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Home Of Justin Taylor



SNOWFLAKE TREE — Jo Alyce and Billy Bob McMullan adjust snowflake ornaments on the tree in the historic Dermott School on the coliseum grounds. Decorations made by 11 classes of students from Stanfield and East Elementary can be seen Saturday during the tour of homes by Historic Scurry County and Historical Commission. Tickets will be available at the door for four homes to be toured. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

For technical equipment...

BCD approves requests for funding from WTC

After lengthy discussion Wednesday, the Board of County Development approved two funding requests from Western Texas College.

WTC sought assistance with two projects, including a video-conferencing center to be used by business and industry on the college campus, and a plan to put WTC generated programming on a local cable channel.

The board unanimously approved $35,255 to purchase equipment for the video-conferencing center project which will allow local businesses and industries to communicate with others using interactive television.

The equipment will include a monitor, video camera, document camera and a specialized computer.

The board also approved 3-1, with David Koonce opposing, to grant WTC $12,500 to purchase equipment that will eventually lead to WTC having the capacity to generate local cable programming.

"I just think it is premature," Koonce said in opposing the action.

The plan will be implemented in three phases with the first being to establish an on-campus classroom and studio with digital cameras and editing equipment by the fall of 1999.

The $12,500 will purchase equipment for the first phase, including digital video camera, audio-visual equipment and computer, and a digital video tape recorder.

In other business, the board granted the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District $1,000.

"Without this support, it's hard to make things go," said Jimmy McMillan, representing the Upper Colorado SWCD.

The board also approved the minutes from the September meeting, approved the financial statements and paid the bills.

David Kattes presided and all board members were present to include Koonce, Terry Hefner, Jerry Martin and Tony Scott.

Holiday season offers abundance of activities

The Christmas season is always a busy time of year in Scurry County, and 1998 is proving to be no different.

There are numerous ways to enjoy the holiday season, and to make it more enjoyable for others.

One way is to attend the Tour of Homes on Saturday from 5 until 7 p.m.

Tickets are $10 and they may be purchased at Countryplace, American State Bank or Eddie Peterson's Pharmacy.

It's certainly not too late to decorate your home and enter the annual Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

Deadline for entry is Friday, Dec. 18, and the judging will be held that evening beginning at 6 p.m.

The Toys for Tots program is continuing this year, and persons have until Tuesday to make application.

The program is being headed by the local Girl Scouts.

Applications for the toy drive may be picked up at the Snyder Daily News, or by calling Judi Martin at 573-3525.

Persons wishing to donate bicycles may call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122 and she will have them picked up.

The program will be accepting toys to give to needy children through next Thursday.

Winter storm likely across West Texas tonight, Friday

An upper level storm system in southern New Mexico will move into West Texas this afternoon and bring winter storm conditions to a vast area tonight and Friday.

The National Weather Service had predicted a chance of snow for Scurry County and neighboring counties to the north and west, with snow beginning to fall as early as noon in some areas.

Wind chill indices will range from the single digits across the southwest Panhandle, to the teens in the South Plains.

The weather bureau is predicting showers for the area south of Scurry County into the late afternoon.

In far West Texas, the system is expected to move south of El Paso late this afternoon and continue northeastward through the Permian Basin into the low rolling plains by Friday afternoon.

A winter storm warning is in effect through tonight for the South Plains, Permian Basin, upper Trans-Pecos and mountains of Southwest Texas.

Some areas could receive as much as 4 inches of snow in 12 hours or up to 6 inches in 24 hours, forecasters say.

In El Paso, 1-3 inches of snow is possible in the lower elevations and 3-5 inches in the higher elevations. The stormy system will be accompanied by strong winds that will produce blowing snow.

The Guadalupe Mountains could get 2-4 inches of snow in the lower elevations and 4-6 inches in the higher elevations.

Higher elevations of the Davis Mountains could get 4-8 inches of snow.

A winter storm warning is in effect for the Lubbock area where 2-4 inches of snow is expected. Blowing snow could reduce visibility to below 3 miles at times.

North Texas could have a mix of rain, sleet and snow beginning tonight and continuing Friday. The rain may be heavy at times and a flash flood watch is in effect.

Snow will likely fall across western portions of North Texas on Friday and there will be rain elsewhere with the rain possibly mixed with sleet and snow in north central areas on friday.

House likely to receive resolution to impeach

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Clinton scrambles for Republican votes on the House floor, GOP members of the Judiciary Committee appear likely to send the House a resolution to impeach the president for "high crimes and misdemeanors."

Clinton planned to make calls to moderate Republicans in the coming days, his spokesman said, as the White House sought to avert impeachment and steer legislators toward a harshly worded censure proposed by Democrats.

"We are open to any proposal that seeks to put this matter behind us that people in good faith bring forward that is fair," said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart. "I believe that the elements of the proposal the Democrats brought forward meets those criteria."

Before a historic lame duck session of the House that is likely next week, the committee must consider four proposed articles of impeachment. The articles will be dissected and possibly revised before the panel votes later this week.

Today, investigators for both parties give the committee's 21 Republicans and 17 Democrats their conclusions based on reviews of the evidence.

Making use of the same grand jury testimony, FBI interviews and depositions, Democratic investigator Abbe Lowell is expected to find no impeachable offenses, said Democratic officials.

His counterpart, Republican investigator David Schippers, is likely to conclude there was impeachable conduct, GOP officials said.

Both planned to make the first public showings of excerpts of Clinton's videotaped deposition in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case. The committee went into closed session this morning to vote on authorizing public airing of the excerpts.

Just days before the historic vote, the Judiciary Committee was as polarized as ever.

When White House counsel Charles F.C. Ruff neared the end of his defense presentation Wednesday, the Republican committee staff made public the four proposed articles of impeachment that were crafted in advance.

Committee Republicans have left little doubt they would send at least one article to the full House.



THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It doesn't have to be cold this time of year to dash through the dough."

It seems like the only thing that occurs with as much frequency as Christmas advertising messages, are holiday recipes.

No wonder it's traditional to look a lot like Santa by the time Christmas ends.

Thanks to the Old Farmer's Almanac, we found something for man's best friend.

According to the Farmer's Almanac, 63 percent of dog owners and 58 percent of cat owners will give their pets a gift in December.

So it's been suggested that faithful friends be remembered with recipes for homemade Dog Bones and Dog Biscuits and savory, fish-shaped Kitty Cakes.

For canine cookies, masters were instructed to look in kitchen shops for tin cookie cutters shaped like dog bones.

For kitty cakes, the cook was told to use a mouse or fish-shaped cookie cutter to make those snacks.

We don't doubt the recipe for the finished product will wag a tail or make 'em purr, but we figure the same results could be achieved with shapeless doggie bones or kitty cakes.

We discussed that with the SDN editorial board, and it quickly informed us that we were obviously not yet in the spirit of the season — and time is running out.

We think that's unfair. We would glady receive chocolate chip cookies (round or square) or home-made Christmas candy. We've never noticed the news staff being all that picky with stuff left on the break table.

But we're told that "presentation" is as important as the content. That gave us an idea.

We'll buy ole what's-her-name a can opener and have it professionally wrapped. Santa's advisers, however, said such rationale is not advisable.

Santa's hot-line said such thinking is a sure way to end up in the dog house — without doggie bones.

SISD board to meet today

Snyder ISD board of trustees will take care of three one-time-a-year items when it convenes at 6 this evening.

These include the district's annual audit report, yearly campus and district improvement reports, plus the evaluation of Supt. Gayle Lomax.

The superintendent's evaluation will occur in executive session.

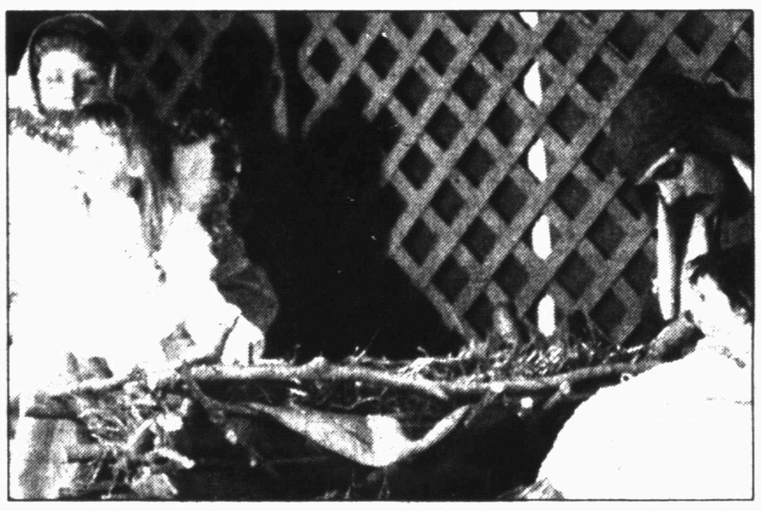
The board will also canvass the ballots from Saturday's failed bond election for facilities' improvements.

Trustees are also expected to act on two resignations from the district.

Dustee Sollis has resigned from teaching high school English, while Judy Smallwood resigned her music teaching post at West Elementary.

Phyllis Graham will fill the post at the high school, while Judy Brown will fill the music slot at West.

The board will also consider the first reading of several policy updates as authorized by the state.



BEST THEME — First Baptist Church's entry in Saturday's lighted Christmas parade earned the honor of best theme for its nativity scene. Portraying Mary is Kelli Pollard; angel, Courtney Pollard; Joseph, Todd Pollard, and baby Jesus, Paige Pollard. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—What formula does the National Weather Service use when it converts snow measurements to inches of moisture?

A—On the average, the NWS says one inch of snow equals .1 inch of rain.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 53 degrees; low, 32; 7 a.m. Thursday, 40; no precipitation; total for 1998, 10.29 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, light snow, sleet possible; cold, low near 30. N-NE wind 10-20 mph, gusty. Friday: Snow chance 70%. Cloudy, cold. High, upper 30s. N wind 10-15 mph.



Zackary Key
Snow forecast

Sunset: 5:41 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:33 a.m.
Of 343 days in 1998, the sun has shone 340 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit."

Conrad Hilton

In California fatality, blame clouded by religious beliefs

POMONA, Calif. (AP) — Keith Cook had been drinking at a party before he got into his truck, drove down a hill and plowed into a car that hit a mother of five standing on the side of the road.

Jadine Russell suffered broken bones and massive hemorrhaging. But because of her Jehovah's Witness beliefs, she adamantly refused a blood transfusion and died hours later.

Now Cook, already on probation for a 1996 drunken-driving conviction, is on trial for murder. At the heart of the case is the legal standard of causation, meaning a person who starts a chain of events is responsible for its ultimate result.

Cook's lawyer admits his client had been drinking and driving that night last March. But he is vigorously fighting the notion that his client is responsible for Mrs. Russell's death.

"He knows he did wrong. He violated his probation," Charles Unger said of the 32-year-old auto mechanic. "(But) Mrs. Russell needed a blood transfusion. She told the doctors she would rather die than have a blood transfusion. She should be alive."

Unger said his client offered to plead guilty to lesser charges that would have put Cook behind bars for four to eight years. Cook faces 15 years to life in prison if convicted.

To save Cook from possible life imprisonment, Unger must persuade the jury that the 55-year-old woman's refusal of blood was the sole cause of her death.

Case precedent favors the prosecution, legal experts say.

"Generally, once you start the ball rolling, you're responsible for the harm you cause," said Laurie Levenson, associate dean at Loyola Law School. "But if you have an extraordinary act that breaks the train of causation, that is the exception."

Criminal trials such as Cook's are rare, experts said. But in October, a Louisiana appellate court reviewed a similar case.

The court upheld three vehicular homicide convictions against a legally drunk driver. One of the victims, Velma Cubie, was a Jehovah's Witness and refused blood transfusions. She died two days later.

"Based on the evidence presented at trial, regardless of whether a blood transfusion could have saved Cubie's life, the car accident was a proximate cause of her death," the appellate court wrote.

According to testimony during the trial here, a visibly angry and inebriated Cook left a party in nearby Azusa, despite efforts by others to stop him.

'Alice in Wonderland' copy gets sold for $1.54 million

NEW YORK (AP) — Lewis Carroll's personal copy of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," one of six original 1865 editions known to exist, fetched a record $1.54 million at auction.

The book was among 38 Alice-related items offered Wednesday at a Christie's auction marking the 100th anniversary of the death of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, the Oxford University mathematician who wrote under the pseudonym Lewis Carroll.

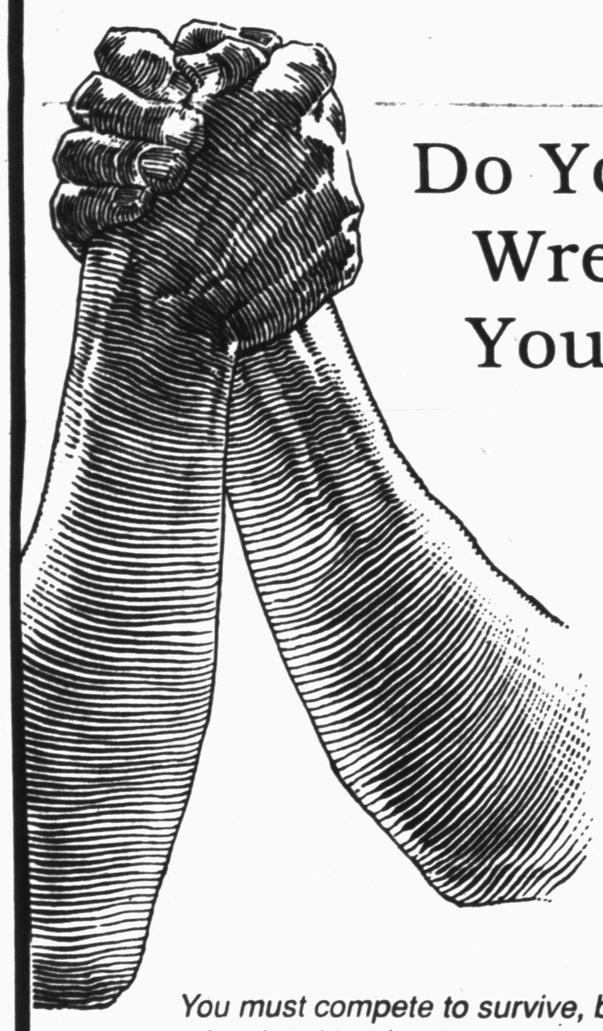
The anonymous buyer's final price was a record for a children's book and a 19th century work of literature, said Francis Wahlgren, Christie's head of books and manuscripts. The record had been $1.2 million for a sale in London of William Blake's "Songs of Innocence and Experience."

The original copy's pre-sale value was estimated at $1.5 million to $2 million.

Bound in red Moroccan leather, the book was used as a guide for the production of "The Nursery 'Alice,'" a simplified version for toddlers published in 1889. It has the writer's own lavender-ink notations and editing marks, and contains 10 original drawings by his famed illustrator, John Tenniel.

The original 1865 edition was recalled after Tenniel complained of poor quality printing of his engravings. The book was reissued the next year, but a few of the originals survived and six still exist — one in England, one in Switzerland and four in the United States, Wahlgren said.

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Religious Briefs

Dunn Baptist Church Christmas dinner

Dunn Baptist Church will have its annual Christmas dinner at 6 p.m. Friday. The congregation invites community members to have fellowship with them. Turkey and dressing will be provided, but those attending are asked to bring a vegetable or salad.

Calvary Baptist Church musical

The Calvary Baptist Church choir will present the musical, "The Best Gift of All," during the 10:50 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Dec. 20. The youth will choreograph a drama along with the musical. The 6 p.m. service that day will feature the children in a special Christmas program. Calvary Baptist is located at 2405 35th St. Call 573-2191 for more information.

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.

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 continue itsdrive-through nativity, "The Gift," on tonight 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.

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 "Crazy Like Jesus," followed by "Betrayal and Abandonment."

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, may be purchased at the church or Classis Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds will benefit Lord's Acre Projects.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Anniversary Remembrance Gives Comfort To Widows

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I have a bone to pick with you. I am a widow living in a seniors building. One of the residents brought your column on sending anniversary cards to a surviving spouse to the community room.

Your advice was wrong! There are eight of us here who should know. Speaking for myself, I would *not* want to receive an anniversary card, because one person cannot celebrate something that two people should. The day should be remembered because it is important, but instead, take the surviving spouse to dinner or to an event to show that you remember.

EIGHT WIDOWS, VAN DYKE CENTER, DETROIT

DEAR EIGHT WIDOWS: Thank you for offering an opposing viewpoint that was not reflected in the mail I have received. Most widows and widowers who wrote expressed sadness that friends and relatives ignored the anniversary after the spouse died. Sending a card is less expensive than entertaining — and can mean just as much. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The recent letter from "Concerned Sister-in-Law" moved me to write. She said her mother-in-law had died in 1989, but her sister-in-law still sends anniversary cards to her father. She asked if that was healthy and normal.

Abby, your answer was right on! It is healthy and normal. My husband died three months before our 55th wedding anniversary. On our anniversary, our daughter gave me a gift, a potted plant and a coffee mug with her father's name on it. It made a lonely day a little brighter.

"Concerned" should be thankful that her sister-in-law shows her love for her father by celebrating the memory of her mother.

JERRIE FROM VALRICO, FLA.

DEAR JERRIE: Many widows and widowers wrote to confirm that such thoughtful gestures make a sad day more bearable. Read on for a letter from a widow who was less fortunate than you:

DEAR ABBY: I have followed your column for many years, but have never written because I've had a beautiful life and few complaints. I had a marvelous husband for 28 years — until cancer took him from me.

We had three wonderful sons who never gave us a minute's trouble. They married terrific wives and gave us beautiful grandchildren. So why am I writing? Let me tell you:

Yesterday was my 33rd anniversary, and not a soul mentioned it. When I went to bed last night, I hugged my husband's picture and recalled the happiness of our wedding day. Tears streamed down my face because no one remembered. Even though my spouse will never be with me again on this special date, it's still our anniversary and always will be.

A YOUNG WIDOW IN GEORGIA

DEAR YOUNG WIDOW: Perhaps your letter will be the catalyst that inspires others to do something positive on those special occasions.

Readers: Now you have both sides of the story. It's up to you to decide if cards, flowers or even a telephone call is thoughtful and appropriate on a birthday or wedding anniversary if one spouse is deceased. I'm confident that you will conclude it is.

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

1st-degree murder charged

WATERFORD, Mich. (AP) — Despite a videotaped death that prosecutors say is their best evidence yet against him, Jack Kevorkian remains confident he will be exonerated in his first murder trial.

"This could never be a crime no matter what the words say on paper," Kevorkian said Wednesday after being ordered to stand trial on charges of murder, assisted suicide and delivering a controlled substance. "Do you think I'm a criminal? If yes, you're happy. If no, what am I doing here?"

Kevorkian said that what he did for Lou Gehrig's disease patient Thomas Youk was right even if it broke a law, and compared it to letting women vote and drinking during Prohibition.

Prosecutors said the videotape Kevorkian made of Youk's death — portions of which were aired last month on "60 Minutes" — was the cornerstone of the case.

The tape shows a figure — Kevorkian's face is not shown — injecting Youk with a chemical that stops his heart.

"We've never had as compelling evidence as this," said Oakland County assistant prosecutor John Skrzynski. "It's a cut-and-dried case."

Prosecutors have been chasing Kevorkian for years, but twice, murder charges against the retired pathologist have been thrown out. He was tried three times on charges of assisted suicide and was acquitted each time; a fourth ended in a mistrial.

Kevorkian has admitted to some role in about 130 assisted suicides this decade.

Youk, 52, had suffered from Lou Gehrig's disease for four years. He was confined to a wheelchair, fed through a tube in his stomach and had little movement left in his arms and hands.

District Judge Phyllis McMillen rejected defense arguments that Kevorkian had just meant to ease Youk's suffering, and that death was just a side effect.

"The intent to kill was premeditated and thought out beforehand," the judge said.

Date Book

Dec. 10, 1998

Today is the 344th day of 1998 and the 79th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt received the Nobel Peace Prize for helping to negotiate the end of the Russo-Japanese War.

On this day in 1927, the "WSM Barn Dance" was renamed "The Grand Ole Opry."

On this day in 1983, after more than seven years of military rule, Raul Alfonsin was inaugurated as the president of Argentina.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Emily Dickinson (1830-1866), poet; Melvil Dewey (1851-1931), librarian; Dorothy Lamour (1914-1996), actress; Susan Dey (1952-), actress, is 46; Sinbad (1956-), comedian, is 42; Kenneth Branagh (1960-), actor-director, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1939, the Green Bay Packers won the NFL championship, shutting out the New York Giants 27-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I cannot convince myself that a painting is good unless it is popular. If the public dislikes one of my Post covers, I can't help disliking it myself." — Norman Rockwell

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

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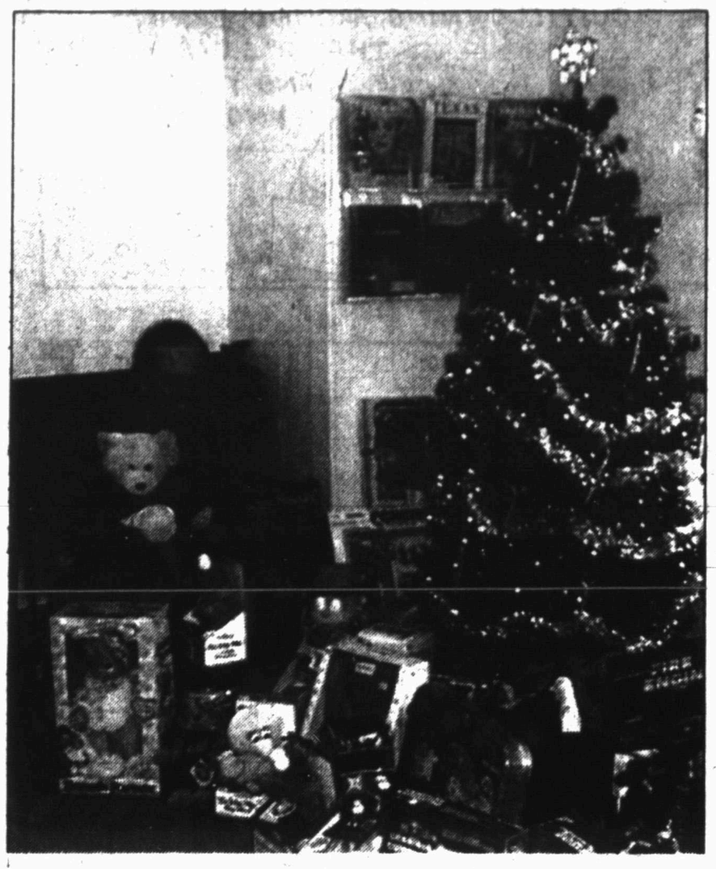
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TOYS FOR TOTS DONATION — James Hanks Chiropractic Center gave discounted service charges recently for patients who brought a gift for Toys for Tots. Dr. Hanks is pictured with approximately 30 toys. Toys may be donated until Tuesday at IGA, KSNY radio, Circle In Grocery and the chamber of commerce or call 573-3525. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

DKG's afternoon meeting at MAWC

Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the Martha Ann Woman's Club for a Christmas program by Janette Allen and Lauren Hackfeld, two Snyder High School students.

The meditation was given by Jean McMillon. Members brought two Christmas tree ornaments, one to exchange with a club member and the other to donate to the Noah Project.

Hostesses were Lois Boles, Mollie Shearer, Suzie Burgess, Kay Carter, Betty Thompson and Dorothy Rosson.



REALTOR BOARD OFFICERS — Snyder realtors met for a noon meeting Tuesday at the Snyder Country Club and David Cotton installed officers. Officers from left include Rita Knox, president; Bill Dryden, vice president; Debbie Miller, secretary/treasurer; Temi Matthies, Delores Jones, Wenona Evans, directors; and Cotton. Not pictured is board member Shirley Drum. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 12-10-98
♠ 8 5 4
♥ A K
♦ 7 2
♣ Q 10 8 7 5 3

West
♠ Q 10 7 6 2
♥ 10 6 5
♦ J 8 4
♣ K 2

East
♠ J 3
♥ J 9 8 4 3
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ A 4

South
♠ A K 9
♥ Q 7 2
♦ A K 5 3
♣ J 9 6

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 6

Keep going low

By Phillip Alder

Lewis Carroll wrote, "'I'm very brave generally,' he went on in a low voice: 'only today I happen to have a headache.'"

For some strange reason, this made me think of gangs who "bravely" beat up unfortunate victims. Yet when you get one of them on his own, outnumbered, he becomes more yellow than a bunch of bananas.

At the bridge table, it helps to know how to defend yourself. (And it is even better if your partner knows the moves too.) To test yourself, look only at the West and North hands. Against three no-trump you lead the spade six, four, jack, king. Declarer plays a low club from his hand. How do you defend?

Perhaps you think North's three no-trump was an overbid. But it pays to be aggressive in bidding game. Also, it isn't such a bad contract. Finally, true, you can make five clubs with this layout. Yet that is never easy to bid with limited high-card content and no singletons or voids.

From trick one, West knows that South has the spade ace. So, after establishing his suit, West needs an entry to cash those winners. The only candidate is the club king. *Ergo*, West must play second hand low at trick two. Is this dangerous? No, because if South had the club ace, he would have played the ace and another club. For all South knows, East has the singleton king.

After East wins with the club ace, he returns his second spade, which defeats the contract.

Note that if South ducks at trick one, East must switch to diamonds. And if declarer starts clubs from the dummy, East must go up with the ace — an interesting dichotomy, if that is the word I need.

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT PROGRAM — Kathryn Roberts, extension agent, gave a Christmas craft program to members of the Snyder Garden Club and at the conclusion she had each member make a "rag-a-muffin" doll. Pictured from left are Roberts, Patsy Huckabee, Gussie Gray, Anna Sears and LaVerne Hood. Hostesses were members of the hospitality committee, Sears, Maribeth Vestal and Sonya Vinson. Snyder Garden Club's next meeting will be Jan. 7 with a program by Gussie Gray. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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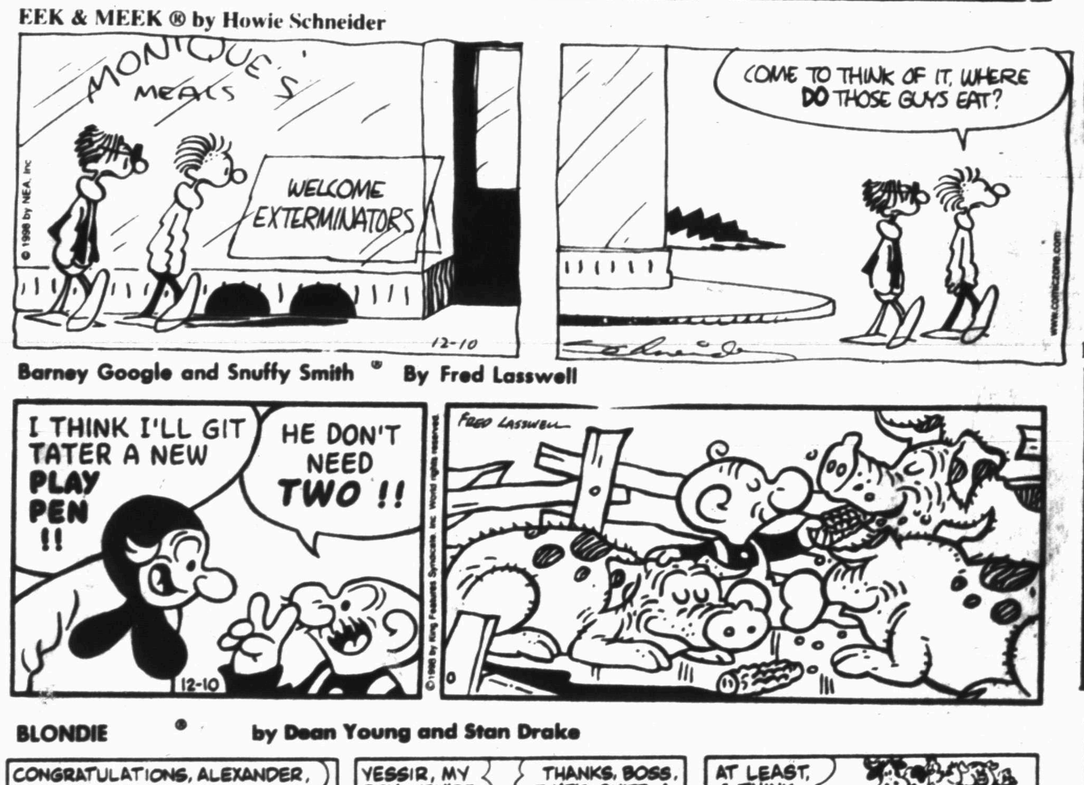
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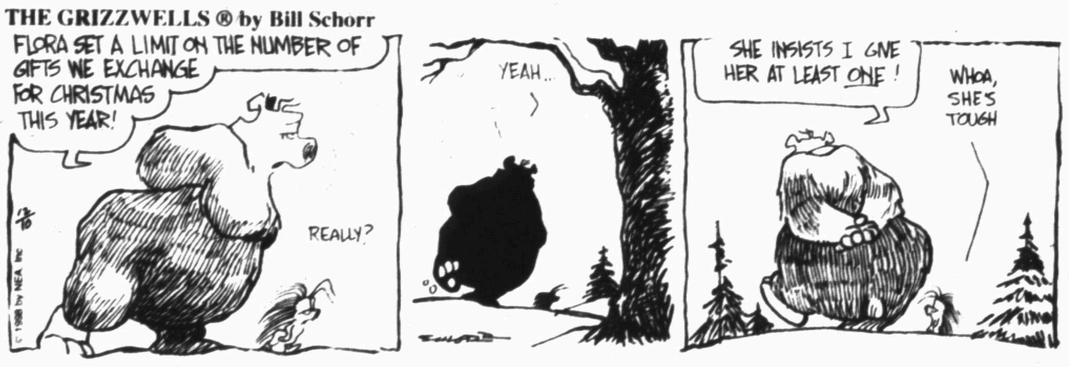


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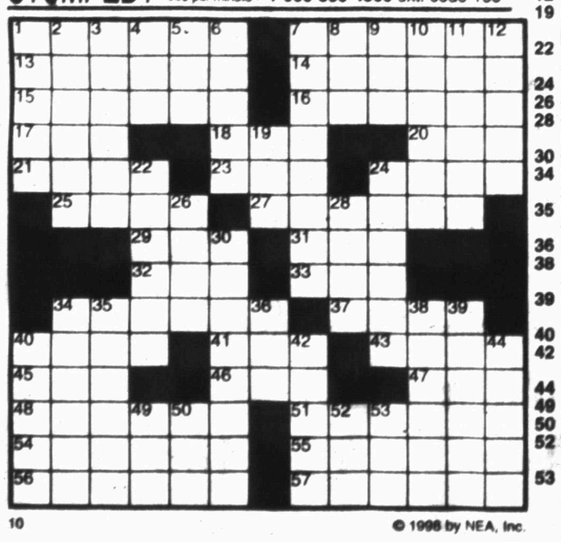
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30 Come before
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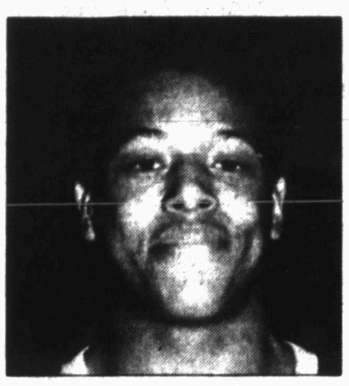
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Cowboys activate former SHS player



Hayward Clay

IRVING (AP) — Ex-Tiger tight end Hayward Clay becomes the latest Dallas reserve to get a chance because of the injury bug that has hit the Cowboys.

Clay, who is a graduate of Snyder High School and played collegiately at Texas A&M, will be activated in place of David LaFleur for the Kansas City game on Sunday.

LaFleur suffered a knee injury in last week's 22-3 loss to New Orleans. LaFleur could be out two weeks. Eric Bjornson will likely start in LaFleur's place although Clay could be a starter if Dallas goes to a two tight-end set.

LaFleur had been steadily working into the Dallas offense as a receiver. He had caught 20 passes for 176 yards and had two touchdowns.

Coach Chan Gailey claimed Clay off waivers on Aug. 31 after he had gone to training camp with Chicago and was released on the final cut down.

Clay played in 11 games as a rookie with St. Louis in 1996 and caught four passes for 51 yards. He was cut by the Rams last year.

"Clay is primarily a blocker and that's what we'll need him for against the Chiefs," Gailey said. "We think he'll do a good job."

Clay, who has been on the inactive roster, is used to blocking.

Both at Snyder High School and Texas A&M he was used as a blocker in run-oriented offenses.

"All I did at A&M was block, block, block," Clay said. "I'm upset and hurt for David because he's a heckuva player. But I also have to look at this as an opportunity to help the team."

Clay can catch.

He caught 19 passes for 235 yards and three touchdowns for the Aggies in his senior year. For his career, Clay had 30 receptions for 391 yards.

"In this league you can't just block and be a total player," Clay said. "I want to catch the ball. I'm not a bad receiver."

JV Tigers nab 57-33 victory

Jamall Wofford was on target from long range Tuesday night.

Wofford drained four three-pointers to help lead Snyder junior varsity past Lubbock High, 57-33, in boys basketball action.

Wofford finished with a game-high 20 points, while Jared Thornhill dropped in 13 more.

The Tigers trailed by a bucket, 22-20, at halftime before stringing together a third quarter rally.

Snyder put 21 points on the board in the third period, while holding the Westerners to only five.

Heath Pinkerton posted eight points for the Tigers, with Michael Loper and Phillip Broadwater adding four each.

Layne Scott and Jessie Haines finished with three points apiece, while Trevor Kerr chipped in two.

Snyder will be in action again Dec. 18 at the Sweetwater tournament.



CHARITY GOLF — Daryl Drain (right) of Big Country Autoland presents a check to Ed Barkowsky of the United Way. The Snyder City Golf Championship sponsored by Big Country raised $1,000 for the local charity group. Jack McGlaun (left) is executive director of Scurry County Boys & Girls Club, a benefactor of United Way. (SDN Staff Photo)

No. 1 UConn slips past UMass

By The Associated Press

Even though its high-speed offense was stuck in first gear, top-ranked Connecticut found a way to win.

Massachusetts forced the Huskies into a half-court game and held them 30 points under their average, but UConn still came away with a 59-54 road victory Wednesday night.

"The word terrific doesn't come to mind, but the word lousy doesn't either," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said of his team's performance.

UMass trailed by only three points following Ajmal Basit's dunk with 2:05 left, but a basket by Richard Hamilton and two foul shots by Khalid El-Amin with 36 seconds left kept Connecticut (7-0) on top.

Lari Ketner scored 15 points and Basit added 12 points and nine rebounds for UMass (1-4), which has lost four in a row since winning its opener over Niagara. It's the Minutemen's longest losing streak since 1990.

"If we can play this hard every night, we'll be in the (NCAA) tournament with UConn," said UMass guard Charlton Clarke. "We played with a lot of heart. Don't let the 1-4 fool you. We proved we can play with anybody tonight."

Hamilton, a preseason All-American who came in averaging 20 points, was held to 11, and Connecticut was forced to play mostly half-court basketball. But the Huskies got a boost from reserve Albert Mouring, who led them with 13 points.

"I'm more impressed with our bench than our starters right now," Calhoun said. "Mouring made some big shots for us."

In other Top 25 games, it was No. 3 Duke 116, Florida 86; West Virginia 73, No. 13 Syracuse 59; Wisconsin 63, No. 16 Temple 56; No. 18 St. John's 73, No. 20 Pittsburgh 52; and No. 25 Utah 87, Weber State 74.

No. 3 Duke 116, Florida 86

At Durham, N.C., William Avery made a school-record eight 3-pointers as Duke routed previously unbeaten Florida.

The Blue Devils (8-1) scored 63 points in the first half and went on to match the highest point total ever against Florida (5-1).

Avery, who finished with 26 points and nine assists, broke the Duke record of seven 3-pointers in a game set by Chris Collins in 1996 and tied by Trajan Langdon in 1997. The Blue Devils made a season-high 16 of 23 shots beyond the arc, including 8-for-10 by Avery.

West Virginia 73, No. 13 Syracuse 59

At Morgantown, W.Va., Elton Scott scored 19 points and reserve Brooks Berry had eight of his career-high 16 points in a key second-half run as West Virginia won its Big East opener.

Syracuse (7-2) lost for the second time in five days.

West Virginia (4-3), which trailed 32-30 at halftime, used a zone defense early in the second half to hold the Orangemen scoreless for seven minutes.

Wisconsin 63, No. 16 Temple 56

At Philadelphia, Wisconsin made 13 3-pointers to hand Temple its fourth straight loss.

The Owls (4-4) lost four in a row for the first time since the 1992-93 season and only the third time in the John Chaney era. The Owls lost five straight and finished 14-15 in 1982-83, Chaney's first season.

Sean Mason scored 14 points and Ty Calderwood had 13 points for the Badgers (8-1), who were 13-for-21 from long range.

No. 18 St. John's 73, No. 20 Pittsburgh 52

Bootsy Thornton scored a career-high 23 points, including 15 in a 21-6 run that helped St. John's beat Pittsburgh at Alumni Hall.

The Red Storm (7-2, 2-0 Big East) won their fourth straight since losing consecutive games to Stanford and Purdue. Pittsburgh (7-3, 0-1) has lost three of its last four, with all the losses against ranked teams.

Ron Artest added 15 points on 7-of-11 shooting for St. John's, while Tyrone Grant had 10 points and 11 rebounds.

No. 25 Utah 87, Weber St. 74

Andre Miller scored 19 points and became Utah's career leader in steals.

Miller had six points and an assist during a 15-4 run midway through the second half that blew open a close game. He got his 92nd career steal early in the second half to pass Josh Grant on Utah's list.

Hanno Mottola scored 17 points and Alex Jensen had 15 points, eight rebounds and eight assists for Utah (5-3). Harold Arceneaux led visiting Weber State (4-3) with 23 points.

JV girls fall to Lady Cougars

ABILENE — Abilene Cooper overcame a pair of Snyder double digit scorers to claim a 54-44 victory Tuesday night in junior varsity girls action.

Meagan Hatley and Whitney Webb finished in double digits for the Lady Tigers, with Hatley pouring in 12 points and Webb dropping in 11.

Taylor Daniell registered nine points, while Amber Haarmeyer notched seven. Andra Lancaster added three points, with Amber Alexander chipping in two.

Snyder was to have squared off with Merkel this morning in the opening round of the Colorado City tournament.

Toronto still looking to deal Clemens

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

The Roger Clemens chase will go into the weekend. Jose Canseco and Benito Santiago didn't wait that long to leave the Toronto Blue Jays.

Santiago agreed Wednesday to a $2 million, one-year contract with the Chicago Cubs, while Canseco agreed to sign with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

While they were free agents, Toronto general manager Gord Ash kept up Clemens trade talks and said one team has made an acceptable offer — although the Blue Jays haven't accepted it.

By mentioning the offer, Ash increased pressure on other teams to raise their offers for the five-time Cy Young Award winner.

"I have an offer from a club that from a player point of view satisfies our needs," Ash said. "What I've suggested to that club is that they get guidance from Roger's representatives on how they should proceed from there."

It was believed that the offer didn't come from one of the top three contenders — the New York Yankees, Texas and Houston — and that Ash was dealing with a team he wasn't sure Clemens would accept.

"I guess what I'm directing that club to do is make sure they qualify," Ash said. "They had a lot of questions for me that I couldn't answer."

The most likely candidate to fit that description is Cleveland, although it's possible that it could be Baltimore or a National League team, possibly the New York Mets or maybe even Colorado or Atlanta.

Bulldogs' JV tops Blackwell

IRA — Jase Olvera was instant offense for the Bulldogs.

Olvera poured in 22 points Tuesday night to lead Ira junior varsity past Blackwell, 48-40, in boys basketball action.

Olvera's 22 was high total for the game, with Cade Tucker dropping in 12 more.

Chet Stuart finished with five points. Josh Wilson, Todd Wall, Trey Shirley and Cody Kellner added 2 points apiece, with Jerry Jamison chipping in one.

The Bulldogs will be in action again Tuesday when they host Southland at 6:30.

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At Las Vegas
San Diego State (7-4) vs. North Carolina (6-5), 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 23
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall (11-1) vs. Louisville (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Friday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, Noon (ABC)
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Colorado (7-4) vs. Oregon (8-3), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
Oahu Classic
At Honolulu
Air Force (11-1) vs. Washington (6-5), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 26
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Bethune-Cookman (8-2) vs. Southern U. (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Missouri (7-4) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Alabama (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
MICRON PC Bowl
At Miami
North Carolina State (7-4) vs. Miami (8-3), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Kansas State (11-1) vs. Purdue (8-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Idaho (8-3) vs. Southern Miss (7-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN2)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Nebraska (9-3) vs. Arizona (11-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 31
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Brigham Young (9-4) vs. Tulane (11-0), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Texas Christian (6-5), 2 p.m. (CBS)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (9-2) vs. Georgia (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Mississippi (6-5) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs. Kentucky (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Michigan (9-3) vs. Arkansas (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Texas (8-3), 11 a.m. (FOX)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Wisconsin (10-1) vs. UCLA (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Texas A&M (11-2) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Syracuse (8-3) vs. Florida (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 4
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Tennessee (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 16
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
East vs. West, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 23
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 2:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 24
Hula Bowl
At Kahului, Maui
South vs. North, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Basketball: Snyder varsity boys vs. Pampa, Seminole tourney, 4:30.

Basketball: Snyder varsity girls vs. Haskell, Wylie tourney, 3 p.m.

Basketball: Snyder JV girls vs. Merkel, Colorado City tourney, 9 a.m.

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Executed this 8th day of December, 1998.

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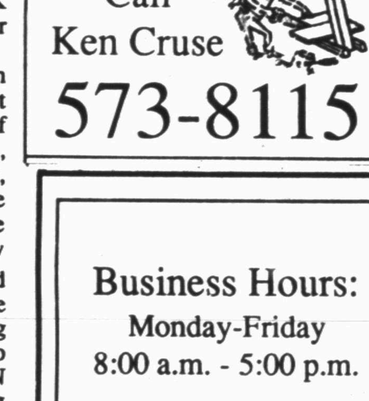
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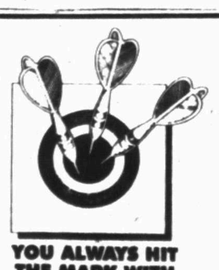
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Is sagging energy due to anaphylaxis?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can you tell me about anaphylaxis? I have all the symptoms, even the drop in blood pressure. I feel lightheaded and have no energy several times a day. This has been going on for years.

DEAR READER: Anaphylaxis is a severe, acute and sometimes fatal reaction to a foreign substance. It can occur from food, vaccines, chemicals, drugs or insect venom, and it appears within seconds or minutes.

In its mildest form, anaphylaxis causes redness, itching, swelling, lung spasm and a fall in blood pressure. In its severest form, it rapidly leads to unconsciousness, shock and cardiac arrest.

The condition is usually treated with injections of epinephrine, followed by antihistamines or cortisone, which reverse the body's acute allergic response.

Anaphylaxis is never a chronic condition. I'm afraid that you'll have to consider other causes for your loss of energy and drop in blood pressure. You might be anemic or experiencing a reaction to certain medications, for example. Check with your doctor.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son-in-law says that if an alcoholic abstains completely from drinking, he won't live long because his system relies on alcohol and has lost the ability to process food. Fortunately, this is not my problem. Is it true?

DEAR READER: Your son-in-law's viewpoint is absurd at best, dangerous at worst. The reverse is true. If an alcoholic does NOT abstain, he will eventually suffer serious mental and physical complications. Alcohol is poison for anyone. For an alcoholic, it is a one-way ticket to court or the mortuary. Alcoholism is a disease that can be treated only by abstinence. By the way, does your son-in-law drink a good deal? His irrational rationalization seems very much to me like "alcoholic thinking."

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: The last time I had a Pap test, my gynecologist said I have leukoplakia of the vulva. What is this condition?

DEAR READER Leukoplakia is a smooth, pearly-white filmy skin lesion that is considered to be pre-cancerous. It can occur in the genital tract, in the mouth or on the tongue. These latter versions are more common in smokers. The lesions must be monitored; if they grow or change, biopsy is required. Patients with oral leukoplakia must discontinue tobacco products. The cause of genital leukoplakia is unknown, and there are no preventive measures.

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PETER GOTT, M.D.

Clinton endorses stock market investments for shortfalls in SS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is endorsing stock market investments as one way to help make up for cash shortfalls Social Security is expected to face in the future.

"The mechanism for doing that obviously remains a controversial issue, but I do believe there is growing consensus, which the president is part of, that we do need the type of investment options that would bring higher returns to Social Security," said Gene Sperling, the president's top economic adviser.

Sperling said Clinton shared that view at a private meeting with lawmakers Wednesday. The president has called repeatedly for lawmakers to safeguard Social Security, but previously has not been specific about his preferences for bolstering the nation's retirement program.

Lawmakers left the closed-door meetings — held on the second day of a White House-organized conference on Social Security — saying they have new optimism they can reach a compromise next year.

"In some ways the respective parties to this possible agreement are not as far away as people might think that they are," said Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C.

Social Security is now financed by taxes deducted from workers' paychecks. Without changes, the program is expected to run short of cash by 2032, after more than 75 million baby boomers begin collecting benefits.

Clinton has not decided how Social Security stock market investments should be made — by individual Americans in private accounts or by the government investing their payroll tax contributions in bulk, his advisers said.

That will remain one of the more contentious issues as lawmakers seek compromise.

"What he did say was he thought that as this discussion carried forward that policy makers like himself had to be very straightforward with the American people about what the risks are with seeking higher returns," Sperling said.

One advantage to making the investments in bulk would be less risk to individuals, but critics are wary of having the government own stock in private companies.

Sperling said in any case, additional steps likely will be needed to make up the cash shortage looming for Social Security, possibly including an infusion of money from government surpluses.

Other changes, such as raising the retirement age or a Social Security tax hike for the wealthy, also remain under consideration.

But adding to growing agreement that the stock market can provide at least a partial solution, House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., also for the first time offered his conditional support for private investment this week.

"What I am open to and interested in is what I call a voluntary and supplemental contributions to retirement funds that could be on top of the basic Social Security benefit," Gephardt said. "I don't rule out, although I have grave concerns about, individuals somehow investing part of their part of the Social Security trust fund in stocks and bonds."

Americans in the past have proven resistant to any changes in the government's biggest benefit program, and interest groups already are mounting aggressive lobbying and grassroots campaigns.

Expert: Internet browser unnecessary in Windows

WASHINGTON (AP) — From day one, Microsoft has maintained that it entwined its Internet navigation program into the latest version of its Windows operating system to benefit consumers. The two can't be separated, the company argued.

Apparently they can, said government attorneys who used a recent Microsoft publication to prove it.

The dispute came Wednesday in the antitrust trial against the software giant. The government introduced into court a definition of "Web browser" plucked from a dictionary published last year by the company.

A browser is the software mechanism that lets people view the Internet. And, according to the Third Edition of the Microsoft Press Computer Dictionary, it's also an "application" program that is separate from an operating system.

The meaning came to light as Microsoft squabbled with a computer expert over the technical need to integrate the company's browser into Windows.

David Farber, a software pioneer with more than 30 years in the field, testified there was no technical benefit in "welding" Microsoft's Internet browser into Windows.

Farber's argument is designed to bolster the government's case against Microsoft. The Justice Department alleges the software giant tied its Internet software to the current version of Windows, thus giving its browser an unfair advantage with consumers over rival Internet products.

Farber, a University of Pennsylvania professor, said Microsoft could have designed Windows 98 so that a user could easily remove the browser.

"It was perfectly feasible for Microsoft to do it. ... It is currently feasible for Microsoft to do it," he said.

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ADMISSIONS: Dec. 9: Dorris Martin.

DISMISSALS: Clarence Collins, Gary Grady, Shirley Kelly, Lori Perez.

CENSUS: 36 (Med., Surg.-8, Long-term Care-25, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Alan and Becky Martinez of Midland announce the birth of Vance Alan Martinez at 6:19 p.m. on Dec. 7 in Odessa Regional Hospital. Vance Alan weighed eight pounds, nine ounces.

Paternal grandparents are George and Debra Martinez of Ira and maternal grandparents are Harley and Judy Bynum of Snyder.

Several offense reports filed

Several offense reports were filed Wednesday.

At 3 p.m., Marissa Wilson requested to speak to a deputy in reference to forged checks. An offense report for forgery was filed.

An officer was called to Vikie Langham's residence in the 3000 block of Beaumont at 3:42 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief to a travel trailer. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

An offense report for Class C theft was filed by officers at Wal-Mart at 4:08 p.m. in reference to a shoplifter.

An officer was requested at Town & Country at 5:15 p.m. in reference to a gas drive off. A subject reportedly left the store without paying for $4.50 worth of gasoline.

At 10:33 p.m., Jerry Owen requested an officer in the 3000 block of Austin in reference to someone stealing money from his residence. An offense report for burglary of a residence was filed.

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Administration has new rules for HMOs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prompted by consumer complaints about HMOs, the Clinton administration is forging ahead with new rules to improve patients' relationships with their health plans.

Business and insurance interests, the same groups that oppose laws regulating HMOs, also are furious at the new rules, which would require quicker decisions about paying for care and would make it easier for unhappy patients to sue.

"This is one of the few things we can do" without new legislation, said Meredith Miller, acting assistant secretary for the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration at the Labor Department, which issued the new rules this fall.

President Clinton and congressional Democrats have said HMO legislation will be at the top of their priority lists next year.

Wednesday was the final day for public comment on the Labor rules, which require that federally regulated health insurance plans make several changes in the way they decide whether to pay a claim.

The rules also address patient rights in appealing denials and disclosure of information about health plans. They allow expedited appeals and give insurance companies fewer days to decide whether to pay claims.

For instance, a health plan has no more than 15 days to decide whether to pay for a procedure — fewer in an emergency situation. Current law gives plans significantly more time.

Among the complaints:

—Not enough time to decide a claim. A health plan has just five days to request more information from a patient, meaning the plan essentially has just five days to complete its review of a case.

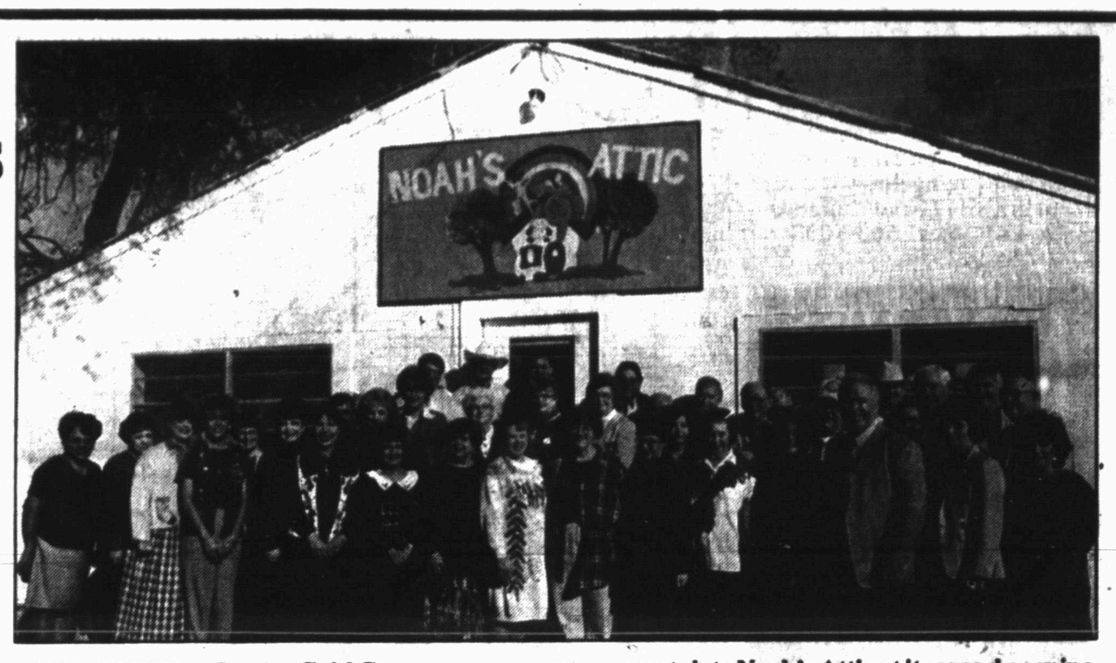
—No extra time in cases where care has already been given, and a doctor is simply waiting for a bill to be paid.

—New power for patients to take their complaints to court.

"There are numerous incentives here to quickly route cases into court," Smith said.

Labor Department officials counter that patients have a right to go to court if they are unhappy with how their insurance company is handling a matter.

And in any case, they say, the law allows patients to be reimbursed only the cost of the treatment.



OPEN HOUSE — Snyder Gold Coats were present to congratulate Noah's Attic at its grand opening. Noah's Attic is a project of the Noah Project West, a facility for victims of family violence and trauma serving residents of Scurry, Nolan, Mitchell, Fisher and Kent counties. The store, a resale shop located at 1503 26th, has clothing and a variety of items for sale and almost everything is marked $2, with some $10 and $5 items. It is open on Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Donations are accepted by calling 573-1822. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

HIV cases must be reported

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — It was dusk in Paris when Todd Swindell found what he was looking for along the Seine. He was 20 years old, had grown up feeling ashamed of his feelings toward other men and had never had sex.

After a brief sexual encounter with a stranger, he was suddenly terrified he had contracted the AIDS virus. He got tested — he was HIV-negative — only because he was assured that his identity would not be reported to the state of California.

"The government knowing that, that really freaks me out," he said.

Governments will know a lot more about HIV-positive people in the near future. After intense debate within the AIDS community, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has decided to make states report all HIV cases either with the patient's name or an identifying code.

The recommendations, printed in today's federal register, are expected to be heeded closely by state health officials because millions of federal dollars are at stake.

For years, HIV has been the "exceptional" infectious disease. While all states document AIDS cases with patients' names, most HIV-positive people have been able to conceal their status until the telltale symptoms appear.

That's changing in many states, which have begun to apply to HIV the same measures used to combat syphilis and other infectious diseases, such as mandatory testing and tracing sexual partners.

Epidemiologists say the information is urgently needed because the public's understanding of the disease is dangerously out of date. Since AIDS can take years to develop, the official numbers reflect a patient population that was infected years ago.

The most recent CDC data shows 240,000 people living with AIDS in the United States. The agency estimates that as many as 660,000 others have HIV, but that only 500,000 of them know it.

Brain...

Surgery may be riskier than no treatment for some aneurysms

By The Associated Press

Surgery may be riskier than no treatment at all for many patients with small brain aneurysms, spots where a weak wall in a blood vessel has bulged out.

A major study found that if someone has never had a burst aneurysm before, the chance that a small one in the front of the brain will rupture and cause a stroke is less than one-twentieth of 1 percent a year.

By comparison, there is about a 10 percent risk of death or brain damage from surgery to repair such an aneurysm, the study found. A small aneurysm was defined as one about three-eighths of an inch or less.

"It would be very difficult to improve upon that natural history," said the study's director, Dr. David O. Wiebers of the Mayo Clinic.

The study is reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

The risks of surgery were larger than previous studies indicated, partly because this one included patients' problems in thinking, while earlier studies looked at their problems with movement and their ability to care for themselves.

About 5 percent of people — 10 million to 15 million Americans — either have or will develop an intracranial aneurysm, where a weak spot balloons out in the wall of an artery in the brain.

These bulges are a small but very deadly cause of strokes. Burst aneurysms cause about 20 percent of all strokes — 600,000 out of 3 million in 1996 in the United States — but about 80 percent of stroke deaths, or about 128,300 deaths.

What hasn't been clear is whether doctors should operate to fix these weak spots before they break. To help settle the issue, Wiebers directed a study of 2,721 patients at 53 hospitals in the United States, Canada and Europe.

It is the first big study to look at when surgery is needed to fix aneurysms, said Dr. John Marler of the National Institutes of Health, which paid for it.

Ten years ago, doctors found only one ballooned brain artery for every nine that already had burst. But the question of preventive surgery is coming up more and more often because brain scans performed for other reasons are finding more aneurysms.

"You don't like to be walking around knowing there's a weakness in a blood vessel in your brain and it can pop out and kill you. You want to think there's something you can do," Marler said. "This helps answer the question: 'What should I do now that you've found this thing?'"

It is unclear how many operations could be avoided because of the new study. Marler guessed that doctors operate on perhaps 1 percent of small aneurysms that aren't causing any other problems. But even 1 percent translates to 100,000 operations.

Still, doctors warned that the study should not be taken as a warning against any surgery.

"A generalization that an intracranial aneurysm is little risk and nothing needs to be done would be grossly misleading and dangerous," said Dr. Neil Martin, a neurosurgeon and co-director of the UCLA Stroke Center.

Marinos adopt girl

MIAMI (AP) — Dan Marino has added another player to his home team: a new baby daughter who will turn 2 next week.

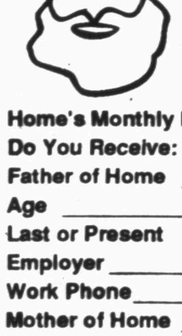
The Miami Dolphins quarterback and his wife, Claire, adopted the girl, Dolphins spokesman Harvey Greene said Wednesday.

Mrs. Marino spent 10 days in China before returning with the child two weeks ago. The adoption took about a year.

The Marinos declined to comment. They're also parents of three boys, ages 12 to 9, and a 6-year-old girl.

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CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM — Lions Club president Ricky Fritz presented a monetary gift to the Rev. Lloyd Stice, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, for the Christmas Gift program for inmates at the Price Daniel Unit. Wayne Horton, prison chaplain, is pictured center. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Public opinion does not affect GOP course

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American people told pollsters for months they didn't think President Clinton should be impeached, and many of them punctuated the message by voting for Democratic congressional candidates in November.

But the House Judiciary Committee nevertheless pressed forward with hearings and is nearing a vote, setting the stage for a possible impeachment vote by the full House next week.

"It's kind of surreal," said Republican pollster Neil Newhouse. "I was out at the malls recently, and people are more concerned with what they're buying for Christmas presents. We have all this turmoil in Washington, but this wave has no ripples anywhere else."

Polls show about two-thirds of Americans say they don't want Clinton impeached, a number that has been fairly consistent for months. Almost six out of 10 say they don't approve of the way Republicans in Congress are handling the investigation.

And Democrats gained five seats in the House, the first time in 60 years the president's party has captured more seats in a midterm election. House Republicans had expected to increase their numbers — and their uproar at the election outcome prompted Speaker Newt Gingrich to resign. Senate Republicans also expected to improve their 55-45 majority, but just held steady.

Some thought the election results would derail the impeachment effort. But they didn't.

What's going on?

"It would have gone away had Clinton taken this a bit more seriously," said Newhouse. "They were like a football team going into a prevent defense — they relaxed."

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said public opinion polls should be considered because "this is a democracy, a representative democracy." However, he added, "I don't think it should be determinant."

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., has made clear he will oppose impeachment. But he's not sure about other moderate Republicans who hold the key to ending —or continuing — the process.

"If you had asked me a month ago, I could have named 20 Republicans who would have voted against impeachment," Shays said in an interview. "Now I see only five of them who are certain to vote against it."

House Republicans now have a 228-206 edge over the Democrats.

Clinton apparently angered many Republicans with his legalistic answers to 81 questions posed by the Judiciary Committee. Newhouse considered it the president's biggest misstep since his first televised apology in August that fell flat.

"There was the feeling that the president was thumbing his nose at the legislature," said presidential scholar Stephen Hess of the Brookings Institution.

These hearings lack Watergate drama

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was said to be historic, momentous, even sacred. But the tone did not fit the adjectives as Republicans and Democrats in turn, by rote, argued for and against the third presidential impeachment in American history.

"This is not routine business," White House counsel Charles Ruff told House Judiciary Committee in his summation for the defense.

But the proceedings sometimes seemed routine, on a political script that really hasn't changed in the three months since Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr sent the House his impeachment case against Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky affair.

Veterans of Watergate and the 1974 impeachment proceedings against Richard M. Nixon testified in President Clinton's defense that this case is not anything like that one. Nor is the atmosphere. The tension is lacking. Despite the partisan disputes and the angry arguments, this is tame by comparison. At times, members of both parties seemed to nod off.

Teams of White House defenders said Clinton had done nothing warranting impeachment in attempting to conceal his affair with the former intern, reprehensible though it was. His lawyers said Clinton did not commit perjury or obstruct justice. His experts said that even if there was perjury, it wasn't an impeachable offense.

"We've heard it all before," said Rep. Bob Inglis of South Carolina.

Republicans kept complaining that were no defense witnesses to testify to facts.

But neither were there witnesses to present evidence for the prosecution in the hearings that ended Wednesday.

"We've made a compulsive — a compelling case," said Rep. Henry Hyde, the committee chairman. Actually, Starr made the case the Republicans pressed.

"It's kind of a drive-by impeachment," said Rep. Bobby Scott of Virginia, accusing Republicans of shifting targets and tactics. He said there should have been a definitive list of allegations; Ruff replied he'd had to present the defense without one.

As he was concluding, under hostile GOP questioning, committee Republicans issued four proposed articles of impeachment, two for perjury, the others for obstruction of justice and abuse of power.

Democratic Rep. Zoe Lofgren of California had said "many in the country are not aware" of looming impeachment votes. She said Americans needed to be alerted "that something is actually happening."

Nobody talked that way about the proceedings against Nixon.

The Watergate evidence against Nixon unfolded serially, in Senate hearings and then the House impeachment investigation.

This time, the evidence was in one massive installment, sent to the House by Starr on Sept. 9. Since then, it has been a debate among politicians, lawyers and so many professors that Hyde said the committee should be getting course credit.

In the Nixon hearings, the suspense wasn't about the outcome in the committee — Democrats controlled that, with 21 votes, as Republicans control the current one. Seven Republicans supported at least one of the three articles recommended against Nixon. None of the 16 Democrats on the current committee has wavered in opposition to impeachment.

Hyde gave them an option, a committee vote on censure instead of impeachment, only a gesture, given Republican opposition there.

That alternative has more support in the House itself; indeed, put to a vote there, it might supplant impeachment, short of what Ruff called the horror of a Senate trial.

There were no fallback suggestions in the Nixon case. The assumption now is that even with a House vote to impeach, the Senate would not convict and expel Clinton, which would take a two-thirds vote. Not then.

Nixon's case never got to the House, of course. The White House tape proving he'd tried to use federal agencies in the Watergate cover-up, the smoking gun tape, made impeachment and ouster inevitable, and he resigned.

There is no inkling of new evidence in the Clinton case, for or against.

After the upset Democratic House gain of five seats in the midterm election, and with polls still showing two-thirds of Americans oppose impeachment, the Clinton side acted as though the defense had won. Now they aren't so sure, and the White House, wary of the risk that he could lose in the House, is inviting a censure settlement.

Republican Rep. Bob Barr, the most ardent of impeachers, remarked on that pattern. "One of the faults of the White House, I think, is that they have a tendency, maybe this president personally, perhaps, to break out the champagne or light up the victory cigar a little bit early sometimes," he told Clinton's defenders.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Carrollton substitute teacher said charged with felony child abuse

CARROLLTON (AP) — A substitute teacher accused of hurting three young students during a game of charades was charged Wednesday on three counts of felony child abuse.

Deena Murdoch, 52, was released on $5,500 bond for allegedly choking a 9-year-old boy and slinging two girls by the arm on Nov. 18 during a drama class at Indian Creek Elementary School in the Lewisville Independent School District.

"These are only allegations," defense attorney Ted Steinke said. "Her plea is going to be not guilty and she is vigorously going to defend herself on these charges."

Carrollton police Sgt. Jim Adams said Ms. Murdoch is accused of grabbing a fourth-grade boy by the neck for about six seconds when he went to his desk after a round of charades and attempted to look at a card with his grade.

The boy's parents took him to Trinity Medical Center in Carrollton that night after he complained that a substitute teacher had hurt his neck. Doctors found he had sustained soft-tissue damage in his neck and several visible bruises.

Two girls, ages 9 and 10, suffered cuts and bruises after being grabbed by the arm and swung around after they left their seats for another round of charades, Adams said.

The mother of the 9-year-old girl said she had complained previously about Ms. Murdoch.

"Her arm was still red when I picked her up at 3," the woman said. "She said, 'We had the mean substitute back and she grabbed me.'"

Principal Leslie Thomas declined to comment on the case, but sent the teacher home after receiving complaints from pupils, parents said.

Ms. Murdoch was taken off the district's list of available substitutes the day of the alleged incident, said Jay Reed, assistant director of personnel for the district. He did not specify why the action was taken.

The teacher had been on the list since September. She also served as a substitute in Plano schools, but no longer was on that district's list, officials said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 11, 1998

Establishing more ambitious objectives for yourself could be your uppermost drive in the year ahead. This should pay off handsomely if you don't take on more than you can handle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Less mistakes are likely if you give credence to your own insights and perceptions today. Don't pay attention to the advice of a know-it-all who in reality may know very little. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be careful about focusing on the frailties of others today. It could cause them to take a closer look at you, and being under the magnifying glass may cause you discomfort.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 19) It might spoil the day if you link up with someone who always tries to impress others with his or her material wealth rather than enjoying the natural perks in life. Be selective when socializing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Any snobbish behavior on your behalf could cause others to lose respect for you rather than admire you today. Even if you are superior in some way, try not to flaunt it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It would be self-deception that could lead to your downfall today if you think you can perform something well with only a few sketches of information at your disposal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Get a few more facts and opinions before jumping into something financial that a friend feels would be a good deal. She or he may mean well, but could be totally misinformed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) All who are watching you today may not necessarily be your admirers, so if you find yourself at the center of attention, keep this in mind and guard against what you say or do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be neither too harsh, nor too wishy-washy today when managing those who are in need of your care and control. And above all, don't ask them to do something you wouldn't do yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A failure to do everything that is required of you in a business matter today could turn a potentially profitable venture into a "bummer." Don't treat things indifferently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There's a strong possibility today that you may have to contend with a few individuals you usually make an effort to avoid. Your mettle might be tested on how you handle the situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In the final analysis today, it won't be what you say that will count, but what you actually do. Although you might be a good talker, be a good producer as well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Unless you truly and honestly know what you're doing today, it is not wise to mastermind the financial affairs of a friend or loved one. Errors could cause big losses.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

ABA urges reprieve...

Canadian awaits outcome of appeals

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Joseph Stanley Faulder doesn't deny killing a Texas woman 23 years ago but thinks he should be treated like he would in his native Canada, which prohibits capital punishment.

Authorities in Texas, the most active state for capital punishment, disagree. But the American Bar Association is urging Gov. George W. Bush to grant Faulder a reprieve of at least 30 days to consider possible clemency.

Spurning the efforts of death penalty opponents and the Canadian government, which also enlisted the support of U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Texas believes Faulder should receive lethal injection tonight for killing a 75-year-old woman during a robbery at her Gladewater home.

"It is troubling that the State of Texas has chosen to execute Mr. Faulder on December 10, a day which marks the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration on Human Rights," Philip S. Anderson, ABA president, wrote Bush on Wednesday.

"I call upon you to utilize this sober occasion to demonstrate your commitment to the international rule of law and to basic state and federal constitutional principles and grant a reprieve from execution in Mr. Faulder's case."

Anderson's letter was also sent to Victor Rodriguez, chairman of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

"The issues outstanding in this case are legal issues and are primarily matters for the judicial branch of government," Linda Edwards, a spokeswoman for Bush, said today. "Governor Bush has a responsibility to uphold the laws of Texas, including the death penalty."

Ms. Edwards said the governor "appreciates hearing from those who have opinions" in the Faulder case.

"I have seen no new evidence that questions the jury's verdict that he's guilty of this crime," Bush said Wednesday, reacting to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles' midweek decision denying Faulder's request for a commutation.

"In fact, his request for commutation was not based on any claim of innocence," Bush said.

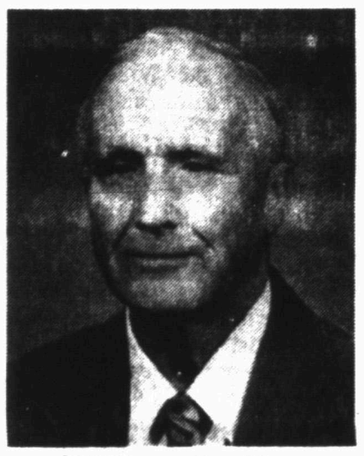
While his innocence was not at issue, the Texas commutation process was under attack by Faulder's attorneys, who won an order Wednesday from U.S. District Court Judge Sam Sparks to halt the execution, set for after 6 p.m. CST today.

State attorneys appealed to the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which considered the same arguments in another Texas death penalty case to stop an execution that had been set for Wednesday night.

In that case, condemned prisoner Danny Lee Barber avoided execution.

The appeals court, in a split ruling that favored Barber, agreed with arguments first presented by Faulder's lawyers to Sparks. Although the appeals court stopped Barber's punishment, it did not rule Wednesday night in the Faulder case.

Obituaries



Aubrey Joe May

Joe May

1924-1998

Aubrey Joe May, a former Hermleigh resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, in Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. May, 74, are pending with Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 28, 1924 in Sweetwater, he married Modelle McClure on Nov. 15, 1946. She died on Nov. 20, 1987. Mr. May was a retired school teacher. He had taught in Hermleigh and at Highland. A resident of Sweetwater, Mr. May was a member of the CITA Sunday School Class at Snyder's First Baptist Church.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Rhonda May of Hermleigh; a daughter and son-in-law, Janis and Bucky Taylor of Mesquite; a sister, Annetta Mitchell of Bedford; two brothers, Bill May of Sweetwater and S.J. May of Blackwell; and two grandsons, Bryant May of Hermleigh and Joey Taylor of Mesquite.

Barbara Chamness

1938-1998

Graveside service for Barbara Celeste Chamness is set for 11:30 a.m. Friday in the Loraine Cemetery. The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Chamness, 60, died Monday, Dec. 7, at her home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

She was born on Oct. 5, 1938 in Loraine.

Survivors include her parents, John W. "Wes" and Opal Chamness of Snyder; two brothers, Mickey Dale Chamness of Brighton, Tenn., and Johnny Chamness of Garland; and a sister, Bonnie Gail Tigrett of Las Cruces, N.M.

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Jewel Stewart

1908-1998

Jewel B. Stewart, a longtime resident of Scurry County, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, at her home in Snyder.

Funeral service for Mrs. Stewart, 90, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery.

Born Nov. 1, 1908 in Union Church, Miss., she moved to Sasakwa, Okla. at the age of five. She married Charles S. Stewart on Jan. 7, 1928 in Sasakwa. He died on June 16, 1985.

A resident of Scurry County since January, 1929, Mrs. Stewart was a homemaker and a longtime member of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Stewart was preceded in death by her parents, William and Elizabeth Ahrens; a son, James Elton Stewart in 1941; a granddaughter, Sundee Stewart in 1972; and by three sons-in-law, Lester Eckert, William Ainsworth and Tom Sappington.

Survivors include four daughters and one son-in-law, Barbara Ainsworth of Hobart, Okla., Effie Lou and J.R. Meadows and Delores Eckert, all of Snyder, and Mary Charlene Sappington of Lubbock; three sons and daughters-in-law, Donald E. and Linda Stewart of Colorado City, Jackie and Mary Ann Stewart of Hale Center and Billy and Cheryl Stewart of Arlington; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Delfina De Leon

1927-1998

Delfina De Leon of Snyder died this morning at her sister's home.

Services for Mrs. De Leon, 71, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on Sept. 28, 1927 in Guadalupe County, she was a longtime resident of Gonzales, Texas, where she lived until moving to Snyder 10 months ago.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sedrillo De Leon, in 1987.

She is survived by four sisters, Alejandra Sosa of Snyder, Santos Coronado of Amarillo, Margarita Hernandez of New Braunfels and Natividad Martinez of Florida; three brothers, Delfino Rodriguez of Florida, Pascual Rodriguez of Waco and Timoteo Rodriguez of Shertz, Tex.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dorothy Smith

1928-1998

Graveside service for Dorothy Lockhart Smith, a lifelong resident of Snyder, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Coahoma Cemetery. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smith, 70, died Tuesday, Dec. 8, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.

Born on July 16, 1928 in Snyder, she married H.A. Smith Jr. on Nov. 8, 1949 in Snyder. Mrs. Smith was a housewife and a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, five sisters, and a granddaughter, Julie Ezell in 1986.

Survivors include her husband, H.A. Smith Jr. of Snyder; one daughter and son-in-law, JoAnne and Johnnie Ezell of Coahoma; two sons and daughters-in-law, Alfred and Nelda Smith of China Spring, and David Alan and Sherri Smith of Colorado City; three sisters, Jessie Lockhart of Midland and Beryl Shuler and Beatrice May, both of Sweetwater; two brothers, Dee Lockhart and Bee Lockhart, both of Snyder; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Home Delivered Meals, 2603 Ave. M in Snyder; or to American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26460 in Austin, 78755.

Doyle Roberts

1931-1998

ABILENE — Funeral service for Doyle G. Roberts, the stepfather of Daniel Austin of Snyder, is set for 3 p.m. Friday in the Elmwood Funeral Home Chapel. Travis Brown and Mark Burris will officiate, and burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Mr. Roberts, 67, died Monday, Dec. 7, in an Abilene hospital.

Born in Star, he graduated from Midland High School and served in the U.S. Air Force for 29 years. He served in Korea, Vietnam and Thailand and retired as a master sergeant.

He worked for Unichem for 10 years and moved to Abilene from Farmington, N.M., in 1990. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Texas Veterans Land Board and Abilene's Primitive Baptist Church.

He married Callie Marie Austin in 1968 in Dell City, Okla., and she preceded him in death.

Survivors include another stepson, John Austin of Fort Lewis, Wash.; a stepdaughter, Debbie Austin of Fayetteville, N.C.; a sister, Eileen Rodriguez of Big Spring; and five grandchildren.

Softer airbags show promise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air bags designed to deploy less forcefully than older ones appear to be protecting adults without causing deaths or serious injuries to shorter women, a group vulnerable to the more powerful air bags, according to new government data.

Federal officials had feared that the new so-called depowered air bags might not be strong enough to protect men who fail to wear seat belts in high-speed crashes, but found that was not the case.

The officials have made public some information on 115 cases of crashes involving the redesigned air bags installed in most new autos over the last year. The cases give the first snapshot of how the less forceful air bags are performing in crashes.

Air bags have been blamed for the deaths of at least 121 people — mostly children and small-statured women — in lower-speed accidents they otherwise should have survived, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. They have also saved an estimated 3,600 lives.

Last year, NHTSA officials eliminated a required crash test that automakers said prevented them from installing the less powerful air bags. Domestic automakers responded by quickly putting the new air bags in cars.

The depowered air bag cases so far seem to support domestic automakers' longtime argument that less forceful bags would virtually eliminate the deaths of short women from the devices in low-speed accidents they otherwise should have survived.

"This information certainly does not contradict the argument that depowered air bags are helping short-statured adults," said Adrian Lund, a senior researcher at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

NHTSA officials acknowledged the less forceful bags appeared to be performing well but declined to elaborate on the data, stressing that investigations into other cases were still ongoing.

The new information showed 25 women 5 feet, 4 inches or shorter were involved in lower-speed accidents with the less forceful air bags. None of the women were killed or seriously injured. All but four were wearing seat belts.

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ONGOINGS

Snyder ISD band Christmas concert

The Snyder ISD band Christmas concert will be held at 7 this evening in the Worsham Auditorium. Admission is free. The beginner band (sixth grade), junior high and high school bands will perform.

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. Saturday. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Countryplace, American State Bank and Eddie Peterson's Pharmacy.

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.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

The Parkinson's disease community support group meeting is set from 10 until 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board room.

Beanie Babies chances

Snyder High varsity cheerleaders are selling $1 chances to win Beanie Babies. Drawing for a set of the 10 newest beanies or a set of seven different bear beanies will be held Tuesday. To purchase tickets see a varsity cheerleader, Kaye Carter at the high school or Neika Porter at Star-R-Us. Proceeds are for National Competition expenses.

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 still have about 20 Jingle Bell Poinsettias available for sale. Poinsettias are $10 and can be purchased by calling the high school. If you prefer, you may come by the choir room and select your own or delivery is available. The choir is 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.

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.

Christmas musical Sunday

First Christian Church will perform its Christmas musical during its morning worship Sunday. Robert Bailey, minister of music, and Reba Bailey, organist-piantist, will lead the First Christian Chorus. The public is invited.

Pick 3

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

4-3-8

(four, three, eight)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

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

The ticket would have been worth an estimated $18 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 4-5-9-27-31-50.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $23 million.