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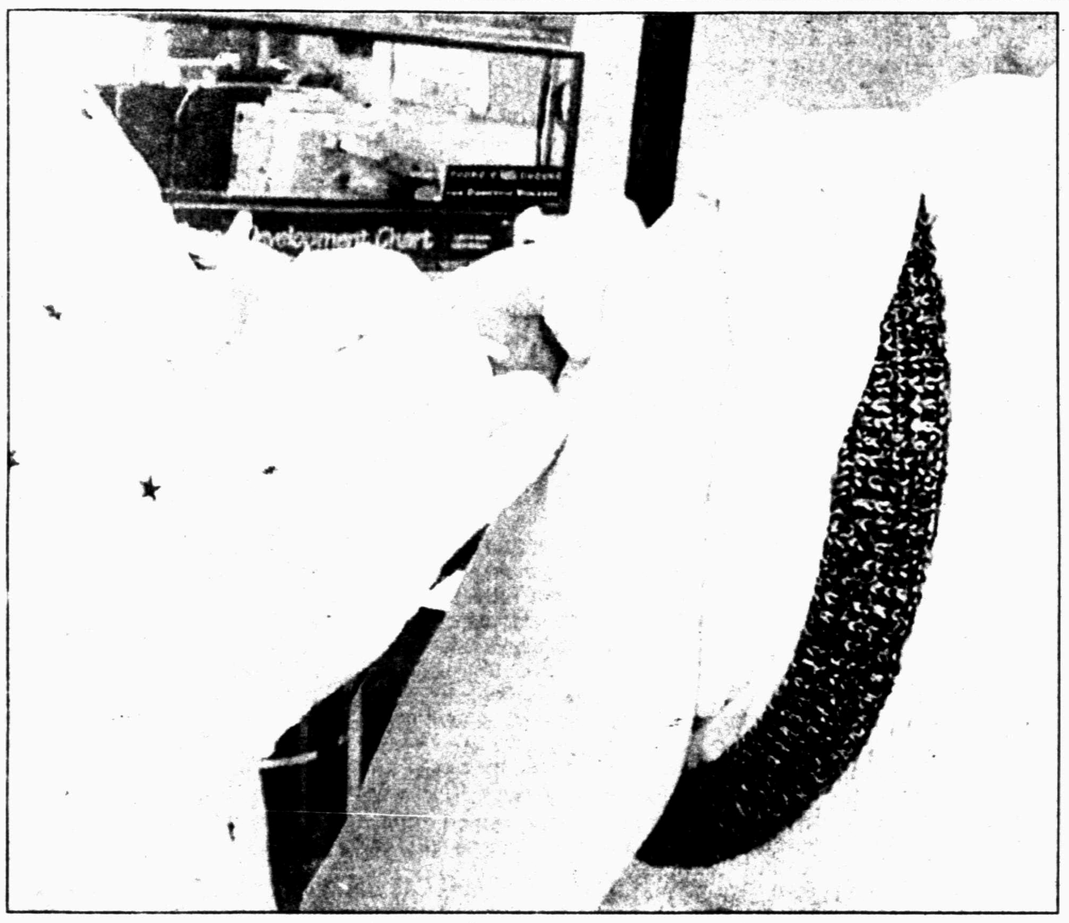


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Home of Sally Botts

NOT TOO LATE — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advise that it is not too late for at-risk citizens to receive a flu shot. The Scurry County Health Unit, Covenant Family Healthcare, United Pharmacy and McWilliams Pharmacy have the vaccine. (SDN Staff Photo)

# WTC president may retire at end of year

Dr. Harry Krenek, president of Western Texas College the past 14 years, has revealed the possibility of his retirement at the close of the current school year.

An executive session is on Monday night's WTC board of trustees agenda, a meeting which was posted Friday.

In a memo to the board, Dr. Krenek said, "For a number of reasons, it seems to me this is an appropriate time to discuss a change of leadership, and the executive session will provide an appropriate opportunity for this discussion."

Dr. Krenek, a native of Elgin, went to work at WTC in 1972 as a history professor. He taught in that position until 1982 when he became dean of instruction.

He served as dean from 1982 until 1986, at which time he was named president, replacing Don Newbury who became president of Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

Krenek is only the third president in the history of the community college. Dr. Robert Clinton served as the first president.

Dr. Krenek received his bachelor's degree from Howard Payne University in 1963 and his master's from Southwest Texas State University in 1967.

In 1978, he received his doctorate from Texas Tech University.

He also did additional graduate work at the University of Nebraska and the University of Oklahoma.

Krenek's wife, Marsha, is a science teacher at Snyder Junior High School. They have two grown sons, Dan and David.



Dr. Harry Krenek
WTC President

# There's still time to protect against flu

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it is not too late to get a flu shot this season.

A flu shot this month, or in February, can still protect against this year's flu.

People at high risk for complications from influenza illness, their household contacts and health care workers who have not yet been vaccinated, should get a shot as soon as possible.

Cindy Nix, director of the Scurry County Health Unit, said the unit has a ready supply of flu vaccine, and has given almost 1,100 flu shots this season.

"We are still encouraging people to get flu shots, especially those in the high-risk category," said Nix.

This group includes individuals 65 and older; those with chronic health conditions such as diabetes or heart disease; and nursing home residents.

"The cost for a flu shot at the health clinic is $5, or persons should bring their Medicare card," said Nix.

Despite the availability of the flu vaccine presently, some people don't get immunized because they think the vaccine will give them the flu. Although a few people might experience minor swelling or discomfort at the site of the shot, no one can get the flu from the flu shot. Annual flu shots are important because the virus changes from year to year.

Nearly 20,000 Americans die from the flu and its complications each year, and in 1998, influenza and pneumonia were the seventh leading cause of death in Texas, claiming over 4,600 lives, according to the Texas Department of Health.

"I urge everyone over the age of 65, or who suffers from a chronic illness to get a flu shot," said Dr. Bid Cooper, chief of staff of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Cooper also said anyone else who feels at risk for the flu should also get a shot.

# John Cline, 36-year veteran, had to hear it all in courtroom

The basics of the job never change. For almost four decades, one individual recorded the proceeding in 132nd District Court.

The final product is detailed — word for word. Accuracy is not only important, it's required.

The basic Stenograph machine has changed little since 1964 when John Cline was appointed court reporter by District Judge Sterling Williams.

Cline, who retired last week after 36 years, served with four district judges in Snyder.

Four seems to be somewhat magic, as that is also the number of Stenograph machines that he has used during that period.

Putting the legal shorthand into an official transcript, however, has seen vast improvements. In the early years, the court reporter would dictate and a typist would turn out the finished product. The rigid equipment would require almost perfect dictation.

Cassette tapes then improved the dictation process and that step has been greatly improved with computers and word processing. This has allowed court reporters, including Cline, to do some of their own typing.

A native of Plainview, Cline's father operated a monument business in Hale County, a family-owned business that was founded in 1916.

And his father's business was related, sort of, to his start in court reporting.

While attending court reporting school in Plainview, which at the time was one of only three in the U.S., Cline and a classmate were assigned to make a record of a funeral of a woman who died in an automobile accident.

The husband was hospitalized and unable to attend the service, so a transcript of the service was requested for the surviving spouse.

Cline and a classmate wanted to be obscure at the funeral, so they set up shop in the balcony of the First Baptist Church in Plainview.

That was a lesson learned. A stenographer should always be positioned so that he or she can hear. Neither student was able to hear or record a word.

Luckily, however, the minister had taped the service, and Cline was able to make a transcript from the recording.

Cline became the 132nd District court reporter right out of school, choosing Snyder over a job with newly-appointed Federal District Judge Hal Woodward in Lubbock.

Cline became a great admirer of Judge Woodward and described the late jurist as one of the most outstanding trial judges of all times. But still, Cline wanted to work at the state court level.

In addition to serving with four district judges, Cline also has worked with numerous visiting judges and scores of lawyers.

Cline said his front-row seat as a court reporter, has given him some interesting insights into the legal system. "Yes, sometimes I think I could be a pretty good lawyer. But then some of it gets pretty complicated and I wonder why lawyers are asking that question."

Cline said he has become proficient in guessing the verdict. "Sometimes I write it down (his prediction) early in the trial. I can pretty well guess, but I have been surprised."

Cline is also respected among his peers, and in 1975-76 he served as president of the Texas Court Reporting Association.

In addition to his courtroom work, Cline has been called on to take depositions and make records all over the state.

Among those he has recorded include astronaut Buz Aldrin, entertainer Burl Ives, Gov. Ann Richards, Laura Bush and former House Speaker Jim Wright. Cline recalls Wright as one of the most eloquent speakers he has ever heard.

Cline has seen the courtroom change locally. Judge Williams was the least formal. "Judge Williams knew everybody, their family history and how everybody was related."

Wayland Holt became district judge in 1970, after having served as district attorney. Statewide, the courts were becoming more formal and Judge Holt began wearing the judicial black robe. His successor, Gene Dulaney, wore the judicial robe and still does when sitting as a senior judge.

The current district judge, Ernie Armstrong, has chosen not to wear the robe. "It's black and pretty hot," Cline observed.

Sometimes court proceedings can drag on. A capital murder trial took a month and a civil case went on for 17 days.

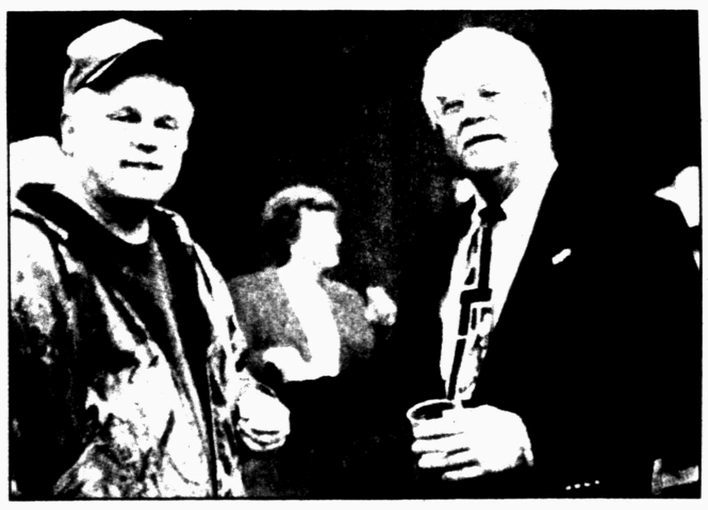
Another change is the number of lawyers involved in a case. One current case involving a landowner and oil companies has 25 attorneys. "We didn't have places for all of them to sit," Cline mused.

The veteran court observer also noted that lawyers are becoming more specialized. "They may bring three or four lawyers who will argue one point each — and the next time the same big firm may send different lawyers in the same case to argue one point in a brief. And when the trial starts, there will be a new team of trial lawyers."

Complicated proceedings also can be tiring, so humor is always a good escape from the serious.

Cline recalls a time when a

See CLINE Page 2A



FRIENDLY VISIT — Retiring court reporter John Cline (right) visits with Snyder's Kenny Miller at a retirement reception held last week in Cline's honor. (Contributed Photo by Trina Rodgers)

## THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "There's no use setting a goal unless you remember to try and obtain it."**

Today is a national observance – not a holiday – but an observance. You can't observe it if you take a holiday. Sunday, Jan. 7, is National Clean Off Your Desk Day. If you take it as a holiday, you will have to wait another year to create that false look of efficiency.

We have never subscribed to the notion that a clean, uncluttered desk meant anything other than the guy doesn't have enough to do.

Efficiency expert Roy Baze has continually chided us about our apparent lack of desk organization. When we change places of pile A with stack C, Baze will note that we have cleaned off our desk.

We've tried to tell him there is a difference between Exxon and the Snyder Daily News. Exxon counts in billions and we still have to remove a shoe to get over a hundred.

Exxon can afford to hire experts. We have a hard time spelling consultant, so we have to be one – without pay.

And big oil company executives have secretaries. We have to type our own letters, which may explain why the SDN phone bill is so high.

But the corporate world has another big advantage to the small-town business.

When the corporate desk becomes cluttered, they just relocate you to another city. Baze served all over the world, and everytime his desk got piled up, he was off on a new assignment.

Nobody else will have us, and we've been told we can't leave until we clean off the desk.

Here's some findings for the start of 2001 with a clean desk:

—A note to return a telephone call to Sen. Tom Haywood in Wichita Falls.

—A quote for a new telephone system that answers with a recording and sends the caller to a voice mail box. Can't believe we kept that.

—An Aggie coffee mug.

—A fund-raising letter from Texas Tech.

—A mad letter we didn't mail.

—A note on how to defrag our computer. Would it work on our desk?

—A fund-raising letter from Texas Tech.

—A three dollar bill featuring a picture of Bill Clinton.

—A fund-raising letter from Texas Tech.

—Last year's note reminding us to clean off our desk.

—And a crumpled note to please call Roy Baze, right after we finish straightening our desk.

## ASK US

**Q—When will the local census information be available?**

**A—Census officials are only saying "soon." By law, the data must be available by April 1.**

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Friday, 68 degrees; low, 27; 7 a.m. Saturday, 31; no precipitation; total for 2001, .08 of an inch.

**Area Forecast:** Saturday night, mostly cloudy, low lower 30s, N wind 10-20 mph. Sunday, mostly cloudy, slight rain chance, high lower 40s, NE wind 15-25 mph.



Nick Zajicek
Partly Cloudy

**Sunset:**
5:57 p.m.
**Sunrise:**
7:44 p.m.

**Of five days in 2001, the sun has shone three days in Snyder.**

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**You gotta' lose 'em sometime. When you do, lose 'em right.**

**—Casey Stengel**

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# Microsoft joins Sega, Sony, others in video game field

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Microsoft Corp. plans to unveil its Xbox video game system Saturday, although the company finds itself in the rare position of underdog as it prepares to duke it out with veteran game makers.

Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates planned to unveil the black-and-lime green machine, which the company claims will offer the best graphics around, at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. The machine is due to roll out this fall.

"When you see the things we'll be able to do with this, you'll say, 'Oh wow,'" Robert Bach, the company's self-proclaimed chief Xbox officer, said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We think we'll win in the marketplace because we're going to have great games."

The Xbox features four game controller ports, a DVD tray, and an Ethernet port for Internet access, allowing users to download new versions of software or games. It also has a built in "rumble" feature to increase gaming realism.

And with 64 megabytes of memory, an Intel 733-megahertz processor, an 8-gigabyte hard-drive, Microsoft says the machine is the most powerful of any gaming console and can deliver three times the graphics performance of its rivals.

But even with the $500 million it has committed to the Xbox, Microsoft is the new player when pitted against Sony Corp., Nintendo and Sega.

Sony, which recently released its PlayStation 2, leads the pack with more than 75 million of its PlayStation machines sold worldwide, according to the Gartner Group research firm. More than a quarter of American households have a PlayStation, compared to Nintendo's 14 percent penetration and Sega's 6 percent.

"Sony has a pretty loyal group, so Microsoft has its work cut out for it," said Gartner senior analyst P.J. McNealy.

The stated features of Microsoft's gaming console definitely place it ahead of the competition, McNealy said, but part of the challenge for Microsoft will be to break beyond its image.

"Consumers aren't used to seeing the Microsoft brand in the living room," McNealy said. "The only time you hear about Microsoft in the living room is when it's in the news."

Sony officials are ready for the competition.

"We're looking forward to having a formidable competitor in them," said Molly Smith, a spokeswoman for Sony Computer Entertainment America. "Sony means entertainment, but Microsoft doesn't have that coming into the console business. So it definitely will be an exciting year for games."

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On the Net:
Microsoft Corp.: http://www.microsoft.com/
PlayStation: http://www.playstation.com/global-splash1.html
Nintendo: http://www.nintendo.com/home/index.html
Sega: http://www.sega.com/sega/index.jhtml

# Fed judge rebuffs anorexic student's return to college

BOSTON (AP) — A federal judge on Friday upheld a college's decision not to readmit a student because she is anorexic.

U.S. District Court Judge Rya Zobel said Stonehill College may have damaged Kerri Krissik's self-esteem, but she failed to demonstrate how not returning to school would cause her "irreparable harm."

Officials at the Catholic school have said they don't believe Krissik, 20, is well enough to attend classes starting Jan. 17 and that the school is not equipped to care for her.

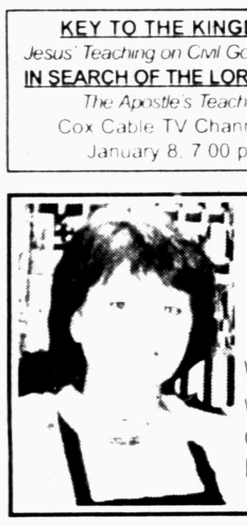
Krissik said she was protected by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, but the court did not address that argument. Her lawyer, Abbe Ross, said she can safely return to college.

She suffered cardiac arrest while at home in Milford, Conn., in April. She completed her spring semester coursework, but administrators refused to let her register last fall.

"All along, the college has argued that it would be irresponsible for us to accept Keri Krissik back to school," school spokesman Martin McGovern said after the ruling. "She needs more medical help that we can provide for her."

Anorexia nervosa is an eating disorder that is marked by obsessive fasting. Its effects can range from weight loss to delayed sexual development, heart problems, depression and death.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MARSHA SCOTT
We were going to put your age on this, but when we got your birth certificate out, we dropped the stone it was etched on and broke it!!

# Cline recalls court reporting

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defendant was asking Judge Dulaney for a court-appointed defense lawyer. When the judge inquired about the defendant's occupation, he replied "stealing."

Another time when a defense lawyer was being appointed, the judge explained to the defendant that he was a member of the bar. To which the accused replied, "I don't want no lawyer that's drunk."

Another defendant had just be sentenced to life in prison and fined $500. The defendant blurted out, "What did you say?"

The judge repeated the life sentence and a $500 fine.

"Oh," said the defendant, "I thought you said $5,000."

One of the best changes during his career has been the development and improvements of the copy machine. "A simple divorce decree is now 60 pages," Cline noted.

Also, more women are entering the court reporting profession. Now about 85 percent graduating are female, just about the same percentage that were male when Cline started his career.

Another change that Cline praises is the new hallway in the district court area that allows the jury to exit without having to walk in front of the defense table.

"It also keeps me from getting trapped in my office," Cline smiled. And that one thing that Cline is looking forward to in retirement, avoiding large crowds in a small courtroom.

One of his first plans is an extended camping trip in the northwest, eventually meeting up with wife, Linda, in Las Vegas. Mrs. Cline works at Snyder Co-op Gin.

Children include son Mike who lives in San Antonio and two daughters, Debra of Snyder and Lana of Austin. Cline has three stepdaughters, Staci Cline of Austin and Stephanie and Michelle Craig, both of Fort Worth.

Cline's mother, who is retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., has lived in Snyder the past 21/2 years. Mrs. Cline, 92, lives in Golden Terrace Village which Cline describes as "one of the greatest things that Snyder has done."

Cline plans to continue living in Snyder and doing freelance work. "I'm going to be pretty selective." Cline hopes to avoid jury trials and domestic cases.

"Domestic cases can get out of hand," Cline said, remembering a local case when he and other court officials has to pull apart fighting family members.

# Mad husband shoots rape suspect

HERMOSA BEACH, Calif. (AP) — An enraged husband, using a composite sketch, tracked down and shot a man he believed had raped his wife, shouting, "This is for my wife!," police said Friday.

Sgt. Steve Endom said Anthony Starita, 32, was arrested for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon in the wounding early Thursday of Ali Sina Sharareh, who already had a rape conviction on his record.

Sharareh, 22, was in fair condition Friday.

Sharareh has not been charged in the rape of Starita's wife, but Officer Paul Wolcott said there is a "high probability" that Starita shot the right man.

Now, however, the husband "is looking at potentially doing more time than the suspected rapist," Wolcott said.

The husband could get 15 years to life in prison, plus extra years for using a handgun. Sharareh, if arrested and convicted in the rape, could get 16 years as a second-time offender.

Starita's 21-year-old wife was attacked in an alley early Sunday while walking home from a bar, police said. She helped police create a composite sketch of the attacker.

Starita studied the sketch and staked out the bar in hopes the attacker would return, police said. After about two hours in the bar, Starita spotted Sharareh and assumed he was the rapist, police said.

"The composite was pretty specific and there were some physical characteristics that were right on. I think that's what he based it on," Wolcott said.

Starita allegedly waited for Sharareh to enter the bathroom and followed him inside, shooting him while he urinated, Wolcott said.

## Rapper arrested in domestic dispute

Fla. (AP) — Rapper Vanilla Ice spent the night in jail after being arrested following a domestic dispute.

Vanilla Ice, who in 1990 sold 15 million copies of the single "Ice, Ice Baby," placed his hand over his wife Laura's mouth "to shut her up" as the couple drove on Interstate 595 in Davie, police said.

The rapper admitted ripping out some of her hair, but said he did so to keep her from jumping out of the truck's window, police said.

His wife told police she feared her husband and that the couple's children witnessed the offense, police said.

Vanilla Ice, 32, whose real name is Robert Van Winkle, was arrested Wednesday and released from Broward County Jail the next day on $3,500 bail.

"We had a heated argument," he said. "That's about it. It's not that big of a deal. I would never hit my wife or any girl or anything like that ... I love my wife, I love my kids, my life's fine, everything's good, no hitting, no drugs."

Prosecutors have 21 days to file charges in the case, according to Davie Police Lt. Rick Smith.

## events

### Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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### Cash Fiye

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
1-19-23-32-39

### Pick 3

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

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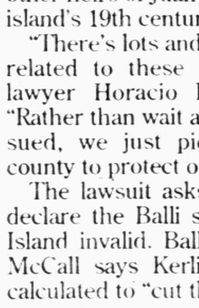
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# Aging lawyer sues heirs to 'Padre' for the oil rights

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Just months after he was branded a swindler, Gilbert Kerlin has sued a Mexican-American border dynasty.

The aging New York lawyer filed a lawsuit against the Balli family in a state court in Kleburg County. His lawyers say Kerlin, 90, is moving to protect his millions from any more claims that might arise from Padre Island's blurred history.

In August, an all-Latino jury in Cameron County decided Kerlin cheated 300 Ballis out of their rightful slice of Padre Island oil profits. Kerlin's lawyers say the historical verdict left the millionaire vulnerable to lawsuits from other heirs of Juan Jose Balli, the island's 19th century owner.

"There's lots and lots of people related to these folks," Kerlin lawyer Horacio Barrera said. "Rather than wait around and get sued, we just picked another county to protect ourselves."

The lawsuit asks the court to declare the Balli stake in Padre Island invalid. Balli lawyer Tom McCall says Kerlin's lawsuit is calculated to "cut the legs off our judgment."

In a Friday hearing, the Ballis asked Judge Pat McDowell to freeze the Kleburg County lawsuit. McDowell did not issue an injunction, but asked the lawyers to return for a second hearing February 19.

In the meantime, McCall said, the Ballis will ask the 13th Court of Appeals to halt Kerlin's lawsuit.

"He's trying to go back in time," McCall said. "If you don't get the result you wanted from one court, you go running off to another court hoping to do better."

Kerlin arrived in Brownsville in 1938, a young lawyer fresh out of Harvard. He was on a mission for his uncle, who had a hunch he might strike oil beneath the sands of Padre Island. Kerlin was instructed to find the Balli heirs and buy their stake in the desolate beaches.

The young Kerlin bought the titles, and promised to share with the family any money from oil pumped from the island. But the Ballis never heard from Kerlin again. As the years went by, the prominent family slid into poverty.

The Ballis' victory resonated with thousands of Mexican-Americans who believe their ancestors were cheated out of land by Anglo settlers.

Kerlin says the Ballis had no real claim to Padre Island in the 1930s, and that he was duped into buying worthless deeds. His lawsuit, filed in December, echoes that argument.

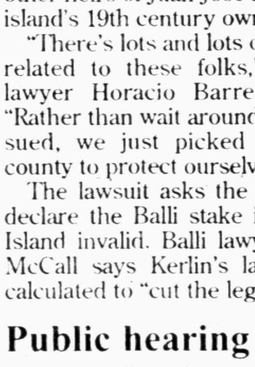
Nobody can be sure how many people Kerlin sued. The lawsuit is aimed at all heirs to Juan Jose Balli. That includes unknown heirs.

## Public hearing is set on academic report

A public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday in the administration boardroom of the Snyder Independent School District to discuss the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report.

The AEIS report will include performance and profile sections for the campuses and district for the 1999-00 school year.

The hearing will be held during the regular Snyder ISD board meeting.



Someone ~~went from teensy - small~~
To one year ~~old~~ in no time at all.

**HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY KERRINGTON!**

Moma, Daddy, Nanny's, PaPa & Darius



Shahala Marricle

## Marricle graduates

Shahala Marricle graduated in December from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's of science in agricultural and applied economics.

She graduated from Snyder High School in 1997.

She is the daughter of Bennie and Charla Marricle of Hermleigh. Grandparents include MariHelen Wason of Matador and the late Billy Wason. Other grandparents are Tommy and Tavia Marricle of Snyder.

## Ruptured blood vessel blamed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Comedian Steve Allen died a few hours after he ruptured a blood vessel in a minor traffic accident, according to autopsy results released Friday. His death was ruled accidental.

Coroner's spokesman Scott Carrier said the 78-year-old Allen had a heart condition and that the crash's sudden jarring damaged the wall of his heart, allowing blood to leak out.

Allen had been under a doctor's care when he collapsed after the accident on Oct. 30 at his son's home. He died at a hospital that night.

Allen's physician listed heart attack as the cause of death on the death certificate, Carrier said. The case was routinely referred to the coroner because Allen had been involved in a car crash.

Allen, the original host of the "Tonight Show," was a prolific songwriter who penned more than 8,000 songs. Before his death, he was busy promoting his 53rd book and completing his 54th manuscript.

# Immigrants' spouses have until April 30 to get cards

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Under a law signed two weeks ago by President Clinton, spouses of illegal immigrants have until April 30 to apply for a green card that will allow them to legally live and work in the United States.

But, as the clock ticks, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service is unprepared to handle the applicants, the San Antonio Express-News reported Saturday.

Under the old law, undocumented immigrants wanting green cards had to leave the United States for up to 10 years while their applications were being processed. The new law, however, doesn't require them to leave the country.

From Washington to San Antonio, officials concede there are questions about everything from which forms applicants must sign to which accounting codes should be used to keep track of fees.

"We all want information," Vicky Lorenzo, who along with her husband from Michoacan, Mexico, complained to the Express-News. She visited the INS regional office in San Antonio late this week.

"They told us they don't have the forms," said Lorenzo, a U.S. citizen who lives outside San Antonio and drove about an hour to get to the INS office.

Other immigrants who did not want to be identified also said there is confusion over the law. They were instructed to call a toll-free number to learn when forms will arrive.

The challenge is that more time is needed to get regulations in place, said Denton Lankford, spokesman for the INS regional office in San Antonio.

"Once you implement it, you want it to go as flawlessly as possible," he said. "The thing right now is digesting information in the law and translating it into regulations."

In San Antonio, INS officials said Friday they will start using alternate forms to accept people into the pipeline for processing and expect further instruction from Washington next week.

Under the new Legal Immigration and Family Equity Act, the spouses of people who entered the United States illegally have until April 30 to file a petition, known as an I-130.

That petition is the first step toward ultimately obtaining permission to live and work in this country.

The person receiving the permit, known on the streets as a green card, must be married to a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident by the time the application is submitted to the INS.

In addition, a $1,000 penalty will still be charged for being in the United States illegally.

Simon Azar-Farr, a San Antonio attorney who specializes in immigration, said the act "is bound to have some very positive effects on a lot of lives."

"There are several provisions that could turn out to be quite beneficial to a number of (immigrants) and prevent unnecessary hardship on a number of families," he said.

In addition to affecting marriages, the new law provides opportunities for some high-tech employees and the children of immigrants already legally residing in the United States.

Bill Strassberger, INS spokesman, cautioned that the new law won't help everyone and said it is not a blanket amnesty for undocumented immigrants.

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# Prison history shows Texas always captures its escapees

HOUSTON (AP) — With Texas prison history counting notorious Depression-era bank robbers Bonnie and Clyde as trophies, corrections experts say there's little question the seven dangerous inmates who broke out of a Texas prison last month and now are accused of killing a police officer will be apprehended.

But well-armed and flush with cash after stealing dozens of guns and some $70,000 in the robbery of a sporting goods store where Irving police officer Aubrey Hawkins was gunned down Christmas Eve, the concern is "how" they'll be captured as opposed to "when."

"They're charged with capital murder and the penalty is death," says Jack Garner, a retired Texas prison warden who now is a regional director for the Nashville, Tenn.-based Corrections Corp. of America. "What that tells an escaped inmate is: 'I have nothing to lose and I might as well go out in a blaze of glory.'

"I hope that's not the case, but that worries me."

Although the nearly 150,000 inmates make Texas the nation's second-largest prison system, the state has had relatively few escapes over the years and a remarkable record of retrieving those few fugitives who have fled.

"They're one of the best," says Garner. "They have very good training, and their institutions for the most part are designed well."

Nationally, with a prison population of nearly 1.2 million, 8,110 prisoners were considered escaped or AWOL during 1997, the most recent year for overall figures compiled by the federal Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics. New York led the nation with 1,605 missing from lockup. Texas reported zero.

"Texas has an excellent record," Justice Department statistician Jim Stephan said.

Since 1985, no more than 33 Texas prisoners — during 1986 — were involved in escapes in a single year. Until the Dec. 13 breakout at the Connally Unit in South Texas, 2000 was shaping up as a single-digit year for escaped inmates — nine — and all had been apprehended.

And only one fugitive from recent years was on the books — an inmate located and under surveillance in Mexico.

"We do have a good record on recapture and a low escape rate," says Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Glen Castlebury. "We have a very restrictive system.

"This is wearing on everyone and frustrating," he said of the current hunt.

One that got away — and got caught — helped enrich Garner's legendary status with the Texas prison system.

On Sept. 29, 1995, Garner was with FBI agents in Minnesota when they arrested a convicted rapist, Roy Wayne Bevan. Bevan had been on the run for more than 10 years after breaking out of the Coffield Unit, an East Texas prison run by Garner, leaving the career warden in dogged and sometimes lonely pursuit.

For years, Garner carried Bevan's photograph in his wallet as a reminder and spent weekends and holidays following up leads. Bevan's capture, helped by a fingerprint search that traced him to Minnesota, allowed Texas prison officials to close the book on their longest active fugitive hunt and allowed Garner to retire with a clear conscience after 28 years.

"When an inmate runs away, you take it personally," Garner recalled. "I really wanted to catch him.

"That was a tremendous high for me," he said of the capture. "It cleared my record. It made me feel great."

While Bevan's flight was low-key, other escapes and escape attempts are the stuff of Hollywood movies.

In 1974, inmates armed themselves with guns and ammunition smuggled into the Huntsville Unit in cans of peaches and ham and took hostages in their escape attempt that became an 11-day standoff and the nation's longest prison seige. Two of the eight hostages and two inmates wound up dead. The third prisoner was executed in 1991.

In 1934, two guards were shot and killed as Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow stormed the Eastham State Prison about 100 miles northeast of Houston to liberate one of their gang, Raymond Hamilton.

The slaying of the guards directly led to the formation of a posse that used informants and the bait of a cash reward to lure Bonnie and Clyde into an ambush along a highway near Sailes, La., where the couple was shot to death.

Hamilton was apprehended after robbing a bank and broke out of death row at the Huntsville Unit in downtown Huntsville. He was recaptured and eventually went to the electric chair.

The random six-times-a-day inmate count, a routine announced by the blowing of a loud air whistle that echoes over the grounds of each Texas prison, revealed the absence of Bevan. It also alerted authorities to the most recent breakout at the Connally Unit when the maintenance shop failed to respond to the count whistle and report the number of inmates in the shop.

"The count didn't clear and that triggered the discovery of the escape," Castlebury said.

That set in motion a series of security responses, including setting up perimeters around the prison, launching search teams with dogs and alerting law enforcement agencies from loother inmates, relatives of the fugitives, former coworkers and acqaintances.

"These people work every day without the visibility of something like this," Castlebury said.

"Traditionally, when an inmate escapes, they go to their momma, or their wife or girlfriend," Garner says. "We know that, and that's the first place we would go. In this case, it's obvious they're not going to momma's house."

"There haven't been a lot of escapes of intelligent people," notes Mitchel Roth, an associate professor of criminal justice at Sam Houston State University and a Texas prison historian. "What makes this kind of stand up in the pantheon of prison escapes over the last few years is the intelligence these guys are showing."

But Roth believes the growing reward cache, now up to $100,000, and possible death sentences will be their undoing.

## Escapees from TDCJ



**Joseph C. Garcia**
**Age: 29**
**Hometown: San Antonio**
**Sentence: 50 years for murder.**



**Randy Ethan Halprin**
**Age: 23**
**Hometown: McKinney**
**Sentence: 30 years for injury to a child in Arlington.**



**Larry James Harper**
**Age: 37**
**Hometown: Danville, Ill.**
**Sentence: 50 years for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in El Paso.**



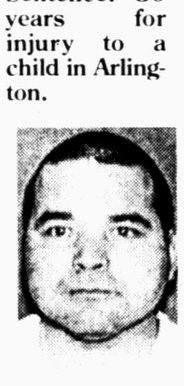
**Patrick Henry Murphy Jr.**
**Age: 39**
**Hometown: Dallas**
**Sentence: 50 years for aggravated sexual assault.**



**Donald Keith Newbury**
**Age: 38**
**Hometown: Albuquerque, N.M.**
**Sentence: Life sentence for aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon in Austin.**



**George Rivas**
**Age: 30**
**Hometown: El Paso**
**Sentence: Life sentence for aggravated kidnapping.**



**Michael Anthony Rodriguez**
**Age: 38**
**Hometown: San Antonio**
**Sentence: Life sentence for capital murder.**

### Crime Stoppers Hotline

**A special nationwide hotline for Crime Stoppers Anonymous has been established to receive information about the seven escaped prisoners from the Texas Department of Corrections. The number, 1-800-737-8143 (toll free), will be answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until the escapees are captured. Rewards totaling $100,000 have been offered for information leading to their capture**

*Source: Texas Department of Criminal Justice*

# Seven inmates staged escape after an unsupervised picnic

DALLAS (AP) — Seven inmates blamed for killing a police officer were left alone for an unsupervised "picnic"during the lunch hour that preceded their escape last month from a South Texas prison, a television station reported, quoting a confidential Texas Department of Criminal Justice report.

Convicts call it "spreading," laying out a sort of indoor picnic. Six inmates working in the maintenance department of the medium-security Connally Unit told their civilian prison-employee supervisors that they weren't going to the inmate dining room, according to the memo obtained by KHOU-TV in Houston. They said they would stay behind to "spread" their own meal with food they had bought at the prison commissary.

The seventh inmate then joined the six others "probably after their supervisors had left for lunch," the memo said.

According to the report, 10 civilian workers and a guard went to lunch and as each returned to the maintenance department, the inmates took them hostage.

KHOU, in disclosing the memo in its early evening Friday newscast, did not say where it got the memo, which went into detail about various aspects of the escape..

TDCJ spokesman Glen Castlebury said Friday night that he couldn't be sure of the memo's authenticity.

The Connally Unit is at Kenedy, 60 miles southeast of San Antonio.

Authorities across Texas continued to track leads from callers who think they've spotted the escapees. More than 1,200 tips have poured in since the Dec. 13 escape.

Police in San Marcos, 40 miles northeast of San Antonio, reported that two people looked at pictures of the escapees and positively identified two of them as being among six or seven men who were outside the Bank of America in downtown San Marcos during the lunch hour on Thursday.

A bank employee told police that a man entered the bank and inquired about opening a new account. The employee said bank employees got nervous because the man was acting "odd" and appeared to be scanning the building for security cameras. The employee called police, but the men left in three vehicles before police could arrive, officials said.

Two people looked at pictures of the escapees and positively identified two of them, San Marcos police chief Steve Griffith said.

Larry Todd, a spokesman for the TDCJ, said Friday it was doubtful the escapees were in San Marcos.

"It's still possible at this point, but not probable. We did not get a picture out of the video camera in the bank, nor were there any good fingerprints."

An official "serious incident review" will be issued next week, Castlebury said, and the department's board will discuss the incident at its bimonthly meeting in Austin.

The investigation "will be its usual in-depth, name names and affix blame," he said.

The seven escapees are wanted also on capital murder charges following the robbery of a sporting goods store in a Dallas suburb on Christmas Eve, 11 days after their escape. A police officer was shot 11 times — six times in the head — and run over shortly after arriving at an Oshman's USA store in Irving in response to a call.

Authorities said Friday that DNA evidence from a vehicle in which the robbers fled the sporting goods store indicates that two of the escapees probably were injured during the robbery. Irving police said blood from slain officer Aubrey Hawkins and two other people was found in the vehicle, which was stolen at the scene and later abandoned.

KHOU said the internal memo cited other details about the Dec. 13 escape: after tying up prison employees and inmates not involved in the escape, two escapees changed into civilian clothing they stole while two remained dressed as inmates. In addition to the stret clothes, the inmates took a correction officer's uniform.

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### Wild Markets Spur Need for Investment Expertise

When the stock market keeps going up, it's easy for investors to feel confident about their abilities to pick "winners." But what happens when the going gets rocky?

That's when it's time to turn to the experts.

At least that's one of the findings of the Investor Confidence Index, a semi-annual survey sponsored by the Forum for Investor Advice, a nonprofit association of financial-services firms. During the extreme volatility of the market earlier this year, many people lost confidence in their own investing abilities, according to the survey. At the same time, the number of investors who expressed a great deal of confidence in investment representatives rose sharply.

Many investors came to realize that they could benefit from professional financial expertise during times of market volatility. However, good investment representatives will prepare their clients for every type of investment climate. In fact, if they do their jobs correctly, they won't get a flood of calls when the market is choppy. That's because their clients know the financial markets will always fluctuate — and they don't panic when the "ups" turn to "downs." They follow personalized, long-term investment strategies instead of making vain attempts to "time" the market. They build diversified portfolios instead of chasing today's "hottest" stocks.

Where can you find an investment representative who will show you these things? Here are some suggestions:

**Ask for referrals** — Ask your friends or relatives who they use for professional financial expertise. Find out what it is they like about the person with whom they work. Is he or she a good listener? Knowledgeable about new products, services and laws? Accessible? If you get glowing reviews, you may decide that this is someone you'd like to talk to.

**Interview prospective investment representatives** — don't be afraid to ask for interviews with financial professionals. Find out how they work, how they get paid and if they've had experience with people whose financial situation is similar to yours. Learn what areas, if any, they specialize in. Ask what licenses they hold. If they work for a company, find out the company's investment philosophy. Above all else, see if you sense a rapport between the two of you. If you become a client, you'll be divulging some of the most personal details of your life — so you'd better feel comfortable with this person.

**Hold a "tryout"** — Even after you've chosen an investment representative, don't just assume that you're set for life. In your mind, give the person you choose in set time period — say one year — to prove that he or she is truly providing you with a valued service. And base the "tryout" on the investment representatives' ability to understand your needs and objectives — not just on his or her short-term performance. If, at the end of the tryout period, you're not satisfied, then find someone else. Remember, you're the client, and you're the one whose needs have to be met.

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# Astro-graph

**By Bernice Bede Osol**



## Your Birthday

**Sunday, Jan. 7, 2000**

There are indications you might attempt things in the year ahead you never dared try previously, thereby substantially expanding your horizons and your chances for success.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Although this might be considered a day of rest, an interesting opportunity could present itself today, offering you the chance to generate additional income. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** A social matter of a personal nature could be given top priority today. Although it might come about unexpectedly, the outcome will provide exactly what you need.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** When a challenging situation pops up unexpectedly today, you'll quickly discover you have far greater positive reserves upon which to draw than you ever thought possible. You're a winner.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** A propitious proposition could be presented to you today from out of the blue by a friend. It may have something to do with a new venture this pal would like to bring you into.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Developments are presently stirring that could enhance your sense of security, since they directly affect your status and material circumstances. It may be an uplifting day.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Someone who is presently separated from you by distance could be getting in touch with you today. Good things can result from this open line of communication.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Because you're not likely to take anything at face value today, you'll be a tough customer to deceive. However, if you should catch someone fibbing, don't blow it out of proportion.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You're such an agreeable person with a strong desire to be cooperative that associates are very likely to want to match any concessions you make with equal vigor.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Although you may have expected to make this a day of rest, chances are you'll be so invigorated today that you could focus your energies on one of your more ambitious objectives.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Picking up pointers from people with whom you'll be associating today could be one of your better attributes. You'll absorb knowledge and information like a sponge.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Provided you leave nothing to chance, the end result for which you're hoping should work out nicely for you. It'll allow you to carefully monitor any unforeseen step that pops up.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** A close contact could provide the sunshine needed to flood light on several situations in which you're involved. You'll now be able to move forward.

**Monday, Jan. 8, 2001**

Your chances for success in your field of endeavor look very good in the year ahead. Keep the faith through trying times, and make the most of the periods that offer opportunities.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Try not to waste your time today with those who restrict your vision. Instead, team up with associates who tend to inspire you in exploring new horizons. It could carry you far. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions 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.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Listen well, because there are some valuable bits of information being bantered about today that could prove beneficial to you. It'll be up to you, however, to fit the pieces together.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** A chance encounter today with someone new could produce interesting possibilities for either the development of a powerful friendship or a romance.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Spend some time today figuring out just what has been impeding your progress, and do something about it. Start tearing down the barriers, and then find ways to improve the situation.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** If you're so inclined, use this day to bring together a couple of friends of yours whom you feel should meet. It doesn't matter if the reason is for business purposes or matchmaking.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** There are better than average chances for turning a higher profit today from circumstances that affect your work or career. Don't waste time on nonessentials.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Be your own person today, and don't leave matters that affect you personally up to others. Although they may mean well, they can't be as effective as you are over your concerns.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** There's a good chance an idea may come to you today concerning a plan to reap benefits from a peripheral situation. Don't be hesitant to bring in those who can help.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You could find yourself the center of attention today because your spontaneous thoughts are likely to be witty, provocative and of real substance. More may gather about you than usual.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Your bargaining skills are exceptional today in areas that have a direct relationship to your work or career. Concentrate on these realms and make a better deal for yourself.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** There isn't anything you can't accomplish if you assert yourself properly. You are the master of your fate, the captain of your ship.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Things that are initiated by others today could prove to be more fortunate for you than that which you attempt to inaugurate yourself. Flow with the tide and see where it takes you.

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# Killer receives 55 years for aggravated robbery

LUBBOCK (AP) — A killer who already had received two concurrent life sentences for murdering two women in Maine was sentenced to 55 years Friday by a Texas judge for the aggravated robbery of a Lubbock woman.

James Rodney Hicks, 49, will serve the 55 years after he completes his sentence in Maine, a state that has no option for parole.

Hicks smiled as he looked over court documents with his attorney, just moments after a woman he attacked called him an evil man.

"This is just like a business deal for him," said Maine Detective Joseph W. Zamboni, who accompanied Hicks to Lubbock for his sentencing. "He's not like you or me. He doesn't have any compassion for human life. The remorse isn't in him."

June Moss, the Lubbock woman who Hicks held a gun on and forced to drink a bottle of cough medicine in April, left the courtroom's witness stand in tears after reading a victim impact statement.

"He wouldn't even look at me," she said. "He may have heard a word or two. I hope he'll think about what I said."

Zamboni looked toward Moss. "He'll have a long time to think about it," he said.

Hicks, 49, was convicted of killing his wife Jennifer in 1984. The 23-year-old woman was last seen on July 19, 1977.

Hicks served a little more than six years in prison for his wife's murder and was released in 1990.

Authorities in Maine suspected Hicks in the disappearance of two other Newport women. But until his April arrest in Texas, authorities weren't able to connect him to the deaths of Lynn Willette, 40, last seen May 26, 1996, or Jerilyn Towers, last seen Oct. 16, 1982.

Zamboni says the pressure of all the scrutiny by authorities finally got to Hicks, who acted out of character during his robbery of Moss. The 67-year-old was able to escape when Hicks went to tend to a tub he was filling with water.

After his arrest, Zamboni said Hicks decided to cooperate with Maine authorities in exchange for serving his time in Maine, not Texas.

"He was finally faced with being incarcerated for the rest of his life," Zamboni said. "He's obviously a very dangerous person. I did at one point say to him when I was down here that he needed to be imprisoned. He knows he needs to be incarcerated. He knows more women would have ended up dead."

Moss is just thankful she was spared.

"I thank God daily for ... using this terrible experience to help solve the murders in Maine," she said. "For over 20 years, you murdered, molested and terrorized innocent people and their families. You committed your crime without shame and now face the consequences without remorse. You are an evil man."

Lubbock County District Attorney Susan Scolaro said Hicks will probably never serve any time in Texas, but the sentence provides insurance he will never be freed.

Hicks showed up to court Friday wearing jeans and a dark blue prison shirt. The short man, who wore a small pair of glasses, shuffled slowly to his courtroom seat hindered by the cuffs binding his hands and feet.

"There's a good feeling about the fact that he's locked safely away," Zamboni said. "The families now have closure. It's over. It's done."

## Explosions and fire occur Friday at Michigan steel plant

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Four explosions and a fire at the huge Rouge Steel plant on Friday injured at least two workers, authorities said.

Police Lt. Richard Zimmerman said the workers were able to walk away after the explosions in a blast furnace.

The 1,100-acre Rouge complex comprises six Ford Motor Co. plants and Rouge Steel, where the explosions occurred.

Rouge Steel vice president Bill Hornberger said molten steel of about 2,000 degrees spewed out of the furnace. The blast shut down the furnace and one-third of the plant's iron-making capacity, but damage was limited to pipes and wiring.

"We've got a mess," Hornberger said. "Thank God no one was hurt."

The incident was the latest in a series of accidents at the Rouge complex.

A year ago, molten steel exploded in a vat at the foundry, sparking a series of small fires and causing two minor injuries. In August 1999, one worker died after being overcome by fumes while performing maintenance work at Rouge Steel.

And in February 1999, a boiler explosion at a Ford power plant killed six employees and injured 14 others.




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Swiss steak, broccoli rice almondine, asparagus, tossed salad, brownie

**Tuesday**

Chili con carne, cheese sticks, sliced onion, fruit cocktail, peanut butter cookie, cornbread

**Wednesday**

Pork roast w/gravy, whole kernel corn, fried okra, tomato wedges, apple cobbler

**Thursday**

Chicken strips w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, savory peas, tossed salad, red applesauce

**Friday**

Fried fish, pinto beans, crinkle cut fries, cole slaw, Jello cake

# Senior Center News

New Activity: An eighty-eight tournament has been scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the dining room. Each match will be the best of three games and the tournament will be double elimination. Seniors may enter as a team or individually. The bracket will be drawn at 1:30 p.m. and the first match played. Following rounds will be scheduled at the convenience of others of the opposing teams. Everyone will meet in the dining room.

Everyone is invited to the community sing at the Senior Center on next Saturday. Entertainment begins at 6 p.m. and there is no charge.

AARP has scheduled a "55 Alive" defensive driving course for Jan. 18-19 from 8:30-12:30 to be held in the conference room at the center located at 2603 Ave. M. Cost of the course is $8. Some automobile insurance companies offer a discount to those who complete the course. Individuals are encouraged to contact their insurance company. Call 573-4035 to register.

An AARP training class is scheduled for Jan. 22 from 11 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. Call the center for more information. The regular AARP meeting scheduled for Jan. 15 has been canceled.

Volunteers at the Food Cupboard are in need of paper and plastic bags. The items may be brought to the center or the Food Cupboard.

Citizens of any age in the low-income bracket will be able to receive assistance in filing income tax returns beginning Feb. 7. Bernhard Bartels will be at the center each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m.

**Monday**

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11.

**Tuesday**

Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon in the conference room. The Eight-Eight Tournament begins at 1:30 p.m. Social Security agents will be at the Senior Center from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1-2 p.m.

**Wednesday**

The Kitchen Band will entertain at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. Anne Gregory will play the piano in the dining room at 11:30 a.m., and Advisory Board members are reminded of their meeting at 11:30. Line dancers and cloggers will perform at 1:30 p.m.

**Thursday**

The Sunshine Choir will entertain at 10 a.m. at Snyder Healthcare. All seniors are invited to participate in game night at 6 p.m.

**Friday**

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 10 a.m. and the sing-a-long begins at 11:30 a.m.

## Teen-ager sentenced to five years

HOUSTON (AP) — A 16-year-old boy convicted of fatally stabbing a classmate with a screwdriver in the hallway of their southeast Houston middle school was sentenced Friday to five years in prison.

Estanilao Balderas originally was charged with murder but pleaded guilty to criminally negligent homicide for the Oct. 22, 1999, slaying of schoolmate Samuel Avila.

State District Judge Michael McSpadden sentenced Balderas, who was certified as an adult, to serve time in a youthful offender unit because he was 14 at the time of the crime.

Avila, 13, was stabbed once in the head with a four-inch screwdriver during a fight at Deady Middle School. Police said the fight was gang-related.


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# SPORTS

## Hermleigh drops district match-ups

BLACKWELL — After winning their district opener on Thursday, the Hermleigh Cardinals were unable to duplicate the feat Friday night.

Blackwell shut down Hermleigh's offensive production to secure a 65-28 district victory Friday night at Hornet gym.

The Hermleigh girls also fell to Blackwell, suffering their second consecutive district setback, 60-40.

In the boys' match-up, Hermleigh mustered only four points in the opening quarter, and 12 in the first half.

The Hornets held a 29-point lead at the break, and a 33-point advantage heading into the final frame.

Billy Lambaren dropped in 14 points to pace the Cardinals, while David Digby added 10 more. Justin Williamson and Jeremy Roemisch tallied two apiece.

In the girls' contest, the Lady Hornets scored 28 points in the first half to put the game out of reach.

Hermleigh tried to rally with a 17-7 run in the fourth quarter, but could get no closer than 20 points.

Sheena Callaway's 25 points paced the Lady Cardinals.

Sabrina Terry and Lisa Sanchez posted six points apiece, while Cheyenne Walker added two, and Samantha Smith chipped in one.

## Tigers hold off Frenship, 61-58

By Eric Drennan
*Sports Editor*

The Snyder Tigers discovered two things Friday night.

Shante Taylor is a force to be reckoned with underneath, and the Tigers aren't the same squad without point guard Jamaal Wofford on the floor.

Snyder held a 17-point lead at one time, but was forced to hold on down the stretch for a 61-58 victory over Frenship in Friday night's District 4-4A action at the SHS gym.

The victory keeps the Tigers (13-6) in a tie with Estacado atop the district standings at 3-0.

"We're extremely pleased to be where we're at right now," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "Going into district, we were hoping to be around 2-1 at this point. Our guys are playing well right now, but we have to keep improving and working hard, because it's a long district season."

After a tight first quarter of action, the Tigers started to pull away in the second period, thanks to the play of Taylor in the paint.

The 6-6, 240-pound senior dropped in 10 points in the second quarter, as Snyder built a 13-point advantage by halftime. Taylor finished the night with 22 points, nine rebounds, two blocks and a handfull of assists.

"Shante played a good game against Plainview, and he played even better tonight," said Birks. "This was his best game of the year, and hopefully this will give him the confidence to keep working hard."

Snyder stretched its lead to 17 points midway through the third quarter, before Wofford got into foul trouble.

Wofford, the Tigers' floor leader, picked up his third foul at the 3:47 mark of the third quarter, before being whistled for his fourth foul with 25 seconds left in the period.

Without Wofford on the floor, Frenship quickly trimmed the deficit to seven points, forcing Birks to send his starting guard back into the game.

"We wanted to keep Jamaal on the bench for a longer periods of time, so that we would have him at the end of the game," said Birks. "But every time we took him out, Frenship was able to make a run, because we kept turning the ball over."

Wofford lasted only three minutes, before fouling out with 4:22 to go in the game and Snyder clinging to a 56-49 lead.

With Wofford on the bench for good, Frenship continued to whittle away at the lead. The visiting Tigers forced five consecutive Snyder turnovers and knotted the tally at 58-58 with under two minutes left on the clock.

"We just couldn't take care of the ball," said Birks. "Frenship did a good job of putting pressure on us, and we made some bad decisions. Luckily we made our free throws again at the end to pull out the win."

Junior Tate Thompson drained one of two free throws with 53 seconds left to put Snyder up by one.

On its next possession, Frenship couldn't connect from three-point range and Taylor grabbed the rebound, before being fouled.

The senior drained both free throws for the final three-point margin.

Frenship had one final shot, but couldn't convert when Snyder's Heath Pinkerton tipped a pass away with two seconds remaining.

"It got pretty hectic at the end, but we kept our composure enough to win the game," Birks remarked. "A win is a win, and we'll take them any way we can get them."

Snyder will be in action again Tuesday at Andrews.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Frenship** | **14** | **09** | **13** | **22** | **— 58** |
| **Snyder** | **13** | **23** | **10** | **15** | **— 61** |

**Frenship**
McGaha 8-17 8-10 25, Bell 4-5 2-4 10, Gilliam 4-7 1-2 9, Shelby 2-4 0-0 4, Thomas 0-1 0-0 1, Fraser 2-6 0-2 4, Douglas 1-2 1-3 3, Newton 1-2 1-2 3. **Totals 22-44 13-23 58.**

**Snyder**
Taylor 8-11 6-9 22, Thornhill 6-10 4-6 16, Wofford 2-7 7-8 13, Pinkerton 4-9 0-2 8, McLeod 0-4 0-0 0, Pruitt 0-1 1-2 1, Thompson 0-0 1-2 1, McGuire 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 20-43 19-29 61.**

Three-point goals: Frenship 1 (McGaha), Snyder 2 (Wofford 2). Rebounds: Frenship 22 (McGaha 6), Snyder 25 (Taylor 9). Total fouls: Frenship 21, Snyder 19. Fouled out — Wofford.

### District 4-4A Boys' Basketball

| Team | District W | District L | Season W | Season L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Snyder** | 3 | 0 | 13 | 6 |
| **Estacado** | 3 | 0 | 12 | 9 |
| **Lake View** | 2 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| **Plainview** | 1 | 2 | 10 | 11 |
| **Frenship** | 1 | 2 | 11 | 11 |
| **Andrews** | 1 | 2 | 14 | 7 |
| **Levelland** | 1 | 2 | 15 | 7 |
| **Big Spring** | 0 | 3 | 5 | 15 |

**Friday's games:** Snyder 61, Frenship 58; Levelland 86, Lake View 55; Estacado 45, Plainview 43; Andrews 86, Big Spring 48.

**Tuesday's games:** Andrews at Snyder; Levelland at Estacado; Lake View at Frenship; Big Spring at Plainview.

## Match Play final has unlikely pair

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Without Tiger Woods, David Duval, Phil Mickelson and so many others skipping the Match Play Championship, there was always that chance two guys like Pierre Fulke and Steve Stricker might reach the finals.

Not that Ernie Els didn't give it his best shot.

Fulke took advantage of several lapses by Els and made some incredible saves of his own to beat the top seed, 2 and 1, in the semifinals Saturday at Metropolitan Golf Club.

He will play a 36-hole final against Stricker, who has not made a cut since his hometown Greater Milwaukee Open in July and finished 113th on the money list.

Stricker has played like a world-beater this week, though, especially in a 2-and-1 victory over Toru Taniguchi.

Taniguchi, 3-down with seven to play, made it exciting with wins on the 12th and 13th holes. But Stricker made an 18-foot par putt on the 15th, and stuck it close on the 16th as the Japanese star bogeyed.

Fulke, whose performance here has all but clinched a European Ryder Cup spot, will play Stricker, at 55 the lowest seed to ever reach the semifinals with $1 million on the line.

The loser gets $500,000.

"This is the first time I've had a chance to win $1 million," the Swede said.

After Els and Fulke bogeyed the opening hole, Els went 1-up with a birdie on the fourth hole, but it went back to square when he bogeyed the fifth.

Els' rollercoaster round continued with a birdie on the sixth, but Fulke birdied the eighth and ninth holes to go 1-up at the turn. Fulke double-bogeyed the 10th and the match was level again.

The 12th was the turning point in the match. Fulke put his second shot on the par-5 hole into trees next to the green, then made a shot from an awkward stance and under branches to 3 feet from the pin for birdie.

Els had a long putt for eagle, but three-putted for par and never caught up. He didn't go down without a fight.

Two-down on the 17th, Els appeared to have no shot and prepared to play a hard hook that would have left him short of the green. Instead, he slashed at a 5-iron, through a gap in the trees, to about 15 feet.

But he missed the putt, and Fulke holed a 6-foot par putt to end the match.

"I was just about to give up the hole when I saw a little gap in the trees," Els said. "I took a 5-iron and gave it a go. It was a shame I couldn't have made the putt and we could have gone to 18."

Fulke said he and Els have had better days.

"We both played pretty scrappy out there," Fulke said. "It wasn't really pretty. But beating Ernie in match play is incredible. I said to my caddie before we played that if I can beat Ernie, that's like a final."

Stricker may have something to say about that.

Starting the year with a flourish, the Wisconsin native took a 2-up lead after nine holes and held on while Taniguchi made his two-hole charge midway through the back nine.

"I've got to pinch myself to make me realize that I'm in the final, particularly when I wasn't supposed to be here based on my ranking," Stricker said. "But I've still got 36 holes to go and it's important that I say focused for another day."

## Saints' coach garners honor

NEW YORK (AP) — In the Year of the Coach, the job Jim Haslett did in New Orleans was the most outstanding.

Haslett, in his first season coaching the Saints, beat a strong field to win The Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year award, announced Saturday.

Haslett, who took over a perennially underachieving team that had reached rock bottom and turned it into the NFC West champion, easily beat Philadelphia's Andy Reid in balloting by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcaster who cover pro football.

"Guys that had been here a long time, that had never won, never had a winning season, that takes a toll on you," said Haslett, who stepped into the mess Mike Ditka created. "The franchise wasn't in great shape, after four bad years.

"I think the No. 1 thing we had to do was get them on board with what we were trying to do, and that was to build a team and an organization that people could be proud of ... to try to change people's thinking inside by learning how to win, learning how to deal with adversity, learning how to deal with success. It wasn't easy.

"I don't think we're where we want to be yet, but I think we have a good start, a good foundation," added Haslett, whose Saints went 10-6 to supplant the defending NFL champion St. Louis Rams in the NFC West.

New Orleans then beat St. Louis last week for its first post-season victory, earning a spot against Minnesota in Saturday's playoffs.

"We've set a standard already, and now everyone has to live up to it," Haslett said.

There wasn't much to live up to in New Orleans. For three decades, the Saints generally have been tailenders.

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**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | T | OL | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Jersey | 21 | 11 | 7 | 0 | 49 | 130 | 94 |
| Philadelphia | 18 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 44 | 115 | 114 |
| Pittsburgh | 18 | 15 | 6 | 1 | 43 | 119 | 113 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 16 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 34 | 130 | 149 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 11 | 22 | 4 | 2 | 28 | 87 | 120 |

**Northeast Division**

| | W | L | T | OL | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Toronto | 20 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 49 | 130 | 103 |
| Ottawa | 21 | 12 | 6 | 0 | 48 | 123 | 93 |
| Buffalo | 20 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 46 | 108 | 97 |
| Boston | 14 | 16 | 6 | 4 | 38 | 100 | 124 |
| Montreal | 12 | 23 | 4 | 2 | 30 | 100 | 122 |

**Southeast Division**

| | W | L | T | OL | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 18 | 14 | 8 | 1 | 45 | 109 | 102 |
| Atlanta | 15 | 17 | 7 | 1 | 38 | 116 | 134 |
| Carolina | 15 | 16 | 4 | 2 | 36 | 86 | 103 |
| Tampa Bay | 12 | 20 | 5 | 2 | 31 | 103 | 135 |
| Florida | 8 | 19 | 7 | 6 | 29 | 88 | 119 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

| | W | L | T | OL | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | 26 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 56 | 131 | 76 |
| Detroit | 23 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 53 | 125 | 112 |
| Nashville | 15 | 18 | 7 | 1 | 38 | 93 | 109 |
| Chicago | 15 | 20 | 3 | 2 | 35 | 102 | 114 |
| Columbus | 13 | 22 | 4 | 2 | 32 | 92 | 128 |

**Northwest Division**

| | W | L | T | OL | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Colorado | 26 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 58 | 124 | 91 |
| Vancouver | 20 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 48 | 133 | 115 |
| Edmonton | 19 | 17 | 6 | 1 | 45 | 117 | 118 |
| Calgary | 14 | 15 | 8 | 4 | 40 | 100 | 112 |
| Minnesota | 13 | 17 | 8 | 2 | 36 | 87 | 94 |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | T | OL | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Jose | 23 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 52 | 110 | 87 |
| Dallas | 21 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 47 | 108 | 85 |
| Phoenix | 17 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 45 | 96 | 81 |
| Los Angeles | 17 | 16 | 7 | 1 | 42 | 137 | 128 |
| Anaheim | 14 | 19 | 6 | 4 | 38 | 106 | 130 |

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**Thursday's Games**
Ottawa 6, Tampa Bay 3
Detroit 4, Dallas 2
New Jersey 4, N.Y. Islanders 2
Nashville 4, St. Louis 2
Phoenix 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
San Jose 2, Colorado 2, tie
Florida 4, Los Angeles 3

**Friday's Games**
Toronto 3, Buffalo 3, tie
Boston 1, Washington 1, tie
Montreal 4, Pittsburgh 3
Philadelphia 6, Atlanta 4
Minnesota 3, Detroit 2, OT
Edmonton 2, Chicago 1
Calgary 4, Anaheim 4, tie

**Saturday's Games**
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 1 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Columbus at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Florida at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 5 p.m.
Phoenix at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

### Sports Briefs

**Chiefs fire Cunningham**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Gunther Cunningham was fired after two lackluster seasons as coach of the Kansas City Chiefs, who want Dick Vermeil as his replacement.

They might have to wait to hire Vermeil, who led St. Louis to last year's Super Bowl title, then retired. Vermeil said he wants to coach the Chiefs, but the Rams still have him under contract and have shown no willingness to release him. Cunningham was 16-16 in two seasons with the Chiefs.

**Chargers name new GM**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Two weeks removed from a 1-15 season — the worst in the franchise's 41-year-history — the San Diego Chargers introduced John Butler as their new executive vice president and general manager. Butler, Buffalo's GM the last eight seasons, agreed to a five-year contract reportedly worth $7.5 million.

**UCLA receiver turning pro**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Freddie Mitchell, one of the nation's top wide receivers, will forgo his final year of eligibility at UCLA to make himself available for the NFL draft.

One of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award as the country's top receiver, Mitchell had 77 receptions — second-most in UCLA history — for a school-record 1,494 yards and nine touchdowns this season.

**seattle pays for Japanese outfielder**

By The Associated Press — After paying more than $13 million to get rights to Ichiro Suzuki, the Seattle Mariners agreed to pay the outfielder $14,088,000 in the next three seasons. While many Japanese pitchers have made the jump to the majors, Suzuki, a seven-time batting champion in Japan, will be the first position player. He is a career .357 hitter.

**Cardinals sign Bonilla**

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals shored up their bench by signing four free agents, including Bobby Bonilla.

Bonilla is a six-time All-Star who has a .280 average in 15 seasons with 282 homers and 1,152 RBIs. Last season with Atlanta, he batted .255 with five homers. He led the Braves with 10 pinch-hit RBIs.

Bonilla, once one of baseball's most feared hitters, agreed to a $900,000, one-year deal. St. Louis also agreed to minor league contracts with outfielder Bernard Gilkey, outfielder/first baseman John Mabry and third baseman Shane Andrews.

**Hogue returns to Stars**

DALLAS (AP) — Free-agent left wing Benoit Hogue, who played for Dallas during its 1999 Stanley Cup run, rejoined the Stars for a third time. Hogue, a 14-year NHL veteran, hasn't played this season after finishing 1999-00 with Phoenix. In 771 career games, Hogue has 212 goals and 306 assists.


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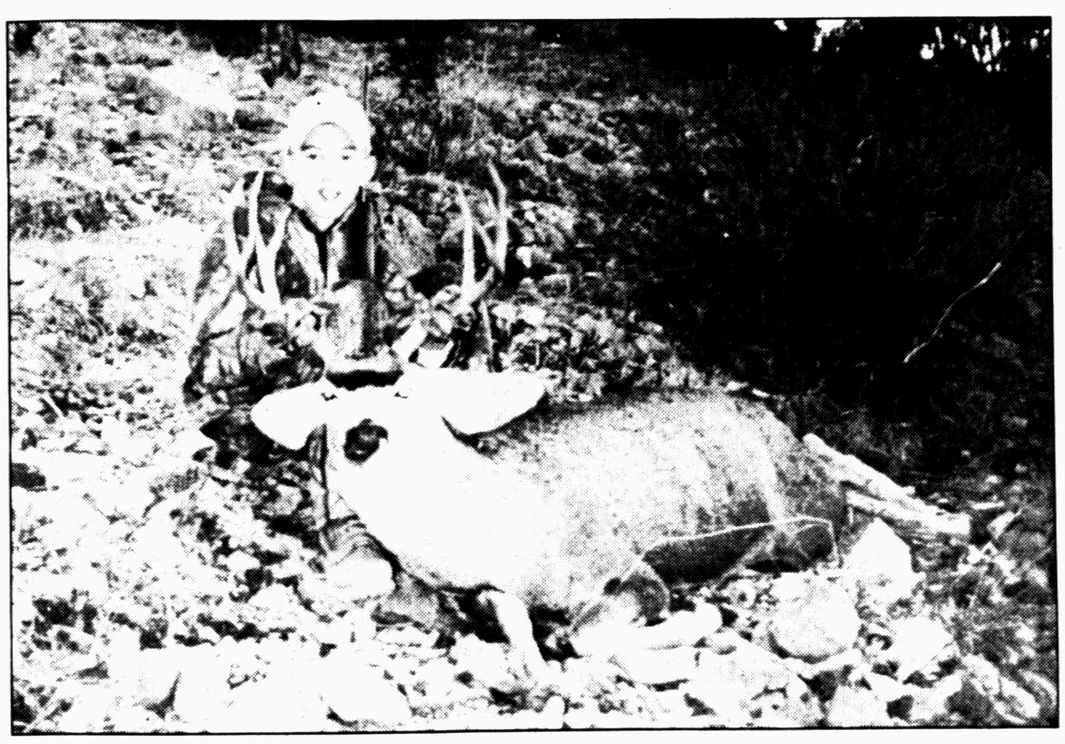


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# SPORTS



DEER SLAYER — Snyder's Jay Weaver, 12, shot a 10-point mule deer recently while hunting in New Mexico. Jay is the son of Randy and Barbara Weaver. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Lady Tigers recover from loss with biggest victory of season

One day after their worst loss of the season, the Snyder Lady Tigers came up with their biggest win of the year.

Snyder used suffocating defensive pressure and a steady offensive effort to knock off Frenship Friday night, 39-30, in a girls' District 4-4A match-up at the SHS gym.

The win keeps the Lady Tigers near the top of the district standings at 4-1, but the victory didn't come without a price.

Senior Kameron Kallemeyn crumbled to the floor, clutching her left knee with 1:32 left in the game. While a complete diagnosis is still unknown, early examinations looked grim for the Lady Tiger leader.

"She went to San Angelo to see the doctor this morning," said Snyder coach Sam Tipton on Saturday. "Right now we're keeping our fingers crossed and hoping for the best."

Kallemeyn suffered the injury two minutes after draining a pair of free throws to put the Lady Tigers up by six. She finished with a game-high 14 points and 4 rebounds.

"She had one of her best games in a while," said Tipton. "She had rolled her ankle earlier in the game, but she told me she wasn't staying out of the game, so I told her to get back in there and get after it. She is one of the greatest competitors that I've been around."

Tipton, facing the school where he holds the record for most victories, had his Snyder squad primed for the visiting Tigers.

Snyder struggled on the offensive end in the early going, but never trailed in the game thanks to its defensive effort.

The Lady Tigers blanked Frenship in the opening quarter, and held FHS without a field goal until the 2:30 mark of the second quarter. By then, the Lady Tigers had built a 14-6 advantage.

"Our defensive effort was tremendous during the first half," Tipton stated. "In fact, our effort all night was great. It took all these girls had to come back off last night's loss in Plainview, and play this well tonight. I'm extremely proud of them."

Snyder was coming off a 26-point setback to Plainview on Thursday, but showed no ill effects against Frenship.

The Lady Tigers quickly expanded their lead to 13 points in the third quarter on two buckets from Kallemeyn and a long-range bomb from T'Leah Eicke.

But Frenship wouldn't go away, and clawed its way back into the game early in the fourth quarter.

Frenship's Stacy Russell scored six straight points to close the gap to 28-26 with five minutes remaining.

Snyder was able to hold off the visiting Tigers from the free-throw line. The Lady Tigers scored all 11 of their fourth-quarter points from the stripe.

"We did what we had to do to win the game," said Tipton. "It wasn't always pretty, but we got the job done."

Snyder was able to win despite no field goals from their leading scorer Ashley Delce. Delce finished with only six points, all of them from the free-throw line.

Snyder will be in action again Tuesday at Andrews.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frenship | 00 | 11 | 08 | 11 | — 30 |
| Snyder | 04 | 15 | 09 | 11 | — 39 |

**Frenship**
Russell 4-10 2-4 10, Bagwell 2-5 3-4 7, Stewart 2 1-0 0-0 5, Spain 0-2 2-4 2, Gruner 0-2 0-0 0, McReynolds 2-2 0-0 4, Showalter 1-1 0-0 2, Alderman 0-1 0-0 0, Clark 0-2 0-0 0, Gruner 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals 11-35 7-12 30.**

**Snyder**
Kallemeyn 4-6 6-6 14, Eicke 1-2 3-4 6, Delce 0-3 6-8 6, Mackey 0-1 4-6 4, Geiger 3-6 3-4 9. **Totals 8-18 22-28 39.**

Three-point goals: Frenship 1 (Stewart), Snyder 1 (Eicke). Rebounds: Frenship 14 (Clark 4), Snyder 19 (Delce 5). Total fouls: Frenship 25, Snyder 12. Fouled out — Russell, McReynolds.

### 4-4A Girls Standings

| Team | District W | District L | Season W | Season L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Plainview | 5 | 0 | 20 | 1 |
| Snyder | 4 | 1 | 15 | 4 |
| Big Spring | 3 | 1 | 13 | 4 |
| Frenship | 2 | 3 | 15 | 8 |
| Andrews | 2 | 2 | 13 | 7 |
| Levelland | 2 | 3 | 16 | 4 |
| Estacado | 1 | 4 | 11 | 8 |
| Lake View | 0 | 5 | 8 | 13 |

**Friday's games:** Snyder 39, Frenship 30; Levelland 55, Lake View 31; Plainview 67, Estacado 35; Big Spring at Andrews.

**Tuesday's games:** Andrews at Snyder; Levelland at Estacado; Lake View at Frenship; Big Spring at Plainview.

*NFL playoff action...*

## Ravens face Titans Sunday in what may the "loudest bowl"

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — If the Baltimore Ravens thought their last visit to Adelphia Coliseum was loud, they might want to consider bringing ear plugs with them Sunday.

"It's going to be even more hyped than the Super Bowl was for us in Atlanta," Tennessee Titans end Kenny Holmes said.

How much louder?

"It might be the loudest ever," receiver Chris Sanders said. "It's going to be really loud, and I can't wait to be a part of that."

The fans impressed the Ravens enough during their last visit Nov. 12, when they became the only team to beat the Titans in their new home stadium. The cheering stopped only when Al Del Greco's 43-yard field goal hooked right as time expired.

But the stakes are far different Sunday when the Ravens (13-4) return for their third game this season against the Titans (13-3), with the winner advancing to the AFC championship game.

Trying to anticipate that noise, Baltimore coach Brian Billick pumped noise through PSINet Stadium during practices this week.

"We've got a healthy respect for the Titans and a huge respect for their fans," Billick said. "I've never been anywhere where fans have been able to sustain the level of noise as long and continuous as they have in Tennessee."

The Titans have been urging fans all week to bring their voices and energy to Adelphia on Sunday as they take the first step in defending their AFC championship.

"It's very unique for us to have home-field advantage, and it's very hard with the crowd noise that goes on in Adelphia for the opposing team. It's an advantage for us," quarterback Steve McNair said.

"They'll make us fired up."

With their third meeting this season, it's time to label the Ravens-Titans as the AFC's latest rivalry. It's a case of mutual respect where neither likes the other very much.

"It's heated up pretty good right now, and I think it's going to get even more in the future," McNair said.

They are nearly mirror images of the other now that Billick has focused his offense around rookie running back Jamal Lewis and a physical, quick defense. The Titans? They've been playing that way since drafting running back Eddie George in 1996, and their defense finally has rounded into shape as the NFL's No. 1 unit this season.

"It's almost as if we're preparing against ourselves," coach Jeff Fisher said.

Both defenses stop the run better than anyone else in the NFL, with the Ravens allowing just 60.6 yards per game and the Titans 86.9. Tennessee is better at defending the pass as the No. 1 unit in the league.

Baltimore is the NFL's hottest team, having won eight straight. The Titans have never held home-field advantage through the playoffs and have to see how they react to being off last weekend.

Whether the game turns into the usual low-scoring affair may depend on how the quarterbacks fare. Dilfer threw for 281 yards and two touchdowns in the Ravens' 24-23 victory here in November.

The Ravens worry about McNair, who has stayed inside the pocket much of the season while picking his spots to run. He has been hobbled by a sore left ankle the past two weeks, but he is preparing to run more against Baltimore's aggressive defense.

"They're not giving up much. If no one's open, that's when I'll try to make something happen with my legs," he said.

That worries Billick more than trying to stop George.

"Since I've been here, in our four games the difference has been the play of Steve McNair inside and outside the pocket," Billick said. "That's a two-headed monster we're playing, and it usually overwhelms most people."

## *Ira's hoops squads open with victories*

IRA — Ira couldn't have asked for better district openers.

Both Ira squads opened their district campaigns in convincing fashion Friday night with victories over Sands.

The Bulldogs took care of the Mustangs, 67-50, while the Ira girls registered a 45-37 win.

The Bulldogs improve to 6-8 on the year, while the Lady Bulldogs jump to 7-8.

"This was the best game we've played all year," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "It was the start of district, and the guys picked up the intensity level. These guys know how to play when the stakes are high."

The Bulldogs dominated the boards early on. Ira hauled in 20 rebounds in the first half, and raced to a 25-14 lead at the break.

The pace of play picked up in the second half, but Ira remained in control. The Bulldogs scored 17 points in the third quarter, and added 25 in the final frame.

Nathan Smith poured in 20 points to pace the Bulldogs, while Cade Tucker added 13.

Bryce Wilkins and Jake Barnes netted eight points apiece. Seth Sterling and Jess Wall tallied six each, and Todd Wall and Eric Dickerhoff chipped in three apiece.

In the girls' match-up, Ira built its largest lead of the game in the first quarter, when the Lady Bulldogs raced out to a 12-6 advantage.

Sands matched Ira point for point in the second period, then shaved two points off the deficit in the third quarter.

The Lady Bulldogs regained control in the final eight minutes, outscoring the Lady Mustangs, 18-14.

Morgan Clements' 29 points paced the Lady Bulldogs.

Kristen Harless and Tara Allen accounted for five points apiece. Celeigh Sterling dropped in four points, and Tosha Walker netted two.

Ira will be in action again Tuesday at Borden County.

## Dallas Mavs upend Toronto

TORONTO (AP) — Steve Nash, who starred for Canada at the Sydney Olympics, was a fan favorite despite playing for an opposing team.

Nash, who received a loud ovation before the game for leading Canada to upsets over Australia and Yugoslavia in Sydney, scored a career-high 27 points as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Toronto Raptors 115-105 on Friday night.

"Steve was the difference," said Dirk Nowitzki, who scored 29 points. "He's been aggressive all year. You can see what confidence does for you. The last two years, he was passing up a lot of shots, and we told him he's one of the best shooters in the league. He's really done it this year, and he did it tonight."

Nash made his first 11 shots, finishing 12-for-16 from the field with eight assists.

"I got my first career high in Vancouver, and to get one in Toronto is a great feeling," Nash said. "A lot of people are rooting for me here, so to have a good game was really exciting for me."

Toronto led at the half, 62-54, but the Mavericks outscored the Raptors 33-20 in the third quarter. Nowitzki scored nine straight during a 19-4 Dallas run bridging the third and fourth quarters.

Hubert Davis' free throw gave Dallas a 102-86 lead with just under five minutes remaining, but Vince Carter made a spectacular alley-oop dunk and Toronto went on a 15-2 run as Carter scored 11, narrowing the lead 106-101 with 1:15 remaining.

Nash ended the run with a driving layup, and Davis made a 3-pointer to give Dallas a 109-101 lead with 48 seconds left. Shawn Bradley then made two free throws to ice the victory.

Carter scored 33 for the Raptors, who held a team meeting after losing for the fifth time in six games.

Michael Finley added 20 for Dallas.

Nash scored 19 points on 9-for-9 shooting in the first half.

### NFL Playoffs

All Times EST
**Saturday, Dec. 30**
**Wild-card Playoffs**
Miami 23, Indianapolis 17, OT
New Orleans 31, St. Louis 28
**Sunday, Dec. 31**
Baltimore 21, Denver 3
Philadelphia 21, Tampa Bay 3

**Divisional Playoffs**
**Saturday, Jan. 6**
New Orleans at Minnesota, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)
Miami at Oakland, 4 p.m. (CBS)
**Sunday, Jan. 7**
Baltimore at Tennessee, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Philadelphia at New York Giants, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)

**Conference Championships**
**Sunday, Jan. 14**
**AFC Championship**
Miami-Oakland winner vs. Baltimore-Tennessee winner (CBS)
**NFC Championship**
New Orleans-Minnesota winner vs. Philadelphia-New York Giants winner (FOX)

**Super Bowl**
**Sunday, Jan. 28**
**At Tampa, Fla.**
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6 p.m. (CBS)

**Pro Bowl**
**Sunday, Feb. 4**
NFC vs. AFC, 5:30 p.m. at Honolulu (ABC)

### NBA at a Glance

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| Washington | 7 | 26 | .212 | 17 |

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| Minnesota | 19 | 15 | .559 | 2½ |
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| Golden State | 11 | 21 | .344 | 12 |
| L.A. Clippers | 11 | 23 | .324 | 13 |

**Friday's Games**
Dallas 115, Toronto 105
Philadelphia 121, Seattle 89
Golden State 100, Boston 88
Denver 100, Utah 87
Phoenix 108, Vancouver 76
Portland 119, Milwaukee 115
Charlotte 86, L.A. Clippers 73
Indiana 93, Sacramento 91, OT

**Saturday's Games**
Dallas at Washington, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
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Utah at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
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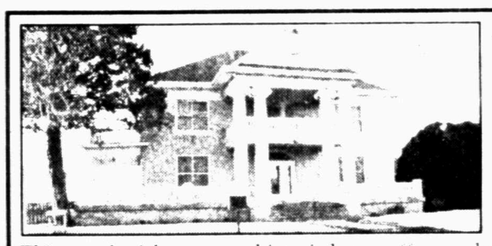
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# California utility announces more layoffs

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Southern California Edison Co. is planning 1,450 layoffs in coming months as the result of a power crisis that has pushed the utility to the brink of bankruptcy and prompted President Clinton to a call a White House meeting on the issue.

The layoff announcement on Friday came as Energy Secretary Bill Richardson granted a reprieve to SoCal Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric Co. by extending an order requiring suppliers to sell California electricity to avoid blackouts.

Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, National Economic Council director Gene Sperling and Richardson were among those expected to attend the White House meeting on Tuesday. It was unclear if Gov. Gray Davis, expected to discuss the issue in his State of the State address on Monday, would attend, said spokesman Steve Maviglio.

"The idea there is to try to create some sort of framework that could help to alleviate the supply crunch that California is experiencing now in energy," said White House spokesman Jake Siewert.

Richardson's order was scheduled to expire Friday, but the extension takes it through next Thursday. To keep it in place past Tuesday, the state must implement measures to reduce peak demand 5 percent by Jan. 15.

Also on Friday, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington rejected a bid by SoCal Edison to order the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to cap wholesale electricity prices. FERC had argued that a cap would not solve the crisis.

The three-judge panel said SoCal Edison had not proven that its right to relief was "clear and indisputable."

Shortly thereafter, SoCal Edison announced the layoffs. The company eliminated 400 jobs last month. The 1,850 layoffs amount to 13.6 percent of its work force.

SoCal Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric Co. were dealt a surprise blow a day earlier when state regulators approved price hikes of 7 percent to 15 percent, or about half of what the utilities had requested.

The rate hike, effective immediately, would raise the average monthly residential bill of $54 by about $5.

Wall Street did not expect such a modest rate hike to salvage the faltering utilities and responded by downgrading their parent companies' credit ratings. Then, stock prices plummeted.

All the while, the two utilities have pleaded for relief, having lost more than $9 billion since June to soaring wholesale prices and a state-imposed rate freeze that prevented them from passing costs on to consumers. The deficit, in turn, has affected the companies' ability to buy power on credit and avert blackouts.

Politicians, utility executives and customers alike have offered various solutions to the energy crunch.

The proposals have included establishing a state power authority that would promote the building of power plants; bailing out the utilities at taxpayer expense; giving taxpayers rebates from California's expected $10.3 billion surplus to cover higher electricity bills; and providing incentives for saving energy.

Advocate James Mays, of the Coalition for Electrical Energy Conservation, proposed switching Californians to energy-efficient bulbs.

"If the 5 million customers in the L.A. area had just one of these bulbs, it would save enough electricity to power 50,000 homes," Mays said.

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http://www.pge.com
Southern California Edison:
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The egg of the thick-billed murre, an artic seabird, is pointed at one end so that, if accidentally nudged, it will roll in a tight circle and not fall off the narrow cliff ledge on which it was laid.

# Clinton's forest protection plan criticized

WASHINGTON (AP)— Hailed by environmentalists, President Clinton's road and logging ban on federal forests unleashed furious criticism Friday from Western Republican lawmakers, who pledged to try to get it overturned.

President-elect Bush has not said whether he would try to roll back the new forest restrictions; but during his campaign, he suggested the proposal — announced more than a year ago — paid too little attention to concerns from Western states and the impact on logging and other industries.

Bush transition spokesman Ari Fleischer refused to speculate, but said of Clinton's rush of regulations in the final weeks of his presidency, "We will review them all."

With a backdrop of snow-dusted red cedar and magnolia trees at the National Arboretum, Clinton approved the new U.S. Forest Service regulations that will ban road building and most logging in nearly a third of the federal forest land in 38 states.

"Today we preserve the final frontier of America's national forest for our children," said Clinton, addressing about 150 people, many of them environmental leaders, who compared the road and logging ban to President Theodore Roosevelt's creation of the national forest system nearly a century ago.

But the forest protection plan brought sharp criticism from Republicans on Capitol Hill.

"This is last gasp of a hostile Clinton agenda to drive people off their public lands," fumed Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo., complaining that the action will "wall off" the public from million of acres of federal forest.

Rep. James Hansen, R-Utah, the new chairman of the House Resources Committee, promised a "vigorous congressional review," with an eye toward trying to overturn the rule in the 60-day time frame provided by a 1996 law.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, who had promised to "leave no stone unturned" to try to get the measure overturned, said he is confident it will be blocked by the courts. Timber, mining and energy industries as well as some Western states are expected to file lawsuits challenging the restrictions.

Under the Clinton forest management plan, the U.S. Forest Service will ban road-building in 58.5 million acres of federal forest land where no roads currently exist, including nearly 15 million acres in the Tongass National Forest in Alaska.

The regulations also will limit future logging in those areas to activities that "restore and preserve" the forest, although commercial timber contracts already in the government pipeline will be allowed to go through. In some cases, that could amount to continued logging for six to seven more years at today's harvesting rates, officials acknowledged.

While critics, including the timber, mining and energy industries, have attacked the plan as shortsighted and a threat to loggers, the administration maintains the economic impact will be slight.

Less than 5 percent of the timber from federal forests comes from roadless areas, the White House said. The Forest Service also will provide a $72 million, six-year assistance program to ease economic transition from job losses, officials said.

While hailing the forest plan as historic, environmentalists expressed concern that its implementation might be sabotaged or the provision otherwise scuttled by the incoming president, who has expressed his dislike of excessive federal intrusion in land decisions.

"It would be incredibly shortsighted of the new Bush administration to attempt to undermine this popular initiative," said Rodger Schlickeisen, president of Defenders of Wildlife.

Carl Pope, executive director of the Sierra Club, said Clinton has left "a legacy of wild forests for all Americans who love to hunt, hike, fish and camp."

But the euphoria may be short-lived. Environmentalists will not have to turn their attention to defending the plan from attack in both Congress and in the new administration, added Pope.

# Smithsonian museum shows peaceful images

WASHINGTON — News reports from Africa often depict images of war, disease and poverty, but the National Museum of African Art sees another picture — a nude surrounded by flowers, religious symbols, a motorized, life-size metal girl who claps her steel hands every half-hour for a festival.

A unit of the Smithsonian Institution that deals with traditional African art, the museum strikes out in a new direction Sunday. It opens "Encounters with the Contemporary," a show of new work by Africans at home, in America and Europe.

Valente Malangatana painted the nude in 1962 in Mozambique, then torn by guerrilla revolt against Portuguese colonial forces. The museum says he is known for pictures that "poignantly depict the trauma of armed conflict and revolution." But there's no violence in the painting or in the love poem he wrote on the back of the canvas.

"His works also address the myths and customs of his youth," the museum says in describing the picture, "the small pleasures of daily life and the triumph of the human spirit."

Symbols of faith are prominent in the show. Alexander Boghossian, who now teaches at Washington's Howard University, presents his own brightly decorative version of the parchment scrolls that devout people wear as talismans in his native Ethiopia.

Mmakgabo Mmpula Sebidi, a South African who studied in the United States as a Fulbright scholar, is represented by a colorful drawing that celebrates the survival of the spirit over death.

Elizabeth Harney, the museum's new curator of today's art, said the show also will include accounts of Africa's troubled recent history.

"There are going to be images of the Biafran war — not yet, but there will be in the next rotation," she said.

The Biafran war in Nigeria killed thousands and created at least 750,000 refugees between 1967 and 1970.

The show of 62 works will continue through Jan. 6, 2002, rotating some of the exhibits every four months.

Harney noted that some of the work from South Africa, represented by 12 of the 32 artists in the show, speak of violence and repression.

"South African artists have had to deal with that history every day, have had to show what it means to create a new identity and a new nation given the ravages of apartheid," she said in an interview.

Sokari Douglas Camp's mechanical "Clapping Girl" was "inspired by the sounds, movements and colors of (Nigerian) masquerades, funerals, plays, initiation ceremonies, regattas and festivals," the museum says.

Roslyn Walker, director of the museum, explained that she claps only on the half-hour to save wear on the motor.

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The family of Ervin Hale Sr. wishes to take this opportunity to thank all those who sent flowers, food, cards, came by or called. For all the prayers, kindness and love during the illness and loss of our loved one. A special thanks goes to the VA Hospital of Big Spring, especially Dr. Shwe, nurse Carolyn Rebber and 3rd West. Also thanks to the Community Care Hospice of Big Spring, especially nurses Alice Stacy and Betsy Armstrong, for such loving care. Thank you to Rev. Raymond Bugg and Rev. James Merrell for the comfort they brought him. A special thanks to Rudy's Restaurant, especially Rudy and Anniece Trujillo, Carla Norwood and Dana Riggins for so much love and support over the months. There are no words to express our love and gratitude. May God's blessings be with you everyday.

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# New rules designed to defuse Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are ceding important new powers to Democrats in an effort to make the extraordinary, evenly split Senate run smoothly. But neither side knows whether the experiment will work.

Capping weeks of haggling between the two sides' leaders, the Senate used a voice vote Friday to approve a package of new rules. Changes include equal numbers of seats for Democrats and Republicans on every committee, and curbs on each party's ability to block the other's amendments on the Senate floor.

The new procedures will make it easier for Senate Democrats to block or reshape President-elect Bush's agenda as he tries getting it through the narrowly divided 107th Congress, which convened Wednesday.

But with the Senate's 100 seats evenly divided and some procedural questions the two sides found too contentious to resolve, the new rules could still steer the chamber into gridlock.

"Do we have all the answers today? Certainly not," conceded Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota. "We are facing many uncharted waters here."

"It is a leap of faith, and we hope it's not off a cliff," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, the GOP leader who shaped the package with Daschle, admitted that the deal "may haunt me."

But he added, "It's going to force us to work together more than we have in the past, no doubt. I don't think that's bad."

The agreement marks yet another remarkable consequence of last year's extremely close election. The Nov. 7 voting produced a 50-50 Senate, a House held barely by Republicans and a bitterly contested presidential victory by Bush that saw him lose the popular vote but capture a narrow Electoral College majority.

The procedures were resisted by some members of both parties and as such represented a risk for both Daschle and Lott

The most vocal critics were some Republicans.

# States will get more time to spend health funds for kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirty-nine states, including Texas, that stood to lose hundreds of millions of dollars for children's health insurance have been given a reprieve.

All states had until the end of the fiscal year in September to use up about $4.2 billion that Congress had approved for 1998 for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), but only 11 met the deadline. Those that did not had to forfeit the remaining money to the states that did, a proposition New York officials said would leave about 250,000 children without health insurance in their state.

Those states got a break when the fiscal year passed without a new federal budget in place, leaving the funding in limbo. A lame-duck Congress last month finished work on the spending plan and included help for the 39 states.

Congress allowed those states to keep 60 percent of what they did not spend and will give the remaining 40 percent, or about $800 million, to the other states.

For New Mexico, which used only $4.2 million of almost $63 million it was provided in 1998, the change equates to about $35.3 million.

Because New Mexico provides Medicaid coverage to children whose families earn up to 235 percent of the federal poverty level, it was unable to provide more coverage through the CHIP program, said Barak Wolff, the state's director of public health. It proposed using its funds to provide additional services for those children. The federal government originally rejected the idea, but New Mexico is trying again under changed federal regulations for the program, Wolff said.

# Alternatives to trying Milosevic considered

WASHINGTON (AP) — Yugoslavia's foreign minister outlined three alternatives Friday for trying former President Slobodan Milosevic on war crimes charges, two of which appear to be unacceptable to the international tribunal that indicted him.

Foreign Minister Goran Svilanovic said one possibility was outright extradition of Milosevic to the U.N. International War Crimes Tribunal in the Hague, Netherlands, which indicted the former president in 1999 for alleged crimes against Kosovo Albanians.

Svilanovic, in Washington for talks with officials of the outgoing and incoming administrations, said a second alternative was to have Milosevic tried in a domestic Yugoslav court. A third option is to have joint cooperation between the domestic and international courts, with a Yugoslav tribunal serving as the venue, he said.

Florence Hartmann, a spokesman for the court in The Hague, said Friday that parts of any war crimes trial against Milosevic may be held in Yugoslavia, but the former Yugoslav leader must also be tried in The Hague.

She said Chief Prosecutor Carla Del Ponte would consider moving some hearings closer to the sites of the crimes to confront Yugoslavs with atrocities committed in the name of Serb nationalism.

## Obituaries

### Leslie McBeth

**1912-2001**

Leslie E. McBeth, longtime Scurry County resident, died Friday, Jan. 5, in St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan.



Leslie McBeth

Services for Mr. McBeth, 88, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born April 27, 1912, Mr. McBeth was the owner of McBeth Egg Farm and McBeth Pecan Farm, located east of Snyder on the Roby highway.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Janie and Walter Romine and Kay and Ricky Hopper, all of Snyder; a son, John McBeth of Bryan; three brothers, Carlos McBeth of Buffalo Gap, Paul McBeth of La Porte and Dick McBeth of Mary Esther, Fla.; and eight grandchildren.

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### Julia Huffman

**1913-2001**

Julia Mae Huffman, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, Jan. 6, at her daughter's home in Mesquite following a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Huffman, 88, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of the Ave. D Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 3, 1913 in Kentucky, she married Vic Huffman on June 3, 1929 in Drumwright, Okla. He died May 20, 1986.

A homemaker, Mrs. Huffman had lived in Snyder since the 1950s, moving to Mesquite in 1988. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Joe Parsons of Mesquite; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Betty Huffman of Duncan, Okla.; a stepdaughter, Jewel Townsley of Florida; three sisters, Nellie Tomblin of Apple Valley, Calif., Marie Warsh of Garden Grove, Calif., and Norma Bell of Torrance, Calif.; two brothers, Eldon Stephens of Van Buren, Ark., and Johnny Stephens of Malvern, Ark.; nine grandchildren; and numerous great and great-great grandchildren.

## Possession charge lands woman in jail

• ***Possession charge***

Rhonda Stevens Maxwell of 3001 41st Street was taken into custody Friday for possession of a controlled substance.

The 29-year-old was in possession of more than four grams but less than 200 grams of a substance believed to be cocaine.

Scurry County sheriff's office officials said the substance will be sent to a lab for confirmation.

The woman also had several outstanding warrants including a City of Snyder warrant for allowing an unrestrained child to ride in a vehicle and failure to appear.

In addition, Maxwell had outstanding Abilene warrants for speeding and failure to appear and a Randall County warrant for bond forfeiture.

• ***Overdose***

A 34-year-old woman was listed in stable condition Saturday morning after reportedly overdosing on a prescription medication Friday afternoon.

The woman was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital by private vehicle.

Another female called dispatchers at 4:04 p.m. Friday and reported that the woman had overdosed. Snyder EMS responded but did not transport the woman to the hospital.

• ***Trash dumping***

Charles Henderson requested that deputies keep a close patrol near his Hermleigh residence in reference to someone dumping trash on his property.

• ***Assault***

An offense report for Class A assault was filed at 9:13 a.m. Friday.

• ***Criminal mischief***

At 10:50 a.m. Friday, Barbara Minton with Discovery School contacted police in reference to the bicycle shed and playground equipment being vandalized at First United Methodist Church.

• ***Fight***

A fight at the American Legion Friday night resulted in two men being jailed on alcohol-related charges.

Officers arrested a 41-year-old man and a 34-year-old man for public intoxication.

• ***DWI***

Driving while intoxicated landed a 41-year-old man in jail at 12:11 a.m. Saturday. Officers arrested him in the 1400 block of Avenue R.

## Births

Reecie and Louis Fernando welcome a sister, Claudia Sanchez Sauceda, who was born at 2:29 a.m. on Dec. 16, 2000. Parents are Benito and Adelpha Sauceda of Hermleigh. Born in Lubbock UMC, Claudia weighed nine pounds, one ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Modesta Sanchez of Hermleigh and the late Louis Sanchez; paternal grandparents are Maria Sauceda of Snyder and the late Fernando Sauceda.

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Bethany Lynn Reynolds of Hermleigh announces the birth of her six-pound, eight-ounce brother, Austin Cole Reynolds. He was born to Vance and Wendy Reynolds of Hermleigh at 9:05 a.m. on Jan 2 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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Karani Michelle Zimmerman was born Dec. 21, 2000 in Baylor Medical Center in Garland. Parents are Gary and Kelly Zimmerman of Wylie.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Clydine Hinkle of Snyder, and Wayne and Marilyn Pace of Midland. Paternal grandparents are Mel and Mary Zimmerman of Allen.

## Sweetwater man enters guilty plea

An 18-year-old Sweetwater man pleaded guilty Thursday in 132nd District Court.

Frank Abram Diaz pleaded guilty to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle belonging to Richard Sumruld. The offense occurred last Oct. 9.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong senteced Diaz to two years in a state jail facility, probated for five years and fined the defendant $750.

## Late night fire damages home

A late night fire Friday in the 3300 block of Avenue A left a home heavily damaged.

Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland said the 3309 Avenue A house, which is owned by David and Julie Strunk, received heavy damage to one bedroom, heat damage to the hall and smoke damage throughout the house.

The Strunk's daughter, Casey Fincher, and her daughter lived in the home.

Westmoreland said a babysitter and the child were home at the time of the blaze. No one was injured.

He said the cause of the fire is under investigation, but it is believed to be electrical in nature.

The fire department was dispatched around 10:43 p.m. and left the scene shortly before 1 a.m.

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## events WHAT'S UP?

### ONGOINGS

**United Way meeting**

Scurry County United Way will have a campaign report meeting at noon Monday in the chamber of commerce board room.

**Scurry County retired teachers**

Scurry County Retired Teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. The program will be on long-term care insurance.

**Bible study tapes**

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Jesus' Teaching on Civil Government," followed by "The Apostle's Teaching."

**Social Security reps**

Representatives of the Big Spring Social Security office will be at the Senior Center Tuesday from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-2 p.m.

**Lions Club meeting**

Snyder Lions Club will resume its regular noon weekly meetings Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

**1981 class reunion**

The SHS class of 1981 reunion committee is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion scheduled June 29-30. Submit names, addresses and e-mail addresses at shsclass of81@hotmail.com, or by calling Beth Bowen (573-2670), or Charlotte Clifton (573-2430).

**Relay for Life meeting**

A meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board room to begin planning for the April Relay for Life event.

**Vocational nurse program testing**

Testing for the March vocational nursing class at WTC is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. Jan. 17, 1:30 p.m. Jan. 31 and 9 a.m. Feb. 9. To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

**American Cancer Society**

The Scurry County Unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday.

**Volunteer training**

Gateway Family Services (formerly Noah Project West) will offer a Volunteer Training class from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at Gateway Family Services. RSVP at 573-1822.

**Country and gospel music program**

The next country and gospel music program at the Scurry County Senior Citizen Center will be held at 6 p.m. next Saturday. For additional information, call 573-3996.

**Adult basic education classes**

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

**Ira annual deadline**

Thursday, Jan. 25, is the last day to purchase a 2001 Ira Bulldog yearbook with your name on the cover. Cost is $26. Price without name is $22.

**Windbreak trees**

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

**Glory Room open**

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

**Cancer treatment transportation**

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

**Discovery School registration**

Registration for summer Discovery School at First United Methodist Church is underway. The session is for June and July. Registration will continue until classes are filled. Summer hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for children ages six weeks through five years. For more information, call 573-4770.

# Vatican's Jubilee Year of repentence concludes

VATICAN CITY (AP) — With one tug and then another, Pope John Paul II pulled shut the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica Saturday, solemnly ending the Vatican's Jubilee Year of repentance that drew some 25 million pilgrims to Rome.

The Holy Year, usually proclaimed every 25 years by pontiffs, this time coincided with both the change of centuries and millenniums. John Paul had looked with anticipation toward the event for much of his 22-year-long pontificate as a chance to rejuvenate the Catholic Church and its billion members.

An aide held on to the left arm of the pope, who is 80 and ailing, to support him as he closed the right side of the bronze door in the atrium of St. Peter's.

When he closed the left side of the door, applause thundered outside in St. Peter's Square, where many of the faithful, estimated by Vatican officials at about 100,000, were watching the ceremony on TV screens.

On Friday, pilgrims passed through the door at the rate of about 100 a minute as part of a Holy Year ritual granting them remission from punishment for sin.

"We know with certainty," prayed the pope, "that the door of your clemency is never shut for those who believe in your love and proclaim your mercy."

Later, during a Mass, John Paul reflected on the Holy Year's major events.

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# Date Books

**Saturday, Jan. 6, 2001**

Today is the sixth day of 2001 and the 17th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1639, the Virginia General Assembly ordered that half of that year's tobacco crop be burned so that planters could earn more from the remainder.

On this day in 1898, submarine inventor Simon Lake sent radiotelephone messages to Baltimore, New York and the District of Columbia from the bottom of Maryland's Patapsco River.

On this day in 1975, Ted Turner purchased the Atlanta Braves for $11 million.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Joan of Arc (1412-1431), saint; Carl Sandburg (1878-1967), writer; Tom Mix (1880-1940), actor; Sam Rayburn (1882-1961), U.S. politician; F.L. Doctorow (1931-), writer, is 70; Lou Holtz (1937-), football coach, is 64; Louis Freeh (1951-), FBI director, is 50; Nancy Lopez (1957-), golfer, is 44; Howie Long (1960-), football player-commentator, is 41.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1985, Lady's Secret became the Horse of the Year by winning the Eclipse Award.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "I love the challenge." — Nancy Lopez.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between first quarter (Jan. 2) and full moon (Jan. 9).

**Sunday, Jan. 7, 2001**

Today is the seventh day of 2001 and the 18th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1744, in London, Sotheby's held its first auction.

On this day in 1789, the first presidential election was held in the United States.

On this day in 1962, Chubby Checker's "The Twist" reached No. 1 on the pop charts for the second time.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Millard Fillmore (1800-1874), U.S. president; Charles Peguy (1873-1914), writer; Charles Addams (1912-1988), cartoonist; Jean-Pierre Rampal (1922-2000), flutist; Jann Wenner (1947-), publisher, is 55; Kenny Loggins (1948-), musician, is 53; Nicolas Cage (1964-), actor, is 37.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1972, the Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Atlanta Hawks 134-90. It was the Lakers' 33rd consecutive victory.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "The art of conversation is the art of hearing as well as of being heard." — William Hazlitt.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between first quarter (Jan. 2) and full moon (Jan. 9).

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## Former mayor of Texarkana sentenced

LUBBOCK (AP) — A judge sentenced a former mayor of Texarkana, Arkansas, to federal prison Friday for his role in a 1999 post office robbery in West Texas.

The judge in Lubbock sentenced William Dale Griffin, 70, to five years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release. He must surrender by January 26.

Griffin, who was mayor of Texarkana in the 1960s, in September pleaded guilty to conspiracy to rob a post office and to steal money orders.

According to papers filed in court, blank money orders were stolen from the post office by coconspirators Nathan D. Biddle and Arlander James Logan.

Biddle and Logan assaulted a Blackwell post office clerk when they stole money and currency during the October 13, 1999, holdup. Blackwell is about 45 miles southwest of Abilene.

Both men pleaded guilty last year to federal charges of assault with intent to rob a United States Post Office and aiding and abetting. Each was sentenced to 65 months in federal prison.

# Dr. Gott

**By Peter Gott, M.D.**



## *What if blood pressure is low?*

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I constantly hear about the dangers of high blood pressure, but never anything about low blood pressure. Are there health consequences from hypotension? Should I be concerned about my blood pressure of 100/60?

**DEAR READER:** As a general rule, low blood pressure is healthful and safe. The exception is hypotension caused by disease, such as anemia, serious infections and metabolic disturbances. Also, some elderly patients under treatment for hypertension may develop unacceptably low blood pressures from their medications. This leads to lightheadedness and fainting.

If you feel good, disregard your low blood pressure. All healthy people occasionally experience transient lightheadedness and uncertainty when they suddenly sit or stand from a lying position. This is OK and does not reflect illness.

Obviously, hypotensive people who are chronically tired and lightheaded should seek medical attention to make sure they aren't suffering from an undiagnosed ailment. But hypotension is quite different from hypertension; as doctors often quip: "No one ever died from low blood pressure."

**To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Hypertension." Other readers who should 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:** Right after World War I, our parents made us children wear "asifity" around our necks to ward off flu. What was in it? It smelled terrible, but everyone wore it. Did it really help that much?

**DEAR READER:** I've done some research but have been unable to identify the constituents of asifity. I suspect that it was an herbal remedy of total ineffectiveness, similar to the practice of wearing garlic around the neck to ward off evil spirits. As you know, the "Spanish" influenza of 1918-19 struck when scientific medicine was in its infancy. Physicians had yet to discover viruses. Modern drugs, notably antibiotics, were a generation away from being invented.

Vaccines existed in theory only. People had no real weapons against untreatable diseases, such as influenza; therefore, they used what was at hand — usually, herbal remedies.

We now know that influenza is caused by a group of viruses and is spread by person-to-person droplet contact, such as sneezing and coughing. If asifity smelled bad and was universally worn, it may have protected some people by keeping them away from one another — in essence, a sort of self-induced quarantine.

Today's influenza vaccines effectively prevent flu epidemics (and related fatalities) by stimulating the immune system to produce antibodies, packets of protein that deactivate the viruses before they have a chance to cause illness.

I often contemplate what sort of perspective scientists will have in 80 years, as they look back to our current therapy. Modern treatments for cancer and heart disease, for example, may appear as outrageously primitive to future doctors as much of 1918 medicine seems to us today.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Why are doctors' medical values changing and how can patients keep up with them?

**DEAR READER:** Here is a rather long answer, but one that I hope will amuse.

Several years ago, a bad doctor was one who was incompetent. People willingly put up with surliness and inconsistency in their healers, as long as the practitioners knew what they were doing.

Now it is trickier to find a bad doctor because, although incompetence is still around, the definition of "bad" seems to have changed. Today's "bad" doctor exhibits the following characteristics: He or she refuses to join pre-paid health plans, dresses appropriately, respects patients' rights, won't accept Medicare assignment, considers patients' health to be more important than the interests of insurance companies, maintains independence, is sympathetic and doesn't complain.

In contrast, the 21st century "good" doctor has the following traits. He or she:

— disdains fee-for-service. Would rather work a 40-hour-week in a salaried job. (Patients who need help after hours have to go elsewhere.)

— wears dungarees and a small gold post in the ear. Physicians are no longer expected to favor conservative clothes, ties or ironed skirts. Many doctors have followed the college craze of wearing scrub suits. Some residents and young practitioners, especially those in inner-city hospitals, uniformly dress in running shoes and hand-painted T-shirts. This habit is calculated to break down social and ethnic barriers and lets patients know that the healer is just one of the "guys," even though studies have shown that sick people feel more comfortable being taken care of by professionals who wear neat, traditional garb.

— views patients' rights as an odd throwback to the era of pre-scientific medicine. Because patients cannot possibly grasp the complexity of high-tech medicine, they have no right to be included in decisions about diagnosis and treatment. Also, their needs are second to those of the hospital, the HMO or the teaching center. Patients exist to serve the medical profession, not vice versa.

— insists on charging full fees that are carefully — and sometimes creatively — coded to correspond to Medicare's maximum allowable charges. (In this way, patients never see a bill, but third-party payers end up being bilked out of huge sums, in the absence of quality control. Can a low-level administrator really make valid judgments about medical decisions that are in play hundreds of miles away from his air-conditioned office?)

— owes allegiance to insurers. Because insurance companies, Medicare and Medicaid pay the bills, the doctor has to play by the rules (see above). For example, if the practitioner is pretty sure that insurance will not pay for a patient's proposed hospitalization, the patient may not be hospitalized. Thus, the decision becomes an economic, not a medical, choice.

— avoids independent thinking. Weighty matters are decided by committee, such as the hospital Ethics Committee or Utilization Review Committee. This is much easier on the doctors, and it's safer, too, because it spreads the liability, should the decision be incorrect. Doctors always feel more comfortable having a lot of company when defending a malpractice suit.

— scorns sympathy. By becoming emotionally involved with a patient — i.e., caring — the practitioner loses objectivity. Patients must then be viewed as people, instead of objects. This posture interferes with modern scientific, computer-controlled medical care. Today's "good" doctor remains aloof and uncontaminated by human emotions.

— complains constantly. Favorite subjects are overwork (during the 40-hour week), high malpractice premiums (paid by the hospital or HMO), increased office expenses (usually shared in group practice) and lack of job satisfaction (because of insurance-generated paperwork and a surprising lack of patient gratitude). Complaining is standard behavior for physicians. It has replaced discussions about interesting cases and weather predictions. With continued use, it can be refined into chronic whining, a valuable attribute coveted by many young practitioners.

Of course, this satirical analysis isn't serious. If it were, we would be thronging to "bad" doctors instead of "good" ones. So far, that hasn't happened. However, as I've said before, definitions change. Perhaps the "bad" doctors of the future will really be the ones in demand. So, when you move into a new community, you may be tempted to ask: "Where are the bad doctors here? I need one for my family."

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I am a 66-year-old woman who had an ovary removed in 1973. I still want sex. Is there something wrong with me?

**DEAR READER:** Not on your life, the loss of one ovary (or both) should not necessarily affect your libido (sex drive). After hysterectomy, some women say that they experience a decrease in libido, but this is far from a consistent perception. Women do not need more than one ovary, any more than men need more than one testicle. Enjoy the gift of sexual awareness.

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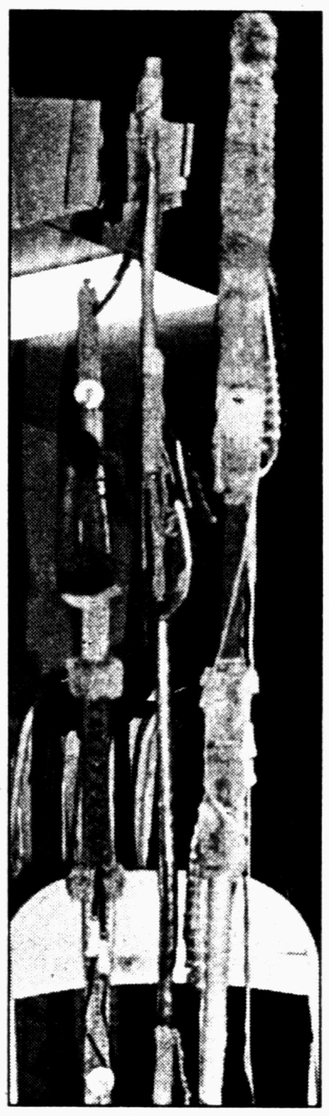
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American Profile

# Hanes shares Indian heritage



Bow, spear and walking stick.



David Hanes holds a war shield (right) )and a mandella (left).

**Scurry County Folks**

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

# Local visits Stanfield

Stanfield students now know a great deal about Indians, thanks to David Hanes who recently presented a program on the Indian way of life.

Hanes used the artifacts he brought with him to show students how Indians once lived. He knows what he is talking about because he is one-fourth Cherokee. Hanes, whose Indian name is Silver Fox, told students that both sets of his grandparents are full-blood Cherokee. He explained that most native Americans are named for things that were around them when they were born. These names are usually passed down from one generation to the next.

Indians had to be smart in order to catch the food they needed to live, Hanes said. When they were out hunting for food, he demonstrated how they could quickly load their bow with an arrow from the quiver they carried on their back. Deer provided food as well as material to make other items the Indians needed.

Every part of the animal was used. Sinew (deer tendon) had many uses. Men strung their bows with it and used it for their fishing lines, while the women used it for sewing.

Hanes pointed out that the bow he had brought with him was decorated with feathers, deer bones, and rabbit fur. He noted that when Indians killed an animal for food, they added the fur to their bow. They believed that this would make them stronger the next time they

See Stanfield, Page 5B



Stanfield students are looking at David Hanes' collection of Indian artifacts.

# Began programs 16 years ago

David Hanes, director of Work Force Education at Western Texas College, is proud of his Indian heritage and enjoys sharing his knowledge of how Indians once lived.

Hanes, who is one-quarter Cherokee, had originally thought he was only one-eighth Cherokee. He learned the truth at age 30 when he discovered who his "real dad" was.

His paternal and maternal grandparents are full-blood Cherokee. Their surnames are Winters and Woods. Hanes grew up with one sister, but over the years has learned about other sisters he never knew he had.

He said his story reads like a "Reader's Digest kind of thing." He was 18 years old when he learned about one sister. He found out about another at age 23 and still another at age 30. He laughed as he recalled then asking his family not to wait until he was 40 years old to tell him about any other sisters he might have.

During the past several years, Hanes has learned a great deal about Indians from his grandparents and through his own research. He utilizes the Internet extensively and has been on various digs in Texas and 13 other states, where he unearthed many arrowheads or points.

Before moving to Snyder, Hanes lived in East Texas for about 12 years. Because Caddo Indians once lived and farmed there, a lot of Indian artifacts have been discovered in that part of the state.

The name Texas evolved from "Tejas," which is the Spanish spelling for the Caddoan word for "those who are friends." On various searches in that area, he said he has discovered points and a tomahawk head.

He has a friend who lets him search his land after he has plowed it. Most of Hanes' collection has either been handed down from family members or discovered on various digs.

Hanes also has had some of his display items made. For instance, a Sioux Indian made the handle for the tomahawk he found. He also acquired a bow that came from the set of the "Lonesome Dove" television mini-series.

Hanes began making presentations 16 years ago because he wanted to keep the Indian way of life alive and to perpetuate history.

His first presentation was at an East Texas school. The students at John Tyler High School got a little more than they bargained for when Hanes used flash powder to create a special effect.

Hanes likes adding special effects, but had not alerted the teachers in advance. He coated his hands with flash powder and when he snapped his fin-

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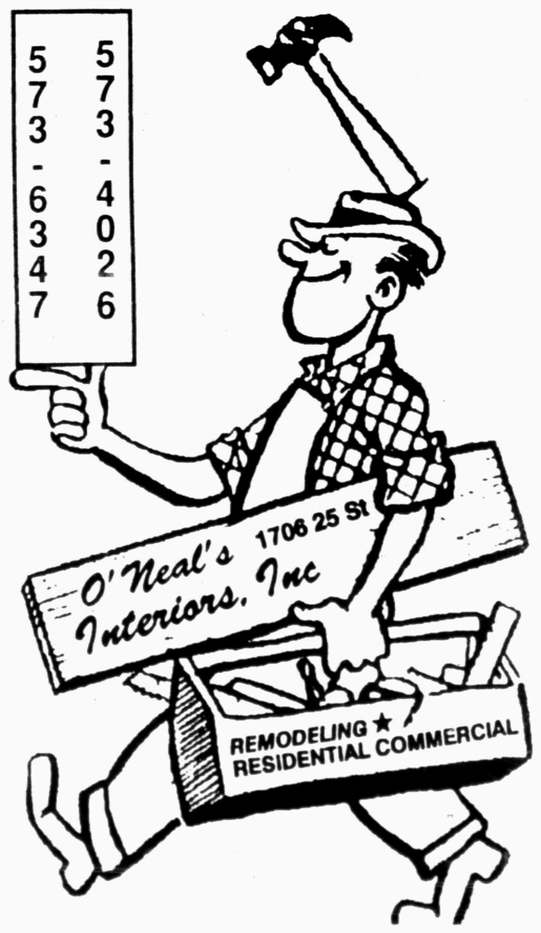
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# School Menus

## Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

**BREAKFAST**

**Monday**
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast

**Tuesday**
Juice
French Toast Sticks

**Wednesday**
Fruit
Toast & Jelly

**Thursday**
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Biscuits

**Friday**
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast

**LUNCH**

**Monday**
Swiss Steak
Potatoes/Cheese Sauce
Buttered Green Beans
Peanut Butter Bars

**Tuesday**
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Buttered Corn
Shredded Lettuce
Soft Bread Sticks
Fruit Jell-O

**Wednesday**
Fried Ham
Macaroni & Cheese, Black-eyed Peas
Hot Biscuits
Pineapple Pudding

**Thursday**
Frank Wraps
Pork & Beans
Pickled Beets
Pink Applesauce

**Friday**
Fried Fish
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Iced Graham Crackers

## Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk.

**CLASSROOM**

**BREAKFAST MENU**

**Monday**
Cereal
Juice

**Tuesday**
Cinnamon Roll
Juice

**Wednesday**
Donut
Juice

**Thursday**
Teddy Grahams
Juice

**Friday**
Breakfast on a Stick
Juice

**BREAKFAST AT OTHER SCHOOLS**

**Monday**
Pigs in a Blanket w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

**Tuesday**
Cinnamon Rolls or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

**Wednesday**
Sausage on a Stick or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

**Thursday**
Scrambled Eggs & Bacon or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast & Jelly
Juice

**Friday**
Oatmeal w/Peaches or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

**LUNCH**

**Monday**
Hamburger on a Bun or
Texas Chili & Beans w/Corn Bread
Potato Wedges
Mixed Vegetables
Chilled Peaches

**Tuesday**
Hot Dog on a Bun
Chicken Patty on a Bun
Tossed Salad
French Fries
Chilled Pears

**Wednesday**
Pizza or
Ham & Cheese Sub
Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle
Broccoli w/Ranch Dip
Fruited Gelatin

**Thursday**
Chicken Soft Taco or
Green Chile Casserole
Pinto Beans
Tossed Salad
Corn Bread

**Friday**
Barbecued Rib on a Bun
Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Baked Potato
Glazed Carrots
Apple Cobbler

## Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.

**BREAKFAST**

**Monday**
Biscuits & Gravy
Sausage
Juice

**Tuesday**
Sausage on a Stick
Juice

**Wednesday**
Cinnamon Rolls
Juice

**Thursday**
French Toast
Juice

**Friday**
Breakfast Burrito
Juice

**LUNCH**

**Monday**
Pizza
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Crackers
Cookies

**Tuesday**
Hamburgers
Pinto Beans
Shape-ups

**Wednesday**
Green Beef Enchiladas
Ranch Style Beans
Mexicali Corn
Crackers
Brownies

**Thursday**
Wieners w/Cheese
Parsley Potatoes
Carrots
Biscuits
Apple Crisp

**Friday**
Turkey w/Brown Gravy
Baked Potato
Sweet Peas
Rolls
Peanut Butter Cake

# Community Calendar

**MONDAY**

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

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

Defensive Driving Course; 6-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; Texas Savings Bank; reservations not necessary, for more information call 573-2850.

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

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information 573-9458, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

Daughters of the American Revolution; Snyder Country Club; "Historic Williamsburg," by Elaine Byrd; hostesses, Nonnie Ward and Virginia Clark; 11:30 a.m.

Atheneum Study Club; book review by Jean Everett; hostesses, Barbara McGee and Gayle Witte; 4:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

**WEDNESDAY**

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

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

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

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

**THURSDAY**

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg.; Jack Price, guest artist; hostess, Myrtle Joiner; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Canyon Grin Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 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 appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 10 a.m.

## Woods dyes hair

MIAMI (AP) — Now Tiger Woods has something else in common with the Golden Bear.

Like golf legend Jack Nicklaus, he's sporting blond hair.

Woods decided to dye his hair blond as part of "just a little holiday fun," said his agent, Mark Steinberg.

Woods, who attended the Orange Bowl on Wednesday night with Steinberg, apparently doesn't intend to keep his hair that color.

"I imagine it will be back to normal when he gets to the Mercedes Championship" next week in Maui, Steinberg said.

"This was not a publicity stunt," the agent said. "He was just doing it for fun with family and some friends."



**MARCH WEDDING SET — Parents of Amy Danielle Rains and Tommy Gene Morris announce their engagement and wedding plans for 2 p.m., March 17 in the First Baptist Church in Snyder. Amy's mother is Linda Rains and Tommy's parents are Doug and Retha Morris, all of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)**

# New thoughts on caffeine and pain relievers

Caffeine has been enjoyed by millions of people around the world for centuries. In one form or another, the average American consumes about 200 to 300mg of caffeine per day, and many say caffeine helps energize them and perform at their peak. What many people may not know is that caffeine has been used to help treat headaches for many years. Caffeine has also been added to prescription and over-the-counter pain relievers to boost their efficacy.

But how much caffeine is too much? Can people who regularly consume caffeine in the form of coffee or cola still use a "caffeinated" pain reliever without overdoing it? To help answer questions like these, the National Headache Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides information to headache sufferers and promotes headache research, asked a panel of medical experts to examine the published material on the relationship between caffeine and headache. This panel agreed with published studies that show caffeine, when combined with aspirin and acetaminophen, enhances the pain-relieving power of these over-the-counter headache medicines by up to as much as 40 percent. In addition, the panel reviewed safety data and concluded that caffeine, when used properly, is not addictive and poses no health risk for most people.

According to Jerome Goldstein, MD, director of the San Francisco Headache Clinic and chair of the expert panel, caffeine offers another benefit. "Because medications that contain caffeine work faster, there is less likelihood that people will need to take more of the medicine, and the risks of unwanted side effects are reduced."

To help consumers understand these findings, the National Headache Foundation has developed a new information brochure, "New Perspectives on Caffeine and Headache," that offers new ways to help people understand the relationship between caffeine and headache and help them make a well-informed decision about treatment. Consumers can also learn ways to measure their caffeine consumption and gain a better understanding of the role caffeine plays in treating headaches.

"We wanted to bring consumers the opinions of experts to help them make the right decisions about treating their headaches," says Suzanne Simons, executive director of the National Headache Foundation. "Our hope is that the findings of this panel and the information in the brochure will help eliminate any confusion headache sufferers may have regarding what triggers their headaches and how to treat them."

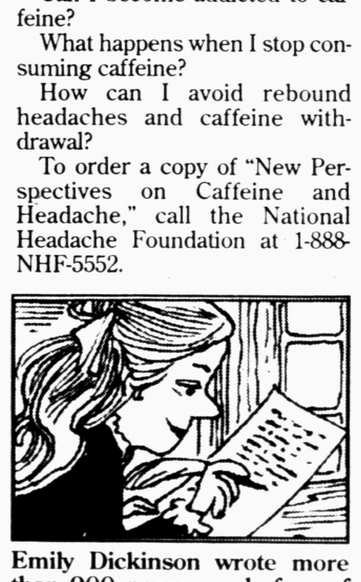
The "New Perspectives on Caffeine and Headache" brochure addresses the science behind caffeine's headache-fighting properties. By increasing the production of stomach acid, caffeine helps the body absorb headache medicines more quickly. Caffeine also constricts certain blood vessels, which reduces blood flow and eases pressure associated with certain headaches, such as painful migraines. The brochure offers a quiz that helps people determine how much caffeine they consume on a daily basis, a list of the most common sources of caffeine and a chart to gain a better idea of their weekly caffeine intake. Common questions about caffeine are also addressed, such as:

Can I become addicted to caffeine?

What happens when I stop consuming caffeine?

How can I avoid rebound headaches and caffeine withdrawal?

To order a copy of "New Perspectives on Caffeine and Headache," call the National Headache Foundation at 1-888-NHF-5552.



**Emily Dickinson wrote more than 900 poems, only four of which were published in her lifetime.**

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Actor Richard Burton died of a cerebral hemorrhage at a hospital in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1984. He was 58.

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In 1914, the first electric traffic lights were installed in Cleveland.


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# Peanut butter cake is great dessert for peanut lovers

The ultimate dessert for peanut lovers young and old, this rich and homey cake gets a shot of peanut butter in both the batter and the frosting. It's a must for picnics and those potluck office, church or holiday gatherings. And it's so easy to make, why not let your children help? This delicious recipe is brought to you courtesy of America's 25,000 peanut farmers. They hope it will become as much a favorite in your household as it is in theirs.

For a collection of savory and sweet peanut recipes, send a SASE to: National Peanut Board, 50 Hurt Plaza, Suite 1220, Atlanta, GA 30303.



ANY OCCASION CAKE — Elegantly adorned or fancy-free, Double Peanut Butter Pound Cake suits any occasion. Fun to make and fun to eat — USA Peanuts — what fun tastes like!

**DOUBLE PEANUT BUTTER POUND CAKE**

1 cup butter, softened
¾ cup creamy peanut butter
3 cups sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla
5 eggs
3 cups flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
Peanut Butter Frosting (see recipe below)

Heat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour a 10-inch tube pan. In a large mixing bowl, combine butter, peanut butter, sugar and vanilla; beat until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. In another bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt; stir into butter mixture alternately with milk. Pour into greased and floured pan. Bake at 350 F until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Cool in pan 15 minutes on a wire rack. Remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack. Drizzle cake with Peanut Butter Frosting.

Yield: 12 servings (one slice per serving).

**PEANUT BUTTER FROSTING**

In saucepan over low heat, melt ½ cup each peanut butter and light corn syrup. Stir in 2 cups powdered sugar, 1 tablespoon milk, and 1 teaspoon vanilla; mix until smooth.

Makes 1½ cups.

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# McCrights mark 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. McCright of Snyder will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday.

Jim and Allene, farming west of Snyder for many years, have seen farming progress from the one-row horse drawn plow to the highly technical multi-row equipment of today. McCright served in the European Theater in World War II for three years of his four-year tenure.

Married in 1951, they have been members of the Central Baptist Church of Hermleigh since 1952.

# Pre-schoolers learn about language

It's a "hunny" of an idea-teaching preschoolers about language through a new Disney Channel original series starring that "tubby little cubby," Winnie the Pooh.

In The Book of Pooh, Pooh and his neighbors-exuberant Tigger, somber Eeyore, shy Piglet, persnickety Rabbit and all-knowing Owl, as well as a precocious bluebird, Kessie-learn to cooperate and explore their surroundings while learning about words and language.

The television stories are inspired by the timeless tales that A.A. Milne wrote for his son Christopher Robin.

The Book of Pooh adds a new dimension to these classic characters, melding the 300-year-old art of Japanese Bunraku puppetry with newly developed computer-generated virtual sets.

Exploring rhyming, creativity, problem-solving and social development, the series shows the consequences of using certain words, such as "please" and "thank you" and the special privileges that come with them.

The series premieres January 22, 2001 on Playhouse Disney, Disney Channel's programming block for pre-schoolers, their parents and caregivers.

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During the great Depression of the 1930s, unemployed men bought a box of 100 apples for $2.25. They sold them for five cents each. Selling two boxes a day for a $5.50 profit was their goal.

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Missouri became the 24th state in 1821.

## Scurry County Library News & Views

**BOOK FEATURE**

"Hidden Messages," by Elizabeth Pantley.

Even the best-informed parents will be shocked to discover that they have unintentionally been sending their kids the wrong messages. "Hidden Messages" reveals the subtle ways that parents' words and actions influence their children. It offers small but significant changes parents can make to better teach their children to be happy, successful people.

**NEW NON-FICTION**

"50 Ways to Prevent Colon Cancer," by M. Sara Rosenthal.

"The Depression Sourcebook," by Brian P. Quinn.

"Complete Book of Window Treatments and Curtains," by Carol Parks.

"The Irreducible Needs of Children," by T. Berry Brazelton.

"Child Custody Made Simple," by Webster Watnik.

"Potter's Workshop," by Jenny Rodwell.

**NEW FICTION**

"Ties That Bind," by Judith Pella.

"Kiss of Shadows," by Laurell K. Hamilton.

"The Temple of Optimism," by James Fleming.

"Hidden in Time," by Michael Phillips.

**LIBRARY HOURS**

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Mon., Wed. and Fri.

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Tues. and Thurs.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Sat.

Books may be returned in the book drop in front of the library. Due to possible damage, we ask that videotapes not be placed in the book drop. Please remember to return your books promptly.

# Top five list

**TELEVISION**

1. "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire-Tuesday," ABC.
2. "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire-Wednesday," ABC.
3. "NFL Monday Night Football: Dallas at Tennessee," ABC.
4. "Friends," NBC.
5. "Fox NFC Wildcard Post Game: Tampa Bay at Philadelphia," Fox.

(From Nielsen Media Research)

**FILMS**

1. "Cast Away," Fox.
2. "What Women Want," Paramount.
3. "Miss Congeniality," Warner Bros.
4. "The Family Man," Universal.
5. "The Emperor's New Groove," Disney.

(From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

**HOT FIVE**

1. "Independent Women Part I," Destiny's Child. Columbia.
2. "It Wasn't Me," Shaggy feat. Ricardo "RikRok" Ducent. MCA.
3. "He Loves U Not," Dream. Bad Boy. (Gold)
4. "Case Of The Ex (Watcha Gonna Do)," Mya. University.
5. "With Arms Wide Open," Creed. Wind-up.

(From Billboard magazine)

**ALBUMS**

1. "1," The Beatles. Apple. (Platinum)
2. "Now 5," Various Artists. Sony/Zomba/Universal/EMI. (Platinum)
3. "Hotshot," Shaggy. MCA. (Gold)
4. "Chocolate Starfish And The Hot Dog Flavored Water," Limp Bizkit. Flip. (Platinum)
5. "Tha Last Meal," Snoop Dogg. No Limit.

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# Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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| | South<br>♠ 9 5 2<br>♥ K Q 10 7 5 4<br>♦ K 5<br>♣ A Q | |

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

| South | West | North | East |
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| 1 ♥ | Pass | 3 ♥ | Pass |
| 4 ♥ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Saturday, Jan. 6, 2000

## Named after an English river

By Phillip Alder

The next stop on my New Zealand tour was Thames. This quiet town in the northeast corner of the country is named after the river on which London stands. I did two classes, one on either side of lunch.

How do you think the play should proceed in four hearts after West has led the diamond queen?

Three hearts is a limit raise, showing four-plus trumps and 10-12 support points. Although North has only nine high-card points, his two aces, five trumps and a doubleton easily make the hand strong enough. In New Zealand, almost everyone uses the English Acol system, which was constructed around limit bids.

To South, the contract lives or dies on the club finesse. And most of the declarers drew trumps before attempting that finesse. However, there was a snag. On the first round of hearts, East discarded the spade ace, making the defense very easy for West.

At one table, though, Simon Eminson won the first trick with dummy's diamond ace, then immediately took the club finesse. West was in with the king but hadn't seen a spade signal. After quite some thought, he returned a club. So, Eminson drew trumps and pitched a spade loser on dummy's club jack. His 10 tricks were six hearts, two diamonds and two clubs.

West shouldn't have erred. At trick one, he saw East play his lowest diamond, discouraging in that suit. And if declarer is playing on clubs, the defenders should be attacking a different suit. Since a trump switch is clearly pointless, that leaves only spades.

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# Bridge Scores

**Friday, Dec. 29**

Monte West directed at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Dora Blakey, Nona Morrison.
2. TIE: Barbara Yorgesen, Martha Fagin tied with Monte West, Ann Davis.
3. Louise Thompson, Charles Blakey.

# Wave for Big Macs

OAK BROOK, Ill. (AP) — Wave if you like Big Macs.

McDonald's is testing an electronic-payment system in which customers can pay for their food by waving a tiny device at the cash register or drive-through window.

Each Speedpass key is linked to the customer's credit or debit card.

The world's largest restaurant chain plans to operate the pilot program for the next six months at nine restaurants in the Chicago area.

# Pennsylvania United Way uses shock ads

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A young girl shrieks into a telephone receiver, telling a 911 operator that her father is hurting her mother.

A police officer grills a suspect about a child's injuries, while X-rays of a toddler's broken bones flash on a screen.

A homeless man describes life on Philadelphia streets.

These graphic scenes are part of a $1.5 million advertising campaign launched Thursday by the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania. By featuring actual clients — rather than celebrities — the organization hopes to open potential donors' hearts and wallets and overcome a five-year fund-raising slump.

"What this does is hold you emotionally hostage until you get involved — either by giving or by getting involved," said Rick Ender, managing partner of the Star Group advertising agency that created the television, radio and newspaper spots.

The local ads are a departure from United Way of America's national campaign, which depicts NFL heroes and smiling kids. They come as the charity struggles to adapt to a new economy, where it can no longer depend on raising 80 percent of its revenues through corporations and their employees.

Today, more people are retiring early, working for small companies or working from home, said Christine James-Brown, president of the southeastern Pennsylvania chapter.

"The corporate world has changed so dramatically. We have to do things differently," she said.

The area United Way raised $54 million last year. However, the percentage of people who donated within each company continued to fall, she said.

The goal of the new ads is to remind people of the social problems tackled by United Way.

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# 'Wellness' program helps burned children

The care of severely burned children has advanced so much, youngsters can now survive deep burns over almost their entire bodies.

The Shriners Hospital for Children in Galveston closely follows such survivors to determine how to help them achieve the best possible quality of life. This has led to a new program that adds strength and endurance training and hormonal therapy to traditional physical and occupational therapy, psychological education and therapy, nutritional education and traditional education.

The struggle toward independence and a productive life is difficult for children with burn injuries over 50 percent of the body or more. In response to the injury, the body runs at about three times its normal rate, even when the child is resting.

This can last several months after the initial injury. During this time, the child needs enormous amounts of nutrients to keep up with the energy expenditure. Children in this state lose muscle mass and bone density. Their growth slows. They fatigue easily. The children often have difficulty concentrating and may be irritable and emotional.

Scientific study of these problems led to the new "wellness" program.

First, doctors found that certain hormones could counter some of the effects of the hypermetabolic response. Children who received these drugs maintained their growth, muscle mass and bone density; and were better able to benefit from their other therapies.

Second, medical staff supervised a program of aerobic and resistance exercises. These children were more than twice as strong and could walk farther and faster than the children in the traditional program.

These elements became part of a rehabilitation program called the "Wellness Program." Children in this program have two hours each day of physical therapy, skin care and academic work in the hospital school. For three hours each week, they have supervised strength and endurance training; psychotherapy, music therapy, nutrition counseling and, of course, play time.

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## That was the week that was

**By The Associated Press**

Entertainment highlights during the week of Jan. 7-13:

In 1935, Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.

In 1966, "Batman" premiered on ABC, starring Adam West and Burt Ward.

In 1967, National Educational Television, the forerunner of the Public Broadcasting Service, operated as a true network for the first time as it carried President Lyndon B. Johnson's State of the Union address.

In 1970, neighbors of New York land owner Max Yasgur sued him for $35,000 for property damage caused by people who attended the Woodstock festival. It's estimated more than 450,000 people attended the three-day event.

In 1979, the YMCA filed a lawsuit against the Village People over their song "YMCA." The suit was later dropped.

In 1981, "Dynasty" premiered on ABC.

In 1989, Michael Jackson's "Moonwalker" video was released. Jackson played a superhero in the video, which included a lengthy fantasy segment set to the song "Smooth Criminal."

In 1990, a Los Angeles judge ruled that columnist Art Buchwald came up with the idea that inspired the Eddie Murphy movie "Coming To America." Buchwald had sued Paramount Pictures, claiming the studio stole the idea.

# Confined quarters increase flu chances

The weather is wintry and you're spending the majority of your days confined to the indoors with co-workers, family, classmates and friends, ultimately increasing your chances of coming in contact with a plethora of cold and flu-causing viruses that frequent the office, classroom and home this time of year. Cold and flu season is back! Remember the muscle aches and pains, coughing and runny nose that plagued you for weeks last year? What are you going to do this year to prevent a recurrence?

Simple hand washing. Hand washing is the most effective means of preventing the spread germs. Wash hands frequently and thoroughly, including wrists, palms, back of hands, fingers and underneath fingernails, with soap and water. Rub soap-lathered hands together for approximately 10-15 seconds and rinse. For long-lasting protection use an alcohol-free, cold and flu-fighting hand sanitizer such as Preventx™ Hand Sanitizer and First-Aid Antiseptic.

Most hand sanitizers contain alcohol, which tends to evaporate in seconds and can cause dryness and cracking, leaving skin susceptible to germs. Instead of alcohol, Preventx™ contains benzalkonium chloride and kills 99.9% of germs for up to four hours.

Here are some additional tips to help you and your family fight off the sniffles and sneezes this season:

Apply an alcohol-free hand sanitizer as an over-the-counter alternative, particularly given the anticipated delay of flu vaccines.

Avoid touching your face. Dispose of facial tissues immediately after use.

Maintain a well-balanced diet. Eat vegetables and fruits high in vitamin C.

Exercise regularly to maintain peak performance and ward off illness. If you're a member of a fitness center, clean equipment with a disinfectant and use a hand sanitizer like Preventx™ before and after your workout.

Rest-up and keep daily stress at a minimum. Studies indicate that exhaustion and stress increase your susceptibility to illness.

Always use clean eating utensils and dinnerware. Don't share hand towels and toothpaste.

Cover your mouth! After sneezing or coughing, wash hands and use a hand sanitizer.

Already have a cold or the flu? Drink fluids, get lots of rest, take a pain reliever and/or decongestant and stay at home so you don't infect others!

For extra protection against cold and flu-causing germs, encourage family and friends to use a hand sanitizer.

# Onions are nutritious veggie

Onions are more than delectable. This nutritious root vegetable has long been considered a health food.

Valued throughout history for their healing powers, onions have been shown to add important phytochemicals and antioxidants considered essential to a healthy diet.

With only 30 calories per serving, onions are sodium, fat and cholesterol-free. They provide dietary fiber, vitamin C, vitamin B6, and potassium.

This recipe, from the National Onion Association, is a lower fat baked version of classic onion rings.

**Best Ever Onion Rings**

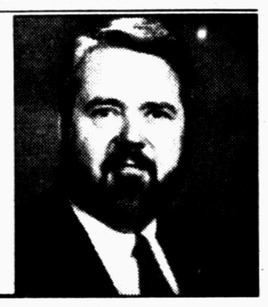
3 large onions (about 9 to 11 oz. each), peeled and trimmed
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon paprika
¾ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 cup non-alcoholic or regular beer
Vegetable oil

Cut onions crosswise into ½-inch slices; pull apart into rings. (Refrigerate broken or end pieces for other uses.) Mix flour, paprika, salt and pepper in large bowl. Add beer, stirring with wire whip until foam is gone.

Toss onion rings with batter and transfer to plate, letting excess drip off as you transfer. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large nonstick skillet (11 or 12-inch) over medium-high heat. Place about half the onion rings in single layer in heated skillet and cook until browned, turning once, about 1½ minutes on each side. Repeat with remaining onions. Transfer to ungreased shallow baking pans or cookie sheets, arranging in single layer. Bake at 425 degrees for 6 minutes or until crisp. Makes 6 servings.

# Minding Your Own Business

**By Don Taylor**



**A New Year with New Opportunities**

If you're like most folks, you've already abandoned some of your New Year's resolutions. But don't give up yet. I believe your prospects for the next 12 months are more exciting than any previous year. Each new day will offer many opportunities for growth and prosperity.

If you've struggled with unkept resolutions in the past, you need to know that the problem with most of our resolutions is not in the resolutions themselves, but the way we make them. In truth, we don't make them very well. We don't position ourselves to take advantage of the opportunities that come our way.

My dictionary defines opportunity as a "combination of circumstances favorable for the purpose." Our opportunities this year are our chances to accomplish, achieve and change. We must create the favorable circumstances, and we must have a purpose in mind.

All too often our New Year's resolutions sound more like "wish" lists than "to do" lists. Here are some tips for putting more "results" into your resolutions.

**Determine your destiny**

* **Don't look back.** Last year, with all its mistakes and miseries, is gone. The concrete of the past is set; hard and unchangeable. Today we pour the foundation for the future. We can build new forms and create new shapes.

Rehashing broken resolutions, reliving past short-comings and reminding ourselves of old mistakes only changes our focus from future opportunities to past failures. Forget the past. It is unchangeable. Only the future is ours to create. And, we change it one day at a time.

* **Pen a purpose.** Start with a destination in mind. What result do you want? What outcome do you desire? Start your goal-setting process with an end in mind. Then put your goals in writing.

Next, you must take action. Goals do not accomplish themselves. You must act. Actions are the tangible fruit of your thoughts. The difference between dreamers and doers is action.

* **Keep it simple.** The only resolutions that succeed are those which are based on reality. Wishing the big wish and dreaming the big dream won't commit you to creating and following a simple plan.

It's fine to dream a big dream, but think small while you're dreaming big. Think small steps. Think first steps first. Keep those steps simple or you'll lose sight of the ultimate goal.

* **Seek balance.** Don't become obsessed with your resolutions. I've seen men and women who were so focused on their careers or business that they lost their families, health and happiness. Success in one area isn't worth much if you're ignoring your health, relationships or balance to attain it. Know what your priorities are. Keep them in front of you every day as you journey toward success.

I have a simple tool I use from time-to-time. It's called the wheel of balance. **I'll send you a copy of it if you will send a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Send it to: Don Taylor / Wheel, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.**

* **Focus on the cans.** Any time you are trying to break bad habits it's easy to come up with a long list of can'ts. For example, I've known many folks who were overweight who told me they "can't" lose weight. They "can't" stick to a strict diet. They "can't" resist that candy bar.

Forget the "can'ts." Don't even think of losing weight. You didn't gain it all last year, you won't lose it all this year. But, you "can" eat more vegetables. You "can" get more exercise. You "can" choose foods lower in fat and higher in fiber. My prediction: You will lose weight. Focus on the "cans" and take control of your future.

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# Q & A

## Resolution worth keeping

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), are devoting this column to current information and your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.

**This month we are dedicating this Q & A column to the families in our community. We believe strong families and strong communities build strong kids. The articles this month will address tips for parents in the areas of communication, rule setting, involvement, and helping your child deal with peer pressure.**

Message to Parents: A RESOLUTION WORTH KEEPING

With each New Year, we make (and sometimes break) resolutions for ourselves: to start exercising, get organized, learn patience. This year, why not make a resolution to make every effort to keep your kids drug-free?

You may not think your kids are at risk for drug use, but according to the recently released Monitoring the Future Study, in 1999 approximately one in four 12th graders, one in five 10th graders and one in eight 8th graders used an illicit drug in the 30-day period prior to being surveyed.

The holiday season provides parents with wonderful chances to spend quality time with their children — why not take advantage of this time together to begin or continue a dialogue about preventing drug use? Studies show that kids who learn about the risks of drugs from parents or other caregivers are 36 percent less likely to smoke marijuana than those who don't. Surveys also show that most teens that have rejected marijuana credit their parents for their decision over any other influence. Health communications expert Sandra Wills Hannon, Ph.D., says that parents do have a tremendous influence over their kids' decisions. "Kids really need their parents' guidance to teach them the difference between right and wrong. By keeping the lines of communication open, parents can talk to their kids about how to cope with stress in healthy, constructive ways, and they can let their children know that they're always there for them."

**Make Your Position Clear**

Make your position clear when it comes to dangerous substances like alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Don't assume that your children know where you stand.

They want you to talk to them about drugs. State your position clearly; if you're ambiguous, children may be tempted to become involved with tobacco products, alcohol or other drugs.

Tell your children that you forbid them to use alcohol, tobacco, and drugs because you love them. (Don't be afraid to pull out all the emotional stops. You can say, "If you took drugs it would break my heart.") Make it clear that this rule holds true even at other people's houses.

Will your child listen? Most likely. According to research, when a child decides whether or not to use alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, a crucial consideration is "What will my parents think?"

**Be Prepared**

Among the most common drug-related questions asked of parents is "Did you ever use drugs?" Unless the answer is "no," it's difficult to know what to say because nearly all parents who used drugs don't want their children to do the same thing. Is this hypocritical?

No. We all want the best for our children. Today we have more information and we understand the hazards of drug use better than we did when we were their age and thought we were invincible. To guide our children's decisions about drugs, we can now draw on credible real-life examples of friends who had trouble as a result of their drug use: the neighbor who caused a fatal car crash while high; the family member who got addicted; the teen who used marijuana for years, lost interest in school, and never really learned how to deal with adult life and its stresses.

Some parents who used drugs in the past choose to lie about it, but they risk losing their credibility if their children discover the truth. Many experts recommend that when a child asks this question, the response should be honest.

This doesn't mean that parents need to recount every moment of their experiences. As in conversations about sex, some details should remain private, and you should avoid providing more information than is actually sought by your child. Ask clarifying questions to make sure you understand exactly why and what a child is asking before answering questions about your past drug use, and limit your response to that information.

This discussion provides a good opportunity for parents to speak frankly about what attracted them to drugs, why drugs are dangerous, what they know now that they didn't know then, and why they want their children to avoid making the same mistake. There's no perfect way to get this message across, only approaches that seem more fitting than others.

*Source: The National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign's Behavior Change Expert Panel and www.theantidrug.com*

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# Stanfield enjoys program

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went on a hunt.

Hanes told the students that tribes made their arrows of different colors. During battles, he said they would break the shaft of arrows so no one could tell which tribe was there.

Hanes has one complete arrow that is around 80 years old. Indians placed heads or points on their arrows. They are made of different color flint, and different sizes were made depending on how large the animal was to be hunted.

Indians expected the fur, feather and bones to make them more powerful, Hanes said.

He also told the students about dream catchers. According to legend, even the strongest braves could have nightmares, which would keep them awake. A dream catcher looks like a spider's web and would keep bad dreams away. Dream catchers were constructed of several things including bone, pearl, turquoise, an arrowhead, and a piece of silver. The arrowhead represented strength and courage, turquoise was for peace, and bone or pearl meant purity.

Indians also prized their war shields and mandellas which looked similar, Hanes said. When young braves were away hunting, their families remained in the village. The mandellas were left in the huts and teepees and were to protect the families Hanes said, just as the war shields were to protect the warriors. Indians believed that as long as their war shield was okay their families were also okay. However, if the war shield was knocked down and/or lost, then the Indian would stop fighting and hurry back to the village because they believed their family was in danger.

Rabbit furs and feathers were used to decorate the shields and mandellas.

Some Indians, like the Iroquois, carried their clubs into battles. While they were being constructed, deer leather was soaked in water and then stretched. As it dried it would tighten, Hanes explained.

Hanes told students that the Medicine Men were the most powerful Indians in the camp, Hanes said.

The Medicine Men liked to perform "tricks" so the chief would not think they had lost their power. To attract rain, they would shake rain sticks, which sounded like rain.

During times of peace, Indians also used tomahawks to play games. They would practice throwing them straight and fast.

They honed their skills by filling leather bags with beans or stones and throwing them in the air and catching them. They practiced fishing as well. They baited fishing poles with worms and also made nets.

Indians also made marbles by chipping stones and then putting them in streams so the moving water would make the edges smooth.

The knives used for skinning animals were made of stone. Spoons were flat stones that were used to stir war paint.

Indians also put snakeskins on their walking sticks because they believed it would protect them from snakes when they walked, Hanes said.

# Hanes shares Indian heritage

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ger there was an explosion and lots of smoke. The noise resonated throughout the auditorium, startling everyone.

If the powder is not mixed correctly, trouble can occur as Hanes learned one day when he accidentally set a hand on fire. After a student called his attention to it, Hanes snuffed it out and continued with his presentation. It wasn't until later that he learned he had suffered a third-degree burn.

Hanes tailors his presentations for all ages. In Snyder he has presented programs at Stanfield Elementary, and for the Genealogy Society, and Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

Hanes has three children, David, 19; Patricia, 16; and Justin, 15 who live with their mother. Hanes' wife, LaDonna, is employed at Patterson Drilling. Prior to moving to Snyder, he had been the admissions director for a business college, the oldest commercial college in the state.

# Former girlfriend testifies Carruth threatened her when she became pregnant

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A former girlfriend of Rae Carruth testified at his murder trial Friday that the former NFL player threatened to kill her when she got pregnant.

Amber Turner, 21, said Carruth, who already had a son, demanded she have an abortion, which she did.

"He said, 'I ain't going to have no more kids with someone I ain't going to be with. ... Don't make me send somebody out there to kill you. You know I'll do it,'" she said.

Her testimony as a prosecution witness was designed to show a pattern to Carruth's behavior: The former Carolina Panthers receiver is on trial on charges he arranged the 1999 drive-by slaying of another pregnant girlfriend, Cherica Adams, because he did not want to pay child support.

Adams was eight months pregnant with Carruth's son at the time. She died a month later. The baby, delivered by emergency Caesarean, survived and lives with Adams' mother.

Carruth, 26, could get the death penalty if convicted.

Prosecutors say Carruth used his vehicle to box Adams in and set her up for the kill by another man.

Two days before Adams was shot, Carruth called Turner and said he had gotten "a stripper girl pregnant" — a woman Turner later learned was Adams, Turner testified.

The athlete expressed concern "about having to work in a grocery store" to pay for the children, because he was injured and unable to play football, Turner said.

# McCain seeks campaign reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arizona Sen. John McCain's pledge to push a campaign finance overhaul to the top of the Senate's agenda threatens to revive once-rocky relations between the former presidential candidate and President-elect Bush.

McCain said Thursday he has won the support of Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., and planned to bring the long-stalled measure to the floor within three weeks after the former Texas governor's Jan. 20 inauguration.

"I believe the country wants this reform," McCain said. "I cannot and will not in good conscience give up on this issue."

Delaying action would hurt the legislation's chance of becoming law, McCain said, and he believes he has the 60 votes required to halt a filibuster, speeches aimed at keeping specific legislation off the floor.

"I believe we have the momentum. I believe we have the votes," McCain said.

Bush, who has put education and prescription drugs at the top of his legislative agenda, said Thursday he supports "campaign funding reform so long as business and labor are treated equally." That includes, he said, "paycheck protection" to allow union members to opt out of paying dues to support political payments. Unions' soft money contributions overwhelmingly go for Democratic campaigns.

"If money is being spent on behalf of somebody who has no voice, I think we ought to get rid of that kind of money," Bush said. That also includes corporations, he said, because shareholders have no say in which parties or candidates are supported.

McCain, who seemed reluctant to endorse Bush after his bitter primary loss to his Republican rival, specifically ruled out "paycheck protection" from his bill.

"If you are going to enact a prohibition for union members' dues to be used, then you should also require the permission of stockholders if corporations are going to use stockholders' money," McCain said.

Unions vehemently oppose the provision and have mobilized huge resources to block it.

Senate Republican leader Trent Lott of Mississippi refused to commit to a timetable for the issue. "That issue is going to come up, but we have not agreed on a time," Lott said.

Still, Lott faced a defection from a fellow Mississippian, Cochran, a 23-year conservative lawmaker with considerable influence. Even McCain said he hoped Cochran's support would lure other Republicans to his side.

Cochran said he believed campaign reform "should be a high priority in the Senate this year. We are defenseless under the rules that now exist."

Added Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., who has championed campaign finance with McCain: "The time has come. Now is the time to act."

The two have pushed legislation unsuccessfully in the past that would eliminate soft money, unregulated donations from corporations, unions and wealthy individuals.

They said Thursday they hope to use their bill as a base model by which to draft compromise legislation.

# Order creates counterintelligence chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has signed an order creating a national counterintelligence executive to oversee the government's efforts to protect its most vital national security secrets, administration officials said Friday.

The new counterintelligence executive will have a four-member board composed of the director of the FBI, the deputy secretary of defense, the deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency and a Justice Department representative.

White House spokesman Jake Siewert said Clinton took the action to help adapt U.S. counterintelligence efforts to a post-Cold War era "in which danger could come just as easily from a laptop (computer) and not the traditional cloak-and-dagger spies."

"The old system was designed to counter intelligence threats that came from our adversaries in the Cold War," Siewert said. "Now you're in a new era where those threats are not quite as centrally localized, and you need a more integrated system."

Siewert said although the incoming Bush administration could reverse Clinton's decision, that looks doubtful since it is strongly supported by the CIA, FBI, Defense Department and other agencies involved in counterintelligence matters. He said national security adviser Sandy Berger had briefed his anticipated successor, Condoleezza Rice.

"They can undo it, but this is not a partisan issue," Siewert said.

The organization will reside at CIA headquarters and will replace the CIA's National Counterintelligence Center, according to an administration official who discussed the matter in advance of the White House announcement. The center was created in 1994 after the arrest of Aldrich Ames, a longtime CIA officer convicted of spying for the former Soviet Union.

Clinton's order was first reported in Friday's editions of The New York Times and The Washington Post.

The existing counterintelligence center at CIA focuses on known, suspected or potential intelligence losses. The new organization will take a broader, more forward-looking approach to determining which national secrets are most vital, which are of greatest interest to foreign governments and how U.S. agencies can cooperate to protect them.

The Times report said the Clinton administration may name a counterintelligence executive before the president leaves office Jan. 20.

Prior to the Ames case, which was one of the worst intelligence disasters in CIA history, the FBI and other government agencies had their own counterintelligence operations but there was no central government-wide office in charge of protecting secrets.

On the Net: the National Counterintelligence Center at http://www.nacic.gov

## Suspect had suffered mental breakdowns

MARSHFIELD, Mass. (AP) — The parents of the man charged with killing seven co-workers at his computer consulting company say their son has suffered several mental breakdowns, the first while working at a nuclear power plant.

Richard and Rosemary Martinez said Michael M. McDermott was being treated for depression at the time of the deadly shooting.

They added he was in high spirits on Christmas Day, a day before he allegedly gunned down seven co-workers at the office of Edgewater Technology Inc. McDermott, 42, has been charged with first-degree murder.

"We had the most wonderful Christmas with him," Rosemary Martinez, 71, told The Boston Globe in an interview published Friday.

"I cannot comprehend that my son did this," said Richard Martinez, 72. "I think of the seven families who have been so horribly destroyed. We're devastated for these seven families."

Prosecutors have said McDermott was upset that the company was going to withhold part of his salary to pay back taxes. But his parents said they saw no signs that their son, who legally changed his last name in 1982, was having any kind of financial problems.

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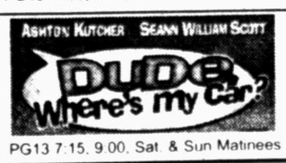
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# National Geographic starts cable TV channel

WASHINGTON (AP) — If that teetering stack of National Geographic magazines in your attic could talk, it might need its own television channel.

Guess what?

No longer content just to hand out research grants, publish a 9 million-circulation journal and produce the occasional Jane Goodall special, the National Geographic Society is rolling out its own full-time cable TV channel.

The National Geographic Channel is scheduled to debut Sunday, featuring daily original programming for cable and satellite subscribers.

The new channel, society officials said, will be serious-minded like its rival, The Discovery Channel. But unlike the well-established channel, which generally buys programming from outside sources, National Geographic will produce most of its shows in-house, using the society's vast Rolodex of researchers, writers and photographers.

"It's not a scientific journal — this is presented for people who are learned, and for people who are just fascinated by the subject matter," said Russell A. Howard, vice president of communications.

The channel's signature show, "National Geographic Today," will be on nightly at 7 p.m. EST, from a new, gleaming, ground-floor studio in the society's downtown Washington headquarters.

The live show, with former network news anchors Susan Roesgen and Tom Foreman, will follow an "All Things Considered" format, leading the hour with a brief recap of the day's environmental and science news. In a show taped last week, the news segment featured environmentalists' reactions to George W. Bush's pick for interior secretary, as well as a preview of environmental issues facing the 107th Congress. It also featured a breaking story about new government regulations for endangered species.

"The head of the show feels like the news," said National Geographic Channel President Laureen E. Ong. The segment relies on news services and National Geographic's own reporting.

Then follows a traditional parade of science-and-nature feature stories: explorations of Egyptian tombs and coral reefs, an around-the-world catamaran race, a peek inside the White House (which is celebrating its 200th anniversary).

Society officials hope to bring in their own filmmakers, photographers, writers and naturalists for in-studio interviews, explanatory pieces and animal-handling demonstrations. They also hope to produce "urban anthropology" programs that follow firefighters, big-city bike messengers and others.

The channel will initially be on 18 hours each day, from 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. EST. Paid "infomercials" will take up the remaining six hours.

The new channel will reach an estimated 10 million homes initially, with plans to reach 28 million within four years, Ong said. It will be available to cable customers in Los Angeles and San Francisco as well as parts of Chicago, Pittsburgh and Texas. The channel will also be available on DirecTV in many large cities.

The new channel is a joint venture of National Geographic and Fox Cable Networks Group.

# Scientist stays busy breeding plants

TIFTON, Ga. (AP) — Bill Branch developed a peanut that helped Southeastern farmers overcome three years of drought and a virulent plant disease. Just five years after its introduction, the Georgia Green is the dominant variety grown in the region.

But Branch has no time to rest on his laurels. He's competing against diseases and other plant killers that most farmers won't notice for decades.

Because it takes 10 to 20 years to develop a new variety of most crops, plant breeders have to look far into the future, anticipating the needs of farmers, manufacturers and consumers.

"You build on what you've got," said Branch, who has been breeding peanuts for more than 20 years. "You're constantly aware of new problems and potential problems. There are always opportunities to improve on what's out there."

Branch visits his heated greenhouse at the University of Georgia's Coastal Plain Experiment Station in Tifton twice a day to pollinate plants that may provide even better varieties.

"It's a numbers game," he said. "You go through thousands of plants. The chances of finding the right combination of attributes is slim."

Introduced in 1995, the Georgia Green produces nearly half of the nation's peanut supply. Much of the Southeastern crop is used to make peanut butter, candy and roasted nuts.

Georgia Green resists tomato spotted wilt virus, a disease that became a serious threat to the Southeastern peanut crop in the early 1990s. Spread by tiny, flying insects known as thrips, the disease infects dozens of agricultural crops and causes millions of dollars worth of damage.

In 1997, before most Georgia peanut growers made the transition to Georgia Green, they suffered $43 million in crop losses because of the disease. They cut their losses in half the next two years by changing some planting practices and growing Georgia Green.

"It's been a lifesaver for us as far as tomato spotted wilt," said Mike Newberry, an Arlington peanut grower. "I think it has the highest yield potential of anything we've ever grown."

Newberry noted that Georgia Green has never been grown under normal conditions. By the time it was planted heavily, the South was in the midst of a three-year drought.

Georgia Green has not only resisted spotted wilt, it also has provided farmers with high yields during the hot, dry growing seasons. Average yields for last year's crop are estimated at 2,800 pounds per acre in Georgia. During a similar drought in 1980, yields averaged only 1,935 pounds per acre with Florunner, the dominant variety in the 1970s and 1980s.

"It's helped growers in these three adverse years, but it hasn't had a good, productive growing season yet," Branch said. "I'm hopeful this year will be a bumper crop year for all growers"

Branch and other breeders are continuing the search for improved varieties that provide even higher quality, higher yields and more resistance to the molds, fungi, insects and diseases that attack peanuts. They are also developing peanuts that are high in oleic acid, a beneficial fatty acid that is believed to reduce the risk of cancer and heart disease.

Dan Gorbett, a University of Florida breeder who has developed high-oleic peanuts, is working with Branch and others on a high-oleic peanut that is resistant to wilt virus. Gorbett's high-oleic peanuts can now be grown only in West Texas and near Gainesville, Fla., where the disease is not a threat.

"A breeder is never going to be out of a job," said John Beasley, a peanut specialist with the University of Georgia Extension Service. "There's always something to improve on."

On the Net:

University of Georgia wilt eradication team:
http://sacs.cpes.peachnet.edu/spotwilt/

# Public Records

**Marriage License**

Harold Wayne Gasaway and Regina Ann Massey, both of Snyder.

Earl Deward Lewis of Sweetwater and Mary Alexander Gill of Snyder.

**Action in District Court**

In the marriage of Samuel Hernandez and Andrea Hernandez, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Lisa Ann Head and Steven Seth Head, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Laurie Ann Kildow and Lonard Keith Kildow, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Nova Inez Olsen and Theodore Martin Olsen, divorce granted.

**Deed Records**

Damon N. and Terri S. Simpson to Harold Clifton, Lot 6 in Block 4 of the Park Place Addition.

Rosemary Larsen to Clinta B. Ingraham, the north 50 feet of Lot 5 in Block 8 of the West Side Heights Addition.

Clinta B. Ingraham to Elizabeth Jane Davis, Charlotte Lynne Jones and Clinta B. Ingraham, the north 50 feet of Lot 5 in Block 8 of the West Side Heights Addition.

Ronnie Lewis to Eloy Chavez, tract one being the north 100 feet of the west 45 feet of Lot 3 in Block 38 of the Blankenship Addition; tract two being the south 50 feet of the west 90 feet of Lot 3 in Block 38 of the Blankenship Addition.

Sandy Pollard, individually and dba The Hair Station and as attorney-in-fact for James Pollard, to Shannon and Phillip Covington, the east 100 feet of Lot 12 in Block 12 of the Blankenship Addition.

Marilla Sue Mahoney to Helen Marie Huckaby, the south 140 feet of the east 75 feet of Lot 2 in Block 6 of the Blankenship Addition.

Texas Savings Bank to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Lot 4 in Block K of the Towle Place Addition.

Jose and Judith Garcia to Delinda Newby, the west one-half of Lot 4 in Block 38 of the Original Town of Snyder.

# Man on trial for public nudity sheds his clothes in court room

LONDON (AP) — A man charged with public nudity gave stark evidence at his trial Friday: He appeared without clothes.

Vincent Bethell, a veteran campaigner for nudism, was ordered by the judge to remain seated in the dock as the trial opened. The jury saw only his upper body, head and beard.

Jurors saw more of Bethell in a brief video clip entered as evidence.

Bethell pleaded not guilty Friday to a single count of causing a public nuisance on "diverse days" between July 14 and Aug. 22 "by being naked in a public place and refusing to clothe himself."

## Scurry County Service Men & Women

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

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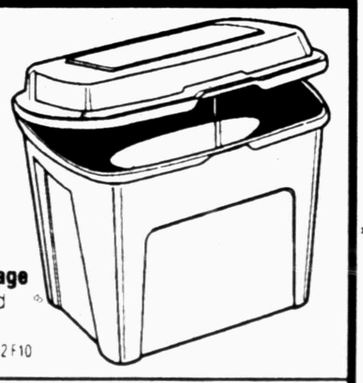

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# Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



## *Father can't bear to see his chick fly awayon her own*

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm writing about a delicate problem with my father. I'm 22 and due to graduate from college in just a few months. I've always planned on moving out once I graduated and got a job, and I have made this clear to my father and my family. My father, however, is in serious denial about it, and it is only getting worse.

At first, he would talk about things as though I would still be around, such as fixing up my bedroom. Recently he has begun saying straight-out that he believes I'll be living here for years to come.

Everyone tells me not to let his problems become mine, but that's difficult. I'm all the family he has left. He has spent his life taking care of me, and I feel I owe him something. However, I don't believe I owe him my life, and I need to move on.

For more reasons than I can begin to explain, I can't bear living here anymore. But my father is dependent on me and refuses any psychological help whatsoever, which I know he desperately needs.

I can't imagine what he's going to do when I do manage to leave. I don't know how I can get on with my life, living with the guilt of what does happen (even if he doesn't do anything desperate, guilt trips are his specialty). Your advice would be greatly appreciated. — **READY FOR LIFE IN MICHIGAN**

**DEAR READY FOR LIFE:** Perhaps your father is having trouble believing you'll be leaving because you have been at home for so long. Whatever his reasons, growing up and becoming independent is normal, and you shouldn't feel guilty. If he tries to lay a guilt trip on you, refuse to take the bait.

Family counseling could be helpful for both of you. Get a referral from your physician. If your father refuses to go with you, go alone. You'll gain the insight to deal with him.

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**DEAR ABBY:** While I usually agree with your answers, I respectfully disagree with your advice to "Anonymous in Michigan," who had been sent an inexpensive invitation to a family member's wedding whereas, the writer believed, others had received an embossed invitation. You counseled that the appropriate response to this supposed slight might be not to attend the wedding.

Abby, maybe that couple was short on funds; perhaps the invitation maker made an error and sent them fewer than they had ordered. Could it be that, being short of the "official" invitations, they sent the more casual ones to those they assumed had priorities other than the type of invitation they receive?

The bride and groom have hundreds of details to deal with, and the last thing they need is an angry relative. My advice to "Anonymous" would be to send them a nice present, go to the wedding, enjoy two slices of wedding cake and dance long into the night. — **KAREN DE CROW, ATTORNEY AT LAW, JAMESVILLE, N.Y.**

**DEAR KAREN:** While I agree that it would be better if the writer had been magnanimous (defined in my Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary as "loftiness of spirit enabling one to bear trouble calmly, to disdain meanness and pettiness"), it was clear from the letter that the person's nose was seriously out of joint. The implication received along with the computer-generated invitation was that they had not been invited until someone had refused. And that's the reason I said, "FEELING AS YOU DO (italics are mine), send the couple a lovely card wishing them every happiness and forgo attending the wedding."

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**DEAR ABBY:** Are America's drivers totally out of control, or am I getting crochety at age 56? Their behavior behind the wheel is deadly at the worst, and scary to say the least.

Seat belts and air bags do not guarantee survival in a crash. Didn't these drivers once know all the road rules so they could pass the driver's test?

Almost daily, I see drivers ignoring emergency vehicles, running red lights, jumping green lights, following too close, changing lanes into a space not long enough to parallel park, exceeding speed limits by at least 15 mph, blocking intersections, changing lanes and entering highways without looking or signaling, and crossing solid yellow and white lines.

The driver who zips through one to five lanes to a freeway exit usually lives in that same county, and should know to get in the proper lane long before the exit. The driver behind me is dangerously close if I cannot see the car's headlights (regular-sized car) or the bumper (SUV/truck) in my rearview mirror.

Driving is a privilege — not a right. — **DIANE LAZARUS, CINCINNATI**

**DEAR DIANE:** Right you are. The dangers you have listed result from irresponsibility, a sense of entitlement and just plain rudeness. Add to that people driving drunk, and you have a surefire recipe for disaster. That's why it's important to urge loved ones to drive courteously — and defensively.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My name is Lindsay, and I recently turned 14. I wanted to go to the mall with this guy who is 16, but my mom said not until I am 16. She said I can go out with groups when I am 14 and 15 — but I can't go out with guys even if I'm not really dating them.

I feel she doesn't trust me because I really like to hang out with my guy friend, but she obviously has a problem with it. I think it might be because my older sister had a baby at 17. When I asked her, she said that wasn't it.

I need to know how to get my mother to let me go out so I can have some fun in my life and not feel I'm being imprisoned. Please help. — **PRISONER AT 14**

**DEAR 14:** Trust is built on confidence, and it takes time to build confidence. Your mother may seem overly protective to you, but she's only doing what many parents do these days. She wants you to have the protection of being in a group.

One way to increase your mother's level of confidence in you is by volunteering information about what you are doing and confiding in her. And when you are asked to do something, instead of complaining about it — do it. Don't make excuses. Perform like a mature adult and try to see things from her perspective, and you'll earn your mother's respect. She's a wise and caring parent, and she deserves it.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I should have taken your advice. About 40 or 45 years ago, I asked you about my wife having "hang-ups" with intimacy. You advised me to go to a psychiatrist, but at the time I couldn't afford it. I should have taken your advice, Abby. It would have been worth it.

Six years ago we finally did go to a psychologist, and in time, our problem was resolved and life began at 70. — **GRATEFUL IN LAKE WALES, FLA.**

**DEAR GRATEFUL:** I'm pleased that my advice was helpful. Better late than never.

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# Nation's unemployment rate stayed steady in December

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate held steady at 4 percent in December even as hiring by American businesses slowed to the weakest pace in four months.

The Labor Department said Friday that private payrolls rose by just 49,000 last month, the smallest increase since a gain of 17,000 in August. Manufacturing continued to suffer huge losses and the construction industry was hurt by unusually cold weather in December.

Overall employment was up by 105,000 last month, but more than half of that reflected increases in government jobs. For the last three months, payroll growth has averaged just 77,000, a sharp slowdown from gains of average gains of 187,000 jobs during the first nine months of the year.

"It's possible our remarkable run of economic good fortune could be ending," said John Hancock economist Oscar Gonzalez. "While I don't think that's the case, even if it is I think we are looking at a speed bump."

Labor Secretary Alexis Herman struck a more upbeat note. "This report doesn't indicate that things are as bleak as some are saying. The fundamentals of this economy are very strong."

On Wall Street, stocks fell on worries about corporate earnings and banking stocks. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 220 points and the Nasdaq index had lost 127 points.

Even with weak job growth, the 4 percent unemployment rate was better than many analysts had been expecting, given a rash of stories in recent weeks about thousands of job cuts at some of nation's biggest companies that reflected efforts to cope with a rapidly slowing economy.

Worried about the weakening economy, the Federal Reserve unexpectedly cut short-term interest rates by a half a percentage point Wednesday, the biggest rate cut in more than eight years, in an effort to stave off a recession.

President-elect Bush, holding a two-day economic summit in Austin, Texas, heard firsthand from some of America's top business executives about hold the slowdown was hurting their companies.

He told reporters that the Fed's efforts to stimulate the economy through lower interest rates would not be sufficient and Congress would need to move rapidly to pass his $1.3 trillion across-the-board tax cut.

Some economists said Friday's unemployment report raised the odds of the Fed cutting interest rates again at its Jan. 30-31 meeting.

New-home sales fell by 2.2 percent in November to the lowest level in three months. Stock market volatility, lower consumer confidence and higher energy prices made people less inclined to make a big purchase.

Even with the slowdown in the last three months of the year, the unemployment rate for all of 2000 averaged 4 percent. That was the best showing since a 3.5 percent jobless rate in 1969. The 1999 rate averaged 4.2 percent.

The unemployment rate dropped to a 30-year low of 3.9 percent during three months of 2000. With the slowdown, economists are forecasting jobless rate could rise to 5 percent by the end of 2001.

The Fed, worried about tight labor markets, raised interest rates six times between June 1999 and May 2000 in an effort to slow the economy to a more sustainable pace.

Its surprise rate cut this week indicated that Fed policy-makers now fear that they may have overdone the credit tightening and instead of guiding the economy to a soft landing, the economy could actually topple into its first recession since 1990-91.

One of the reasons the Fed gave for its rate reduction was the absence of inflationary pressures. That view was supported in Friday's report. Average hourly earnings, a key gauge of inflation, moderated in December, rising 0.4 percent to $14.01 an hour, slower than the 0.6 percent gain in November.

The slowing economy has contributed to some business closings and worker layoffs in certain industries.

In December, manufacturers, which have taken the brunt of slowdown, lost another 62,000 jobs, bringing their job losses for the year to 180,000. Since hitting a high in April 1998, manufacturing has shed 580,000 jobs, reflecting in part increased foreign competition as America's trade deficit soared to record highs.

Not only are factories laying off workers, they also are cutting the hours of those still employed. The factory workweek fell by 0.8 hours in December, the biggest drop since January 1996.

Construction lost 13,000 jobs in December, its second consecutive monthly decline, reflecting extreme weather conditions in both November and December.

Economic news has been dominated in recent weeks by large layoffs in some of the nation's biggest retailers. Sears, Roebuck and Co. announced Thursday it will close 89 stores and cut 2,400 people. Montgomery Ward & Co. has said it will close all its 250 stores.

In December retailers added just 8,000 jobs, pushing the total of all of 2000 to 302,000, the smallest increase since 1997.

The government added 56,000 jobs in December as both state and local government showed gains during the month. For the entire year, government employment grew by 160,000 — just half the gain of 1999.

On the Net:
The employment report:
http://stats.bls.gov/newsrels.htm

# Serious side effects reported in drug taken after exposure

ATLANTA (AP) — At least 22 people have suffered serious side effects, including liver failure, from taking an AIDS drug that was prescribed to prevent HIV infection in people accidentally exposed to the virus.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advised doctors Thursday not to prescribe the drug for that purpose.

The CDC documented two cases in health care workers and found 20 similar cases had been reported to the Food and Drug Administration. The problems occurred after people took nevirapine, a widely used AIDS drug, after a variety of accidental exposures to HIV, such as jabbing themselves with needles or being splashed with infected blood.

Government guidelines do not recommend nevirapine for preventing infection after HIV exposure. But the CDC does recommend a four-week course of anti-HIV drugs for people accidentally exposed to the virus. The agency recommended Thursday that nevirapine not be included in that regimen.

"This makes it very clear that this is a real risk factor," said Dr. Helene Gayle, the CDC's AIDS chief.

Columbus, Ohio-based Roxane Laboratories markets the drug under the name Viramune. Sheila Burke, a spokeswoman for its parent company, Boehringer Ingelheim, said she did not know why physicians would prescribe the drug for accidental exposure or how common such prescriptions are.

"It's important to know it's not indicated for that," Burke said Friday.

The most common reported side effects were liver damage and skin rashes. However, since reporting such incidents to the FDA is voluntary, the CDC said there undoubtedly have been other cases.

The people, mostly health care workers, suffered the side effects between 1997 and 2000, after taking the drug an average of two weeks. None eventually contracted HIV, Gayle said.

Thousands of needle-stick injuries occur each year, but most do not lead to HIV infection. Since 1981, the CDC has documented that 56 health care workers were infected with HIV, chiefly through needle-sticks.

The government looked into nevirapine complications after life-threatening liver damage was reported in a 43-year-old female health care worker and in a 38-year-old male physician who had taken the drug. The woman required a liver transplant, while the man was hospitalized with hepatitis.

The Roxane Laboratories' Web site warns sometimes-fatal liver damage has been reported in some people who have taken the drug.

The drug is still recommended for treating people infected with HIV and for preventing transmission of the virus from infected mothers to their babies.

The CDC said doctors may have prescribed nevirapine for accidental exposures because it theoretically works more quickly than other AIDS drugs and because it is recommended for preventing transmission of the virus from mother to child.

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# Letters to the editor

## Texas' new budget items

Dear Editor:

The State of Texas will be looking at the new budget items soon. They will increase many areas just as counties, cities, schools, etc. have done. We all know the entity's work from a budget and that's what you'll hear from all of them.

Do people know about the other set of books required each year reported by 85,000 local government entities called CAFR? Comprehensive Annual Financial reports that tell the actual income and assets of these counties, cities, schools, etc. I believe that if they did there would be a total shock wave across America.

The issue, briefly, is the composite government's growth. Here are the facts reported:

1. Composite government income in 1999 was....$8.5 trillion

From direct taxation and fee income: Federal $1.8 Local $1.6....$3.4 trillion

Investment returns Federal, Local, Autonomous Agencies ....$5.1 trillion.

2. Total gross personal income of the entire nation in 1999 was.....$8.2 trillion

Less total net personal income taxation and fees ....$3.6 trillion.

Less total net personal income taxation and fees .....$4.8 trillion.

LEAVES THE TOTAL..... $4.8 trillion

Source: 1999 Federal Combined Financial Statement

http://www.fms.treas.gov/cfs/index.html

More local information: dade@bigcountry.net

Not bad, almost a 2 to 1 ratio! Government 2 Private sector 1.

How much more do we need to saddle the American citizens with? In some states it takes (4) four workers in the private sector to support each government employee helping us to do better. See Maryland's composite report. Think about it!

Did you know the Composite Government Pension Funds are standing at $28 trillion dollars, after the 1999 generation of $4.3 trillion dollars? This is about twice the amount actually required, but we keep on taxing. Have a good day.

**Carl Nunn**
**Hermleigh**

## Shows character

Dear Editor:

My hat is off to Mr. Limmer. He showed real character in voting for what is best for Scurry County, instead of letting personal, petty politics contaminate the whole process.

I am not personally acquainted with Mr. Limmer, and I am not in his precinct. If he wants to seek the top position in the commissioners' court in 2002, I would be happy to support him.

If my commissioner only talked to two positive people, he didn't read the letters to the editor since we were talking to him.

**Thank you,**
**Truman L. Wilson**





# North of Forty By Red Green

## The great blood shortage

It seems to me that there is a design flaw in the system of the human body. If you make sure that every muscle and organ, the "my engine and the fuel for those engines is the blood, then you can see that there is really not enough fuel to have all the engines operating at the same time. That's why it's so difficult to watch television and think simultaneously. Whereas with a book, you can stop reading and put it down for a minute — and think about why exactly did Jack and Jill come that hill?

Because of this insufficient blood supply, the human brain must prioritize itself and decide who should get the blood at this particular moment, why they need it and what they plan to do with it once they get it. If you had special glasses that detected hemoglobin or whatever, you could look at a man and see where the blood is going and have a pretty good idea of his intentions. You'll also see why it's difficult for him to think about anything else. He doesn't have enough fuel for that.

If he had more blood, he'd be constantly able to see all of the options and be able to make an informed choice. Mind you, that might make him less of a man.

**PROTESTING TOO MUCH**

I was doing something on my computer the other day when suddenly a notice pops up in the middle of the screen saying "You have performed an illegal operation! This program will be shut down!" What is that? An illegal operation? I pressed a button on my computer. Is that against the law now?

This seems way over the top to me. I think it's a device created by the people who make these computers to cover their own mistakes. Obviously there's a glitch in the software, which triggers a problem and instead of them creating a sign that says "We screwed up by selling you this computer before we got the bugs out of it," they went with "You have performed an illegal operation!"

It's not a bad move actually. Maybe you should try that in your life. When your wife criticizes you, you just say "You have performed an illegal operation! This conversation will be shut down!" And then go out. But first, make sure you have a house key in your pocket.

**CONFIDENCE CAN KILL**

Sometimes when a man reaches middle age, he gets a little full of himself. Maybe he's been reasonably successful at work, has a nice home and family, hasn't raised any convicted felons, and he starts thinking that he knows it all. This ticks off everyone around him, and ironically he's the last one to notice. So watch for these signs that indicate you're getting obnoxious:

— People at work volunteer you for a climb of Mt. Everest.

— When you talk to neighbors, they run away, pretending to hear their phones ring.

— On Valentine's Day you're given a box of prunes.

— Your wife insists that when the two of you travel, you go on separate planes.

— The other guys in your carpool kick the muffler off your car so they can't hear what you're saying.

— Your best friend works for Amway but has never tried to sell you anything.

— When the firemen arrive, the first thing they do is hose you down, even though the burning building is across the street.

— Whenever you talk at a party, your wife sits behind you shaking her head.

**FATAL ATTRACTIVENESS**

As we get older, it gets more and more difficult to attract women. We lose our physique and our hair. We wear glasses and hearing aids and we forget what we were saying in mid-sentence. It eventually gets so bad that your only hope to attract a member of the opposite sex is to make sure you smell good and then sit near a woman with a big nose.

**Quote of the Day:** "A bird in the hand is only better than two in the bush if you like birds. I've always preferred that two stay in the bush." - **Red Green**

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# Saints and Sinners By George Plagenz

## Churchgoers slam dull sermons

The pastor woke up with the flu on Sunday morning. It was too late to get another minister to fill in, so one of the church's laymen led the service.

But what about the sermon? Who was going to preach? With nobody available, it was decided that "lay communication would do without the sermon."

Then a strange thing happened. When it was announced that there would be no sermon, the congregation broke out in spontaneous applause.

Do many churchgoers react that way to sermons? Father Andrew Greeley, the Catholic sociologist and author, once wrote a column in which he said, "I can tell you what bothers most Catholics about church. It's the sermon." The column touched a sensitive cord.

"The outpouring of letters from the laity in response to that column," said Greeley, "may not have been a scientific sample, but the sheer volume of it leaves no doubt about how the average Catholic feels about sermons."

One of Greeley's correspondents suggested a "worst sermon contest."

"There would be awards," said the writer, "for all-round worst sermon, longest, dullest, most inane, most juvenile, least comprehensible and most pointless."

"Winners," the writer suggested, "would be locked up in a room where they would have to listen to tapes of their sermons played over and over."

Protestant sermons often don't fare any better with the people in the pews. Jokes about boring sermons abound. Perhaps the best-known story concerns the minister who paused during his discourse to instruct an usher to wake a man in one of the pews who had fallen asleep.

"You wake him," the usher replied. "You put him to sleep."

There is another joke about the minister who didn't have time to prepare his Sunday sermon, so he preached a sermon from one of Harry Emerson Fosdick's books of sermons.

After the service was over, one of his parishioners complimented the preacher.

"That was a great sermon, " the man said. "It ought to be published."

"It has been," the minister replied.

Some churchgoers think it wouldn't be such a bad idea for most ministers to "steal" their sermons from books of "Best Sermons" — or, in any case, to make liberal use of sermon outlines and illustrations that are published under such camouflaged titles as "The Minister's Manual" or "Resources of Inspiration."

"At least we would get a good sermon every Sunday," says one disgruntled churchgoer. "Who cares if most of it was plagiarized?"

Greeley himself suggested that Catholics bothered by bad sermons send their pastors a subscription to "one of the moderately good homiletic services."

One of the biggest criticisms of sermons is that they are too long. One critic proposes a 12-minute limit on sermons. Yet some of the best preachers have held forth in the pulpit for 30 to 40 minutes and left their congregations begging for more.

One of these was the late Rabbi Daniel Silver of The Temple in Cleveland. "In our world," said Silver, "there are few subjects that can be polished over in 10 minutes. Despite our passion for instant coffee and instant success, sermons that are over in an instant are rarely worth listening to."

Silver's temple was filled every Sabbath.

**(By the way, I took Greeley's suggestion and gave my pastor a subscription to the Homiletical Review as a Christmas present. It is filled every month with sermon illustrations, stories and ideas for sermons. I'll let you know the results — if any.)**

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# EDITORIAL COMMENT

**Fort Worth Star-Telegram**

## Race and college admissions

In the four years since the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against using most considerations of race in admissions decisions at Texas' public universities, the state has struggled with other ways of getting more minority students into higher education.

But the debate about affirmation action has not disappeared. Instead, it has gotten murkier. A series of court rulings last month make the issue ripe for clarification by the U.S. Supreme Court.

On Dec. 4, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said that schools may use race as one factor among others in evaluating applicants when the goal is a diverse student body. That ruling came in a challenge to a now-defunct race-conscious procedure used at the University of Washington Law School.

A federal district court judge made a similar finding Dec. 13 in a case involving the University of Michigan.

Both those decisions relied on a 1978 U.S. Supreme Court ruling named for a rejected California medical school hopeful. In Regents of the University of California vs. Bakke, a fractured court allowed some racial considerations but struck down separate screening of white and minority applicants.

Justice Lewis Powell, the swing vote on both holdings, wrote an opinion for the court saying that "the attainment of a diverse student body . . . is a constitutionally permissible goal for an institution of higher education" but that ethnic diversity "is only one element in a range of factors a university properly may consider."

In 1996, the 5th Circuit declined to follow Powell's reasoning and ruled 2-1 that the University of Texas School of Law's admissions process amounted to reverse discrimination against a quartet of white applicants.

On Dec. 21, the 5th Circuit affirmed that 1996 decision in Hopwood vs. Texas, refusing to recognize diversity as a justification for taking race into account.

The Supreme Court has not tackled this difficult area of college admissions since Bakke, and it has turned down the Hopwood case once already. But this is precisely the kind of vexatious problem that requires specific guidance amid conflicting lower-court opinions.

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**Odessa American**

## Vouchers remain viable alternative

Despite being wiped out at the polls in Michigan and California last month, the school voucher solution to troubled public schools has not disappeared.

Its true that statewide, public-funded voucher programs such as those voters rejected probably wont be tested again for some time, perhaps a decade. And even vouchers already in place are under a cloud from federal courts.

Earlier this month, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected Cleveland's limited voucher program. But new ideas keep bubbling up. One now being advanced is the "Put Parents in Charge" campaign by the Campaign for Americas Children, a group started in New York City by financier Ted Forstmann.

Since October, it has been spending $20 million to put out TV and newspaper ads touting school options for parents. The ads also can be seen online.

The group is chaired by Forstmann, but the bipartisan Board of Advisers includes Joseph Calesidential candidate Jack Kemp and Sen. John McCain.

The TV ad "No Longer" features people from a mosaic of ethnic groups talking so that their phrases overlap: "I will no longer be a silent witness to my own kids education ... I will no longer sit and watch the system fail my children ... I will no longer let them use my tax dollars to tell me where to send my kids to school ... I will no longer let them put the systems needs above my kids needs ... I will no longer let freedom of choice be the American way in everything except their education ... I want to have choices ... I want to have a voice ... I want to decide where to send my kids to school."

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**Longview News-Journal**

## State Senate wants to help teachers

The state Senate Education Committee, which has been studying the teacher shortage, is recommending some new benefits. The problem is serious enough that the Legislature must act during the 2001 session to make the profession attract and retain more quality teachers. Only about 22,000 new teachers are available to fill the approximately 63,000 job openings in Texas each year.

"The teacher shortage is a critical problem, not only in Texas, but across the nation," said Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, who is chairman of the Senate Education Committee. "We need to find ways to shrink the number of teacher vacancies."

A mortgage assistance program might be attractive to some teachers. But the cash bonuses for teachers and administrators who work at schools where students meet certain academic performance standards might backfire. Teachers in schools that don't qualify for the bonuses might seek jobs in schools that meet the standards. A better plan would be to pay incentives for teachers who go to low-performing schools.

A state-funded health insurance program to offset soaring premiums for teachers and ease financial pressure on districts should be a priority. Teachers would like to have a health plan that is equivalent to that of state employees. The problem will be in funding it.

Committee members also recommend establishing a college loan forgiveness program to offset the cost of earning a bachelors degree. That, too, might help.

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**The Galveston County Daily News**

## Clinton's pardons

Speaking of then-President George Bush's pardon of former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and five other Iran-Contra figures for giving false testimony before Congress, President-elect Bill Clinton said, "I am concerned by any action that sends a signal that if you work for the government you're above the law."

It seems the president has gotten over that moral hurdle — among others — when it comes to the issue of presidential pardons.

Last week Clinton pardoned former House Ways and Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski. The former Illinois congressman and friend of the Clintons pleaded guilty to two counts of misusing public funds in 1996. He served time in a minimum-security prison in Wisconsin and was released from a halfway house in October 1997.

Rostenkowski wasn't the only friend of the Clintons to receive his "Get Out of Jail Free" card.

Tyson Foods executive Archie Schaffer III, a 30-year friend of Bill's whose conviction stems from an indictment handed down as part of an independent counsel investigation of former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, was sentenced to a 366-day jail term, but has remained out of prison while awaiting appeals. Schaffer now will never serve any time for trying to buy influence with Espy.

One might wonder why a president is allowed to hand out these keys to the prison.

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# To fit in at fitness center, just follow the guidelines

HOUSTON — The first time in a gym — or returning after a long layoff — can be frightening.

The weight room is filled with buff bodies lifting with perfect form.

The aerobics area is clogged with veterans who know every step.

StairMasters and treadmills are humming.

Barbells are clanking.

Everyone seems to know what he or she is doing.

Except you.

It's enough to force any person who has made a well-intentioned New Year's resolution to get in shape to turn around and high-tail it out the front door.

Not so fast.

Follow this guide on how to act like a "gym rat" and you'll have everyone fooled in no time flat.

At the very least, you'll feel more comfortable in a fitness setting.

And that's an important first step in getting in shape.

**Dress the part**

Most fitness centers have dress codes. Denim jeans, open-toed shoes, T-shirts laced with an obscenity or no shirt at all are strictly forbidden.

At the Downtown YMCA, where many members wear gym clothing furnished by the fitness center, white or gray shorts and T-shirts — gray for men and green for women — are standard workout wear.

Members at 24-Hour Fitness centers tend to wear more spandex; the Q sports clubs forbid tank tops and require shorts over spandex tights.

So ask what the dress code is and act accordingly. You probably can't go wrong with loose-fitting sweats or knee-length shorts and a T-shirt with athletic shoes.

Gym wear that is several sizes too tight, thongs on a woman, or a tank top that shows a guy's nipples aren't proper gym wear no matter how good a shape you are in.

Remember, even hunky bodybuilders wear loose-fitting sweat tops, believing that even if you have muscles you don't have to show them off at the gym.

And, by all means, wear underwear.

**Warm up first**

Ernest Perez, owner of Ernest & Co. fitness center, says even many longtime regulars don't take time to warm up.

**They should**

At least six minutes on an exercise bike or treadmill and a few stretches are mandatory before lifting weights to warm up the body and prevent injury, Perez says.

To look like a real pro, don't lean on the StairMaster. You'll get a better cardiovascular workout if you stand straight and grasp the rails lightly while exercising on this machine.

"When you're standing up straight, you're actually burning more calories because your central nervous system works a little bit harder," says William Krolls, fitness professional at 24-Hour Fitness center in southwest Houston.

The New York Times cites a study that leaning on the rails of a stair climber makes the workout less strenuous. For a high-intensity workout, minimal leaning by 12 subjects decreased their oxygen intake by 7.3 percent and their heart rates by 4.2 percent.

**Head for the machines**

If you're a beginner at lifting weights, skip the barbells and go to the machines.

There's less chance of getting injured, and it's easier to maintain proper form on a machine.

Whether it's free weights or machines, don't lift more than you can handle. Jerking the weight can lead to strain and injury, particularly for your back.

The American Council on Exercise says gradual, progressive resistance is a far more effective and safe way to increase muscle strength.

Wearing gloves while lifting weights may give others the idea that you know what you're doing. They also keep your hands from getting calloused.

Experts say a workout belt probably isn't necessary unless you're a competitive weightlifter. Some studies indicate that wearing a belt while lifting weights may even increase the potential for injury in other joints.

**Re-rack your weights**

If you lift free weights, remember to remove them from the bar and return them to their racks when you finish. It's common courtesy and an important part of proper gym etiquette.

"A lot of people use the leg presses, and they slap on a couple of hundred pounds. The big guys are too lazy to take it off. It happens, and the females complain," Krolls says.

**Bring a towel**

If your gym doesn't furnish towels, bring your own to wipe down each machine after you use it. No one wants to work out in a pool of your sweat. Toweling your equipment is a sure sign that you're a gym pro.

**Let others work in**

Sitting on the bench between sets is a mark of an amateur. Let others work in. Sometimes it's a great way to strike up a conversation and get workout tips.

Don't let others who hog the equipment intimidate you. Ask politely, "How many more sets do you have?" That will usually get them moving.

**Keep grunts to a minimum**

Even most bodybuilders don't scream like a banshee when lifting weights. It's embarrassing and a turnoff to others.

And don't slam the weights. An important gym maxim is this: If you're strong enough to lift it, you're strong enough to set it down quietly.

**Make your own kind of music**

Get a Walkman and put on some heart-pounding music. Studies indicate high-energy music can enhance a workout. At the very least, you will look cool in your earphones.

And if you're super-shy, you can use the Walkman to avoid talking to others until you've summoned up more courage.

**Take water breaks**

Breaking a sweat means it's even more important to drink water to avoid becoming dehydrated. The American Council on Exercise recommends drinking three to six ounces of water every 10 to 15 minutes during a workout.

If your gym allows it, take a water bottle with you and keep sipping. Some gyms forbid such bottles in the workout room to avoid messy spillage. If that's the case, head for the water fountain often. It's a good way to break up your workout, too.

**Don't overdo it**

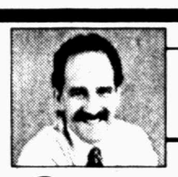
Exercising too much is the surest way to bring your good intentions to a halt. Perez says he often sees a "New Year's resolution person" work out too many times the first week and get burned out right away.

"If you come to the gym four times (the first week), your body's just going to feel so beat up after not exercising for so long," he says.

When starting out, it's probably good to take a day off between gym visits — no matter how gung-ho you are to get going.

**Ask for help**

Most gyms provide an initial free training session.



## Nutrition By Ed Blonz Ph.D.

# Can vitamin K damage heart?

**DEAR DR. BLONZ:** My husband has an artificial heart valve and will be on a blood thinner (Coumadin) for the rest of his life. He has been told not to eat green vegetables. This is proving very hard for him, as he loves his veggies. Eating just yellow and white doesn't allow for much variety. Are there any Web resources or books we can read, or charts/cookbooks that would allow us to insert some veggies on a regular basis and still keep his blood levels correct? Any assistance is greatly appreciated. Thanks. **— J.B., Portland, Ore.**

**Dear J.B.:** The warning against green, leafy vegetables stems from the fact that vitamin K is present in these foods. Vitamin K plays an integral role in blood clotting, and Coumadin's role as a "blood thinner" springs from its ability to counteract vitamin K. Adding vitamin K to your husband's diet would overwhelm Coumadin's ability to do its job. That explains why the warnings to avoid vitamin K foods are so often stressed.

The appropriate Coumadin dosage is usually determined through a series of blood clotting tests. From that point on, the key is to hold constant any substances that would affect blood clotting. That would mean that once the Coumadin dosage is determined, your husband should not increase or decrease the level of vitamin K in his diet.

Other Coumadin-related advice includes checking with your doctor on other medications your husband might be taking. Aspirin, for example, affects blood clotting. Certain herbs can also interact with Coumadin and blood clotting in general, so they should not be used without prior medical clearance. A list of suspect herbs includes ginseng, garlic, ginkgo, dan shen (salvia miltiorhiza), devil's claw, dong quai, fenugreek, horse chestnut, papain (papaya) and St. John's Wort. Here is the vitamin K content of some representative foods.

Kale, raw: 1 cup (chopped), 531 mcg vitamin K

Broccoli, cooked: 1 cup (chopped), 400 mcg vitamin K

Parsley: 1 cup (chopped), 324 mcg vitamin K

Swiss chard: 1 cup (chopped), 249 mcg vitamin K

Turnip greens, raw: 1 cup (chopped), 130 mcg vitamin K

Spinach: 1 cup (chopped), 120 mcg vitamin K

Watercress: 1 cup (chopped), 85 mcg vitamin K

Avocado: 1 avocado, 80 mcg vitamin K

Lettuce: 1 cup (shredded), 68 mcg vitamin K

Cabbage, raw: 1 cup (shredded), 48 mcg vitamin K

Pistachio nuts, dried: 1/2 cup, 43 mcg vitamin K

Soybean oil: 1 tablespoon, 26 mcg vitamin K

Kiwi fruit: 1 medium kiwi, 19 mcg vitamin K

Canola oil: 1 tablespoon, 19 mcg vitamin K

Mayonnaise: 1 tablespoon, 12 mcg vitamin K

Olive oil: 1 tablespoon, 7 mcg vitamin K

You can find a more extensive list online at www.coumadin.com. Once at this site, proceed to the area designed for consumers, and then click for health/lifestyle information.

There is also a cookbook that sounds perfectly tailored for your needs. It is called "The Coumadin Cookbook," and it deals with the problems you outline. One of the authors, Rene Desmarais, is a medical doctor, and the book's second edition will be released soon. He wrote it because his wife was put on Coumadin, and they were facing the same problems that you are now facing. The book costs $16.95, and you can find out more about it online at www.coumadincookbook.com. If you don't have access to the Internet, you can call (410) 749-1989 for information.

Finally, your husband has been given the gift of a new heart valve, something that would not have been possible years ago. If all he needs to do to make it work is to watch the foods he eats, so be it! I wish you both good health and good luck.

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

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# Lobbyist to be assistant for legislative affairs

AUSTIN (AP) — President-elect Bush named Nicholas Calio to be his assistant for legislative affairs, the same job Calio fulfilled for Bush's father.

Calio, 46, will be responsible for working with Congress, promoting White House issues on Capitol Hill.

Bush said Calio will be "a terrific liaison to Congress."

"He is an individual who is respected by members of Congress on both sides of the aisle," Bush said.

# Sale barns, ranchers try to force beef referendum

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Three South Dakota ranchers, the Livestock Marketing Association and others are suing in federal court to force a referendum on the beef checkoff program.

The U.S. Agriculture Department received thousands of signatures 14 months ago from cattlemen requesting a nationwide vote on the program but has not yet scheduled an election.

Farmers and ranchers have been charged $1-per-head on cattle sold since Congress approved the program in 1985. The checkoff fee, which raises about $80 million a year, goes to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association for beef promotion and research.

But many of those who raise cattle argue that the money is squandered. Beef consumption has declined, and the checkoff should be ended, they say.

Nancy Robinson, an LMA vice president, said more than $1 billion has been collected from the cattle industry since 1985, but beef consumption continues to fall. She said per capita consumption peaked at 89 pounds in 1976 but declined to 65 pounds in 1998.

"Not only were consumers purchasing much less beef by 1998, but also (cattle) prices were at frustratingly low levels," Robinson said.

Low prices for beef prompted LMA to begin the petition drive, she said.

The 800-member Livestock Marketing Association, which is based in Kansas City, Kan. and represents livestock auction markets and others, began collecting signatures in July 1998. USDA was presented with 145,045 names in November 1999.

After USDA said only signatures from a 12-month period could be submitted, LMA narrowed its list to 125,788 signatures. USDA had informed the group in April 1998 that 116,791 signatures, which was equivalent to 10 percent of cattle producers, were necessary before the agriculture secretary would make a decision on a referendum.

Challenging the signature validation process and hoping to either force an election or have the checkoff ruled unconstitutional, LMA was joined in its lawsuit by the Western Organization of Resource Councils, which has members in the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Colorado. Three ranchers who have paid the checkoff fee and signed referendum petitions — Robert Thullner of Herreid, Johnny Smith of Fort Pierre and Ernie J. Mertz of Bowdle — also are listed as plaintiffs.

Support for the referendum is especially strong in South Dakota, the lawsuit said, indicating that 8,545 of the state's 18,700 cattle producers signed petitions.

The lawsuit challenges the signature validation process and accuses Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman of dragging his feet on the referendum. USDA hired a private accounting firm to contact farmers and ranchers who signed the petitions, and the firm is verifying their eligibility to sign by requiring them to provide information on cattle they have sold, LMA said.

Farmers and ranchers were not told before signing petitions that they would have to provide sales documents, the lawsuit said.

"Although cattle producers have been making mandatory checkoff contributions since 1986, USDA apparently does not have any way of identifying the cattlemen who have contributed to the program," Robinson said.


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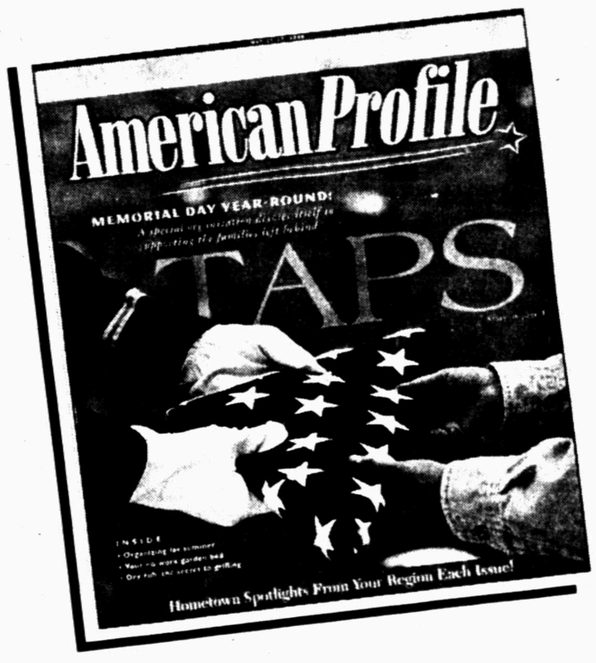
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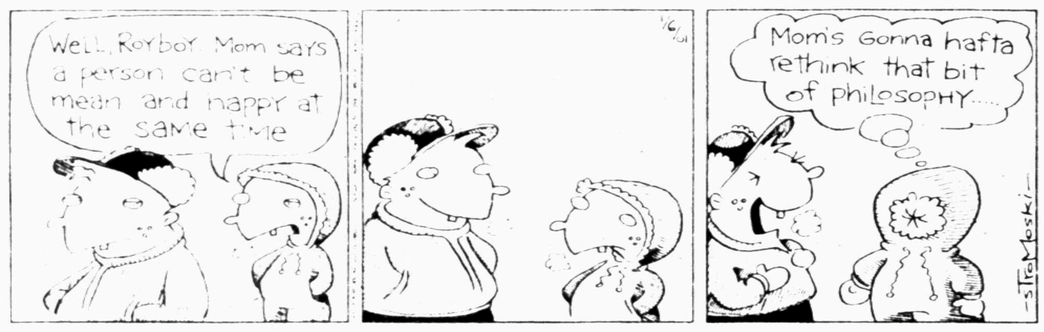
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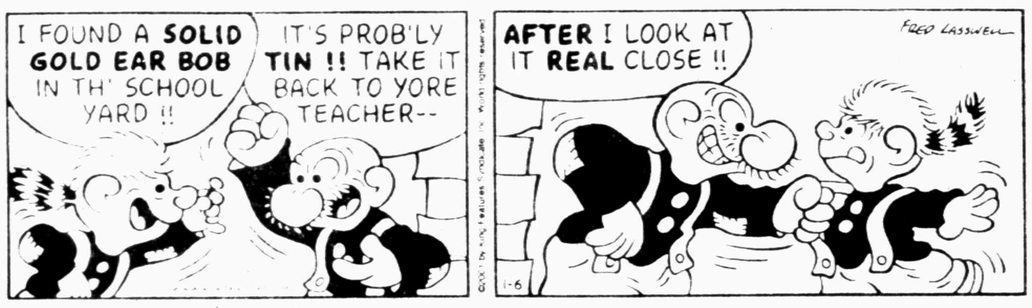

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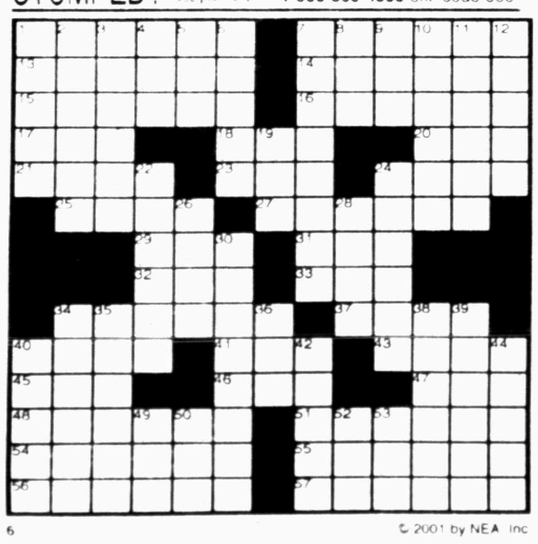
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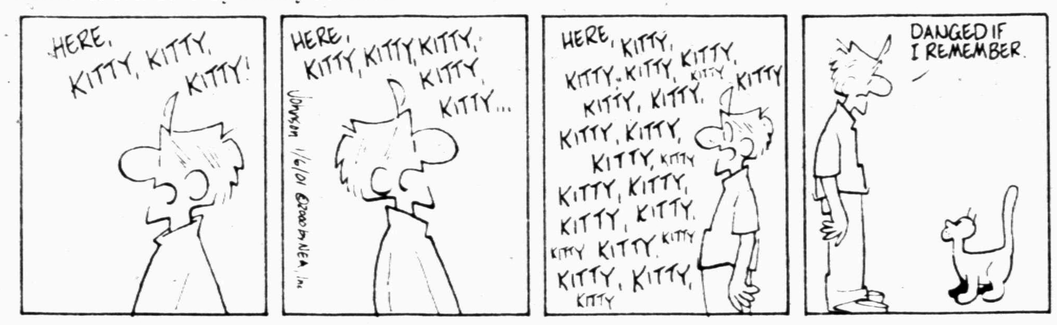


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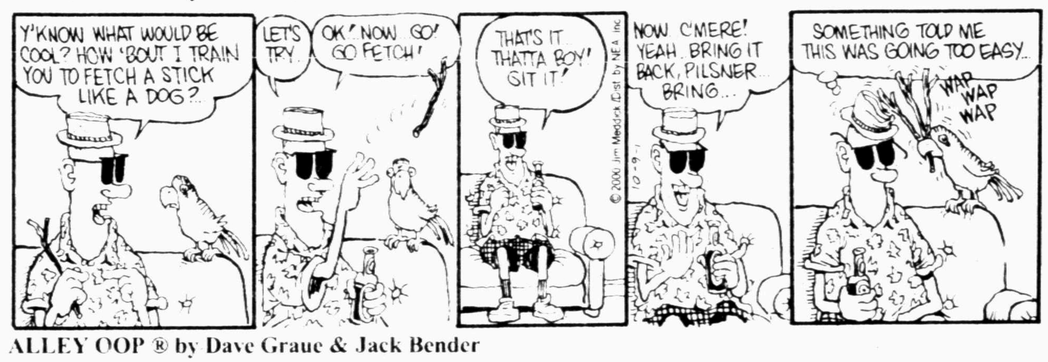

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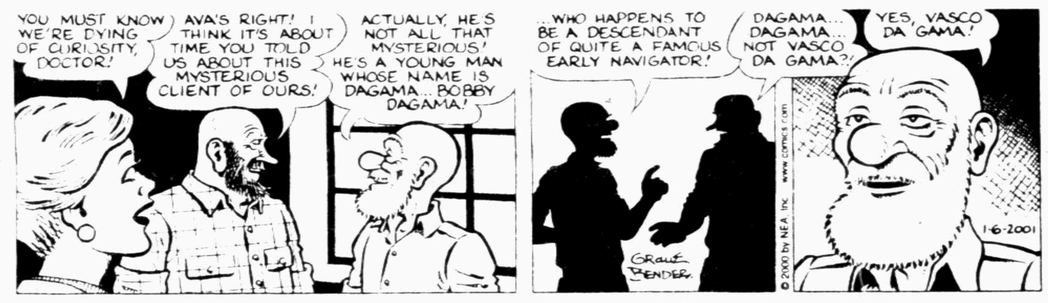

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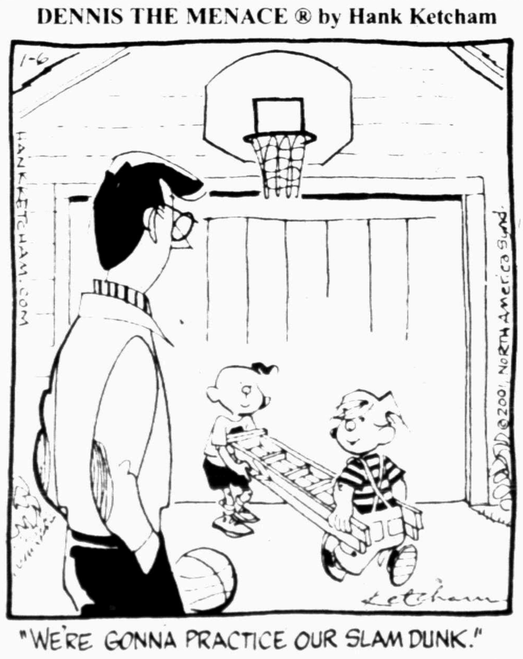



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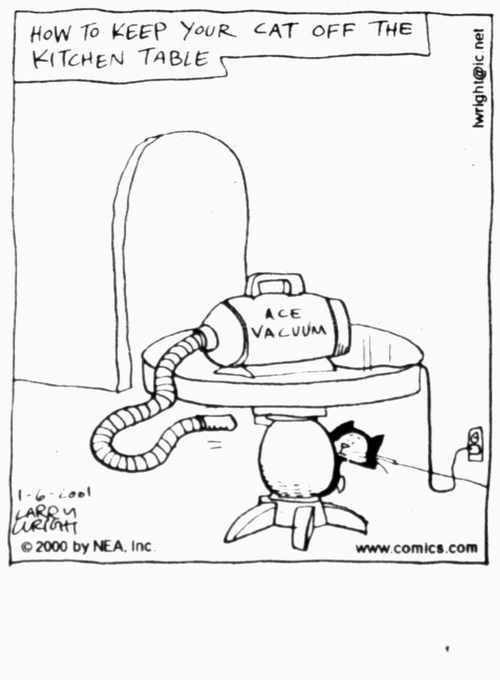
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# Studs Terkel's latest book to focus on death

CHICAGO (AP) — It makes sense that Studs Terkel should examine the way America deals with death.

In thousands of interviews and a couple dozen books, he's looked at everything from the way Americans got through the Depression and World War II to how they see race, their jobs and growing old.

And there's this: Terkel is 88 years old.

He has watched the ranks of his friends dwindle, from the famous like newspaper columnist Mike Royko and author Nelson Algren to those who never made a headline. He's gone to more funerals than he can count. And he's suffered the loss of the one person he just couldn't lose: his wife of 60 years, his Ida.

So Terkel, who created his own brand of journalism with oral histories that have won him honors including the Pulitzer Prize, is again out there with his tape recorder working on a book about what seems the only subject he hasn't tackled.

"What's the one experience none of us have had and all of us will have?" he asks, by way of explanation. "Obviously, death."

He has interviewed more than 80 people, a number his editor says will climb to about 120 before he's finished. From that, maybe 60 or 70 will be included in the book, which is expected to come out next fall.

Terkel interviewed famous people for the new project, including author Kurt Vonnegut and bluegrass musician Doc Watson. Watson tries to put into words the loss of Merle, the son he loved and with whom he shared a stage for decades.

Most of those he interviewed are simply, as Terkel calls them, "ordinary people who do extraordinary things," the kinds of people who have always been at the center of his work.

There is Quentin Young, a 77-year-old Chicago physician whose patients include the author himself and Ida, who died in December 1999. Young talks about breaking the news to patients that they are terminally ill.

There is Mamie Mobley, the mother of the 14-year-old black youth Emmett Till. Her son left Chicago in 1955 to visit family in Mississippi. While there, he was savagely beaten, shot and tossed in the Tallahatchee River by two white men — later acquitted by an all-white jury — because he supposedly whistled at a white woman.

"She's talking about looking at her son's body," says Sydney Lewis, who has worked for Terkel for years, transcribing his taped interviews. "I've typed two interviews with her and I've cried each time."

Terkel has returned to some of his favorite subjects from other books, like the retired New York firefighter, Tommy Gates, whose story was told in Terkel's best seller "Working."

Gates tells of the colon cancer that turned his strapping father into 85 pounds of little more than skin stretched over bones. "Tommy is in the cot next to him and ... one night he hears the old man take a deep sigh, breathe and then silence," Terkel says.

Relieved his father's suffering is finally over, Gates then hears him breathing again — and tells Terkel that he found himself angry that the father he loved was still alive.

That story, says Lewis, herself the author of three oral history books, illustrates the kind of honesty, the kind of truth that Terkel somehow gets people to reveal. "Who would you tell that to?" she says. "He's like an X-ray machine, he gets people to open their hearts to him."

Lewis tells of the man who went off to Vietnam because his country asked him to, and for decades since hasn't been able to shake what he saw and literally keeps people at arm's length. "In talking to Studs he says, 'Usually I don't allow people to sit this close to me, usually you'd be over there. ... I see a psychologist and he knows he's got to sit on the other side of the room.'"

There he was sitting next to Terkel, a tape recorder sucking in his every word, telling the writer things he has told no one.

"That's his magic," says Lewis. "He gets people to think in a way they don't usually think, as opposed to gouging themselves like they do on TV."

It might seem a brutally depressing chore, listening to people like the woman who told of the day the bomb at Hiroshima took her mother but somehow spared her. But Terkel says that's not the case.

"This is the liveliest book I've ever written," he says, chuckling at the notion. "My book is really about the preciousness of life."

Terkel says it is unlikely he will include in the book his own story — that of losing his wife, whom Lewis called "his everything."

When he shows visitors around his house on Chicago's North Side, Ida Terkel is everywhere. From the photographs on the walls to the fresh daisies he continues to keep because they were her favorites, it is difficult to imagine that the only person who called him his given name — Louis — and not Studs won't be in the book.

She is also in large part the driving force behind the book, which Terkel says he had begun before he lost her. Her death has "lent a certain kind of emotional touch to the book that it didn't have, on my part," Terkel concedes. "It lends a certain urgency to the book."

Andre Schiffrin of New Press, who has been Terkel's editor on all his books, says the project really took shape after Terkel's wife died unexpectedly following heart surgery. Terkel began talking to people, trying to put his grief into words.

Out of that, "He began to realize how fascinating other people's stories were," says Schiffrin. "Then he changed gradually from mourner to author."

# Reno okays partial merger of Denver's 2 newspapers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno approved the partial merger Friday of the Denver Post and Denver Rocky Mountain News to preserve two independent editorial voices after the News lost $123 million in a circulation war during the 1990s.

Accepting a recommendation made last fall by the Justice Department's antitrust division, Reno concluded that persistent operating losses would probably force the News to close unless she allowed it to merge printing and commercial operations with its competitor. Their reporting and editorial staffs will remain independent.

Since the Newspaper Preservation Act was enacted in 1970, attorneys general have approved every application for the partial exemption from antitrust laws that bars competitors from working together. Reno's decision was the ninth such approval.

The law "was enacted explicitly to prevent where possible the closure of papers like the News," Reno said. "With this joint operating agreement, Denver will remain a two-newspaper city with independent editorial voices."

"In the past 100 years, more than 1,000 newspapers have closed, driven off by a range of competitive forces including the introduction of radio, then television and now the Internet," said Reno, whose mother and father were newspaper reporters in Miami. "Today Denver is one of only five major American cities served by independently competing daily newspapers of general circulation."

The others are Boston, Chicago, New York and Washington. Twenty years ago, 16 large U.S. cities had independently competing newspapers.

The partial merger will take effect Jan. 22.

Penny-a-day subscription prices and other aggressive strategies backfired for the News, forcing it to seek a truce with the Post in an application filed with the Justice Department last May 12.

Executives of both papers have said they do not expect job cuts in the newsrooms, but layoffs are possible in other areas. The News has 1,785 employees, while the Post has 1,870. Unions at both papers have endorsed the plan.

The Denver newspapers had fought a vigorous circulation war for more than a century. The Post switched from publishing in the afternoon to publishing in the morning in 1984 to face the News head-on. By the 1990s, the newspapers were slashing subscription costs to the point where the News was selling papers for a penny a day.

By the time the papers sought peace, the News had a daily circulation of 446,465 and a Sunday circulation of 552,085, compared with the Post's 413,730 daily and 558,560 Sunday.

Despite the edge in circulation, the News lost $123 million in the past decade and was in danger of being shut down. The Post, on the other hand, made $200 million during the 1990s.

In a report to Reno last September, the department's antitrust division concluded that the News and its parent, E.W. Scripps Co., took a number of unsuccessful steps to regain dominance in the Denver market.

Among them were deep discounts in advertising prices, a decision to restrict circulation to the Denver area and the purchase of the Daily Camera in Boulder.

"Simply raising prices for either circulation or advertising is not demonstrably likely to reverse the losses given the presence of the Post as a strong alternative for readers or advertisers who would not want to pay the higher prices," according to the government report.

The department concluded that the News was in probable danger of failing without the agreement, which would preserve the newspapers' independent voices.

MediaNews Group Inc., the nation's seventh-largest newspaper chain, owns the Post and 46 other daily newspapers as well as 94 nondailies in 12 states.

# Warren brothers try to sell heartland rock at Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Brad and Brett Warren make a passionate argument that country music is the natural home for the John Mellencamps and Tom Pettys of the new millennium.

And The Warren Brothers say they are the prime example of their theory. Their "King of Nothing" album (BNA) is full of heartland rock 'n' roll designed to be sung in arenas.

"There's a lot of pop country out there right now," said 29-year-old Brett Warren. "That's not us. We're rock country. The king of rock 'n' roll (Elvis Presley) is in the Country Music Hall of Fame, and the father of country music (Jimmie Rodgers) is in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. That's where The Warren Brothers lie."

Although their tattoos and wardrobe may seem geared to appeal to teenyboppers, The Warren Brothers are not about dancing and lip-syncing. They play guitar, write most of their songs and count Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band as heroes.

"There's a big group of people from (ages) 20 to 50 that love music and buy records that aren't buying records now because (the music is) catering to children," said Brett Warren. "In the words of Chris Rock, we're making our music for people who are paying bills."

The single "That's the Beat of a Heart," with guest vocalist Sara Evans, was a Top 20 hit last year. But the duo hasn't been successful enough yet to fill arenas on their own, so they spent much of 2000 warming up the crowds for Tim McGraw and Faith Hill.

"We've done two Faith Hill tours by ourselves, then toured with Tim and the (Dixie) Chicks," Brad Warren, 32, said. "We've done a good job for them every time out, so they keep asking us back."

Raised in Tampa, Fla., the brothers grew up playing in bands together.

"We watched the E Street Band and Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers growing up, as well as Johnny Cash and Garth Brooks and Dwight Yoakam," Brett Warren said.

They were averaging 300 shows a year in Florida when they decided to move to Nashville. Their first album, "Beautiful Day in the Cold Cruel World" (1998), contained the hit single "Guilty."

The Warren Brothers couldn't use their band on the Hill-McGraw tour, but wowed audiences with their acoustic guitars. "Those beach bars that we played for 10 years before we came here really paid off," Brad Warren said. "There's something about being able to rock a crowd with two acoustic guitars. It takes a little bit of time to learn how to do that."

They believe they tried too hard in the past to compromise in an effort to have hits.

"On this new record we weren't going for a sound," said Brett Warren. "We were trying NOT to get a certain sound — that Nashville glossy thing. ... It's all the same producers, the same musicians playing on them, and then some guy walks in after the record is already made and sings lyrics that somebody else wrote. It just lacks sincerity. We're just trying to be sincere."

They believe they're among a group of singer-songwriters who can help Nashville regain a bigger audience for country music.

"Record labels are starting to sign acts that do more than just wear the hat and the starched shirt and the belt buckle and go sing karaoke in front of a band that's so far behind the lights that you can't even see them," Brad Warren said.

"There's a whole new movement — Phil Vassar, Keith Urban, Eric Heatherly, us, the (Dixie) Chicks — people who write and play and sing on their records, and it's pretty cool.

"It's taking a little bit longer to make that work on country radio, but they're starting to figure it out that Johnny Cash and Waylon (Jennings) got resistance, too. They said Patsy Cline sang too pop. Now, she's who everybody refers to."

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# Jury selection starts in W. Virginia tobacco trial

WHEELING, W.Va. (AP) — Tobacco companies have already agreed to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on the medical bills of dead or dying smokers.

They've had to spend millions more on ad campaigns to discourage young people from smoking.

And now, in a precedent-setting case, a West Virginia jury will decide whether the industry should be forced to spend as much as $500 million on doctors' exams for healthy people who, despite the warnings, kept on smoking.

Jury selection started in state court Thursday in a trial that is expected to take 31/2 months.

It is the first time a class-action lawsuit demanding that a tobacco company pay for preventive medical monitoring has made it to trial in the United States.

Twelve other cases have been filed around the country since 1996, according to a Jeff Furr, an attorney for R.J. Reynolds. Ten of the 13 were denied class-action status and dismissed. One, in Nevada, is still under review by the courts. A Louisiana case has been granted class-action status but is not expected to go to trial until the summer.

"This is an extremely unique case — to have uninjured plaintiffs who have knowingly and voluntarily exposed themselves to the most widely known risk in our society; and who are not sick," Furr said.

He said the smokers "want to have it both ways" — they want to continue exposing themselves to a known danger but still be assured of health exams.

Lawyers representing more than 250,000 West Virginians covered by the lawsuit said the five cigarette manufacturers and two distributors being sued should provide free periodic medical tests for smokers who are currently healthy but at risk of contracting various cancers and lung or heart disease.

"West Virginians are entitled to obtain monitoring as a result of their exposure to a very toxic group of substances," said one of the lawyers, Scott Segal.

The defendants include four manufacturers that altogether have 96 percent of the U.S. market: Reynolds; Philip Morris; Brown & Williamson; and Lorillard. Also targeted is industry turncoat Liggett & Myers, whose top executive is expected to be a key witness for the smokers.

The lawsuit would benefit people who, since 1995, have smoked the equivalent of a pack a day for five years but do not currently have a cigarette-related illness. Furr said the plaintiffs' demands could cost the tobacco industry as much as $500 million.

Claims for medical monitoring have mostly involved cases in which people were unknowingly exposed to an invisible hazard. Furr said that is not the case with cigarettes, which have had warning labels for decades.

The smokers will argue, however, that tobacco companies did not disclose the extent of the risks associated with smoking and that the warning labels are inadequate.

Two judges with experience in mass litigation will preside over the trial because of the expected length of the case and the volume of work.

The smokers hope to bolster their case with the videotaped testimony from Bennett S. LeBow, chief executive of Liggett & Myers' parent company, Brooke Group.

LeBow in 1997 became the first top tobacco executive to break ranks and admit smoking is addictive. He has testified about the dangers of smoking at other trials.

# Reindeer farmers seeking federal aid

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Reindeer farmers have seen thousands of their animals run off with wild caribou herds, prompting state officials to seek federal disaster money.

The Western Arctic caribou herd, which has grown to more than 400,000 animals, is spreading across the Seward Peninsula, encroaching on herders' lands where reindeer graze freely. Herders say once the reindeer mix with their wild cousins, they don't come back.

About 3,000 reindeer may have joined the caribou herd over the past decade, officials said. That may leave as few as 9,000 reindeer on the peninsula, compared with nearly 25,000 a decade ago, said wildlife biologist Greg Finstad, who manages the reindeer research program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

"We can't lose very many more," Finstad told the Anchorage Daily News. "We're not talking about losing a viable industry. We're just trying to salvage seed stock."

"It's a very difficult time," said Rose Fosdick, program director for a group that represents herders on the peninsula. The peninsula stretches into the Bering Strait on Alaska's western coast.

Six of the association's 20 members have lost their entire herds over the past decade, and another two may not have enough animals left to stay in business, Fosdick said. Reindeer herders sell the meat as well as the antlers, which some cultures use to make aphrodisiacs and tonics.

Herders on the Seward Peninsula have received about $300,000 over the past two years to help cover the loss of their reindeer and grazing land. But a change in federal law means they need a disaster declaration before they can get more.

The herders will likely get about $100,000 this year if the declaration is approved, federal agriculture officials said.


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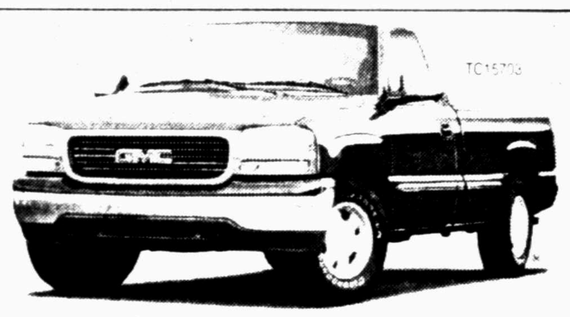
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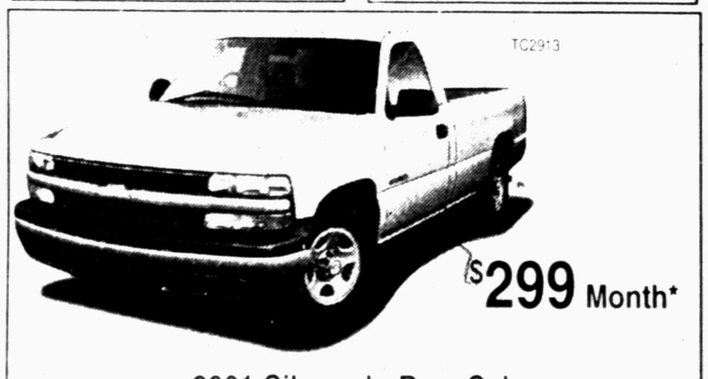



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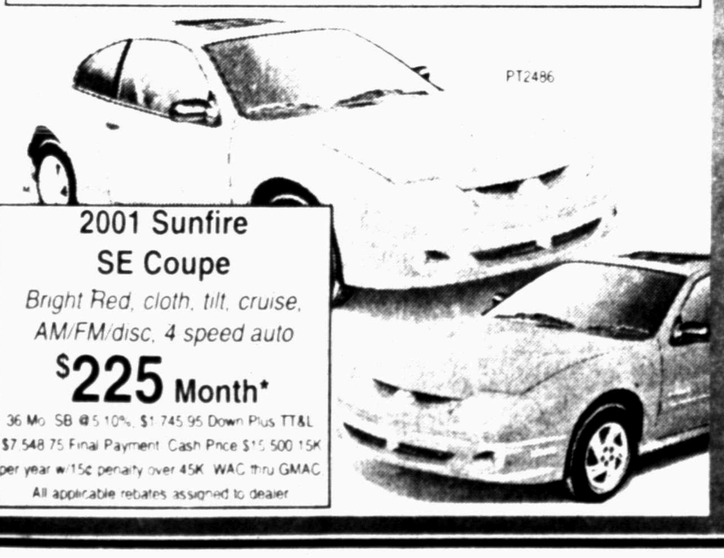

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Vortec 4300 V-6 SFI, 4 speed auto, LS DECOR
$299 Month*
36 Mo. SB @11.95% $3,130.14 Down Plus TT&L $14,502.57 Final Payment Cash Price $22,500 15K per year w/15¢ penalty over 45K WAC thru GMAC All applicable rebates assigned to dealer

2001 Tahoe LS 2 WD
Forrest green, Vortec 5300 V-8 SFI gas, 4 Speed auto.
$499 Month*
36 Mo. SB @9.95% $2,352.06 Down Plus TT&L $17,712.76 Final Payment Cash Price $30,500. 15K per year w/15¢ penalty over 45K WAC thru GMAC All applicable rebates assigned to dealer




$299 Month*

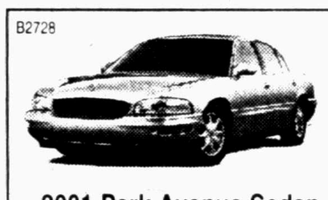
2001 Silverado Reg. Cab
Summit white, 4 speed auto, Vortec 4300 V-6 SFI
36 Mo. SB @11.75% $1,078.80 Down Plus TT&L $11,948.80 Final Payment Cash Price $17,600 15K per year w/15¢ penalty over 45K WAC thru GMAC All applicable rebates assigned to dealer




2001 Sunfire SE Coupe
Bright Red, cloth, tilt, cruise, AM/FM/disc, 4 speed auto
$225 Month*
36 Mo. SB @5.10% $1,745.95 Down Plus TT&L $7,548.75 Final Payment Cash Price $15,500 15K per year w/15¢ penalty over 45K WAC thru GMAC All applicable rebates assigned to dealer




2001 Silverado 3500 2 WD Chassis
Summit White, Tan cloth, air conditioning, camper type mirrors, rear axle 4.10 ratio, cruise, high capacity air cleaner, vortec 6000 SFI gas engine, 5 speed
$21,995




2001 Park Avenue Sedan
Lt. bronzemist metallic, leather, concert sound III, Prestige option pkg. (SE)
AFTER REBATES
$31,638




2000 Long Bed Ext Cab Sierra Z71 1500 4WD 4 Door
Locking rear axle, H.D. tranmission, Vortec 5300 SFI gas engine, convenience plus group , rnarketing option pkg.
$27,945




2001 Ext. Cab Sierra 1500 2 WD 4 Door
40/20/40 split bench seat, H.D. transmission, vortec 5300 V-8 SFI, aluminum wheels
SALE PRICE
$25,051

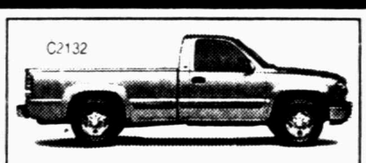
Any 2001 Tahoe~ Suburban~Yukon~Yukon XL
1.9% 12-36 Mos. 4.9% 37-48 Mos. 7.9% 49-60 Mos.
Thru January 15th Only




2000 Silverado 1500 4X4 Reg. Cab
Locking differential-rear axle, 4 speed automatic,
$18,651



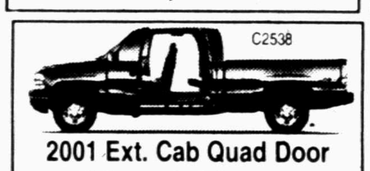

Work Truck - 2001 Silverado 3/4 Ton Reg. Cab
Air conditioning, cruise, automatic transmission
SALE PRICE $21,499




2000 Silverado LS 3/4 Ton Reg. Cab
Automatic Trans., LS Decor, Engine Oil Cooling system
$20,703




2001 Silverado LS Ext. Cab SWB
5300 V-8 SFI gas engine, auto, alumimum wheels
4.9% INTEREST AVAILABLE
$24,200



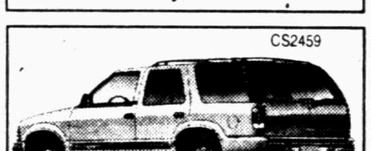

2001 Ext. Cab Quad Door Silverado LS 1500
Trailor pkg., 6-way power driver & pass seat, vortec 5300 V-8 SFI gas engine
5.9% INTEREST AVAILABLE
37-48 MONTHS
$25,359



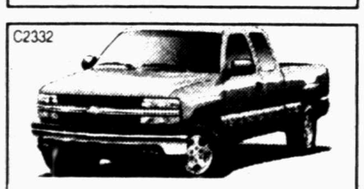

2001 Silverado Ext Cab
6-way power driver & pass. seat, Vortec 5300 V-8 SFI gas engine, alum. wheels
4.9% INTEREST AVAILABLE
UP TO 36 MONTHS
$25,305



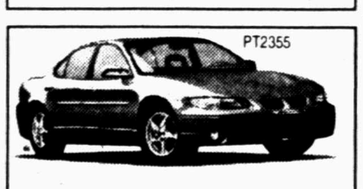

2001 Silverado LS Ext. Cab DEMO
4800 V-8 SFI gas engine, automatic
AFTER REBATES
$22,384




2001 Blazer LS 2 WD, 4 Door
AM/FM/CD, 4300 V-6 1 SB Pkg.
DEMO-AFTER REBATES
$21,000




2001 Silverado LS 1500 Ext. Cab- DEMO
Vortec 4300 V-6 SFI, auto
6.9% INTEREST - 49-60 MONTHS
$22,100




2001 Grand Prix SE Sedan
3100 SFI V-6 engine, AM/FM/Stereo w/Compact Disc player
ALL NEW AFTER REBATE
$18,951




2001 Grand Am GT Sedan
3400 SFI V-6 Engine, cruise, power windows/locks
AFTER REBATES
$18,718




2001 Alero GL1 Sedan
6-way driver power seat, 3.4L V-6 engine
#OL2727
SALE AFTER REBATE
$17,815

2001 Impala Sedan #CP2569, AM/FM/ Stereo w/CD, ISC
SALE PRICE AFTER REBATES ..... $19,781

2001 Malibu Sedan #CP2488 Remote keyless entry, ISB Malibu Pref. equipment
SALE PRICE AFTER REBATE ..... $16,697

2001 Camaro Coupe #CP2737, Removeable roof panels w/locks, alum. wheels,
ULTIMATE SPORT CAR SALE AFTER REBATE ..... $19,414

2000 Deville DTS Night Vision #CD2085, side air bags, chrome wheels,
MSRP $51,740 ..... CLOSEOUT $44,294

2001 LeSebre Custom Sedan #B2841, Alum. wheels, Luxury pkg. (SD)
SALE PRICE AFTER REBATE ..... $23,664

2001 Sunfire SE Coupe #PT2470 Cruise, 4 speed auto, ISB option
SALE PRICE AFTER REBATES ..... $13,999

2001 Aztek 4 Dr. GT #CP2350 3400 SFI V-6 Engine, ISB Pkg., 4 speed auto.
ALL NEW AZTEK DEMO AFTER REBATE ..... $22,974

2001 Monte Carlo LS Coupe #CP2592 6-way power seat, AM/FM Stereo CD/Cass
SALE PRICE AFTER REBATE ..... $19,693