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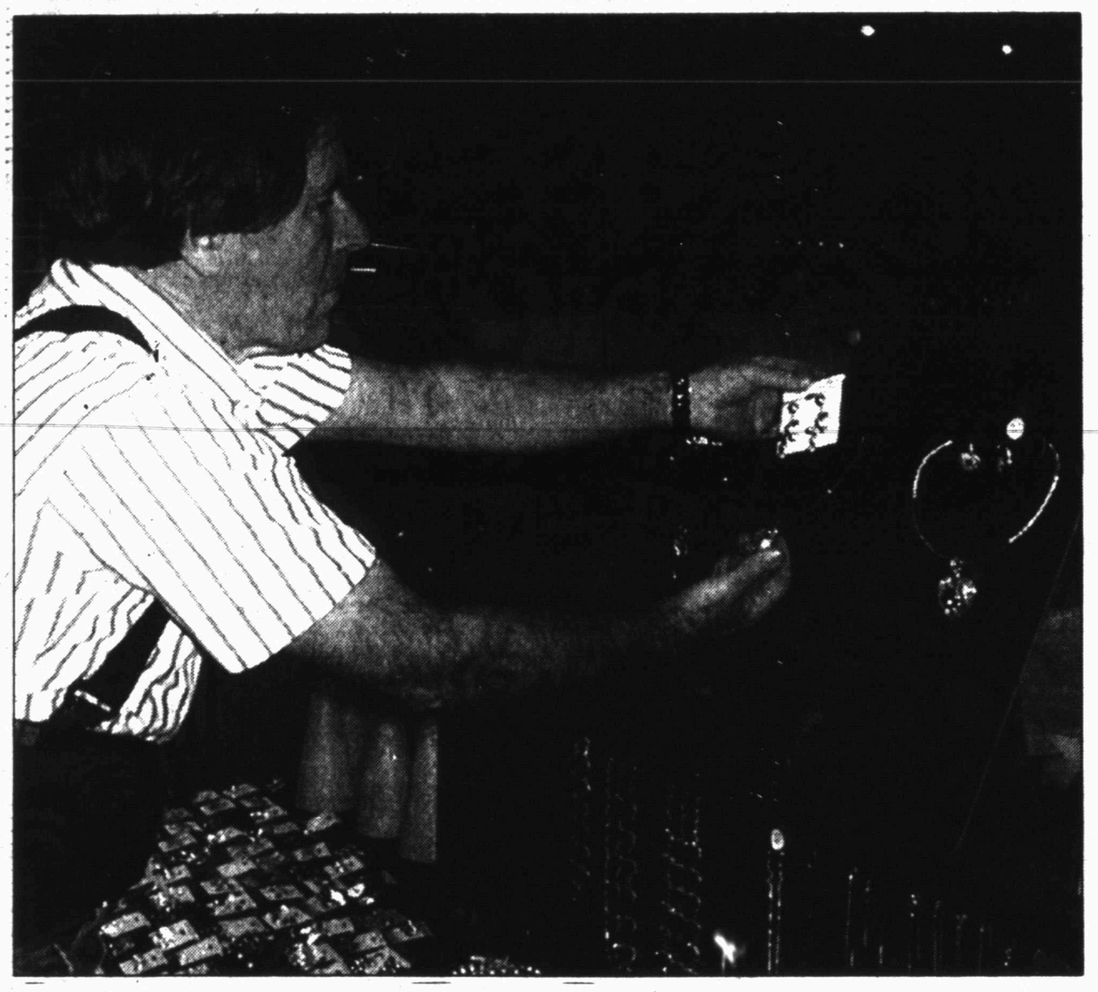
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Home Of Laney Ashworth



SETTING UP — Frank White of San Angelo was busy Friday evening setting up his booth for the eighth annual Scurry County Arts and Craft Show at Scurry County Coliseum. The show was to continue through 6 p.m. Saturday and from noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday. There is no admission charged. (SDN Staff Photo)

Freeze expected Monday...

Cold, winter weather may finally be here

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

It's less than three weeks before Christmas and most people are checking off names on the family gift list to make sure no one is left off.

Homeowners are making lists also, ensuring that the proper number of light strands have been bought for the outdoor Christmas decorations, and if they have looked at the calendar, preparing their homes for winter.

So far this year, temperatures betray the fact that the first day of winter comes just four days before Christmas Day.

Temperatures reaching 80 degress have caused a couple of strange items to be put on lists for this time of the year — mowing the yard and picking fresh tomatoes.

The lowest temperature recorded at the city's water plant this fall has been 34 degrees on Nov. 10.

As opposed to rainfall, temperature records are sparse.

The Texas Almanac lists Nov. 4 as the average freeze date in Scurry County, and that date is being surpassed by a month this weekend.

Long-time Scurry County farmer Bill Jordan says he remembers cotton blooming in January of 1949.

That fall was definitely similar to this year, as The Scurry County Times reported a high temperature on Dec. 23 of 78 degrees.

Walter Stirl, who lives south of Hermleigh, says he remembers green cotton in the fields a couple of times on Christmas Eve.

He couldn't pinpoint the exact dates.

"Well," said Stirl. "It had to be sometime after 1941."

Stirl has been farming since that time.

"If its rainfall numbers you want, I have detailed records of that," added Stirl.

And with not much hope in his voice, Stirl said if he does not get an inch of rain on his place this month, it will be the driest year that he has experienced in the county.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District agrees with Stirl that 1998 has been dry, as it is in the process of recording the lowest runoff into Snyder's Lake Thomas in the lake's history — by a big margin.

Through November, only 856 acre-feet has flowed into the lake.

The previous lowest runoff was 3,100 acre-feet in 1994.

Compare those numbers with what the water district used to consider low runoff years: 11,190 ac.-ft. in 1973 and 11,977 ac.-ft. in 1968.

But, back to the temperatures, when the newspaper recorded the high temperature of 78 degrees in Dec., 1948, it also reported a norther blew in and dropped the temperature by 30 degrees in less than three hours.

So, we know the cold weather is coming. And it might be here Sunday night.

The National Weather Service in Lubbock is predicting a low here for Sunday night at 31 degrees, and has predicted hard freezes for Lubbock on Monday and Tuesday mornings. The last time Lubbock had temperatures in the 20s this late in the fall was on Dec. 3, 1933.

So, if you still have tomatoes left on your vines, get them picked by Sunday evening.

Lighted parade ready to roll as generators begin to hum

Up to 20 floats are expected for this evening's annual Lighted Christmas Parade which gets underway at 6 p.m. along College Avenue.

Parade entries will gather at 5 p.m. on the grounds of the Snyder Shoping Center, said organizer Cindy Sharp.

The parade will begin its route at 6 p.m. towards the courthouse square.

It will proceed around the square to Avenue R, and then head south to the area of the First Presbyterian Church where it will dis-band.

Sharp said persons could still enter floats or vehicles in the parade even though they have not contacted her as yet.

"Just be at the shopping center at 5 o'clock, said Sharp.

Sharp said lanterns, candles and flashlights are acceptable forms of "light" for the parade.

Thus far, entries have been received from several churches, county employees, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Kenneth Wood will be the Grand Marshal. Santa is also scheduled to be present.

Also scheduled to be in the parade are Scurry County Rodeo Queen Darcee Purcell and Junior Miss Rodeo Queen Kassey Burney.

Cash prizes will be awarded in three categories, including best use of light, best theme and most unique.

Also this evening, the local chamber of commerce will be selling coffee, hot chocolate and popcorn in front of the gazebo on the courthouse square.

Goodfellows accepting donations

Persons wishing to make donations to the Goodfellows this Christmas season may take items of non-perishable food to TCA Cable or the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

Also, all campuses of the Snyder Independent School District will be accepting Goodfellow donations, as will all financial institutions.

Donations must be turned in by Dec. 19 in order to be distributed before Christmas.

Commissioners to consider funding part of water plan

Scurry County commissioners court will have several items of new business to consider when it meets at 10 a.m. Monday.

Among the items, the commissioners will consider funding for this area's water planning group as part of the State Water Plan.

John Grant, this area's chairman, said a cost-sharing plan has been proposed to take care of $160,000 in administrative costs, and is requesting Scurry County pay a total of $3,536 with payments of $1,768 due Feb. 1, 1999 and Feb. 1, 2000.

Also for the court's consideration will be a field agreement with the Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service.

In a routine item, the court will consider advertising for bids for seal coating gravel, seal coating asphalt and fuel and bulk oil.

Also on the agenda for the courts consideration is the updating of the county's computer system to meet Y2K requirements and the discussion on the 1999 holiday calendar.

See Court, Page 14A

Polls open until 7 p.m. Saturday

Voters began casting ballots at 7 a.m. Saturday at Snyder's city hall in the $16 million bond issue for the Snyder Independent School District.

Polls were to close at 7 p.m.

At stake is whether voters will approve the sale of the bonds in order to make campus-wide improvements to the district's facilities.

Trial jury may receive civil case by mid-week

Jurors in the civil trial currently underway in 132nd District Court got a holiday of sorts Friday afternoon as District Judge Ernie Armstrong dismissed them for the weekend.

They'll be back at work Monday morning though, as rebuttal testimony from the attorneys for the plaintiffs will begin.

Both sets of attorneys had rested their case by Friday noon, with the plaintiffs resting on Wednesday afternoon.

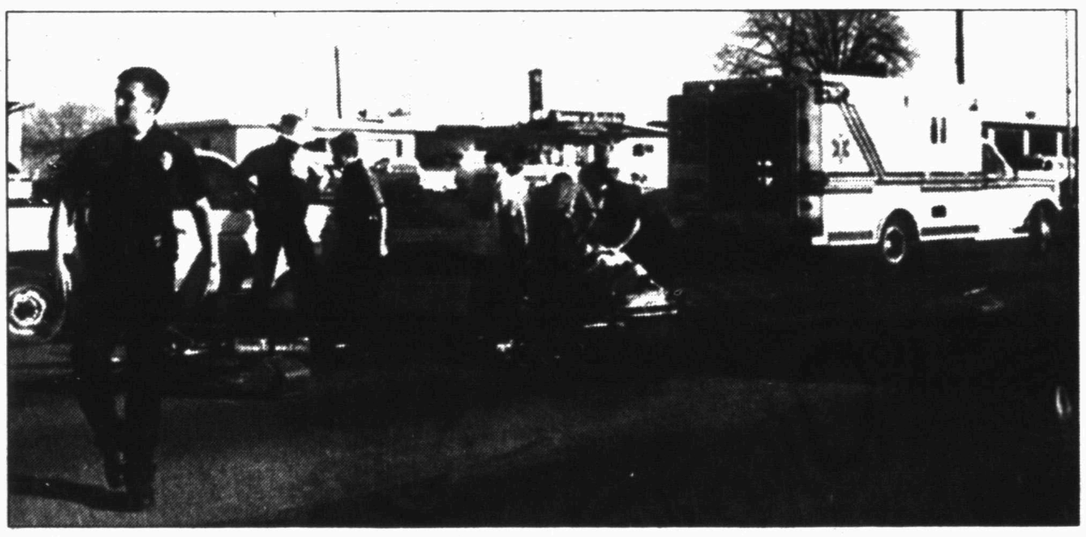
It is expected the case will go to the jury by mid-week.

The seven-woman, five-man jury heard testimony last week in the suit involving a contract dispute over mineral interests in the northern part of Scurry County.

Hrubetz Operating Company is the plaintiff and is represented by Thomas Taylor of Dallas.

Defendants are C.K. Oil Properties of Post, Rocker A Operating Company of Post, Kerr-McGee Corporation and Curtis Phillips.

The suit was filed on Dec. 1, 1997 and involves petroleum production near the Scurry-Garza county line. Lead attorney for the defendants is Charles King of Houston. Numerous other attorneys are involved.



BICYCLIST INJURED — Snyder police officer Mike Ward watches for on-coming traffic in the 3900 block of College Avenue Friday afternoon after a man riding a bicycle and a vehicle were involved in an accident. Bicyclist Tommy Lynn Horsley, 40, was injured and was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where his condition was listed as stable this morning. Marie McRoberts was the driver of the vehicle, a 1993 Nissan pickup. (SDN Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "To see what's right in front of your nose requires opening your eyes."

There's good news and bad news.

If you had a kid born in 1997, it will cost the typical middle-income couple $153,660 to rear that child to age 17.

That's a 14 percent increase, based on constant dollars, than in 1960.

Here's where the money goes. Housing accounts for 33 percent while food is responsible for 18 percent of the expenditure.

Transportation will take 15 percent. It could be more, depending on the kind of wheels that he or she can convince parents to buy.

Child care and education will take another nine percent while clothing and health care require seven percent each. Miscellaneous, which includes entertainment, takes 11 percent of the $153,660.

What's the good news?

Raising a kid will never be cheaper.

Jack Gorman, senior executive vice president at Snyder National Bank, has been keeping us informed on the bank's efforts to comply with the Y2K deadline.

Financial institutions are even having periodic exams to ensure that all computers will keep running when the year 2000 clicks over.

The Y2K talk reminded us of a story about Boris Yelstin, Bill Clinton and Bill Gates being invited to have dinner with God.

They were told He needed three important people to send a message to all people: "Tomorrow, I will destroy the Earth."

Yelstin immediately called together his cabinet and told them of two pieces of bad news. "God really does exist, and second, tomorrow the earth will be destroyed."

Clinton called an emergency session of the security council and told them. "I have good news. God really does exist. But the bad news is that He will destroy the earth tomorrow."

Bill Gates went back to his computer headquarters and told his following:

"I have two fantastic announcements. First, I am one of the three most important people on Earth. Second, the Year 2000 problem has been solved."

ASK US

Q—Is it possible to convert regular size football playing fields to six-man size in order to accommodate playoff games?

A—Yes. Snyder was the host of the Six-man state championship game in the mid-'80s at Tiger Stadium.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 74 degrees; low 43; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 50; no precipitation; total for 1998 to date, 10.29 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 40. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.



Devin Brown
Cooler

Sunset:
5:40 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:29 a.m.
Of 338 days in 1998, the sun has shone 335 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"In order to succeed, you must know what you are doing, like what you are doing and believe in what you are doing."

Will Rogers

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Space station equipment tested

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The astronauts aboard space shuttle Endeavour spent their first full day in orbit testing equipment they'll need to begin assembling the international space station.

The task starts in earnest Sunday when a Russian-built module is connected with a U.S. part.

Except for a "minor hiccup" with a camera the astronauts will use to view the two modules as they are attached, all systems were working today, NASA flight director Bob Castle said.

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"The Truth about Sex: Purity"
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Mon., Nov. 30, 1998, 7:00 p.m.

"So far, things have gone very well," Castle said.

After finally blasting off early Friday — following a year's delay and an exasperating, last-second postponement the day before — Endeavour's crew of five Americans and one Russian were eager to get started.

"The crew's feeling awesome, and we're ready to go to work up here," shuttle commander Robert Cabana told Mission Control.

On Sunday evening, the astronauts will capture Zarya, a space station piece put into orbit by the Russians two weeks ago, and attach it to Unity, the U.S.-built part on board the shuttle.

Astronaut Nancy Currie will use a 50-foot robot arm to latch the two pieces together. Because the two components are too big to allow Currie to see out the shuttle window, she will have to rely on a computerized vision system to complete the task, the mission's most challenging.

Later Saturday, Currie was to use the robot arm and vision system to unstow Unity from the shuttle's cargo bay in preparation for Sunday's rendezvous.

During a checkout of the arm and vision system Friday night, one of the cameras that will track the parts' alignment got stuck while panning to the left. But the camera eventually unjammed, and Castle said he did not expect it to remain a problem.

"If it died completely, we have other cameras that can do" the job, he said.

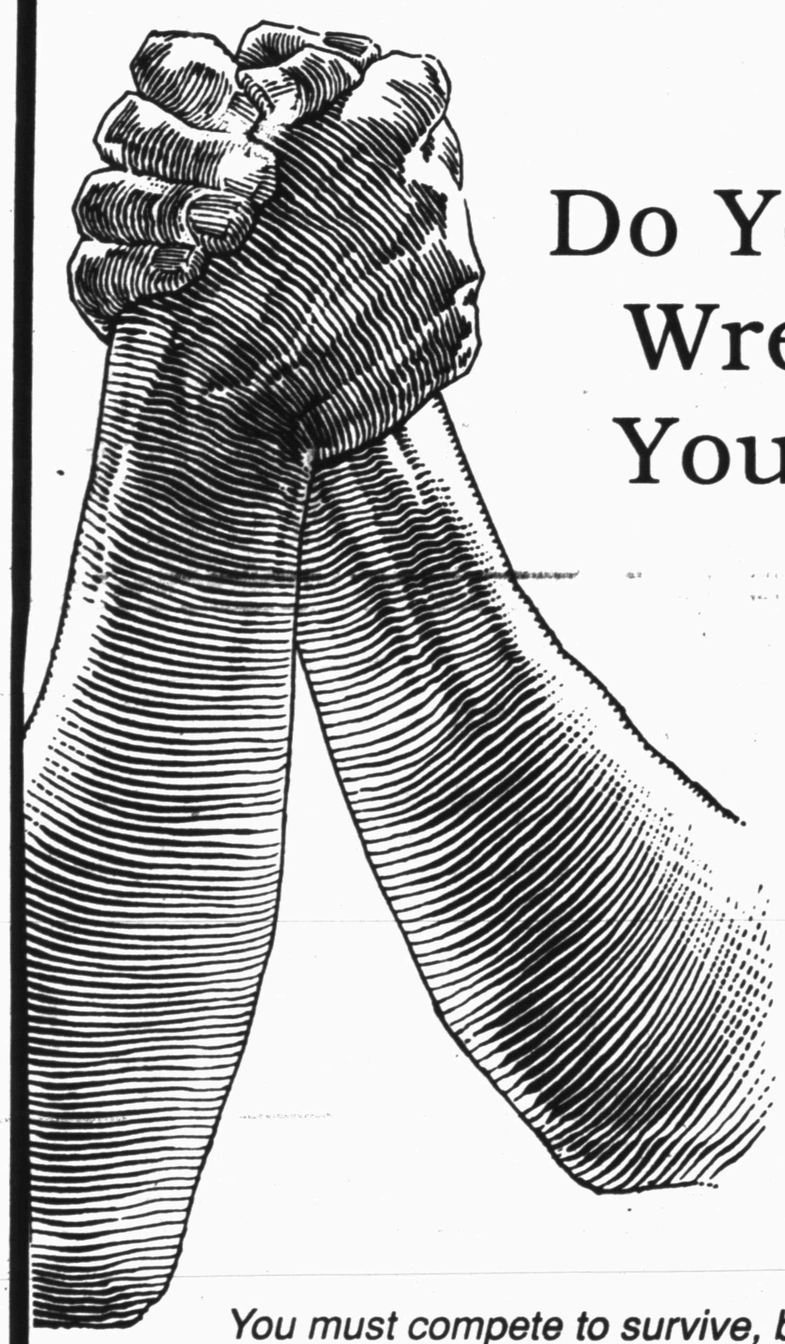
The astronauts also tested spacesuits and jet-powered backpacks that will be needed for three spacewalks in which all the electrical connections and cables between Zarya and Unity will be hooked up by hand.

The combined modules will jut 77 feet out of Endeavour's cargo bay and have a mass of 70,000 pounds. Zarya will provide power and propulsion. Unity is a cylindrical passageway to which other pieces of the space station will be attached.

In all, 162 spacewalks will be required to assemble and maintain the 1 million-pound outpost. Forty-three more U.S. and Russian launches will be needed over the next five years to haul up more than 100 space station parts.

Endeavour is due back on Dec. 15. NASA officials said Friday that a problem during liftoff with one of the shuttle's three hydraulic power units would not affect the 12-day flight. The unit overheated, but the pilots switched to a backup controller to cool it.

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Religious Briefs

Church services set

The Church on the Rock, located at 2214 42 St., has set an Avivamiento to Cristiano Nacho Galinda for 7 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Candlelight service of rememberance

The Support Group Ministry recognizes the difficulty that family members who have lost loved ones have during the holiday season. Therefore a candlelight service of rememberance will be held Sunday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. for First Baptist Church family and the community to remember and celebrate the lives of those who will not be present this holiday season. It will be a special time of music, lighting of candles, worship and prayer. For more information call the church office at 573-2631. The Support Group Ministry will not resume monthly meetings until January, 1999.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Stop the Miracles," followed by "The Truth About Sex: Purity."

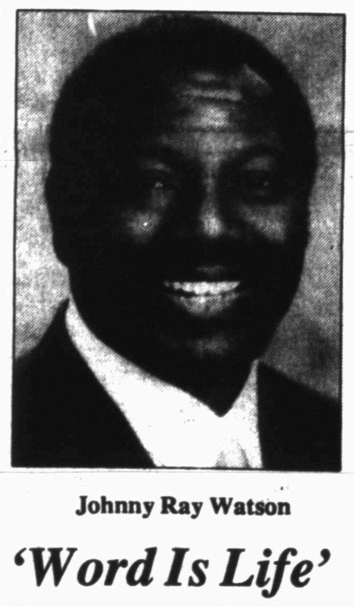
FUMC Christmas celebrations

First United Methodist Church invites the Snyder area community to its two Christmas celebrations. The first, the Chancel Choir's presentation of "A Time of Joy," is set for 10:50 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24. A nursery will be provided for each service.

Colonial Hill readies drive-through nativity

The staff and congregation of Colonial Hill Baptist Church are preparing a seasonal event for the community.

The annual drive-through nativity, "The Gift," will be presented Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m.. The program is free to the public and will take approximately 20 minutes to view.



Johnny Ray Watson

Larry Wesson, minister of music, is excited about the upcoming drama. "The birth of Christ is only the beginning. We have expanded our vision this year to include His ministry and crucifixion and resurrection. It is our hope to touch hearts."

The yearly event is a churchwide endeavor. Much preperation is required to present this unique ministry. Narration, music, costumes, actors, lighting are just a few of the areas where church members provide their time and talents, but the experience is rewarding for those who are able to participate, Wesson said.

The Colonial Hill puppet ministry will be greeting those attending with Christmas cards and good wishes. Hot chocolate will also be served from the puppet area.

The best route to the performance will be turning south on Denison off of 35th St. The drive through begins on the east side of the church property on Denison.

It is an event for the entire family, one that will strengthen this Christmas season with purpose, Wesson said. "It is the celebration of an event that could change your life."

'Word Is Life' to present gospel singer

The Word Is Life Deliverance Church, located at 602 30th, will feature Johnny Ray Watson, nationally-known gospel singer, in concert this weekend.

On Saturday, the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. The Sunday concert begins at 10:30 a.m.

There is no admission charge. For more information, call 573-0353 or 573-2873.

Gates eyes verson 2.0

SEATTLE (AP) — Bill Gates and his wife are working on version 2.0.

Melinda Gates is pregnant with the couple's second child, due in June, family spokeswoman Rose Berg said Thursday.

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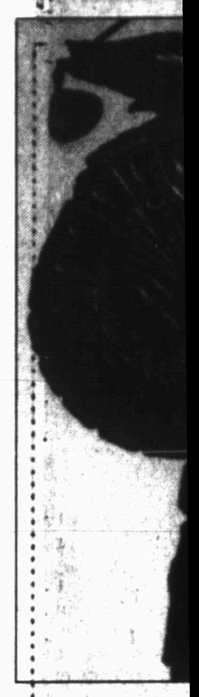
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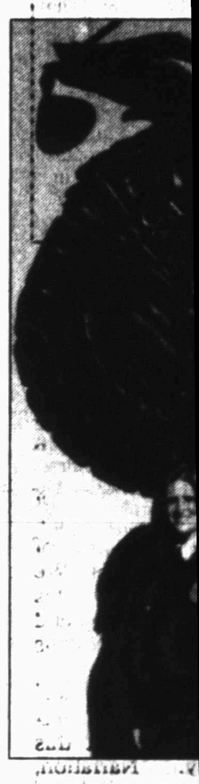
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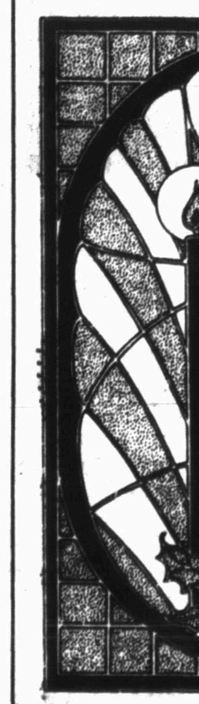
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JUNIOR FFA KNOWLEDGE — Members of the national champion junior FFA knowledge team are from left, Michelle Rollins, Terrie Moore, Amanda Clark, Lacey Kidd, Glen Burk. (Contributed Photo)



SENIOR FFA KNOWLEDGE — Members of the national champion senior FFA knowledge team include from left, Laurie Huddleston, Mario Gonzales, David Wilson, Damon Early, Blake Bell. (Contributed Photo)

2 Snyder FFA teams win first at national

When it comes to winning at the national contest, Snyder Future Farmers of America (FFA) are becoming regulars.

Two different teams recently defeated every other team in the country to bring home not one but two national championships.

This is the fifth year in a row that Snyder members have won the national junior FFA knowledge contest in Kansas City, Mo. It marks the third year in a row for winning the senior FFA knowledge contest.

"All in all," said David Frazier, adviser, "The Snyder FFA members have brought great recognition for not only Snyder High School but for the state of Texas as well."

Members of the national champion junior knowledge team were Lacey Kidd, Terrie Moore, Michelle Rollins, Glen Burk and Amanda Clark.

Burk said, "Winning the national title has to be one of the greatest highlights of my life. It was great."

The senior FFA knowledge team consisted of Laurie Huddleston, Mario Gonzales, Blake Bell, David Wilson, and Damon Early. Four of these students placed in the top 10 overall individual category.

Huddleston, who marked this team as her third national title, said, "It is great to know that I was able to represent my local school and community in a way that will bring positive recognition to each. Winning national titles just proves what we already know, that Snyder is the home of many champions."

Shannon Chambers also brought home national recognition when she defeated students from across the country to place second in the national junior FFA creed speaking contest.

Advisers include Frazier and Jason Whitley.

In dragging death...

Jasper prosecutor believes impartial jury is possible

HOUSTON (AP) — A prosecutor about to try the first of three white men accused of dragging a black Jasper man to death says he believes 12 impartial jurors can be found without moving the case.

A week ago, the lawyer for John William King asked state District Judge Bob Golden to consider moving his client's Jan. 25 trial to another Texas city because of pretrial publicity.

King and two other men are charged in the gruesome June 6 attack on James Byrd Jr.

Byrd was beaten, chained to a pickup and dragged to his death along a rural road near Jasper. Prosecutors believe the three killed the 49-year-old because he was black.

In his reponse to the defendant's motion, Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray Jr. said he believed the trial can take place in Jasper.

"I think we'd like to pick a jury here if we can," Gray said. "With the amount of publicity all over the state, it's going to be difficult but no more difficult here than somewhere else."

The jury pool for King's trial is to be drawn chiefly from five separate Jasper County towns: Brookeland, Jasper, Kirbyville, Buna and Evadale.

"Potential jurors in Jasper County have heard about the same things as potential jurors anywhere else in the state," Jasper County Judge Harold Kennedy said in an affadavit supporting James' plea to keep the trial from moving. "Im my opinion, there is not such a degree of bias and prejudice against the defendant to preclude the selection of a fair jury in this county."

A hearing on the change of venue request as well as a motion to severely restrict media coverage is scheduled for Dec. 14.

Texas author to be at NE on Dec. 15

Texas author Herb Marlow will be at Northeast Elementary Tuesday morning, Dec. 15. He is the author of "Twisters," "Bronc Riders & Cherry Pie," "Dillon's Revenge," "Ghost Horse," and "Cougar."

The author presents programs at schools, libraries, bookstores, and other public events. Marlow tells stories from his books, but he is more than a storyteller.

He encourages children to write and to become authors themselves. He shares a secret with all children: "Anybody can write a book — and that means you."

The author tells children that "all writers are readers first — so keep reading." As Marlow feigns roping a calf or being bucked off of a horse, his listeners hang on every word and gesture.

His presentations are very popular. He is funny, yet he has a message for all, using the tools of his trade — words.

Drawing from his experiences and his imagination, this author has been telling stories most of his life. His books will be available at the presentation.

$1.1 million given for kids

DALLAS (AP) — In July, Elaine Gabbert underwent brain surgery. In August, her mother and husband both died.

The 62-year-old Mrs. Gabbert didn't want to dwell on the terrible turns her life had taken.

"We really feel like you pick yourself up and go on with life," she told The Dallas Morning News.

When Mrs. Gabbert sat down with her estate attorney after the death of her husband of 41 years, John, she realized she had more money than she could ever need.

Mrs. Gabbert and her husband always wanted to give a large sum to charity, maybe $1 million, she told the newspaper. After her husband died of a heart attack, Mrs. Gabbert thought about fulfilling that desire. But she had no idea where to direct the money. She began asking friends for advice.

Mrs. Gabbert considered donating to a private school or to Baylor University Medical Center or Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Then she thought about Buckner Children and Family Services in East Dallas, a home for disadvantaged children. Mrs. Gabbert's Sunday school teacher, Dr. Kenneth Hall, is president and chief executive officer of Buckner Baptist Benevolences, which was trying to raise $5.2 million for five new buildings.

Mrs. Gabbert hadn't visited the children's home in a long time, but she remembered it well.

"The buildings are crumbling and drab," she said.

Mrs. Gabbert decided to give $1.1 million for an education center at the home.

Happy 85th Birthday Lowell Thornburg

Dr. Gloria Gerstner and staff would like to wish everyone a happy & safe holiday season!

Our office will be having a Holiday Open House on Thursday, Dec. 17 from 4-6 pm. The community is invited to attend.

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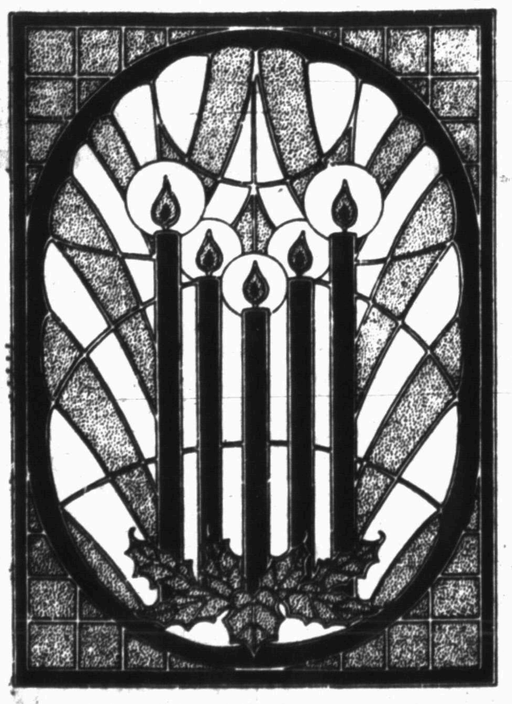
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For more information please call the First Baptist Church office at 573-2631

Higher standard proposed for moving to 11th grade

AUSTIN (AP) — Education Commissioner Mike Moses proposed significant changes to the TAAS testing system Friday, including moving the exam students must pass to graduate from the 10th to 11th grade.

"This proposal definitely raises the bar for Texas high school students," Moses said.

If approved by lawmakers, the proposals would mark the first significant change to the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills program in five years.

"I think the public has become increasingly concerned about whether the 10th grade test adequately measures the knowledge of graduating high school students," Moses said.

"Moving the exit-level test to the 11th grade will allow the test to measure more of what the student is expected to learn in core high school courses."

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said he supported delaying the exit-level exam, noting that his Senate Education Committee made a similar proposal.

"I am generally supportive of gradually increasing the standards," Bivins said.

Moses said there could be consequences, including an initially higher failure rate with a new test.

Donna Haschke, vice president of the Texas State Teachers Association, agreed, adding that while there is a risk of more failures the state's teachers and students are prepared.

"It's a positive change. ... As teachers we feel we're up to the challenge," she said.

Students currently have eight opportunities to pass the exit-level TAAS test by the end of their senior year. If the test were moved to 11th grade, there would probably be six opportunities to pass the test, Moses said.

The new 11th grade test would include science and social studies, unlike the current exam. It's important that students are prepared in all core academic subjects, Moses said.

He said the state should broaden the TAAS test for several grades, including adding a writing section for sixth grade; a mathematics and reading section in ninth grade; a science section for grades five through seven, and a social studies component for fourth grade.

"If educators know that their school can be labeled low-performing because of poor performance on science and social studies exams, I expect we will see strengthened programs in those two areas," he said.

Under Moses' proposals, the state would continue to raise the percentage of students who must pass the TAAS for a campus to be considered acceptable. Ratings are based on the passing rate for all students at a school and for each student group — black, Hispanic, white and economically disadvantaged.

The TAAS standard for an acceptable rating has been increasing by 5 percent annually, requiring 40 percent of students to pass this year. The standards should continue to increase, reaching 70 percent by 2004, Moses said.

"In Texas, we want to high school diploma to mean something, and these proposals will make sure students graduate with the knowledge they need to succeed in life," said Gov. George W. Bush said. "As we raise the bar, students and schools will rise to the occasion."

Bivins said it's also important that the state not set standards too high.

"If we set the standards too high they will become a discouragement," he said.

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Datebook

Dec. 5, 1998

Today is the 339th day of 1998 and the 74th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1848, President James Polk reported to Congress that gold had been discovered in California.

On this day in 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged, to become the AFL-CIO. George Meany was elected it's first president.

On this day in 1968, the Rolling Stones released "Beggar's Banquet."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Martin Van Buren (1782-1862), U.S. president; George Armstrong Custer (1839-1876), U.S. cavalry officer; Walt Disney (1901-1966), film producer; Strom Thurmond (1902-), U.S. senator, is 96; Otto Preminger (1905-1986), film director; Joan Didion (1934-), writer, is 64; Art Monk (1957-), football player, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, USC running back Marcus Allen won the Heisman Trophy.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "One of the signs of passing youth is the birth of a sense of fellowship with other human beings as we take our place among them." — Virginia Woolf

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1913, storms were blasting much of Colorado with winds up to 60 mph.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 3) and last quarter (Dec. 10).

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Dec. 6, 1998

Today is the 340th day of 1998 and the 75th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1923, President Calvin Coolidge addressed a joint session of Congress. It was the first presidential speech broadcast on radio.

On this day in 1955, psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers won the top prize on "The $64,000 Question."

On this day in 1973, Gerald Ford was sworn in as Vice President of the United States, following the resignation of Spiro Agnew.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William S. Hart (1870-1946), actor; Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918), poet; Ira Gershwin (1896-1983), lyricist; Agnes Moorehead (1900-1974), actress; Dave Brubeck (1920-), jazz musician, is 78; Wally Cox (1924-1973), actor; Peter Buck (1956-), guitarist, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, wide receiver Jerry Rice of the San Francisco 49ers caught his 101st touchdown pass, setting an NFL record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In adversity remember to keep an even mind." — Horace

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1992, a Genoa low brought heavy rain and snow to northern Italy.

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Social security eyed by panel

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new chairman of the House panel on Social Security said today he is confident that lawmakers from both parties can work together and make sure retired Americans receive the benefits they deserve.

Rep. E. Clay Shaw Jr. of Florida, in the weekly Republican radio address, called the Social Security system "one of the best things about America."

But, he warned, some of those paying into the system now may not get the benefits they are entitled to in 30 years, as the funds in the system begin to shrink.

"As the president has said and almost everyone recognizes, Social Security is headed for crisis," Shaw said.

Without changes, the system is projected to run out of money when the huge baby boom generation starts to retire in force.

Shaw and other members of Congress will meet with President Clinton on Tuesday to discuss ways to strengthen the system.

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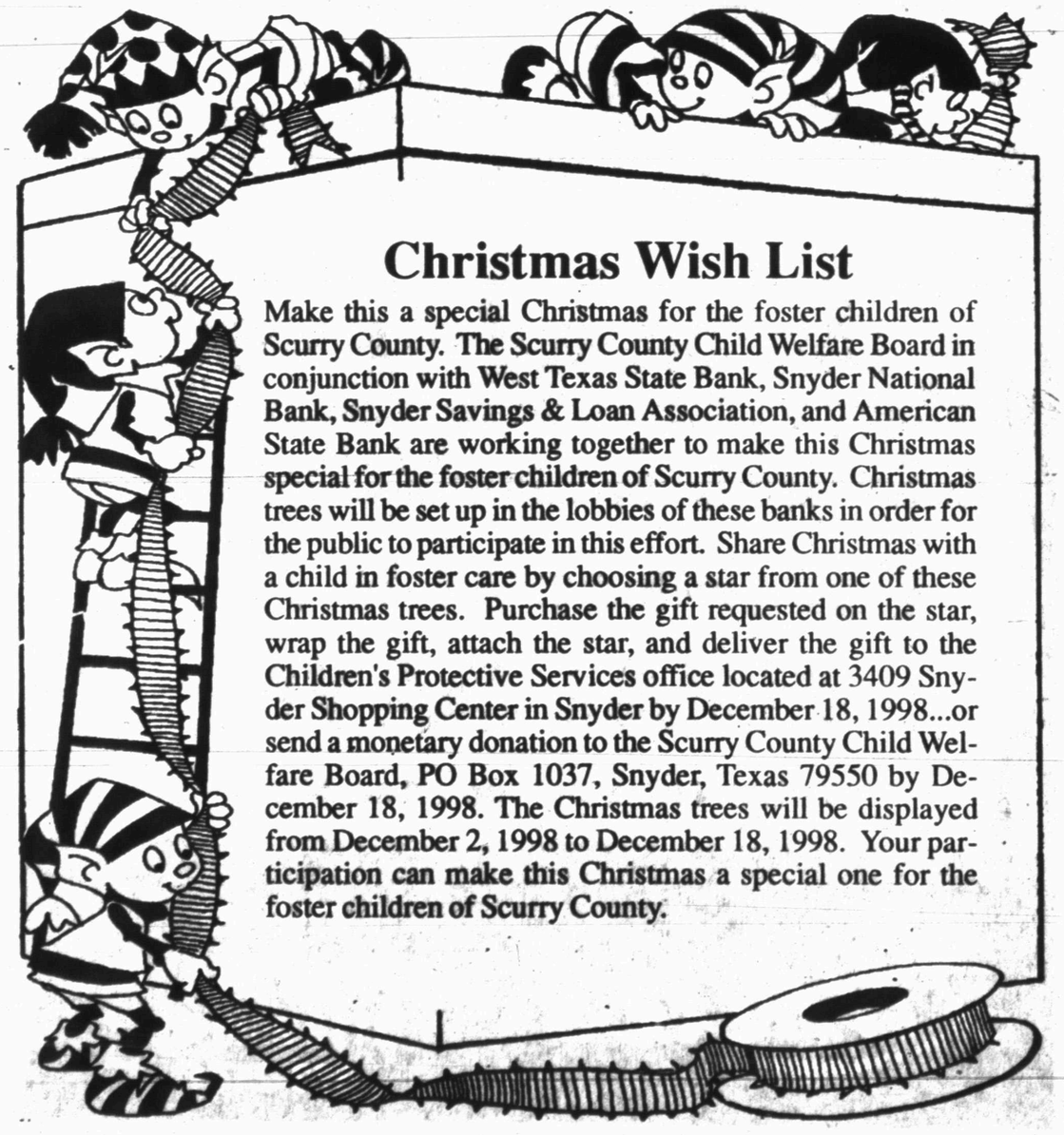
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Mrs. Clovis Robinson was selected as resident of the month by her fellow residents at Snyder Oaks. Mrs. Robinson is paralized on her left side, yet continues to remain active and play the piano at Sunday School. She is a strong Methodist believer. Mrs Robinson taught school for 3 years, and was supervisor of the school lunch room for 7 years. She has 2 girls and 3 boys. Also, she has done volunteer work in the community all her life. Congratulations Clovis on being the Resident of the Month!

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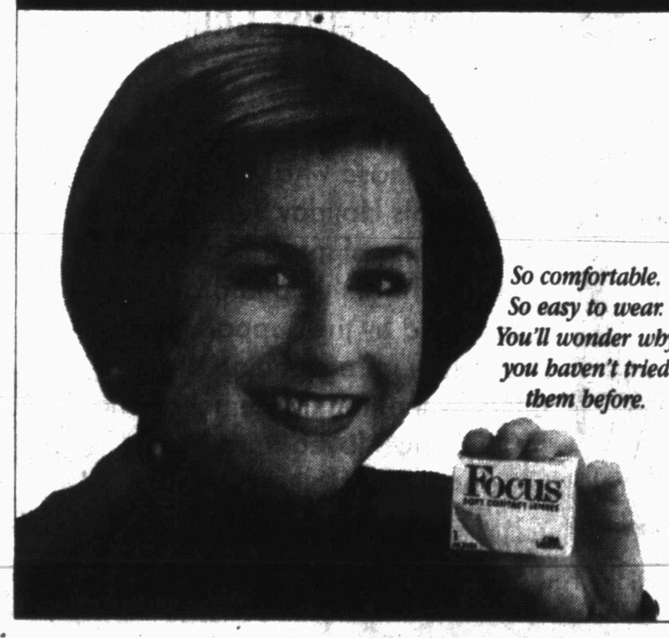
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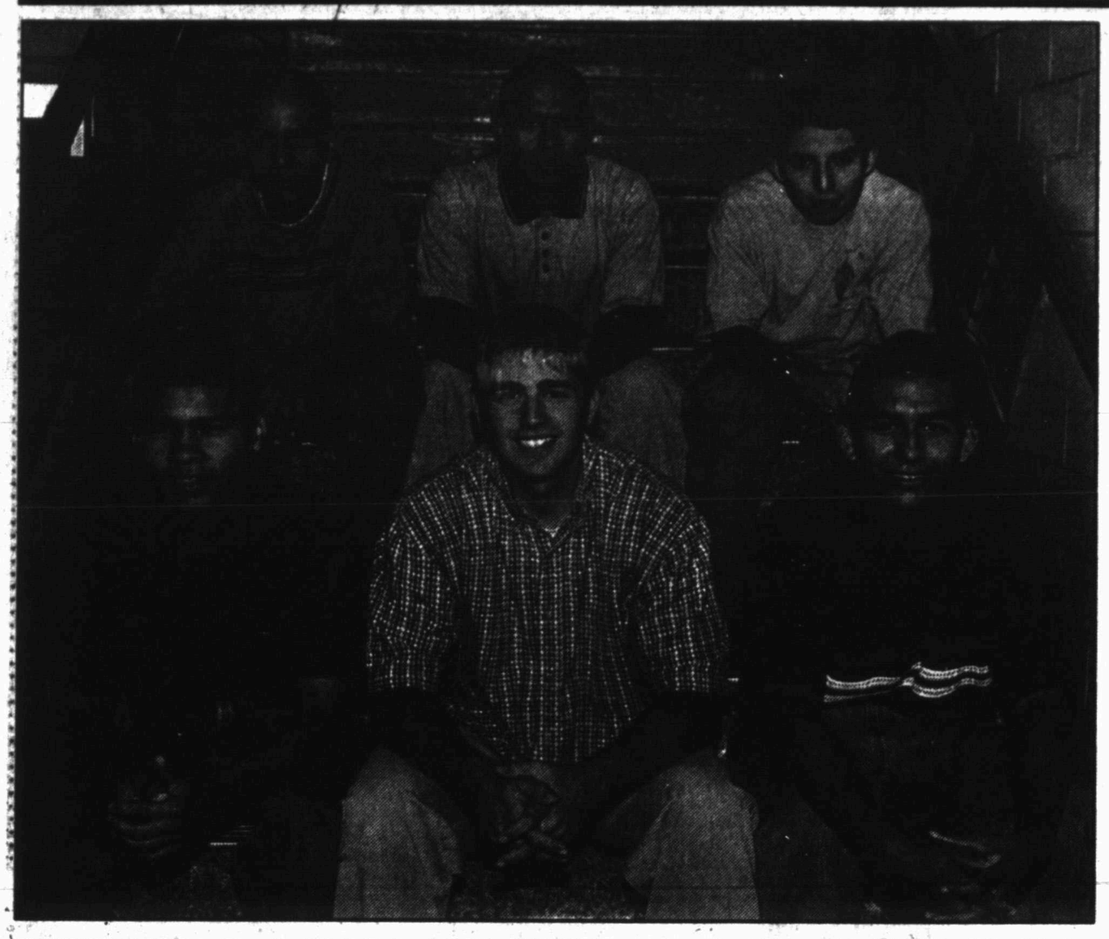
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CANDIDATES — Snyder High School's Spanish Club sponsored a "Senor Navidad" or Mr. Christmas contest last week. Contestants are back row, from left, Johnny Alaniz, Juan Arizmendi, Nick Barboza; front row, Bebos Martinez, James Allen Shields and Sid Villasana. Students voted during lunch each day. Sid Villasana won, but all of the candidates will appear in Saturday night's lighted Christmas parade. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

For more appointments...

Constitution rewrite would give governor more authority

AUSTIN (AP) — Rewriting the Texas Constitution to give the governor broad power to appoint judges and other officials is a long shot — but one worth taking, two lawmakers said Friday.

The current constitution, adopted in 1876 and amended 377 times, long ago outlived its usefulness, said the authors, Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant and Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo. Their rewrite would trim the 90,000-word document to 19,000.

"We need a structure for Texas government that is efficient and as much as anything makes state officials accountable to the people," Ratliff said.

"I don't know whether we can pass this, I really don't. People ask about the odds, I facetiously say maybe one in 10 on an optimistic day. But I think they're better than that," he said.

The draft proposal released Friday would have the governor appoint district and appellate court judges, removing them from direct partisan elections. Gov. George W. Bush has said he supports judicial elections.

The Supreme Court and Criminal Court of Appeals would be combined into one 15-member court that would split criminal and civil appeals.

The proposal also would create an executive cabinet of governor-appointed heads of departments of state, interior, public safety and criminal justice, health and human services, education, agriculture, economic development, energy and transportation.

The governor would appoint the land, agriculture and railroad commissioners as well as education board members. All those now are elected. The lieutenant governor, comptroller and attorney general would remain elected offices.

The governor also would have the authority to intervene in any litigation involving the state.

Expanding the governor's power makes that office more accountable for the workings of state government, Ratliff said.

Former Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice John Hill, who left the court to work on a grassroots effort to change judicial selection in Texas, praised the proposal.

"I think maybe there is more support for this than we realize. I think people, if given the opportunity, will support it," Hill said.

Calls to Bush's office Friday were not immediately returned.

The proposal also would extend lawmakers' terms in office but limit them to serving no more than 18 years. Senate terms would go from four years to six; House terms from two years to four.

Organization is for happy folks

DALLAS (AP) — If you're happy and you know it — shhh!

There's a spot for you in the Secret Society of Happy People.

"If you're happy but don't admit it because other people don't want to hear it, then we're the society for you," says founder Pam Johnson.

The society, founded in August in the Dallas suburb of Irving, promotes the idea that it's OK to be happy, despite the lack of positive response from others.

That's especially true at Christmas, Ms. Johnson says, challenging advice columnist Ann Landers on the subject of family news letters enclosed with holiday cards.

"Spare us the details of the Ivy League schools your children are attending and the honors and awards they have received during the year ... Just let us know in a handwritten note that your family is well and doing something useful," said a recent letter signed "Your Cousins in Illinois."

Ann Landers responded: "Dear Cousins: Thank you for expressing sentiments that are sure to be shared (and appreciated) by millions of readers. Including me."

In a letter to Ms. Landers, Ms. Johnson demanded an apology "to the millions of people you made feel bad for wanting to share their happy news."

Happiness is about recognizing the happy moments of your life, not about competing with others, Ms. Johnson wrote.

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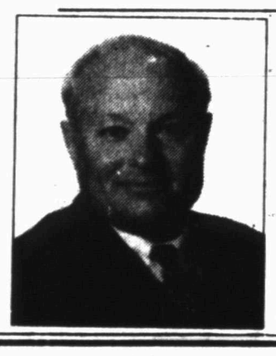
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SPORTS

Frenship comeback outlasts Lady Tigers' defensive effort

After being locked in a defensive battle for 24 minutes, Frenship mustered an offensive explosion in the fourth quarter.

Despite a stingy Lady Tiger defense, which didn't surrender a point in the second quarter, Frenship erupted for 19 points in the final eight minutes to grab a 38-34 victory over Snyder at the SHS gym.

The setback marks three losses by the Lady Tigers by a combined total of nine points and leaves the Snyder squad with a mark of 2-6 on the season.

"I take full responsibility for our inability to finish out games," Snyder coach Rick Archer said. "I'm such an aggressive coach that I think the girls are playing not to lose, rather than playing to win.

"I think the girls are afraid to make a mistake late in the ballgame. But we're going to correct that on Monday. I'm going to talk to the girls and tell them that we just have to keep playing our game in the final minutes and not be scared. We're playing good basketball right now. We're just not finishing out the games."

With both teams having shooting woes, Frenship staked an 8-6 lead heading into the second quarter, before the Lady Tigers got aggressive on the defensive end.

Snyder kept Frenship off the scoreboard for the entire second period to nab a 15-8 halftime advantage.

"We felt pretty good going in at halftime," said Archer. "We had controlled their big girl pretty good and were doing the things we needed to do on the offensive end."

Frenship managed to slice only one point off the deficit in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers held a 25-19 lead entering the final period.

But Frenship's 6-4 post Alissa Bagwell rallied her squad with nine points down the stretch.

Snyder found itself trailing, 37-31, with one minute remaining, before senior Shannon Hall buried a three-pointer to bring the Lady Tigers within three of the lead.

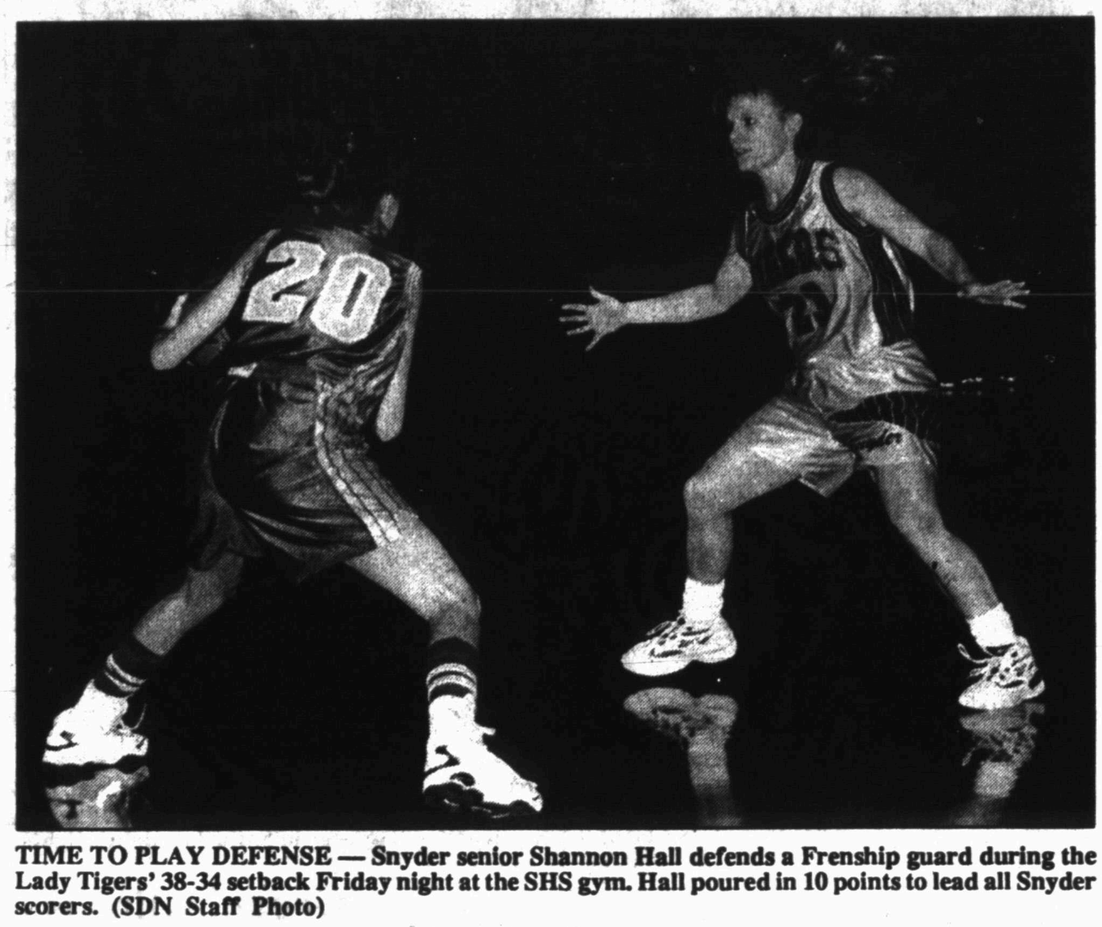
However, Hall's bucket would be the last for Snyder as Frenship posted one free throw in the final seconds for the 38-34 final tally.

Bagwell finished with 15 points to lead all scorers, while Hall poured in 10 points to lead Snyder's effort.

Next up for the Lady Tigers is a visit to Abilene Cooper at 6:30 Tuesday night, before entering the Wylie tournament on Thursday.

Frenship	8	0	11	19 — 38
Snyder	6	9	10	9 — 34

Frenship
Bagwell 7 1-2 15, Holloway 5 3-4 13, McClendon 2 1-1 5, Hillis 0 2-4 2, Hubbard 1 0-2 2, Corley 0 1-2 1. **Totals 15 8-15 38.**
Snyder
Hall 4 0-1 10, Deice 0 6-6 6, Murray 2 0-0 4, Hess 1 2-2 4, Peoples 2 0-5 4, Geiger 2 2-2 6. **Totals 11 10-16 34.**
Three-point goals: Frenship 0, Snyder 2 (Hall 2). Total fouls: Frenship 15, Snyder 17. Fouled out — none.



TIME TO PLAY DEFENSE — Snyder senior Shannon Hall defends a Frenship guard during the Lady Tigers' 38-34 setback Friday night at the SHS gym. Hall poured in 10 points to lead all Snyder scorers. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Indianapolis	2	10	0	.167	208	336
Central						
Jacksonville	9	3	0	.750	311	247
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	224	218
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	260	237
Baltimore	5	7	0	.417	205	247
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	197	321
West						
y-Denver	12	0	0	1.000	401	206
Oakland	7	5	0	.583	209	244
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	255	210
KansasCity	5	7	0	.417	238	259
SanDiego	5	7	0	.417	181	247
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East						
Dallas	8	4	0	.667	325	217
Arizona	6	6	0	.500	251	308
N.Y.Giants	4	8	0	.333	196	257
Washington	3	9	0	.250	240	337
Philadelphia	3	10	0	.231	125	291
Central						
x-Minnesota	11	1	0	.917	394	220
GreenBay	8	4	0	.667	314	240
Detroit	5	7	0	.417	244	263
TampaBay	5	7	0	.417	223	250
Chicago	3	9	0	.250	197	275
West						
x-Atlanta	10	2	0	.833	325	218
SanFrancisco	9	3	0	.750	354	244
NewOrleans	5	7	0	.417	216	265
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Carolina	2	10	0	.167	236	322

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At South Carolina...

Holtz delivers pep talk

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Lou Holtz is on the case.

"I cannot promise you that we will win," Holtz told about 5,000 cheering South Carolina fans at Williams-Brice Stadium. "But there is no reason in this world why we can't be as good as anybody in the country."

Those are the words Gamecocks fans have been waiting for since football began here in 1892. In the last 106 years, South Carolina is known for what little it has accomplished — only one 10-victory season, only one bowl victory, barely any tradition.

Holtz, a Svengali in pale-framed glasses, hopes to change that. His touch seems magical and immediate. At his previous five coaching stops in 27 seasons, Holtz has gone to bowl games by year two.

"We want to turn this thing around as soon as we can," the former Notre Dame coach said to one of 33 ovations he got from the crowd Friday.

Holtz, who has been a football analyst for CBS since leaving the Fighting Irish in 1996, takes over a Southeastern Conference program that went 0-8 this year, 1-10 overall. Coach Brad Scott was fired Nov. 23 and on Friday was named an assistant at archrival Clemson.

"When I left the University of Notre Dame, I honestly felt I would never coach again," Holtz said. "My heart is now here at the University of South Carolina. My effort and dedication is to you."

Holtz said it was his family who convinced him he should return to lead his sixth team.

"A lot of people said, 'You can't win at South Carolina and you're making a big mistake if you go there,' and they're absolutely right, I can't win here. But our team can and we plan on doing it," Holtz said.

He promised the fans that "I'm here because I want to be here."

The deal to bring Holtz to South Carolina was to have been announced Thursday night, but negotiations with the 61-year-old coach dragged on longer than expected. They went until 3:30 a.m. Friday, broke off, then resumed at 7:30 a.m., said an athletic department source who provided details only on condition of anonymity.

At 10 a.m., Holtz wondered if he would ever coach again. But 45 minutes later, he had completed the five-year, $600,000-a-year deal.

"I thought if I didn't take this job, I was never going to look at another one," he said.

Holtz, who flew into Columbia from his Orlando, Fla., home, met with the players before speaking to the crowd.

"You could hear him coming down the hall," quarterback Phil Petty said. "We all sat up a little more our chairs when he walked in."

Cowboys set for battle with Saints; Broncos look to remain undefeated

By The Associated Press

The Denver Broncos hope to remain hot. The Kansas City Chiefs want to stay cool.

The Chiefs will need to keep their poise Sunday if they are to have a chance of becoming the first NFL team to beat the Broncos this season.

When the teams played at Kansas City Nov. 16, Denver won 30-7, and the Chiefs committed five personal-foul penalties, costing them 62 yards on the Broncos' final scoring drive. Three of the penalties were against linebacker Derrick Thomas, who was suspended for one game.

Besides continuing to work at restoring their bruised pride, the Chiefs (5-7) will be looking for a second straight victory while trying to snap the defending Super Bowl champion's 17-game winning streak, including playoffs.

The Broncos (12-0), who have the AFC's second-ranked passer in John Elway, and the NFL's leading rusher in Terrell Davis (1,566 yards), already have clinched the AFC West title and are trying to clinch home field advantage throughout the playoffs.

In other Sunday NFL games, Miami is at Oakland, Seattle at the New York Jets, New England at Pittsburgh, Detroit at Jacksonville, Buffalo at Cincinnati, Dallas at New Orleans, Baltimore at Tennessee, Chicago at Minnesota, Indianapolis at Atlanta, San Francisco at Carolina, the New York Giants at Arizona and San Diego at Washington.

Green Bay is at Tampa Bay Monday night.

Thursday night, Philadelphia defeated St. Louis 17-14.

Dolphins at Raiders

A little more than 15 years ago, Dan Marino made his NFL debut for the Dolphins, completing 11 of 16 passes for 90 yards and two touchdowns against the Raiders. The Dolphins (8-4) need a fourth win in five games against the Raiders to stay in a least a tie with the Jets for first place in the AFC East. The Dolphins have intercepted Raiders quarterback Jeff George 11 times in nine games.

Seahawks at Jets

Vinny Testaverde is 8-1 as a starter for the Jets (8-4) and is tied for the AFC lead with 20 touchdown passes. Jon Kitna will try to go 3-0 as the starting quarterback for the Seahawks (6-6).

Patriots at Steelers

Tight end Ben Coates probably is happy to be playing against the Steelers (7-5), but the Patriots (7-5) can't be. Coates has 19 receptions and four touchdowns in his last three games against the Steelers, but the Patriots have lost six straight games, including playoffs, at Pittsburgh.

Lions at Jaguars

The Lions (5-7), led by quarterback Charlie Batch, will be trying for a fourth straight win, which could be a difficult task at Jacksonville, where the Jaguars have won 19 of their past 21 games, including all five this year. Barry Sanders of the Lions needs 143 yards to reach 18,169 yards and move past Herschel Walker into second place on the career list for combined career yards.

Bills at Bengals

The Bills (7-5) will be trying to rebound from a last-play loss to New England. The Bengals (2-10) could be the right tonic, having lost seven straight games. Neil O'Donnell will start at quarterback for the Bengals.

Cowboys at Saints

A fourth straight win against the Saints (5-7) would clinch a playoff berth for the Cowboys (8-4). The next touchdown for the Cowboys' Emmitt Smith would be his 124th and break a tie with Marcus Allen for the most career TDs. The Saints lead the NFC with 18 interceptions.

Ravens at Oilers

It behooves the Oilers (6-6) to stop Priest Holmes because the Ravens (5-7) are 3-0 when Holmes rushes for 100 yards. The Ravens had better pay attention to Eddie George, too. He is the NFC's second-leading rusher with 1,101 yards.

Bears at Vikings

The Vikings, led by Randall Cunningham, the NFL's top-rated passer, can clinch the NFC Central with a win. Rookie quarterback Moses Moreno will make his second start for the Bears (3-9).

Colts at Falcons

Chris Chandler, out last week with an ankle injury, likely will start at quarterback as the Falcons (10-2) try to win 11 games in a season for the first time since they went 12-4 in 1980.

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SPORTS

Tigers take on Steers in tournament

WOLFFORTH — Snyder got a sneak preview of district play on Saturday.

The Tigers, sporting a 2-5 mark on the season, were to have squared off with fellow District 5-4A member Big Spring at Frenship's Cotton Pickin' Shootout Saturday morning.

Snyder dropped it opening two contests of the tourney to Lubbock Monterey and Lubbock Trinity.

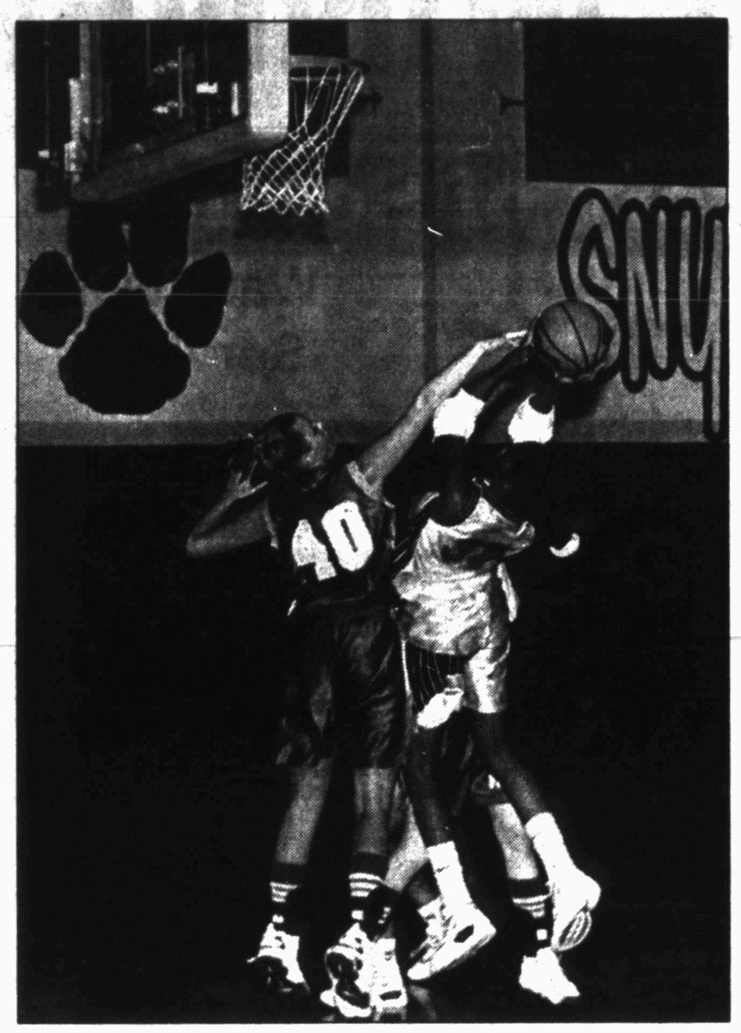
Trinity had taken Seminole to overtime in the opening round, before falling in the final moments.

The Tigers ran to a 13-8 first quarter lead in their contest with the private Lubbock school, before Trinity took control in the second period.

Trinity posted 37 points in the second half, while holding Snyder to 20 to grab a 59-39 victory.

Trinity	8	15	20	17 — 59
Snyder	13	6	13	7 — 39

Snyder
Cumbie 3 2-2 8, Durham 4 0-0 8, Mandrell 3 0-0 6, Hester 2 0-0 5, McNair 2 0-0 5, Warren 2 0-1 4, McAnaw 1 0-0 3, Ward 0 0-1 0. Totals 17 2-4 39.
Three-point goals: Snyder 3 (McNair, Hester, McAnaw).



LEANING BACK — Snyder sophomore Ashley Delce puts up a shot after grabbing a rebound Friday night against Frenship at the SHS gym. Delce went 6 for 6 from the free-throw line in the Lady Tigers' 38-34 setback. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bulldogs nab spot in title game, 57-50

COAHOMA — With a record of 5-1, the Bulldogs have their sights set on a tournament title.

Jerek Brown poured in 24 points and Ira put together a fourth quarter rally Friday night to knock off the host Bulldogs in the semifinals of the Coahoma Invitational.

Ira was to have squared off with Seminole JV at 7:30 Saturday night in the tourney championship.

Coahoma, which suffered its first loss of the season, carried a 40-36 lead into the fourth quarter Friday, before Ira made its run.

Ira outscored its opponent, 21-10, over the final eight minutes to nab the seven-point victory.

Brown's 24 points led all Ira scorers, with Richard Wilkins draining seven points on the night.

Logan Daves added six more, with Jose Juarez and Nathan Smith posting five apiece. Bryce Wilkins dropped in four points, while Drew Wall and Terry Jamison chipped in three each.

NBA labor talks at standstill

NEW YORK (AP) — Looks like there won't be any major NBA talks this weekend. At least there will be something to chatter about next week.

Agents Arn Tellem and David Falk have scheduled a press conference for Monday to announce an exhibition game will be played Dec. 19 in Atlantic City featuring members of all four Dream Teams — the 1992 and 1996 Olympic teams and the 1994 and 1998 World Championship teams.

Falk said Michael Jordan's possible participation will be discussed at the news conference.

"We are looking for alternatives beyond this game," Tellem said. "It's clear that as this lockout goes on that the timing is ripe to create not only other games for players to make money, but potentially another league. And work is under way in that regard."

When the pace will pick up again in lockout talks is anyone's guess. The sides have promised to speak by telephone, but no contact was made Friday, according to spokesmen for the league and union.

Both sides have admitted they will sit on their best offers for the foreseeable future.

"If there's a frustrating part, that's it. They're just not ready to do it yet, and we don't want to do it by ourselves," said Danny Schayes of the Orlando Magic.

It's not out of the question to think the lockout could last another 30 days before the sides finally make their final offers.

"That's a good theory," Schayes said.

Texas official says Pudge for Clemens is "unlikely"

DALLAS (AP) — After two days of Dallas-area water-cooler talk about an Ivan Rodriguez-for-Roger Clemens trade, a Texas Rangers official said Friday that such a deal is "highly unlikely."

Clemens has demanded a trade from the Toronto Blue Jays, and the club reportedly insisted that the Rangers swap Rodriguez if they want Clemens.

But Rangers general manager Doug Melvin told The Dallas Morning News in Saturday's editions that Texas isn't interested in trading Rodriguez — not even for a five-time Cy Young Award-winning pitcher.

"We have to be careful to keep our offense and defense intact," Melvin said. "We don't want to tear up our team."

The Rangers' reluctance to include Rodriguez could mean the team will offer left fielder Rusty Greer to the Blue Jays, the newspaper reported.

Clemens, 36, was 20-6 with a 2.65 ERA and 271 strikeouts this year, winning his second straight Cy Young. Rodriguez, 27, has appeared in seven All Star games.

Coyotes garner return trip with 70-24 win over Bears

KERMIT — Borden County has had a single goal all season long.

The Coyotes are now one win away from accomplishing it.

Borden County will make a return trip to the six-man state title game after taking care of Balmorhea, 70-24, Friday night in the semifinals.

The Coyotes, 13-1 on the season, will square off with undefeated Trinidad in the title tilt. Time and site for the contest are yet to be determined, although preliminary indications point toward a Saturday afternoon battle in Joshua.

Against the Bears, senior quarterback Colt McCook hurled five touchdown passes and senior tailback Fernando Baeza found the endzone four times to pace the Coyote offense.

Baeza scored on runs of 1, 22 and 61 yards, while also hauling in a 36-yard TD catch.

McCook, who was 12 of 18 for 269 yards on the night, tossed touchdown strikes of 2, 36, 50, 54 and 59 yards.

Borden opened a 40-12 halftime advantage and ended the contest on the 45-point rule in the third quarter when Kevin Pinkerton dove in from three yards out.

Balmorhea	6	6	12	— 24
Borden County	16	24	30	— 70

BC — Baeza 1 run (McCook kick)
BC — Grant 2 pass from McCook (McCook kick)
BAL — Mendoza 51 run (kick failed)
BC — Baeza 22 run (McCook kick)
BC — Baeza 36 pass from McCook (McCook kick)
BC — Miller 54 pass from McCook (McCook kick)
BAL — Lopez 55 pass from Craven (kick failed)
BAL — Cook 30 run (kick failed)
BC — Grant 50 pass from McCook (McCook kick)
BAL — Lopez 30 run (kick failed)
BC — Baeza 61 run (McCook kick)
BC — Stamper 59 pass from McCook (kick failed)
BC — Pinkerton 3 run (McCook kick)

Freshmen top Merkel, earn shot at crown

COLORADO CITY — Snyder's freshman boys have earned themselves a shot at the tournament title.

Snyder held a slim lead entering the fourth quarter, then put the game away with 20 points in the final eight minutes to nab a 58-49 semifinal victory over Merkel at the Colorado City tourney.

The Tigers were to have squared off with San Angelo Glenn at 6 p.m. Saturday in the finals.

Against the Badgers, Snyder grasped a 39-38 advantage after three quarters.

Nick Landes poured in nine fourth period points to spur a 20-11 run which gave the Tigers the 58-49 win.

Jamaal Pruitt led all scorers with 14 points, while Brandon McGuire poured in 10.

Landes and Chris McLeod drained nine points each, with Wade Pinson registering eight. Brooks Nunley and Ricki Dorsett finished with four points apiece.

NCAA Basketball Scores

EAST
Iona 84, Canisius 70
Marist 93, Siena 87
Niagara 73, St. Peter's 60
Rider 57, Manhattan 52
SOUTH
Elon 88, Mount Aloysius 69
Georgia 63, Furman 47
Md.-Eastern Shore 71, Hampton 63
North Carolina 63, Old Dominion 61
South Carolina 55, Coll. of Charleston 44
MIDWEST
No major team scores reported from the MIDWEST.
SOUTHWEST
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FAR WEST
Minnesota 77, Fresno St. 65
Oregon St. 74, Ark.-Pine Bluff 56
Southern Cal 79, UC Santa Barbara 73
TOURNAMENTS
Ameritas Classic
First Round
Colgate 67, Davidson 64
Nebraska 63, SW Texas 54
Blue & Gold Coca-Cola Classic
First Round
Marquette 68, Cornell 51
Tulsa 71, Vermont 62
Carrier Classic
First Round
Ill.-Chicago 57, Santa Clara 44
Ohio U. 61, Syracuse 55
Cyclone Challenge
First Round
Iowa St. 72, North Texas 45
W. Illinois 72, Princeton 71, OT
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First Round
Ball St. 90, St. Joseph's, Ind. 57
Jacksonville 66, S. Carolina St. 63
Hawkeye Invitational
First Round
Detroit 49, Gonzaga 48
Iowa 82, South Alabama 58
Northwestern Mutual Classic
First Round
San Francisco 58, Holy Cross 42
Weber St. 72, Rice 66, 2OT
Phoenix Classic
Championship
Hartford 89, Cent. Connecticut St. 82
Third Place
Fordham 45, Yale 40
Pizza Hut Classic
First Round
Louisiana Tech 83, Texas-Pan American 80
SW Missouri St. 77, Texas Southern 47
PowerBar Invitational
Championship
CS Northridge 75, Coppin St. 59
Tom Roberson Classic
First Round
Jacksonville St. 83, West Georgia 81

High School Football Playoff Results

CLASS 5A
SEMIFINALS
Duncanville (10-3) vs. Houston Jersey Village (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Bowers Stadium, Huntsville
Aldine Eisenhower (10-3) vs. Converse Judson (13-0), 5 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

DIVISION II
Region I
Midland Lee (12-1) vs. South Grand Prairie (9-4), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Region II
Lufkin (10-3) vs. Richardson Lake Highlands (8-5), 1:30 Saturday, Homer Bryce Stadium, Nacogdoches
Region III
Katy (12-1) vs. Houston Clear Brook (12-1), 8 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston
Region IV
SA MacArthur (9-4) vs. SA Madison (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, North East Stadium, San Antonio

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
SEMIFINALS
Plainview (11-2) vs. Grapevine (9-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock
Bay City (11-1) vs. Alice (11-2), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston
DIVISION II
Region I
Stephenville (13-1) beat WF Hirschi 42-21
Region II
Southlake Carroll (12-1) vs. Highland Park (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Region III
La Marque (12-0) beat Silsbee 21-12
(9-4), 8 p.m. Friday, Astrodome, Houston
Region IV
Smithson Valley (10-2) vs. New Braunfels Canyon (10-3), 4 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome, San Antonio

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
SEMIFINALS
Monahans (7-6) vs. Aledo (11-1), 8 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Cuero (11-3) beat Giddings 13-10
DIVISION II
Region I
Childress (11-2) vs. Crane (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Region II
Daingerfield (12-0) vs. Royse City (12-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite Memorial Stadium, Mesquite
Region III
Newton (12-1) beat Manor 19-2
Region IV
Sweeny (10-2) vs. Aransas Pass (11-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, Mercer Stadium, Sugarland

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
SEMIFINALS
Canadian (12-1) vs. Omaha Paul Pewitt (10-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls.
Brookshire-Royal (12-1) beat Mart 23-21
DIVISION II
Region I
Stanton (13-1) beat Spearman 27-18
Region II
Celina (12-2) beat Italy 17-10
Region III
Elysian Fields (10-3) vs. Troup (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Homer Bryce Stadium, Nacogdoches
Region IV
Goldthwaite (12-2) beat Ganado 22-19

CLASS 1A
Region I
Wheeler (11-2) beat O'Donnell 36-21
Region II
Aspermont (14-0) beat Menard 35-8
Region III
Tenaha (14-0) beat Detroit 41-22
Region IV
Iola (13-0) beat Bartlett 26-13

SIX-MAN
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Borden County (13-1) beat Balmorhea 70-24
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Felony DWI lands subject in jail Saturday

Local peace officers arrested one subject late Friday night and four early Saturday morning, including one subject on felony charges.

At 12:16 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested 32-year-old Jose Guerrero Jr. of 1312 North Avenue R in the 400 block of Coliseum Drive for felony driving while intoxicated, failure to identify and driving while license suspended.

Two other subjects were arrested at the scene for public intoxication, including a 24-year-old female and a 27-year-old male.

Deputies arrested an 18-year-old male at 11:10 p.m. Friday in the 3400 block of Block Line Road for driving while license suspended.

Officers were called to the 4400 block of Avenue U at 6:11 a.m. Saturday in reference to a subject breaking windows and creating a disturbance. The subject, a 21-year-old male, was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital and treated for minor cuts before being booked into jail on charges of Class A assault and public intoxication.

At 12:34 a.m. Saturday, deputies responded to a report of a possible party on Hwy 208 past the intersection of CR 465 and 466. One citation for minor in possession of alcohol and one citation for driving under the influence was issued. One juvenile was released to a parent, as well.

In other activity Friday, officers were called to Lawrence IGA at 9:30 a.m. in reference to a theft by check. An offense report was filed.

Vanessa Day requested an officer at 3:50 p.m. Friday in the 2800 block of Avenue T in reference to a stolen bicycle. An offense report was filed.

An offense report for burglary of a residence was filed at 6:21 p.m. Friday in the 2300 block of Avenue H.

At 9:22 p.m. Friday, officers were notified of hit and run accident in the 1800 block of Avenue R. The vehicle which left the scene was located in the 3000 block of 37th Place and an offense report for failure to stop and render aid.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 6, 1998

In the year ahead, big responsibilities will offer commensurate rewards, so don't be afraid to take on or shoulder more duties where your work or career is concerned. It could produce large benefits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There is a possibility that you may encounter one of your less favorite people at a social gathering today. How you conduct yourself will reflect solely on you, not on him or her. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even insignificant disagreements could be difficult to resolve today, so don't get off on the wrong foot with anybody, especially family members. The day could turn into a bummer.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 19) If you can't find something nice or complimentary to say to others today, keep your comments to yourself. Criticism does little to change the habits of those around you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) When socializing with friends today, if your purse can't handle it, don't let your pride get in the way of speaking up or bowing out. Your pals will understand.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Poor scheduling on your part could be the reason why you're subjected to restrictions today. The demands of others may only play a small part.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It might appear to you today that everybody is getting a break in life but you. However, kidding yourself about the true underlying facts regarding your concerns is not helping.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't waste your time attempting to cater to someone who you think can do something for you. In general, people are only thinking of themselves today.

CANCER (June 21- July 22) Unless you're prepared to expend the necessary tenacity and effort required to achieve an ambitious objective, chances are you'll not get anywhere. There are no free rides today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Spinning your wheels and raising a cloud of dust isn't indicative of achieving progress. You'll go nowhere fast if you don't use productive methods or procedures to carry out a plan.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be especially careful today if you find yourself in a position where you need to borrow something from another. Should anything happen to the item, you may lose a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Avoid negative types of people today who have a propensity for causing complications. Your companions could have a greater influence on you than usual at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Stay cool today and don't magnify disruptions by making mountains out of molehills. If you have a bad attitude about things, unexpected tasks could overwhelm you.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 7, 1998

There's a strong probability that a great number of exciting adventures will occur in the year ahead. You'll be meeting and mingling with many new faces. However, as things start to speed up, don't neglect your old friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you succumb to the strong tactics of an unqualified counselor by adhering to his or her advice, a brilliantly conceived concept could be watered down to your disadvantage. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A mixed bag of financial conditions could exist for you today. Although there is a strong trend for accumulation, there is an equally good chance of imprudence being in effect as well.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 19) Do not make any promises or commitments today in something you may not be able to fulfill in the long run. It could jeopardize a long standing association.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions in general are favorable for you to achieve a key objective in a career matter today. However, your efforts could be thwarted if you interject an ineffective tactic.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Although most people will be in a pleasant mood and react in a favorable fashion towards you today, there might be one individual who could test your patience. Be tolerant.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't take anything for granted today. Even if an agreement you're drafting concerning an important affair appears to be air tight, an unexpected leak could suddenly spring up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If the absence of harmony seems to be prevalent today with a valued relationship, check to see if you're the perpetrator. To keep the alliance intact, try to be more flexible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Strike while the iron is hot today instead of sitting on a financial opportunity. Delay could spell a loss of participation or a substantially diluted return.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Managing developments of a significant nature for a group you're involved with could be a piece of cake today. Just don't try to manage your one-on-one relationships.

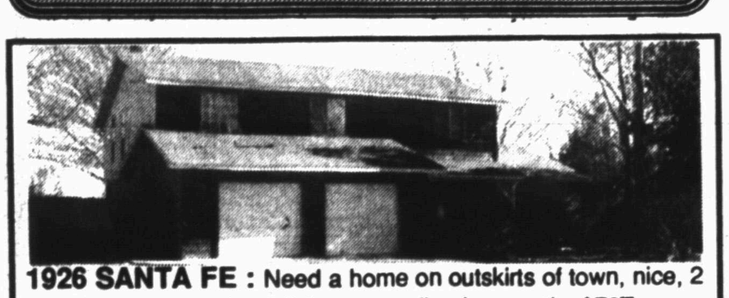
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Rushing ahead too quickly could disrupt your timing and lessen your possibilities of achieving an important objective. Otherwise, it could be successfully implemented.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Provided you don't bring incompetent associates into the act, this should be a favorable day to launch a new project. Inferior assistants could sabotage the project.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In your financial dealings today, first look to protect what you already possess before extending yourself in hopes of salvaging a nebulous venture.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



How important is sleep?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can a person survive without sleeping? What are the common consequences of sleep deprivation?

DEAR READER: Living creatures — humans included — cannot survive without sleep. Sleep deprivation causes brain malfunction, poor judgment, hallucinations and altered behavior, as well as just plain exhaustion. Although there appears to be no hard-and-fast rule about how much sleep a person needs, most people require an average of six to eight hours per day in order to function normally.

Some individuals who sleep poorly at night can catch up with catnaps during the day. Other people will make up for lost sleep by "crashing" for 12 hours or more. But the total sleep requirement remains surprisingly constant.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Sleep/Wake Disorders." 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: Your recent column about the 6-year-old boy who insisted on removing his pants and exposing himself disturbed me. Although your advice (to discourage the practice) made sense, I wonder how the child learned this behavior. Could the source have been an older person, parent or baby sitter? With all the publicity about child abuse, I'm concerned that the issue may be more complex than it seems.

DEAR READER: Point taken.

In my experience, many young children take an innocent pride in their body parts. This is entirely normal and is part of growing up. Nonetheless, such youngsters need to learn, from an early age, which behaviors are appropriate and which aren't. In my opinion, dropping your drawers and publicly exposing yourself is an act that parents should discourage, even though it may be OK in the privacy of the home.

Clearly, some of these children may be learning their bad habits from their elders. Others may be victims of abuse. These are issues that should be properly addressed by parents. I acknowledge that this is a potential problem, but I do not believe that it plays a role in most instances of childhood enthusiasm and spontaneity.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Our well-respected, aging family doctor listens to our hearts and lungs when we are fully clothed and feels for ankle edema through our winter boots. Three of us have congestive heart failure. What is your opinion of his technique?

DEAR READER: Your doctor is missing a lot. The methods you describe are more suited to ritual than to sound medical practice. I doubt your physician is so perceptive that he can diagnose ailments like congestive heart failure and edema through winter clothes, unless the afflictions are so advanced as to be unmistakable. In my opinion, you should find a doctor who is more attuned to the subtleties of disease — or who is at least willing to raise your shirt, lower your socks and see you in your skivvies.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: How do Tagamet and erythromycin interfere with Viagra therapy?

DEAR READER: In order to prevent the unpleasant side effects (notably, prolonged and painful erections), patients on Viagra have to excrete the drug fairly rapidly. Tagamet (cimetidine) and erythromcyin may prolong the excretion of Viagra. Authorities also urge men with liver or kidney disease to use the medicine with caution.

However, the most striking side effects can occur in men using nitrates to ward off angina. Nitrates (including nitroglycerine) shouldn't be used within 24 hours of Viagra; patients with kidney or liver problems should avoid taking nitrates for two or three days. This distinction is important because patients with coronary artery disease often experience angina during sexual activity; in such instances, nitrates can lead to prolonged and dangerous periods of low blood pressure, sometimes complicated by heart attack.

As more men use Viagra, doctors are beginning to realize that the drug's side effects are a complicated issue. In particular, men with heart disease must be very cautious about taking the medication and should do so only under close medical supervision.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have had benign familial tremor all my life. Until two years ago I could control it by concentration. That no longer works. Corgard helps somewhat. Is there another medication that might be more effective?

DEAR READER: Benign familial (essential) tremor is a common and harmless inconvenience that is inherited. It is marked by a shaking of the hands, head and voice that is worse during the performance of skilled acts and may be intensified by fatigue, stress and age. Sometimes caffeine, nicotine and other stimulants make the tremor more noticeable.

Three current treatments are useful in blocking the tremor: low doses of tranquilizers, primidone (Mysoline) and beta-blockers (of which Corgard is one). Ask your doctor to adjust the dose of Corgard or consider changing to another type of drug.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Awhile ago, you wrote that people who suffer from the common cold often have fever. My medical textbook says this isn't true.

DEAR READER: Far be it from me to disagree with a medical textbook. However, I believe that anyone who has ever had a cold will agree with me that some degree of fever is common. Always? Not necessarily. But enough people with colds have low-grade fevers to make this feature part of the syndrome.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 30-year-old man. What position is best for having a bowel movement on the toilet: a 90-degree or a 45-degree stance?

DEAR READER: Whatever works is OK: Some people have no trouble expelling waste in a straight sitting-up position; others have to bend slightly to exert more pressure on the abdomen. Like other activities of daily living, there is no rule of thumb about how best to evacuate. Just let nature take its course and, for heaven's sake, focus on more important issues.

DEAR DR. GOTT: When having a bowel movement, my wife sits on the pot for extended periods, sometimes for an hour or longer. I say this is bad for her. She disagrees.

DEAR READER: I see no useful purpose to be served by prolonged sitting on the toilet. The practice is not harmful — except for leaving a bright red ring on your wife's behind — but it seems to me to be an inordinate waste of time (unless she is using this "quiet time" to write the great American novel). Think of all the useful activities your wife could perform during that hour!

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife's Idle Hands Are Busy Shopping Away Her Boredom

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 25-year-old married woman who has a lot of free time on my hands while my husband works. The weekends are the worst.

Abby, my problem is that I shop to fill my time. This is very expensive, and I think I'm becoming addicted to shopping. How can I control my shopping binges?

Is there such a thing as a shopaholic?

MALL-HAPPY IN FLORIDA

DEAR MALL-HAPPY: Yes, there is. And people who binge-shop to suppress feelings of boredom or sadness frequently wind up with significant credit problems.

Volunteer work is a far more fulfilling way to utilize your free time than shopping. One way to control the binges is to concentrate on giving to others instead of to yourself. More volunteer opportunities exist than I can name in one column, but a few that come to mind are: nursing homes, hospitals, Meals on Wheels, schools, libraries, mentoring, charities and political campaigns. Not only will they provide fulfillment, you'll also meet new people and make friends.

Another constructive way to fill your time would be to join a special-interest club or take classes at a local college.

If none of these are effective, ask your doctor to refer you to a specialist who can help you understand the underlying causes of compulsive behavior, because there is help for it. There is even a 12-step support group, based on the principles of AA, called Debtors Anonymous, which offers mutual help in recovering from compulsive spending. Founded in 1976, it is international, with more than 400 chapters. To contact it, write: Debtors Anonymous, P.O. Box 400, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163-0400.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter in your column about the importance of parents singing to their children prompts my letter. It reminded me so much of my little girl who loved to sing, but could never carry a tune in a bucket. She is now the mother of three boys, and she's still singing.

Each night she would listen to their prayers and then she would always sing a lullaby to them. One night, I heard her 6-year-old say, "Mommy, you have the most beautiful voice in the world." Now doesn't that melt your heart?

Again, I quote the verse from your column:

"Richer than I you will never be
"For I had a mother who *sang* to me."

One of my special memories is of my father rocking me and singing to me at bedtime in front of our kitchen stove, as I watched the colored gas flames dance in the oven. And that was almost 70 years ago!

Please do not sign my name. We never told our daughter that she couldn't carry a tune. I don't want to spoil her happiness at this stage of her life.

SENTIMENTAL IN THE EASTERN U.S.A.

DEAR SENTIMENTAL: Thank you for sharing your special memories. Each one brought a smile — and I know they will touch many hearts today. I can think of no more beautiful and reassuring sound to a child than that of a mother's lullaby.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Restrictions on Cell Phones Bring Letters Pro and Con

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: This is a response to your answer to Carol Rushing of Omaha, in which you said there should be a law restricting the use of cell phones while driving.

Your knee-jerk reaction harms all of our freedoms. Perhaps you will next suggest we pass laws that state:

— No tuning the radio while driving.

— No looking at your passenger during conversation while driving.

— No adjusting the temperature while driving.

— No driving without eight hours of sleep.

I could go on and on. We'll always have tragic accidents no matter how many laws you try to pass. This potential loss of freedom is much more tragic.

The marketplace can address these issues without requiring more laws. For example, the radio and heat controls could be located on the steering wheel for ease of use while driving. And there's no reason the cell phone can't be integrated into the car to allow hands-free use. Remember the CB radio? Truck drivers have used them for more than 20 years while driving. You just have to give people the time to adjust to new technology, not attach restrictive laws with each new development.

TOM LYNCH, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

DEAR TOM: As someone who has seen drivers holding cell phones in one hand and gesturing with the other while driving, I must disagree. A study in 1997 by the University of Toronto researchers Donald Redelmeier and Robert Tibshirani concluded that drivers talking on cell phones are four times as likely to have an accident as those who do not use cell phones while behind he wheel. The communications director of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety was recently quoted as saying, "There's no question they (cell phones) contribute to crashes." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your suggestion of a law requiring people to pull over to use car phones is a good one. I have read that statistically, talking on the phone while driving is as dangerous as drunk driving. Why isn't this publicized more? My husband commutes, and amost daily must act fast to dodge drivers who are talking on their cell phones while zooming along at 85 mph and darting in and out of freeway traffic. I think phoning and driving should be as illegal as drinking and driving.

How about a campaign, Abby, with slogans and posters: "It was the last call he ever made," or, "There are no phones in coffins," or a picture of a mom in a hospital bed, with the words: "She can't come to the phone right now — she's in a coma." It could save as many lives as Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

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DEAR MARY SUE: Thank you for a letter that's sure to be thought-provoking for many people with cell phones. If it makes just one person pull over and stop before making a call, it will have been worth the space in my column.

P.S. Has anybody ever told you that you have a flair for advertising? The ad campaign you've conceived could be a blockbuster.

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Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Happy Birthday Laney Ashworth

Inmate who escaped death row drowned, autopsy says

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned killer Martin Gurule drowned shortly after breaking out of the Texas death row a week ago, an autopsy determined Friday.

According to a preliminary report from Harris County Medical Examiner Joy Carter, whose office performed the autopsy, Gurule also suffered a gunshot wound to his back but the injury was considered superficial and not the cause of death. Guards in towers fired at him and six accomplices during the break.

The autopsy also estimated he had been dead for seven days when his body was found Thursday evening in a creek about a mile from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Ellis Unit, home of death row.

The time estimate means his freedom was short. He was found only a few hours short of seven days from the time of the 12:15 a.m. break last Friday.

Only two hands and a face were poking above the 15-foot-deep water of Harmon Creek when a pair of fishing buddies made the discovery that ended the intense weeklong hunt for Gurule, the first inmate to escape from Texas death row in 64 years.

The autopsy report noted he was wearing several layers of clothing, plus magazines bandaged to his arms with elastic. He also had cardboard wrapped around his torso with elastic bandage.

"That probably led to the sinking of the body," the preliminary autopsy report concluded.

"We think he went to the bottom and nature did its work on the body," prison spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said Friday.

Doug Smith, 41, recalled Friday how he saw what he thought was a mannequin just before dark the previous evening. Fingernails on the hands, though, told him it was a real body.

And with the dead man dressed in prison clothing, he and companion Mark Humphrey — both longtime Texas Department of Criminal Justice workers hoping to hook some catfish on their day off — knew they had found the elusive Gurule.

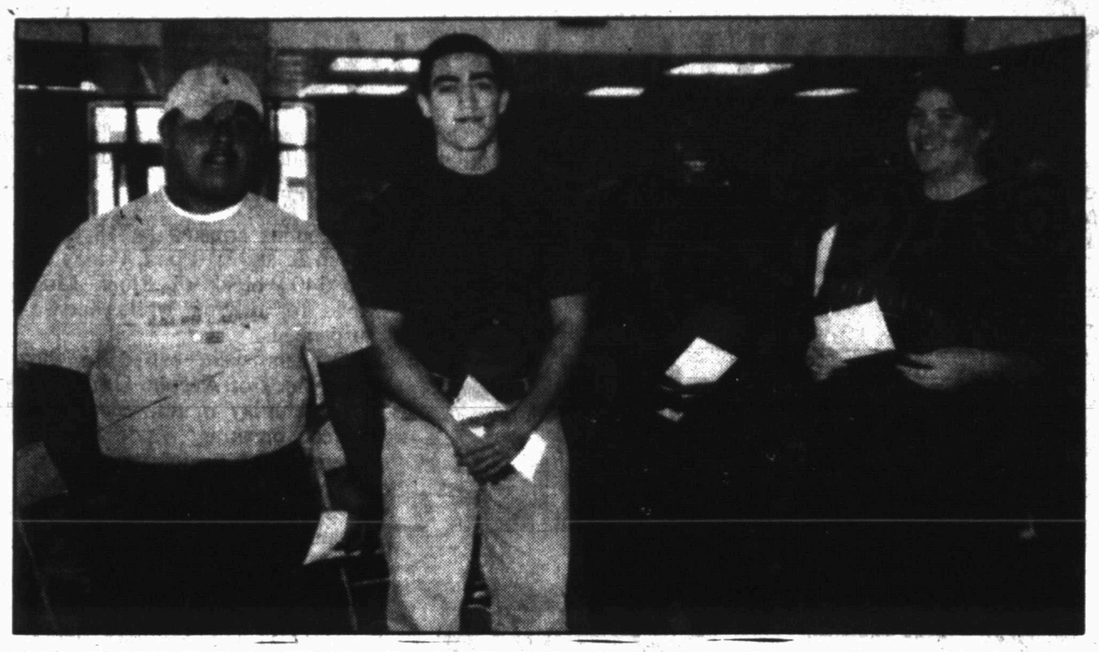
Humphrey, 39, grabbed his cell phone and called 911.

"I told them: 'Hey, we got the man!'" he said. "I was wondering in my mind if they was going to think it was a crank call."

Humphrey, a truck driver, and Smith, a transportation dispatcher, secured the body to their flat-bottomed boat and then waited for authorities.

"We didn't want it to go sink down again," Humphrey said.

An hour later, authorities arrived in boats to retrieve the body, so bloated from being submerged in the log- and stump-filled water that it was difficult to fit in a body bag.



ARM WRESTLING CONTEST — Snyder High School's senior class held an arm wrestling competition on Nov. 21 as a fund-raiser. Teachers and students competed. Winners included, from left, sophomore R.J. Hernandez, heavyweight champion; junior Colin Jones, cruiserweight champion and overall winner; custodian Dimples Thompson, women's champion; and senior Michelle Dortch, women's runner-up. (Contributed Photo)

Security Council tensions ease, but Iraq still feeling the heat

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Tensions have cooled at the Security Council, but Iraq is still feeling the heat three weeks after narrowly averting airstrikes by promising to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors.

Chief weapons inspector Richard Butler is in the process of testing Iraq's promise, and the council is waiting for his report in mid-December before deciding whether to launch a comprehensive review of Iraq's compliance with U.N. resolutions.

While council members are already quietly discussing the format of a comprehensive review, the threat of airstrikes remains — and nobody knows it better than the Iraqis.

"It could well end up in a comprehensive review, which I think Iraq deserves, or it could end up in another crisis," Iraqi U.N. Ambassador Nizar Hamdoon said Friday. "Both options are open."

Inspectors must certify that Iraq has eliminated its nuclear, biological and chemical weapons and long-range missiles before the United Nations can lift economic sanctions imposed after Baghdad invaded Kuwait in 1990 and triggered the Persian Gulf War.

Iraq sees a comprehensive review as the quickest route to ending the sanctions, which have crippled an economy once among the richest in the Arab world.

The United States and Britain have threatened military action if Baghdad does not cooperate fully with the inspectors and allow unfettered searches for weapons of mass destruction. They have deliberately not revealed what would trigger an attack, in an effort to get Iraq to comply.

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'SAFE CHILD' PROGRAM BENEFITS — The Safe Child After-School program received $200 from the bonus involvement fund Wal-Mart gives to non-profit organizations in the community. Dr. Melissa Jones, assistant superintendent for the SISD, is pictured left, next is Rhonda Ward, safe child coordinator. At right is Wal-Mart's assistant manager Debra Perez. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



CADA RECIPIENT — Wal-Mart gave a $100 gift certificate for the jingle and poster contest sponsored by Scurry County Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse during Red Ribbon Week. All elementary schools participated in the project. From left are Leslie Cooley, CADA program coordinator; Karon Keller, executive director; and Debra Perez, Wal-Mart assistant manager. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Reno urged not to pick new independent counsel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Department officials are strongly recommending that Attorney General Janet Reno refuse to order an independent counsel investigation of President Clinton over 1996 campaign financing, aides to Reno say.

On Friday, Reno held her second meeting of the week with subordinates who supervise the department's 90-day preliminary inquiry into Clinton and Democratic Party issue advertisements run during his re-election campaign. That inquiry ends Monday, when Reno must tell a special court whether or not she wants an outside counsel or ask the court for 60 more days.

Reno has usually followed the advice of these aides during the two-year investigation of 1996 campaign financing.

The department's senior officials are far more unanimous in their recommendation on Clinton than they had been on two other independent counsel decisions involving campaign finance cases that Reno made in the last two weeks.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Daughters of the American Revolution; Snyder Country Club; Jean Everett, program; Helen Hatter and Nonnie Ward, hostesses; noon.

Plainview Family Community Education Club; call Bonnie Foree for more information; 2 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

Atheneum Study Club Christmas dinner; MAWC; "Travels With J," by Jerrald Bowen; social committee, hostesses; 6:30 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Study Club luncheon; "Christmas at Home," by Sue Travis; MAWC; Glenda Glasscock, Francene Noah, hostesses; 11:30 a.m.

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Noah Project advisory committee; MAWC; noon.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Three support groups — divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents; First Baptist Church, enter east side; for more information, call 573-2631, anyone is welcome and child care is provided; 6:30 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 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.

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving course; Snyder Savings and Loan; no reservations necessary, cost $30 and for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Beta Sigma Phi social "Christmas at the Farm;" home of Janeen and Glenn Patterson; 7 p.m.

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Impeachment hearings...

Lawyers want to present case without questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House lawyers say they need several days to defend President Clinton before the House Judiciary Committee, and without being questioned by Republicans.

GOP aides, meanwhile, are readying articles of impeachment charging Clinton with perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power.

Calling witnesses and presenting a defense on standards of impeachment and abuse of prosecutorial power are "essential to the president's defense," White House lawyers Gregory Craig and Charles F.C. Ruff wrote the panel late Friday.

Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill, did not immediately grant or deny the White House demands. But other Republicans ridiculed the proposition that Clinton's lawyers take up so much time without addressing the evidence against the president or be questioned by GOP members.

"This is an obvious and desperate political ploy to push the inquiry into the new Congress where the Democrats potentially have more votes," said Paul McNulty, spokesman for the committee's GOP majority.

With Democrats having picked up five House seats in last month's elections, Republicans will have a reduced majority beginning in January.

Approval of at least one impeachment article is considered a foregone conclusion in the committee, but the situation is more fluid in the full House. There, a proposed article dealing with perjury is thought to have the best chance of passage.

For their part, Democrats hope they can force consideration of a censure of the president as an alternative to impeachment.

The charges were being drafted by Judiciary Committee staff members for the debate and vote that committee Republicans hope to conclude next week, said GOP sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The proposed articles closely track evidence that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr submitted to Congress relating to Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky and the president's alleged efforts to cover it up.

Hyde had set aside Tuesday for the White House to present a defense to the allegations.

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CIA officials are investigated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is conducting an obstruction-of-justice investigation of CIA officials who passed along to a satellite contractor sensitive information about a Senate investigation into technology transfers to China.

Government officials reached late Friday said the criminal investigation centers on information passed by the intelligence agency to Hughes Electronics Corp., maker of both commercial and spy satellite systems.

At issue is whether that information compromised a Senate Intelligence Committee investigation into allegations that Hughes and other U.S. companies violated federal export laws by sharing restricted technology with China as part of commercial satellite export deals.

There is no dispute that the CIA passed information on to Hughes — the CIA has acknowledged as much to both the Senate committee and the Justice Department. The question being examined by the department is whether the CIA broke the law in doing so.

"The CIA is cooperating fully with the investigation," said an agency spokesman.

The probe was first reported in today's editions of The Washington Post and The New York Times.

U.S. officials familiar with the investigation said it focused on two incidents in which information connected with the Senate investigation was passed by CIA officials to counterparts at Hughes.

The CIA told Hughes officials that one of the agency's analysts, Ronald Pandolfi, had told Senate investigators that he had concluded as early as 1995 that Hughes had become too aggressive in marketing technology to China.

CIA officials also advised Hughes that some company officials might be called before the Senate panel.

Court

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The revised agreement reflects a change in the cooperative charge for wildlife damage management services for Scurry County. The current rate of $1,400 per month will change to $1,800 per month effective Jan. 1.

Commissioners are also expected to appoint a representative to the Big Country Library System Board. The Scurry County Library Board has recommended Michele Dennis be appointed.

Financial aide hotline continues

The Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' (TASFAA) 13th annual financial aid information hotline continues through 6 p.m. Sunday.

This year's hotline is sponsored in part by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation (TG) and the Association of Texas Lenders for Education (ATLE).

The special toll-free telephone number is 1-877-7TASFAA. (782-7322)

As a special incentive for eligible callers, two $500 scholarships will be awarded to lucky callers who will be attending an institution of higher education during the 1999-2000 school year.

The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the information hotline from the names of those eligible callers.

Volunteers representing major colleges and universities in the state will be available with updated information regarding the financial aid application process and requirements.

Information requests will also be forwarded to the appropriate institution on behalf of the caller.

Volunteers who are fluent in Spanish will also be available for callers.

Obituaries

Barbara Howell

1928-1998

Funeral service for Barbara Howell of Snyder is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.



Mrs. Howell, 70, died Friday, Dec. 4, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born on Oct. 6, 1928 in Wenatchee, Wash., and married Mason O. Howell on April 19, 1946 in Everett, Wash. He died on Aug. 19, 1983.

Mrs. Howell was office manager for Mason's Automotive for 21 years. Living in Snyder since 1958, she was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Daniel Howell, in 1994.

She is survived by one daughter, Lori West of Hermleigh; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Henry Landrum

1924-1998

Henry Clay "H.C." Landrum, lifetime Fluvanna resident, died Thursday, Dec. 3, at his son's home in Round Rock.

Funeral service for Mr. Landrum, 74, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Fluvanna Methodist Church. His son, the Rev. Neely Landrum, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Robert Kirk, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Midland. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 29, 1924 in Fluvanna, he married Ella Pauline Jobe on Dec. 18, 1954 in Lovington, N.M. She died on June 10, 1997.

Mr. Landrum was a retired farmer, carpenter and real estate broker. He was a member of the Fluvanna United Methodist Church, a 32nd degree Mason, the Eastern Star and Scottish Rite.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Carolyn Landrum of Round Rock and the Rev. Nelly and Sabrina Landrum of Memphis, Tex.; one sister, Geraldine Pudlo of Midland; four grandchildren, Jason and Daniel Landrum of Round Rock, and Richard and Karisha Landrum, both of Memphis.

Family visitation is set from 4-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Charlie C. Paulk

1921-1998

Charlie C. Paulk, 77, of Snyder died Friday, Dec. 4, at his home after a lengthy illness.

Service is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born on July 15, 1921 in Junction, he married Barbara D. Miller on Feb. 1, 1947 in Snyder. Mr. Paulk was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a retired carpet installer and had lived in Lamesa for 10 years before moving to Snyder in 1973.

He was preceded in death by one son, Charles Lee Paulk; two brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara D. Paulk of Snyder; two sons, Carroll Paulk of Midland and Larry Paulk of Lubbock; two daughters, Beverly Porter and Becky Stewart, both of Snyder; four sisters, Irene Adams of Buffalo Gap, Imogene Nance of Missouri, Juanita Rawlings of Peacock, and Bessie Whitley of Silver City, N.M.; a brother, Lawrence Paulk of Elk Grove, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, 79220.

Rev. G.W. Murry

1926-1998

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The Rev. George W. Murry, 72, former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 2. Service for Rev. Murry was held Saturday in the First Assembly of God Church in North Little Rock. The Rev. Alton Garrison officiated. Interment followed in Rest Hills Memorial Park Cemetery.

Rev. Murry served in the Army during World War II, receiving the Purple Heart. Following the war, he attended Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie and received his bachelor of science degree from Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth in 1949. He received a master of science in education from the Arkansas State Teachers College in 1956.

Rev. Murry was ordained to the ministry in 1981. Rev. Murry and his wife taught school in Snyder in the early 1950s. He also taught in the Little Rock and Pulaski County School Districts. During his 40 years in full time ministry, he served as educational director, music director and assistant pastor, and he and his wife taught a Sunday school class.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Dorothy Murry; two sons, Rob Murry of North Little Rock and Rob Murry of Dallas; two brothers, Carroll Murry Jr. of North Little Rock and Randolph Murry of Longmont, Colo.; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Mr. Greathouse

1939-1998

POST — Willie Ben Greathouse, 59, of Post died Thursday, Dec. 3, in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Arthur Kelley officiating. Burial will follow in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Born on Aug. 22, 1939 in Gonzales County, he married Lisa Hastings on April 9, 1993 in Post. Mr. Greathouse worked for Peel's Service Station for many years in Post.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa Greathouse of Post; eight sons, Donnie Greathouse of Lubbock, Tim Greathouse of Snyder, Okla., Gregory Greathouse and Craig Greathouse, both of Post; Willie Greathouse Jr. of Arlington; Perry Greathouse of Snyder; Chris Hastings and Leondrick Hastings, both of Post; five daughters, Gloria Greathouse, Jana Greathouse, Janis Greathouse, all of Post, Vinita Walker of Arlington and Liz Greathouse of Arlington; two sisters, Ethel Harper of Post and Rozella Price of Shiner; one brother, Aldolphus Greathouse of Shiner; 18 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Benefit dance

A benefit dance will be held Saturday night at 8 o'clock at the Scurry County Coliseum annex to help pay for medical bills for Richard Reid. For more information, call Shannon Blair at 573-2066, or Shana May at 573-3005.

Faith Baptist anniversary

Faith Baptist Church, 208 37th Street, will observe its 25th Anniversary with special services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Guest evangelist will be Kurt La Bouve.

Grand jury

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

Dealing with grief

Family Hospice of Big Spring will sponsor a seminar, "Dealing With Grief Through the Holiday," from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday in the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Bring a brown bag for lunch and drinks will be provided.

AARP officer installation

The AARP chapter 2063 will have the officer installation banquet at Martha Ann Woman's Club on Monday at 5:30 p.m. Reservations must be made by calling 573-3427.

VFW Auxiliary meeting

VRW Auxiliary Post 8231 will meet at 7 p.m. Monday. All members are asked to attend.

SHS Christmas choir concert

The SHS Christmas choir concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Worsham Auditorium.

Museum exhibit to end

Scurry County Museum's Christmas exhibit will remain on display through Tuesday.

LVN testing dates set

LVN testing dates for the March session at Western Texas College are set for 1:15 p.m. Tuesday. Call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313 to make an appointment.

WTC Planetarium hours

The refurbished planetarium at Western Texas College is now available for star shows. Three different programs are available — one for pre-kindergarten children, one for children in grades K through 4, and one for general audiences (grade 5 through adult). Any of these programs can be shown Friday mornings and afternoons, by appointment. Evening and weekend shows can also be arranged. Appointments can be made by calling Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312. There is no admission charge.

Ira junior class selling spice

Ira's junior class is selling "Watkins 130th Anniversary" spice packages containing black pepper, cinnamon and double strength vanilla in a glass collector's bottle. These gift packages cost $22.99. To purchase contact any junior class member or call the school at 573-2628.

SHS choir sells poinsettias

SHS Choir members are selling Christmas poinsettias. Cost is $10 and poinsettias come in red, white and the jingle bell variety. Students are raising money to help support the choir trip to Disney World next spring.

Spanish Club fundraiser

SHS Spanish Club members are selling $2 chances to win a $100 gift certificate from Bealls or a Brighton watch from Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters. Proceeds will be used to send club members to the state convention in April.

Tour of homes

The annual lighted Christmas tour of homes, sponsored by Historic Scurry County and the Historical Commission, will be held from 5-7 p.m. Dec. 12. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Countryplace, American State Bank and Eddie Peterson's Pharmacy.

Christmas lighting contest

Noon Friday, Dec. 18, is the deadline to enter the residential outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest, sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Call 573-3558 to enter. Judging will begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 18.

Medical fund

A medical fund for heart patient Sherylyn Timora has been established at West Texas State Bank. Make contributions to the Sheryln Timora Medical Fund.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
10-17-20-21-26

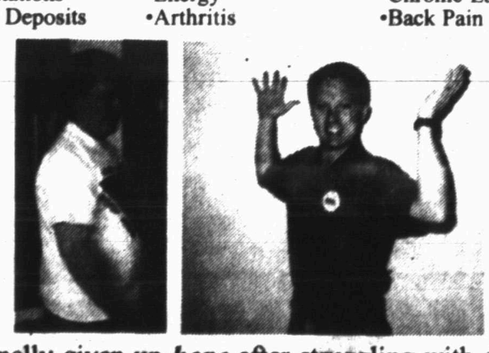
Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
8-7-3

Texas Million

One ticket matched all four numbers drawn Friday night for the weekly Texas Million game, state lottery officials said.
The ticket was worth $1 million and was sold in Beaumont The numbers drawn Friday night from a field of 50 were: 48-61-32-18.

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Museum fund-raiser...

Retired carpenter assembles dollhouse

When Sue Goodwin, curator at Scurry County Museum, needed someone to finish assembling a miniature dollhouse she turned to John Bailey, retired carpenter with some 40 years experience in building homes in Snyder.

He not only finished putting the house together but he also built an outhouse to match.

The dollhouse will be given away Thursday to a lucky winner. Tickets are $3 each or two for $5. Besides the museum, they are available at Snyder Drug Store, the chamber of commerce and the craft show Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

John and his wife, the former Jennetta Thompson who grew up west of Ira, moved to Snyder in 1949.

They moved from Carthage, Mo., John's hometown and where they had lived for three or four years after they married.

John's first construction job in Snyder was with J.D. Boyd, and from 1949-1959 he said they built the temporary classrooms that helped the school district meet the burgeoning enrollment caused by the oil boom.

During the boom, John said Snyder was a "busy place." He remembers working on construction projects that Boyd had sublett to Ray Keenon, another local contractor. Besides the First Christian Church, John said they also built several telephone buildings throughout the country.

In 1960, John bought Boyd out and he and his work crew built "homes all over Snyder." The largest home he can remember was the one for the late Dr. W.B. McSpadden which featured a triple garage and at least four bedrooms.

Throughout most of his career, John said he built homes and only occasionally did commercial work. During slack time, he said he sometimes built cabinets for some of the homes Jim Wadleigh Construction built.

In the early 1970s, John said he bought a home from a Dr. Leslie and remodeled it, converting it into a 1½ story home which he and his family lived in for several years. They moved in in 1976 and then sold it to Jerry Vestal around 1982. The Travis Bunch family now lives in the home today.

John said he built their present home, including making all of the cabinets, and they moved in in 1983.

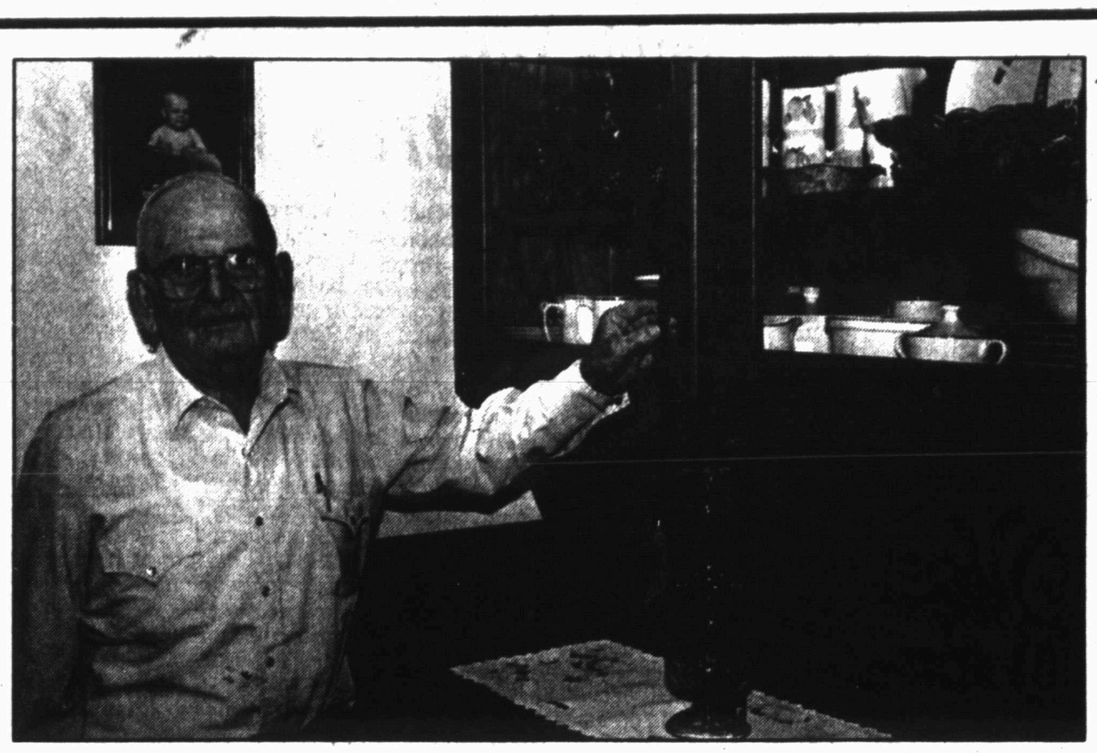
From 1960 until he retired around 1990, John said most of the homes he built were in town. After he retired, he continued doing small jobs, but he's had to slow down recently. He will turn 80 in March.

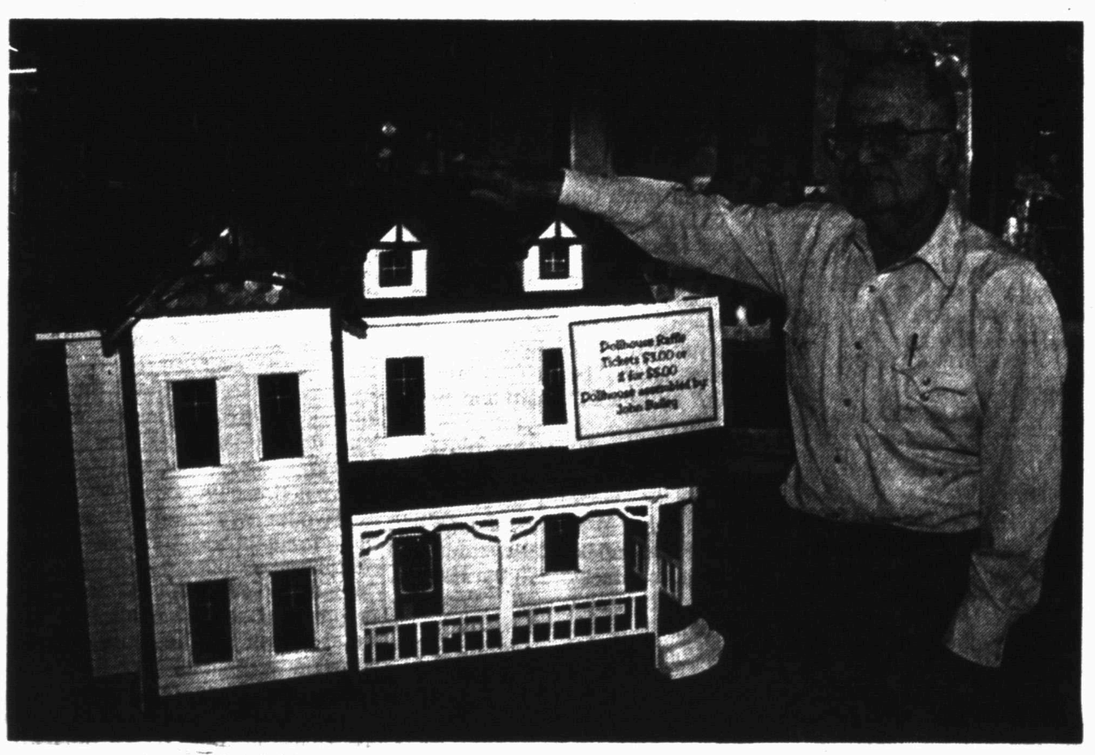
John and his wife were able to travel some early in his retirement.

John witnessed many changes in construction during his career. When he first became a carpenter he used mainly hand tools and a few electric ones. As the years passed, more electrical tools became available.

The style of houses also

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LOVES TO BUILD — Retired carpenter John Bailey was a long time home builder in Snyder who began during the oil boom days. He built the cabinets (top photo) of the home he and his wife, Jenetta, are living in. He is also shown (bottom photo) with the miniature dollhouse he assembled for Scurry County Museum's fund-raiser. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Why did 'Babe' fizzle?

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One of the first hints of trouble with the sequel to "Babe" came at a test screening in Anaheim Hills nearly a month before the movie was to open.

People said the supposedly family-oriented "Babe: Pig in the City" was too scary for children, pointing to scenes of a goldfish flopping around and gasping for life and a dog nearly drowning as it dangles upside-down on a chain, just its head in the water.

Although some changes were made, the early troubles would prove to be an omen: "Pig in the City" will probably go down as the biggest box office disappointment of the year.

The film, which cost nearly $100 million to produce and market, had an $8.5 million, fifth-place opening last week, and little hope of any recovery this weekend. The weak opening contributed to the ouster of Universal Studios chairman Casey Silver and has left Hollywood wondering how things could go so wrong.

Although there is some disagreement between the Australian-based filmmakers and the studio brass in Hollywood, two factors appear to have been critical: the movie's release on the most competitive weekend of the year and the impression the film was too dark for children.

"This film was seen as a risk," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co., which tracks box office data. "Any time you raise a red flag with parents, they're not going to chance it."

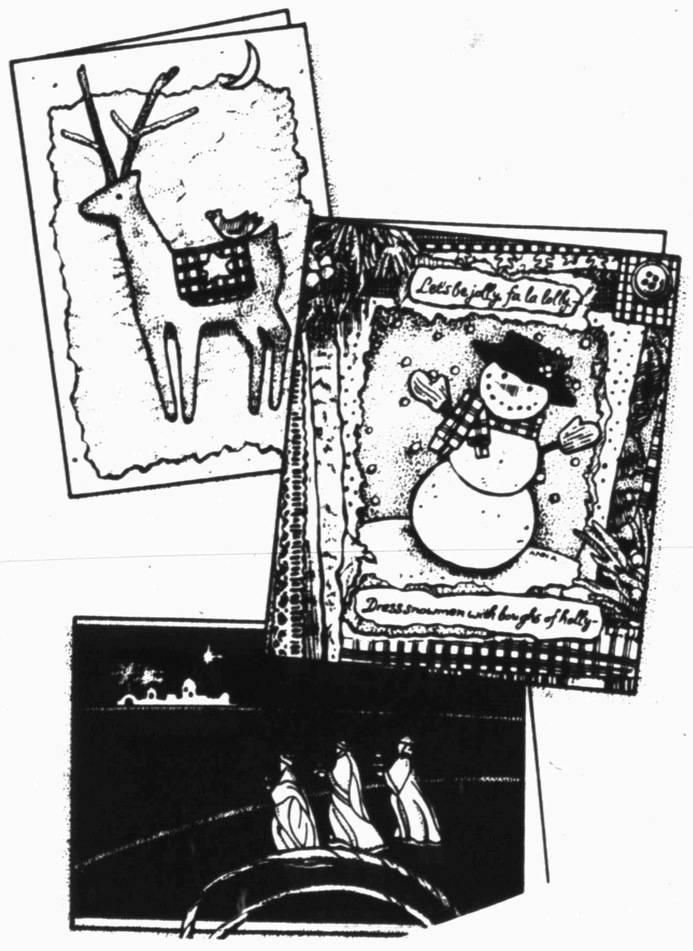
Despite the debate, "Pig in the City" actually opened to nearly identical business as the sweet and gentle original. The original

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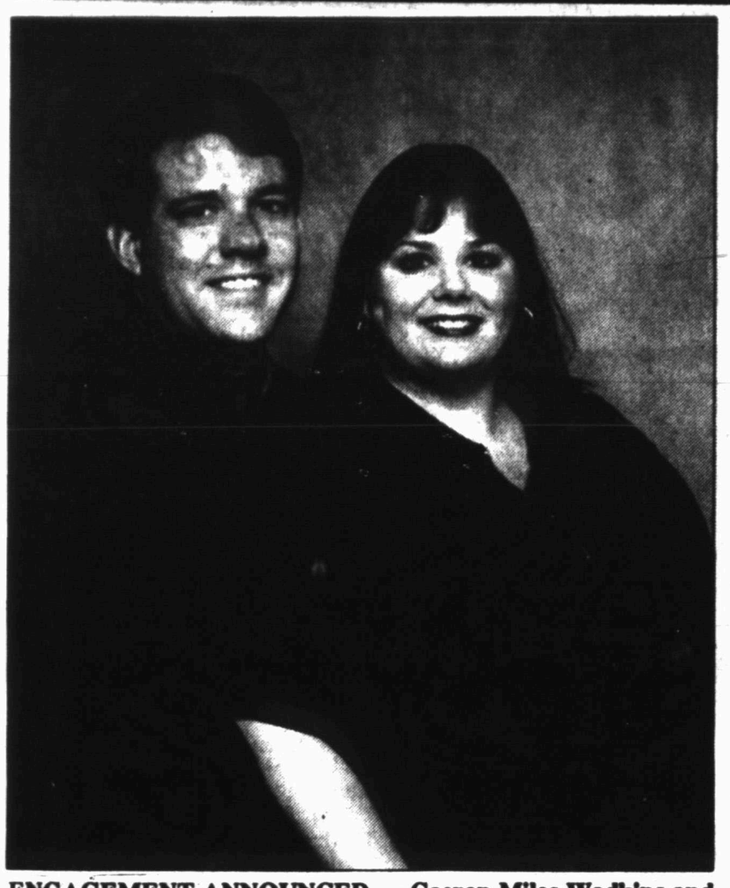
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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Gaeron Miles Wadkins and Amanada and Heather Cooley announce the engagement of their parents, Wendy Rae Wadkins and Michael Cooley. The wedding is set for 6 p.m. on Jan. 2 at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. (Contributed Photo)

Double-ring ceremony...

Sisco and Bailey wed in church

ABILENE — Deborah Gail Sisco became the bride of Robert Jeremy Bailey in a double-ring ceremony at 2 p.m. on Nov. 28 in the First Christian Church in Abilene. Both are of Abilene.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Bailey of Snyder and the bride is the daughter of Pat and Tommy Trinkner of Abilene, and the late Harold Gillit.

The bride's grandmother is Francyne Mayes of Grand Saline. The groom's grandparents are Horace and Betty Carter of Rotan and Anita Franklin of Springtown.

The groom's father officiated the ceremony at an altar with Christmas motif. A large Christmas tree decorated with cream bows and ornaments set left of the wedding party and spiral candelabras were on each side of the archway which was decorated with navy and cream flowers, greenery, bows and wedding bells hanging from the center.

Candles were lit while guests were being seated by Jared and Marisa Bailey, the groom's brother and sister-in-law.

Toby Foreman of Houston sang "I Will Be Here " after the bride was given in marriage by her stepfather, Tommy Trinkner, which was the groom's song to the bride. "To Make You Feel My Love" was sung after their vows, the bride's song to the groom. The groom's father sang "The Lord's Prayer." Taped selection were played during the lighting of the unity candle, "From This Moment On," by Shania Twain and Bryan White.

The groom's mother played a piano prelude of selected love songs. The wedding party entered to "Canon in D," by Pachelbel. The bride and her father entered to "Allegro Maestoso," by Handel, and the traditional "Wedding March" was played as the bride and groom and wedding party exited.

The bride's candlelight colored gown featured a 9½-foot train covered with pearls and lace along the edges. The V-necked bodice was fitted and covered with lace attached to long sleeves. The dress was adorned with lace and pearls and a large bow in the back.

Her veil was a tiara with netting to the waist and she carried all cream roses with a little greenery and lace.

Matron of honor Marisa Bailey wore a floor-length, cream gown and carried large navy flowers bedecked with cream lace. Bridesmaids, Vickie Morris and Maryann Chaves, both of Abilene, wore knee-length navy dresses and each carried a bouquet of small navy and cream flowers, interspersed with greenery.

Flower girl was Jessi Patton, the groom's cousin from Olden. Ring bearer was Dakota Patton, the bride's son of Abilene.

Jared Bailey was best man and groomsmen were Nadir Dalleh of Brownwood and Ramsey Castillo of Snyder. Ushers included Toby Foreman of Houston and Dave Dalleh of Brownwood.

Special guests, the groom's grandparents were ushered by Jared Bailey; Jared and Jeremy Bailey ushered the groom's mother; and ushering the bride's mother was Bill Howard, the bride's brother, and Jeff Trinkner, her stepbrother.

The groom wore a cream tuxedo, vest, shirt and tie. Groomsmen wore black tuxedos with navy vests, white shirts and black ties.

The reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church. The bride's table was covered with a navy cloth and an overlay of cream lace. The wedding cake was on one table while punch, mints and nuts were on another. Two baskets of navy and cream flowers decorated the punch table.

Two layers of cake were on top of a fountain and staircases with miniature attendants were on each side of the cake and led down to another section of smaller cakes on each side. Navy and cream flowers were attached to the cake as well as icing decorations.

Serving at the bride's table were Nell Gillit, aunt of the bride, and LaNell Campbell, cousin of the bride. Both are from Abilene.

The groom's table, covered with a navy cloth, was centered with a large basket of navy and cream flowers. The chocolate cake was decorated with two doves tying a bow. Under the bow was "Today I Marry My Best Friend" and names "Jeremy and Deborah." Coffee was served from a silver service.

Serving were Jana Foreman of Houston and Courtney Dalleh of Brownwood.

The couple's wedding trip was to the presidential suite at Embassy Suites in Abilene.

The bride, a 1992 graduate of Abilene High School, is employed by Abilene Counseling Center.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of Brownwood High School. He attended 2½ years at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, transferring to Hardin-Simmons University in 1996 and graduated with a bachelor of behavioral science degree in May. He is employed by Abilene ISD at Reagan Elementary as special education teacher for grades K-2.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jeremy Bailey
(Contributed Photo)

Snyder School Menu

All meals are served with choice of milk. Breakfasts have a choice of menu or assorted dry cereal and chilled juice.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Breakfast Pizza

TUESDAY
Pancakes w/Syrup

WEDNESDAY
Donuts

THURSDAY
French Toast w/Syrup

FRIDAY
Cinnamon Rolls

LUNCH

MONDAY
Hamburger or
Chicken Nuggets
Tater Tots
Sliced Peaches
Sliced Bread

TUESDAY
Hot Dog or
Chicken Pot Pie
Tossed Salad
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Dinner Rolls

WEDNESDAY
Pizza or
Hamburger
French Fries
Lettuce & Tomato
Chocolate Pudding

THURSDAY
Burrito or
Crispy Tacos
Lettuce & Tomato
Corn
Refried Beans
Chilled Fruit

FRIDAY
Corn Dog or
Beef Stew
Tater Tots
Tossed Salad
Sliced Bread
Cake

Bridal Registry

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and Joel Kern
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MONDAY
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Pork & Beans
French Fries
Pears

TUESDAY
Meatballs w/Brown Gravy
Relish Cup
Green Beans
Rolls
Peaches w/Whip Cream

WEDNESDAY
Pinto Beans
Macaroni & Tomatoes
Spinach
Corn Bread
Peach Cobbler

THURSDAY
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Vegetable Salad
Green Beans
Italian Bread
Apple Crisp

FRIDAY
Pizza
Corn
Vegetable Salad
Peaches

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Hermleigh School Menu

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Fruit
Pancake Pups

TUESDAY
Juice
Cinnamon Rolls

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Biscuits/Gravy

THURSDAY
Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast

FRIDAY
Fruit
French Toast Sticks

LUNCH

MONDAY
Beef Taquito
Salsa Sauce
Tossed Salad
Tortilla Chips
Pink Applesauce

TUESDAY
Chicken & Rice Casserole
Buttered Green Beans
Hot Biscuits
Blueberry Cobbler

WEDNESDAY
Swiss Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Blond Brownies

THURSDAY
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Buttered Corn
Soft Bread Sticks
Apricot Crisp

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Tater Tots
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Fruit Jello

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Lang and Lee exchange vows in ceremony

Julie Lang and Brandon Lee exchange nuptial vows at 4 p.m. on June 20 at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Snyder.

Fr. Gerry Leatham, pastor, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are Bob and Debbie Lang, the groom is the son of Levi and Brenda Hill, all of Snyder.

White pew bows marked family seating. The altar, flanked by two antique gold candelabras holding off-white candles in peach rose candle rings, was centered with a large floral arrangement of peach and pink assorted flowers in a large basket. The white altar cloth was decorated with a gold cross and was intertwined with gold rings. Featured were two candles decorated with peach colored flowers.

Altar servers included Andrew Bane, Zach Cain and Roman Romero, all of Snyder.

Vocalist was Kelly Ashton-Seib, aunt of the bride from Overland Park, Kan. Organist was Betty Watts of Snyder and lector was Jeff Seib, uncle of the bride from Overland Park.

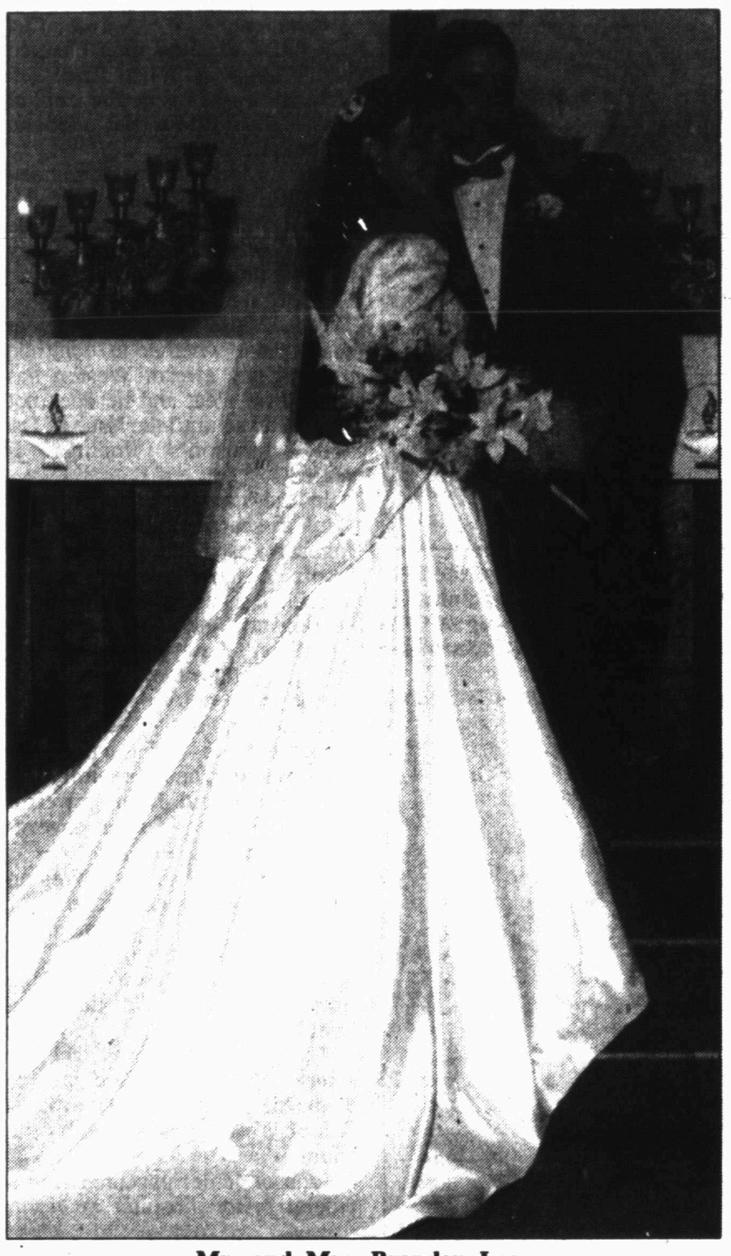
The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a full-length, off-white satin gown with a nine-foot train, scooped back, laced bodice and lace trim on the train. The tulle waist-length veil was held by a beaded headband. Her bouquet was of white lilies, dogwoods, sweet William and baby's breath with tulle and bead accents.

Maid of honor was Carma Brandon of San Angelo. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Lang of Amarillo, sister-in-law of the bride; Jina Fields of Snyder; and Shastade Hill of Snyder, sister of the groom.

The attendants wore champagne floor-length, sleeveless gowns with off-white shoes. The maid of honor wore a forest green drop-waist dress with mid-length sleeves. Each carried a single white lily.

Brenda Hedges made the bridal parties' bouquets, boutonnieres and the family corsages.

Brooklyn Bollinger was flower girl and Jacob Seib, cousin of the bride from Washington, D.C., was ring bearer.



Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Lee
(Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Brad Hart of Snyder was best man. Groomsmen were Todd Iglehart of Canyon, Michael Fields and Brandon Kemp.

The groom, best man, groomsmen, fathers of the bride, groom and ring bearer all wore black Ralph Lauren Chaps tuxedos. The groom's tuxedo had tails.

Jenny Brack, cousin of the bride from Bay St. Louis, Miss., registered guests along with Phyllis Brack, aunt of the bride, also from Bay St. Louis. The table was covered with a white lace cloth and held the bride's book and pen and a wicker basket of peach lilies, pink roses and white daisies.

The reception was held in the church hall. Tables were covered with white cloths and accented with white tulle bows and accents. The bride's table held a punch bowl and a 10-inch bride and groom figurine. The table was backed by a white lattice stand covered in green ivy and tulle.

The reception area, including the bride's table, the registry table and food table were arranged by Stacie Goswick of Stacie's Creations of Colorado City. Stacie's Creations also provided the floral arrangements and all fresh flowers used in the wedding.

The cakes and the meal were provided by Patsy Hart of Specialties by Gran. The bride's cake incorporated four-satellite Italian creme cakes with cream cheese icing in basket weave design. The cake was decorated with fresh gardenias and stephanotis and oceania peach roses and petals.

A buffet served hot hors d'oeuvres, fruit and vegetable trays, various finger foods and hot breads. Ms. Hart was assisted by Lou McMillan, Brenda Billingsley and Chris Bane.

Serving were Phyllis and Jenny Brack, aunt and cousin of Bay St. Louis, Kelly Ashton-Seib, aunt of the bride from Overland Park, Kan., and Chris Bane.

The groom's two-layer chocolate cake with chocolate frosting was decorated with chocolate dipped strawberries. Featured on the table was a photo album of the couple's engagement pictures. The table backdrop was a homemade quilt made by Verna Lang, grandmother of the bride from Hays, Kan.

Servers were Rosalinda Tovar, Ester Clarady, and Barbara Rosewicz-Seib, aunt of the bride from Washington, D.C.

The couple's honeymoon trip was to Cozumel, Mexico. They have made their home in Snyder where the bride attends Western Texas College and works full-time at Lang Tire Co. She and the groom are 1996 Snyder High School graduates and he is employed by Wedge Dialog.

Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
Nov. 20

Jane Hinton directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Dot Casey, Tizzy Hall.
3. Sue Reed, Frances Stevenson.

SUNDAY
Nov. 22

Jane Hinton directed.

1. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
2. Bill Kimmel, Billisue Stuard.
3. Tizzy Hall, Frances Stevenson.

TUESDAY
Nov. 24

Dot Casey directed.

1. Tizzy Hall, Louise Thompson.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Dorothy Rosson.
3. Dot Casey, J.O. Morrison.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 12-05-98
♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ A Q 9 8
♦ Q
♣ A Q J 10

West
♠ A J 5
♥ 7 3
♦ A K 10 7 2
♣ 7 6 5

East
♠ 10 7 6
♥ 6 5
♦ J 6 4 3
♣ K 9 8 4

South
♠ K Q 2
♥ K J 10 4 2
♦ 9 8 5
♣ 3 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	Pass
1 ♥	Pass/2 ♦	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

The longest reign of all

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, we found out that Ramses II reigned even longer than Queen Victoria, for some 67 years. But he doesn't hold the record. Which Pharaoh ruled even longer than Ramses the Great?

To commemorate these achievements, here is a deal from the 1937 World Bridge Olympic. Really, the word "Olympic" is a misnomer. It was an event held all over the world. And the deals were tough. Have a look at all four hands. The contract is four hearts. West starts with the diamond ace. After that, who should triumph, declarer or the defense?

North's three-heart rebid promises four-card support and some six losers. To count losers, check only the first three cards in a suit. Then count a loser for each top honor missing. Here, North has the announced six losers: three spades, one heart, one diamond and one club.

The deal's devisers wanted West to switch to the spade five at trick two, East's 10 driving out one of South's honors. Then, after South draws trumps and takes the losing club finesse, a spade return gives the defenders two tricks in the suit and four in all.

However, Englishman Jack Marx, who independently invented Stayman, made the contract anyway. Can you see how?

Marx, who knew the deals had been composed, ducked at trick two! Now came a spade to West's ace, followed by a club switch. Marx won with dummy's ace, drew trumps, unblocked the spade queen, ruffed a diamond in the dummy, and discarded his club loser on the established spade nine.

Pepi II reigned in Egypt for 94 years, dying about age 100 in c. 2200 B.C.

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COUNTRY HOME — Max with a Christmas bow around his neck, posed with his master, Chance Grantham, at the decorated fireplace in their country home. They are ready for the Lighted Christmas Tour of Homes Dec. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. Homes in the tour sponsored by Historic Scurry County and the Historical Commission include those of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Grantham, 5200 CR 2128; Marge Mathis, 5231 CR 2128; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nolan, 2308 32nd; and Jack Greene, 1496 CR 466. Some transportation will be provided at the Dermott School at 4:45 and at 5:45. Tour includes refreshments and entertainment. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at Eddie's Pharmacy, Countryplace and American State Bank. In addition, the Dermott School and the Dodson House will be uniquely decorated for the holidays. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Champ-Pagne now made for canines

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Plain old water just isn't good enough for show dogs.

That's the way Chuck Christ sees it, anyway. He has developed Champ-Pagne, a Canadian spring water packaged like champagne that lets the victorious dog or cat toast achievements in style.

"I have to admit when I started this idea, my parents said, 'What are you doing?'" said Christ, general manager of a company that makes plastics for the food industry. "My father-in-law said, 'Nobody's going to buy this stuff.'"

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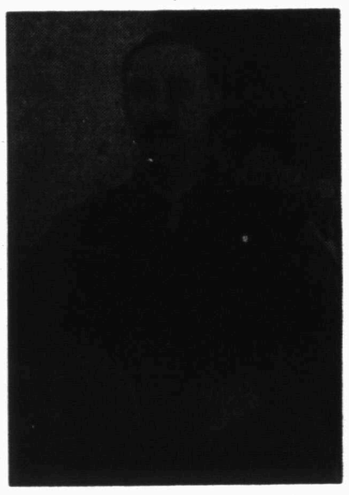
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Old photograph of courthouse found in trunk

Essie Pearl Greene Ellis who lives near Dunn discovered a bit of Snyder history in an old trunk that had belonged to her grandfather, John Gaines (John G.) Greene who had once lived in Fitz Hue, Okla.

Among the old newspapers, letters and tiny medicine bottles, Essie found a post card bearing a picture of Snyder's 1923 courthouse. The card, published by Grayum Drug Store, was dated Aug. 9, 1923 and was addressed to Essie's grandfather. It had been sent from her great-uncle — John W. (Woodson) Greene, who was



John G. Greene

the youngest brother of her granddad.

The sender made note of the hot and dry weather.

The 75-year-old card was found in Essie's grandfather's trunk, which until recently had been in the care of Pearl Cunningham, 97, who lives in Oklahoma. She is Essie's aunt and the sister of James Andrew (Jim) Greene, who is Essie's father. Essie said she was named after her.

Essie's brother, Robert Scott Greene of Dunn acquired the trunk recently and gave it to his sister. They also have a sister, Pauline Greene Ashley.

All live in the Dunn area.

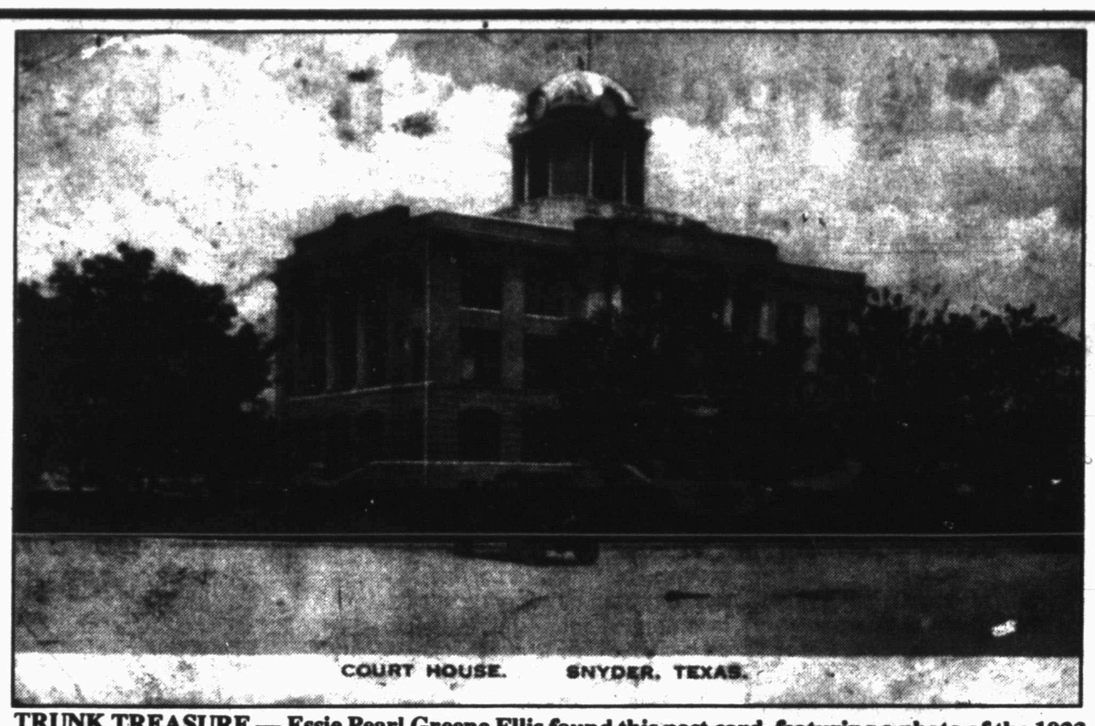
Essie is continuing to sort out the contents of the trunk. She has lived in Scurry County since she was 9 years old and is married to Othal Ellis.

Other items in the trunk include the marriage record of John G. Greene and Lucy Young, dated March 4, 1891. The document, issued in Scurry County, was signed by H.B. Patterson, then the county clerk.

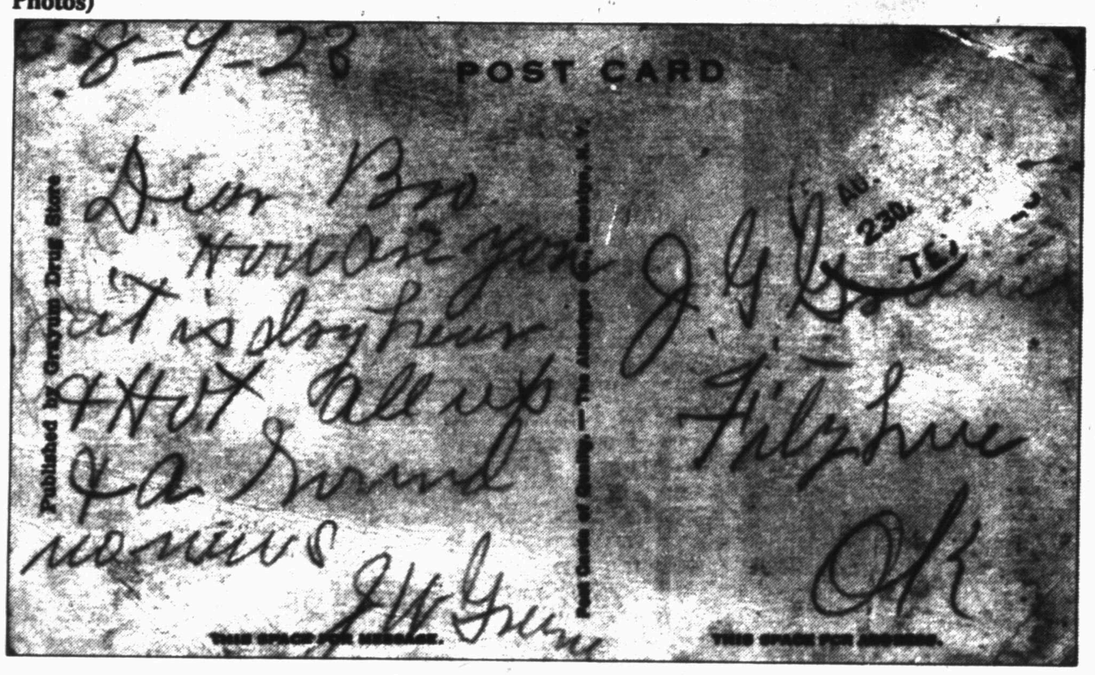
Another piece of history was a flyer advertising the services of Jeff, a horse owned by Essie's grandfather. The flyer described the horse as, "A steeldust stallion, a good saddle horse, red roan color, weighs about 1,000 pound, and will produce good colts."

"Jeff will stand the season of 1914 at my barn eight miles south of Ada (Okla.), on Jack Fork, at the Carlton old place. Due care will be taken to prevent accidents, but will not be responsible should any occur.

"Terms: $8 to insure colt to stand and suck."



TRUNK TREASURE — Essie Pearl Greene Ellis found this post card, featuring a photo of the 1923 courthouse in Snyder, in an old trunk that once belonged to her grandfather, John Gaines (John G.) Greene. The card, from his youngest brother, John Woodson (J.W.) Greene, was dated Aug. 9, 1923 and called attention to the hot and dry weather the town was then experiencing. (Contributed Photos)



New York City booked up for this Christmas holiday

NEW YORK (AP) — Dreaming of seeing the lights twinkle on the famous Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center or strolling the decadently decorated canyons of Manhattan?

Better make plans for next year, travel experts say, because there are virtually no rooms at the inn, the motel or the Waldorf Astoria this holiday season in New York City.

With about 9 million winter visitors expected, the city's 65,000 hotel rooms are nearly full or unavailable, and those few rooms that can be had are going for top dollar.

"It only goes up from here," Adam Brecht, a hotel industry analyst with PricewaterhouseCoopers, said Thursday. "The rates will range from $350 to $700 for a standard room between Thanksgiving and New Years."

The Disney-fication of Times Square, the daily broadcasts of smiling faces outside NBC's Today Show and good word of mouth have made the city a top vacation destination. Broadway shows this year enjoyed their best ticket sales ever, and top restaurants are booked.

Many New York hotels are turning down 40 to 50 potential guests a night, Brecht said.

"There's no room to build new hotels. So if you have a good location, you essentially have carte blanche to charge whatever you want," said Peter Yesawich, president of the travel marketing firm of Yesawich, Pepperdine and Brown.

The New York City Convention and Visitors Bureau set up a hot line to help direct tourists to hotels.

"You have to be flexible. You may not get the hotel of your choice or the location you want, but generally we can find something," said Fran Reiter, chairwoman of the tourism bureau.

The average room rate in the city is $245 per day, compared to the national average of about $80, according to a survey by PricewaterhouseCoopers. That's up 15 percent from $213 at the same time last year.

Many travel agents are sending people to the city's outer boroughs or to Long Island, New Jersey or Connecticut, said Steve Loucks of the American Society of Travel Agents.

"Part of the problem is that everyone wants the total experience and that means being in Manhattan," he said. "For every person who can't afford to spend $800 for a hotel room, there's another person who sees that as a bargain and will snap it up."

New hotels are opening in renovated residential buildings in Manhattan — TriBeCa, SoHo and the East Village, Brecht said. As a result, about 5,000 new rooms are expected to be available within the next 18 months, Ms. Reiter said.

Marriott International Inc. recently opened two of its more moderately priced Courtyard Hotels in Manhattan and a full-service, 360-room hotel in Brooklyn, which costs about 20 percent less than its Manhattan counterparts.

Doctor: suspect incompetent for trial in officers' deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government psychiatrist concluded that the man charged with killing two police officers in a chaotic spree inside the Capitol is mentally unfit for trial, a federal judge said Friday.

The doctor recommended Russell E. Weston Jr. be hospitalized indefinitely, meaning he might never stand trial for the July 24 shooting deaths of the two Capitol guards.

Prosecutors must choose at some point whether to continue pressing for a trial. Weston has entered no plea, and he does not need to do so until the issue of Dr. Sally Johnson's findings is settled.

In the meantime, prosecutors want to see mental records that Johnson used to prepare her report. Defense lawyers oppose that request, and the judge set a hearing date Jan. 8.

Weston's lawyers have made no secret that they planned to pursue an insanity defense if the case reaches trial. Weston was diagnosed years ago as a paranoid schizophrenic, and his family has said he suffered from powerful delusions that the federal government was spying on him.

Johnson found Weston "suffers from a mental disease or defect rendering him mentally incapable of assisting in his defense," U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan said during a brief hearing.

The judge did not say whether Johnson gave any more precise diagnosis, and her written evaluation of Weston was sealed by the court.

Johnson, chief psychiatrist at a federal prison hospital in North Carolina, evaluated Weston for several weeks this fall to see whether he is mentally able to understand a trial. She did not address his mental status at the time of the shootings.

"We were not surprised by Dr. Johnson's report," defense lawyer A.J. Kramer said outside the courthouse. Several doctors hired by the defense have also evaluated Weston, and Kramer said, "There is no information that conflicts her report."

Johnson concluded Weston might become mentally fit for trial if hospitalized and treated, and recommended Weston be committed to a mental hospital for long-term treatment, the judge and Kramer said.

That means Weston could eventually be placed in a federal hospital such as St. Elizabeth's, where would-be presidential assassin John Hinckley is housed, and evaluated periodically to see whether he is fit for trial.

Kramer would not say whether he supports that recommendation, or whether he would oppose drugs or other mental treatment for Weston.

"We're just taking it one day at a time," Kramer said.

Medication to make an incompetent defendant well enough for trial raises ethical questions for doctors and lawyers. Lawyers for some patients have argued that prosecutors cannot force drugs on a suspect just so the suspect may be put on trial.

During the hearing Weston sat slumped in a wheelchair, his jaw slack and his hair in disarray, while Kramer spoke to the judge.

Several feet away sat Evelyn Gibson, widow of officer John Gibson, and Wendy Chestnut, widow of officer Jacob J. Chestnut. Neither woman spoke during the hearing and they declined comment afterward.

Weston was shot several times by police after he allegedly barged past a metal detector and opened fire on officers.

Why did 'Babe' flop at box office?

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"Babe," however, remained strong for weeks as word of mouth spread. The fear at Universal is that the sequel will do just the opposite.

Actually, "Pig in the City" received some of the best reviews of any movie this year. Critics hailed its inventive visuals and incredible use of special effects.

Even the positive reviews noted the darker tone of the sequel. It seemed to many critics that Babe had left the bucolic wonder of the Hoggett farm and entered a disturbingly surreal city out of a Fellini film, full of slapstick violence.

Universal officials declined to comment. But studio sources speaking on condition of anonymity insisted they were a little surprised by a final product clearly at odds with the family-focused marketing and toy campaigns.

"I think the studio trusted the director with the franchise," a source said. "In the end, perhaps that was a bit of a mistake."

Director George Miller wasn't available for comment. His spokesman, Johnny Friedkin, said studio officials had seen a script two years ago that included some of the scariest scenes, including Babe being chased through the mean streets by a vicious dog.

He noted that the studio was well aware of Miller's grown-up credits, including the violent "Mad Max" films and the depressing "Lorenzo's Oil."

"You had to be mentally deficient to read the screenplay and not see what was in it," Friedkin said. "There shouldn't have been any surprises."

The original "Babe" was directed by Chris Noonan, but Miller co-wrote it and co-produced it, just as he did with the sequel.

To be sure, the original "Babe" had its disturbing moments. The pig's first lines in his sweet voice, as his mother is being hauled off to slaughter, are heartbreaking: "Goodbye, Mom." There's also a sheep being killed by dogs and Babe himself staring down the barrel of a shotgun.

All agree, though, that Universal gave Miller too much freedom to accomplish the nearly impossible: create a follow-up to one of the most beloved movies of all time. Miller worked without studio interference on the original "Babe," which earned $63.7 million, and nobody wanted to tinker with his success.

Miller did almost all the work on the sequel in Sydney, halfway around the world from Hollywood. With computer effects making animals talk and multiple animal appearances being merged to create seamless sequences, it was impossible to create coherent scenes until well after the film was shot.

So it wasn't until Nov. 8, one week before its star-studded charity premiere, that a complete print was shown at the test screening in Anaheim Hills.

Sources said that on the basis of the focus group's responses, Miller shortened the goldfish and near-drowning scenes, toned down the musical score and reduced the screen time for Mickey Rooney's nasty clown. A second screening days later brought a considerably better response.

To make time for the extra editing, the studio had to cancel the benefit premiere and a weekend media event, developments that made national news. Suddenly, "Pig in the City" was branded as a movie in trouble.

Meantime, the film was being released at perhaps the worst possible time — Thanksgiving weekend, and up against two strong family-oriented films: Disney's "A Bug's Life" and Paramount's "The Rugrats Movie."

Some months earlier, studio brass debated whether to reschedule the release of "Pig in the City." They decided to stay the course because of promotional deals, with products timed to hit store shelves around the movie's release.

Bailey

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changed. Tresses were added to roofs and the inside style also changed. He noted that the plain cabinet style became less popular and raised panel doors made from hardwood became common.

When John became a carpenter, he followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. For a while after he retired, John's son, Gary, took over his father's construction business. Now, he works for Western Texas College.

The Baileys also have two daughters, four granddaughters, one grandson and two great-granddaughters.

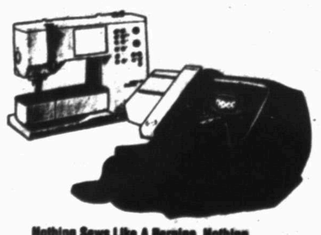
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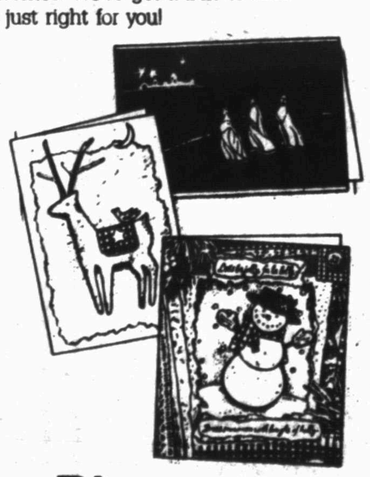
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New Vehicle Registrations

Automotive Rentals Inc., 1999 Ford from ARI, dba Rice and Holman Inc.

Tennessee Pipeline Construction and Jimmy C. Adair, 1999 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Howard Cattle Co., 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

EZ Pipeline Padding, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Sue Martini, 1999 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Jerry A. Howell, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Morris Head and Karen Head, 1999 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Josh Stone, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Rodney Dockrey, dba Rocking D Cattle Co., 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Travis Byrd and Roadrunner RV Park, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Aubra L. and Carol Annette Anders, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Easter Smith, 1999 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Mark Martin, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Lucille S. White, 1999 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Nathan Ygnacio Benitez and Novilla Goswick Johnson, both of Snyder.

Randy Don Bryan and Kimberly Nacoe Fuller, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Mary Lou Taylor and Patsy L. Cloud vs. Donnie White, application to foreclose landlord's lien.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Esteven Guerrero Hernandez and Ofelia Rodriguez Hernandez, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Toni Jo Hall and James Hurley Hall, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Fae Rinker, independent executrix of the estate of Lloyd B. Rinker, to Fae Rinker, the south 60 feet of Lots 1-3 in Block 35 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Thomas Stern to The Yellow House Canyon River Ranch Inc., a non-profit corporation, Lots 4-9 in Block 36 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Gilbert Holguin to Myron Fenton, Lot 9 and the west one-half of Lot 8, both in Block 51 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Southern Cotton Oil Co., a division of Archer Daniels Midland Company, to Don A. Jones, tract one being Lots 1-6 in Block 131 of the Town of Fluvanna; tract two being Lots 4-6 in Block 151 of the Town of Fluvanna; tract three being Block 147 in the Town of Fluvanna; tract four being Block 135 in the Town of Fluvanna; and tract five being Lots 5 and 6 in Block 150 of the Town of Fluvanna.

Don A. Jones to Fluvanna Agriculture Cooperative, Lots 1-6 in Block 135 of the Town of Fluvanna.

Landes Home Furnishings Inc. to Jimmy Don Lloyd, an 0.1771-acre tract in Lot 1 and part of Lot 2 in Block 17 of the Blakenship Addition.

Victor R. and Sheila B. Means to Evelyn Modean Barnett, Lot 2 in Block 1 of the Western Hills Addition, Section 1.

Evelyn Modean Barnett to Sheila B. and Victor R. Means, Lot 3 in Block 1 of the Western Hills Addition, Section 1.

Robert K. Dupree to Steve and Jude Hall, all of Lot 6 of the Heath and Haney Replat of Lots 1-11 in Block J of the Towle Place Addition.

David and Margaret Beaver to MD Laundry and Dry Cleaners Inc., all of Lots 32-35 in Snyder Shopping Center.

Mary Ann Wieland, Bobby G. Slater and William "Billy" Slater, independent co-executors of the estate of Mary E. Mundell, to Margie Baccus, Lot 7 in Block 11 of the Bootheland Addition.

Phillip Russell to Dorma Elam, an 0.009-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 134, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Dorma Elam to Eugenia Faye Grizzle, an 0.657-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 134, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Eugenia Faye Grizzle to Claude M. and Pamela I. Mauldin, an 0.567-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 134, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Doris Helena Small to Roxy Dwaine and Malcom Dean Small, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 12 of the Bootheland Addition.

Gloria Nell Griffin, independent executrix of the estate of Ava Lopour, 3.771 acres in the south one-half of Section 87, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Eddie Don Gray to Agri-Oro Inc., 111.588 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 96, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Don Gray to Agri-Oro Inc., tract one being the east 35 feet of Lot 3 and the west 15 feet of Lot 4 in Block 16 of the Wilmeth Addition; tract two being the east 35 feet of Lot 4 and all of Lot 5 in Block 16 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Jearld and Ione Smith Trust, all of Lot 3 in Block 3 of the Morningside Subdivision of Blocks 9-10, 15-16 and 25-26 of the Adams Addition.

Beatrice Pauline Brooks and Jeffrey Neal Brooks to Beatrice Pauline Brooks and Jeffrey Neal Brooks, each an undivided one-half interest in 164 acres in Lot 5, Section 34, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Dorothy Murphree Rosson, independent executrix of the estate of Renal B. Rosson, to Dorothy M. Rosson, 480 acres in Section 132, Block 3, H&GN survey.

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Dorothy Murphree Rosson, independent executrix of the estate of Renal B. Rosson, to Dororthy M. Rosson, a 105 x 173.6-foot parcel in Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Dorothy Murphree Rosson, independent executrix of the estate of Renal B. Rosson, to Dorothy M. Rosson, 262.86 acres in the east part of Section 133, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Nina Nesbit to Jim E. Shearer, trustee of The Shearer Family Trust, Lot 7 in Block 6 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Bill W. Murphy Operating Co. Inc. to Mark R. and Amy L. Hargrove, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 19 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Philip Morris sets TV plans to discourage youth smoking

NEW YORK (AP) — The latest voice in the growing chorus of anti-smoking campaigners is coming from the creator of the Marlboro Man.

Philip Morris, the nation's biggest tobacco company, plans to spend more than $100 million over the next year trying to drive away potential customers.

The campaign target is kids, and it will include TV ads in which it has young people telling them that smoking isn't cool.

But critics say Philip Morris is mainly trying to improve its image with kids' parents as the industry remains under attack in court and faces the prospect of renewed congressional efforts to regulate tobacco as a drug.

Antismoking activist Bill Godshall of the public health group Smokefree Pennsylvania said the campaign could backfire.

"If you want kids to start smoking, the most effective way is to tell kids they shouldn't smoke," he said. "It only makes kids curious."

Big Tobacco recently agreed to pay $206 billion to settle claims by 46 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories for reimbursement for the health costs of treating tobacco-related illnesses.

The settlement payment included $1.7 billion to study why children smoke and to finance programs aimed at discouraging them from starting.

Philip Morris spokeswoman Ellen Merlo said her company wanted to act more quickly to reverse the recent reported rise in youth smoking.

"We feel strongly kids shouldn't smoke and we are taking what we hope is responsible action," she said Thursday.

She said more than half the first year's $100 million in spending will go to its anti-smoking advertising campaign, an amount comparable to what it spends advertising its best-selling Marlboro brand.

The first ads bearing the slogan "Think. Don't Smoke" are aimed at youngsters between 10 and 14 years old and will appear on networks like ABC, Fox, WB, TNT and The Cartoon Channel.

Merlo said NBC had refused to take the ads but didn't know the reason. Repeated calls to NBC were not returned Thursday. CBS said it was reviewing the issue.

Three ads show groups of youngsters getting on the bus, gathered at school and lounging on an outdoor stairway, talking about why they don't smoke.

B. Brown turns himself in again

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Bobby Brown turned himself in Thursday on an arrest warrant issued after a report that he was drunk when he surrendered in September to serve time for drunken driving.

An upset judge released Brown on $2,500 bail, but said he was losing patience.

"I'm no longer inclined to give him any more consideration and to treat him any differently than any other defendant that walks through these courthouse doors," Judge Leonard Feiner said.

The Miami Herald had reported the singer was drunk and told a probation officer that he had smoked marijuana on Sept. 28 when he turned himself in to begin serving a five-day sentence for drunken driving.

As Brown left the courthouse, he apologized for his actions and told reporters that he wanted to enjoy a sober life.

"I'm making efforts to clean up my record," he said. "I'm sorry for the disrespect I caused anybody."

The 31-year-old husband of Whitney Houston was arrested in 1996 after he lost control of his Porsche and struck a sign. His blood-alcohol level was almost three times the legal limit.

He served five days in the Broward County Jail and then checked himself into a drug treatment center in Minnesota.

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Panel says add diesel fuel fumes to list of carcinogens

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. (AP) — A panel that said it's unclear what effect diesel fuel fumes have on humans nevertheless recommended they should be added to the government's list of substances that cause cancer.

A subcommittee of the National Toxicology Program's Board of Scientific Counselors voted Thursday to recommend diesel fumes be added to the list as "reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen."

The board voted Wednesday to recommend that secondhand smoke be labeled a carcinogen, and also concluded that alcoholic beverage consumption can lead to cancer. It noted that heavy drinkers and drinkers who smoke are most susceptible to cancers of the mouth, esophagus, pharynx and larynx.

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala has the final say on the recommendations, which would be added to the periodic Report on Carcinogens. The report's ninth edition is to be released in 1999.

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Deanie Francis Mills

Big meal or foragers!

We just got back from spending the Thanksgiving holidays with the Mills family in Dallas, a trip which turned out to be so stressful for me that by the time we made it home, I was irritable, exhausted, and mad at Kent for no other reason than that he happened to be related to all those people.

That's not to say that we didn't have a great time visiting with everyone, or that it wasn't wonderful to see the kids who drove up from college to meet us at Granddad's. Unlike many families, we all get along, no one bickers or drinks too much, or picks on the kids or anything. It's a terrific family, as I've said many times in the past.

So what was the problem?

I had to think about it for a while in order to figure it out, and the answer was simple. There are two kinds of families, I've decided, when it comes to big get-togethers and holiday celebrations. One kind I'll call the Forage Family. That's the kind I come from. The other kind, the Mills kind, is the Big Meal Family.

My mother lives in Texarkana — something like 500 miles away — so we only get to see one another once or twice a year. So as far as we are concerned, all we want to do is sit around and talk and laugh and watch old movies on TV. She will prepare maybe one big nice meal per visit, especially if it is a holiday, and the rest of the time, we either eat out, order in, or forage.

This is how you forage. Mother keeps all kinds of sandwich stuff and soups and junk food and microwaveable things in her kitchen. Everything is very informal and laid-back. If you are a guest in my mothert's house (or my house, for that matter), and you get the munchies, you are welcome to go into her kitchen and forage to your heart's content. She does not care if you make a mess. She does not care if you snack on the couch while watching TV. (Neither do I.)

Everything is simple that way. Stress-free. I raised my kids in a Forage Family, and their friends know that when they're around, our fridge it is their fridge.

Kent grew up in a Big Meal Family. His mother was known for her cooking, and from the beginning, whenever we visited his folks in Dallas, we could count on her preparing at least two big meals a day. His dad would always cook a big breakfast and Mom would start planning lunch right after.

Mom's kitchen was a holy place, and it was a woman's place. The Mills men would always gather around the TV in the den, watching sports and loudly arguing politics or current events, while the womenfolk spent their time preparing, cooking, serving, and cleaning up the Big Meals.

It was tough duty. It had to be done Mom's way, and nobody ever really knew if they were doing it wrong unless she started to sulk. And she tended to sulk during the entire process, so you never knew what you were doing wrong. The other daughters-in-law, and Kent's sister, seemed to intuit what Mom wanted, but I never really knew and stayed stressed out about it.

Mom's kitchen was a place for women's women. Women's women prefer the company of other women. They like to do crafts. They like to shop. They like to sew. And they like to talk about it. Conversation in Mom's kitchen, which could last for hours, would go something like this.

"I FINALLY found some yellow curtains that fit my kitchen window," says one. "You know, the one over my sink?" And another says, "Where did you find them?" And she says, "Well, it was the funniest thing. I was on my way to the craft store and I had to stop into the discount store to pick up a birthday gift for my neighbor — she's that one I told you about who has cancer — and they had a SALE on the curtains. Well, I didn't think there was a chance I'd find anything I like, but I found the CUTEST set, and would you believe I found them 50 percent off!" And she gets the feminine equilvalent of high-fives, which is oohs and ahs and other rave reviews.

And inside my head, I'm screaming.

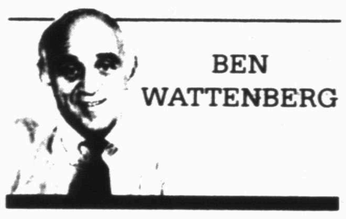
See, I'm a guy's girl. I would MUCH rather be watching the game with the guys and arguing politics. I never have anything to contribute to the kitchen talk. I mean, I'm standing there, tearing lettuce because that's the only thing they trust me with, and I'm thinking something like, "You know, they finally executed that sadistic serial killer, Kenneth McDuff. He was on death row before, but the Supreme Court oveturned the death penalty, and they parolled him, and the first thing he did was go out and kill. I hope he's burning in hell."

Such thoughts are not the sorts of things one shares with the Kitchen Women.

Kent's mom passed away a couple months ago. When we went to Dallas for Thanksgiving, I had secret hopes that in her absence, the Mills clan might actually turn into Foragers. But it was not to be. The Mills women simply jockeyed for Mom's position, (I stayed out of the melee), and we spent the next few days pretty much stranded in the kitchen while my kids gathered in the den with their cousins and the menfolk.

At one point, some Mills woman or other commanded the college girls to set the table. They rebelled. Future tough Broads, all of them. Heh-heh. I think there may be hope yet.

Deanie Mills column appears weekly in the Snyder Daily News



BEN WATTENBERG

Splendid documentaries

The television documentary tells history as never before. Consider the new episode of "The American Experience."

The three-hour documentary tells the story of harsh coal strikes, ethnic hatred among the miners, Americans fighting China during the Boxer Rebellion, the incredible Galveston hurricane that killed 6,000 people, Scott Joplin's "Ragtime," the assassination of President William McKinley, the ascension of roughriding President Teddy Roosevelt, the argument between Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois about whether economics or politics would be the best route for African-American progress.

The historical footage is sensational, transporting viewers back to the turn of the century. Historical documentaries, done right, are an art form that uses archival visuals to serve as time machines.

When the time period examined follows the advent of photography and moving pictures, the effects can be particularly enlightening.

By my lights — surprise! — I only wish these documentaries had more statistics and fewer anecdotes. By 1900, statisticians, sociologists and anthropologists were already hard at work.

Some historians were beginning to feast off their product, just as some do today — while too many continue to ignore or misuse data in the service of grievance theory. Others still go mostly by Edward A. Freeman's myopic dictum: "History is past politics, and politics is present history."

(Full disclosure: I am working on a PBS series that looks at American history principally through the lens of data, not anecdote.)

One such early data-oriented historian was Frederick Jackson Turner, who took a single line from the 1890 Census and turned it into a monumental interpretation of American history.

The data showed that the American Frontier had "closed" — that is, there was no more vast and contiguous mass of free and open land to be settled. That, Turner said, would change the American character, and perhaps not for the better. He wondered: "What would become of us?

In 1900, about two-fifths (41 percent) of Americans lived on working farms. In 2000, that rate will be around two percent. Yet we produce more and better food per capita, about a third of which is exported, making America the world's largest agricultural exporter.

Americans liked the cities, they also liked the open spaces. Census Bureau data measure the beginnings of a somewhat unique American blend, called suburbs.

In 1910, following trolley tracks, about 12 percent of Americans already lived in what would today be called suburbs. By the mid-1990's that rate was 52 percent. It official: America is a majority surburban nation, the first in history.

Another recent and splendid PBS documentary, about Frank Lloyd Wright, shows how American architecture accommodated the ongoing residential change. The horizontally-oriented ranch-style house could only become popular in a country with plenty of land available, no longer on the wild frontier, but just outside of cities bursting at their seams.

In 1900, a huge proportion of African-Americans lived in the South — 90 percent. Today, 53 percent of blacks live in the South. But blacks today make up about 13 percent of the American population, not much change from the 1900 rate of 12 percent. In 1800, however, the proportion was 19 percent.

Why did the share of blacks in the American population shrink so dramatically? Ongoing white immigration. From 1880 to 1924, America witnessed the largest migration in human history: 26 million legal immigrants arrived, mostly from Southern and Eastern Europe, and that on an 1880 base population of 50 million — half again as many!

By contrast, the current immigration wave, from 1961 to 1995, amounts to 20 million, mostly non-Europeans on a 1961 base population of 184 million — about one-ninth. The earlier wave makes the current situation look like a ripple.

As "America 1900" reports, during the Presidential election of 1900, the incumbent President, William McKinley, did not actively campaign for re-election. That was regarded as beneath the dignity of a sitting President.

In 1996, by contrast, the sitting President, was, uh, campaigning quite actively, and running Motel 1600 for fat-cat guests, oozing soft money.

Bill Moyers' PBS program "Washington's Other Scandal," which aired in early October, is much more recent documentary history.

This time the archival footage includes candid White House videotaped recordings of high-stakes money grubbing, offering a devastating presentation of how the Clinton-Gore campaign engaged in a fiscal feeding frenzy. Moyers concludes that the activity was certainly immoral, and quite possibly illegal.

An equal opportunity scourge, Moyers also takes off after the Republicans. The program should be seen again if Attorney-General Reno approves any one of the three current requests for independent counsels to investigate the 1996 Presidential campaign. (What might an independent counsel have turned up about President McKinley's financing?)

In this instance, present politics is future history.



EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Child care

San Antonio Express-News

Impeachment hearings may be the hot topic inside the Capitol Beltway, but there is no issue in this nation that demands lawmakers' attention more than child care.

The distance between impeaching President Clinton and child care couldn't be greater. But child care matters more to America's future than who the president has been sleeping with and whether he lied about it.

Congress next year must summon the kind of zeal for child care that many of its members have had for Clinton's sex life.

Child-care concerns have been tossed by the wayside with no apparent regard to the consequences. This, by the very lawmakers who pressed welfare reform, which relies heavily on parents' ability to obtain quality child care.

The year didn't start out that way, however. Clinton proposed a $21.7 billion child care initiative to boost access to pre-school programs, increase child-care funding for poor kids and pay better salaries to child-care workers.

Congress did increase money for after-school programs, added funds for subsidized child care and gave Head Start another five years' funding. But Clinton's proposal never got off the ground.

The Child Care Action Campaign reports that of the 50 child-care bills offered by members of both parties from the House and Senate, none was adopted by Congress.

Such devaluation of child care's importance is inexcusable, especially since the correlation is irrefutable between good services and a well-adjusted child. And good services don't come cheap.

The average annual cost of child care is $4,100 per child. The Cadillac rate that is, safe, stimulating environments that help children enter school ready to learn is between $6,000 and $10,000.

That is a considerable burden for families with children, half of which earn less than $35,000 annually.

They likely could care less whether the president lied under oath. But they surely worry about who is caring for their children.

It's a lesson in priorities that lawmakers missed this year, and one they must not fudge again.

Russia and a slaying

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

They have sent one woman to her final rest, but they may have awakened a slumbering giant.

The slaying of Galina Starovoitova, an outspoken liberal member of the Russian Parliament, obviously was intended to frighten other advocates of democracy and reform into submission. But those who ordered the atrocity in St. Petersburg may have miscalculated greatly.

Those who gunned Starovoitova down on the staircase to her apartment transformed her into an instant martyr who may serve the cause of Russian freedom better in death than she did as a living advocate of it.

Already that staircase has blossomed into an impromptu shrine. Hundreds of mourners have visited it, probed with their fingers the bullet holes left in the concrete walls by the assassins' rifles, and obscured the bloodstains with flowers and candle wax.

At her funeral, several speakers proclaimed their commitment to keep her struggle alive. Starovoitova's son, Platon, summed up their feelings when he said: "Those who ordered this crime may escape investigation, but I believe, just like my mother, that they will never escape the rage of the people. The people will trample them."

Because of Russia's economic woes and the leadership vacuum caused by President Boris Yeltsin's declining health, the liberal and reform forces have fallen into feckless disarray, leaving the field to the gangsters, communists and authoritarian nationalists.

Starovoitova's martyrdom may have frightened the apathetic liberals into action. If that proves to be the case, she will have served her people far better than could ever have imagined.

Immigrant smugglers

The Dallas Morning News

He may or may not have been thinking of America's slave past. Still, a modern middle passage was recently on the mind of Paul Coggins, the U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Texas, when he announced the results of Operation Keep and Seek. The case, says Mr. Coggins, is the "most complex and sophisticated alien-smuggling case ever seen in this country."

Not quite slavery, the smuggling of undocumented immigrants nonetheless involves trafficking in human beings. Unless they are willing to defend the practice as bondage with a human face, Americans should be thankful that federal authorities have driven three smuggling cartels out of business.

The bust also vindicates U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio. It was the 1996 immigration act he sponsored that contained beefed-up provisions allowing for bigger penalties and wider law enforcement authority in immigration-related cases.

According to Mr. Coggins, over the last three years, three syndicates may have smuggled up to 7,000 mainly Indian undocumented newcomers into the United States. At a cost of $20,000 each, profits may have totaled $150 million. The route to America is believed to have crossed four continents, with Dallas serving as a center of operations.

Smuggled immigrants routinely end up working in conditions that vary between indentured servitude and outright slavery. Beatings, sexual abuse, holding aliens for ransom, and living and working behind barbed wire are not unknown. Meanwhile, the phenomenon also undermines wages and working conditions, and may reduce the job chances, of legal job applicants.

The smugglers surely wear the black hats in this story. But Attorney General Janet Reno recently illuminated a key angle when she cut to the chase in her explanation of the process: "When the undocumented workers arrived, the smugglers would deliver them to unscrupulous employers, employers who wanted cheap labor and fearful workers who could be easily manipulated."

Slavery existed in America for two and a half centuries. But if the shadow of slavery is to be removed almost 150 years after slavery's demise, Americans and their government will have to work hard on two major fronts.

Most employers abide by the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act. But unscrupulous employers who do not must be challenged. As Operation Keep and Seek proves, federal law enforcement officials should be unafraid to use the sword of the 1998 immigration law to fight the modern manifestations of human bondage.

Health-care giant to eliminate 4,100 jobs

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Seeking more money for research and development, health care giant Johnson & Johnson plans to eliminate 4,100 jobs, or 4 percent of its work force.

The reduction will come over the next 18 months by closing 36 of the company's 158 manufacturing plants, the New Brunswick, N.J.-based Johnson & Johnson said Thursday.

About 2,500 of the job cuts by the maker of Tylenol will be in the United States, with the remaining 1,600 in 20 countries throughout the world. The cuts will mainly occur at manufacturing and operations facilities whose work is being transferred to other existing facilities.

The most vexing problem facing Johnson & Johnson, the world's fifth-largest pharmaceutical manufacturer, is that it has no major new drugs to replace some recent failures, said one analyst.

"When a company like J&J resorts to drastic measures, it underscores the severity of the problems as well as the determination of the management to dig themselves out of the hole," said Viren Mehta, a partner with Mehta Partners, a New York pharmaceutical investment firm.

Johnson & Johnson has been beaten in the allergy drug market by Schering-Plough, maker of Claritin. Johnson & Johnson's Hismanal allergy drug lost market share because it had more side effects than Claritin, Mehta said.

The company recorded $3.3 billion in profits last year on $22.63 billion in sales.

Johnson & Johnson will take a one-time after tax charge of $800 million against fourth-quarter earnings to account for costs of its planned reconfiguration, as well as for writing off research and development projects associated with the recent acquisition of DePuy, Inc., a maker of orthopedics products.

Johnson & Johnson expects these actions to yield after-tax annual savings ranging from $250 million to $300 million.

Company spokesman Robert V. Andrews declined to identify what plants are closing, saying employees would be notified over the next few days.

Those losing jobs will get "fair and appropriate severance arrangements," the company said, noting many cuts are months away, and some workers will be offered other positions.

Miss Piggy launches her own fragrance

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Look out, Kermit. Miss Piggy has launched her own fragrance line, saying it has "a certain je ne sais moi" that makes her irresistible to the singing frog.

Her limited edition perfume, "Moi," may be just a dab on the wrist of the $6 billion U.S. fragrance industry. But for the famed star of The Muppet Show, it's serious business — and not strictly for material reasons.

"When I'm wearing 'Moi,' Kermit finds me more attractive, more alluring than ever," Miss Piggy said Thursday. "He just can't keep his little flippers off me."

Perfumers behind "Moi," which hit Bloomingdale's shelves last month for the holiday season, say it smells like "a bouquet of seductive flowers warmed with 'come-hither' notes of warm blonde woods."

But won't women be turned off by a perfume associated with a pig?

"One might think that, but I think that Miss Piggy herself is so lovable that she brings with it not the normal feeling about pig scents," said Nancy Lueck, a Bloomingdale's spokeswoman.

Topper Schroeder, who as president of Gendarme Fragrances of West Hollywood helped the Muppet develop her scent, agreed.

"Miss Piggy is the Elizabeth Taylor of that world," he said. "This is not your ordinary pig. It had to be elegant, better than anything else I can find on the market."

Bloomingdale's would not release sales figures for "Moi," but Lueck claimed that even at $24 a bottle, it is proving to be a hot item at the company's 23 stores around the country.

Some analysts were skeptical.

"What do you think of when you think of Miss Piggy smell? It's not good," said Laura Ries, president of Ries & Ries, a marketing strategy group in Atlanta. "She's a Muppet. Who wants to smell like a Muppet?"

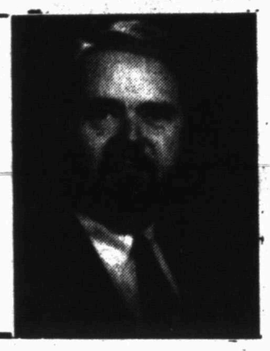
Miss Piggy begs to differ.

"Moi am a pig — but, moi am MORE than a pig," she said while on location for her next film, "Muppets From Space."

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Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Reaping the harvest with a successful entrepreneur

C.H. was still a teenager when he first dreamed of success. His vision was a lofty one. He wanted to become a millionaire. He later wrote, "...the thought was enormous ... so remote, so unattainable, so exalting, but so visionary."

C.H. was like many Americans who have a dream of success and wealth. However, the subject of the true story was not content to just dream the dream. He put action to his desire and made history.

C.H. began to pursue his dream at age 21. His father gifted him with an idea. It was a new technology that could do the work of many men. It had the power to revolutionize an industry.

However, it was just an idea. Yes, there were working models, and yes, they could demonstrate the machine's capabilities. But, all ideas are virtually worthless until someone takes the idea to a market ready for improvement.

C.H. went to market. With a proven marketing plan, his first efforts were wildly haphazard. However, some of his creative marketing techniques are still popular today.

C.H. offered a free trial use of his machine. He promised money back guarantees and offered installment buying. He was one of the first manufacturers to set a fixed price for all of his machines.

When the machines broke down, C.H. and other members of his family fixed them. This "we'll make it right" philosophy served him well as he penetrated markets further and further from home. Gradually, the operational bugs were eliminated. Soon, C.H.'s powerful technology was cutting a wide swath through America's heartland.

A competitive challenge

While C.H. was making refinements to his machine, others entered the market. One manufacturer made claims that its model could out perform C.H.'s machine. Both companies agreed to compete in a public demonstration.

On the big day, the two manufacturers squared off as a board of judges watched to ensure a fair trial for both machines. At the end of a long day, C.H.'s machine had done more than eight times the work of his bold competitor. The following year C.H. sold 50 machines. The demand was great. C.H. moved to a bustling community of 17,000 and began earnest production there. Six short years later his company produced, 1,500 units.

Reaping the harvest

C.H. really did reap an entrepreneural harvest. C.H. is Cyrus H. McCormick the driving force behind the McCormick reaper. McCormick's machines revolutionized agricultural production. With two men and a team of horses, the reaper could harvest 10 acres of wheat in a single day. C.H.'s technology took the place of 28 field laborers.

The industrialization of agriculture would take nearly 100 years, but McCormick led the way. With the help of tools like his reaper. U.S. wheat production soared from 4 bushels per person in 1847 to 10 bushels at the time of his death in 1884.

America's farmers were poised to feed a hungry world. In coming years they would do just that. American agriculture production is second to none in the world, and today our agricultural technology is helping millions in other nations become more self-sufficient.

For C.H. McCormick it began with a dream. A dream to "realize a million" through his own efforts. McCormick's dream took years to develop into a profitable business. However, McCormick's dream carried him through the bad times and on to worldwide fame and fortune.

And today, as you read this column, another entrepreneur is realizing his or her dream of becoming a millionaire. Thanks to early entrepreneurs like C.H. McCormick, it happens ever 15 minutes in America.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.



Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Boneless barbecued ribs, blackeye peas, steamed cabbage, cucumber/onion salad, baked apple, cornbread

TUESDAY

Chicken & dumplings, golden carrots, savory peas, tomato wedges, butterscotch pudding

WEDNESDAY

Beef stroganoff, broccoli, yellow squash, jellied citrus salad, brownie

THURSDAY

Roast beef au jus, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, tossed salad, pineapple flop cake

FRIDAY

Fried fish, macaroni & cheese, steamed cauliflower, carrot cabbage slaw, Jello cake.

Senior Center News

MONDAY

The Over 80 Eight-Ball Tournament will begin. Children from Snyder Day Care will visit at 11:30 a.m. Bridge will begin at 9:30 a.m. The local chapter of the AARP will have dinner at Martha Ann Woman's Club at 5:30 p.m.

This week will be the last swimnastics until after the spring semester begins. Sessions are held from 2:15 p.m. to 3-45 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday.

TUESDAY

Social Security representatives will be available from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. 42/88 will begin at 10 a.m. and the Golden Kiwanis Club will meet at noon.

WEDNESDAY

The Kitchen Band will be entertaining at Snyder Oaks, line dancing will begin at 1 p.m., the clogging class starts at 2 p.m. Anne Gregory will play the piano at 11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY

The Sunshine Choir will be going to Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. Children from Central Elementary will sing at 11:15 a.m. Game night begins at 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Bridge play and the blood pressure clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. The Christmas sing-a-long will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Senior volunteers will be needed to sell raffle tickets at Wal-Mart on Saturday, Dec. 12.

The Christmas dinner will be on Dec. 18. Please pre-register if you plan to attend.

Ruben Blades to continue to perform

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Ruben Blades may be active in Panamanian politics, but he's not about to give up his day job.

Some critics in his native Panama say the international singer and actor spends to much time in California entertaining to be a political leader in the country. However, Blades said he will continue performing.

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- Always use a gas appliance only for its intended purpose. An oven, for example, should not be used to heat a room.
- Always keep flammable materials and substances away from gas heaters and appliances. Remember, a pilot light is constantly burning.
- If your gas appliance is more than 20 years old, have it checked by a qualified professional. Certain older, uncoated brass connectors have flaws that may be dangerous and should be changed. Do not move your appliance and check the connector yourself. Call a qualified professional to inspect and replace your connector if necessary.



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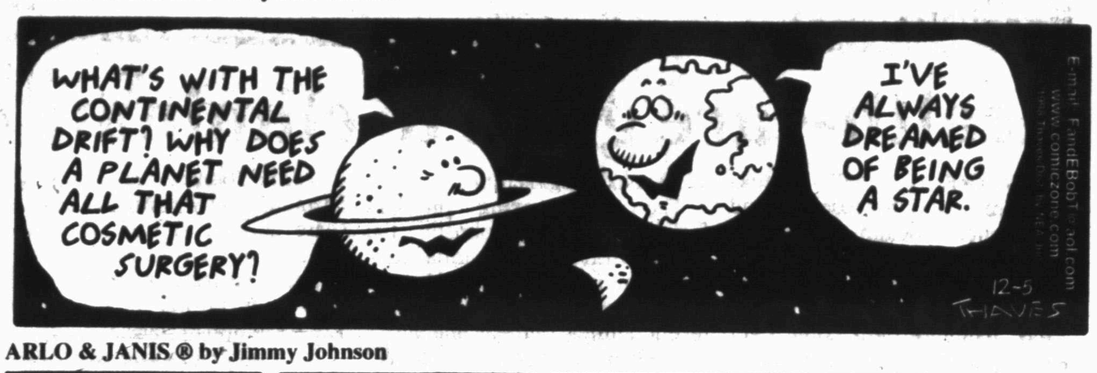
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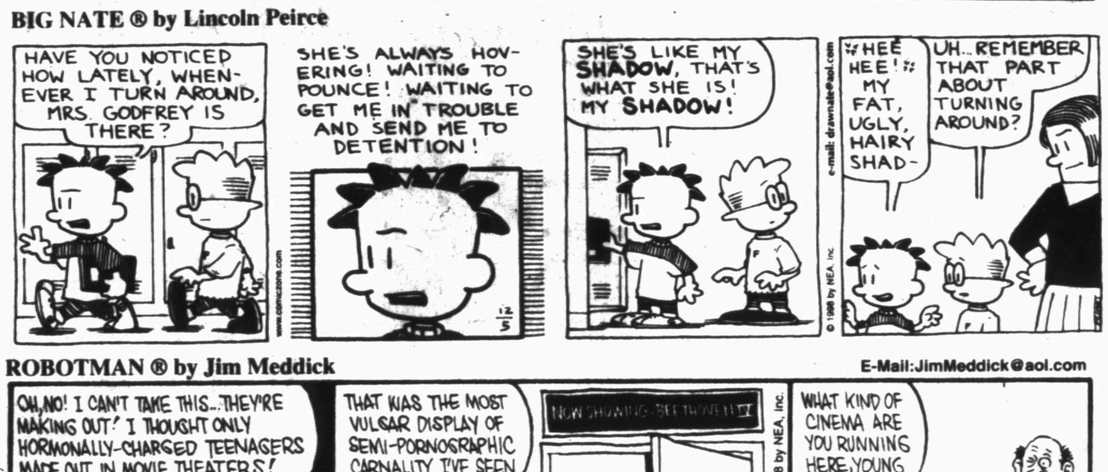
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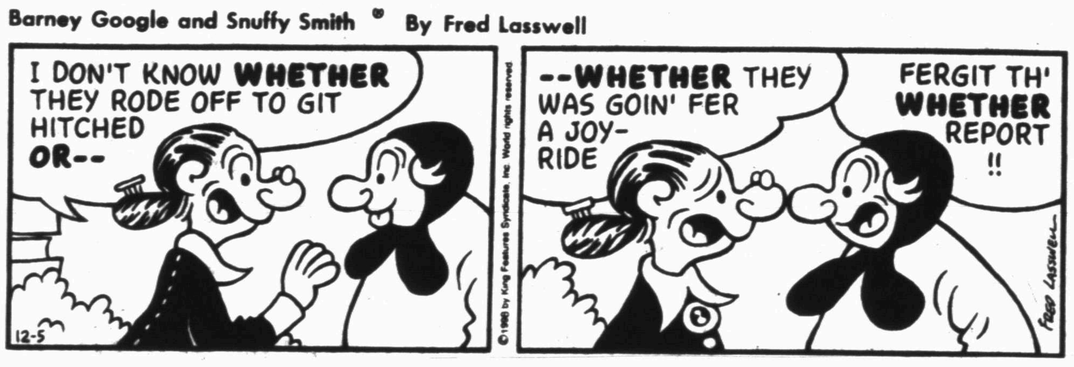
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ACROSS

1 Annoy
7 Road sign
12 Like someone with a sore throat
13 Iran, formerly
14 Metal bars
15 Elevated
16 Prefix for classical
17 Letters of the alphabet
18 Shade of blue
21 Fairylike
23 Participate in a winter sport
26 Resort of New Mexico
28 Lighten
29 Poetic time
30 Fishing poles
31 Reaches a conclusion
33 Female tavern owner
36 Rockfish
37 Sesame
38 Enter (2 wds.)
40 Home of Adam
41 Those holding office
42 Musical group of nine
44 Before, to a bard
45 Peach center
46 Part of RSVP
48 Sea robber
51 Abounded
55 Pressed
56 Repetitive recital
57 Walked back and forth
58 Chicken Kiev, for one

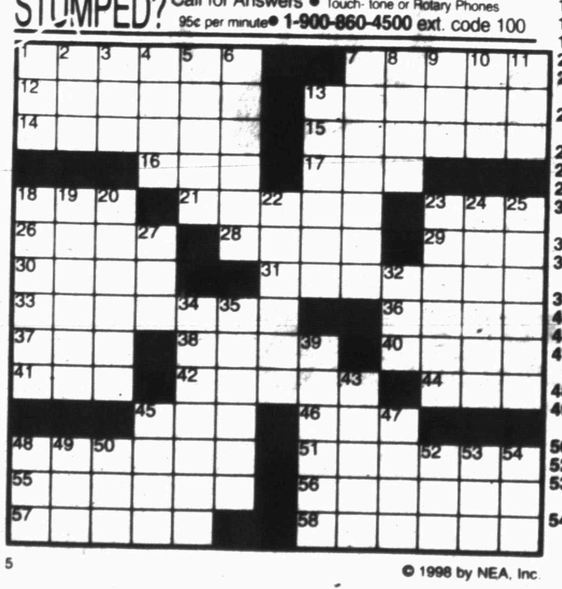
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1 — Beta Kappa
2 Long time
3 Droop
4 Video-game movie
5 Ms. Lauder
6 Repair (shoes)
7 Longed
8 Flower
9 Curvy letter
10 Fib
11 Pop
13 Tribute
18 Cloud layers
19 Pottery clay
20 Swiss songs
22 Radio technique
23 Withdraw formally
24 More eager
25 Crazy
27 Opp. of NNE
32 Actress Mary —
34 Set fire to
35 Like some sofas
39 Cuddle
43 Connection
45 Window part
47 Native of Latvia
48 Card spot
49 Retirement-plan inits.
50 Fabulous bird
52 Impair
53 Chemical suffix
54 Pre-Easter buy

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Conference OKs guidelines on return of art

WASHINGTON (AP) — A World War II concentration camp survivor praised an international conference's pledge to encourage the return of Nazi-looted artworks to their prewar owners.

But Noach Flug, now representing the World Jewish Restitution Organization, told delegates from 44 countries, "It is important the goals of this conference will be transferred into reality."

If carried out, guidelines that 44 countries endorsed Thursday could shake up the art world, pressuring major private and public collections worldwide — from the Louvre in Paris to the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, Russia, to the Museum of Modern Art in New York — to identify and return to prewar Jewish owners or their heirs works looted by Nazi Germany.

The U.S. Association of Art Museum Directors already has created guidelines that required a search of collections to ensure they contain no looted art. Members also agreed not to borrow pieces known to be stolen by the Nazis. But, until now, much of such information has been lost or hidden in dusty government and private archives closed to outsiders.

The conference suggested archives around the world be open for Holocaust research by Dec. 31, 1999, but many countries and the Vatican so far have refused.

Some European countries also appear reluctant to reach deep in their archives and reach out to Holocaust survivors and their heirs in attempts to find owners.

The principles approved by the conference leave wide room for interpretation.

France, for example, has been working two years to identify prewar owners or heirs of 2,058 pieces of art that has been in government custody and museums since the war, even putting the list on the Internet. But France insists only on direct restitution.

At the conference, the French delegation promised that by the end of 1999, if the government has not tracked down wartime owners for looted art, it will consider proposals to make reparations "that seem justified," delegate Louis Amigues told the conference.

Doctors warned about asthma drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doctors should carefully watch asthma patients who take the drug Singulair for signs of a rare but serious complication called Churg-Strauss syndrome, manufacturer Merck & Co. warned Thursday.

Churg-Strauss syndrome is a tissue disorder that sometimes strikes adult asthma patients and, if untreated, can destroy organs.

Merck said Thursday that it has received fewer than 20 reports of Singulair patients developing symptoms of Churg-Strauss, out of 600,000 people worldwide who have tried the drug.

Merck wrote 165,000 doctors and pharmacists Thursday to alert them to signs of the condition, including flu-like symptoms, rash, tingling or numbness of the arms and legs, or severe sinusitis. Some asthmatics experience worsening lung symptoms as pulmonary blood vessels become inflamed.

Merck also revised the drug's labeling to include the caution and to tell patients to alert their doctors to such symptoms.

There is no proof Singulair was to blame, Merck said.

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Boys: _____
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Total Number of People at Home _____

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Scrabble letter factory shuts its doors Friday

FAIRFAX, Vt. (AP) — Milton Bradley Wood Products Co. has churned out 1 million Scrabble tiles a day in this small Vermont town for 20 years.

But Hasbro Inc., Milton Bradley's parent company, closed the plant Friday. The reason is a 10-point word: business.

Hasbro spokesman Mark Morris says the company began looking at the most efficient way to make each product and decided to get out of the business of producing the tiles.

The game will still be made; the tiles will still be wooden; players will still be able to call Hasbro's consumer service line when they lose a letter.

But the closing nevertheless strikes a nostalgic chord, especially for the 87 people who are losing their jobs after doing their part to put those rectangular letters in one of every three American homes.

"Sometimes it was hard to believe that we still had to make them," says Harold Wright Jr., who worked at the factory for 8½ years. "But the order just kept getting bigger every year."

Scrabble sells 1 million to 2 million copies in North America every year. Even President Clinton and the first lady play the game on vacation.

John D. Williams Jr., executive director of the National Scrabble Association, says he's heard that people in Jerusalem met during the Persian Gulf War to play Scrabble wearing gas masks.

"Scrabble tiles are one of the most recognizable icons, American icons," Williams says.

Lois Hood enjoyed being a part of it all, although she can't play Scrabble without inspecting the tiles. "It's automatic," she says. "I'll always check the tiles."

Morris says Hasbro is still considering contractors both in the United States and overseas and hasn't decided where its tiles will come from after Friday.

Some people in Fairfax are convinced they'll be made overseas, and they find it hard to believe that a company would close one plant before finding another.

But Morris promises Scrabble lovers one thing: "Believe me, the tiles will continue to be made out of wood."

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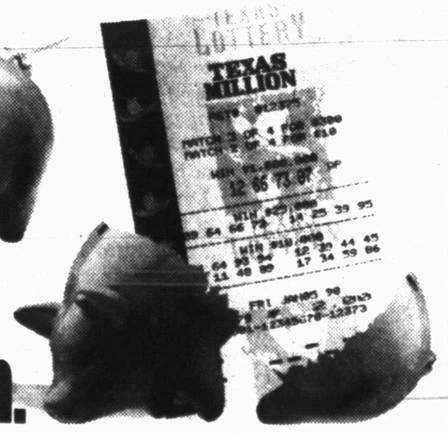
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7 Chances To Cash In.

Some want Mrs. Dole to run in 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elizabeth Dole has said she won't seek the presidency, but that hasn't quelled speculation about her political future.

Admirers of Mrs. Dole, president of the American Red Cross and wife of 1996 GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole, are putting in motion a strategy to encourage her to run in 2000.

Leading the "Draft Elizabeth Dole" effort is Republican activist Earl Cox, who also tried to draft Colin Powell for a White House run.

Cox has set up headquarters in a renovated railroad depot in Mrs. Dole's hometown, Salisbury, N.C., and plans to form similar operations this month in her husband's home state, Kansas, he said in letters sent recently to state Republican chairmen.

The National Draft Elizabeth Dole 2000 campaign has filed federal candidate paperwork to begin raising funds and has set an official kickoff for Jan. 23 in Salisbury. Organizers plan to present Mrs. Dole with a petition next March urging her to run.

"Elizabeth Dole has an impeccable reputation for being a person of high moral character," Cox wrote. "Her government and corporate experience have earned her a reputation for being a strong and honest leader. Untainted by politics, Elizabeth Dole is well-qualified."

Another leader of the effort is Margaret Kluttz, former mayor of Salisbury.

The group is seeking support from GOP members of Congress and county Republican chairmen in Kansas, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Mrs. Dole often is mentioned as a possible Republican nominee for president or vice president. A CNN-USA Today Gallup poll in May showed Texas Gov. George W. Bush as the leading Republican presidential candidate and placed her second, ahead of former Vice President Dan Quayle and former vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp.

Her resume includes Cabinet positions in the Reagan and Bush administrations, as well as her current post with the Red Cross. Many Republicans also view her as someone who fuses high name recognition with the potential to unite religious and fiscal conservatives.

In an interview early this year, she said: "I've said I'm not going to run, and I have no plans to run." But she said in a September speech in St. Joseph, Mo.: "I guess I've learned in this world never to say never."

Her Oprah Winfrey-style stumping was an enduring image from the presidential campaign her husband lost in 1996 — as was her roaring motorcycle entrance onto "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno," when she donned a helmet and black "Bikers for Bob" leather jacket.

P.O. delivering stolen mail held as evidence

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Postal Service is beginning delivery of about 60,000 pieces of stolen mail that had been held as evidence. Some is as much as six years old.

Deliveries begin Saturday of the mail that is addressed to residents of Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

The mail, some opened and some still sealed, was recovered when postal inspectors arrested an Atlanta-area man who had been stealing mail for four years. The man was not a postal employee, postal officials stressed.

The U.S. attorney asked that the recovered mail be held as evidence, and it was released for delivery only after the thief was convicted and sentenced to prison, postal officials said.

The items now being delivered will be accompanied by a letter of apology that also explains the delay.

Janis Ian recovering from surgery

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Janis Ian, who sang the 1975 smash "At Seventeen," is recovering from surgery to remove a benign liver tumor.

Doctors in the Miami area removed the tumor Wednesday during a hour-long operation, said Karen Sternberg, Ian's Nashville-based spokeswoman.

"It went so well, they didn't have to do a blood transfusion, which is rare in this type of operation," Sternberg said.

Ian plans to stay in the hospital for about a week and will resume performing Jan. 23.

News Briefs

Troop OKs HIV-positive girl scout

QUEENSBURY, N.Y. (AP) — An 8-year-old girl who's HIV-positive has finally found a troop she can call her own after several other Girl Scout troops rejected her.

Quashawn Donovan was invited to join a Brownie troop led by a man who heard news reports about the girl in this Adirondack Mountain town about 45 miles north of Albany.

Although her mother, Dianne Donovan, said Thursday that Quashawn is excited about joining the troop, she says she's still upset by the reactions of local troop leaders to Quashawn's membership.

"There's feelings of anger, hurt and great sadness at seeing how it made my daughter feel," she said. "But there's also empathy and understanding of the fear."

Mrs. Donovan began searching for a troop for her adopted daughter to join in mid-October. She said she was initially given an enthusiastic response from the Adirondack Girl Scout Council when she told them of Quashawn's HIV-status, but later was rebuffed by troop leader after troop leader.

Donovan and her husband, Tim Donovan, adopted Quashawn at eight months, and her brother Danny, now 10, at four months of age. Both were HIV-positive and given slim chance of survival, but now they're thriving, thanks to protease inhibitor drugs.

Child's death prompts changes

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The beating death of a 6-year-old girl and mistakes by child welfare workers who didn't realize she was being harmed have led to immediate changes in Florida's system of investigating child abuse.

Disciplinary action also is likely against some of the welfare workers involved in Kayla McKean's case, said Edward Feaver, secretary of the state Department of Children and Families.

"I think this is a horrendous case," Feaver said Thursday. "No child should suffer like this child suffered."

State documents show that child welfare workers missed several chances to intervene and perhaps save Kayla's life in the months before she was allegedly beaten to death by her father.

The documents show that in one instance, welfare investigators withheld information that could have led to Kayla's removal from her father's home. They apparently failed to interview a doctor who said the girl's life was in "imminent danger." And they didn't challenge her father's contention that bicycle accidents or the family dog caused her injuries.

"They all had pieces of the jigsaw puzzle, and no one had all of the pieces to see what was going on," said Janice Johnson of the child welfare agency.

Q&A

What is understanding?

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse. The current series is dedicated to supplying general information to our readers. Getting back to the basics, we are using the ABC's as a structured guideline. Each week, the column will concentrate on such topics as "Quick" List, Relationship Addict, Snyder Park Club, etc. Readers may want to cut out the articles and save them as a resource for future reference.)

ABC's of Substance Abuse
(Article 21 of 26)

U ~ UNDERSTANDING
(AN EMOTIONAL FOOD)

What are the causes of alcoholism? Nobody knows in any complete or final sense; however, research findings indicate forcefully that alcoholism is a complex disease in which a varity of factors play a role. In his book, Understanding and Counseling the Alcoholic, Howard Clinebell explains the following:

Let us begin with the recognition that children have certain basic psychological needs or hungers analogous [similar] to their nutritional needs. To the extent that these needs are satisfied in the home, the child's personality grows strong and healthy in its ability to live a satisfying life in relation to others. To the extent that emotional malnutrition exists, personality stunting, immaturity, and interpersonal inadequacy result.

As is true in the case of physical nutrition, deprivation of adequate emotional food is the most damaging in the earliest years of life, when growth is the most rapid and personality the most plastic. Many psychologists believe that the foundations of subsequent health or illness are laid during the first few years of life. This general point of view concerning psychic needs of hungers is widely accepted by social scientists.

Dorothy Walter Baruch gives us an excellent discussion of the nature of these needs in her outstanding book on rearing emotionally healthy children entitled New Ways in Discipline, You and Your Child Today:

What are the emotional foods that every human being must have regardless of age? What are the basic emotional requirements that must come to every small infant, to every growing child, to every adult?

In the first place, there must be *affection* and a lot of it. Real down-to earth, sincere loving. The kind that carries conviction through body-warmth, through touch, through the good, mellow ring of the voice, through the fond look that says as clearly as words, "I love you because you are you."

Closely allied with being loved should come the sure knowledge of *belonging, of being wanted*, the glow of knowing oneself to be part of some bigger whole. *Our* town, *our* school, *our* work, *our* family ~ all bring the sound of togetherness, of being united with others, not isolated or alone.

Every human being needs also to have the nourishment of *pleasure that comes through the senses*. Color, balanced form and beauty to meet the eye, harmonious sounds to meet the ear. The hearty enjoyment of touch and taste and smell. And finally, the realization that the pleasurable sensations of sex can be right and fine and a part of the spirit as well as of the body.

Everyone must feel that he/she is capable of achievement. He/she needs to develop the ultimate conviction, strong within him/her, that he/she *can* do things, that he/she is adequate to meet life's demands. He/she needs also the satisfaction of knowing that he/she can gain from others *recognition* for what he/she does.

AND MOST IMPORTANT, each and every one of us must have *acceptance* and *understanding*. We need desperately to be able to share our thoughts and feelings with some one person, or several, who really understands. . . . We yearn for the deep relief of knowing that we can be ourselves with honest freedom, secure in knowledge that says, "This person is *with* me. He/she *accepts* how I feel!"

In 1948, while lecturing at the Yale Summer School of Alcohol Studies, Selden D. Bacon noted, "Both the ethical and the therapeutic approaches to the problem of alcoholism must be based on an *understanding* of alcohol, drinking, and the physiology and psychology of the human being. Many of those who attempt to control alcoholism are like those who attempted to control lightening without knowledge of electricity."

If you have, or someone you know has, a drug or alcohol problem, be a part of the solution. Seek, or urge your friend to get, help!

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-568-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.



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