthier and lose weight faster. The key, as everyone knows, is not feeling hungry while the excess pounds and inches disappear.

However, a word of caution is in order. Because FatStopper 2000 is so effective at removing years of ugly fatty deposits and because FatStopper 2000 has absolutely no side effects, there is a tendency for some people to over do it. Do not allow yourself to become too thin. If you start to lose weight too rapidly, limit your pill intake, or even skip a day or two. Have a goal in mind and try not to go beyond it.

Also, before starting this or any weight loss program you should check with your physician to determine that you are in normal health! If you exercise that's great. If you don't, remember that simple walking or moderate exercise such as light aerobics will not only speed up your metabolism but will help tighten and tone muscles and skin as your excess weight and inches begin to disappear.

### COMPANY OFFERS EXTRAORDINARY GUARANTEE!

Swiss Labs 2000, Inc. is the only company in the United States authorized to sell FatStopper 2000. They have examined the clinical proof conducted on the FatStopper 2000 product thoroughly and are convinced that with the FatStopper 2000 program you can achieve the body of your dreams.

They don't care if you've tried to lose weight before and failed. They have documented the results of skeptical people who now swear by FatStopper 2000. Swiss Labs 2000 means it when they say you can lose a maximum amount of fat in record time.

In fact, as proof that they believe the FatStopper 2000 program is everything they say it is they offer an extraordinary guarantee, one they wouldn't dare make if they had even a single doubt!

If you place your order now and then follow the simple instructions for a period of 30 days from invoice, you must be completely satisfied with the dramatic results or just return the empty container and Swiss Labs 2000 will immediately send you back your entire purchase price excluding shipping and handling. No questions asked! What could be better than that! It's just that simple.

If you've tried to lose weight before and failed you no longer have an excuse. The FatStopper 2000 program is available, it's easy and it works!

**Best of all...**ordering the FatStopper 2000 program is simple, fast and reliable! Simply call Toll Free **1-800-700-7063** and ask for **operator 3057** and order with your credit card. If you want to order by mail simply write your name and address and the words "FatStopper 2000"on any plain piece of paper and include your check or money order for the amount of FatStopper 2000 you want and mail it to:

**Swiss Labs 2000, Inc.**
**2733 Lodestone Dept. 3057**
**Las Vegas, NV 89117**

All orders are shipped within 72 hours of receipt by U.S. Priority Mail. Supply options: $39.95 for a full 30 day supply, $69.90 for a full 60 day supply (you save $10.00) and a full 90 day supply is just $99.85 (you save $20.00). Whatever quantity you order add an additional $5.95 per order for shipping and handling. Operators are standing by now to take your order. Please don't wait to order. Call now **1-800-700-7063** and ask for **operator 3057**. You really do deserve to be thin! Thank you.

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**Without changing the way they eat, and by simply adding the FatStopper 2000 ingredient to their normal meals, clinical studies of both men and women revealed in U. S. Patent #3,973,008 showed individual weight losses of as much as 28.65 pounds in 4 weeks - and as much as 48.50 pounds in 8 weeks: the average weight loss for all participants in that same time period was 33.9 pounds.**

***"I lost 49 pounds in just 8 1/2 weeks!"***







*"I cannot stand dieting. To me, giving up the foods I love to eat could be worse than being fat. FatStopper 2000 was a real lifesaver! I lost 49 pounds in just 8 1/2 weeks and never felt like I was on a diet. I've never looked or felt better. I know I am much healthier, too! My friends are all green with envy."*
*–Tanna D., San Diego, CA*

*Results not typical. Results will vary.*

2nd Front Page

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

# Third white man is convicted

JASPER (AP) — A white man who insisted he was too afraid of his racist companions to help James Byrd Jr. was convicted today of capital murder in the black man's dragging death.

Shawn Allen Berry will either spend life in prison or join his two co-defendants on death row.

Berry, 24, declined an invitation to comment after the verdict was read. His supporters were in tears, and girlfriend Christie Marcontell wept as Berry wrapped an arm around her shoulders.

"I feel he's innocent of what they're accusing him," said Berry's grandmother, Faye Berry. "They found every little thing to prove he was as bad as the others, and they got it twisted around and suited to their purposes."

The jury, which began deliberating at midday Wednesday, must next decide on a punishment for the grisly killing.

"In all fairness, I think three people were involved in the murder of my brother," said Byrd's sister, Mary Verrett. "I think they should get equal punishment."

Byrd, 49, was beaten, then chained by the ankles and dragged behind a pickup truck to his death June 7, 1998, in one of the nation's ghastliest racial crimes in decades.

John William King, 24, and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 32, both avowed racists, were convicted and sentenced to die in separate trials earlier this year.

Berry's jury deliberated longer than the combined time it took juries to decide the cases of King and Brewer.

State District Judge Joe Bob Golden told jurors they could acquit Berry or find him guilty of the lesser charge of murder if they decided Berry, who had offered Byrd a ride, did not mean to kidnap Byrd.

Defense and prosecution agreed Berry did not follow the racist dogma of his co-defendants.

# Corridor group is seeking financing

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have an opportunity to have clients referred to you and you will not get your share of any federal or state funding."

The corridor currently has no funding, but Fritz said there are plans in the works.

Some controversy did arise at the meeting when Dick Crill, who is employed by Big Country Electric, announced that prospects would be visiting Sweetwater and Snyder on Friday.

Hatley expressed concern that the other counties in the corridor were not given notice that the prospects were coming and that that those counties would not have an opportunity to present themselves.

"All I am saying is that the field is not equal," Hatley said. "It is not level at this point. It appears that the communities are not deciding anything except funding."

Hatley added, "If you don't keep the field level, you don't have an organization."

An investor group out of Dallas set up the meetings in Sweetwater and Snyder. The same group is paying the travel and salaries of the agents who are working for the corridor.

"The investor group is paying our agents and paying the travel of manufacturers coming to our area. The corridor has no money. Someone had to step up and start paying our bills and this investor group out of Dallas did," Fritz explained. "It is to our advantage, but on the other hand we lose control of where they go."

Fritz said the problem was that it was unclear to corridor members whether the agents were working for TM&AC or for the investors.

"They are working for the investors. They are on retainer," Fritz said.

Glen Murphree, who works for Atkins Supply, the company that got the investors together, explained that the visitors coming Friday are not prospects for the corridor group.

Murphree is the contact person as an employee of the investor group.

He is not a director of TM&AC, but is interested in the group. Fritz said Murphree helped put the corridor group together.

The group also voted unanimously to ratify a contract with Arter & Hadden, LLP to represent the corporation.

The contract states that Arter & Hadden will be compensated "at its standard hourly rates and fees, plus customary expenses for travel, entertainment of TM&AC's clients and agencies with whom it is necessary for TM&AC to work in order to further its objectives."

The fees and expenses are contingent on TM&AC's receiving initial funding. In addition, the firm cannot charge more than 20 percent for fees and expenses.

In other business, committee chairmen also presented various reports.

## 4 offense reports filed Wednesday

Four offense reports were filed Wednesday.

A Child Protective Services employee contacted a deputy at 8:52 a.m. in reference to a possible child abuse case.

At 12:34 p.m., Kenny Miller reported damage to a sign in the 2300 block of Gilmore. Officers submitted an offense report for Class B criminal mischief.

Richard Dupree spoke to a deputy at 2:28 p.m. in reference to selling a vehicle to a subject and the person moving out of state and stopping payments. An offense report for hindering a secured creditor was submitted.

Officers submitted an offense report for assault/family violence at 7:42 p.m.

In other activity, Kay Porter notified officers at 9:37 a.m. that someone had placed several pumpkins and a scarecrow in her driveway at 308 36th Place. The scarecrow was logged into found property at the police department.

Two subjects were taken into custody at 6:18 p.m. at the U.S. Hwy. 84 and Ennis Creek Road intersection.

A Department of Public Safety trooper transported a 23-year-old male to the county jail on a hold for Midland authorities. A 30-year-old male was arrested for no driver's license and no liability insurance.

## Snyder reps attend yearly conference

Three city staffers and city council representative Vernest Tippens are attending the Texas Municipal League's annual conference in Dallas through Saturday.

Besides Tippens, representing Snyder are City Manager John Gayle, Police Chief Steve Warren and Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland.

## 6 expelled students enroll elsewhere

DECATUR, Ill. (AP) — Six students expelled over a football game brawl began enrolling in alternative schools today. They were accompanied by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who said the action doesn't mean he's abandoning his fight to get them back into regular classes.

The students were expected to begin classes Monday in one of the area's several alternative education programs. They were in a closed-door orientation session today.

The students were expelled for two years and a seventh withdrew from school following a brawl in the stands at a Sept. 17 football game.

# Obituaries

## Epifania Silvas

**1912-1999**

Epifania P. Silvas, 87, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

Rosary for Mrs. Silvas is set for 7 this evening at the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Mass is set for 10 a.m. Friday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Fr. Leo Moras, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born March 11, 1912 in Chihuahua, Mexico, she married Juan Silvas in 1970 in Snyder.

A resident of Snyder since 1970, Mrs. Silvas was a homemaker and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by two children.

Survivors include her husband, Juan Silvas of Snyder; four sons, John Carrillo and Seferino Carrillo, both of Snyder, Martin Carrillo of Mitchell, Neb., and Phillip Carrillo of Rotan; six daughters, Sandy Alvarado of Snyder, Oralia Garcia, Sally Garcia and Alice Carrillo, all of Fort Worth, Jesse Lule of Dallas, Tina Soliz of Vernon; a sister, Mary Portillo of Denver; a brother, Mingo Portillo of Chihuahua; 50 grandchildren; 67 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

## Ernest James

**1933-1999**

Ernest James, a longtime resident of Snyder, died Monday, Nov. 15, in Huntsville. Mr. James, 66, was buried at 8 a.m. today in Huntsville.

He was born Aug. 11, 1933 and had lived in Snyder for more than 50 years.

Survivors include his former wife, Shirley Wells of Snyder; two brothers, Freddie Ray James of Snyder and Burle James of Austin; a sister, Ceola Houston of Alaska; a sister-in-law, Mozelle James of Snyder; and two stepchildren; Dorothy Gayten of New Orleans and James Wells Jr. of Snyder; two grandsons, Christopher Wells of Lawton, Okla., and Marlin Wells of San Diego.

## Lucie Yeaman

**1902-1999**

SANTA FE, N.M. – Lois Lucie Curnutte Yeaman, formerly of Snyder, died Nov. 11, in Santa Fe where she had lived for the past 24 years.

A memorial service for Mrs. Yeaman, 97, was held Nov. 13 in Santa Fe following cremation.

Born May 12, 1902 in Snyder to Robert H. and Mollie Curnutte, her family moved to Scurry County in 1901 in a covered wagon. Her father was Scurry County Judge at the time of his death in 1934. He previously had been president of Snyder's First National Bank and was an attorney in private practice with Cullen Higgins. Her father was a business associate of rancher J. Wright Mooar.

Her mother, who died in 1981, was active in the women's suffrage movement and lived from 1930-59 in the historic Curnutte home, also known as the E.W. Clark home at 2306 32nd St.

In the early 1920s, Lucie was briefly married to Ben Waskom of Snyder. She relocated to California from 1926-45 where she married Harold Enfield and operated a girls summer camp at Big Bear Lake.

She operated a flower shop in Snyder during the late 1940s and married Jack Yeaman in 1950. After living in Laredo from 1951-62, she bought an apple ranch in San Patricio, N.M., before retiring to Santa Fe in 1974.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Lila Dodson; a brother, Robert Curnutte Jr.; and a granddaughter, Susan Adams.

Survivors include a daughter, Mollie Seymour of Santa Fe; a son, Robert Enfield of Santa Fe; a sister, Mary Mahler of Arcata, Calif.; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## Former agriculture commissioner dies in farm accident

BRYAN (AP) — Former Texas Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown died from a broken neck when his tractor slid into a dry creek bed, according to results of an autopsy.

Justice of the Peace C. Patrick Meece said Wednesday that Brown's tractor, which had a roll bar and a fiberglass canopy, landed upside down and Brown died almost immediately.

Brown's body was found in the tractor Tuesday night after a search was launched when the 78-year-old didn't return to his Brazos County home.

Brown had a lifelong involvement in agriculture. In 1962 he was named "man of the year" in Texas agriculture by the Progressive Farmer.

He also spent 30 years at the College Station university as an extension sociologist and served as a county agent before he was named to the state agricultural post.

Brown became agriculture commissioner in 1977 to fill the unexpired term of John C. White. The World War II veteran and Texas A&M University alumnus served until his 1982 defeat.

During that unsuccessful campaign, Brown stuck his hand down a fire ant mound and was bitten 32 times as television cameras recorded the moment. He also used a racial slur to describe black educator Booker T. Washington, then blamed the insult on food poisoning from a "bad turkey sandwich in Laredo."

Survivors include his wife, Gladys; a son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy R. and Julie Brown; and a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and John Preiss.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church in Bryan.

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# WHAT'S UP?

## ONGOINGS

### SHS softball booster club

The club will meet at 7 this evening in the West Elementary cafeteria.

### Healing revival

Evangelist Brian Dickerson will lead the revival at 7:30 p.m. today and Friday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

### Snyder Healthcare Thanksgiving dinner

The Snyder Healthcare family council will serve the annual Thanksgiving dinner for residents and their families at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Turkey, dressing and rolls will be furnished and family members are asked to bring a salad, vegetable or desert.

### Scout trash pick up day

Snyder Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will have a trash pick up day Saturday. All scouts should meet on the WTC parking lot at 10 a.m.

### Technology student fund raiser

The Technology Student Association at Snyder High is selling nuts as a fund-raising project to offset end-of-year competition costs. Call 573-6301 and ask for Darrin Duzan.

### Ira yearbooks on sale

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

### Foster parent workshop

The Oil Patch Foster Parent Association will sponsor a workshop Saturday on "Avoiding Power Struggles and Encouraging Compliance." It will be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

### Heart walk

The Scurry County division of the American Heart Association will host the annual heart walk Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Towle Park Pavilion. Walkers can earn prizes based on donations. For more information, call Dee Chasteen at 573-5041.

### Brisket lunch

The Hermleigh Beta Club will hold a brisket lunch from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Hermleigh school cafeteria. Adult tickets are $6 and a child's ticket is $3. To purchase a ticket, call Randi at 863-2528, or Clarence at 863-2245. Carry-outs will be available. Funds will be used for the state Beta Club convention.

### First Assembly speaker

Chuck Redger, executive director of Teen Challenge of the Permain Basin, will speak at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at First Assembly of God, 1809 College Ave. A student in the program will also give his testimony.

### Community Thanksgiving service

Scurry County Ministerial Alliance will conduct a community Thanksgiving service Sunday at First United Methodist Church. A Praise Team mini-concert begins at 6:45 p.m. and Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will preach at 7. A reception in the fellowship hall will follow. A nursery will be provided.

### Baseball booster club meeting

The SHS baseball booster club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the SHS student center. All baseball parents, especially those with upper classman, are urged to attend.

### Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Four Horseman of the Apocalypse," followed by "Is the World Out of Control?"

### Tiger Times yearbook

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

### 3 of 3 tourney

The Boys and Girls Club will sponsor a 3 on 3 Tournament Nov. 26-27. There will be a boys and a girls division for ages 11-12 (Grades 5 and 6). There may be up to four players per team and entry fee is $35 per team. Entry deadline is next Wednesday. Call 573-3344.

### Choir Poinsettia sale

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

### Tiger's Lair senior dedications

Dedications for the SHS yearbook are due Dec. 1. The cost is $40. To reserve a space, call Katie Henson at 573-6301.

### Library extends hours

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

### WTC planetarium open

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

### WTC nursing program

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

### Pick 3

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

0-2-6

### Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million. The ticket was sold in Cockrell Hill. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 1-15-16-35-36-50. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

# One league requires ethics course for parents

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A youth athletic league is adding a requirement for kids who want to strap on cleats or pick up pompoms: Their parents must learn how to behave on the sidelines.

The Jupiter-Tequesta Athletic Association, which serves 6,000 kids ages 5 to 18, is making parents take an hour-long ethics course, starting Jan. 1. If the parents refuse, the kids won't be allowed to play.

"We just want to try to de-escalate the intensity that's being shown by the parents at these games," said Jeff Leslie, the volunteer president of the association and father of four.

The association is the first in the nation to make sportsmanship training for parents a prerequisite, according to the National Alliance for Youth Sports, which developed the ethics program and teamed up with the athletic association.

The ethics program, called PAYS, short for Parents Alliance for Youth Sports, has been used in other places in the country, such as Charlotte, N.C., but it's never been mandatory, said Kathleen Avitt, the program's director.

Leslie says there haven't been any major incidents in Jupiter, about 20 miles north of West Palm Beach, but there have been small skirmishes with big potential.

"We have had parents that have been ejected from games. We've had coaches ejected from games," he said. "To my knowledge we've never had a parent physical confrontation, but we've had parent shouting matches.

"Fortunately, cooler heads have prevailed but you just never know," he said.

The program, which will cost $5 and be required for at least one parent or guardian per family, lays out the roles and responsibilities of a parent of a youth athlete in a 19-minute video and a handbook.

"It keeps in perspective what youth sports is all about, which is being positive, having fun and youth sport participation," Ms. Avitt said.

The message is subtle and upbeat.

"I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event," says the first of an 11-point code of ethics parents will be asked to sign.

Tony Iannitti, a father of four who coaches a boys soccer team in the association, said the parents of his players are all supportive — but he could see why the program could be helpful for some others.

"Parents get a little excited. They get exuberant and they get excited," he said. "Some parents yell things. I guess sometimes parents will go a little further than they have to."

Excitement apparently escalated out of control earlier this week in nearby Port St. Lucie, when a soccer coach was charged with simple battery for head-butting a referee, according to police.

And in the wealthy Fort Lauderdale suburb of Weston, two coaches and seven players were expelled from a youth football league after police broke up a melee Nov. 6.

Part of the problem, Leslie says, is parents believe they can influence their children's chance at getting an athletic scholarship to college, sometimes when the kids are only 5 or 6 years old. They put too much pressure on the kids and on winning, he said.

"We've had instances of little kids in softball crying on the mound because the parents embarrass the stew out of them," Leslie said.

Gino Tartaglia, who has two sons who play soccer, said he welcomes such a program.

"I think there will be a small percentage (of parents) that will resent it," said Tartaglia, who also coaches a soccer team in the Jupiter-Tequesta association. "But my impression is most of them will go along with the program."

# More Western doctors studying Eastern medicine

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After years of medical school and rigorous scientific study, Dr. Jim Sheller was more than skeptical when he heard that pain could be relieved by needles.

It didn't fit with the hard-and-fast evidence behind Western medicine; poppycock, he called it.

But as acupuncture gained popularity among his American patients, Sheller decided to learn more about the ancient practice. He was quickly converted.

He put his anesthesiology practice aside and enrolled full-time in a Chinese medicine school. These days, he even makes acupuncture house calls.

"I see myself as a bridge," said Sheller, 59. "My motto: Have needles, will travel."

As a growing number of Americans seek Eastern medicines for chronic ailments, more and more Western doctors are heading back to the classroom to learn acupuncture and Eastern theories on health. It's a striking indication that Asian healing, including herbology and holistic healing, has become more mainstream.

Western and Eastern medical disciplines, once viewed as competing disciplines, are increasingly becoming complementary, says Dr. Ka Kit Hui, director of the Center for East-West Medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles.

While Chinese medicine in itself might not be adequate alone to treat patients, Western medicine sometimes lacked a holistic approach, narrowing in on a specific illness or treatment rather than looking at the patient's overall health, Hui said.

"By using Chinese medicine to look at the forest and using Western medicine to look at the trees, we have a better view of the landscape of the human condition," he said.

Among U.S. medical schools, UCLA runs one of the largest acupuncture training courses for licensed physicians. The 200-hour program that began with about 20 students and doctors about a decade ago now teaches nearly 600 a year.

An estimated 4,000 U.S. physicians have some training in acupuncture, according to the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture, a group of doctors who have incorporated acupuncture into their medical practice.

The trend has been growing as patients demand alternatives to pill-popping and health insurance companies offer at least limited coverage for acupuncture.

"I think there's an element of the physician reacting to the changing demographics of the patient population and the inability to be the cure-all for all that ails the patient," said Jim Dowden, executive director of the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture.

A 1997 American Medical Association study showed that more than two-thirds of U.S. medical schools offered elective classes on Eastern medicines.

Eastern medicine isn't just acupuncture, of course. It takes into account the entire body's balance and energy — and maintaining that balance through diet, exercise, herbs, meditation or massage.

Many U.S. doctors who have already had years of medical training usually attend seminars or extension classes to learn about acupuncture, herbs or holistic healing.

## Infant 'serious' after being shot in

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — An 11-month-old girl was in serious but stable condition Wednesday at the University of Kentucky Medical Center after being shot in the head in Clark County.

The infant was being evaluated in the emergency department of UK Hospital, where doctors were deciding whether to send her to surgery or to the pediatric intensive care unit at UK Children's Hospital, said Mary Margaret Colliver, a spokeswoman for the center.

Kentucky State Police dispatcher Debbie Aimsworth in Richmond said investigators were at the scene of the shooting in the community of Trapp, in southern Clark County. She said the incident took place at 10:38 a.m.

## Dear Abby

**By Abigail Van Buren**



### Smoker's Reluctance to Quit Frustrates Concerned Family

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My husband's mother has been diagnosed with emphysema and deteriorating lungs. Last April, the doctor's prognosis was that she would die within the year. We decided to move to her hometown to be with her and the family during this time of crisis.

We have discovered that she still smokes cigarettes and doesn't use her oxygen as often as she should. Her doctor ordered her to quit working, so now she is home all day, and all she does is complain and talk about dying. Abby, if she's so worried about dying, why won't she quit smoking and try to make herself better? She is not that old.

She has four wonderful grandchildren to watch grow up, and my husband and I would like her to be around when *we* have children. I feel like I'm hitting my head against a brick wall whenever I try to talk to her and give her words of encouragement. She refuses to go to another doctor for a second opinion, which I feel she needs to do.

Abby, what can the family and I do to help her see the light? I'm hopeful that if she sees this letter in the paper, she'll understand what we are going through.

CONCERNED DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

**DEAR CONCERNED: Your mother-in-law probably has not stopped smoking because she is hopelessly addicted to cigarettes and feels that because she is terminal, it's useless to fight a battle she has been told she will lose anyway.**

**Your suggestion that she seek a second medical opinion was excellent. No one should accept a death sentence without seeking a second opinion — or even a third. Your husband and the other members of the family should schedule an appointment for Mom and see that she keeps it. Where there is life, there is hope.**

**Your letter is a timely one, because today marks the 23rd annual Great American Smokeout. For those who may not know about it, the Smokeout is an upbeat, good-humored, one-day campaign to encourage smokers to quit smoking for 24 hours — just to prove to themselves they can do it.**

**In 1998, 19 percent of smokers (approximately 8,930,000 people) participated in the Great American Smokeout. Of those participating, 10 percent — more than 89,000 adults — reported that they were smoking less or not at all one to five days later. That's more than 89,000 people who are well on their way to healthier, smoke-free lives — thanks to the American Cancer Society.**

**While "cold turkey" is the most difficult way to quit, I'm told it is also the most effective way to rid oneself of the habit. Those who need help or want more information about the effects of tobacco may call their local chapter of the American Cancer Society or (800) ACS-2345.**

**And so, Dear Readers, if you're hooked on tobacco and have been saying, "One of these days I've got to quit," why not join the Great American Smokeout and quit today? It won't be easy, but it will be the best holiday present you can give yourself and those who love you.**

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