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Clinton uses line-item veto to slash $20 mil in projects

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. (AP) — President Clinton used his line item veto authority on Saturday to whittle out $20 million worth of projects from huge transportation and veterans administration spending bills.

A VA cemetery in Oklahoma, NASA telescope projects in Alabama and three Environmental Protection Agency activities were among projects the president killed.

The administration announced the vetoes as President Clinton prepared to address a group of wealthy donors who paid $50,000 each for a weekend retreat with Democratic party leaders at a posh golf resort.

The President's decisions were based on recommendations from the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and other agencies, the White House said.

Seven projects worth $14 million were cut from a $69 billion measure financing veterans, housing, environmental and other programs for fiscal 1998.

The projects include:

— A veterans cemetery in Fort Sill, Okla. The facility is not needed, the administration said, because the VA just opened one new cemetery and will open four others in the next two years. The veto will save $900,000 in 1998.

— A $600,000 solar waste water demonstration project.

— A $500,000 water and sewer project in McConnellsburg, Pa.

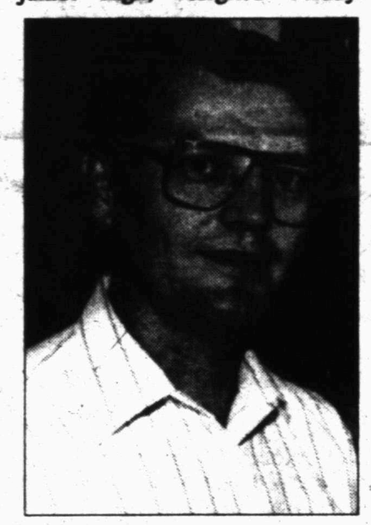
— A police training facility in Arab, Ala. that would have cost $15,000. The project was not eligible for a block grant it had obtained, the administration said.

Out of the $42 billion transportation bill the president whittled out three projects: a $5,000 railroad dock project in Alaska, a $500,000 project providing funds to private companies to set up an electronic bulletin board for surplus transit equipment and an $450,000 underground emergency preparedness center in Arab, Ala.

Roy Rosson resigns, takes Windham post

Snyder Junior High assistant principal Roy Rosson, a 15-year veteran with the Snyder Independent School District, has submitted his resignation, effective Dec. 1.

Rosson, a Snyder native in his fourth year as administrator at the junior high, resigned Friday.



Roy Rosson

Assistant Supt. Wendell Sollis said the school board is expected to formally act on the resignation at its Nov. 13 meeting.

Rosson said Saturday morning that he plans to begin working for the Windham School District at the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder.

"I've certainly enjoyed my years with the Snyder ISD," Rosson said. "And I'm looking forward to a new challenge."

A graduate of Snyder High School, Rosson earned his bachelor's degree from Angelo State University and his master's degree from Sul Ross State University.

He taught one year with the Roosevelt Independent School District near Lubbock. From 1975-83 he was an elementary teacher in Snyder. He then became the district's computer-assisted instruction coordinator for one year before leaving to enter church work.

He was educational director for the 37th Street Church of Christ and later became director of the Christian Student Center on the WTC campus.

Rosson returned to the Snyder schools in 1993 as computer literacy instructor at the junior high. He was named assistant principal in July, 1994.

Rosson also is the minister of the Dunn Church of Christ. His wife, Susan, is a teacher in the Hermleigh ISD.



TRAVELLIN' WITCH — Anya Matveeva from Russia was making trick-or-treat rounds in Snyder Friday night. She was one of nine Rotary exchange students visiting here over the weekend.



OL' PIRATE FINDS A FRIEND — One-eyed, one-legged pirate Ralph Trevey pauses with his date, Jerrydine Gannaway, during Halloween festivities at the Scurry County Courthouse Friday morning. Both were awarded prizes for their costumes. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some people are kind, polite and friendly — until you attempt to sit in their pew."

Eddie Jo Richardson's grandson, Luke, attends school in Littlefield where his father, George Jr. is a bank president.

According to Eddie Jo, Luke came home from school recently with a complaint about his teacher continually asking questions:

"They didn't do a good job training her. She needs to go back to school. We have to tell her everything. She just doesn't listen."

And from an area mother, who listened while standing outside her daughter's room. The youngster prayed:

"Now I lay me down to rest. I pray I pass tomorrow's test. If I should die before I wake, that's one less test I'll have to take."

Definitions offered by students:

--Italics: The language spoken by ancient Italians.

--Vesuvius: The volcano where the creator usually smokes.

--Version: The mother of Jesus.

--Coincide: What you do when it starts pouring.

--Antidote: The medicine that kills dotes.

--Giraffes: They are rich source of necks.

Heard in the coffee shop:

Rice University only has 2,100 students.

"Isn't that the number Texas Tech had ineligible?"

And in school, bad grammar don't help none.

--Corect spelling is essential.

--Don't use no double negative.

--Make each pronoun agree with their antecedcent.

--Join clauses good, like a conjunction should.

--About them sentence fragments.

--When dangling, watch your participles.

--Verbs has to agree with their subjects.

--Just between you and i, case is important too.

--Avoid run-on sentences they are hard to read.

--Don't use commas, which ain't necessary.

--Try not to over split infinitives.

Early period draws few voters

Polls to be open all day on Tuesday

If early voting is in Scurry County is any kind of example, Texans may be about to set a new low for themselves in the Nov. 4 election.

Less than two percent — 1.5, actually — of Scurry County's 10,182 registered voters took the time to cast a ballot in the early period, which ended at 5 p.m. Friday. The county clerk's office reported 156 ballots cast.

That's not 156 on Friday; it's the total amount for the two-week period.

Last August, 34.5 percent of Scurry Countians took the time to vote, but that election had specific local interest — whether to lease Cogdell Memorial Hospital to a for-profit corporation. Statewide, the August election set a new low for voter apathy. Just 6.9 percent of the state's registered voters took time out to cast a ballot.

Citizens have one more chance to vote. Voting on election day, Tuesday, will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at four locations throughout the county.

Residents residing in voting precincts 5, 6 and 7 will vote in the county library. Precincts 8, 9 and 10 will vote at Towle Park Barn. Precincts 11, 12 and 13 will vote on the south side of Scurry County Coliseum. And precincts 14 and 15 will vote on the north side of the coliseum.

Citizens are reminded that a new law passed by the Legislature requires then to present either a voter registration card, a driver's license, or some other identification with a picture on it in order to cast a ballot.



NAPA store to open here

There's been a lot of activity in the 3600 block of College Avenue over the past few days as Pro Parts has been going through a transition to NAPA Auto Parts. Some 30 people have been involved in stocking the new store

Gerald and Rhonda Wilson, who were managers of Pro Parts, will remain as managers of the new business.

"We're extremely pleased that Gerald and Rhonda will be associated with NAPA," said Price Harp, general manager of Barron Service Parts of Odessa.

Harp said the Snyder store will be affiliated with NAPA stores in Crane, Brownfield, Seminole, Brownwood, Ft. Stockton, Monahans, Pecos, Hobbs and two stores in Odessa.

Scouts food drive slated

Snyder Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will be conducting a food drive next Thursday and Saturday.

Sacks will be distributed on Thursday and picked up on Saturday. Citizens wishing to donate are asked to place the sacks on their porch by 9 a.m.

The Scouts ask that citizens avoid donating food in glass containers.

The dates on the sacks to be distributed are wrong, and citizens are asked to please ignore them.

The drive will benefit the Food Cupboard here.

RR crossing repairs planned

Santa Fe Railroad has announced the closing of some streets while repairs are being made to crossings.

Each street will be closed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the assigned day. The schedule is:

Tuesday, Nov. 4	Huffman
Wednesday, Nov. 5	Avenue R
Thursday, Nov. 6	17th Street
Monday, Nov. 10	25th Street
Tuesday, Nov. 11	26th Street
Wednesday, Nov. 12	crossing east of Hermleigh school

Court to convene Monday

Scurry County commissioners will meet with a representative of the Texas Association of Counties Monday in regards to the county's spiraling insurance costs.

Four other new items of business will be addressed by the court, which convenes at 10 a.m.

Planned improvements for the Hermleigh Water Works has progressed to the point that a contractor is needed for the installation of water lines and other projects. The court will also consider a contractor for the work.

Other agenda items are bids on two 1998 vehicles for the sheriff's department, a vote on a representative for the Scurry County Appraisal District and bids for gravel and asphalt for next year.

ASK US

Q—Who mans the Arc garage sale on Avenue W and how much are they paid?

A—They are volunteers, and more are needed. Proceeds from the sales benefit disabled persons in Scurry County. Anyone interested in helping out is encouraged to call 573-5374.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 85 degrees; low, 39; 7 a.m. Saturday, 49; no precipitation; total for 1997, 23.20 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear. Low, upper 30s. N wind around 10 mph. Sunday, sunny, breezy. High, lower 60s. NW wind 15-25 mph, gusty.



Jared Scott
Sunny & Breezy

Sunset: 5:55 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:00 a.m.
Of 304 days in 1997, the sun has shone 291 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Life is an echo. What you send out, you get back. What you give, you get.

Robert Schuller

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Many shocked by verdict against British teen

BOSTON (AP) — Loretta Buonopane sat in her office cubicle with a tiny TV on, transfixed as a 19-year-old British au pair was sentenced to life for murdering the 8-month-old baby in her care.

"The judge told them if there is a doubt, you have to acquit, and there's obviously a doubt. So how do you come up with a guilty verdict?" said Buonopane, a worker at the Newton Housing Authority.

In workplaces, coffee shops and especially playgrounds throughout New England and elsewhere in the United States, many on Friday shared her shock at the jury's verdict that Louise Woodward was guilty of second-degree murder in the death of Matthew Eappen of Newton.

The round-faced girl from a small town near Liverpool received a mandatory life sentence. She will be eligible for parole in 15 years.

"I never did hurt Matty and I don't know what happened to him," Woodward said at her sentencing, trembling but calm compared to her howling cries of "I didn't do anything" when the verdict was announced Thursday.

Calls to Boston talk station WRKO were running 50-to-1 in favor of Woodward. The MSNBC network reported that 75 percent of the more than 26,000 calls it got from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday disagreed with the verdict.

While the infant's parents talked of their sorrow and their 3-year-old son's piercing questions about his baby brother "in heaven," prosecutors warned that child abusers may not look like monsters.

"That's always the problem in child abuse cases," said prosecuting attorney Martha Coakley. "The abusers do not always appear like people who would do that."

Deborah Eappen, Matthew's mother, told the court of her anguish. "I am sickened to think he was crying for help but was instead beaten by hands that were supposed to have been caring for him," she said.

People astounded with the jury's decision flooded British embassy and consulate switchboards from Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles, offering Woodward support.

"They've been calling to express shock and dismay and apologies," said Terri Evans, press officer at the British Consulate in Boston. "They've been feeling a need to apologize."

The case, with no eyewitness and sharply conflicting medical opinion, was closely followed on both sides of the Atlantic.

In Woodward's hometown of Elton, England, residents were furious that the girl they watched grow up was now facing the possibility of life in an American prison.

"We won't give up, I'll tell you that. We will make these people think twice," said 60-year-old Ron Deegan, who hung sheets outside his Elton home bearing the slogan "Justice — No Way."

The second-degree murder conviction meant the jury believed Woodward intentionally killed the infant and acted with malice. Prosecutors said she slammed his head against something hard.

"I don't think she intended to do it. I don't think it was premeditated. But I think she was responsible for it," said Jody Gastfriend, who lives in the Eappens' hometown and who had hired au pairs to help with her three children.

The possibility of a manslaughter conviction was eliminated when Woodward's lawyers limited the jury's choices to just first- and second-degree murder verdicts or innocence.

Many experts had considered that a bold stroke, and one that would lessen the chances she would be found guilty. The guilty verdict showed that to have been a miscalculation.

Middlesex Superior Court Judge Hiller B. Zobel set a hearing for Tuesday to consider defense motions to set aside the verdict. He said he also will consider motions for a new trial and a reduced charge.

Legal experts said chances are slim the judge will overturn the verdict. Zobel might be more likely to reduce the conviction to a lesser charge such as manslaughter, which carries a lighter sentence, said Norman Zalkind, a Boston defense attorney.

Richard Afrikian, an engineer who lives in the Boston suburb of Wakefield, was not one of those shocked by the conviction. He said he knew Woodward and did not trust her. Afrikian said he banned her from his home because he felt she was a manipulative, boy-crazy party girl and a bad influence on his family's au pair, whom she had befriended.

"She was a miserable person, unhappy, screwed up, unstable, manipulative," he said. "I believe that she did this."

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Rick & Tammy Howeth

Oak Singers to sing here

The Oak Singers, Rick and Tammy Howeth's ministry, will sing at the 11 a.m. service Sunday at Lighthouse Assembly of God.



Melanie Denise Gibson

Melanie Gibson gets scholarship

Melanie Denise Gibson, daughter of John and Denise Gibson of Snyder, has recently received a $300 scholarship and honorary membership from Native Pride, an organization at Texas Woman's University in Denton.

While members study and appreciate diverse Native American cultures, they also participate in various volunteer services.

The scholarship required two letters of recommendation and an essay on the applicant's personal view of multiculturism, for which she received first place.

Gibson is a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School and is currently pursuing a degree in exercise and sports nutrition at TWU.

USDA closes beef plant

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department took action Friday to shut down a beef processing plant in Nebraska that had recently recalled more than 600,000 pounds of meat because of E. coli contamination.

USDA withdrew its inspectors from the BeefAmerica Operating Co. plant in Norfolk, Neb., after discovering repeated violations of sanitation rules governing fecal contamination and other problems that the company had previously been warned about.

Removal of federal meat inspectors effectively closes a processing plant.

"This decision is based on your inability to maintain and operate your facility in a sanitary manner," said Fernando Siores, USDA's inspector in charge, in a letter to BeefAmerica.

Among the problems cited by USDA were contamination with animal fecal matter — the source of E. coli and other dangerous bacteria — on finished beef products and some ready for shipment.

In addition, USDA found peeling paint on surfaces that come into contact with meat and hydraulic fluid and blood was observed dripping on equipment.

"Your corrective actions have been ineffective," Siores wrote. "You have failed to prevent direct product contamination and adulteration."

In two separate tests — one at a Virginia store and one at the plant — the Agriculture Department found E. coli bacteria in ground beef produced at the Nebraska plant. The company this week recalled 169,000 pounds of beef and earlier in October recalled more than 443,000 pounds.

No illnesses were reported in either recall, but the USDA letter says the BeefAmerica is not properly testing for E. coli contamination.

Seven sentenced

CUMBERLAND, Md. (AP) — Seven former and current university students were found guilty Friday of running an illegal fraternity party where a freshman drank himself to death.

The seven pleaded innocent to selling alcohol without a license and and were found guilty by Judge J. Frederick Sharer. In return, prosecutors dropped charges of manslaughter and reckless endangerment stemming from the death of John Stinner.

Sharer gave each of the defendants 90-day suspended jail sentences and placed them on five years of probation. They were also fined $1,000 and ordered to perform 250 hours of community service.

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A Bright Spot In Our Hometown...



Harry Krenek, WTC President

It's been said that there is no limit on what can be accomplished if people don't worry about who gets the credit.

That idea may best describe Dr. Harry Krenek, recipient of November's Hometown Spirit Award.

Dr. Krenek, president of Western Texas College, is one of the community's quiet, but effective workers.

Without fanfare is how he rose from history instructor to college president. One of WTC's original faculty members, Dr. Krenek taught history full-time until 1982 when he was named dean of instruction.

In 1986, after three years as dean, the board of trustees chose him to become president of the community college because of his "nuts and bolts" approach to leadership.

History and teaching remain his first love, although administrative duties leave little time for research and classroom.

Western Texas College's mission as a community college is evident in the change that has occurred during his 11 years as president.

While traditional college-transfer courses remain the core of the institution, WTC has responded to the demands for community service and workforce education.

When community projects surface, community leaders can count on the support of WTC resources. Dr. Krenek and WTC were instrumental in the prison effort and again the college is playing a vital role in the Lorber Industries project.

WTC has also administered the Senior Citizens Center in Snyder, and Dr. Krenek has been active over the years with the advisory board.

Dr. Krenek was recipient of the Vestal Award for community service in 1991. A former chamber of commerce director, he is a member of the chamber's Gold Coat organization.

Other areas of community involvement include the Scurry County Historical Commission, Historic Scurry County Inc. and the Scurry County Museum. He is the author of two books and numerous published articles.

During the last legislative session, Dr. Krenek served as legislative liaison representing the community colleges' presidents association.

A graduate of Elgin High School where he was an all-state running back, he attended the University of Texas on a football scholarship. He earned his bachelor of science degree from Howard Payne University and his master of arts degree from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

He earned his Ph.D degree from Texas Tech University. He taught high school history at Aransas County High school from 1963-67 and was then history instructor at Sul Ross State University. While working on his doctoral degree, he was a part-time history instructor at Tech.

Dr. Krenek's wife, Marsha, is a science teacher at Snyder Junior High. The Kreneks have two sons. Dan, 28, is married and employed by the Dallas Morning News. David, 21, is a senior at Angelo State University.

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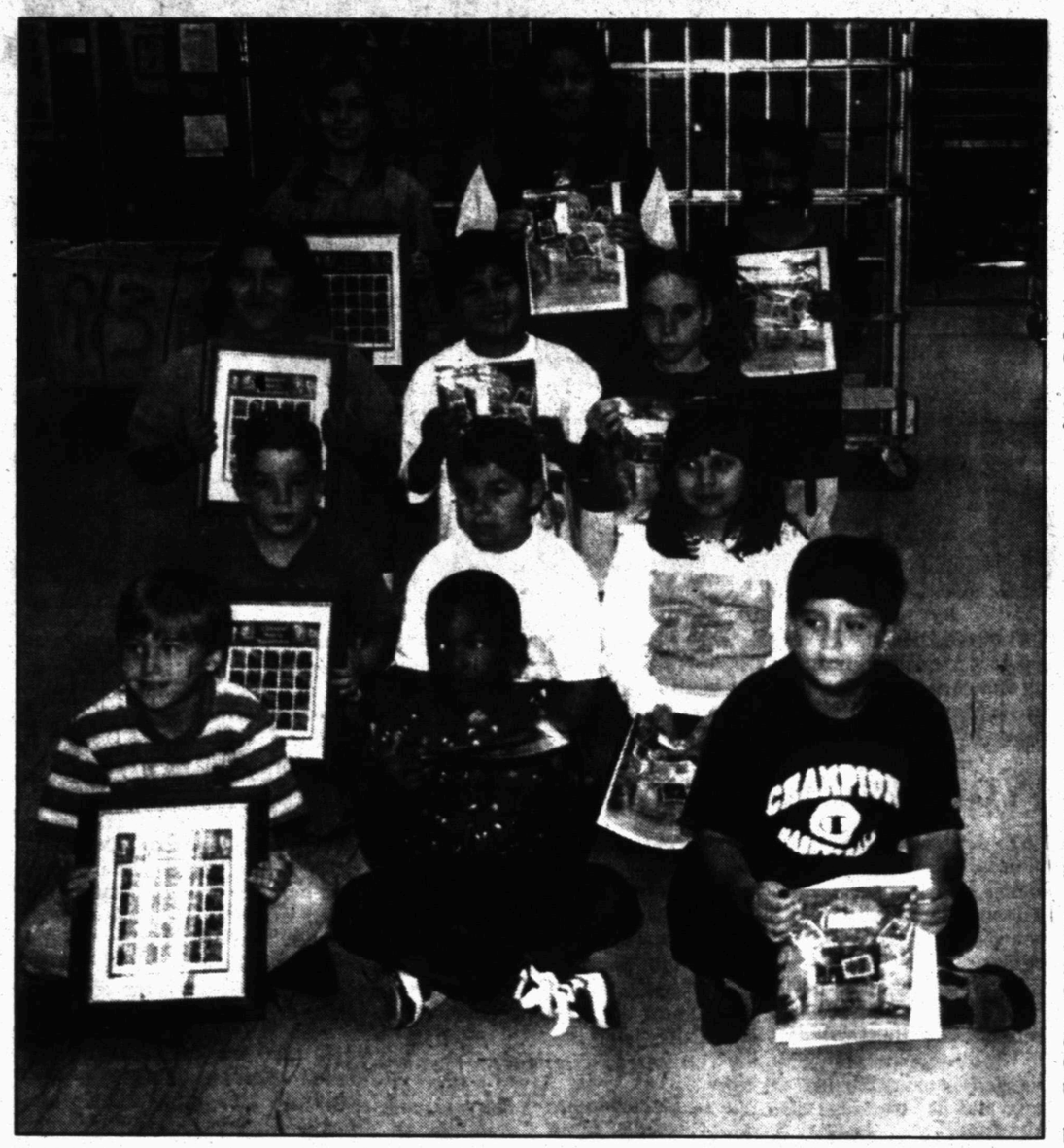


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POSTAL CONTEST WINNERS — These 12 students won awards in Snyder Post Office's Halloween designer envelopes contest. Back row, from left, Brooke Jackson, Carol Tavarez and Lupe Fercasca, all from Northeast; third row, Dulve Silva, Juan Martinez, Gabrielle Ivey, all East students; second row, Taylor J. Courtney, Justin Thamez, Felicia Guzman, all from Central; and Nathan Wittie, Brandon Jones, Joe R. Garza, all from Stanfield. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Snyder PO names winners in designer envelope contest

Winners have been declared in Snyder Post Office's Halloween Designer Envelope contest.

Stanfield winners included Nathan Wittie, grand prize; Brandon Jones, runner up; and Joe R. Garza, honorable mention.

At Central, Taylor J. Courtney, won the grand prize; Justin Thamez was runner-up and honorable mention went to Felicia Guzman.

Winners at East included: Dulce Silva, grand prize; Juan Martinez, runner-up; and Gabrielle Ivey, honorable mention.

At Northeast, Brooke Jackson received the grand prize; Carol Tavarez, was runner-up; and Lupe Fercasca received honorable mention.

The awards were presented Friday morning.

Students developed their own Halloween design on an envelope they could mail back to their parents.

Judges included Howard Limmer, Paula Bond, Sandra Barboza and Barbara Scrivner.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Students from the above schools toured the post office and visited with Frankenstein.

Halloween decorations were provided by IGA, Eckerd Drug and Wal-Mart.

On Friday, community volunteers hosted an open house in conjunction with customer appreciation week.

Volunteers who served punch and cookies included Bonnie Nussey, Charlie Bell, Ricky Fritz, Alisha Cain and Darrell Thomas.

Amateur astronomer helps discover moons

CLOUDCROFT, N.M. (AP) — Amateur astronomer Warren Offutt has helped professionals find two new moons orbiting Uranus, the seventh planet from the sun.

The discovery could help explain Uranus' unnatural rotation — spinning with its top tipped on its side — as it orbits the sun, said Canadian astronomer Brett Gladman, one of the discoverers.

Gladman first spotted what he thought was two new moons in September, using the Hale Telescope at Palomar Observatory in California.

Offutt, who lives in the Sacramento Mountains near Cloudcroft, N.M., helped confirm the discovery.

Offutt took pictures of the brighter of two new moons Thursday night, while the Hale scope and another telescope at the University of Hawaii were used Tuesday and Wednesday to confirm the dimmer moon.

The International Astronomical Union issued a notice of the discoveries Friday.

Offutt, a retired executive, built a sophisticated telescope in the mountains above Alamogordo six years ago. This is the third time this year that professional astronomers have turned to him for help nailing down a discovery.



When she was born
A car was a car
All roads were dirt
And none were tar.

Her teeth are gone.
Her body sagging
Her mind is fading
But she's not bragging.

It's pay back time.
And yes this is dirty
But get ready Snyder
Amy Hodges is "30"

Iowa parents expecting septuplets looking to God to get them through

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Bobbi and Kenny McCaughey relied on fertility drugs to help them get pregnant. Now that they're expecting septuplets, they have turned to God to help them through the pregnancy.

Doctors told the McCaugheys, a family with strong religious convictions, they could eliminate some of the fetuses to improve the chances of others. They decided to let nature take its course.

"There were some suggestions, but we just want to trust the Lord," McCaughey said. "So that's in his hands."

But the odds are against the McCaugheys: There are no known sets of septuplets living in the world, and just one of seven born a month ago to a Saudi Arabian woman survived.

In cases of abnormally high numbers of fetuses, doctors typically recommend that some be aborted through a process called "selective reduction." Often the suggestion is to abort all but two.

"The odds against carrying seven babies are very long," Dr. Katherine Hauser, a fertility specialist in Des Moines, said Friday. "Even with triplets, the odds of anemia, high blood pressure, problems with the placenta, are all much higher."

So far, it looks good. Mrs. McCaughey, 29, is about 28 weeks pregnant with each weighing 2 pounds. Doctors have said mother and the fetuses are doing fine.

Dr. John Thorp, an obstetrician and associate professor at the University of North Carolina's School of Medicine, said his facility hasn't lost any babies after 30 weeks when the pregnancy involved three, four or five babies.

No delivery date has been set, though Mrs. McCaughey has been hospitalized since Oct. 15. She would be the first person in the United States to give birth to septuplets since a California woman in 1985. Four of those babies died.

Mrs. McCaughey's pregnancy resulted from Pergonal, a fertility drug that stimulates the ovary to produce multiple eggs. A common side effect is multiple fetuses.

"The sense I have is today's problems are yesterday's solutions," said Dr. Norma Hirsch, who specialized in caring for premature babies before establishing the Heartland Bioethics Center in Des Moines.

"Yesterday we had infertility and there wasn't much we could do," Hirsch said. "Now we have the solution, drugs and technology that make it possible for moms to ovulate and so forth. Now we have problems based on those solutions."

Neighbors said they understand the McCaugheys' decision.

"I don't believe in abortion, and neither do they," said neighbor Ken Miller, 73. "It's nothing but an abortion if you delete some of them. After they become a fetus it's a person as far as I'm concerned."

Such a decision would be a tough call for anyone, especially a family having trouble conceiving, Hirsch said.

"If you're looking to decrease the number of fetuses, how do you decide? If one or more of them have malformations or aren't healthy, is that what is looked at?" she said.

The Road Back Ministries Prayer Line

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Home health care month begins

In recognition of National Home Care Month, the local hospital-based Cogdell Home Health joins home health services throughout the world to honor the nurses, aides, therapists and social workers who provide care in patients' homes.

CMH Home Health has several special recognition events scheduled throughout November, including an open house on Nov. 12, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The public is invited. Open house activities include free registration for drawings, free blood pressure clinic, physical therapy demonstration and participation, a medical social worker booth, and speech therapy will also participate.

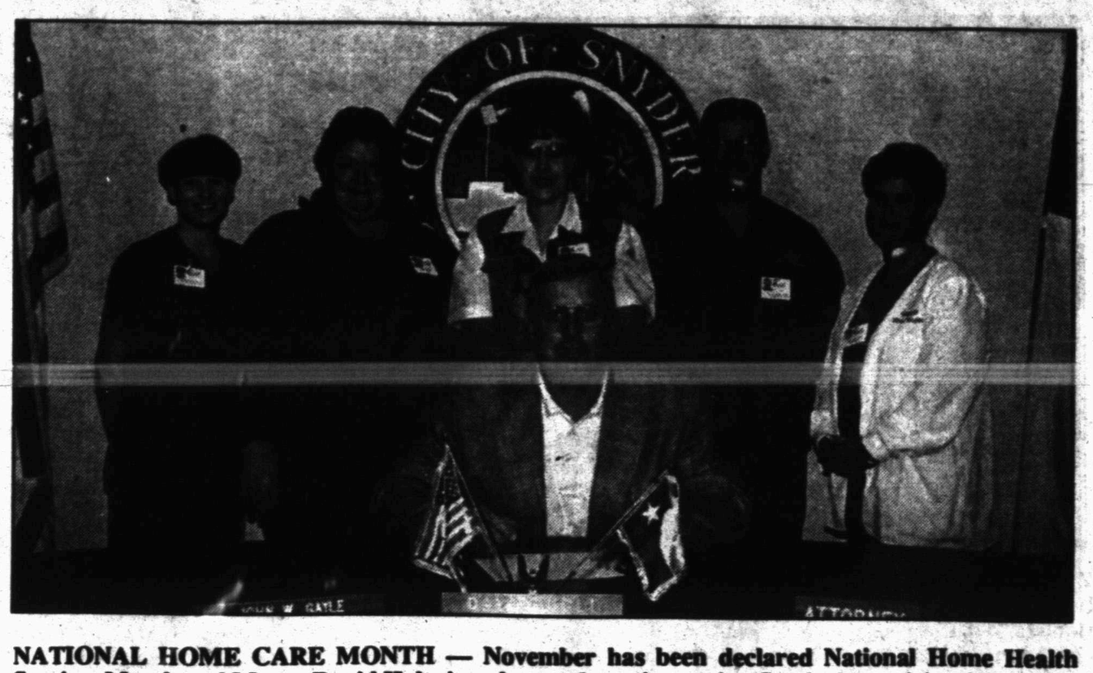
Since 1984, CMH Home Health has provided care to patients in Borden, Fisher, Garza, Howard, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan and Scurry Counties.

To qualify for CMH Home Health care, one must be essentially home-bound, have a skilled health need resulting from illness or injury, and have the care ordered by a physician. However, family members or friends can request an evaluation of the client's needs by one of Cogdell Home Health registered nurse case managers.

All services are planned and coordinated by the CMH Home Health professionals and the attending physician.

The provision of home care services in on the rise as more and more families are looking for ways to care for their loved ones at home, rather than in an extended care facility.

Some factors that are considered when home care is an option include: keeps families together; serves to keep the elderly independent; allows a maximum amount of freedom for the individual and the family when care is delivered in the home. CMH Home Health staff members also provide patient and family instruction on how to get well, and hopefully, stay that way.



NATIONAL HOME CARE MONTH — November has been declared National Home Health Services Month and Mayor David Holt signed a proclamation noting Snyder's participation. Looking on are members of the home health staff, from left, Michele Floyd, CNA; Dawn Fish, LVN; Sherma Barham, RN, Director of Home Health; Jimmy Pittman, LVN; and Lana Turner, LVN. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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Robbery suspects arrested in Florida

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — When the armored car was hit in June, a note left in place of the $2.7 million mentioned Paris. Instead, FBI agents found the men they were searching for — an armored guard and his friend — at a hotel in this beach town.

Bobby O'Neal Negri Jr., 30, was arrested Friday night, and Michael Brandon Lutz, 23, was taken into custody about 30 minutes later, the FBI said. Authorities did not immediately find the money.

Authorities say Negri stole the money on his 30th birthday from the Loomis, Fargo & Co. armored truck he was guarding after his partner went into a McDonald's restaurant for breakfast.

Left in the truck were Negri's pistol and a postcard that read: "Is Paris this nice this time of year? Oui. Bye."

FBI spokesman Dan Vogel said an earlier tip had placed them at Walt Disney World in July. They had apparently been staying at the hotel since Sept. 26, and were arrested without incident after authorities got a tip they were in the area, Vogel said.

"We don't know the disposition of the money. Agents are at the scene trying to find it," he said.

FBI spokeswoman Anne Figueras said the suspects were being processed and likely would be held in Miami pending a hearing before a federal magistrate Monday.

Woman awarded $36.9 million in rollover

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Jurors awarded $36.9 million to a woman who was paralyzed when a friend's Suzuki Samurai rolled over along a state highway in February 1990.

The jury gave Katie Rodriguez $11.9 million in punitive damages Friday, a day after awarding her $25 million in compensatory damages against Suzuki Motor Corp. and its American distributor, American Suzuki Motor Corp.

"This has been such a long time ... and the waiting has been horrible," said Ms. Rodriguez, 32, of Crestwood.

The companies said they would appeal.

Ms. Rodriguez was paralyzed from the chest down in the accident.

Debbie Dubis of St. Louis was driving when the Samurai left the roadway, hit the side of a cemetery driveway and rolled over. Ms. Dubis and the other passenger escaped serious injury.

Ms. Rodriguez's lawyer, James E. Butler Jr. of Columbus, Ga., argued that Suzuki exported its Samurai sport-utility vehicle to the United States knowing it was prone to tipping over.

Suzuki attorneys said the company thoroughly tested its Samurai and claimed Ms. Rodriguez was hurt because she did not use her seat belt, Ms. Dubis had been drinking and any vehicle would have rolled over in that type of accident.

The jury award is the second in the case.

In 1995, another St. Louis jury found Suzuki liable for $90 million, including actual and punitive damages, which was later reduced to $40 million by a judge. In December, the Missouri Supreme Court ordered a retrial, ruling that Suzuki should have been able to introduce evidence of alcohol consumption.

Births

William Adrian Banks announces the birth of his brother, Brett Michael. He was born to Walter and Debra Banks at 12:02 a.m. on Oct. 28 in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital. He weighed seven pounds.

Grandparents are Bill and Eula Mae Stone of Abilene, Martha Banks of Snyder, and Linda Banks of Snyder and the late Adrian Banks. Great-grandmother is Vera Stone of Abilene.

El Nino generates hype, worries, confusion as winter approaches

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Just about everyone expects El Nino to bring a wet winter to California and the southernmost states, but despite government warnings to brace for the worst, forecasters can't say precisely where, when and how much rain actually will fall.

El Nino, an abnormal warming of tropical Pacific Ocean waters from Australia to South America, is being blamed for everything from the recent Denver storms to every strange hot or cold spell.

But a meteorologist with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's National Climate Prediction Center outside Washington, D.C., said Friday that California won't see El Nino weather changes until about January.

Gerald Bell also said there remains "an outside chance that California will not receive the bad winter."

In the meantime, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has been pressing California residents to prepare for the worst, and there have been local fights about whether storm channels will be cleared in time to handle swift-flowing waters.

Although the El Nino story has been a page one, top-of-the-newscast item for months, it feels a touch unreal when California skies sparkle from a high-pressure system expected to persist for days to come.

The warm-water phenomenon has created tremendous confusion, with some Americans thinking El Nino is a storm, rather than a giant mass of warm water lurking in the equatorial Pacific that alters worldwide weather patterns.

There's also uncertainty about how El Nino could play out.

Based on what happened in the 1982-83 El Nino, when storms pounded California's coastal communities, forecasters say the state could see 1½ to 2 times its average rainfall and could face flooding and mudslides.

Even more confusing are the charts, graphs and forecasts.

Meteorologist Tim McClung, a warning coordinator with the National Weather Service in Oxnard, Calif., has said the latest climate prediction maps he's seen show New Mexico and Texas facing the highest probabilities of above-normal rainfall.

What does that mean for California and those states?

McClung says the numbers are all relative.

"Just because one area is under the greatest threat of above-normal rain doesn't mean that's the location that will see the greatest problems during the winter," he said. "Double the rain in Texas is less of a problem in general than double the rain in California."

Odds of excess rain also don't tell you anything about impact. California could get just a quarter of the rain falling to the east, "but if it happens all at once, we could have very significant problems," McClung said.

According to Hugh Vandendool, chief of the prediction branch at the Climate Prediction Center in Camp Springs, Md., probabilities for excess rain have for several months been higher for Texas, New Mexico and part of the Gulf Coast, but "there's been more media hype about California."

Bell maintains the El Nino weather threat affects "the whole southern tier of the U.S. ... and to even begin to say that one area's weather will be worse than another's this winter is at best totally premature."

Bell said he understood that "the press wants numbers. People want numbers, rightfully so." But, he said, "we're just research scientists trying to tell people the best we can. Weather forecasting is anything but exact science."

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ZONE 5 WATER DISTRICT OFFICERS — Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District board members include, from left, Jimmy McMillan, chairman; Kevin Wright, district conservationist; Ted Crenwelge, secretary/treasurer; Max Jones, vice chairman; John Anderson, newly elected member; Brent Murphy, outgoing member; and not pictured, Leon Sterling. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNERS — Charlene Akers, director of Scurry County Museum, points to the People's Choice winners in the Price Daniel Unit Inmate Art Exhibit which closed Tuesday. Richard Guerrero, who helped the unit organize the first annual art show, won first place with Rustic Artisan (middle) and third place with Lauren (left). Bobby McKnight received second place for Family Affair (right). (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Thompson suspends hearings; deadline will not be extended

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Fred Thompson, acknowledging declining support among fellow senators for his investigation of alleged fund-raising violations, announced Saturday he was suspending hearings and said the probe will not be extended beyond the year-end deadline.

Thompson, chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, said he reserved the right to call additional hearings if the need arises. He told reporters that there were not enough votes to keep the investigation going next year.

"I can count as well as the next guy," the Tennessee Republican said, noting that it would take 60 votes to break a Senate floor filibuster on the issue. He admitted that some Republicans don't want the investigation extended.

Senior Republicans, speaking on grounds of anonymity, had said earlier that party leaders expressed little interest in extending Thompson's investigation beyond this year.

Among the reasons discussed at a meeting earlier this week, according to three sources, was concern that the hearings have not produced a blockbuster disclosure and have not stayed focused on Democratic misdeeds.

One Republican member of the panel blamed Democrats for the decision.

"Since the Democrats have made it clear they won't support the continuation of the committee, except under conditions which are clearly unacceptable, the time has come for the committee to file its report and turn the matter over to an independent counsel," said Sen. Bob Bennett of Utah. "Unfortunately, at the moment, I don't have a high level of confidence one will be appointed."

Thompson noted that he had been harshly critical of the Justice Department's handling of its separate fund-raising investigation, but said the agency "seems energized now."

"It came to a point where I felt like we were harming our country's perception of our system of justice," he said of the probe spearheaded by Attorney General Janet Reno. "... And I'm beginning to see some things now that indicate that they are, indeed, on the job."

"As to who's responsible for what (regarding violations of election laws), everybody will have a chance to debate that," Thompson said.

He said his committee "did not try someone and convict them in the Senate," and said "the major revealer of information on this has been the White House. Unfortunately, it was only because someone was on their heels. ... Yet, a lot has happened since June and July, when we really got started."

Only a day earlier Thompson had dismissed as "rank speculation" reports that his hearings would draw to a close this year.

Republican sources had said that Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott determined the lack of interest during a leadership meeting on Tuesday, just after he received a letter from Thompson asking for more time.

Lott, R-Miss., asked whether any of the leaders present favored extending the life of the Thompson committee beyond the end of the year.

No one did, the Republicans said.

Senate Majority Whip Don Nickles, R-Okla., said Tuesday that he wanted Thompson's investigations ended. Nickles is the No. 2 Senate GOP leader and a member of Thompson's committee.

"You can investigate everything for five years and you still wouldn't touch it," Nickles said. "You go after the most visible, most egregious facts and then close down."

If not, investigators "dilute what you've already covered," Nickles said at the time.

Two GOP senators said senior Republicans were unhappy that former Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour was sharply questioned about his ties to a tax-exempt group.

Jury convicts two Republic of Texas Separatists Friday

ALPINE (AP) — Leaders of the separatist Republic of Texas were convicted of planning the abduction of a couple that led to a week-long armed standoff with hundreds of police.

A jury deliberated about two hours Friday before finding Republic leader Richard McLaren and Robert Otto guilty of engaging in organized criminal activity in the April kidnapping of Joe and Margaret Ann Rowe.

McLaren and Otto, whose group believes Texas is an independent nation, face up to life in prison and $10,000 fines at sentencing Tuesday.

McLaren's attorney, Frank Brown of Alpine, said he would appeal. Otto's attorney, Mike Barclay, said he wasn't surprised by the outcome.

"The animosity against these guys is pretty high," Barclay said.

The pair was accused of plotting the April 27 abduction, carried out by three of McLaren's followers, in the Davis Mountains Resort, a rural community 175 miles southeast of El Paso.

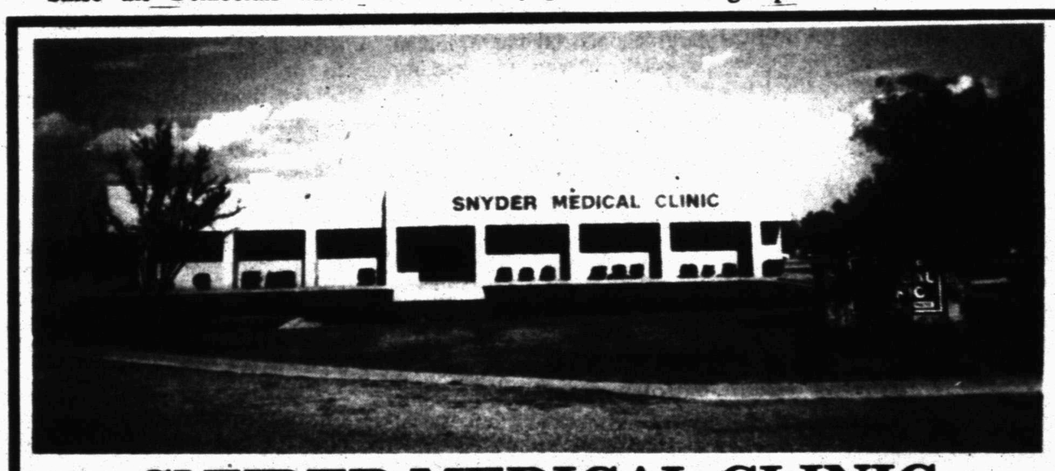
The ensuing siege eventually involved 300 state troopers and Texas Rangers. It ended May 3 when McLaren and other group members agreed to lay down their weapons.

Rowe said he and his wife were pleased with the verdict, but he declined to comment further.

Defense attorneys argued that prosecutors failed to prove that McLaren and Otto were guilty in the kidnapping. "The evidence wasn't there," Brown said.

District Attorney Albert Valadez said during closing arguments that McLaren and Otto were fully involved in a criminal conspiracy, even though they didn't participate in the actual abduction.

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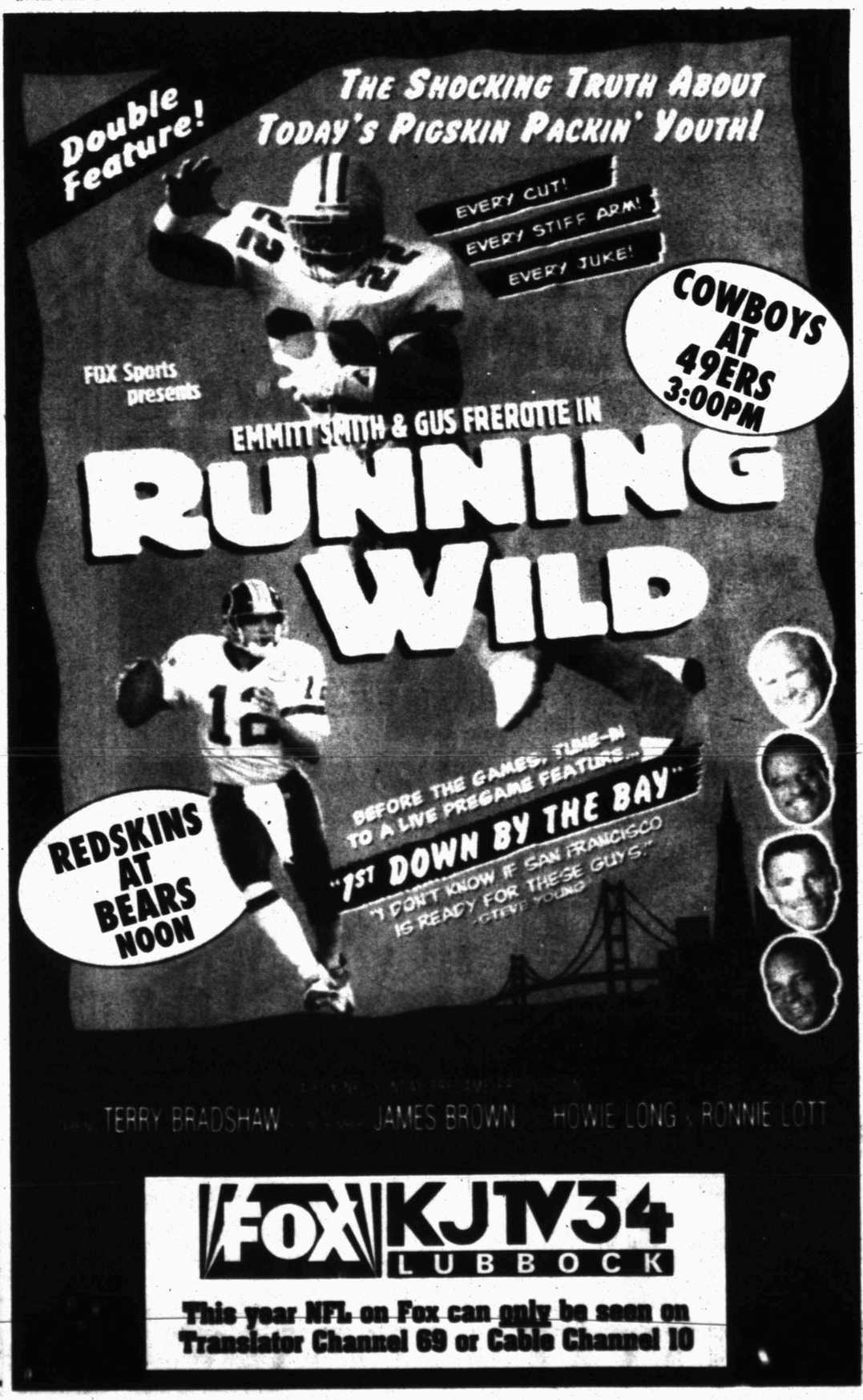
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FACE PAINTING — Dale Neves painted West sixth grader Stacy Bradshaw's face with a Halloween design Friday during the school's health fair. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



HEALTH FAIR — West Elementary conducted a health fair on Friday. At the Scurry County Health Unit and WIC #92 display, Ashly Weaver, SISD counselor; Gayle Kubena, LVN; and Stephanie Knipe, RN, visited with Rodney Griggs, Theodore Vasquez, Demetris Horn and Adam Diaz (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Kin cope with loss of men in plane crash

MALDEN, Mo. (AP) — Each week for the past four months, after laying telephone cable on a job in Illinois, a crew from the Charlie Ross and Sons construction company flew home to their families.

This Thursday, however, something went wrong. The plane crashed into a central Illinois cornfield, killing all six aboard and leaving families to cope with their loss.

"They were coming home to spend Halloween with their families," said Danny McClain, a brother-in-law of Charles and David Ross, killed in the crash Thursday afternoon near Springfield, Ill.

"We are survivors. We can get through this," said Vermell Ross, the father of Charles and David and uncle of Joe Cobb.

Charles Ross, 36, was flying the twin-engine Beechcraft plane home from Macomb, Ill. Also killed were Jackie Tanner, 43, of Morley; and Albert Landers, 40, and his son, Alan Landers, 19, both of Wappapello.

Cobb, Tanner and the Rosses worked for the Ross construction company. The Landerses had been working in Macomb for another company and were hitching a ride home.

McClain said the Ross brothers loved working for the company that their father, Robert, started 25 years ago.

"They helped their father get the business to where it is today," McClain said. "Now the youngest son will carry on. He will work on the business just as the older brothers would."

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CADA DISPLAY — Leslie Cooley at CADA's table talks with Garick Clayton and Michael Thamez during West Elementary's health fair. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

One killed, many injured in bus accident

EASTON, Md. (AP) — A tractor-trailer broadsided a school bus Friday morning on a fog-shrouded highway, killing the bus driver and sending more than two dozen children to the hospital.

The bus was crossing U.S. 50 about 7:30 a.m. when it was hit on the driver's side, nearly severing the front of the bus.

The bus was carrying 32 students, most heading to elementary schools. Of the 27 taken to hospitals, 10 were admitted, mostly for broken bones.

The truck driver was charged with going too fast for the road conditions and failure to grant the right of way, but the charges were dropped Friday evening at the request of prosecutors pending the outcome of the investigation.

Police said they did not know how fast the truck was going or if it ran a red light.

Some parents blamed the school system for not delaying classes because of the fog.

"They had no business having school on time and I'm not the only one that feels that way," said Bill Sinclair, whose 12-year-old son suffered bumps and bruises.

George Pringle, transportation supervisor for the county schools, said it was clear at 6 a.m. when the decision was made not to delay classes, and the fog rolled in 45 minutes later when it was too late to do anything. Some nearby school district did delay classes.

Bus driver Wardell John Brice Sr., 61, of Easton, died at the scene.

Huey Leon Lamb, 57, a driver for A&B Trucking of Shannon, Miss., had just dropped off his cargo of paper rolls and the truck was empty when the crash occurred, said Bill Ethridge, president of A&B Trucking.

"What he told me was that it was zero visibility out there," Ethridge said. "He's OK, but he's really shaken up about the kids."

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WEST POSTERS — West students made posters during Red Ribbon Week. First through third place winners are from left, Mitchell Cole, Tony Medrano, Melissa Vasquez. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Two students wounded in bus shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — Two 13-year-old girls riding a school bus home were wounded Friday when four young men on bicycles opened fire on the vehicle.

The bullets entered through a rear bus window and the body of the school bus, hitting Crystal Edmond in the chest. Christina Taylor was also hit in the arm.

Both girls are in Ben Taub Hospital. Houston Independent School District spokesman Terry Abbott said Edmond was in critical condition and Taylor was stable condition Friday evening.

A Ben Taub hospital employee said Edmond was being moved to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

The bus was just about to drop a student off in front of Scroggins Elementary school in West Houston late Friday afternoon, when the suspects rode up behind the vehicle and one opened fire.

"The bus driver hearing the shoots, floored it," Houston Police Department spokesman Alvin Wright said.

Wright said the driver drove a quarter of a mile before stopping and realizing that two of the eight children on the bus had been shot.

About four to five rounds were shot into the bus, one bullet hitting the left front tire, Wright said.

"Basically when the bus driver heard the gunshots and sped off, he may have saved the lives of the other kids on the bus," he said.

Houston Independent School District spokesman Terry Abbott said the children's parents were with them at the hospital.

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BEST DOOR — West classes all decorated their doors for Red Ribbon Week. Sheryll Reed's class was judged the best. Ashly Weaver, counselor, is also shown, along with students Laura Arellano, Chevy Block, Katherine Bryant, Andra Dunham, Megan Fletcher, Janie Garcia, Tray Goswick, Molly Haire, Samuel Hardin, Roberto Jaramillo, Christopher Luna, Joshua Martin, Saturnino Martinez, Caleb Olibas, Brooke Peterson, Isaac Ramon, Tanner Reed, Jessica Sollis, Sara Thornhill, Cami Trout, Amy Vanderpool and Temeka Wells. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Judge petitioned to bar mental defense

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — With the Unabomber trial scheduled to start in less than two weeks, prosecutors want to bar Theodore Kaczynski's lawyers from using a mental defect defense because he won't submit to the government's psychological tests.

Defense lawyers on Friday asked U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. to resolve the issue as quickly as possible. They want to call expert witnesses to say that Kaczynski suffers from paranoid schizophrenia.

But Kaczynski last week refused to be examined by government doctors, and prosecutors say they can't counter defense evidence without the examinations. Special U.S. Attorney Robert Cleary asked for a week to prepare a legal brief to exclude the mental status defense.

Defense lawyer Judy Clarke said the government has had this plan for some time and should be ready to file sooner.

"We ought to get moving on that, or we could be well into trial without a ruling," she said.

Burrell ordered the government brief filed by Thursday, a defense reply by Nov. 12, a government rebuttal Nov. 14 and a hearing on the issue Nov. 21.

Questioning of prospective jurors is scheduled to begin Nov. 12. It could take several weeks to seat a jury.

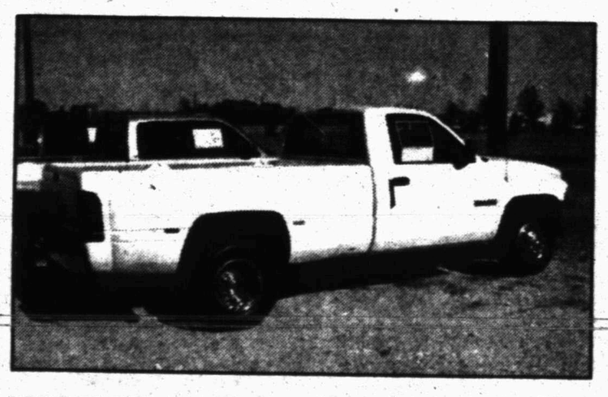
Details of the defense evidence on Kaczynski's mental history have not been revealed. Defense documents on the matter were not filed publicly.

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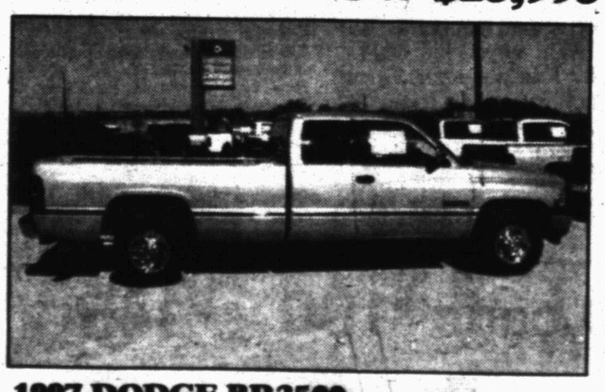
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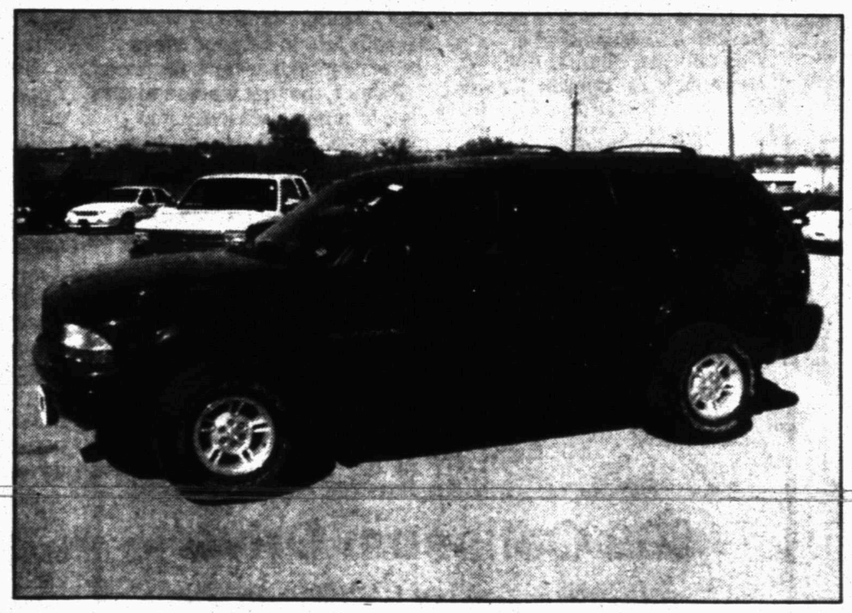
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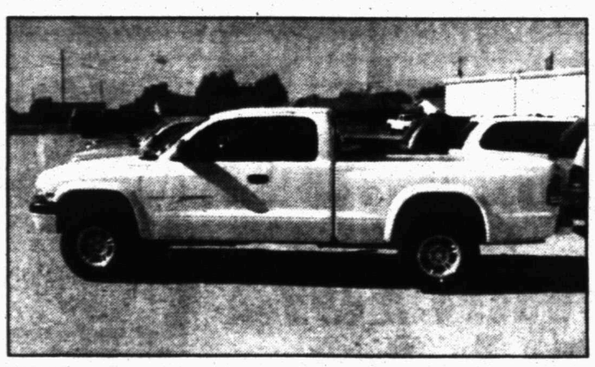


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SPORTS

Baugh notches 100th victory...

With eyes on playoffs, Tigers pound Bulldogs

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

It was only one win, but it accomplished two things for the Snyder Tigers.

Snyder trounced Plainview, 38-8, Friday night in a 2-4A contest, moving the Tigers' mark to 2-2 in district play and 2-7 overall, while Plainview falls to 1-3 and 2-7.

First, the victory puts Snyder in control of 2-4A's final postseason slot.

Second, it was the 100th career victory for Tiger head coach David Baugh.

"The fact that it was a win is more important than the fact that it was my 100th," Baugh said. "It feels good though."

Snyder combined a potent rushing attack with stingy defensive play, to notch the victory.

The Tigers rolled up 290 yards on the ground, while allowing their counterparts just 38 rushing.

Throw in three Bulldog fumbles and three Andy Parker field goals — and it equals a rout.

"I thought our defense played outstanding," Baugh stated. "We had some problems with the wing-T earlier in the year, but the kids played hard tonight and did a good job against it."

Parker scored the opening points of the first three quarters, booting field goals of 30, 33 and 39 yards.

The Bulldog defense was having no problem stopping the Snyder attack through the opening stanza, but the Tigers got rolling in the second.

"We thought we would be able run the ball pretty well against them (Plainview)," Baugh said. "But they were stopping us early on so we started running some sweeps and things that we weren't planning on running that much, and they worked."

Snyder scored its first touchdown after DB James Wesley intercepted an Ian Boster pass and returned it to the Bulldog 48.

Four plays later, Cheyenne Robinson scampered 37 yards for the first of his two TDs. QB Chad Carter found Kyle Beck on the two-point conversion, giving the Tigers a 14-0 lead.

Following the kickoff, Snyder got the ball right back when Toby Zalman pounced on a Plainview fumble at the 37-yard line.

Robinson would carry it in again, this time from 3 yards out. Parker added the PAT, pushing the Snyder advantage to 21-0 at the end of two quarters.

Following Plainview's elaborate halftime show, in which 286 PHS band members performed "The History of Spartacus," the Bulldog players continued their own Roman tragedy.

On the kickoff to begin the third quarter, Plainview misplayed the ball and Cheyenne Robinson was there to grab it for Snyder.

The Tigers were looking to add another touchdown to their total, but an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty moved Snyder back to its own 25-yad line.

On fourth down at the 13, Parker booted his third field goal, for a 24-0 tally.

The Tiger defense wouldn't budge on the next series and Snyder got the ball back with 6:44 left in the quarter.

Two plays later, John Border raced 37 yards to the Bulldog 4, then plunged in from a yard out. Parker's point after put the Tigers in complete control at 31-0.

Plainview would post its only points at the 9:37 mark of the fourth, when Peter Gonzales capped a 12-play drive with a 1-yard dive into the endzone. Boster hit Rod Ansley for the two-point conversion, trimming the deficit to 23 points.

The Bulldogs threatened to tighten the gap by recovering an onside kick, but the Snyder defense would have nothing of it.

The Tigers forced the ball over on downs and Snyder's offense took advantage.

Back-up QB Justin McNair sped 27 yards down the left sideline for the final TD of the night. Parker's extra point pushed the final score to 38-8.

The victory gives Snyder the upper-hand in the playoff race, heading into the final week of play.

A Tiger win on Friday against Levelland would put Snyder into the postseason as the league's third-place team, regardless of all other outcomes.

A loss to the Lobos however, would not completely kill the Tigers' hopes.

If Plainview tops Lamesa and Snyder falls by 7 points or less to Levelland, the Tigers would still advance in the positive points tiebreaker.

Friday's kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 in Levelland.

Summary

Plainview	00	00	00	08	— 08
Snyder	03	18	10	07	— 38

First Quarter
Snyder — Andy Parker 33-yard field goal, 5:57.

Second Quarter
Snyder — Parker 39-yard field goal, 7:23.
Snyder — Cheyenne Robinson 37-yard run (Kyle Beck pass from Chad Carter), 2:30.
Snyder — Robinson 3-yard run (Parker kick), :42.

Third Quarter
Snyder — Parker 30-yard field goal, 8:53.
Snyder — John Border 1-yard run (Parker kick), 2:08.

Fourth Quarter
Plainview — Peter Gonzales 1-yard run (Rod Ansley pass from Ian Boster), 9:37.
Snyder — Justin McNair 27-yard run (Parker kick), :36.

	Plv	Sny
First downs	8	18
Rushes-yards	33-38	44-290
Passing yards	93	39
Comp-Att-Int	5-17-1	3-6-0
Punts	4-29.5	2-41
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-1
Penalties-Yards	9-75	6-60

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — Plainview: Owens, 3-17; Gonzales, 13-23; Northcutt, 2-6; Compton, 1-8; Sigala, 9-0; Ansley, 1-minus 4; Boster, 2-minus 1; Brotherton, 2-minus 11. **Snyder:** Robinson, 20-107; Border 9-62; McHaney 2-41; Hodges, 4-29; McNair, 4-25; Clay, 2-23; Beck, 1-4; Roemisch, 2-minus 1.

Passing — Plainview: Boster, 5 of 16 for 93 yards, 1 int; Brotherton, 0 of 1. **Snyder:** Carter, 2 of 4 for 18 yards; McNair, 1 of 2 for 21 yards.

Receiving — Plainview: Ansley, 3-65; Bell, 1-25; Huggins, 1-3. **Snyder:** Robinson, 1-21; Hodges, 1-10; Brown, 1-8.

DISTRICT 2-AAAA STANDINGS

2-4A Glance

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	4	0	8	1
Frenship	4	0	6	3
Snyder	2	2	2	7
Levelland	1	3	3	6
Plainview	1	3	2	7
Lamesa	0	4	0	9

Friday's results: Snyder 38, Plainview 8; Frenship 37, Levelland 3; Estacado 60, Lamesa 0.

Next week's games: Snyder at Levelland; Lamesa at Plainview; Frenship at Estacado.

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Volleyball
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Tennis
Snyder at Region I tournament, Lubbock.

Sunday
Golf
WTC at Big Spring Country Club Invitational, practice round.

Monday
Golf
WTC at Big Spring Country Club Invitational, first and second rounds.
Basketball
WTC at Cisco, 7 p.m.

Thursday
Football
Snyder 9th at Levelland, 6:30.
Levelland at Snyder JV, 6 p.m.
Basketball
WTC at Trinity Valley, Athens, 7 p.m.
Rodeo
WTC at Texas Tech.

Friday
Football
Snyder at Levelland, 7:30.
Ira at Borden County, 7:30.
Hermleigh at Borden County, 7:30.
Basketball
WTC at Seward County, Athens, TBA.
Rodeo
WTC at Texas Tech.



FULLBACK RUMBLE — Senior fullback Jacob Hodges rumbles up the middle against the Plainview Bulldogs in the Tigers' 38-8 District 2-4A victory Friday. Hodges rushed four times for 29 yards Friday night and was credited with one reception. The Tigers travel to Levelland Friday night in hopes of securing a playoff spot. (SDN Staff Photo by Katy Cooper)

Mavs start season with 90-88 win over Grizzlies

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — The first female to referee a regular-season NBA game was no shrinking Violet in her debut.

Violet Palmer made several critical calls down the stretch as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Vancouver Grizzlies 90-88 Friday night.

Hubert Davis scored 12 of his 18 points in the second half, including a crucial 17-footer as the shot clock expired with 58 seconds left, to help the Mavs win the season-opener for both teams.

Palmer, the first woman to officiate a regular-season game in a major U.S. pro league, made some crucial calls in the final 4½ minutes, including one that drew the ire of Dallas coach Jim Cleamons.

"A damn tie game!" he shouted after Palmer called consecutive fouls on the Mavericks' Shawn Bradley and Dennis Scott with the score tied 81-81.

Moments later, when she called a foul that sent Scott to the line for two free throws that put Dallas ahead 86-83 with 2:41 to play, a fan roared "You're brutal ref, you're brutal."

Davis' 3-pointer with three seconds left in the third period gave the Mavericks a 74-66 lead entering the final quarter.

But Shareef Abdur-Rahim, who finished with 31 points, scored eight consecutive points to slice Dallas' lead to 78-77 with 7:18 left. Edwards' basket with 4:42 to play tied it 81-81.

A.C. Green's three-point play put Dallas back on top 84-81 with 3:35 remaining and the Mavs were up 89-85 when Green made one of two free throws with 10.6 seconds to go. Blue Edwards' high-arching, 27-foot 3-pointer sliced the lead to 89-88, and after the Mavs' Kevin Ollie made one of two free throws, Vancouver was down 90-88 with 5.4 seconds left.

But rookie Antonio Daniels' 3-pointer at the buzzer bounced off the rim to give Dallas its eighth victory in nine games against the Grizzlies.

The Mavericks used a 13-0 run to go ahead 69-60 with 2½ minutes left in the third quarter.

Bradley scored 17 points and blocked eight shots for Dallas, five in the fourth quarter. Green had 15 points and 14 rebounds.

The Mavs' Michael Finley scored 15 before leaving the game after he took a knee to the head from George Lynch on a layup with 10½ minutes remaining.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	1	0	1.000	-
Miami	1	0	1.000	-
NewJersey	1	0	1.000	-
NewYork	1	0	1.000	-
Orlando	0	1	.000	1
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1
Washington	0	1	.000	1
Central Division				
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	-
Detroit	1	0	1.000	-
Milwaukee	1	0	1.000	-
Charlotte	0	1	.000	1
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1
Indiana	0	1	.000	1
Toronto	0	1	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	1	0	1.000	-
Houston	1	0	1.000	-
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	-
SanAntonio	1	0	1.000	-
Denver	0	1	.000	1
Utah	0	1	.000	1
Vancouver	0	1	.000	1
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	1	0	1.000	-
Phoenix	1	0	1.000	-
Seattle	1	0	1.000	-
Sacramento	0	0	.---	½
GoldenState	0	1	.000	1
L.A.Clippers	0	1	.000	1
Portland	0	1	.000	1

Friday's Games
New Jersey 97, Indiana 95
Milwaukee 103, Philadelphia 88
Atlanta 105, Orlando 99
Miami 114, Toronto 101
Boston 92, Chicago 85
Detroit 92, Washington 79
Minnesota 129, Golden State 113
New York 97, Charlotte 85
Houston 94, Cleveland 86
San Antonio 107, Denver 96
Phoenix 110, L.A. Clippers 100
Seattle 91, Portland 83
L.A. Lakers 104, Utah 87
Dallas 90, Vancouver 88

Saturday's Games
Golden State at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Detroit at New York, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 6 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 8 p.m.

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SPORTS

Ira Bulldogs edged 22-19 by Loraine in see-saw tilt

A fourth-quarter touchdown by Loraine's Leonard Williams tilted a see-saw battle in favor of the visiting Bulldogs.

Loraine escaped with a 22-19 victory over the Ira Bulldogs in a District 6A six-man game. It was Loraine's first win of the season.

Both teams are now 1-8 while Loraine is 1-3 in district play. Ira is still looking for a conference victory. Next Friday, Ira travels to Gail to take on undefeated and state-ranked Borden County while Loraine ends the season hosting Hermleigh.

Ira jumped out front 6-0 with 4:21 remaining in the first period on a 15-yard run by Jose Juarez. The attempt to run for the extra point was stopped short.

In the second period, Williams knotted the score at 6-6 on a two-yard plunge. The extra points kick failed with 9:44 remaining in the first half.

Loraine went ahead at the 7:36 mark on a 11-yard TD pass from Luis Rico to Rene Garcia. Mike Rico booted the extra points and Ira trailed 14-8.

Ira battled back within two with 4:30 left in the second period when quarterback Jerek Brown picked off a Rico aerial and raced 41 yards to paydirt. The pass attempt for the extra point failed.

Ira took advantage of the momentum shift, and with just six seconds left in the first half, Brown found Perry Jamison open for a 14-yard TD toss. Brown then passed to Logan Daves for the extra point and the Ira Bulldogs enjoyed a 19-14 halftime advantage.

After a scoreless third quarter, Williams scored his second touchdown for Loraine, the game-winner, from three yards out. Mike Rico kicked the two extra points. Williams rushed 19 times and accumulated 128 yards, over half of Loraine's 244 rushing.

Ira's Donnie Sims carried the pigskin 16 times for 95 yards, accounting for the majority of Ira's 124-yard ground game. Brown completed nine of 13 passes for 121 yards.

Borden County earns loop crown with 68-22 victory

ROSCOE — To the surprise of almost no one, Borden County remained undefeated in its march to the Class A six-man state playoffs.

The Coyotes notched their ninth win of the season and the district crown by pounding the Highland Hornets 66-22 Friday night in a game called on the 45-point rule with 9:42 left in the fourth quarter.

Coach Bob Avery's gridders put some impressive stats on the books, racking up 18 first downs while rushing for 282 yards and completing five of 14 passes for 133 yards.

Fernando Baeza scored three touchdowns for the Coyotes, his first coming early in the game on a 66-yard scamper. The attempt to kick for two extra points failed.

Still in the first period, quarterback Colt McCook toosed a five-yard pass to Bryce Dye for a TD. Baeza booted the points after, giving the Coyotes a 14-0 lead.

The Hornets got on the scoreboard in the second period when Mike Rogers slanted in from three yards out. Tony Rodriguez kicked the two extra points.

But Borden County roared back. This time, McCook raced into the endzone from 11 yards out. Then Fernando Baez took it into paydirt from the four. Both attempts to kick for extra points failed.

Highland refused to roll over and play dead. Tommy Smith snagged a 15-yard TD pass from Greg Lanfried. Rodriguez kicked the extra two points.

But Borden County turned up the tempo with two more touchdowns before the half. Dye grabbed a 25-yard TD pass from McCook. McCook then hit Clint Scott for a 30-yard TD. Oscar Baeza kicked both extra points, giving Borden County a 42-16 lead at intermission.

In the third period, Fernando scored again on a four-yard run followed by an Oscar Baeza extra points kick.

The Coyotes added more damage when Scott pounced on a Highland fumble in the endzone. The attempt to kick for extra points failed.

Highland's last tally was a 26-yard run by Rogers, followed by a failed extra points attempt.

Borden County's final offensive explosion of the third quarter dame on a 26-yard pass from McCook to Oscar Baeza. The kick failed.

Leading 66-22 going into the final period, Borden County ended the game at the 9:45 mark when Rodriguez scampered 60 yards for six points.

SJHS gridders split with Tors

Snyder's 8th grade football teams finished their seasons splitting contests with Lamesa on Thursday.

Snyder Black shutout the Tornadoes, 28-0, while Gold fell 28-6.

The story for Snyder Black was blocking.

The Tiger offensive line of Ryan McKamie, Matt Blocker, Samuel Arizmendi, Sean Thomas and Jared Tanner opened holes for Snyder runners the entire game.

Zack Billingsley rushed for 136 yards and 2 TDs. TJ Cagle and Tate Thompson also found the endzone for Snyder, with Corey Clay catching a Thompson two-point conversion.

For the Gold, it was Wade Pinson leading the way.

Pinson finshed the night with 91 yards and a TD on only 10 carries.

Brandon McGuire went 4 of 13 for 83 yards passing the ball, with Shay Franks hauling in three tosses for 38 yards and James Villarreal catching the other for 35.

Snyder's linbacker unit of Pinson, Zack Rollins and Bradley Bynum led the defensive effort.

6 Six-Man Glance

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Borden Co.	4	0	9	0
Westbrook	3	1	7	2
Highland	3	1	5	4
Hermleigh	1	3	5	4
Loraine	1	3	1	8
Ira	0	4	1	8

Friday's results: Loraine 22, Ira 19; Borden County 68, Highland 22; Westbrook 54, Hermleigh 32.

Next week's games: Ira at Borden County; Hermleigh at Loraine; Highland at Westbrook.

Slow start hurts Cardinals in 54-32 loss to Westbrook

HERMLEIGH — Davey Daniels scored by ground, air and toe here last night to lead a hot Westbrook ballclub past the Hermleigh Cardinals, 54-32.

The win sets up a shootout next Friday night as the District 6's two second-place squads, Westbrook and Highland, square off with a playoff berth on the line. Highland suffered its first league loss of the season Friday, a 68-22 victim of undefeated Borden County.

Daniels scored four touchdowns and kicked four two-point conversions to account for 32 of Westbrook's 54 points.

The Wildcats ruled the first and third quarters, scoring primarily on big plays out of the spread offense.

Daniels got the visitors on the scoreboard from one yard out early in the game. A safety made it 8-0 before Daniels scored again on a 29-yard pass. Westbrook took a 14-0 lead into the second quarter.

Hermleigh answered on a five-yard run by Ricky Luna and Kenny Hancock's conversion kick.

Westbrook put any comeback thoughts to rest quickly, though. Two minutes later, Daniels raced in from 13 yards out and just 90 seconds after that, Brad Hale scored on a seven-yard pass. Daniels booted both points-after kicks, giving Westbrook a 30-8 lead.

Hermleigh came back before the end of the half, scoring on a 10-yard pass from Larry Lambaren to Billy Joe Digby. Hancock's kick-after made it a 30-16 ballgame, keeping the Cardinals within striking distance.

The third quarter belonged to Westbrook, however. After another safety, Daniels scored on a 26-year pass and Roland Matos snared a 40-yard touchdown toss.

A 3-yard TD run by James Matos to start the fourth quarter made it a 54-16 contest.

Hermleigh cleaned up the scoring on a 53-yard run by Billy Joe Digby and a 6-yard run by David Digby as time ran out. Hancock was good on both points-after kicks.

Afterward, Hermleigh Coach Juan Rios said Westbrook had the advantage in field position all night and made the big plays when they needed to.

"We just couldn't get out of our own territory," the coach said. "I feel like we finished up strong. We didn't give up for anything. We kept playing football."

Billy Joe Digby had 87 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries for the Cards. Luna carried 14 times for 50 yards and David Digby had 50 yards on 10 carries.

Hermleigh, 5-4 on the season now, has a chance to finish up at 6-4 if the Cardinals can regroup and defeat Loraine next Friday. Loraine won its first game of the year Friday, defeating Ira 22-19.

Tiger net squad defeated by Pampa

The Snyder High School tennis team accomplished its first goal earlier this season, but came up short on the second.

The Tigers, who had achieved a state-ranking heading into district, fell to Pampa Friday in the quarterfinals of the Region 1-4A tournament.

Snyder toppled El Paso in the first round, 9-0, before falling to the Harvesters, 10-8.

Snyder 9, El Paso 0

Boys' singles: Jaime Juarez def. John Paul Herrera 6-1, 6-1; Brett Gibson def. Aldo Monterey 6-1, 6-1; Ryan Gibson def. Mathew Gomez 6-1, 6-1.

Boys' doubles: Gonzales/Juarez def. Herrera/Monterey 6-1, 6-0; Gibson/Hall def. Martinez/Hernandez 6-4, 6-4; Gibson/Smith def. Fierro/Flores 6-0, 6-0.

Girls' singles: Laura Gonzales def. Mary Escarciga 6-0, 6-2; Natalie Alexander def. Yuridia Caire 6-2, 6-3; Angela Sanchez def. Brenda Bustillos 6-0, 6-1.

Girls' doubles: Gonzales/Whitney Graham def. Escarciga/Melissa Alvarado 6-4, 6-2; Alexander/Vicki Vargas def. Araceli Marmalejo/Ann Formanek 6-2, 6-1; Cynthia Fennell/Sanchez def. Bustillos/Caire 6-0, 6-0.

Pampa 10, Snyder 8

Boys' singles: Gonzales def. Bryce Hudson 6-0, 6-1; Juarez def. Dustin Laycock 6-1, 6-0; Gibson lost to Russell Dubose 6-3, 3-6, 2-6; Smith def. Matt Rains 6-3, 7-5; Hall lost to Jason Vickery 6-2, 4-6, 2-6; Gibson lost to Michael Cornelius 6-4, 4-6, 5-7.

Boys' doubles: Gonzales/Juarez def. Hudson/Laycock 6-1, 6-4; Gibson/Hall def. Dubose/Brian Sprinkle 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; Gibson/Smith lost to Vickery/Coffee 7-6(8-6), 3-6, 6-7(6-8).

Girls' singles: Gonzales lost to Emily Waters 4-6, 4-6; Vargas lost to Mandy Wells 1-6, 2-6; Graham lost to McKinley Quarles 1-6, 5-7; Alexander lost to Valery Lee 3-6, 1-6; Fennell def. Kellen Waters 6-3, 7-6(8-6), Sanchez def. Emily Curtis 7-5, 6-4.

Girls' doubles: Gonzales/Graham lost to Waters/Quarles 1-6, 2-6; Alexander/Vargas lost to Wells/Curtis 0-6, 1-6; Fennell/Sanchez def. Lee/Waters 6-4, 6-4.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Miami	5	3	0	.625	176	160
NewEngland	5	3	0	.625	205	132
N.Y.Jets	5	3	0	.625	201	156
Buffalo	4	4	0	.500	151	188
Indianapolis	0	8	0	.000	113	199
Central						
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	194	187
Jacksonville	5	3	0	.625	208	168
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500	194	175
Tennessee	4	4	0	.500	183	161
Cincinnati	1	7	0	.125	125	219
West						
Denver	7	1	0	.875	238	133
KansasCity	6	2	0	.750	181	133
Seattle	5	3	0	.625	169	177
SanDiego	4	4	0	.500	140	176
Oakland	3	5	0	.375	213	218

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
N.Y.Giants	6	3	0	.667	186	180
Dallas	4	4	0	.500	178	131
Philadelphia	4	4	0	.500	137	159
Washington	4	4	0	.500	142	137
Arizona	1	7	0	.125	133	185
Central						
GreenBay	6	2	0	.750	196	159
Minnesota	6	2	0	.750	186	161
TampaBay	5	3	0	.625	146	134
Detroit	4	4	0	.500	180	155
Chicago	1	7	0	.125	137	232
West						
SanFrancisco	7	1	0	.875	210	98
Carolina	4	4	0	.500	128	139
St.Louis	2	6	0	.250	133	187
NewOrleans	2	7	0	.222	118	198
Atlanta	1	7	0	.125	145	209

Sunday's Games

Baltimore at New York Jets, noon.
Miami at Buffalo, noon.
New England at Minnesota, noon.
Oakland at Carolina, noon.
St. Louis at Atlanta, noon.
San Diego at Cincinnati, noon.
Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, noon.
Washington at Chicago, noon.
Dallas at San Francisco, 3 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 3 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Open date: New Orleans, New York Giants

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 8 p.m.

Troubled Cowboys face San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Emmitt Smith's touchdown slump is the most visible sign of the Dallas Cowboys' troubled offense.

It is far from the only one, and the Cowboys (4-4) will be hard-pressed to reverse the trend Sunday against the San Francisco 49ers (7-1) and their top-ranked defense.

In seven previous seasons, including three Super Bowl-winning campaigns, Smith scored 108 rushing touchdowns, an average of just under one a game. He has just one in eight games this year, part of the Cowboys' overall offensive malaise that threatens to be extended by the 49ers.

San Francisco is the only team in the league that has yet to give up a rushing touchdown this season, and Cowboys coach Barry Switzer is not at all sure Dallas will be able to run effectively against the 49ers.

"Nobody else has," he said. "Why do you think we would?"

Though Smith has run for better than 100 yards twice this season, the Cowboys lost both games, including last week's 13-12 defeat by Philadelphia.

Before this season, the Cowboys were 47-5 when Smith rushed for 100 or more yards in a game.

Their running game ranks 15th in the league, averaging 112 yards while the 49ers have given up an average of just 65 rushing yards per game.

San Francisco defensive coordinator John Marshall said Smith, who has more than 2,500 career rushing attempts, could be wearing down from the years of punishing hits.

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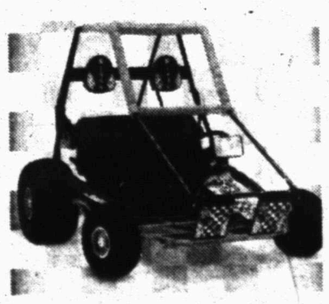
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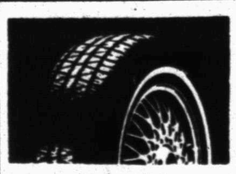
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SPORTS

Baugh notches 100th victory...

With eyes on playoffs, Tigers pound Bulldogs

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

It was only one win, but it accomplished two things for the Snyder Tigers.

Snyder trounced Plainview, 38-8, Friday night in a 2-4A contest, moving the Tigers' mark to 2-2 in district play and 2-7 overall, while Plainview falls to 1-3 and 2-7.

First, the victory puts Snyder in control of 2-4A's final postseason slot.

Second, it was the 100th career victory for Tiger head coach David Baugh.

"The fact that it was a win is more important than the fact that it was my 100th," Baugh said. "It feels good though."

Snyder combined a potent rushing attack with stingy defensive play, to notch the victory.

The Tigers rolled up 290 yards on the ground, while allowing their counterparts just 38 rushing.

Throw in three Bulldog fumbles and three Andy Parker field goals — and it equals a rout.

"I thought our defense played outstanding," Baugh stated. "We had some problems with the wing-T earlier in the year, but the kids played hard tonight and did a good job against it."

Parker scored the opening points of the first three quarters, booting field goals of 30, 33 and 39 yards.

The Bulldog defense was having no problem stopping the Snyder attack through the opening stanza, but the Tigers got rolling in the second.

"We thought we would be able run the ball pretty well against them (Plainview)," Baugh said. "But they were stopping us early on so we started running some sweeps and things that we weren't planning on running that much, and they worked."

Snyder scored its first touchdown after DB James Wesley intercepted an Ian Boster pass and returned it to the Bulldog 48.

Four plays later, Cheyenne Robinson scampered 37 yards for the first of his two TDs. QB Chad Carter found Kyle Beck on the two-point conversion, giving the Tigers a 14-0 lead.

Following the kickoff, Snyder got the ball right back when Toby Zalman pounced on a Plainview fumble at the 37-yard line.

Robinson would carry it in again, this time from 3 yards out. Parker added the PAT, pushing the Snyder advantage to 21-0 at the end of two quarters.

Following Plainview's elaborate halftime show, in which 286 PHS band members performed "The History of Spartacus," the Bulldog players continued their own Roman tragedy.

On the kickoff to begin the third quarter, Plainview misplayed the ball and Cheyenne Robinson was there to grab it for Snyder.

The Tigers were looking to add another touchdown to their total, but an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty moved Snyder back to its own 25-yad line.

On fourth down at the 13, Parker booted his third field goal, for a 24-0 tally.

The Tiger defense wouldn't budge on the next series and Snyder got the ball back with 6:44 left in the quarter.

Two plays later, John Border raced 37 yards to the Bulldog 4, then plunged in from a yard out. Parker's point after put the Tigers in complete control at 31-0.

Plainview would post its only points at the 9:37 mark of the fourth, when Peter Gonzales capped a 12-play drive with a 1-yard dive into the endzone. Boster hit Rod Ansley for the two-point conversion, trimming the deficit to 23 points.

The Bulldogs threatened to tighten the gap by recovering an onside kick, but the Snyder defense would have nothing of it.

The Tigers forced the ball over on downs and Snyder's offense took advantage.

Back-up QB Justin McNair sped 27 yards down the left sideline for the final TD of the night. Parker's extra point pushed the final score to 38-8.

The victory gives Snyder the upper-hand in the playoff race, heading into the final week of play.

A Tiger win on Friday against Levelland would put Snyder into the postseason as the league's third-place team, regardless of all other outcomes.

A loss to the Lobos however, would not completely kill the Tigers' hopes.

If Plainview tops Lamesa and Snyder falls by 7 points or less to Levelland, the Tigers would still advance in the positive points tiebreaker.

Friday's kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 in Levelland.

Summary

Plainview	00	00	00	08	— 08
Snyder	03	18	10	07	— 38

First Quarter
Snyder — Andy Parker 33-yard field goal, 5:57.

Second Quarter
Snyder — Parker 39-yard field goal, 7:23.
Snyder — Cheyenne Robinson 37-yard run (Kyle Beck pass from Chad Carter), 2:30.
Snyder — Robinson 3-yard run (Parker kick), :42.

Third Quarter
Snyder — Parker 30-yard field goal, 8:53.
Snyder — John Border 1-yard run (Parker kick), 2:49.

Fourth Quarter
Plainview — Peter Gonzales 1-yard run (Rod Ansley pass from Ian Boster), 9:37.
Snyder — Justin McNair 27-yard run (Parker kick), :36.

	Plv	Sny
First downs	8	18
Rushes-yards	33-38	44-290
Passing yards	93	39
Comp-Att-Int	5-17-1	3-6-0
Punts	4-29.5	2-41
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-1
Penalties-Yards	9-75	6-60

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — Plainview: Owens, 3-17; Gonzales, 13-23; Northcutt, 2-6; Compton, 1-8; Sigala, 9-0; Ansley, 1-minus 4; Boster, 2-minus 1; Brotherton, 2-minus 11. **Snyder:** Robinson, 20-107; Border 9-62; McHaney 2-41; Hodges, 4-29; McNair, 4-25; Clay, 2-23; Beck, 1-4; Roemisch, 2-minus 1.

Passing — Plainview: Boster, 5 of 16 for 93 yards, 1 int; Brotherton, 0 of 1. **Snyder:** Carter, 2 of 4 for 18 yards; McNair, 1 of 2 for 21 yards.

Receiving — Plainview: Ansley, 3-65; Bell, 1-25; Huggins, 1-3. **Snyder:** Robinson, 1-21; Hodges, 1-10; Brown, 1-8.

DISTRICT 2-AAAA STANDINGS

2-4A Glance

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	4	0	8	1
Frenship	4	0	6	3
Snyder	2	2	2	7
Levelland	1	3	3	6
Plainview	1	3	2	7
Lamesa	0	4	0	9

Friday's results: Snyder 38, Plainview 8; Frenship 37, Levelland 3; Estacado 60, Lamesa 0.

Next week's games: Snyder at Levelland; Lamesa at Plainview; Frenship at Estacado.

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Volleyball
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Tennis
Snyder at Region I tournament, Lubbock.

Sunday
Golf
WTC at Big Spring Country Club Invitational, practice round.

Monday
Golf
WTC at Big Spring Country Club Invitational, first and second rounds.
Basketball
WTC at Cisco, 7 p.m.

Thursday
Football
Snyder 9th at Levelland, 6:30.
Levelland at Snyder JV, 6 p.m.
Basketball
WTC at Trinity Valley, Athens, 7 p.m.
Rodeo
WTC at Texas Tech.

Friday
Football
Snyder at Levelland, 7:30.
Ira at Borden County, 7:30.
Hermleigh at Borden County, 7:30.
Basketball
WTC at Seward County, Athens, TBA.
Rodeo
WTC at Texas Tech.



FULLBACK RUMBLE — Senior fullback Jacob Hodges rumbles up the middle against the Plainview Bulldogs in the Tigers' 38-8 District 2-4A victory Friday. Hodges rushed four times for 29 yards Friday night and was credited with one reception. The Tigers travel to Levelland Friday night in hopes of securing a playoff spot. (SDN Staff Photo by Katy Cooper)

Mavs start season with 90-88 win over Grizzlies

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — The first female to referee a regular-season NBA game was no shrinking Violet in her debut.

Violet Palmer made several critical calls down the stretch as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Vancouver Grizzlies 90-88 Friday night.

Hubert Davis scored 12 of his 18 points in the second half, including a crucial 17-footer as the shot clock expired with 58 seconds left, to help the Mavs win the season-opener for both teams.

Palmer, the first woman to officiate a regular-season game in a major U.S. pro league, made some crucial calls in the final 4½ minutes, including one that drew the ire of Dallas coach Jim Cleamons.

"A damn tie game!" he shouted after Palmer called consecutive fouls on the Mavericks' Shawn Bradley and Dennis Scott with the score tied 81-81.

Moments later, when she called a foul that sent Scott to the line for two free throws that put Dallas ahead 86-83 with 2:41 to play, a fan roared "You're brutal ref, you're brutal."

Davis' 3-pointer with three seconds left in the third period gave the Mavericks a 74-66 lead entering the final quarter.

But Shareef Abdur-Rahim, who finished with 31 points, scored eight consecutive points to slice Dallas' lead to 78-77 with 7:18 left. Edwards' basket with 4:42 to play tied it 81-81.

A.C. Green's three-point play put Dallas back on top 84-81 with 3:35 remaining and the Mavs were up 89-85 when Green made one of two free throws with 10.6 seconds to go. Blue Edwards' high-arching, 27-foot 3-pointer sliced the lead to 89-88, and after the Mavs' Kevin Ollie made one of two free throws, Vancouver was down 90-88 with 5.4 seconds left.

But rookie Antonio Daniels' 3-pointer at the buzzer bounced off the rim to give Dallas its eighth victory in nine games against the Grizzlies.

The Mavericks used a 13-0 run to go ahead 69-60 with 2½ minutes left in the third quarter.

Bradley scored 17 points and blocked eight shots for Dallas, five in the fourth quarter. Green had 15 points and 14 rebounds.

The Mavs' Michael Finley scored 15 before leaving the game after he took a knee to the head from George Lynch on a layup with 10½ minutes remaining.

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Atlantic Division

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Boston	1	0	1.000	-
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NewJersey	1	0	1.000	-
NewYork	1	0	1.000	-
Orlando	0	1	.000	1
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1
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Central Division

Atlanta	1	0	1.000	-
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Milwaukee	1	0	1.000	-
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Cleveland	0	1	.000	1
Indiana	0	1	.000	1
Toronto	0	1	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
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Denver	0	1	.000	1
Utah	0	1	.000	1
Vancouver	0	1	.000	1

Pacific Division

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Phoenix	1	0	1.000	-
Seattle	1	0	1.000	-
Sacramento	0	0	.—	½
GoldenState	0	1	.000	1
L.A.Clippers	0	1	.000	1
Portland	0	1	.000	1

Friday's Games
New Jersey 97, Indiana 95
Milwaukee 103, Philadelphia 88
Atlanta 105, Orlando 99
Miami 114, Toronto 101
Boston 92, Chicago 85
Detroit 92, Washington 79
Minnesota 129, Golden State 113
New York 97, Charlotte 85
Houston 94, Cleveland 86
San Antonio 107, Denver 96
Phoenix 110, L.A. Clippers 100
Seattle 91, Portland 83
L.A. Lakers 104, Utah 87
Dallas 90, Vancouver 88

Saturday's Games
Golden State at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Detroit at New York, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 6 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 8 p.m.

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SPORTS

Ira Bulldogs edged 22-19 by Loraine in see-saw tilt

A fourth-quarter touchdown by Loraine's Leonard Williams tilted a see-saw battle in favor of the visiting Bulldogs.

Loraine escaped with a 22-19 victory over the Ira Bulldogs in a District 6A six-man game. It was Loraine's first win of the season.

Both teams are now 1-8 while Loraine is 1-3 in district play. Ira is still looking for a conference victory. Next Friday, Ira travels to Gail to take on undefeated and state-ranked Borden County while Loraine ends the season hosting Hermleigh.

Ira jumped out front 6-0 with 4:21 remaining in the first period on a 15-yard run by Jose Juarez. The attempt to run for the extra point was stopped short.

In the second period, Williams knotted the score at 6-6 on a two-yard plunge. The extra points kick failed with 9:44 remaining in the first half.

Loraine went ahead at the 7:36 mark on a 11-yard TD pass from Luis Rico to Rene Garcia. Mike Rico booted the extra points and Ira trailed 14-8.

Ira battled back within two with 4:30 left in the second period when quarterback Jerek Brown picked off a Rico aerial and raced 41 yards to paydirt. The pass attempt for the extra point failed.

Ira took advantage of the momentum shift, and with just six seconds left in the first half, Brown found Perry Jamison open for a 14-yard TD toss. Brown then passed to Logan Daves for the extra point and the Ira Bulldogs enjoyed a 19-14 halftime advantage.

After a scoreless third quarter, Williams scored his second touchdown for Loraine, the game-winner, from three yards out. Mike Rico kicked the two extra points. Williams rushed 19 times and accumulated 128 yards, over half of Loraine's 244 rushing.

Ira's Donnie Sims carried the pigskin 16 times for 95 yards, accounting for the majority of Ira's 124-yard ground game. Brown completed nine of 13 passes for 121 yards.

Slow start hurts Cardinals in 54-32 loss to Westbrook

HERMLEIGH — Davey Daniels scored by ground, air and toe here last night to lead a hot Westbrook ballclub past the Hermleigh Cardinals, 54-32.

The win sets up a shootout next Friday night as the District 6's two second-place squads, Westbrook and Highland, square off with a playoff berth on the line. Highland suffered its first league loss of the season Friday, a 68-22 victim of undefeated Borden County.

Daniels scored four touchdowns and kicked four two-point conversions to account for 32 of Westbrook's 54 points.

The Wildcats ruled the first and third quarters, scoring primarily on big plays out of the spread offense.

Daniels got the visitors on the scoreboard from one yard out early in the game. A safety made it 8-0 before Daniels scored again on a 29-yard pass. Westbrook took a 14-0 lead into the second quarter.

Hermleigh answered on a five-yard run by Ricky Luna and Kenny Hancock's conversion kick.

Westbrook put any comeback thoughts to rest quickly, though. Two minutes later, Daniels raced in from 13 yards out and just 90 seconds after that, Brad Hale scored on a seven-yard pass. Daniels booted both points-after kicks, giving Westbrook a 30-8 lead.

Hermleigh came back before the end of the half, scoring on a 10-yard pass from Larry Lambaren to Billy Joe Digby. Hancock's kick-after made it a 30-16 ballgame, keeping the Cardinals within striking distance.

The third quarter belonged to Westbrook, however. After another safety, Daniels scored on a 26-year pass and Roland Matos snared a 40-yard touchdown toss.

A 3-yard TD run by James Matos to start the fourth quarter made it a 54-16 contest.

Hermleigh cleaned up the scoring on a 53-yard run by Billy Joe Digby and a 6-yard run by David Digby as time ran out. Hancock was good on both points-after kicks.

Afterward, Hermleigh Coach Juan Rios said Westbrook had the advantage in field position all night and made the big plays when they needed to.

"We just couldn't get out of our own territory," the coach said. "I feel like we finished up strong. We didn't give up for anything. We kept playing football."

Billy Joe Digby had 87 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries for the Cards. Luna carried 14 times for 50 yards and David Digby had 50 yards on 10 carries.

Hermleigh, 5-4 on the season now, has a chance to finish up at 6-4 if the Cardinals can regroup and defeat Loraine next Friday. Loraine won its first game of the year Friday, defeating Ira 22-19.

Borden County earns loop crown with 68-22 victory

ROSCOE — To the surprise of almost no one, Borden County remained undefeated in its march to the Class A six-man state playoffs.

The Coyotes notched their ninth win of the season and the district crown by pounding the Highland Hornets 66-22 Friday night in a game called on the 45-point rule with 9:42 left in the fourth quarter.

Coach Bob Avery's gridders put some impressive stats on the books, racking up 18 first downs while rushing for 282 yards and completing five of 14 passes for 133 yards.

Fernando Baeza scored three touchdowns for the Coyotes, his first coming early in the game on a 66-yard scamper. The attempt to kick for two extra points failed.

Still in the first period, quarterback Colt McCook toosed a five-yard pass to Bryce Dye for a TD. Baeza booted the points after, giving the Coyotes a 14-0 lead.

The Hornets got on the scoreboard in the second period when Mike Rogers slanted in from three yards out. Tony Rodriguez kicked the two extra points.

But Borden County roared back. This time, McCook raced into the endzone from 11 yards out. Then Fernando Baez took it into paydirt from the four. Both attempts to kick for extra points failed.

Highland refused to roll over and play dead. Tommy Smith snagged a 15-yard TD pass from Greg Lanfried. Rodriguez kicked the extra two points.

But Borden County turned up the tempo with two more touchdowns before the half. Dye grabbed a 25-yard TD pass from McCook. McCook then hit Clint Scott for a 30-yard TD. Oscar Baeza kicked both extra points, giving Borden County a 42-16 lead at intermission.

In the third period, Fernando scored again on a four-yard run followed by an Oscar Baeza extra points kick.

The Coyotes added more damage when Scott pounced on a Highland fumble in the endzone. The attempt to kick for extra points failed.

Highland's last tally was a 26-yard run by Rogers, followed by a failed extra points attempt.

Borden County's final offensive explosion of the third quarter dame on a 26-yard pass from McCook to Oscar Baeza. The kick failed.

Leading 66-22 going into the final period, Borden County ended the game at the 9:42 mark when Rodriguez scampered 60 yards for six points.

SJHS gridders split with Tors

Snyder's 8th grade football teams finished their seasons splitting contests with Lamesa on Thursday.

Snyder Black shutout the Tornadoes, 28-0, while Gold fell 28-6.

The story for Snyder Black was blocking.

The Tiger offensive line of Ryan McKamie, Matt Blocker, Samuel Arizmendi, Sean Thomas and Jared Tanner opened holes for Snyder runners the entire game.

Zack Billingsley rushed for 136 yards and 2 TDs. TJ Cagle and Tate Thompson also found the endzone for Snyder, with Corey Clay catching a Thompson two-point conversion.

For the Gold, it was Wade Pinson leading the way.

Pinson finshed the night with 91 yards and a TD on only 10 carries.

Brandon McGuire went 4 of 13 for 83 yards passing the ball, with Shay Franks hauling in three tosses for 38 yards and James Villarreal catching the other for 35.

Snyder's linbacker unit of Pinson, Zack Rollins and Bradley Bynum led the defensive effort.

6 Six-Man Glance

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Borden Co.	4	0	9	0
Westbrook	3	1	7	2
Highland	3	1	5	4
Hermleigh	1	3	5	4
Loraine	1	3	1	8
Ira	0	4	1	8

Friday's results: Loraine 22, Ira 19; Borden County 68, Highland 22; Westbrook 54, Hermleigh 32.

Next week's games: Ira at Borden County; Hermleigh at Loraine; Highland at Westbrook.

Tiger net squad defeated by Pampa

The Snyder High School tennis team accomplished its first goal earlier this season, but came up short on the second.

The Tigers, who had achieved a state-ranking heading into district, fell to Pampa Friday in the quarterfinals of the Region 1-4A tournament.

Snyder toppled El Paso in the first round, 9-0, before falling to the Harvesters, 10-8.

Snyder 9, El Paso 0

Boys' singles: Jaime Juarez def. John Paul Herrera 6-1, 6-1; Brett Gibson def. Aldo Monterey 6-1, 6-1; Ryan Gibson def. Mathew Gomez 6-1, 6-1.

Boys' doubles: Gonzales/Juarez def. Herrera/Monterey 6-1, 6-0; Gibson/Hall def. Martinez/Hernandez 6-4, 6-4; Gibson/Smith def. Fierro/Flores 6-0, 6-0.

Girls' singles: Laura Gonzales def. Mary Escarciga 6-0, 6-2; Natalie Alexander def. Yuridia Caire 6-2, 6-3; Angela Sanchez def. Brenda Bustillos 6-0, 6-1.

Girls' doubles: Gonzales/Whitney Graham def. Escarciga/Melissa Alvarado 6-4, 6-2; Alexander/Vicki Vargas def. Araceli Marmalejo/Ann Formanek 6-2, 6-1; Cynthia Fennell/Sanchez def. Bustillos/Caire 6-0, 6-0.

Pampa 10, Snyder 8

Boys' singles: Gonzales def. Bryce Hudson 6-0, 6-1; Juarez def. Dustin Laycock 6-1, 6-0; Gibson lost to Russell Dubose 6-3, 3-6, 2-6; Smith def. Matt Rains 6-3, 7-5; Hall lost to Jason Vickery 6-2, 4-6, 2-6; Gibson lost to Michael Cornelius 6-4, 4-6, 5-7.

Boys' doubles: Gonzales/Juarez def. Hudson/Laycock 6-1, 6-4; Gibson/Hall def. Dubose/Brian Sprinkle 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; Gibson/Smith lost to Vickery/Coffee 7-6(8-6), 3-6, 6-7(6-8).

Girls' singles: Gonzales lost to Emily Waters 4-6, 4-6; Vargas lost to Mandy Wells 1-6, 2-6; Graham lost to McKinley Quarles 1-6, 5-7; Alexander lost to Valery Lee 3-6, 1-6; Fennell def. Kellen Waters 6-3, 7-6(8-6), Sanchez def. Emily Curtis 7-5, 6-4.

Girls' doubles: Gonzales/Graham lost to Waters/Quarles 1-6, 2-6; Alexander/Vargas lost to Wells/Curtis 0-6, 1-6; Fennell/Sanchez def. Lee/Waters 6-4, 6-4.

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Buffalo	4	4	0	.500	151	188
Indianapolis	0	8	0	.000	113	199
Central						
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	194	187
Jacksonville	5	3	0	.625	208	168
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500	194	175
Tennessee	4	4	0	.500	183	161
Cincinnati	1	7	0	.125	125	219
West						
Denver	7	1	0	.875	238	133
KansasCity	6	2	0	.750	181	133
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GreenBay	6	2	0	.750	196	159
Minnesota	6	2	0	.750	186	161
TampaBay	5	3	0	.625	146	134
Detroit	4	4	0	.500	180	155
Chicago	1	7	0	.125	137	232
West						
SanFrancisco	7	1	0	.875	210	98
Carolina	4	4	0	.500	128	139
St.Louis	2	6	0	.250	133	187
NewOrleans	2	7	0	.222	118	198
Atlanta	1	7	0	.125	145	209

Sunday's Games

Baltimore at New York Jets, noon.
Miami at Buffalo, noon.
New England at Minnesota, noon.
Oakland at Carolina, noon.
St. Louis at Atlanta, noon.
San Diego at Cincinnati, noon.
Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, noon.
Washington at Chicago, noon.
Dallas at San Francisco, 3 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 3 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Open date: New Orleans, New York Giants

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 8 p.m.

Troubled Cowboys face San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Emmitt Smith's touchdown slump is the most visible sign of the Dallas Cowboys' troubled offense.

It is far from the only one, and the Cowboys (4-4) will be hard-pressed to reverse the trend Sunday against the San Francisco 49ers (7-1) and their top-ranked defense.

In seven previous seasons, including three Super Bowl-winning campaigns, Smith scored 108 rushing touchdowns, an average of just under one a game. He has just one in eight games this year, part of the Cowboys' overall offensive malaise that threatens to be extended by the 49ers.

San Francisco is the only team in the league that has yet to give up a rushing touchdown this season, and Cowboys coach Barry Switzer is not at all sure Dallas will be able to run effectively against the 49ers.

"Nobody else has," he said. "Why do you think we would?"

Though Smith has run for better than 100 yards twice this season, the Cowboys lost both games, including last week's 13-12 defeat by Philadelphia.

Before this season, the Cowboys were 47-5 when Smith rushed for 100 or more yards in a game.

Their running game ranks 15th in the league, averaging 112 yards while the 49ers have given up an average of just 65 rushing yards per game.

San Francisco defensive coordinator John Marshall said Smith, who has more than 2,500 career rushing attempts, could be wearing down from the years of punishing hits.

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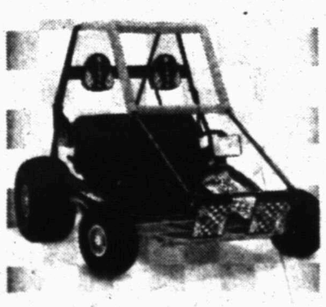
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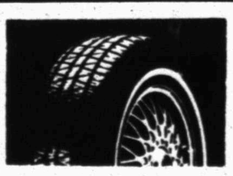
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Arlington Lamar 31, Arlington Houston 14
Arlington Martin 28, Arlington Bowie 21
Austin Crockett 27, San Marcos 19
Austin Westlake 34, Austin Johnston 6
Baytown Lee 35, Beaumont West Brook 12
Bellaire 42, Denton Ryan 0
Bryan 38, Huntsville 21
CC Carroll 21, CC King 7
CC Moody 34, Victoria Stroman 14
Carrollton Smith 30, Irving 15
Converse Judson 27, SA Madison 9
Copperas Cove 15, Killeen 12
Dallas Carter 49, Dallas Sunset 0
Dallas Spruce 38, Dallas Smith 10
Dallas White 28, Dallas Pinkston 12
DeSoto 21, Arlington 14
Denton 29, WF Hirschi 6
Donna 28, Weslaco 21
Duncanville 56, Grand Prairie 28
EP Andress 14, EP Jefferson 7
EP Eastwood 30, EP Del Valle 8
EP Franklin 27, EP Austin 3
EP Irvin 26, EP Coronado 21
EP Montwood 23, EP Bel Air 0
EP Socorro 31, EP Hanks 10
Eagle Pass 42, Laredo United South 0
Edinburg 27, McAllen Memorial 14
Edinburg North 48, Rio Grande City 0
El Paso 42, EP Riverside 33
Euless Trinity 21, Keller 14
FW Arlington Heights 30, FW Eastern Hills 0
FW Wyatt 42, Richland Springs 0
Flower Mound Marcus 36, WF Rider 6
Fort Bend Dulles 20, Fort Bend Clements 13
Galena Park North Shore 20, PA Jefferson 19
Galveston Ball 14, Brazoswood 7
Garland 47, Rowlett 3
Haltom 41, Paschal 3
Harlingen 27, Rivera 0
Harlingen South 24, Brownsville Porter 0
Houston Forest Brook 25, Houston King 0
Houston Lamar 27, Houston Sharpstown 0
Houston Sam Houston 26, Houston Lee 14
Houston Stratford 27, Houston Northbrook 0
Houston Worthing 12, Houston Jones 6
Humble Kingwood 7, Aldine Eisenhower 0
Hurst Bell 42, Denton Ryan 35
Killeen Ellison 26, Waco 18
Kingsville 48, Robstown 0
Laredo Nixon 51, Zapata 7
Longview 20, Tyler John Tyler 14
Lubbock Coronado 24, Lubbock 0
Marshall 28, Nacogdoches 14
McAllen Rowe 48, McAllen 7
Mesquite 34, Richardson Pearce 7
Midland 42, Odessa 14
Midland High 42, Odessa High 14
Midland Lee 27, Odessa Permian 23
New Braunfels 34, Seguin 3
North Mesquite 62, Richardson 0
PSJA 24, La Joya 21
PSJA North 17, Mission 0
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SA MacArthur 13, SA Churchill 10
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Sherman 21, Burkburnett 0
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The Woodlands 28, Tomball 6
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Class 4A

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Bay City 62, Calhoun 15
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Dayton 44, Hardin-Jefferson 7
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Dumas 35, Canyon 7
EP Bowie 36, EP Parkland 14
El Campo 14, Brazosport 0
Ennis 32, Lancaster 14
FW Poly 34, FW Trimble Tech 9
Frenship 37, Levelland 3
Graham 28, Weatherford 21
Granbury 38, Abilene Christian 24
Grapevine 25, Colleyville Heritage 23
Greenville 43, Quinlan Ford 14
Highland Park 30, Coppell 0
Jacksonville 49, Mabank 13
Keller Fossil Ridge 7, Justin Northwest 0
Kilgore 45, Gilmer 22
Lamar Consolidated 27, Sharpstown 0
Lamar Consolidated 21, La Marque 17
Liberty 42, Huffman Hargrave 14
Lockhart 17, Gonzales 14
Los Fresnos 42, Brownsville Lopez 0
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Mercedes 21, Roma 7
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Needville 14, Dickinson 10
New Braunfels Canyon 28, EP Del Valle 6
North Lamar 14, Texas High 13
Palestine 30, Lindale 14
Paris 28, Texarkana Liberty Eylau 24
Pleasanton 28, SA West Campus 0
Port Neches-Groves 47, Lumberton 14
SA Alamo Heights 49, SA Burbank 0
SA McCollum 12, SA Southside 6
Saginaw Boswell 31, Azle 14
San Angelo Lakeview 29, Pecos 28
Schertz Clemens 40, SA Fox Tech 0
Seagoville 10, Dallas Adamson 6
Snyder 38, Plainview 8
Springtown 19, FW Castleberry 10
Stephenville 33, Granbury 14
Sweeny 45, Wharton 0
Sweetwater 16, Big Spring 7
Terrell 44, Wylie 6
Texas City 53, Santa Fe 14
Uvalde 34, SA Kennedy 18
Waco Connally 47, Marble Falls 26
Waco Midway 52, Lampasas 7
Waco University 35, Taylor 28
Waxahachie 28, Everman 10
West Mesquite 21, Mesquite Poteet 20
West Orange-Stark 20, Nederland 17
Whitehouse 49, Brownsboro 0

Class 3A

Abilene Wylie 37, Coleman 7
Aledo 30, Bridgeport 17
Alpine 47, EP Mountain View 21
Amarillo River Road 25, Dimmitt 19
Anahuac 33, Barbers Hill 26
Aransas Pass 28, Odem 18
Atlanta 7, Jefferson 6
Ballinger 29, Clyde 11
Bandera 44, Caney Creek 21
Bishop 35, Falfurrias 7
Bonham 10, Princeton 6
Bowie 55, Jacksboro 0
Brady 24, Merkel 6
Breckenridge 31, Eastland 0
Brookshire-Royal 29, Palacios 10
Brownfield 20, Floydada 13
Cameron 35, Smithville 0
Canton 34, Malakoff 6
Carrizo Springs 14, Jourdanton 10
Clarksville 20, DeKalb 15
Clifton 49, Whitney 0
Clint 28, Fabens 21
Coldspring-Oakhurst 45, Splendora 7
Colorado City 10, Kermit 6
Columbus 35, Bellville 0
Comanche 35, West 0
Commerce 47, Farmersville 7
Corrigan-Camden 44, Center 7
Crockett 34, Palestine Westwood 6
Crystal City 15, Pearsall 13
Cuero 41, Luling 0
Daingerfield 16, Linden-Kildare 12
Denver City 42, Lubbock Roosevelt 7
Devine 42, Lytle 0
Diboll 51, Huntington 0
East Chambers 31, Hemphill 7
Edna 35, Stafford 21
Eustace 28, Van 14
Fairfield 19, Teague 14
Floresville 20, Beeville 14
Forney 22, Crandall 20
Fredericksburg 19, Kerrville Tivy 18
Freer 21, Benavides 17
Gainesville 42, Little Elm 6
Gatesville 38, Troy 0
George West 22, San Diego 0
Goliad 30, CC West Oso 0
Hillsboro 26, Glen Rose 7
Hooks 28, Pleasant Grove 10
Ingleside 18, Sinton 0
Iowa Park 43, Henrietta 14
Kaufman 14, Wilmer-Hutchins 0
Kemp 38, Wills Point 0
Kenedy 34, SA Cole 7
Kirbyville 29, Kountze 0
LaFeria 14, Hidalgo 7
Lake Worth 35, FW Diamond Hill Jarvis 6
Llano 34, Dripping Springs 14
Longview Spring Hill 42, Bullard 24
Lorena 14, China Spring 0
Lubbock Cooper 27, Slaton 21
Marlin 46, McGregor 0
Mathis 32, Taft 0
Medina Valley 35, Hondo 7
Monahans 69, Presidio 0
Muleshoe 28, Tulia 21
New Boston 35, Redwater 17
Newton 51, Warren 18
Omaha Paul Pewitt 14, Queen City 10
Orange Grove 37, Hebbronville 0
Pittsburg 39, Rains 6
Rio Hondo 20, Lyford 2
Rockdale 16, Elgin 14
Rusk 31, San Augustine 6
Sanford-Fritch 27, Dalhart 12
Sanger 21, Frisco 3
Santa Rosa 26, Progreso 6
Sealy 42, Hitchcock 0
Sharyland 24, Raymondville 18
Shepherd 40, Tarkington 16
Southlake Carroll 39, McKinney 33
Vernon 21, Childress 0
Waco Robinson 33, Waco LaVega 27
Waller 26, Navasota 20
Wimberley 43, Burnet 26
Winnsboro 38, Quitman 7

Class 2A

Albany 17, Hawley 12
Alto 34, Garrison 14
Axtell 32, Palmer 24
Bangs 34, Goldthwaite 29
Banquete 27, LaVilla 14
Ben Bolt 34, Asherton 22
Big Sandy 41, Arp 7
Bloomington 33, Shiner 21
Boling 38, Danbury 8
Bovina 20, Olton 6
Brackettville 40, Natalia 30
Bruceville-Eddy 30, Moody 21
Canadian 57, Sunray 0
Cayuga 49, Edgewood 21
Celina 48, Howe 0
Charlotte 47, Center Point 0
Cisco 22, Dublin 19
Cooper 27, Slaton 21
Cotulla 42, Poteet 9
Crawford 55, Valley Mills 0
Cushing 42, Maud 8
DeLeon 27, Hico 14
Dilley 27, Comfort 22
Early 33, Junction 18
East Bernard 27, Tidehaven 7
Elkhart 16, Grapeland 14
Elysian Fields 54, Harleton 19
Forsan 26, Ozona 12
Godley 17, Rio Vista 14
Groveton 29, Buffalo 8
Hamilton 51, Ranger 0
Harmony 28, Simms Bowie 13
Hart 32, Amarillo Highland Park 21
Holliday 42, Haskell 14
Hughes Springs 35, New Diana 12
Industrial 16, Ganado 6
Ingram 40, Somerset 12
Italy 62, Blooming Grove 13
Jim Ned 42, Anson 28
Johnson City 40, Universal City Randolph 7
Kerens 39, Grand Saline 30
LaVernia 26, Yoakum 18
Leonard 32, Anna 14
Lexington 48, Somerville 0
Lockney 49, Hale Center 0
Lone Oak 24, Cooper 18
Marion 31, Navarro 7
Mart 60, Hubbard 0
Maypearl 18, Venus 7
Memphis 14, Clarendon 0
Millsap 42, Grandview 12
Nixon-Smiley 40, Blanco 12
Nocona 36, Callisburg 21
Overton 20, Mount Enterprise 6
Pilot Point 28, Gunter 7
Poth 29, Woodsboro 0
Pottsboro 30, Whitesboro 7
Quanah 27, Panhandle 0
Refugio 21, Kames City 0
Riviera 38, Santa Maria 0
Rogers 56, Florence 6
Roscoe 19, Wall 14
Rosebud-Lott 31, Iola 22
Royse City 13, Kennedale 6
S&S Consolidated 12, Aubrey 0
Sabinal 28, Nueces Canyon 15
San Saba 28, Mason 25
Schulenburg 52, Yorktown 0
Scurry-Rosser 48, Crossroads 12
Seymour 37, Archer City 6
Stamford 33, Hamlin 0
Stanton 27, Iraan 12
Stockdale 29, Skidmore-Tynan 21
Stratford 27, Northbrook 0
Three Rivers 39, Pettus 0
Tom Bean 54, Caddo Mills 0
Troup 22, Hawkins 19
Van Alstyne 19, Prosper 13
Weimar 34, Flatonia 6
West Rusk 18, Union Grove 0
West Texas High 59, Boys Ranch 0
White Deer 23, Wellington 7

Class A

Alvord 33, LCHS 6
Apple Springs 14, Evadale 0
Aspermont 23, Paducah 0
Baird 40, Evant 12
Booker 40, Shamrock 8
Bosqueville 33, Santo 27
Bronte 34, Christoval 13
Celeste 34, Blue Ridge 0
Chillicothe 67, Vernon Northside 22
Claude 28, Vega 8
Colmesneil 42, High Island 0
Cross Plains 21, Santa Anna 18
Dawson 22, Mildred 9
Eden 22, Harper 2
Falls City 42, LaPryor 8
Frost 53, Tolar 34
Gorman 26, Rising Star 9
Granger 54, Milano 0
Irion County 21, Sterling City 13
Itasca 33, Abbott 0
Knox City 12, Crowell 0
Kress 54, Valley 0
Lometa 12, All-Saints 7
Maud 48, Cushing 8
Menard 34, Leakey 0
Meridian 44, Kopperl 15
Munday 28, Rotan 22
Nazareth 20, Happy 6
Normangee 28, Bremond 6
Oakwood 28, Chilton 0
Paradise 13, Chico 7
Riesel 54, Academy 27
Robert Lee 35, Miles 13
Roby 40, Spur 3
Rocksprings 57, Medina 23
Saint Jo 30, Bryson 18
Springlake-Earth 41, Motley County 6
Sudan 35, Farwell 0
Tenaha 36, Karnack 8
Throckmorton 39, Petrolia 6
Trinidad 50, Milford 0
Water Valley 6, Garden City 0
Wheeler 14, Gruver 13
Whitewright 29, Wolfe City 14
Windthorst 27, Perrin-Whitt 0
Wink 71, Marfa 0
Wortham 42, Calvert 0

Six Man

Blackwell 51, Trent 6
Blanket 68, Sidney 40
Borden County 68, Highland 22
Buckholts 82, Oglesby 34
Gordon 66, Morgan 0
Grandfalls-Royalty 72, Sanderson 26
Groom 35, Higgins 12
Harrold 52, Hedley 7
Jonesboro 52, Aquilla 0
Lazbuddie 58, Whitharral 12
Lohn 60, Cherokee 24
Loraine 22, Ira 19
May 66, Novice 27
Mullin 40, Brookesmith 30
Newcastle 54, Moran 6
Paint Creek 38, Lueders-Avoca 32
Panther Creek 54, Veribest 0
Richland Springs 60, Paint Rock 14
Rochester 52, Rule 7
Sammorwood 45, McLean 0
Silverton 60, Amherst 14
Strawn 62, Gustine 12
Westbrook 54, Hermleigh 32

Private Schools

Beaumont Christian 27, St. Thomas 0
Cedar Hill Trinity 37, Garland Christian 7
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Dallas Christian 6, Dallas First Baptist 0
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Dallas St. Mark's 27, Dallas Greenhill 14
Denton Liberty 45, FW Nolan 10
FW Christian 35, Austin Connally 21
FW Southwest Christian 48, FW Calvary 8
FW Trinity Valley 27, FW Country Day 21
Hallettsville Sacred Heart 48, Austin Hyde Park 0
Happy Hill Farm 38, Abilene Christian 24
Harlingen Marine Military 16, Hays Consolidated 14
Houston Second Baptist 57, Houston Lutheran North 7
Irving Cistercian 38, Bellaire Episcopal 21
Liberty Christian 45, Nolan 10
Pantego Christian 56, Quinlan Boles Home 0
Richardson Canyon Creek 80, Dallas Academy 40
San Marcos Academy 33, Tomball Concordia 7
Shiner St. Paul 77, Dallas Temple Christian 0
Texas School for the Deaf 28, Waco Christian 6
Trinity Valley 27, FW Country Day 21
WF Notre Dame 41, Temple Christian 14
Waco Parkview 28, Dickinson Pine Drive 2
Waco Reicher 55, SA Texas Military Institute 19

Howard, miscues trip WTC

The Lady Westerners might have been suffering from a case of first-game jitters.

Or, first-half jitters might be more like it.

Western Texas College bowed to Howard College, 70-41, Friday night at Scurry County Coliseum in a non-conference season opener for both teams.

The Lady Hawks turned 23 WTC turnovers and 14 missed free throws into a 43-17 halftime lead, before the Lady Westerners regrouped, playing the second half to a 27-27 tie.

"In the first half, the inexperience really showed," said WTC coach Valery Jackson. "We were just, so tight. We turned it over and missed free throws."

The Lady Westerners were 4 of 14 from the charity stripe and committed frequent turnovers in the opening period. Most of which, Howard turned into points via its fast break.

"I thought our man-to-man defense looked pretty good," Jackson stated. "But we switched to a zone to control their (Howard) fast break and we still have some work to do with our zone."

The Lady Westerners were led by sophomore Jennifer Shuttlesworth and freshman Latasha Vizcorrondo, who posted 9 points each. Shuttlesworth canned a trio of three-pointers.

They were followed by Christy Wells who tallied 7, while Rachel Ashmore added 6 more. Lacedra Miller and Pamela Odhuoug'o finished with 4 apiece and Whitney Kimbley had 2.

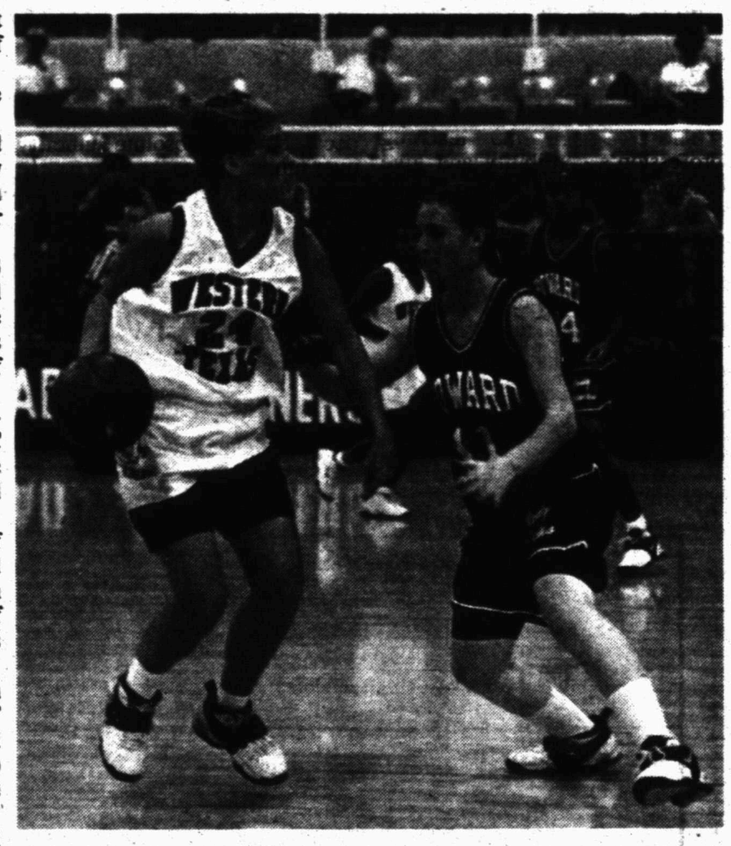
Despite injuries to key players, including Celestine Otuoro and Snyder's Erica Garvin — combined with opening-night nerves — Jackson got her players to respond after halftime.

"I told them that the free throws and turnovers were really hurting us, but that those were things we could correct," Jackson said. "I told them that no matter what happened, to keep hustling.

"And they did. They cut down on the turnovers (eight) and played hard in the second half."

The Lady Westerners' next action will be at Cisco, which edged WTC by five points in an early season scrimmage. The contest is slated for 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Jackson then takes her team to Athens for two contests. The Lady Westerners will face current national No. 1 Trinity Valley on Thursday at 7 p.m., before taking on 1996 top-five finisher Seward County on Friday at a time yet to be determined.



OPENING GAME — WTC's Christy Wells of Lubbock looks for an opening to pass inside in the Lady Westerners' season opener Friday night against Howard College. Wells is defended by Howard's Ricka McKee. The Lady Westerners bowed to Howard, 70-41, in the non-conference tilt. (SDN Staff Photo)

7th graders go out on top

Snyder's 7th grade football teams ended their season on a good note Thursday night.

Snyder Black topped Lamesa 6-0, while Gold pummeled the Tornadoes 53-14.

For Snyder Black, Tyler Trout picked off a Lamesa pass and returned it 20 yards for the only score of the game.

From there, the Tiger defense, led by Adrian Ramos, maintained the shutout victory.

In the Gold game, it was the Billy Pena show.

Pena scored on runs of 15, 35 and 40 yards, caught a 40-yard TD reception and recovered a blocked punt by Trey Roland in the endzone for a total of five touchdowns, while adding four extra points.

Caleb Durham found the endzone from 28 yards out, with Clay Williams returning an interception for 55 yards and a score.

Josh Montoya posted Snyder's other TD on a 35-yard fumble recovery and return.

The victory puts Gold's final record at 6-2, including five straight wins.

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Board cuts number of proposed hours for certification

AUSTIN (AP) — Proposed continuing education requirements for teachers were cut by one-fourth Friday by the State Board for Educator Certification, which heard from teachers concerned that their now-lifetime certificates would be unfairly threatened by new rules.

Further changes will be considered before the board next year gives final approval to certification requirements, which as currently proposed include a five-year renewal of professional certificates.

Continuing education would be required to keep the certificate active.

The rules initially called for 200 hours of education over five years. The board on Friday changed that to 150, or 30 per year.

"This has never been about recertification or about trying to threaten someone's certificate," said board chairman James Nelson. "It has always been about improving the quality of professional development."

But many teachers don't see it that way. They say they have a contract with the state for a lifetime certificate, and to change that is wrong.

"This issue goes much deeper into our hearts than just a piece of paper. It's about our dignity and professionalism that continues to be questioned on a daily basis," said Lorraine Coleman, a speech pathologist at Madisonville Independent School District.

Board members voted unanimously to formally propose the new rules so that they would meet a deadline in the 1995 state law that overhauled public education. The law created the certification board, which must specify requirements for issuance and renewal of educator certificates.

Backers have said the proposals would heighten the teaching profession's credibility and give teachers the tools they need to be effective in the classroom.

They note that teachers already do staff development, although the amount varies widely. A number of teachers, including some who serve on the board, have said they see the proposal as a positive one.

The rules aren't scheduled to be finalized by the certification board until next spring. After the certification board acts, they go to the State Board of Education, which cannot change them but may reject them with a two-thirds vote.

The Texas Classroom Teachers Association argued that those who currently hold lifetime certificates should be exempt from complying with new continuing education requirements. There are about 250,000 teachers in Texas.

Of 26 other states that changed from a lifetime certificate to a renewable certificate, only one didn't "grandfather" out educators who had lifetime certificates, said Lynette King, president of the group.

Nelson said it might be possible to grandfather current educators when it comes to paying renewal fees.



EAST WINNERS — Five East students received awards for creating something during Red Ribbon Week. From left are, Curtis Mason, who wrote a song; Juan Martinez made a poster; Bryan Clifton, poster; Noe Ruiz, a story; and Stanley Forbes, who made an advertisement. Each receives a T shirt with a drug free message. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

East observes Red Ribbon Week

East Elementary School sponsored a contest in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week. Students either wrote a song, made a poster, wrote a story or drew an advertisement.

Winners include Curtis Mason, song; Juan Martinez, poster; Bryan Clifton, poster; Noe Ruiz, story; and Stanley Forbes, advertisement.

Each received a T shirt with a drug free message.

As assembly was held Thursday morning. Tyler Ezzell and McGruff, the puppet, opened the assembly with McGruff singing a special song to the tune of "Mission Impossible" that Ezzell had written.

Others on the program included Leslie Cooley of CADA who talked about peer pressure; and members of Western Texas College's basketball team who presented motivational speeches.

Time Warner sets movie theme park

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Hollywood is increasing its presence in Spain — in the form of a Time Warner Inc. movie theme park near Madrid.

The park, to be located in San Martin de la Vega, 12 miles from the Spanish capital, is to open by the end of 2000, Alberto Ruiz Gallardon, the president of Madrid's regional government, said Friday.

A tentative agreement was signed Thursday and a definitive accord is to be finalized in six months, said government spokesman Raul Castillo.

Billionaire says...

Forging daughters' names a 'mistake'

DALLAS (AP) — At war with two daughters over family trusts, a Texas billionaire who has contributed seven-figure sums to Republican candidates admits forging their signatures for a senator's contribution.

Harold Clark Simmons, who is also targeted in a Justice Department investigation of campaign contributions and business dealings, told a probate court Friday he regretted signing his daughters' names.

But Simmons, with an estimated worth of $1.20 billion, contends that such gifts, sometimes made without the women's knowledge from trusts for which they are beneficiaries, are legal because he has absolute authority over funds.

"I thought it was right to sign the names because it would help the Helms campaign," said Simmons, 66. "It was a mistake, wrong and bad judgment ... . It was a snap decision; I shouldn't have done it."

A six-person jury is considering whether he should remain in control of two family trusts that run his business empire. The civil trial, which ended its second week Friday, was expected to last as long as five weeks.

Andrea Swanson and Scheryle Patigian, two of Simmons' four daughters, are suing to have their father removed from managing the trusts. They maintain he has abused his role as trustee by making political contributions and using funds for his own purposes.

Under questioning by one of his daughters' lawyers, Simmons said he decided to sign the names of three of his children to a document sent him by the Helms campaign in 1990 after campaign officials had returned several checks that Simmons had sent them.

Simmons said the document from the Helms organization sought the signatures of daughters Lisa Epstein, Ms. Patigian and Ms. Swanson to prove that they had authorized the contributions.

The billionaire, instead of asking his daughters, signed their names himself, altering each signature and placing different dates next to them to make it seem that different people had signed the document.

Admitting that he signed his daughters' names to the document, Simmons added that he didn't think he violated federal election law or his role as trustee.

"You don't think that forgery violates federal election law?" asked Charles Cunningham, an attorney for Ms. Patigian.

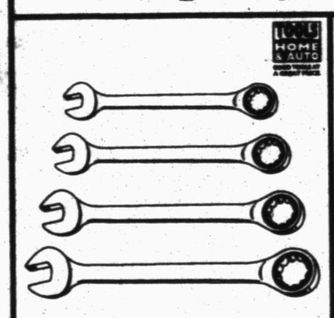
Simmons replied that he shouldn't have done it.

Attorneys for Ms. Patigian and Ms. Swanson during the trial have questioned numerous transactions that they said violated federal election rules or laws governing trusts.

The two daughters have contended that Simmons has used the trust money to buy jewelry for his wife, to finance homes and an airplane, and to make charitable donations.

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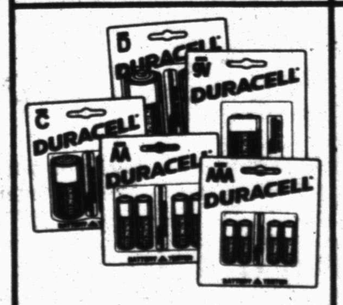
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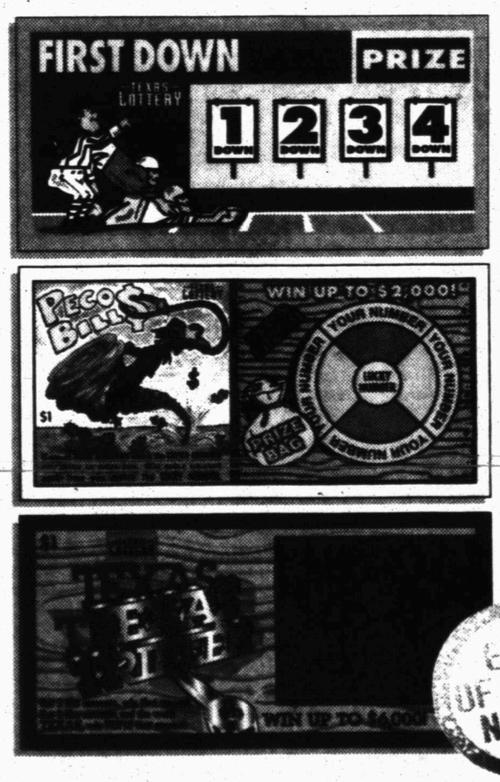
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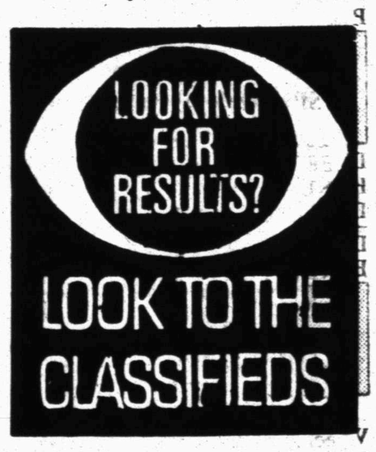


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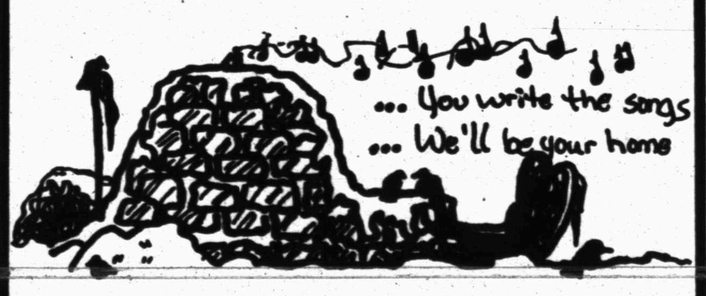
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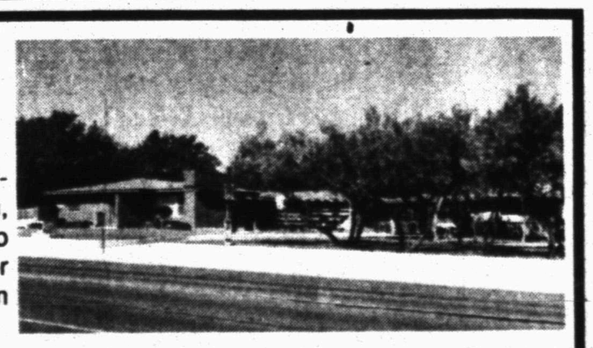
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The State of Texas §
County of Scurry §

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of NORA L. OCHSNER, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,392:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Co-Executors of the estate of Nora L. Ochsner, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 30th day of October, 1997, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to: Dudley C. Oschner at 901 Balboa Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007 and/or Linda T. DeMelia at 2007 Crooked Creek, Arlington, TX 76006, within the time prescribed by law.

Excecuted this 30th day of October, 1997.

(s) Dudley C. Ochsner
(s) Linda T. Demelia
Independent Co-Executors
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The State of Texas §
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To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of GOLDIE MAE HOLLISTER, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,396:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the estate of Goldie Mae Hollister, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 30th day of October, 1997, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Ronald Ray Hollister, P.O. Box 2624, Abilene, TX 79604, within the time prescribed by law.

Excecuted this 30th day of October, 1997.

(s) Ronald Ray Hollister
Independent Executor
of the estate of
Goldie May Hollister, deceased

PUBLIC NOTICE

No. 97-08930
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
345th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

TEXAS DAILY NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION and TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION, on Behalf of Themselves and Their Member Newspapers,
Plaintiffs,
v

HON. DAN MORALES, Attorney General, State of Texas, THE STATE OF TEXAS
BEN CLICK, Chief of Police, City of Dallas
THOMAS WINDHAM, Chief of Police, City of Fort Worth
C.O. BRADFORD, Chief of Police, City of Houston
DALE ROGERS, Chief of Police, City of Galveston
BRUCE MILLS, Acting Chief of Police, City of Austin
AL PHILIPPUS, Chief of Police, City of San Antonio
LANNIE LEE, Chief of Police, City of Snyder
REX HOSKINS, Chief of Police, City of Decatur,
Defendants, In their Official Capacities and on Behalf of a Class of Similarly Situated Officials

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION

TO: All government officials in the State of Texas who have custody or control over records covered by the provisions of Senate Bill 1069, including motor vehicle records, records with information related to vehicular accidents, dispatch logs, towing records and 911 records, and/or who have authority to enforce any criminal provisions of Senate Bill 1069.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a suit has been filed in this Court that may affect your legal interests. This case has been certified by the Court as a defendant class action. A defendant class action is a lawsuit in which one or more persons is sued on behalf of other persons in the same or similar situation. As a governmental official within the class definition, you are a member of the class of defendants certified by the Court.

YOU ARE NOT BEING SUED INDIVIDUALLY. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT YOU ATTEND COURT, HIRE A LAWYER, OR PAY THE COSTS OF THIS LITIGATION. IF YOU CHOOSE, HOWEVER, YOU MAY HIRE YOUR OWN LAWYER. IF YOU DO SO, YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING YOUR OWN LAWYER'S FEES.

AS A MEMBER OF THIS CLASS, YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Plaintiffs are two newspaper associations who have sued on behalf of their members. Generally, the Plaintiffs allege that S.B. 1069's restrictions on public access to motor vehicle records, accident reports, dispatch logs, towing records, 911 records, and any other records by which a person might obtain the date, specific location, or name of persons violate the Texas Constitution. The Plaintiffs also allege that S.B. 1069's prohibition against publication of motor vehicle record information on the Internet is unconstitutional.

2. The Court has certified this action as a defendant class action. The named defendants in this lawsuit have been certified as representatives of the class of defendants.

3. The Court has certified this action under Rule 42(b)(2) of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure as a class action against the class of defendants as defined above. Under Rule 42(c)(2) of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, you are hereby notified that (1) Plaintiffs allege and will seek to establish that S.B. 1069 is unconstitutional, (2) as a member of this class, the judgment rendered in this suit will be binding on you, whether favorable or not, and (3) that you have the right to appear before Court and challenge the Court's determinations as to the class and its representatives.

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE CLASS and that if you choose to do so you may exercise the right set out immediately above to appear in Court and challenge the Court's judgments as to the class and its representatives. You may notify the Court of your intentions to do so at:

TO: Ms. Amalia Rodriquez-Mendoza, District Clerk, Travis County Courthouse, Austin, Texas 78701

4. For additional information, please contact the following persons:

James Pinson, Assistant Attorney General, P.O. Box 12548, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (512)463-2120, (512)320-0667 (fax)

Donald S. Bayne, Assistant City Attorney, City Hall, Third Floor, San Antonio, Texas 78283, (210)207-8940 (210)2074357 (fax)

5. Be aware that the Court, by initially certifying this action as a class action, has not expressed any opinion as to the merits of this action.

6. You are entitled to appear at the hearing specified in the following paragraph and request inclusion in this action as a class representative.

7. TAKE NOTICE that the Court has entered the attached Second Agreed Amended Temporary Injunction. On December 5, 1997 at 9:00 a.m., the Court will hold a hearing before Judge Paul Davis in Travis County Courthouse, 1100 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas 78701, to determine whether to confirm that this agreed injunction will be binding on the class. The Court at that hearing will entertain arguments in support of and against confirming application of this agreed injunction to the class.

DATE: October 24, 1997
SIGNED: Paul Davis, Travis County District Judge

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Herington to keep up with Nichols trial

HERINGTON, Kan. (AP) — At The Spot, a blue-collar beer bar that's a favorite for locals, the talk varies from this year's milo harvest, to cattle prices, to sports.

And yes, to Terry Nichols — and his link to this close-knit rural community.

It's a tenuous link, residents say, because Nichols lived here only six weeks before his name and that of Timothy McVeigh, who had served in the Army with him at nearby Fort Riley, became synonymous with the worst act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

"People want to forget about it. We got a bad name because of him. People say, 'You're from Herington, the bombing place,'" said Lillian Minnick, the bar's owner.

But it's hard to forget, especially with opening statements scheduled Monday in Nichols' federal trial in Denver and the expectation that many residents will testify.

Nichols, 42, is accused of helping McVeigh plot the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, which killed 168 people and injured more than 500.

McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy in June and sentenced to die. His appeal is pending. Nichols faces the death penalty if convicted of the same charges.

"People will be watching it, just like they did O.J. (Simpson). Of course we'll watch it," said Minnick, glancing at the television behind the long black bar dotted with coasters and ash trays.

Bar patron Harold Friedli first wanted to talk about how the government hurts the farmers, but conceded he will keep up with events in Denver.

"I'd be interested in it wherever he's from because it was a bad deal, a bad deal. It's something everybody should be interested in a little bit," said Friedli, who raises cattle and crops on his 280-acre farm.

Folks in this town of 2,800 have another reason to follow the trial — many friends and neighbors may be in Denver to testify, something not everybody is happy about.

"Anybody who had a conversation with him got a subpoena. It's a terrible waste of taxpayer money," said insurance agent Jeff Hallam, who sold Nichols policies on his vehicle and small, faded blue house on a tree-lined Herington street.

Along with his secretary, Hallam was subpoenaed by the defense. He fretted that if both are in Denver at the same time, his office will be closed.

"He was clean, intelligent and businesslike," Hallam recalled of Nichols. "He didn't walk in with a bandolier of bullets."

Next door to Hallam's downtown office is Roberta Erickson, the cablevision office manager subpoenaed by both sides. At least, Erickson said, she will get a trip to Denver.

Erickson dealt with Nichols when he wanted to have cable television installed at his house after the bombing. Like Hallam, she feels she was caught in the subpoena snare.

"People will follow it because a lot of the witnesses are from the area and people know them, and because of the magnitude of the crime," she said.

Police Chief Barry Thacker saw Nichols when he arrived at the police station to ask why his name was on television. Federal agents started questioning Nichols and that was the last of Thacker's involvement.

"For that, I have to go to Denver," the chief said.

Nobody can say for sure how many Herington residents were subpoenaed or will actually be called to testify. In some cases people were subpoenaed by both sides. The witness lists have been sealed in Denver and neither side is talking.

Larry Byers, editor and publisher of The Herington Times, estimated between 30 and 40 subpoenas were handed out, although talk on the street jumps that number fourfold in some instances.

"The interest is in seeing who will testify. That is the local angle," said Byers, who has run the newspaper for 24 years.

For instance, there is Helen Mitchell, who rented Nichols a storage building outside town where federal agents thought explosives might have been stored. But when they opened it, it was empty.

Four people arrested Halloween, Saturday

Three people were arrested early Saturday morning while one was taken into custody on Halloween Day.

Officers arrested a 19-year-old male at 3:40 a.m. Saturday in the 1600 block of 26th Street for public intoxication.

Deputies arrested two 17-year-old Sweetwater youths at the Snyder Cemetery at 3:43 a.m. Saturday for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Halloween was no treat for a 21-year-old male as he was arrested at 5:16 p.m. in the 3100 block of College Avenue on an outstanding Scurry County warrant.

In other activity Friday, the fire department responded to a cotton trailer on fire on U.S. Highway 84 near Dermott at 6:50 a.m. and then to a heater-treater fire on FM 1606 some five minutes later on a Diamond M lease.

A person requested to speak to a deputy at 12:24 p.m. in reference to a person threatening her.

At 1:49 p.m., the fire department was called out to a grass fire on CR 3114 near Ira.

A person complained at 4:36 p.m. that a person was letting potbellied pigs run at large in the 600 block of 20th Street.

Deputies were advised at 8:03 p.m. that someone had damaged a corner of a fence at the Pyron Cemetery. The report indicated a vehicle had struck the fence.

A report of gun shots in the area of Brick Plant Road was made at 8:23 p.m. Deputies located the persons who were shooting and they were on their own property. They did agree to cease shooting.

In activity Saturday, Kennith May told officers at 1:44 a.m. that he had found a bicycle in his yard in the 400 block of 29th Street. An offense report for found property was submitted.

A person reported possible prowlers around 2 a.m. in the 800 block of 26th Street and around the Humble Smith School.

Josephince Hinojos filed a complaint at 3:13 a.m. as someone had damaged her vehicle in the 1300 block of Avenue R. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

At 3:17 a.m., a person notified officers that his ex-wife had been harassing him.

Officrs were called to the 400 block of North Avenue U at 3:29 a.m. in reference to a loud party. Two female juveniles were escorted to their home from that location.

Officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident at 8:10 a.m. Friday. Involved were a 1988 Pontiac driven by Kyle Beck of 2810 El Paso and a 1994 Ford driven by Nelda Randolph of 3001 Ave. W.

A five-vehicle accident occurred at 12:11 p.m. Friday in the 3500 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1989 Chevrolet pickup driven by Eduardo Calderon of Colorado City, a 1987 Chevrolet driven by Brady Cobb of 409 36th St., a 1994 Ford pickup driven by Richard Cook of 2512 Ave. W, a 1989 Chevrolet pickup driven by Christina Mendoza of 318 34th St., and a 1993 Cougar driven by Stoni Riggan of 4406 Round Top Road.

Berry's World



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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.



When profits rule, treatment suffers

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: As a member of a health maintenance organization, I was dismayed to read in the Wall Street Journal that an HMO executive was quoted as saying that "profits are king." Is this good for patient care?

DEAR READER: Not in my opinion. Actually, the quote was more chilling. Here it is from the June 18, 1997 edition: "We see people as numbers, not patients. It's easier to make a decision. Just like Ford, we're a mass-production medical assembly line, and there's no room for the human equation in our bottom line. Profits are king."

Such an attitude does not bode well for patients. Spurred by the prospect of enormous profits at the expense of ill people, HMOs are engaging in a variety of techniques to reduce expenditures.

For example, the journal Medical Economics (July 14, 1997) reported on a trick used by Oxford Health Plans to use nurses in the place of primary care physicians. Known as "nurse practitioners," these health-care providers may virtually supplant MDs and — more importantly — will be largely autonomous. A member of the Oxford Plan may not be permitted to see a physician under this scheme. Consequently, fewer MDs are being hired, despite the fact that they have more training and experience than the NPs, who are more likely to "toe the company line."

Predictably, this policy evoked a backlash of challenge from medical societies, who took the position that the practice of medicine should be the responsibility of licensed physicians. While most doctors welcome all types of health-care practitioners, non-MDs should carry out their activities under physician supervision.

Oxford largely stonewalled the furor, pointing out that the NP practices are a pilot program, designed to provide care to underserved areas. However, most NPs in the program occupy an office in Manhattan's affluent "silk-stocking district," in direct competition with many physicians.

This is not to say that nurse practitioners cannot work efficiently with MDs under appropriate supervision. Many studies have shown that such a cooperative enterprise works well for patients. Problems may arise when not-so-terrific NPs have the sole and total responsibility for patient care; no one has documented the safety of NPs in autonomous practice. Such practitioners "don't always recognize when a physician's use is required," according to an attorney quoted in the Medical Economics article. Thus, collaboration — rather than independence — may be the key to success.

Where does this leave the Oxford member who is told: "Sorry, but your primary care provider is a nurse"? In the view of experts, patients have to vote with their feet — and their pocketbooks. If your HMO makes such an arbitrary decision, fight it. Complain, deluge the HMO with letters and e-mail, and — as a last resort — change to another plan that better meets your needs. Because HMOs such as Oxford are so concerned about making profits — often at the expense of good medical care — reducing these profits is the only way to catch their attention and make them provide the medical attention that consumers have the right to demand.

Welcome to managed care.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can eating tomatoes prevent prostate cancer?

DEAR READER: Several recent reports have shown that men who regularly eat tomatoes and tomato products, such as spaghetti sauce and salsa, have a lower incidence of prostate cancer. The reason for this surprising finding is unknown but scientists suspect that the active ingredient may be lycopene, a natural compound found in tomatoes. Lycopene has been discovered in samples of normal prostate tissue and seems to protect against cancer. Finally, something that tastes good is good for you!

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

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DEAR DR. GOTT: About two months ago, I fell off a ladder and broke my leg. While recovering in the hospital, I couldn't urinate and had to be catheterized. My doctor told me that I might have to use a catheter indefinitely because of a "lazy bladder."

I'm only 85 years old and don't relish this thought. For one thing, it really interferes with sex. At present, I am at home without a catheter, but I really have to strain to urinate. What can I do to improve the flow?

DEAR READER: Following accidents, surgery or serious illness, many elderly patients experience difficulty voiding. This unpleasant consequence can be due to bed rest, medication, stress, and — in men — prostate enlargement.

I am tempted to advise you to be patient, because you sound like a pretty independent guy who probably avoids medical care when possible. And, I believe, once you are fully ambulatory in another month or so, your plumbing should return to normal. However, your stint in the hospital may have unmasked a prostate problem that should be addressed. Therefore, I suggest that you run this by your family doctor, who may opt to send you to a urologist for a second opinion.

In any case, I doubt that you will need a catheter for long-term use; there are many medicines available to correct the problem. Your doctors can advise you.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 71-year-old woman. For the past few months, my urine has had a strong odor. Should I worry?

DEAR READER: Not necessarily.

Many waste products are excreted by the kidneys, but usually there is little or no odor unless these products undergo bacterial degradation. This causes the familiar and unpleasant odor of urine.

It is possible that you are harboring bacteria in your bladder. This type of infection is common in women and may cause no symptoms. However, the urine may smell strong because the bacteria have started the degradation process before you urinate. Such an infection can easily be diagnosed with a urine culture.

Similarly, overly concentrated urine may be smelly. So, if your urine is dark and appears concentrated, you may solve the problem by drinking more fluids.

Finally, many foods — notably asparagus — impart various odors to the urine.

Your doctor can sort out these various possibilities. At the very least, you need to have your urine tested.

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More on OJ

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Get ready for another round of stories on O.J. Simpson's former house.

Television crews from news and tabloid shows again will converge on the house next week to tour the seven-bedroom, 6,000-square-foot house.

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U.N. council urges Iraq to back down

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — With confrontation looming in Iraq, Security Council leaders faced a weekend of behind-the-scenes diplomacy to try to persuade Saddam Hussein to back down from his order expelling American weapons inspectors.

On Friday, the U.N. chief weapons inspector directed the Americans and other U.N. experts in Baghdad to resume inspections of Iraqi weapons programs on Monday, after suspending their work this week in the wake of the Iraqi ultimatum.

"All nationalities, members of the team will go to work and remain in Iraq," Richard Butler declared, making clear the Americans would stay.

But Iraq showed no sign of rescinding its demand that the 10 Americans on the 40-member U.N. weapons team get out by 5 p.m. Wednesday. Iraq's deputy prime minister scoffed at threats of military force and said his country had nothing to lose by defying the United Nations.

Russia and France, two sympathizers with Iraq on the Security Council, issued an "urgent appeal" to Iraq today to comply with the United Nations, and allow American weapons inspectors to stay.

"This would be a clear signal of a de-escalation of tension," foreign ministers of the two countries said in a joint statement.

At the same time, Russia and France said it was important for the Security Council to be united in its policy toward Iraq, and for any action to be taken only within the bounds of the council.

After a two-hour Security Council meeting Friday, U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson said the 15-member body was acting with "unanimity" in the face of the Iraqi challenge.

"We believe Iraq is in clear violation of United Nations resolutions and that the ball is in their court to redress their violations," Richardson said.

Despite Richardson's statement, it was clear the Security Council remained deeply divided over its next moves in the high-stakes showdown — the most serious between Iraq and the United Nations since October 1994, when Saddam moved troops near Kuwait.

That time, Saddam backed down after President Clinton moved a carrier group and 56,000 troops to the region.

The U.N. weapons inspectors were sent to Iraq in 1991 to determine whether Iraq had complied with U.N. orders to destroy all long-range missiles as well as chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

That is the main condition for lifting crippling economic sanctions imposed on Iraq after Saddam invaded Kuwait in 1990, touching off the Persian Gulf War.

Clinton stumps for cash from wealthy donors in Florida

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. (AP) — President Clinton decried the plight of too many American children who "don't have the kind of childhood they should be having" because of poverty, crime and lack of health care.

Because of hoarseness, the president let a panel of experts on education do most of the talking as they gathered Saturday at a Democratic retreat. "I'll talk later, but you keep talking," he croaked when a panelist discussing globalization asked him to jump in.

The education panel was among several Clinton was sitting in on at the weekend getaway with donors who paid $50,000 each to hobnob with the president and Democratic party leaders.

Clinton's voice already was starting to give out Friday evening when he spoke to 80 donors at a fund-raising dinner.

In the opulent home of a wealthy admirer, surrounded by 80 Democratic donors, he said campaign fund raising may come across as "suspect" to the public but is critical for Democrats to win back Congress next year.

He capped a day of courting rich contributors in Florida with a dinner Friday that took in $600,000 for 1998 Democratic congressional candidates.

"We have to make it possible for those people to be heard," Clinton told guests who paid at least $5,000 each to dine with him, Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., and other party leaders.

Clinton's fund-raising weekend in Florida was continuing Saturday at a first-of-its kind Democratic retreat at a posh north Florida resort. Fifty donors had paid at least $50,000 to attend the event, which was featuring panel discussions, golf and schmooze time with the president and party leaders.

The Democrats need to win 11 seats in 1998 to regain control of Congress. Friday night's dinner, in a 40,000 square-foot mansion filled with artwork, a movie theater and a sports bar, was the latest in a series of fund-raisers with Clinton that will help out Democratic candidates next year.

"Usually at the end of these campaigns, the party with the most money wins" because television advertising is so expensive, said Clinton, whose voice was hoarse and cracked a few times during his 25-minute talk from what aides say is a reaction to allergies.

U.N. global warning talks don't bridge gap

BONN, Germany (AP) — The latest talks on a U.N. pact to fight global warming ended in deadlock Friday, with negotiators unable to merge a set of complicated proposals into a cohesive draft treaty.

Diplomats from 142 countries left the 10-day session at odds over how much and how quickly industrial nations should cut emissions of heat-trapping "greenhouse gases" in the next century.

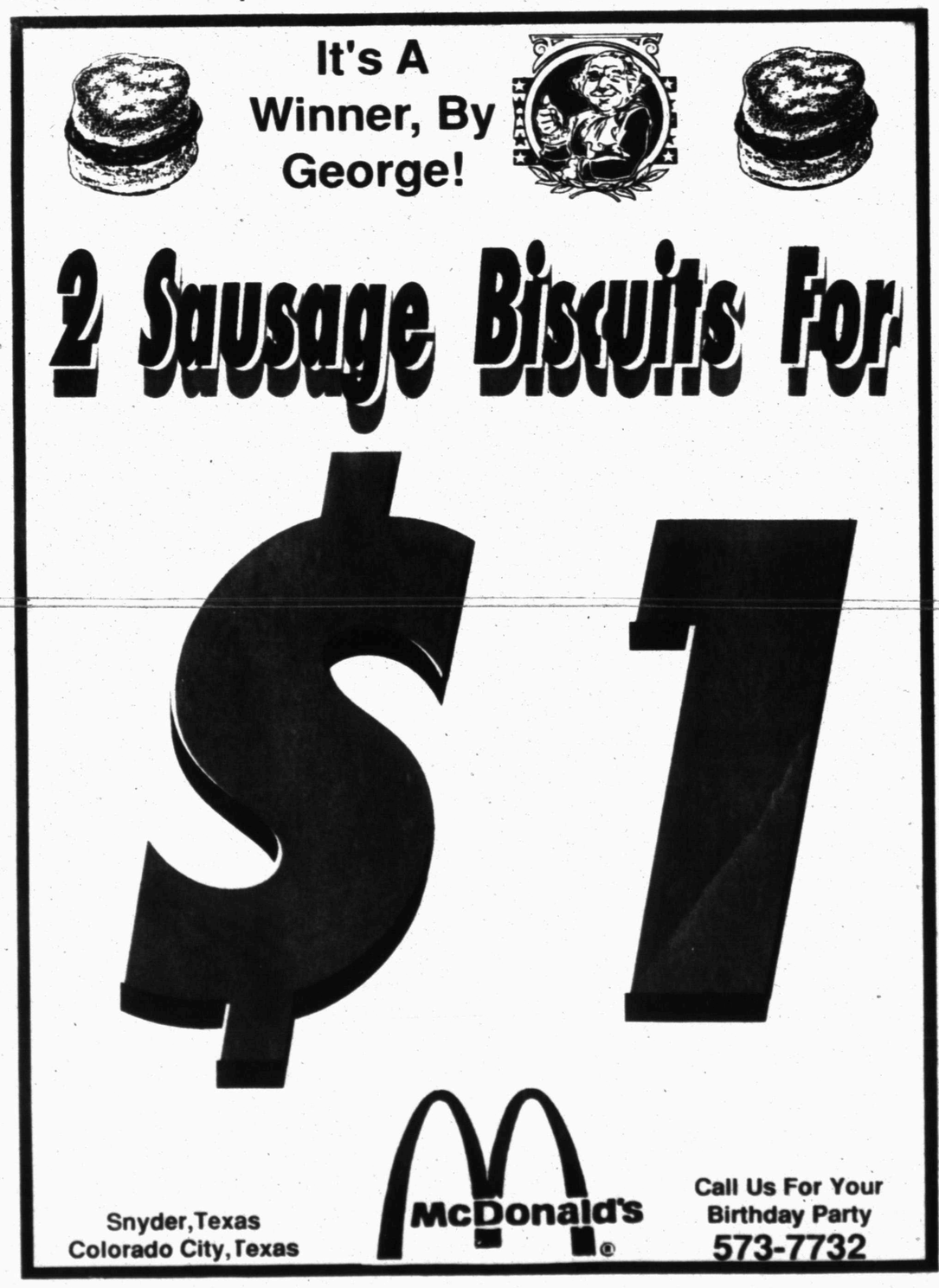
"We still have a lot of points to clarify," meeting chairman Raul Estrada-Oyuela of Argentina told reporters. He said the draft treaty was still a "mosaic of different positions."

Environmental groups accused the United States and Japan of setting back the talks, which were complicated last week by a long-awaited U.S. proposal that most European and developing nations called too modest.

Government ministers are likely to be left with the toughest choices when they meet Dec. 1-10 in Kyoto, Japan, to complete the pact.

To try to narrow differences, their aides at the Bonn talks decided Friday to meet for two days in Kyoto on the eve of the conference.

"It's a monster," said U.N. spokesman Michael Williams. "It's not surprising it's going down to the wire."



Downtown theater revived

POST (AP) — Compared to Texas' bigger cities, a little money can go an awfully long way in a town like Post.

Admittedly, the case of the Tower Theater here is a tad extreme.

"Some people are mad about it," said Schahara Hudelson, referring to the purchase of the Main Street fixture for just $1,000. "The people who wished they'd bid on it are mad. The people who want to see progress and want to see life put in the community are excited about it."

It's not as though the 52-year-old building were falling apart. Some locals had recently poured $100,000 into the city-owned Tower for extensive renovations, including new seats and a new heating and cooling system.

A series of headliners, usually Cecil Caldwell's country variety show, drew crowds of varying sizes until his death in 1995. Other acts, mainly Rusty Hudelson's Knights of the West, filled in afterward.

When the city chose to sell the theater this summer, the Hudelsons offered a mere $1,000 for the 450-seat auditorium. It was the only bid.

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ONGOINGS

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to consider six cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

Booster meeting cancelled

The November Snyder Band Boosters meeting has been cancelled.

Bible study tapes on TV

Bible study video tapes run weekly on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "Pleasing God," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Snyder FFA boosters

Snyder FFA Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the ag building.

Hermleigh Booster Club

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday. The junior high homecoming will be among the topics.

Football Booster Club

The Football Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school student center. All coaches will give their reports for this year.

Tiger Pride Club

The Tiger Pride Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school student center. All members are encouraged to attend.

VFW sets meeting

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. The Auxiliary will hold an election for junior vice president.

Law enforcement meeting

The West Central Texas Law Enforcement Association will hold its biannual get-together and training session at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Some 80 to 100 law enforcement personnel are expected. It is open to all law enforcement personnel and correctional officers.

Blood pressure clinic

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

Adult basic education

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

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

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

Tiger Times on sale

The 1997-1998 Tiger Times Yearbook is on sale. To order, pay the full amount of $14 or a deposit of $7 and the balance of $7 when yearbooks arrive in the spring. No extra copies will be ordered; anyone wanting a yearbook must order early.

Orders will be accepted through Nov. 14 in Room 113 or the office. Checks should be payable to Snyder Junior High School.

Museum seeks items for angel display

Scurry County Museum needs angel related items to display Nov. 20-Jan. 5. These may include angel pictures, calendars, statues, jewelry, craft objects, even clothes with angel motifs on them. Call 573-6107 for more details.

Church rummage & bake sale

St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church will have a rummage and bake sale in the parish hall from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Saturday. Donations will be accepted from 2-5 p.m. through Wednesday. Call 573-8824 for more information.

Driver's license office

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

Bush staffer due here

Phil Sims, citizens' liaison for Gov. George Bush, will be in Snyder Nov. 12. A public reception will be held from 4:30 to 5 p.m. at the chamber of commerce.

Ira Bulldog annuals

The 1998 Ira Bulldog annuals are on sale until Nov. 21. Cost is $22 with a name on the cover; $20 without. Supply is limited.

Pick 3

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

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(eight, four, nine)

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Retired Midwest director reflects on 21 year tenure

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

For 21 years, James Beaver, Midwest Electric Cooperative's Place 3 director, helped guide the co-op through community development projects, growth and ever-increasing state and federal regulations.

He was elected to the board in 1976 and officially retired in September. For 17 of those years, he served as president.

One of Midwest's biggest projects during Beaver's tenure was contracting with a third supplier of electricity — Southwest Public Service — in 1984. The sub station is located near Post in Garza County.

Beaver said Midwest is somewhat unique in that it secures electricity from three suppliers. They also contract with West Texas Utility and Texas Utility.

He said this arrangement is especially good for customers because in the event of power outages, electricity can be routed from one of the other two suppliers, thus allowing service to be restored more quickly.

As a result of Midwest's contract with SPS, Beaver said the co-op joined a group of co-ops, the Golden Spread Co-op, and were introduced to a different type operation.

Members of the Golden Spread Co-op all use more electricity during irrigation in the summer months than any other time of the year.

Beaver, who also served as a director of Golden Spread Co-op from 1984 until September, said he learned how the co-ops handled providing electricity during the peak summer months, and also during the rest of the year when usage falls off.

Golden Spread Co-op provides service to an area which incorporates the Panhandle, the edge of New Mexico and Oklahoma.

During the last three years, Beaver said Golden Spread Co-op became involved with building a plant to generate electricity. It will located in Denver City and will be used primarily during the summer's peak usage months.

Beaver said working on the plant was a "real education and quite a challenge" because of the work and study involved in it.

He was also involved with Midwest Co-op's contributions to economic development, something he is very poud of. He said the "Lorber talk began about the same time as the generating plant effort began."

In fact, Beaver considers the Lorber project a highlight of his 21 years as a director. "I'm pleased to see this come about as it will be a boost for the co-op," he said. "Lorber prospects look good for the community."

He said he is especially proud of Midwest's involvement with other community development projects such as the Justiceburg Lake Project and Longworth Industry, which is supplying harvest equipment to India.

As a Midwest director, Beaver was kept busy, usually from three to four days each month. He attended numerous meetings in 21 years and developed rather close friendships with Parker Wetsel, the first manager, and Vesta Orr, the current manager.

When Wetsel retired, Beaver served on the manager's search committee which selected Orr. "That was time consuming and mind boggling," Beaver said, "because we wanted to get the right person for the right job, and we did."

During his tenure, Beaver said Midwest has had to learn to cope with a myriad of regulations, some state and some federal. "And there are more regulations all of the time," he added.

There have been a lot of changes in the electrical industry, too.

Whereas at one time, co-ops like Midwest could set their rates, now increases have to be approved by the Public Utilities Commission. All data and information is now compiled and presented to the PUC, which then decides if the rate increase is justified.

"That presented quite a change for the co-op," Beaver said. "We were not used to that.

"Justifying and verifying everything was also hard for me to get used to," he added.

Beaver said Midwest has had fewer rate increases because "the system is kept in order and problems are fixed before they become real bad."

One of the co-op's strengths, he said, is that it identifies and repairs problems before they "get to be a real bad apple."

Midwest also utilizes radio-controlled equipment in the Snyder office which often allows the system to be rebooted following a temporary outage rather than having to travel to the site.

To stay prepared for future changes, Beaver said co-op managers have to be more patient and better educated in the electrical energy field than ever before.

Other regulations are mandated by the Federal Power Commission. In that regard, co-ops will experience changes just like the telephone industry and airlines have, Beaver said.

A similar evolution is now taking place in the electrical industry, he said. Some day individuals will have to decide whether the changes have been for the best, just like they now decide about Bell's breakup.

To date, there have been a lot of changes in the telephone industry, including being able to choose which long distance carrier to use.

Eventually, many in co-ops will get the same choice. He said co-ops expect even more changes to come during the next three years.

"Competitiveness will be the whole story from now on," Beaver said. "Midwest wants to stay competitive so directors will continue to learn a lot of unknowns."

He noted that in some future instances, a co-op may only provide the lines energy travels through rather than provide the energy itself.

The current trend is definitely toward being more "consumer oriented," he said.

In past years, Beaver said co-ops enjoyed almost a "protective monopoly."

During the past two decades, Beaver said Midwest's growth occurred within the same area it had always operated in.

When Beaver joined the board, computers were not in use but now have become a very important part of the operation.

Throughout his tenure, Beaver said the greatest rewards have been the people he has met and

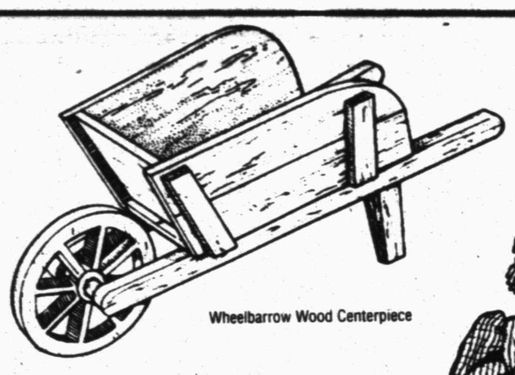
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REFLECTS ON 21 YEARS — James Beaver, left, recently retired as a Midwest Electric Co-op director. At Midwest's annual barbecue in September, Carl Williams, vice president of the co-op's board of directors, presented Beaver with a plaque of appreciation. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



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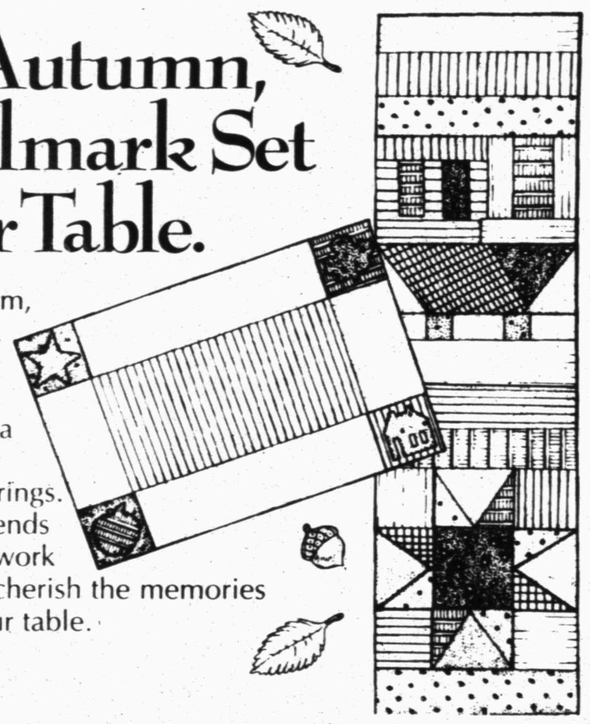


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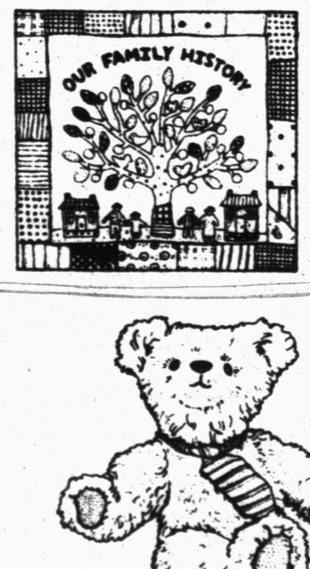
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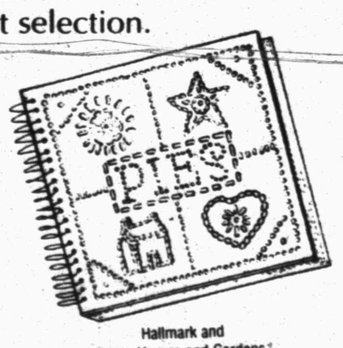


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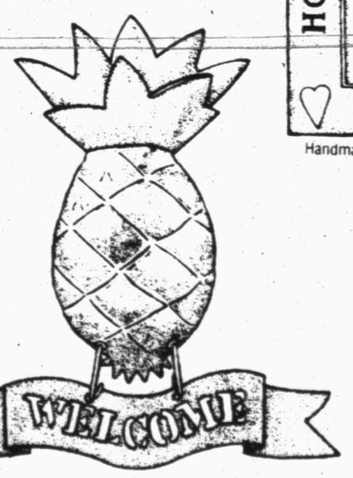


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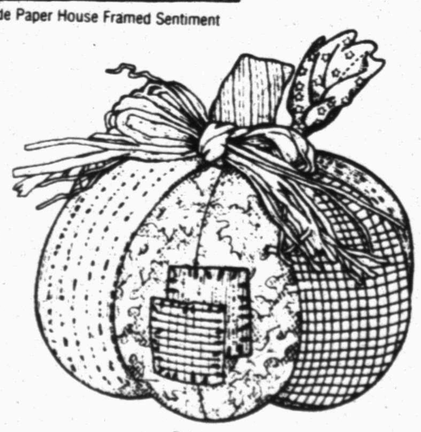
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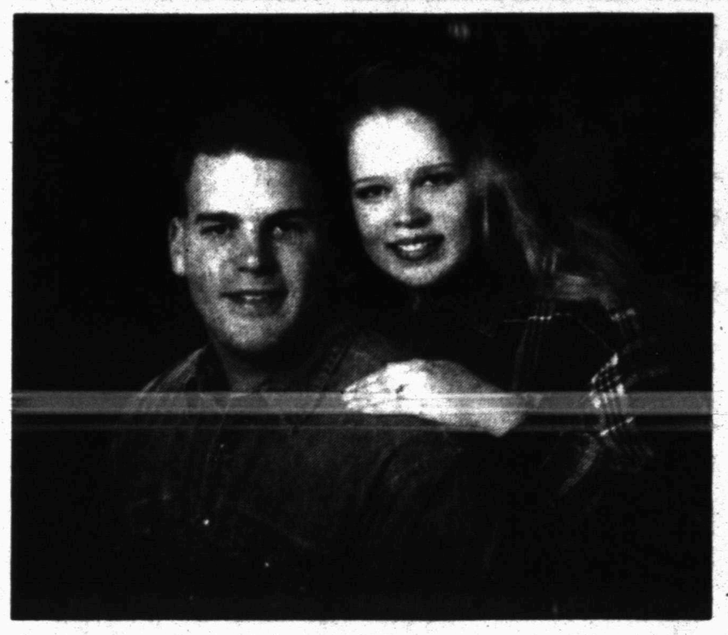
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DECEMBER NUPTIALS SET — Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Martin of El Paso announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jerri Lynn Martin, to Derek Dane Freeman. Vows will be exchanged on Dec. 20 at Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock. The prospective groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henderson of Snyder. He is a 1995 Snyder High School graduate and is a junior at West Texas A&M where he lettered in football his freshman and sophomore years. Freeman is pursuing a nursing degree and is employed by Conner House Assisted Living Home in Canyon. Miss Martin, a 1992 graduate of Berkner High School in Richardson, attends Amarillo College pursuing a degree in dental hygiene. (Photo by Photo Image)



MUSEUM NOTES — "Knowing Our Museum" was Charlene Akers' program topic for Altrurian Daughters Study Club meeting. Shown with Akers, Scurry County Museum director, are Joyce Williamson, left, and Maribeth Vestal, right. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Salvation Army into plastic money

By The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Cash, coin or charge — the Salvation Army is happy to take money any way it can.

Beginning this holiday season, Salvation Army bell ringers across the country will accept plastic at credit card machines set up at donation kettles.

The Salvation Army hopes the option will reduce the risk of thefts against bell ringers and boost contributions.

The standard red kettle on a tripod will be linked to a credit card reading device. Donors enter their cards into the magnetic strip reader, punch in the numbers, make a contribution and get a receipt.

The kettles will accept American Express, Master Card and Visa.

Some $5,000 was donated via credit cards in the Akron area during a test run of the idea last year, said Maj. Frank Kirk, head of the Salvation Army in Akron and Summit County.

The idea for "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" came to Robert Louis Stevenson in a dream.

At the time of Julius Caesar, the population of the entire earth was about 150 million.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Al-Anon meeting (smoke Free), brown bag lunch; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-1579 or 573-5525; noon to 1 p.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; 9 a.m.

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; at Maribeth Vestal's home, 2901 35th; "Christmas Makings" film; Glenda Glasscock also hostess; 9:30 a.m.

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

Company of Women International, Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center; bring a dish for pot luck meal; 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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





GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY — Thelma and Ben Odorizzi celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home on Oct. 18th with their family. The couple married on Oct. 16, 1947 in Lubbock. Attending were their children, Ramona Cole, Rolland and Betty Odorizzi and Sharon Odorizzi from Austin. Their grandchildren included Jennifer Ham and her family from Abilene, Jeff Cole and his family from Fort Worth. Other family members were Eunice and Herman Milton, Velma Lunsford, David and Andrea Lunsford and Danny, Gena and Loren Lunsford. (Contributed Photos)

Spur of the moment roasted turkey with herb sauce

Rubs are the hottest new way to creatively combine herbs and spices to penetrate favorite foods with robust and savory flavor.

Here, award-winning cookbook author, Perla Meyers, shares her holiday secret, a quick and spicy variation on the traditional turkey meal adapted from *Spur of the Moment Cook*. Or, Perla suggests, rub it on chicken for a great winter meal.

ROASTED TURKEY WITH SPICY HERB RUB

1 fresh turkey (10-12 lbs.)
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2 tsp. dried thyme
2 tsp. dried marjoram
2 T. Dijon mustard
1 tsp. paprika
2 large cloves garlic, peeled and mashed
2 T. unsalted butter
1 tsp. peanut oil
4 medium onions, unpeeled, cut in half crosswise
2½ cups chicken broth

1) Preheat oven to 425 F.

2) Mix Old Bay Seasoning, thyme, marjoram, mustard, paprika and garlic in bowl. Rub mixture over turkey, except the bottom. Truss and set aside.

3) In a large roasting pan, melt butter and oil over medium heat. Remove. Add the turkey, breast side up. Place onions in baking dish with ¼ cup broth. Cover with foil. Roast for 1 hour 30 minutes to 1 hour 45 minutes, basting frequently, until juices run clear.

4) Remove turkey from oven and let sit for 5-10 minutes. Remove onions and puree in food processor.

5) Add 2 cups broth to pan. Boil and reduce by ½. Whisk in onion mixture until sauce lightly coats the spoon. Serve with sauce on the side.

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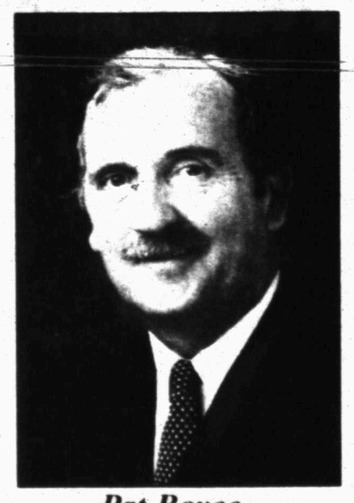
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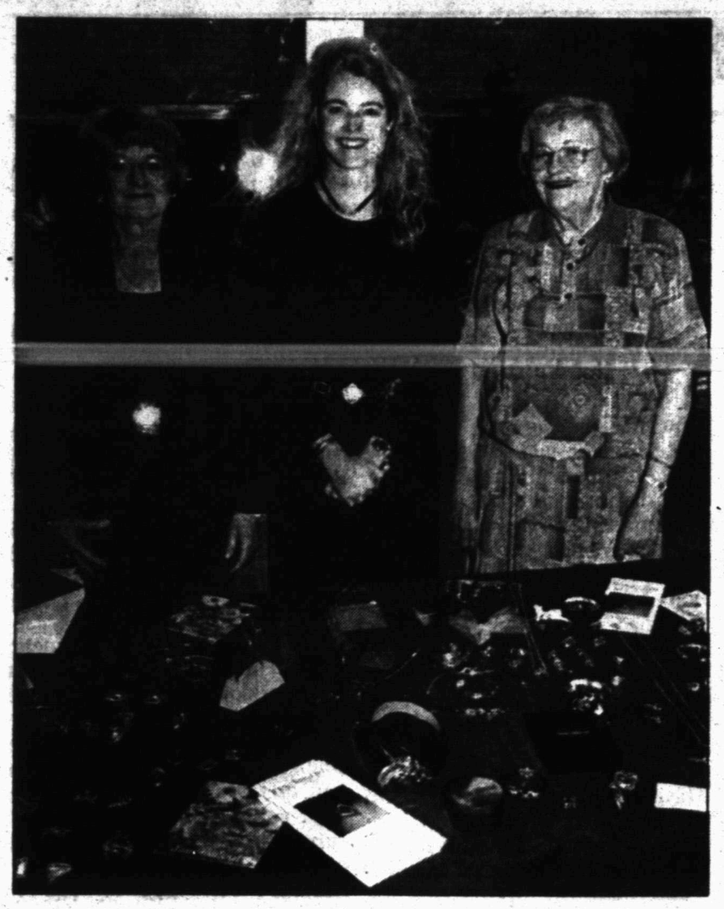
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JEWELRY PROGRAM — Lisa Cox of Sweetwater, associate of Cox's Jewelry, gave the program for Cosmorama Study Club members at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. She is pictured with Nonnie Ward, second vice president, (left) and Mippy Brownlee. Cosmorama meets on Nov. 19 for a "Snow Village" program by Classic Interiors. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Hermleigh School Menu

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Juice
Fried Ham
Toast
TUESDAY
Fruit
Buttered Grits
Toast
WEDNESDAY
Juice
Kolaches
THURSDAY
Fruit
Blueberry Muffins
FRIDAY
Juice
Buttered Rice

LUNCH
MONDAY
Franks/Cheese Sauce
Tater Tots
Mixed Vegetable
Hot Rolls
Applesauce Cake
TUESDAY
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Green Beans
Soft Bread Sticks
Apricot Crisp
WEDNESDAY
Glazed Ham
Sweet Potates
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Fruit Bars
THURSDAY
Barbecued Chicken
Potato Salad
Relish Cup
Hot Rolls
Banana Pudding
FRIDAY
Pizza
Buttered Corn
Tossed Salad
Fruit Jello

Snyder School Menu Elementary

All meals are served with milk. Breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast and fruit juice.

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Donut
TUESDAY
Scrambled Eggs
WEDNESDAY
Cinnamon Rolls
THURSDAY
Sausage & Biscuit
FRIDAY
Breakfast Taco

LUNCH
MONDAY
Submarine Sandwich
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Baked Beans
Fruit Cocktail
TUESDAY
Salisbury Steak
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Macaroni & Cheese
Applesauce
WEDNESDAY
Stuffed Potato w/Crackers
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Buttered Corn
Jello
THURSDAY
Chicken Fried Steak
Homemade Roll
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Mashed Potatoes
Cream Gravy
Broccoli w/Cheese
FRIDAY
Spaghetti and Meat Sauce
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Peas & Carrots
Cowboy Cookies

Snyder School Menu High School & Junior High

All breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast and fruit juice. All meals are served with choice of milk.

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MONDAY
Donut
TUESDAY
Scrambled Eggs
WEDNESDAY
Cinnamon Rolls
THURSDAY
Sausage & Biscuit
FRIDAY
Breakfast Taco

LUNCH
MONDAY
Rib Sandwich
Corn Dog
Macaroni & Cheese
Peas & Carrots
Pineapple Chunks
TUESDAY
Taco Salad
Enchilada Casserole
Lettuce & Tomato
Pinto Beans
Cowboy Cookies
WEDNESDAY
Chicken Nuggets
Meatloaf
Baked Potato
Buttered Corn
Fruit Cocktail
THURSDAY
Steak Fingers
Sliced Turkey
Mashed Potatoes
Cream Gravy
Mixed Vegetables
Homemade Roll
FRIDAY
Chicken Burger
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Tater Tots
Apple Crisp

Ira School Menu

MONDAY
Sandwiches
Chips
Apples
TUESDAY
Charbroiled Beef Patties
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls
Pears
WEDNESDAY
Pinto Beans
Fried Okra
Corn
Corn Bread
Apricot Cobbler
THURSDAY
Steak Fingers
Scalloped Potatoes
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Biscuits
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	♥ A K 10 9	
	♦ J 8 7	
	♣ A J 5	
West		East
♠ 3		♠ 10 9 8 5 4 2
♥ 7 6 3 2		♥ Q
♦ 10 9 4		♦ A K Q 6 2
♣ Q 7 6 4 2		♣ 9
	South	
	♠ A Q 6	
	♥ J 8 5 4	
	♦ 5 3	
	♣ K 10 8 3	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	2 ♦
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 3

Snoopy's mechanics play again

By Phillip Alder

You may remember a while ago I mentioned that Charles M. Schulz had featured bridge in four of his Peanuts cartoons. Well, the American Contract Bridge League spotted them too, and devoted the front cover and lead article to Schulz and those cartoons in the July issue of The Bulletin.

Well, perhaps inspired by receiving all that publicity, Schulz had Woodstock and his friends playing bridge again on July 21. The previous deals came from Ely Culbertson's book "Contract Bridge Complete." However, having just searched assiduously — if that is the word I want — through that tome, I can conclude that this latest deal comes from a different book. First, though, here is a tough Peanuts trivia question: What are the names of Woodstock's four friends?

If North were the dealer, he would open one no-trump. Then East would presumably overcall two spades. South might well jump to three no-trump, and East would probably find the best opening lead!

If East deals, the great shape would probably persuade him to open. Now North-South have a chance to reach the makable four hearts.

Declarer wins the spade lead and cashes dummy's heart ace, dropping East's queen. Now South draws all the trumps and takes his remaining spade tricks before trying to find the club queen. Well, East is known to have started with six spades, one heart and apparently five diamonds. So, it is easy. Cash the club king, then finesse dummy's jack on the second round.

Woodstock's friends are Harriet and Bill (who got married), Conrad and Olivier.

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Maraschino cherries add taste, visual appeal

Whether used as a garnish, in a sauce or as the topper for an ice cream sundae, the maraschino cherry adds unique flavor and visual appeal to foods and beverages. What accounts for the unique flavor? According to the National Cherry Foundation, red maraschino cherries get their unique taste from the subtle almond flavor that is added during processing. These luscious red fruits come with or without stems and have a long shelf life. Keep a jar on hand during the holiday season to "crown" a simple dessert.



S.W.and Ophelia Trevey
(Contributed Photo)

Treveys will mark 65th anniversary with party

S.W. "Red" and Ophelia (Bea) Trevey will celebrate their 65th anniversary this weekend. A reception, planned by their children, Margaret Drum Dillaha and Ralph Trevey, is set for Sunday, Nov. 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Margaret's home in Fluvanna, 1508 CR 137.

They also had a daughter who is desceased, Mary Nell Cargile.

Red Trevey, born on Dec. 4, 1911 in Pecos, and Bea Treavy, born on Dec. 5, 1914 in Big Spring, were married on Nov. 5, 1932 in Lovington, N.M. They met in Ira in 1929.

They have lived in Scurry County since their marriage and are retired from farming and ranching. The couple are members of North College Baptist and the Eastern Star. Trevey has been a member of the Masonic Lodge for 52 years.

They have six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Safety tips: turkeys cooking faster

It's not your imagination: turkeys are cooking faster than current cooking charts recommended, according to a University of Georgia study. The USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline reminds holiday cooks that each turkey cooks a little differently.

It should be noted that many factors can affect the cooking time — shielding, stuffing, temperature of the bird, depth of the roasting pan, and oven temperature.

The best way to determine the safety and doneness of the turkey as well as prevent overcooking is to check in several places with a meat thermometer.

USDA suggests the whole turkey reaches 180 degrees F in the thickest part of the inner thigh before removing from the oven. The turkey should be cooked at 325 degrees F.

For additional food safety information, call the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-800-535-4555 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Study: N. American biological resources rich but threatened

WASHINGTON (AP) — North America has some of the most biologically exotic regions on the planet, but many are suffering from severe environmental degradation, scientists said Thursday.

The North American Conservation Assessment, produced by the World Wildlife Fund with the help of more than 70 scientists, found that 32 of the 116 "ecoregions" in North American are "globally significant," meaning that their biological diversity equals or surpasses similar regions elsewhere in the world.

Rivers in the Southeastern United States, for example, contain more species of fish than any other temperate waters in the world, while the Chihuahuan Desert in the Southwestern United States rates biologically as the richest desert on the planet, the study said.

"We have critically important and valuable biological resources here at home," said William Eichbaum, the World Wildlife Fund's vice president for U.S. programs. "You don't have to go to the Amazon; you don't have to go to Southeast Asia to find wonderful resources."

But half of the 116 regions also suffer from severe environmental degradation, the study found. Eichbaum said the World Wildlife Fund is launching a $10 million campaign to protect five of the most endangered regions.

The five are the freshwater rivers and streams of Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee; the Florida Everglades; the Klamath Siskiyou forests of Oregon and Northern California; the Chihuahuan Desert in Texas, New Mexico and Mexico; and the Bering Sea off Alaska.

Eichbaum said the five target areas were chosen because they are biologically distinct, are threatened by environmental degradation and represent areas where an intensive effort could make a difference in preserving biological diversity.

He said the focus of the $10 million initiative will be to marshal public and private resources to reverse the decline of the biological diversity in the five regions.

Beaver reflects on 21 years

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worked with, including directors from other co-ops. "I have made friendships that will last a lifetime," he added.

Midwest and other co-ops were created because rural customers needed electricity. Midwest serves parts of nine counties. Some areas are certified for one co-op or utility and others are certified for two.

Regulations that determine which entity serves which area came into being with the creation of the PUC, Beaver said. In the past, co-ops made those decisions.

Beaver said he chose to retire in September because he had set 20 years as a goal when he was first elected. "I think 21 years is close enough. You can stay too long on a board and I did not want that to happen to me.

"I was not tired of what it took to serve on the board. I did not get mad and I had no reason to quit other than that I had reached my goal.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my service on Midwest's board. But after 21 years, I think someone else needs to serve."

He complimented the board over the past two decades, saying, "I never had any difficulties or clashes or hard feelings with anyone. The people we serve, the staff and employees are all great."

Now that he has retired from Midwest, Beaver will continue work as a stock farmer.

A native of Fluvanna, he said his granddad, W.J. Beaver Sr., arrived in Scurry County in 1905 and spent Christmas Eve on the banks of the same section his (Beaver's) mother, Opal, lives on. Leo Beaver was his father.

Beaver and his wife, Lynda, have two sons. David, the oldest, is married to Margaret. They have two sons, Monty and Lance. David and his wife just opened MD Laundry and Dry Cleaners.

The youngest, Steve, and his wife, Becky have two sons, Cody and Chad, who are active in 4-H.



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Greg and Jennifer Gaona, 1998 Jeep from Snyder Chrysler.

Greg and Jennifer Gaona, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Scurry Community Services Inc., 1997 Ford from Philpott Motors.

Greg and Canita Rhodes, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

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Mark Weaver, 1998 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Courtney Laney, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

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Gary and Karen Brown, 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

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Jim M. Walker, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

E.D. Walton Construction Co. Inc., 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big County Autoland.

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Mesquite Oil Tools Inc. and Jerry D. Pechacek, 1997 GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

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Permian Resources Inc., two 1998 GMC pickups from Big Country Autoland.

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Joe G. Williams, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Joseph and Nancy J. Thamez, 1998 Plymouth wagon from Snyder Chrysler.

Jefferson D. Coleman, 1997 Cadillac from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Sterling Kile Burleson and Brenda Gail Burleson, both of Snyder.

Amos Ramon Garcia and Lisa Guerra, both of Snyder.

Danny Paul Brooks and Lisa Marie Floyd, both of Snyder.

Tony Lee Grimes and Belinda Kay Preston, both of Snyder.

Lemuel Scarbrough Jr. of Austin and Frances Ellouise Billingsley of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Ira Independent School District vs. Donnie Lee Simmons, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Steve Conley, dba United Fuels, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Charles William Harrell, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. John James, individually and dba John's Auto Machine Shop, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. J.E. Compton, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Ramon L. Valadez, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Ramon Valadez Jr., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Allene Arledge, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Jack L. Burrell, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. John Warren Fisken, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Hermleigh Independent School District vs., Dorothy Morgan, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Global Financial Services Inc. vs. Johnny Claxton, suit on account.

In the matter of The Trust B, created under the last will and testament of Martha Frances Huddleston, vs. Patricia Gray Patrick, Robyn Baldwin, Stephanie Hancock, Katherine Hancock and Michael Williams, et al, diversion of trust.

Action in District Court

Scurry County Appraisal District vs. Odelia Hernandez Thomason, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Sara Kruse Lomax, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Sidney Jack Crawford, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Roy Lee Beasley, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Garland Williams, dba A-1 Air Conditioning and A-1 Electronics, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Felipe Estrada, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Keith H. Bristow, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Bill Hayes, et al, order of dismissal.

In the marriage of Elowese Alice Clayton and William Ester Clayton, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Bernandine McGaha and Jimmy L. McGaha, divorce granted.

Hi-Pro Animal Health, a division of Friona Industries, vs. Sny-Tex Feeders Inc., Henry Lawson, individually, and Jim Garmatz, individually, judgment for plaintiff.

E.L. Green and Mattie Green vs. Dr. Carolos Garza; Dr. Robert P. Haynes, PA; Dr. Robert P. Haynes, individually; Malone and Hogan Clinic; Methodist Malone and Hogan, aka Methodist Hospital; Scenic Mountain Medical Center, aka Big Spring Hospital Corporation; Teresa Ragland, R.N.; Outreach Health Services; R. Sriramamarthy Subbaraman, individually; Jarra Medical Group; Subbaraman Family Investments; Dr. James E. Matthews; and Nurses Froman, Wharton, Rowland, Lang and Jane Doe; order of partial non-suit removing Dr. Robert P. Haynes, P.A.; Dr. Robert P. Haynes, individually; Methodist Malone and Hogan, aka, Methodist Hospital; Jarra Medical Group; and Dr. James E. Matthews as defendants.

Deed Records

Gene L. and Mary Arthur Dulaney to Rebecca Lynn McCravey, all of Lot 11 in Block 3 of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Bill Price to Ross W. and Tresa K. Cornett, all the northwest one-quarter of Section 212, Block 97, H&TC survey, save and except for a five-acre tract.

Laketa Evette Cochran to Sara and Vered Shlezinger, all of Lot 32 in Block E of the Highland Park Addition.

Morris L. Light and Jonelle Light Kight, co-independent executors of the estate of Buford Light, to Della Light, tract one being all the south one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Section 155, and all the west 350 acres in Section 233, all in Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being 193 acres out of the southwest corner of Section 244, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Don M. Drum to Anna Belle Drum, residence and one-half acre tract located in the northwest one-quarter of Section 487, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Guy Allen to Jerry Don and Kathy Greene, all of Lot 6 and the east 32 feet of Lot 5, both in Block 46 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

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 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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High court to review harbor tax

WASHINGTON (AP) — With hundreds of millions of dollars at stake, the Supreme Court Friday agreed to judge the validity of a federal harbor-use tax imposed on goods exported by ship from any U.S. port.

A federal appeals court ruled in June that the Harbor Maintenance Tax, enacted by Congress in 1986, is unconstitutional. If the justices agree, the government would face paying tax refunds from a trust fund that has amassed more than $1 billion.

The law imposed a port-use tax of 0.125 percent of the value of any commercial cargo loaded or unloaded from commercial vessels at U.S. ports. The tax is collected by the U.S. Customs Service from importers, exporters or other shippers.

Importers pay the tax along with customs duties. Exporters and domestic shippers, who pay no duties, have paid the tax on a quarterly basis.

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Speeds could be lowered on roads under rule

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans concemed about road speeds that they think are dangerously high could see them lowered by as much as 12 mph under an emergency rule approved by the Texas Transportation Commission.

Prompted by a 17.8 percent increase in state traffic fatalities last year — after the speed limit rose to 70 mph on many roads — the rule will give Texas Department of Transportation engineers more flexibility in recommending lower speeds to the commission.

The rule won't automatically lower maximum speeds, which must be based on engineering studies and practices. It comes after the agency had 26 meetings around the state to get public input on speed limits.

"What we heard during these meetings is that most Texans generally agree with the higher speed limit, but there are some roadways, particularly narrow rural highways, that we should re-examine," commission Chairman David Laney said Thursday.

Carlos Lopez, deputy director of the agency's traffic operations division, said public input varied by region.

"Mainly in West Texas, everything's cool," he said.

But in areas with fewer wide-open spaces and more curves in the roads, more concern was expressed about whether speed limits were too high.

Lopez said the emergency adoption will allow the agency to put the procedures in place right away, and that it will be responsive to the public.

"Our engineers can go out and look at roadways as people call in with maybe some concerns and apply these new procedures as they study the roadways," he said.

Engineers also will look at roads people expressed concern about at the meetings, he said. The commission will make the final determination on a road's speed.

Under previous rules, engineers could recommend that posted speed limits be raised or lowered up to 5 miles per hour from the so-called 85th percentile — the speed which 85 percent of motorists are traveling at or below.

At locations with a higher-than-average crash rate, the speed could be lowered up to 7 mph.

Under the new rule, speeds still could be raised 5 mph if warranted. But they could be lowered up to 10 mph if there are, for example, pavement widths of 20 feet or less; horizontal or vertical curves; or hidden driveways and other development.

At locations with crash rates higher than the state averages, the speed can be lowered by as much as 12 mph.

Average crash rates vary with the type and location of road, said state DOT spokesman Randall Dillard in Austin. He said averages can even differ on rural and urban stretches of the same interstate highway.

Changes will be rounded to a number that ends in a 5 or 0. If the 85th percentile speed is 67 mph, for example, the maximum speed on a road might be lowered to 60 mph — or 55 mph, if it has a high crash rate.

People with a concern about speed limits can contact their Texas Department of Transportation district office, Lopez said.

Senior Center News

The monthly eight ball tournament is scheduled for Monday.

The Hoss Clayton Band will be playing at 11 a.m. Tuesday and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon. They will also be hosting a garage sale at the center next Friday and Saturday. Donated items will be accepted on Thursday. All donations will be appreciated.

The Kitchen Band will visit Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. Wednesday and Mary Torrence, Herman Richburg and Joe Vincent will entertain at the center at 11:15 a.m. Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. for the advanced and 2 p.m. for the beginners.

Thursday the Tri-Chem class meets at 9 a.m. and the Sunshine Choir will visit Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m.

Raffle tickets for the quilt to be given away will be sold at Wal-Mart on Nov. 15. Volunteers able to help with this project are asked to call 573-4035.

The home-delivered meals program requires 7 volunteers per day. Anyone wishing to volunteer may call 573-4035 and ask for Margie Glasscock.

The Thanksgiving dinner is scheduled Nov. 20. Preregistration is required, by either calling or signing the registration list at the center.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Boneless barbecue ribs, sweet potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie

TUESDAY

Country fried steak, cream gravy, garden blend rice, green peas, corn relish, bread pudding

WEDNESDAY

Chicken & dumplings, asparagus, glazed carrots, raw vegetable salad, banana pudding

THURSDAY

Pork chop, cauliflower w/cheese sauce, spinach, pickled beets & onion, red applesauce

FRIDAY

Fried fish, potato salad, brussels sprouts, creamy cabbage slaw, pineapple flop cake

Astro-graph



By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Nov. 2, 1997

Originality and resourcefulness will be two qualities that will contribute to your success in the year ahead. Do not be afraid to attempt things you've never tried previously.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be alert for a monetary opportunity of a very unique nature today, because you're not in a cycle that could upgrade your financial circumstances. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is a fortunate period for you where new enterprises are concerned, especially those that are spawned by your fertile imagination.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even though the trends that are stirring may not be totally visible today, you are still under favorable financial influences.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Lady Luck is inclined to side with you today where major issues are at stake. If you're pitted against prestigious individuals, don't run for cover.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You are in a good position today to take advantage of shifting circumstances at work. Your instincts and experiences will serve as competent guides.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Devote as much time as possible today to the latest interests that have captured your fancy. Set aside old projects and focus on the new.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Let your will to produce prevail today, and you might surprise yourself with your accomplishments. Do not be afraid to think in grand terms.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is the right time to tackle difficult subjects, because your ability to absorb and catalog information is better than usual today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today will be a good day, but not necessarily due to your own efforts. Lady Luck will be smiling on you and encouraging others to please you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your biggest and best breaks today could come through partnership arrangements, especially alliances with friends and social contacts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Much enjoyment can be derived today by using your time as productively as possible. Make sure everything you do is meaningful, constructive and helpful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you must make a choice in your social activities today, select an outlet that will involve you with a group who is lively and young in spirit.

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Once your ambitions are aroused today, you won't be distracted from achieving your objectives. You will be clever, bold, persistent — and a winner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you're well-equipped to handle critical developments. You will know how to evaluate circumstances logically and philosophically.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In order to succeed at whatever you attempt today, assess everything realistically. Do not expect to get anything you haven't earned.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your best companions today will be easygoing, mature individuals. They will be willing to adjust their views to compliment yours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may have to work a trifle harder than usual today, but you won't resent it. Rewards will come from completing difficult tasks.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Faith in a friend's ideas will arouse your loyalty and support today. You can inspire your pal and encourage him or her to strive for greater heights.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, your thoughts will be focused on trying to help people for whom you feel responsible. You will take effective measures and all will benefit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Peers will respect your views today. They will sense that you'll tell the truth, even if it's painful to yourself or them. Honesty is the best policy.

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Santa Fe reaches agreement with DOE on waste shipments

SANTA FE (AP) — The U.S. Department of Energy and city of Santa Fe have reached agreement on when nuclear waste headed to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in southeastern New Mexico can travel through the city.

At a council meeting that ended early Thursday, the DOE and city signed the agreement that will allow waste shipments to go through Santa Fe only between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m., Monday through Friday along St. Francis Drive.

The shipments would travel from Los Alamos National Laboratory in northern New Mexico to the WIPP near Carlsbad.

Shipments would be prohibited through Santa Fe during critical construction activities along St. Francis Drive, during all state and federal holidays, the annual Santa Fe Fiesta, and the Indian and Spanish markets.

The agreement was signed by George Dials, DOE manager of the Carlsbad area office, Mayor Debbie Jaramillo and Jennifer Salisbury, chairperson of the New Mexico Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently approved DOE plans to open the waste dump near Carlsbad.

SISD Elementary Counselors

By Debbie Brunson

and Ashly Weaver

Grades 7-9

During the early teens "fitting in" with friends is a controlling influence. Also, children want and need to let go of the past and to find their own unique identity. This often means letting go of old friendships and ties with teachers and other adults, as well as old ways of doing things. Young teens will be making new decisions based on new information and new goals.

At this age young people can begin to deal with the future, they understand that their actions have consequences, and they know how their behavior affects others. They sometimes have a shaky self-image: they are not sure whether they are growing and changing adequately, they are often in conflict with adults, they are not sure where they are headed, and they tend to see themselves as not "okay." *Strong emotional support and a good model of adult behavior are particularly important now.

Be sure that family discussions about drugs emphasize the immediate, unpleasant effects of alcohol and other drug use. Warning of lung cancer as a result of smoking is less likely to make an impression than talking about bad breath, stained teeth and fingers and burned, smelly clothes.

Your prevention efforts should focus on reinforcing your child's motivation to avoid alcohol and other drugs:

*COUNTERACT PEER INFLUENCE WITH PARENT INFLUENCE: Reinforce your No-Use Policy. Inform your child that alcohol and other drug use is illegal for children and that "Everyone is not doing it."

*GET TO KNOW YOUR CHILD'S FRIENDS AND THEIR PARENTS: Invite your child's friends to your home frequently. Share your expectations about behavior with other parents. Work together to develop a set of rules about curfews, parties and other social activities.

*MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S WHEREABOUTS: If he is at a friend's house, know the friend and the parents. If your child is at the movies, be sure to know what film is playing and at which theater. Last-minute changes in plans should not be permitted unless the child checks with you or another designated adult.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

1. Continue to practice ways to say no. Teach him to recognize problem situations. Make up situations in which your child may be asked to try something and have the child practice his ways of saying no.
2. Help your child develop a positive self-image by making sure that the child looks good and feels healthy. Provide well-balanced meals and a stock of appealing snacks that are welcome alternatives to junk food.
3. Continue to spend private time together. Discuss what your child feels is important in his life right now.
4. Together, periodically review and update your house rules and your child's responsibilities regarding chores, homework, time limit on TV and curfew. Respect your child's feelings and thoughts on these issues and make adjustments when appropriate.
5. Talk with your child about friendship. Is there an understanding that true friends do not pressure others to do things they know are wrong or harmful?
6. Plan supervised parties or other activities for your child in your home which reflect a no-use policy. For example, he may invite a few friends over for a movie and pizza.

GRADES 10-12

High school students are future-oriented and can engage in abstract thinking. They have an increasingly realistic understanding of adults. They want adults to discuss their concerns and the ways they solve problems and make decisions. At the same time, the teenagers continue to be group-oriented, and belonging to the group motivates much of their behavior. During these years, young people often develop a broader outlook and become more interested in the welfare of others.

You may want to focus on the potential long-term effects of alcohol and other drugs. Your teen may also be impressed by the importance of serving as a good role model for a younger brother or sister.

Although he yearns for independence, it is particularly important to keep him involved in the family and family activities.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

1. Continue to talk about harmful substances. Chances are he has friends or knows others who use alcohol and other drugs.
2. Plan strategies to limit your teen's unsupervised hours at home. Researchers have found that lunch time and 3-6 p.m. are periods teenagers are likely to experiment with drugs.
3. Talk with him about joining clubs or groups that would provide fun and healthy activities.
4. Plan activities with other families during school vacations, which can be risky idle times for teens.
5. Make sure your teen has access to up-to-date information on alcohol and other drugs and their effects. Be informed about any new drugs that are popular.
6. Cooperate with other parents to make sure that the social events your teenager attends are alcohol- and drug- free.
7. Help plan community-sponsored drug-free activities such as dances or midnight basketball.
8. Talk with your teen about the future. Discuss your expectations and your teenager's ambitions. Discuss different education and career options and help him gather information about colleges and universities.



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Your Birthday

Monday, Nov. 3, 1997

Chance, as well as ingenuity, will be the primary factors that will enable you to add to your assets in the year ahead. You must act upon ideas instead of sitting on them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you might be able to earn money and manage your resources well. You will not ask for more than you'll deserve, nor are you apt to accept less. Major changes are ahead for Scorpio 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.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Challenges aren't likely to intimidate you today. In fact, you'll look for conditions that test you and bring out your stronger qualities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Once you give your word today, your peers will know they can rely upon you, even if it should prove an inconvenience for you.

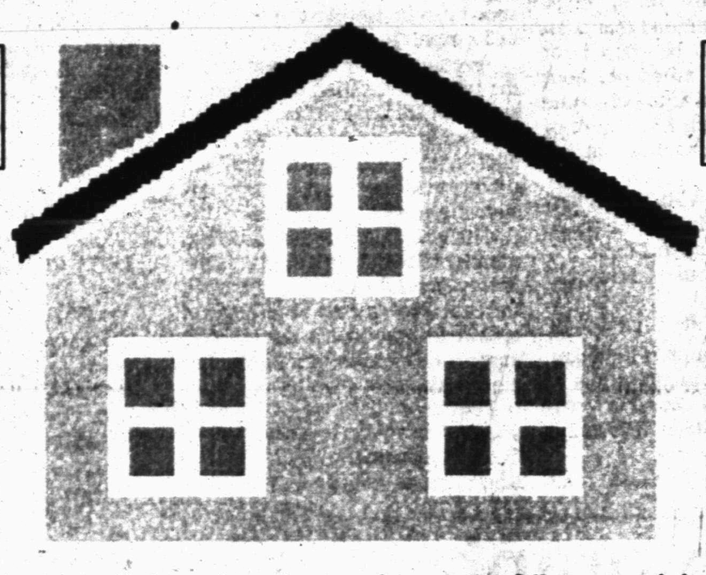
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A special person you've not seen lately may run through your thoughts today. You might wish to get in touch with him or her as soon as possible.

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Pledge homes as collateral for loans?

Dave Roberts

Yes



The passage of Proposition 8 on Nov. 4 will give Texas homeowners a right that homeowners in all other 49 states already have: the right to use the equity in their homes as collateral for a second mortgage, or, as commonly called, a home equity loan.

Proposition 8 is, by far, the single most important property rights issue to come before Texas voters in decades. Texas homeowners should have the right to decided what to do with their own assets.

After all, it's their property.

If approved, Proposition 8, the Home Equity Amendment, will lift the 150-year ban on home equity loans. These loans are attractive to consumers because they are typically low-interest and tax-deductible.

Home equity loans became popular in the 1980s when the tax-deductibility feature was removed from the interest paid on credit cards and other personal loans such as those for cars or boats. They are also the least expensive form of consumer credit. Interest rates are normally lower than other consumer loans and interest paid on home equity loans is deductible on federal income taxes.

Under current Law, Texas homeowners can obtain home equity loans for very limited purposes, such as paying back taxes or making major home improvements. Passage of Proposition 8 will mean the proceeds from a home equity loan can be used for any number of financial needs.

People will be able to use home equity loans to consolidate or even eliminate their credit card debt, provide college tuition for their children, make a major purchase such as an automobile, or even pay unexpected medical expenses. The possibilities are endless for putting this valuable but often overlooked asset to work for you.

Industy experts anticipate that home equity loans could inject around $5 billion into the Texas economy and create — directly and indirectly — more than 40,000 new jobs. Consumer Credit already employs nearly 500 people in Texas. With the passage of Proposition 8, our business would expand, creating as many as 250 additional jobs.

Thousands of small businesses, consumer advocates, chambers of commerce and homeowners have expressed their support — but that doesn't mean a thing unless people get out and vote on Nov. 4.

Voting yes for Proposition 8 is voting for a fundamental right. It is voting for the right to use your money as you choose.

Dave Roberts is a regional executive for Commercial Credit Corporation, the nation's third largest consumer finance lender.

Wes Sims

No

Every week, and sometimes several times a week, Texas consumers are offered new credit cards, either through telephone or direct mail solicitation.

The most serious problem for consumers who run up big credit card debt is the excessively high interest rates they face while trying to repay the debt. But credit card debt is unsecured, and even though the banks who provide credit cards can get a judgment against a debtor, they cannot foreclose on the debtor's property, and certainly not on the debtor's home.

In spite of a booming U.S. economy, it is predicted that 1.3 million bankruptcy actions will be filed this year in the U.S. This is seven times the number 20 years ago. According to a CNN report, these 1.3 million bankruptcies involve millions of dollars in bad debt.

It should be obvious then why banks are clamoring for new ways to secure loans. In Texas, bankers have successfully pressured the legislature into offering a proposed constitutional amendment for voters to decide on Nov. 4.

The ballot language of Proposition 8 is deceptively pleasant: "The amendment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of leins for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead."

As early as 1837, prior to statehood, Texas protected its citizens against forced sale of their homes to pay debts. Foreclosure (forced sale) on homesteads is currently allowed only for money owed for the original purchase, for home improvements, for taxes, and more recently, for debts resulting from partition agreements generally arising in the case of divorce.

The proposed constitutional amendment would allow Texans to pledge their homes as collateral for loans. The amendment is strongly supported by big banks who want to make more loans and thereby earn more prrofit from interest paid on the loans.

Those favoring the amendment say that sufficient consumer protection has been written into the enabling legislation which will take effect if the amendment passes. The Texas Farmers Union is urging Texas to vote against Proposition 8 because even though safeguards are included, we believe this is only a first step by bankers and that they will come back during future legislative sessions to chip away at the safeguards. Vote to keep our historical protection for homesteads.

Vote no on Proposition 8.

Wes Sims, a dairy producer from Sweetwater, is president of Texas Farmers Union.

Save the elephants!



Bill McClellan

Tuesday's constitutional amendments election isn't grabbing a lot of attention in this state. Constitutional amendments elections rarely do.

Elections will be going on all across the country, and I suspect apathy will prevail, with most people opting to ignore the whole process.

But that won't be the case in Castlewood, Va. Citizens there are going to the polls to decide whether to vote the town taxes — and therefore the town — out of existence. If that doesn't get the voters out, nothing will.

There'll be at least a fair turnout, too, in the greater Pittsburgh, Pa., area, where residents decide whether they want to fork over a half-cent in sales tax to fund stadiums for the ball-playing Steelers and Pirates.

Taxpayer-funded topics are a hot topic these days. In fact, it's one of the hottest conversations in many big cities, including Dallas.

Another controversy is being debated in Houston. On Tuesday, that city will decide if it wants to end a 13-year affirmative action program requiring contractors to give 20 percent of their work to women and minorities.

Affirmative action is at the forefront of the news these days, with institutions like the University of Texas caught right in the middle. A plan announced this past week to erect a statue of Martin Luther King Jr. on its Austin campus is not just a coincidence.

Indicators are Houston will keep its affirmative action program in place, at least for now.

Here's one for you: In Cincinnati, voters are going to decide whether to support a $52 million levy for a new Elephant House and a parking lot at the zoo. Sounds a little pricey to me unless they've got Dumbo flying around up there.

Sometimes elections bring out the emotions. That's the case in Cincy, where zoo officials are threatening to ship off their four Asian elephants if the measure fails. Adding a sympathetic note is that one of the elephants is about to be a mom.

In Oregon, the issue isn't whether to save the elephants, but whether to save people. Oregon is the only state that allows assisted suicide and that law is being challenged at the polls by the church and anti-abortionists.

Washington state has a heap of issues on the ballot. Among them, voters will decide if they want to:

—legalize marijuana, heroin and LSD for medical use;

—make gunowners pass an exam or take a safety course to get licenses; and,

—allow patients to keep their doctors if they switch health plans or jobs.

That last one sounds like a good one, although opponents contend it will drive up the cost of health care. Seems though, that a family doctor should be just that, someone the family selects and not someone chosen by a board that has little or no interest in the patient.

Meanwhile, in Wildwood, N.J., voters will decide whether to close their bars at 3 a.m. or keep them open until 5 p.m.

I say keep 'em open. That way the drunks don't go stumbling around in the dark.

That issue kind of pales in comparison to the proposal to allow patients to keep seeing the same doctor, doesn't it?

Want to place a bet as to which issue will get the voters out? Me neither.

Tuesday is election day. Please...voting is not just a right or a privilege. It's a duty. Go vote.



Letters to the Editor

Spiritual moment

To the Editor,

It was a pleasure for Richard and I to participate in the Pray Texas event at noon on Saturday (Oct. 25) at the courthouse flagpole. Ten Christians from five demoninations led by Harlan Amox, read in unity the proclamation declaring Jesus to be sovereign Lord over our state, opening wide the gates of our cities to the King of Kings and asking Him to increase his kingdom in our midst and join our hearts as one people.

It was both humbling and exciting to know that at the same moment all across Texas — at her borders, city halls, historic monuments and courthouses — Christians of many races and denominations were also proclaiming "Jesus is Lord of Texas!"

Betty Able
Snyder

Marriage Creed

Dear Editor:

I hope and pray that this will be clipped out by parents and kids to read. Drugs are a problem today.

Thanks,
Vernest Tippens

Marriage Creed

So now, little man, you've grown tired of grass, and LSD, goof balls, cocaine and hash;
And someone, pretending to be a true friend,
Said, "I'll introduce you to Miss Heroin."
Well, honey, before you start folling with me,
Just let me inform you of how it will be.
For I will seduce you and make you my slave.
I've sent men much stronger than you to their graves.
You think you could never become a disgrace.
And end up addicted to poppy seed waste.
So you'll start inhaling me one afternoon.
You'll take me into your arms very soon.
And once I've entered deep down in your veins,
The craving will nearly drive you insane.
You'll need lots of money (as you have been told);
for darling, I'm much more expensive than gold.
You'll swindle your mother; and just for a buck,
You'll turn into something vile and corrupt.
You'll mug and you'll steal for my narcotic charm,
And feel contentment when I'm in your arm.
The day you realize the monster you've grown,
You'll solemnly promise to leave me alone.
If you think that you've got the mystical knack,
Then sweetie, just try getting me off your back.
The vomit, the cramps, your gut tied in a knot,
The jangling nerves screaming for just one more shot —
The hot chills and cold sweat, the withdrawal pains,
Can only be saved by my little white grains.
There's no other way, and there's no need to look;
For deep down inside, you will know you're hooked.
You'll desperately run to the pusher,
And then you'll welcome me back to your arms once again.
And when you return (just as I foretold),
I know that you'll give me your body and soul.
You'll give up your morals, your conscience, your heart,
And you will be mine until....
DEATH DO US PART

Anonymous Addict

Worrisome age we live in

Deanie Francis Mills



The cover story of the November issue of "Psychology Today" is especially relevant to modern life, I think. It's called, "How to be Worry Free: the Best Ways to Cope With Anxiety," and is excerpted from a book by Edward M. Hallowell, M.D. (The book is entitled simply, "Worry.")

This is a pretty worrisome age in which we live. We worry about whether we're going to get some dreaded disease from a hamburger, whether we'll be mugged walking to our cars late at night, whether our pension funds are safe, (or what we're going to do if we don't have a pension fund), or how we will ever crawl out of debt. We worry about our kids and our parents and our health and our jobs and our spouses. We even worry that we're worrying too much.

Some of us worry so much that we develop some serious problems, like panic attacks, obsessive-compulsive and other anxiety disorders, or forms of depression so crippling we need medication to help us cope.

Gavin deBecker, in his landmark book, "The Gift of Fear," refers to worry as "manufactured fear." He says that the very fact that we are worried about a thing means that thing hasn't happened yet. We're just afraid that it might.

And that fear of the might-happen can be absolutely paralyzing. In fact, Mr. deBecker points out that when you are genuinely and rightfully in fear for your life, your body will be energized in its response to that fear — you'll fight or you'll run. That's real fear. And real fear is good for us because it enables us to survive. But worry will leave us floundering, frozen in place without a clue as to what to do next.

In his book, "Worry," Dr. Hallowell breaks down the very real brain physiology of worry. He explains that we've got about one minute of time in which to dispose of a worry in a healthy, useful way. If we let it go on beyond that point, we very well may begin obsessing about it, and when that happens, our brain literally rewires itself, blocking its own natural chemical stress modulators which are there to protect us.

So what can we do when we feel ourselves being pulled down by the undertow of worry? Assuming that we are not among the number of those who need serious medical and/or psychiatric help in dealing with our worries, here are some excellent suggestions from Dr. Hallowell:

First, we can talk to ourselves, says Dr. Hallowell, in a useful way. We talk to ourselves anyway, don't we? Usually we're busy telling ourselves what morons we are, that the sky is falling and that



we're all gonna die. Instead, what we can do is try pep-talking ourselves, just as soon as those negative thoughts poke into the soft flesh of our minds with their sharp little sticks.

Gavin deBecker offers a similar suggestion. He says rather than dwelling on the worst possible thing that would happen in a given situation, we should come up with three alternatives — equally good outcomes that could be just as likely. By forcing ourselves to come up with these alternative outcomes, we are reminded of the fact that worry is, after all, just an exercise in imagination. We're just imagining what could happen, and we might as well try imagining good things as bad.

Next, Dr. Hallowell suggests coming up with a plan, a strategy for dealing with a particular worry. He recommends thinking up three concrete things we can do about the situation. They may even be very simple or "little" — such as making a doctor's appointment when you feel a strange lump. (You'd be surprised how many people don't). Then persist and do all three things on our list. After that, think up three more things we can do. By constructing a structure around our worry, we will be physically reducing our own risks, and improving our lives for the better — maybe even eliminating that worry altogether.

Third, Dr. Hallowell emphasizes two well-known antidotes to worry: exercise and prayer. He says that even at work, we can go run up and down a flight of stairs when confronted with a worry — any sort of forced activity which can clear the mind, bathe the brain in endorphins, and alleviate stress. Similarly, by turning a worry into a prayer, we are essentially letting go of that fear and putting it in God's hands.

And finally, Dr. Hallowell stresses over all things the importance of sharing our fears with others. Worry is a very lonely thing. And people who love us can't help us if we don't talk to them about what's bothering us and reach out for their comfort. Simply knowing we are not alone is sometimes all we need to free ourselves of our secret fears.

We might even find ourselves laughing about something that, a few days earlier, had us scared to death. And I don't know of any better way to get that monster out from under the bed than to laugh in its dusty old face and then go on about our business as though it isn't even there.

Next time we look...it'll be gone.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Test not tainted

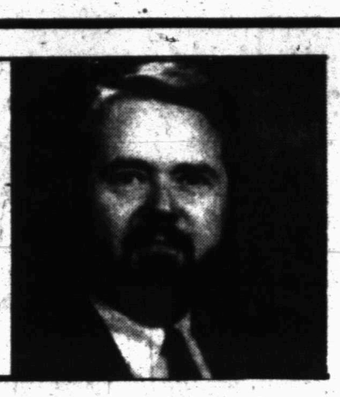
The Austin American-Statesman

A courtroom attack on the state's high school graduation exit test may unearth evidence of something rotten in the education system. But we're not convinced the test is the tainted item.

A high school diploma should mean something. Specifically, it should mean that the holder can at least read, write and calculate at a basic level. That was the thinking in the mid-1980s when the state began requiring that Texas students pass a basic skills test, the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, before being given a diploma. It still makes sense...

Texas initiated exit testing to address perceived deficiencies in our schools. A decade later we may need to do more. It's unlikely we need to do less.

Minding Your Own Business



By Don Taylor

The Right Price — Keep Customers, Maximize Profit
(Part one of a two-part series)

Finding the best price for products and services is a problem that every small-business owner must deal with. If your prices are too high, you may lose potential sales or customers. If your prices are too low, you may not generate enough profit to stay in business.

Most owners use cost-plus or cost-based pricing strategies. These are easy methods that require minimal effort and information to use.

The main problem with cost-based pricing is that it ignores two critical components of marketing: competition and the customer's willingness to pay. Cost-based pricing is inflexible and usually won't allow you to maximize your return on investment. It also can limit your ability to capture additional market share when conditions are favorable.

Frequently, I work with business owners whose competitors have lowered prices to gain market share. The most common response is to reduce prices to match the competition. This knee-jerk reaction often triggers a price war that causes everyone to give up profit unnecessarily. While the customer may benefit in the short term, usually prices bounce back up when the least efficient price cutter goes out of business.

I believe that competition is healthy. However, you base the most effective competitive strategies on giving the customer the best value, not just the lowest price.

Avoiding a price war

I'm reminded of two stories I heard recently. A well established barber-shop named Bill charged $12 for his haircuts. Bill was a talented barber who did quality work. His business was healthy and growing.

One day a fresh barber-school graduate opened a shop next door. The new kid on the block immediately put up a huge sign that read, "Haircuts $6."

Bill, the established professional, had a decision to make. Should he lower his price and match the new competition or hold his price and risk losing good customers?

Bill knew if he lowered his price his income would shrink. He also knew that to do nothing could mean losing customers and sales revenue. So he took swift action. Bill erected a bright, new sign that proclaimed in big, bold letters, "We Fix $6 Haircuts."

Krystal had a similar problem. Her successful ladies' wear shop also attracted low-price competition. A national off-price chain opened a store on Krystal's left. They immediately erected a big sign that proclaimed "Dress Sale, $10 up."

A week later another discounter opened on Krystal's right. Their equally bold sign read, "Dress Sale, 50 percent off."

Suddenly, Krystal found herself sandwiched between two price-driven competitors. At first she toyed with the idea of buying off-price merchandise, lowering quality and going head-to-head with her competition on price.

Then one day as she stood in front of her store, Krystal had a better idea. She ordered a new sign for her store. It was just as big, bold and bright as her competitors' signs. Krystal centered her new sign right over her door. It read, "Dress Sale. Enter here."

While these two illustrations are apocryphal, there is a common point. You don't have to compete on price, but you do need a strategy to stay in business when faced with low-price competitors.

The right price

The right pricing strategy for your business will depend on several elements. Market demand, type of product or service offered, type of customer desired, geographic area, competition, operating costs and product or service mix are a few examples.

Next week in part two, I'll give you some tips on when to raise or lower your prices. Don't miss The Right Price — part two.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

AMPI delegates vote to split co-op

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — After nearly 30 years as one of the nation's dominant milk marketing cooperatives, Associated Milk Producers Inc. is splitting in two.

Under the split delegates approved Thursday, members of AMPI's North Central Region based in New Ulm will become North Central AMPI, a new billion dollar food cooperative.

Delegates from AMPI's Southern Region based in Arlington, Texas, voted to join Dairy Farmers of America, which is expected to become the nation's largest dairy cooperative with an estimated $6.9 billion in annual sales from marketing 21 percent of the U.S. milk supply.

"Separating the regions will allow each to pursue its members' goals and objectives," said North Central AMPI President Wayne Bok, a dairy producer from Geddes, S.D. "We intend to be big enough to succeed in the marketplace and small enough to serve our members' interests."

Bok also said he doubted the split would have a great impact on the region's milk producers or milk prices.

North Central AMPI will have annual sales estimated at more than $1 billion from processing and marketing 4.5 billion pounds of milk from 5,200 farms in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, South Dakota and North Dakota.

Thursday's decision comes as a result of AMPI's involvement in merger discussions with Mid-America Dairymen Inc. based in Springfield, Mo.; Milk Marketing Inc. of Strongsville, Ohio; and Western Dairymen Cooperative Inc. of Thornton, Colo. The boards of directors of those three organizations and AMPI's Southern Region voted to pursue formation of Dairy Farmers of America, while AMPI's North Central Region voted to withdraw from the process.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Reaction not surprising

The Waco Tribune-Herald

It's telling that the nationwide outpouring of resentment against the abusive treatment of taxpayers at the hands of the Internal Revenue Service caught both Congress and the administration by surprise.

No one in Washington earlier this fall anticipated that a series of Senate Finance Committee hearings that encouraged complaints about the IRS would yield much more than a few political points for the Republicans who control Congress.

Instead, witness testimony from both taxpayers and whistle-blowing IRS agents touched a raw nerve with taxpayers who either have been pushed around by the IRS or who fear they will become the next victims of what they consider a rogue government organization.

Fortunately, the bandwagon for sweeping IRS reform launched by those hearings has even convinced President Clinton, the last holdout, to support legislation to restructure the agency.

After weeks of defending the IRS and opposing the IRS reform legislation unveiled by Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, Clinton made his abrupt turnaround when it became obvious that the White House would be on the losing end of a popular movement that even attracted the support of House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., and other Democrats.

It's good that IRS reforms now have solid bipartisan support. Congress needs to work in unison to reform a bullying agency that has developed a culture of arrogance toward taxpayers.

The bill strengthens the taxpayer's hand in tax disputes, gives taxpayers the right to sue for damages caused by negligence and makes it easier to recover legal fees in disputes arising from IRS errors.

The bill also would establish an oversight board consisting of 11 members — eight private citizens appointed by the president, plus the Treasury secretary, the IRS commissioner and an IRS labor union representative. Since Congress for decades has failed to hold IRS oversight hearings, the oversight board is a good idea.

Now that Congress and the administration understand how deeply Americans feel about IRS abuses, the new reforms should be passed and then closely monitored. Some critics warn that portions of the reforms will make the IRS even more intrusive. Others worry that the reforms will hamstring the agency's ability to catch tax cheats.

Another lesson Congress and administration should learn from the public firestorm that erupted following the IRS hearings is that all government agencies should be monitored to ensure that they serve the public, not abuse the public.

Zedillo says markets turmoil won't change economic plans

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo Thursday said recent turmoil in world markets shouldn't be used as an excuse to slow down trade liberalization and global market integration.

The integration of financial markets "is an irreversible fact" and "the balance of the consequences has been highly positive," Zedillo told a meeting with members of the Mexican Council On International Affairs.

Zedillo said that despite effects felt in Mexico from the turmoil in Asian markets, his government won't change its economic or monetary policies — which include privatization of state industries, fiscal discipline, and opening of markets to world trade.

Mexico's stock market and its currency, the peso, have been under strong downward pressure in the wake of the Asian currency crisis.

"In the face of the events on world markets, there will be those who erroneously say it would be advisable to go at a slower pace in the liberalization of national and international markets," Zedillo said.

While technology and communications advances speed up the effects that markets in one region have on those in another, "the fault does not lie with the functioning of the markets, but with erroneous economic policies," Zedillo said.

James Jones, former U.S. ambassador to Mexico and current president of the Mexico-U.S. Business Committee, said Mexican market conditions are far more favorable than at the time of the 1987 stock market crash.

"In 1987, the stock exchange fared very badly, because they did not have the mechanics in place. After the 1994 peso devaluation, the mechanics were very sound. Mexico is in very good shape," Jones said.

Zedillo compared the current conditions of the Mexican economy with those of late 1994, when the current account deficit was more than 7.0 percent of gross domestic product, the country had held $42.00 billion in short-term debt maturing in less than one year and rigid currency exchange and interest rate policies.

In December 1994, Mexico's government devalued the peso, setting off the 1995-96 economic crisis.

The government estimates that the 1997 current account deficit will be 1.6 percent of GDP.

IRS reform not cure-all

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Before America becomes too excited about a package of "reforms" for the Internal Revenue Service — a bill that has bipartisan support, one that even the Clinton administration says it can accept, passed the House Ways and Means Committee on a 39-4 vote — it should be understood that the pending legislation is neither a cure-all nor a blow to the IRS.

Nor, in fact, is it a done deal. Apparently the Senate will not be considering the bill until early next year, and issues such as how to make sure that a proposed citizens oversight board will be neither politicized nor self-serving could yet prove to be stumbling blocks. Indeed, the oversight board, if not carefully designed by Congress, could turn out to be a bigger problem than the IRS.

The IRS has needed changes — especially changes to increase its efficiency (its computer problems are well-documented) and make it more customer-friendly — for years. The administration has begun its own program of IRS reform, and the president's nominee for IRS commissioner, Charles O. Rossotti, brings badly needed management and computer skills to the job.

Frankly, Congress is pushing reform for the political and publicity value. Even the ballyhooed shifting of the burden of proof in tax suits from taxpayers to the IRS will affect only 1 percent of noncompliance cases, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation, and taxpayers still would have to cooperate by providing requested documents.

Meanwhile, the most important changes that could be made would be those enhancing the IRS' ability to provide clear, accurate answers to taxpayer questions. We have to hope that will be one result of the reforms.

Medicare whistleblowers

The Houston Chronicle

The dire straits of the nation's Medicare and Medicaid systems have suffered no shortage of publicity in recent months. Medicare could go broke just after the turn of the century, for example, and a big part of the problem has been fraud and abuse. As much as $27 billion annually may have been siphoned off through fraud and abuse.

A tool to fight that part of the problem, however, has not gotten nearly as much publicity, and perhaps it is time it should.

The Federal False Claims Act as amended in 1986 (also known as "the Whistleblower Act") allows people who have evidence of fraud and abuse to sue on behalf of the government.

The act has been used by citizens in the past to pinpoint fraud in health-care and defense contracting. Earlier this year, in fact, a civil action brought by an accounting clerk and the Justice Department recovered $325 million in Medicare billings from a health-care conglomerate.

The Whistleblower Act suffers from a lack of attention and from periodic legislative attacks. And contractors — to no one's surprise — have led such attacks.

It is, in effect, a way that "privatizes" the fight against fraud and abuse without adding layers of more government regulation and bureaucracy.

This measure deserves more attention. Supporters are urging Congress to encourage more use of the act. Supporters of the Whistleblower Act are right.



Julienne Stewart, Mother Of Three

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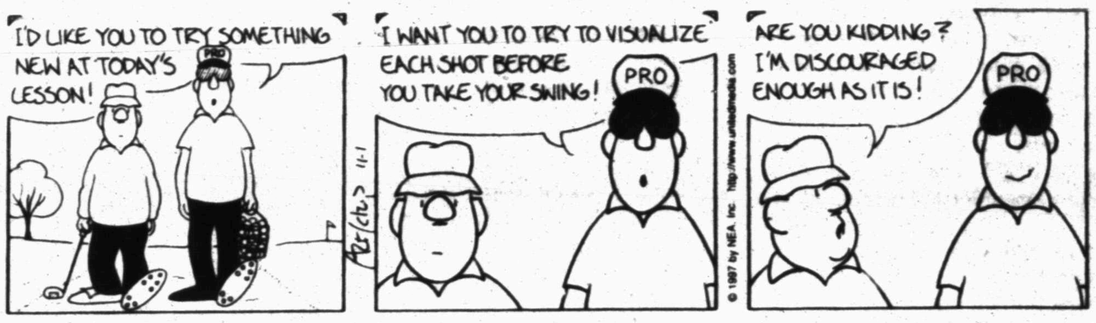
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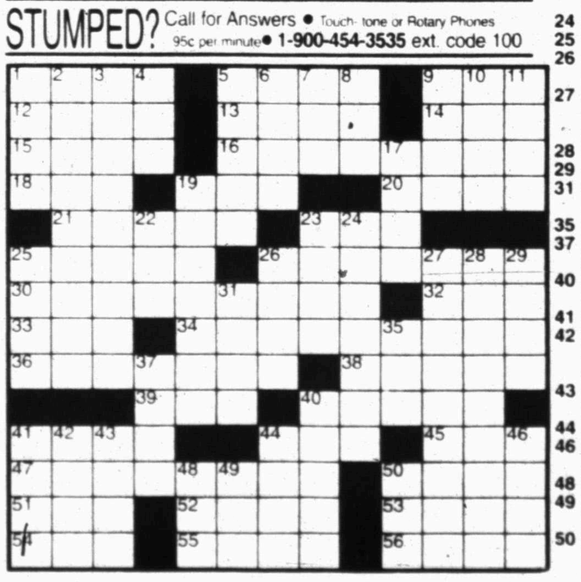
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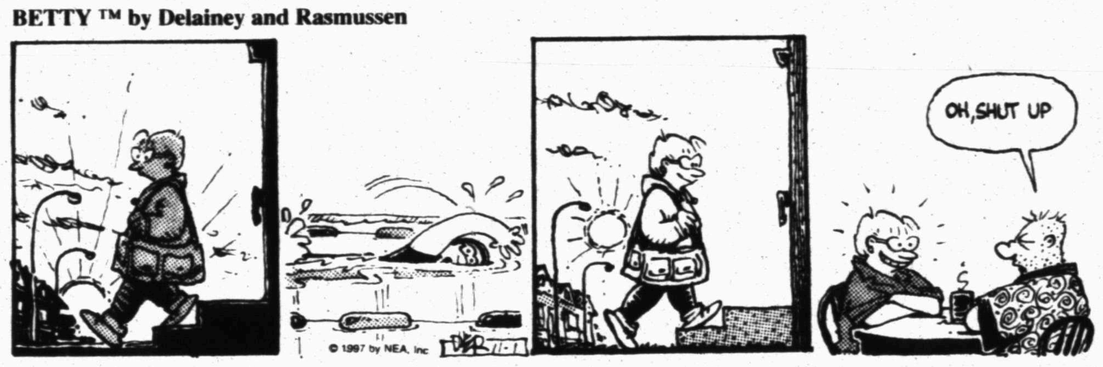
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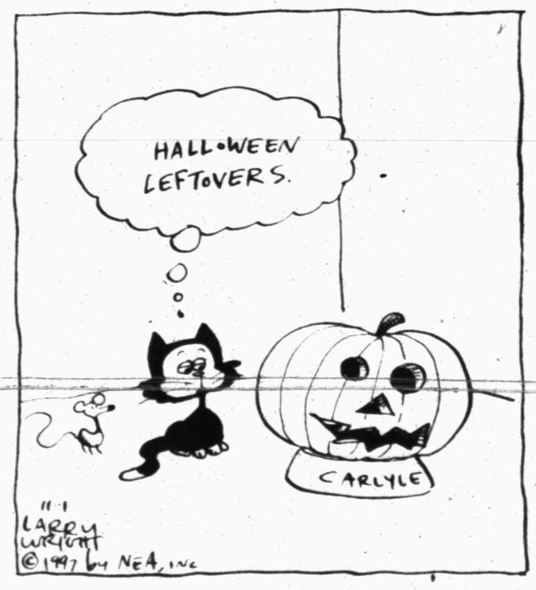
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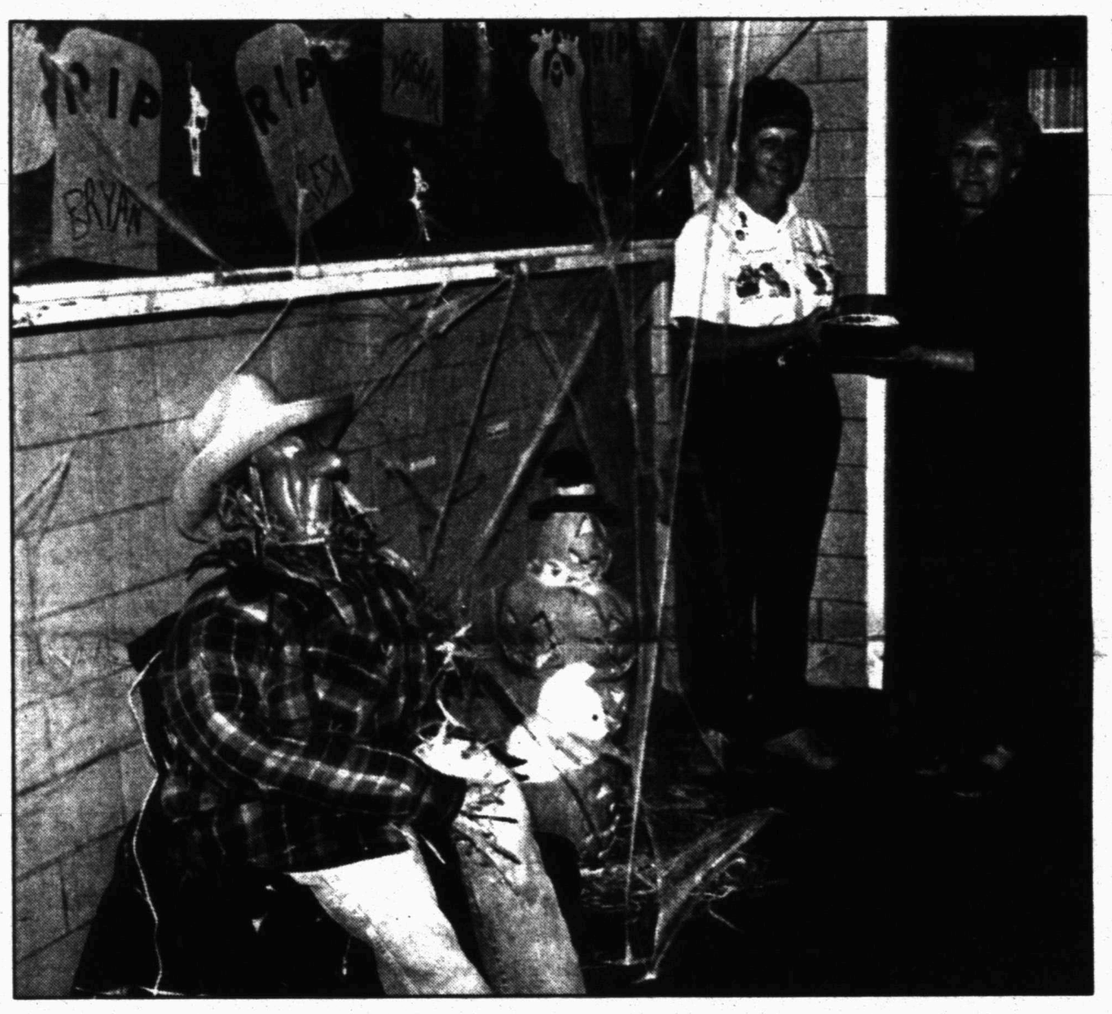
"Have you ever known a day to drag on like this?"



"DON'T CHASE RABBITS, RUFF! THEY EAT CARROTS!"



SCARIEST — Cogdell Memorial Hospital's Central Supply won Scariest in the Halloween decorating contest. Judge James Cleckler is shown with Dava Robbins, technician. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



MOST UNIQUE — Cogdell Memorial Hospital's cafeteria staff won Most Unique in the Halloween decorating contest. Judge Jo Ann Nunley, right, presents a box of chocolate to Nonette Moore, dietary manager. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Report: Health insurance giants are talking alliance

DALLAS (AP) — Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, the state's largest health insurer, has begun talks with Arlington-based Harris Methodist Health System about forming an alliance that could cut costs and better compete for local members, company officials day.

Harris Methodist spokesman Brian Levinson told The Dallas Morning News for a story in Friday's editions that the discussions are "in very preliminary stages" and no timetable has been set for an agreement.

The two companies have not decided whether to pursue a merger, joint operating agreement or some other arrangment, officials said. But they are not talking about the sale of one health plan to the other.

Richardson-based Blue Cross has about 1.7 million people enrolled in its programs; competitor Harris Methodist has about 230,000 members.

For members, a deal could translate into a longer list of available doctors and hospitals, say health care industry analysts.

"It makes a lot of sense for Harris to do something like this because it would immediately expand their range," said Sandy Lutz, an analyst with Rauscher Pierce Refsnes in Dallas.

"It's very expensive for them to break into a new market and get some name recognition," she said. "By partnering with Blue Cross, they will immediately get that recognition without the expense of marketing."

Blue Cross spokesman Mark Lane said the latest talks are unrelated to the stalled merger between Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and its larger counterpart in Illinois.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales filed a lawsuit to block the lawsuit last November, saying it was unfair to state residents who paid for tax breaks for the nonprofit organization. The suit has not yet been resolved.

If the Texas and Illinois systems are permitted to combine, the deal would create a company with about $6 billion in annual revenue, 3.8 million subscribers and more than 10,000 employees. The new company would be the second-largest Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan in the country.

Harris Methodist posted a $20 million loss in 1995 and a $19.6 million profit in 1996. This year, the health plan should break even, spokeswoman Lisa O'Steen said earlier this month.

In March 1996, the health plan was converted into a for-profit organization for tax purposes and to raise capital. This year, it became part of Texas Health Resources, the merged organization of Harris Methodist Health System and Presbyterian Healthcare Resources. The new company controls 13 hospitals and other holdings, totaling $2 billion.

The North Texas managed-care market has become increasingly competitive, expanding to include 18 companies at the end of 1996. After years of strong profits, Texas HMOs have recently been posting break-even results.

Other high-profile mergers could have sparked the Harris Methodist-Blue Cross talks, analysts said.

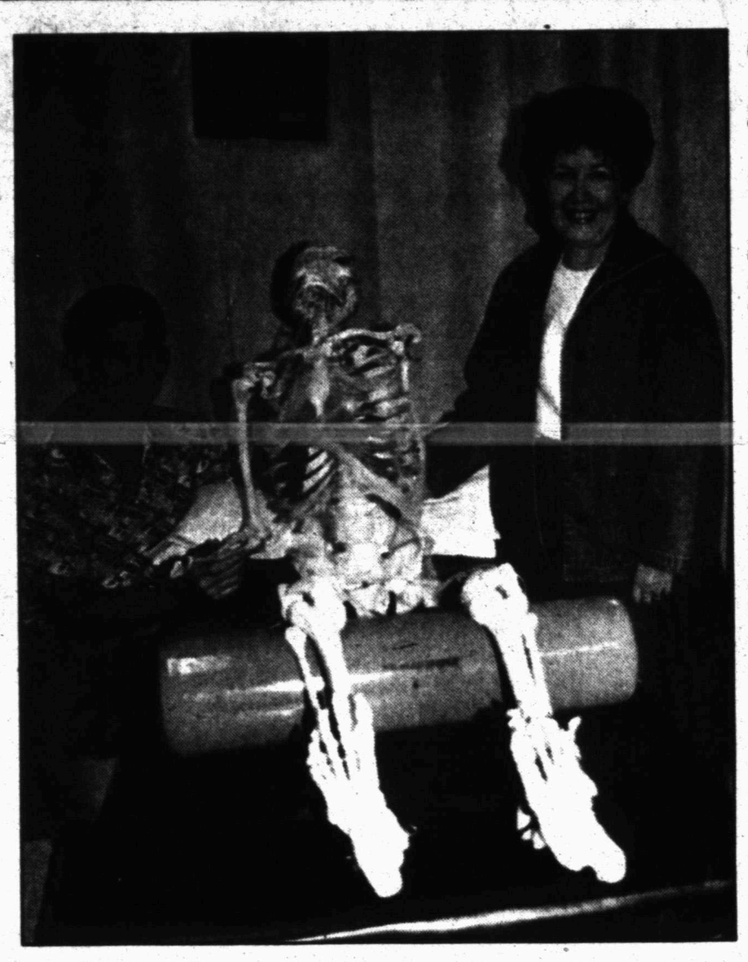
Within the past 18 months, Aetna Inc. acquired U.S. Healthcare; Humana Inc. purchased Physician Corpotation of America; and Foundation Health Systems merged with Health Systems Inc.

Aetna, which has 600,000 members in North Texas, recently settled a dispute with Dallas-area doctors who threatened to quit over proposed fee reductions. A new proposal contains less severe fee cuts. But the company now

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The inability to control yellow fever forced the French to abandon work on the Panama Canal in 1904.

Washington Irving borrowed the idea for "Rip Van Winkle" from the Greek poet Epimenides.



MOST ORIGINAL — Cogdell Memorial Hospital's physical therapy department received the Most Original award in the Halloween decorating contest. Judge Polly Underwood is shown with Cliff Shiller, physical therapist. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Cogdell gives awards for decorations

Winners have been declared in Cogdell Memorial Hospital's annual Halloween Decorating Contest.

The cafeteria took Most Unique. Physical therapy garnered Most Original while Central Supply received the award for Scariest.

Part of the cafeteria's decorations included a cemetery bulletin board and spooky characters. Physical therapy had a skeleton and Central Supply designed a corpse complete with butcher knife in the chest.

Judges were Jo Ann Nunley, James Cleckler and Polly Underwood.

The contest was sponsored by the hospital's auxiliary.

Fire reported at Mexican refinery

SALINA CRUZ, Mexico (AP) — A fire at a southern Mexican refinery caused an explosion Thursday and sent several workers to the hospital for smoke inhalation, the government news agency Notimex reported.

No one was seriously hurt in the fire at the Pemex refinery in Salina Cruz, 300 miles southeast of Mexico City, according to Notimex.

Explosion kills 3 people in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — An explosion Friday in downtown Srinagar killed a police chief and two soldiers and injured 12 people in the latest violence in Kashmir state.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Firefighter Wife Has Tip or Two For Hairdressers Who Complain

DEAR ABBY: It infuriates me when people write to you to complain about how cheap some people are when it comes to tipping.

I am one of those cheap tippers. Let me explain.

My husband is a firefighter. Who tips him? Nobody! After he has risked his life to save others, their pets or personal belongings, do you think the city or the victim hands him $50 and says, "Thanks for a job well done"? Never! After he has pulled a drunk from a car wreck at 3 a.m., do you believe someone will tip him or the police officers? They won't.

Does my husband expect a tip? No.

Abby, I know hairdressers who make more money than my husband does, so I say let's put an end to the tipping debate. My advice to hairdressers is, "Get over it and be happy with what you receive."

TIRED OF TIPPING IN INDIANA

DEAR TIRED OF TIPPING: Firefighters and police officers may not receive monetary tips, but recognition and rewards are not as rare as you may believe. I have known of celebrations to honor local heroes, as well as money drives to benefit fire and police departments, and the families of these public servants.

Not all people in the beauty business are salaried. Most of them need their tips to achieve and maintain a decent standard of living.

P.S. If you had signed your name, you'd be wearing a "Mohawk" for life.

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DEAR ABBY: It has always disturbed me that in the white culture, women fear old age and want to look younger.

In our Native American culture, one is given a birth name; but at age 13, young men are sent out into the woods for four days to fast until they see their "vision," at which time they return and describe it to the medicine man. Then they are given their adult names.

After age 50, one is considered an "elder" of the nation or tribe, and a ceremony is held where we are given our "elder name." When individuals become elders, they are highly respected for their wisdom and are taken care of by our people as long as they live. I am proud to be an "elder" of my tribe. I don't dye my hair because pure white hair is growing in; I'm proud to be getting elderly.

We don't send our elderly off to convalescent homes or hospitals and forget about them because they're old and senile and too much trouble to deal with. We take care of them and listen to their traditional stories, which we pass on to our children and grandchildren. We have a strong spirit for our people, especially our old people.

Too bad white people don't look at life as stages, and death as a transformation to a beautiful spiritual life — forever.

I am married to a great hereditary chief related to Chief Greylock, so I am a princess by title. May the Great Spirit walk with you and give people the wisdom of what it means to be elderly.

PRINCESS SHEILA RUNNING WATER, PROUD ELDER OF THE WABANAKI NATION, GREAT SACRED FALLS, VT.

DEAR PRINCESS SHEILA: At the risk of generalizing, many individuals of various races regard their lives as "stages." And they'd prefer to postpone the last stage as long as possible. Entire industries have been built upon this principle.

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DEAR ABBY: One more gripe from a senior citizen. Mine concerns having a mammogram.

As I stand there with my bare breasts hanging down to my waist, my silver hair glistening in the bright light, the X-ray technician asks me, "Are you pregnant?"

D.M.K. IN LARGO, FLA.

DEAR D.M.K.: If you take into account the fact that a 64-year-old woman recently gave birth to a child through the miracle of hormone therapy and in vitro fertilization, I think that's not an unfair question.

DEAR ABBY: I recently transferred to a new office, and I have never seen so many people who are experts on what should or shouldn't be done. They post signs everywhere: "Do Not Move Coffeepot While Coffee Is Brewing," "Do Not Use This Door Except for Emergencies," "Do Not Throw This or That Into the Garbage," "Do Not Use This Ice Tray," etc.

I would never have the gall to put up a sign every time someone did something of which I disapproved. Am I wrong to be offended? I come in every day to find that something I have done is not right according to somebody else's rules, and a big sign has been posted saying, "Do Not Do This or That."

These people are not bosses. Why do they think they have the right to make up rules for everyone else to follow?

SICK OF SIGNS, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DEAR SICK OF SIGNS: Don't be so quick to take offense. You are the newcomer in an office where the style of communication may not be yours, but it is the established style. If the signs are not posted specifically at your desk, don't take them personally — they are probably not intended only for you. They are meant to help the staff learn office procedures without confronting anyone directly and causing hurt feelings.

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DEAR ABBY: Thanks to you, I am now $1,000 richer because of the advice you gave to the lady who wrote saying she had lent $1,000 to a friend 20 years ago. She wondered if her friend had forgotten the debt, and she could use the money now. She asked if you felt it was appropriate to remind her friend about the debt.

You replied, "By all means, you have nothing to lose, and you could be $1,000 richer."

I cut out your column and sent it to the old friend who borrowed the $1,000 from me more than 30 years ago. A check and a nice letter arrived by return mail!

I hope the lady who wrote you was as lucky as I was. Thank you, Dear Abby. Your column is priceless.

GRATEFUL IN ARIZONA

DEAR GRATEFUL: No need to thank me — that's what I'm here for. I'm pleased to know your efforts were rewarded.

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DEAR ABBY: I am enclosing something I think might give you and your readers a chuckle. By the way, I am nearly 83 years old.

MARIA JOAN SMITH, GRANTS PASS, ORE.

DEAR MARIA JOAN SMITH: I agree — it's cute. And regardless of denomination, there's something in it for almost everyone. Read on:

FIRE: WHAT TO DO

During a recent ecumenical gathering, a secretary rushed in shouting, "The building is on fire!"

The *Methodists* gathered in the corner and prayed.

The *Baptists* cried, "Where is the water?"

The *Quakers* quietly praised God for the blessings that fire brings.

The *Lutherans* posted a notice on the door declaring the fire was evil.

The *Roman Catholics* passed the plate to cover the damage.

The *Jews* posted symbols on the doors hoping the fire would pass.

The *Congregationalists* shouted, "Every man for himself!"

The *Fundamentalists* proclaimed, "It's the vengeance of God!"

The *Episcopalians* formed a procession and marched out.

The *Christian Scientists* concluded that there was no fire.

The *Presbyterians* appointed a chairperson who was to appoint a committee to look into the matter and submit a written report.

The secretary grabbed the fire extinguisher and put the fire out.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Firefighter Wife Has Tip or Two For Hairdressers Who Complain

DEAR ABBY: It infuriates me when people write to you to complain about how cheap some people are when it comes to tipping.

I am one of those cheap tippers. Let me explain:

My husband is a firefighter. Who tips him? Nobody! After he has risked his life to save others, their pets or personal belongings, do you think the city or the victim hands him $50 and says, "Thanks for a job well done"? Never! After he has pulled a drunk from a car wreck at 3 a.m., do you believe someone will tip him or the police officers? They won't.

Does my husband expect a tip? No.

Abby, I know hairdressers who make more money than my husband does, so I say let's put an end to the tipping debate. My advice to hairdressers is, "Get over it and be happy with what you receive."

TIRED OF TIPPING IN INDIANA

DEAR TIRED OF TIPPING: Firefighters and police officers may not receive monetary tips, but recognition and rewards are not as rare as you may believe. I have known of celebrations to honor local heroes, as well as money drives to benefit fire and police departments, and the families of these public servants.

Not all people in the beauty business are salaried. Most of them need their tips to achieve and maintain a decent standard of living.

P.S. If you had signed your name, you'd be wearing a "Mohawk" for life.

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DEAR ABBY: It has always disturbed me that in the white culture, women fear old age and want to look younger.

In our Native American culture, one is given a birth name; but at age 13, young men are sent out into the woods for four days to fast until they see their "vision," at which time they return and describe it to the medicine man. Then they are given their adult names.

After age 50, one is considered an "elder" of the nation or tribe, and a ceremony is held where we are given our "elder name." When individuals become elders, they are highly respected for their wisdom and are taken care of by our people as long as they live. I am proud to be an "elder" of my tribe. I don't dye my hair because pure white hair is growing in; I'm proud to be getting elderly.

We don't send our elderly off to convalescent homes or hospitals and forget about them because they're old and senile and too much trouble to deal with. We take care of them and listen to their traditional stories, which we pass on to our children and grandchildren. We have a strong spirit for our people, especially our old people.

Too bad white people don't look at life as stages, and death as a transformation to a beautiful spiritual life — forever.

I am married to a great hereditary chief related to Chief Greylock, so I am a princess by title. May the Great Spirit walk with you and give people the wisdom of what it means to be elderly.

PRINCESS SHEILA RUNNING WATER, PROUD ELDER OF THE WABANAKI NATION, GREAT SACRED FALLS, VT.

DEAR PRINCESS SHEILA: At the risk of generalizing, many individuals of various races regard their lives as "stages." And they'd prefer to postpone the last stage as long as possible. Entire industries have been built upon this principle.

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DEAR ABBY: One more gripe from a senior citizen. Mine concerns having a mammogram.

As I stand there with my bare breasts hanging down to my waist, my silver hair glistening in the bright light, the X-ray technician asks me, "Are you pregnant?"

D.M.K. IN LARGO, FLA.

DEAR D.M.K.: If you take into account the fact that a 64-year-old woman recently gave birth to a child through the miracle of hormone therapy and in vitro fertilization, I think that's not an unfair question.

DEAR ABBY: I recently transferred to a new office, and I have never seen so many people who are experts on what should or shouldn't be done. They post signs everywhere: "Do Not Move Coffeepot While Coffee Is Brewing," "Do Not Use This Door Except for Emergencies," "Do Not Throw This or That Into the Garbage," "Do Not Use This Ice Tray," etc.

I would never have the gall to put up a sign every time someone did something of which I disapproved. Am I wrong to be offended? I come in every day to find that something I have done is not right according to somebody else's rules, and a big sign has been posted saying, "Do Not Do This or That."

These people are not bosses. Why do they think they have the right to make up rules for everyone else to follow?

SICK OF SIGNS, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DEAR SICK OF SIGNS: Don't be so quick to take offense. You are the newcomer in an office where the style of communication may not be yours, but it is the established style. If the signs are not posted specifically at your desk, don't take them personally — they are probably not intended only for you. They are meant to help the staff learn office procedures without confronting anyone directly and causing hurt feelings.

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DEAR ABBY: Thanks to you, I am now $1,000 richer because of the advice you gave to the lady who wrote saying she had lent $1,000 to a friend 20 years ago. She wondered if her friend had forgotten the debt, and she could use the money now. She asked if you felt it was appropriate to remind her friend about the debt.

You replied, "By all means, you have nothing to lose, and you could be $1,000 richer."

I cut out your column and sent it to the old friend who borrowed the $1,000 from me more than 30 years ago. A check and a nice letter arrived by return mail!

I hope the lady who wrote you was as lucky as I was. Thank you, Dear Abby. Your column is priceless.

GRATEFUL IN ARIZONA

DEAR GRATEFUL: No need to thank me — that's what I'm here for. I'm pleased to know your efforts were rewarded.

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DEAR ABBY: I am enclosing something I think might give you and your readers a chuckle. By the way, I am nearly 83 years old.

MARIA JOAN SMITH, GRANTS PASS, ORE.

DEAR MARIA JOAN SMITH: I agree — it's cute. And regardless of denomination, there's something in it for almost everyone. Read on:

FIRE: WHAT TO DO

During a recent ecumenical gathering, a secretary rushed in shouting, "The building is on fire!"

The *Methodists* gathered in the corner and prayed.

The *Baptists* cried, "Where is the water?"

The *Quakers* quietly praised God for the blessings that fire brings.

The *Lutherans* posted a notice on the door declaring the fire was evil.

The *Roman Catholics* passed the plate to cover the damage.

The *Jews* posted symbols on the doors hoping the fire would pass.

The *Congregationalists* shouted, "Every man for himself!"

The *Fundamentalists* proclaimed, "It's the vengeance of God!"

The *Episcopalians* formed a procession and marched out.

The *Christian Scientists* concluded that there was no fire.

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