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Home Of Megan Fletcher

Idom announces...

Candidates poised for March primary

It's campaign time already.

Filing in the March party primaries starts in one week with eight local offices up for grabs. Scurry Countians will also be voting for representatives in state and national government.

One of those local offices is commissioner of Precinct 2, and incumbent Roy Idom wants it known he intends to serve another term.

"I have enjoyed serving and representing the constituents in Precinct 2 and will be seeking re-election," Idom said in a printed statement Tuesday evening.

Idom, a Republican, said he is making his announcement early because he will be out of town next Wednesday, the first day to officially file for office.

Other local offices up for election and the current incumbents are:

—County Judge, held by Ricky Fritz, a Republican.

—Commissioner, Pct. 4, held by Jerry Gannaway, a Democrat.

—District Clerk, held by Elois Pruitt, a Democrat.

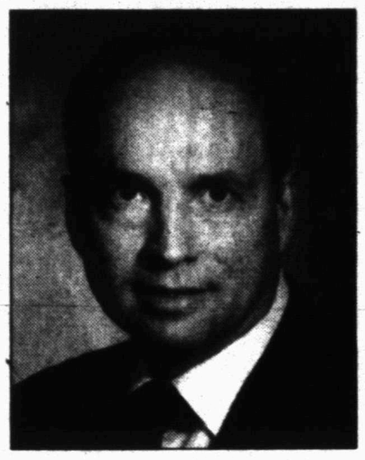
—County Clerk, held by Joan Bunch, a Republican.

—County Treasurer, held by Charlie Bell, a Democrat.

—Peace Justice, Pct. 1, held by Charlie Reynolds, a Democrat.

—Peace Justice, Pct. 2, held by John Williamson, a Democrat.

Filing runs through Jan. 2.



Roy Idom

Anyone interested in filing should contact the county chairman. Drew Bullard is the Republican Party chairman; Billy Haynes is the Democratic Party chairman.

The election is March 10. Early voting will be held from Feb. 23 through March 6.

In announcing his bid for re-election, Idom pledged to run a conservative office.

"I feel my conservative views and philosophy have been beneficial to Scurry County and has been reflected in Precinct 2's budgets. My past voting records also indicate my strong conservatism," said Idom.

"My appointment by Gov. Bush

See Election, Page 9



HELPFUL HANDS — Snyder High School students Ashley Grimmett, left, and Starla Davis keep a close watch on their work as they prepare tukeys for the annual Thanksgiving meal sponsored by the Snyder Rotary Club and others. Approximately 300 people are expected for the meal Thursday at The Shack. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rotarians talking turkey

Annual event feeds Scurry County's needy

Scurry County's less fortunate won't go without a Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, thanks to the Rotary Club, high school students, businesses and other individuals.

It's the third annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner, served up from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Shack. The restaurant's employees donate their time to serve the meal, and Rotarians coordinate the event and serve as busboys.

Today, members of the Snyder High School Student Council were preparing side dishes and carving up the turkeys, which were donated by Lawrence IGA and prepared by the school district's food service provider.

Shirley Fritz was overseeing preparations of the dressing.

Students will also be delivering meals to homebound residents.

Helping to identify the needy are workers with the Food Cupboard, administered by the Ministerial Alliance. No one is turned away at the door.

Rotary Club president Gayle Lomax said the club served about 100 meals at the first dinner and 250 last year. This year, some 275 to 350 are expected.

OPEC tables key discussion

Waiting for Venezuelan minister to arrive in Jakarta

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — OPEC ministers put off today the most divisive issue of their winter talks — Saudi Arabia's hopes of pumping more crude oil.

Most ministers agree that OPEC's official production ceiling should be raised, according to Indonesian oil minister Ida Bagus Sudjana, but there are sharp differences over the size of any increase.

An OPEC source said the absence of Venezuelan oil minister Erwin Arrieta made it impossible for the group to fully discuss the most delicate issue it has faced in about four years. Venezuela is responsible for the biggest chunk of OPEC's overproduction, and Arrieta has not indicated when he might arrive in the Indonesian capital.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries formally began its winter talks in the late afternoon, but ministers broke up after about an hour and a half and said they would spend the next two days meeting in smaller groups.

All of the OPEC delegates are set to convene again Saturday, with ministers hoping that Arrieta will come along by then.

All 11 members acknowledge that OPEC is exceeding its current production ceiling of 25.033 million barrels a day by more than 2 million barrels and that the market is able to absorb that much additional oil without too much damage to the price, an OPEC delegate said.

Ministers disagree about how much more oil OPEC might be able to put onto the market next year without spooking traders, the delegate said, briefing several reporters on condition of anonymity.

Saudi Arabia takes an aggressive view, arguing that world oil demand will rise by some 2 million barrels a day next year, and OPEC will be able to supply half of that extra crude, the delegate said.

Other ministers worry that non-OPEC producers, such as Western oil companies pumping crude in the North Sea, will grab a bigger share of the market. There also are lingering concerns about how much oil Iraq might sell under any new oil-for-food deal with the United Nations, and how recent economic troubles in Asia might harm the growth in world demand for crude.

In the smaller meetings, OPEC delegates are to discuss a variety of numbers for increasing the production ceiling, up to as much as 2.5 million barrels a day.

That would be more than a 10 percent increase from the current figure, but actual oil production wouldn't increase by nearly that much, because many of the countries now exceed their old quotas.

Official production numbers topped the agenda after OPEC's most influential player, Saudi oil minister Ali Naimi, suggested earlier this month that the group should raise its stated production levels to 26 million or 27 million barrels a day.



FIREMAN OF THE YEAR — Jack Callaway was named Fireman of the Year at the Snyder Fire Department's 68th annual Thanksgiving banquet Tuesday evening at the Snyder County Club. He was presented a plaque by last year's recipient, Albert Canon, right. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Callaway is Fireman of Year

Volunteer Jack Callaway is Snyder Fire Department's Fireman of the Year.

That award and a number of others were made during the department's 68th annual Thanksgiving Banquet, held Tuesday evening.

Callaway has been with the department for 17 years and serves as president of the volunteer department. Employed at the Price Daniel Unit warehouse, Callaway has made 100 percent of the drills.

Long-time fireman Odell Cox received the Melvin Newton Award. Cox also received a pin for 40 years of service to the department.

Penny Roberson received the Rookie of the Year Award and Doug Scott was presented with the Workhorse Award. Both are volunteers.

Kyle Cox was presented with the Training Award and honorary volunteer Kenneth Wayne Wood received the Officer's Award.

Thompson Insurance Agency, representing Germania Farm Mutual, received a special appreciation award.

Service pins were presented to Cary Clark, Rene Garza and Phillip Kincheloe, five years; Clint Doty, 10 years; Cox, Darrell Craig and Perry Westmoreland, 15 years; Terry Don McDowell, 25 years; Tommy Guynes, 35 years; and Cox, 40 years.

Those recognized with 100 percent attendance included Scott, Wood, Tommy Guynes, Matt Cave, Albert Canon, Callaway and Kenneth Wood.

Thanksgiving SDN due early delivery time

The Snyder Daily News' annual Thanksgiving edition will be delivered early Thursday morning.

The Thanksgiving newspaper will contain local merchants' Two-Day Sale ads. The Two-Day Sale officially launches the Christmas shopping season in Snyder.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A woman's work is never done. Maybe they should start earlier."

The grocery stores are busy today. The gals are rushing around getting those last-minute items for the family gathering tomorrow.

There seems to be a lot of concern about getting the turkey good and done. We've seen all sorts of articles on how to safely prepare the bird.

Last year ole what's-her-named decided to use the microwave. She forgot about the quickness of the modern invention.

Thanksgiving dinner was ready at 6 a.m.

We heard about a new bride who last year was intent on making a special "first" Thanksgiving meal for his and her folks.

She spent weeks making all the preparations — asking questions, going to the library and internet for information.

Using a new-found recipe, the new homemaker put the turkey in aluminum foil. The instructions said to roast it until it was brown.

The young lady was about to panic — eighteen hours later, and the foil was still silver.

Family gatherings sometimes can be interesting.

A guy in the coffee shop told about his mother who lives in another state who came for a holiday visit.

The granddaughter had not seen her since she was a baby.

Grandma introduced herself. "I'm your grandmother on your father's side."

The youngster responded, "Then you're probably on the wrong side."

And while on the subject of cooking a holiday meal, it must have been her first.

Asked at the dinner table what was used for stuffing, the young lady of the house replied:

"This one wasn't hollow."

City, county offices to close for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving means a holiday for many, including city and county employees.

All county and city offices will be closed from Thursday through the weekend. One exception is the city landfill, which will be closed Thursday and Saturday, but open on Friday.

Financial institutions will take a one-day holiday. They'll be closed Thanksgiving Day, but open again for business as usual on Friday.

Snyder Post Office will be closed Thursday. No mail will be placed in boxes or delivered.

Schools in the county — Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh ISDs and Western Texas College — are already out for the holiday period. Classes will resume Monday.

ASK US

Q—How many units are there in the two senior citizen complexes, and are there any vacancies?

A—There are a total of 80 units and as of this morning, there was one vacancy — a two-bedroom unit at the facility across from the hospital.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, 20% chance of light rain. Low near 55. E-SE wind 5-15 mph. (For holiday, weekend forecast see back page)

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 79 degrees; low, 46; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 46; no precipitation; total for 1997, 23.56 inches.



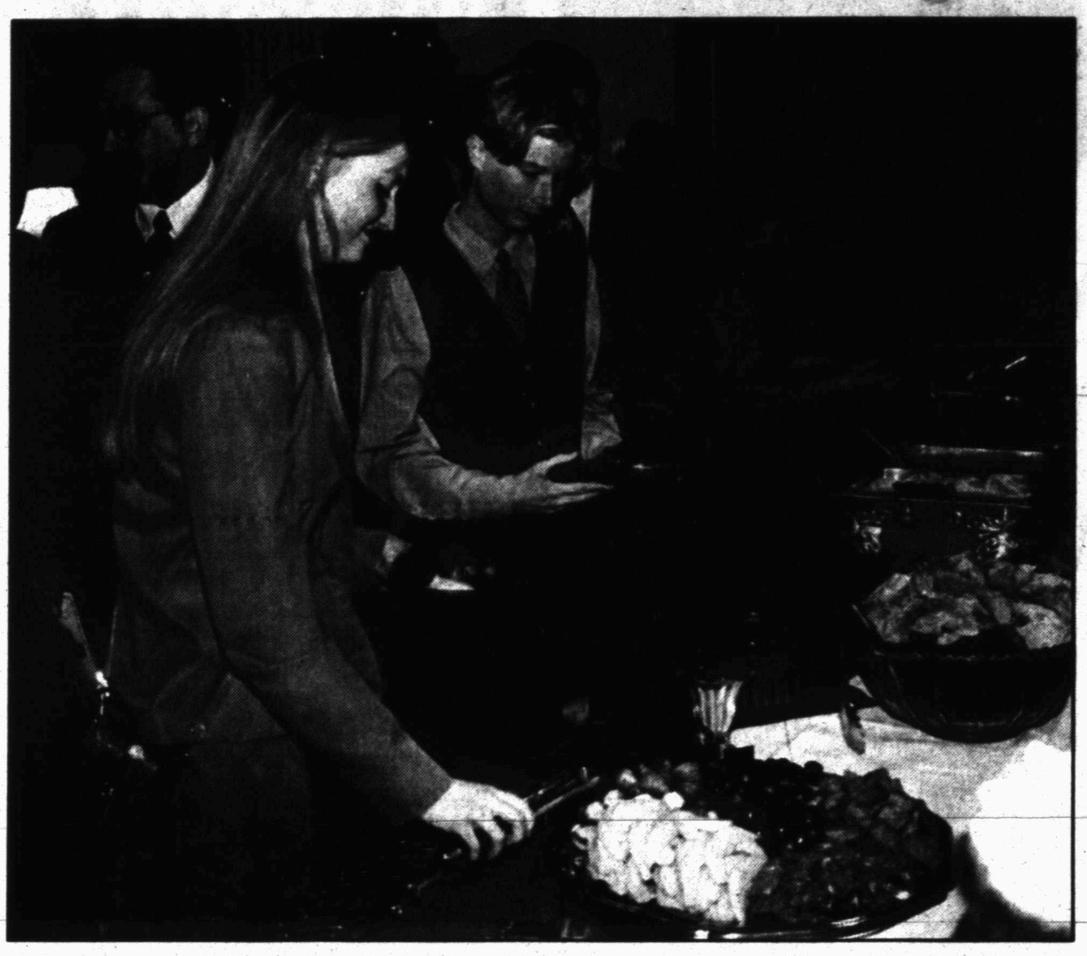
Roxana Scott
Mostly cloudy

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Of 329 days in 1997, the sun has shone 314 days in Snyder.

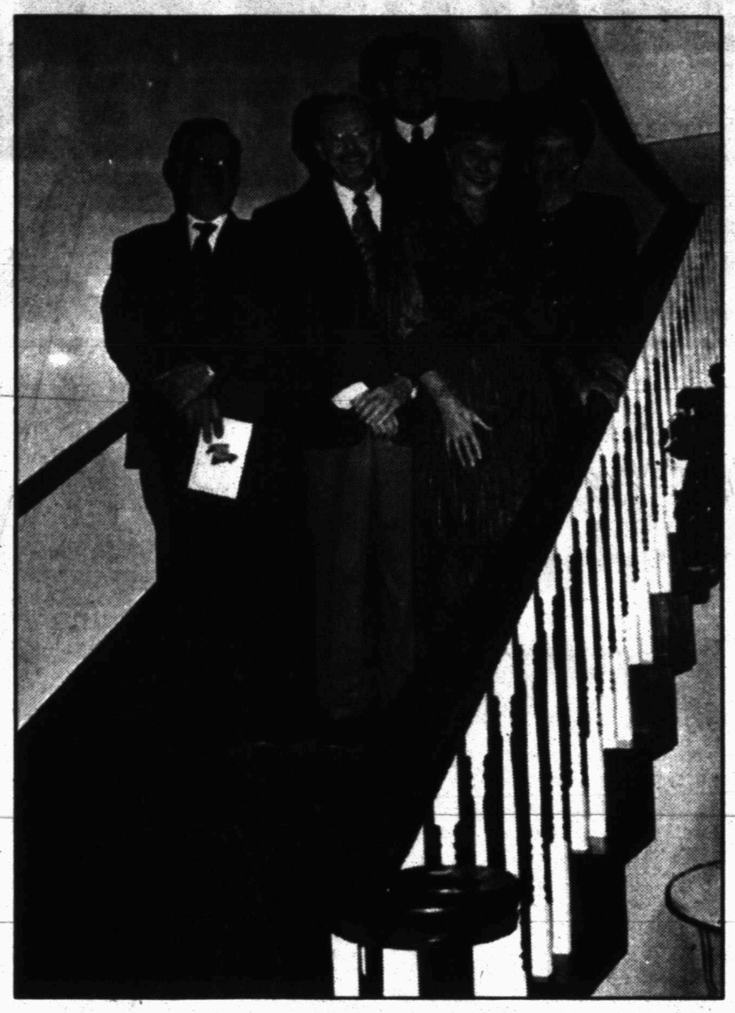
TODAY'S THOUGHT

There is little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative.

W. Clement Stone



RITZ GALA GRAND OPENING — The gala grand opening for the renovated Ritz Theatre drew a large crowd of invited guests Saturday night. Shown at the food table are from left, Christina Bullard, Joey Steakley, Billie and Bill Hartsfield and J.O. Morrison. Jerry Worsham and Aline Parks are partially seen in the back. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



RITZ DIRECTORS — Several Ritz Theatre Board of Governors took a moment during Saturday night's gala grand opening to pose on the stairway. In front are from left, Frank Miller, Mike Thornton, Sammie Jarrell and Ellie Dryden. Jerry Worsham is in back. Not pictured are Daryl Thomas, Michael Hartman, Tim Dea, Martha Floyd, Janeen Patterson and John Gayle. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

2nd student arrested with Rohypnol

El Paso (AP) — For the second time in two days a student at Hanks High School has been arrested on charges of possessing Rohypnol, often called the "date rape drug."

The 16-year-old boy was taken into custody Tuesday after a gym coach noticed the student tried to hide something in the front of his pants, according to police reports.

Administrators discovered during a search that the student was carrying a vitamin bottle that contained more than 20 tablets of Rohypnol, police said.

"I just hate for these things to be happening to our students," Principal Rudy Murillo said. "This isn't just Hanks. This is affecting all the schools, even the elementaries. This is a community problem."

The 16-year-old student was charged with possession of a controlled substance — a Class 3 misdemeanor — and taken to the county's juvenile detention facility, police said.

The boy will be expelled from school and sent to an alternative education facility.

Rohypnol, available only in Europe or Mexico, is used for the short-term treatment of insomnia. Its effects include sedation, amnesia, muscle relaxation and sleep.

One day earlier, a 15-year-old student was arrested on Rohypnol possession charges shortly after four girls admitted to school officials they had taken the drug.

Three of the girls were hospitalized Monday while one was released to her parents. By Tuesday, one girl remained in stable condition at Thomason Hospital while the other two had been treated and released, according to a Ysleta schools spokeswoman.

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Hurdle on the "fast track"

FERC ruling orders dam removed to make way for spawning fish

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Striped bass and salmon that have struggled to thrive in dammed-up rivers would get 17 more miles of spawning waters under a landmark order to remove a hydroelectric dam despite an owner's objections.

Edwards Manufacturing Co., the owner of the 917-foot dam across the Kennebec River, said it will appeal Tuesday's 2-1 vote by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The commission refused to reissue an operating license and ordered the company to pay the cost of dismantling the dam.

Environmentalists and sport-fishing groups have been pushing to remove the 160-year-old Edwards Dam from one of the state's prime fishing rivers since the 1980s.

"This will enable the migrating fish to get to the critical spawning habitat" above the natural head of tide, said Peter Didisheim of the Natural Resources Council of Maine.

"Edwards is a dinosaur. Throughout the Northeast and the Northwest, sea-run fish like salmon have been decimated by dam after dam," said Charles Gauvin, Trout Unlimited president.

FERC Chairman James J. Hoecker said the case is a special one in which environmental damage greatly outweighs benefits. He stressed that hydroelectric power "will remain a valuable part of our nation's energy mix."

But Mark Isaacson, vice president of Edwards, said the decision created bad policy that unconstitutionally takes property without just compensation.

Besides appealing the order, Isaacson said the Lisbon Falls, Maine-based company will seek reimbursement of an estimated $6.4 million removal cost and demand compensation for the loss of its only dam.

"They make public policy. They're just not free to do so at our expense," he said. "We don't like being used as a sacrificial lamb."

It was the first time the government has required the removal of a dam whose license holder wanted to continue operating it. Congress passed a law in 1986 requiring FERC to balance power generation and environmental protection when it licenses hydroelectric dams.

FERC's predecessor, the Federal Power Commission, authorized the removal of seven dams since the 1920s. But the license holders wanted to abandon the projects anyway.

The Edwards Dam, made of huge timbers and topped with concrete, was erected in 1837 to provide a textile mill with mechanical power. It was fitted in 1920 to produce hydroelectric power that is now sold to a utility. It rises 20 feet above the water's surface.

The dam's removal will open up the longest stretch of spawning habitat north of New York's Hudson River, said the Kennebec Coalition, a group of environmental and fishing groups.

Of the 10 fish-blocking structures built along the Kennebec, the Edwards Dam is the closest to the ocean, about 40 miles away.

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Plan is dropped

CUDJOE KEY, Fla. (AP) — The Pentagon has abandoned plans to fire missiles from an unspoiled haven in the Florida Keys that is home to an endangered deer species.

The Defense Department on Monday said it will not launch 12-ton dummy missiles from a site in the lower Florida Keys as targets for defensive missiles fired from Eglin Air Force Base in the Florida Panhandle.

The 44-foot-long Hera missiles instead will be launched from planes.

Keys residents were angered at the idea of firing missiles on the edge of the Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge, which is frequented by shore birds, manatees, dolphins and the Florida Key deer, a dog-sized deer considered endangered. The launch sites also were near an elementary school.

The decision to scratch the missile launches from Cudjoe Key or nearby Saddlebunch Key was made after a review of costs and "environmental concerns expressed by the public," said Air Force Lt. Gen. Lester Lyles, who directs the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Nov. 27, 1997

Exciting relationships will be established in the year ahead. Two new friends in particular will play important roles in your business and social affairs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If there is someone special with whom you should get in touch today, don't wait too long or you may not be able to make the contact. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are well-endowed with social graces, and it's imperative these qualities remain intact today. Be sure to acknowledge those who help you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The busier you are today, the happier you're likely to be. If others haven't included you in their plans, make your own arrangements to include them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The possibilities for personal acquisition are exceptionally strong today. If there is something you've wanted secretly, pursue it in earnest now.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Others might sit around wishing for things to happen today, but you'll have the wherewithal, if you choose to use it, to make your dreams realities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Challenging conditions will awaken your practical attributes today. Situations that intimidate associates won't faze you if you meet them head-on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Involvements with old friends today will revitalize your enthusiasm about life in general. Good buddies will contribute to your sense of well-being.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Unexpected shifts in circumstances today are likely to be of greater benefit to you than they will be to your associate. Be a good sport.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will have solutions for friends today who come to you with their problems, yet you might not be as wise when it concerns resolving your own issues.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Ingenious procedures will enable you to tackle difficult situations today, provided you let your head, not your heart, lay out your course of action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Before running off to participate in your plans for the day, check to be sure you're not leaving your mate at home twiddling his or her thumbs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're looking for a worthwhile way to spend your time today, do some preventive maintenance around the house. Keep your tool kit handy.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the application of Exxon Corporation for a Sour Gas Pipeline Facility Construction Permit, Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit, Scurry County, Texas.

Applicant: Exxon Corporation, P.O. Box 4358, Houston, Texas 77210-4358 For Information, Contact Mr. John Lane at (713) 431-1227.

Facility Description: The project involves the construction of pipelines to gather natural gas produced from wells in Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit and the construction of pipelines to supply CO2 injection gas to wells in the Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit.

Gas Gathering Pipeline

Type: Gas Gathering Diameter: 14" and 16" Length: Approximately 2.5 miles Description: API 5L, Grade B, Schedule 20, Cement lined internally and externally coated.
Operating Pressure: 350 to 400 psi. Expected H2S concentration: 1725 ppm Description: The pipeline is comprised of two sections, each running from a meter site in the field (Site #'s 14 & 16) to Central Tank Battery #5.

CO2 Injection Pipeline

Type: CO2 Injection Diameter: 6" and 8" Length: Approximately 2.5 miles Description: API 5L X-52, Wall thickness .332 (6") and .375 (8") Cement lined internally and externally coated.
Operating Pressure: 2000 to 2500 psi. Expected H2S concentration: 1725 ppm Description: The pipeline is comprised of two sections, each running from Central Tank Battery #5 to a meter in the field (Site #'s 14 & 16).

Geographic Boundaries of the Radius of H2S Exposure: The H2S Radius of Exposure extends 2285 feet on either side of the pipelines which are located approximately 14 miles southwest of Snyder, Texas and approximately 2 miles northwest of Knapp, Texas.

Land Use and Habitation: The land within the radius of exposure is used primarily for agriculture and for oil and gas production operations. There are no inhabitants of the area comprising the radius of exposure.

A copy of this application is available for public inspection at the offices of the County Clerk, located at the following address: County Clerk, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas, 79549. Any owner or occupant of land within 100 ppm radius of exposure of the proposed sour gas pipeline facility desiring to protest this application can do so by mailing or otherwise delivering a letter referring to Gas Utilities Docket (GUD) No. 8825 and stating their desire to protest to: Assistant Director, Pipeline Safety Section, Gas Services Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. Protests must be received not later than the 30th day after the date this notice of application is published. It is recommended that a copy of this notice be included with the letter. Additional information concerning the protest procedure can be obtained by calling (512) 463-7017.

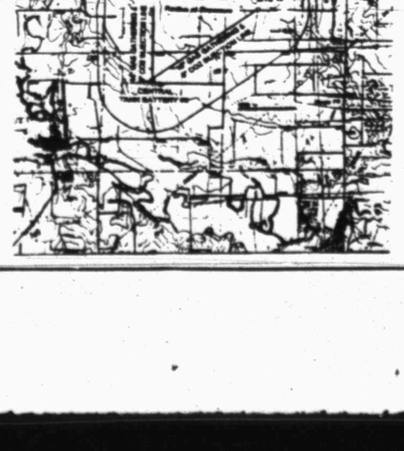
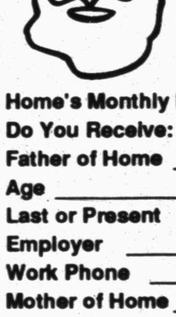


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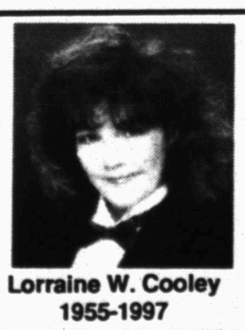
Scurry County families may apply for Goodfellows food donations by filling out this form. The deadline to apply is Dec. 12th. Applications should be mailed to: Goodfellows, P.O. Drawer 41, Snyder, Texas, 79550.

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Mammoth quakes don't scare skiers away

MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. (AP) — A swarm of 2,000 earthquakes in the past 10 days wasn't enough to keep 15-year-old snowboarder Brandon Keene away from Mammoth Mountain Ski Area.

"The only thing that would keep me from coming here is if the mountain explodes," Keene declared.

Residents doubt it will come to that, though the nation's second-largest ski area behind Vail, Colo., is located next to an ancient volcano. But they do worry all the shaking that's been going on around here has rattled the resolve of visitors on the eve of Thanksgiving, when the first big crowds of the ski season usually show up.

"What's bad is that they're going to scare all the tourists away and it could ruin our business this weekend," said Kevin Schueller, assistant manager at Sandy's Ski and Sports. "We rely on Thanksgiving to get us into Christmas. If it's dead, we don't have the money to buy the new equipment we order between now and then."

While a few people who booked rooms for this weekend canceled, hotel bookings remained solid at two-thirds of capacity, said Pam Murphy, marketing director of Mammoth Mountain.

Earthquakes are nothing new for the Mammoth Lakes area, which is inside the Long Valley Caldera created by a volcanic eruption 760,000 years ago. The earthquake swarms that continue today — there were 500 on Nov. 13 and 1,000 over the weekend — date to 1979, powered by the churning of magma deep within the earth.

The last actual eruption in the area happened 500 to 600 years ago.

Three magnitude 6 quakes hit Mammoth Lakes in May 1980, the same time Mount St. Helen's erupted in Washington state and killed 57 people. Local quakes since then haven't been as strong, but three of at least magnitude 4.5 and 27 others in the range of magnitude 3 were felt in town during last weekend's cluster.

Chair lifts were briefly closed Saturday after a magnitude 4.8 quake.

"Normally they don't bother me," Schueller said, "but the consistency of them kind of gave me the creeps. It didn't seem to stop shaking."

"They really scared me," hotel worker Scott Faamausili told a British couple as they checked in. "I thought I was going to die. I called my grandmother to tell her I was OK."

Still, many locals are quick to point out that seismologists have a good volcano warning system, that no damage was done and that no one has been killed in 100 years of quakes here, unlike in San Francisco and Los Angeles, 250 miles to the south.

"And that's what you care about," Murphy said. "More people die on the freeways in Los Angeles."

Skiers hitting the slopes Tuesday expressed concern about the quake activity, but it wasn't enough to keep them from their favorite sport.

"I was a little worried about it," said Michele Roy as she slipped on ski boots. "But I got here and talked to some locals and they didn't seem to think it was big deal."

Five surviving sextuplets receive help

WASHINGTON (AP) — The mother of five surviving sextuplets is thankful for the house, vans and other goods she's received since her babies finally captured the same national attention given septuplets born last week in Iowa.

But Jacqueline Thompson has little energy to express her gratitude.

"It's fantastic. We really need a home," Mrs. Thompson said Tuesday in a voice hoarse from taking too many phone calls from benefactors. "I'm overwhelmed. I'm very tired. I'm losing my voice."

When the Washington resident delivered sextuplets May 8, few people offered help. That changed with the birth of the septuplets a week ago in Iowa.

Mrs. Thompson's phone began to ring when the media reported that while there had been an outpouring of support for the McCaughey family in Iowa, the Thompsons received hardly any.

Even though one Thompson girl was stillborn, Octavia, Stella, Emily, AnnMarie and Richard are keeping mom and dad busy.

And the Thompsons now are being swamped with help.

"We plan on giving them a house, but none of the details have been worked out," said Sharon McHale, a spokeswoman for the Freddie Mac Foundation, a nonprofit foundation run by Freddie Mac, a private mortgage investor. "We don't know which house it will be, but they would not pay anything."

When the Thompsons get the house, they can park their two new vehicles in the driveway.

The Chevrolet Division of General Motors is donating a new 1998 Astro van to the Thompsons, a presentation being aired today on the nationally syndicated "Maury Povich Show."

Lakewood Chrysler Plymouth in Lakewood, N.J., owned by Mark Sokal, James DeCastro and Derrick Williams, wants to give the Thompsons a 1995 Ford Aerostar.

Both vans seat seven.

"We're not rich," Sokal said. "We just bought the dealership. We want to do nice things for the community here and nice things for people."

The Washington-based Community Foundation for the National Capital Region has set up a fund for the Thompsons.

"The checks have been pouring in. It's been gratifying to see the $5 checks that have come in with the $150 checks," said Terri Freeman, president of the public foundation.

Churches want to help as well. The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Washington, D.C. plans to take up a special collection for the family at its annual Christmas concert in Silver Spring, Md. Mrs. Thompson is a native of Trinidad.

Procter & Gamble is contributing diapers. Block Drug Co. Inc., a baby products manufacturer in Jersey City, N.J., is sending the family diaper rash ointment, teething gel and over-the-counter baby drops for stomach gas. Mrs. Thompson says someone has promised her a washer and dryer.

A Washington child care center, which is accepting donated items, will provide free day care for the Thompson children for five years. A hotel owner has offered the Thompsons a free vacation — with or without the babies.

Burlington Coat Factory in Greenbelt, Md. is giving the Thompsons two strollers — a double and a triple. The junior class at Oxon Hill High School in suburban Maryland contributed pocket change during a lunchtime collection on Tuesday.

It's unclear how the Thompson family's needs initially were overlooked.

Maureen Doolan Boyle, executive director of Mothers of Super Twins in Brentwood, N.Y., says many woman pregnant with multiples are so afraid that several of their babies will die that they aren't quick to network with other families of multiples. Without the network, donations aren't always forthcoming, she says.

"Some families never ask for financial support," she said. "But the vast majority need help. Financially, it is a huge undertaking."

Mrs. Thompson doesn't know why the national spotlight fell on her babies six months late. She's just eager to get off the phone to talk with her husband, Linden, who is walking in the door from his job as an electrician.

"My husband just came home," Mrs. Thompson said. "He doesn't know about the house."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Checks may be sent to The Thompson Fund c/o The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, 1112 16 St. N.W. Suite 340, Washington, D.C. 20036. Donated items may be sent to the Edward C. Mazique Parent-Child Center, 1719 13th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Dealer: South

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More bridge on the Internet

By Phillip Alder

More and more websites dedicated to bridge are appearing. If you would like to read some good articles and keep track of bridge down under, visit www.ron-klinger.com.au, Ron Klinger's site.

In The Australian Jewish News, Klinger writes stories based on the Rabbi and other synagogue attendees. He usually starts with what might generously be called a joke. For example:

"Did you hear that Temple Beth-El had many applicants to be their new Rabbi?"

"No," replied the Rabbi, "I have heard nothing."

"The Board of Management asked one applicant, 'You have studied the Talmud?' 'No,' was the reply. 'Well, no doubt you are well versed in the Torah?' 'Not at all.' 'Are you crazy?' asked the president. 'Is that a requirement for this shul?'"

At least the bridge is uniformly good, as highlighted by this deal.

Against three no-trump, West led the club three. From the points in the dummy, the Rabbi (East) realized West had a Yarborough. Also, with three spade and five heart tricks immediately available to declarer, the defenders had to win the first five. So, the Rabbi won with the club *king* and returned the club two.

Declarer paused to analyze the position. East was marked with the club ace-king and diamond ace. If he also had the red-suit jacks, that would be enough for his takeout double. With West apparently holding the club queen (given East's play at trick one), South understandably put in the eight. Now the defenders took four clubs and the diamond ace.

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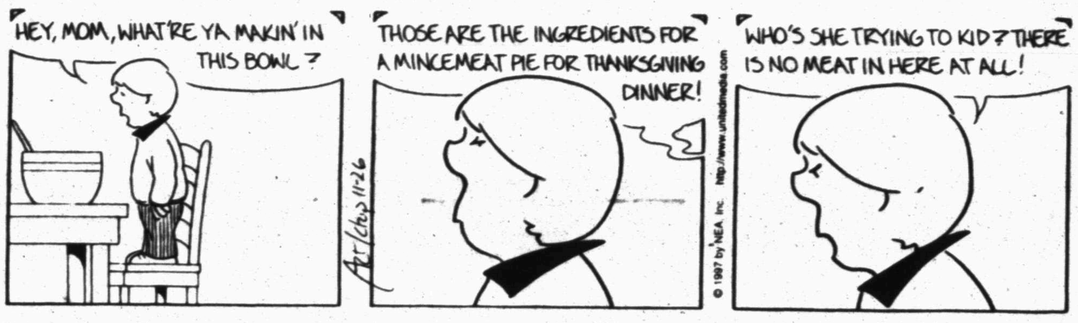
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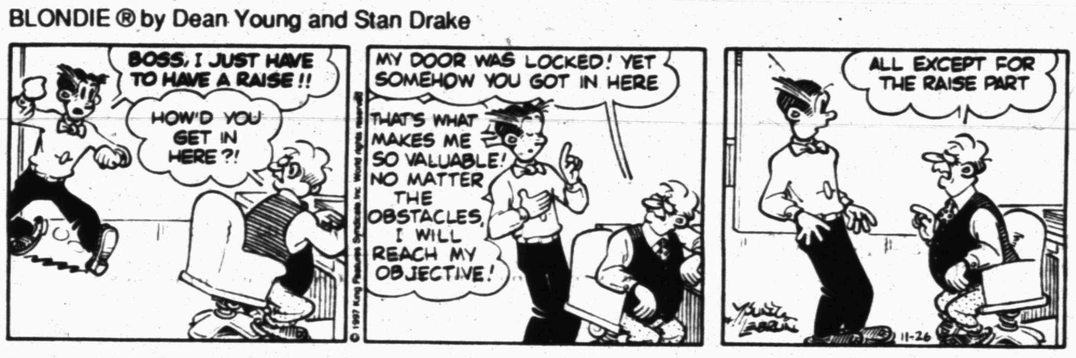
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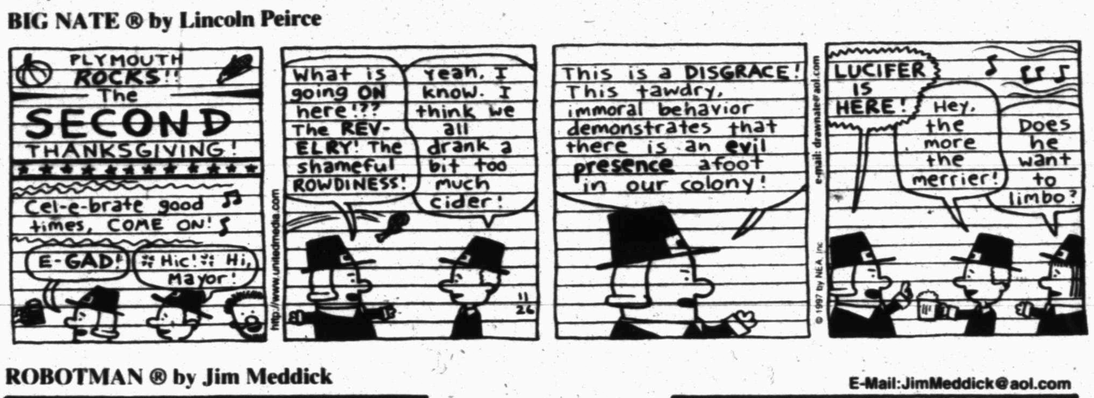
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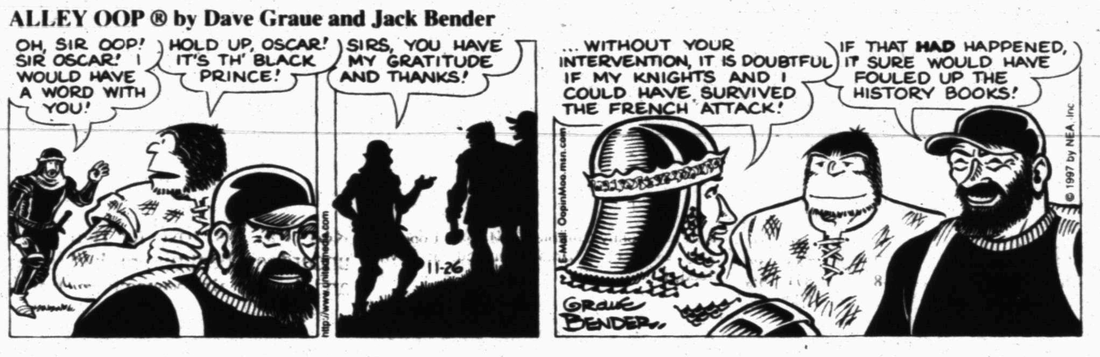
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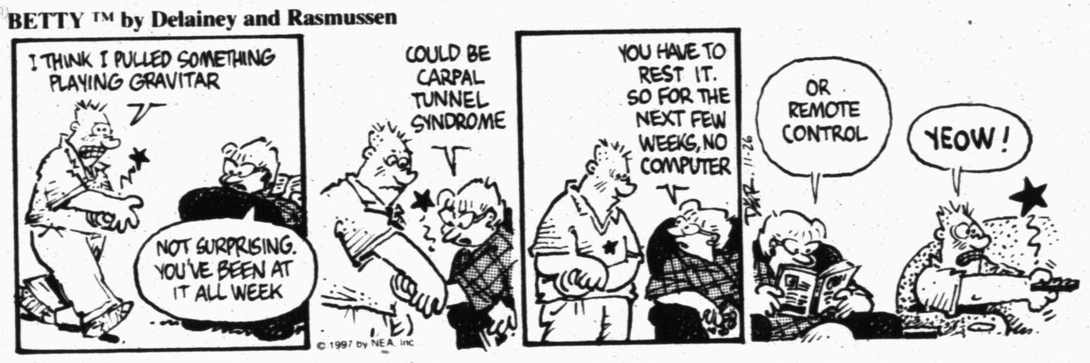
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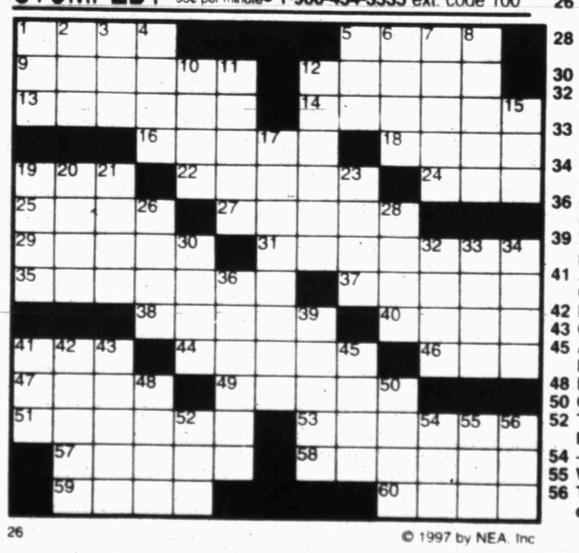
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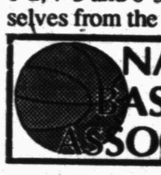
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SPORTS

Tigers maul Cubs, notch first victory

BROWNFIELD — It took the Tigers three games to post their first win.

But when they did, it was impressive.

Snyder used 28 points from Jimmy Taylor, and some tight defense, to put away the Brownfield Cubs, 67-46, Tuesday night.

The Tigers surrendered only 17 points during the first half, in their strongest defensive performance of the year, according to coach Bud Birks.

"We probably played our best defense of the year," Birks said. "I thought our effort was better, also.

"The kids hustled for the whole game. If you get that kind of effort, it will correct other things."

Taylor got free for two breakaway dunks in the first half, to put an exclamation point on the Tigers' dominance.

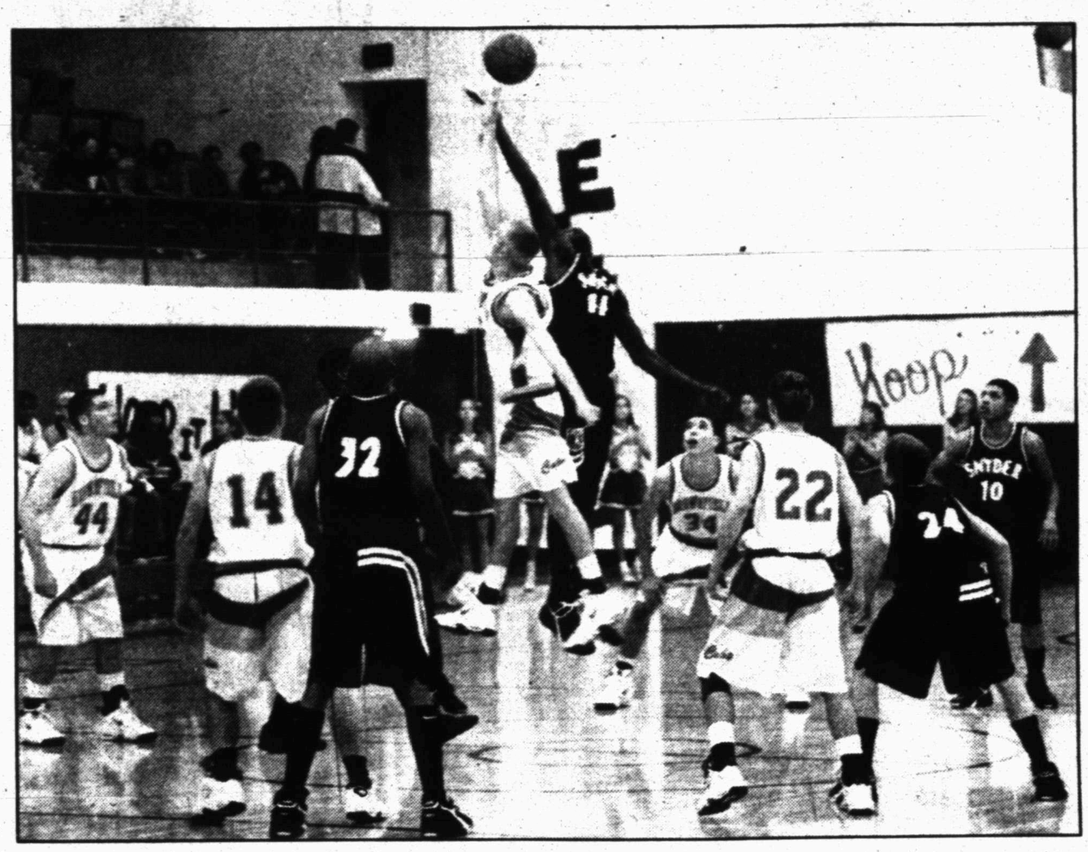
The senior also set the tone for the final two quarters with a steal and one-handed slam only seconds into the third period.

The second half would be controlled by a series a small runs made by Snyder.

The Tigers put together runs of 6-2, 7-3 and 8-3, to distance themselves from the Cubs.

Snyder will be on the court again Saturday at 3:30 in Big Spring, before hosting Seminole at 7:30 Tuesday.

Snyder (67)
Delce 2 0-0 5, Riggins 1 0-0 2, Taylor 13 1-4 28, Fabre 3 0-0 6, Warren 1 0-0 2, Cobb 0 1-2 1, Durham 1 1-2 3, Mandrell 2 2-2 6, Carter 3 3-3 9. Totals 28 8-13 67.
Brownfield (46)
Sanchez 2 0-0 5, Adamson 6 0-2 12, Hudson 2 3-6 7, Falcon 2 1-5 5, Floyd 1 1-2 4, McHugh 0 2-2 2, Gauger 0 1-2 1, Gober 1 2-3 4, Edwards 2 0-0 4, Campbell 1 0-0 2. Totals 17 10-22 46.
Three-point goals: Snyder 3 (Delce, Taylor, McNair) Brownfield 2 (Sanchez, Floyd). Total fouls: Snyder 23, Brownfield 16. Fouled out — none.



LET THE GAME BEGIN — Snyder's Jimmy Taylor goes up for the tipoff of Tuesday's contest in Brownfield. Tigers Chris Riggins (32), Tyler Warren (24) and Alvin Fabre (10) look on. Taylor finished with 28 points, as Snyder notched its first victory of the season with a 67-46 rout of the Cubs. (SDN Staff Photo)

Final minute kills Snyder rally, 48-40

ABILENE — After 30 minutes of basketball Tuesday night, the Lady Tigers' contest with Abilene High was decided in the final 1:33 of action.

Snyder began the final quarter with a 10-2 run, before going scoreless in the final minute to fall to the Lady Eagles, 48-40.

Trailing 36-27 after the third period, the Lady Tigers posted 10 of the first 12 points in the fourth to close to 38-37.

Abilene High scored next, but Ashley Delce, who finished with 17, pulled the Lady Tigers to 40-39.

But the Lady Eagles' defense would step up, allowing only a Snyder free throw over the final 1:33 of the contest.

The loss drops the Lady Tigers to 3-2 on the season, entering Saturday's home date with Clyde at 4 p.m.

Snyder (40)
Delce 8 1-3 17, Kallemeyn 2 2-4 6, Hess 1 0-3 2, Peoples 1 1-2 3, Kidd 1 0-2 2, McGuire 0 0-2 0, Murray 2 2-2 6, Scott 0 2-2 2, Hall 0 2-4 2. Totals 15 10-24 40.
Abilene High (48)
Bowens 3 0-0 6, Mullins 2 0-0 4, Williams 2 4-6 8, Balanciere 1 3-4 5, Oliver 2 1-2 5, Martin 3 4-5 10, Harris 0 4-7 4, Laster 1 0-0 2, Mays 1 0-1 2, Roach 1 0-2 2. Totals 16 16-27 48.
Three-point goals: Snyder none, Abilene High none. Total fouls: Snyder 22, Abilene High 23. Fouled out — Abilene High, Mullins.

JV boys stay perfect, top Brownfield

BROWNFIELD — Snyder junior varsity just keeps rolling along.

Snyder improved to 3-0 on the season with a 66-50 victory over Brownfield in boys' basketball action Tuesday night.

The Tigers had three players post double-digit totals, as Snyder took a 33-22 lead at halftime.

Greg McAnaw, coming off a 10-point outing against Andrews, poured in 13 for the Tigers.

Jared Hester added 11 more for Snyder, after putting up eight points against the Mustangs.

Josh Ward chipped in 10, while Justin Rosson followed up his 12-point performance on Friday, by finishing with seven against the Cubs.

Snyder will be in action again Saturday at 2 p.m. in Big Spring.

Snyder 66, Brownfield 50
Snyder: Greg McAnaw, 13; Jared Hester, 11; Josh Ward, 10; Justin Rosson, 7; Trevor Kerr and Sonny Cumbie, 6; Michael Loper, 5; Trey Gorman, 4; Brad Grimmett, 3; Layne Scott, 1.

Tech looks back on season

LUBBOCK (AP) — The most tumultuous of Texas Tech's 73 football seasons began and ended with decided whimpers. In between was a roller-coaster year few here will soon forget.

"This team probably overcame more adversity than any other I've coached," coach Spike Dykes said once the dust had settled from a 6-5 year. "It's probably the team that's done the most with the least. You may or may not agree with that, it doesn't make any difference."

In one three-month span, the Red Raiders lost to two huge underdogs, beat two ranked teams and had their postseason hopes crushed along the way by allegations of rampant violations of NCAA rules.

A ballyhooed freshman class surpassed expectations and a youthful defense at times was among the nation's most bruising units. Junior defensive end Montae Reagor is on the verge of stardom.

The offense never overcame the defection of stud tailback Byron Hanspard to the NFL last year, although Ricky Williams filled in admirably with a freshman-record 894 rushing yards.

Senior quarterback Zebbie Lethridge finished at or near the top of several career statistical categories despite enduring the wrath of talk radio callers all season.

"It's easy to point fingers when things are not going well," said Lethridge, who threw for 1,622 yards on a sore ankle. "When you're winning, people pretty much are on your bandwagon."

Lethridge, tailback Clint Robertson, receivers Donnie Hart and Derek Dorris and kicker Jaret Greaser were among those crowding the training room this year with various ailments. Robertson, a projected starter, never returned from a spring knee injury.

"Those are all excuses. That's all they are, excuses," said Dykes, whose contract has been extended through 2000.

The season began predictably enough with a loss to No. 3 Tennessee and a victory over outmanned Southwestern Louisiana. Similarly overmatched North Texas visited the following Saturday, but the Eagles pulled off the 30-27 upset.

"That was kill your dog week," Dykes said of the surly fan reaction. "Fire the coach, kill the quarterback, bury the team. It's all over."

The Raiders bounced back from their eighth-straight 1-2 start and stood at 4-3 after they beat No. 15 Texas A&M for the third year in a row. Then Tech was written off again after a close-call loss to No. 11 Kansas State and the school's decision to stay out of postseason play because of NCAA violations.

The Raiders bounced back to beat withering Texas in Austin, then knock off No. 25 Oklahoma State 27-3 in what Dykes called the Raiders' "best game in three or four years."

Only Oklahoma stood between Tech and a Big 12 South title last Saturday. After beating every other team in the weak division, the Raiders floundered 32-21.

"We had the opportunity to take it," said senior linebacker Eric Butler, who noted that the Raiders still would be co-champions if Texas beats Texas A&M on Friday. "It would be a little tainted, but it would be welcomed."

Sports Whirl

By Eric Drennan
SDN Sports Editor

Just a few points to ponder before dozing off after ingesting too much turkey and dressing.

On Sunday you might have seen the Green Bay Packers do what they call "the Lambeau leap." That's when the players jump into the stands after scoring a touchdown.

As I was watching this I thought, "Now there's something the Cowboys should do more of."

In fact, they could even jump into the stands, also.

As I was traveling to the Borden County playoff game Saturday in Garden City (which by the way, was a great high school football game to watch), I caught up to a vehicle with six people in it about two miles from the stadium.

I was wondering if they were going to the same game, when we passed a tractor going the other direction.

All six passengers turned to admire the farming implement and I knew.

Yep, these people are headed for a six-man game.

As I look over the college basketball scores each day, I see the names of some universities that I've never heard of before.

I always wonder what the nicknames of these teams are, so I decided to do some checking.

While glancing through the "National Directory of College Athletics," I realized there are some odd nicknames for college teams.

Did you know, there are three universities called *the Flying Dutchmen?*

Somehow I don't believe that it instills fear in the hearts of its opponents.

Here are some other (less than ominous) nicknames that I found.

They are the Brandeis University Judges, Bethany College Swedes, Menlo College Oaks, Franklin & Marshall College Diplomats, Glassboro State College Profs, New York University Violets, Enterprise State JC Boll Weevils, and the Heidelberg College Student Princes.

The oddest one that I found during my search (which wasn't that exhaustive) was the Presbyterian College Blue Hose.

And the all time worst nickname — I have no idea what these people were thinking — might be the Grays Harbor College Chokers.

That's all for now. I've got to figure out a name, in case I ever decide to open my own college.

One thing I do know for sure, is that the school color will be denim.

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Cleveland	6	6	.500	4½
Indiana	5	6	.455	5
Detroit	5	10	.333	7
Toronto	1	12	.077	10

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SanAntonio	8	5	.615	-
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Utah	7	6	.538	1
Minnesota	6	6	.500	1½
Vancouver	6	8	.429	2½
Dallas	3	10	.231	5
Denver	0	12	.000	7½
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	11	1	.917	-
Seattle	11	3	.786	1
Phoenix	7	2	.778	2½
Portland	9	4	.692	2½
Sacramento	5	8	.385	6½
GoldenState	1	11	.083	10
L.A.Clippers	1	12	.077	10½

Monday's Games
Portland 91, Toronto 90
Orlando 95, Washington 87
Utah 133, Minnesota 124, OT
Tuesday's Games
Charlotte 90, Detroit 85
Miami 103, L.A. Lakers 86
San Antonio 102, Dallas 91
Seattle 91, Chicago 90
New Jersey 101, Golden State 87
Sacramento 97, Denver 93
Wednesday's Games
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday's Game
Vancouver at Indiana, 6 p.m.

Lady Bulldogs improve to 5-0

HIGHLAND — The Ira Lady Bulldogs improved to 5-0 on the season with a 56-36 blowout of Highland Tuesday night.

Ira, fresh off its title in the Dog Pound Classic, took control in the first quarter.

Terri Robinson posted 12 of her 16 points in the first eight minutes, opening an 18-3 Lady Bulldog lead.

The advantage was stretched to 31-14 by halftime and to 47-23 at the end of the third period.

Jamee Goolsby poured in 11 points for Ira and Morgan Clements added 10 more.

Audra Oliver finished with seven, while E'Lissa Goolsby and Kacie Daves chipped in four apiece. Brook Wilkes and Kristen Harless accounted for two points each.

The Lady Bulldogs will be on the court again Tuesday in Ira against Highland.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	16	6	0	32	68	38
Philadelphia	13	8	3	29	69	57
Washington	13	8	3	29	73	63
N.Y.Rangers	8	10	7	23	66	68
N.Y.Islanders	9	10	4	22	61	63
Florida	7	12	4	18	48	68
TampaBay	4	16	2	10	44	78
Northeast Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	14	7	3	31	76	54
Pittsburgh	12	9	5	29	73	66
Boston	11	9	4	26	58	59
Carolina	9	11	4	22	66	70
Ottawa	9	11	4	22	62	60
Buffalo	7	11	4	18	59	67

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	15	6	4	34	84	59
Dallas	15	7	4	34	82	61
St.Louis	15	8	2	32	74	55
Phoenix	12	9	2	26	70	62
Chicago	9	13	3	21	54	65
Toronto	8	12	3	19	45	63
Pacific Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	11	6	7	29	71	61
LosAngeles	11	8	4	26	78	64
Anaheim	9	11	5	23	58	72
SanJose	9	15	2	20	68	78
Edmonton	7	12	6	20	57	78
Vancouver	7	14	3	17	65	83
Calgary	4	15	6	14	62	81

Tuesday's Games
Vancouver 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Toronto 3, San Jose 1
Phoenix 3, St. Louis 2
Chicago 2, Edmonton 2, tie

Bulldogs fall to Highland

HIGHLAND — The Ira Bulldogs made a third quarter run, but fell short of the Highland Hornets, 54-45, Tuesday night.

After posting only six points in the opening quarter, Ira bounced back in the second to trail, 30-22, at halftime.

The Bulldogs made their charge in the third period, led by Jerek Brown who finished with 17 points.

Ira outscored the Hornets 13-3 during the eight-minute span, grabbing a 35-33 lead entering the final quarter.

But Highland stepped up its offense, putting up 21 points in the fourth to grab the 54-45 victory.

Ira's Caleb Wilson poured in 12 points, while Richard Wilkins and Drew Wall added seven apiece. Billy Keith Box chipped in two more for Ira.

The loss drops the Bulldogs' record to 3-2 on the season, entering Tuesday's rematch with the Hornets in Ira.

SDN Sports Briefs

Football playoff game

The Winters Blizzards will host the Lockney Longhorns in a Class 2A regional playoff game at 7:30 Friday at Tiger Stadium.

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Also, Snyder Chamber of Commerce is needing volunteers to help with various activities at the game. Anyone interested in helping should call the Chamber at 573-3558.

Little dribblers' sign-up

Sign-ups for boys' Little Dribblers will begin Monday at Scurry County Boys & Girls Club.

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Registration fee is $20. For more information contact the Boys & Girls Club at 573-3344.

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday

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Borden County vs. Silverton, state quarterfinal playoff in Idalou, 2 p.m.

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DALLAS (AP) — A North Texas teen-ager will be home for Thanksgiving more than two years after breaking his neck and being critically burned in a car wreck.

"It's a joyous occasion for everybody," Kris Robinson's father, Allen Short, said Monday as he prepared to take Kris home to Wichita Falls.

"We just want to wrap our arms around him and make him all ours," Short said.

While in the hospital, Kris completed high school graduation requirements with the help of a tutor and was presented his diploma by billionaire Ross Perot.

"He's obviously a man of steel, a guy that didn't quit," Perot said at a July 1996 ceremony in a hospital gym.

On Monday, 19-year-old Kris was wheeled out of HealthSouth Medical Center, where he had been undergoing treatment and therapy, to his father's van for the drive home.

"He has wanted to go home for a long time and he needs to be with his family," said Shirley Meissner, his physical therapist. "And this is a good time of the year to do it."

Kris, his parents and younger sister were hurt in an Aug. 3, 1995, accident involving a driver later charged with intoxication assault.

Short and his family were headed to Alabama and had just pulled onto a Dallas freeway when they were stuck from behind, Short said.

"I heard this huge thump from the rear end," Short said. "When I looked in the rear all I could see was flames. When I got to a stop, everybody was unconscious but me."

Short and his wife, Debbie, were treated for burns. Their daughter, Kelli, now 16, was burned over 25 percent of her body.

Kris, who was in the back of the van, was hurt the worst, his father said.

"We were told he was not going to live through the night," he said. "But then they kept backing off that, saying he wouldn't live through the day; the week. Then they said that if he did survive he would never go home. We were just persistent that he would."

It was a tough task.

Kris was burned over 70 percent of his body and paralyzed from the shoulders down. His eyes were sewn shut for a year in an attempt to save his vision, but doctors were unable to save his left eye, Short said.

"His vision is super, super-limited in the right eye," his dad said.

Kris also was rendered deaf by the powerful antibiotic used to treat a massive infection resulting from his burns.

"It took his hearing from him," Short said. However, a cochlear implant with a signalling device at the base of the skull restored some hearing.

"He's able to carry on a conversation with you. Now we're hoping that (hearing) music will follow."

His therapist said the implants helped link Kris with the world.

"He was just locked inside of himself," Ms. Meissner said.

The Shorts, who have three younger children, have added onto their house and taken medical training in order to take care of Kris, Ms. Meissner said.

"They have a special room for him and a roll-in shower," she said.

Once he settles in at home, Kris would like to use a computer to study at Midwestern State University, his father said.

"He'd like to research things and develop things to help other people with handicaps," Short said.

"Unfortunately we've spent all of our funds and have been unable to come up with funds to purchase the computer," said his father, an enlisted man at Sheppard Air Force Base.

"I don't know how we're going to pay for the stuff, but we will. God will provide," Short said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	122⅝	120⅝	121½— ⅛
AT&T Corp	56 1-16	55 7-16	55 9-16+ 1-16
AirTouch	38 13-16	38⅛	38 9-16+ 3-16
Albertsons	43½	43 3-16	43 5-16+ 7-16
AlldSignal s	37 3-16	36⅝	37 + ⅜
Alltel	39 5-16	39⅛	39 3-16— 1-16
AmerOnline	73⅜	72	72 1-16— ⅛
AmStoresq	20⅛	19 15-16	19 15-16— ⅛
Ameritech	77	76 3-16	76 15-16+ ½
Amoco	89 15-16	89	89⅛—13-16
AndarkPtr	67	65⅞	66⅛+ 1-16
Armcolnc	5⅛	5⅛	5 7-16
AtlRichfld s	81 11-16	81⅛	81 3-16— ½
ATMOS Egy	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛
Aviall	13⅜	13 7-16	13⅜+ 5-16
BakerHughes	42⅞	42	42⅛+ ½
BellAtl	87⅜	87 1-16	87⅛+13-16
BellSouth	55⅜	55 3-16	55⅛+ 3-16
BethSteel	10 3-16	10 1-16	10 3-16+ 1-16
BritPet s	82⅝	81 11-16	81 11-16— 3⅛
BurlNoSFe	91⅛	91 3-16	91 5-16+11-16
Caterpillar s	48	47⅞	47⅞+ 5-16
CenSoWst	24⅜	24 5-16	24 5-16+15-16
Chevron	82 7-16	79⅝	79 15-16—13-16
Chrysler	33⅝	33⅜	33½+ ⅛
Coastal	60⅛	60 3-16	60 3-16— 1-16
CocaCola	64 1-16	62⅝	62 7-16— 1⅛
ColgatePalm s	66 9-16	66 1-16	66⅜+ 1-16
ConcilMetals	32⅝	32⅛	32⅛+ ⅛
Cooperin	51⅛	51⅛	51 3-16— 3-16
CyprusAmax	18 7-16	17⅞	18 — ⅛
DallSemicn	48⅜	48 5-16	48⅜+ 3-16
DeltaAirl	111 9-16	109 9-16	111⅜+1 15-16
DigitalEq	50	49 5-16	49⅝— ⅛
Dillards Inc	37 9-16	36 13-16	36 15-16— 1-16
DowChem	97¼	96 7-16	96 7-16—13-16
DresserInd	38 1-16	37⅝	37 15-16+11-16
DuPont s	62 7-16	61 5-16	61⅜+ ⅜
EastmanChem	60⅝	60	60⅛+ 1-16
EstKodak	60 15-16	59 13-16	60⅛— 3-16
EDS Corp	37 15-16	37 7-16	37½+ 1-16
Entergy	25 5-16		25⅛ 25¼
Exxon s	61 5-16	60⅝	61 3-16+ 1-16
Flowers s	20⅝	19 15-16	20 1-16+ ⅛
FordMotor	43¾	42 11-16	42 13-16+ 5-16
GTE Cp	49 5-16	48¼	49 1-16+15-16
GenDynam	85 9-16	84¼	85⅛+11-16
GenElecs	73 11-16	72⅞	73¼+ ⅛
GenMills	74 9-16	73¼	74 — ⅛
GenMotors	60⅝	60⅜	60 9-16— ⅛
GaPacif	85⅞	84¾	84⅝+ ⅛
GlobalMar	27	26 7-16	26½+ ⅛
Goodrich	43 15-16	43 13-16	43 13-16
Goodyear s	61⅝	60⅜	60 15-16— 5-16
GtAtlPac	31 3-16	29⅜	29 13-16— 6
Halliburtn s	54	53¼	53⅝+13-16
Hanson ADS	25 7-16		25 25⅛+ ⅜
HarteHanks	34 11-16	34⅛	34 11-16+ 3-16
HomeDepot s	57⅝	56 7-16	56 9-16+ 1-16
HoustonInds	23 9-16	23 5-16	23 9-16— ⅛
IBM s	108⅝	107⅜	108 + ⅜
IntlPaper	48	47¼	47 7-16+ ¼
JohnsonJn	63 15-16	62⅜	63 — 1
K mart	12 7-16	12⅛	12⅜+ ⅛
Kroger s	35⅝	34⅜	34⅝— 1⅛
Litton	50	49¾	49⅝+ ⅛
LockhdMart	96	94 15-16	95¼+2 3-16
Lowes Cos	47 3-16	46⅛	46⅜— ⅛
Lubys	19 11-16	19 9-16	19⅝
LucentTech	81⅛	80 13-16	81⅛+1 3-16
MayDeptStrs	53 11-16	53⅜	53⅜— 7-16
Medtronic s	46 15-16	46⅛	46⅜— 3-16
Mobils	72⅛	71⅜	71⅝— ⅛
Monsanto	44⅜	44⅛	44 5-16+ ⅛
MorganJP	115 5-16	114¼	114⅝+15-16
Motorola	66 1-16	65 1-16	65⅛+ 5-16
NCR Corp n	29 1-16	28⅜	28⅜— ⅛
NationsBk s	61⅛	60⅛	60 15-16— ⅛
Navistar	21⅛	21	21⅛+ ⅛
Norwests	37	36 7-16	36 9-16+ 3-16
OryxEngy	27 7-16		27 27⅛+ ⅛
Penney JC	64 7-16	63 15-16	64 3-16+ ⅛
Pennzoil	67 7-16	67	67 1-16— ¼
PepBoys	25⅛	24⅞	25⅛+ ⅛
PepsiCo	37½	37⅛	37 3-16
PhelpDodge	67⅛	66⅜	67 —15-16
PhilipPet	49 1-16	48 9-16	48 11-16— ⅛
PilgrmPrd	15⅞	15⅝	15 13-16+ ⅛
Polaroid	42⅜	41½	41⅝— 1
Praxair	44 3-16		44 44 1-16
ProctGamb s	77 13-16	75 13-16	76 — 1⅜
PubSNwMx	20⅜	20 11-16	20⅜
RoyalDut s	53⅜	52 15-16	53¼+ ⅛
SBC Comm	72⅛	69 7-16	72⅛+2 13-16
SaraLee	53 9-16	52⅜	52⅝—1 3-16
Scripps EW	41 15-16	41⅛	41 15-16+ ⅜
SearsRoeb	46 5-16	46 1-16	46 3-16+ 1-16
SherwinW s	28 7-16	28⅛	28 7-16+ ⅛
SmithBe AD9 s	49 13-16	49¼	49 5-16+ ⅛
SouthernCo	23⅛	23⅛	23 11-16+ 1-16
SwstAirlines	37 5-16	37	37 + 1-16
Sprint	58¾	57⅞	58 + 1
SunCo	41	40¾	40 9-16— ⅛
TNP Ent	26 5-16	26¼	26⅜— ⅛
Tandy s	44⅛	43¾	44⅜+ ⅛
TempleInland	56 15-16	56⅛	56 15-16+ ⅛
Tenneco	43 9-16	42⅞	43 9-16+ ⅛
Texaco s	57 5-16	56⅞	57 — ⅛
TexInd s	47⅞	46½	46⅝—11-16
TexasInst s	51¼	50⅝	51 + 1
TexUtil	40⅛	39 13-16	39⅞+ 1-16
Textron s	59 3-16	58⅛	58⅜+ 5-16
Travelers s	50 7-16	49⅞	50 + ⅜
TriconGlbR n	33	32½	32⅝
TrinityInds	46⅝	46½	46½— ¼
TritonEngy	35⅜	34 5-16	35 + ⅜
Tyler	5¼	5⅛	5⅛+ 1-16
US WestCm	44 11-16	44	44 5-16+ 3-16
USWstMda	26 11-16	26½	26 9-16— ⅛
USX Delhi	19 9-16	19⅛	19 9-16+ 3-16
USX-Marathn	36	35 9-16	35⅝— ¼
USX-USS	32⅛	31 13-16	31⅞— ¼
UnCarbde	44⅞	44¼	44 5-16
UnionPacif	58⅛	58	58⅛+ 5-16
UnitedTech s	74½	73⅞	74 3-16+ ⅛
Unocal	39 7-16	39	39 — ⅜
WalMart	40 1-16	39 13-16	39⅞+ 5-16
WstnGasRs	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛— ¼
WestghEl	29⅜	29 3-16	29½+ 5-16
WinnDixie	40⅝	39 13-16	39 13-16—15-16
Woolworth	21 3-16		21 21⅛— 1-16
Xerox Corp	74 11-16	74	74 11-16+ 1⅛
ZenithE	7⅞	7⅞	7½— 1-16

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: A'Kasha Barber, David Clinkinbeard.

DISMISSALS: David Clinkinbeard, Claudine Atwood, Kenneth Griffith.

CENSUS:37 (Med., Surg.-9, Long-term Care-27, CCU-1).

Births

George G. Sr. and Marie Garcia of Snyder announce the birth of their son, George G. Garcia Jr. He was born weighing seven pounds, 1½ ounces at 6:48 a.m. on Oct. 28 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

He has a sister, Georgia, and their grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Amado Garcia of Snyder.

Date Book

Nov. 26, 1997

Today is the 330th day of 1997 and the 67th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1964, Little Richard made his first U.S. TV appearance, on the "Judy Garland Show."

On this day in 1966, the Monkees' "I'm a Believer" went gold.

On this day in 1992, Queen Elizabeth, purportedly the world's richest woman, volunteered to pay income taxes.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Sarah Grimke (1792-1873), anti-slavery and women's-rights activist; Eric Sevareid (1912-1992), broadcast journalist; Charles M. Schulz (1922-), cartoonist, is 75; Robert Goulet (1933-), singer-actor, is 64; Rich Little (1938-), impressionist, is 59; Tina Turner (1938-), singer, is 59.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1881, at the Seventh Regiment Armory drill hall in New York, the first indoor tennis match was played.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Name the greatest of all inventors. Accident." — Mark Twain

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1950, severe storms raked New England with heavy rain and 100 mph winds.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Nov. 21) and new moon (Nov. 29).

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Mischief, theft reports investigated by officers

A Snyder couple was booked into jail at 3:16 this morning following a domestic dispute.

Officers arrested a 23-year-old male and a 21-year-old female in the 2300 block of 42nd Street. Both were charged with Class C assault/family violence.

In activity Tuesday, an offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted at 6:35 a.m. as a door had been damaged at Jaramillo's Restaurant.

Richard Stoker advised deputies at 9 a.m. that somone had stolen two gates from his fence on CR 264. An offense report for theft was submitted.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted at 12:05 p.m. from the 2500 block of Avenue C as a person had some clothes burned and furniture destroyed by an ex-roommate.

A report of the possible theft of some $1,000 worth of CDs was made at 10:19 p.m. from the 4100 block of College Avenue. The owner is to check with some friends about having possibly borrowed the CDs before charges are filed.

Toby Delce reported at 11:45 p.m. that somone had damaged the windshield on his vehicle while it was parked near the ag building at the high school.

A report for loud music was made at 12:48 a.m. from the 400 block of 30th Street.

A person notified officers at 2:20 p.m. that two children had been left unattended in a vehicle which was parked on the square.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 10:04 p.m. in the 2200 block of Peyton.

A deputy was requested at a residence on CR 4136 in reference to two rattlesnakes in the back yard.

A report of a reckless driver was made at 8:47 p.m. in the area of the 900 block of Avenue R.

A 16-year-old female juvenile reported missing Monday returned to her home early Tuesday morning, according to her mother.

Teen gets 10 years adult probation

HOUSTON (AP) — One of two teen-agers turned in by their parents after being videotaped robbing a convenience store in July has been sentenced to 10 years of adult probation.

David Key, 14, was sentenced Tuesday after pleading guilty to aggravated robbery. He also agreed to testify against Louis Clemons, 13, who held the gun during the robbery.

Both were certified in September to stand trial as adults.

State District Judge Bill Harmon also required Key to attend boot camp and receive his high school equivalency diploma. Clemons is set for trial Dec. 8.

Dr. Gott



By Peter Gott, M.D.

What's the word on PSA tests?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My urologist wants me to have an annual PSA determination for prostate cancer, but my family physician says that's not necessary. I'm confused.

DEAR READER: So are many doctors. At present, there is an ongoing debate about the proper timing of the Prostate Specific Antigen blood test, which is used — in conjunction with other examinations — to diagnose prostate cancer. Some organizations, such as the American Cancer Society, recommend annual testing. Other, equally prestigious medical groups (including the U.S. Public Health Service Task Force) have not endorsed screening for all men.

At this time, the consensus appears to be as follows: Every man should be screened at age 50 with a rectal examination and PSA test. Repeat testing should be carried out in a flexible schedule, depending on the doctor's (or patient's) preference and the findings on routine physical examinations.

However, those men with a strong family history of prostate cancer (and black men, who are at increased risk) should have annual PSA exams, starting at age 40.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "The Prostate Gland." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is red wine compatible with Mevacor? Does modest consumption of white wine or beer grant the same health benefits as red wine?

DEAR READER: No medicine should be consumed with any beverage containing alcohol, because the interaction of the two compounds could be deleterious.

However, medications can safely be taken at other times — for example, at least a couple of hours before or after the alcohol. Thus, red wine and Mevacor (a cholesterol-lowering drug) are compatible if digested at different times.

Much to the delight of those people who do not favor red wine, beer and white wine TAKEN IN MODERATION appear to exert a protective effect on the heart and vascular system, according to recent epidemiological studies. Therefore, people who consume a glass or two of Chablis can now do so with solid scientific backing.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband and I ride around town in an old car. The muffler is shot, and I can smell fumes. How dangerous is this?

DEAR READER: Exceedingly. Carbon monoxide fumes will readily enter the interior of the car, along with hydrocarbon residues and a bunch of other bad things. A new muffler shouldn't cost a lot. Spring for a new one so that you and your husband don't poison yourselves. An old car doesn't have to be a dangerous car.

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Happy 13th Birthday Rachel

Love,
Dad, Mom,
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Turkey hotline starts to heat up

WASHINGTON (AP) — The caller from New York wasn't sure whether the turkey she had bought fresh last week could still be served on Thanksgiving Day.

"I'm concerned that it might not be good to eat," she said. "I didn't want a frozen turkey. I wanted a fresh one."

After her call Tuesday to the Agriculture Department's hot line, she might be buying another bird. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman told her the turkey could spoil before the holiday.

This is the busiest season for the year-round hot line, which provides information to avert food poisoning from improper handling and cooking.

Near Thanksgiving, 13 staffers with training in food safety field more than 500 calls a day to the toll-free number.

"In many cases, I think we are successful in preventing food-borne illness," said Glickman during a visit to the hot line office, where he spoke with callers. "Most of the things we tell them are actually very simple, but they are important and sometimes forgotten."

Glickman told the woman from New York that in most cases a fresh bird should be eaten within two days of purchase. To check for spoilage, he advised her to unwrap the turkey and let it sit out for about 15 minutes to determine if there's an odor.

If it smells, she ought to get another bird.

"You can tell pretty quickly if there is any spoilage or not," he said. "You might prevent somebody from getting sick."

A caller in Kosciusko, Miss., told Glickman he needed some advice about the thermometer because he had never tried to roast a turkey before.

"I've been tasked with preparing the Thanksgiving bird, and I want to make sure it's safe for everyone," the caller said.

Glickman and Bessie Berry, who runs the hot line, told him to stick the thermometer between the breast and the densest portion of the thigh. And the bird will be done when that thermometer reaches 180 degrees Fahrenheit.

"I'm sure it's going to turn out very well," the caller said.

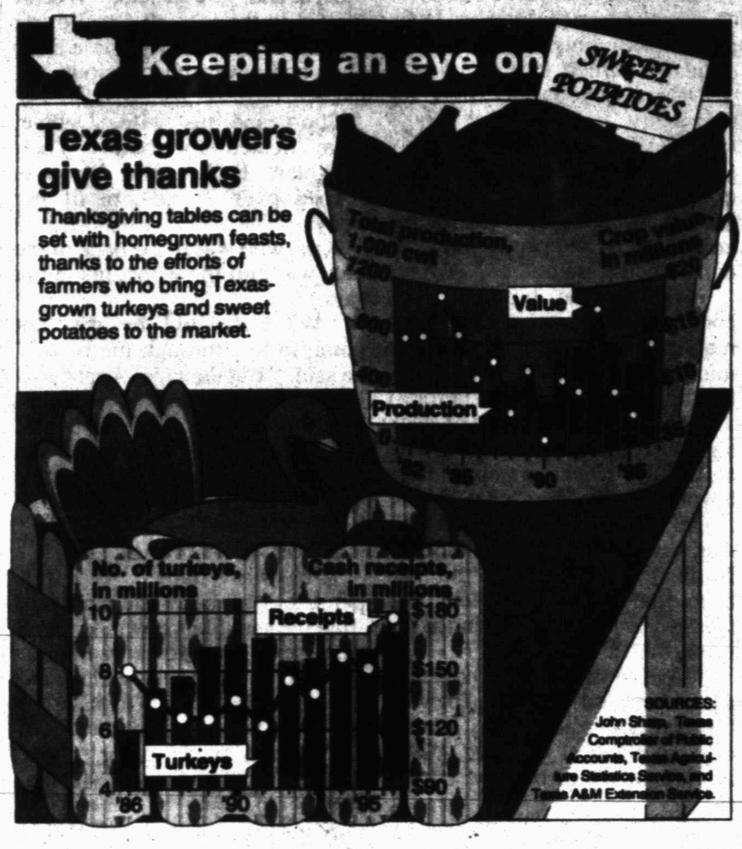
Although the Agriculture Department hot line is geared toward meat and poultry, staff members can answer questions on how to prepare and store a wide range of foods.

One woman in Texas wanted to know whether it was safe to make her dressing in advance and then put it in an ice chest for a long drive to this week's Texas-Texas A&M football game.

"That's fine, just keep it cold," Glickman said. "That's a big game."

The Agriculture Department's meat and poultry hot line is 1-800-535-4555. It is staffed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. EST on Thanksgiving Day. There are recorded messages on various food topics available 24 hours a day.

Many turkey processors and food companies also operate toll-free advice lines. Check labels on turkeys and other products for those telephone numbers.



Lobbyist convicted of giving Espy illegal gifts

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal jury has convicted a former agribusiness lobbyist of giving up to $7,600 in illegal gifts to ex-Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, his friend from college.

Richard Douglas was senior vice president for corporate affairs for Sun-Diamond Growers of California, a major almond cooperative and exporter that has been convicted of giving illegal gratuities to Espy and illegal campaign contributions to his brother, Henry.

The company has been fined $1.5 million.

Espy, who resigned as agriculture secretary in December 1994 because of the contribution investigation, is awaiting trial on charges of accepting $35,000 in sports tickets, travel and lodging from companies regulated by the federal government.

Douglas was convicted Monday of one felony charge that accused him of giving gifts to try to influence Espy: $2,427 worth of luggage; a trip to the 1993 U.S. Open tennis tournament for Espy and his girlfriend worth $4,590; and $655 in meals.

He faces up to two years in prison. No sentencing date was set.

The jury deadlocked on a charge accusing Douglas of trying to influence Espy by giving him a $3,100 plane ticket so his girlfriend could go with him to Greece.

Douglas also was acquitted on five misdemeanor charges of illegal contributions to the unsuccessful congressional campaign of Henry Espy, and a felony charge of mail fraud that accused him of concealing Sun-Diamond's contributions to Henry Espy.

Douglas still faces trial on wire fraud charges in connection with a mortgage loan application, charges that were severed from the Espy-related counts.

Dangerous toys still lurk on store shelves

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lou Nemeth would never guess that the harmless-looking Madeline doll — an 8-inch figure clad in a blue coat — could pose a safety hazard to his daughter and other small children.

But the popular doll, based on a book series, is one of 18 dangerous toys cited by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group in a safety study released Tuesday. The private watchdog group says children under 3 years of age could choke on the doll's detachable shoes.

"The biggest problem is that we are not kids. We don't look at toys the same way," said Nemeth, a local resident and father of 13-month-old Frances. "There are so many hidden things. It requires constant vigilance."

According to PIRG, which has conducted annual toy safety studies for the past 12 years, deaths from toy hazards have declined and safety has improved following a 1994 law requiring warning labels on certain toys.

But holiday shoppers may still find dangerous toys on store shelves, mostly in items that have small removable parts which can be swallowed.

"Even though there is less trouble in toyland, it's important for toygivers to understand they need to shop around," said Edmund Mierzwinski, the group's consumer program director.

Using a choke tube to demonstrate the safety standards for toys, Mierzwinski noted that children choking on small objects remains one of the most common toy-related injuries. At least 259 children have choked to death on children's products since 1980, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The 1994 Child Safety Protection Act banned toys that contain small parts for children under 3 and ordered choke hazard warnings for those between ages 3 and 6.

But PIRG says some toys are still not labeled properly. Balloons, one of the leading causes of choking, continue to be marketed for young children's birthday parties. And toys sold for older children often appeal to younger ones as well.

Some manufacturers on the danger list say they don't agree with PIRG's assessment of industry toy hazards.

Eden, which produces the Madeline Doll, says the product is conspicuously labeled on the front panel as not for children under 3 years.

"We comply with every standard the exists in the industry, both mandatory and voluntary," company president Richard Miller said.

Mattel's 101 Dalmatians, toys that feature hard, fuzzy dogs with accessories, was listed for similar concerns. Mattel officials also said their toy has warning labels on it.

And manufacturers stressed that parental supervision is necessary to guarantee safety.

"Parents have to inspect the toy first, read the box, and explain it to their kids," said Nikki Galvan of D&L Company, which produced a rocket launcher called The Stomp Rocket. PIRG reported that a child suffered a detached retina because of the product this year.

But Galvan said the product itself is not dangerous when directions are followed.

"It's like with any other toy. Used incorrectly, you are going to get hurt," she said.

Stocks opened higher today

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks opened higher today as Asian markets steadied after suffering some deep declines on Tuesday.

At 10 a.m. on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 29.59 at 7,838.54. Broad-market indicators were also posting modest gains.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 2-to-1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 70.46 million shares.

The Standard & Poor's 500 list was up 5.20 at 956.02, and the NYSE composite index was up 2.20 at 499.18.

The Nasdaq composite index was up 8.32 at 1,597.36, and the American Stock Exchange composite index was up 1.11 at 662.91.

Share prices rose 1.1 percent in Tokyo today amid strong hints of government help for Japan's struggling financial system. The partial recovery from Tuesday's 5 percent slide helped push Hong Kong and other Asian markets higher. Analysts cautioned, however, that the region's economic problems were far from resolved.

There was limited reaction this morning to a flurry of new economic data.

The Commerce Department reported that strong consumer spending and business investment in equipment pushed economic growth to a robust 3.3 percent annual rate in the third quarter, matching the second quarter pace.

The third quarter's expansion was achieved with little inflation. A price measure linked to GDP inched up at a 1.5 percent annual rate, the smallest increase in five years.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,194 head of cattle for the Thursday, Nov. 20, Sale. Cows were steady. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: 32 to 40; canners and low cutters: 26 to 31; slaughter bulls 40 to 48.
Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 85 to 110; 400 to 500; 80 to 92.50; 500 to 600, 75 to 82; 600 to 700, 72.50 to 77; 700 to 800, 65 to 72.
Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 72.50 to 82.50; 400 to 500, 70 to 75; 500 to 600, 65 to 75; 600 to 700, 65 to 72.50; 700 to 800, 60 to 68.
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 70 to 80; 700 to 800, 60 to 70.
Cow and calf pairs, good: 525 to 725; grade, 400 to 500.
Springers: 300 to 600; baby calves: 50 to 150; doodlers: 100 to 200.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,087 head of cattle for the Saturday, Nov. 22 Sale. The quality and demand were good. The market was very active compared to last week. Feeder steers and heifers were $2 to $3 higher. Packer cows and bulls were steady. Bred cows strong to $25 higher. Pairs were steady to $50 higher on the better kind. No sale on Nov. 29. Our next sale is Dec. 6.

Steers:
200 to 300: 82.50 to 104
400 to 500: 81 to 91
500 to 600: 75 to 85.50
600 to 800: 70 to 77.50
Heifers:
200 to 400: 77.50 to 87
400 to 500: 70 to 89.50
500 to 600: 68 to 77
600 to 800: 67.50 to 75.50
Young bred cows: 475 to 595.
Medium age to older bred cows: 400 to 610.
Young cows and calves: 610 to 840.
Medium age to older cows and calves:
Packer cows: 25 to 50.25.
Packer bulls: 42 to 50.25

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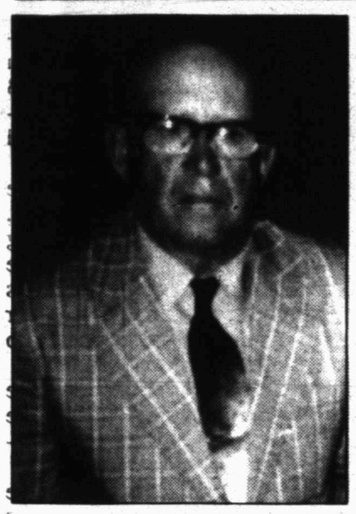
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Obituaries



Ivey Herrley

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1905-1997

Ivey Alvie Herrley, a resident of Scurry County since 1941, died at 9:05 this morning in Snyder Healthcare Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Herrley, 92, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Herrley was a resident of Hermleigh and was a retired mechanic. He was a member of the Hermleigh Church of Christ.

Born Aug. 14, 1905 in Lancaster, he married Bertie Mae Emerson on March 21, 1926 in Jacksonville.

Survivors include his wife, Bertie Mae Herrley of Hermleigh; three sons, Sterling Herrley of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Dillard Herrley and Bert Herrley, both of Snyder; a sister, Vonita Creamer of Jacksonville; two brothers, Arno Earley of Flatonia and William Earley of Conroe; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Grandsons and great-grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Micheal Vasquez

Infant Son

Graveside service for Micheal Seth Vasquez was set for 10 a.m. today in the Snyder Cemetery.

Robert Ramirez, ordained deacon of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, was to officiate. Arrangements were under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

The son of Emma Vasquez and Joel Perez of Snyder, the infant was stillborn Saturday, Nov. 22, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Johnny and Esperanza Vasquez of Snyder; and his paternal grandmother, Alica Luna, also of Snyder.

Golda Irwin

1924-1997

Golda Cassingham Irwin, a resident of Snyder since 1990, died Monday, Nov. 24, at her home on Brick Plant Road following a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Irwin, 72, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Andrews Old Cemetery. The Rev. Jerry Hardison, pastor of Calvary Assembly of God in Carlsbad, N.M., was to officiate. McNett Funeral Home in Andrews was in charge of arrangements.

Born Dec. 13, 1924 in Blackwell, Okla., she married Jack T. Cassingham on July 4, 1943 in Geneseo, Kan. They moved to Andrews in 1954, and he died in 1978.

Mrs. Irwin worked as a nurses' aide at Permian General Hospital and at the Andrews Nursing Center. She moved to Glen Rose in 1984 and to Snyder in 1990.

She married D.L. Irwin on Oct. 14, 1990 in Snyder.

Survivors include her husband, D.L. Irwin of Snyder; a daughter, Michelle Hendrix of Friona; a son, Scott Cassingham of Carlsbad; a sister, Roena Pitts of Farmington, N.M.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Arlon Ellerd

1919-1997

Funeral service for Arlon Charles Ellerd of Plainview was set for 4 p.m. today in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Richard Emerson, pastor of the Plainview First Christian Church, will officiate. Burial was to follow in the Dunn Cemetery.

Mr. Ellerd, 78, died Monday, Nov. 24, in the Villa Nursing Home in Granbury after a lengthy illness.

Born on May 4, 1919 in Abernathy, he was a bus driver and a member of the Church of Christ. Mr. Ellerd moved to Plainview from Ropesville Bell in 1989. He married Geneva Eastep on Jan. 5, 1989.

His first wife, Anna Lee Ellerd, whom he married in 1937, died in 1988. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Waymon Ellerd, on Aug. 13, 1991.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva Ellerd of Plainview; his mother, Rellie Hammond of Ralls; two daughters, Jo Ann Whitlock of Granbury and Geneva Martin of Mena, Ark.; a son, Charles Ellerd of Petersburg, Alaska; a step daughter, Etta Love of Lubbock; a sister, Leona Lawson of Ralls; a brother, Walter Ellerd of Carrollton; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two step grandchildren; and one step great-grandson.

Agnes Bowen

1924-1997

Agnes E. Bowen, 73, died Monday, Nov. 24, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital after a sudden illness.



Agnes Bowen

Funeral service for Mrs. Bowen was set for 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, was to officiate.

Burial was to follow in the Post Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 6, 1924 in Abilene, she married Jerrald Bowen on Aug. 11, 1962 in Post.

Mrs. Bowen was a homemaker and worked for 10 years in the S&H Green Stamp store in Snyder. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

Survivors include her husband, Jerrald Bowen of Snyder; a daughter, Beth Bowen of Snyder; a son, Jerry Bowen of Kingsville; a brother, Donald Windham of Post; a niece and her husband, Billie and Dale Andress of Fort Worth; and a niece, Leslie McBride of San Angelo.

Friends are contributing to the organ fund at First Baptist Church.

Personal, Professional Service

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30 million people have AIDS virus

PARIS (AP) — More than 30 million people worldwide are now living with the AIDS virus, and about 16,000 new victims are infected every day, the United Nations said today in a report that showed previous figures underestimated the contagion's reach by one-third.

One in every 100 sexually active adults between the ages of 15 and 49 is infected with HIV, and only one in 10 knows they are infected, UNAIDS said in a report released in Paris.

"The main message of our report is the AIDS epidemic is far from over. In fact, it's far worse," Peter Piot, director general of UNAIDS, said at a news conference.

The report said that if current rates hold steady, the number of people infected with the immune-stripping disease "will soar to 40 million" and the impact of AIDS mortality "is only just beginning."

Earlier figures on HIV infection were far lower because infections were occurring at a much more alarming rate than previously thought and calculations of HIV infection in sub-Saharan Africa were significantly underestimated, the report said.

Instead of relying on regional estimates, "for the first time, we went country-to-country to see what was happening," Piot said. "The rate of transmission was grossly underestimated," especially in Nigeria and South Africa, he said.

Rates are also rising in Eastern Europe, primarily due to intravenous drug users and lack of AIDS education.

Even in the West, Piot said, "prevention efforts are insufficient for youth. I have a daughter at a school here, and what she's getting in terms of sex education is inadequate."

Bernard Kouchner, the French junior minister for health, told reporters he was pressing for a world fund to fight AIDS.

Reno hospitalized overnight; attends opening meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno was hospitalized overnight in Mexico City for treatment of gallstones after fainting but recovered in time to attend today's opening of a law enforcement conference.

Reno, attending a conference of Western Hemisphere prosecutors, became nauseated and fainted about 9 p.m. Tuesday while attending the conference's opening reception, said Justice Department spokesman Bert Brandenburg.

Reno, who will return to Miami today to rest, was taken to the Estado Mayor Presidencial military hospital for observation and later diagnosed as having gallstones and suffering from fatigue, Brandenburg said. She was discharged from the hospital today and then went to the conference.

"She's fine. I talked to her this morning. She said she's feeling great," President Clinton told reporters today. Reno must decide by next week whether to seek an independent counsel to investigate the president.

"She indicated she is anxious to get back to work," Brandenburg said.

At opening ceremonies today, the attorney general merely smiled when asked by a reporter how she felt. A smiling Reno stood and chatted with several Mexican officials before the conference got under way.

Reno was scheduled to speak today at the gathering of law enforcement officials from 28 nations. Brandenburg said she will travel to her home in Miami, where she had originally planned to go after the conference of the Inter-American Association of Public Prosecutors.

Reno began feeling ill while attending the conference's opening reception at the El Camino Real Hotel.

FBI agents who guard her during trips helped Reno to a chair when she felt faint, Brandenburg said. "She told them, 'I'm feeling hot.' So they went outside to her car to get some air," he added. "When she felt sick again in the car, they took her to the hospital."

Reno was taken to the hospital in the center of Mexico City where she was held overnight for treatment of gastrointestinal difficulties eventually diagnosed as stemming from fatigue and gallstones, Brandenburg said.

Election

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to serve on the Regional Committee charged with overseeing Federal Community Development Funds was a result of my conservatism. In this committee we vote on the distribution of state and federal funds that have state and federal guidelines. I am proud and honored to be associated with Gov. Bush's strong, conservative leadership."

The final day to register to vote in the primary is Feb. 9.

Girl recovering from head injury

A three-year-old Midland girl is in good condition at Lubbock's University Medical Center after receiving treatment for a head injury as the result of a horse kicking her.

Jessica McGuire, who was visiting in Snyder with her grandparents, Dwain and Sue McGuire, was transported by private vehicle to Cogdell Hospital Monday evening and then transported to Lubbock by AeroCare.

A UMC spokesman said this morning that the girl is "doing fine."

"As a matter of fact, she is on her way to the playroom now," the spokesman said.

Forecast

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Thanksgiving Day, a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy and breezy. High in the lower 70s. South wind 15-25 mph. Remainder of Thanksgiving weekend, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms Friday, slight chance of rain Saturday. Partly cloudy Sunday. Lows near 50. Friday cooling to the 30s by Sunday. Highs 55-65.

Snyder High School
WINTER DRAMA PRODUCTION: "Robin Hood"
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4,5,6
Times: Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday & Saturday 8:00 p.m.
General Admission $3,
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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Christmas lights for sale

Hermleigh Class of 2000 has Christmas lights for sale, $8 a set, $10 installed. The class will also install your lights for $5 per 100 lights. Call 863-2720. Leave a message, if no answer. Lights will be installed Dec. 1-7.

Lighting of the Star

The fourth annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain will take place at 7 p.m. Friday at the courthouse in Gail. The museum and courthouse will be open from 3 o'clock until after the program, which will consist of local music, a live nativity, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, hayrides and refreshments.

LVN pre-entrance exam

Students wishing to enroll in the March class for licensed vocational nursing at Western Texas College must contact the counseling office to arrange to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through the first week in December, and interviews may be scheduled through the first week in January.

Call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

Landfill closing

The city landfill will be closed Thursday and Saturday for the Thanksgiving holiday but will be open Friday.

Holidays for library

Scurry County Library will be closed Thursday through Sunday.

Bible study tapes on TV

Bible study video tapes run weekly on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "The Generation That Seeks a Miracle," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Historic Scurry County

Historic Scurry County is asking the public to share their ornaments, cookie cutters, cookie jars and nativity scenes for display at the Cornelius-Dodson House and Dermott School during the holidays. Call Jean Everett at 573-2763 or drop them by CountryPlace anytime or the Dodson House Monday after 9:30 a.m.

Blood pressure clinic

Total Home Health of Post will hold a free blood pressure clinic from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fluvanna Cafe.

Scurry County 4-H

Scurry County 4-H will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria.

Poinsettia sale

Snyder High School choir members are taking orders for their poinsettia sale. The plants will arrive at the high school Monday and students will deliver them that week. The plants come in three colors: white, red and red with white spots. They are $10 each, to be paid at the time of delivery.

'Robin Hood'

Snyder High School drama department will present "Robin Hood" next Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 4-6, at Worsham Auditorium. Shows are 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. for the final two performances. General admission is $3; orchestra seating $5.

Shelled pecan halves

Snyder High School Technology Student Association (TSA Club) is selling shelled pecan halves at $6 per pound. Contact a club member to purchase.

Tiger banners for sale

Snyder Girls Hoops Club is selling Tiger banners for $25. Call 573-1769 or 573-4283. They will deliver.

Driver's license office

The Texas Department of Public Safety driver's license office will be closed each Monday through Jan. 9.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs.

Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Married For Life

Marriage Ministries International presents Married For Life, an outreach program, at 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Union Community Center. Attendance at an Outreach Night is a prerequisite to participation in a Married for Life group. For more information, call 573-7471.

Pick 3

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

0-3-0

(zero, three, zero)

Cash Five

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

15-20-22-34-37

(fifteen, twenty, twenty-two, thirty-four, thirty-seven)

Donations questioned in school fund dispute

AUSTIN (AP) — A State Board of Education member who voted for nine outside money managers to handle $2.5 billion of Texas' public school trust fund says three of the firms were linked to substantial donations he received in his failed state Senate campaign last year.

The board member, Monte Hasie of Lubbock, said in a Tuesday interview he received the donations totaling $22,000 well before the board took up the money-manager issue this year. Hasie, a stockbroker, said he sees nothing wrong with his voting on the firms.

But fellow board member David Bradley of Beaumont — who wants to re-do the contract-award process because he said there were a number of problems with it — called it "a clear violation of ethics."

"He definitely had a conflict of interest. He's the one who's been leading the charge to hire external managers," Bradley said.

Hasie said a lawyer has determined the donations were legal. He said he voted for all the firms that were recommended by a consultant to avoid questions.

"Someone can try to make it sound bad. I didn't do anything that was wrong," he said.

Hasie did suggest in a letter to Chairman Jack Christie of Houston that the board discuss limiting such contributions or requiring bidding businesses to disclose them.

"Because the financial service industry experiences frequent turnover of personnel and reorganization, I am concerned that a board member could accept a contribution without even knowing it came from someone associated with a business bidding for a contract," said Hasie.

Hasie and Bradley serve on the board's five-member School Finance-Permanent School Fund Committee. The committee, with Bradley abstaining, recommended the nine in September and the full board approved them.

Of the $16 billion Permanent School Fund, about $4.3 billion now is managed by outside firms. Plans call for the total managed by outside firms be raised to $5.8 billion, and for the nine new firms to manage $2.5 billion of that.

But the contracts have been put on hold while the Texas Education Agency staff looks into concerns raised by Bradley.

A special Dec. 9 meeting had been scheduled, but Christie canceled it, saying Bradley hadn't provided him with evidence of impropriety. He said the board could consider the issue in January.

Christie also defended Hasie and board member Rene Nunez of El Paso, a school fund committee member who also ran unsuccessfully for Senate last year.

Nunez told Christie in a letter that he got contributions "from a number of individuals, businesses and professional groups. All of them were legal and properly reported.

"Nevertheless, at least one business applied a year later to be one of our outside investment managers," Nunez wrote.

In a Tuesday interview, Nunez said he meant to write that one business could have applied, not that one did. He said he hasn't found any connection between his donations and people who work for the 13 money-manager finalists. He also said he would not have accepted a corporate check.

Nunez said the board should require bidders to disclose any contributions to board members before awarding a contract.

Hasie said of his donations, $5,000 came from Robert Burdick, a friend who works for money manager Loomis Sayles.

Hasie said Davis Hamilton Jackson & Associates was influential in a political action committee giving him $15,000, which he said may have been his largest donation. He said Columbia Partners was influential in another PAC giving him $2,000.

Hasie said he raised a total of $250,000 to $270,000 in the Senate race.

Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

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Neighbor Searches for Answer To Boy Whose Questions Annoy

DEAR ABBY: What is the proper way to handle a problem with a 4-year-old boy whose parents pay no mind to what he is doing or whom he is annoying? The child is always outdoors early in the morning and also in the evening — unsupervised. He constantly stops everyone he sees and asks a hundred questions.

He is a nice little boy, and while I feel for him, I wonder how these parents could allow him to roam with no supervision, expecting the neighborhood to entertain and care for him.

I have a 6-year-old son and I never allow him in the front yard unless I am there to watch him. I would never permit him to bother the neighbors. However, when I go out with my son, I always have to deal with the endless questions from the neighbor boy.

It's not fair that when I have time to take my son outside I have to baby-sit this neighbor child. I've asked him where his mother is and have sent him home many times, but he comes back again and again.

It's not his fault, and I hate to be mean to him. I blame his parents. Abby, what am I to do?

UNWILLING BABY SITTER IN NEW YORK

DEAR UNWILLING: The child may simply be curious, or he may crave attention from an adult.

Instead of asking him where his mother is, check to be sure there is an adult in the home. Introduce yourself to the head of the household and express your concern. A 4-year-old is too young to be outdoors alone with no supervision — particularly since he approaches any adult who happens to be nearby. If the mother can't watch her child, she should make arrangements for someone else to do it.

Your gesture may be met with some degree of hostility — but for the sake of the child, you should make it.

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DEAR ABBY: I hope you can help me. I'm at my wit's end. I have a daughter, 28. I'll call Susie.

Susie steals everything she sees, mostly from the family. I'll buy things for my personal use, and when she visits my house I have to lock my bedroom door so she won't get into my bureau. She even swipes things from the kitchen. My three older children don't behave that way. They are all trustworthy.

Susie, however, keeps taking what she wants from me and her brothers and sisters. She even stole my youngest son's jeans. We have confronted her, but it does no good.

Abby, can you tell me how we can stop her from stealing from us?

STICKY FINGERS' MOM

DEAR MOM: Susie clearly needs professional help to overcome her compulsion to steal. If your daughter doesn't respect ownership in her own family, it could lead to thievery outside the home, where the authorities may not be so tolerant.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 14 years old and have a boyfriend the same age. We see each other at school and talk on the phone (I am not allowed to date yet). Many times our conversations are about nothing. Can you please help me think of some things to talk about with him? I get embarrassed by the long silences on the phone, but I don't want to hang up.

I would appreciate any help you can give me.

CLUELESS IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR CLUELESS: Ask your boyfriend questions about himself, his family, hobbies, pets, etc. It is easy to talk about events at school that you are both familiar with, and friends you have in common.

What about a favorite television program, movie or book? Also, there are many events happening in the world every day. Read the newspaper and ask him what he thinks about something currently in the news.

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Underage man dies after drinking binge

AUSTIN (AP) — A 20-year-old Amarillo man died after consuming the equivalent of 20 beers while out with friends, officials say.

Police and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission were investigating how Jeremy Beau Painter obtained the alcohol. They said Painter drank from 7 to 11 p.m. Monday.

He had already passed out by the time his friends brought him back to their hotel room in north Austin between 11 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., police Sgt. Will Beechinor said.

Painter's friends called the Emergency Medical Service at 5:50 a.m. Tuesday, when they noticed he was not breathing, police said.

Painter was in Austin attending an Emergency Medical Services conference as part of a course at an Amarillo College, Beechinor said.

When Painter was pronounced dead Tuesday morning, his blood alcohol concentration was 0.32 — or 3.2 parts alcohol per 1,000 parts blood, Travis County medical examiner Robert Bayardo said.

A level of 0.35 is considered lethal.

"Several hours before Painter died, he could have been at .40," Bayardo said, because the concentration would have dropped since the night before. To reach that level, a person would have to drink about 20 beers or the equivalent, Bayardo said.

Painter died of alcohol poisoning, Bayardo said.

Alcohol poisoning is as deadly as an overdose of sleeping pills because alcohol has a direct effect on the brain stem, which controls breathing, Bayardo said.

"Alcohol is a sedative. ... Too much of the sedative is going to cause respiratory shutdown," he said. "The person is going to go into coma. Once you go into coma, you stop breathing, the heart stops beating, and you die."

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