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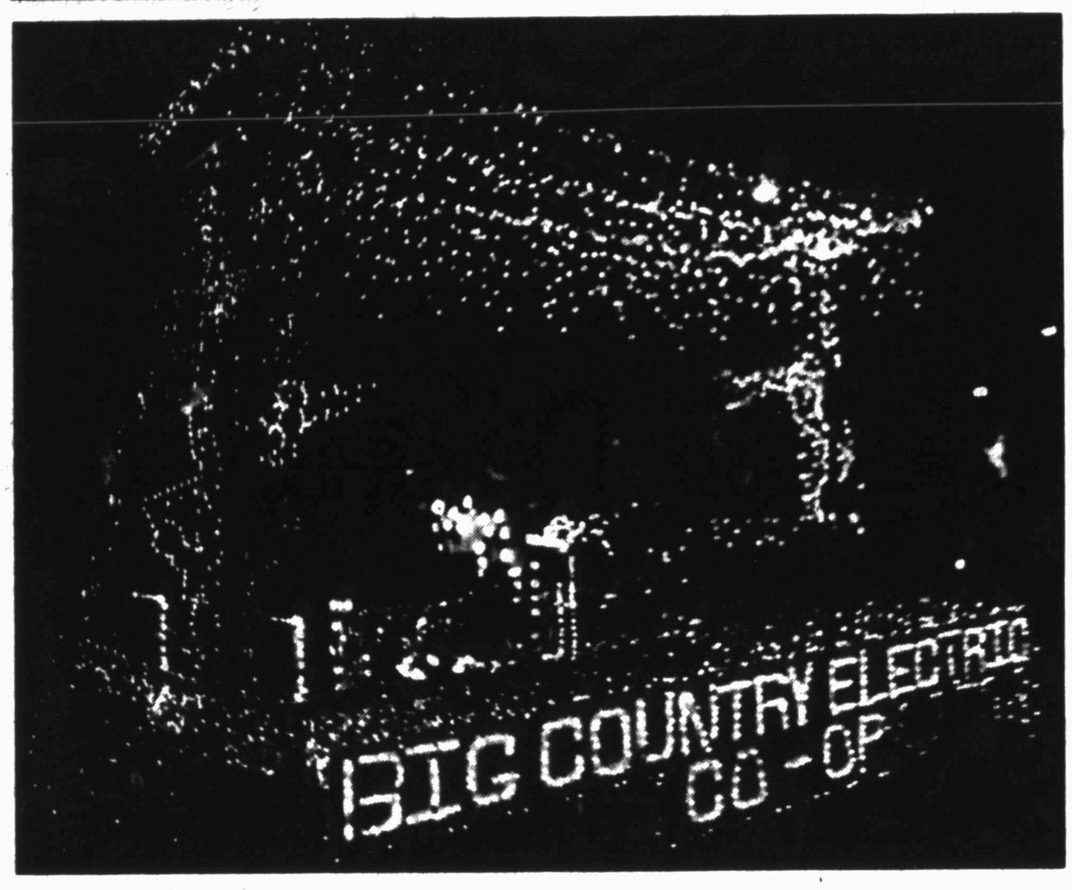


**BEST USE OF LIGHTS — Big Country Electric Cooperative won best use of lights in Saturday's annual lighted Christmas parade. First Baptist Church's float won the honor of best theme while Scurry County's entry won most unique. (SDN Staff Photo)**

*Only 19 percent cast ballots...*

# Bond issue fails to attract voters, defeated by 50 votes

**By Wade Warren**
*Managing Editor*

For the second time in five months, voters in the Snyder Independent School District voted down a bond issue that would have seen major improvements made to the district's facilities.

The $16 million bond issue was defeated Saturday by 50 votes — 981 against and 931 for.

In August, voters turned down $20.1 million in improvements by 327 votes.

In that election, 1,689 votes were cast.

This bond issue saw a total of 1,912 votes cast, including early voting.

The district has 10,233 registered voters and only 19 percent voted in the election.

The low turnout disappointed both SISD board of trustee president Mark McCormick, and Supt. Gayle Lomaz.

"I think the low turnout of voters and the fact we have missed out on state facility funding, are my biggest disappointments," said McCormick.

"We may not have a chance for this much money from the state again," said McCormick.

If the bond issue had passed, the district would have been eligible for $6 million in facility funding from the Texas Education Agency, as the program is expected to be funded by this session of the Texas Legislature.

After the defeat of two bond issue votes, McCormick said there is no "Plan C."

"Our problems won't go away, we'll just have to address them in a different fashion," said McCormick.

McCormick said some of the district's facility problems will have to be addressed quicker than some others.

"I can see us prioritizing some items, and then determining what method to use to pay for them," added McCormick.

"Evidently, that is what the voters are telling us to do," said a disappointed McCormick.

Lomax said he was disappointed in the number of voters.

"Unfortunately, we did not have a whole lot more people go vote this time than we did in August," said Lomax.

"It's disappointing that the community said no to $6 million in funding from the state that we need badly," Lomax added.

Included in the defeated bond issue were $4 million in heating and air conditioning improvements throughout the district, and $2.9 million in electrical and lighting improvements.

Some $2.8 million was targeted for new construction to replace portable building on the campuses of the elementary schools.

The board of trustees meet in regular session Thursday, and will canvass the votes from Saturday's election.

*Total of $3,536...*

# County to fund portion of water plan

**By Joyce May**
*Staff Writer*

Scurry County commissioners court this morning approved funding for a water planning group and a field agreement with a state wildlife management service, saying in both situations that they had little choice but to do so.

Both motions passed 3-1 with Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer opposing each time.

Commissioners approved paying $3,536, with payments of $1,768 due Feb. 1, 1999 and Feb. 1, 2000, for administrative costs to the Region F Regional Water Planning Group.

The water planning group is one of 16 state-wide that was appointed by the Texas Water Development Board to develop the State Water Plan.

"From what I have heard, a lot of people still do not understand what this is about. This is not creating an underground water district. Citizens rejected that several years ago," County Judge Ricky Fritz said.

He said the group was created to try to document water use and that Region F is made up of people who use water out of Lakes Spence, Thomas and Ivie.

Fritz also said the county really had no choice but to participate.

"The TWDB has a grant funding program that the Hermleigh Water Works received a $250,000 grant from. We are asking for more money for an above ground storage tank and they have said if you do not participate in the planning group, you do not qualify for the grant."

"I think it would be foolish not to participate," Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Gannaway said.

Limmer opposed the action.

During the discussion, he said, "I would like to see the possibility of the city sharing the expense since they use a great deal of water."

Limmer also questioned whether, in agreeing to the funding, the county was creating a "long-term administrative bureaucracy."

"We are only obligating ourselves for two years," Fritz answered.

The court also approved 3-1 a field agreement with the Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service. The revised agreement changes the current cooperative charge for wildlife damage management services for Scurry County from $1,400 per month to $1,800 per month, effective Jan. 1.

That has doubled since 1991, when it was $900.

Again, Fritz said accepting the increase was something the county had little choice but to do.

"Having a trapper (for coyotes) seems to be a necessity. I don't believe we could fund it ourselves for this price."

Limmer opposed the action, calling it an unfunded mandate and saying what it amounted to was a raise for a county employee.

"State employee," Gannaway corrected. He added that the $400 a month increase also reflected costs in helicopters and airplanes used in trapping and killing coyotes.

In other business, the court appointed Michele Dennis to be a representative from the Scurry County Library to the Big Country Library System Board.

Commissioners also agreed to advertise for bids for seal coating gravel, seal coating asphalt and fuel and bulk oil.

Also approved was an agreement with The Software Group, Inc. out of Plano to replace the county's hardware system with one that is Y2K compatible.

The county's 1999 holiday calendar was also approved.

In addition, commissioners also approved several line-item transfers and budget amendments.

For the district attorney's office, the court approved transferring $3,210 into the part-time account. Of that, $1,115 will come from public official's liability insurance, $500 from equipment, $500 from travel, $410 from other equipment, $500 from education and training and $185 from repairs.

Also approved was the transferring of $8,400 from indigant hospital into $8,000 for prescription drugs and $400 for travel for welfare office

Line-item transfers were also approved for the Scurry County Library including $48.31 trans-

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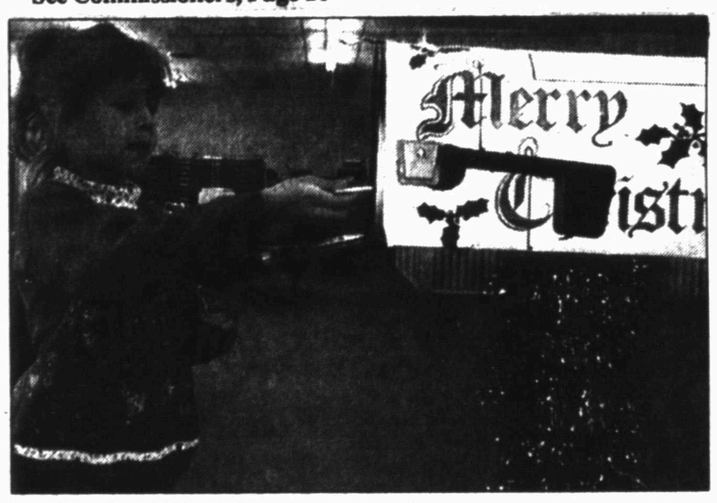


**SANTA'S MAILBOX — Six-year-old Jessica Steelman mails her letter off to Santa. Letters are being accepted until Dec. 18 and can be dropped off at the Snyder Daily News office or mailed to SDN, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550. (SDN Staff Photo)**

# Engineering contract, bid openings on city agenda

Snyder's city council will consider the engineering contract for the city's three-year waterline replacement project when it meets this evening at 6:30.

The council will also look at two requests for zoning changes.

Both requests have been turned down by the city's planning and zoning commission, but the council has the final say.

The First Baptist Church is requesting a special use change for the former Bethel Baptist Church property for a hospitality house for families of inmates at Price Daniel Unit and units in Colorado City.

The church is located at 301 N. Ave. E.

Thomas Stern is requesting a zone change for property located in the 2600 block of Ave. F.

The former hospital building is not now in use, but Stern is requesting the zone change so the building may be converted to storage units.

The city has started demolition proceedings on this property.

In one other matter related to property, the council will consider returning two small tracts of land at the industrial park to the Development Corporation of Snyder.

The council will also consider the second reading of an ordinance making budget amendments to the city's 1997-98 budget, and consider accepting bids on chemicals for the water treatment plant.

The council will also consider bids on a new vehicle for the city fire chief.

The evaluation of City Manager John Gayle will continue, as the council will meet in exective session.

*White House...*

# Judiciary Committee offers one extra day

WASHINGTON (AP) —The Judiciary Committee is offering the White House an extra day to defend President Clinton against impeachment, but warns against delaying tactics that might stretch the inquiry beyond year's end.

"The committee will not undermine its goal of resolving the inquiry this year," the panel's chief of staff, Thomas Mooney, wrote in a letter Sunday to the president's lawyers.

Presidential lawyers were putting the finishing touches today on their defense presentation, and were discussing calling two panels of witnesses Tuesday and a third on Wednesday. Among the witnesses were the Rev. Robert Drinan, a Roman Catholic priest, and former Rep. Wayne Owens, two members of the Judiciary Committee that voted to impeach President Nixon a quarter century ago, senior administration officials said.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Clinton's lawyers hope to use such witnesses to make the argument that the Monica Lewinsky allegations are not nearly as serious as those against Nixon and that impeachment is too severe a punishment in this case.

Drinan, a Jesuit priest who teaches law at Georgetown University, was an outspoken critic of Nixon who wanted him impeached for the U.S. incursion into Cambodia during the Vietnam War. He wrote Monday in The Washington Post that he disagrees with incoming House Speaker Bob Livingston's view that a House vote to impeach Clinton is comparable to a grand jury's indictment, with final judgment left to others.

"Because of the implications of a vote to impeach, members of the House should not vote to approve articles of impeachment unless they believe that the president should, in fact, be removed from office," Drinan wrote.

Owens was a moderate Democrat from conservative Utah, and his vote to impeach Nixon may have disrupted his political career: He ran for the Senate in 1974 and lost, but was returned to the House for one more term in 1987.

Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., the Judiciary chairman, originally gave the White House one day to rebut charges against Clinton in the Lewinsky affair. Clinton's lawyers last week said they wanted three or four days.

White House spokesman Jim Kennedy said Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr had spent four years and $40 million investigating the president and the committee already had taken four months.

"Our request for just four days has now been cut in half. Nevertheless, we will work to defend the president despite these restrictions," Kennedy said.

The president, meanwhile, will try to remain above the fray.

He will spend Tuesday at a forum on Social Security — just as the House hearing gets under way.

## ASK US

**Q—Has "Clinton" always been the President's last name?**

**A—No. He was born William Jefferson Blythe IV, but took his stepfather's name at the age of 16.**

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Saturday, 76 degrees; low, 50; high Sunday, 64 degrees; low, 38; 7 a.m. Monday; no precipitation; total for 1998, 10.29 inches.

**Area Forecast:** Freeze warning tonight. Tonight, partly cloudy, cold. Low, in the mid 20s. Light N wind. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High, lower 50s. Variable wind 5-10 mph.

Cassie Cazarez
**Freezing**

**Sunset:**
5:41 p.m.
**Sunrise:**
7:30 a.m.
**Of 340 days in 1998, the sun has shone 2337 days in Snyder.**

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**"Always do right — this will gratify some and astonish the rest."**

**Mark Twain**

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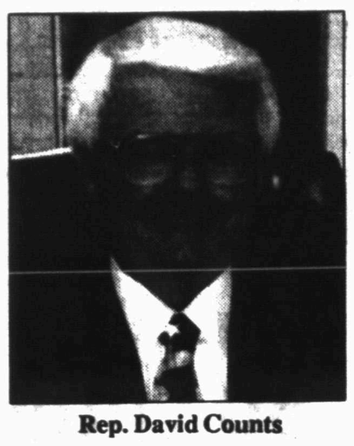
# Counts picked head of Legislator group



Rep. David Counts

State Rep. David Counts was elected President of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) recently at its 30th annual meeting in San Diego, Cali.

Founded in 1969, NCOIL is an organization of state legislators who focus on current insurance issues and maintaining the rights of the states to regulate insurance within their own borders.

Legislators active in NCOIL are responsible for the creation of sound insurance-related public policy in their respective legislative houses in states across the country.

In accepting the NCOIL Presidency, Rep. Counts said, "There is no shortage of critical issues facing state legislators. Globalization of insurance markets, financial services modernization, and specific Congressional initiatives, such as those relating to Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements (MEWA) and choice automobile no-fault, pose challenges to state authority under the McCarran-Ferguson Act."

He continued, "In 1999, NCOIL will continue to provide a lively forum for debate and practical resolution of those issues. At the same time, NCOIL will help state legislators to assert the value of effective state regulation of insurance with a clear, and united voice."

Rep. Counts was first elected to the Texas Legislature in 1988 and has been active in NCOIL since 1990. He is currently the chair of the subcommittee on international regulatory affairs and has previously served in several NCOIL leadership positions including secretary, treasurer and vice-president.

In addition to his leadership positions, Rep. Counts has previously served as chair of NCOIL's life insurance committee, and as a member of the property-casualty insurance and state-federal relations committees.

Rep. Counts is a member of the Knox City Lion's Club, Independent Insurance Agents of Texas, Texas Association of Realtors and the American Association of Retired Persons.

## End of price drop?

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — U.S. gasoline prices dropped more than 2 cents over the past two weeks but may have reached the end of their price decline.

According to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide, the average retail price, including all grades and taxes, was just under $1.05 per gallon on Friday, down 2.64 cents from two weeks earlier.

The average price at self-serve stations was 99 cents per gallon for regular, $1.10 for mid-grade and $1.18 for premium. Full service prices were $1.44 for regular, $1.55 for mid-grade and $1.60 for premium.

A Very Drabble Christmas by Kevin Fagan

# Spacecraft images show north pole of Mars has thick ice cap

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Some scientists think Mars' north pole looks like a hockey puck. Others liken it to an icy meringue.

Its frosty surface slopes as gently as a beginner's ski run in some places, but it's also riddled with gorges and cliffs; one trough plunges deeper than the Grand Canyon.

On one thing planetary scientists analyzing the first close-up views of the top of Mars can agree: It looks like nothing they've seen before.

"Similar features do not occur on any glacial or polar terrain on Earth," said Maria Zuber of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Researchers discussed the new three-dimensional images supplied by the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft on Sunday at the American Geophysical Union meeting here. More details on the Martian pole will be published Friday in the journal Science.

It's the latest discovery in what is now a two-year mission by the spacecraft to orbit the Red Planet and capture images of its surface with a variety of instruments, providing detail that is not available even for some locations on Earth.

The north pole images have left many researchers intrigued, but perhaps a little disappointed.

It is made of water ice, which could be a good omen for finding at least traces of ancient life somewhere on the planet. But while the northern ice cap covers an area 50 percent greater than Texas, researchers had expected it to be bigger.

Even with Mars' very cold climate, it is only half the size of the ice cap covering Greenland and only 4 percent of the Antarctica's combined ice sheets.

The amount of water trapped in the ice cap is not sufficient to have carved the deep gullies that scar the surface of the planet, and is about 10 times less than the minimum volume that researchers believe would have been necessary to fill an ancient ocean.

It rests in a deep basin at the top of the planet that might have been created by an asteroid impact similar to craters on the Moon. The ice cap measures 750 miles and is 1.8 miles thick.

Mars Global Surveyor is gradually descending into the Martian atmosphere using its own aerodynamic drag to slow down. Since last summer it has made over 180 looping orbits around the planet's poles, passing as close as 80 miles above the ice cap.

Carbon dioxide clouds over the ice cap are likely to be composed of carbon condensed out of the frigid atmosphere during the winter in the northern hemisphere, researchers said.

The new images raise more questions about past conditions on Mars than they answer.

For example, how did the ice cap form? Because the ice cap rests in a basin, it is likely that liquid water on the planet's surface flowed north from the equator to the pole. If true, it would mean that scientists must reconsider theories of the hydrologic cycle on Mars.

# Chief reviewer of Rezulin out after nixing drug's OK

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration removed a veteran medical officer as the chief reviewer of a diabetes drug linked to liver problems after he had opposed its approval, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Dr. John L. Gueriguian, the FDA officer assigned to evaluate the drug, Rezulin, recommended rejecting the drug after documenting its possible danger to the liver, the newspaper said Sunday.

The drug, made by Warner-Lambert Co., is used by more than 1 million people to treat adult-onset diabetes. It has been linked to at least 33 deaths in the United States and Japan.

Rezulin was the first in a new class of diabetes drugs, and the FDA gave it a special "fast-track" review. It was approved in December 1996. By October 1997, the FDA had issued the first warning about liver toxicity.

Senior FDA officials removed Gueriguian from the review in the late fall of 1996, according to Gueriguian and an agency memo.

Gueriguian and Warner-Lambert said they had one meeting in which the doctor voiced doubts about Rezulin in intemperate language. After the company complained, the FDA removed Gueriguian from reviews of Rezulin and any other Warner-Lambert drug, the Times said.

Warner-Lambert said it objected to Gueriguian's inappropriate comments, not his concerns about Rezulin.

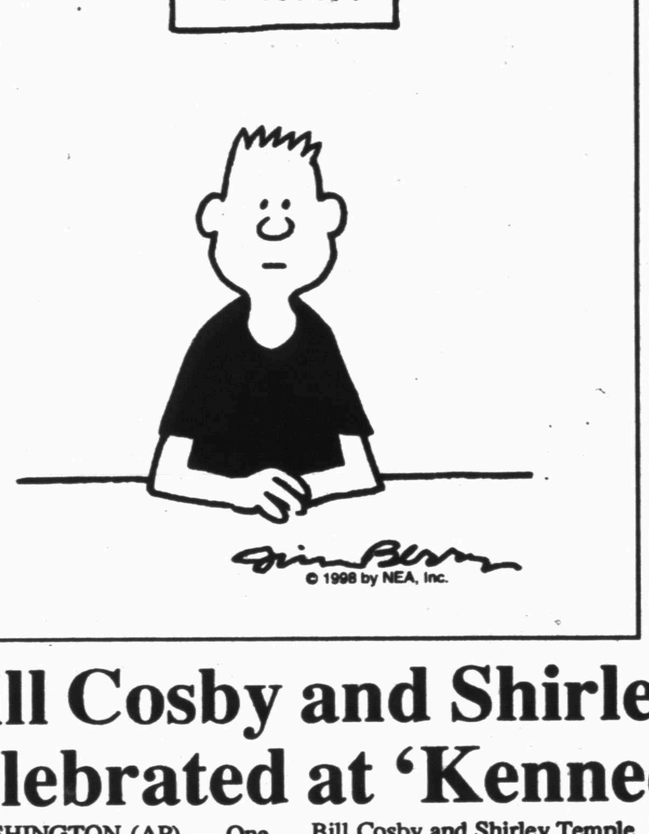
Britain withdrew the drug following the first reported deaths. The FDA said Rezulin remains on the U.S. market because it is the only diabetes drug that resensitizes the body to insulin. Rezulin helps lower blood sugar enough that many patients report needing fewer daily injections of insulin.

The FDA recommends that Rezulin patients have regular blood testing in hopes of detecting early liver damage before it becomes life-threatening.

"We believe this drug brings a unique and significant benefit for patients," said Dr. Randall W. Whitcomb, Warner-Lambert's vice president for diabetes research. "And while it has a risk, (this) is true of all medications."

Gueriguian, now a drug industry consultant, said he stands by his original review. "If (Rezulin) hadn't have been approved, at least 21 people would be alive now. In all probability, many more than that," he said.

Berry's World




# 'Bug's Life' and 'Enemy' lead weekend box office; 'Psycho' opens strongly

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A shot-by-shot color remake of Alfred Hitchcock's black-and-white terror classic "Psycho" opened with $10.5 million for second place at the box office, offering a rare bit of good news for beleaguered Universal Studios.

Disney's computer-animated "A Bug's Life" was No. 1 with $17.4 million in ticket sales, estimates showed Sunday.

With business down from the busy Thanksgiving holiday, the Will Smith thriller "Enemy of the State" took in $9.5 million for third place, followed by "The Rugrats Movie" with $8 million and "The Waterboy" with $6.6 million.

A year of flops contributed to a recent management shakeup at Universal and its two big-ticket films, "Babe: Pig in the City" and "Meet Joe Black," continue to do poorly.

Both cost about $100 million to make and market. They were tied for sixth place with $2.4 million each. "Pig" has grossed just $11.4 million after two weeks and "Joe Black" has amassed $39.2 million after four weeks.

But "Psycho," which had a more-than-respectable $4,237 average per screen and cost a modest $25 million to produce, should turn a profit. The success comes despite — or because of — controversy surrounding the decision to remake the 1960 version from the original script, re-creating nearly every camera angle.

Starring Anne Heche in the Janet Leigh role and Vince Vaughn as Norman Bates, the remake wasn't screened for critics, usually a bad sign. Producers insisted they did that only because Hitchcock also didn't screen the original.

"Psycho" also had the best debut of a film by director Gus Van Sant, topping the 1997 hit "Good Will Hunting" and 1995's "To Die For," although both had better per-screen averages.

"Waking Ned Devine" and "Little Voice" both did well in limited release.

Here are estimated grosses at North American theaters for Friday through Sunday as compiled by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures were to be released today:

1. "A Bug's Life," $17.4 million.
2. "Psycho," $10.5 million.
3. "Enemy of the State," $9.5 million.
4. "The Rugrats Movie," $8 million.
5. "The Waterboy," $6.6 million.
6. "Babe: Pig in the City" $2.4 million.
6. "Meet Joe Black," $2.4 million.
8. "Home Fries," $2 million.
8. "Elizabeth," $2 million.
10. "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer," $1.8 million.

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# Bill Cosby and Shirley Temple celebrated at 'Kennedy' event

WASHINGTON (AP) — One is known to a whole generation as the wise-cracking, nurturing dad. Another is remembered not only for her sweet rendition of "The Good Ship Lollypop," but also for a distinguished diplomatic career.

Bill Cosby and Shirley Temple Black were among this year's six Kennedy Center honorees who basked in good cheer Sunday night as hundred of artists, politicians and children celebrated their significant contributions to the arts.

Also honored were composer and musician Andre Previn, songwriter Willie Nelson, and the Broadway team of lyricist John Kander and composer Fred Ebb.

Cosby, who gained fame for his hilarious caricatures of family life, was the first black star of a weekly network television show, when he played a secret agent on "I Spy" in the 1960s. Later, he headed the Huxtable family in the situational comedy, "The Cosby Show."

At a star-studded White House reception before the Kennedy Center gala, President Clinton praised Cosby for his "remarkable gift" of being able to "look inside the human experience in all its depth and diversity and hold it up to the universal light of laughter — in so doing, to allow all of us to return to our childhood."

Still, Cosby is not perfect.

After 70-year-old Temple Black showed off her prowess at the "shim sham shimmy," she challenged Cosby to a turn at the tricky dance. Despite being the youngest honoree at 61, Cosby could not quite pull it off.

"She wasn't surprised. She knew I couldn't do it," Cosby told reporters. From his balcony seat next to Mrs. Clinton, the comedian joked his way through the evening. When audience members refused to give up their standing ovation, he pointed to his watch and told Temple Black to "sit down." When the audience sat down, he stood up and threw out his arms.

"Mr. Cosby, you are the man. You are still the man," comedian Sinbad said.

Temple Black's blond ringlets and tap-dancing feet graced dozens of films before she reached age 21. For Depression-era audiences, her sweet and savvy acting seemed heaven-sent.

Journalist Walter Cronkite called her "the little child that lit up the screen and lifted up a nation," and said "she will always be America's princess in a castle."

## Oil Patch News

**Garza County**

Patterson Petroleum has completed the No. 10-18 Slaughter in the Happy field, 12 miles southwest of Post. The well was finaled to produce 132 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 4,918-928 feet, and location is in Section 18, Block 2, T&NO survey.

**Nolan County**

Pioneer Exploration has completed the No. 13 Petty in the EA Cook field, three miles southwest of Nolan. The well was finaled to produce six barrels of oil and 100 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,744-748 feet, and location is in Section 6, Block Z, T&P survey.

# Smog crosses ocean

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The United States is importing more than automobiles and VCRs from the Pacific Rim. Smog is crossing the ocean, too.

Scientists said Sunday they have documented for the first time that industrial pollution and dust from Asia travels thousand of miles across the Pacific and degrades air quality over the United States.

In some cases during the past two years, levels of airborne particles that originated in China and central Asia spread as far as Texas and briefly spiked some U.S. pollution levels as high as two-thirds of federal health standards.

However, the pollution is diluted as it hitches a ride on mid-level winds circulating around the globe and poses no real public health threat in most instances, scientists said at the meeting of the American Geophysical Union.

"In most cases, the concentrations are going to be low, and we could expect very low health impacts, said Dan Jaffe, an atmospheric chemist at the University of Washington-Bothell. "But everybody's garbage goes someplace."

The Asian pollution transfer occurs mostly in the spring and fall.

The international contribution to a metropolitan area's total volume of air pollution remains very small, but could increase as industrialization, rain forest burning and other polluting sources grow, scientists said.

"I think we're being bombarded on a regular basis," said Douglas L. Westphal, a marine meteorologist with the Naval Research Laboratory in Monterey, Calif. "It's much more often than I expected."

Scientists presented preliminary data on a pair of instances when satellites spotted signs that large amounts of dust and industrial pollution were rapidly moving across the Pacific towards the United States. The pollution clouds were confirmed by ground-based stations in the western United States.

## Date Book

Dec. 7, 1998

*Today is the 341st day of 1998 and the 76th day of fall.*

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1803, James Madison was chosen by the Electoral College to be the fourth president of the United States.

On this day in 1941, Japanese forces attacked a United States military installation at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

On this day in 1972, the Apollo 17 space mission began. It was the last manned voyage to the moon.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Mary Stuart (1542-1587), Queen of Scots; Willa Cather (1873-1947), writer; Joyce Cary (1888-1957), writer; Eli Wallach (1915-), actor, is 83; Noam Chomsky (1928-), linguist-political activist, is 70; Johnny Bench (1947-), baseball great, is 51; Tom Waits (1949-), singer-songwriter, is 49; Larry Bird (1956-), basketball great, is 42.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1963, Kansas defeated the Cincinnati Bearcats 51-47. The defeat broke Cincinnati's 90-game home-game winning streak.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "We all praise fidelity; but the true friend pays the penalty when he supports those whom Fortune crushes." — Lucan

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

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# 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.

# Teaching assistants return to class

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — University of California graduate teaching assistants prepared to return to classes Monday to complete the fall term after system officials agreed to discuss their demand to unionize.

A 45-day "cooling-off period," announced Sunday night, came just in time for finals at all eight undergraduate campuses. Talks were to begin within 10 days.

Teaching assistants walked off the job last week, the fourth such strike in six years and the first involving all the general admissions campuses — Berkeley, Los Angeles, San Diego, Davis, Santa Barbara, Irvine, Riverside and Santa Cruz. More than half of the 9,000 teaching assistants, readers and tutors authorized the strike.

At issue is whether the students can unionize for collective bargaining, a right they have been trying to win for 15 years. University system officials have maintained that teaching assistants, readers and tutors cannot unionize because they are students, not employees.

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# Minorities are divided about privatizing SS

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a greater reliance on government retirement benefits, America's 75 million minorities have a special stake in the debate over the future of Social Security.

As the White House prepares for its two-day conference on the future of America's retirement system Tuesday and Wednesday, advocates for minorities are pressing to make their voices heard.

They are paying particular attention to proposals that would shift some Social Security taxes now deducted from workers' paychecks into personal accounts to be invested in the stock market.

"Privatization is pro-market but it is anti-security, anti-worker and anti-family," says the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Leaders of the large, traditional progressive civil rights groups like the NAACP, National Urban League, Jackson's Rainbow/Push Coalition and the National Council of La Raza are among those opposing private accounts.

But smaller, more conservative minority advocacy groups such as the Hispanic Business Roundtable and the Center for New Black Leadership support allowing workers to invest some Social Security contributions in the stock market.

Both supporters and opponents of privatization agree, however, the Social Security debate could have a disproportionate impact on minorities.

With fewer dollars to invest, minorities generally have been more dependent on Social Security income at the time of retirement or disability, experts say.

Supporters of the private accounts say minorities receive less in benefits than they pay into the system, due in part to shorter life expectancies compared to whites. So minorities should be among the first to push for the new accounts, they reason.

"I am totally baffled why the Jesse Jacksons and the Kweisi Mfumes of the world are fighting against black people getting a greater return on their so-called investment in Social Security," said Phyllis Berry Myers, a board member of the Center for New Black Leadership, a conservative think tank.

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume says some privatization proponents have attempted to capitalize on the fears of minorities who, because of their shorter life expectancies, fear they won't live long enough to see their benefits.

"They are trying to get us to rush and get these accounts instead of dealing with the larger issue of increasing (minority) life expectancies," Mfume said.

A white baby born in 1996 can expect to live for 76.8 years; a black baby 70.2 years.

Myers said that since minorities place far fewer of their dollars in higher-yielding investments like stocks than whites, the accounts could open the door to greater awareness of the potential profits in Wall Street investing.

But privatization foes fear that market downturns could wipe away years of savings. And, they say, implementation of the plan would pose a logistical nightmare.

"Privatization presents us with a whole new set of unnecessary risks. Administration of 140 million new separate accounts portends to be a huge and frankly dangerous undertaking," Mfume said.

# Bridge

## By Phillip Alder

| North | 12-07-98 |
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| ♥ K Q 8 7 3 | |
| ♦ A 5 2 | |
| ♣ 7 3 | |
| **West** | **East** |
| ♠ K 10 9 5 | ♠ A 8 7 |
| ♥ 5 | ♥ 9 |
| ♦ J 9 8 6 3 | ♦ 10 7 |
| ♣ A K 8 | ♣ Q J 10 9 6 5 4 |
| **South** | |
| ♠ J 6 2 | |
| ♥ A J 10 6 4 2 | |
| ♦ K Q 4 | |
| ♣ 2 | |

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 3 ♣ |
| 3 ♥ | Pass | 4 ♥ | All pass |

Opening lead: ♣ A

## They start; you come next

**By Phillip Alder**

How do an artist and a censor differ? One opinion at the end.

This week, we will look at defensive second-hand play. The declarer leads either from his hand or from the dummy, and you are next. What do you do?

The usual advice is to play low, and that will be right far more often than not. This deal is an example of how second hand high can be fatal.

According to the textbooks, East is one trick short of a vulnerable three-bid. Yet in these days of longer, looser trouser belts, we are permitted a little freedom.

Against four hearts, West led off with the two top clubs. Declarer ruffed, drew trumps, and cashed his diamond winners ending in the dummy.

Now declarer had to play the spade suit for only two losers. The legitimate chances were to find an opponent with either a singleton or doubleton honor, and to lead the suit through that opponent first. Given East's opening, he was the logical choice. So, South called for a low spade.

If a nervous East plays second hand high, winning with the ace, he lets the game contract through. But if East plays low, West captures South's jack with his king, then returns the spade 10, allowing the defenders to brush in four tricks: three spades and one club.

According to George Jean Nathan, "The artist and the censor differ in this wise: that the first is a decent mind in an indecent body and that the second is an indecent mind in a decent body."

Your aim in the future, irrespective of body shape, is to make only decent plays.

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# Religious Briefs

## 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 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.

## Drive through nativity

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will have its drive-through nativity, "The Gift," on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30 each evening. The program is free to the public and will take approximately 20 minutes to view. Colonial Hill's 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.

# Nixon called 'nuts,' 'psycho' on tape

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — President John F. Kennedy and former Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown called Richard Nixon "nuts" and "psycho" in a taped telephone conversation after Brown's victory over Nixon in the 1962 governor's race, the San Francisco Examiner reported Sunday.

"You reduced him to the nut house," said Kennedy, after Nixon's infamous "last news conference" soon after his 300,000-vote loss to Brown. "That last farewell speech of his ... shows that he belongs on the couch."

After the defeat, Nixon bitterly told reporters: "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore."

The conversation was included on tapes released last month by the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.

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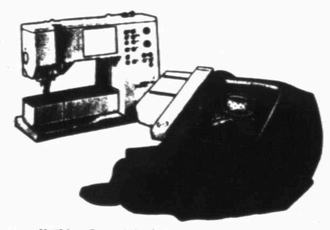

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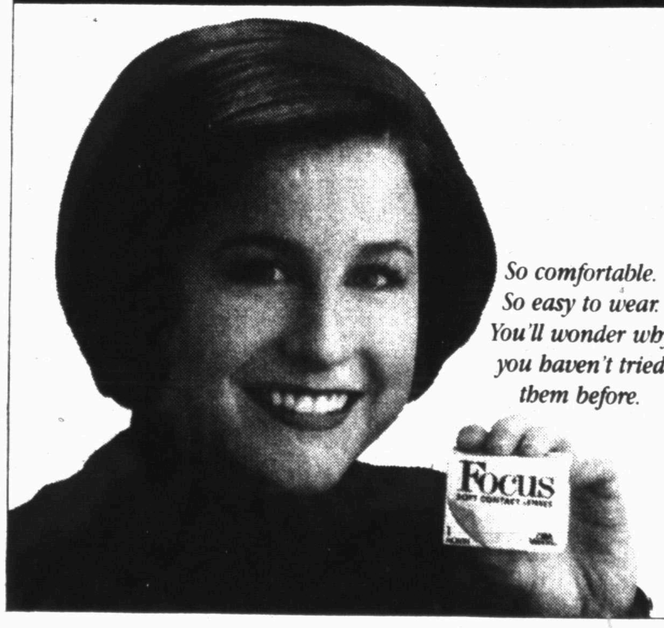


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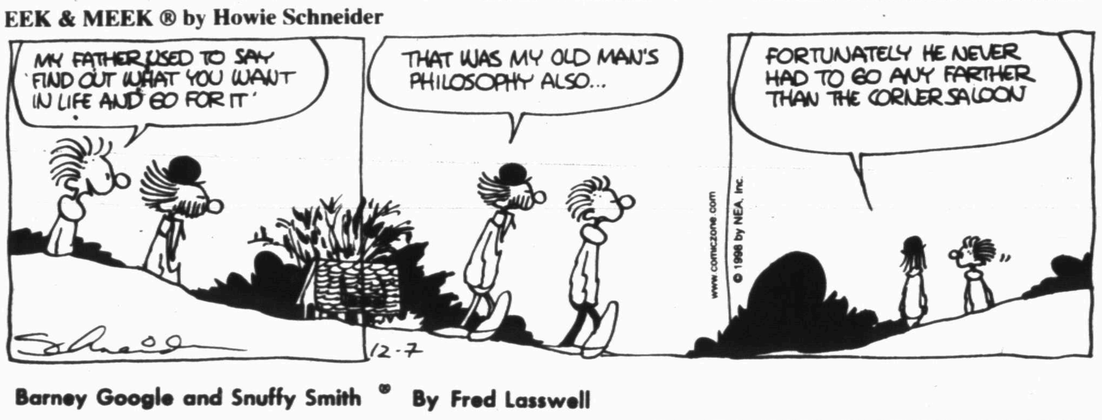


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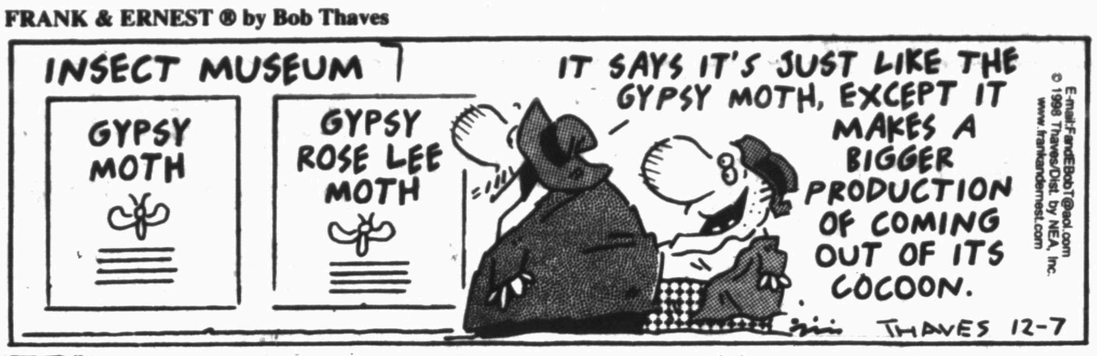


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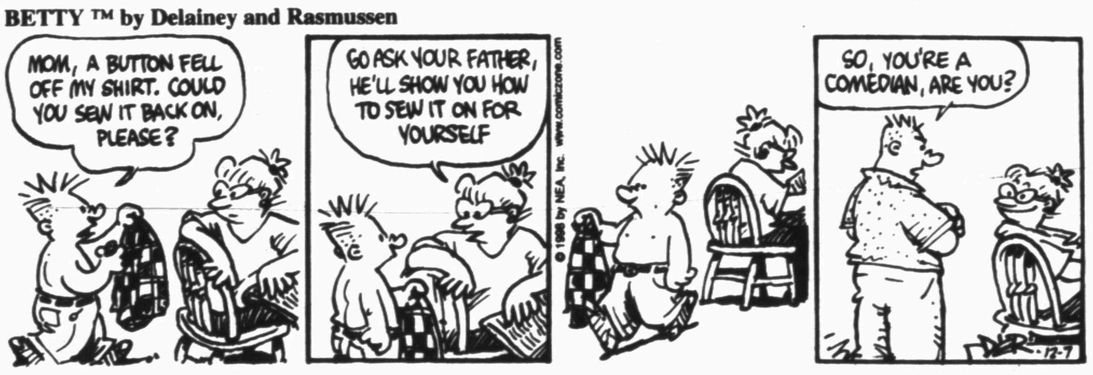


## NEA Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Actress Gabor (2 wds.)
7 Actor David —
12 City in Oregon
13 Spookily
14 Pencil part
15 Woman
16 Siamese native
17 Fed. org.
18 — Jima
21 — Lama
23 Labor org.
26 Fishing reel
28 Trimming material
29 Chinese pagoda
30 Opposite of ecto
31 Maybe
33 Forced
36 Disembarked
37 Anecdote collection
38 Unbalanced
40 Location
41 — Tech (Pasadena school)
42 Hot wine drink
44 Spanish hero El —
45 List ender (abbr.)
46 Amount
48 Small hole
51 Well- — (wealthy)
55 Small horses
56 Painter Hopper
57 A Doll's House author
58 Fond wish

**DOWN**

1 Last letter
2 Big —, California
3 — Khan
4 Spicy quality
5 Golfer Sam —
6 Antenna
7 More destitute
8 — La Douce
9 By way of
10 Building addition
11 Bill —, the Science Guy
13 Rub out
18 Medicinal root
19 Actress Ryder
20 Severe experience
22 Small pet (2 wds.)
23 Style of type
24 American elk
25 Squandered
27 Neither's partner
32 Owns
34 Water flask
35 Chooses a candidate
39 Shoved
43 Jacket material
45 Author Wiesel
47 Row of stables
48 Spire ornament
49 Hoodlum, in Britain
50 Print units
52 Medieval poem
53 Goof
54 Ike

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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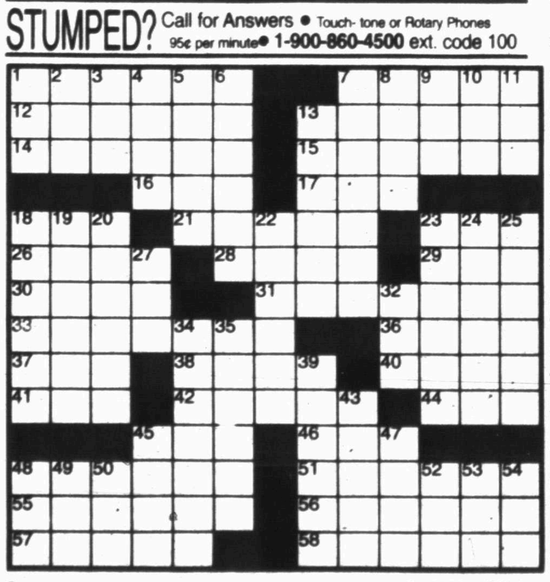


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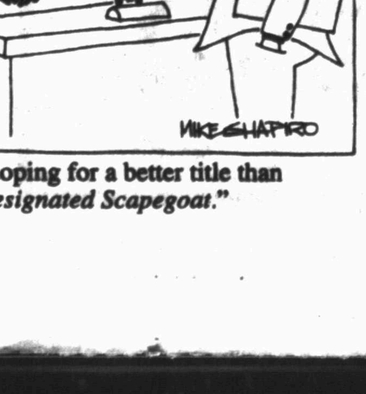


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# SPORTS

## Hot-shooting first half carries SHS past Steers

Most basketball coaches like to shy away from district opponents during the early going.

Snyder Coach Bud Birks wasn't given that opportunity — but his Tigers made the best of it.

Snyder came out firing on Saturday, opening a 37-26 halftime lead, before cruising to a 62-48 victory over District 2-4A foe Big Spring at Frenship's Cotton Pickin' Shootout.

The Tigers, which had dropped their first two games of the tourney to Lubbock Monterey and Lubbock Trinity, move to 3-5 with the victory.

"Monterey and Trinity were good, solid teams," Birks said. "This is the best team Trinity's had in a long time and we played them pretty close for most of the game.

"It was a good win against Big Spring. You never like to play district opponents before district starts, but we did some good things in the ballgame and our kids played hard. Except for maybe the first half against Monterey, I'm proud of how our kids played throughout the whole tournament."

Following a loss to Seminole on Tuesday, Birks had stressed the need to get the ball inside to the Tigers' post players.

Snyder accomplished the mission against the Steers, evidenced by 22 points from forward Cory Mandrell.

"We're doing a better job of getting the ball inside," remarked Birks. "Our big kids are either scoring or getting fouled. Now we just need to shoot the ball a little better."

Next up for Snyder is Lubbock High. The Tigers host the Westerners at 7:30 Tuesday in the SHS gym.

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| Snyder | 14 | 23 | 12 | 13 — 62 |
| Big Spring | 13 | 13 | 8 | 13 — 48 |

**Snyder**
Mandrell 10 2-5 22, Cumbie 5 3-8 13, Durham 2 3-3 7, McAnaw 2 2-2 7, Hester 1 2-2 5, McNair 1 0-0 3, Rosson 0 3-4 3, Warren 1 0-0 2. **Totals 22 15-24 62**

**Big Spring**
Brock 5 3-4 13, Hall 2 6-7 10, Williams 3 0-0 7, Cowley 3 1-3 7, Ch. Ford 2 2-2 6, Co. Ford 1 1-6 3, Strain 1 0-1 2. **Totals 17 13-25 48.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 3 (Hester, McNair, McAnaw), Big Spring 1 (Williams). Total fouls: Snyder 21, Big Spring 21. Fouled out — Ch. Ford.

### *Dallas debacle...*

## Saints crucify Cowboys, 22-3

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Just when the Dallas Cowboys were getting their old strut back, the New Orleans Saints knocked them flat.

The Saints held the Cowboys without a touchdown, Troy Aikman to 16 completions and Emmitt Smith to just 6 yards rushing in a 22-3 rout on Sunday.

"We got the dog beat out of us," Cowboys coach Chan Gailey said. "We've got a lot of work to do to get ourselves back to where we think we've got a chance to compete in the playoffs."

The victory kept the Saints (6-7), who lost seven of their previous nine games, alive in the NFC playoff race. The Cowboys (8-5) could have clinched the 25th playoff berth in their 39-year history with a victory.

"We didn't come in here thinking what we should be thinking, that we're just a decent team trying to get better," Cowboys guard Nate Newton said. "They came in lit up, feeling good, looking good and left strutting like gamecocks."

Dallas, which scored 30 or more points in five of the first six games Troy Aikman played this season, converted just four of 14 third downs.

"There was no turning point," Smith said. "We led 3-2 at one point, that's it. There were no positives."

It was the first time Dallas failed to score a touchdown since Oct. 26, 1997, against Philadelphia.

"This is the best defensive game I've seen in a long time," Saints coach Mike Ditka said after the Saints held Dallas to 8 yards rushing. "You'd have to take me back to the '50s or the '80s. This is the best I've seen."

Aikman completed just 16 of 32 passes for 192 yards and was sacked twice. Smith, who has scored 123 career rushing touchdown, one away from the career NFL record, was held to 6 yards on 15 carries. It was Smith's worst game with 10 or more rushes since he had 18 yards on 11 carries against the New York Giants in 1996.

"Our goal was to come in and try to take him out of the game," Saints defensive lineman La'Roi Glover said. "Every time he touched the ball we wanted to put 11 men on him. I think we did that."

The Saints, who have not allowed a touchdown in the Superdome since Game 5 against San Francisco, brought heat from the opening play, when Smith was hit for a 4-yard loss.

On the second play, Glover grabbed Aikman in the end zone, and he drew an intentional grounding call for a safety when he tried to get rid of the ball before he went down.

Cowboys cornerback Kenny Mathis, starting for the injured Deion Sanders, intercepted a pass from Kerry Collins on the New Orleans 16, but after three straight incompletions, Dallas settled for a 33-yard field goal by Richie Cunningham for a 3-2 lead at the end of the first quarter.

New Orleans, ranked 28th in the league offensively, showed surprising signs of life, giving the defense a boost. The Saints' defense scored six of the team's 24 touchdowns coming into the game.

In the second quarter, Collins, scrambling on third-and-goal from the 4, passed to Aaron Craver in the end zone, putting the Saints up 9-3.

With 1:49 left in the half, Collins hit Andre Hastings with an 89-yard touchdown pass — the second-longest scoring pass ever against the Cowboys. Doug Brien added a 53-yard field goal with no time left on the clock for a 19-3 halftime lead.

Brien added a second 53-yarder for the only score of the second half to make it 22-3.

Dallas had a chance to score in the final two minutes of the game when penalties gave it first-and-goal on the 1. But the Cowboys could not crack the goal line in eight attempts inside the 10-yard line.

Collins completed 16 of 28 passes for 239 yards and one interception.

## Baylor boots Roberts following back-to-back 2-9 performances

WACO (AP) — Baylor hired Dave Roberts as its football coach because he was considered a top recruiter with a creative offensive philosophy.

On Sunday, Roberts was fired, apparently because the program wasn't improving in either area.

The Bears went 2-9 in each of Roberts' two seasons, marking their worst back-to-back years since 1970-71. Athletic director Tom Stanton said Roberts would be reassigned and a search for a replacement would begin today. No candidates were immediately identified.

"We're at the bottom right now, so there's only one way to go and that's up," sophomore cornerback Gary Baxter, the first Roberts recruit to earn all-conference honors, told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "Everyone faults coach Roberts, but it's really not coach Roberts. Most of the time it's players and other things. But it just so happens he's the head coach, and he's got to take the blame for everything."

Stanton informed Roberts of his decision in a meeting Sunday, and later met separately with the assistant coaches and players. Roberts told the team of the move shortly before Stanton spoke.

"It's kind of a shock to us to hear him say that he wasn't going to be with us for next year," said junior lineman Tyshaun Whitson, a Roberts junior college recruit. "He talked to us for a few minutes about the situation and told us to have a good season and keep working hard in the classroom."

Speculation of a replacement centered in recent weeks on former Alabama coach Gene Stallings, who retired to his ranch outside Paris, Texas, after leaving the Crimson Tide two years ago. Stallings reportedly has denied having any contact with representatives of Baylor. He was in Florida for speeches tonight and Tuesday and could not immediately be reached for comment.

Baylor issued a four-sentence statement about the change, noting that because Roberts still is under contract, school officials said he would be reassigned to "other responsibilities at the university." Roberts has three years remaining on a contract that paid him about $400,000 annually, plus incentives.

Roberts was hired following the firing of Chuck Reedy after Baylor went 4-7 in 1996. He was the first coach in any sport hired by Stanton, who is in his third year. Roberts beat out Navy's Charlie Weatherbie and current Arkansas coach Houston Nutt for the job.

Roberts, who developed a reputation as a great recruiter during head coaching stints at Western Kentucky and Northeast Louisiana, had spent the previous three seasons as Lou Holtz's offensive coordinator at Notre Dame.

He brought a commitment to install a wide-open passing game, but the Bears struggled offensively in his first season and stalled this year with inconsistent play at quarterback and offensive line.

## Seminoles draw national title bid against undefeated Tennessee Vols

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

College football has the national title matchup fans want to see every season — No. 1 vs. No. 2. And this time it will be Tennessee vs. Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl.

It took a wild Saturday of upsets, but when the results were in there was really no need for computers, quartiles and strength-of-schedules after all.

The biggest loser in the maneuvering was No. 4 Kansas State (11-1). The Wildcats lost to Texas A&M 36-33 in double overtime in the Big 12 title game and lost out on a $12 million payday by not being included in the Bowl Championship Series mix.

The biggest winner turned out to be No. 7 Florida, which despite losses to Tennessee and Florida State was selected because it will help fill the Orange Bowl by bringing tens of thousands of fans.

In the final BCS standings, which uses a complicated formula of polls, computers and strength-of-schedule, the Volunteers and Seminoles came out a clear 1-2 on Sunday and were invited to play in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 4, where the national title will be on the line.

In the other BCS matchups, it's No. 5 UCLA (10-1) vs. No. 9 Wisconsin (10-1) in the Rose Bowl, No. 7 Florida (9-2) vs. No. 18 Syracuse (8-3) in the Orange Bowl and No. 3 Ohio State (10-1) vs. No. 8 Texas A&M (11-2) in the Sugar Bowl.

Ohio State (10-1) might have been left out of the BCS picture if either UCLA or K-State had won on Saturday. But the Bruins lost, too, beaten 49-45 by Miami and knocked out of the national title picture. UCLA, though, still gets the trip to Pasadena as the Pac-10 champion.

In The Associated Press' final regular-season poll, Tennessee was the unanimous No. 1 choice with Florida State a solid No. 2; in the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, the Vols were a near-unanimous No. 1 pick and the Seminoles a strong No. 2.

The BCS standings were created this season to set up a No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup and incorporated The Associated Press' media poll, the coaches' poll, three computer ratings, strength-of-schedule and the number of losses into the process of picking the top two teams.

Tennessee finished with 3.47 points — 1 point for poll average, 1.67 points for computer ranking, 0.80 for the 20th-toughest schedule and zero points for losses.

Florida State, in fourth place last week, jumped ahead of UCLA and Kansas State with 4.91 points — 2 points for poll average, 1.75 for computer ranking, 0.16 for the fourth-toughest schedule and 1 for a loss.

Kansas State was a distant third, with 9.96 points — 4 for poll average, 3.00 for computer ranking, 1.96 for the 49th-toughest schedule and 1 for a loss.

Ohio State was fourth with 10.37 points and UCLA was fifth with 10.90 points.

"I feel we arrived at two tremendously qualified teams to be ranked 1-2," BCS chairman Roy Kramer said Sunday. "They deserved to be there based on all the criteria. We want to create 1 vs. 2 The others are up to the individual bowls."

The Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz., was the site of the last 1-2 matchup in a postseason game. In the '96 Fiesta, a No. 1 Nebraska won the national title with a 62-24 rout of a No. 2 Florida.

It will also marks the 12th time No. 1 played No. 2 in a bowl game. Top-ranked teams have won six times.

"We have been a resilient team all season and we've found a way to get it done," Vols coach Phillip Fulmer said after he watched UCLA and Kansas State lose before his team had all it could handle before beating Mississippi State. "We've been on the edge of playing in a national championship game, and now we have a chance to do it."

Ohio State coach John Cooper, whose Buckeyes were ranked No. 1 until losing to Michigan State 28-24 on Nov. 7, said his team was just as qualified as Florida State to play in the Fiesta.

"We're happy to be in the Sugar Bowl, but I think we can make an argument that we're one of the top two," Cooper said.

"We were No. 1 for nine straight weeks. It's difficult to run the table to go undefeated. The day we got beat, we did not play our best game.

"You stub your toe one time you've got to be a great team to get a chance to come back."

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| Miami | 9 | 4 | 0 | .692 | 258 | 185 |
| NewEn'land | 8 | 5 | 0 | .615 | 285 | 245 |
| Buffalo | 8 | 5 | 0 | .615 | 301 | 262 |
| Indianapolis | 2 | 11 | 0 | .154 | 229 | 364 |
| **Central** | | | | | | |
| Jacksonville | 10 | 3 | 0 | .769 | 348 | 269 |
| Tennessee | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 276 | 251 |
| Pittsburgh | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 233 | 241 |
| Baltimore | 5 | 8 | 0 | .385 | 219 | 263 |
| Cincinnati | 2 | 11 | 0 | .154 | 217 | 354 |
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| y-Denver | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 436 | 237 |
| Oakland | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 226 | 271 |
| Seattle | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 | 286 | 242 |
| KansasCity | 5 | 8 | 0 | .385 | 269 | 294 |
| SanDiego | 5 | 8 | 0 | .385 | 201 | 271 |

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| **East** | | | | | | |
| Dallas | 8 | 5 | 0 | .615 | 328 | 239 |
| Arizona | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 | 270 | 331 |
| N.Y.Giants | 5 | 8 | 0 | .385 | 219 | 276 |
| Washington | 4 | 9 | 0 | .308 | 264 | 357 |
| Philadelphia | 3 | 10 | 0 | .231 | 125 | 291 |
| **Central** | | | | | | |
| y-Minnesota | 12 | 1 | 0 | .923 | 442 | 242 |
| GreenBay | 8 | 4 | 0 | .667 | 314 | 240 |
| TampaBay | 5 | 7 | 0 | .417 | 223 | 250 |
| Detroit | 5 | 8 | 0 | .385 | 266 | 300 |
| Chicago | 3 | 10 | 0 | .231 | 219 | 323 |
| **West** | | | | | | |
| x-Atlanta | 11 | 2 | 0 | .846 | 353 | 239 |
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| St.Louis | 3 | 10 | 0 | .231 | 221 | 302 |
| Carolina | 2 | 11 | 0 | .154 | 264 | 353 |

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**Thursday's Game**
Philadelphia 17, St. Louis 14

**Sunday's Games**
Buffalo 33, Cincinnati 20
New Orleans 22, Dallas 3
Jacksonville 37, Detroit 22
Atlanta 28, Indianapolis 21
New England 23, Pittsburgh 9
Washington 24, San Diego 20
San Francisco 31, Carolina 28, OT
New York Jets 32, Seattle 31
New York Giants 23, Arizona 19
Denver 35, Kansas City 31
Miami 27, Oakland 17
Tennessee 16, Baltimore 14
Minnesota 48, Chicago 22

**Monday's Game**
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 8:20 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 13**
Arizona at Philadelphia, 1:01 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1:01 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 1:01 p.m.
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 1:01 p.m.
Denver at New York Giants, 1:01 p.m.
New England at St. Louis, 1:01 p.m.
Oakland at Buffalo, 1:01 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 1:01 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1:01 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 1:01 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Kansas City, 4:15 p.m.
Minnesota at Baltimore, 4:15 p.m.
New York Jets at Miami, 8:20 p.m.

## High School Playoff Pairings

**CLASS 5A**
**DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP**
Duncanville (11-3) vs. Converse Judson (14-0), noon Saturday, Astrodome, Houston
**DIVISION II SEMIFINALS**
Midland Lee (13-1) vs. Richardson Lake Highlands (9-5), 6 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Katy (13-1) vs. SA MacArthur (10-4), 3 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome, San Antonio

**CLASS 4A**
**DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP**
Grapevine (10-4) vs. Bay City (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
**DIVISION II SEMIFINALS**
Stephenville (13-1) vs. Southlake Carroll (13-1), 5 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
La Marque (12-0) vs. Smithson Valley (11-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos

**CLASS 3A**
**DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP**
Aledo (12-1) vs. Cuero (11-3), Saturday, 5 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome
**DIVISION II SEMIFINALS**
Childress (12-2) vs. Daingerfield (13-0), 3 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Newton (12-1) vs. Aransas Pass (12-2), 8 p.m. Friday Astrodome

**CLASS 2A**
**DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP**
Omaha Paul Pewitt (11-3) vs. Brookshire-Royal (12-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford
**DIVISION II SEMIFINALS**
Stanton (13-1) vs. Celina (12-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tarleton Memorial Stadium, Stephenville
Elysian Fields (11-3) vs. Goldthwaite (12-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium, Irving

**CLASS A**
**SEMIFINALS**
Wheeler (11-2) vs. Aspermont (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Vernon
Tenaha (14-0) vs. Iola (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Crockett

**SIX-MAN CHAMPIONSHIP**
Borden County (13-1) vs. Trinidad (14-0), 3 p.m. Saturday, Glen Rose

## Local Sports Schedule

**TODAY**
**Basketball:** Wayland Baptist JV at WTC, Scurry County Coliseum, 6 p.m.
**Basketball:** Snyder 8th boys at Big Spring.
**Basketball:** Big Spring 7th & 8th girls at Snyder, 5 p.m., 6:15.
**Basketball:** Ira JH at Borden County, 6 p.m.
**Basketball:** Hermleigh JH at Trent, 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY**
**Basketball:** Lubbock High at Snyder JV & varsity boys, 6 p.m., 7:30.
**Basketball:** Snyder JV & varsity girls at Abilene Cooper, 5 p.m., 6:30.
**Basketball:** Hermleigh at Westbrook, 6:30.
**Basketball:** Blackwell at Ira, 6:30.

## NCAA Basketball Scores

**EAST**
Marist 60, Manhattan 58
Niagara 87, Iona 73
St. Peter's 60, Canisius 50

**SOUTH**
Auburn 80, Florida St. 68
Norfolk St. 72, Md.-Eastern Shore 63
Tennessee 56, Pittsburgh 53

**MIDWEST**
W. Michigan 81, Michigan 74

**SOUTHWEST**
Prairie View 134, SW Adventist 75
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## 010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO PUBLIC
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The West Central Texas Service Delivery Area is comprised of the following nineteen counties, Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton. The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board serves as the administrative and planning entity for the Job Taining Partnership Act programs and the Region XIV Education Service Center serves as the grant recipient for the funds available.

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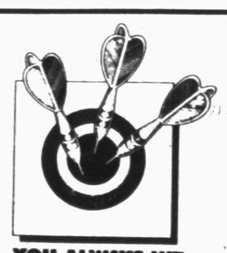
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*HIV injection trial...*

# Jury finds dad guilty

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) — There was no hard evidence that proved Brian Stewart injected his son with blood tainted with the AIDS virus.

No one saw him do it and no syringe ever was found that could be linked to the crime.

But during the four days of Stewart's trial, prosecutors convinced the jury that circumstantial evidence showed the 32-year-old Stewart had the means, motive and opportunity to commit the crime.

Stewart was found guilty Saturday night of first-degree assault, and the jury recommended that he serve a life term in prison. Formal sentencing was set for Jan. 8.

One member of the six-man, six-woman panel said later that the clincher for him came when a time line developed by the prosecution indicated that Stewart had prior knowledge of the boy's infection.

"Before he was told the boy had AIDS, he seemed to know it already," said Kenneth Shaw.

The conviction and the harsh sentence recommendation provided little comfort to the boy's mother, who wept briefly and became ill after hearing the verdict.

"Although the trial is over and the one responsible for this inhumane crime has been brought to justice ... my son has been robbed of a normal childhood and given an unjust sentence of his own," said the woman, identified only as Jennifer to protect the boy's identity.

Stewart's son, now 7, was diagnosed with AIDS in 1996.

Prosecutors alleged that Stewart, who worked as a hospital technician at the time, stole HIV-infected blood from his work and injected it into the 11-month-old boy during a hospital visit in 1992.

Prosecutors said his motive was to avoid paying child support.

"The circumstantial evidence is like a number of strings that weave together and make a rope."

## Births

Rodney and Jody Foster of Sweetwater announce the birth of their daughter, Kaitlyn Bailey Foster. She was born at 7:10 a.m. on Dec. 4 in Hendrick Medical Center, weighing seven pounds, 7¼ ounces.

Her grandparents include Doug and Belinda Foster of Hermleigh and Al and Linda Miller of Roscoe. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Glenn Foster of Hermleigh and Emma Miller of Oklahoma.

Daniel and Abigail Escobedo of Snyder are parents of a daughter born at 3:19 p.m. on Dec. 5 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds.

## Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Dec. 4: James Beckham, Nancy Felan, Maurine Holman, Helen Wortham; Dec. 5: Abigail Escobedo, Naomi Slack; Dec. 6: Sue Griffin, Marvin Hanson, Parnell Robertson, Clifonia Wright.

DISMISSALS: Dec. 4: Barbara Allen, Opal Key; Dec. 5: None; Dec. 6: None.

CENSUS: 39 (Med., Surg.-12, Long-term Care-25, OB-1, Nursery-1).

## Astro-graph

**By Bernice Bede Osol**

**Your Birthday**

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1998

Your progress in the year ahead will be steady, but not necessarily speedy. Patience might be required when working towards an endeavor or enterprise you hope will lead you to more abundant circumstances.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Be cognizant of the frailties of others today whenever you're in a position to exercise authority over them. A firm hand is the most that will be needed, not a clenched fist. Astro-Graph year ahead predictions make great Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state all zodiac signs you desire.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If all the family members work in unison today, unstable financial conditions can be brought under control. Not doing so could cause some of the cookies in the jar to crumble.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 19)** Be sure that when you have something to say to your peers today, it has the ring of truth and sincerity. It all boils down to your genuineness if you want to earn their respect in the long run.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Prudence should be your first priority today in the management of your financial affairs. If you're shopping, keep searching until you find the item you want at a price you can afford.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Somewhere away from the maddening crowd is where you should plan to spend any social encounters today. Keep your activities toned down.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** There isn't much chance you'll neglect or confuse your priorities and responsibilities today. You will be extremely conscientious, as well as methodical in your procedures.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Companies could have a strong influence on your activities and the outcome of events today. This will behoove you to associate with your more ambitious pals as opposed to your frivolous ones.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Because of the wonderful ability you possess to make the most out of meager circumstances, you might be able to mold a full loaf from the crumbs that others ignore today.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Unlike your associates, you possess the valuable experiences of the past which will enable you to turn an arduous situation into something easy to manage.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Something of great worth which has been long overdue might be in the offing for you today or in the near future. Although you've conditioned yourself to never expect it, dreams can come true!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** The observations you make today regarding the true motives of others could be remarkably astute. Put them to good use, but be sure to keep what you surmise to yourself.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Keep moving in a direction today where the efforts you expend will generate the most benefits for you. Conditions pertaining to significant issues are leaning in your favor.

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## Markets

**Midday Stocks**

NEW YORK (AP)

| | High | Low | Last | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMR Corp s | 68¼ | 66 | 11-16 | 67 11-16+1 1-16 |
| AT&T Corp | 64 | 3-16 | 63¾ | 63¾+ 7-16 |
| AirTouch | 59 | 5-16 | 58 9-16 | 59¼+ ¾ |
| Albertsons | 60¼ | 59 | 1-16 | 59⅜— 7-16 |
| AlldSignal | 44¾ | 43¾ | 43 9-16 | — ¼ |
| Alltel | 53 | 15-16 | 53 7-16 | 53 9-16 — 7-16 |
| AmOnline s | 89¼ | 87⅝ | 89⅜+ | 1⅜ |
| AmStores | 34 | 11-16 | 34 5-16 | 34½— 1-16 |
| Ameritech s | 57⅞ | 56¾ | 57⅞ | — 5-16 |
| Amoco s | 55¼ | 55 | 55 | 3-16— 1-16 |
| AndarkPtr s | 27 | 3-16 | 26⅝ | 27 + 7-16 |
| ArmcoInc | 3 | 13-16 | 3¾ | 3 13-16 |
| AtlRichfld | 67¼ | 65 | 15-16 | 66¼— ¾ |
| ATMOS Egy | 29 | 28 | 5-16 | 29 + 7-16 |
| Aviall | 11¾ | 11⅜ | 11⅜ | — 5-16 |
| BakerHughes | 18 | 17⅝ | 17 | 9-16+ ⅜ |
| BankAmerica | 64½ | 63⅝ | 64 | — ⅜ |
| BellAtl s | 56 | 15-16 | 56¼ | 56¼+ 1-16 |
| BellSouth | 90 | 89 | 3-16 | 89⅝+1 1-16 |
| BellSouth wi | 45¼ | 44⅛ | 45⅛+ | ⅛ |
| BethSteel | 7 | 15-16 | 7 | 13-16 7⅛ |
| BritPet | 85⅛ | 85 | 7-16 | 85 7-16— 1-16 |
| BurlNoSFe s | 33 | 15-16 | 33⅛ | 33 11-16— 5-16 |
| CBS Corp | 31¾ | 30 | 5-16 | 30⅜— ⅜ |
| Caterpillar | 49¼ | 48 | 11-16 | 49 1-16+ 5-16 |
| CenSoWst | 28¾ | 28 | 28 | 1-16— 5-16 |
| Chevron | 82¾ | 81⅞ | 81½ | — ½ |
| Citigroup | 50 | 5-16 | 49¾ | 49½— 1-16 |
| Coastal s | 34 | 1-16 | 33¾ | 34 + ¼ |
| CocaCola | 69 | 1-16 | 68⅛ | 68 11-16— 5-16 |
| ColgatePalm | 86⅜ | 84¾ | 84 | 15-16— 5-16 |
| ComclMetals | 27¾ | 27 | 27 | + ⅛ |
| CooperIn | 50 | 3-16 | 49 | 15-16 49 15-16— 3-16 |
| CyprusAmax | 11 | 1-16 | 10 | 9-16 10 9-16— 7-16 |
| DaimlrChry n | 88¾ | 87¾ | 87⅞ | — 7-16 |
| DallSemicn | 40 | 1-16 | 39 | 7-16 39⅛— 7-16 |
| DeltaAirl s | 56¾ | 55 | 55⅜+ | 1¼ |
| Dillards Inc | 30 | 29 | 29 | 7-16— 1 |
| DowChem | 94½ | 92¾ | 94½+2 | 7-16 |
| DuPont | 56 | 5-16 | 55¾ | 56¼+ 1⅜ |
| EastmanChem | 57 | 13-16 | 57 | 7-16 57 13-16+ 1-16 |
| EstKodak | 73¾ | | 73¼ | 73¾+ 3-16 |
| EDS Corp | 42 | 15-16 | 41¾ | 41 13-16— 1-16 |
| Entergy | 30 | 9-16 | 30 | 7-16 30 9-16+ ⅛ |
| Exxon | 72 | 5-16 | 71 | 7-16 72 3-16+11-16 |
| FstBksAm | 17 | 3-16 | 17⅛ | 17⅜— 1-16 |
| Flowers | 23⅜ | | 23¼ | 23⅜+ ⅛ |
| FordMotor s | 56¼ | | 56⅜ | 56⅝+ ⅛ |
| GTE Cp | 64¾ | 64 | 3-16 | 64 11-16— ⅛ |
| GenDynam s | 60 | 9-16 | 59⅝ | 60⅛+ 3-16 |
| GenElec | 90 | 15-16 | 90⅜ | 90⅝+ ⅛ |
| GenMills | 77 | 13-16 | 76⅞ | 76¾— 1 |
| GenMotors | 69 | 15-16 | 69¾ | 69 13-16+ 5-16 |
| GaPacGP s | 56⅜ | | 55⅛ | 56 5-16+ 9-16 |
| GlobalMar | 9 | 7-16 | 9 | 9⅛+ 3-16 |
| Goodrich | 33¾ | 32 | 5-16 | 33 + ⅜ |
| Goodyear s | 56 | 15-16 | 56½ | 56⅜— 1-16 |
| GtAtlPac | 27 | | 9-16 | 27 27¼ |
| Halliburtn | 30⅜ | 29 | 29 | 13-16+ ⅛ |
| Hanson ADS | 36 | 15-16 | 36⅜ | 36⅜+ ⅛ |
| HarteHanks s | 25¼ | 24¾ | 25 | 11-16+1 7-16 |
| HomeDepot | 51 | 15-16 | 51 | 5-16 51 15-16+1 1-16 |
| HoustonInds | 33¾ | 32¾ | 33 | 1-16— 1-16 |
| IBM | 166 | 7-16 | 164¾ | 166 5-16+2 1-16 |
| IntlPaper | 43 | 15-16 | 43¾ | 43⅝+ ⅛ |
| JohnsonJn | 82¼ | | 81¾ | 81 15-16+ 3-16 |
| K mart | 15 | 1-16 | 14⅜ | 15 + ⅜ |
| Kroger Co | 56¼ | 55 | 13-16 | 55 15-16— 3-16 |
| Litton | 61¼ | | 60¾ | 61 1-16+ 1-16 |
| LockhdMart | 106 | 15-16 | 103 | 11-16 104⅜—13-1 6 |
| Lowes Cos s | 45 | 7-16 | 45 | 45 7-16+ 7-16 |
| Lubys | 14 | 5-16 | 14 | 1-16 14 3-16— 3-16 |
| LucentTech s | 99¼ | | 95⅞ | 99¼+ 3¾ |
| MayDeptStrs | 59⅜ | | 58 | 3-16 58⅛— 9-16 |
| MediaOne | 41 | 3-16 | 40¾ | 41 1-16— 1-16 |
| Medtronic | 70¾ | | 70 | 70 — ⅝ |
| Mobil | 86 | 11-16 | 86 | 86 11-16+11-16 |
| Monsanto | 43 | 7-16 | 42 | 13-16 42 15-16— 1-16 |
| MorganJP | 110 | 15-16 | 108⅛ | 109 7-16— 1¾ |
| Motorola | 61 | 15-16 | 61¼ | 61 3-16— ⅜ |
| NCR Corp | 40 | 5-16 | 39¾ | 39 15-16+ 1⅜ |
| Navistar | 27⅜ | | 26 | 13-16 27 + 5-16 |
| OryxEngy | 13⅜ | | 13⅜ | 13 9-16— ¼ |
| Penney JC | 54 | 7-16 | 53 | 15-16 53 15-16— ⅜ |
| Pennzoil | 35½ | | 35¼ | 35 3-16— 1-16 |
| PepBoys | 13 | | 12⅜ | 12⅝— 9-16 |
| PepsiCo | 39 | 5-16 | 38¾ | 39 1-16— ⅜ |
| PhelpDodge | 53¾ | | 53 | 9-16 53 11-16— ¼ |
| PhilipPet | 42 | | 41¼ | 41 5-16— 3-16 |
| PilgrmPrd B | 23¾ | | 23 | 3-16 23 3-16+ 1-16 |
| Polaroid | 22 | 7-16 | 21⅞ | 22 — 3-16 |
| Praxair | 36 | | 35 | 9-16 35 15-16+ ⅛ |
| ProctGamb | 91⅛ | | 90 | 9-16 91⅛— ⅛ |
| PubSNwMx | 18⅝ | | 18⅛ | 18 9-16 |
| RoyalDut | 44⅞ | | 44¼ | 44 5-16— 1-16 |
| SBC Comm s | 50 | 1-16 | 49¾ | 49 13-16— 5-16 |
| SaraLee | 58¼ | | 56 | 13-16 57 3-16—1 5-16 |
| Scripps EW | 51 | 9-16 | 51¼ | 51 9-16+ 3-16 |
| SearsRoeb | 42¼ | | 41 | 1-16 42 5-16— ⅛ |
| SherwinW | 28 | 11-16 | 28 | 3-16 28⅜+ 1-16 |
| SmithKlBchm | 63 | 7-16 | 62¾ | 63 7-16+ 1-16 |
| SouthernCo | 29 | 11-16 | 29⅜ | 29 7-16— 5-16 |
| SwstAirl s | 22 | 5-16 | 22 | 1-16 22 5-16+ ¼ |
| Sunoco Inc | 33¾ | | 33 | 33 3-16— ⅜ |
| TNP Ent | 38¼ | | 38 | 38⅛+ 1-16 |
| Tandy | 40 | | 39¾ | 40 — 1-16 |
| TempleInland | 54 | 5-16 | 53 | 9-16 54 5-16+ ⅜ |
| Tenneco | 35 | 13-16 | 35⅛ | 35 9-16+ 3-16 |
| Texaco | 56⅜ | | 54 | 15-16 55¼—1 1-16 |
| TexInd | 27 | 7-16 | 26⅞ | 27 1-16— ⅜ |
| TexasInst | 85 | | 82¾ | 85 + 2¼ |
| TexUtil | 47⅛ | | 47 | 1-16 47¼— ⅜ |
| Textron | 78¼ | | 78 | 78 1-16— ⅛ |
| TriconGlbR | 49¾ | | 49 | 49⅛— 3-16 |
| TrinityInds | 39¼ | | 39 | 39 1-16+ 1-16 |
| TritonEngy | 8 | 15-16 | 8¾ | 8¾— 1-16 |
| Tyler | 6¾ | | 6¾ | 6¾— 1-16 |
| US West Inc | 64 | | 63½ | 63½— 7-16 |
| USX-Marathn | 28 | 1-16 | 27⅞ | 27¾—11-16 |
| USX-USS | 23 | 5-16 | 22 | 15-16 23 1-16— 7-16 |
| UnCarbde | 43 | | 41 | 11-16 42 15-16 43 3-16 |
| UnionPacif | 48 | 9-16 | 48¼ | 48 3-16— 5-16 |
| UnitedTech | 103¾ | | 101¾ | 103 +1 1-16 |
| Unocal | 32 | 1-16 | 31 | 3-16 31 9-16— ⅜ |
| Venator Grp | 7 | | 6¾ | 6¾— ⅛ |
| WalMart | 73⅜ | | 73¼ | 73 7-16+ ¼ |
| WellsFargo | 37¼ | 36 | 9-16 | 36 11-16— 7-16 |
| WstnGasRs | 8⅜ | | 8¼ | 8¼+ 1-16 |
| WinnDixie | 41⅛ | | 40 | 9-16 40¾—15-16 |
| Xerox Corp | 110¼ | | 108¼ | 109⅜— 1-16 |

# Dr. Gott

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

## *Tylenol-Coumadin interactions*

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Several months ago you wrote a column in which you mentioned a dangerous interaction between Tylenol and Coumadin. Because I am an allergist — and the interaction greatly interests me — I checked with our doctors at a nearby hospital. Nobody, myself included, had heard of the danger. Would you please give me the reference for your statement?

DEAR READER: Gladly. The study, which was performed by Dr. Elaine Hylek of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, was reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association, volume 279, 1998, pages 657-662.

The researchers showed that the concurrent use of Tylenol (acetaminophen) and Coumadin (Warfarin) can cause over-anticoagulation, leading to increased risk of brain hemorrhage. The interaction was present with even small doses of Tylenol.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes long, stretchy, strings in the stool? Can anything be done about it?

DEAR READER: Long, stretchy things are usually seen in the stools of people who eat long, stretchy things. In particular, particles of vegetable fiber can pass undigested through the intestine. Mucus threads can look this way, too; so can some forms of intestinal parasites, such as worms. The mystery can easily be solved by a stool analysis, ordered by a doctor and performed in any qualified laboratory.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is surgery or radioactive iodine the preferred treatment for hyperthyroidism?

DEAR READER: That depends on the age of the patient, as well as other medical factors.

Hyperthyroidism (overactive thyroid gland) causes nervousness, weight loss, increased sweating and appetite, palpitations, rapid pulse, heart disease and, in some cases, prominent eyes. The disease usually responds to medicine. In certain circumstances, however, surgery or radioactive iodine are preferred, especially if a goiter (enlarged thyroid) is present.

Surgery is ordinarily curative, but it requires anesthesia and hospitalization; obviously, it leaves a scar. Radioactive therapy is not customarily administered to younger patients, particularly women in their reproductive years. Both radioactive iodine and surgery can, unfortunately, produce hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid gland), which requires thyroid supplement pills for life. As a general rule, I prefer drug treatment to either of the other two options.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2.00 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to PO Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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# GOP moderates gain influence in Congress

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
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WASHINGTON (AP) — After years as marginal players in the House, Republican moderates are emerging as an important bloc on issues from impeachment to taxes and campaign finance in a new Congress that promises to have a less ideological cast.

Incoming House Speaker Bob Livingston, R-La., makes clear he will reach out to Democrats and be less confrontational than Newt Gingrich, who held the post for four tumultuous years.

Gingrich took control of the House as an avowed conservative revolutionary. Livingston's style is accommodation.

The influence of moderate Republicans has been in decline at least since the 1980 election of Ronald Reagan moved the center of political gravity to the right. The moderates suffered an even greater blow in 1994 when a new wave of conservatives were elected to the House in a Republican sweep that gave the party control of the chamber for the first time in 40 years.

But four years later voters seemed to send a message of moderation and Gingrich came under attack from his left and right. He resigned as speaker and said he would leave Congress in January.

The new mood in the House offers hope to GOP moderates like Rep. Christopher Shays of Connecticut. He said he expects the new Congress to follow a public mandate "to not be so into ideology."

"You can't win if you can't control the center," said Rep. Brian Bilbray, R-Calif.

On impeachment, moderate GOP congressman Peter King of New York is taking the lead to build support for a censure resolution as an alternative to ordering President Clinton to stand trial in the Senate.

To date, the Republican leadership has shown no interest in the King proposal. But if the New Yorker can demonstrate enough support for censure — forming a coalition of Democrats and moderate Republicans — his proposal could take on critical importance during an impeachment debate on the House floor.

Shays also has collaborated with Rep. Marty Meehan, D-Mass., to sponsor legislation that would rewrite campaign finance laws. The proposal would prohibit unlimited and unregulated contributions to political parties, so called soft money.

## AP news analysis

"I'd like to push real early for a major reform of campaign finance laws," said Shays. His bipartisan attempt passed the House last August over the opposition of the Republican leadership. But backers of similar legislation in the Senate were unable to break a GOP filibuster.

Taxes and health care legislation are also issues on which GOP moderates hope to forge coalitions with like-minded Democrats and press alternatives to measures proposed by conservatives.

There is near unanimous support in GOP ranks for tax cuts, but many moderates are unwilling to back the massive reductions sought by conservatives.

Shays argues that the November election results in which Republicans lost five House seats demonstrated that voters remain satisfied with Republican control of the House but "they want it to be from the center-right, not the far-right."

"The American people don't like extremes of either end," Bilbray said.

Ralph Reed, former director of the Christian Coalition and now a political consultant with a largely conservative clientele, said "the conventional wisdom is that the acerbic confrontational leadership style represented by Gingrich" is over and that the House has entered a period of greater bipartisanship.

"Any time you have that kind of atmosphere, that helps moderates," said Reed.

He predicted there would be "more healthy collaboration" between moderates and conservatives "certainly on specific issues like campaign finance reform and patient protection," the GOP alternative to the managed care legislation offered by congressional Democrats and the White House.

But Reed predicts that the period of moderate influence on the party is likely to decline once the focus shifts to the 2000 presidential campaign.

The GOP presidential primary process is "dominated by religious conservatives," said Reed.

# Hoffa promises to revive Teamsters

WASHINGTON (AP) — James P. Hoffa, the newly elected president of the Teamsters Union, says he wants to "look to the future" and not dwell on the past. But one bit of history he will not forget.

"The mob killed my father," he said Sunday as he basked in his electoral victory. "They're never going to come back in this union. I'll see to that."

Hoffa, 57, said he has "nothing but fond memories" of his father, Jimmy Hoffa, who headed the Teamsters when it was at its most powerful and most controversial. The elder Hoffa disappeared in 1975, apparently murdered by Mafia hitmen.

Late Sunday, the Teamsters election headquarters said that Hoffa had 177,200 votes to 127,287 for Tom Leedham, a union official in charge of its warehouse division, and 19,387 for John Metz, who did not campaign.

Leedham conceded defeat Saturday, although the vote counting was to continue today. An estimated 420,000 ballots were cast, union officials said.

Hoffa said Sunday he would work for a fiscally sound, militant union that is devoid of the organized crime links that tainted the organization when his father was in charge.

"Let's forget about the past. Let's look to the future," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Hoffa, a Detroit labor lawyer, narrowly lost a 1996 election to incumbent president Ron Carey.

Carey later was ousted after investigators found that his campaign benefited from an illegal fund-raising scheme.

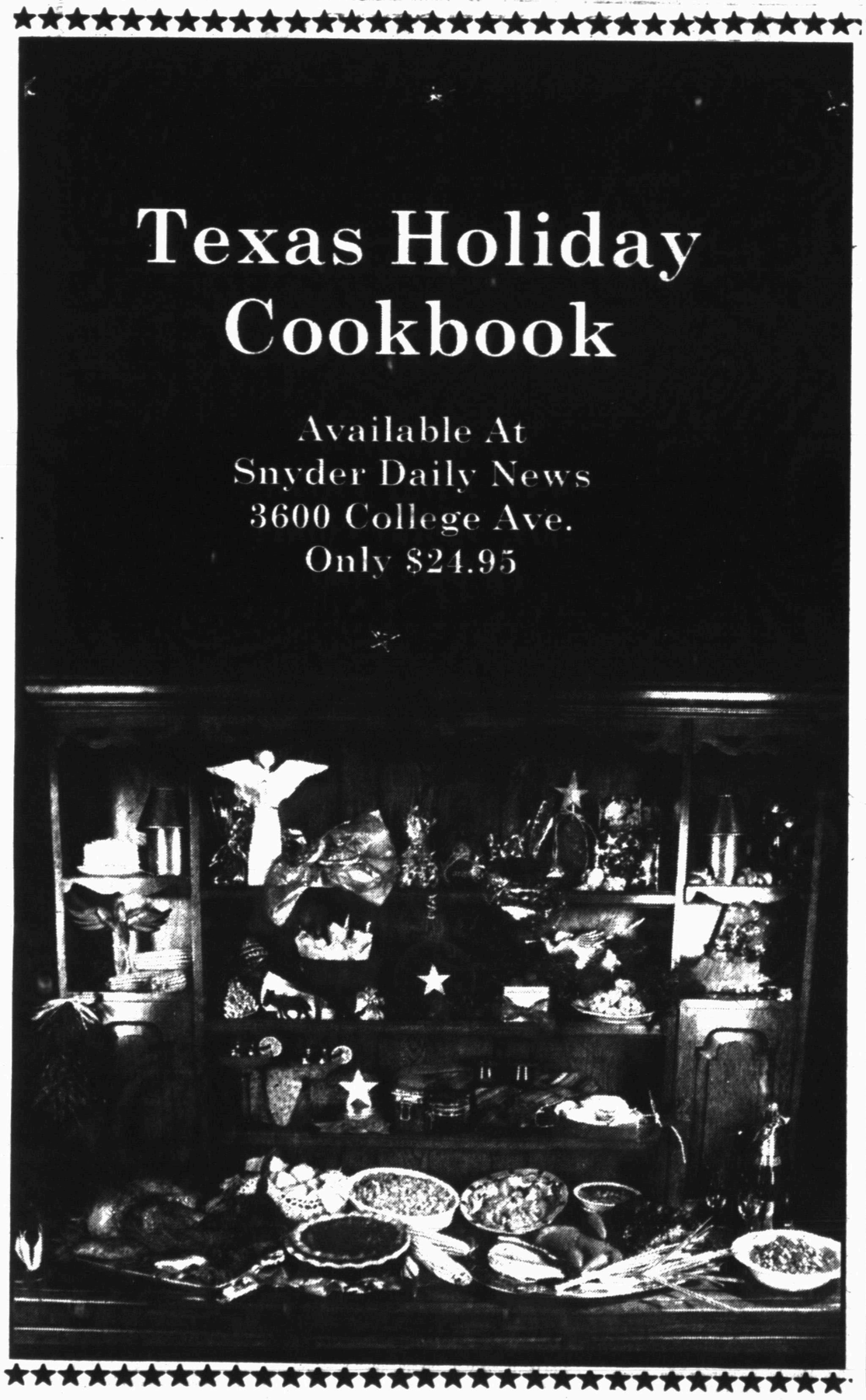
Hoffa said his goal was to restore the union to its glory days, when "we were the strongest, richest union in the world." In its heyday, the union had 2 million members, a number now down to about 1.4 million.

Hoffa urged more militancy in re-negotiating contracts and said he would try to balance the union budget without raising dues. "This union's been through a civil war. We've got to pull it together. We've got to restore the financial integrity of this union."

Labor Secretary Alexis Herman, on CBS's "Face the Nation," offered Hoffa her congratulations. "He has said that he wants to pursue a goal of fiscal integrity, of organizing rank and file. We support him in that and I look forward to working with him," Herman said.

Hoffa said it would be a "challenge" getting along with AFL-CIO president John Sweeney, who was close to Carey, although he looked forward to his first meeting with the AFL-CIO board.

The AFL-CIO has had close ties with the Democratic Party while the Teamsters traditionally have tilted toward the Republicans. "I think the AFL-CIO is realizing the mistake they made by being tied to one party or the other. They take you for granted," Hoffa said.

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# Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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## Too Many Fathers Vie For Baby's Last Name

DEAR ABBY: Several months ago, I left "Bill," the man I had lived with for almost four years and with whom I have a daughter. I left him to move in with "John," someone I met on the Internet. It was a big mistake. John turned out to be a pathological liar who used me for my money. I was deeply hurt.

Abby, during our six months together, he was hired twice, but was fired from each job within two weeks. I bought him everything he had. He promised to repay me, but I haven't received one red cent from him. I am now filing for bankruptcy.

John told me he loved me and wanted us to marry and have a family. He talked me into going off the pill. I agreed because I loved him and wanted another child. Shortly after I found out I was pregnant, I realized that John had lied to me about everything, so I broke up with him.

Bill and I are back together now, and getting married soon. Since he will be raising the child, he wants his name on the birth certificate instead of John's. John is leaving the state and I don't think he will be back.

My question is: What last name should my child have? John feels that the baby should have his last name because he is the biological father. He threatened that if I didn't agree, he would get a court order. Can he do that since we were never married?

Abby, should I put Bill's name, John's name or "father unknown" on the birth certificate?

UNDECIDED
IN PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR UNDECIDED: I see no reason why you should put Bill's name on the birth certificate since he is not the child's biological father. However, since what you put on the birth certificate could have unforeseen consequences in the future, I urge you not to make this decision without consulting a lawyer.**

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DEAR ABBY: I have read your column most of my life, and more often than not I agree with your advice. However, when I read your response to "Wondering in Minnesota" about whether or not Protestants should kneel when participating in a Catholic celebration, I totally disagreed. You assert that it is not necessary for a Protestant to kneel when Catholics do.

Abby, I recently visited the Holy Land, and had the opportunity to enter many houses of worship and other holy places. Men (Jewish, Christian, Moslem) are required to cover their heads with a yarmulke when entering the confines of the Western/Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, so I did likewise. At the entrance to the mosque Al-Aksa, Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock, all are required to remove their shoes, so I removed my shoes.

Did I wear a yarmulke or remove my shoes because I believed in, agreed with or understood the religious reasons for these practices? No. I observed these traditions to show my respect while in the spiritual homes of my Jewish or Moslem brothers and sisters.

Not kneeling in Catholic services could be seen as a lack of respect to our specific approach to the universal God and the religious traditions of our people. Although most Catholics would never put someone out of a church for not kneeling, failure to kneel may send the wrong message.

Remember, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do."

FATHER R. TONY RICARD,
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**DEAR FATHER RICARD: Thank you for writing and stating your viewpoint. However, the compromise offered by the Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles is to offer the option of kneeling, not kneeling, or merely sitting quietly. In other words, it's up to the individual.**

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter is being married next year. We are planning an elegant evening reception. Her fiance insists that we invite his divorced sister's four young children to the reception. The children are extremely active, with short attention spans. We do not want children running around and annoying our guests. His mother and sister have put pressure on him, and he is in the middle.

My husband and I are paying for the wedding and feel very strongly about this. We are not inviting any children from our families. These people do not seem to fully comprehend the type of affair we are planning and that children do not belong everywhere. I think it's very rude and in poor taste to press this issue. How should we handle this?

MOM IN CONNECTICUT

**DEAR MOM: You are the host and hostess, and you control the guest list. Be firm in relaying the message, that the reception is for *adults only*.**

# Foreign students in United States increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — From Japan to the United Arab Emirates, foreign students are seeking out American campuses to advance their education. Eager to take them in are U.S. colleges and universities.

"We literally recruit around the world," said L. Jay Oliva, the president of New York University, which had the most foreign students of any U.S. school, according to a study released Sunday.

The number of foreign students attending colleges and universities in the United States increased 5.1 percent in the 1997-98 school year to a total of 481,280, said the Institute of International Education in its report.

The study found the number of American students studying abroad increased even more, by 11.4 percent, to nearly 100,000.

Despite America's reputation for having some of the world's best schools, U.S. campuses have been losing foreign students to other countries in recent years.

The U.S. share of students studying abroad has dropped from 40 percent to 30 over the last 15 years, according to the study, largely because schools in countries like Great Britain, Canada, Australia, France and Germany often charge half the $20,000-plus tuition costs of America's top private schools. As in the United States, schools in these countries also recruit heavily.

Nevertheless, the incentive to come to the United States remains strong, said Natasha Malhotra, 20, from the United Arab Emirates.

"U.S. degrees are the most marketable," Malhotra, now a senior at New York University, said in a telephone interview. "To get a job where I'm from, you need a degree from either the United States or the United Kingdom. I like the living conditions here a lot better."

Among schools with significant foreign student enrollment, NYU's was the largest with 4,964 students, then Boston, Columbia Universities.

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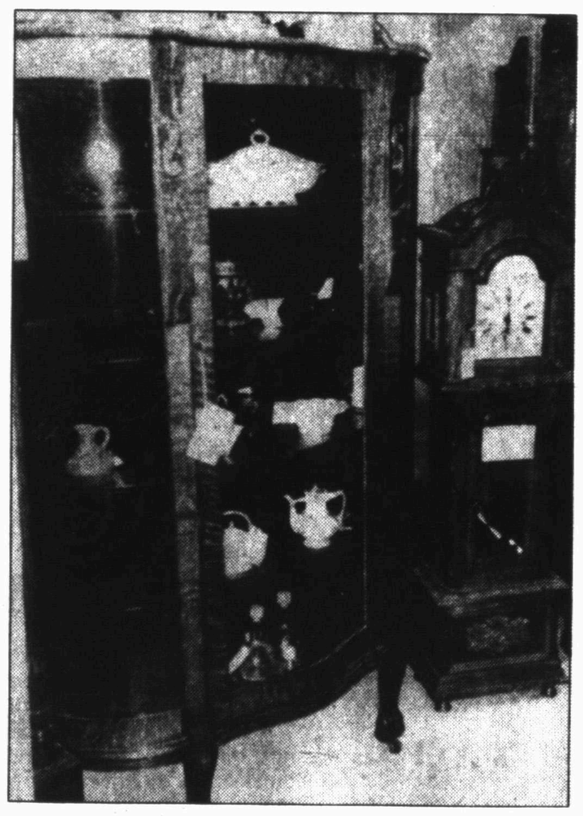

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

# Convicted serial killer facing execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court is considering whether to halt this evening's scheduled execution of convicted serial killer Daniel Lee Corwin.

Corwin, 40, of Temple, is asking the high court review the case that sent him to death row for murdering three Southeast Texas women during a nine-month period of 1987.

He would be the 17th convicted murderer to receive lethal injection this year in Texas and the first of four on consecutive days this week.

Corwin was condemned for the murders of Alice Martin, 72, of Normangee; Debra Lynn Ewing, 26, of Conroe; and Mary Carrell Risinger, 36, of Huntsville.

All died horribly in similar fashion.

Ms. Martin was abducted while walking near her home in February 1987. She was found in a Robertson County field, raped, strangled and stabbed.

Ms. Ewing was abducted in July 1987 from her job at a Huntsville eyeglass office. She was found two days later in Montgomery County, raped, strangled and stabbed.

Ms. Risinger was fatally stabbed during an abduction attempt while washing her car at a Huntsville car wash in October 1987. Her then 3-year-old daughter, who was inside the vehicle, watched the attack.

A Montgomery County jury in 1990, after hearing chilling testimony from three rape victims who survived his attacks, took only 25 minutes to decide he should be put to death.

Corwin, who worked as a cabinet maker and had three years of college, had a history of sexual assaults beginning as a teen-ager and was serving a 99-year sentence for attempted capital murder in Brazos County when he confessed to killing the three women.

# Obituaries

## Ordon Benbenek

**1920-1998**

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church Chapel for Ordon P. Benbenek, 78, of Snyder. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of the church, and Surry Gillum will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Benbenek died today in the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

He was born on April 27, 1920 in Snyder and married Juanita Dixon on Nov. 30, 1946 in Snyder. Mr. Benbenek was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in Europe. He had worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 26 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Benbenek was preceded in death by one brother, Daren Benbenek, and one sister, Wanda Benbenek.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Benbenek of Snyder; one son, Daren Benbenek of San Angelo; two sisters, Thaba McMillan of Hermleigh and Thana Weller of California; and a number of nieces and nephews including Leonard Groves of Ira and Billisue Stuard of Hermleigh.

## Kathryn Wagner

**1921-1998**

LAMESA — Kathryn Marie Wagner of Lamesa, sister of Nena Mitchell of Snyder, died Sunday, Dec. 6, at her residence.

Service for Mrs. Wagner, 77, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jim Terry officiating, assisted by David Black.

Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Born on May 15, 1921 in Loraine, she married Vernon Wagner on June 29, 1940 in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on Jan. 27, 1984.

She retired as a quality inspector from Dotty Dan Corp. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Lamesa for more than 40 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Marie Dennis of Lamesa; two other sisters, Etta Mae Brown of Omaha, Tex., and Nila Bassinger of Sand Springs; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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# Snow falls on Phoenix, Las Vegas for first time in years

PHOENIX (AP) — There's been record cold and even snow in the desert Southwest, while much of the rest of the nation has had a snow drought and record warmth.

Phoenix got its first snowfall in four years Sunday.

"The snowflakes are the size of quarters," said Sandra Steele as she watched the snow fall outside her home in suburban Scottsdale. "It's just beautiful."

"It looks kind of strange because you're not used to seeing snowflakes out of your window no matter how cold it gets," said Gerri Cosney in suburban Cave Creek.

An inch of snow fell Sunday morning at Las Vegas, Nev., momentarily distracting gamblers. Enough fell for children and even a group of firefighters to make snowmen.

And today in Los Angeles, the mountains framing the city had a coating of snow that reached elevations as low as 3,000 feet. The snow fell during the night after a day of stormy weather in which high wind knocked out power to some 40,000 customers in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Las Vegas' McCarran International Airport was closed for 20 minutes because of blowing snow Sunday, but only one flight was affected, said spokeswoman Cynthia Anderson.

The last measurable snowfall in Las Vegas was three-quarters of an inch on Feb. 26, 1996.

The snow in Phoenix quickly changed to rain, but Sunday's high temperature was only 48, a record for the date in the palm tree-studded desert city and 19 degrees below normal. The National Weather Service said the last snow recorded in the Phoenix area was a trace on Feb. 4, 1994, and the last measurable snow was Dec. 21-22, 1990, when 0.4 of an inch fell.

# High court briefs

## Court to rule on work fee payments

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today agreed to decide whether an Alabama county can require federal judges who work there to pay an occupational license fee.

The justices said they will review a federal appeals court ruling that struck down the fee as unconstitutional when applied to two federal judges.

The dispute reached the nation's highest court last year when the justices told the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reconsider whether federal courts had the authority to resolve it.

The appeals court concluded in March that such federal jurisdiction existed, and voted 9-3 to strike down the Jefferson County fee as applied to federal judges. County officials then returned the case to the Supreme Court.

The Jefferson County Commission voted in 1976 to require all people who work in the county to pay an occupational license fee of 0.5 percent of their before-tax pay. The ordinance exempts people who already pay licensing fees to the state.

## Fine over frivilous lawsuit upheld

WASHINGTON (AP) — A male lawyer forced to share a men's restroom with women at a San Diego rock concert tried to make a federal case of it. The Supreme Court today let stand the fine he was ordered to pay for filing a frivolous lawsuit.

Bob Glaser had sought $5.4 million from the city after women used men's restrooms during a Billy Joel-Elton John concert at a packed Jack Murphy Stadium in 1995.

Glaser blamed city officials for not preventing a situation that left him "angered, upset, embarrassed, distraught and (feeling) violated." His lawsuit said women used a restroom trough while he did.

## Challenge to FDA review rejected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today rejected a challenge to the government's practice of barring health claims on labels of dietary supplements unless the Food and Drug Administration determines there is "significant scientific agreement" they are valid.

The court, without comment, turned away an appeal that argued the FDA regulations violate free-speech rights.

A 1990 federal law, the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act, gives the FDA authority over health claims by dietary supplement products such as medicinal herbs and vitamins sold over the counter.

The agency has since issued regulations imposing significant scientific agreement as the standard for deciding whether asserted health claims are valid. Anyone may petition the FDA to authorize a health claim on a dietary supplement's label, and the agency must respond within a certain period, although a final rule can be put off for up to 18 months.

## Death sentence appeal is rejected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today let stand an Army private's death sentence under military law for killing two Texas taxi drivers.

The court, without comment, rejected an appeal in which Dwight J. Loving challenged his sentence, saying the court-martial jury did not find that he intended to kill one of the men.

Loving was convicted in military court of killing Bobby Sharbino and Christopher Fay during separate robberies on Dec. 11, 1988 in Killeen, Texas. At the time, Loving was stationed at Fort Hood.

His convictions and death sentence were upheld by military appeals courts and by the Supreme Court in 1996. The highest court ruled against Loving's sweeping challenge to the military death penalty law.

## Commissioners

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ferred into postage and $706 into maintenance agreement from equipment, building maintenance, periodicals, copier supplies and ground supplies.

Also for the library, $1,706.25 was transferred from general payroll into part time.

For the Scurry County Health Clinic, $136 was transferred from audit expenses into operating supplies.

A budget amendment for the county clerk's office was also made, adding $450 into records and $4,300 into maintenance agreements.

In the non-departmental account, a budget amendment of $5,400 was made for EMS repairs.

Fritz presided and all commissioners were present to include Limmer, Gannaway, Ralph Trevey and Roy Idom.

## Five arrests made over the weekend

Five arrests were made over the weekend.

At 11:38 p.m. Saturday, Department of Public Safety troopers took a 66-year-old male into custody on Hwy 180 for driving while intoxicated.

A 22-year-old female was arrested at 11:43 p.m. Saturday in the 3200 block of Avenue B on city warrants for failure to yield the right of way, failure to appear and letting a dog run at large.

Two subjects were taken into custody by DPS troopers at 1:52 a.m. Sunday on Blockline Road. Arrested were a 17-year-old male for minor driving under the influence and an 18-year-old male for public intoxication.

DPS troopers took a 17-year-old male into custody at 11:22 p.m. Sunday in the 2800 block of Avenue N for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity over the weekend, J.C. Goolsby requested to speak to an officer at 3:25 p.m. Sunday in reference to the burglary of a rent trailer in the 1100 block of 19th Street. An offense report for burglary of a habitation was filed.

An incident report for dog bite was filed at 3:59 p.m. Suriday in the 2200 block of Gilmore.

## IC not likely

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno is likely to refuse to order an independent counsel investigation of President Clinton over 1996 campaign financing, officials say.

Reno met this morning with subordinates who supervise the department's 90-day preliminary inquiry into Clinton and Democratic Party campaign ads.

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## AARP officer installation

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

## VFW Auxiliary meeting

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

## SHS Christmas choir concert

The SHS Christmas choir concert will be at 7:30 p.m. today 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.

## Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is selling windbreak trees. Both evergreens and hardwoods are available. Call 573-6317, or come by the office at 5309 Big Spring Highway.

## Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

## Road to Recovery program

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

## Pick 3

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

3-3-7

(three, three, seven)

## Lotto Texas

**By The Associated Press**

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket would have been worth an estimated $14 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 4-23-34-40-42-46

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $18 million.

## Trooper kills bus passenger

SALINA, Kan. (AP) — A state trooper making a routine drug search on a Greyhound bus today shot and killed a passenger who pulled out a gun and opened fire.