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THURSDAY

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Home Of Carolyn Cox

Early voting period down to final two days

Early voting slowed somewhat Wednesday as the fewest number of voters cast ballots since the early voting period began last week.

County Clerk Joan Bunch said 180 ballots were cast Wednesday to bring the eight-day total for the early voting period to 2,068. It was the first time the early vote total was less than 200 for this election.

In the 1996 general election, 2,537 early votes were cast.

There are two days of early voting left – today and Friday.

Early voting takes place on the third floor of the Scurry County Courthouse in the courtroom. Voters are asked to bring their current registration card or their driver's license in order to expedite the voting process.

Among the local contested races is that between former sheriff Keith Collier and write-in candidates Cole Herring, Joe Salinas and Kirk Taylor for the position of Scurry County Sheriff.

Incumbent Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer, a Republican, is being challenged by Democratic Donna Gray.

There is also a contested race for Justice of the Peace in Precinct 2 where Republican Travis Brackeen faces independent candidate Pam Bryant.

Local candidates unopposed in seeking another term include 132nd District Judge Ernie Armstrong, District Attorney Dana Cooley and County Attorney Michael Hartman. All three are Republicans.

Diana Williamson, Democrat, is unopposed for the county tax assessor-collector post. Rona Sikes, who currently holds the office, chose not to seek another term. In addition, Democrat Ralph Trevey has no opponent.

Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd and Precinct 1 Constable Pat Alexander drew no opponents either. The two, both Republicans, won their bid for the posts in their party's primary and were then appointed by the Scurry County Commissioners' Court to fill in the vacant positions.

Listed on the Presidential ballot along with Republican George Bush and Democrat Al Gore, are Libertarian Harry Browne, Green Party candidate Ralph Nader and independent Pat Buchanan.

There are also three write-in candidates seeking the oval office, including Howard Phillips, James "Jim" Wright and David McReynolds.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson, a Republican, has drawn three opponents, including Democrat Gene Kelly, Libertarian Mary J. Ruwart and Green Party candidate Douglas S. Sandage.

Democrat Charlie Stenholm, longtime U.S. Representative for District 17, has drawn three opponents. Republican Darrell Clements, Libertarian Debra M. Monde and write-in candidate Pete Julia are all hoping to unseat Stenholm.

David Counts, Democratic state representative for District 70, is running unopposed.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If you can't be kind, at least try and be vague."

This and that, thanks to a variety of SDN readers:

A million dollars doesn't buy much, and here's proof.

An Okie in Tulsa wanted to buy a Porsche. The price was a mere $86,547 – which shouldn't be a problem for someone carrying around a $1 million bill.

The auto salesman said the bill looked legitimate and his sales manager agreed that it looked authentic. A second salesman took the man on a test drive. Afterwards, the customer wanted the salesman to take him to the bank to get change for the $1 million bill.

The bank suggested that the salesman keep the man occupied until the police and Secret Service could arrive.

Since the U.S. Treasury doesn't make a $1 million bill, it wasn't hard to figure out that it was a phony.

The $100 bill is now the largest made. In the 1960s there were a few $100,000 bills. Later some $500 and $1,000 bills were produced.

However, all have since been taken out of circulation, or they are in a private currency collection.

There was no charge for the ride in the Porsche, and the trip to the police station also was free.

Misery always loves company:

Here's a blooper from the New York American Journal.

"These are undeniable facts. A girl who is 17 is much more of a woman than a boy who is 17."

And this miscue, right before an election:

"Eight candidates, including four incompetents, are seeking re-election."

They must have been describing Coach Lou Holtz.

"During the game, the coach paced the sideline with his hands in his pockets, while biting his nails."

All sale merchandise should be marked:

Christmas sale of Methodist women at West-Side Church."

And this correction needed more clarification:

"Today, we carry the answer for Saturday's Crossword Puzzler. Answer for today's Puzzler was already printed yesterday. Our readers will find the answer of yesterday's Puzzler tomorrow."

It may be a valid point:

At a staff briefing of the federal reserve chief, Alan Greenspan urged a staffer to continue his briefing even as Greenspan talked to an aide.

He later explained, "If an economist can speak out of both sides of his mouth, he can certainly hear out of both ears."

Stenholm here Friday for presentation of USDA check to Snyder Brick

Congressman Charlie Stenholm will be among those attending a ribbon-cutting and grand opening ceremony at Snyder Brick & Tile Friday morning at 8:30.

Stenholm, Steve Carriker of the United States Department of Agriculture, Virginia Cazeault of Omni Bank N.A., and representatives of the brick manufacturing plant will cut the ribbon with the assistance of the Snyder Gold Coaters.

Among those representing Snyder Brick will be Charles Terrell, Wilson Thomas, Mitchell and Carol Goodger and Daniel Spencer.

Also in attendance will be several representatives of other companies, plus members of the Development Corporation of Snyder, Snyder Chamber of Commerce and the commissioners court.

This event will be followed by a public open house of the facility set for Nov. 17.

SISD trustees schedule two executive sessions

Snyder ISD's board of trustees will meet this evening at 6:30 at the school's administration building and two executive sessions are on the agenda.

The board will meet in closed session to consider a contract non-renewal for Snyder Junior High coach and teacher Greg Hazelwood for the 2001-2002 school year.

Hazelwood is currently on paid administrative leave following allegations that he had inappropriate contact with an 18-year-old female student.

The board will also meet in closed session to begin the annual review process for Supt. Gayle Lomax.

In other action items, the board will consider the approval of the district's 1999-2000 audit, and the adoption of a resolution in support of a statewide group health insurance plan for all active and retired school employees.

Borden County resident guilty of sexual assault

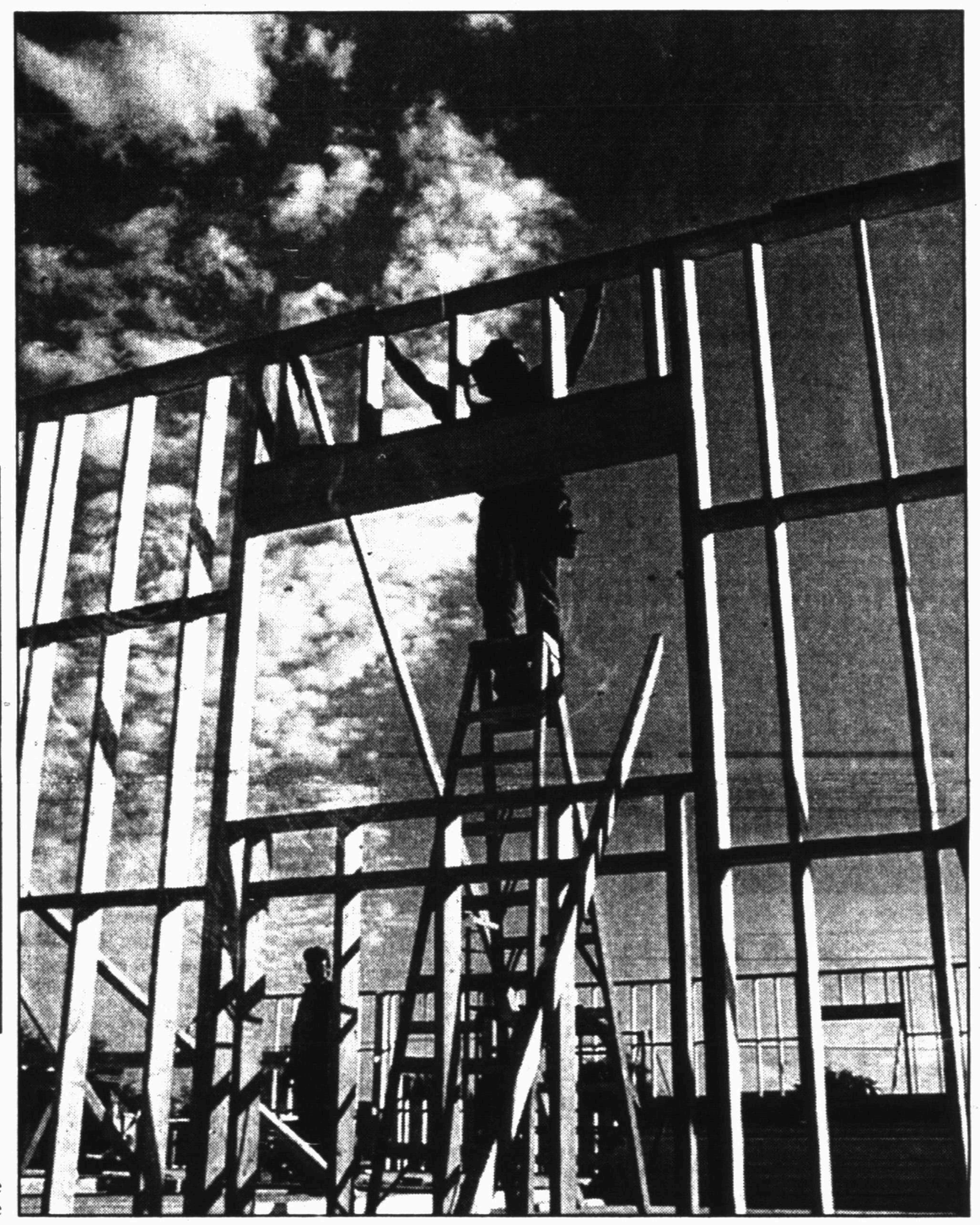
A 36-year-old Borden County resident was sentenced to 60 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following his conviction Wednesday for aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Timothy Wayne Buchanan, who lives near Lake Thomas, was convicted of the crime that occurred on or near Aug. 25, 1999 in a secluded area in Borden County.

The sexual assault on a 12-year-old female is a first-degree felony and the punishment range is from five to 99 years. He was also eligible for probation.

District Attorney Dana Cooley prosecuted the case that began Monday, and Buchanan's attorney was Justin Low of Odessa. District Judge Ernie Armstrong presided.

The trial was held in the 132nd District Courtroom in the Borden County Courthouse.



NEW POST OFFICE — Domingo Jimenez is silhouetted against the sky as he works at the site of the new Snyder Post Office. A crew with Don Miguel Construction of Marble Falls is working on the project, which is projected to be complete around late December. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Migrant program at Northeast Elementary recognized by TEA

Northeast Elementary has been recognized by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for successfully educating its migrant students.

TEA's Division of Migrant Education has selected Northeast Elementary as a winner of the 2000-2001 Acknowledged Campus Award given to school campuses and school districts that achieved academic success with their migrant students. Statewide, 100 school districts and 395 campuses are receiving this recognition.

The purpose of the award is to recognize school districts and campuses that strive to meet the unique needs of migrant children and their families and that help migrant students to meet high academic standards. There are approximately 122,000 migrant children in Texas.

Recipients of the Exceptional Campus Award will be presented with a plaque at the 2000 Texas Migrant Education Conference during a special luncheon in their honor. Recipients in all other categories will be recognized in the awards luncheon program. The 2000 Texas Migrant Education Conference will take place at the South Padre Island Convention Center in South Padre Island, on Nov. 15-17.

In order to receive the district award, school districts had to have at least 80 percent of their migrant student population passing all tests taken of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test, have at least a 94 percent migrant student attendance, and have a migrant student dropout rate of 6 percent or less.

WTC to host administrators

Approximately 50 people from eight regional community colleges will be on the Western Texas College campus Friday for the annual meeting of the Texas Administrators of Continuing Education.

Mike Thornton, WTC dean of continuing education, said representatives are expected from Midland College, Odessa College, Howard College in Big Spring and San Angelo, Frank Phillips College of Borger, South Plains College of Levelland and Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater.

Amarillo is also in the Western Region, but representatives are unable to attend, Thornton said.

He said the agenda will cover different policies and procedures for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

In addition, attendants will be dealing with the workforce education course manual and various topics regarding the function and role of continuing education and workforce training.

ASK US

Q—When will the Community Thanksgiving Service be held?

A—Sunday, Nov. 19 at the First Baptist Church.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 68 degrees; low, 40; 7 a.m. Thursday, 40; no precipitation; total for 2000, 19.06 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, low mid 40s, NE wind 10-20 mph, 50% chance rain chance. Friday, cloudy, breezy, cool, 70% rain chance, high lower to mid 50s, NE wind 15-25 mph.

Sarah Parmer
Rainy

Sunset: 5:55 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:02 a.m.
Of 306 days in 2000, the sun has shone 303 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.

—John Wooden

ALL DRESSED UP — Stanfield staff, teachers and students dressed up for Halloween and their "say boo to scare away drugs campaign." Lisa Hartzog is pictured with Jeffrey Stewart. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

DRESSING UP IS FUN — The teachers, staff and students at Stanfield Elementary dressed up Tuesday for Halloween. It was all part of their "just say boo to scare away drugs" campaign. "Back row, from left, Neoma Harlin, Aleta Long, Carolyn Hamby, Kem Fogleman, Wendy Hunter, Sherry Patterson, Terrisu Mann, Sheila Collier, Margie Martinez, Carolyn Martin, Barbara Gowin, Debbie Shaw, Olga Hernandez. Front row, Taylor Freeman, Lindsey Reston, Eboni Jackson, Keenon Ward, Amanda Daves, Dylan Early, Sabrina Moss, Ty Shifflett, Kim Krueger, Megan Murdock. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

HAPPY HALLOWEEN – Stanfield Elementary teachers, staff and students dressed up Tuesday for Halloween. It was their annual campaign to "say boo and scare away drugs." Back row from left, Carolyn Torres, Suzanne Doolittle, Jean Baugh, Betty Nolan, Rita Wolf, Donna Wilson, Pat Cunnington, Robin Downing, Hope Lopez. Students are Marlon Garrett, Chelsea Russell, Kristal Gomez, Dillon Randolph, Lexi Hopper, Dakota Sawyer, Lee Ann Hall, Jakiya Davis, Jacob Speed, Anthony Taylor, Skye Moffett. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

New Jersey dentist surrenders license

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A children's dentist accused of breaking his patients' bones while restraining them to work on their teeth has agreed to give up his license.

He will be allowed to apply for reinstatement in three years if he submits to training and a psychiatric examination.

Kevin P. Ward, an East Stroudsburg, Pa., dentist who practiced in Union City, was in the middle of a trial before an administrative law judge on whether his license could be revoked when he reached a settlement with the state.

The state Board of Dentistry indefinitely suspended Ward's license in April, shortly after a 5-year-old boy broke his leg in Ward's office while, the boy's parents say, Ward performed a root canal on the wrong tooth.

Twelve other patients came forward to say that Ward hurt them during treatment, including a 10-year-old girl who broke her thumb and a 4-year-old girl who broke her wrist.

Ward released a statement Wednesday saying he decided not to pursue an administrative trial to protect his patients from testifying.

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Ex-NY school superintendent indicted

NEW YORK (AP) — A former school superintendent, her husband and four others were indicted for allegedly bilking the state Board of Education of about $3.2 million that was meant to buy school computers.

The six carried off a bid-rigging, bribe and kickback scheme in which they pocketed half the $6.3 million in computer contracts the board had designated for 19 schools in the Queens section of New York, District Attorney Richard Brown said Wednesday.

The schools eventually received cheap computers of inferior quality that are often broken, prosecutors charge.

Brown said the scheme "deprived these schools and the children attending them of critically needed resources that could have been used to enhance their education and cheated New York taxpayers."

Former District 29 Superintendent Celestine Miller, 59, of Hempstead and her husband William Harris, 82, allegedly accepted bribes totaling $925,000, including the deeds to four private houses, $75,000 in checks and $10,000 in American Express bills paid by a co-defendant.

In return, the indictment charges, Miller conspired to help three men and 14 corporations they controlled submit fraudulent bids and improperly obtain about $6.3 million in contracts. Two of them allegedly took $2.3 million of that money in kickbacks.

Prosecutors said attorney Ray Shain, 44, businessman Thomas Kontogiannis, 51, and Kinson Tso, 34, conspired with Miller and Harris to falsify documents, get information unavailable to other bidders and influence competitors and government officials.

In one case, the group allegedly forged other bids to make it appear that competitive offers had been submitted for a $1.2 million contract. Miller awarded that contract to Business Innovative Technology Inc., a company allegedly controlled by Tso and associated with Shain.

Eric Ruland, 31, a paralegal who worked for Shain, was also charged.

Miller served as superintendent of the district from 1992 to 1999.

A lawyer for Miller and her husband, Ronald G. Russo, said his clients have not done anything wrong. He called the charges a "travesty of justice."

The other defendants pleaded innocent to the charges, which include grand larceny, conspiracy, bribery, possession of forged instruments, falsifying business records, restraint of trade and rewarding official misconduct.

Schools Chancellor Harold Levy said he has created new safeguards to prevent other school districts from making similar purchases without the knowledge of the board's central office.

The district attorney's office has filed a civil lawsuit seeking $6.3 million from the defendants.

Kevin Cadogan files suit against band

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Kevin Cadogan is suing his former band — Third Eye Blind — claiming they conspired to kick him out.

The 30-year-old guitarist says he was promised 50 percent ownership of the band in 1993. But as the band increased in popularity and caught the attention of record labels, the lawsuit claims all the shares went to band founder Stephan Jenkins.

Third Eye Blind has produced two multi-platinum albums, including a 1997 self-titled debut that included the No. 1 hit "Semi-Charmed Life." Cadogan claims he co-wrote 14 of the songs on both albums.

Cadogan, who was voted songwriter of the year at the 1999 and 2000 California Music Awards, was dismissed from the band in January. The guitarist now has a band called Cousin Kevin.

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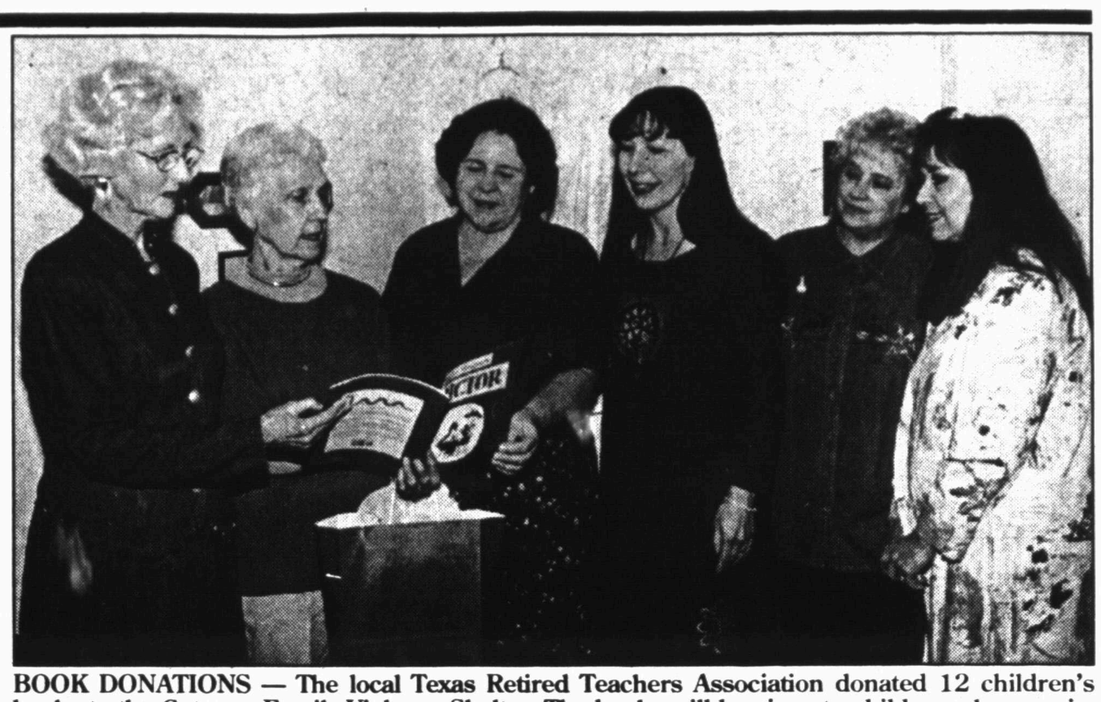

BOOK DONATIONS — The local Texas Retired Teachers Association donated 12 children's books to the Gateway Family Violence Shelter. The books will be given to children who are victims of family violence at the shelter. From left are Bobbie Taylor, RTA president; Phyllis McGinnis children's book project chairman; Jo Anne Crill, children's case worker at Gateway; Dee Wilson, executive director; Brenda Martin, adult case worker; and Yvonne Myers, client service coordinator. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Early detection key to survival

The statistics are staggering. One out of nine American women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. A new breast cancer case is diagnosed every three minutes and one woman dies from this disease every 13 minutes.

While Anglo American women have the greatest risk of developing breast cancer, African Americans are twice as likely to die from the disease. The physicians of Texas want all women to know they are at risk of breast cancer regardless of ethnic groups that are at particularly high risk, careful monitoring is much more essential.

Prevention:

Breast cancer cannot yet be prevented but there are risk factors to be aware of. Having one or several risk factors does not necessarily mean that a person will get the disease but that their chances of having the disease are greater. Risk factors may include:

Gender: Simply being a woman is the main risk factor for developing breast cancer. Breast cancer can also affect men, but to a lesser degree.

Aging: A woman's risk of developing breast cancer increases with age. About 77 percent of women with breast cancer are over 50 at the time of diagnosis.

Family history of breast cancer: Breast cancer is highest among women whose close blood relatives have the disease.

Personal history of breast cancer: A woman with cancer in one breast is three to four times more likely to develop cancer in the other breast.

Race; Breast cancer is *slightly* more common among Anglo American women.

Menstrual periods: Women who started menstruating before age 12 or who went through menopause after age 50 have a higher risk.

Alcohol: Women who have two to five drinks daily, have about 1.5 times the risk of women who drink no alcohol.

Although most of the associated risk factors cannot be controlled, early detection, and early treatment, may be promoted through routine breast self exam beginning around age 20 and screening mammography after age 40.

For early breast cancer detection, the American Cancer Society recommends the following:

Women age 40 and older should have a screening mammogram every year.

Between the ages of 20 and 39, women should have a clinical breast examination by a health professional every 3 years. After age 40, women should have a breast exam by a health professional every 3 years.

Women age 20 or older should perform a breast self-exam (BSE) every month. By performing the exam regularly, women get to know how their breasts normally feel and can more readily detect any signs or symptoms.

If a change occurs, such as development of a lump or swelling, skin irritation, or dimpling, nipple pain or turning inward, redness or scaliness of the nipple or breast skin, or discharge other than breast milk, women should see their physician as soon as possible for evaluation.

During a breast cancer screening, the two primary methods used are mammography and a clinical breast exam. Mammography is used to diagnose breast disease in women who have symptoms, and also those who appear to have no breast problems. A clinical breast exam is an examination by a physician or nurse.

If detected early, breast cancer can be treated effectively with surgery followed by radiation therapy. With early detection, the five-year survival rate after treatment is 98 percent.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state.

Burglar exposed on TV program

OSLO, Norway (AP) — A Norwegian burglar stepped into the limelight when he broke into an Oslo apartment, grabbing cash and perfume.

The apartment, outfitted with 17 small video cameras, is taped round the clock for a reality television program.

"He was pretty embarrassed and unhappy when he realized that he had been exposed," program editor Vebjoern Ytreberg said Wednesday.

As part of a popular show, called "Baren" or "The Bar," 10 participants are videotaped around the clock as they run a bar in downtown Oslo or move about in the apartment they share upstairs.

Highlights are replayed on cable each weeknight. The action is broadcast live, 24 hours a day on the Internet.

Only one resident — who was asleep — was home at the time of the burglary.

When the stranger was spotted stealing on a monitor, staff members rushed to ambush the 44-year-old thief, whose name was not released.

He denied the theft, until the cameras were pointed out and police arrived. The show has not decided whether to press charges.

"Some of the participants said they almost felt sorry for him because he was so unlucky or stupid," Ytreberg said.

Contest disputed

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — A battle royal is brewing over fuzzy math.

Rana Beth Jones of Tatum, who finished second to Teri Wright of Bosque Farms in this year's New Mexico State Fair queen contest, contends the three judges miscalculated their scores.

Jones alleges that if the figures were properly calculated, she'd be queen instead of first attendant.

"It's not rocket science. It's fairly simple arithmetic," said Barry Crutchfield, a Lovington attorney.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 11-02-00
♠ K 9 2
♥ A 9 2
♦ 10
♣ A K J 9 4 2

West
♠ Q 10 8 5
♥ 10 6
♦ A J 8 5 4 3
♣ 8

East
♠ A 7 6 3
♥ Q J 5 4 3
♦ 2
♣ Q 6 3

South
♠ J 4
♥ K 8 7
♦ K Q 9 7 6
♣ 10 7 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	Pass
1 ♦	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 5

Thursday, Nov. 2, 2000

From beginner to champion

By Phillip Alder

Geir Helgemo, the Norwegian superstar, quickly went from a 12-year-old beginner to a national and international champion. If you play against Helgemo, probably your immediate reactions will be that he is short, round and quiet. But inside he is fighting as hard as anyone to win. And when he has got one good result after another, you will feel strangely happy. He isn't gloating or trying to make you feel small. He is just doing what he is supposed to do — play accurate bridge.

In "Helgemo's World of Bridge" (Five Aces) by Geo Tislevoll, you will read about many great plays. This is one of the simpler. How would you try to bring home three no-trump after West has led his diamond five to dummy's 10?

Irritatingly, no bidding is given. Normally, South would respond one diamond to one club. Yet West led a diamond, not a spade (which easily defeats the contract). Perhaps Helgemo responded one no-trump, not one diamond, and North raised to game.

Many would immediately play three rounds of clubs. The contract is still makable, but requires good card-reading. Helgemo did much better, calling for dummy's club jack at trick two.

East won with the queen and switched to the heart four, but Helgemo won in the dummy, played a club to his 10, and continued with the diamond king, ending with these nine tricks: two hearts, two diamonds and five clubs. (Note that East couldn't switch effectively to spades, because declarer would win one spade, two hearts, one diamond and five clubs.)

The book is $21.95 postpaid from Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies. Call (800) 274-2221 to order.

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Births

David and Mindy Carroll of Snyder announce the birth of their son at 1:22 p.m. on Nov. 1 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, four ounces.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Mozelle James, Jose Lara, Jabus Hall, Bianca Jalamos, Coy Mebane, Drew Wall and Zelma Wemken of Hermleigh.

DISMISSALS: Helen Allen, Cletus Grady, A.J. Henderson, Sarah Jamison and baby boy, and Jose Lara.

CENSUS: 42 (Med./Surg.-13, Long-term Care-25, ICU-2, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 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 appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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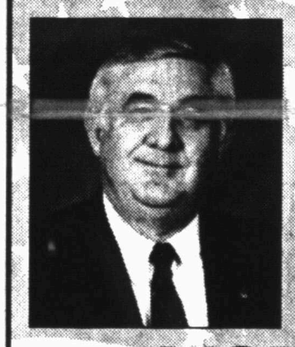
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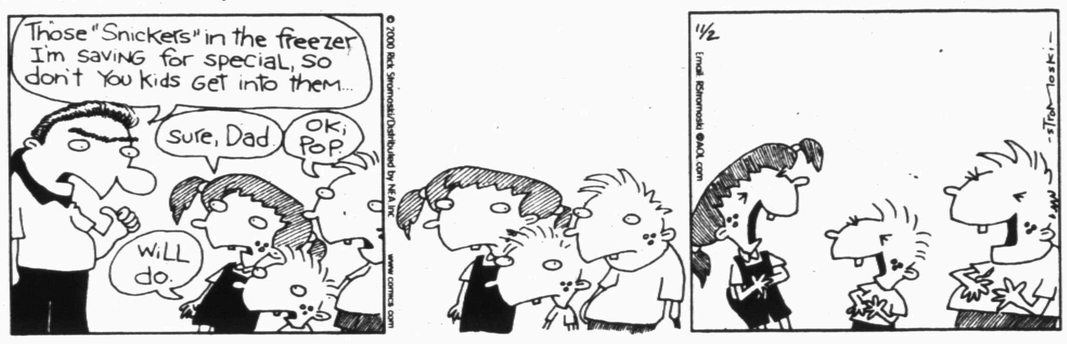

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Oral
7 Like tennis attire
13 Antiseptic liquid
14 Refuse to acknowledge
15 Absorbent object
16 Immature
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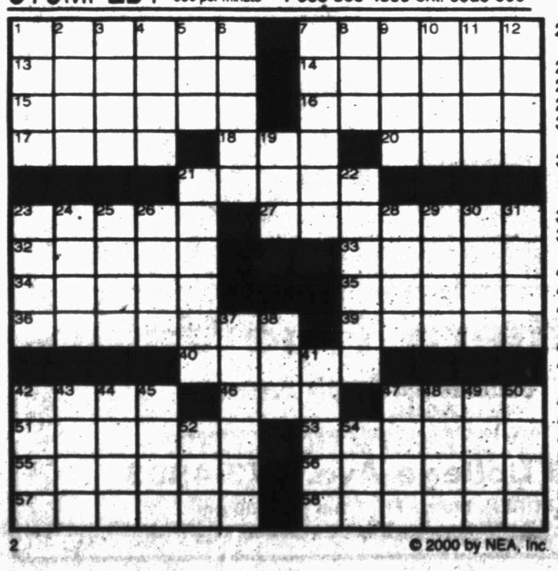

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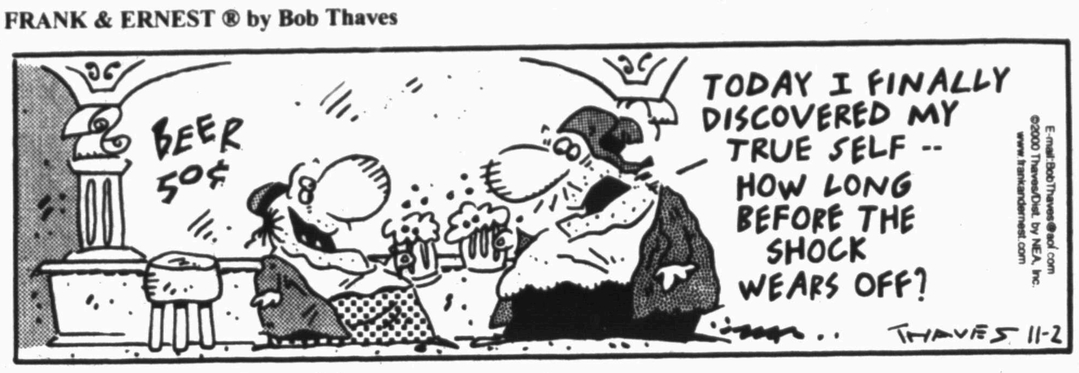

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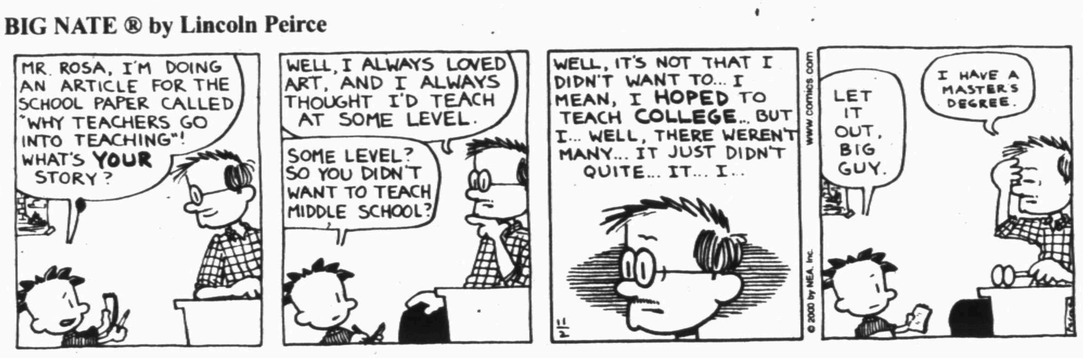

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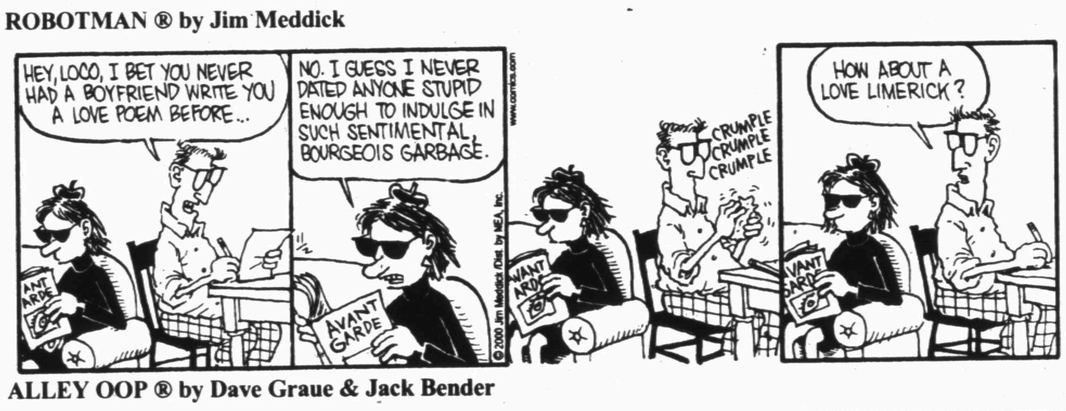

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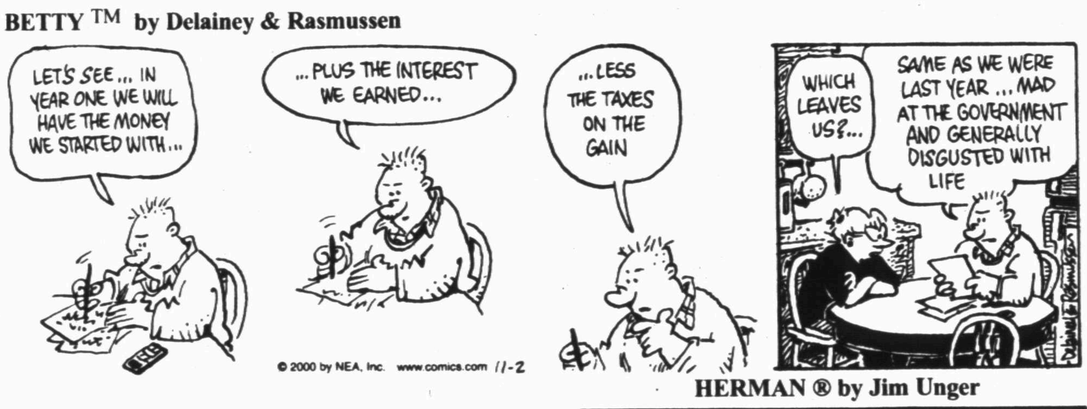

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Dallas at Philadelphia	Dallas	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Dallas

Ira looks to close in on postseason berth

The Ira Bulldogs and Borden County Coyotes will battle for the final playoff spot, while the Hermleigh Cardinals search for their first victory of the season Friday night in local six-man football action.

Ira, which has the upper-hand in the playoff race, hosts Loraine, while Borden County travels to Westbrook. Hermleigh visits top-ranked Highland. All three contests kick off at 7:30.

The Bulldogs (2-1, 4-4) can secure the second playoff spot out of District 6 with victories in their final two regular season games, or with one victory and a Borden County loss.

Ira will have to contend with Loraine's (1-2, 2-6) multiple-set offense, which favors both tight and spread formations.

"We have three films on Loraine, and on all three films they do something different," said Ira coach Toby Goodwin. "They like to operate out of the spread the most, but we'll have to be ready for anything."

Borden County (2-1, 2-6) hopes to keep its playoff hopes alive when it travels to Westbrook (1-2, 5-2).

For the Coyotes to earn a post-season berth, they must win their remaining two games and hope for an Ira loss.

Hermleigh (0-3, 0-8) faces the daunting task of picking up their first victory against district leader Highland (3-0, 8-0), the state's top-ranked team.

In next week's district finales, Ira visits Hermleigh and Borden County hosts Highland.

	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Highland	3	0	8	0
Ira	2	1	4	4
Borden County	2	1	2	6
Westbrook	1	2	5	2
Loraine	1	2	2	6
Hermleigh	0	3	0	8

Last week's results: Ira 57, Westbrook 12; Borden County 69, Hermleigh 22; Highland 56, Loraine 7.

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

Cunningham ready for return to Philly

IRVING (AP) — Focusing only on good memories, Randall Cunningham is actually looking forward to his return to Veterans Stadium, where he spent the first 11 years of his NFL career.

Whether Philadelphia fans will be happy to see him is another question.

"I really don't know," Cunningham said. "Of course, everybody wants to be welcomed. But it's not always how you want it."

Cunningham's love-hate relationship with Philadelphia fans ended on a high note with a standing ovation in his final game there five years ago. He sat out the 1996 seasons, then never made it there during three years with the Minnesota Vikings.

Now on the Dallas Cowboys, Cunningham might be the starter Sunday if Troy Aikman's back pain continues. Aikman missed practice Wednesday, but was hoping to work out Thursday. Coach Dave Campo said Aikman could return Friday and still have a chance of starting Sunday.

Either way, it seems likely Cunningham will line up opposite the Eagles in Philadelphia for the first time.

"I'm kind of enthusiastic about it," Cunningham said Wednesday. "I've spent most of my life as an adult there, and I've got a lot of great memories.

"I'd like to be cheered, but if I'm not, I'm not going to be upset about it. There's not a lot of guys on the Philadelphia Eagles that I played with, which is going to make it a lot different for me."

Even if fans like Cunningham, it'll be hard to root for him with a star on his helmet. The last time Dallas played at the Vet, Philly fans cheered what ended up being a career-ending injury to Michael Irvin. Cunningham delicately described those fans as having "just a lot of enthusiasm."

Cunningham arrived in Philadelphia in 1985 as a second-round pick. With a strong arm and fast feet, he became a fan favorite, but he also frustrated fans and coaches with his willingness to run and with many of his passing decisions.

Things were great from '88-90 when the Eagles made the playoffs and Cunningham made the Pro Bowl each season. In '91, he blew out his left knee in the opener and was done for the year.

He returned in '92 and again led Philadelphia to the playoffs, only to have another injury cut short his '93 season. The one-time love affair between him and the city was never rekindled.

"For nine years, everything was really very, very good. My last two years got a little tougher," Cunningham said. "Whenever you're somewhere eight, nine, 10 years, you get kind of old there. People get used to your face, what you've got to say and a change of pace is sometimes good."

In his final season, Cunningham played just seven games as Rodney Peete won the starting job. Cunningham's contract was up, so fans knew he wouldn't be back in '96.

Coach Ray Rhodes let Cunningham bid adieu by sending him in to mop up a 58-37 playoff win over Detroit.

Local Schedule

TODAY

FOOTBALL: Snyder JV at Big Spring, 5:30

FOOTBALL: Big Spring at Snyder freshmen, 5 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Big Spring at Snyder eighth grade, 5 and 6:30

FOOTBALL: Snyder seventh grade at Big Spring, 5 and 6:30

RODEO: Western Texas at Eastern New Mexico rodeo

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL: Big Spring at Snyder, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Loraine at Ira, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Hermleigh at Highland, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Borden County at Westbrook, 7:30

RODEO: Western Texas at Eastern New Mexico rodeo

SATURDAY

GOLF: Snyder City Championship, at WTC, 1 p.m.

RODEO: Western Texas at Eastern New Mexico rodeo

SUNDAY

GOLF: Snyder City Championship, at SCC, 1 p.m.

Stars blank expansion Blue Jackets

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars made sure they didn't take the Columbus Blue Jackets lightly.

That would have been natural enough for Dallas, which has been in the Stanley Cup finals the last two years. After all, the expansion Blue Jackets are 13 games into their inaugural season and were meeting the Stars for the first time.

Joe Nieuwendyk scored twice as Dallas beat Columbus 4-0 Wednesday night, ending the Stars' three-game losing streak.

"Sometimes you can take a new team for granted," said Stars goalie Ed Belfour, who made 14 saves for his second shutout of the season and 51st of his career. "It happens, but tonight we wouldn't let it."

Nieuwendyk, a two-time 50-goal scorer over his 15-year career, is trying to recover from a 15-goal effort last season, which was marked by injuries and ineffective play. He already has seven goals in 13 games.

"It was a difficult season last year because of all the injuries," Nieuwendyk said. "I just feel much better and that makes it a lot more fun to go to the rink every day. I feel confident, and my health is the key."

Ted Donato got his first goal of the season at 7:21, converting Shaun Van Allen's centering pass. Nieuwendyk scored 40 seconds later to make it 2-0.

"It was a weight off my shoulder," said Donato, a free-agent acquisition who had been without a point in his first nine games with the Stars. "I hope I can get going now."

Jere Lehtinen added his third goal of the season on a rebound 38 seconds into the third period, before Nieuwendyk got his seventh on another rebound with 15:12 left to play.

Marc Denis made 25 saves for Columbus, keeping his team in the game by holding Dallas scoreless in the first period while the Stars were outshooting the Blue Jackets, 12-4.

Sports Briefs

Girls' basketball booster club

The Snyder High School girls' basketball booster club will hold an organizational meeting at 7 tonight at the SHS gym.

City golf tourney

The Snyder City Golf Championship will be held Saturday and Sunday at Western Texas College and Snyder Country Club. Format is individual medal play.

Cost is $20 and players can register at the WTC or SCC pro shops.

Golf tourney

A two-person shamble will be held Nov. 11 at Western Texas College. Cost is $30 per player. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

WGA weekly play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its final weekly play day at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be least putts on the back nine.

A luncheon, business meeting and installation of new officers will follow play.

Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum. For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Dodgers hire new manager

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jim Tracy, the Los Angeles Dodgers' bench coach, was hired as the team's new manager. Tracy was chosen over batting coach Rick Down, also a finalist for the manager's job. He succeeds Davey Johnson, fired Oct. 6 after two years on the job.

Bowa to lead Phillies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Larry Bowa, who helped lead the Philadelphia Phillies to the franchise's only World Series championship in 1980, was hired as the team's manager. Bowa, a third-base coach with Seattle last season, replaced Terry Francona, fired on Oct. 1.

Houston gets 2004 Super Bowl

ATLANTA (AP) — The Super Bowl is headed to Houston, Jacksonville and Detroit. NFL owners voted to award the 2004 championship game to Houston, the 2005 game to Jacksonville, and the 2006 game to Detroit.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Philadelphia	2	0	1.000	—
Boston	1	0	1.000	½
Miami	1	0	1.000	½
Orlando	1	1	.500	1
Washington	1	1	.500	1
New Jersey	0	1	.000	1½
New York	0	1	.000	1½
Central Division				
Cleveland	2	0	1.000	—
Charlotte	1	1	.500	1
Detroit	1	1	.500	1
Atlanta	0	1	.000	1½
Chicago	0	1	.000	1½
Indiana	0	1	.000	1½
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1½
Toronto	0	2	.000	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
Utah	2	0	1.000	—
Dallas	1	0	1.000	½
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	½
San Antonio	1	0	1.000	½
Vancouver	1	0	1.000	½
Denver	0	1	.000	1½
Houston	0	1	.000	1½
Pacific Division				
Golden State	1	0	1.000	—
L.A. Lakers	1	1	.500	½
Sacramento	1	1	.500	½
Seattle	1	1	.500	½
L.A. Clippers	0	1	.000	1
Phoenix	0	1	.000	1
Portland	0	1	.000	1

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 104, Toronto 98
Boston 103, Detroit 83
Washington 95 Charlotte 77
Cleveland 102, Sacramento 100, 2OT
Miami 105, Orlando 79
Seattle 112, Denver 99
Utah 97, L.A. Lakers 92

Thursday's Games

Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

National Hockey League

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
New Jersey	6	2	3	0	15	46	29
N.Y. Islanders	5	3	2	0	12	28	23
Pittsburgh	5	5	1	0	11	33	36
N.Y. Rangers	5	6	0	0	10	36	34
Philadelphia	3	5	4	0	10	31	40
Northeast Division							
Ottawa	7	1	3	0	17	43	24
Toronto	6	5	0	0	12	26	24
Buffalo	5	3	1	1	12	29	26
Montreal	4	6	2	0	10	33	37
Boston	4	6	1	1	10	29	40
Southeast Division							
Carolina	3	5	3	0	9	29	35
Washington	2	5	4	1	9	29	36
Florida	1	4	3	3	8	21	32
Atlanta	1	3	5	0	7	24	28
Tampa Bay	2	7	1	1	6	32	51

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Central Division							
St. Louis	9	2	1	0	19	41	22
Detroit	8	4	0	1	17	39	31
Nashville	4	3	3	1	12	25	26
Chicago	3	7	0	1	7	20	34
Columbus	3	9	0	1	7	22	44
Northwest Division							
Colorado	9	2	2	0	20	39	23
Vancouver	7	2	2	1	17	44	34
Edmonton	7	5	2	0	16	40	38
Calgary	3	9	1	0	7	28	38
Minnesota	2	7	3	0	7	23	37
Pacific Division							
Phoenix	9	1	3	0	21	43	24
Dallas	7	4	1	1	16	37	31
Anaheim	6	4	2	2	16	41	46
San Jose	7	2	1	0	15	28	20
Los Angeles	5	6	2	0	12	46	42

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Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 6, Tampa Bay 1
Detroit 4, Montreal 2
N.Y. Islanders 3, Florida 0
Philadelphia 1, New Jersey 1, tie
Dallas 4, Columbus 0
Edmonton 3, Calgary 2
Vancouver 4, Colorado 3
Phoenix 1, Anaheim 1, tie
San Jose 3, Pittsburgh 2

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N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
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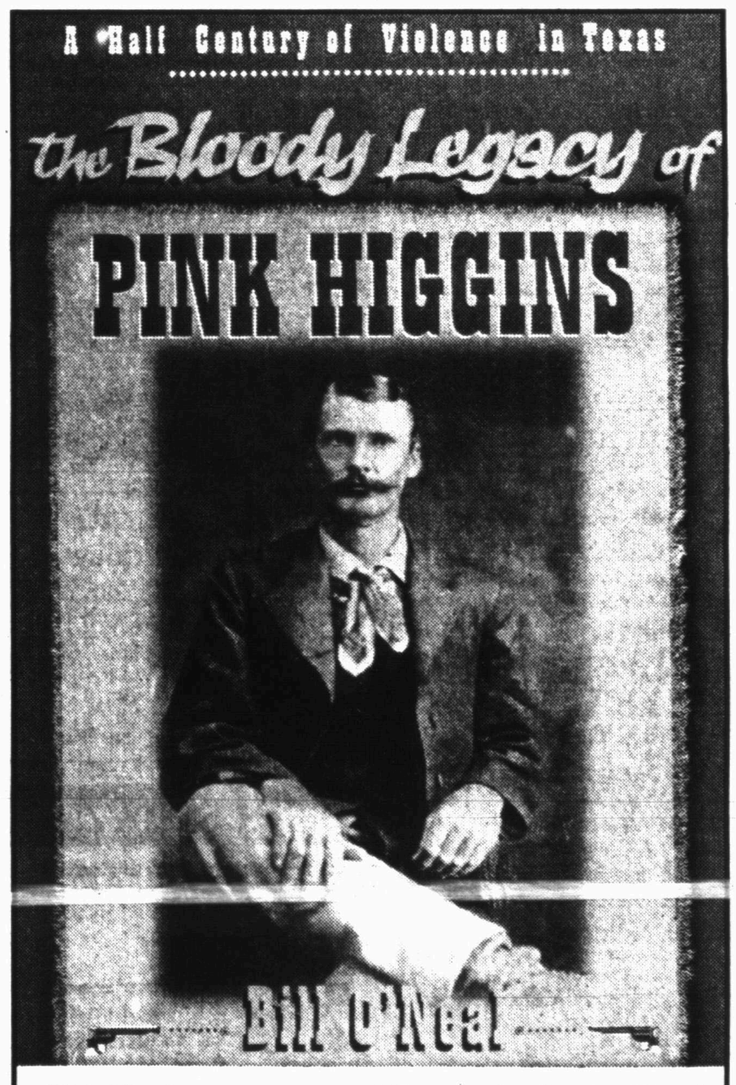
Chicago at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Friday's Games

Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Vancouver, 10 p.m.



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Drug court program includes treatment and threat of jail

AUBURN, Calif. (AP) — Justin Gish admits he has a heroin problem. But with the help of a court-based program that combines treatment with the threat of incarceration, he's hoping to stay clean — and out of jail.

Along with treatment and counseling, drug courts subject offenders to regular drug testing and impose brief jail sentences for those who fail.

"It keeps you honest," said Gish, 22, of Roseville. "They're doing it to help you, not to punish you."

The program, used in California and elsewhere, stems from a realization by judges and prosecutors a decade ago that they needed a new tool to battle the crush of drug addicts clogging courts and prisons.

Offenders admitted to the program appear, as often as once a week, in court before an administrator to review their progress.

In California's Placer County, Court Commissioner Colleen Nichols holds her weekly drug court inside the county jail. Bailiffs pounce on offenders who have tested positive for drugs, skip treatment or otherwise break her strict rules. Soon, they are whisked away to serve short jail sentences.

Those who stay clean, on the other hand, are rewarded with Nichols' praise and applause from the dozens of other drug offenders waiting their turn. They emerge from her jammed courtroom beaming, often to hugs from spouses or children. Most will have their records wiped clean once they complete the program.

There are nearly 700 such courts nationwide and at least 300 more are planned. They are in 48 of California's 58 counties, and the rest will have them by year's end, said Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Stephen Manley, president of the California Association of Drug Court Professionals.

Drug courts reflect a recognition by politicians, judges and prosecutors that simply jailing addicts doesn't work without treatment, Attorney General Bill Lockyer said.

Lockyer and others said that effort would be harmed by a drug treatment measure on California's Nov. 7 ballot.

Proposition 36 would ban incarceration for many first- and second-time drug offenders, instead sending them to treatment programs and ending the jail sentences at the heart of the drug courts' strategy.

A poll published last Thursday by the Los Angeles Times found that 54 percent of likely voters support the measure, with 28 percent opposed.

"One of the cornerstones is accountability and consequences," said Nichols, who has been running her drug court for 21/2 years. "Without that, you have a whole group of people who have no reason to be clean and sober."

Participants in Placer County's 12- to 18-month program said it is the frequent testing and threat of jail that forces them to stay clean.

"If people don't have sanctions, if they don't have consequences, then they don't have reasons not to use," said Cory Layton, 19, who entered the program a year ago and is scheduled to graduate next month.

Poll: Voters more comfortable with Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Voters have lingering questions about George W. Bush's preparations for the job of president and his intelligence, polls suggest, but he has been able to temper those concerns in the month of October.

Al Gore is favored on most top issues, which has been the case for the last couple of months, but the vice president's campaign staff has been trying this week to make the case that Republican Bush is unqualified to be president after just six years as governor of Texas.

A poll released Wednesday by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, suggests voters are growing less convinced by that argument.

Voters in the survey were split on who would be most likely to use good judgment in a crisis, after favoring Gore on that measure in September. Gore led by 7 points, 45-38, in the new poll on the question of who is more qualified to be president. In early October, Gore had an 18-point lead on that question. Gore was seen as more of a typical politician by a 2-1 margin, a quality he and Bush were tied on in September.

In a CBS News poll out Wednesday, a majority felt that Bush has average intelligence while a majority felt Gore was highly intelligent. And more felt Gore was well prepared for the job of president.

Bush had a 47-43 edge over Gore in the Pew poll, the first time since July that he's had the advantage in a Pew survey. Bush has a lead in several other national polls, while others remain very close. The state-by-state battle for the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency remains very competitive.

"Over the month of October, people became more comfortable in personal terms with Bush — his likability, his truthfulness and his judgment," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center.

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AndarkPtr	65.95	62.69	63.15	—2.70
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IBM	101.06	98.50	100.00	+ 1.44
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JohnsonJn	91.56	89.56	90.31	—.69
K mart	6.44	6.00	6.31	+ .25
Kroger Co	22.81	22.56	22.63	—.06
Litton	51.69	51.13	51.13	—.31
LockheedM	35.74	34.50	34.60	—.79
Lowes Cos	47.00	44.69	45.19	—.94
Lubys	5.69	5.50	5.56	—.25
LucentTech	24.13	23.13	23.56	+ .69
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Medtronic	55.50	54.81	54.94	—.06
MorganJP	168.88	166.00	167.00	+ 1.88
Motorola s	25.50	24.56	25.13	+ .63
NCR Corp	44.44	44.00	44.38	+ .38
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PepsiCo	48.50	47.75	48.31	+ .31
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PubS NwMx	27.63	27.31	27.56	—.13
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RoyalDut	58.69	58.19	58.69	—1.75
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SaraLee	21.88	21.44	21.63	+ .06
Scripps EW	58.75	58.56	58.63	—.06
SearsRoeb	30.96	30.61	30.78	+ .28
SherwinW	21.25	20.63	21.06	+ .25
SmithklBchm	66.31	65.38	65.50	—.19
SouthernCo	30.00	29.56	29.75	+ .06
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Texaco	59.69	58.25	58.88	—.38
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Man executed in woman's slaying

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Jeffrey Dillingham, smiling, winking and blowing kisses at relatives, went to his death Wednesday for fatally beating a Fort Worth woman in a murder-for-hire scheme he thought would get him $1 million from the victim's stepdaughter.

"I would just like to apologize to the victims of the family for what I did," he said in his final statement. "I take full responsibility for that poor woman's death and for the pain and suffering I inflicted on Mr. Koslow."

Dillingham, 27, confessed to police as the murder plot unraveled some two weeks after Caren Koslow was slashed and beaten to death with a metal pry bar in an attack at her home. Her husband, Jack, was beaten and left for dead but survived.

Dillingham, in his last comments, recited a prayer in which he thanked God and his parents.

"Thank you heavenly father for getting me off of death row and for bringing me home out of prison," he said.

Looking toward family members, he repeatedly mouthed, "I love you all, you all take care."

Then he smiled and winked before grunting and gasping as the drugs took effect. He died at 6:28 p.m., eight minutes after the lethal dose was administered.

Dillingham's father, his father's fiancee and his stepfather were led in prayer during the execution by two spiritual advisers.

No one was present from the victim's family. Outside, about a dozen demonstrators held candles during a steady downpour.

The bloodshed occurred six days after Dillingham, who worked in a video store, turned 19.

An accomplice, Brian Salter, and his girlfriend, Kristi Koslow, the murder victim's stepdaughter, both received life prison terms. Dillingham rejected a plea bargain and a jury sentenced him to death.

On Tuesday, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles rejected requests for commutation, a pardon and a reprieve. Dillingham's lawyers had argued it was unfair that his two accomplices received life terms and he got death.

Dillingham was the 34th convicted killer to receive lethal injection in Texas this year, three short of the record 37 executed in 1997 in the nation's most active death penalty state. He was the first of six set to die over the next 16 days.

Salter, also 19 at the time, testified against Kristi Koslow, who then was 17. They both are eligible for parole in about 27 years.

Testimony showed she wanted her father and stepmother dead because she didn't get along with them after her father remarried. She also believed she would inherit as much as $12 million and she had promised $1 million to Dillingham.

"Dillingham did not even know the victim," recalled Robert Mayfield, one of the prosecutors in the case. "But it didn't matter to him. He was going to get a million dollars. That was the key point. What I argued to the jury is that he did a cost-effective analysis, and stepping over two bodies was nothing."

In the early hours of March 12, 1992, according to testimony, the men arrived with a drawing of the 4,000-square-foot house and codes to disable an alarm system — both provided by Kristi Koslow. They broke through a door, went to an upstairs bedroom and ordered the couple to the floor. Jack Koslow tried to load a shotgun he kept in a nearby closet.

Jurors heard how the man and woman were attacked and how the intruders left with $120 and Jack Koslow's wallet. Blows to Caren Koslow broke her skull and jaw. The slashing of her neck nearly decapitated her.

Dillingham gave his bloody clothing and the weapon to a friend who cracked under the pressure of knowing about the slaying and told police, said Mayfield, now a Johnson County judge.

At his trial, Dillingham wept nonstop.

"I believe the jury interpreted that as 'poor pitiful me' rather than any compassion for his victim," Mayfield said.

The Koslows were active in Fort Worth society and the arts. Jack Koslow is remarried and still lives in Fort Worth, where he is involved in the business community and plays golf.

THE MUMMY — The Mummy visited Ira Elementary students Tuesday. Senior sponsor Bobbie Baker helped senior Cody Kellner don the traditional garb before he made the rounds. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Former drug agent enters guilty plea

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former drug task force officer has pleaded guilty to shooting an 18-year-old Mexican man in the back as he crossed the Rio Grande last year, leaving him paralyzed from the waist down.

Wilbur Honeycutt, who had been assigned to a multiagency Drug Enforcement Administration task force, faces a sentence from seven years to life imprisonment for firing at Abecnego Monje Ortiz.

Honeycutt entered the plea before an Eagle Pass judge on Monday to avoid putting Monje Ortiz through the additional hardship of a trial, defense attorney Patrick Filyk told the San Antonio Express-News in Thursday's editions.

Monje Ortiz, now 19 years old, was struck between the shoulder blades as he ran through a rural area of Maverick County on Jan. 25, 1999. He had just crossed the river in an inner tube with about 14 other people.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Nov. 3, 2000

Lady Luck could take a hand in orchestrating events for you in the year ahead in two important areas. One could be your finances, the other personal. Capitalize on her assistance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't despair if things haven't been going your way lately. Today, everything could take a turn for the better. Much-needed changes will suddenly grab the reigns. Astro-Graph year ahead predictions make great Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the Zodiac. Mail $2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state the Zodiac signs you desire.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Fortunately, your judgment will be especially keen and sharp today, because events could pop up that will call for immediate evaluation. All should work out happily.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Important assignments or work-related activities could have added significance for you today. There is a possibility of some type of unexpected bonus in store for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A personal involvement in which you're presently engaged could take on greater significance than you expected. What occurs will make you very happy.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Lady Luck could make an unexpected appearance today just when you can use her the most. Her input may be inconspicuous but will have a tremendous effect on your well-being.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you think you're lucky, you will be today. A positive attitude is your ticket to success, so visualize what you want with optimism and proceed as if it is a foregone conclusion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This could be a red-letter day for you if you put your bright ideas for enhancing your material security to work for you today. Don't sit on your ability to be a real producer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's not going to be who you know but what you know that will bring you your lucky breaks today. Let others play politics while you utilize your knowledge to get you to high places.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) That change in circumstances for which you've been hoping could come about in a lucky way today. Be prepared to jump on it as soon as you get the signals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Listen attentively today to those with whom you exchange views, because some type of beneficial information could be relayed to you that will prove to be immensely valuable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your efforts at work today may arouse the attention and admiration of someone in power who can reward you with more than a pat on the back. It could be your lucky break.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Usually you're quite attuned to the latest trends and currents, but today this gift may be even more perceptive. Something rather fortunate will result from this insight.

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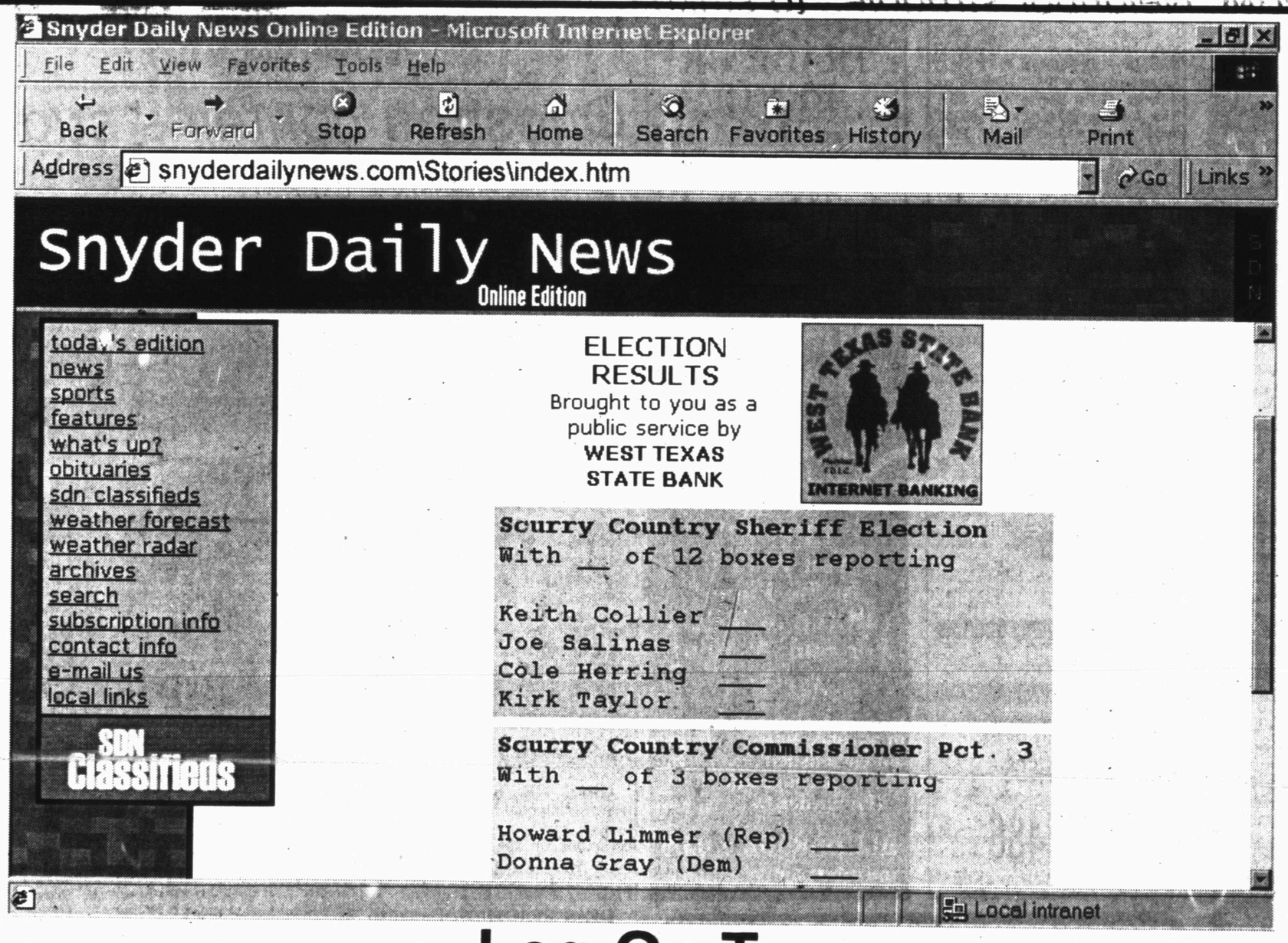
Toddler froze to death in Utah woods

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Autopsy findings appear to end suspicion that a 2-year-old boy found dead in the Utah woods was killed by his father, authorities said.

The boy froze to death after leaving Paul Wayment's pickup truck and wandering into the woods by himself, the Utah medical examiner said in a preliminary finding. Gage Wayment died of hypothermia. It wasn't known when he died.

Despite Wednesday's finding, the father was still expected to take a lie-detector test later this week.



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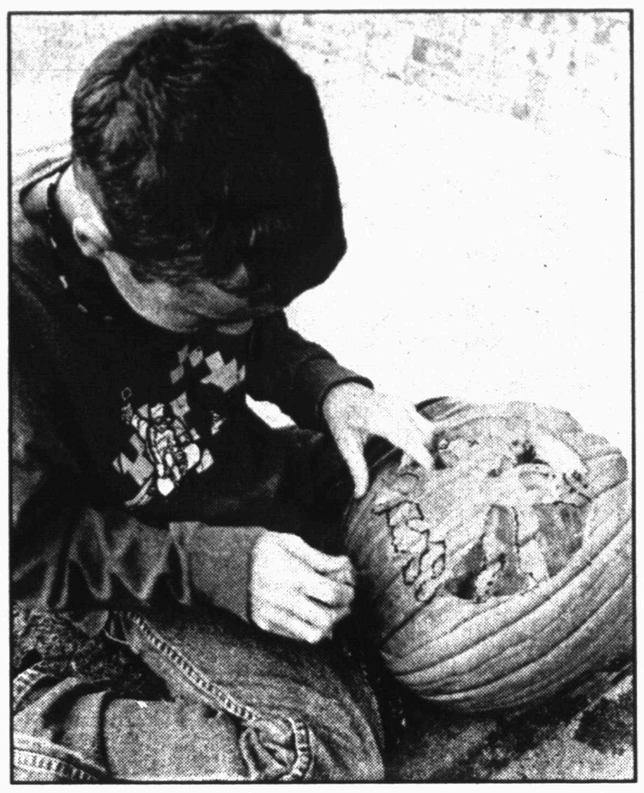

Sixth grade art students carved pumpkins on Tuesday. From left are Tyrelle Gilbert, Jessica Odom and Aryn Calley

Photos by Shirley A. Gorman

Missing crewman's body found

BELLEMONT, Ariz. (AP) — The remains of a railroad crewman were found in the wreckage of a freight train accident that left crumpled and charred cars sprawled across the snowy landscape.

The identity of the man, whose body was recovered late Wednesday, was not immediately released.

Three other crew members were hurt Tuesday when one Burlington Northern-Santa Fe train rear-ended another that had stopped on the tracks about 10 miles west of Flagstaff.

An engineer remained hospitalized in critical condition. The two other crewmen were treated at a hospital and released.

The cause of the accident remained under investigation.

Railroad spokesman Steven Forsberg said it wasn't unusual for trains to share tracks, or for a train to stop on them. Dispatchers work to keep the trains apart.

"It sounded like a small explosion," said Jeff Kosmicki, a rental company manager who lives about a half mile from the wreck.

The crash pushed several cars off the tracks. Three locomotives burst into flames, burning thousands of gallons of diesel fuel. Flames lit the sky through the night.

The parked train was carrying a small amount of hazardous materials but authorities said there wasn't a spill. The 15 families that had been evacuated were allowed to return Wednesday.

Interstate 40, the main east-west route through northern Arizona, has been reopened.

The wreck's front train, carrying hazardous materials, was headed from Alliance, Texas, to Los Angeles. The trailing train was headed from Chicago to Richmond, Calif.

On the Net:
Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad: http://www.bnsf.com

Brad Pitt is voted sexiest man alive

NEW YORK (AP) — Brad Pitt — he's the sexiest man alive, again.

That's according to People magazine, which bestowed the title on him in its special issue on newsstands Friday.

The 36-year-old actor becomes the first person honored twice since People began the annual naming in 1985.

Pitt was previously cited in 1995, when he was one of Hollywood's most eligible bachelors. He married "Friends" star Jennifer Aniston in July.

"Sexiness isn't about the single bachelor and good looks," said Pitt's "Meet Joe Black" castmate, Marcia Gay Harden. "There's something gorgeous about his commitment."

Last year's honoree was Richard Gere; previous winners have included Sean Connery, Tom Cruise, Denzel Washington and George Clooney.

Date Book

Thursday, Nov. 2, 2000

Today is the 307th day of 2000 and the 42nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1833, in Chillicothe, Ohio, the first American society for importing purebred cattle was organized. In June 1834, the first purebred shorthorned English cattle imported by the society arrived in Chillicothe.

On this day in 1964, Prince Faisal became king of Saudi Arabia when his brother Saud was deposed.

On this day in 1974, former Beatle George Harrison began his first solo tour.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Daniel Boone (1734-1820), frontiersman; Marie Antoinette (1755-1793), queen of France; James Polk (1795-1849), U.S. president; Warren G. Harding (1865-1923), U.S. president; Burt Lancaster (1913-1994), actor; Ray Walston (1924-), actor, is 76; Shere Hite (1942-), author, is 58; Alfre Woodard (1953-), actress, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1935, Notre Dame defeated Ohio State 18-13.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I have never been lost, but I will admit to being confused for several weeks." — Daniel Boone

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Oct. 27) and first quarter (Nov. 4).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Neighbor struggles to strike match of his dreams on fire

DEAR ABBY: I have a neighbor (friend) who's 55. I'm 60. We're both in good physical condition and share similar interests. No matter what we do, we always have a good time. I've gotten to know her well enough to consider her the match of my dreams.

She knows how I feel about her, but early on, she stated that she had a history of bad relationships. (She's been married twice; I've been married once.) She claims that most men want only to dominate her.

Every single holiday, she leaves town accompanied by other friends with no other word to me than, "Talk to you later!" As I write this, she's been gone four days following a 10-day illness. During those 10 days, I nursed her — running errands, buying her flowers, washing her car, bringing her food, you name it.

I don't know what to do. I have respected her privacy and given her all the space she seems to need, and I hate to walk away. This feeling of being left standing on the back porch while she's running out the front door has become really hurtful. My friends say if I confront her, she'll be gone — and maybe I should just enjoy our relationship for what it is.

Abby, what's your take on this? — **SMITTEN IN ODESSA, TEXAS**

DEAR SMITTEN: When it's clear that no commitment is forthcoming, people who want a serious relationship usually drift away. Only those who think they do not deserve better remain in the unhappy "status quo."

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DEAR ABBY: After reading "Missing Mom in Minneapolis," about the sister who submitted a $10,000 bill to her mother's estate for services rendered, I was compelled to write.

I once worked for a private home health-care agency in Maryland, doing all of their billing and payroll. I understand matters of money are difficult, especially when a family member dies.

The sister who was not asked to care for their mother, but did so anyway, probably wasn't offered any help either. Had their mother had to pay for those services (24 hours/365 days/five years), the costs would have totaled about $265,000.

That family not only got a terrific deal financially, but I'm sure the mother appreciated having a family member look after her when she needed it most. — **NAVY WIFE LIVING IN JAPAN**

DEAR NAVY WIFE: I agree.

P.S. Your figures are astonishing!

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DEAR ABBY: At the end of this week, I'll be leaving my job after working here for 14 years. A coworker with whom I have worked for three years has given me a very expensive gift worth around $400. I suppose it's a token of friendship. He didn't really explain; he just said, "I've got something for you."

Frankly, I was shocked to get such a lavish gift. It's something he and I had spoken about, so he knew I adored it, but would never buy it for myself.

Abby, what should I do? Some people in the office are saying I shouldn't accept it; others tell me I should give him an expensive gift in return. Your thoughts, please. — **EAGER TO MAKE THE RIGHT MOVE**

DEAR EAGER: If your coworker hadn't been able to afford the gift, he would not have given it. Since you had discussed the item with him, he knew it was something you would like. Count your blessings — not the least of which is that you have such a generous friend. Write him a lovely thank-you letter, keep the gift (and his phone number), and enjoy utilizing both of them.

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To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Jimmy Buffet to open new island eatery

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Singer Jimmy Buffett only needed to look to one of his most famous songs for the name of his new island-themed eatery — "Cheeseburger in Paradise."

Buffett is working on the project with Tampa-based Outback Steakhouse Inc. The restaurant is expected to open next year.

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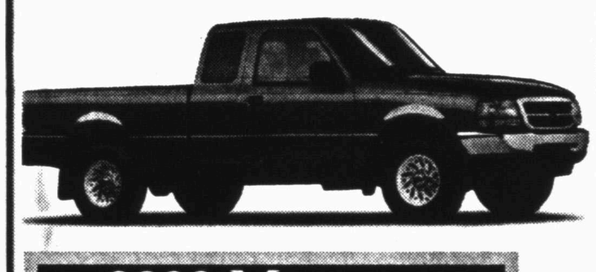

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Gore and Bush trade charges

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) — Al Gore warned that rival George W. Bush offers the promise of "deficits and debt" as the two traded charges and chased each other through states that could hold the key to next Tuesday's election.

"We have worked too hard on this economy to put it all at risk," Gore said Thursday, opening his campaign day with a rally in Pennsylvania. "We've been down that road, and we're here to serve notice: We're not going back."

Gore has launched a high-risk offensive questioning Bush's capacity for the White House, and he returned to his core message that the Democrats should be credited for a sound economy.

"We have never had a chance this great to help every hard-working family open the door to their dreams," Gore said, invoking the nation's low unemployment, crime and inflation rates, as well as the large surplus.

Bush countered that Gore is a big-spending Democrat who would run the country into debt, a charge Gore said isn't backed up by the record.

"He wants to change the very best things about the economic course were on," said Gore.

President Clinton chimed in from Washington, urging minorities who have supported him to turn out in large numbers for Gore as "the next best thing."

Clinton has kept his distance in the campaign as Gore has made a point of running as his own man. The president spoke Thursday on the Tom Joyner radio show, greeted with shouts of "four more years" as he was introduced.

Clinton condemns new Mideast violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton condemned a new eruption of violence Thursday in the Mideast and said it is time "for those who believe in peace to stand together" to stop the bloodshed.

Clinton spoke in the Rose Garden after a car bomb exploded near a crowded outdoor market in Jerusalem. Police said two people were killed and at least nine people were injured, most of them only slightly. Israeli and Palestinian leaders delayed a truce announcement.

Clinton called anew for an end to the violence "that has cost so much pain on both sides" in recent weeks.

"We know it won't be easy," the president said. "This morning we were reminded once again in Jerusalem that there are those who seek to destroy the peace through acts of terror. This cannot be permitted to prevail.

"It is time," Clinton said, "for those who believe in peace to stand together to stop this violence and to work against the terrorists."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright condemned the attack and called on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat "to do everything within his power to control these things."

Speaking to reporters, she acknowledged that it has been difficult to enforce agreements reached by leaders of the two sides.

"What has to happen is that the leaders have to make public statements in which they condemn these kinds of actions and the loss of life."

She also said she was encouraged that the truce agreed to Wednesday was worked out without outside mediation. "It's an important sign that they did do it together," Albright said.

Before Thursday's violence, Israel's foreign minister said fighting with the Palestinians had escalated to the level of a "mini-war" and Israel would respond accordingly.

Conflict with the Palestinians claimed the lives of three Israeli soldiers in the West Bank.

FBI agents may get to observe interviews by Yemeni officials

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and Yemeni negotiators are near an agreement that would let FBI agents in Yemen observe interviews with suspects and witnesses in the attack on the USS Cole, according to a federal law enforcement officials.

Under the proposed agreement, FBI agents could continue to submit questions for interviews conducted by Yemeni agents but would now be able to observe the interviews rather than merely receiving transcripts of them, the official said Wednesday, requesting anonymity.

"We're addressing that issue," Attorney General Janet Reno said Thursday, but she declined to elaborate on the substance of the negotiations over cooperation.

More than three dozen FBI agents remaining in the Yemeni port of Aden moved from their downtown hotel to a U.S. Navy ship offshore last Friday after being thwarted in their desire for joint interviews and after a bomb threat was received at the hotel.

President Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and FBI Director Louis Freeh have appealed to Yemen's leaders to allow joint questioning.

FBI laboratory tests have concluded that C-4, a military-style plastic explosive, was used in the attack on the USS Cole in Yemen, the official said.

Two former counterterrorism officials said the use of C-4 in the attack that killed 17 U.S. sailors suggested at least that an organized group was behind the attack. One of them said it raised the possibility of state support but fell short of conclusively indicating some government sponsored the attack.

C-4 is a plastic explosive developed for the U.S. military in the Vietnam era. "It lasts forever. It doesn't deteriorate," said Vince Cannistraro, a former CIA counterterrorism expert.

The explosive is made for military use in the United States and in at least several NATO nations. It is not available on the open market, like the fuel oil and fertilizer used to make the bomb that destroyed a federal building in Oklahoma City.

Although the C-4 formula is not a secret, one former U.S. military counterterrorism expert said, "C-4 is not used in industrial blasting. It usually comes from a military source."

Rape suspects videotaped part of attack on young girl

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — The suspects accused of raping and molesting a 13-year-old mentally disabled girl videotaped part of the crime, authorities said.

District Attorney Pat Head would not say what the videotape revealed, but said he did not plan to show it to the grand jury.

Up to 25 males — ages 12 to 25 — raped and molested the girl for 12 hours after luring her off of a bicycle and into an apartment building, police said Wednesday.

Eight suspects have been arrested and warrants were issued for three others sought in the Oct. 13-14 attack, Cobb County police spokesman Dana Pierce said.

Police said four men leaving a high school football game met the girl on her bicycle and persuaded her to accompany them to an apartment. They raped the girl and then took her to an abandoned apartment in the same complex, where as many as 20 males attacked her, police said.

The girl returned home about 4 a.m. on Oct. 14, her mother told police.

"She told her mother she knew something had happened to her that shouldn't have," Pierce said. The victim's mother took her to a hospital, where she was treated and released.

World's oldest woman dies just shy of 115th birthday

LONDON (AP) — The world's oldest woman, who attributed her longevity to whisky and boiled onions, died Thursday — six days short of her 115th birthday.

Eva Morris died peacefully in her sleep at a nursing home in the central England town of Stone, staff said.

"She was a grand old lady," said Lesley Powell, the matron of the home. "She was well right up until last night. She was her normal self. I'd spoken to her about a week ago and told her she was going to be 115. She just said 'Oh, really?'"

Morris was recognized as the oldest woman in the world by the Guinness Book of Records in March.

Born in Newcastle-under-Lyme in 1885, Morris was widowed in the 1930s. She lived in her own flat until she was 107, when she moved to the nursing home after a chest infection.

Her only child, Winnie, died of cancer in 1975 at age 62.

Family friend Margaret Moult said Morris, who became deaf and had limited sight, was fiercely independent.

"She used to enjoy a cigarette and rode a bicycle, but she's never had a day's illness apart from chest infections, which are down to old age," she said.

Her death came a week after Britain's oldest man, former Royal Engineer Bill Lee, died aged 108.

The Guinness Book of Records could not immediately confirm the age of the next oldest woman on record.

The oldest man in the world is 111-year-old American Benjamin Holcomb, from Kansas.

The oldest person ever with authenticated records was Jeanne Calment of France, who died Aug. 4, 1997 at age 122.

On June 14, Maria do Carmo Jeronimo, a former slave whose lack of a birth certificate prevented her recognition as the world's oldest woman, died in Itajuba, Brazil.

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WTC will host TJCA convention, Region I

Western Texas College is hosting the Texas Junior College Student Government Association Region I convention Friday and Saturday.

Ten out of 11 colleges from Region I will be represented, and local organizers report that 160 people have registered thus far.

Representatives are expected from Amarillo College, El Paso Community College, Frank Phillips College, Howard College in San Angelo and Big Spring, Midland College, Odessa College, South Plains College, Vernon Regional College as well as WTC.

The TJCSGA is divided into six regions. Historically, Region I continues to be one of the largest regions.

Each year region meetings are hosted by different colleges throughout the state.

In the spring of 2000, the members of the WTC Student Government chose to run for the office of Region I host school.

Registration will begin Friday evening at the Willow Park Inn. A dinner, general session and a dance will follow at the Wagon Wheel party barn.

Workshops will be held Saturday morning, followed by lunch. A general session and business meeting will conclude the convention.

Two runaways found in Florida

• ***Juveniles located***

A 16-year-old and a 17-year-old reported as runaways Monday were located Wednesday in Winter Spring, Fla.

The two were taken to a boys' ranch in Florida.

The stepmother of the 17-year-old called police Oct. 30 and reported that her stepson had taken her vehicle and left home. The 16-year-old's mother called later that evening to report her son missing.

Scurry County Sheriff's officials said it was unknown this morning how or when the pair would be returned to Texas.

The stepmother has not filed charges for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• ***Stolen vehicle***

Deputy David Presley located a stolen vehicle Wednesday evening while patrolling the area near the old magnesium plant.

The tan 2000 Ford F-350 was located about seven miles west of Snyder on F.M. 1607. Presley said the vehicle had damage to the interior that was "indicative of someone trying to take property."

The vehicle belongs to Wilson Motors but had not been reported stolen.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Kenneth Messenger notified officers at 7:32 a.m. Wednesday that someone had scratched his 1997 Dodge pickup with a key while it was parked at 3308 Avenue U.

• ***Accident***

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the 3600 block of College at the Movie Stop parking lot. Involved were a 1995 Honda Accord driven by LaDonna Hanes, 36, of 3718 Dalton and a 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Ruby Valdez, 33, of 321 34th Street.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Northeast reading night

Family reading night will be held at 6:30 this evening at Northeast Elementary. There will pizza and soft drinks, and childcare is available.

Community meeting

A community meeting will be held from 7 to 9 tonight at Texas Savings Bank. Bring questions about city government, hear a report on the Scurry County Library and learn what informed citizens working together can do.

Positive Action assembly

Central Elementary will have a Positive Action Assembly at 8:30 a.m. Friday. Paula Bowden's and June Holcomb's classes will present the program. Parents are invited.

East Elementary book fair

Friday is the final day for East Elementary's book fair. Hours are 8-8:30 a.m. and11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sausage supper Friday

Snyder High School's volleyball program will host a pre-game sausage supper from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the cafeteria. Tickets are $5 each.

GED exams

GED exams will be administered at Western Texas College Friday and again Friday, Nov. 17. For more information calls Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Overtime

A cooperative youth activity of Snyder churches will be held Friday at Scurry County Coliseum. The event will follow the Tiger football game and continues until 1 a.m. Admission is $1 and there will be three large inflatable games, plus free soft drinks and free popcorn. The event is for grades 7-12.

Bulldog quilt

Ira High School seniors will raffle a quilt made by Doris Henderson. Tickets are $1 and can be purchased from any senior or at the school. The raffle will be held Friday during halftime of the Ira-Loraine football game.

Auction

An auction of surplus equipment will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Towle Park Barn. Items in the auction are from Cogdell Hospital, Scurry County, Western Texas College and Borden County.

Drama booster club

All parents are urged to attend a meeting of the SHS Drama Booster Club at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Worsham Auditorium.

SHS speech team meeting

Parents and SHS speech team members will have a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in Room 109 at the high school to prepare for the December tournament.

West Family Reading Night

West Elementary's Family Reading Night is held every Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. Refreshment, prizes and childcare are provided.

Veterans Day Program

Ira Schools will have a special Veterans Day program Friday, Nov. 10. Anyone who has any information about veterans buried in Ira Cemetery is asked to contact Mike Duke, principal, at 573-2628.

Quiltathon at Hermleigh

The Rock and Roll Quilting Club is sponsoring a quiltathon Friday, Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Hermleigh Community Center. All quilters are welcome to volunteer what time they can. Mrs. Fred Castillo donated the quilt top. The quilt will be donated to Scurry County Museum, where it will be auctioned. Proceeds will benefit Western Texas College's distance learning program.

Garage and bake sale

Grace Lutheran Church will have a garage and bake sale from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 at the church at 5500 College Ave.

Colonial Hill fall festival

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will have its fall festival Saturday, Nov. 11, from 6-8 p.m. Indoor and outdoor games and events for all ages are planned. Everyone is invited to this fund-raiser for the youth group.

Dunn homecoming

The Dunn community homecoming will be held Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Dunn community center. Registration starts at 1 p.m. Bring sandwiches and cookies for the 5 p.m. meal. Everything else will be furnished. Mrs. E.M. Ashley is chairman of the event.

Country and gospel music

A country and gospel music program will be held on the second Saturday of each month at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center. The next event will be at 6 p.m. on Nov. 11. Everyone is invited and there is no charge. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Lord's Acre Festival

First United Methodist Church's annual Lord's Acre Festival will be held Sunday, Nov. 12, at the Scurry County Coliseum. A barbecue lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. followed by a live auction of handmade and special items. There will also be a large buffet of booths with gifts and baked goods open to the public from 1:30 to 5 p.m. A silent auction and free concession will run concurrent with the booths.

Pick 3

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

2-7-7

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 27-30-35-38-45-53

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $37 million.