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## THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "If you want to be somebody, you gotta be more specific."**

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With the holidays finally history, it's impossible to put off the dreaded task any longer.

Actually there are two dreaded tasks. One is raking up leaves in the yard. The other is more awesome: cleaning off your desk.

The bigger the desk, the bigger the mess. During November and December, visitors let you explain it away. You know, busy times and gonna need the stuff in that pile real soon.

You can get covered up in pieces of paper in a newspaper office. A pink while-you-were-out note here and a couple of yellow stick-on notes there. There's two with names on 'em we don't even recognize, and now the numbers are no longer in service.

The pile on the right must be the important stuff, 'cause there is an envelope marked "urgent." Somebody wanted a campaign contribution.

On the left were pending projects — mainly about folks with pink messages on their desk who haven't gotten around to returning their telephone calls.

There's one problem of showing too much wood on the desk — you can see the coffee stains and people will think you haven't been working.

National Clean Off Your Desk Day was actually started in the 1950s by a fellow reporter who figured starting the year with a clean slate might boost productivity.

Priority Management Systems Inc. has come up with a 10-question quiz. Fail, and you're a victim of desk stress.

And then there's drawer clutter. We really ought to toss all those free ballpoint samples. There are two pair of glasses back when our vision was even better, a tape of a H. Ross Perot speech, an unused 1987 calendar, two packages of M&Ms and a dried tube of chapstick.

The biggest stack is the "gonna get back to that pile." In it was a used airline ticket, a speech on energy for the Asia-Pacific region by the chairman of Exxon and a detailed explanation of El Nino.

Experts say those suffering from a cluttered desk disorder are much like an alcoholic: have admitted the problem and are working on it.

## Almost time to ring the bell

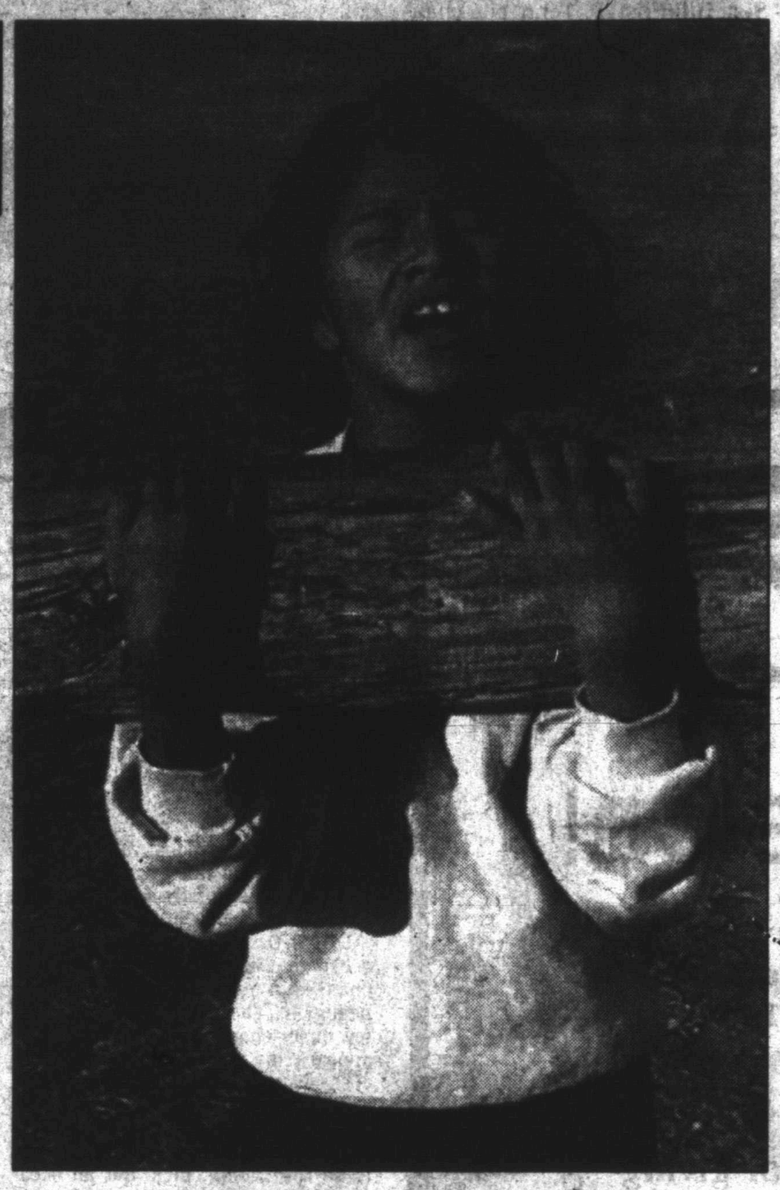
It's just about time for the school bell to ring.

Snyder ISD teachers report back for staff development Monday and classes resume Tuesday after a two-week holiday period.

Classes at Hermleigh and Ira resume Monday, while offices on the campus at Western Texas College also reopen Monday. Faculty will report back on Jan. 14.

Registration for the spring 1998 semester will begin Jan. 19 for sophomore students. Freshmen will register Jan. 20.

The first day of classes will be Jan. 21.



LOG DRILLS — Feather Lujon participates in the log drill during physical training for participants in the STAR Program. As many as 19 youths at one time have been in the program since its inception last fall. (SDN Staff Photo)

# STAR grads gain a positive outlook

By Wade Warren
*Staff Writer*

When the STAR Progam was being mulled by local officials in hopes of stemming the juvenile crime rate in Scurry County, they visited the program in Conroe.

Officials in that city, which was the pioneer program in Texas, said it had made a dramatic change in the outlook of many juveniles.

While it is too early to judge the long-term effects of the alternative discipline program here, it has definitely made an impression on the first two graduates.

The STAR Program, which stands for Special Treatment and Rehabilitation, went into effect at the start of this school year.

It wasn't long after that when Thad Sharp and Shane West were assigned to the program through the legal system. Both excelled, according to STAR Captain Pete Barrera.

"These young men have learned self-discipline and have developed self-esteem," said Barrera. "They have both learned the importance of team work, working with others and how to lead others, as well."

It has also taught the two graduates, and other participants in the program, a sense of pride.

"I never really took pride in the things I used to do," said Sharp. "Now I take pride in everything I do."

Sharp said he has caught himself doing little things that he would never have thought of doing before participating in the program.

"The program has taught me to do the right things, even when no one is looking."

Sharp gave an example of the "good citizen" simple task of picking up trash.

"I've picked it up and thrown it away, something I would not have done before this program.

"Opening doors for people, saying 'No sir' and 'Yes mam' to adults. Just putting others first," said Sharp.

Sharp said the program has taught him to respect others, including himself.

"Before, I never did fully respect myself. Now I do.

"Now, I do things that are good for me and my well-being as opposed to doing something to impress or get attention from someone else," said Sharp.

Being under house arrest, Sharp became closer to his family and realized what additional burdens his actions put on other family members.

"They had to get up before 5 a.m. just like I did," said Sharp. "Then they had to drive me to school in order for me to be at the STAR building and in formation by 5:30."

West said the program also changed him, including his attitude, almost immediately.

"I started the program with a terrible attitude," said West. "But I learned the first day that I had

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# Commissioners race crowded as candidate filing period ends

The Precinct 4 county commissioners race got a third candidate Friday as filing for the March party primaries came to a close.

Milton Adams, who operates a drilling and completion consulting service, filed with the Republican Party. He'll be unopposed in the party primary, but face a Democratic challenger in November.

Scott Richburg, an account executive, and Chloanne Lindsey, deputy county auditor, are seeking Democratic nomination for the Precinct 4 commissioners seat. The current commissioner, Jerry Gannaway, announced last month that he would not seek re-election.

Also filing Friday was Precinct 2 Peace Justice John Williamson. The Hermleigh businessman is unopposed in seeking the Democratic nomination. He'll be opposed in November by independent candidate Pamela Bryant, a Price Daniel Unit employee.

Of eight local offices up for election in March, the Pct. 4 commissioners seat and Pct. 2 JP post are two of only four that will be contested.

Another is the other commissioners race — Precinct 2, where incumbent Roy Idom is unopposed in the Republican primary. He'll have an opponent in November, however: county tax office deputy clerk Linda Sellars, who is unopposed in the Democratic primary.

Ricky Fritz, incumbent county judge, is being challenged in the Republican Party Primary by agribusinessman Ted Crenwelge. There is no Democratic candidate.

Candidates unopposed in the primaries and general election include County Treasurer Charlie Bell, a Democrat, and County Clerk Joan Bunch and Precinct 2 Peace Justice Charlie Reynolds, both Republicans.

Also unopposed is Trina Rodgers for district clerk. Mrs. Rodgers, a deputy clerk in that office, filed as a Republican. She is seeking to replace Elois Pruitt, who announced she will not seek another term.

Adams was born and reared in the Pyron Community and lives there today. After completing school, he worked for independent oil companies until establishing a drilling and completion consulting service in 1972. He continues to operate the service, Head Operating Management.

"If elected commissioner of Precinct 4, I will, to the best of my ability, honestly endeavor to handle county affairs for the benefit of all of the county," said Adams, a former Hermleigh ISD board member.

Williamson is the owner of Big Country Incinerators and a member of the Hermleigh ISD board of trustees.

# Counts seeks 6th state House term

## *Haywood has November challenger*

From local, wire reports

David Counts, state representative for District 70, has officially filed for a sixth term.

The Knox City Democrat said that property tax relief initiatives, his work on rural water conservation reforms, his track record of service to constituents, including the new Veterans Retirement Facility in Big Spring, and support for continuing reforms of Gov. George Bush are reasons he should be re-elected.

Counts, who is chairman of the Texas House Natural Resources Committee and a member of the Texas Conservative Coalition, will be opposed in the November general election by Scott McLaughlin. Counts narrowly defeated the Big Spring Republican in the last campaign.

Tom Haywood, the Republican state senator from Wichita Falls seeking re-election in District 30, will get a November challenge from Bowie Mayor Greg Underwood, who filed Friday.

Underwood, owner of Underwood Oil Company, is seeking the Democratic nomination.

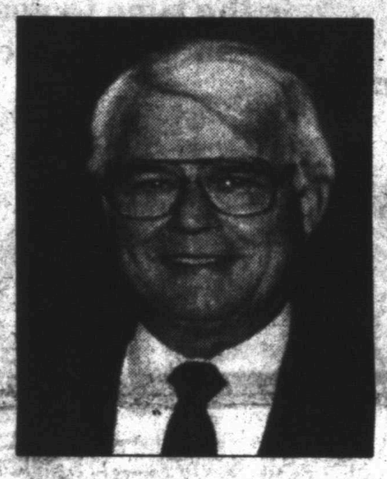
"I am running for state senate because I want to make state government work more efficiently for our families," said Underwood. "I'll fight for a quality education for our children, tax fairness for our families and new ideas to strengthen local communities to meet the challenges of the 21st century."

Underwood attended the University of Texas where he earned degrees in English and history. He later earned his doctor of jurisprudence from the UT School of Law.

In another race of interest to Scurry County voters, Republican Rudy Izzard of Abilene will again challenge Democratic incumbent Charles Stenholm for U.S. Representative of the 17th District in November.

Meanwhile, filing wrapped up across the state Friday with a few twists. Republican Tony Garza, who resigned as secretary of state six weeks ago to run for land commissioner, got on a different track. He filed as a candidate for Railroad Commission instead.

Just hours before the deadline to



David Counts

enter the 1998 primary elections, Garza joined former congressman Steve Stockman of Friendswood and state Rep. Steve Holzheauser of Victoria in the race for the GOP Railroad Commission nomination.

Gary Dugger of Austin and Joe B. Henderson of Huntsville are seeking the Democratic Railroad Commission nomination.

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## One bid item will face court

Scurry County commissioners have only one item to consider when they convene for the first time in 1998 Monday.

Commissioners will open bids for inmate telephone service at the county jail.

The court convenes at 10 a.m.

*Year in review...*

# Major projects loom as '97 gives way to '98

Lower taxes, the start of dirtwork for Lorber Industries and a grant to construct apartments for the elderly were all good news for Scurry County citizens as 1997 began to draw to a close.

Not so encouraging was a report that indicated Snyder public schools were in need of repairs — renovations that were projected to cost more than $15 million.

Taxpayers were told that a 20-year bond payment would require an additional 31 cents added to the tax rate and a 15-year-bond would call for a 36-cent tax hike. As the year closed, administrators and trustees were studying and ways to deal with the situation, including the possible closing of Central Elementary.

But while the prospect of more school taxes looms in 1998, taxes went down for many people Scurry Countians in 1997. For residents of Snyder, the combined tax rate dropped slightly, from $2.7280 per $100 in 1996 to $2.7044. County residents saw taxes drop 2.36 cents and Ira residents saw them fall 5.36. Taxes went up 5.64 cents for Hermleigh residents.

The elderly folks in the county got some encouraging news. Snyder Senior Citizens, Inc received a $1.6 million HUD senior housing grant to create 30 one-bedroom apartments in 16 single-story units between Snyder Healthcare Center and the Cogdell medical complex.

There has been no word yet on when construction will begin.

But construction did get underway at the city industrial park on the Lorber Industries of Texas mill. Grimmett * Brothers Construction was awarded the bid to begin dirtwork. The site was beginning to take shape just before year's end.

While local residents were anticipating the arrival of a new industry, they were also able to take pride in a long-established one — the energy industry.

A Snyder company, Patterson Petroleum, ended the year as the third largest provider of onshore drilling rigs in the United States. Likewise, Exxon was planning a comprehensive C02 injection project and Pennzoil and the Snyder Gas Plant reached an

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## ASK US

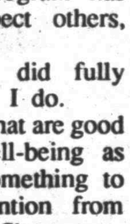
**Q—Did Sen. Tom Haywood attend school in Canada? Is he from Texas?**

**A—He received his Ph.D. in physics from the University of Alberta, Canada, but he is a native Texan. He got his BS at UT Arlington and his MS at the University of North Texas.**

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Friday, 70 degrees; low, 30; 7 a.m. Saturday, 53; no precipitation.

**Area Forecast:** Saturday night, cloudy, chance of rain. Low around 50. S-SE wind 5-15 mph. Rain chance: 30%. Sunday, mostly cloudy, slight chance of rain. High 60-65. S wind 10-15 mph. Rain chance: 20%.



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Rain chance

**Sunset:** 5:53 p.m.
**Sunrise:** 7:43 a.m.
**Of 2 days in 1998, the sun has shone 2 days in Snyder.**

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.**

**Benjamin Franklin**

# Clinton, Congress try to fill classroom jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Worried about filling a projected 2 million new teaching jobs in the coming decade, the Clinton administration and Congress are considering new financial incentives to lure graduates to staff the nation's public classrooms.

The administration will give high priority to teacher recruiting in its next budget proposal. Democrats and Republicans alike have proposed using federal dollars to recruit new teachers through grants and forgiveness of student loans.

The proposals will force a debate over who is qualified to teach and whether graduates of teacher colleges are really prepared for the classroom. Others question the extent of the projected shortages and whether the traditional education college will supply the teachers of the future.

Finding qualified teachers is the next step in improving public schools now that states have begun imposing academic standards, says Marshall S. Smith, acting deputy secretary of education.

"Now it's beginning to penetrate down into the classrooms," he said. "So you need better teacher training in order to help that happen. You need some focus where it is most difficult, like the cities and poor rural areas."

At the NAACP convention last summer, Clinton proposed spending $350 million for scholarships and other aid to colleges for 35,000 new teachers willing to serve in poor urban and rural classrooms. The proposal and others will be debated when Congress rewrites the law this year governing student aid and other higher education programs.

The administration has also been discussing a larger proposal for its 1999 budget to help tens of thousands of people to become teachers by forgiving their student loans. In a National Press Club speech last month, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., floated the idea. He proposed recruiting 100,000 new teachers a year for 10 years.

The Education Department projects that 2 million teachers will be needed in the coming decade because of booming enrollment, an aging teacher work force and a recent California law reducing class size.

Legislation has been readied or already introduced by Kennedy, senior Democrat on the Labor and Human Resources Committee; Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn. and chairman of a Budget Committee task force on education; Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I.; and Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M.; and from Reps. George Miller, D-Calif., and Dale Kildee, D-Mich.

Frist's bill would set up a $250 million grant program for state teacher preparation institutions and partnerships between those colleges and school districts. The programs could include ways to attract former military personnel or mid-life career changers to the profession.

Bingaman's measure would include loan forgiveness and provide grants for partnerships. It says would-be teachers getting loan forgiveness would have to have undergraduate degrees in academic subjects in addition to taking professional education courses.

The strong insistence on subject matter knowledge appeals to critics who say the proposals could pour too much money into colleges of education that turn out people who are versed in teaching methods but weak on academics. They also argue that the proposals will put too much stress on credentials that limit the access of people with talent, enthusiasm and grounding in subjects.

"We don't have faith that by sending more money and power to those schools of education that we're actually going to get the types of teachers that we need," said Mike Petrilli, an analyst with the conservative Thomas B. Fordham Foundation.

C. Emily Feistritzer, an analyst at the private National Center for Education Information, says the role of four-year education programs is diminishing because of changes in the source of new teachers. Also, states have devised alternative routes of certification.

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## Nutrition



By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: We are a couple of seniors in our 80s on a limited budget, and we try to economize whenever possible. We drink a lot of nonfat milk and have been paying between $1.79 and $2.03 per half-gallon, but we recently found that we can buy milk in 2-gallon packages for $4.03. Now we buy the larger packages and repackage it into half-gallon plastic containers, which we freeze and defrost in the refrigerator as needed. As you can see, this is quite a savings, but we are concerned about the possibility of our freezing the milk's having some ill effect on the nutritional value. Any information you can give us on this matter will be greatly appreciated. — D.S., Imperial Beach, Calif.

DEAR D.S.: Freezing is a safe and acceptable way to store milk, and the changes in nutritional value would be negligible. There may, however, be a few minor changes in the way the milk appears and tastes. The freezing process will cause a breakdown in the homogenization, which is the process that distributes the milkfat evenly throughout milk. This will not be an issue with nonfat milk, but an occasional drop of fat may be seen floating in lowfat or whole milk. Simply shake the container before drinking.

Depending on the speed at which the milk is frozen, slight changes in taste and some loss of color are possible. In addition, a small amount of sediment may develop. These changes are minor, and the milk will remain a wholesome food. A good rule of thumb is: the faster the freeze, the smaller the damage.

I recommend that you put your well-sealed containers next to a wall or on a metal shelf, where they'll freeze quickly and remain solid for the duration of their storage. Remember, also, that because milk is a rich source of nutrients, it provides an ideal food for bacteria and other micro-organisms. Pasteurization helps destroy most, but not all, of the bacteria that are present at bottling. Freezing doesn't destroy micro-organisms; it just suspends or slows their growth. The quality of defrosted milk will be no better than that of the milk at the time it was frozen.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I dislike cooked cereal, but have found that eating uncooked rolled oats with milk and fruit is enjoyable. Is there any nutritional or health reason not to continue? Is cooking necessary? — F.G., San Diego

DEAR F.G.: The cooking process softens the oat grain and makes it more digestible. There are no health reasons to keep you from enjoying uncooked oats. It all comes down to a matter of taste.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have had a brush with cancer, and my 88-year-old father keeps urging me to try various diets. This year he insisted that I try a total juice diet, and bought a juicer. Next he was after me to join him on a "crazy" (to me, anyway) diet called "God's Ultimate Diet Plan," pushing barley green — no dairy, no meat, no eggs, no fish, no grains, only the barley green. I think it's weird, but I wanted to know what you thought. — S.A., Tempe, Ariz.

DEAR S.A.: I have no problem with barley green, which is made from juicing young wheat grass. I have tried it a number of times and find it to be — how shall I put it — an acquired taste. Although your father seems convinced that it will help you, I believe that having barley green as the sole source of nutrients is questionable. There is little scientific evidence to support it as an anti-cancer regimen. And aside from being an extremely restrictive regimen, the barley green does not contain all nutrients the body requires. To me, eating is one of life's great pleasures. Think of all the wonderful, healthful foods you would no longer be able to enjoy.

Your first priority should be to make sure that you are getting all the nutrient- and fiber-rich whole foods your body needs. If you want barley green, consider using it in addition to — not instead of — these other foods.

*Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.*

*Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is the author of the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).*

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## Tavarez returns from deployment

Marine Pfc. Roy Tararez, son of Roy J. and Aurora Tavarez of Snyder, recently returned from a six-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan, with the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

The 1995 graduate of Snyder High School joined the Marine Corps in December 1995.

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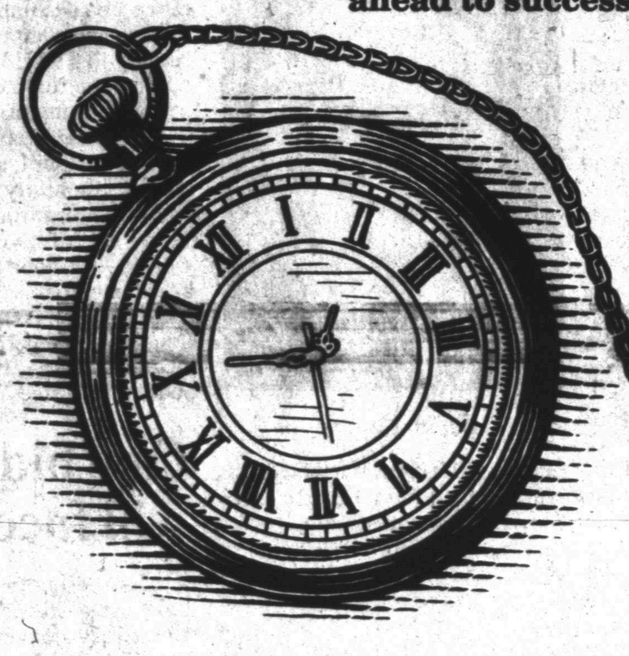
## Food Cupboard Thank You

The Scurry County Ministerial Alliance Food Cupboard would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have given so generously that those in need might have food for the holidays and beyond. Particularly we would like to thank the Highway Department, the Post Office, KSNY, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, Mobil, Goodfellows, IGA, Price Daniel, Southplains Foodbank, all the Churches of Scurry County who have given generously, Nona Bunch, Bev and Lonnie Cootz, all our able volunteers, our treasurer Jerry Vestal, our co-directors: Marie Armstrong and Mabel Covey and all our citizens who have given so generously. Blessings on you all.

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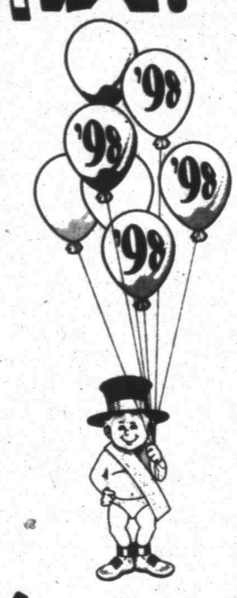
The clock has ticked down on the old calendar. Now is the time to gear up for a fresh start and look ahead to success and happiness in 1998.



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# Land commissioner hopeful offered money to withdraw

HOUSTON (AP) — A Republican running for Texas land commissioner says a primary opponent has offered him "continued financial support" if he would withdraw from the race for the statewide office.

State Sen. Jerry Patterson of Pasadena said Friday that the offer came from Houston millionaire David Dewhurst.

"I was offered continued financial support if I was not running for land commissioner," Patterson told the Houston Chronicle for Saturday's editions. "Continued financial support in a statewide race. There was no dollars discussed."

Dewhurst's campaign manager denied that any such incident had occurred.

"That would be bordering on the unethical," Dewhurst manager Mona Palmer Taylor said. "David said that in no way happened."

Dewhurst has been a friend and campaign contributor to the Houston senator in the past, Ms. Taylor said. Throughout the fall, they had urged each other to seek another office rather than compete for land commissioner, she said.

"I don't know what could be misinterpreted about people who know each other and more than one time they've said, 'Why don't you get out of this race,'" Ms. Taylor said.

Patterson said Dewhurst has given his past campaigns between $10,000 and $20,000, but he said he cannot expect contributions from Dewhurst if they are running in the same contest.

Patterson said he did not believe there was anything illegal in what Dewhurst did.

"It's not illegal to say I can't support you if we're running for the same office, but I could if we weren't," Patterson said.

But another Republican, former U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman of Webster, said the offer sounded improper to him when Patterson described it to him. Stockman, who is running for railroad commissioner, said Patterson told him that Dewhurst had offered a "huge sum" to drop out of the land commission race.

"I'd call it a bribe, but it's probably a contribution," said Stockman, who is seeking the Republican nomination for railroad commissioner. "Jerry was offered a seven-figure number to drop out, and I find it curious that two other people have dropped out."

Former Secretary of State Tony Garza and Houston land man Tim Turner both dropped out of the land commission race this week. Garza filed to seek the GOP railroad commission nomination against Stockman and state Rep. Steve Holzheauser of Victoria.

# Audit reveals millions in debt

DALLAS (AP) — Bad loans have loaded a $5.7 million debt on a state agency that lends money to private agriculture ventures, a state audit shows.

The Dallas Morning News reported in Saturday editions that some state officials are growing concerned over the situation at the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority, a taxpayer-backed program that is posting a second straight year of losses.

Agriculture officials say the program remains strong and will rebound within seven to 12 years on the strength of more recent loans.

However, state auditor Lawrence F. Alwin said in an audit review that the state should consider dismantling the eight-year-old program if the downward spiral continues.

"The feasibility of the programs should be reassessed if the authority's fund equity position continues to deteriorate," Alwin stated.

The Texas Agricultural Finance Authority is appointed by the governor. It approves loans after a review by the staff of Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry. The Republican has promoted the program statewide and lobbied successfully for a constitutional amendment to raise the lending limits.

Perry's staff said Friday he could not be reached for comment. Perry is expected to be the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor in November.

However, Deputy Commissioner Larry Soward said the audit's conclusions reflect a number of bad loans made early in the program. He said a private consultant's financial analysis of the program last year showed that it would break even by the year 2005 or 2010.

"This is a 40-year program," he said. "The fact that there's a negative balance does not mean the program's in trouble."

However, state Rep. Robert Junell, D-San Angelo and chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said the figures were enough to prompt questions.

"It's something we obviously ought to look at," Junell said.

"If the loans default, it's obviously something we, the taxpayers, have to pay," he said.

The program was created in 1979 by the Legislature, but was not implemented by then-Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, a Democrat. Perry, when he took office in 1991, made the program a priority.



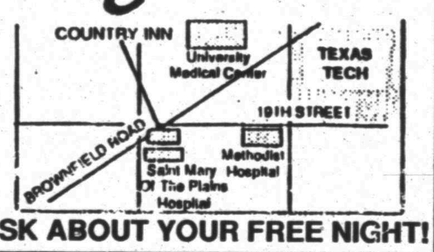
YEAR IN REVIEW — Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng, right, congratulates Tung Chee-hwa after his inauguration as chief executive of Hong Kong government in Hong Kong on July 1. Hong Kong was handed over to China after 156 years of British colonial rule. (Photo Provided by NEA)

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# Tax forms have been mailed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mixed in with those sales ads and late New Year's wishes, Americans are finding a less-pleasant annual greeting from the Internal Revenue Service.

The IRS on Friday began sending out about 60 million income tax packages that Americans once again must try to decipher and fill out before the April 15 filing deadline.

For better or worse, the standard Form 1040 for 1997 is little changed from the 1996 version. "For the most part, taxpayers should be able to use last year's tax return as a guide when doing their 1997 return," IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti said.

Most of the major changes in the tax code, including child and higher education credits, that were part of the balanced-budget deal reached between President Clinton and Congress last year do not take effect until this year, and thus will be reflected on the returns filed a year from now.

But the IRS said there were a few minor changes to look out for. For example, Form 1040 has added two lines, one for a medical savings account deduction and another for an adoption credit, both the results of 1996 legislation.

Some changes in capital gains rates also took place in 1997, and taxpayers will have to fill out Schedule D of Form 1040 to take advantage of lower rates.

The top tax rates on capital gains are lower for most transactions, including installment payments received after May 6, 1997, on property held more than one year. The new rate for most gains is 20 percent, down from 28 percent.

Among other changes:

—Up to $250,000 of gain from sale of a residence after May 6 may be excluded ($500,000 on a joint return) if the taxpayer has owned and used the home as a principal residence for two of the five previous years.

—For an adoption that became final in or before 1997, a taxpayer may claim a credit of up to $5,000, or $6,000 for a child with special needs.

—On a joint return, up to $2,000 of earnings may be contributed to each spouse's tax-deductible individual retirement account. Previously, if only one spouse had earned income, the total contributions were limited to $2,250.

—Self-employed people may deduct up to 40 percent of their health insurance premiums for every month they were not eligible to participate in an employer-sponsored health plan.




BALANCED BUDGET — President Clinton, with Vice President Gore and congressional leaders arrayed behind him," signs the balanced budget bill Aug. 7 on the South Lawn of the White House. (Photo Provided By NEA)



McVEIGH VERDICT — Lead prosecutor Joseph Hartzler talks to the media after convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh was formally sentenced to death on Aug. 14. (Photo Provided by NEA)

# More Medicare aid in budget proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's next budget will include proposals to expand Medicare to offer benefits to some people under age 65 and restore food stamp benefits that legal immigrants lost in the 1996 welfare overhaul, according to published reports.

The Medicare proposal would permit people between 62 and 64 to pay up to $400 a month for health coverage, according to The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal. That would mark the first time in Medicare's three-decade history that people under age 65 could obtain coverage.

The plan would enable people who often cannot afford private insurance a chance to obtain coverage and repay the fees through a surcharge after they reach age 65, in order to spread the cost over more years, the Post reported today.

The food stamp proposal would restore benefits lost through the 1996 welfare overhaul by some 800,000 by legal immigrants who are not yet citizens. The change would cost roughly $2 billion over five years.

The administration is not yet sure whether the restored benefits should apply to all legal immigrants or only those in the country when the bill became law last August, the Post said. In addition, officials are looking at targeting the benefits toward the neediest groups, such as children, the disabled and elderly.

Both plans will be part of Clinton's fiscal 1999 budget to be formally unveiled next month. The strong economy and smaller federal deficit has freed the administration to respond to traditional Democratic priorities such as health care and the poor, an unidentified senior administration official told the Post.

# Appeals court to review Davis ruling

DALLAS (AP) — A federal appeals court plans to reconsider a ruling that would rob Texans of bankruptcy protection for their homesteads during divorce proceedings.

An attorney for former Fort Worth millionaire Cullen Davis persuaded the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans last week to revisit his client's divorce case which sparked the decision, The Dallas Morning News reported in Saturday's editions.

A hearing is scheduled for the week of May 18.

A three-judge 5th Circuit Court panel rendered a split decision last February in Davis' 30-year-old divorce case that would void Texas bankruptcy law.

The court ruled in favor of efforts by Sandra Davis, Davis' first wife, to collect more than $300,000 from the settlement of their 1968 divorce.

The panel decided Ms. Davis is entitled to money from the sale of a $500,000 home Cullen Davis once owned in Tarrant County, even though Davis protected the home from creditors by calling it his homestead when he filed for bankruptcy in 1987.

Ms. Davis is seeking money from Davis' sale of a home where she never lived. Davis agreed in 1968 to pay her $300,000 in installments, but stopped making payments when he filed for bankruptcy in 1987.

Under current Texas law, a homestead can be seized and sold at auction only to pay taxes, a mortgage lender or an individual or company seeking payment for improvements made to the home, said Ronald R. Payne, Davis' lawyer.

Payne said an ex-spouse never has been able to strip bankruptcy protections from a homestead she never owned. He predicted the full 5th Circuit will reverse the panel's split decision.

A Southern Methodist University law school professor agreed.

Buzz Rochelle, adjunct professor of bankruptcy law at SMU's law school, said the appellate panel essentially said: "We don't care what the state law says in Texas."

"The problem, if you do that, is that there is absolutely no guidance on where you stop," said Rochelle, who also is a practicing bankruptcy attorney.

The former Davis home involved in the case is not the 20-room Fort Worth mansion where a friend and 12-year-old daughter of Davis' second wife, Priscilla, were shot to death in 1976. Davis was acquitted of the girl's death.

Davis no longer owns that mansion, which is now the Stonegate Hacienda restaurant.

**A new comic collection by John Kerschbaum, "If New York City Was the World," (Citadel, $8.95) makes some clever observations about the Big Apple. Regarding their urban savvy, the book notes that "87 percent of New Yorkers can tell the difference between an automobile backfire and a gunshot." As for etiquette, the reader is informed that "The mugger on the left has the right-of-way."**

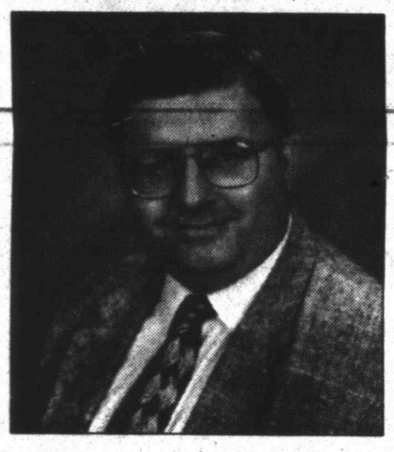
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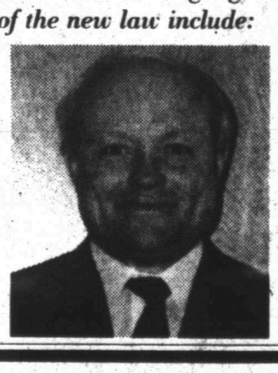
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# 'Mental defect' option eyed by defense

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Just four days after dropping plans to portray Theodore Kaczynski as mentally ill, attorneys for the Unabomber suspect said they will indeed make that argument if he is convicted and facing death.

Defense attorneys served notice of their intention Friday to federal prosecutors, but did not disclose details. Opening statements begin Monday.

The decision seemed to suggest a compromise between the defense team and Kaczynski, who has refused psychiatric tests sought by prosecutors and balked at his own team's desire to use a "mental defect" defense.

Whether the defense attempts to raise psychiatric issues during the guilt-or-innocence phase of the trial remains to be seen. But Kaczynski's sanity will almost surely be at the crux of his attorneys' arguments if he is found guilty and facing the possibility of a death sentence.

Their hope would be to save his life.

Kaczynski's mental state is a critical issue in the case. He has refused to submit to testing by government psychiatrists, and his lawyers on Monday — apparently at the defendant's prodding — switched gears and announced they would not mount a mental-defect defense during the main part of the trial.

Still, prosecutors on Friday asked U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell to block the defense from showing jurors before-and-after photographs of the math professor-turned-hermit to suggest he is mentally unstable. They urged Burrell to bar pictures, Kaczynski's own writings and testimony of acquaintances that would cast doubt on Kaczynski's mental competence.

Prosecutors suggested that the defense — despite serving notice that it will avoid the issue — may try to elicit sympathy for Kaczynski by injecting mental illness evidence into the case.

The defense "intended to show the jury two pictures of the defendant — one from his Berkeley years and one taken shortly after his arrest — during her opening statement. Counsel also indicated she may rely on some of the defendant's writings seized from his cabin," prosecutors said, referring to defense attorney Judy Clarke.

At the time of his arrest, the bearded Kaczynski appeared shaggy and unkempt, wearing torn and unwashed clothing. A photograph taken in 1968 at the University of California, Berkeley, shows him neatly trimmed and sporting a coat and tie.

## Berry's World




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**IT HAPPENED IN 1997 — Princess Diana's casket is carried out of Westminster Abby after her funeral service Sept. 6 in London. (Photo Provided By NEA)**

## Former Dallas superintendent seeks bankruptcy protection

DALLAS (AP) — Yvonne Gonzalez, who resigned as Dallas school superintendent amid allegations she misused district money, is seeking personal bankruptcy.

Ms. Gonzalez and her husband, Chris H. Lyle, filed a joint bankruptcy petition last month to alleviate $229,592 in unpaid loans and credit-card debts, records show.

The bankruptcy petition was filed in Houston on Dec. 5. The Dallas Morning News obtained a copy of the petition this week.

Ms. Gonzalez and Lyle own a home in the Houston area but list addresses as a Dallas post office box and her parents' home in San Antonio. Neither could be reached for comment, the newspaper reported Saturday.

The couple listed assets of $254,026. Among the debts listed were a $120,000 mortgage on their Sugar Land home, $40,000 in loans on the cars and boat and $56,000 in charges on nine credit cards.

If successful, the bankruptcy petition would allow the couple to retain most of their personal property and wipe out their debts.

Ms. Gonzalez resigned from her $192,950-a-year superintendent's job amid allegations of corruption and sexual harassment by the district's chief financial officer, Matthew Harden Jr.

Among the allegations were that Ms. Gonzalez lied to news reporters about spending $12,000 on her office renovation when she knew that the actual cost was closer to $92,000.

In October, Ms. Gonzalez pleaded guilty to submitting phony invoices to have the school district pay for $16,000 worth of ornate furniture for her apartment and office. She is scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 4.

Houston attorney Kenneth Thomas, who filed the bankruptcy petition, said he could not discuss specifics.

"About all I can say is you're talking about people who have had perfect credit for 25 years," Thomas said. "She was out of work with really no prospects. She really felt she had no choice."

## Mexico small plane crash kills 2

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A small private airplane crashed in the northern state of Tamaulipas on Friday, killing two passengers and injuring the six other passengers and crew, Red Cross officials said.

The eight-seater narrowly missed a house when it crashed near Altamira, Tamaulipas, after departing Houston on a flight to the Gulf coast city of Tampico.

"The plane fell on the edge of a wide lake and skidded along the ground for about 150 meters," said Guillermo Mayorga, director of the Red Cross in Altamira, 230 miles northeast of Mexico City.

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# SPORTS

## WTC opens 1998 with 86-65 victory

ODESSA — Following a long break from action and an eventful week leading up to their first contest of the new year, the Lady Westerners were ready to get back on the floor — and it showed.

Western Texas College, after a week of three-a-day workouts, trounced Rose State, 86-65, Friday night.

Perhaps the biggest surprise about the Lady Westerners fifth win of the season is that it came without the services of leading scorer Whitney Kimbley.

Kimbley, a six-foot freshman from Lubbock, quit the team last Saturday.

But rather than giving up, WTC played inspired basketball.

"The girls have really pulled together," WTC coach Valery Jackson said. "We had a tough week of practice and our leading scorer quit, but the girls have really rallied around each other and are working hard."

The hard work showed on Friday.

The Lady Westerners shot 50 percent from the field, including eight three-pointers.

But despite the hot shooting, WTC held only a 36-33 advantage at halftime.

"We went in at halftime and made some adjustments against their (Rose State) zone trap," Jackson remarked. "We came out much more relaxed in the second half and played well."

The Lady Westerners wore down Rose State in the second half, as 6-2 Pamela O'dhuougo dominated the inside.

The freshman post from Nairobi, Kenya fiished with 18 points, while hauling in 18 rebounds.

WTC's Latasha Vizcorrondo posted a game-high 20 points, with Lacedra Miller pouring in 12 more.

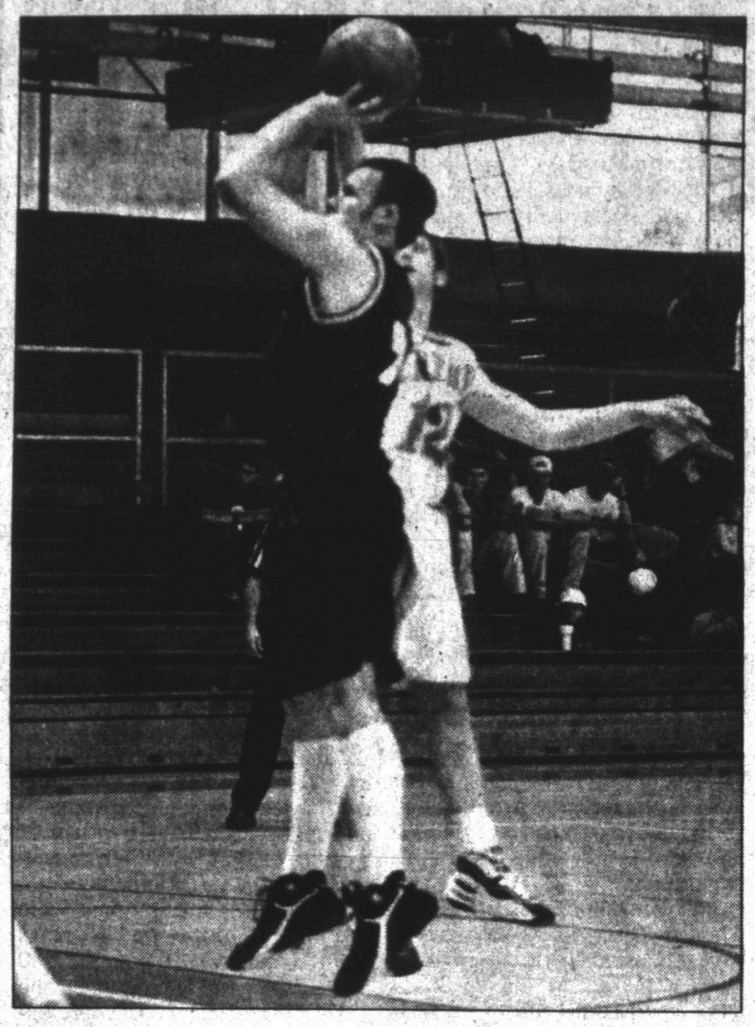
The Lady Westerners, now 5-8 on the season, will take part in the Southwestern Athletic Womens Basketball Conference Classic, beginning Monday in Waco.

The three contests in Waco will be the final tune-ups for WTC before opening conference play Jan. 12 at home against New Mexico.

WTC — Wells 3 2-2 9, Otouro 2 2-4 6, Shuttlesworth 2 0-0 6, O'dhuougo 6 6-10 18, Miller 4 1-5 12, Hanna 3 1-2 9, Kilibwa 3 0-0 6, Vizcorrondo 8 4-4 20.

ROSE STATE — Henderson 2 0-0 4, Hodges 5 0-0 13, Cook 4 0-0 10, Robinson 2 0-2 4, Jolley 3 0-2 6, Noble 1 0-0 2, Mathis 2 0-1 5, Haldt 0 4-6 4, T. Carter 1 1-2 3, R. Carter 3 4-6 10, Davis 1 2-2 4.

Half-time score: WTC 36, Rose State 33. Three-point goals: WTC 8 (Miller 3, Hannah 2, Shuttlesworth 2, Wells); Rose State 6 (Hodges 3, Cook 2, Mathis).



STOP AND POP — Snyder senior Chad Carter pulls up for a jump shot Friday during the Tigers' contest at San Angelo Central. Snyder rallied from an 11-point deficit to down the Bobcats, 58-53. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Tigers rally to top SA Central, 58-53

SAN ANGELO — The Tigers got their revenge on the Bobcats.

The Snyder Tigers avenged a season-opening loss to San Angelo Central by rallying to down the Bobcats, 58-53, Friday.

"We played much better against their (Central) zone defense than we did last time," Snyder coach Bud Birks said. "Our guys never gave up. We kept battling the whole game."

After trailing by 11 points at one time, Jimmy Taylor scored on a layup to give the Tigers their first lead of the contest at 47-46 with 6:09 remaining in the game.

Then three minutes later, with the score knotted at 49-49, Justin McNair got an open look from three-point range and buried the shot for a 52-49 Snyder advantage which it would never relinquish.

The Bobcats trimmed the margin to 54-52 with 1:21 left, but Tyler Warren drained two free throws to give the Tigers some breathing room.

Snyder, which was only 13 of 32 from the free-throw line, connected when it counted.

Down the stretch the Tigers made six of eight attempts from the charity stripe to preserve the victory.

"Neither team shot the ball very well from the free-throw line," Birks stated. "But we made some key ones near the end."

Another key to the Tigers' success was the defensive play on Central shooter Jason Brumm, according to Birks.

"The last time we played them, Brumm had a lot of points in the fourth quarter," the Snyder coach remarked. "But we held him to only seven points and that was important for us."

Central held a 15-7 first-quarter lead and a 28-23 advantage at halftime, before the Tigers made their rally in the second half.

The victory improves Snyder's mark to 10-8 on the season, entering Tuesday's contest with Andrews at the SHS gym.

The match-up with the Mustangs will be the Tigers' last before opening district play Jan. 13 at Frenship.

SNYDER — Fabre 1 0-0 3, McNair 4 1-2 13, Warren 0 2-2 2, Riggins 2 2-4 6, Carter 1 1-3 3, Taylor 9 6-19 24, Mandrell 1 0-0 2, Smith 2 1-2 5. Totals 20 13-32 58

CENTRAL — Brumm 2 2-2 7, Fields 8 7-20 25, Rodgers 2 0-1 4, Patyrak 2 2-2 6, Chadwick 3 1-2 7, Keim 1 2-2 4. Totals 18 14-30 53.

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| Snyder | 7 | 16 | 18 | 17 | — 58 |
| Central | 15 | 13 | 14 | 11 | — 53 |

Three-point goals: Snyder 5 (McNair 4, Fabre); Central 3 (Fields 2, Brumm). Total fouls: Snyder 26, Central 24. Fouled out: Snyder — Fabre, Riggins, Cobb; Central — Rodgers, Patyrak.

## WSU's Leaf opts for draft

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Ryan Leaf led Washington State to its first Rose Bowl in 67 years. He won't try for a second one.

The strong-armed quarterback said Friday he will pass up his senior year to enter the NFL draft.

"I've accomplished as much as I could in college football," he said. "The next challenge is the NFL."

Leaf said he made up his mind well before his team lost to Michigan 21-16 Thursday in the Rose Bowl.

He said he consulted with some top pro and college quarterbacks, and agent Leigh Steinberg came to his home in Great Falls, Mont., during Thanksgiving.

He finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting last month and has been projected as a high first-round draft pick, and could be the first quarterback chosen.

An unusually big quarterback — 6-foot-6 and 240 pounds — Leaf was a fiery, inspirational leader this season. And his departure ends a great year for Washington State, which went 10-2 and gained a No. 8 ranking.

He set Pac-10 records with 3,637 passing yards, 33 touchdown passes and 3,583 yards of total offense. The Cougars averaged 42 points and 502 yards of offense a game.

Leaf holds school records for 305 yards passing in one half, 58 career touchdown passes and five touchdown passes in one game, among others.

## Michigan, Nebraska split title

NEW YORK (AP) — Who's No. 1?

Michigan, after a close call in the Rose Bowl, or Nebraska, after routing Tennessee in the Orange Bowl?

Both.

For the third time in the 1990s, college football's national title was split — Michigan (12-0) was declared the overwhelming No. 1 in The Associated Press poll and Nebraska (13-0) narrowly finished atop the coaches' poll early today.

In the AP poll, the Wolverines won their first national championship in a half century by a margin more convincing than their 21-16 Rose Bowl victory over Washington State.

Michigan received 51½ first-place votes and 1,731½ points from a national panel of 70 sports writers and broadcasters in winning its first AP championship since 1948. Going into the bowl games, Michigan led Nebraska by 68 first-place votes and 68 points.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, Nebraska had 32 first-place votes and 1,520 points; Michigan 30 first-place votes and 1,516 points. Before the bowl games, Michigan led the Huskers by 45 first-place votes and 47 points.

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said that while he was disappointed with the split, "we're still thrilled to be honored by The Associated Press."

"When you consider all, the great teams that we've had at Michigan, and the fact it's been 50 years in a rich football tradition since we've won it ... I think every guy who has played at Michigan takes great pride in this."

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said today, "It certainly is most gratifying. Most all of us were in doubt. From our standpoint, it couldn't have worked out any better."

"I'm really pleased for the University of Michigan, strangely enough," Osborne said. "They very much deserve to be national champions. I have respect for both polls. ... You just wish there was one (poll) or a playoff."

The Cornhuskers closed the gap considerably from the AP's final regular-season poll, but still fell short, getting 18½ first-place votes and 1,698½ points.

In the final poll, Michigan came out ahead by 33 first-place votes and 33 points. Seven voters split their ballot.

Following the Rose Bowl, Michigan quarterback Brian Griese asked: "Is there anything else you want us to do?"

The AP poll voters answered: No.

The coaches disagreed.

It was the Cornhuskers' 42-17 win over Tennessee that allowed coach Tom Osborne a share of the national title - he's won three in four years - in his final game before retiring.

"There's quite a bit of cheering and hugging, even a few tears and a whole lot of screaming," Osborne's son, Mike, said. "It's quite a way to go out. A big night."

The other split polls occurred in 1990 and 1991; Miami was the AP champion and Washington No. 1 in the coaches' poll in '91; and Colorado was No. 1 in the AP poll while the coaches had Georgia Tech in '90.

The rest of the AP poll had Florida State (11-1), a 31-14 winner over Ohio State in the Sugar Bowl, No. 3, followed by No. 4 Florida and No. 5 UCLA. The Gators (10-2) beat Penn State 21-6 in the Citrus Bowl and the Bruins (10-2) beat Texas A&M 26-23 in the Cotton Bowl. The Seminoles finished in the top four an 11th consecutive season.

North Carolina (11-1), a 42-3 winner over Virginia Tech in the Gator Bowl, was No. 6, followed by No. 7 Tennessee (11-2), No. 8 Kansas State (11-1), No. 9 Washington State (10-2) and No. 10 Georgia (10-2). Kansas State beat Syracuse 35-18 in the Fiesta Bowl and Georgia topped Wisconsin 33-6 in the Outback Bowl.

Auburn was No. 11, followed by Ohio State, LSU, Arizona State, Purdue, Penn State, Colorado State, Washington, Southern Mississippi, Texas A&M, Syracuse, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma State and Georgia Tech.

The Wolverines, coming off four straight four-loss seasons, were ranked No. 14 in the preseason poll and steadily moved up, reaching No. 8 after opening the season with a 27-3 win over Colorado and climbing to No. 4 after a 23-7 victory over Michigan State on Oct. 25.

## Osborne's Huskers roll over Volunteers

MIAMI (AP) — The Nebraska Cornhuskers made Tom Osborne's final Orange Bowl memorable, and this time he settled for a tie.

Nebraska and Michigan shared the national championship in the final rankings by the two major polls released today.

Hours after beating Tennessee 42-17 in Osborne's last game, the Cornhuskers finished a distant second to Michigan in the Associated Press poll, receiving 18½ first-place votes to the Wolverines' 51½. But Nebraska was crowned the champion in the coaches' poll with 32 first-place votes to Michigan's 30.

Ahman Green sparked the victory over Tennessee with an Orange Bowl-record 206 yards and two touchdowns, while the Cornhuskers limited Peyton Manning to 134 yards passing in his final college game.

"I don't think there's anybody out there with a clear conscience who can say that Nebraska and that great man Tom Osborne doesn't deserve a national championship for this — at least a share," quarterback Scott Frost said.

Osborne, who announced his retirement Dec. 10, finished a 25-year career with a record of 255-49-3, including 60-3 in the past five years. Nebraska won the national title in 1994, capping a perfect season with an Orange Bowl victory, and again in 1995.

Against Tennessee, Osborne's play-calling clicked. Frost threw for 109 yards in the first half before Nebraska's vaunted running game buried the Volunteers in the second half.

Green, named Nebraska's most valuable player, finished with 29 carries and broke the Orange Bowl record of 205 yards set by Roland Sales of Arkansas against Oklahoma in 1978.

The Cornhuskers' pass rush, meanwhile, forced Manning to hurry his throws. The All-American completed 21 of 31 passes, but with a long gain of just 20 yards, and he was replaced by Tee Martin with four minutes remaining.

"Tom Osborne, in his last game, had them ready to play, and they whipped us," Manning said. "As a senior it's disappointing to go out on this note. But it can't overshadow the great things we've done this year."

### NCAA BASKETBALL SCORES

EAST
Boston U. 79, Maine 64
Drexel 76, Vermont 74
Hofstra 81, Hartford 75, OT
La Salle 72, Villanova 65
Northeastern 58, New Hampshire 56
Wagner 64, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 63
SOUTH
Davidson 79, W. Carolina 57
Southern Miss. 74, N. Iowa 49
MIDWEST
Purdue 83, Minnesota 79
SOUTHWEST
No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.
FAR WEST
Portland St. 83, CS Northridge 75
Santa Clara 70, Belmont 44

### SDN Sports Week

**Saturday**
Snyder 9th, JV and varsity girls at Big Spring, 3 p.m., 4:30, 6 p.m.

**Monday**
WTC at SAWBC Classic, Waco.
Snyder 7th, 8th and 9th girls at Colorado City, 5 p.m., 6:15, 7:30.
Colorado City at Snyder 7th, 8th and 9th boys, 5 p.m., 6:15, 6 p.m.
Grady at Ira Jr. High, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday**
WTC at SAWBC Classic, Waco.
Snyder JV and varsity girls at Lamesa, district opener, 5 p.m., 6:30.
Andrews at Snyder JV and varsity boys, 6 p.m., 7:30.
Loraine at Ira varsity girls and boys, 6:30, 8 p.m.
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# SPORTS

## Broncos to battle Chiefs and noise at Arrowhead

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Eleven vs. 80,011 hardly seems fair.

So Denver coach Mike Shanahan says he has a secret plan to handle the noise in Arrowhead Stadium, a deafening din which a Kansas City opponent once described as "like sticking your head in a jet engine."

"Obviously, I'm not going to tell you what we're going to try to do to neutralize it," said Shanahan, whose Broncos were 1½-point underdogs in Sunday's second-round playoff game against the Chiefs.

"To play at Arrowhead, you get behind, they put you in passing situations, and it's really tough on the quarterback regardless of how good your offensive line is," said Shanahan. "The defensive line gets an extra jump, which is one of the advantages of having home-field advantage."

The Chiefs (13-3) were unbeaten in Arrowhead for the second time in three years and believe they have the best home-field advantage in the NFL.

"We all know that Arrowhead Stadium is a special place," said Chiefs' coach Marty Schottenheimer. "The best scenario for us is every time they are about to snap the ball, our fans treat it as though it was fourth and one at our 1-yard line and the game was on the line. If in fact they create that kind of sound, it's going to make it harder on their running game."

Terrell Davis' sore ribs may be a bigger hindrance to the Denver rushing attack. After rushing for 1,750 yards and proving once again he's one of the NFL's finest runners, Davis bruised his ribs in last week's playoff victory over Jacksonville.

"The injuries I'm getting now I've had before, so I know how to treat them and I somewhat know what time they will come back," said Davis. "And this one came back fairly quick."

The two AFC West teams, who've developed a heated rivalry in recent years, split twice in the regular season, each winning at home. The Chiefs' 24-22 victory in November meant the difference between this game being played in Kansas City instead of Denver. One minute after Jason Elam's field goal had put the Broncos on top 22-21, Rich Gannon took the Chiefs down field to set up Pete Stoyanovich's 54-yard field goal as time expired.

It was the second-longest field goal in NFL history to win a game as time expired, and it triggered a six-game winning streak for the Chiefs.

"It reconfirmed what we have believed for a long time," said Schottenheimer. "That is, if you just keep sawing wood you've got a chance for good things to happen. It was kind of a reaffirmation."

Defense seems to favor the Chiefs, who led the NFL in points allowed with 14.5 per game. Offensively, the Broncos bristle with weaponry, starting with quarterback John Elway, who passed for more than 3,500 yards in his 15th season.

One edge definitely in the Broncos' favor is quarterback playoff experience. The Chiefs will start Elvis Grbac, who missed six games with a broken collarbone and did not look sharp when he hit just 4 of 15 passes in the regular-season finale against New Orleans.

"My feeling is that he's ready to play and ready to perform in a winning fashion," said Schottenheimer. "You can have as great a quarterback as ever played, but if the people around him aren't getting the job done, well..."

**Tampa Bay at Green Bay**

Call this one the Temperature Bowl.

Packers quarterback Brett Favre has never lost a home game when the game-time temperature is below 35 degrees and the Bucs have never won a game anywhere when the temperature was below 40 degrees.

In Green Bay in January, where the Packers have won 26 straight games and never lost a playoff game, the edge would have to belong to Favre. The first-ever three-time MVP led the NFL with 35 TD passes and became the first quarterback with four straight 30-TD seasons.

If the Packers have a weakness if might be rushing defense, where they were No. 20 in the league. That plays into the hands of the Bucs, especially offensive Rookie of the Year Warrick Dunn (1,440 yards) and Pro Bowl fullback Mike Alstott.

## Auburn nabs win over Clemson in Peach Bowl

ATLANTA (AP) — Dameyune Craig showed the knack he's had all year for pulling out the close ones. The Auburn defense offered a preview of the way the team will have to win without him next season.

Craig rallied No. 11 Auburn for 15 fourth-quarter points and the defense allowed just 146 yards Friday in a 21-17 victory over Clemson at the Peach Bowl.

Auburn (10-3) gave up three blocked punts and manufactured just six points through three quarters, but rallied to give coach Terry Bowden his first 10-win season since he went 11-0 in his first year, 1993.

Linebacker Ricky Neal had 12 tackles and Auburn gave up just four first downs despite playing without two starters, who Bowden sent home for breaking team rules on New Year's Eve.

Meanwhile, for the third straight year, Clemson (7-5) opened the season 3-3, rallied to make a bowl, then got there and lost.

This defeat capped a frustrating season in which Clemson came close to reaching the next level, losing by just a touchdown to the top teams in the Atlantic Coast Conference, Florida State and North Carolina.

"This was a very important game for our seniors," said Clemson coach Tommy West. "They wanted to prove themselves and go out with a victory. But, they still have done so much for our program. We are really going to miss them."

Almost as much as Bowden will miss Craig.

The senior quarterback threw for 258 yards on just 15-for-45 passing, but showed the resilience that led Bowden to base his entire offense around the quarterback when Patrick Nix left two years ago.

Craig led Auburn on drives of 72, 49 and 54 yards in the final quarter to help the Tigers overcome a 17-6 deficit.




This year marks the 24th time that the New York Giants have made the NFL playoffs. It ties them with the Dallas Cowboys, who this season didn't make the playoffs for the first time since 1990.

## Suns burn Mavs, 92-85

PHOENIX (AP) — Jason Kidd showed the Dallas Mavericks he can make up for a poor shooting night.

Kidd put the finishing touches on his 17th career triple-double with two rebounds and four free throws in the final minutes of the Phoenix Suns' 92-85 victory Friday night that extended Dallas' losing streak to 14 straight games.

Kidd finished with 20 points, 14 assists and 12 rebounds against his former team, but shot only 7-for-22 (32 percent) with seven turnovers.

"I see how Rex (Chapman) and the rest of those shooters feel," Kidd said. "But, you know, I had some good looks, and a lot of them were going in and out; and my teammates and the coaching staff were telling me to keep shooting, because Dallas was letting me shoot tonight, and I had to make them pay as much as I could."

He got help when needed — Chapman broke an 81-81 tie with a 3-pointer late in the game — and the Mavericks had their own shooting problems, making 42.3 percent.

Kidd got a defensive rebound after Michael Finley missed a 14-foot jumper with 44 seconds remaining.

The Suns called timeout, and a layup by Steve Nash off an assist from Cedric Ceballos gave Phoenix an 88-85 lead with 27 seconds remaining.

Kidd sealed the win with four free throws in the final 17 seconds, and Dallas missed its last six shots.

"We seem to find a way not to be successful, but the effort is really there, and we did a lot of good things," said Mavericks general manager and coach Don Nelson Sr., who hired his son Donn Nelson, a Suns assistant coach for 2½ years, as Dallas scouting director before the game.

Finley had 19 points for Dallas, and Samaki Walker had 15 points and 12 rebounds.

## Stars trip Islanders

DALLAS (AP) — With high-scoring forwards Mike Modano, Joe Nieuwendyk and Greg Adams out with injuries, the Dallas Stars have been getting goals from unlikely sources.

Checking forwards Grant Marshall and Todd Harvey provided the offense and backup goalie Roman Turek made 17 saves as the Stars stretched their unbeaten streak to a season-high eight games with a 2-1 victory over the New York Islanders Friday night.

Turek was filling in after Belfour had started nine straight, as Turek played in his ninth game of the season and 15th of his NHL career.

Turek was headed for his first career shutout until Claude Lapointe's shot from the right circle went into the net off teammate Ken Belanger's glove for Belanger's second goal of the season with 8:11 to play.

"Roman doesn't play as much as Eddie but we have confidence in both of them," said Marshall. "Roman's biggest attribute is his confidence. We're a defensive-minded team and they back us up."

The Stars improved to 5-0-3 in their last eight games and 16-3-3 in their last 22. Dallas had come away with ties in its previous three games.

The Islanders lost their sixth straight.

Modano was scratched from the lineup due to knee problems. Modano played in Wednesday night's 2-2 tie with the Los Angeles Kings after missing 10 games with a torn knee ligament, but the knee was sore the next morning game and Modano sat as a precautionary measure.

Modano and Nieuwendyk are expected to play during a two-game road trip that begins tonight at Carolina.

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**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miami | 20 | 10 | .667 | - |
| NewJersey | 17 | 13 | .567 | 3 |
| NewYork | 17 | 13 | .567 | 3 |
| Orlando | 17 | 14 | .548 | 3½ |
| Boston | 15 | 14 | .517 | 4½ |
| Washington | 16 | 17 | .485 | 5½ |
| Philadelphia | 8 | 22 | .267 | 12 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 21 | 10 | .677 | - |
| Indiana | 20 | 10 | .667 | ½ |
| Atlanta | 19 | 11 | .633 | 1½ |
| Charlotte | 19 | 11 | .633 | 1½ |
| Cleveland | 18 | 11 | .621 | 2 |
| Detroit | 15 | 17 | .469 | 6½ |
| Milwaukee | 14 | 16 | .467 | 6½ |
| Toronto | 4 | 27 | .129 | 17 |

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| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SanAntonio | 19 | 11 | .633 | - |
| Utah | 19 | 11 | .633 | - |
| Houston | 16 | 11 | .593 | 1½ |
| Minnesota | 15 | 15 | .500 | 4 |
| Vancouver | 10 | 22 | .313 | 10 |
| Dallas | 5 | 26 | .161 | 14½ |
| Denver | 2 | 27 | .069 | 16½ |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Seattle | 25 | 6 | .806 | - |
| L.A.Lakers | 24 | 7 | .774 | 1 |
| Phoenix | 19 | 9 | .679 | 4½ |
| Portland | 18 | 11 | .621 | 6 |
| Sacramento | 12 | 20 | .375 | 13½ |
| GoldenState | 7 | 22 | .241 | 17 |
| L.A.Clippers | 7 | 24 | .226 | 18 |

**Thursday's Game**

Philadelphia 115, Vancouver 104

**Friday's Games**

Indiana 99, Washington 81
Boston 93, Minnesota 89
New Jersey 103, New York 98
Cleveland 81, Orlando 71
Charlotte 99, Miami 88, OT
Detroit 91, Toronto 88
Chicago 114, Milwaukee 100
San Antonio 85, Portland 69
Houston 116, Denver 115, OT
Phoenix 92, Dallas 85
Seattle 90, Philadelphia 73
L.A. Lakers 116, Atlanta 106
L.A. Clippers 94, Golden State 79
Sacramento 94, Vancouver 80

**Saturday's Games**

Toronto at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Utah, 8 p.m.
Boston at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**

Phoenix at Washington, noon.
Seattle at Vancouver, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

### NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 23 | 10 | 7 | 53 | 118 | 86 |
| NewJersey | 25 | 12 | 2 | 52 | 117 | 80 |
| Washington | 18 | 15 | 8 | 44 | 112 | 110 |
| Florida | 15 | 20 | 7 | 37 | 107 | 120 |
| N.Y.Rangers | 12 | 18 | 12 | 36 | 104 | 114 |
| N.Y.Islanders | 15 | 21 | 5 | 35 | 106 | 116 |
| TampaBay | 9 | 23 | 8 | 26 | 72 | 117 |

**Northeast Division**

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Montreal | 22 | 15 | 6 | 50 | 123 | 103 |
| Pittsburgh | 21 | 12 | 8 | 50 | 112 | 93 |
| Boston | 17 | 16 | 8 | 42 | 101 | 103 |
| Ottawa | 18 | 18 | 5 | 41 | 99 | 93 |
| Carolina | 15 | 21 | 5 | 35 | 104 | 114 |
| Buffalo | 14 | 19 | 7 | 35 | 94 | 105 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dallas | 26 | 9 | 7 | 59 | 130 | 86 |
| Detroit | 25 | 10 | 8 | 58 | 145 | 104 |
| St.Louis | 22 | 15 | 6 | 50 | 124 | 108 |
| Phoenix | 18 | 16 | 7 | 43 | 116 | 109 |
| Chicago | 14 | 18 | 8 | 36 | 92 | 93 |
| Toronto | 13 | 19 | 7 | 33 | 90 | 114 |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Colorado | 21 | 8 | 13 | 55 | 126 | 99 |
| LosAngeles | 16 | 17 | 7 | 39 | 112 | 114 |
| SanJose | 15 | 20 | 5 | 35 | 98 | 109 |
| Anaheim | 13 | 21 | 7 | 33 | 95 | 125 |
| Edmonton | 11 | 21 | 9 | 31 | 95 | 124 |
| Calgary | 11 | 23 | 8 | 30 | 106 | 128 |
| Vancouver | 11 | 23 | 6 | 28 | 109 | 141 |

**Thursday's Games**

Florida 2, New Jersey 1, OT
Washington 3, Anaheim 2
Ottawa 0, Boston 0, tie
Toronto 3, Chicago 3, tie
Phoenix 4, Los Angeles 0

**Friday's Games**

Colorado 2, Buffalo 2
Florida 2, Tampa Bay 2
San Jose 4, Detroit 1
Dallas 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Montreal 5, Edmonton 3

**Saturday's Games**

San Jose at Boston, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 6 p.m.
Anaheim at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**

Los Angeles at Edmonton, 3 p.m.
Anaheim at Florida, 5 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 7 p.m.

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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**Sunday, Jan. 4**
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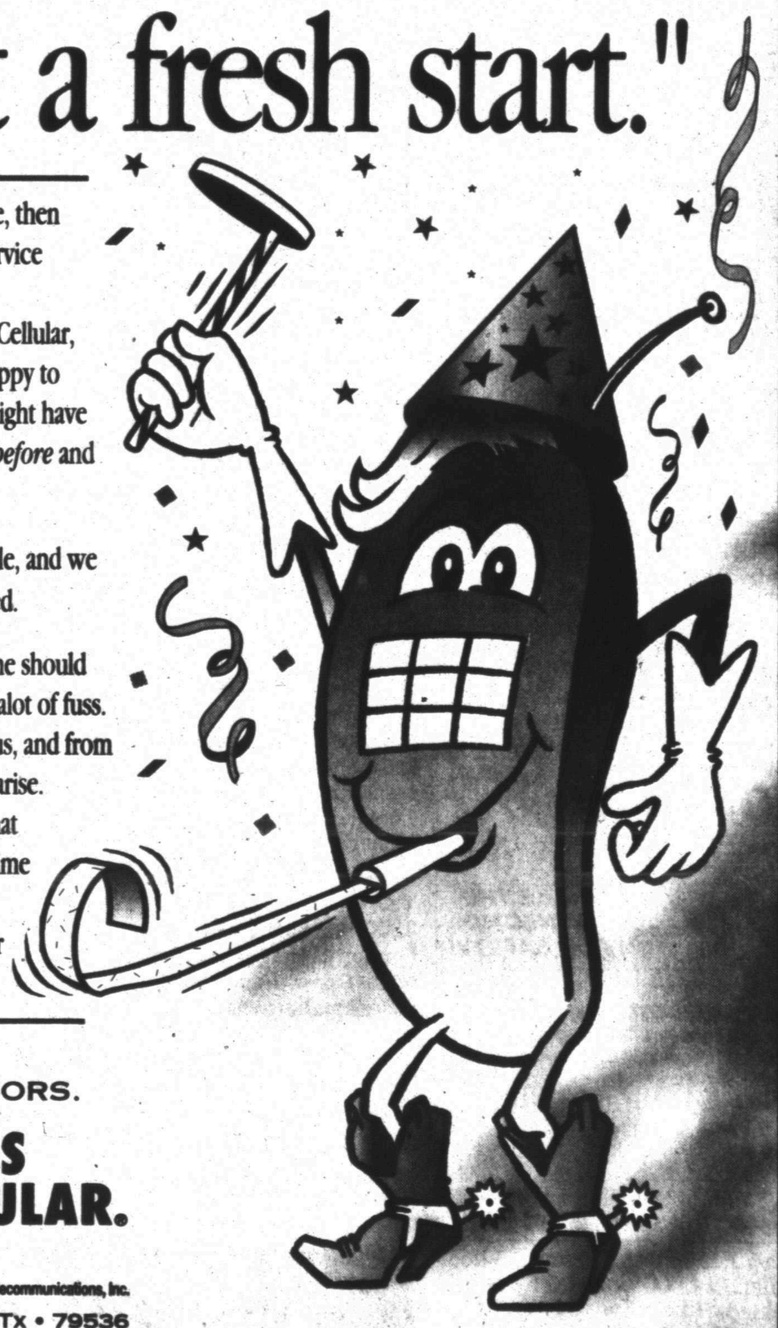
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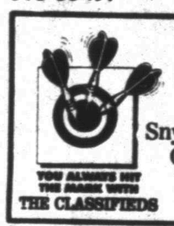
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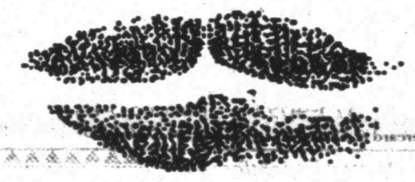
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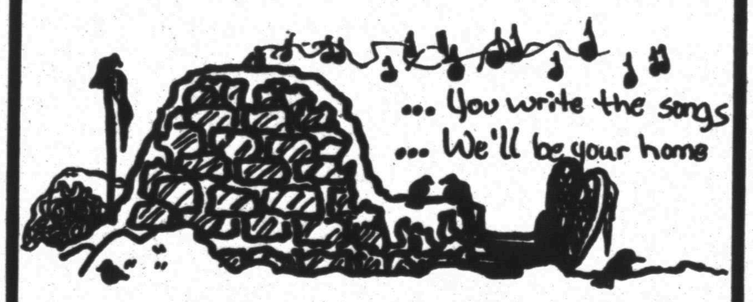
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CLONED — Seven-month old Dolly the sheep looks toward the camera on Feb. 25, after it was revealed that she is the first animal to be genetically cloned from adult cells. (Photo Provided By NEA)

# Reagan's words reveal belief in American dream, humor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Age and illness have silenced Ronald Reagan. But a book of his words since leaving the White House bangs a familiar drum, replaying his steadfast belief in the American dream, his hopes for the nation and ever-present self-effacing humor.

After being asked to speak in March 1991 at George Washington University, at whose hospital he was treated following an assassination attempt, the former president said he wondered whether it had anything to do with his bill. "I was all prepared to plead my case: I've recently lost my job and before that I was in public housing for eight years," he told the students.

Reagan really liked the "public housing" quip. It is in five of some 50 post-presidential speeches highlighted in "A Shining City: The Legacy of Ronald Reagan," being released on Feb. 6, the former president's 87th birthday.

The book spans six years between Reagan's farewell address in January 1989, when he said "All great change in America begins at the dinner table," to November 1994 when he wrote a letter to the American people disclosing that he suffers from Alzheimer's disease.

It provides a parting legacy of the 40th president, a former Hollywood actor whose gentle delivery soothed audiences during his two-term presidency in the 1980s.

Reagan made his last public speech on Feb. 3, 1994 at a Republican National Committee event in Washington. After that, he gave a private speech to a business group and made audio and video tapes for charitable and political causes.

The book includes Nancy Reagan's remarks at the 1996 Republican National Convention when she told a teary audience how "Ronnie's spirit, his optimism, his never-failing belief in the strength and goodness of America, is still very strong," but that his illness is a daily reminder of a "very long good-bye."

The book also has dozens of tributes to Reagan from friends, world leaders and Washington figures.

"Ronald Reagan's basic beliefs were truly that — beliefs. And because he was a believer he did not suffer from the dismal plague of doubts which has assailed so many politicians in our times and which has rendered them incapable of clear decisions," wrote former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

ABC News reporter Sam Donaldson said Reagan saved his job in 1981. ABC executives were not amused when the combative Donaldson fired questions at Reagan after he spoke at the opening of a new network building in Washington.

"So fire me," Donaldson replied, lightheartedly.

"That's not a bad idea," an ABC executive shot back.

But Donaldson said Reagan stepped in with words of support. "Oh, that's all right," the president said. "That's just the way Sam is."

The Reagan speeches are replete with the president's favorite themes: anti-communism, freedom, hope and the American dream.

# Stolen VCR recovered

An attempt to steal a VCR from Wal-Mart landed two people in jail Friday afternoon.

Shortly before 3 o'clock, dispatchers received a call from the store saying a man had walked out with a VCR and driven off in a two-door Toyota. A store employee followed the man in his own vehicle until he lost track of the Toyota around 35th Street.

A check of the license plate indicated the man lived in the 2000 block of 26th Street.

A short time later, the 35-year-old man was seen at Timely Finance in the 1900 block of 25th Street, along with a 32-year-old female.

The man was identified and arrested. He was charged with Class B theft, resisting search, possession of drug paraphernalia and an outstanding county warrant for theft of service.

The woman was arrested for probation violation on an original charge of misdemeanor theft.

Both remained in jail Saturday morning.

Two other people were arrested late Friday night by DPS troopers.

A 39-year-old male was arrested on Highway 84 at 10:45 p.m. for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended, while a 22-year-old male was arrested at 11:44 p.m. on Highway 350 on an outstanding county warrant for no driver's license.

Late Friday afternoon, officers filed a report for indecency with a child. A woman went to the police department at 5:40 p.m. and spoke with an officer about an incident that had occurred with her child. The case is still under investigation.

In other activity Friday, deputies and DPS troopers were dispatched to a residence in Round Top Acres around 5 p.m. in regards to a custody dispute.

An officer was requested in the 3400 block of Avenue G at 7:26 p.m. as somone had gone through a pickup and taken some cigarettes.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 11:37 p.m. from the 2200 block of O'Neil.

Officers responded to a report of an assault at 12:16 a.m. Saturday in the 2100 block of Gilmore. The subject said he did not know who had assaulted him, and he refused medical treatment.

Officers were called to Cogdell Hospital's emergency room at 12:37 a.m. Saturday in reference to a female being treated for an assault. An offense report for family violence was submitted.

# Long-distance providers seek to block district judge's ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — AT&T, MCI and Sprint are trying to block regional Bell telephone companies from taking advantage of a judge's ruling and going into the long-distance business in competition with them.

The three companies jointly asked U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall of Wichita Falls, Texas, on Friday to stay his decision overturning a key provision of a 1996 telecommunications law. Lawyers for the federal government plan to make the same request Monday.

Although the court ruling does not allow all five regional phone companies to jump immediately into the $80 billion long-distance business, AT&T took a beating on Wall Street on Friday amid worries the No. 1 long-distance company could be facing more competition.

There is agreement among the regional providers and the federal government that Kendall's surprise ruling Wednesday gives only two of the Bell telephone companies — SBC Communications and US West — an unobstructed path to compete in the long-distance market, assuming the ruling is upheld after a certain appeal.

"This decision is not binding nationwide. Rather, it binds the companies that were party to it," Federal Communications Commission Chairman Bill Kennard told reporters.

Kennard also said he does not foresee SBC and US West plunging into the long-distance business anytime soon. "We expect that there will not be an effort to get into long-distance until there is clarity from the court," he said.

The court ruling could spur a flurry of copycat lawsuits as Bell companies scramble to win free entry into the long-distance business.

# Candidates

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Heading the state GOP ticket, Bush is trying to become the first governor re-elected to a second consecutive term in more than 20 years. The last was Democrat Dolph Briscoe, in 1974. Also running for governor in the GOP primary is R.C. Crawford, a Round Rock contractor.

Four-term Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, who twice headed President Clinton's campaigns in Texas, is alone in seeking the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

The lieutenant governor's race drew two officeholders: Comptroller John Sharp, a Democrat, and Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, a Republican. Incumbent Democrat Bob Bullock is retiring.

The race for attorney general will have one of the largest fields of candidates after incumbent Democrat Dan Morales opted against seeking a third term.

Seeking the Republican nomination are former Supreme Court justice John Cornyn, former party chairman Tom Pauken and Williamson. On the Democratic side, candidates are Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Morris Overstreet, former attorney general Jim Mattox and Gene Kelly of Universal City.

The race for comptroller drew one candidate in each party: Republican Carole Rylander, currently a railroad commissioner, and Democrat Paul Hobby, son of former Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

Two Republicans are vying for the nomination to replace Perry as agriculture commissioner, Susan Combs of Austin and Hamp Hodges of Paris. State Rep. Pete Patterson of Brookston and consultant Ernesto De Leon of Brownsville are seeking the Democratic nomination.

With Garza's exit, the GOP primary for land commissioner is a three-way race: David Dewhurst, a Houston businessman; state Sen. Jerry Patterson of Pasadena; and Don Loucks of Bastrop. State Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Benavides, is seeking his party's nomination to succeed Mauro in the job.

The Libertarian Party, which nominates candidates via conventions rather than a primary, said six candidates had filed for statewide posts: Louis Anthony Myrick, Houston, and Lester R. Turlington Jr., Pasadena, for governor; Jimmy T. LaBaume, Alpine, agriculture commissioner; Mike Angwin, Houston, attorney general; Alex Monchak, Webster, comptroller; and Jim Spurlock, Fort Worth, Railroad Commission.

The primary elections are set for March 10. Early voting is Feb. 23 through March 6.

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agreement which saved an estimated 60 jobs.

Finally, Scurry County United Way reached its goal for the first time in several years and year-end charitable projects headed by the Rotary Club, Kiwanians and Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts helped feed families and insure kids got toys for Christmas.

Here are some other events which shaped the final four months of 1997.

**September**

—Roy Baze, longtime civic leader, announced his retirement from the Development Corporation of Snyder board after 4½ years. During his time on the board, the DCOS opened an office at American State Bank, purchased 310 acres for an industrial park and successfully recruited Lorber Industries as the park's first tenant.

—Belinda Flores was named 1997 Guadalupe Diez y Seis queen and Juanita Moran was named princess.

—Denise Brown, sister of the late Nicole Brown Simpson, was in Snyder in September for a Noah Project-West fund-raiser and to speak out against spousal abuse.

—Brooke McQuire was named Snyder High School homecoming queen.

—Esther Martinez was named 1997 Hermleigh homecoming queen and Ricky Luna was chosen football hero.

**October**

—Hayley Smith was named Ira High School homecoming queen.

—David Cotton was named to the DCOS board to fill the unexpired term vacated by Roy Baze.

—Jerry Corkran, director of the Developmental Reading Center at WTC, was named Developmental Educator of the year by Texas Association of Developmental Education.

—Gregory Greuben, Crane County Extension Agent, was named Scurry County agent.

—Snyder Chamber of Commerce named three new directors: Wade Hatter with Picture This, Mark Cypert with Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home and Brenda Hedges, owner of Advantage Capital.

—Junior High assistant principal Roy Rosson resigned to accept a position with the Windham School District at the Pirce Daniel Unit. In December, high school counselor Dixie Haggard was named to replace him at the junior high.

**November**

—Kerry Bredemeyer, elected in May to the District 3 city council post, resigned after moving to Hermleigh, out of the district.

—Similarly, Hermleigh ISD trustee Chip Roemisch resigned when his job with Anadarko Petroleum was relocated to Coahoma. In December, Alan Clup, an employee of Production Builders, was named to replace Roemisch on the board.

—After preparing for more than a year, Western Texas College had its visit from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Local officials pronounced it a positive report.

—The newly-renovated planetarium opened at Western Texas College, just in time to present "A Christmas Story."

—Winter "officially" hit Snyder on the Nov. 15-16 weekend when temperatures dipped to 27 degrees, with a windchill factor of around 12.

—Snyder FFA brought home three national team championships from the National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

—Snyder Chamber elected officers for the year: Keith Hackfield, president; Trent Driggers, president elect; C.R. Perez, vice president; and Elois Pruitt, secretary/treasurer.

—United Way went over the top, collecting just over $62,000. The goal was $60,000.

—Britt Canada, director of technology, was presented with the Phi Theta Kappa Founder's Day award at Western Texas College.

—It was announced that the First Lady of Texas, Laura Welch Bush, will be the featured speaker at the chamber of commerce banquet in March.

—Jack Callaway was named the Fireman of the Year at the annual Thanksgiving Banquet. A number of other awards were also given.

**December**

—The Board of County Development, in a year-end "spending spree," gave $35,000 to WTC to help with a distance learning program, $9,150 to the Scurry County Producers Association to help bring an entomologist to the county, and $1,000 to the Upper Colorado SWCD.

—Filing began for the March 10 primaries and two officeholders, Pct. 4 County Commissioner Jerry Gannaway and District Clerk Elois Pruitt, announced they would not seek another term.

# Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



## Educate yourself on drug interactions

DEAR DR. GOTT: From whom can I learn how to take pills? I am on six different medicines a day and fear that when I take the pills together, they may interact badly.

DEAR READER: This is a reasonable question. Many doctors share your concern that multiple drugs could interact and cause harm.

Start with your pharmacist. He has the knowledge to help you. In complex situations, he has many sources of information available to him. Or, you might prefer to check with your primary care physician, although in my experience, pharmacists are more reliable in this regard.

In addition, here are two resources that I find invaluable:

(1) "The Complete Guide To Pills," edited by Brenda Adderly (Affinity Communications Corp., 1996).

(2) "PDR Companion Guide" (Medical Economics Co., 1998).

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband is a heavy smoker. In bed at night, the smell of nicotine on him is unbearable. Am I in danger when I inhale the odor of nicotine?

DEAR READER: You're not smelling nicotine, which has a very faint odor. What you are smelling are the residues of tobacco smoke on your husband's skin and in his hair. By itself, this situation is harmless; that is, you won't become ill by smelling tobacco odor. However, I am concerned about the potential consequences of "secondhand" smoke. When your husband lights up, he is not the only one smoking. Everyone in his environment shares his cigarette. Many medical studies have documented the dangers — especially to children — of such passive smoking, which can increase the incidence of upper respiratory infections and cause other health problems.

Therefore, I believe that the thrust of your objections should be directed at what your husband does when he is awake, not how he smells when he's asleep. He should stop smoking if he cares about his health and the well-being of those around him. At the very least, he should confine his smoking to agreed-upon areas: certain rooms in the house or, better yet, the great outdoors.

To give you more information, I am sending you my Health Report "Living with Chronic Lung Disease." 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: When my son was diagnosed with Lyme disease, he was prescribed atabrine because the doctor said that the Lyme microorganism is similar to the parasite that causes malaria.

DEAR READER: This is sheer foolishness. Not a single Lyme authority advises therapy with anti-malaria drugs; rather, doxycycline and amoxicillin are the antibiotics of choice. Your son should be under the care of another physician who is more familiar with the treatment of this tick-borne infection.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband is 73 and is in ill health from diabetes, strokes, Parkinson's disease and cancer of the bowel in remission. Recently, he passed blood in his urine. A test for infection was normal, as was a kidney X-ray. Now the doctor wants to examine his bladder using a tube through the penis. My children say that we shouldn't put my husband through such testing now, but if it's really needed later, they'll reconsider. What do you advise?

DEAR READER: Unexplained bleeding into the urine could be due to a bladder tumor. (Other common causes were ruled out by the tests your husband had.) The best way to diagnose bladder cancer is by cystoscopy, the test you mentioned. At the time of the procedure, a tumor, if present, can be removed. Your husband's doctor is correct in suggesting this type of surgery. Because untreated bladder cancer will grow larger over time, the cystoscopy should be performed early, not after several months when the therapy is more difficult. Thus, based on the information you supply, I recommend the surgery.

Nevertheless, I am in sympathy with your children. Your husband's health is not good; I suspect that the quality of his life suffers. Under these circumstances, the case could be made that further intervention would be cruel. Your husband has, in a sense, suffered enough; maybe it's time to let go and allow nature to take its course.

Does this sound insensitive? I hope not. Many older people — especially those in poor health — tell me that they just want to be left alone to die in peace. They fear that aggressive medical treatment is more geared toward cheating death than prolonging a useful life. They point out that for all of us, the time eventually comes when we say, "Enough is enough."

Speaking as a physician, I believe that your husband should have surgery. Viewed from the patient's perspective, perhaps he shouldn't. This is a decision that you, your husband and your children should make together. Such a decision, which is momentous, can only be made when you have complete information about his health, the risks of surgery and his prognosis. Your husband's doctors can supply this information and assist the family in resolving the difficult issue you raised.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 72 and in good health. I never had high blood pressure before last year. My hypertension has not responded to medicine and my doctor isn't certain how to proceed. Why would a woman my age suddenly develop a blood pressure problem?

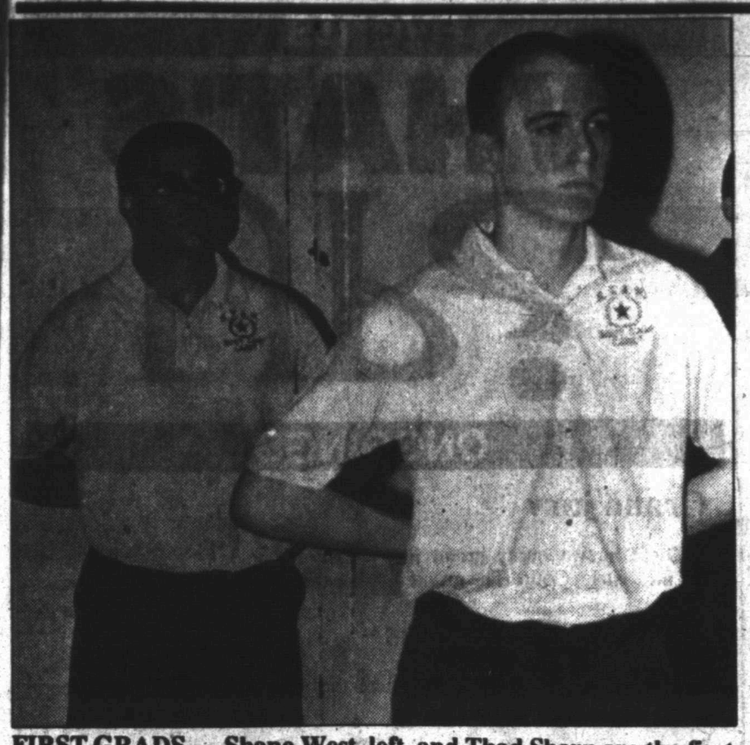
DEAR READER: Hypertension can result when circulation to one of the kidneys is reduced. In children, this is usually the fault of a congenital kidney malfunction; in older adults, it is commonly caused by arteriosclerotic blockage in a renal artery. Therefore, the appearance of sudden hypertension in the young or the old mandates further testing, which usually includes arteriography (X-rays of the renal circulation).

For the vast majority of hypertensives, who develop their disease gradually starting in midlife, kidney problems are not to blame and the blood pressure usually can be controlled with medicine. However, so-called reno-vascular hypertension is extremely difficult to control with drugs. The treatment of choice is surgical: to repair the artery and/or remove the blockage.

I'll bet the farm that you have an unusual but curable form of hypertension. You definitely need further testing. Discuss this with your doctor and let me know what he says.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Hypertension." 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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FIRST GRADS — Shane West, left, and Thad Sharp are the first graduates of the STAR Program. (SDN Staff Photo)



## STAR program

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better change that if I was to ever get out of the program."

It is obvious that West's attitude did change, as he has been allowed to knock a couple of weeks off his time.

West has gone so far as to say the program has literally saved his life.

He, too, acknowledges the sacrifices other family members have had to go through since he was assigned to the program.

"Everyone has had to go out of their way for the stupid mistakes I've made," said West.

His father has to take him to school in time to be in formation with the others at 5:30, and sometimes he has had to make arrangments for other family members to pick him up after school when his dad has to work in the evenings.

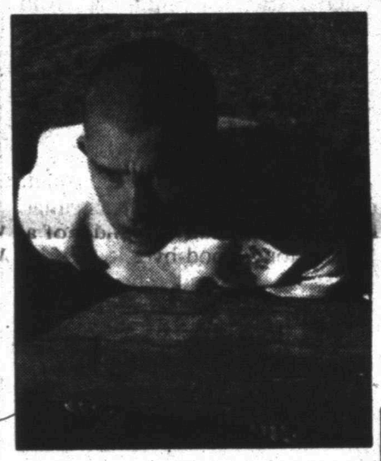
Physical training plays a major part in the STAR program and both Sharp and West have said they will continue to follow some kind of physical fitness program.

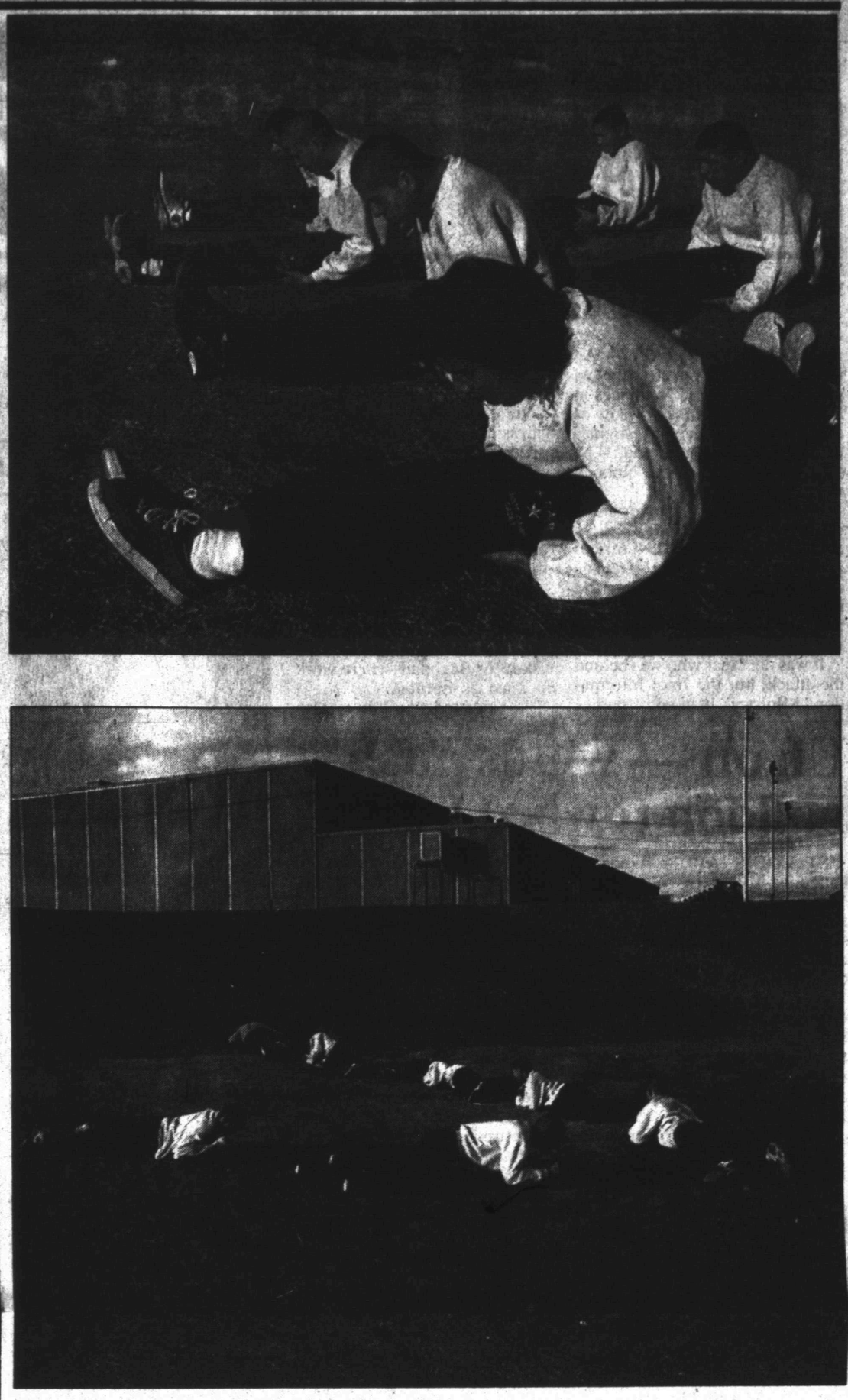
Barrera said he felt that both young men had benefitted by being in the program.

"We'll be watching over the long term, said Barrera.

There have been as many as 19 students in the program at one time during the first semester — some for as short a period as a day or two.

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# Unarmed grenade fired at U.N. offices

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An unarmed rocket-propelled grenade fired into U.N. offices in Baghdad shattered the window of an empty cafeteria and slightly damaged walls, Iraqi and U.N. officials said Saturday. Nobody was injured.

The Iraqi government condemned the Friday night attack, the second on U.N. offices in three months. The grenade carried no explosives and thus did not blow up when it struck the building, which houses U.N. weapons inspection offices.

It was not clear who was behind the attack, but the Iraqi Information Ministry blamed "parties which do not want a stable relationship between Iraq and U.N. weapons inspectors."

"Iraq denounces the hostile aggression at the U.N. weapons inspectors' headquarters," the ministry said in a statement.

The White House also condemned the attack. "We expect a thorough and swift investigation," spokesman Joe Lockhart said in Washington.

Iraqi authorities tightened security Saturday around the U.N. inspectors' compound on the outskirts of Baghdad, where work continued as normal.

The targeted building also houses offices for humanitarian workers and for the U.N. food distribution program, Denis Halliday, a U.N. representative in Baghdad, said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

# Uh oh — winds push balloon toward Libya

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A hot-air balloonist trying to become the first to circle the globe without stopping picked up altitude and sped over Europe Saturday, trying to avoid an unsanctioned crossing of Libya.

At 8:30 a.m. CST, 53-year-old Chicago millionaire Steve Fossett had passed over Germany and was flying along the southeast border of the Czech Republic at 80 mph and climbing to an altitude of 24,000 feet.

But his fourth bid to finish his around-the-world quest was threatened because Libyan officials have refused him permission to fly over the North African country, the British Broadcasting Corp. reported. With current weather patterns, he would pass over Italy and the Mediterranean Sea directly toward Libya.

"The pilot has several options to change directions," said Fred Volkmann, vice chancellor at Washington University in St. Louis, where the flight team is based. "A lot depends on wind patterns. But right now, landing is not an option."

Volkmann said the flight team had not been notified that Fossett was forbidden to enter Libyan air space, and was still seeking permission. But Fossett picked up altitude to try to fly over Egypt instead.

"They have made every change possible in his flight level to avoid entering Libyan air space," said Tim Cole, the flight team's chief engineer.

"Steve is taking it matter-of-factly," said Alan Blount, director of the flight's mission control. "He's realistic."

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## Obituaries



Antonia Renteria

### Antonia Renteria

1924-1998

MONTERREY, Mexico — Funeral service was set for 10 a.m. Saturday in a Monterrey church for Antonia Villarreal Renteria. Burial was to follow in a Monterrey cemetery.

Mrs. Renteria, 74, died Thursday, Jan. 1, in Monterrey following a sudden illness.

Born on Jan. 17, 1924 in Reynosa, she married Baudeleo Renteria in October, 1939. He survives. Mrs. Renteria was a homemaker.

Other survivors include six daughters, Juanita Castillion, Yolanda Gutierrez, Francisca Molinar and Dora Garza, all of Snyder, Rosa Espinoza of Florida and Mary Rodriguez of Monterrey; three sons, Frank Renteria and Enrique Renteria of San Antonio and Baudelio Renteria Jr. of Monterrey; a sister, Aurora Alvarez of Tampa, Fla.; 32 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.



Barbara Ann Washington

### Ms. Washington

1953-1998

GILMER — Barbara Ann Scott Washington, the daughter of Bobby Gene Scott of Snyder, died Thursday, Jan. 1, in Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview following a lengthy illness. She was 44.

Service is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Kingdom of Jehovah Witness in Gilmer. Burial will follow in the Gilmer City Cemetery under the direction of Turner Brothers Mortuary.

Ms. Washington was a 1972 Snyder High School graduate.

Other survivors include her son, Tavoy Scott of Gilmer; three brothers, Douglas C. Scott of Killeen and David C. Scott of Dublin, Ga. and Bobby Scott Jr. of Huntsville; two sisters, Mrytis Kay Scott of Big Spring and Terri Anita Wells of Snyder; her grandmother, Myrtis Esley of Gilmer; five stepbrothers; two stepsisters; and two grandchildren.

### Zed Randolph

1916-1998

ROTAN — Zed C. Randolph, 81, of Rotan died Thursday, Jan. 1, in the Fisher County Hospital.

Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Rotan Church of Christ with Werth Mayes officiating. Burial was to follow in the Belvieu Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

He was born on March 7, 1916 in Paris, Tex., the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Coleman Randolph. He married Maudie Ramage on Jan. 2, 1937 in Snyder. They moved to the Hobbs Community in Fisher County and farmed three years before moving to Rotan in 1956.

Mr. Randolph was employed by the City of Rotan for 25 years before retiring. He was a member of the Church of Christ and the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1995.

Survivors include a son, Troy Bruce Randolph of Rotan; a daughter, Beverly Landes of Rotan; a sister, Janice Hodges of Snyder; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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## events WHAT'S UP?

### ONGOINGS

### Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury will convene at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court. The grand jury is expected to consider 11 cases.

### Weather alert sirens

Snyder Fire Department will test the weather alert sirens at noon Monday, weather permitting.

### Bible study video tapes

Mike Tackett of Merkel appears on the Key to the Kingdom series, airing weekly on Cable Channel 2. Robert Oglesby of Richardson narrates The Story of the Bible. The next video, "Attitude of Obedience," airs at 7 p.m. Monday, followed by Lesson 5 of The Story of the Bible.

### Driver's license office

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

### Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

### Tiger banners for sale

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

### 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.

### Volleyball team fund-raiser

Snyder High School Lady Tigers volleyball team is selling 'Win Win Discount Cards' good through Nov. 30, 1998. The cards are $5 each and can be obtained from players, boosters or at the school office. The cards entitle the bearer to discounts at a number of local businesses.

### College information Hotline '98

The Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC) and the Greater East Texas Servicing Corporation will co-sponsor a toll-free HOTLINE. 1-800-347-3475 will be available on Jan. 17-18, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., to all Texans who desire to find out more about post-secondary educational opportunities and financial aid options.

Students and their parents will be able to ask questions about college selection, admission, testing and financial aid.

Spanish speaking counselors will also be available.

### Circus Gatti

Scurry County Sheriff's Posse will be sponsoring the annual Circus Gatti productions in mid-February. Representatives from the production will work on ticket sales in the coming weeks.

### Pick 3

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

3-7-4

(three, seven, four)

### Cash Five

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

2-3-7-17-35

(two, three, seven, seventeen, thirty-five)

# Local official indicted in massacre in Mexico

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, Mexico (AP) — A federal judge has indicted the top county official in southern Chiapas where 45 Mexican villagers were massacred last month. Despite his connections, prison authorities say Jacinto Arias Cruz is not getting special treatment.

Arias Cruz, the head of Chenalho county in southern Chiapas state is charged with causing injuries, criminal association and illegal weapons possession in the Dec. 22 massacre in Acteal, prosecutors said Friday.

Arias Cruz and 45 other men held in connection with the massacre are being treated like ordinary prisoners at Cerro Hueco prison — sleeping on concrete bunks, two to an 8-by-10-foot cell, prison director Eduardo Coutino Arrazola said.

Witnesses said Arias Cruz supplied weapons to the attackers, according to Roberto Villarreal, spokesman for the Attorney General's Office.

Survivors of the slaughter and local Roman Catholic Church officials in Chiapas state have accused members of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, of complicity. Prosecutors said Arias Cruz, a PRI supporter, would not be eligible for bail.

Prison officials said Arias Cruz has denied responsibility for the massacre and refuses to speak with press.

Cerro Hueco prison once had a fearsome reputation as a place where local Indians were held without formal charges for months, with no access to lawyers who spoke their Mayan languages.

But the prison, which holds 870 inmates, also features a huge, park-like exercise yard where prisoners can lift weights and buy cigarettes, chewing gum and toothpaste.

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# Alton Davis longtime supervisor of Snyder Cemetery

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**Scurry County Folks**

by Shirley A. Gorman

Though he was a cowboy who had ranched all of his life, Alton Davis changed jobs in 1958 and has never had any regrets.

For nearly 40 years, Alton has been the supervisor at Snyder Cemetery, and he has enjoyed every minute of it.

Though the years have slowed his gait and heart problems have forced him to let younger workers handle the maintenance, Alton continues to supervise two to three workers. Two men work this time of year but a third is added during the summer months.

This July, he will have logged 40 years at the cemetery which today encompasses 48 acres. He was hired on July 10, 1958 and after two months was promoted to supervisor.

When he began the job, the cemetery had 33 acres. More acreage was added in later years. He has developed about five acres himself, including doing much of the curb work. That's something he is very proud of.

Alton also left the roads wide so two vehicles could park side by side, and he created a numbering system for each grave plot.

He has buried more than 990 people during the past 40 years.

A hard worker all of his life, Alton has always expected the cemetery crew to do the same. Two men worked for him for 23 years, but some didn't stay 24 hours.

He always advised his helpers to smile at people and treat them with respect, which is the way any business should be, and that's the way people have always treated him, Alton said.

Today, a backhoe is used to dig graves. But for 20 years, they dug them by hand, Alton said, sometimes as many as three a day. It was hard work but he said they were "hardened to it."

Alton recalled one mixup where he had been told to dig the grave in the wrong place. That mistake was later corrected in time for the burial.

The grounds also have to be maintained. For years, Alton and his crew used push mowers, but now they have riding mowers.

The money they collected went to the cemetery, but occasionally Alton received a tip which he was allowed to keep.

Alton has sold monuments for Rawlins Monuments for 35 years. The company was started in 1884. Perhaps the most unusual monument he ever sold cost thousands of dollars and was shipped from India. It took a year to get it to Snyder.

He already has a monument in place for he and his wife.

Louise originally worked for Rawlins Monuments, which is headquartered in Weatherford, and Alton took over for her when she wasn't able to continue.

Hard work and Alton are not strangers. He was a veteran cowboy when he was hired by the cemetery.

He grew up on a ranch and had worked on ranches from south of Coleman to Albany, including the 76 Ranch where he was the foreman.

Alton worked for one rancher who had a reputation for being "hard to work for." Alton stayed with him eight years and called him "the best man I ever worked for."

Another time he worked for a rancher who hired him at $40 a month but promised an extra $10 if he "would make me a hand."

Alton described him as "a hard-nosed boss who had no respect for his men." He promised Alton a section of land if he remained on the job for 10 years.

Alton told him, "I wouldn't work for you for 10 years even if you gave me the deed to your ranch."

A cowboy all of his life, a drought and a case of the mumps caused him to change professions.

Alton had worked some eight years as a cowboy in Crosby County when a drought set in, and "ran us out." He later contracted the mumps and couldn't work. He and his wife, Louise, came to Snyder in 1957 because their son, Tommy, lived here.

Alton was hospitalized for a time with the mumps. When he was discharged, he said their son encouraged them to remain in Snyder.

He applied for the cemetery position and was hired out of 36 applicants. Settling into city life required quite a change for the couple, who had lived and worked on ranches where lodging was provided. Some had not had running water.

He said they had to get used to the concept of paying rent. Alton kept his saddle for two years because he wasn't sure he was going to like working at the cemetery. But he needn't have worried. Everything worked out well.

Alton said the cemetery board members have always treated him well and allowed him to be his own boss.

He later sold his saddle and chaps but kept his spurs. He gave his bull whip to the son of one of the men he had worked for near Crosbyton.

Louise was a "good cowhand" — so good, that Alton said he "would rather work with her than any man."

Louise rodeoed, entering flag racing events. Alton said he never rodeoed.

They met on a blind date in Coleman County and were married in Santa Anna, 62 years ago as of October of 1997. They still receive that town's newspaper. A neighbor reads the paper to Louise, who is blind and wheel-

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**LONGTIME SUPERVISOR — Alton Davis has been the supervisor at Snyder Cemetery for nearly 40 years. He is standing in part of the area he has developed. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)**

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APRIL WEDDING SET — Shawn and Teresa Ragland of Snyder announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Dawn Ragland, to Brandon Jon Martin. He is the son of Terry and Martha Martin of Snyder and Allen and Nancy Hamilton of Lancaster. Miss Ragland and Martin are planning a 7 p.m., April 4 ceremony to be held in the First Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)





"MEMORIES" MUSIC PROGRAM — At two concerts on Dec. 13 at the First Baptist Church, Lynn Bethel's Studio of Music presented "Christmas Memories." A reception was held in the garden room between the concerts. Pictured from left, in the top photo are, bottom row, Laura Lyn Landa, Sydney Wright, Ashley Hyer, Erin Hogan; middle row, Jerin Tyler of Post, Whitley Fulford, Ashlye Amox, Marleah Akins; top row, Claire Pollard, Glyn Wright, Danisha Akins, Heather Zajicek; in the bottom photo are, bottom row, Jerica Tyler of Post, Megen Lee, Justin Stoker; middle row, Jami Nell Thackerson of Colorado City, Stormy Clark, Jessica Sollis and Bailey Stoker; top row, Cozy Jones, Karomy Drum and Cole McLeod. (Contributed Photo)

## Bride: diamond choice and care

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Buying the Ring

— Budget about two months' salary and go for the best diamond you can get for the money.

— Learn the "4C" basics to determine diamond quality — cut, color, clarity and carat weight. Two diamonds of the same size may not necessarily be of equal value.

A quality brilliant-cut diamond has 57 or 58 facets, or planes, that allow light to reflect through and bounce off the gem, providing its legendary fiery sparkle. It can be round, marquise, pearl, oval, emerald or heart-shaped.

The ideal color is a lack of color, because that allows for maximum reflection and refraction of light. White diamonds are color-graded on a letter scale beginning with D, the most superior and colorless grade. Lesser grades may be tinged with yellow or brown. Fancy diamonds, however, can be many other colors in strong, pure tones, such as canary, pink or blue.

Clarity, obviously, means the stone has no external flaws like chips or pits and few internal ones, called inclusions. Most diamonds do have some inclusions; the fewer and smaller they are, the better the clarity.

The carat is simply the weight. One carat is 1/142nd of a standard ounce, or in jewelers' terms, 100 points.

— Get an idea of what she'll like. Maybe she's already hinted her tastes. But if she hasn't, watch her reactions to other women's engagement rings or get cues from friends or relatives.

— Find a reputable jeweler. If you already know of one whose reputation and judgment you trust, you're set. If not, research by asking friends who've already made a diamond purchase. A good jeweler knows you're making a major investment and will take time to explain the diamond's quality.

Taking care of the diamond

— Once you've got it on your finger, you may not want to take it off. But your diamond ring does need periodic cleanings to keep it looking its brilliant best, says the DIC.

You can give it a bath in a small bowl of warm water and mild liquid detergent, using a soft brush, such as a toothbrush. Then rinse under warm, running water (put it into a strainer first to avoid dropping it down the drain). Pat it dry with a soft, lint-free cloth.

An alternative is a cold soak with a 50-50 solution of water and household ammonia. After 30 minutes, lift it out and gently tap around the front and back of the mounting with a small brush. Swish the piece in the solution once more, then drain it on a paper towel. Rinsing isn't necessary.

Other methods include using a prepared liquid jewelry cleaner recommended by your jeweler, or an ultrasonic cleaning machine.

— Protect your diamond by not wearing it when you do the dishes or rough work of any kind.

## Williamson to celebrate 95th birthday with a party Jan. 10

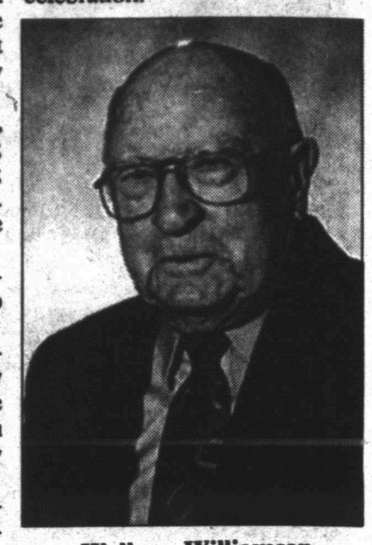
Wallace Williamson of Snyder will be honored on Jan. 10 at a reception from 2 to 3:30 in the multipurpose building of East Side Church of Christ, hosted by his grandchildren.

Donny Williamson of Derby, Kan.; Jim Williamson of Snyder; Candy Baggett of Carrollton; Nanette Barton of Orlando, Fla. and Tim Williamson of Dallas are his grandchildren.

Born on Jan. 17, 1903 in Johnson County, he grew up in Bono and moved to Snyder in 1995.

Mr. Williamson was an orginial director for Johnson County Electric Company. He is an active member of the East Side Church of Christ and the Scurry County Senior Center.

In addition to his five grandchildren, he has 10 great-grandchildren and they invite all his friends to join in the birthday celebration.



Wallace Williamson

# Community Calendar

**MONDAY**

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

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

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 Department Auxiliary; Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 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**

First Presbyterian Women's Group; MAWC; 12:30 p.m.

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; MAWC; "Community Gardening in Lubbock," by Jerry Sears; hostesses, Pam Browning and Mary Ann Key; 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.

Deep Creek Chapter 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**

Defensive Driving Course; Snyder Savings and Loan; no reservations necessary; call 573-2850 for more information; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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.

Clearance Sale

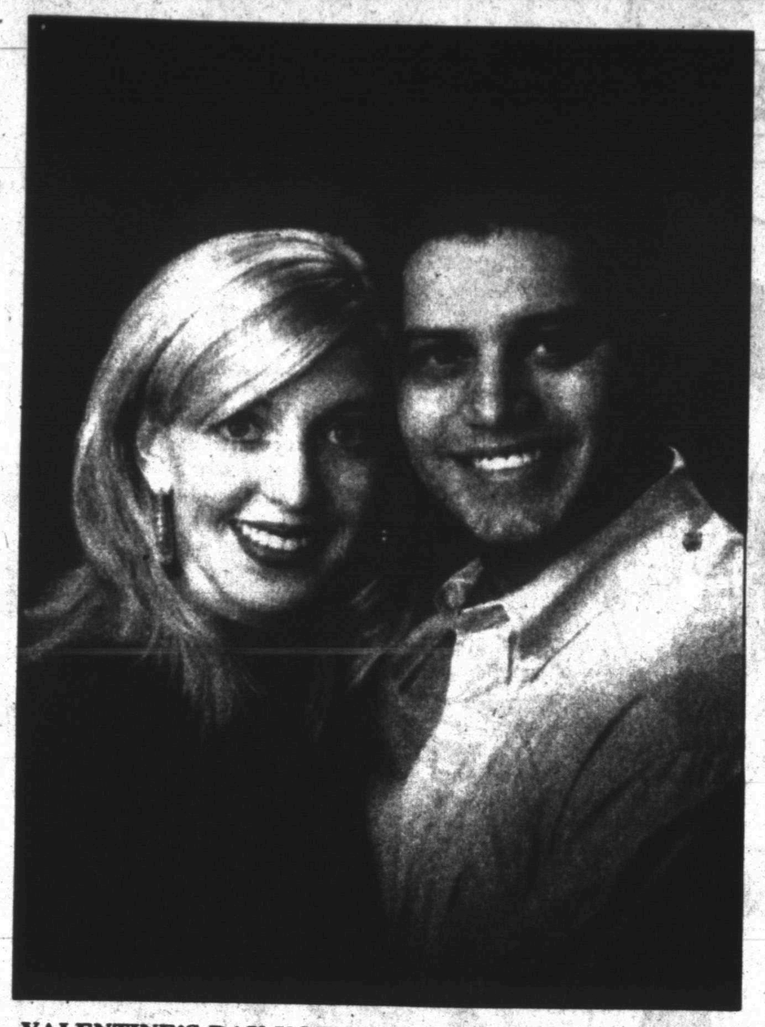
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VALENTINE'S DAY VOWS SET — Brenda Meurer of Austin and Dennis Meurer of Snyder announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Weber, to Matt Cardenas. They are planning a Feb. 14 wedding in Lubbock. The future bride is the granddaughter of Bud and Betty House of Ira. The prospective groom is the son of Bobby Cardenas of Levelland and David Cardenas of Lubbock. Stephanie is employed by Texas Tech University Health Science Center and Matt is employed by St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

## Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 01-01-98
♠ J 8 7 3
♥ A 2
♦ K Q J 5
♣ J 6 4

West
♠ A 6 5
♥ 6 5 4 3
♦ 3 2
♣ K 10 8 2

East
♠ K 10 9 2
♥ K 8 7
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ Q 5

South
♠ Q 4
♥ Q J 10 9
♦ A 6 4
♣ A 9 7 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♣ 2

### The defense of last year

Every year, the International Bridge Press Association gives awards for the best-bid, best-defended and best-played deals. Here is the second of these.

To test yourself, cover the West and South hands. South is in three no-trump, having shown a balanced 12-14 points with four hearts. Your partner (West) leads a fourth-highest club two: four, queen, ace. Declarer plays a heart to dummy's ace and another heart. You duck this round but must win the third after dummy releases a spade. What now?

Sitting East was Gunnar Hallberg. He is a Swedish international who spends most of his time playing rubber bridge at the TGR club in London. The journalist award went to Robert Sheehan for his write-up in The Times.

The key deduction is that declarer must have the diamond ace. If he didn't, he would have attacked that suit immediately, while the heart ace was still in the dummy as an entry. And if South holds the diamond ace, he already has eight tricks in the bank: three hearts, four diamonds and one club. Thus, if East returns a club, the play many would make, it establishes dummy's jack as declarer's ninth trick.

Hallberg also realized South needed the spade queen for his opening bid, so leading that suit was fruitless. Instead, Hallberg switched to the diamond 10. It was such a harmless-looking play, but it destroyed declarer's communications.

If South won in hand and played a club toward dummy's jack, he would never score the fourth heart. And he couldn't cash the fourth heart first, because dummy didn't have a card to spare. Try it and see.

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# Plan now for better gardens

By JAMES E. WALTERS

PHOENIX (AP) — Same-type vegetables will ripen about the same time. So if you don't want everything ready at the same time, space the planting time.

Precise dates for planting seeds or setting out transplants will vary with your climate and what you are growing, but the days from planting to harvest will be about the same everywhere for a particular variety. Make the calculations now before planting your next garden.

Beets take about 60 to 90 days from sowing to first picking.

Thus, if you plant one-third of the seed packet at the recommended time, another one-third 20 days later and the final portion after another 20 days, the harvest will be extended by that time frame.

Once some are ready, others will be every 20 days.

Successive plantings are effective with crops such as beets, lettuce, green onions, carrots and radishes. But it is worth the trouble with just about everything, even flowers.

Divide the seed packets by four or five, or even in half, if this works better for your purpose.

Since taste is the best reason to grow vegetables at home, harvesting over a long period is a big plus. It does require some planning based on knowledge of how vegetables ripen. But understanding the process is not difficult.

First, many vegetables have early-, mid- and late-season varieties. Tomatoes are notable examples, and most catalogs and nurseries list them for sale that way.

The general guidelines will be in reference books. More precise information for a specific variety will be in the seed catalogs or on the seed packet or transplant labels.

Look for things like "ready to harvest in about 50 days" or "ready to pick in about 70 days after setting out transplants."

Be sure to select varieties adapted and recommended for your region and keep within the recommended range for soil moisture and temperature.

Remember that sellers routinely tend to be overly optimistic. So add about a week to the catalog, packet or label estimates. Then allow for some plants of the same variety to mature later or sooner than others.

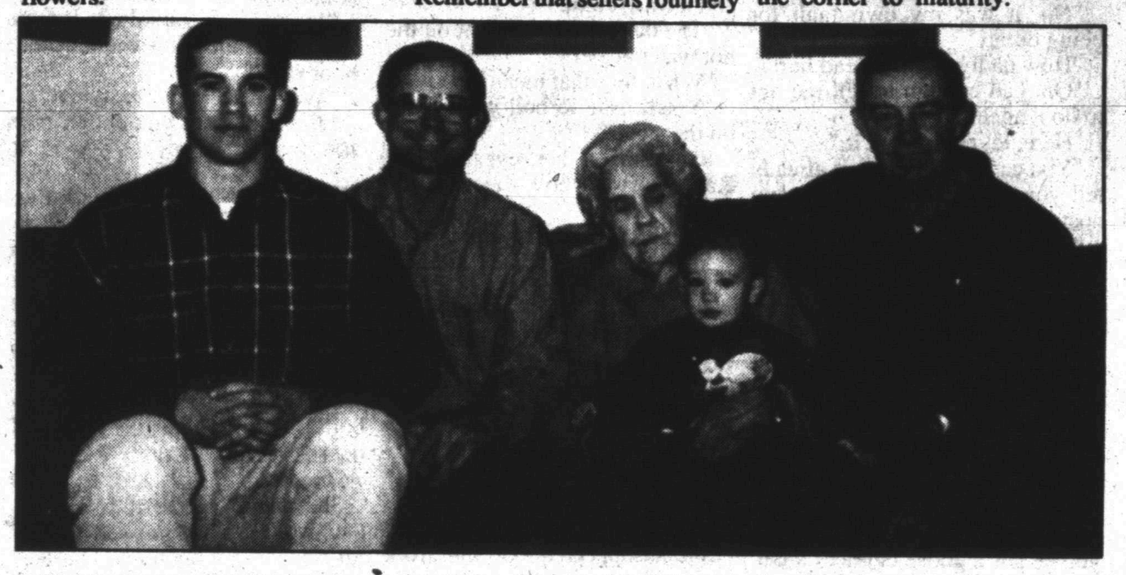
The nearest cooperative extension office or university agriculture department will have authoritative information.

In my garden, green onions for eating (scallions) and green peppers or tomatoes provide an example of a simple crop rotation. In season, scallions develop from onion sets in a few weeks (seeds also work well). So I prepare a 4-foot by 10-foot raised bed and divide it into three sections.

The first bed is harvested first, then the second and then the third. This sequence continues until higher temperatures rule out further onion planting.

How do you know it's harvest time?

Every experienced gardener has a long list of things to look for in making that decision. Frequent sampling is probably easiest, since most vegetables taste best when fully developed before they turn the corner to maturity.



FIVE GENERATIONS — Five generations of the Key family gathered for the Christmas holidays. Opal Key of Snyder is pictured holding her eight-month-old great-great-grandson, Hunter Key of Lubbock. Others from left are Reagan Key of Lubbock, her great-grandson; Wesley Key of Snyder, her grandson, and Leroy Key of Snyder, her son. (Contributed Photo)

## Snyder School Menu High School & Junior High

All meals are served with choice of milk. All breakfasts are also served with assorted cereal, toast and juice.

BREAKFASTS
MONDAY
Holiday
TUESDAY
Donut
WEDNESDAY
Breakfast Pizza
THURSDAY
Scrambled Eggs
FRIDAY
Cinnamon Roll
LUNCH
TUESDAY
Corn Dog
Pizza
Tossed Salad
Macaroni & Cheese
Fruit Cocktail
WEDNESDAY
Taco Salad
Enchilada Casserole
Lettuce & Tomato
Pinto Beans
Corn Bread
THURSDAY
Chicken Fried Steak
Homemade Roll
Barbecued Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Cream Gravy
Peas & Carrots
FRIDAY
Patty Melt
Chicken Burger
Tater Tots
Ranch Style Beans
Peaches

Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Pinto Beans
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
FRIDAY
Chili Dog
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Tater Tots
Applesauce

## Ira School Menu

MONDAY
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Cowboy Cookies
TUESDAY
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Green Beans
Vegetable Salad
Italian Bread
Peaches
WEDNESDAY
Vegetable Stew
Cheese Slice
Crackers
Peanut Butter Sandwiches
Apple Crisp
THURSDAY
Chicken Patties w/Gravy
Sliced Potatoes
Vegetable Salad
Rolls
Rice Krispie Treats
FRIDAY
Beef Nachos
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Crackers
Brownies

## Snyder School Menu Elementary

All breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast, fruit juice; all meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Holiday
TUESDAY
Donut
WEDNESDAY
Breakfast Pizza
THURSDAY
Scrambled Eggs
FRIDAY
Cinnamon Roll
LUNCH
TUESDAY
Corn Dog
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Macaroni & Cheese
Pears
WEDNESDAY
Beef Taco
Corn Bread
Pizza

President William McKinley asked Congress for a declaration of war againt Spain April 11, 1898. Exactly one year later, the treaty ending the Spanish-American War would be declared in effect.

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## Scurry County Library News and Views

BOOK FEATURE
"Cash," by Johnny Cash.

He is "The Man in Black," a country music legend. He's an icon of rugged individualism. Cash's career spans four decades and a variety of musical styles. He is the only musician in history to be inducted into the Songwrigter's, the Country Music, and the Rock and Roll Halls of Fame. Here, in his own words, Cash sets the record straight, dispelling a few myths and looking unsparingly at his own turbulent life.

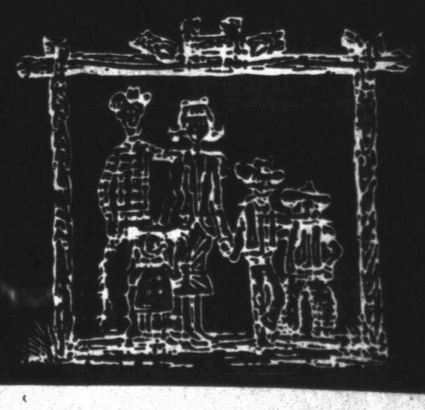
NEW NON-FICTION
"Life Album 1996: Pictures of the Year"
"Unabomber: A Desire to Kill," by Robert Graysmith.
"Writing a Winning College Application Essay," by Wilma Davidson.

NEW FICTION
"The Winner," by David Baldacci.
"Rosehaven," by Catherine Coulter.
"Lucky You," by Carl Hiaasen.
"Polgara the Sorceress," by David Eddings

NEW JUNIOR NON-FICTION
"Tiger Woods," by Aaron Boyd.
"Megamachines," by Philippa Perry.
"Daredevils," by Claire Watts.

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# Hank the Cowdog: A shocking experience

**(Editor's Note: "Hank the Cowdog" by John R. Erickson is being serialized in the Sunday editions of Snyder Daily News. "Hank the Cowdog" books and audio tapes are on sale at the SDN.)**

"EEEEE-YOWWWWWWWW!!"

He'd been draped over the grill, see, but when the spark plug wire shocked him, he straightened up in a hurry and banged his head against the hood. It knocked his hat off.

"By gollies," he said, rubbing the top of his head, "why don't you kill that thing before it kills me."

Viola reached through the window and turned off the key. Then she came back around to where Slim was rubbing the back of his head. "Slim, what on earth happened?"

"Well, them spark plug wires carry a pretty good jolt of electricity and I kind of forgot what happens when you grab one with the motor a-going. But now I remember."

"Oh dear. I'm sorry."

"No, it was my own fault for being dumb."

"How badly is your head hurt?"

"Oh, bad enough to tell me not to do it again."

"Here, let me look at it."

"You can look, but I can already tell you that I ain't going to any doctor for stitches."

"Hush and bend over." He hushed and bent over, and she parted his hair and studied the injury. "My stars, your hair's been burned!"

"That come from a different deal. I was burning Sally May's trash this morning and used a little too much gas."

She clicked her tongue. "You're too careless, Slim. You need to take better care of yourself. Well, you've got a goose egg and a cut. Let's go to the house and clean it up."

"It's okay."

"It's NOT okay. It's a deep cut and it's bleeding down the back of your neck and you might need some stitches."

"I've got work to do, and I ain't going to..."

"March to the house, Slim."

"...no dadgum sawbones doctor."

"NOW!"

He picked up his hat and the three of us started back to the house. On the way, Miss Viola looked down at me and said, "Has he always been this stubborn?"

Yes ma'am, always.

"I can't believe that a grown man could be so silly about going to the doctor and getting a few little stitches."

"It ain't the stitches, Viola, it's the drive into town. And I've got work to do."

"Oh fiddle." Inside the house, she made him sit down in the livingroom. "Now, you sit right there while I get some hot water and a wash cloth."

"The thermocouple's shot on the hot water heater."

"What does that mean?"

"You'll have to boil your water on the stove."

She blinked her eyes. "Oh. Kay. So we'll boil water on the stove."

"But don't make it too hot."

She went into the kitchen. "Don't be such a baby."

"Well, it's my cut, and my cut says, 'Don't be throwing any scalding water on me.'"

"I'm trying to ignore you, Slim." She got the water going on the stove and came back into the livingroom. "Now, we need a clean washcloth."

"Out on the clothesline."

She disappeared out the front door and returned a moment later with two white washcloths and a towel. "Did you just do your laundry?"

"Two weeks ago."

She laughed. "Two weeks ago, and the clothes are still out on the line?"

"I leave 'em out there until I need 'em. It saves folding and finding a place for 'em."

"Slim, honestly!"

"Well, it works. You ought to try it sometime."

"Bachelors! It's a wonder you're still alive."

"Survival of the fittest, I reckon. Them that's tougher than the germs will survive."

She got all her stuff and came up behind him. "Now, I'm going to wash the cut with soap and water."

"Could we skip the soap?"

"No. It might sting a little bit, so grit your teeth and don't complain." She went to work with her soft pretty hands, while old Slim bit down on his lip and glared at the wall. "Does that sting?"

"Is the Pope Catholic? It feels like you're cleaning it out with a hoof rasp."

"Well, it's a pretty nasty cut."

"It was fine 'til you put soap on it."

"Please hush." She finished up her work and then hustled off to the bathroom. She came back with a little red bottle of something. "Now, hold still another minute and we'll be done. I'm going to put some antiseptic on it."

"Will it burn?"

She glanced at the label on the bottle. "No. This is the kind that doesn't burn."

"Good."

She dabbed some red stuff on the wound and stepped away. Slim's eyes got bigger and bigger, and then he jumped out of the chair.

"Jeemanee crickets! I thought you said it wouldn't burn!"

She smiled. "I misread the label."

"Yes ma'am, I think you did. Either that or somebody lied."

"It won't burn for long, and it just might save you from an infection."

"Right now, I'd go for the infection." He paced around the room for a few minutes, fanning the back of his head. Then he dropped into the chair again. "Whew, boy! That stuff's even worse than soap."

She watched him for a moment. "Slim, you really should go to town and get a few stitches in that cut. It would heal faster if you did."

"I ain't going to the doctor."

"Then at least let me trim your hair."

His eyes swung around and locked on her. "Trim my hair? What for?"

She closed her eyes for a moment, then patted him on the arm. "Slim, sometimes it's hard to get a point across to you in a subtle way, so let's talk man-to-man. With half your hair burned, you look ridiculous."

**Eighth of 12 chapters**




# Friendship and relationship goes bad over cheese dispute

By GEORGE FLYNN
The Houston Chronicle

Until two weeks ago, Maria Castro had used her mother's secret recipe and 25 years of hard work to turn Mexican cheese into an all-American success story.

Castro Cheese Co. was created in the kitchen of her house, where her husband would bring home discarded milk lots from his job as a dairy laborer. Her production outgrew the kitchen's capacity, so she relocated it to the family garage.

Now, the business is run from a full-fledged factory on Campbell Road. But potential crisis struck less than two weeks ago, when Castro saw a similar-looking fresh Mexican cheese begin competing with her established La Vaquita brand.

The rival manufacturer turned out to be the man she had shared her secrets with two years ago, so he could build processing equipment for Castro Cheese.

That conflict now has become the battle of La Vaquita vs. Jaimito, the product of Cheesemakers Inc. of Cleveland, Texas.

On Tuesday, the dispute went to court, where state District Judge Richard Hall set a Jan. 22 hearing on a temporary injunction sought in a lawsuit filed by Castro, 48.

She wants Cheesemakers and its head, James Keliehor of Cleveland, barred from allegedly using her confidential process to produce his Jaimito cheeses. She accuses him and his other company, Custom Food Equipment Co., of misappropriating her trade secrets and packaging.

Castro attorney Christopher Benson and Keliehor attorney Scott Funk reached a preliminary agreement to speed the exchange of evidence for a quick hearing on the matter.

Funk said the allegations are unfounded, saying Keliehor has an unblemished career in the food processing business. He had been making cheese long before the equipment contract with Castro, Funk said.

"All of the information, processes and equipment being used to make his cheeses are not proprietary in any way. He is not using her processes, and he has researched his information from other sources," Funk said. "This case is not as 'juicy and flavorful' as it would look to be at first glance."

The lawsuit says Castro learned her art of cheese-making as a child helping her mother on their farm in Mexico.

And Benson said she carefully had protected those secrets. Castro and her family require all factory visitors — including Keliehor — to first sign agreements not to disclose what they see and learn of the process.

Grocery shoppers may recognize the final product on dairy shelves, as loosely wrapped 8-ounce ovals of semi-soft white Mexican cheese. Diners may have consumed it inside restaurant enchiladas or chiles rellenos, or crumbled atop refried beans.

In nearly 25 years of marketing, its popularity has spread into the mainstream markets in several states surrounding Texas. The suit said the posh Four Seasons Hotel even developed and published recipes that call for La Vaquita by name.

Humble beginnings preceded the profits. Castro migrated to the United States from a farm in the San Luis Potos state of Mexico. She and her husband were raising three daughters on his meager salary as a laborer at Schepps Dairy 28 years ago.

They said they were appalled that the dairy would throw out 5-gallon bags of milk if they leaked. He took them home, where she began trying to use the pasteurized milk to duplicate her mother's fresh cheese.

After more than a year of intense experimentation, Castro was satisfied she found the secrets in processing and ingredients, and that elusive crumbling texture.

Friends clamored for her cheese, and then she began walking — sometimes miles — to deliver it to other groups of Hispanic workers.

Demand expanded the operation into the garage. They opened their factory on Campbell Road in 1976. It was that same demand that led them in 1994 to increase the output through automation.

The suit said Keliehor visited their office and told of his own successes in equipping large food-processing operations such as Tyson Foods and Land O' Lakes.

After Keliehor signed the confidentiality agreement, Castro taught him her techniques. Rather than any exact curing time or speed formula, the process still was largely controlled through the "feel" of the operator about when curd was ready, the suit said.

"He repeatedly asked to feel for consistency," the suit said. An assistant was brought along to help in the design of the equipment. They wanted mixers that could deliver 350-pound batches of cheese curd, up from the current 175 pounds, every 10 minutes.

By late 1995, Keliehor asked for and received several 400-pound batches of cheese to test the system and design. The $75,000 system was installed in June, but the suit said it was plagued by problems in being cleaned and maintained to Castro's standards. Keliehor said later that he was busy with other projects and would not be available to make further modifications, the suit said.

Then Castro saw the alleged results of one of those projects — Jaimito cheese.

Funk said it was hardly a case of someone "all of the sudden making cheese because they were aware of a secret process."

"Contrary to their allegations, he's been involved in food processing and equipment for a long time," Funk said. "He has a lot of experience and background in the process of making cheese."

## *Alton Davis*

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chair bound. Alton cares for his wife each day before taking care of cemetery business.

Though he was raised a Primitive Baptist, the couple attends First United Methodist Church. He said he had to get used to having music when they sing hymns.

The couple have two grandchildren, Denise Berry, who lives in Arlington and Terry Davis, who lives in Lubbock. They have a great-grandchild, Katie Berry.

The Davises' son, Tommy, and his wife, Carol, own Snyder Janitorial Supply.

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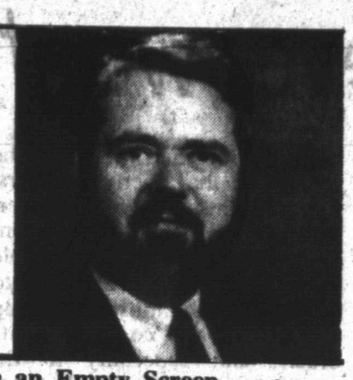
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# Minding Your Own Business

## By Don Taylor



**A New Year is like an Empty Screen**

Reluctantly, I enter a new age. Technology is catching up to me. Actually, it has been nipping at my heels for a few years now. However, this year — a new year — I'm going to wrap my arms around technology. I will embrace change. I will enter a new era. I will at least use a high-tech analogy.

This year is like an empty computer screen. There are 365 lines on this screen titled simply, "1998." Each line contains a sub-file marked "Today." The computer is on. The software is running. All I must do is begin.

Today, I will write a page in my life story. I will create a piece of personal history. Will it be a page worthy of being read? Will it be a history to make a mother proud?

What goes on my screen is up to me. I fill the screen and create my life one moment at a time.

**Your screen is empty, too**

Each year we have a new opportunity. We have a chance to start over. We have an empty screen on which to write our future.

I once heard a motivational speaker say, "Don't take care, take charge!" His point was that people who take care often don't do anything for fear they will do something wrong. On the other hand, people who take charge assume control and make things happen.

Make this a year of action, accomplishment and success. Your screen is empty. Take charge of what you write, and make 1998 your most valuable and rewarding year ever.

**Take charge and gain control**

•**Take charge of your actions**. Each new year is a good time to establish new direction. What do you really want to accomplish this year? Write down your goals. Make them specific, achievable and measurable.

Then get moving. Actions speak louder than words. Action can create a fortune, scale the highest obstacle and turn dreams into reality. John Locke said, "The actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts."

•**Take charge of your thoughts**. Marcus Aurelius wrote, "Our life is what our thoughts make it." Our thoughts are like little strands: when woven together they become strong habits.

Our strong habits chart the course of our personal history. Good habits help you achieve. Bad habits cause disfunction. Concentrate both your thoughts and your efforts on achieving your goals.

•**Take charge of your health**. A 90-year old man was asked if he would change anything in his life, "Yes," he replied. "If I had known I would live this long, I would have taken better care of myself."

In 1998, eat sensibly, exercise regularly, get plenty of rest, avoid tobacco and alcohol, eat more fruit, visit your doctor, laugh more, sit up straight, breathe deeply, and smile.

•**Take charge of your time.** Some folks believe time is money. However, I can personally assure you that no amount of money can ever buy back one wasted moment.

Use your time wisely. You won't make many footprints in the sands of time by sitting in front of the TV. Spend time doing instead of dreaming. Use time creating instead of complaining. Utilize time by achieving instead of arguing.

•**Take charge of your finances**. Any fool can make money, but it takes wisdom to spend it well. Invest in your future. Save more, spend less.

Money is a tool to use, not an object to seek. Don't fall in love with money. Instead fall in love with the good it can do.

Remember, your screen is empty. You can write 1998 any way you choose. Make it your best year ever!

# Public Records

**New Vehicle Registrations**

Waylon G. Walker, 1998 Dodge van from Sisbarro Superstore.

Patterson Drilling Co., 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Mollie L. Shearer, 1998 Oldsmobile from Big Country Autoland.

Lucy M. Lewis, 1997 Geo from Big Country Autoland.

James W. Minnix, 1998 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Nicky Jackson, 1997 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

David and Mary J. Orona, 1998 Dodge van from Snyder Chrysler.

Paul G. and Judy Haines, 1998 Oldsmobile from Big Country Autoland.

M.C. Terry, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Chevron Pipeline Co., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Steven R. McCollum, 1997 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Danny Harlan, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Ray Max Grimmett, 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

William J. Laroux, 1998 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

James A. and Frances O'Neal, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Selma E. and Daniel Peralez, 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Barbara L. Gray, 1998 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

R.C. Jones, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Arrowhead Ranch, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

James W. and Mary G. Woodell, 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Prideco, 1998 Ford pickup from Don Thornton Ford Inc.

Monroe A. and Ann Moore, 1998 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

**Marriage License**

Steven Glen Jones and Melissa Rhea Jones, both of Snyder.

Gilbert Arizmendi Jr. and Herlinda Gutierrez, both of Snyder.

**Action in District Court**

In the marriage of John Budrow Sharp and Elizabeth Eva Sharp, divorce granted.

**Deed Records**

Lupe and Lionor Gutierrez to Elbert L. and Dorothy N. Hill, the south 20 feet of the north 70 feet of the west one-half of Lot 4 in Block 32 of the Blankenship Addition.

Lupe and Lionor Gutierrez to Elbert L. and Dorothy N. Hill, the north 50 feet of the west one-half of Lot 4 in Block 32 of the Blankenship Addition.

Billy Don Huddleston, Trustee of the Trust B, to Billy Don Huddleston, tract one being 640 acres in Section 546, Block 57, H&TC survey; tract two being 330 acres in the west one-half of Section 338, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being 100 acres in the northeast part of Section 295, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Roger and Patti Cloe to Randy Todd and Tracy Ann Lewis, the west 44 feet of Lot 4 and the east 26 feet of Lot 5 in Block 7 of the Highlands Addition.

Jann Kyle Jones to the Veterans Land Board of Texas, 27.229 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 156, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Veterans Land Board of Texas to Steve Darrell and Rita Joyce Mize, 27.229 acres in Section 156, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Snyder Savings and Loan Association to Robert and Tina Roland, the east six acres of the west 12 acres of Lot 54, Round Top Acres Subdivision of Sections 185 and 186, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Roger Doyce Lyons to Rickey L. and Tori R. Thompson, all of the north one-half of Section 119, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Eileen Rese Martin to Samuel Barber Martin Jr., Trustee of the Eileene Reese Martin Family Trust, tract one being 2.18 acres in Section 576, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being all of Section 602, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being all the southwest one-quarter of Section 663, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract four being all of Section 601, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract five being 80 acres out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 603, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract six being the south one-half of Section 664, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract seven being five acres out of the northeast corner of Section 576, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract eight being all of Section 665, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract nine being all of Section 575, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract 10 being the northwest part of the northwest one-quarter of Section 574, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Christie Rae Clark, Deanne Sims and Larry Taylor Devers to Marie Kirkpatrick, Lot 14 in Block 1 of the Andress Heights Addition.

# Back To Basics

## By Ellen Baker

Have you ever had the experience of feeling you were in the right place at the right time? I had that happen to me recently. I had been attending college programs in Mineral Wells and Graham and was driving back home, thinking about what needed to be done in the office before Christmas break. I had about ¼ tank of gas, so I was aware that I would need to stop soon and had begun watching for a station. I saw one just as the news was starting on the radio, so I went on. Another appeared after I had passed the exit. The next one had prices much higher than the others. And so I kept traveling on down the road until I got to Sweetwater, where there was a convenient station.

The college vehicle I was driving had the WTC logo on the side, and the credit card I presented for payment identified me as a WTC employee. As I was signing the slip, the cashier asked me what was the shortest course at WTC. We began talking about the various programs, and she told me she was a single mother of five children. She had received her GED several years before but hadn't done anything with it. She said going to school would be a hardship, but she knew she needed to do it. "If I don't," she said, "I'll be stuck in a minimum wage job the rest of my life." I gave her some literature and encouraged her to call our toll-free number.

I hope she will. Making that first step to change a situation can be very scary and overwhelming, but once it is taken, the next steps are easier, and a whole new world of opportunity is ahead. How about you? Do you need to make a change in your work situation? The spring semester at WTC begins Jan. 21. Call us in January, and we'll be glad to send you a catalog and a schedule. Our counseling staff can help you plan out a program of classes that meet your needs. Let us know how we can help you.

*Western Texas College is located at 6200 South College Avenue in Snyder. The admissions office is in the Student Center. In Snyder, the phone number is 573-8511, ext. 394. Outside of Snyder, call us toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982).*

# Some health plans now must cover child immunization

AUSTIN (AP) — A new law requires some health care plans issued by insurance companies and HMOs to provide immunizations for children under age 6 without copayments or deductibles.

"We want parents to know that the Texas Legislature has removed yet another barrier to children getting their shots on time," Health Commissioner William Archer III said Friday.

The Texas Department of Insurance estimates that more than 4.8 million Texans have health maintenance organization coverage or insurance policies affected by the new law. It applies to medical-surgical health plans but exempts disease-specific plans and small employee health benefit plans, among others.

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**BEALLS**

# To country's comeback... not that it ever went away



Joseph Spear

Bill Clinton swiftly and deftly dispatched one of the major problems of the past decade on Dec. 19, when he named William Ivey, director of the Country Music Foundation in Nashville, to head the National Endowment for the Arts.

Just like that, we went from the age of Robert Mapplethorpe and Karen Finley to the age of Alan Jackson and Reba McEntire. I remain ambivalent about government funding of art, but if we're going to do it, better to subsidize the heart than the libido.

The Ivey appointment could also spark a resurgence for country music, which has been suffering from lagging sales.

Mind you. No one is playing a dirge. Country music is still a huge business. Annual recording revenues exceed $2 billion. More than 40 percent of all the radio listeners in the nation tune in to country music at least once a week. The country music radio format is top dog in half of the nation's biggest cities. Two of the most popular television cable networks — The Nashville Network and Country Music Television — are devoted to down-home music.

The fact is, aficionados will hasten to tell you, country hasn't really been country for a long time. The audience is button-down, educated and relatively well off. Many of the performers attended college. Garth Brooks, for example, is a graduate of Oklahoma State University; Mary Chapin Carpenter graduated from Brown; Kris Kristofferson was a Rhodes Scholar; Suzy Bogguss has a degree from Illinois State; Lyle Lovett went to Texas A&M; Trisha Yearwood went to Belmont College.

Indeed, NEA director-in-waiting William Ivey is a product of the University of Michigan and Indiana University. He has several degrees (in history, ethnomusiciology and folklore), and is a specialist in Southern folk ballads. He taught music at Vanderbilt University and Brooklyn College, collects country music recordings and readily acknowledges he is an Elvis fan.

So, you see: That throbbing, grungy, one-note punky stuff is declasse. Country is the high-brow stuff of the '90s.

I've often wondered why country music seems to stir the souls of so many. In my case, the answer is simple. My mother was a "hillbilly" music fan, and I was weaned on honkytonk piano and the mellow, melancholic voices of Hank Williams and Ernest Tubb.

But what about the millions who did not have this experience? The authors of several recent books and numerous magazine articles have pondered the question and have speculated that country music, with its themes of love broken hearts and hearts on the mend, is really the sound of the swelling suburbs, tangible evidence that grown-up boomers want grown-up music.

I don't believe it's all that complicated. I think most fifty-somethings grew with melodic rock; got shunted to harder stuff by force of fad, fashion and vogue; and have returned through heightened sense of self and the confidence that maturity brings, to the sounds most similar to what we grew up with.

If you cut your teeth on Elvis, where are you going to turn for enjoyable music today? To the Spice Girls and Puff Daddy?

No, you're going to listen to music that evokes memories of good times and young love. If you swayed with your sweetie to the sounds of the Everly Brothers, Carl Perkins, Billy Grammer, Ferlin Husky, Bobby Helms, Jim Reeves and the incomparable Patsy Cline, then you are going to be drawn to the music of Randy Travis, Dwight Yoakum, Marty Stuart, and especially to the swarm of emerging female talent — Deana Clark, Kim Richey, Matraca Berg.

If your tastes are more traditional, you'll lean toward the extraordinary Patty Loveless and a new kid on the block, Sara Evans. If this big-voiced woman somehow misses super-stardom, you can bet God is a rapper and there truly is no country heaven.

So here's to William Ivey. May his reign be a peaceful one. And here's to country's comeback. Not that it ever went away.




## Letters

### Sincere thanks

**Dear Editor:**

On October 11, I had a stroke. I'm home now recovering, thanks to a lot of good people. The EMS folks were here in no time and took great care of me. I received excellent care in the emergency room, the ICU, and on the medical floor of Cogdell Hospital. Please accept my sincerest "thanks" to all of you.

I also want to say a special "thank you" to Dr. Burleson for all his care. Also to Jeff Mason and the physical therapy department, who got my recovery started and continue now with that recovery after a stay in an in-patient facility in Midland.

To the people of Snyder — we are fortunate to have these caring people here.

Thanks to all of the hometown health care folks!

Janice Cox

# The feeling of a whole new start



Deanie Francis Mills

I don't think of myself as particularly eccentric, but there are some habits which have been a part of me for so long that I would never think of changing them, and one of those funky little piccadilloes is saving calendars. I have no idea why I do this.

Calendars are important to me. I keep one in my kitchen and one in my office area that have the big block squares, and those are the ones I save. On my desk, I also have a desk calendar which lays open to the day-at-a-glance, a Gary Larson "Far Side" cartoon calendar, which features a different cartoon each day, and a Stephen Covey "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" daily calendar.

Each year, I put a great deal of browsing and thought into the calendars which hang. In the kitchen, I usually have folk art calendars which depict lovely seasonal renditions each month and complement whatever decorations I've got out. In my office, last year I had this great calendar which featured a different classical mystery author per month, with garish old noir book covers from such authors as Dashiel Hammett and Raymond Chandler.

I couldn't find another like it this year, so I chose one which depicts paintings by Edward Hopper — each one showing somebody, somewhere, reading a book. On that calendar, I will document how many chapters a week I've completed.

Every day, when I sit down to my desk, I tear off the old day, read the inspirational statement for the new day, then tear off one cartoon and get my laugh for the day. Sometimes I save those pages and frame them or send them to my son, who is in college. I send him funny Shoebox cards with pages of inspiration and laughter from the calendars. When I visit his campus apartment, I find some of them stuck up on his refrigerator or pinned up over his desk.

My desktop day-at-a-glance calendar contains my ever-present things-to-do lists, people-to-call, stuff-to-buy, appointments, daughter's play dates, and so on. Important events are added to the wall calendars, along with upcoming trips and school vacations.

My whole life, it seems, is encapsulated on the pages of calendars.

When I've had a bad month, I like nothing better than to turn the page onto next month's calendar. Something about the new picture and the blank squares seems to hold promise that somehow, things will be better.

And at the end of the year — especially after a year like the one we just had — putting out new calendars gives me a feeling of a whole new start.

So why do I save the old ones? I don't know. Maybe to flip through sometimes and see how incredibly busy I was at one time and yet how surprisingly much I managed to accomplish. Maybe to remind myself of stressful times that we somehow survived. Maybe just to reassure myself that the days are passing as they should.

Recently, in an online conversation, someone was mentioning how, with the approaching millineum, people are putting such store in the upcoming new epoch, how some people are even going kind of crazy with it all, how spiritualism and superstition seems to make a comeback every thousand years. And someone else pointed out that the millineum, is, after all, a man-made constraint. That time does not exist for God as it does for us — in carefully blocked days, months, and years. That therefore, the new millineum is meaningless.

Maybe. But things have the meaning we choose to give them, after all. And I don't think it's so bad to look forward to a fresh new start, even if all we're doing is tacking up a new calendar, and putting the old one carefully away.

# Announcing the second annual Stellas



Joseph Perkins

After a smashing debut last year, it is time to announce the second annual "Stella" awards, which highlight the most outlandish lawsuits of the year.

The award is named for Stella Liebeck, the Albuquerque, N.M., woman who became an instant millionaire — and American icon — after spilling a cup of McDonald's coffee in her lap and winning a judgment against the fastfood chain.

The Stellas are a celebration of the American Dream. That is — to get rich (the quicker the better) not from hard work or creative genius or wise investment, but by taking a claim to court and persuading a jury to sock it to some deep-pocket defendant (or, at least, the defendant's insurance company).

So, without further ado, the recipients of the 1997 Stellas:

—Best multimillion-dollar claim by a grieving mother.

Jackie Robles lost her two baby girls this past fall after they wandered out of their Upland, Calif., apartment onto nearby train tracks. The 3-year-old and 22-month-old were killed by a passing computer train.

No sooner had her daughters been laid to rest than Robles filed a $30 million lawsuit against the local transit authority. She claimed that the agency was responsible for the deaths of her two little girls because they had neglected to fence off the track to prevent such a tragedy.

Never mind that Robles had fallen asleep with the door wide open when her daughters wandered over to the train tracks or that the grieving mom tested positive for methamphetamine use.

—Best claim by a Jurassic-era plaintiff.

He's one of the highest-paid entertainers in America. He stars in his own TV series. His videotapes are in big demand. He does a live show at Universal Studios. He's "authored" several best-selling books.

So Barney, the multimillionaire purple dinosaur, doesn't want anyone poking fun at his image. And that's why his lawyers filed a claim against the "Famous Chicken," a.k.a. Ted Giannoulas, seeking damages for trademark infringment.

Barney's lawyers say that the Chicken "would punch, flip, stand on, and otherwise assault" their purple client as part of his act at baseball parks, hockey rinks and basketball courts. They think Barney is entitled to at least several hundred thousand dollars for pain and suffering.

—Best use of common food staple in personal injury claim.

Notwithstanding the clever TV commercials (got milk?) and the hip magazine ads with various celebrities adorned with milk mustaches, a Seattle man is persuaded that milk is harmful to health.

In fact, Norman Mayo filed a suit against the Safeway supermarket chain and the Washington state dairy industry, claiming that he suffered clogged arteries and a mild stroke after a lifetime of drinking milk.

"They push their dairy products without warning you of the hazards (fat and cholesterol)," said Mayo, who described himself as a milk-a-holic. "If tobacco products can be required to have warning labels, why not dairy products?"

Mayo is asking for medical expenses and cash for his troubles. And while he waits for Safeway and the dairy industry to settle, he limits his milk habit to nonfat or skim.

—Most artful interpretation of state law for purposes of greenmailing an entire industry.

A Bay Area attorney, William Henley, has filed $9 million worth of lawsuits against several leading software makers, including Symantec, Xerox, Corel, Mindscape and Vertisoft/Quarterdeck.

His complaint charges that the companies package their software — which may consist of a couple of floppy disks or a CD-ROM and maybe an owner's manual — in boxes that are too big.

Henley's multimillion-dollar claim is based on two California laws (the Fair Packaging and Labeling Law and the Unfair Competition Law) that were originally enacted to protect consumers from companies that pack a small amount of food in a large box. The lawyer claims the software makers are being similarly deceptive by packaging their products, which take up little space, in big, colorful boxes.

But not even consumers' groups are willing to sign on to Henley's lawsuit. In fact, the staff attorney for the Consumers Union in San Francisco said he didn't think consumers were deceived by software packaging.

So those are the recepients of the second annual Stella awards. Let's toast them with a nice Styrofoam cup full of steaming hot coffee.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Reading levels

**The Charleston (W.Va.) Daily Mail**

The war over how to teach children to read is producing a lot of little casualties. About 40 percent of the children in American schools can't read well.

That's a disgrace — an economic death sentence for those children. It's time for the nation's public school systems to accept responsibility for that fact and do what is necessary to correct it.

As the Baltimore Sun reported recently, the National Institutes of Health has been studying reading problems for two decades. And it has reached several important conclusions:

—Most children can learn to read. ...

—Most reading problems are preventable. ...

What's needed is the right mix of approaches. ...

A child who does not learn to read well is at a terrible disadvantage. The fact that 40 percent of American schoolchildren fit into that category should shame us all. ...

They should not be free, however, to assert that some children just can't learn.

The research says they can.

### Economic twins

**The Dallas Morning News**

First came inflation. Then big budget deficits. But now, both economic beasts of the last 25 years appear beaten back.

The Treasury Department provides the best recent news. A recent Treasury report shows the federal government finished on Nov. 30 with a budget surplus. That's the first financial cushion since 1970.

Prudence suggests Americans not get too overjoyed, though. Social Security's ample trust funds still mask the federal deficit's size. Budget writers use those trust funds to offset their estimate of the deficit, even though Washington is supposed to consider Social Security and the general budget as separate accounts. Also, an economic downtick could move the nation back to the red next year.

Nevertheless, crack open some champagne. The nation has met a goal that once appeared unobtainable. Just as former Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker cracked inflation in the 1980s, the Clinton White House and the Gingrich Congress have sent deficits into retreat. Savor the moment.

### Term limits

**The Post and Courier, Charleston, S.C.**

A federal appeals court has stated the obvious in overturning a previous judicial ruling that sought to deny the voters' right to impose term limits on the people they elect: The majority that imposed legislative term limits in California knew exactly what they were doing.

The 9-to-2 ruling ... reinstates the 1990 referendum results and effectively ends the careers of 26 legislators, including the assembly speaker and the Senate president pro tem. Legislators in the assembly are limited to three two-year terms and state senators to two four-year terms, lifetime restrictions similar to those imposed on state legislators in seven other states. The ruling should ensure the validity of those laws and define the extent to which term limits elsewhere can go.

Gov. Pete Wilson, a supporter of the restrictions, called the ruling a victory for "the ideal of the citizen-legislators," one in which citizens are motivated by something more than a political career. Barring a successful appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, the ruling will ensure that legislators eventually return home to live under the laws they have written, rather than become political fixtures in Sacramento. ...

# Astro-graph

## By Bernice Bede Osol



### Your Birthday

Sunday, Jan. 4, 1998

In the year ahead, you could be a lot more on the go than usual, as travel is indicated for both pleasure and business. Several unexpected changes could trigger these transitions.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Today, you will be happiest spending your time and money on a home-based activity that can be enjoyed by the entire family and a few select guests. Capricorn, 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.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Selling or promoting something in which you truly believe could be a very gratifying experience for you today. You should be successful.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** A unique benefit might be awarded you today. This could come as a complete surprise, because you won't recall having done anything special to earn it.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Close allies will make conscientious efforts to help fulfill your aspirations today. You may be quite fortunate with minimal exertion on your part.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Today, it could be said of you that you are a pragmatic dreamer who has the wherewithal to turn your fantasies into something of substance.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** This is a good time to discuss serious issues with family or friends. Your mind will function best on a philosophical level. Positive results are indicated.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Complications that have been vexing you at work can be resolved satisfactorily today. You will know how to take fair, constructive measures.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You could be luckier than usual today in collective efforts. You will attract competent cohorts the same way a magnet attracts metal.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Do not be bashful about using your off-center ideas to improve your surroundings today. You will be rather inventive, resourceful and unique.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Your communicative skills are impressive today. This could enable you to arrange such things as a major commercial transaction or a successful dinner party.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** That special ship for which you've been hoping might come ashore today. You will want to share its cargo with those who helped you bring it into port.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You are the best person to decide what you and friends should do for entertainment this evening. You can envision activities everyone will enjoy.

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In the year ahead, you could be luckier than usual in career and commercial ventures. You might not get everything on your wish list, but you'll be rewarded appropriately for your labors.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** When shopping for household items today, don't loosen your grip on what you intend to spend. You can find what you want, even if you have to look a little harder. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** If your thinking is limited, you won't feel too encouraged about life today. Be bold mentally; only you can put restrictions on your anticipations.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Financial trends could be running in your favor today, so even if you have to contend with a bumpy road, you still should come out on the plus side.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** In order to solidify your ambitions today, it isn't essential to have a crowded corner. A few right people with clout is all it takes.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your insights pertaining to career matters and issues could be revealing. However, if they aren't utilized properly, they won't do you much good.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Today, figure out a way to help a friend who is going down the wrong track without broadcasting his or her woes to others. Discretion is essential.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Without being arrogant or argumentative, demand what you're due today. If you're firm, reasonable and persistent, you might get more than expected.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your most useful aid is your judgment. You should be able to see beyond your nose and view things not only as they are, but also as they could be.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You could be a trifle luckier than usual today in two specific areas. One pertains to your career, the other emphasizes joint endeavors.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Generally, Librans are better than most in one-on-one partnership arrangements. However, your independent operations could prove more beneficial today.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Although you're creative, you might be involved today with people whose ideas are superior to yours at this time. Listen and learn.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Today, you are what you think. If you feel lucky, you probably will be. If you think you want to move a mountain, go home and get your shovel.

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Amy Steakley

## Steakley is new Baylor graduate

Amy Elizabeth Steakley, daughter of Jene and Elaine Steakley of Snyder, graduated from Baylor University on Dec. 20. She earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education and is certified to teach in public and private schools.

Steakley graduated with a 4.0 GPA. She is a 1993 graduate of Snyder High School.



Justin Stribling

## Stribling earns title of Marine

DALLAS — Justin Clayton Stribling of Snyder officially earned the title "United States Marine" during Marine Corps Recruit Training graduation ceremonies held Dec. 19 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

After a chance to return home for a few days, he will attend Marine Corps Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Upon completion of this warrior training, this new Marine will report to Pensacola, Fla., for schooling in the Aviation Mechanic military occupational specialty field.

Stribling, who graduated from Hobbs High School in 1997, enlisted through the Marine recruiters located in Abilene.

## Senior Center Menu

**MONDAY**

Steak fingers, mashed potatoes w/cream gravy, stewed okra, tomato wedges, mixed fruit, peanut butter cookie

**TUESDAY**

Chicken filet, macaroni & cheese, green beans, lettuce and tomato salad, red Jello w/topping

**WEDNESDAY**

Baked ham, sweet potatoes, savory peas, fruit salad, chocolate cake

**THURSDAY**

Swiss steak, golden carrots, baked potato, green pea salad, peach cobbler

**FRIDAY**

Fried fish, potato rounds, pinto beans, cabbage-carrot slaw, peach whip

## Senior Center News

Monday's activities will include bridge and the nine ball tournament.

On Tuesday, 42/88 will be played at 10 a.m. The Hoss Clayton Band will play at 11 a.m. and the Golden Kiwanas Club meets at noon. Seniors are invited to attend these meetings and consider joining the group.

The Kitchen Band will perform at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Snyder Healthcare Center. The Wednesday Trio will entertain at 11:15 a.m. in the dining room. Line dancing will begin at 1 p.m. and newcomers are welcome.

On Thursday, the tri-chem group meets at 9 a.m. and any senior interested in learning the craft may join them. Sunshine Choir members will be entertaining at Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m.

The blood pressure clinic and bridge will begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday. A shower for Noah Project West is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Jan. 23.

Seniors may donate to the penny drive, purchase a gift, or make a monetary donation for special needs.

There will be a selection list at Wal-mart for seniors who would like to purchase a gift, and a special needs list will be posted at the Senior Center for those who prefer to make a monetary gift.

Seniors are encouraged to assist in this project.

# 2 men try to save forgotten cemetery

DENTON (AP) — Two men kneel down in a North Texas cemetery and spread a large dollop of shaving cream on a crumbling tombstone.

They use a squeegee to remove the excess. The cream neatly fills the crevasses, revealing inscriptions. Words and artwork clearly appear: Josaphine Fink. Born 1860. Died 1892.

Also scrawled in the tombstone: "I am treading (dancing) at a wine chest by myself. Be easy children."

"It was a cold world back then," David Herold says after looking over the stone.

Herold and his partner, W.O. Skinner, are fighting to save hundreds of tombstones at the Old Slave Cemetery near Pilot Point.

Herold, who makes part of his living repairing monuments, says he does the work for free because the site is a sadly-neglected and threatened a piece of history. Time has weathered many of the stones, making them difficult to read.

But when repaired and closely studied, the pair told the Denton Record-Chronicle, the stones reveal clues to the identities of the buried.

Nearly 500 graves belonging to slaves, former slaves and their children are at the cemetery. The tombstones date from the latter part of the 1800s to the early 1900s.

Herold fears developers who are building luxury homes in the area may someday plow over the cemetery.

"One of the risks of these old-time cemeteries is, where they have no fence around them, the adjacent property owners tend to encroach," he said. "And the land is beginning to be fairly valuable land — $10,000 to $20,000 an acre."

# Mother: two sons who held hostages 'scary'

DALLAS (AP) — James Monroe Lipscomb Jr. and his brother, James Riccardo, grew up in housing projects in rough Chicago neighborhoods. They were hungry, lacked guidance and were surrounded by violence.

But even their mother says that doesn't explain why the two Texas men were involved in separate hostage incidents last month.

"My boys are scary. They weren't taught to be men," Annie R. Lipscomb said this week. "Their father was raised by a mother who was in a mental institution, and his father was dead."

James Monroe "Mo" Lipscomb Jr., 33, is accused of taking over a Plano day care center in a 30-hour siege that ended Dec. 18. He was jailed without bond on charges of aggravated kidnapping and aggravated assault.

James Riccardo Lipscomb, 43, held his estranged common-law wife and two daughters hostage for nearly 42 hours, until Wednesday afternoon. He was arrested on a charge of aggravated kidnapping. Bond was $250,000.

Both incidents stemmed from domestic violence. Both men were in the Collin County Jail.

The two brothers are among Mrs. Lipscomb's 10 children — five sons and five daughters.

She said her husband, James Monroe Lipscomb Sr., rarely brought home a paycheck. When he did have a job, he'd disappear for days after being paid, returning with nothing. He died in 1984 of heart disease.

As her children grew, Mrs. Lipscomb went to night school. She eventually landed a secretarial job at the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Lipscomb said Ricky, as she calls James Riccardo Lipscomb, was "very smart" and assumed the role of head of the family when his father was gone.

Ricky moved to Dallas in the late 1980's, following his estranged common-law wife, Denise Roach, who was not harmed in the standoff.

# California ferret owners seek legalization of pets

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Ferret lovers say there may be 500,000 of the cute, weasel-like pets in California. And all of their owners are breaking the law.

California and Hawaii are the only states that do not allow the animals as pets — a law advocates in California are trying to change.

About 50 people defiantly walked or carried a handful of ferrets through a downtown park Thursday, calling on state lawmakers to legalize their furry friends. A legalization bill failed last year.

"I applaud all of you for your courage in coming out, and especially for bringing your ferrets," said Pam Wright, who runs the San Diego-based Ferrets Anonymous.

During the Ferret Freedom Walk, the short-legged animals lazily draped themselves around necks, over arms and on the heads of their sign-toting owners.

Wright admitted that a ferret latched itself onto a cameraman earlier in the day. And just last month, three-week-old twins in Anaheim were hospitalized after their grandmother's pet ferret got out of its cage and bit them




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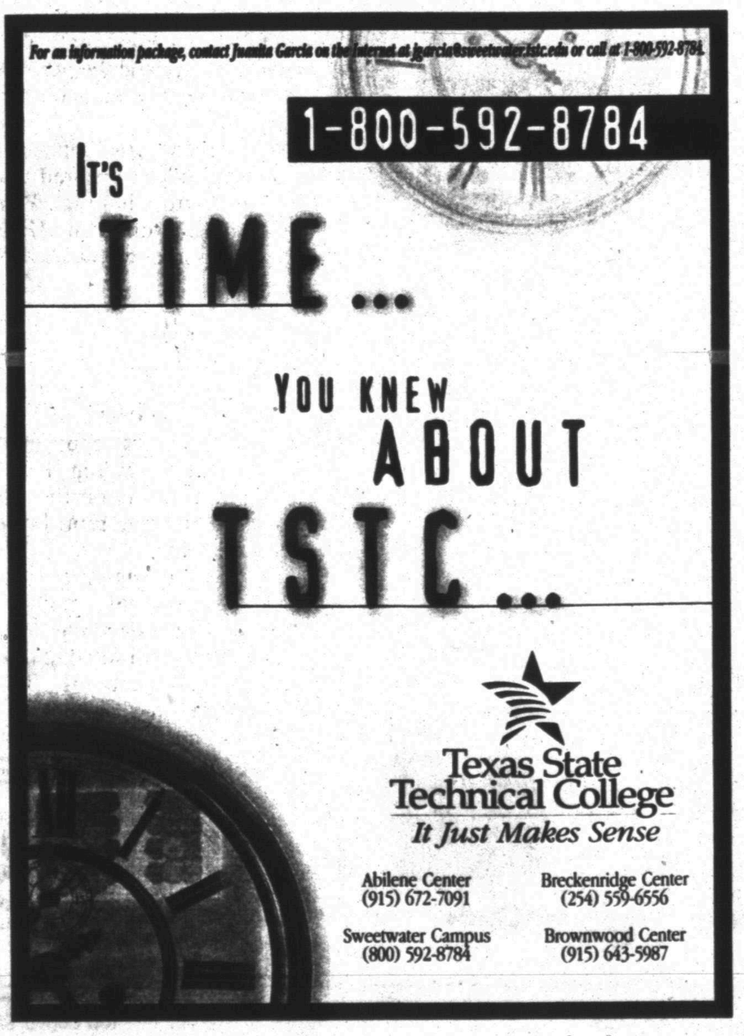
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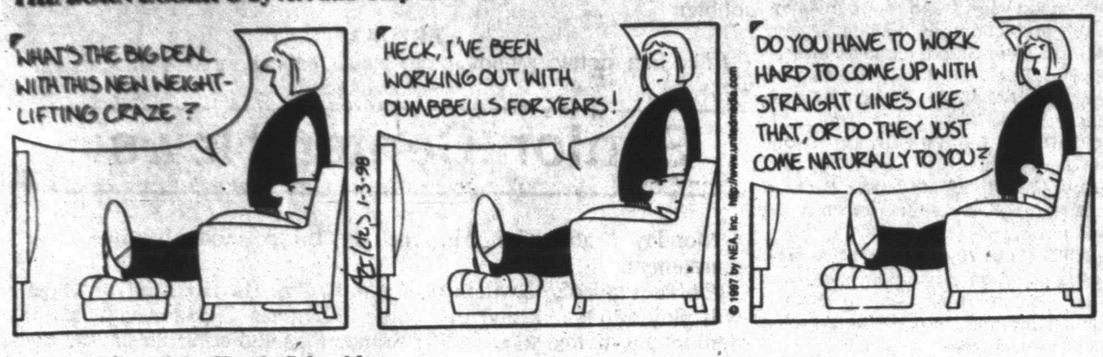




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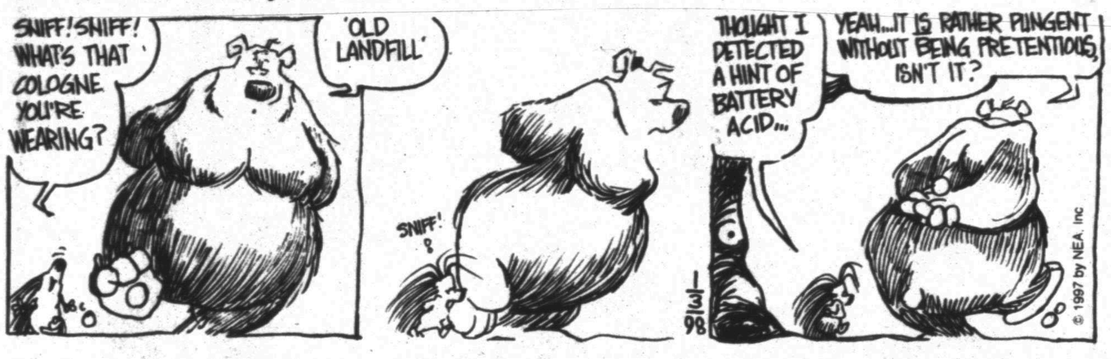

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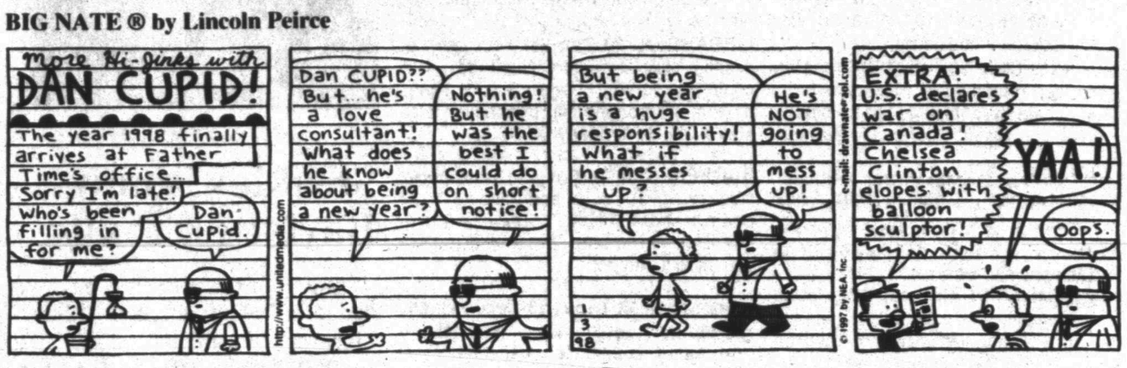

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10 Used a digging tool
12 Holy place
13 Model of the solar system
14 Of medicine
15 Denote
16 Last inning
18 Poetic time
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20 Information agcy.
24 Like pie?
25 Doctrine
26 Peak
29 Was fit for
30 Three times
31 Rubs out
32 Test ore
33 Cheerful expression
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49 Author Joyce Carol —
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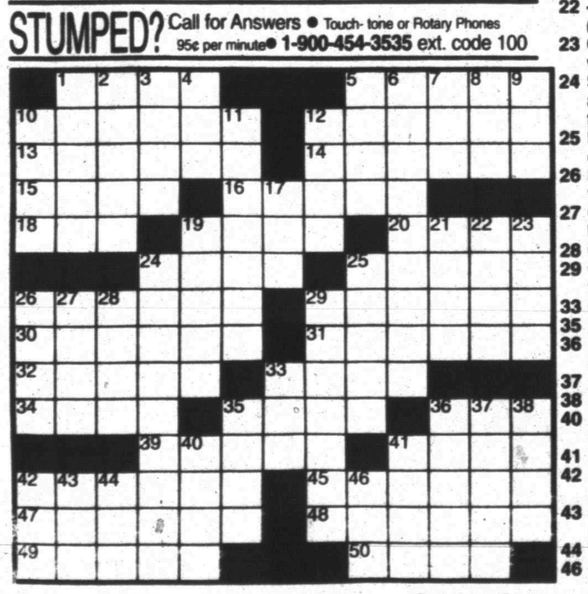
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3 First garden
4 — annum
5 Converse
6 Of a Round Table king
7 Russian space station
8 Kin of mono
9 Dry, as wine
10 Indefinite number
11 Certain ruling family
12 Trig term
17 Type of league
19 Merrily
21 Film locations
22 — fixe (obsession)
23 Covers with turf
24 Share another's feelings
25 Radium discoverer
26 Dagger thrust
27 Celestial bear
28 Overlook
29 Crowded together
33 Channel
35 Appearance
36 French sculptor
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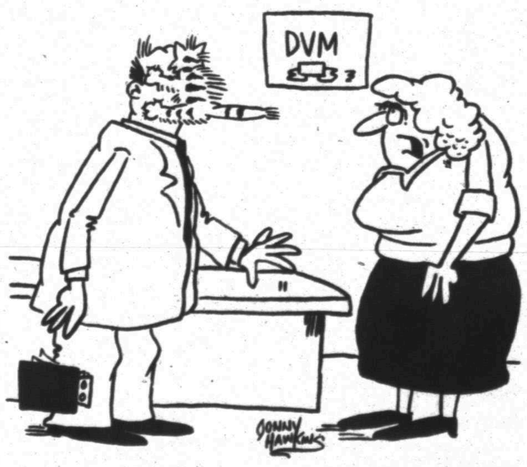
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"YOU COULD SURE USE SOME NEW STUFF IN HERE."

# Asian turmoil casts uncertainty on U.S. economic outlook

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than the usual amount of uncertainty clouds the outlook for the U.S. economy in the new year after financial storms pelted Asia in 1997.

The United States, without doubt, will feel the impact in 1998. But most economists think the spillover will only dampen, not douse, the U.S. economy.

They see 1998 as a sort of 1997 lite — good, but not quite as good. There'll be somewhat less growth, possibly a bit more inflation, perhaps slightly higher unemployment.

As a result, the current business expansion, finishing its seventh year of uninterrupted growth, should become the second-longest in U.S. history by the end of the year.

Of course, forecasting is never a sure thing: Most analysts thought an economic slowdown would come in 1997. And they could be just as wrong about 1998.

"It would be very foolish to ignore the risks for major economic disruption," said economist Norman Robertson of Smithfield Trust Co. in Pittsburgh. "The Asian problems are by no means resolved."

Turmoil has spread from smaller economies such as Thailand's to Korea's, the world's 11th largest. The second-largest — Japan's — is struggling. Will the contagion spread to the biggest — the United States'?

The primary conduit of weakness would be trade. Exports account for nearly an eighth of total U.S. economic output. Pacific Rim countries buy 30 percent.

That said, U.S. prosperity is so robust and broad-based that most analysts have a difficult time believing a recession is near.

"Perversely, the slowdown in the near term makes a recession less likely in 1999 or 2000," said economist David Wyss of DRI-McGraw Hill in Lexington, Mass.

That's because, absent the dampening impact of Asia, the Federal Reserve probably would raise interest rates to induce a slowdown with the aim of keeping inflation tame.

The Asian crisis should shave about a half percentage point off U.S. growth, Wyss said.

A consensus forecast shows:

GROWTH — Economic output should expand a moderate 2.5 percent in 1998 after an unexpectedly robust pace of about 3.7 percent in 1997 — the best since 1988. High debt levels and a volatile stock market should restrain spending by American consumers. But, supported by low interest rates, housing construction and business spending on new equipment should remain strong.

INFLATION — Consumer prices rose only about 1.8 percent in 1997. Inflation outside food and energy, 2.1 percent, hasn't been lower since 1965. Many analysts believe the rate will inch toward 2.5 percent next year as companies seek to recover the cost of higher wages. Others see inflation holding below 2 percent.

LABOR — The nation's unemployment rate, at a 24-year low of 4.6 percent in November, should edge still lower in early 1998 before creeping back toward 5 percent. Real wage gains — adjusted for inflation — hit a 20-year high of nearly 2.5 percent in 1997 and could be even better in 1998.

TRADE — The trade deficit, at about $115 billion in 1997, easily could swell beyond the record 1987 trade gap of $153 billion if American companies can't compensate for lost Asian exports by selling more to Europe and the Americas.

INTEREST RATES — Economists are divided over the Federal Reserve's next move. It will either cut interest rates to compensate for the drag from Asia or raise them to prevent increasing wages from causing greater price inflation.

"At this point the safest thing is to assume it will do nothing," said economist Robert Dederick of Northern Trust Corp. in Chicago.

# New smoking ban greeted with boos, rebellion

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With jeers and catcalls, many Californians kept right on puffing early Thursday as the new year and a new ban on smoking bars arrived together.

"It doesn't make me angry that I can't smoke. What makes me angry is that the government can dictate to a restaurant owner what they can and can't do," said Cathy Crawley, who rang in 1998 with a long drag on a cigarette while partying at Barney's Beanery in West Hollywood.

The law prohibiting smoking in bars gives California the nation's strictest no-smoking rules. But it got little respect when it went into effect at midnight.

As waitresses confiscated ashtrays, many smokers went right on smoking.

At San Francisco's Cafe DuNord, Granger Davis, Peter Rossi and Frank Barnhardt were smoking at 1 a.m. Each had a different reason for breaking the law.

"Because I'm drunk," Davis said.

"Because addiction doesn't stop at midnight," put in Rossi.

"Because communism sucks," added Barnhardt.

California banned smoking in restaurants and most other indoor workplaces in 1995. Under the new law, the only exemptions are for casinos and bars on Indian reservations and owner-operated businesses with no employees.

The law is aimed at protecting bartenders and other employees from secondhand smoke, which has been linked to lung cancer, respiratory problems and other illnesses.

A judge Tuesday refused to block the ban as requested by a group of bar owners and others.

State officials have said they will depend on patrons and owners to comply. If a customer or employee complains, the state will issue a written warning. A citation will follow if the warning is ignored.

Owners could be fined up to $100 for a first offense and up to $7,000 per violation for a series of offenses. Customers who insist on smoking could also be fined, with the amount determined by local authorities.

Californians for Smokers' Rights called for repeal of the law.

"It not only deprives smokers of the right to consume a legal product within a private establishment, but it also takes the right away from the owner of a restaurant or bar ... the right to decide how he or she wants to run their business," the organization said in a statement.

The law was welcomed by bartender Leslie Brown, who said he was fed up with smoke after 10 years in the business.

"I'm secretly thrilled," he said. "My problem is not real smokers, but amateur smokers who smoke only when they drink, because they blow smoke in my face. Real smokers know how to smoke."

At Los Angeles' trendy Derby club, the band played "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" at midnight. Patron James Hoff savored an unfiltered cigarette and vowed it would be his last.

"I'm quitting tonight. This is my last cigarette, and I'm enjoying it," Hoff said. "Thanks to this law, I'm never going to smoke again."

# Annual Rose Parade dazzles watchers

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Awash in sunshine and fragrance, a crowd of 1 million at the 109th Rose Parade on New Year's Day marveled at flower-draped floats depicting hippos, tigers and a Macarena-dancing caterpillar.

Floats also took the form of a scary movie monster attacking an usher, an orange tiger leaping toward a ring of fire and a migrating gray whale and her calf.

With the San Gabriel Mountains as a backdrop, the two-hour procession of floats, horses and marching bands was almost outdazzled by the weather. The theme "Hav'n Fun" could well have been changed to "Hav'n Sun."

"'It's glorious, absolutely glorious. This is a great way to start the new year," grand marshal Carol Burnett remarked about the sunshine and 64-degree reading.

Even factions in the crowd preoccupied with the Michigan-Washington State clash in the Rose Bowl could agree on one thing: It was much nicer here than in 32-degree Ann Arbor, Mich., or 37-degree Pullman, Wash.

Enthusiasm was stirred early when the audience wriggled and bobbed in a spontaneous demonstration of the Macarena as a towering dancing caterpillar floated by.

Marigolds, chrysanthemums, orchids and a variety of grains covered the caterpillar as it undulated to the Latin beat. The Sunkist Growers entry won the Extraordinaire Trophy for most spectacular entry.

In Philadelphia, thousands in heavy coats and mittens gathered in 30-degree weather to watch the flourishing hats and tinsel-covered costumes of the 98th annual Mummers Parade.

"It's a Mardi Gras in Philadelphia," said Howard Moss, 26, wearing a shiny silver dress and floppy hat.

Throughout the day, sets became more elaborate and costumes more sequined as the city's grassroots entertainers gathered to dance and play music.

The mummers clubs, a local tradition dating to the 17th century, evolved from European winter holiday customs of masquerading and visiting friends.

Bernie McGuire, 23, said his family has appeared in the extravaganza of sequins and ostrich feathers for generations. "My father did this with his friends," he said, "and here we'll be for years to come."

Cold weather wasn't a deterrent for 150 members of the Polar Bear Club of Lewes, Del., who rang in the New Year by taking a dip in the 38-degree Atlantic Ocean.

"No matter how many times you go, it is painful, no doubt about it," said Dave Frederick, 51, who started the tradition in 1985 with four friends.

But for all the pain, he said, the plunge is surprisingly invigorating.

"You're just cruising for a couple of hours afterward," he said. "You just feel wonderful."

Update your dictionary: A clip joint is a barbershop.

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# Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



## *Son told to choose sides should stall on sidelines*

DEAR ABBY: I am a 26-year-old man in love with a 32-year-old woman with a 15-year-old daughter. Her family likes me.

The problem is my family. My parents are prejudging her before they have even met her. They don't like the fact that she is older than me and has a teen-age child. They want me to make a choice — my girlfriend or them! They will not even give her the benefit of the doubt and meet her.

Why can't my parents realize that I am very happy with her and accept it? Any ideas? Help!

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE
IN CONNECTICUT

**DEAR CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE: Your parents refuse to accept this woman because she is not what they had in mind for you. However, they are making a mistake to pass judgment on her sight unseen. Asking you to choose between them and her is unfair.**

**If you were my son, I would want to meet the woman and her daughter and get to know them.**

**Continue to go with her, but take your time before making any decisions that could affect your future.**

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DEAR ABBY: I am an 86-year-old widow, recovering from open heart surgery. My recovery has been slow. My only daughter lives and works in another state, so I must depend on others for help. My neighbor (a registered nurse), her husband and son have been obliging of all my needs, and I feel fortunate to have them.

My problem is that she is overly generous and helpful, more so than my own daughter. On special occasions, she gives me not one but two gifts — for example, a corsage and perfume for Mother's Day.

When I protest to her that it is too much, she replies, "Oh, you take all the fun out of it." I have suggested that she save her money for her son's education, but it falls on deaf ears. I'm hesitant to drive to some destinations and she's always willing to take me, but she won't let me pay for the gas. What should I do?

GETS TOO MUCH
IN MOBILE, ALA.

**DEAR GETS TOO MUCH: Your neighbor can obviously afford the time and money she spends on you; furthermore, she has let you know she enjoys helping you.**

**She gets as much as she gives by doing favors for you. Consider yourself fortunate and accept her generosity with appreciation. To do otherwise is to risk hurting her feelings, which I'm sure you don't want to do.**

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DEAR ABBY: For 40 years I had a mustache. It was full, always neatly trimmed and a thing of beauty. It was an instant, recognizable part of who I was.

A month ago I shaved it off, and my wife still hasn't noticed it's gone!

Yet when the zipper on my fly is down half an inch, she quickly notices, and tells me to zip up.

Tell me, Abby, is my wife a crotch-watcher? I really wouldn't mind if I weren't too damn old to do something about it.

GEORGE IN EUGENE, ORE.

**DEAR GEORGE: A person, male or female, need not be a "crotch-watcher" to notice that a man's fly is open. However, not noticing that a man's mustache has been shaved off after it has been a recognizable part of his appearance for many years, brings to mind something we have all experienced: noticing that there is something "different" about a close friend or relative, but being unable to pinpoint what it is.**

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DEAR ABBY: I am a divorced man with two terrific kids, ages 6 and 8. During the past year, my ex-wife married a man whose previous wife passed away from cancer. "Roger" has two young girls from his first marriage. I am pleased that my ex-wife has found someone with whom I feel comfortable, and who seems to care for my children as well as his own.

Because their mother is deceased, Roger's children refer to my ex-wife as their mother, not their stepmother. I understand that, but now my children have begun calling Roger "Dad." Before the marriage, they called him by his first name. They call me "Daddy," but I am never sure whether it is me or their stepfather they are referring to when they say "Dad."

I love my children with all my heart and am very involved in their lives. I never miss their plays, recitals, games, etc. I respect and acknowledge their stepfather's position, but I feel it is confusing and improper for my children to refer to him as "Dad." Please tell me what you think. I value your opinion.

REAL DAD IN JEW JERSEY

**DEAR REAL DAD: Your children have found a way to accommodate you and their new family. While the terms may seem uncomfortably similar to you, if you asked them, I'm sure they could reassure you that they have distinct definitions of "Dad" and "Daddy." As long as you remain actively involved in their lives, you will always be their No. 1 Daddy. Treasure that, and allow Roger to have his place.**

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DEAR ABBY: I object to your advice to the mother who regrets how she treated her 18-year-old daughter in the past, and said she was feeling suicidal. You advised her to "pick up the telephone and tell your doctor exactly how you are feeling."

I am a family physician who gets far too many of these phone calls now. If someone wants substantial attention from a physician, an appointment should be made. Most of us have no time to give to callers, and it's not fair to promote us as a mental health hot line, particularly for chronic problems. (This woman's main problem seems to be taking responsibility for her actions; she needs to do more than emote to someone on the phone about her misery.)

It's also interesting that you suggest "medical help" can quickly fix her problem. No antidepressant relieves one of stepping up to the plate and accepting the fallout for failures in the essential challenges of life. I know we're living in an age of medicalization of behavioral issues, but beware of deceiving your readers by suggesting an easy fix!

I cannot sign this because some of my patients might think I lack compassion for them in similar circumstances, which is wrong.

A DOCTOR IN MICHIGAN

**DEAR DOCTOR: I advised the suicidal woman to talk to her doctor because I assumed her doctor would be caring enough to take the call if she said the matter was urgent and personal, and because thoughts of suicide might be something she'd rather not discuss with a medical receptionist. Also, many people don't know which psychology professional to see, and they depend on their physicians to refer them. If that was a mistake, you are the only doctor who has written to tell me so.**

**I'm sorry you didn't sign your name. Had you done so, your schedule would probably open up sufficiently to allow you to accept phone calls from patients in emotional pain.**

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DEAR ABBY: We have a problem and need a tactful solution, and are hoping you can help us.

We recently installed an expensive parquet floor in our home, and we would like to keep spike heels off it. How can we tell our guests in a nice way?

MRS. B. FROM N.C.

**DEAR MRS. B.: Keep a collection of bedroom slippers in all sizes near the front door. It's subtle, non-offensive, and should solve your problem.**

## Senate is not to blame, says judiciary head

NEW YORK (AP) — A key Republican says the Senate is not to blame for the pace in filling federal judgeships, a topic that has prompted criticism from President Clinton and the chief justice of the Supreme Court, The New York Times reported Friday.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said that any problems in filling vacancies are due to the quality of Clinton's nominees and what he described as the excessive "activism" of many judges.

"There are many parties who have a role in these problems," he said in an interview the newspaper made available on its Web site. "The No. 1 problem happens to be activist judges who continue to find laws that aren't there and expand the law beyond the intent of Congress."

Hatch also downplayed complaints about overworked judges, saying: "There is little or no room to complain."

Democrats and Republicans spent much of 1997 arguing over judicial nominations, a feud that gained more fuel this week from Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

In his year-end report on the federal judiciary, Rehnquist blamed the Senate for "serious delays in the appointment process."

# Datebook

Jan. 3, 1998

*Today is the third day of 1998 and the 14th day of winter.*

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1847, the city of Yerba Buena, Calif., changed its name to San Fransisco.

On this day in 1871, Henry W. Bradley of Binghamton, N.Y., received a patent for oleomargarine.

On this day in 1970, the Beatles recorded their last song together, "I Me Mine."

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Lucretia Mott (1793-1880), abolitionist-feminist; Father Damien (1840-1889), missionary; J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973), writer; Victor Borge (1909-), comedian-pianist, is 89; Sergio Leone (1921-1989), director; Bobby Hull (1939-), hockey great, is 59; Victoria Principal (1945-), actress, is 53; Stephen Stills (1945-), musician, is 53; Mel Gibson (1956-), actor, is 42.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1993, the Buffalo Bills rallied from a 32-point deficit to beat the Houston Oilers, 41-38.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Morality regulates the acts of man as a private individual; honor, his acts as a public man." — Esteban Echeverria

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1883, a meteor of remarkable brilliance was observed in parts of the Midwest and the Ohio Valley.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between new moon (Dec. 29) and first quarter (Jan. 5).

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Jan. 4, 1998

*Today is the fourth day of 1998 and the 15th day of winter.*

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1790, George Washington delivered the first annual presidential message to the nation.

On this day in 1885, the first appendectomy was performed by Dr. William Grant on Mary Gartside in Davenport, Iowa.

On this day in 1969, George Jones and Dolly Parton joined the Grand Ole Opry.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Jacob Grimm (1785-1863), folklorist; Louis Braille (1809-1852), inventor; Jane Wyman (1914-), actress, is 84; Don Shula (1930-), football coach, is 68; Floyd Patterson (1935-), boxer, is 63; Dyan Cannon (1937-), actress, is 61; Michael Stipe (1960-), singer, is 38.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1984, the Edmonton Oilers defeated the Minnesota North Stars, 12-8, in the highest-scoring game in modern NHL history.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Where there are no men, strive thou to be a man." — the Haggadah

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1888, 3.5 inches of snow fell in Sacramento, Calif. — an all-time record.

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**TODAY'S MOON:** Day before first quarter.

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## Man fires shots outside hospital

PINE BLUFF, Ark. (AP) — A man running around a hospital with a rubber chicken and a gun shot himself Friday and died outside the emergency room.

Ronald Clowers, 48, stuck the gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger after a police officer ordered him to drop the weapon.

Witnesses said Clowers first went inside the emergency room at Jefferson Regional Medical Center and talked to some people before walking out and firing off a few shots outside. He then ran around to another side of the building, where he was met by the police officer.

Clowers' former wife is a nurse at the hospital but was not on duty at the time.

## Making plans for next New Year's

NEW YORK (AP) — Puff Daddy won't be missing out on a big party to usher in the next century, and neither will New York City youngsters if he gets his wish.

He's thinking about what he'll do on New Year's Eve 1999 — and thinking big.





