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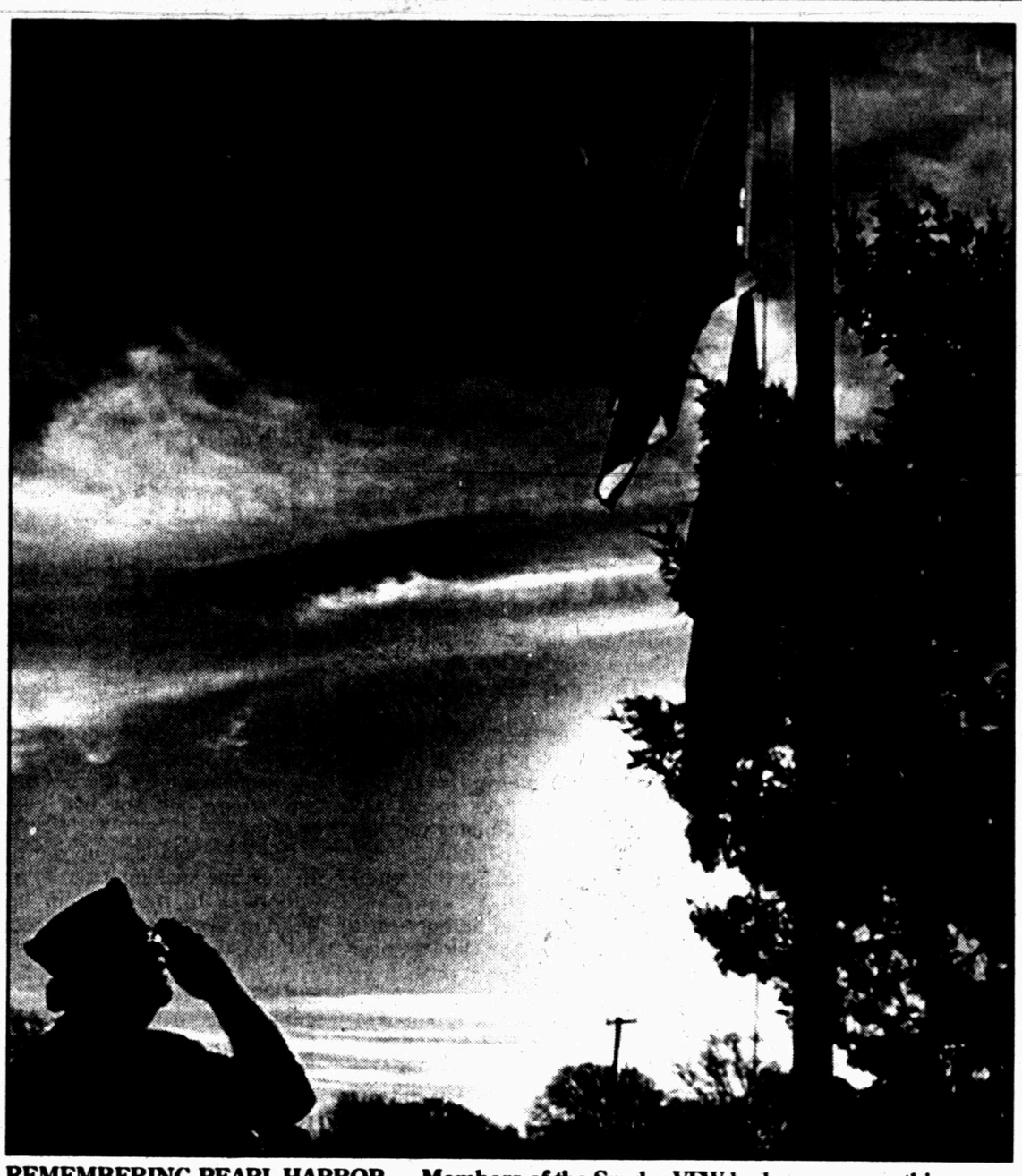
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Home Of Buck Sitton



REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR — Members of the Snyder VFW had a ceremony this morning in tribute to those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom on this day in 1941. Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, 1,178 Americans lay wounded and 2,403 lay dead or dying and the attack signaled America's entry into World War II. John Fair is shown saluting the flags that were to fly half mast until noon today. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Area water supply is adequate for 50 years

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

Studies of the reservoirs of the Colorado River Municipal Water District indicate West Texas should have an adequate water supply until 2050, members of the Snyder City Council were told last night.

John Grant, general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, said future water supplies will depend greatly on conservation and the wise use of water.

"I have a thought every time I see someone washing their car in their driveway and the water is in the street," said Grant. "You can water that drive way all you want, but it's not going to grow. I hate to see that water running down the street going to waste."

Grant said the district currently is involved in an industrial water usage study, including demineralization.

"That process is cost-intensive right now," said Grant. "But it is something we have to look at for future water needs."

Grant said the district has run out of places to construct reservoirs.

"We are now looking for good quality ground water," said Grant.

During peak water usage, the district supplements Snyder's water supply with well water.

Grant said even though Lake Thomas caught 42,000 acre-feet following rains this year, the drought is on-going. "We are not out of drought conditions by any means."

Grant said planning by the water district has paid off in an adequate water supply presently for its member cities.

"But if we had not built Ivie Reservoir, we would have run out of surface water in 1998," said Grant.

Four members of the CRMWD board – Mickey Nunley, John Fagin, Ted Crenwelge and Rod Waller – also attended the meeting.

In action items, the council voted to purchase a new computer system for the city at a cost of $227,069. The new system will interface all city departments, except the police and fire.

These two departments will operate with their present systems until a later date, as their systems have been updated more recently.

The council also voted to purchase two 2000 Chevrolets for the police department at a total cost of $37,868 from Shamrock Chevrolet in Lubbock. The actual low bid was from Lawrence Hall Chevrolet in Abilene in the amount of $37,600, but vehicles did not meet specifications.

A bid for a backhoe for the water distribution department was accepted in the amount of $54,920 from Yellowhouse Machinery of Lubbock. The only other bid was from West Texas Equipment in Abilene in the amount of $55,570.

The council also approved the second reading of an ordinance providing for up to $4 being added to a ticket in Municipal Court for the purchase of computer equipment, and the second reading of an ordinance amending last year's budget.

A resolution casting the city's votes for Ross Carroll for the Scurry County Appraisal District was approved, as was a state-required annexation plan for the city. The council also approved a new formula for determining the fee paid the city by telecommunication companies for franchises. This action was also mandated by the state.

The council also approved the city's investment policy – also mandated by state law – and recognized the city's finance office for its financial reporting.

DCOS executive director John DeLille also reported on the planned natural gas pipeline to the industrial park, and Terry Bilderback of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper reported on plans to relocate three sewer lines adjacent to 37th Street. The relocation is made necessary by the upcoming widening of the street.

Mayor Dayton Robertson presided and council members in attendance included James Ashley, Vernest Tippens, Jerry Webb, James Jenkins and I.E. Martin. Terry Martin was absent.

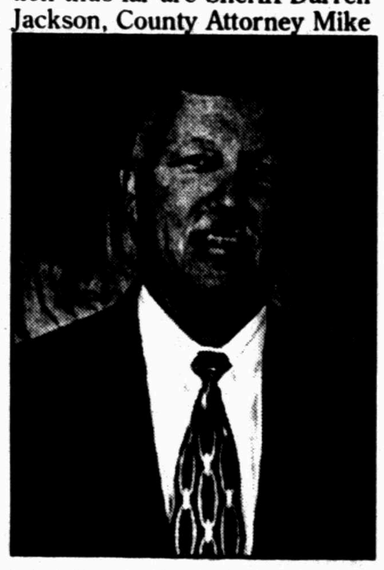
Precinct 1 gets 3rd candidate; district judge seeks re-election

District Judge Ernie Armstrong has filed for another term while the ballot for Precinct 1 commissioner in the Democrat Primary has drawn a third candidate.

Cloyce Scarberry, a retired Texaco employee, filed for the commissioner's post, joining incumbent Ralph Trevey and Bill Baldwin on the ballot.

With the filings, so far only two races are contested as Precinct 3 incumbent commissioner Howard Limmer will be challenged in the Republican primary by Joe Bass.

Candidates without opposition thus far are Sheriff Darren Jackson, County Attorney Mike Hartman and Diana Williamson, seeking the tax assessor/collector's post.



Ernie B. Armstrong

Armstrong filed with the state Republican Party to seek re-election, while Scarberry filed with county Demo chairman Billy Haynes this morning..

Gov. George W. Bush appointed Armstrong to the judgeship on July 1, 1995.

"It has been my pleasure to serve the citizens of Borden and Scurry Counties as judge for this court since being appointed to the bench," said Judge Armstrong.

Armstrong had previously served the same two counties as District Attorney.

Armstrong and his wife, Betsy, have resided in the district for some 25 years. Their two children, Amy and Jeffrey, were reared here and educated in the local school district. Amy is an attorney in Austin and Jeff is a CPA in Fort Worth.

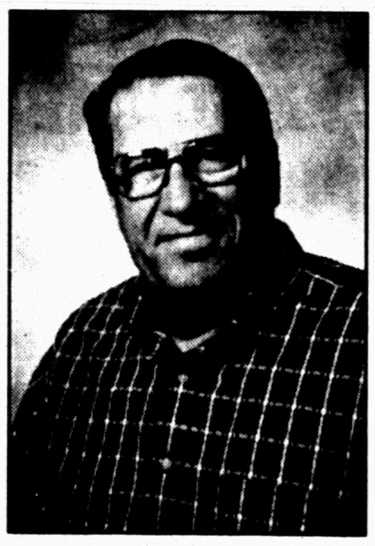
Armstrong and his wife attend Colonial Hill Baptist Church where they teach a couples Sunday School class. Armstrong also teaches a Sunday School lesson on cable Channel 2 prior to the morning televised service. Armstrong also serves as chairman of the deacons at Colonial Hill.

"I have had the pleasure of serving in community work as president of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, member of the Goldcoat organization, member of economic development committee, chair of the Community Justice Council, as well as being a volunteer worker for an supporter of the Noah project and Snyder Senior Center.

Armstrong also chairs the advisory committee for the S.T.A.R. boot camp.

On a statewide level, the judge has represented Scurry and Borden Counties as director of the District and County Attorney's Association, chaired the continuing legal education committee of the State Bar of Texas, and cur-

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Cloyce Scarberry

Indictments include indecency with child

Seven people were indicted by the Scurry County grand jury Monday on 11 charges.

The grand jury indicted Gary Edwin Wheeler, 34, of 609 N. Ave. Q for indecency with a child.

Wheeler was arrested Monday and remained in jail this morning on a $10,000 bond for the Oct. 31 offense.

Jesse Rivera, Jr., 32, of 209 25th St. was indicted for the Oct. 5 offense of driving while intoxicated. He is out of jail on a $5,000 bond. Rivera has previous DWI convictions in Scurry County in 1988 and 1995.

Randy Don McPhaul, 36, of Colorado City was indicted for the Nov. 24 offense of driving while intoxicated. McPhaul has previous DWI convictions in Scurry County and Tom Green County.

Dale Evan Davis, 38, of 214 W. 14th was indicted for the Dec. 2 offense of driving while intoxicated. He has previous DWI convictions in Taylor, Tom Green, Stonewall and Garza counties.

Jacob Roy Rodriguez, 18, of 500 31st St. and Omero Castelan, 19, of 1303 18th St., were indicted for the same three offenses.

They are charged with two counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on Oct. 30, and burglary of the Snyder One-Stop on the same date.

One person who was indicted for theft has yet to be arrested.

C-City inmate escapes from work detail

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Authorities around San Angelo were hunting for a prison inmate who stole a pickup truck and fled from a work crew at the San Angelo State School.

Albert King Shaw, 28, an inmate at the Wallace Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, was noticed missing about 10 a.m. Tuesday, prison spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said from Huntsville.

Shaw, described only as a white male, had been imprisoned since July 8, 1994, and was serving 15 years for burglary of a habitation in Johnson County, just south of Fort Worth.

The truck belonged to the school and apparently was parked with the keys left inside.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Getting lucky this time of year means finding your car in the parking lot."

It again is time for the annual Darwin Awards, given posthumously to those who leave this world, thus improving the human gene pool.

A lawyer and two buddies were fishing on Caddo Lake in East Texas when a lightning storm hit the area. Most of the other boats immediately headed for shore, but not the lawyer's.

Alone on the rear of his aluminum bass boat with his buddies, he stood up and shouted, "Here I am, Lord. Let me have it."

The other two passengers on the board survived the lightning strike with only minor burns.

Also in Texas, employees in a medium-size warehouse noticed the smell of gas. Management evacuated the building, extinguished all potential sources of ignition and called the utility company.

Two gas company representatives arrived. But when they entered the warehouse, they found they had difficulty navigating in the dark.

Witnesses said one of the technicians reached into his pocket and pulled out an object that resembled a lighter.

When the object was operated, the fumes exploded, spreading pieces of the warehouse for miles.

Nothing was found of the technicians, but the lighter was untouched by the explosions.

And three young guys in Oklahoma were feeling festive on the 4th of July and decided to test some fireworks.

Unfortunately, they decided to test them while sitting atop a storage tank holding several gallons of fuel.

Nearly making the list of stupid stunts was a Vermont man who found himself in a difficult position while touring the Eagles Rock African Safari Zoo with a group of actors from Russia.

The man decided to demonstrate the effectiveness of Crazy Glue for the visitors. He put about three ounces of the adhesive in the palms of his hand and jokingly placed them on the buttocks of a passing rhinoceros.

The rhino panicked and ran wildly around the petting area with its human passenger still attached.

And if you really want to make the foolish list, don't pay attention to all those hints offered by the other half. Foolish is okay, but dumb is forgetting to put her any kind of package under the Christmas tree.

ASK US

Q-Do people who have their names published in the state's unclaimed property list ever get their money or property back?

A-Yes. The state will soon distribute over $63 million in money and property to claimants.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 62 degrees; low, 24; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 33; no precipitation; total for 1999 to date, 21.86 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair with low in mid 30s. Wednesday, partly cloudy and breezy. High in lower 70s, SW wind 15-25 mph.



Forest Clayton
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
5:41 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:30 a.m.
Of 340 days in 1999, the sun has shone 333 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.

—Erma Bombeck

Both students, faculty baffled by shooting

FORT GIBSON, Okla. (AP) — The seventh-grader didn't say anything when classmates greeted him before school. The smart and popular 13-year-old just went under a tree, pulled out a handgun and began firing, fellow students say.

He gave no warnings, leaving friends and this rural community baffled as to what could have motivated the churchgoer and honor roll student to shoot his schoolmates.

"He was always nice to everybody. He was real popular, you would never have known him to do anything like this," said Deania Pruitt, an eighth-grade cheerleader.

Four students were shot Monday morning when the teen opened fire outside Fort Gibson Middle School before classes started. One student suffered bumps and bruises. None of the injuries appeared to be life-threatening.

Police and the teen's attorney wouldn't release his name due to his age and because charges had not been filed by prosecutors. But schoolmates, including Max Chrisman and Shaila Benjamin, both 13, identified the boy as Seth Trickey.

Authorities said the shooter dropped the emptied, 9 mm semi-automatic handgun as he was approached by science teacher Ronnie Holuby. The teacher grabbed the teen's arms and pinned him against a brick wall.

Gary Sturm, the chief investigator for the district attorney's office, estimated as many as 14 spent cartridges littered the ground around the small, slender youth with short, dark hair.

Authorities said they were not aware of any previous trouble involving the teen and didn't know who owned the gun. He did not leave any notes, and his parents have refused to let him talk with police, authorities said. Officers searched his home and several school lockers.

Prosecutors will not say whether they will try to charge the teen as an adult. They also would not comment if any action would be taken against the parents.

Police Chief Richard Sladen said the teen-ager didn't show any emotion during the drive from the school to the county jail for a closed, 15-minute detention hearing.

"He didn't say anything. It was like he was just in a daze of what was going on around him," Sladen said.

Counselors and state troopers were asked to be on hand today when classes resume at the 450-student middle school. All of the district's 1,850 students were sent home Monday.

Max said one of his friends had said hello to the teen shortly before the shooting.

"He just walked right past him, didn't say anything," Max said. "He set his backpack under a tree and then pulled out a gun and started shooting."

Shaila said he rode the school bus with the teen-ager. "He lived in a very nice, very pretty home. Lots of people liked him," she said.

She was talking with friends outside the middle school's front door when she saw the suspect under the tree, pulling something out. "I heard the shots — they were going over our heads. We just turned and ran inside."

Three students remained hospitalized today. A 12-year-old girl was in fair condition with a cheek wound, a 13-year-old was treated for a wound to his forearm and another 13-year-old underwent surgery for a leg wound.

Richard Schindel's 12-year-old son, Brad, was shot in both arms. He said his son considered the suspect a friend last year but had not spent time with him this year.

"He keeps telling me he doesn't understand why he'd do it, that he's (the shooter) fairly well liked, a nice kid," he said.



GOURMET CURRICULUM —Jan Garber of Gourmet Curriculum Press Inc. is presenting reading and math workshops to Central Elementary teachers this week. A Texas Education Agency restructuring grant funded the in-service. Grade 3 TAAS objectives and instructional targets were reviewed while emphasizing the correlation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) with Gourmet Curriculum materials. From left are Judy Moss, third grade teacher; Kristi Drennan resource teacher; and Garber. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Two in attack of wilderness instructor are still missing

CEDAR CITY, Utah (AP) — In what seemed like an instant to wilderness instructor Kirk Stock, his group of eight teen-age campers on a long survival outing "were just on top of me."

The boys beat their 23-year-old counselor with sticks, bound him with duct tape, tied up another counselor and fled into the Utah desert with blankets and some food.

Four days later, authorities are still searching for the last two boys on the run from a wilderness shock camp for troubled youth. Five boys were found Monday, and another already had turned himself in. The captured boys, tired, cold and hungry, were at a juvenile detention center here facing felony assault charges.

"They just didn't want to be out camping," said Stock, an instructor for RedCliff Ascent Inc., which takes troubled teens sent by their parents or courts to the mile-high desert of southwest Utah for 60 days at a stretch.

"They had it figured out," he said.

One teen-ager trudged 30 miles across a vast dry basin before surrendering at a hog farm. Another was found 140 miles away at a Holiday Inn cafe in Ely, Nev., after hitching a ride with a U.S. Postal Service trucker. He produced a hand-drawn map that directed authorities to three boys others hiding near Modena, Utah, seven miles from the Nevada border.

Another boy in the group of 14- to 17-year-olds had turned himself in Saturday after he became ill and was abandoned by the others.

Crews with bloodhounds and helicopters planned to resume looking at daybreak today for the last two boys who have shown a determination to elude capture. Iron County Sheriff David "Dude" Benson said they were tightening the search noose to an area of cedar-studded hills and dry washes near the Circle 4 hog farm where one boy had been captured.

The boys had split up during their escape, making it harder for authorities to round them up. Wearing heavy wool and fleece clothing, the boys took blankets, a two-way radio, medical supplies and two sacks of food containing lentils, rice, oats, wheat flour, dried beans, bouillon cubes and dried chili.

But they left in a hurry, leaving behind their rucksacks and sleeping bags and surviving nights as cold as 3 degrees. They had a week's worth of food that could be rationed for as long as a month, Stock said, and several quarts of water.

"We've had kids run before, but they didn't do it this way," he said.

It was at least the third time this year boys had escaped from the program. But never before had an entire group turned on the staff or resorted to violence, said Benson and field instructors for RedCliff Ascent.

Steve Peterson, cofounder of RedCliff Ascent, said he was taking panicky calls from the parents who had paid $15,500 to send their boys on the wilderness outing, which mixes teamwork and "a lot of psychology."

Man's foiled bombing plot designed for milita takeover

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A man hoped his bombing of several California targets would prompt a declaration of martial law, then civic unrest and, ultimately, a militia takeover of the federal government, court documents say.

The alleged plan by Kevin Ray Patterson, 42, was detailed to authorities by an informant who also said Patterson planned to blow up a huge propane storage facility, the papers say.

Patterson and Charles Dennis Kiles, 49, are scheduled to be arraigned today in federal court on four felony weapons counts. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jodi Rafkin said searches of the two alleged militia members' homes revealed guns, ammunition, bomb chemicals and methamphetamine ingredients.

They and others may be indicted later for what federal agents say was a plot to blow up storage tanks near Elk Grove that together hold about 24 million gallons of liquid propane.

The tanks are a few hundred yards from heavily traveled state Highway 99 and a half-mile from a subdivision.

A threat assessment report by the U.S. Department of Energy's Lawrence Livermore Laboratory concluded that a successful attack on either tank "would likely result in a firestorm that could reach as far out as 14 kilometers from the site and could cause a fatality rate as high as 50 percent up to five miles away."

Date Book

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1999

Today is the 341st day of 1999 and the 76th day of fall.

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

On this day in 1908, Elinor Glyn's novel "Three Weeks" was banned by the Watch and Ward Society of Boston. The society's action led to the use of the phrase "banned in Boston."

On this day in 1972, the Apollo 17 mission, the last manned mission to the moon, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

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 84; Noam Chomsky (1928-), linguist-political activist, is 71; Johnny Bench (1947-), baseball great, is 52; Tom Waits (1949-), singer-songwriter, is 50; Larry Bird (1956-), basketball great, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1977, New England Whaler Gordie Howe scored his 1,000th goal, in a game against the Birmingham Bulls.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "That is happiness; to be dissolved into something complete and great." — Willa Cather, "My Antonia"

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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GARDEN CLUB MEETS — Snyder Garden Club has had a busy holiday season. In November, members participated a plant exchange and the program was "Some Thoughts From The Lone Star Gardener." The group's pilgrimage was to several places in Lubbock in December including Highland Gardens Christmas display. Pictured from left are Patsy Huckabee; Shirley McMillan, new member; and LaVerne Hood. The Jan. 6 meeting will be at the Martha Ann Woman's Club at 9:30 with Mark Sides giving the program, "Key to Native Plants and Zeroscaping." (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Pediatricians recommend polio injections

CHICAGO (AP) — The nation's largest pediatricians' group is recommending that all routine polio vaccines be given through injections rather than orally.

The switch to the newer method advocated by the American Academy of Pediatrics in a policy statement released Monday comes six months after the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention made the same recommendation.

Authorities believe the newer vaccine is safer because it uses an inactivated form of polio virus, which means it cannot cause polio. The oral version, which uses a weakened form of the live virus, has been safe for millions of children who have taken it. It has caused polio in a handful of youngsters each year.

Recent studies have shown the injectable vaccine to be just as effective in providing immunity to the paralyzing disease.

For results use Snyder Daily News classified ads, 573-5486.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

ABCL 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 and Ave. M; for more 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 more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Altrurian Daughters Club; 11:30 a.m.

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Triple L Club; 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.

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

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

SCURRY COUNTY BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

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Just off the Press: Confederate General William R. "Dirty Neck Bill" Scurry (1821 - 1864)
In Search of the Buffalo. The Story of J. Wright Mooar
Reflections. An Album of West Texas History, 1840-1990 (Limited)
Deep Creek Merchant. The Story of William H. "Pete" Snyder (Limited)
From Buffalo to Oil. A History of Scurry County by Shelton (only few left)

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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	♦ K 9 5 4	
	♣ ---	
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	South	
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	♥ A 6	
	♦ A J 10 8 6 2	
	♣ 6	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

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4 ♦	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	7 ♣	7 ♦	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♥ K!

Learn from their errors

By Phillip Alder

Despite what you might feel, all bridge experts make mistakes. And now David Bird has catalogued the biggest in "Famous Bridge Disasters" (Gollancz). In the introduction, he says his intention is "... not... to laugh at their discomfiture (except where it's unavoidable), more to draw instruction from the deals and improve our own standard of play."

Bird gives some Blackwood and Roman Key Card Blackwood disasters, including one deal in which seven international pairs reach seven diamonds with the trump ace unluckily offside. And this example features Bird himself, playing in an intercounty championship in 1988.

Two diamonds was the Multi, showing either a weak two-bid in a major or some strong hand. It enjoys great popularity in Britain. Four diamonds was natural, but also expressed a willingness to compete to four of North's major. Four no-trump was regular Blackwood. But at this point, Bird, sitting East, got cold feet about his jump to four clubs. So, he decided not to admit to an ace. However, there was a snag: five clubs showed zero *or three* aces. Naturally, West assumed the latter and bid seven. Now North asked about the auction. Then, trusting his opponents, he sacrificed in seven diamonds! After Bird doubled more in relief than anything else, South tried to stay calm, but barked, "Pass me my cigarettes, John!"

West led the heart king, and the contract went two down.

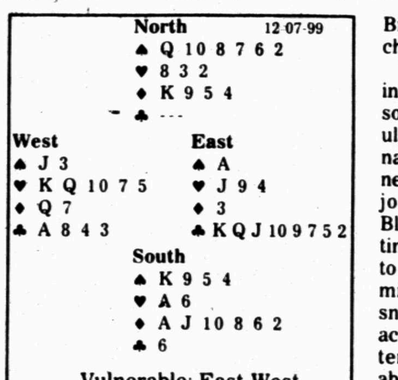
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Bird finishes by saying that it took him over a decade to note that the opening lead was out of turn!

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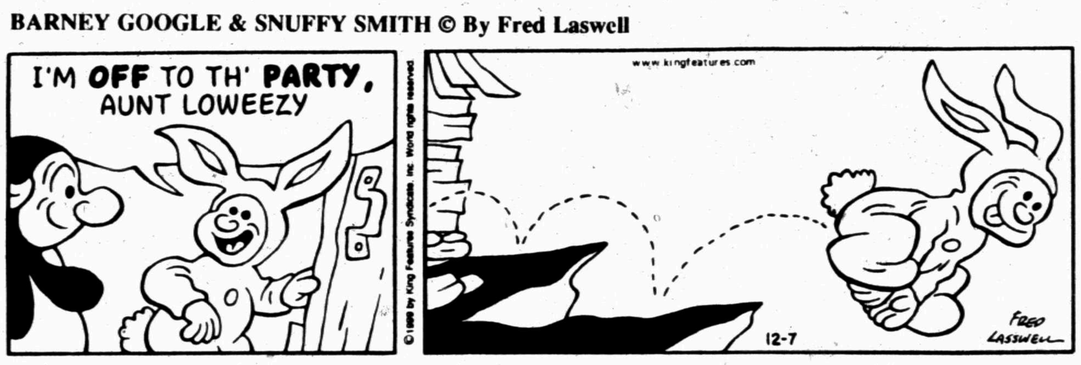
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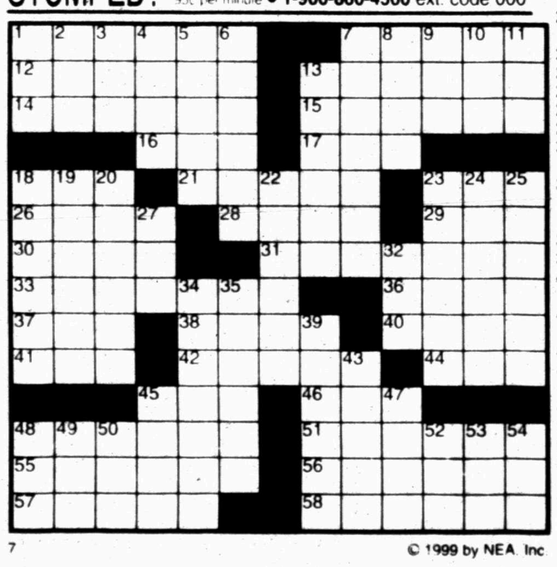
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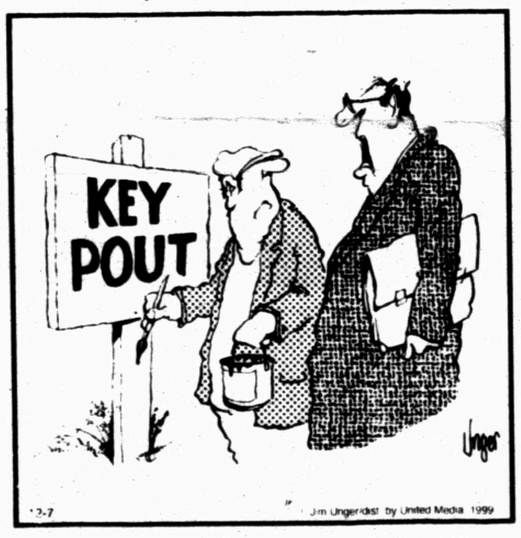


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SPORTS

Local hoop teams in action tonight

Six local hoop teams will be in action tonight, as tournament competition takes a break, before resuming on Thursday.

The Lady Tigers (3-4) have turned their season around after an 0-3 start and will be looking to keep the momentum when they host Midland Lee at 7:30 at the SHS gym.

The Snyder girls are coming off a runner-up finish at the Concho River Classic, where balanced play from their posts and guards carried them into the title game.

Following tonight's match-up with Lee, the Lady Tigers face Coahoma at 3:30 Thursday in the opening round of the Wylie Catclaw Tournament.

In boys' action, the Snyder Tigers (4-5) can post two consecutive victories for only the second time this season with a win tonight at Lubbock High. The contest is scheduled to tip off at 7:30.

The Tigers toppled New Mexico Military in their final game of the Cotton Pickin' Shootout. Snyder won back-to-back games earlier this year when it knocked off Slaton and Levelland in consecutive road match-ups.

In 1A competition, Hermleigh will get a tourney preview when it hosts Westbrook tonight. The Lady Cards tip off at 6:30, with the boys getting underway at 8 o'clock.

After taking on the Wildcats this evening, both Hermleigh squads will take part in the Westbrook tournament, beginning Thursday.

Also on tap tonight are a pair of contests at Blackwell, where the 8-0 Ira Bulldogs pay a visit. The Bulldogs are coming off a tournament title at the FM 211 event, and trounced the Hornets in their first meeting.

The Lady Bulldogs captured third place over the weekend in New Home, dropping only their second decision of the year in the semifinals.

Following today's contests, the Lady Bulldogs enter the Stanton tournament on Thursday, while the Ira boys visit Stamford on Friday.

After Rodriguez withdraws from consideration...

Tech to interview OU assistant

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech officials will interview Oklahoma offensive coordinator Mike Leach in Dallas early this week, possibly today, as they continue their search for a head football coach, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported today.

Sources close to the situation told the Lubbock newspaper that Leach is the leading candidate for the job after Clemson offensive coordinator Rich Rodriguez announced Monday he is no longer pursuing the vacancy.

"I will be talking to (Leach) in the next two days," Tech chancellor John Montford told the Avalanche-Journal.

Asked if he planned to fly to Dallas Monday evening, Montford told the newspaper, "If I can arrange my schedule, I will."

Leach, 38, was in Shreveport, La., Monday for an appearance with the Sanford Independence Bowl, where Oklahoma will play Mississippi on Dec. 31.

Sources told the newspaper that Texas Tech has arranged for Leach to fly from Shreveport to Dallas for the interview.

Texas Tech is trying to find a replacement for Spike Dykes, the 13-year head coach who announced his retirement Nov. 20.

Reached in Shreveport late Monday, Leach would not confirm any plan to fly to Dallas.

Leach also told the newspaper he was interested in the job and has had "off-and-on" contact with Tech officials.

"I've got a great job right now at Oklahoma," Leach said. "I'm not in any hurry to go anywhere, but when the phone rings, I'll answer it."

Last week, athletics director Gerald Myers, who is leading the search for a new coach, told the newspaper that the frontrunners for the job were Rodriguez, Leach and New Mexico State head coach Tony Samuel.

Samuel withdrew from consideration on Friday.

Although Myers said last week he hoped to name a new coach as early as Wednesday, he declined Monday to speculate about when a new coach would be named.

Rodriguez said Monday that he was dropping out of contention for the job of leading the Red Raiders because he felt his immediate future was in Clemson.

"I've been very fortunate that I've had some people call and say we're doing a good job here," Rodriguez said. "I think we have some good things going for us right now."

Wisconsin's Dayne considered favorite for Heisman Trophy

NEW YORK (AP) — Peter Warrick's out, Michael Vick's in and Ron Dayne remains the favorite to win the Heisman Trophy.

On Monday, the Downtown Athletic Club invited five finalists to New York for Saturday night's Heisman presentation, and there were a few surprises.

Warrick, the Heisman frontrunner who fell out of favor when he missed two games for his part in a shopping mall clothing scam, was not among the invitees.

Vick, a redshirt freshman whose dazzling passing and running has Virginia Tech (11-0) playing Warrick's top-ranked Florida State team for the national title in the Sugar Bowl, was.

"I really can't believe this is happening," Vick said Monday. "This whole season has been great, but I never thought this would happen. It means a lot, but I do feel it should be for upperclassmen."

Which brings us to Dayne, Wisconsin's bulldozer of a back who ran for 1,834 yards and 19 touchdowns and broke Ricky Williams' Division I-A career rushing record. He also led the Badgers (9-2) to the Big Ten title and a Rose Bowl berth against Pac-10 champion Stanford.

In addition to Dayne and Vick, three more quarterbacks were asked to spend the weekend in New York: Georgia Tech's Joe Hamilton; Purdue's Drew Brees and Marshall's Chad Pennington.

The final five were invited based on returns from a majority of the 921 Heisman voters.

"I'm surprised, but I'm honored to be mentioned with those guys," Pennington said. "Ron Dayne's had a great season. He's broken the rushing record. It's going to be tough to beat him."

Vick becomes the first freshman to be invited to the Heisman ceremony since it started being televised in 1981. No freshman or sophomore has ever won the award, and just 13 juniors have won the Heisman since the first one went to Jay Berwanger in 1935.

Vick finished as the regular season as the nation's top-rated passer. He completed 90 of 152 passes for 1,840 yards and 12 TDs and also ran for 585 yards and eight TDs.

"I don't know if I've ever seen a guy that's caught the nation's attention as fast as Michael, especially in such a fantastic fashion," Hokies coach Frank Beamer said. "Does he deserve it? Yes. The way he's performed all season, he does. This is phenomenal."

Warrick, who caught 71 passes for 934 yards and totaled 12 touchdowns, likely lost his chance to win college football's top individual prize after his brush with the law. Last week, the wide receiver admitted he probably had no chance to win the Heisman, but hoped to be invited to New York.

"When I got in that trouble, it hurt me a lot," Warrick said. He also said the Heisman winner should be "the person that can help their team win no matter what they have to do. Keep the team first and remain unselfish."

Warrick was arrested in the middle of the season on felony grand theft charges. He and former teammate Laveranues Coles bought more than $400 worth of designer clothes Sept. 29 at a Dillard's department store for $21.40. The charges were later reduced to a misdemeanor, and Warrick was allowed to rejoin the team.

Pennington, who led the Thundering Herd (12-0) to a perfect regular season, was third nationally in passing, completing 275 of 405 for 3,799 yards and 37 TDs.

Hamilton was the nation's second-rated passer with 3,060 yards and 29 TDs in the Yellow Jackets' 8-3 season.

Brees threw for 3,531 yards and 21 TDs in leading Purdue to a 7-4 record.

After winning Sweetwater tourney...

Freshman girls stake 9-0 mark

Snyder's freshman girls' basketball team kept hold of its perfect mark Monday night with a 45-27 win over Lamesa.

The Lady Tigers are now 9-0 on the season, including one tournament crown.

Despite having the bracket stacked against them, Snyder captured the title of the Sweetwater tournament over the weekend.

The Lady Tigers were the only squad in the event to play four games, notching wins over Breckenridge and Abilene Gold in the opening rounds.

Snyder took care of Abilene Wylie, 47-36, in the semifinals. Afton Schwertner paced the Lady Tigers with 17 points, while Zipporah Peoples added 12.

In the championship tilt, Peoples and Hailey Putnam poured in 13 points apiece to lead Snyder to a 39-23 win over Abilene Black.

Snyder 45, Lamesa 27

Snyder: Afton Schwertner, 16; Zipporah Peoples, 11; Hailey Putnam, 6; Dara Chambers and Chaelyn Robinson, 5; Reecie Sauceda, 2.

Snyder 31, Breckenridge 29

Snyder: Schwertner, 10; Putnam, 5; Robinson, Chambers, Peoples and Ramona Zamora, 4.

Snyder 45, Abilene Gold 34

Snyder: Putnam, 18; Peoples, 10; Schwertner, 7; Robinson, 5; Zamora and Tamara Norman, 2; Chrissy Hernandez, 1.

Snyder 47, Wylie 36

Snyder: Schwertner, 17; Peoples, 12; Robinson, 11; Chambers, 4; Putnam, 3; Norman and Zamora, 2.

Snyder 39, Abilene Black 23

Snyder: Peoples and Putnam, 13; Schwertner, 4; Chambers, 3; Hernandez, Robinson and Zamora, 2.

Junior High girls split with Colorado City

Snyder Junior High split a pair of girls' hoop contests Monday night with Colorado City.

In seventh grade action, the Lady Tigers held the Golden Wolves to single digits in all four quarters to notch a 33-13 rout.

Jacy Beccue and Rebecca Aguirre poured in eight points apiece, with Erin Hackfeld adding six. Joshelyn Tovar dropped in three points, while Kalli Wesson, Heather Polk, Ashley Villegas and Stephanie Parmer chipped in two each.

In the eighth grade match-up, Snyder held a 13-4 halftime lead, before being outscored, 16-3, in the second half.

Whitney Criswell drained five points for the Lady Tigers, with Sharday McKinney adding four. Laura Calmes, Acee French and Alexis Clawson finished with two points apiece, Katie Chandler chipped in one.

Ninth grade boys post wins in tourney action

Snyder Gold captured second place with a pair of victories, and Snyder Black chalked up another win during Snyder's freshman boys' basketball tournament over the weekend.

Snyder Gold recorded wins over Big Spring Gold and Sweetwater White, with its only setback coming to Sweetwater Red.

Josh Mendoza paced Snyder's offense in all three contests, twice posting 21 points, while pouring in 16 points in the Tigers' other outing.

Snyder Black registered its victory against Sweetwater White, while falling to Sweetwater Red and Big Spring Gold.

Josh Montoya led the Tigers' output in two games with 14 and 10 points. Chance Greenwood drained 20 points to lead the squad in its victory over the Mustangs.

In Monday night's action, both Snyder squads suffered a pair of setbacks to Andrews

Snyder Gold fell, 48-43, to Andrews, despite 19 points from Mendoza. Snyder Black came out on the bottom end of a 46-34 decision to the Mustangs.

Snyder Gold 58, Big Spring Gold 40

Snyder: Josh Mendoza, 21; Logan Hill, 13; Tyler Pollard, 9; Josh McGaha, 4; T.J. Jones and Brady Reed, 3; Will Davis and Colby Driggers, 2.

Sweetwater Red 68, Snyder Gold 57

Snyder: Mendoza, 16; Pollard, 11; Driggers and Hill, 7; Jones and McGaha, 6; Reed and Davis, 2.

Snyder Gold 86, Sweetwater White 19

Snyder: Mendoza, 21; Driggers, 15; Davis, 12; Reed, McGaha, Hill and Pollard, 8; Jones, 6.

Sweetwater Red 64, Snyder Black 31

Snyder: Josh Montoya, 10; Chance Greenwood, 9; Tyler Trout and Taylor Cotton, 4; Austin Rinehart and Cory Lyons, 2.

Snyder Black 45, Sweetwater White 39

Snyder: Greenwood, 20; Lyons, 12; Montoya, 6; Trout, 3; Cotton and Matt McCormick, 2.

Big Spring Gold 53, Snyder Black 44

Snyder: Montoya, 14; Lyons, 12; Trout, 7; Green, 6; McCormick, 3; Juan Rodriguez, 2.

Andrews 48, Snyder Gold 43

Snyder: Mendoza, 19; Driggers, 9; Pollard, 5; Hill and Jones, 4; McGaha, 2.

Andrews 46, Snyder Black 34

Snyder: Greenwood, 14; Montoya, 11; Rodriguez, 4; Lyons, Cotton and McCormick, 2.

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Fastpitch softball umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Area towns in need of umpires are Andrews, Big Spring, Coahoma, Colorado City, Hermleigh, Lamesa, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Snyder and Wall. For more information, contact Mack at (915) 520-5961 or Freddie at (915) 694-5508.

Little Dribblers' sign-ups

Sign-ups for Snyder Little Dribblers will be held from 4 until 6:30 at the Boys and Girls Club. Players must bring a parent or guardian and a copy of their birth certificate.

Cone re-signs with Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — David Cone chose the familiarity of pitching with the New York Yankees instead of the security of a two-year contract.

Cone signed a $12 million, one-year deal with New York, beating today's deadline that would have ended his career with the Yankees and passing up a chance to seek a two-year contract with another team.

Barrasso draws suspension

CANONSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Pittsburgh Penguins goalie Tom Barrasso, who has missed most of the season with a knee injury, drew a four-game suspension for slashing Yanic Perreault of Toronto.

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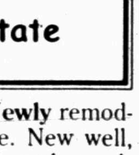
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Albertsons	30 7-16	29¼	29 13-16	— ⅜
Alltel	91 13-16	90⅜	90 7-16	—15-16
AmerOnline s	81 15-16	78½	79 15-16	— ⅞
AndarkPtr	29¾	29⅜	29 9-16	— ⅛
AtlRichfld	86⅞	85 15-16	86 7-16	— ⅛
ATMOS Egy	22½	22	22 5-16	
Avnall	7⅜	7⅛	7 3-16	— 3-16
BP Amoco s	59⅝	58⅞	59 9-16	— 7-16
BakerHughes	23½	22⅜	22¾	— 5-16
Bank of Amer	54 15-16	53	53 1-16	—1 13-16
BellAtl	65 11-16	64½	65⅜	+ 1
BellSouth s	46 9-16	45⅝	46 7-16	+ ⅜
Beth Steel	6 13-16	6 9-16	6⅝	— ⅛
BurlNoSFe	29 3-16	28⅝	29⅛	— 3-16
CBS Corp	54⅜	53⅞	54¼	
Caterpillar	47⅞	46⅞	46 15-16	—11-16
CenSoWst	20⅛	19 15-16	19 15-16	— 1-16
Chevron	91⅛	90 3-16	90¼	— ¾
Citigroup s	57¼	56⅜	56 15-16	+ ¾
Coastal	35½	33 15-16	34 3-16	— 7-16
CocaCola	62¾	60⅛	60⅛	— 3⅞
ColgatePal s	59 1-16	58	58 9-16	— 7-16
ComclMetals	31¾	31¾	31¾	— ⅜
Cooperin	42½	42	42	—11-16
DaimlrChry	68 13-16	68⅜	68½	— ¼
DallSemicn	63 9-16	62⅜	62⅜	— 3-16
DeltaAirl	52½	51 1-16	52 3-16	+ ⅜
Dillards Inc	18 9-16	18¼	18½	+ ⅛
DowChem	120¼	118¾	119	—1 11-16
DuPont	61 15-16	61	61⅝	— 1-16
EastmanChem	42½	41⅛	41½	— ⅝
EstKodak	62¼	61⅜	62 1-16	+ ¾
EDS Corp	70	68 1-16	68 11-16	—1 5-16
Entergy	26 7-16	26 3-16	26 3-16	— ⅜
ExxonMobil	84¾	83¾	84¾	+ ⅞
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FordMotor	51 11-16	51	51 1-16	—1 5-16
GTE Cp	75⅜	74¼	75	+ 1 5-16
GenDynam	50¼	49 5-16	49 9-16	—1 7-16
GenElec	138 13-16	137	137 9-16	+ 21-64
GenMills s	37½	37 1-16	37 7-16	+ 1-16
GenMotors	75 11-16	74¾	75½	— 1
GaPacGP s	41⅜	40 3-16	41	— 7-16
GlobalMar	15½	14⅞	15 1-16	
Goodrich	21 15-16	21 11-16	21 11-16	— ⅛
Goodyear s	31¼	30 9-16	30 9-16	—13-16
GtAtlPac	24 15-16	24½	24 13-16	— ⅛
Halliburtn	37 9-16	36⅛	36 11-16	— 7-16
Hanson ADS	41	40⅝	40¾	— 1-16
HarteHanks	20⅜	20⅜	20 7-16	
HomeDepot	83 13-16	82 11-16	83⅝	+ ⅜
HoneywellIntl	62 3-16	61 9-16	62	+ 5-16
IBM s	119 3-16	117	117½	+ 1⅜
IntlPaper	54 5-16	53 5-16	53⅜	— ⅝
JohnsonJn	97 3-16	94 11-16	94 11-16	— 2
K mart	9⅜	9½	9¾	+ ¼
Kroger Co s	16¼	15⅜	15⅞	+ ⅜
Lilton	46 9-16	46¼	46 7-16	— 1-16
LockheedM	19½	19	19¼	— 5-16
Lowes Cos	54 13-16	53 11-16	53 13-16	— ⅞
Lubys	11¼	11⅛	11 3-16	
LucentTech s	81 11-16	80⅛	81⅝	+ 1 7-16
MayDeptStr s	32 5-16	31⅞	32 3-16	
MediaOne	80¾	80⅛	80½	+ 5-16
Medtronic s	38¾	37⅜	37 7-16	—1 9-16
Monsanto	44⅛	43⅛	43¼	—13-16
MorganJP	136¼	134¾	135 9-16	+ 13-16
Motorola	134 1-16	130 13-16	132 13-16	— ¾
NCR Corp	32 11-16	32 5-16	32½	— 1-16
Navistar	40 11-16	38⅞	39 1-16	—1 7-16
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PepBoys	9 11-16	9 9-16	9⅝	+ ⅛
PepsiCo	36⅞	36⅝	36 11-16	— 3-16
PhelpDodge	56 11-16	55 1-16	56 9-16	+ 3-16
PhilipPet	47⅞	47⅝	47⅞	
PilgrmPrd B	7 7-16	7⅜	7⅜	— ⅛
Polaroid	18 15-16	18⅝	18 13 16	
Praxair	45½	44 5-16	45⅜	+ 9-16
ProctGamb	113⅝	111 15-16	112	— 1¼
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ReliantEngy	24⅛	23 13-16	23 15-16	— ⅛
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SBC Comm	53½	52 3-16	53½	+ 7-16
SaraLee s	24 5-16	23 15-16	24	— ⅛
Scripps EW	46⅜	45⅞	46⅜	+ ⅜
SearsRoeb	34 15-16	34¼	34 5-16	— ⅝
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SmithklBchm	67⅜	66 9-16	66⅝	— 3-16
SouthernCo	23 13-16	23 9-16	23 9-16	— ⅛
SwstAirl s	17 3-16	16 13-16	16¾	+ 1-16
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Sunoco Inc	24 9-16	24 5-16	24¼	— 1-16
TNP Ent	41	40⅞	41	
Tandy s	77⅛	76 5-16	76 15-16	— 1 9-16
TempleInland	62 5-16	61 13-16	62¼	+ 5-16
Texaco	59	58 3-16	58 3-16	— ¾
TexInd	38¼	37⅜	38¼	+ ½
TexasInst s	107½	104 5-16	107⅛	— 3-16
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TylerTech	4¼	4	4 1-16	— 1-16
US West Inc	65 3-16	64½	65 3-16	+ ¾
USX-Marathn	25¼	24⅝	25 3-16	— 3-16
USX-USS	28⅛	27 11-16	28	+ 9-16
UnCarbde	60⅞	60 7-16	60 7-16	—11-16
UnionPacif	47	46 9-16	46⅞	+ 1-16
UnitedTech s	57⅝	56½	56½	— 1¼
Unocal	34⅛	33⅜	33⅝	— ⅛
Venator Grp	7 5-16	7 1-16	7 1-16	— ⅛
WalMart s	59 13-16	58¾	59¼	+ ⅛
WellsFargo	45 9-16	45	45 7-16	
WstnGasRs	12⅞	12¾	12⅞	+ 1-16
WinnDixie	24 3-16	23¾	23 13-16	— ⅛
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"The Search for Santa" by Greg Evans



Still no signal from Mars Polar Lander

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA again failed to detect a signal from the Mars Polar Lander early Tuesday during what engineers called the "last best" opportunity to hear from the spacecraft.

Any chance of ever contacting the $165 million probe is now remote at best, mission controllers conceded after eliminating all simple explanations for the lander's silence. It was last heard from Friday morning before starting its descent.

Engineers believed they would receive a signal from the spacecraft Tuesday night if it had slipped into protective safe mode after landing. Now, any scenarios that would explain the silence are much more complicated and less plausible, they said.

It is much more likely that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will have to investigate the second loss of a Mars mission in less than three months. But unlike September's Climate Orbiter disaster, the cause will likely be much more difficult — if not impossible.

The space agency has only scant information on the final moments of the spacecraft's attempt to land on Mars, and no hope of recovering any wreckage more than 157 million miles from Earth.

"It may be that everything went right and it simply landed in a terrible spot," said physics professor Robert Park, a University of Maryland expert on the space program. "Who knows if it landed on a big boulder and fell over?"

"We just don't know, and we never will, is my guess," he said.

It could be two weeks before the mission is declared a failure, said Richard Cook, the spacecraft's operations manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

If the mission did fail, one critical piece of information could be acquired by the powerful cameras of NASA's orbiting Mars Global Surveyor, a satellite that is mapping the surface of Mars. Cook said NASA will look for evidence of the lander's parachute.

The satellite's eyes are not strong enough to see the lander itself, he added.

As in the aftermath of the Mars Climate Orbiter, NASA would appoint a failure review board of internal and outside experts to study every aspect of the mission from its development to disappearance.

NASA quickly established why Mars Climate Orbiter vanished: Trajectory data showed that it hit the atmosphere at too low an altitude and burned up.

Castro helps make boy still in U.S. a folk hero

HAVANA (AP) — The Cuban boy who survived clinging to an inner tube after his mother was lost in the waters off Florida quickly became a folk hero here as Fidel Castro demanded his return from Miami to his father on the communist island.

"Little Elian will get back his country, his family, his school, his schoolmates, his school desk," Castro promised classmates celebrating Elian Gonzalez's sixth birthday in his absence Monday.

"He is a boy hero of Cuba," Castro said during a surprise appearance at the child's school in Cardenas, a two-hour drive east of Havana.

Organized by their teachers at the communist government's schools, children all over the island marched Monday in support of the boy's return.

"When I learned that his mother died, I began crying and talked with my father," Yuriel Diaz Gonzalez, a boy of about 8, told Castro during the visit to Elian's school.

Castro accused the U.S. government of kidnapping Elian, found Nov. 25 clinging to an inner tube off the coast of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and released to relatives in Miami.

Elian's mother and stepfather were among the 14 people who died when an overloaded powerboat sank during the 90-mile crossing to Florida in what American authorities said was a case of illegal alien smuggling.

The boy's father said the child was taken out of the country without his knowledge.

The State Department said Monday the child's fate should be based on humanitarian considerations and decided by a Florida court, which holds precedence in child custody cases.

"We do not accept the ultimatum issued by Fidel Castro," spokesman James Foley said Monday. "This is not conducive to resolving this case in the appropriate humanitarian way."

Cuban authorities object to a Miami court handling the case, saying they do not trust "corrupt judges" in a state where anti-Castro exiles hold political sway.

While the emotional appeal of the case has quickly brought Castro the popular support he wants to reunite Elian with his father, it hasn't hurt his own image at home either.

Dressed in his typical olive green uniform, Castro looked more like a kindly grandfather as he patted the kindergartners on the head and examined Elian's tiny empty desk, now draped with a small red, white and blue Cuban flag.

Several thousand protesters crammed onto bleachers Monday night outside the U.S. Interests Section, chanting political slogans, waving Cuban flags and reciting poems dedicated to Elian.

After Christmas, First Lady planning move to New York

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton says she will spend the holidays at the White House — but after that home will be in New York.

The first lady said Monday she expects to begin moving her belongings into the Clintons' new house in Chappaqua, N.Y., later this month if she gets a final OK from the Secret Service in time.

"The Secret Service is moving forward, and making the changes that they have to make," Mrs. Clinton told reporters during a tour of White House holiday decorations. "I'm pulling things out of storage and deciding what has to be recovered, or reupholstered."

Mrs. Clinton has announced plans to run for the Senate seat of retiring Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan and has said she will move into the $1.7 million home she and the president purchased in Westchester County as soon as security measures are completed.

But she said she was not sure whether she could move in herself before year's end.

Although she is packing boxes, Mrs. Clinton said she and President Clinton plan to spend Christmas together at the White House.

Watch could replace diabetic finger prick

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP) — Diabetics tired of those painful finger-prick blood tests required to check their blood sugar may soon wear a science-fiction-like wristwatch to do the job.

Cygnus Inc.'s GlucoWatch is poised to become the first painless glucose monitor. Advisers to the Food and Drug Administration voted unanimously Monday that it should be approved for use by adult diabetics.

The GlucoWatch works by sending tiny electric currents through the skin to measure glucose levels every 20 minutes — even while patients are sleeping. It sounds an alarm if patients' blood sugar hits dangerous levels.

Some 16 million Americans have diabetes, meaning their bodies cannot properly regulate blood sugar, or glucose. They check their levels by pricking a finger and placing a drop of blood on reactive strips.

Doctors urge those tests be done frequently, four to eight times a day, because they can help patients better control diabetes and thus lower their chances of debilitating complications such as blindness, kidney disease and nerve damage.

But these fingerstick tests are painful and inconvenient, leading the average patient to test only twice a day, said Dr. Steven Edelman of the University of California, San Diego, who has diabetes himself.

Even if patients frequently do the tests, they cannot know if glucose soars or drops between testing or while they sleep. Indeed, one of diabetics' greatest fears is that their glucose will plummet to life-threatening levels during sleep.

"To sleep through the night at our house is to court disaster," Vivien Skinner of Dallas told the FDA panel in describing how often her 9-year-old son Michael becomes hypoglycemic at night.

She and her husband set alarm clocks to wake them every two hours every night so they can prick Michael's finger and check his glucose while he sleeps. A GlucoWatch could work far better, she said.

"The alarm function would be an absolute godsend, a lifeline for Michael."

The GlucoWatch would offer patients far more frequent measurements than finger-prick testing now affords, and could wake them if their blood sugar drops, the FDA's advisers concluded Monday.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Deltoid injury is serious

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: About a year ago, I suffered injury to the nerve of my arm. This has led to a weakness of the deltoid muscle, which became atrophied. Now my arm has dropped down about three-quarters of an inch out of its socket. Other than physical therapy, is there anything that would help my shoulder repair itself?

DEAR READER: The deltoid muscle, on the outer surface of the shoulder, serves primarily to abduct the arm; that is, it enables us to raise the arm away from the body. The deltoid also helps to hold the shoulder in place. A nerve injury to the deltoid is a serious handicap, because atrophy (withering) and weakness almost invariably result.

Assuming that the nerve damage is surgically uncorrectable, your best bet is probably physical therapy — a long and arduous process to train other shoulder muscles to compensate for the weak deltoid. Many medical centers have physiatrists, M.D.s who are specially trained in rehabilitation; such a resource is worth investigating. As a last resort, an orthopedic surgeon might be able to operate on your shoulder to re-stabilize it. In my view however, a program of physical therapy is your best option. There is nothing else that you (or anyone else) can do to help the shoulder repair itself.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother, age 59, recently died an untimely death from congestive heart failure. She was a heavy smoker. Is heart failure inherited?

DEAR READER: When the heart beats ineffectively, excess fluid is trapped in the body and builds up in tissues, causing lung congestion, liver enlargement, ankle and leg edema (swelling), and general water-overload. Most people who die from congestive heart failure suffocate because the lung fluid replaces air and they cannot breathe.

This serious affliction is not, generally speaking, inherited — although some cardiovascular disorders (such as hypertension and coronary artery disease) may run in families. Any disease affecting the heart can lead to fluid accumulation, including alcohol damage and malnutrition, as well as the disorders I mentioned. Because cigarette smoking is associated with vascular disease, it could certainly have contributed to your mother's death.

In most cases, congestive heart failure is treatable and controllable with certain medicines or, in some instances, with surgery. However, for the therapy to be effective, patients must lose weight, stop smoking, limit salt intake, lower serum cholesterol, and make whatever lifestyle changes are necessary.

Perhaps your mother's death should give other family members the incentive to reduce cardiac risk factors. For example, hypertension — dubbed "the silent killer" — can usually be brought under control before it causes heart damage. Similarly, other risk factors, when addressed early, can usually be modified. If, for instance, your family has an inherited tendency to high cholesterol, prompt and ongoing medical therapy might save other members from premature death. Should this be the case, your mother's demise might well lead to unexpected and positive consequences. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long-self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Minor differences shown in debate

PHOENIX (AP) — In their second debate in four days, Republican presidential candidates promised safer schools, lower taxes and a more disciplined foreign policy for Americans if they seize the White House from Democrats.

"My plan says less power to Washington, not more," said Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the front-runner. "I'll keep 'em out of it," Arizona Sen. John McCain said of Washington bureaucrats. The Monday night debate revealed few differences between surprisingly restrained rivals.

Hours after a school shooting in Fort Gibson, Okla., left four students injured and underscored concerns about school violence across the country, conservative activist Gary Bauer said allowing religion into the schools would lead to better-behaved children.

"I don't think it's a gun problem," he said. "I think this is a problem of the heart and soul."

The Arizona Republican Party organized the debate on behalf of Bush after he missed the first GOP debate on Nov. 21. Monday's debate was co-sponsored by CNN, which televised it nationally from the Spanish baroque Orpheum Theater.

The network crafted a novel approach allowing the candidates to question each other a bit, but most the of queries and replies were painfully polite and allowed the candidates to deliver mini-versions of their stump speeches. Their criticisms were subtle, often hidden in long-winded questions, such as when Steve Forbes mentioned his opposition to Bush's tax plan almost in passing when he posed a question to McCain.

On campaign finance reform and Internet taxes, two topics in which he has differences with Bush, McCain directed his questions not to Bush, but to the like-minded Bauer and Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah.

Former ambassador Alan Keyes said political action committees should not be allowed to contribute to campaigns. "If you cannot walk into a ballot box and cast a vote, you cannot give a dollar," he said.

With few exceptions, the candidates avoided the kind of bickering that marked the last two weeks of the campaign and highlighted last Thursday's debate in New Hampshire. The toughest assessment of Bush came from the good-natured Hatch.

"You need more experience before you become president of the United States and that's why I'm thinking of you as a vice presidential candidate," said Hatch, who's mired in the low single digits. "You should have eight years with me and, boy, you'll make a heck of a president."

Bush laughed. The Texan also shrugged off Bauer's comparison between Bush and President Clinton on China policy. "You know how to insult a guy," Bush quipped.

Forbes did press Bush, a former oil man, about what he would do to keep fuel prices low during New Hampshire's cold winters. Bush said he would encourage exploration and alternative fuels.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999

Your ambitious objectives have good chances for being fulfilled in the year ahead, so don't hesitate to take an occasional well-calculated risk when a situation calls for it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't wait for things to come to you today. Instead, create developments that will favor you and suit your needs, even if you have to get a bit more assertive. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If something isn't broken, don't try to fix it. A repeat performance of successful past handlings should be duplicated a this time, not amended.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Neither big wigs nor big deals should be allowed to intimidate you today. With the proper mind set, involvements you have with others should work out completely to your satisfaction.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today is offering a brief, but lucky trend on which you could capitalize. Take positive measures now to enhance your earning potential, even if you're already comfortable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Focus all your attention today on matters that are of personal importance to you, because you could be far more fortunate than usual in furthering your ambitious aims.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Should someone attempt to put something advantageous together for you today, let your benefactor have his or her way. Don't be too proud nor too stubborn to accept the offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) By treating business associates today more like pals than merely commercial acquaintances, it'll create a convivial atmosphere that will produce mutual benefits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Even if you have to go up against individuals in a competitive career situation today whose track records are impressive, Lady Luck won't let you be overmatched. She's in your corner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The key ingredients for assuring success today are to think, feel and act like a winner. When you do so, you bring into play conditions that favor you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't take things at face value today, because something in which you're already involved has far greater promise than what appears on the surface. Start searching for those pluses.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Strive to be unselfish in all of your dealings with others today and this could turn out to be a very rewarding day for you. You'll end up getting back more in return.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The key to tapping that coveted green stuff today is to keep foremost in your mind that what you have to offer is valuable, be it a service or product.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Pets Are The Wrong Cargo For Back of Pickup Truck

DEAR ABBY: On my way to work today, I followed a pickup truck with a beautiful husky dog in the back. As we sped along, he moved anxiously from one side of the truck to the other. Suddenly, the dog jumped out, hit the pavement and began tumbling out of control. I was driving a full-size van at 60 mph. I slammed on the brakes and was able to keep from running over the poor animal.

I pulled off the road and saw the dog had gotten up and was hobbling across the grassy median toward oncoming traffic. Fortunately, I was able to coax the animal into my arms and I held him until the driver of the pickup returned. I will never forget his stupid explanation: "Why, he has never done this before!" It took all my willpower to keep from smacking the driver up against the side of his head.

Please, Abby, pass this story on to everyone. If just one person reads it and decides to keep his or her pet inside the cab with them, it will have been worth it. — JOHN C., DAYTON, OHIO

DEAR JOHN: Thank you for an important letter. Not only should pets not be allowed to ride in the back of a pickup truck, neither should human beings. As your story illustrates, animals can be unpredictable. And should the driver get into an accident, there is absolutely no protection for the passengers in the back.

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DEAR ABBY: I go to garage sales every Saturday and generally come across some interesting items. I found the enclosed "Death Cookbook Recipe" in a set of cards from 1966, put together by the Missouri Avenue Baptist Church, Clearwater, Fla. It is amazing that 30 years later, the problem still exists.

If you feel it is worth sharing with your readers, please print it. I found it very interesting. — BARBARA CONDON, MATTITUCK, N.Y.

DEAR BARBARA: It's definitely worth printing, particularly during the holiday season when people are "partying." Read on:

DEATH'S COOKBOOK

Take: 1 reckless, natural-born fool

3 drinks of whiskey

1 fast automobile

Soak the fool in the whiskey, place in the automobile, then let go.

After due time, remove from the wreckage. Place in a satin box and garnish with flowers.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I just moved to Michigan from a Southern state because of his job. I had to leave mine, and I want to find new employment here. However, I am 17 weeks pregnant.

If I interview for a job, should I tell my prospective employer of my pregnancy then, or wait until I receive an offer? I am not showing yet. — NEEDS TO KNOW ASAP

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: You are not required by law to inform prospective employers that you are pregnant. If they withdraw an offer because they learn that you are pregnant, they are in violation of fair employment practices.

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Demo Bradley not ruling out tax hike

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — Bill Bradley says he's not proposing a tax increase but: "If you are a responsible official and you look to the future, you can't rule anything out." And the Democratic presidential candidate told Iowa senior citizens that his opponents' position on taxes is no different.

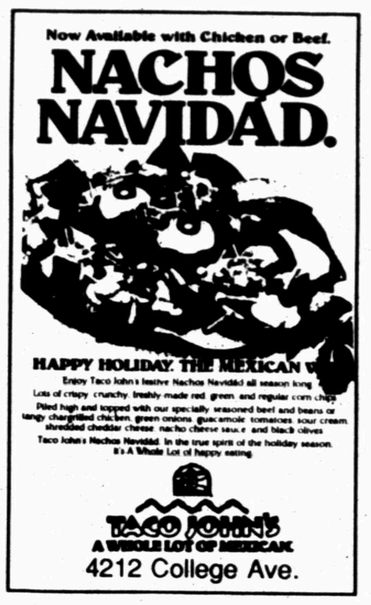
The former New Jersey senator tried to derail an offensive by his rival for the party's nomination, Vice President Al Gore.

"Nobody can predict the future of a trillion-dollar economy. I think it's irresponsible to say 'Read my lips, no new taxes.' The vice president hasn't made this pledge, so we have the same position," Bradley told The Associated Press.

Gore's campaign countered that Bradley has given mixed signals on taxes and shown judgment unbecoming of a president who must consider his impact on financial markets.

"Senator Bradley's zigs and zags over the past few weeks raise questions about his steadiness as a possible steward of the American economy," Gore spokesman Chris Lehane said.

Bradley said he was just being "honest with the American people."



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The show will be family oriented and will have something to appeal to all ages. The show will feature a lot of the talent at Snyder High School, including humor, dance, music and acting. A dazzling Christmas Light Show has been put into Worsham Auditorium for the performance. A cast of approximately 50 actors, singers, dancers and technical staff will be included in the production.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Pair do the honorable thing

DALLAS (AP) — A man and woman who found a paper bag stuffed with hundreds of thousands of dollars laying in the middle of the street decided to do the honorable thing: they turned the loot over to police.

The woman, who didn't want to be identified, said she "started hyperventilating" after she noticed the bag contained $300,000, according to The Dallas Morning News. There was also a 9 mm handgun and 18 rounds of ammunition inside.

The couple, of the Dallas suburb of Duncanville, spotted the bag in the middle of the street Saturday afternoon and promptly handed it over to a nearby police officer. The woman said she thought the bag might've contained books left behind by a youth.

Dallas Police Deputy Chief Danny Garcia called the find "amazing," and said keeping the money could have been dangerous.

"The gun would lead the citizen to believe that this is obviously from some kind of criminal offense," Garcia said.

Citizens routinely report finding hundreds or even thousands of dollars in cash, but department officials couldn't recall anyone finding this much money at one time. Garcia said the department's narcotics division routinely executes search warrants that turn up "extremely large amounts of money."

Investigators will check robbery and missing property reports to see if there's any connection to the money. Detectives will also srutinize the bills themselves for any signs of narcotics.

Obituaries



Daisy Martinez

Daisy Martinez

1942-1999

Maria Desideria "Daisy" Martinez, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, Dec. 5, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

Rosary for Mrs. Martinez, 57, is set for 7 this evening in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon Frank Ortegon officiating.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Fr. Leo Moras will officiate and burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Jan. 16, 1942 in Raymondville, she married Lorenzo Martinez on Dec. 12, 1957 in Seminole.

A homemaker, Mrs. Martinez had lived in Snyder for 43 years before moving to Lubbock in 1991.

Survivors include her husband, Lorenzo Martinez of Lubbock; a daughter, Anita Lopez of Snyder; six sons, Juan Martinez and Rumaldo Martinez, both of Lubbock, Saturnino Martinez and Jose Martinez, both of Snyder, Mike Martinez of Odessa, and Rosendo Martinez of Fort Hood; her mother, Eva Flores Leyva of Lovington, N.M.; four brothers, Thomas Leyva Jr. of Snyder, Romero Leyva of Perryton, and Ruben Leyva and Roberto Leyva, both of Lovington; three sisters, Eva Jimenez of Snyder, Maria Santos Carrisalez and Delia Hernandez, both of Lovington; and 28 grandchildren.

Geraldine Sanders

1913-1999

Geraldine Sanders, a longtime resident of Snyder, died Saturday, Dec. 4, in Harris Methodist Southwest Hospital in Fort Worth.

Services for Mrs. Sanders, 86, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 6, 1913 in Newton, Kan., she married C.B. Sanders on Jan. 18, 1946 in Snyder. He died June 29, 1992. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Gervis Muse.

Mrs. Sanders was a domestic worker and was a member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Snyder. She had lived in Fort Worth the past five years.

Survivors include five daughters, Marcia Sanders of Snyder, Yvonne Grant and Diane Riley, both of Fort Worth, Esther Gift of San Diego and Karen Shelley of Vallejo, Calif.; two sons, C.B. Sanders Jr. of Fort Worth and Hubert Gift of San Diego.

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Fight report leads to arrest of two on Nolan Co. warrants

A report of a fight at Rip Griffin's Monday afternoon led to the arrest of two subjects on Nolan County warrants.

Officers took a 30-year-old male into custody at 2:03 p.m. on a warrant for theft by check. A 31-year-old female was arrested on a warrant for theft by check and for Class A assault/family violence.

One other subject was taken into custody Monday.

At 9:23 p.m., officers arrested a 33-year-old male in the 1200 block of Avenue M for driving while license invalid and no liability insurance.

Officers are investigating a report of credit card abuse. Jean Loyola notified the police department at 3:08 p.m. that her credit card had been stolen and used.

Thomas Wesley requested an officer at Rip Griffin's at 5:26 p.m. in reference to damage to the lights and airhoses of his 1998 Freightliner truck-tractor.

A gas drive-off in the amount of $10 was reported from Town & Country on East Coliseum. An offense report for Class C theft was filed.

Officers submitted an offense report for found property at 7:02 p.m. in reference to a bicycle being located in the 5500 block of Cedar Creek.

Two minor accidents occurred Monday.

At 6:10 p.m., officers worked a two-vehicle mishap in the 4500 block of College. Involved were a 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass driven by Harold Eugene Welch, 60, of 209 33rd Street and a 1998 Chevrolet 1500 pickup driven by Keaton Leon Hillis, 25, of 1902 FM 2319 in Roscoe.

Officers investigated a minor accident at 11:45 p.m. in the Rip Griffin's parking lot. Involved were a 1997 Kenworth T-600 truck-tractor owned by Stevens Transport Inc. of Dallas and driven by Michael Walters, 30, of Cross City, Fla., and a 1993 Peterbilt truck-tractor parked and unoccupied. It is owned by Circle G Trucking of Muskogee, Okla.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a report of a grass fire at 11:26 a.m. in the 3100 block of Blockline Road. Damage was contained to grass.

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Candidates

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rently serves as an appointed member of the resolutions committee for the Texas Center for the Judiciary and Judicial Section for the State Bar of Texas.

"I look forward to continuing to work with the citizens of Borden and Scurry Counties as the District Judge of the 132nd District Court," said Armstrong.

Scarberry, a resident of the county for the past 33 years, retired from Texaco last December after over 32 years of service.

Scarberry is a native of Wellington where he graduated from high school in 1958. He also attended West Texas State University.

His wife, Elizabeth, has been employed in the county auditor's office for the past nine years. They have two daughters, Lea Ann Bell and Kelly Warren, who both live in Scurry County.

Scarberry and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church and the Baptist Church Builders in Texas.

"I feel that I can offer the residents of Scurry County the benefit of my experience in working with the public, plus budgeting, purchasing experience, and bring a pro-active attitude and fresh perspective to the court. The issues facing county government not only have an affect on what is happening here today, but also the future," said Scarberry.

"I want Scurry County to be a place where all of our children and grandchildren can live and find good opportunities well into the next millennium," Scarberry added.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Jana Collum, Mozelle James, Wortham Loyd, Ricky Sosa, Burnidean Callaway and Rebecca Rodriguez.

DISMISSALS: Vera Ervin.

CENSUS: 38 (Med./Surg.-12, Long-term Care-23, ICU-1, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

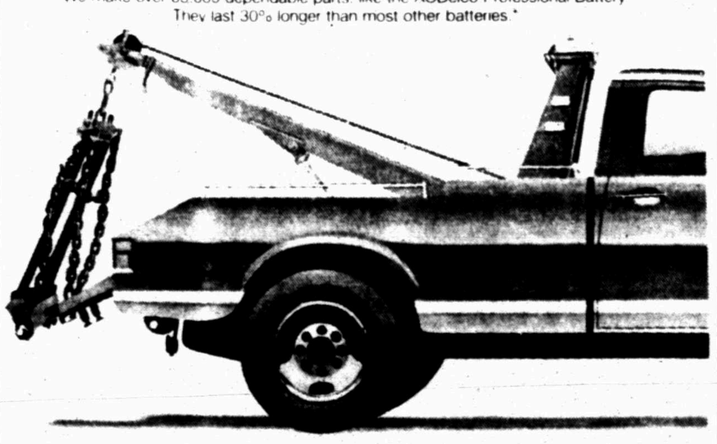
Births

Ethan Alec Martinez was born at 6:39 p.m. on Dec. 2 in Covenant Birthing Center in Lubbock. Ethan weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces.

Parents are Roland and Jocelyn Martinez and he was also welcomed by a sister, Ashley Martinez.

Maternal grandparents are Harvey and Suzan Pinkerton of Snyder and paternal grandparents are Vidal Vizcaino of Southland and the late Elva Vizcaino.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Northeast parent council

Northeast Elementary's parent council will meet at 7 this evening in the school auditorium.

WTC nursing program

Students wishing to enroll in the March class for Licensed Vocational Nursing at Western Texas College need to contact the counseling office to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through today and interviews will be scheduled through Jan. 10. Classes begin March 1. Contact the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313, or toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC.

Ira booster club

The Ira Booster Club will meet at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria.

Band concert

Snyder bands – 6th grade, junior high and high school – will present a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Worsham Auditorium. Admission is free.

Long-term care support

A long-term care family support meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the board room at Cogdell Hospital. Norma Adams, nurse executive, will provide information on recent changes in advance directives.

Yuletide Follies

Snyder High School's drama department presents Yuletide Follies at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $4.

St. Elizabeth spaghetti dinner

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church is having a spaghetti dinner on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The meal will be in the Parish Hall and tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children. Proceeds go to youth activities.

Christmas bazaar

A Christmas bazaar will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at North College Avenue Baptist Church at 208 N. College Ave.

Retired teacher party

The Scurry County Retired Teachers will have a Christmas party at Mrs. Marge Mathis' ranch home (Polar Route, 5231 CR 2128) on Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon.

Burrito sale

Mt. Sinai Assembly of God will have a burrito sale from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at 2613 Ave. A. Prices range from $1 to $1.50, depending on ingredients. For call-in orders or delivery call 721-1467 (mobile), or 573-4852 or 573-8162.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The New Heaven and Earth," followed by "Getting to Know God's Power."

Snyder Lions meeting

Lions Club members are to bring a toy to next Tuesday's meeting for Toys for Tots, or pay a $10 fine to be used as a cash donation. The meeting will be at noon in the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

East Elementary T-shirts

East Elementary's physical education department is selling millennium T-shirts in order to buy new equipment. Limited sizes are available. Youth are $6 and adult sizes are $7. Call 573-1769 or go by the school office.

Christmas wish list

Scurry County Child Welfare Board, in conjunction with local financial institutions, is working to make Christmas special for county foster children. Trees are set up in the lobby of each bank and citizens can help share Christmas with a child by choosing a star from one of the trees. Purchase and wrap the gift and return it to the CPS office at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center by Dec. 17. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Candlelight service

First Baptist Church will present a Candlelight Service of Remembrance at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19. The service is sponsored by the Support Group Ministry in recognition of the difficulty that family members who have lost loved ones have during the holiday season.

Library extends hours

Scurry County Library has extended its Saturday hours and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-W-F and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

WTC planetarium open

The planetarium at Western Texas College is now open with its fall line-up of new programs, developed for specific age groups: pre-K and kindergarten, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, and grades 7 through adults. The 60-seat planetarium is open for group showings, by reservation, for Friday morning and afternoon programs. It is also available, by reservation, for group showings Thursday through Saturday evenings. For reservations, call Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Road to Recovery program

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

Cash Five

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

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