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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Jerry Jones is a bottom-line kind of guy. The bottom line is that he's hard to like."

It's Super Bowl weekend. There's good news and bad news.

The bad news is that America's favorite team — or at least Texas' favorite team — won't be on the field Sunday.

However, there is good news: viewers won't have to watch the Dallas Cowboys' owner prancing up and down the sidelines like a frustrated pee wee league coach.

The best thing for Jones would be for him to hire himself as head coach. The bottom line would be that he would have to fire himself in just a couple of seasons.

Get out the chips and salsa, 'cause it's Super Bowl time. Although history reveals that it won't be all that good of a contest, there's lots of interesting things going on.

One can watch some of the most creative and costly ads on television. Madonna has declined to botch the National Anthem this year. She's too busy trying to figure out what not to wear.

The instinct is to nestle on the couch, but most of us would miss the second series of downs. And if you get too comfortable, out comes the honey-do list.

Ladies, men must watch the game, or they won't be able to join in the coffee shop conversation Monday morning. Sure, it's a guy thing, and while watching the big game, men should be interrupted only for refills.

A friend says his wife has a game plan of her own, to see how many times she can disrupt the intense process of keeping up with quarterback sacks.

Then comes an interesting war of psychology. The best way is to have a good pre-game plan. Get up early, water the plants, wash the breakfast dishes, do a load of laundry and polish the toilet.

Remember, the key to not being flagged by the missus is to get up early. Make a strong pot of coffee to help you move faster as you zip around the house being productive.

It's like a no-huddle offense. Take her breakfast in bed. Promise her stuff. Order flowers. Drive her car through the quarter wash.

If you still are not well behind the female defensive secondary, then do the equivalent of a pre-game hail-Mary – vacuum the living room.

During timeouts, clean under the sofa cushions. Fold laundry, shine her shoes and put fresh litter in the cat's box.

And if you still need a first down with her, promise to haul the Christmas tree from the alley to the landfill – after the game, of course.

Band director will leave at end of school

Reneau

Snyder High School band director Walter Reneau has submitted his resignation from the district to be effective at the end of the school year.

Supt. Gayle Lomax said he had received a letter of resignation from Reneau, and it will be considered when the Snyder ISD trustees meet in March.

Reneau has served as band director here since 1985, moving here from Pecos.

For Monday's meeting...

JP selection tops commissioners' list

Scurry County commissioners will meet Monday morning to consider appointing a justice of the peace to take the place of Charlie Reynolds.

Reynolds has resigned his position — effective Monday — to enter full-time missionary work in South America.

Seven persons have filed for the appointment, including four persons who are candidates for the office in the March 14 Republican primary.

These four are Deborah Boyd, Ben Smith, Dwaine Merritt and Kirby McCravey.

County Judge Ricky Fritz would not release the names of the other three applicants, however.

"I feel the four that have filed for the office are now 'public' names, but the three others are not," said Fritz. "I do not want to take the chance of embarrassing them in any way by listing their names and, of course, at least two of them stand the chance of not being appointed."

Fritz did say, however, that all three names could be mentioned outside the closed executive session scheduled during Monday's 10 a.m. meeting.

Wanda Rushing, who served as justice of the peace before being defeated by Reynolds in 1994, said Saturday morning that she has applied for the position.

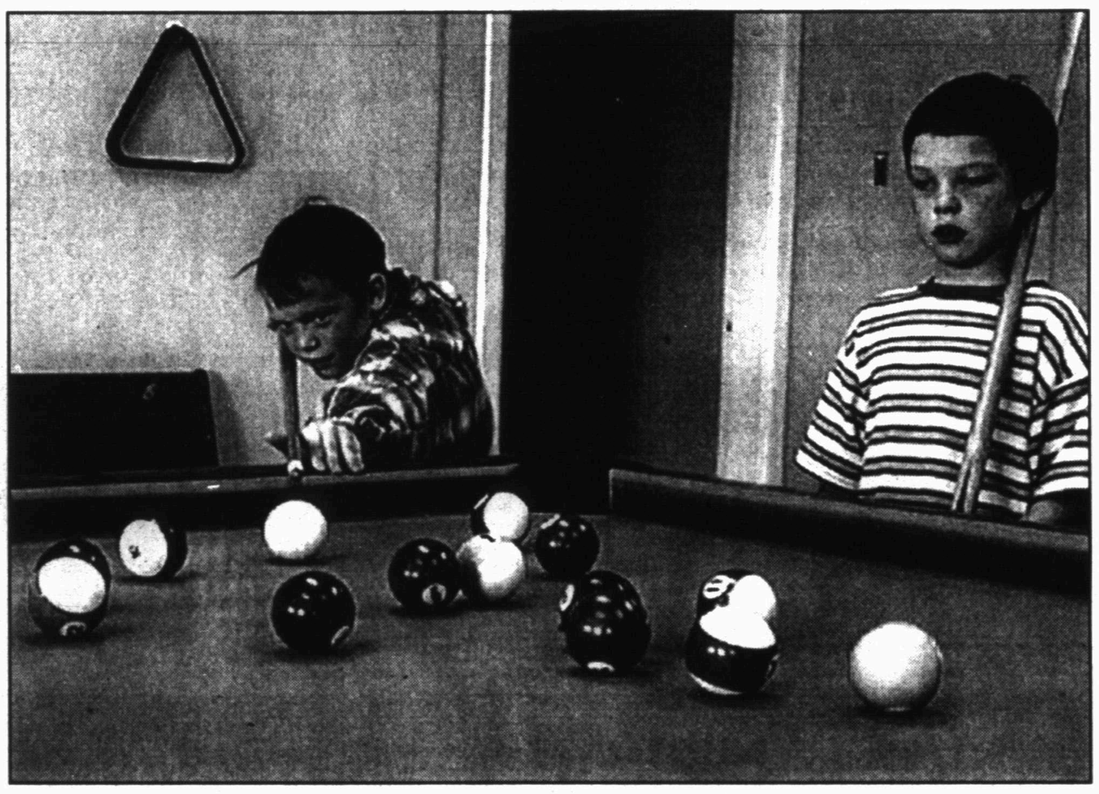
Fritz did say he did not expect any of the announced candidates to be appointed to the post.

Boyd is currently a clerk in the JP's office, while Smith is the Snyder municipal court judge. Merritt is a former Department of Public Safety trooper and Chevron retiree, and McCravey also retired from the DPS.

The new appointee will be sworn in Tuesday morning as Reynolds' resignation is effective midnight Monday. That person is expected to serve until the general election in November.

Besides the JP appointment, the court will also consider appointing a liaison between the county and the Texas Forest Service.

The court will also consider line item transfers, budget amendments and the payment of county bills.



STEADY AIM — Ten-year-old Gary Burson steadies his aim as his brother Casey, 9, looks on. The two were at the Snyder Boys and Girls Club Saturday morning as temperatures in the teens kept most activities inside. (SDN Staff Photo By Joyce May)

County filing paperwork for 'tobacco check'

The various Scurry County departments that have medical or indigent care service expenses are currently documenting those expenditures to be turned into the Texas Department of Health to qualify the county for its 1999 tobacco settlement check.

Once each department has finished its documentation, they will turn the paperwork into County Auditor Eddie McHaney who will then send all of the information to the law firm Allison, Bass & Associates in Austin. The county hired the law firm to assist in filling out the necessary forms to be turned into the state.

"We have hired them to help us do our paperwork and make sure we get our fair share," Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz said.

The departments include the sheriff's office, county welfare department, child welfare board, Scurry County Health Unit, Snyder EMS and Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

"All of these departments will get their expenses together and turn them into Eddie McHaney and he will send them to Allison, Bass & Associates."

The law firm is knowledgeable concerning the tobacco settlement distribution as it participated in the preparation of the rules adopted this year by the Texas Department of Health that determine the allowable expenditures for which a county can be reimbursed.

"They will take what we have and look through it and decide what is legitimate and what is not," McHaney said.

March 31 is the deadline to get the documentation to the Texas Department of Health.

The check is expected sometime in April.

The total amount to be split among local governments in all 254 Texas counties is one-third the size of the initial disbursement — $100 million compared to $300 million delivered for 1998 in 1999.

The first checks were meant to reimburse local governments the costs of treating tobacco-related illness over many past years.

There were no direct stipulations as to how the money from the first check should be spent.

"The first year's distribution could be used for anything. The county commissioners chose to reduce ad valorem taxes. Some counties have used theirs for roads and some for new programs," Fritz said.

The first check was based on population according to the 1990 federal census.

However, the guidelines change this year as the upcoming funds will be used only to reimburse health care costs incurred in the 1999 calendar year.

"The 1999 settlement is based on actual expenditures and will be used to reimburse those medical expenses in whichever department they were incurred," Fritz said. "A pro rata portion of those expenses will be sent back to each county based on actual verifiable expenses."

Fritz said the biggest provider of medical services among the various departments is Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

"When we get all our expenses gathered up we will know exactly what Cogdell's percentage will be and those funds will be turned over to Cogdell Hospital," Fritz said.

Star shows open

The planetarium at Western Texas College is now available for its spring offering of star shows.

The group presentations are held Friday mornings and afternoons, and by special arrangement.

The shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. There are four presentations available in the 60-seat planetarium: pre-K through kindergarten age; first through third graders; fourth and fifth grades; and a show for general audiences.

For reservations, call WTC at 573-8511, ext. 312.

Tax deadline is here

Monday is the last day for property owners to pay their 1999 taxes without a penalty.

Beginning Tuesday, a seven percent penalty will be assessed. That penalty goes up two percent each month until July. In other words, the penalty will be seven percent in February, nine percent in March, 11 percent in April, 13 percent in May and 15 percent in June.

In July, an 18 percent penalty will be charged, plus a 15 percent charge for attorney fees.

"July is the real kicker, you want to get your taxes paid before then," Rona Sikes, tax collector/assessor said.

The bill is also susceptible to be turned over to delinquent tax attorneys for collection in July.

The penalty is a percentage of the base tax. For example, a home valued at $25,761 will have a tax bill for $500.76. If the homeowner waits until February to pay, the tax bill goes up to $535.81 and then $545.83 in March.

A business valued at $288,420 will have a base tax for the county of $7,952.31. If not paid by Feb. 1, the bill goes up to $8,508.98. In March it goes up to $8,668.02

To avoid the penalty, taxpayers need to make their payments in the tax office by 5 p.m. Monday. If unable to bring in the payment, it will still be considered on time if postmarked Jan. 31.

The post office closes at 4:30 p.m. Monday, but customers can put it in the mail drop inside the post office until 5 p.m. and it will be delivered with a Jan. 31 postmark.

Anyone having any questions about their bill or anyone who did not receive a property tax bill should call the tax assessor's office.

Taxpayers older than 65 qualify for a senior citizen exemption, and Sikes urges those who have not applied to do so.

"You have to apply in the Scurry County Appraisal office and they will notify us," Sikes said.

Taxpayers who are not 65 or older may apply for a homestead exemption, if their house is also their residence. Applications for this are also made in the appraisal office, 2612 College.

Sikes said 71 percent of taxes have been collected for the county, city and Western Texas College, while 62 percent of taxes have been collected for Snyder ISD.

As of the end of December, 35 percent of taxes have been collected for Ira ISD and 36 percent for Hermleigh ISD.

The appraisal district collects taxes for Ira and Hermleigh school districts.

Local police officers warn of change scam

The Snyder Police Department is alerting local merchants of a short change scam that was pulled on a clerk at Wes-T-Go this past week.

Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner said the incident occurred around 7:30 p.m. Wednesday when a black male entered the store. He was described as between the ages of 25 and 35 years old wearing dark pants, a white T-shirt and a multi-colored jogging jacket.

Sgt. Pitner said the subject purchased a small item and then started asking for change with the clerk.

"He tried to confuse and distract the store clerk by asking for change several times," said Sgt. Pitner, after looking at the store's surveillance video.

The individual eventually left the store with over $120.

"He did it all in a minute or less," Pitner said. "You could tell she [the clerk] was confused."

The sergeant said the police department has not received any other reports locally, but he wants businesses to be alert to the scheme.

"Store owners need to be aware that we had an incident the other night, but hopefully they will not come back."

Sgt. Pitner advises clerks to be cautious if they think someone is trying to scam them.

"If someone seems to be trying to do this, just slow down and be aware of what's going on. If there is another employee in the store, I suggest you have them witness the transaction if you are making change for someone."

Sgt. Pitner said that the scheme is considered a misdemeanor theft and the severity depends on the amount taken.

"Be aware. Before you know it, a person can walk out with double, or even more, of their money."

ASK US

Q—What is the name of the Native American woman featured on the new gold-colored dollar coin which is now in limited circulation?

A—Sacagawea. She was a guide on a Lewis and Clark expedition.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 30 degrees; low, 14; 7 a.m. Saturday, 14; no precipitation; total for 2000, .73 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, cloudy, low, 20-25; E wind 5-10 mph; Sunday, cloudy morning; high, upper 40s; SE wind 5-15 mph.

Richard Grice
Cloudy

Sunset:
6:17 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:38 a.m.
Of 28 days in 2000, the sun has shone 27 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Drop the question of what tomorrow may bring, and count as profit every day that fate allows you.

—Horace

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French mime: Talk shows are different

WASHINGTON (AP) — French mime Marcel Marceau told the National Press Club on Friday that he never speaks on stage, but "on the talk shows, very much ..."

Marceau, 76, answered questions on subjects that ranged from education for miming to his Jewish heritage and his admiration for Jesus Christ.

He will be performing silently at Ford's Theater until Feb. 13.

Nicki Miller, publicist for the theater where Abraham Lincoln was shot, said Marceau had added to the program his one-man rendition of all the participants in a murder trial. He did the number here, she explained, "because Washington is the center of our judicial system."

If he had not been a mime, Marceau told a questioner, he would have liked to be a painter. A book about him published in France includes reproductions of his paintings, Ms. Miller said. His host at the National Press Club remarked that Marceau's notes for his talk were covered with little sketches.

He had doubts about teaching his own art to children.

"Children can mime angels but they don't know social ... What is it? ... consciousness," he said. "Sometimes they can bring emotion in films, because films are a reality and they can play this reality. But the theater is full of metaphors and you have to teach children about this life. ... It's very much to ask of a young child."

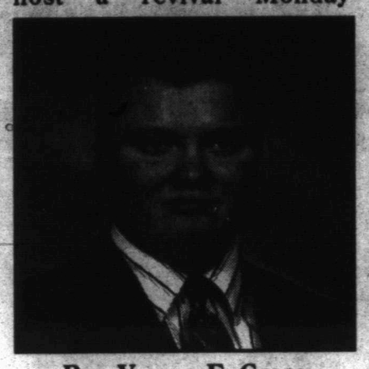
He was asked about his Jewish heritage.

Anti-Semitism had affected him when he was a child, he replied, though it had not changed his life.

"But I loved Jesus Christ," Marceau went on. "He was the best of the Jews. How can you be an anti-Semite when you're Christian? ... Our father died, he was deported. ... Yes, I cried for him, but 85 million people were deported and killed during the war. ... Among those kids was maybe an Einstein, a Mozart, somebody who (would have) found ... a cancer drug. ... This is why we have a great responsibility. Let us love one another."

Ex-resident to preach at local church revival

The Church of God will host a revival Monday through Wednesday, with meetings at 7 o'clock nightly.



Rev. Vernon E. Groce

Rev. Vernon E. Groce, former Snyder resident and youth leader of the local church, will be the evangelist. He has dedicated his life to full time ministry and now serves as pastor at the Winters Church of God.

Rev. Groce grew up in Snyder and graduated from Ira High School. At one time, he was an Elvis impersonator. He also performed in Wild West shows and several Ritz Theatre productions.

Nazarene Church to remodel in stages

The "Little Johnnie" construction fund at the First Church of the Nazarene has netted some $4,000 for the first of several building projects which got underway last week.

The main entrance to the church is located on the east side of the building. A new door has been added to the southside. Concrete will be poured and an awning installed so that people will be able to drive close to the new entrance to let passengers out.

The pews in the sanctuary will soon be replaced with interlocking chairs. The room will eventually be used for Sunday School classes. Replacing the pews will allow the room to double as a dining area.

Presently, there isn't one room large enough to accommodate the 60-75 members who attend church meals.

In time, another door will be added to the north side of the church to allow access to an all-purpose room that will be built in the future. This would also double as the sanctuary.

The room will seat 250 people and be equipped with a kitchen, Baptistry and basketball goals.

The cross on the outside of the building will be covered with siding and the present sign will be spruced up.

Michael Howard, pastor, said the church will work on each project in stages, as funding is raised, rather than taking out a loan.

Roy Bailey of Bailey's Snyder Glass and Mirror is in charge of construction. Polly Echols drew up the plans.

The church also recently received a Hammond Organ, donated by Belle-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

The "Little Johnnie Fund" is named for Ethel Herrington's daughter, Johnnie Molinar.

Ethel, a longtime member of the church, started the "Little Ethel Fund" to raise money for needy people.

The First Church of the Nazarene also has a new Web site: http:www.snydertex.com/~fcon, constructed by David Thames and Nickolas Means.

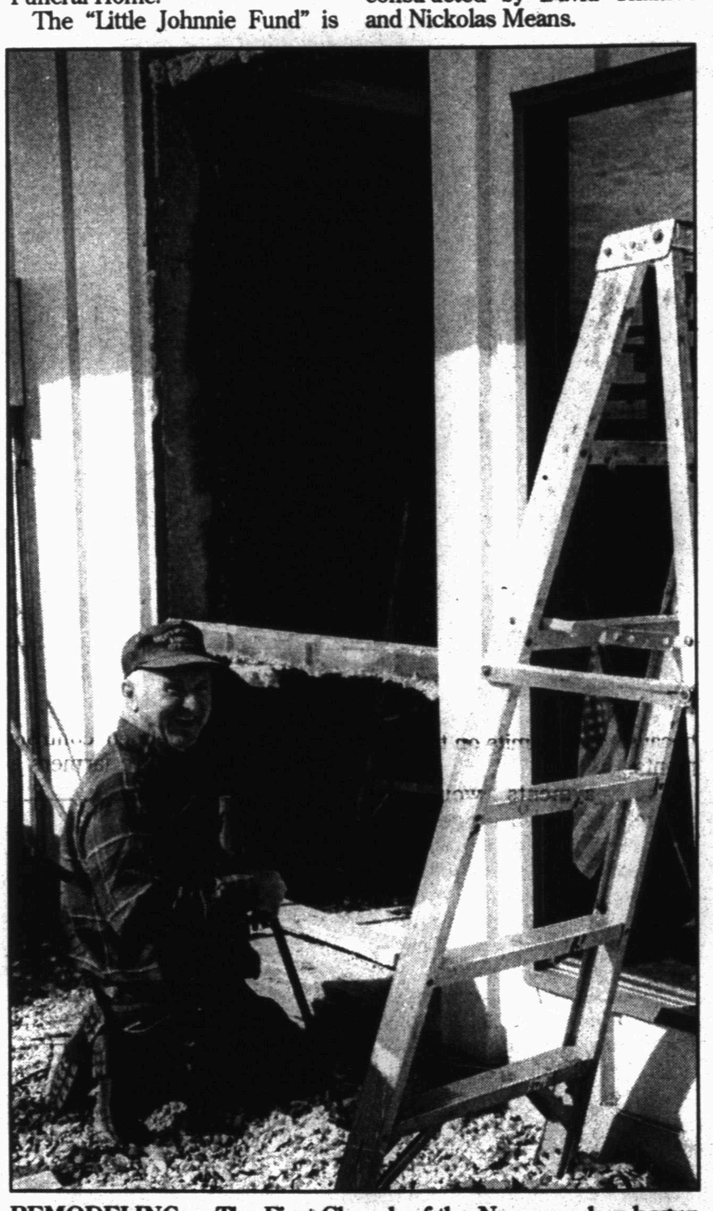
Bomb threat takes toll on high school

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Students, parents and school personnel at Smithson Valley High School are tense after the school received its fourth bomb threat in a week.

Students were evacuated and sent home when at least three bomb threat notes were found inside the facility.

"How You Can Forsake God"
BUILDING A CHRISTIAN FAMILY
What is a Family?
Cox Cable TV - Channel #2
Mon., Jan. 31, 2000, 7:00 p.m.

God's Prescription for the Good Life
Lessons presented by
Jimmy Sportsman
Ruidoso, New Mexico
Sunday, January 30, 2000
9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Our first Fifth Sunday program of the new millennium is coming up this Sunday. Jimmy Sportsman, who has preached for the Gateway Church of Christ in Ruidoso, New Mexico since 1989, will be our guest speaker. Jimmy is also director of the Mountain Family Fellowship, an annual family encampment in the mountains near Ruidoso. The encampment began in 1990 and has grown to around 1,000 campers each summer. Following the morning worship we will enjoy a fellowship dinner together. Come prepared for a rich feast from God's word and fellowship with one another.
East Side Church of Christ
201 31st Street Snyder, Texas



REMODELING — The First Church of the Nazarene has begun a remodeling project which will be completed in stages. Roy Bailey of Bailey's Snyder Glass and Mirror is heading up the project. He is pictured here working on the frame for the new door which has been installed on the southside of the church. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

WTC third overall in meat judging contest

The Western Texas College meats judging team finished third in the overall standings at the 2000 National Western Meats Judging Contest held Jan. 17 at Denver, Colo. This was the highest place ever at this contest by a WTC team, according to instructor Jim Judah.

By category, the WTC team was second in beef judging, fourth in lamb judging and sixth in pork judging. The team was first in questions, scoring 840, breaking the 800 point mark by 40 points. Anytime a team breaks 800 in questions it is a major accomplishment, Judah said.

Individually, Chris Hartman of Sweetwater was first in beef judging, first in questions and third overall.

Jeff Ellis of Colorado City was first in lamb judging, fifth in beef judging, third in questions and fourth overall.

Matt Thackerson of Colorado City was second in beef grading.

Jerry Hernandez of Floydada was 13th overall. Other team members were Amber Chisum of Jayton and Jimma Chapman of Abilene.

WTC lists students on three honor rolls

One hundred and four students have been recognized for academic achievement for the 1999 fall semester at Western Texas College.

President's List

Lina Alvarez, Jennifer Bigham, Lisandra Bueno, Jennifer Featherston, Chris Halbert, Keila Helms, Connie Irvine, Bradi Johnson, Reid Johnson, Cherry Kendall, Sarah Martin, Deanna Moseley, Matt Pond, Jodie Reel, Angela Riggs and Toby Robinson were named to the President's List, the highest ranking achievable at WTC.

To be honored students must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while taking at least 12 academic credit hours.

Dean's List

Students named to the Dean's List include Wesley Arnold, William Atkins, Jason Campbell, Jason Carr, Kevin Chisum, Clinton Crow, Lori Favors, April Fisher, Billy Floyd, Christianson Hartman, Joni Hembree, Marci Irvine, Bryan Kolb, Larry Lambaren, Pete Olivarez, Amber Stalvey, Kory Williams, Cara Willingham, and Phillip Yanez.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a 3.5 GPA and carry at least 12 hours of course work.

Merit List

The Merit List is comprised of students enrolled for more than eight hours but fewer than 12 hours who earn a GPA of 3.5.

Students named to the Merit List include Charlotte Barrett, Candace Barrow, Chelsie Birks, Forrest Bollinger, Brian Brauchi, Joshua Burney, Jeffery Burton, Acy Butler, Steven Camp, Amber Chisum, James Collom, Garrett Cox, Michael Cruz, Brittany Drummond, Wayne Dunlap, Jeff Ellis, James Elrod, James Eslinger, Helen Fare, Michael Finley, Becky Fry, David Gamblin, Andrew Garcia, Judy Garza, Rafael Garza, Reynaldo Gomez, Gregoria Guerra, Kevin Gutierrez, Brady Hackfeld, Renae Hall.

Others are Mandy Heaton, Charles Hernandez, Kaleb Herrley, Ricky Holman, Gene Howland, Matthew Hughes, Kenneth Irwin, Jason Kerby, Carl Latino, Michael Logan, Wayne Mangrum, Larry Markham, Olivia Martinez, Chad Mcgeary, Bernard Mitchell, Heather Moon, John Moore, Daniel Navarrete, George Perez, Trevlyn Pitner, Neika Porter, Charles Pulliam, Bradley Reeves, Jemma Richburg, Monica Roberson, Tony Roberts, Geoffrey Sanders, Caleb Shafer, Jennifer Spencer, Angela Syddall, Kanemitsu Takahashi, Michael Vincent, Edgar White, Peggy Williams, Brandon Williamson, Deborah Wilson, Robert Wilson, Erik Zepeda, Scott Zywicki.

Houston cleared in race bias case

HOUSTON (AP) — The city of Houston did not racially discriminate against two black employees who sought promotions, a federal jury decided Friday.

After deliberating for six hours, a jury found that Houston's Department of Public Works and Engineering did not deny promotions for the job of senior inspector to Louella Henderson Jones and Herbert Williams III two years ago because of their race.

The case drew wide interest because the plaintiffs wanted the judge to enter into evidence Chief Inspector Dan Petrash's Confederate flag tattoo.

Lawyers for Jones and Williams told the Houston Chronicle in Saturday's editions that they plan to appeal the verdict because U.S. District Judge Nancy Atlas wouldn't allow them to present the tattoo as evidence of Petrash's racist beliefs.

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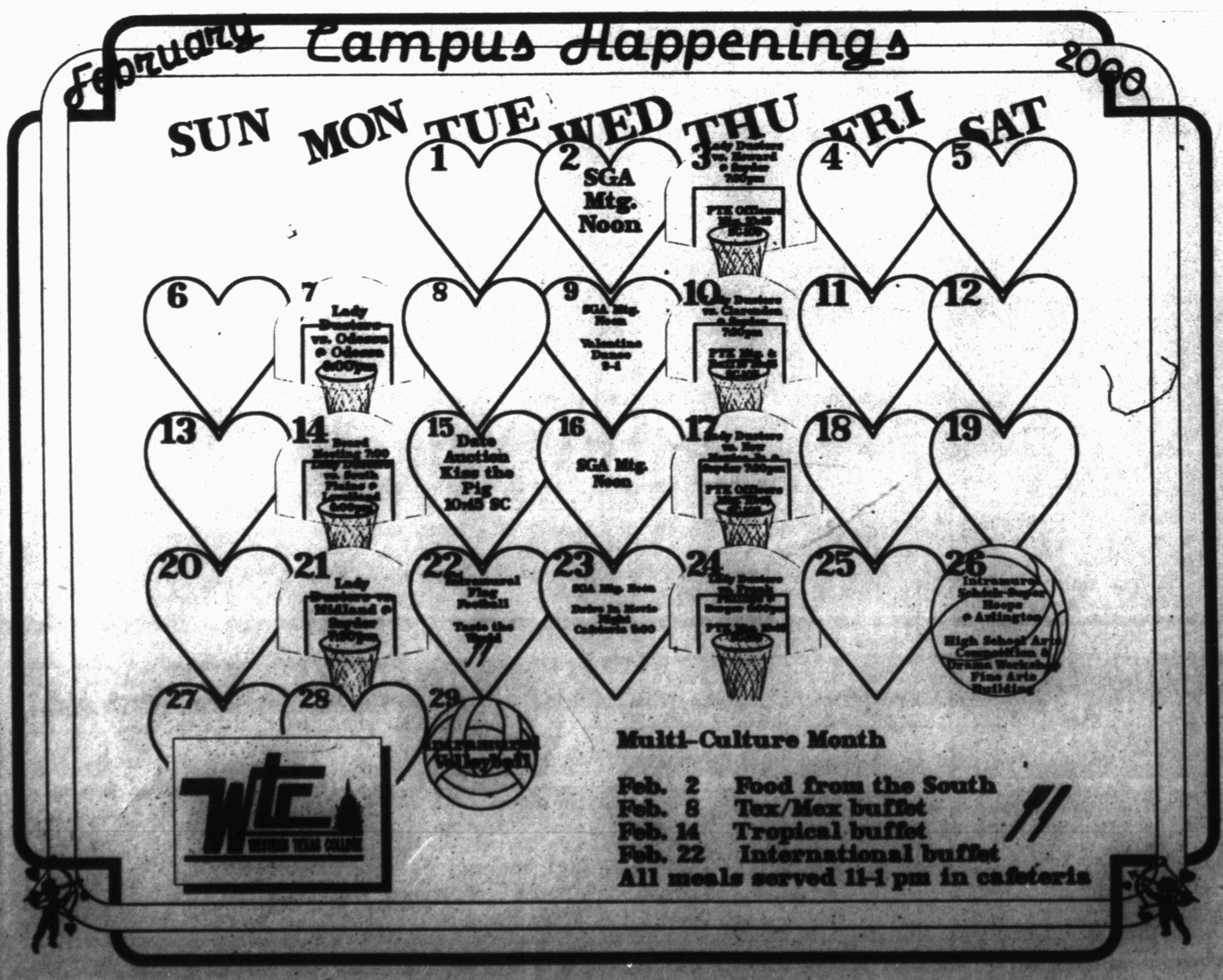

WORD IS LIFE
DELIVERANCE CHURCH
is now at their new location
312 COLISEUM DRIVE
Tony Wolford, Pastor
573-0619

DARE WINNER — Alicia Culp, Hermleigh fifth grader, won the DARE essay contest, sponsored by the Scurry County Sheriff's Department. Her prize was a stuffed lion. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Nuke weapons workers were exposed

NEW YORK (AP) — The government has conceded for the first time that workers who helped make nuclear weapons were exposed to cancer-causing radiation and chemicals, The New York Times reported Saturday.

The findings that radiation exposure led to higher-than-normal and wide-ranging cancers in workers is detailed in a draft report prepared by the Energy Department and the White House, the newspaper said.

"This is the first time that the government is acknowledging that people got cancer from radiation exposure in the plants," Energy Secretary Bill Richardson told the Times.

"In the past, the role of the government was to take a hike," Richardson said, "and I think that was wrong."

The admission raises the possibility that the government may eventually be forced to compensate families and survivors.

The report said 22 different kinds of cancers, including leukemia, Hodgkin's lymphoma, prostate, kidney and lung cancer, were found among 600,000 people who worked at 14 nuclear weapons plants since World War II.

Since the Manhattan Project in 1957, when workers began handling radioactive material to produce atomic bombs, the government has minimized workers' risks and spent millions defending itself in lawsuits.

The Energy Department, along with various agencies, have been compiling data since July after Richardson's agency concluded that some workers at weapons plants supplying beryllium developed beryllium disease, an incurable lung ailment.

President Clinton ordered a broad study that would also look at the effects of radiation and chemical hazards from uranium, plutonium and other substancr-

gy Workers Union, called the draft conclusions stunning. Guttman's firm represents employees at 11 weapons factories.

"The prior story line is, 'What's the big deal, the risks were marginal,'" he said.

The findings come from epidemiological studies performed from as far back as the mid-1960s, including many dismissed by the government when they were published.

Other information was gathered from the Energy Department, which now owns the nuclear plants, the Atomic Energy Commission, or their contractors. The Times said none of the research was specifically done for this study.

The report is expected to be completed by March.

Among the sites noted in the report were several operations at Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Savannah River in South Carolina; Hanford, in Washington state; Rocky Flats near Denver; the Fernald Feed Materials Center near Cincinnati; and at the Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos national laboratories.

Clinton proposes subsidies to tighten 'farm safety' net

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is proposing new farm subsidies that would take effect when commodity prices are low.

The "supplemental income" payments, estimated to cost taxpayers $3.1 billion this year, would vary in size according to fluctuations in crop revenue. They are meant to substitute for emergency subsidies that Congress has made the past two years to compensate growers for a collapse in exports and commodity prices.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said the program would "strengthen the farm safety net" until Congress rewrites existing farm policy in 2002.

"Payments will increase when times are the toughest and will taper off when prices rebound," Glickman said in a conference call Friday with farm broadcasters.

The administration's proposal, which is similar to an idea offered last year by Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, is certain to run into opposition from many producers and lawmakers because of the limits on the payments.

The payments would be pegged to the average gross income nationally over the past five years for eight major crops — corn, wheat, cotton, rice, soybeans, sorghum, oats and barley — and would be capped at $30,000 per operation. Most farmers would get far less than that because their annual "market-transition" payments, the fixed subsidies they receive under the 1996 law, would count toward the $30,000 limit.

Some 1.3 million farmers currently receive market transition payments, and 200,000 get at least $10,000 a year. Of those, 30,000 receive more than $30,000.

"The size of an operation doesn't necessarily limit the difficulty that anybody has financially," said Dick Newpher, chief lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation, the nation's largest farm group. "We would like to help all of agriculture."

But John Schnittker Sr., a private consultant and former Agriculture Department economist, said that capping the payments "is the right thing to do, both from the fiscal standpoint, to avoid runaway costs, and from the standpoint of getting most of the money to relatively modest-size farmers."

The program would fix what the Clinton administration and some producer groups see as a major flaw in the 1996 farm law, which scaled back income-based farm subsidies, ended controls on planting and gave farmers a series of fixed annual payments. Critics say the fixed payments were insufficient when commodity prices fell sharply in 1998.

The new subsidy program will be included in President Clinton's 2001 budget along with $1.3 billion in farm conservation spending that Vice President Al Gore announced earlier this month and an additional $640 million earmarked for cutting premiums on federally subsidized crop insurance. The government has offered similar insurance discounts in 1999 and again this year in order to encourage more farmers to buy the coverage to protect against weather-related losses.

Because commodity prices are only expected to rise slowly during the next several years, support has been building in Congress and among farm organizations to come up with a new way to subsidize growers when prices are low.

The administration's new program was originally proposed by economists at the Agriculture Department and Ohio State University in the early 1990s. Critics have said the payments could worsen the worldwide grain glut.

Painting sells for record sum

NEW YORK (AP) — The Old Master painting had a turbulent past: It had been purchased with the federally insured deposits of a mismanaged Miami savings-and-loan for its high-living chairman, who is now behind bars.

Another page was added to its history Friday, when Peter Paul Rubens' "Portrait of a Man as Mars" sold for a record $8.2 million at a Sotheby's auction.

The [illegible] million for Rubens was a record for the artist at an auction, topping the previous mark of about $6 million, paid for "Samson and Delilah" in 1980, according to Sotheby's.

The buyer's name was not released.

"It is the most important Rubens to come on the auction market in the last generation," said Sotheby's spokesman Matthew Weigman.

In 1989, Florida banking officials discovered that the 17th century portrait and two dozen other artworks — a $29 million collection — had been purchased with funds from the strapped CenTrust Savings and Loan. The buyer was David L. Paul, the S&L's chairman and chief executive.

Paul had bought the Rubens for $13.2 million from the widow of Samuel Kress, founder of the five-and-dime store empire, according to The Wall Street Journal. Sotheby's would not confirm the figure.

1990, CenTrust was taken over by the federal government in one of the biggest American S&L failures. The thrift was liquidated and sold.

And in 1994, Paul was convicted of fraud and other charges. He is serving 11 years in prison.

The sale of the paintings was ordered by Florida banking regulators.

"Portrait of a Man as Mars" is an image of a man dressed as the Roman god of war Mars.

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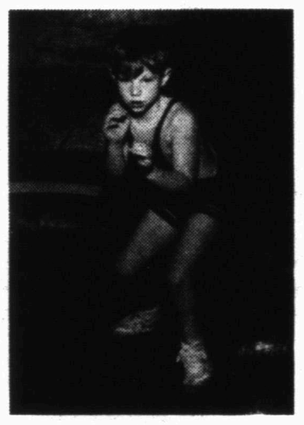

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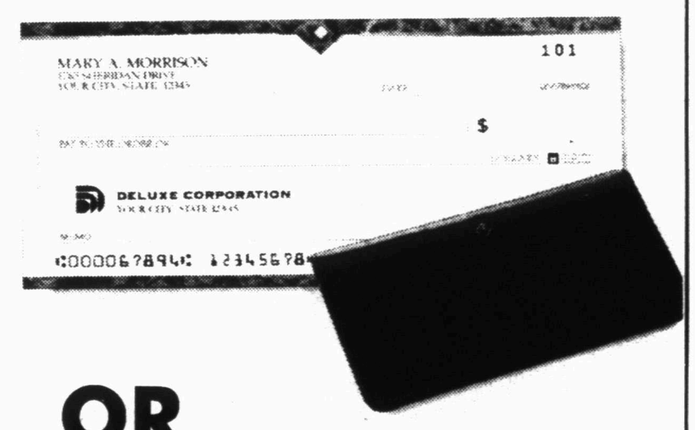

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Hand transplant patient doing well

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Matthew Scott has worked countless hours to be able to do things most people hardly think about.

One year ago he became the first person in the United States to receive a transplanted hand. He can now use it to write his name, pour a glass of water, deal cards and tie his shoes.

Scott, who lives in Absecon, N.J., was in Louisville this week for a checkup with the doctors who attached his new left hand.

Scott represents "the pinnacle of what can be achieved in hand transplant," said Dr. Warren Breidenbach, one of the surgeons.

At a news conference Friday, doctors showed a video of Scott performing simple tasks. The natural left-hander has some feeling in his fingertips, can feel temperatures and is beginning to gain function in the small muscles of the hand, Breidenbach said.

The surgeons said Scott's determination to improve the hand's function through therapy has contributed to his success.

Scott, 38, said Friday that the progress with his new hand has eased much of his anger over losing the old one in a fireworks accident.

"A lot of those daily frustrations — the kind that would send a pen flying across the room — are gone now," he said.

Scott, who works as an administrator for an emergency medical center, lost his left hand in 1985. He received the new hand last year in a 15-hour procedure at Jewish Hospital in Louisville.

Scott's doctors say his transplanted hand will never have the complete function of a normal hand, but he may still see some improvement over the next year.

Dr. Jon Jones, a transplant surgeon, said there's still about a 50 percent chance that Scott's immune system will reject the hand over the next 10 years.

Five people in the world are living with transplanted hands. Two of them had the surgery in France, with the first receiving a hand in September 1998. Two have had hands attached in China.

Scott "has the best hand function of any done," Breidenbach said.

POSTER CONTEST WINNERS — Hermleigh sixth graders recently participated in a U.S. Savings Bond poster contest. First through third place winners are from left, Johnathon McClure, Samantha Berry, Danni Webb. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Kinney Mabry

Mabry begins new position at 37th C of C

Kinney Mabry has been named the youth minister/education director at 37th Street Church of Christ.

He began his service last Sunday. He and his wife, Tess, moved from Visalia, Calif., to Snyder. He was also a youth minister in Liberal, Kan., for a time.

Mabry, reared in Abilene, received his BA degree in Bible with emphasis in youth and family, from Lubbock Christian University in 1998.

"We are excited to be in Snyder, it feels good to be back in Texas," he said.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mabry, and Tess' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Foster, all live in Abilene. Tess' grandmother, Ina Bowlin, also of Abilene, is a former resident of Snyder. While in Snyder, she was a member of East Side Church of Christ.

Homeless coalition nixes nightie offer

BOSTON (AP) — Like most lingerie companies, UndercoverWear offers a range of underthings, from naughty to nice. When they decided to donate to the homeless, they chose function over fashion — thousands of flannel nightgowns.

A national homeless coalition spurned the offer, along with a gift of $200,000. The bottom line: UndercoverWear exploits women, the coalition said.

The Tewksbury-based business planned a February "Nightie for the Needy" campaign to donate 20,000 flannel nightgowns, plus $200,000, to homeless shelters across the United States and Canada.

Debbi Karpowicz, company spokeswoman, said the Washington-based National Coalition for the Homeless seemed excited when the idea was first proposed several weeks ago.

But when UndercoverWear called back recently to go over details, the coalition's executive director, Mary Ann Gleason, refused to participate.

"She basically said to me there was no way they were ever going to get involved with us," Karpowicz said Friday. "They felt UndercoverWear exaggerated wealth and exploited women."

The 23-year-old company sells its underwear through 1,500 sales agents who host "lingerie parties," similar to Tupperware parties.

Their motto is: "We use supermoms, not supermodels," and products range from plaid nightgowns to skimpy panties.

At its peak in the 1980s, the company had annual sales of $75 million. In the mid-1990s, however, sales were in the $25 million to $30 million range, said company president Tiffany James, who wouldn't disclose current figures, citing ongoing litigation.

As a self-promotional gimmick to generate donations, James proposed having women send in pictures of themselves wearing their ugliest nightgowns. For each picture received, the company would donate a new nightgown — worth about $40 retail — plus $1 to a shelter. The company would make up any difference to reach its goal of 20,000 nighties and $200,000.

Gleason said UndercoverWear didn't meet her criteria for accepting financial support. She said she objected to the ugliest nightgown gimmick: "It just felt weird to me."

She also took issue with the company's promotional materials, which boast of the mansion and vacation homes owned by the company president. "It was too big a disconnect," Gleason said.

Gleason said she urged UndercoverWear to call individual shelters, in part because her agency had no means to distribute the nightgowns and money.

Karpowicz, however, said Gleason's tone was anything but encouraging.

The company said it was talking to another national homeless activist group about helping out, but it wouldn't disclose the group's name.

Social service agencies can walk a fine line in deciding what donations are acceptable, said Philip Mangano, executive director of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, a coalition of 73 agencies across the state.

Some shelters won't take money from liquor companies, for example, since alcoholism is often a cause of homelessness.

But Mangano said scrutiny can go too far.

"What gives an organization the right to say no to any donation that's intended for homeless people?" he said.

There are an estimated 700,000 homeless in America.

A 28-year-old woman, who asked that her name not be used, picked a new blue hat, wool socks and thick gloves out of a donation box at a Boston homeless shelter Friday.

"It doesn't matter to me where they come from," she said, when told of UndercoverWear's offer.

She said she could use a warm nightgown. She also wouldn't mind a little something else.

"Hey, we'd take fancy lingerie stuff too," the woman said. "We want to live like other women do."

No genetically engineered corn, Frito-Lay, Inc. says

PLANO (AP) — In a move that has angered farm groups but pleased some environmentalists, giant snack maker Frito-Lay Inc. is telling its suppliers not to use genetically altered corn.

The American Farm Bureau Federation, which says biotechnology can produce larger and more nutritious crops, accused Frito-Lay of caving in to anti-biotech activists.

"People like Frito-Lay are responding to small splinter groups out of fear they're going to be boycotted," said Joseph Fields, a spokesman for the farm group. "We feel the companies are overreacting."

Greenpeace and the Union of Concerned Scientists applauded the decision by Plano-based Frito-Lay, the leading U.S. maker of salty snacks. Greenpeace had lobbied Frito-Lay's parent company, PepsiCo., to stop using biotech crops in its products.

"Frito-Lay is about two-thirds of PepsiCo's sales. They realize the handwriting is on the wall and that people don't want to eat GMOs," genetically modified organisms, said Charles Margulis of Greenpeace.

A spokeswoman for Frito-Lay said the company was acting in response to consumers' worries and was not responding to protests by Greenpeace or other groups.

Lynn Markley noted that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has ruled that biotech foods are safe to eat, "but we're a consumer products company. There is some consumer concern out there. We felt at this time it's appropriate to ask our growers not to sell us genetically altered corn."

The anti-biotech edict is contained in contracts Frito-Lay is now sending to hundreds of its farmers. Last year, the company bought 1.2 billion pounds of corn, a tiny fraction of the U.S. crop, for products such as Doritos, Fritos and Tostitos chips.

Scientists create biotech crops by splicing the genes of plants and inserting genetic material from other organisms to make the original bigger, hardier or tastier.

Monsanto Co. makes seeds that survive the company's Roundup herbicide, meaning farmers can freely spray their fields knowing they'll kill weeds but not the crop. Biotech corn, called Bt corn, is designed to produce a natural pesticide that kills the European corn borer.

Farm groups argue that genetically altered crops use less pesticide. Critics say any such benefit would be short-lived — that weeds and pests would adapt, in the same way that they develop resistance to herbicides and pesticides, and would require stronger and more environmentally dangerous weapons to kill them.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than half the soybeans and cotton and about one-third of the corn grown in the United States last year used gene-spliced seeds. Potatoes and tomatoes are also grown the same way.

Frito-Lay's action this week follows last summer's announcement by Gerber and Heinz that they would stop using genetically modified ingredients in baby food even though they believe the ingredients are safe.

Opposition to modified foods is much stronger in Europe, and some U.S. farmers plan to cut back on biotech crops because they fear prices will fall if Europe bans the crops. Farm groups are also fighting proposals to label foods containing genetically modified ingredients, fearing that could lower their price.

In response to the ongoing controversy, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman this month appointed a 38-member committee to advise the government on the development and use of modified crops. Glickman has also asked the National Academy of Sciences to study whether his department is adequately testing genetically engineered crops before approving them.

The issue is also moving into the courts. Backed by environmentalists, six farmers are suing St. Louis-based Monsanto on antitrust grounds in U.S. District Court in Washington. The case is expected to air safety concerns about the process.

Firm accused of violating users' privacy

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A California woman is accusing one of the Internet's largest advertising firms of violating users' privacy by linking information they believed was anonymous with a vast database of names and consumer buying habits.

The New York-based DoubleClick Inc., which last year acquired the direct marketing company Abacus for $1.7 billion, is accused of cross-referencing information obtained by Web "cookie" technology with consumer information from the Abacus marketing database.

This alleged cross-referencing is illegal because DoubleClick is doing it without users' consent, according to the lawsuit filed Thursday in Marin County Superior Court.

The suit was filed by a San Rafael woman named Harriet Judnick, and is seeking class action status on behalf of everyone in California.

"The promise by DoubleClick to keep your surfing habits anonymous has been broken," said Ira Rothken, a lawyer for Ms. Judnick. "DoubleClick had promised that the cookies it deposits on users' computers would remain anonymous or benign and would not be associated with personal information."

A cookie is a small file that a Web site deposits on an Internet user's hard drive, often with a unique number that identifies the computer. The next time someone using that computer goes back to the site, the site will recognize the computer.

DoubleClick issued a brief statement Friday, saying it is "committed to protecting the privacy of all Internet users, and to providing consumers with notice and choice."

The company declined to comment further.

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Financial Focus

Are you a good guesser? If so, you might be tempted to apply your skills to the investment world. For example, if you're interested in investing in bonds, you might want to try outguessing the "yield curve." But be careful--making the wrong guess could be expensive.

You may have seen the daily yield curve published in The Wall Street Journal or another newspaper, but what is it, exactly? Essentially, this curve describes a simple line that plots the interest rate paid by similar bonds of different maturities. Normally, the line slopes upward, because longer-term investments are more susceptible to losing purchasing power to inflation, and thus must pay higher interest rates to compensate. An inverted yield curve occurs when short-term rates are higher than long-term ones. This doesn't happen very often; when it does, it means the market believes the long-term risk of inflation is less than the short-term threat.

A flat yield curve is one in which long-term rates are not significantly higher than shorter-term ones. With this type of curve, you may be able to capture most of the yield of longer-term bonds by purchasing shorter-term instruments. However, that doesn't mean you should buy only short-term bonds, since that would make your interest income more volatile.

Some people use various strategies to try to outguess the yield curve, but the truth is that it's impossible, because nobody can accurately predict the future direction of interest rates. Instead of trying to look into the yield curve crystal ball, here are a couple of suggestions:

*Buy a bond that matures when you need the money. Suppose, for example you want a lump sum to help pay for your child's college education, which will start in 10 years. By purchasing a 10-year bond, and holding it to maturity, you will know precisely how much you can expect to receive.

*Build a "bond ladder." If you're investing for the long term, you may want to consider creating a bond ladder by purchasing a portfolio of bonds of varying maturities. A ladder is a good "all-weather" strategy for any interest-rate environment. If rates rise, you'll be able to reinvest the money coming due from your shorter-term bonds. And if rates fall, your longer-term bonds will have locked in higher yields than what the market is currently offering.

As a tool for understanding the relationship between interest rates and the market's expectations for inflation, the yield curve can be useful. But don't look to it as a guide to making investment decisions. If you want to achieve your financial goals, you'll need to avoid the "guessing game."

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Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Alpha Study Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 3 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; "Lighthouses," program by Dexter Norwood; enchilada dinner $7.50 per person at 6:30 p.m.; rsvp by Monday to Barbara McGee at 573-6991.

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

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 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.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 574-1292 or 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; "Key to Oriental Style Designs," program by Anna Sears; hostesses, BeBe Boren and Maribeth Vestal; 9:30.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 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.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Black history month set for February; founder honored

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black History Month begins Tuesday with a tribute to the originator of the idea, Carter G. Woodson, half a century after his death.

Jacqueline Goggin, his biographer, will tell how he worked to popularize a knowledge of the past, particularly the African-American past. For those who still find history too dry, tap dancers Brother Black and 10-year-old Cartier Anthony Williams will also appear on the program at the National Museum of Natural History.

"That's the way we always do it," said Jo Ann Webb, "we have a lecture and then some entertainment too."

Ms. Webb was among the officials promoting Black History programs among the 16 museums and galleries of the Smithsonian Institution.

Woodson, who died in 1950, founded what is now the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History in 1915. He first proposed "Negro History Week," held in the month that includes the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, for whom Douglass helped recruit black troops in the Civil War.

The National Gallery of Art displays the memorial sculpted by August Saint-Gaudens to the first black unit in the war, the Massachusetts 54th Regiment. An audio taped guide with an account of the memorial by Gen. Colin Powell accompanies it.

By 1976 Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month.

The Kennedy Center, which includes Washington's opera house, a concert hall, large and small theaters and two stages for daily free performances, works hard to bring in black audiences.

On Thursday and Friday it will put on a program that includes world premieres of two South African works. "At the Fountains of Mpindelela" is a multi-media tribute to Nelson Mandela. "UShaka" is a chamber version of an oratorio by composer Mzilikazi Khumalo.

Friday will see the first of three performances by the Ballet d'Afrique Noire of "Mandinka Epic," which tells in dance, song and drumming the rise of the Mandinka empire that reached from north central Africa to the Atlantic coast hundreds of years ago. It explores the idea put forward by some scholars that Africans crossed the Atlantic and founded the Olmec kingdom in Central America.

Beginning Feb. 10 the Kennedy Center will put on an exhibit called "Abomey: History Told on Walls." It will show some of the earliest examples of low-relief carving from the palaces of the kings of Dahomey in their West African capital.

"In a society with no written language," the Kennedy Center said in announcing the show, "these visual stories have perpetuated the history and myths of the Fon people."

Between Feb. 14 and Feb. 18 Cyprien Tokoudagba, an artist from Benin, will demonstrate how the carvings were produced

Selling hockey sport to Texas takes creativity

AUSTIN (AP) — Hockey purists might be appalled, but it takes more than pucks and pads to sell the sport to Texans.

At a recent Friday night game, more than 5,000 people turned out to watch Austin's minor league Austin Ice Bats, the city's only professional sports team. Team employees fired up the crowd by firing tee shirts from a cannon.

"It's amazing. Every time we bring that thing out, I marvel at how crazy people get when we shoot it into the crowd," said Bats marketing executive Jason Bruzzone.

"People are just falling all over themselves to get a tee shirt."

It's Friday night at the Travis County Exposition

"Hockey in Texas can be successful," said Richard Adler, president of the Houston Aeros. "As long as you treat it as entertainment, and not a sport that Southerners didn't grow up with."

Promotion is important for the Bats, a member of the Western Professional Hockey League. Last year, they finished in last place. This year, the Bats are second in their division and Austin leads the league in attendance, passing the 100,000 mark on Dec. 28.

Austin's revenues are up 27 percent and profits 18 percent ahead of budget, general manager Craig Jenkins told the Austin American-Statesman.

Owner John McVaney paid $2.7 million for the team in March 1998. It could generate annual revenues from $3 million to $5 million, he said.

The team is getting closer to that goal by offering some unconventional promotions.

"We find out what the client's main objective is. Then we try to think of the craziest, wackiest ideas that would be the most interesting for the fans," said Bruzzone, the marketing executive.

The team has let contestants bowl with frozen turkeys and try to sweep up as many crawfish as possible.

One night, the Bats offered a promotional tie-in with a funeral home. Contestants shot pucks into a casket that had been opened and put on its side.

"Whoever shot the most pucks into the casket won a free funeral," Bruzzone said. "I know it sounds morbid, but we did it on Halloween, so it fit with the theme."

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Family files suit

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — The family of two brothers killed in a wrong-way crash filed a $50 million lawsuit Friday against an FBI agent charged in the wreck.

The wrongful death lawsuit was filed against David Farrall, 36, a Miami-based agent in the FBI's organized crime unit.

On Nov. 23, Farrall was driving south in the northbound lanes of I-95 when he slammed into the northbound car carrying Maurice Williams, 23, and his brother, Craig Chambers, 19, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

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SPORTS

Tigers hold off Steers in OT, 65-60

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

When you're the Snyder Tigers, the defending district champions with a stranglehold on the top spot once again, opponents have no problems getting up to play you.

And the Big Spring Steers were sky high Friday night.

But even against an inspired effort from the Steers, the Tigers found a way to raise their level of play when it counted most.

Snyder put together a 13-6 fourth-quarter run, then held Big Spring scoreless for over three and a half minutes to rescue a 65-60 overtime victory Friday at the SHS gym.

The comeback win keeps the Tigers in the district's driver's seat with an unblemished 5-0 mark. Snyder, now 18-9 on the season, has a two-game edge on Fort Stockton, following the Panthers' 64-54 loss Friday night at Sweetwater.

"Big Spring is very athletic, and they played very tough and very physical, especially on the defensive end," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "They got too many second-chance opportunities on the offensive end, and that really hurt us. But our guys kept battling all night. Our kids have been in plenty of these kinds of game, and they kept their composure down the stretch and did what had to be done to win the ballgame."

Other than a seven-point Snyder lead in the first quarter, and Big Spring's seven-point advantage in the fourth, the game was nip-and-tuck throughout.

Trailing by four points at halftime, the Steers began their charge in the third quarter.

Big Spring opened the second half with a 10-2 run fueled by four Snyder turnovers and two buckets from John Purcell.

The Tigers reeled in the Steers near the close of the third period, thanks to two baskets from Heath Pinkerton and a three-point play by Sonny Cumbie.

Big Spring held a three-point advantage as the fourth quarter began, before the Steers built their largest lead of the night just 1:15 into the period.

A three-pointer from Jason Woodruff and an inside bucket from Lance Brock put Big Spring on top, 48-41.

But the Tigers quickly began their comeback effort. Five points from Jared Thornhill ignited an 11-4 Snyder run that knotted the tally at 52-52 when Cumbie made one of two free throws with 2:06 left on the clock.

Pinkerton, who led the Tigers for the third straight game with 23 points, gave Snyder the lead, 54-52, with 1:45 left.

Big Spring scored the final basket of regulation at the 1:25 mark. Turnovers by both teams filled the final minute of action, with the Steers missing on a last-second three-point attempt.

Tied at 54-54 heading into the four-minute overtime session, Snyder quickly seized the momentum.

Thornhill and Jared Hester knocked down the first two buckets of the extra frame, and Pinkerton added two free throws, to build a six-point Snyder lead two minutes in.

The Tigers held Big Spring without a point until the 1:53 mark when Purcell made good on a pair of free-throw attempts for a 60-56 tally.

The Steers, who battled foul trouble, had four players foul out, while Thornhill and Jamaal Wofford both picked up five fouls for Snyder.

After a pair of Big Spring free throws cut the lead to two points, Snyder went 3-of-6 from the line in the final 40 seconds.

Leading by three points, Pinkerton scored on a layup as the buzzer sounded for the 65-60 final tally.

Snyder begins the second half of the district schedule Tuesday when it visits second-place Fort Stockton for a 7:30 tip-off at Panther gym.

Big Spring	06	21	16	11	06—60
Snyder	13	18	09	14	11—65

Big Spring
Purcell 5 2-2 12, Belvin 4 0-1 8, Brock 4 0-0 8, Nutting 3 0-0 6, Woodruff 7 3-4 18, Dille 1 2-3 4, Smith 1 0-0 2, Harris 0 2-2 2. **Totals 25 9-12 60.**

Snyder
Pinkerton 9 5-7 23, Cumbie 3 3-5 10, Wofford 2 3-6 7, Hester 1 3-4 5, McAnaw 0 3-5 3, Thornhill 6 2-4 14, Loper 1 0-0 2, Scott 0 1-2 1. **Totals 22 20-33 65.**

Three-point goals: Big Spring 1 (Woodruff), Snyder 1 (Cumbie). Rebounds: Big Spring 27 (Woodruff 9), Snyder 22 (Cumbie 6, Hester 6). Total fouls: Big Spring 30, Snyder 19. Fouled out — Dille, Wilkins, Belvin, Nutting; Thornhill, Wofford.

District 5-4A Boys

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	5	0	18	9
Fort Stockton	3	2	13	13
Andrews	2	2	10	15
Sweetwater	2	3	8	16
Lake View	1	3	9	14
Big Spring	1	4	14	14

Friday's results: Snyder 65, Big Spring 60 (OT), Sweetwater 64, Fort Stockton 54.
Saturday's game: Andrews at Lake View.
Tuesday's games: Snyder at Fort Stockton; Big Spring at Andrews; Lake View at Sweetwater.

For first time since 1990...

Bulldogs secure 18-A crown with 67-51 win

GRADY — Their 24th victory of the season satisfied the first goal of the Ira Bulldogs — winning a district championship.

With Ira knowing that a victory equaled a district title, the Grady Wildcats never had a chance as the Bulldogs took total control from the opening tip to post a convincing 67-51 victory Friday night.

The win secures the District 18-A crown for Ira, whose record runs to 6-0 in league play and 24-2 overall. It's the Bulldogs' first championship since 1990. Last year, Ira finished in the runner-up slot, before advancing all the way to regional semifinals.

"This is one thing that we set out to do at the beginning of the year," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "The guys are excited, and I think this will give us a boost to accomplish the things we want to in the postseason."

In girls' action Friday night, the Lady Bulldogs fell short in their bid to grab a share of second place, dropping a 52-46 decision to the Lady Wildcats.

The Ira boys turned in solid performances in the first two quarters, but couldn't bury the pesky Wildcats.

The Bulldogs ran to a 20-14 lead in the opening period, before Grady shaved a point off the deficit by halftime to trail, 36-31, at the break.

But in the third quarter, Ira made its move. The Bulldogs maintained its consistent play on the offensive end, while turning up the heat on the other.

Ira limited Grady to only eight points in the third period, giving the Bulldogs a 14-point cushion, heading into the final eight minutes of action.

"At halftime, we talked about how well things were going on offense, but how we needed to step it up defensively," said Edwards. "And the guys did that. They really helped each other out on the defensive end in the second half. It was a team effort to slow down Grady, and we had a lot of guys contribute."

Ira remained steady down the stretch, posting a 14-12 advantage in the fourth quarter, to secure the victory and the district title.

Ira seniors Logan Daves and Jerek Brown finished in double figures, led by Daves' 26 points. Brown dropped in 18.

Nathan Smith and Richard Wilkins tallied eight points apiece, with Jess Wall adding three. Jase Olvera and Jerry Jamison chipped in two points each.

In the girls' match-up, Grady grabbed the early momentum.

The Lady Wildcats ran out to a 17-9 lead in the first period, before Ira responded in the second quarter to close within two points by halftime.

Trailing, 31-29, at the break, the Lady Bulldogs continued to rally in the third period. Ira posted 13 points in the third to knot the tally at 42-42, heading into the final frame.

But in the fourth quarter, Grady came storming back, registering 10 points while surrendering only four to record the win.

Celeigh Sterling poured in 17 points to pace the Lady Bulldogs, with Morgan Clements knocking down 12 more. Michelle Nettles registered nine points, while Jamie Goolsby finished with five and Kristen Harless chipped in three.

Both Ira squads will be in action again Tuesday when they host Sands.

The Bulldogs' opening-round playoff game will be Feb. 22, with Klondike being the likely opponent.

Ira will play three practice games before the postseason gets underway.

The Bulldogs will take on Lipan on Feb. 8 at 7:30 at McMurry in Abilene. Ira will also face Reagan County on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at Big Spring's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The final warm-up game is tentatively set against Lorenzo at Jayton on Feb. 18.

Rams looking for first NFL title since days of 'Crazy Legs'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ticket scalping had not become a part of sports lingo. Of course, the top seats were $5, with general admission $3 a pop.

Even then, nearly half the 100,000 seats in the Los Angeles Coliseum remained empty on game day.

Times have changed since the Rams won their last NFL championship.

Although the 1951 title game featured some of the league's marquee names of the day, including Cleveland's Otto Graham and the Rams' Bob Waterfield, Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch and "Deacon" Dan Towler, it caused barely a ripple across America.

The tag "Super Bowl" and its attendant Roman numerals were 15 seasons in the future, television coverage was sparse, and there were no media hordes scrutinizing the players' every move.

"Compared to all this, it was like a high school championship game," Towler, 71, said from Atlanta, where he will attend Sunday's Super Bowl between the St. Louis Rams and Tennessee Titans. "There wasn't all the hype."

It was just another week, business a usual. But no more.

"The Super Bowl has become a sports circus, with the game almost secondary to the commercials and all that," said Towler, who worked on his masters degree of theology during his six years with the Rams, then quit the game to become a church pastor.

Woodley Lewis was another member of the Los Angeles Rams' team that beat Cleveland 24-17 on Dec. 23, 1951, when Norm Van Brocklin threw a 73-yard touchdown pass to Tom Fears midway through the final quarter.

"Then we all got in our used cars, if we had a car, and drove home and started thinking about going back to work on Monday," recalled Lewis, 74, who worked as a probation counselor. "Most of us had to have other jobs,"

Dick Horner, a member of the Rams' "Bull Elephant Backfield" along with Towler and Paul "Tank" Younger, even had trouble finding an offseason job.

"Companies didn't want to hire you because they knew you were going to be playing football for six months of the year," said the 77-year-old Horner. "I worked as an usher at Hollywood Park and Santa Anita."

The Rams earned $2,108.44 each for beating the Browns, while the losers earned $1,483.12 apiece.

"We were darned glad to get it," Horner said. "Some of the guys were playing for $2,000 or $3,000 a year. Some of them who lived out of town were always drawing money against their future salary so they could get home after the season."

Each member of the winning Super Bowl team this year will get $58,000; and the losers $33,000.

Attendance at the '51 championship game was 59,475, and the gross revenue was $325,970, with total TV and radio rights going for $75,000 — $1,667 more than the cost of one second of commercial time during this Sunday's game.

The cheapest tickets, in the end zone, this time have a face value of $325, and some scalpers are asking four or five times that amount.

Switzer gives favorable opinion of Dallas coach

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer likes owner Jerry Jones' choice of a new head coach.

When Switzer was at Dallas, Dave Campo was defensive backs coach. Switzer said he convinced Jones that Campo should be named defensive coordinator when Butch Davis left to coach the University of Miami.

"The first year I was there I spent 90 percent of my time in the defensive meetings," Switzer told The Daily Oklahoman. "From that evaluation, the interaction, the thought process that came out of game-planning, all those variables made me believe Campo was the right man.

"As far as being qualified, there's no question Dave Campo is an excellent coach. He and I had a great working relationship," Switzer said. "I like him not only as a football coach, I like him as a person."

Switzer, the former University of Oklahoma coach, coached the Cowboys from 1994 through 1997. Campo was named head coach on Wednesday, replacing Chan Gailey, who was fired.

Switzer said Jones, one of the most hands-on owners in the National Football League, gets a bad rap.

"When I say things, people don't want to believe me," Switzer said. "Jerry is not a factor in coaching the football team. He has done some things that the media takes and creates into controversy that he sometimes circumvents the head coach.

"He makes a few head coaching decisions," Switzer said. He said the decisions aren't major. "They don't have anything to do with offense, defense or special teams, evaluation or drafting. Jerry doesn't meddle in the big things."

One criticism has been that players went over Gailey's head to speak directly to Jones.

Jones granted excused absences from practice without Gailey's knowledge and Gailey learned from the media last summer that defensive tackle Leon Lett would be suspended.

NFL Playoffs

All Times EST
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 23
Tennessee 33, Jacksonville 14
St. Louis 11, Tampa Bay 6

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 30
At Atlanta
St. Louis vs. Tennessee, 6:25 p.m. (ABC)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 6
at Honolulu, 5:30 p.m. (ABC)

National Hockey League

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	31	14	5	4	71	160	121
Philadelphia	26	14	8	1	61	145	111
N.Y. Rangers	21	21	7	3	52	138	136
Pittsburgh	20	24	4	5	49	153	143
N.Y. Islanders	12	30	6	1	31	102	155

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	28	17	6	3	65	154	132
Ottawa	24	18	8	2	58	132	123
Boston	16	21	13	4	49	130	142
Buffalo	20	24	6	1	47	127	134
Montreal	16	25	6	2	40	105	119

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	28	17	4	3	63	155	121
Washington	23	17	8	1	55	135	124
Carolina	20	23	8	0	48	129	142
Tampa Bay	11	31	6	4	32	128	181
Atlanta	11	31	6	3	31	109	177

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	30	14	6	1	67	173	129
St. Louis	30	14	6	0	66	149	105
Nashville	18	26	6	4	46	134	153
Chicago	17	27	6	2	42	142	158

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	25	19	7	1	58	145	131
Edmonton	17	20	13	7	54	139	134
Calgary	23	22	5	1	52	119	142
Vancouver	15	24	10	6	46	129	147

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	27	17	6	1	61	153	132
Dallas	26	19	5	2	59	120	112
San Jose	22	25	6	5	55	143	139
Los Angeles	21	20	7	3	52	147	140
Anaheim	20	24	6	1	47	120	132

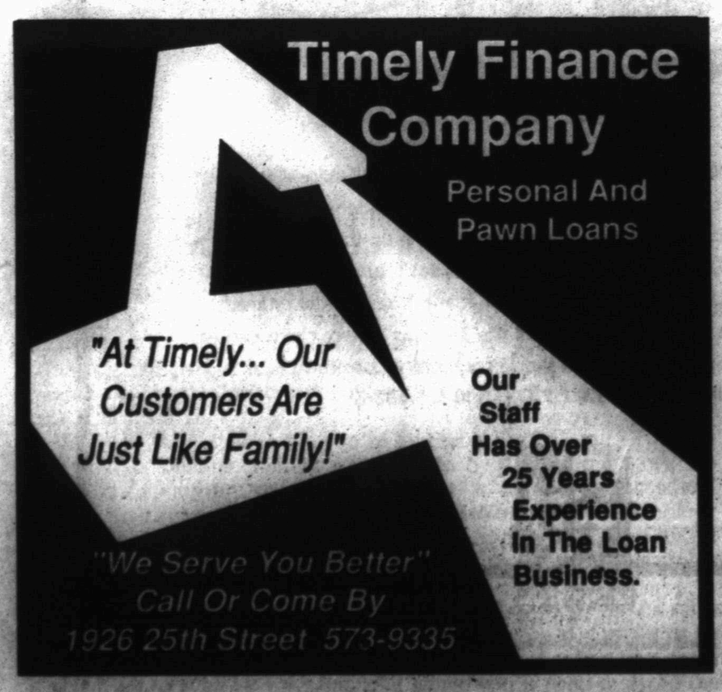
Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.

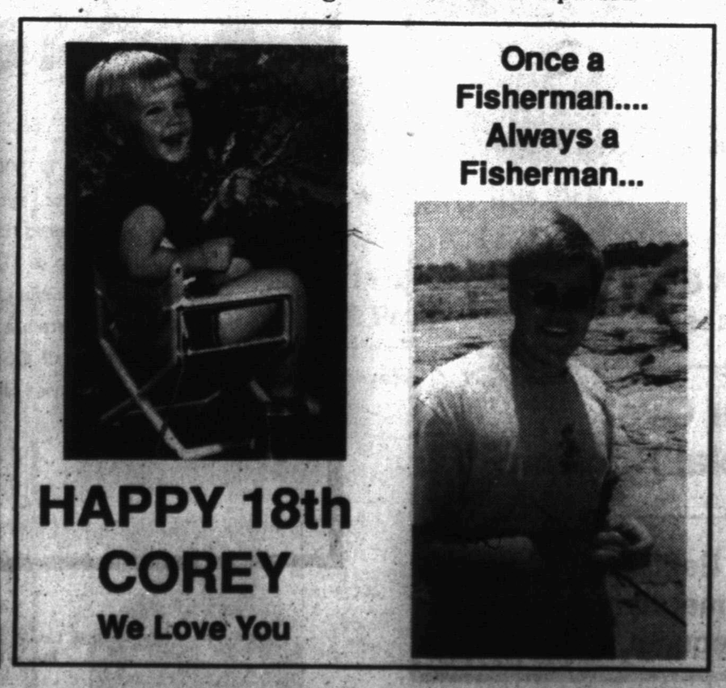
Thursday's Games
Phoenix 4, Carolina 2
Montreal at Boston, ppd., weather
Pittsburgh 4, Atlanta 1
Toronto 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
Philadelphia 4, Florida 2
Los Angeles 6, Nashville 2
Chicago 6, Colorado 4

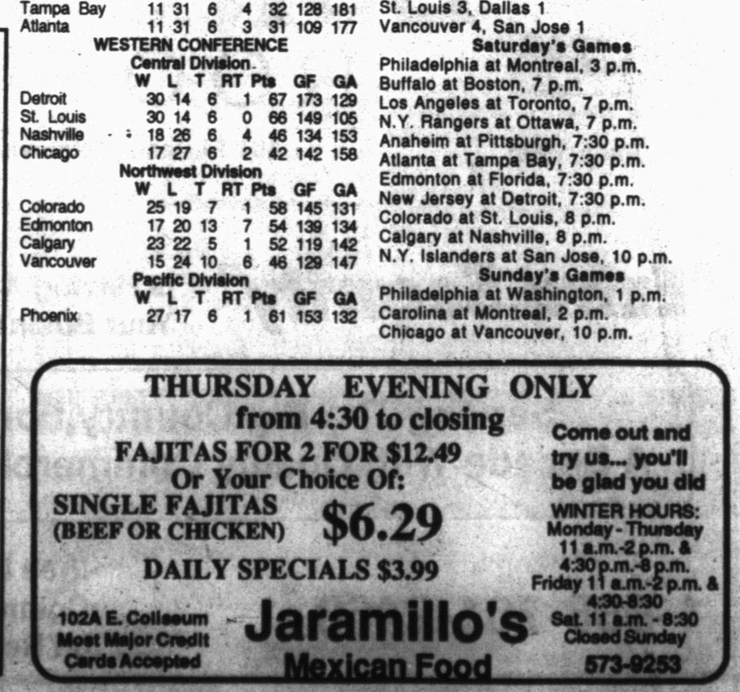
Friday's Games
Buffalo 1, Ottawa 0
Washington 3, Phoenix 2, OT
Carolina 4, New Jersey 3, OT
Edmonton 7, Tampa Bay 3
Detroit 4, Calgary 1
St. Louis 3, Dallas 1
Vancouver 4, San Jose 1

Saturday's Games
Philadelphia at Montreal, 3 p.m.
Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Toronto, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Nashville, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at San Jose, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.







SPORTS

Lady Tigers' rally falls short, 45-36

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Big Spring needed a victory even more than Snyder, and it showed in the Lady Steers' first-half intensity Friday night.

Big Spring set the tone early on with suffocating defensive pressure, then held off a late Snyder run to keep its playoff hopes alive with a 45-36 victory at the SHS gym.

Snyder slips into a third-place tie with Big Spring at 4-3. The two teams could be tied for second, however, by the time Saturday is over. A Lake View loss to Andrews on Saturday in San Angelo would force a three-way logjam between the Lady Tigers, Lady Steers and the Maidens.

Snyder coach Sam Tipton acknowledged that a win over Big Spring would have greatly bolstered his squad's postseason bid, but also admitted they are in no way out of the hunt.

"With three games left in district play, a win would have made things easier," said Tipton. "But we still control our own destiny. We don't need any help from anybody, yet. We just need to take care of our business from here on out. I'm proud of the way our girls battled in the second half. The credit goes to Big Spring. They came in here and gave an outstanding effort, and did the things they had to do to win."

It was all Big Spring in the first half, with the Lady Steers dictating the action with their defensive pressure.

Snyder fell behind, 6-0, to start the contest, before Kameron Kallemeyn posted the Lady Tigers' first point with a free throw at the 5:18 mark of the first period.

Melissa Forth, Big Spring's 5-6 junior point guard, was the catalyst for the Lady Steers' success. Forth poured in eight points in the first quarter, as Big Spring built a 14-5 lead.

The Lady Steers extended the margin in the second period, behind three-pointers from Brittany Bryant and LaTrisha Rollins.

T'Leah Eicke helped keep the Lady Tigers in the ballgame in the second quarter, draining a long-range bucket to finish with five points in the period.

Big Spring's defensive pressure on the perimeter hampered Snyder's efforts to get the ball inside to its post players. The Lady Tigers managed only five points in the paint in the first half, and that was a major concern, according to Tipton.

"In the first half, it was a scenario where we came to a gunfight with a knife," Tipton remarked. "We couldn't use the weapons we wanted to, because Big Spring was putting outstanding pressure on the ball. And on the other end, Forth was playing tremendous. She's one of the best players in this district, and she showed why in this ballgame."

Snyder tightened up its defensive play in the third quarter. The Lady Tigers limited Big Spring to only seven points in the period, but still struggled offensively with only eight points of their own.

With the Lady Steers seemingly out of reach in the fourth quarter, Snyder came out of its shell.

The Lady Tigers' continued their strong defensively play in the fourth, and used a string of eight quick points to slash the deficit to six points with under a minute remaining.

The offensive outburst consisted of an Eicke three-pointer, her second of the night, a steal and a bucket by sophomore guard Taylor Daniell, and another long-range bomb from Cameron Mackey.

But six points was as close as the Lady Tigers would get. Christina Gwynn scored for Big Spring on its next trip down the floor, followed by a Snyder turnover against the Lady Steers' press.

Snyder's next two contests will be on the road, as the Lady Tigers travel to Fort Stockton on Tuesday, before visiting Sweetwater on Friday. Snyder closes out its district schedule Feb. 8 at home against Lake View.

Big Spring	**14**	**12**	**07**	**12**	**— 45**
Snyder	**05**	**07**	**08**	**16**	**— 36**

Big Spring
Forth 5 8-11 18, Flenniken 3 3-6 9, Gwynn 3 1-4 7, Rollins 2 1-2 6, McGee 1 0-0 2, Bryant 1 0-0 3. **Totals 15 13-23 45.**
Snyder
Kallemeyn 5 2-4 12, Eicke 3 2-3 10, Murray 3 1-2 7, Mackey 1 0-0 3, Bane 1 0-0 2, Daniell 1 0-1 2. **Totals 14 10-5 36.**
Three-point goals: Big Spring 2 (Rollins, Bryant), Snyder 3 (Eicke 2, Mackey). Total fouls: Big Spring 14, Snyder 17. Fouled out — Kallemeyn.

District 5-4A Girls

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Sweetwater	7	0	25	2
Lake View	4	2	11	14
Snyder	4	3	9	15
Big Spring	4	3	14	11
Andrews	1	5	7	15
Fort Stockton	0	7	6	25

Friday's results: Big Spring 45, Snyder 36; Sweetwater 62, Fort Stockton 20.
Saturday's game: Andrews at Lake View.
Tuesday's games: Snyder at Fort Stockton; Big Spring at Andrews; Lake View at Sweetwater.

Hermleigh drops pair of tight decisions to Blackwell Hornets

BLACKWELL — In a pair of key District 19-A contests Friday night, the Blackwell Hornets came out ready to sting.

Blackwell overcame an early deficit to knock off first-place Hermleigh, 54-52, in boys' action, while the Lady Hornets rode a first-half offensive outburst to a 53-46 victory.

The Hermleigh boys, now 4-2 in district play, are still in the thick of the playoff chase, while the Lady Cardinals slip into third place, a game behind Blackwell.

In the boys' match-up, Hermleigh jumped to a 13-8 advantage in the opening quarter, before the Hornets closed the gap to 26-23 by halftime.

Blackwell shaved two more points off the deficit in the third quarter, before outscoring the Cardinals, 15-14, over the final eight minutes to claim the two-point win.

Three Cardinals finished in double figures, led by Joey Garza's 19 points.

Caleb Callaway poured in 16 points, while Andy Luna added 11 and Billy Lambaren registered six.

In the girls' battle for second place, the Lady Hornets found the range early on.

Blackwell opened up an 11-6 lead in the first quarter, before going on a 26-9 run in the second period to grab a 37-15 advantage at the break.

The Lady Cardinals tried to make up ground in the second half, outscoring Blackwell, 32-16. Hermleigh cut 16 points off the deficit in the final two quarters, but couldn't overcome the Lady Hornets' first-half explosion.

Brandi Wood dropped in 17 points to lead the Lady Cards, with Sheena Callaway accounting for 14. Kendra Dacus posted nine points, while Crystal Jackson knocked down four and Randi Herrington chipped in two.

Both Hermleigh squads will be in action again Tuesday when they host Highland. The Lady Cardinals tip off at 6:30, with the boys' game getting underway at 8 p.m.

Nuggets trip Rockets

DENVER (AP) — Pushing the tempo and using a different defensive scheme against Houston's brilliant rookie point guard Steve Francis, the Denver Nuggets snapped their 11-game losing streak to the Rockets.

Ron Mercer scored 24 points and Nick Van Exel had 21, leading the Nuggets to a 104-98 victory Friday night.

Antonio McDyess added 18 points before fouling out with 3:16 left. Raef LaFrentz had 15 points and reserve George McCloud scored 14.

Francis led Houston with 27 points — 21 in the second half — and added 10 assists. Matt Bullard had 18 points.

"Basically, the difference was in our defense," said Nuggets coach Dan Issel, referring to his team's 122-115 loss in Houston on Jan. 20 when the Rockets had six players in double figures.

"Instead of trapping Francis and rotating defensively, we let Nick and Chris (Herren) guard Francis by themselves," Issel said. "When you try to trap him, you just open up the floor.

"I thought they (Van Exel and Herren) did a great job. I know that he got 27 points, but he had to take 25 shots to get them. And we didn't let anybody else have a big night."

Francis, however, insisted the Nuggets' different defensive scheme "had nothing to do with it. I just couldn't make shots. By the fourth quarter, I was dead tired and a lot of my shots came up short. I was gasping for air.

"I thought they were joking when they told me I would come up here and be tired. But I was tired."

It was the third straight loss following a six-game winning streak for the Rockets.

"Denver's style of play and the (mile high) altitude are a perfect combination," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "They've got the right players for it."

Tomjanovich said playing in Denver in the second game of back-to-back nights "should be outlawed or they should just spot us some oxygen points.

Mercer scored 24 points for the second straight game.

Jones uncertain about Deion

DALLAS (AP) — Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has backed off a previous statement that he'd like to see All-Pro cornerback Deion Sanders in a Dallas uniform for the rest of his career.

Injuries, a return to baseball and salary-cap concerns have left Sanders' future with the Cowboys in question.

"There are a lot of factors that will come into play on what Deion's future is with the Dallas Cowboys," Jones was quoted as saying in The Dallas Morning News on Friday. "I don't have a handle on that at this time.

"We are working this spring to come up with a solution."

The animated defender-punt returner returned from career-threatening toe surgery last year to play in the club's final 14 regular-season games. But earlier this week, a doctor repaired a medial meniscus tear on Sanders' right knee. Sanders also has a cast on his ankle.

Local Schedule

SATURDAY
Powerlifting: Snyder at Midland Greenwood meet.
MONDAY
Frank Phillips at Western Texas, 7:30
TUESDAY
Snyder JV and varsity boys at Fort Stockton, 6 and 7:30
Snyder varsity and JV girls at Fort Stockton, 6 and 7:30
Sands at Ira girls and boys, 6:30 and 8 p.m.
Highland at Hermleigh girls and boys, 6:30 and 8 p.m.
THURSDAY
Howard College at Western Texas, 7:30
FRIDAY
Snyder JV and varsity boys at Sweetwater, 6 and 7:30
Snyder varsity and JV girls at Sweetwater, 6 and 7:30
Ira girls and boys at Borden County, 6:30 and 8 p.m.
Hermleigh girls and boys at Trent, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Pitching clinics scheduled

Fastpitch softball pitching clinics will be held every Wednesday. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

3-on-3 tourney scheduled

A girls' 3-on-3 basketball tournament for fourth, fifth and sixth graders will be held Feb. 5. Deadline to enter is Feb. 3 and entry fee is $30. For more information, call the Boys' and Girls' Club at 573-3344.

Sign-ups approaching for Little Dribblers

Girls' Little Dribblers sign-ups will be held Saturday and Feb. 4-5 at the First Baptist Family Life Center. Players must bring a parent or guardian, birth certificate, and a registration fee of $25. For more information, call 573-5356.

Softball tryouts scheduled

Tryouts for Stars of Texas 18-under traveling softball team will be held Feb. 6 in Abilene. The squad will be coached Perry Young of Brownwood. For more information, contact Young at (915) 784-9609.

Vikings' Carter receives Payton award

ATLANTA (AP) — Cris Carter of the Minnesota Vikings is the first recipient of the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award, honoring the memory of the league's all-time rushing leader.

Carter, a seven-time Pro Bowl choice, was cited for his work with inner-city school children and other community activities

With Payton's widow, Connie, and brother, Eddie, beside him, Carter called the award "a tremendously humbling experience.

Payton was the 1977 winner of the award.

Pete Rose's lawyers present evidence

NEW YORK (AP) — Pete Rose's lawyers finally presented their evidence to baseball, not that it appeared to make much difference in his banned-for-life status.

Rose's lawyers, Roger Makley and S. Gary Spicer, met Thursday in Dayton, Ohio, with Bob DuPuy, the top lawyer of commissioner Bud Selig, and attacked the conclusions of the Dowd report, assembled in 1989 by baseball's chief investigator in the Rose case.

Selig, who had let the application for reinstatement languish for nearly 21/2 years, was slowly moving toward the conclusion he will have to make a decision on it, two senior baseball officials said on the condition they not be identified.

Fans sue Ottawa forward

OTTAWA (AP) — Ottawa Senators forward Alexei Yashin will have to defend himself against a lawsuit filed by fans who said he diminished the value of their tickets by holding out from the team, the Superior Court of Ontario ruled.

Yashin lost an attempt earlier this month to have the case thrown out, and Justice Bernard Manton denied Yashin permission to appeal that decision. Manton gave Yashin's lawyers until Feb. 29 to present a defense in the case.

An Ottawa hockey fan filed a $27.5 million lawsuit against Yashin and his agent in October, accusing the two of interfering with the contractual relationship between the Senators and their fans. The team suspended Yashin for the season on Nov. 9.

Lehman holds one-stroke lead

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Tom Lehman, who shot an 8-under-par 63 in the first round and shared a three-stroke lead with Phil Mickelson going into the second, followed up with a 67 at the Phoenix Open.

Frank Lickliter carded a 64, reaching the midpoint at 11-under 131, one stroke off the lead.

National Basketball Association Glance

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	26	15	.634	—
New York	25	16	.610	1
Philadelphia	24	18	.571	2½
Boston	20	23	.465	7
Orlando	19	25	.432	8½
New Jersey	17	26	.395	10
Washington	13	30	.302	14
Central Division				
Indiana	27	15	.643	—
Charlotte	23	18	.561	3½
Milwaukee	23	20	.535	4½
Toronto	23	19	.548	4
Detroit	21	21	.500	6
Cleveland	18	25	.419	9½
Atlanta	16	25	.390	10½
Chicago	8	32	.200	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
Utah	27	14	.659	—
San Antonio	28	15	.651	—
Minnesota	23	17	.575	3½
Denver	19	21	.475	7½
Dallas	16	26	.381	11½
Houston	16	27	.372	12
Vancouver	12	30	.286	15½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	34	9	.791	—
Portland	32	10	.762	1½
Sacramento	27	14	.659	6
Seattle	28	16	.636	6½
Phoenix	24	17	.585	9
L.A. Clippers	10	32	.238	23½
Golden State	9	32	.220	24

Thursday's Games
Charlotte 117, Detroit 102
Cleveland 102, Orlando 90
San Antonio 92, Minnesota 80
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Desert stop changes hands

BAKER, Calif. (AP) — It seems this wide spot in the road has always had desert heat, but it also has the legendary Bun Boy restaurant and the world's tallest thermometer.

They are familiar monuments to anyone who has ever made the hot, dusty desert run along Interstate 15 to Las Vegas.

Now the monuments have a new owner.

"This place has been here for decades and I can't imagine them changing it," said Marti Schmidt, a retiree from Thousand Oaks who stops at the Bun Boy on the way to and from Las Vegas with her husband, Al.

She needn't worry.

"The history will remain," said new owner Steve Carter.

After all, the Bun Boy Restaurant has been pulling people in for nearly three-quarters of a century.

The Bun Boy, founded in 1926, and its 134-foot-tall thermometer were among the core properties sold last week to Carter, who declined to disclose the sum his company paid.

The sale marks the first time the restaurant has completely changed hands.

"I'm glad it's done," said seller Willis Herron, 75, a friend of Carter. "My age and my health wouldn't let me do Baker justice. I think he'll do what I wanted to do, but I ran out of time."

Herron, who is facing triple-bypass heart surgery and suffers from emphysema, became a partner with the original Bun Boy owner in the 1950s.

He said none of his six children wanted to keep the restaurant, which draws visitors from as far away as Germany and Asia.

The Bun Boy is widely considered the cornerstone of a growing community.

Baker isn't even a city. It's an unincorporated community of San Bernardino County with a population of about 600 people surrounded by scrub brush, dry desert sand and hard brown mountains.

It's only 90 miles from Las Vegas, and it survives on traffic from adjacent Interstate 15. In turn, the Bun Boy and a handful of other fast-food shops and gas stations provide a welcome respite to travelers too tired to do another 90 miles on an oppressively hot summer day, of which there are plenty in these parts.

The strip of about 30 businesses that line Baker Boulevard did $33 million in sales last year, said Le Hayes, general manager of the Baker Community Services District.

Besides buying stuff, gawkers come by to snap pictures of the thermometer that was erected in 1991, and which can record temperatures exceeding 130 degrees.

As tourists stop for refreshments, gas and picture taking, a continual parade of big-rig trucks rumbles down the town's main drag.

Traffic is so heavy that several restaurants have sprung up in recent years, and more motels and fast-foods stops are planned. The community that bills itself as "The Gateway to Death Valley" may be enlarged by a third in the next year or so, Hayes said.

And as the community grows, many residents who know Herron and have watched him raise a family here are sad he won't be a part of the boom.

"This is the man who started it all," said Hayes. "He started from the old days and built himself a small empire."

Carter's company purchased about 100 acres of that small empire, including a gas station, the old Country Store and two motels.

Carter, 50, who owned several Burger King franchises until this year, said he hopes to expand his new properties, but he won't change the Bun Boy or the thermometer.

"Bun Boy has great food," said retiree Schmidt.

Date Book

Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000

Today is the 29th day of 2000 and the 39th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1886, Karl Benz patented the first successful gasoline-fueled automobile.

On this day in 1946, the Central Intelligence Agency was founded.

On this day in 1993, President Clinton announced the ending of the government policy that forbade homosexuals from serving in the armed forces

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772), scientist-mystic; Thomas Paine (1737-1809), American colonial pamphleteer; William McKinley (1843-1901), U.S. president; Anton Chekhov (1860-1904), writer; W.C. Fields (1880-1946), comedian; John Forsythe (1918-), actor, is 82; Paddy Chayefsky (1923-1981), dramatist; Tom Selleck (1945-), actor, is 55; Ann Jillian (1950-), actress, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1936, the first members of the Baseball Hall of Fame were elected: Ty Cobb, Christy Mathewson, Honus Wagner, Walter Johnson and Babe Ruth.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "My country is the world and my religion is to do good." — Thomas Paine

TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter (Jan. 28).

Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000

Today is the 30th day of 2000 and the 40th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1917, a song called "The Darktown Strutters' Ball" was recorded. Some consider it to be the first jazz record.

On this day in 1933, the radio drama "The Lone Ranger" was broadcast for the first time.

On this day in 1969, on the roof of the Apple Corps headquarters, the Beatles performed in public for the last time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945), U.S. president; Barbara Tuchman (1912-1989), historian; Dick Martin (1923-), comedian, is 77; Gene Hackman (1930-), actor, is 70; Boris Spassky (1937-), chess master, is 63; Curtis Strange (1955-), golfer, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1983, the Washington Redskins defeated the Miami Dolphins 27-17 in Super Bowl XVII.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The unrecorded past is nothing more than our old friend, the tree in the primeval forest which fell without being heard." — Barbara Tuchman

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 28) and new moon (Feb. 5).

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Mobster has the last laugh in obit

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — A mobster who died while serving time for drug trafficking got the last laugh — with his obituary.

Saul Kane, 65, a former associate of Nicodemo "Little Nicky" Scarfo, died Jan. 20 of respiratory problems linked to a heart condition.

Kane, who was serving a 25-year prison term in Lexington, Ky., had his family deliver a death notice the newspapers couldn't refuse: It listed the imprisoned Scarfo as his brother and Scarfo's son as one of his own sons. The notice was published Saturday in The Philadelphia Inquirer and The Press of Atlantic City.

Listing Scarfo as a relative was Kane's way of pointing up his loyalty, according to an unidentified investigator quoted by the Inquirer.

Kane was convicted in the drug case in 1987 and sentenced to 95 years in prison, in part because he refused to give authorities information about Scarfo. The sentence was later reduced.

"What he's saying is that he was loyal to the end," the investigator said. "What he's saying is that, unlike some others, he wasn't a rat."

Kane had always had a reputation as a wiseguy, even among his fellow wiseguys.

He operated an Atlantic City lounge called the My Way — as in the Frank Sinatra song. When law enforcement investigators identified the My Way as a mob hangout in the late 1970s, Kane took out an advertisement in the Press saying, "Come meet the Mob at the My Way."

Senior Center Menu

Monday

Boneless BBQ rib, blackeye peas, cream style corn, carrot strips, apple cutie pie

Tuesday

Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches, spice cake

Wednesday

Chicken spaghetti, asparagus, Harvard beets, tossed salad, bread pudding

Thursday

Beef strew, fried okra, mixed fruit, Jello w/topping, oatmeal cookie, cornbread

Friday

Fried fish, tater tots, golden carrots, creamy coleslaw, chocolate pudding

Senior Center News

Swimnastics, the senior citizens water aerobics class at Western Texas College, will be from 2-3 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Seniors needing more information may call the center at 573-4035.

Beginning Wednesday, an AARP volunteer will be available to help citizens who need help in filing their income tax forms. Bernhard Bartels will be at the Senior Center each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. to assist.

The newsletter for February/March has been mailed and seniors who do not receive the letter, or those needing to report an address charge, are asked to call the center.

Valentine's Day will be here soon and seniors are asked to contact the center to make nominations for the king and queen. Nominees should be Scurry County residents age 60 or older.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m.

Tuesday

"88" play begins at 10 a.m., the Hoss Clayton Band will be entertaining at 11 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon.

Wednesday

The Kitchen Band will be entertaining at Snyder Healthcare at 11 a.m. Line dancers and cloggers will be practicing at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. respectively.

Thursday

The fabric painting class will begin at 9 a.m., the Sunshine Choir will be practicing at 10 a.m., and the Domino Tournament will begin at 10 a.m. Defending champions are Red Trevey and Roy Sallee.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. "88" play begins at 10 a.m. and the sing-along at 11:30 a.m.

Lack of big jackpots, more winners blamed for slump

AUSTIN (AP) — Overall Texas Lottery sales continue to be down, but officials said Friday that the latest numbers show a slower drop.

Total sales likely are down because the biggest game, Lotto Texas, hasn't rolled over enough times this year to offer a mega-jackpot that would have drawn more players, officials said at the Texas Lottery Commission meeting.

"It's truly jackpot driven," said Toni Smith, lottery marketing director. "It really depends on what the jackpot is for those weeks. If the jackpot is higher, obviously those sales will correlate with the jackpots."

In the current fiscal year up to Jan. 22, total weekly sales for all the lottery's games averaged $48 million, down 6.9 percent from $52 million during the same period a year ago. The fiscal year ends Aug. 31.

But even though sales are still down, the drop is smaller than during the same period a year ago, when sales had declined 17 percent from the $63 million in 1998.

Sales for the Lotto Texas game to Jan. 22 were down 29 percent, to $11.3 million from the $15.9 million during the same period a year ago. Lotto sales were $16.6 million in 1998.

The declining sales alone don't tell the whole story, said Keith Elkins, lottery spokesman.

"There was a $65 million jackpot (in 1998), and when you have a $65 million jackpot, sales just go crazy," Elkins said.

But a steady stream of lotto winners has meant fewer drawings when the jackpot rolls over, Elkins said, and smaller jackpots mean lower sales totals.

The biggest lotto jackpot so far this current fiscal year was $14 million. The previous year, the largest jackpot was $38 million.

The lottery commission had proposed increasing jackpot rollovers by boosting the number of balls in the twice-weekly drawings from 50 to 54. That plan was quickly scuttled after a flood of objections.

"What we painfully learned was don't mess with Lotto Texas," Elkins said.

There is some good news in the sales reports, officials said. Instant ticket sales were $29 million, up 7.9 percent from the $27 million at this time last year.

"We were down for the first part of the year, but that's a seasonal trend," Ms. Smith said. "We're going in the right direction."

Texas Lottery will continue its strategy of conducting public hearings around the state.

Fire department officers may have tampered with evidence

HOUSTON (AP) — Two high-ranking members of the Houston Fire Department were indicted Friday for allegedly tampering with evidence of possible past mistakes made by a dispatcher suspended last year for a delayed response for an ambulance for a dying police officer.

Deputy Fire Chief Robert C. Sherrard, 59, and District Fire Chief Larry D. Smith, 46, were indicted on misdemeanor charges of tampering with a governmental record, said prosecutor Roberto Gutierrez.

Smith was also indicted on a felony charge of tampering with physical evidence.

The charges, alleging that Smith and Sherrard concealed, illegally destroyed or damaged a form containing employment information about a dispatcher, stem from an investigation started by the city's Office of Inspector of General in June, the Houston Chronicle reported Saturday.

The dispatcher, David Whittington, was working on May 19 when calls came in for an ambulance to help wounded Officer Troy Blando.

Blando, 39, was killed after he pulled into a parking lot of a motel and blocked a stolen car from getting away. Blando was apparently shot while trying to handcuff the driver, Jeffrey Demond Williams.

It took more than 19 minutes for an ambulance to reach Blando, largely because a dispatcher who has a hearing problem sent the first ambulance to the wrong location, about 52 blocks from where Blando lay bleeding.

That dispatcher, Donald Clark, and Whittington were eventually suspended for a short time for not following proper procedures.

Fire Chief Lester Tyra was also suspended for seven days for failing to reassign Clark, who had written a letter one year before the shooting warning of his hearing problems.

The form that should have been in Whittington's personal file reportedly lists previous complaints against him and his counseling sessions with supervisors.

Authorities say the form, which will be available to the public until Monday, says a woman complained that he got information wrong on a call in March. Whittington also was reported for not listening to information being called in by Harris County deputy constables in March. On another date he allegedly sent a Fire Department unit to the wrong location.

On June 11, Smith allegedly concealed the form. The document, which may have been damaged, was eventually recovered.

Assistant Police Chief Timothy Oettmeier, the city's inspector general, said the case only made what happened to Blando seem worse.

Texas companies join ad blizzard

FORT WORTH (AP) — Forget the game, for some Texas companies the only things that matter about Sunday's Super Bowl telecast are the commercial breaks and the size of the audience.

Plano-based Electronic Data Systems Corp. is entering the Super Bowl fray and using the spots as a part of an image-makeover that the technology company began in September.

"We believe that the Super Bowl is an extraordinary venue for EDS. It's an event, the only event, where the commercials are as important as the game itself," said Don Uzzi, EDS' senior vice president of global marketing, communications and government affairs.

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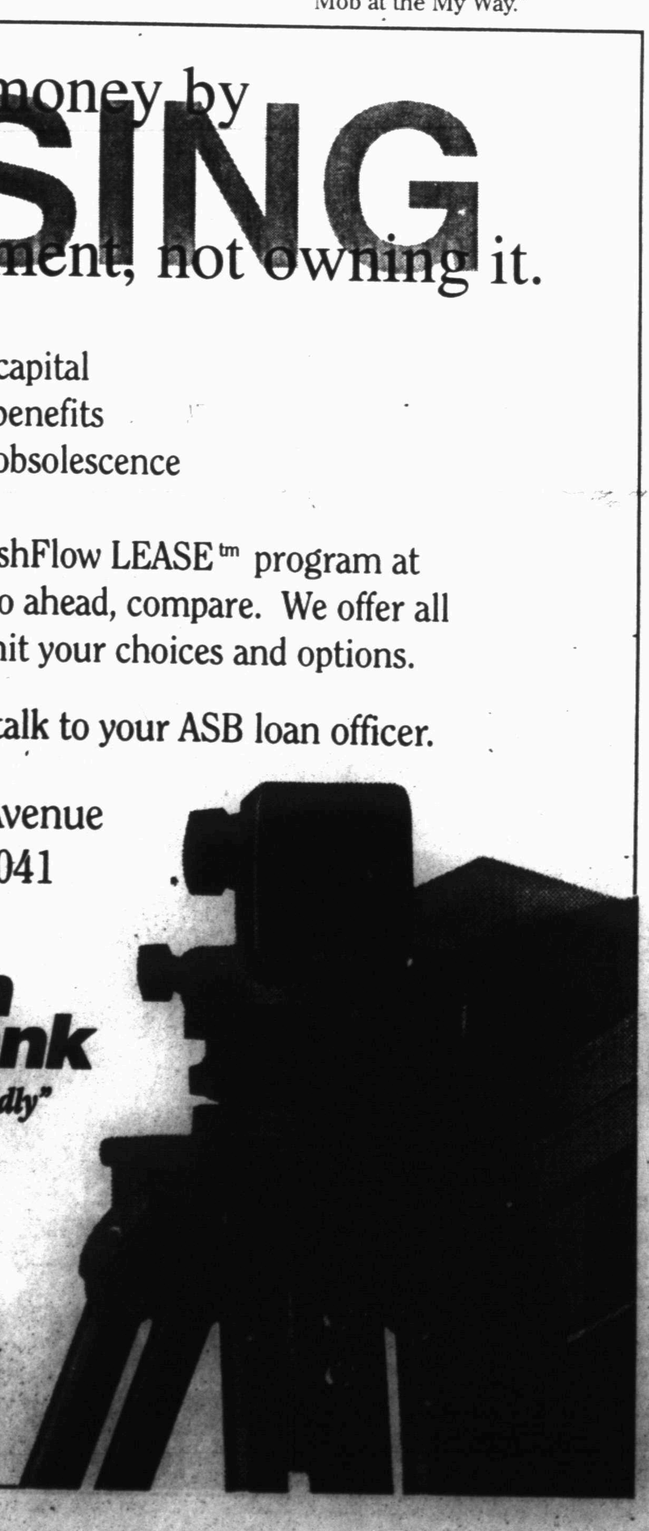

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By Peter Gott, M.D.

Don't expect much from privy dig

DEAR DR. GOTT: I live in a part of New England that has a rich cultural heritage. People are always finding arrowheads and other artifacts. I am sort of caught up in the practice of collecting old bottles and am about to embark on what is known as "privy digging." The area that I want to explore is about 50 years old. Can I assume that any infectious agents in human waste have been degraded by now?

DEAR READER: I think it's fair to say that the outhouse bacteria have long ago returned to the soil and provided nitrogen for the plant life around the site. However, you might want to use your fingers to do some math first.

A 50-year-old privy is not all that old. We're talking about what people were doing in 1950. At that time, I was in high school. If the outhouse of your dreams had a holding tank, beware: bacterial counts could still be high and you should exercise caution, wash your hands after digging, and so forth. Based on my memory of circa-1950 privies, the design was a one- or two-holer over a trench to which lime was added periodically. People did not dispose of bottles in privies, so I believe that your enthusiasm about recovering significant artifacts is premature. At best, you might be able to salvage a few pages of a Sears catalogue.

I suggest that you refocus your attention on the waste site for an old farm house. Here is where the real relics can be found, especially if the site is more than a century old. Old bottles, farm equipment and dinnerware are available for the taking.

Before I get angry letters from privy-diggers, let me say that when you are exploring receptacles for human waste, the exuberance of discovery may last about as long as a spring snow. Although such activity may not be hazardous to health, you're probably better off going for the oldest sites you can find.

DEAR DR. GOTT: About a month after purchasing a hot tub, my family and I broke out with painful pimples all over our bodies. My doctor was baffled but gave us antibiotics with good result.

A few weeks ago, I again used the hot tub — and broke out again. What's going on? The dealer said he'd never heard of this.

DEAR READER: Yeah, I'll bet.

You and your family are probably experiencing a common type of infection from hot tubs. Called "hot-tub dermatitis," the affliction is believed to be the consequence of bacteria in the water that are not killed by the usual chemical additives. Dealers know plenty about this but, for understandable reasons, may experience sudden loss of memory. Of course, it's possible that you and your family could be responding to other agents in the water; for example, an allergy to chlorine or other anti-bacterial substances. But I'll bet that your problem stems from microorganisms in the warm tub-water.

In my view, you need a complete bacterial analysis of the hot tub. Have the dealer perform this, or hire an independent lab. Let me know the results. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Allergies." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been using marijuana to overcome the unpleasant consequences of chemotherapy for cancer. Am I running any health risks?

DEAR READER: Although authorities estimate that over 50 percent of people will illegally use marijuana sometime in their lives, many medical experts endorse the use of the drug — or its active ingredient delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol — for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. Unfortunately, this practice is, at the time of this writing, against the law, except when THC is physician-prescribed.

The effects of marijuana last up to three hours and include euphoria, heightened sensations and increased sexual arousal. On the other hand, between 40 and 60 percent of marijuana-users report unpleasant side effects. THC accumulates in fatty tissues and can lead to reduced size of testicles, low testosterone levels, menstrual irregularity, impotence, infertility, fetal damage (in pregnant women), prolonged childbirth and reduced sexual urge. Other common consequences of the substance are: dry mouth, nausea, headache, tremor, rapid pulse, reduced muscle strength, decreased brain blood-flow, increased appetite, anxiety, confusion, paranoia, hallucinations, sedation, poor sense of self and time, shortened memory, addictive behaviors, and a lack of motivation. Moreover, THC is known to cause decreased coordination, lung damage, increased risk of infection, heart problems and cognitive defects.

Obviously, the social use of marijuana can be fraught with problems. In addition, the metabolic products of the drug can be detected in the urine by routine screening for months after use. I believe that recreational use of marijuana, therefore, is risky.

In contrast, THC for cancer patients seems to me to be reasonable. The potential benefits, such as relief of nausea and a feeling of improved well-being, far outweigh the possible health risks. I see no reason why you shouldn't use THC to ameliorate the consequences of chemotherapy. However, I do urge you meet with your oncologist to discuss this extremely sensitive issue.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 13 years old and have been told that drinking milk can clog your arteries. If this is true, how can we prevent it?

DEAR READER: It's not the milk that can contribute to clogged arteries, its the high-cholesterol butterfat in whole milk and milk products. For people who want to reduce cholesterol in their diets, nutritionists recommend switching to skimmed milk, margarine, and low-fat cheese and yogurt. This alteration will allow the body to benefit from the protein, calcium and vitamins in dairy products without having to deal with the cholesterol which, in milk, serves no nutritional purpose. To give you related information, I am sending a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Cholesterol." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of a variety of health issues, my doctor has urged me to take an aspirin a day. What can I use as a laxative to accompany the aspirin?

DEAR READER: You do not need a laxative to counteract the aspirin, which will not affect evacuation. Although I was somewhat surprised by your question, I frequently receive letters from seniors who believe that aspirin causes constipation. Such is not the case. While age is associated with constipation, aspirin is not — even though it is, for a variety of sound medical reasons — often prescribed for elderly. I recommend that you treat your bowel problems with increased fluids, hot prune juice in the morning and more fiber in your diet. If this doesn't do the trick, check with your doctor.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently was prescribed an antibiotic for a urinary tract infection. After the first dose, I became violently ill with vomiting, diarrhea and a rash. Two days later, I took another dose, with the same results. Now I still have diarrhea and weight loss. Could the medicine be to blame?

DEAR READER: Absolutely. You may have a serious allergy to this particular antibiotic. Bring this to your doctor's attention right away. Aside from avoiding this antibiotic in the future, the prudent next step might be for you to be tested by an allergist.

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Candidates must consider two sides of conservatives

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — With its layer of snow, New Hampshire's landscape may resemble Iowa's, but Republican candidates must dig a little deeper here if they want to unearth conservative support.

Steve Forbes spent the week pointing to his second-place showing in the Iowa caucus as proof that he is the conservative GOP alternative to George W. Bush and John McCain.

But the conservative base that boosted him there may melt away in New Hampshire, where two key factors face him and the other candidates: There just aren't as many conservative voters, and those who are may be hard to herd toward one candidate.

Donna Polychronis of Rochester, a rare find in New Hampshire, calls herself "very, very conservative," and is leaning toward Gary Bauer. Her decision is motivated by both money and morals, she said. She likes Bauer's 16 percent flat tax plan and his unwavering stand on abortion.

"He stands by his views," she said. "I think that's why I'm shying away from the other candidates. They just brush on the subject, but they don't like to talk about it."

In Iowa caucus exit polls from Monday night, 37 percent of Republicans said they considered themselves "part of the conservative Christian political movement, also known as the religious right," compared to just 17 percent of New Hampshire Republicans in 1996.

"I think the Iowa caucus voter is primarily socially conservative. In New Hampshire, I think it's a combination of social conservatism as well as fiscally conservative," said Jayne Marcucci, executive director of the state Republican Party.

"There are voters out there that specifically vote on their pro-life stance, but I don't think that would make up the majority of the conservatives," she said. "I think that they're also concerned with their taxes and the size of government."

Forbes, who ran mostly on a flat-tax platform in 1996, is counting this time on drawing anti-abortion voters from the most conservative candidates — Bauer and Alan Keyes — while swiping support from anti-tax voters from McCain and Bush. He says he is well aware that New Hampshire conservatives represent two sides of a coin, but he insists he can appeal to both.

His flat tax plan fits with the state's strong anti-tax "Live Free or Die" history, he said.

"They're very independent minded. They don't like government telling them what to do," he said Friday in an interview. "So there is a very different, definite characteristic of the state."

Although the state's GOP-controlled House has repeatedly rejected efforts to further regulate abortion, Forbes thinks the strength of the state's anti-abortion movement is underestimated.

"People may not like to talk about it, but they do have principles," he said. "I think they like the idea that a candidate — even if they don't fully agree with a candidate — takes a stand. ... They appreciate someone who is forthright on that and doesn't try to dance around the issue."

At a campaign event Friday at Memorial High School in Manchester, a 17-year-old student asked Forbes what he would do if he had to choose between imposing a flat tax and ending abortion.

Last month, Bradley suffered another irregular heartbeat

DUBLIN, N.H. (AP) — Bill Bradley experienced another irregular heartbeat episode several days ago, his fifth in the past month, but didn't require a doctor's attention, he said Friday.

The Democratic presidential candidate, who has a non-life threatening heart condition, didn't tell his staff about the episode until Friday — after reporters inquired — and then couldn't remember if the incident occurred Sunday or Monday, he said.

Bradley dismissed any idea that the timing was bad, just four days before the New Hampshire primary, a state he needs to win or do well to stay competitive against Vice President Al Gore.

"No it doesn't mean anything," he told The Associated Press. "This is an issue I haven't heard one real person talk about."

He said the incident didn't last long.

"It goes two hours and it's back in," Bradley said. "I haven't talked to one doctor yet who thinks this is an issue," he added, saying he didn't consult a doctor this time.

Bradley disclosed on Dec. 10 — after he had to cancel a campaign event because his heart wouldn't stop racing — that he has had atrial fibrillation since 1996. The former senator called the condition a minor irritation, and said he hadn't felt the need to reveal his condition to the press and public.

On Friday, Bradley reaffirmed his policy of voluntarily disclosing episodes only if he needs medical attention.

"If I have to see a doctor for a medical procedure, I will disclose it immediately," he said.

A week ago, just days before Monday's Iowa caucuses, Bradley acknowledged suffering four more episodes between Christmas and Jan. 16 after a news organization inquired.

Anita Dunn, the campaign's communications director, said Bradley had been taking his medication regularly to control his heart condition. Bradley didn't know why the incident happened, although Dunn insisted it wasn't stress related.

Gore turns deficit into lead; Republican race to be close

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Vice President Al Gore has pulled ahead of Bill Bradley in New Hampshire polls with a surge of support from men, independents and registered Democrats. Bradley was working to reverse the trend with aggressive campaigning.

With four days left until the first-in-the-nation primary, Gore appears to have gotten a boost from his strong campaign in Iowa, which resulted in a decisive win Monday.

A Dartmouth College-Associated Press poll, released Friday, gives Gore a 54 percent to 40 percent lead over Bradley.

The poll was conducted Sunday through Wednesday, in the days just before and after Gore's victory in the Iowa caucuses. Gore was moving up in many polls before his caucus win.

A tracking poll released Friday night by the University of New Hampshire for WMUR and Fox News gave Gore a 13-point lead, 54-41. The CNN-USA Today-Gallup tracking poll out Friday night gave Gore a 16-point lead, 56-40. Both polls had an error margin of plus or minus 5 percentage points for the Democrats.

The last Dartmouth-AP poll two weeks ago had Bradley at 49 percent and Gore at 43, a slight edge for Bradley.

In the Republican race, the latest Dartmouth-AP poll had John McCain in a virtual tie with George W. Bush, 37 percent to 34 percent. Publisher Steve Forbes had 15 percent. In the Dartmouth-AP poll two weeks ago, McCain had 42 points, Bush 33 and Forbes 11.

McCain has a narrow lead in some polls, based on his strength among independents. Bush's chance to catch him may depend on his ability to win over undecided Republicans despite competition for their votes from conservatives Forbes and Alan Keyes, veteran pollsters say.

The CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll taken Tuesday through Thursday out Friday night had the two about even, Bush at 37 percent and McCain at 36 percent with an error margin of 4 percentage points. The University of New Hampshire-WMUR-Fox tracking poll taken Monday through Thursday gave McCain a 40-33 edge, just outside the poll's 4-point error margin.

The Dartmouth-AP poll of 365 likely voters in the Democratic primary and 435 likely voters in the Republican primary had an error margin of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Linda Fowler, director of the Rockefeller Center polling institute at Dartmouth College in Hanover, said Gore's campaign has improved. Democrats who previously doubted whether he could win in November now think Gore has a better chance, she said.

"Gore looks much more poised," Fowler said. "He's much clearer in terms of his message, he's less jittery, he looks more in control."

That's reflected in poll numbers that showed likely voters saying Gore is more likely to provide strong leadership than Bradley. They also said Gore is much more likely to win both the New Hampshire primary and November's general election. Bradley still has an edge in trustworthiness.

Bradley had drawn much of his strength from independents and men, but the Dartmouth-AP poll shows Gore has surged among men and has regained an earlier advantage among women.

NY Times files for public stock sale

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Times Co., seeking to cash in on the Web investment craze, disclosed plans Friday to take its Internet operations public in a stock sale.

The company will issue a new class of stock that will track the performance of the company's Internet assets, called Times Company Digital, the company said in its filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

A tracking stock does not represent an ownership interest, but represents a stake in a specific division's financial performance — in this case, the Times Co.'s Internet properties.

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Eligibility requirements, further information, and filing forms may be received from Terry A. Harlow, Executive Director, Region 14 Education Service Center.

NOTICE DE REGISTRACION PARA
La Junta Directive de Region XIV Education Service Center

Candidatos para el Lugar 1 (los condados de Mitchell and Scurry), y para el Lugar 3 (los condados de Haskell, Jones and Shackelford); y para el Lugar 5 (los condados de Callahan and Taylor menos el districo escolar de Abilene) pueden registrarse entre las fechas del primiro de febrero hasta el veinte de febrero, 2000, en persona en las oficinas del Region XIV, en calle 1850 State Highway 351, Abilene, Texas, desde las ocho de las manana hasta las cinco de la tarde de Lunes a Viernes; o por carta certificada dirigida al director ejecutivo, Region XIV Education Service Center, 1850 Highway 351, Abilene, Texas 79601. No hay cobro para registrarse.

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Names in the News

Henry Kissinger

AUSTIN (AP) — A planned protest has forced Henry Kissinger to cancel a scheduled speech at the University of Texas.

Kissinger, national security adviser to President Nixon and secretary of state to both Nixon and President Ford, cited safety concerns in calling off next Tuesday's speech.

Kissinger faced protests many times during the early 1970s for the Nixon administration's policies in the Vietnam War.

Two groups — UT Radical Action Network and Peace Action Austin — held met on campus earlier this week to denounce Kissinger's foreign policy during his days in office and to plan a protest.

Harry Middleton, director of the Lyndon Baines Johnson library at the school, said university police and the Secret Service had warned the planned protests posed a threat to public safety.

Pat Borders, assistant director of the LBJ Library, said protesters indicated they would disrupt Kissinger's speech.

In a statement, Kissinger said he regrets the cancellation.

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Tina Turner

ATLANTA (AP) — Having performed in front of hundreds of millions of people over her career, Tina Turner isn't afraid of singing in front of that many in one night.

That's what she'll be doing Sunday, as one of the pregame entertainers for the Super Bowl.

Turner said she treats singing in front of a huge audience "as a chance to get reacquainted."

"I used to be nervous, but as the years have gone by, it has turned to excitement and the feeling that it's a kind of reunion," the 60-year-old entertainer said. "Besides, this is not about me, it's about the guys. I'm just decoration, and just there to root them on."

The game, televised by ABC, is expected to draw a TV audience of 130 million in the United States alone.

Turner will perform a song from her new album as well as her classic "Proud Mary" during Sunday's pregame, billed as a tribute to 20th century music.

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Dick Williams

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Dick Williams, who managed the Oakland Athletics to two World Series championships, was arrested on an indecent exposure charge while attending the World Series of Fantasy Baseball Camp.

Williams, 70, who now lives in Henderson, Nev., was accused of walking naked and masturbating outside his Fort Myers hotel room in Southwest Florida the night of Jan. 17, according to a Lee County Sheriff's Office report.

A woman who worked next door to the hotel reported the incident.

At a Jan. 18 hearing, Williams pleaded no contest and Judge Hugh Starnes withheld judgment, according to court records. Williams was released on time served.

"The case has been settled and dismissed. That is all I have to say," Williams said from home.

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Walt Disney Co.

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — The Walt Disney Co. has given the green light to a $135 million movie about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, according to a trade publication.

"Pearl Harbor" should begin production in April for release around Memorial Day 2001, Daily Variety reported Thursday. The storyline will be about two fighter pilots from Tennessee who fall in love with the same nurse.

Actors being considered for the film include Charlize Theron, currently on the big screen in "The Cider House Rules," Wes Bentley who starred in "American Beauty," and Jim Caviezel, who played a soldier in "The Thin Red Line."

The movie will be directed by Michael Bay, whose credits include "Armageddon" and "The Rock," and produced by Jerry Bruckheimer from a script by Randall Wallace, whose credits include "Braveheart."

Movie executives and Navy officials have been scouting island locations — including Pearl Harbor — although most of the film will be shot in Los Angeles. Water scenes will be shot in the same California facility built for "Titanic."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000

In the year ahead, set some lofty targets for yourself, because your desires could be pretty strong. Everything is attainable, but remember you must be willing to work hard for what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It isn't too wise today to rely too heavily upon an individual to come through for you in a clutch. Make up your mind to be your own person and take care of things yourself. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be careful not to slip beneath your standards today when caught up with someone you dislike. The ends do not justify the means and you could be embarrassed if there are any onlookers.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't think you have to go along with an activity your well-heeled friends want to do. They'll understand if you have to bow out. Just don't be too proud to do so.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is not a day to buck the majority in order to satisfy your own personal ambitions. The only way to succeed at this time is to collectively join forces.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's a good chance you could get caught up in dwelling on the negative aspects of an important involvement rather than on its positive options. Doom and gloom will produce doom and gloom.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Agreeing to participate in an unfamiliar, speculative venture today is just plain foolish. Chances are it'll be difficult to get back what you put in, let alone make any profit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) No matter how busy you are today, do not delegate authority to anyone to make a judgment call for you, even one that involves a social activity. You won't like the commitment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone who has been a thorn in your side could once again incite an incident today. Be careful how you handle it, because others could be watching.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If it suddenly appears that the entire world is out of step with your cadence today, take a few moments for self-examination. You may find its your tempo that's off and needs fixing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep a weather-eye on your mate's moods today, because you may need to respond with tolerance and patience. If you're caught off guard, you could react in a way you'll later regret.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) I wouldn't depend on others to do your bidding today if I were you. Chances are they're going to be too busy handling their own affairs to bother with any of yours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep a tight reign on your wallet today should you go shopping. If you spend way beyond your means, you could get yourself in a financial bind that'll take longer than you think to unwind.

Monday, Jan. 31, 2000

In the year ahead what once caused you pain may now begin to produce pleasure. It'll be because of your new ability to utilize past experience to advance your self-interests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to be a leader today, not a follower. It's to your advantage to take a more active role in any affiliations in which you're involved, be they structured or social. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your ambitious objectives have a better than usual chance for fulfillment today if you don't let little disturbances upset you along the way. Keep your eye on the target.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something bright and hopeful may develop today that will overturn and be the result of a present debilitating situation that's been blocking you. It can set a new direction for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't let harsh critics deter you from your goals today. Keep focusing on and working towards them in a constructive manner and you'll reach your destination.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) No matter how others behave or how autonomous they may be, remain cooperative and use all the tact you can muster. They are your two best weapons for tearing down blockades.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An interesting opportunity could develop for you today through the interaction with others in your field of endeavor. Team up with associates or co-workers to increase your potentials.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A matter that didn't look like it would work out for you today could find new life through cooperation and congeniality by the parties involved. It may not be optimum, but it will be good.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It may be better today not to look for challenges and, in fact, try to avoid them. Greater progress can be made if you take the lines of least **resistance, especially at work.**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Make sure a strong dose of good judgment and common sense is applied on taking a risk on a speculative venture today. No matter how promising it looks, it'll need to be controlled.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't let a little cash surplus you've accumulated burn a hole in your pocket today. Put it to work for you or, at least, put it out of reach where it will be safe.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Any frustrations with which you may have to contend today will lose all impact if you don't permit them to put you in a bad frame of mind. Maintain a positive attitude and you'll win out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) When it comes to your financial affairs, an adjustment for the better could occur today that will have an effect upon your material security. Don't fight change.

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McCain faces must-win test in New Hampshire primary

EXETER, N.H. (AP) — Even if Sen. John McCain wins the first-in-the-nation presidential primary, Gov. George Bush says his campaign for the White House remains strong.

Win or lose in New Hampshire, "I will survive," says Bush, the Republican front-runner nationally.

McCain will be battling this weekend to hold back Bush and gain the victory his underdog presidential campaign needs. The five-man Republican field heads into the final days of campaigning before the voting Tuesday.

Bush, in a two-front fight against staunch conservative candidates on one side and the more moderate McCain on the other, believed he was narrowing the gap, aides said. But they also said the Texas governor might run out of time.

"There would have to be a sea change in voter attitudes" for McCain to lose, said Ken Khachigian, one of the Arizona senator's advisers.

The majority of public polls Friday gave McCain the lead, but they also offered Bush reason to hope. Conservative Steve Forbes was running a distant third, still taking aim at Bush.

Four days before the balloting, the GOP campaigns launched their get-out-the-vote drives and made final decisions on weekend TV ads. Unlike past years, when negative ads were part of the closing-weekend dynamic, the top-tier campaigns decided to keep their attack spots off the air unless a rival went first.

Though eleventh-hour attacks could still hit Monday, the reluctance to go negative suggested that McCain, Bush and Forbes were focusing on turning out their supporters rather than trying to peel away their rivals' backers.

"Absent any earth-shattering events this weekend, it's all going to come down to turnout," said Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer.

The Texas governor said he had "a very good chance" of winning Tuesday. But whatever happens, Bush told reporters, "I'm in it for the long pull," with a campaign well organized in primary states beyond New Hampshire.

McCain, however, can't afford to lose here, his aides said. With a fraction of Bush's money and little support from the party establishment, McCain's long-shot strategy is to hobble Bush in New Hampshire and ride the momentum into later primary states.

Steve Duprey, New Hampshire's Republican Party chairman, said McCain was the man to beat, but he sensed Bush gaining ground.

McCain has been leading in most polls, using his strength among independents, while a couple of polls have shown the race very close. Tracking polls, which are sometimes unreliable, showed Bush gaining ground on McCain after Wednesday's debate by getting increasing support from Republicans.

Bush, meanwhile, was being squeezed from the right and left. While McCain kept him occupied, conservative voters were flirting with Forbes, Alan Keyes and Gary Bauer.

Rock musician Melissa Etheridge joins fight

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Rock star Melissa Etheridge joined the battle against a ballot measure aimed at banning state recognition of same-sex marriages, saying on Friday that the proposal was fueled by hate and bigotry.

"There are hundreds and thousands of people that I represent that are just like me that don't happen to have two Grammys that this affects. And this affects me deeply," said Etheridge, who is gay.

Proposition 22, which appears on the March 7 ballot, would prohibit California from granting legal recognition to same-sex marriages that are legally performed in other states. State law currently recognizes only marriage between a man and a woman.

Joining Etheridge at a news conference was Judy Shepard, whose son, Matthew, was beaten, tied to a fence and left to die outside Laramie, Wyo., in October 1998. His attackers have since been sentenced to life in prison.

Mrs. Shepard said the initiative indirectly relates to the death of her 21-year-old son, who was killed because he was gay.

Domestic rig count drops by 22 to 755

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States fell this week by 22 to 755.

Of the rigs running nationwide, 131 were exploring for oil and 624 were looking for gas, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday. During the same week last year, 562 rigs were operating in the United States.

Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1944. The tally peaked at 4,530 on Dec. 28, 1981, during the height of the oil boom but set several record lows last year, bottoming out at 498 on April 9, 1999.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, New Mexico gained three while Alaska and Louisiana lost one apiece. Texas lost 10 rigs, while California, Oklahoma and Wyoming were unchanged.

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More ice causes traffic wrecks

ATLANTA (AP) — A fresh layer of ice caused hundreds of traffic accidents around northern Georgia Saturday as the region was slammed by a storm that had swept across the South with more than a foot of snow.

One pileup early Saturday involved 47 cars at the junctions of Interstates 20, 75 and 85 in Atlanta, where an ice storm a week earlier caused huge power outages.

This latest storm had dumped up to 17 inches of snow in Oklahoma earlier in the week, with as much as a foot in Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. In Arkansas, the weather was blamed for three deaths, and one man was killed Saturday on an ice-covered Atlanta highway.

"It could be a very, very serious time for us," said Phil Badgett, a forecaster at the National Weather Service in Raleigh, N.C., which got a record 2-foot snowfall a week ago.

Sleet and freezing rain fell early Saturday in parts of Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

The storm was expected to move out of Georgia and into the Carolinas in time for Super Bowl Sunday. That would be good news for Atlanta, with more than 100,000 fans expected in town for the big game.

All runways were open Saturday at Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport, officials said. Delta Air Lines spokeswoman Alesia Watson said 35 percent of the day's flights have been canceled, but "we still have plenty of seats from St. Louis or Nashville."

Police around the Atlanta metropolitan area shut down many of the interchanges to interstate highways this morning because the pavement was so icy officers couldn't even walk on them.

"Everyone needs to slow down," said DeKalb County police spokeswoman Mikki Jones. "We've had (vehicles) slide into 10 of our officer's cars."

On Friday, President Clinton approved a disaster declaration for 30 Georgia counties because of the ice storm last week, which left 500,000 customers without electricity and caused an estimated $55 million in damage.

Arafat, Barak to meet next week

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak will meet next Thursday or Friday at the Erez Crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip, a senior U.S. official said today.

The meeting was announced after Arafat and President Clinton conferred privately for 30 minutes at a hotel. Both leaders are attending a World Economic Forum here — an annual gathering of business and political leaders. Barak on Friday canceled his visit to the forum, ruling out the possibility of a three-way meeting here on Middle East peace.

U.S. Special Envoy Dennis Ross will travel to Israel ahead of the meeting between Barak and Arafat to lay the groundwork with negotiators from both sides, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Israeli and the Palestinian negotiators are to begin holding intensive talks Sunday in an effort to meet a Feb. 13 deadline for a peace treaty framework. So far they have failed to resolve such tough issues as Palestinian demands for a state and for part of Jerusalem.

At a meeting last week in Washington with Arafat, Clinton appealed openly to Israel and the Palestinians to seek less than 100 percent of their demands. He said a settlement required as much.

Clinton told Arafat today he would be in touch with Barak, and then, again with the Palestinian leader.

If no progress is made in 10 days, the negotiators will decide whether to move the talks to Washington, a Palestinian official who insisted on anonymity said earlier today.

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Turkey's children return to cold tents

DUZCE, Turkey (AP) — School may be just a cold tent, but 13-year-old Hacer Oncer is happy to be in class for the first time since a massive earthquake destroyed her city late last year.

"We like being back," she said, warming her hands before the single gas heater during recess.

Only three of the 87 schools in Duzce survived the quakes that devastated northwestern Turkey in August and November and most classes are now in tents, most without electricity and some with no access to water.

But returning to school has brought back something of normal life and given the children — and their parents — a routine after months of idleness. Psychologists say that can help the children recover from the traumatic experience.

"They are better since they went back to school," said Arife Atasoy, looking over at her three children. "They need it. Children can't waste a year like this!"

Many children were happy to be reunited with their teachers.

"A little one was so happy to see me," said Gonca Ozel, a primary school teacher. "They had told her that I had died in the quake so she didn't want to come. But when she saw I was alive, she stayed."

More than 18,000 people died in two temblors on Aug. 17 and Nov. 12. The second earthquake was centered in Duzce, 120 miles east of Istanbul, and destroyed or seriously damaged most buildings of the city of 80,000 people. Tens of thousands of people still live in temporary housing — prefabricated homes, tents or makeshift huts.

"In war zones or in situations of natural disasters, when things are very disrupted, the best thing we can do is to make sure that life is normalized," said Rune Sturland, a psychologist with the U.N. Children's Fund.

UNICEF's $14 million plan for Turkey's quake recovery includes psychological help for school children.

"When routines are re-established it gives children a sense of safety. It is also very positive for the parents that their children have meaningful activities, leaving the parents to deal with their own issues," said Sturland.

Tent schools are far from ideal and many parents worry about their children's health in the poorly heated tents. And transportation is a problem, since prefabricated homes and tent cities are far from the city center.

Life in the temporary shelters is difficult; in some areas hundreds of people share one shower. Ozel, the primary teacher, said some children didn't want to come to school "because they can't wash."

Obituaries

John Gruben

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ROTAN — John Carl Gruben, brother of Bill Summerlin of Snyder, died Friday, Jan. 28.

Funeral service for Mr. Gruben, 79, was set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Crossroads Baptist Church with the Revs. Randy Evans and Mike O'Neill officiating. Burial will follow in the Roby Cemetery, directed by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Gruben was born and attended school in the Royston Community. He married Aladean Smith in 1946. Mr. Gruben was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army. He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Aladean Gruben of Rotan; one daughter, Pat Helms of Rotan; one son, Donald Gruben of Rotan; four brothers, Paul Gruben of Lovington, N.M., Earnest Gruben of Kermit; Dick Gruben of Royston, and Troy Gruben of Roby; two other sisters, Irene Clark of Rotan and Rose Young of Littlefield; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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Enrollment figures up at local college

Preliminary enrollment reports at Western Texas College indicate that 1,281 students have enrolled for the spring semester as compared to 1,193 in the spring of 1999.

"We are real pleased with the figures being up," Ann Galyean, registrar, said. "We have a full house and that is important."

Broken down, these figures include 625 on-campus students, 245 off-campus and 411 inmates in TDCJ facilities.

Report of fight leads to arrest

A report of a fight at 27th Street and Avenue J led to the arrest of one individual Friday.

Officers took the 33-year-old male into custody at 5:18 p.m. for Class C assault. He also had Midland County warrants for bond forfeiture on a driving while intoxicated charge and driving while license suspended.

The day was otherwise routine.

Law enforcement officers assisted two individuals in unlocking keys from vehicles and assisted one stranded motorist.

At 10:53 p.m. Friday, a caller reported smoke coming from Noah's Attic. However, it was determined that the individual was seeing exhaust from a heater that had been left on.

Announcement by AF due Monday

The announcement on the U.S. Air Force Environmental Impact Study (EIS) concerning a flight training path over Scurry and seven other counties is expected to be announced Monday.

Originally set for Friday, the change in times was announced following a meeting Thursday involving Air Force personnel and representatives from the Snyder community.

Speculation is that the Air Force is favoring this area for a bomber training site that involves B-1 and B-52 aircraft flying over Scurry, Garza, Stonewall, Kent, Dawson, Lynn, Borden and Fisher counties.

The final decision on the site will be made by the Secretary of the Air Force and that decision might not be announced until March.

The Air Force's low-level flight training program is facing a legal challenge throughout the United States as a lawsuit was filed Thursday in federal court in Washington, D. C., to stop all low-level flights until an overall study has been prepared as to what effects is has on livestock in the flight areas.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Jan. 28-Doris Nixon of Hermleigh, Betty Wood, Luis Lara, Billy Reeves and Katrina Soukup.

DISMISSALS: Tanner McMillian of Colorado City, Jackie Nachlinger of Hermleigh, Bobby Scott, S.W. Trevey, Luis Carrisalez and Arma Watlington.

CENSUS: 45 (Med., Surg.-20, Long-term Care-24 and ICU-1)

Births

Stacy and Lena White of Odessa announce the birth of their daughter, Destiny Nicole, at 1:24 a.m. on Dec. 29, 1999 in Odessa's Medical Center Hospital. Brothers Anthony, Zachary and Isaac welcomed her home.

Paternal grandparents are Bobby and Tina White of Snyder and Becky White of Snyder. Maternal grandmother is Terri Atkinson of Odessa. Great-grandparents are Verlene White of Snyder, and the late Robert White Sr., and Julian Jones of Odessa.

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Kristy Lynn Womack of Snyder announces the birth of her six-pound, one-half ounce daughter, Chelsey Lynn Womack. Chelsey was born at 8:19 a.m. on Jan. 3 in the Odessa Regional Hospital.

Grandparents are Peggy Womack and Danny Chaney. Great-grandparents are Jack and Sue Womack and Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Chaney. All are of Snyder.

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Dell	37 1/4	-5/16
Wal Mart	55 1/8	-4
Compac	27 1/2	-1/2
Del. Gen.	20 13/16	-1/2
GTE	68 29/256	-131/256
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Jury call cancelled

District Clerk Trina Rodgers has announced the jury call for Monday has been cancelled and prospective jurors need not report.

Calvary Baptist 50th anniversary

Calvary Baptist Church will observe its 50th anniversary Sunday. Former pastors and staff will speak at the 9:45 a.m. service. Former pastor Glenn Border will speak at 10:50 a.m. A reunion from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. will be held in the fellowship hall.

Enchilada dinner

Colonial Hill Baptist Church youth will host an enchilada dinner from noon until 1 p.m. Sunday, in the church fellowship hall. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12 and are available at the church office. Tickets at the door will be $6 and $4. Funds will go toward summer youth activities.

Super Bowl meal

Sons of the American Legion will sponsor a meal catered by Red Barn Barbecue on Super Bowl Sunday starting at 4 p.m. Cost is $3 per plate.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak trees are available from the Soil and Water Conservation District, 5308 Big Spring Hwy. Deadline for orders is Monday.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "How Can You Forsake God," followed by "What Is a Family?"

SHS baseball boosters

The Snyder baseball will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the SHS football fieldhouse. All booster members are urged to attend to see new uniforms and T-shirts on display. Also it is the last chance for parent ads.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

Financial aid workshop

A financial aid workshop will be held in Snyder High School's student center at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Kathy Hall of WTC's financial aid office will conduct the workshop.

Amateur radio operators

Snyder area radio operators will conduct its weekly check in/ragchew net at 7:30 Tuesday. This net will operate on frequency 146.920 with PL tone 67. All licensed amateurs are welcome to check in. For more information call Mike @ KM5TC (573-2222), or David @ KC5GFM (573-8182).

Marriage course

A 13-week course, "Covenant Marriage: Communication and Intimacy Course" will be presented by the North College Ave. Baptist Church starting at 6:45 p.m. Thursday. The course is designed to strengthen a marriage and equip persons to assist others who are struggling in a relationship. For more information or pre-registration, call 573-9540 or 573-7930.

Scout food drive

Scouts will hand out bags Thursday, and collect them on Saturday, Feb. 5. No glass containers or perishables. If you need a bag picked up, call 338-1865.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception to honor Bill and Anne Overhulser will be held from 3-5 p.m. Friday at Snyder Country Club.

Commissioning service

A commissioning service for ministry in Guatemala for Charlie and Pat Reynolds will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, in the First Baptist Church. A reception will follow.

Weigh down workshop

The weigh down workshop is a 12-week Bible-based weight loss program. Orientation will be held Feb. 7 and the first class will be Feb. 21. All meetings will be at Trinity Methodist Church at 7 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 573-3988, or Dorothy Petersen at 573-7044.

MAWC fish fry

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have a fish fry Friday, Feb. 11, at the clubhouse from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children six and under. Meals will be delivered by calling 573-3427, 573-6443, or 573-6717. Proceeds go toward maintaining the clubhouse.

Enchilada plates

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will be selling enchilada plates on Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Guadalupe Center at 1311 Ave. K from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Plates are $5 for adults and $2.50 for children and include three beef enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, dessert and tea.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
5-17-20-21-27
(five, seventeen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-seven)

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
14-41-74-96
(fourteen, forty-one, seventy-four, ninety-six)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
8-7-9
(eight, seven, nine)

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Hi-tech video recorders gaining attention

WASHINGTON (AP) — Loren Finkelstein, a self-described "big TV watcher," was never home to enjoy his favorite shows. Instead, he relied on a stack of videotapes to capture them.

Then he discovered a new breed of VCR — a hard-drive system called a personal video recorder — that could store 14 hours of programming, select shows based on themes of his choice and play them back with a high-quality picture.

"It's phenomenal how good it is," said Finkelstein, a network administrator for a financial company in New York City. He rarely caught his shows as they were aired before. Now, he says: "I never watch live television."

Cutting-edge couch potatoes are taking advantage of these new services — like TiVo and ReplayTV. Although the services can cost about $700, they make it possible for consumers to watch what they want, when they want. Analysts predict that 14 million people will be using personal video recorders by 2004.

But the products also have raised a red flag among top broadcasting and cable networks, who want the companies behind the new systems to obtain licensing agreements to use their programming.

The recorders work like this: Consumers buy receiver boxes to use with their existing TVs. Instead of relying on videotapes, these devices contain a hard drive, much like in a personal computer. Programs are saved on the hard drive for later viewing.

The equipment is used with an accompanying service for more specialized features. Viewers can create their own customized channel filled with favorite shows, by entering information about their personal tastes into the recorders. TiVo has a "thumbs up/thumbs down" button on its remote control, so consumers can indicate their preferences and the system can suggest shows.

At night, the device dials up to servers run by the companies to download programming guides so it can automatically record the shows.

Finkelstein, for example, enters the key words "Star Trek" into his ReplayTV to get all versions of the show playing on any channel.

A ReplayTV model that can store 20 hours of programming costs $699 with the service included. TiVo's 14-hour receiver costs $499.99 with a monthly fee of $9.95 for the programming service or a one-time fee of $199.99.

"Television viewing habits are based on laziness," said Josh Bernoff of the Cambridge, Mass.-based Forrester Research, which forecasts that 14 million households will use such systems in four years. With the exception of a few select shows, "people tune in because that happens to be the best thing on that particular moment."

But with the recording devices, people can assemble hours of customized programs to watch. It's quicker and easier than a VCR, Bernoff said, and viewers can watch live TV on a delay long enough to cruise past advertisements. As a result, he predicts consumers will watch 8 percent fewer commercials in the next five years and 50 percent fewer in 10 years.

The Yankee Research Group of Boston anticipates a growing trend toward incorporating personal recorders into direct satellite broadcast receivers and cable systems. Yankee analysts predict sales of separate personal video recorders will reach 500,000 units this year, with another 850,000 units being sold as part of satellite TV systems.

The very characteristics that have endeared the products to consumers are causing broadcasters to take notice.

A group of cable and broadcast networks, including CBS Corp., Discovery Communications Inc., The Walt Disney Company, News Corp. and Time Warner Inc., have joined together to urge companies who offer personal video recorders to enter into copyright licensing agreements with them.

Bert Carp, a lawyer representing the coalition, argues that personal video recorder companies offer a service, distinct from the function performed by a regular VCR, because they assemble customized channels for viewers.

Compaq committed to better sales

HOUSTON (AP) — Compaq Computer Corp.'s leadership told a gathering of financial analysts and investors Friday that the company is committed to returning its slumping business computing unit to profitability this year.

"This is not just a matter of words," said Mike Winkler, head of Compaq's embattled commercial personal computer division. "I have a high degree of confidence in the achievability of a turnaround."

Business PC sales fell off sharply last year, attributable largely to an indirect sales model that proved less efficient than that of direct sellers such as Dell Computer Corp. The unit lost $449 million last year, compared to a profit of $1.02 billion by the rest of the company.

The poor performance caused a management shakeup in April. The company promoted Michael Capellas to president and chief executive officer in July, and his new team has helped stabilize the world's largest PC maker.

One of Capellas' missions has been to move Compaq away from being an indirect computer marketer, which explains why the company earlier this month bought five distribution centers from one of its main resellers, Inacom Corp.

The acquisition will allow Compaq to increase its direct sales in North America from 20 percent to 60 percent by the end of 2000, Winkler said. Dell, using its more efficient direct strategy, eclipsed Compaq last year as the nation's top personal computer maker.

Overall, Compaq's goal is to reduce its use of indirect resellers from 85 percent to 30 percent.

"Anyone who sells indirect loses money today," Winkler said. "Anyone who sells direct makes money."

Winkler said he expects his unit to begin making money again by autumn.

Compaq gradually will shift some computer production away from Houston to be closer to Inacom's distribution centers in Omaha, Neb., Indianapolis; Swedesboro, N.J.; Ontario, Calif.; and Memphis, Tenn., Capellas said.

While some manufacturing jobs will leave Houston, Capellas said they should be offset by other gains at the company's headquarters. The company remains on course to reduce its work force by 4,000 by midyear as part of a previously announced restructuring, he added.

Capellas also softened on the company's initial projection that Compaq would increase revenues by 15 percent in 2000, projecting instead a growth rate of 10 percent to 12 percent.

The revised revenue forecast will not affect Compaq's ability to meet analysts' consensus estimate that the company will earn $1.06 per share this year, Capellas said.

Hambrecht & Quist LLC analyst Walter Winnitzki said the 15 percent estimate might have been a bit optimistic considering the hard work that lies ahead for Compaq. Achieving a balance between indirect and direct sales will be a key.

Winnitzki added that Compaq's early-2000 performance will depend on continued cost-cutting. The second half will rely on turning around the PC side and expanding growth in its enterprise computing unit, which provides large-scale storage, operating systems and Internet commerce solutions.

Magazine foresees 'normal' oil industry

HOUSTON (AP) — The oil industry should enjoy rather typical exploration and production activity in 2000 after riding a two-year boom-and-bust roller-coaster, according a trade magazine forecast released Friday.

Based on a survey of producers and predicted price stability between $25 and $28 per barrel, World Oil magazine researchers forecast a worldwide drilling increase of 21.9 percent, to 60,343 from about 49,500 in the bust year of 1999.

U.S. activity is expected to see a more robust recovery, rising 30.6 percent to 24,416 wells drilled from 18,700 last year. In Texas, the magazine forecasts a 31.9 percent increase to 1,573 wells drilled from 1,193 last year.

While the forecasted drilling activity would be a great improvement from 1999, World Oil publisher Lanie Finlayson cautioned that that this year likely won't approach the boom levels of 1998.

"With the worst drilling year in more than half a century behind us, operators around the world are returning to more typical E&P activity levels this year," Finlayson said.

Last year wouldn't have been so bad if companies reacted more quickly to oil prices that doubled when foreign oil powers agreed to cut production, Finlayson said.

"The consensus explanation is that the earlier price collapse was so devastating ... that many firms needed nearly a year's worth of increased profits just to repair the balance sheet damages," Finlayson wrote in his annual oil outlook report.

Bill Gilmer, chief economist for the Houston Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, added that operators blistered by the price plunge in 1999 wanted to wait and see if the current high-price environment would persist.

"I don't think anybody is going to bet their company on an oil price forecast," Gilmer said.

He added that confidence remains shaky that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will keep up its months-long production drawdown, especially with the lure of healthy prices.

"Fundamentally, there hasn't been a whole lot of evidence people are buying into higher oil prices. Rig counts have remained flat," Gilmer said. "Gas has been the driver for this market, helped by oil. People are more willing to trust the fundamentals of the natural gas market."

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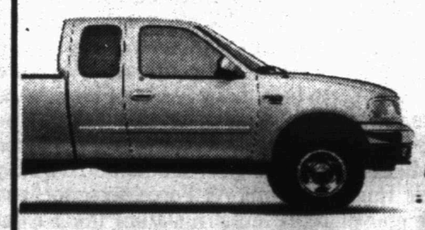

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Calvary Baptist to celebrate 50th anniversary

Founding

Calvary Baptist Church's first permanent home was a remodeled Army barracks located on 13th Street.

The founding pastor, Rev. T. Gerald Cates, spearheaded the organization of the church on Jan. 28, 1950.

This Sunday, the church will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Cates, and another former pastor, Rev. Glenn Border will attend Sunday's activities.

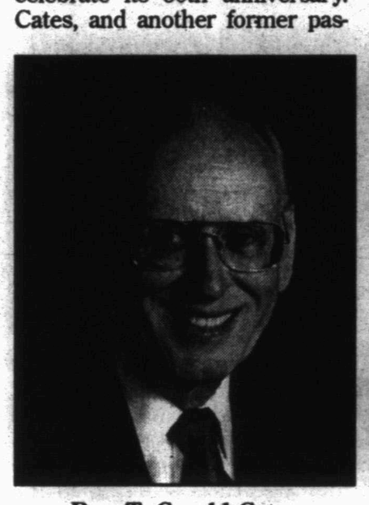
Sunday services are set for 9:45 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

A reception in the fellowship hall is planned from 2-4 p.m. Sunday School class memorabilia will be on display.

In 1953, while the present church now located at 2405 35th Street was under construction, the congregation met in West Elementary School's cafeteria. An additional wing to the church, added in 1978, is utilized for offices, nurseries and a fellowship hall.

Since 1985, the church has paved its parking lot, installed a new sound system for the auditorium, purchased a new Rodgers organ and a recently-delivered grand piano. In addition, the Sunday School area has been remodeled along with the nursery, offices and foyer area.

Stained glass has also been added to the windows and doors of the Baptistry, and a lighted sign has been installed.



Rev. T. Gerald Cates
.....founding pastor

Rev. Larry McAden
.....current pastor

Pastors

A total of seven pastors have served the church in all.

Cates served twice, from 1950-57, and from 1959-1960. Other pastors were Raymond Dunn, 1958; Emmett Duckett, 1957-1958; Cecil Wagner, 1961-1963; George Shoff, 1963-1973; Glenn Border, 1973-1979; Larry McAden, 1979 to the present.

Rev. Cates

An accident eventually brought Cates to Snyder. On Aug. 19, 1948, he was seriously injured in an automobile accident between San Antonio and Seguin. Five people died and Cates spent 51 days in a San Antonio hospital.

Just a few weeks before the accident, Cates had resigned as pastor of a Huisache Ave. Baptist Church in San Antonio. His plans had been to finish college at Bob Jones University in Greenville, S. C.

However, during convalescence, Cates felt the will of God drawing him back to Abilene where his wife Jeanette's parents lived and her father served as pastor of Corinth Baptist Church.

After several months he began to assist his father-in-law, his second time to do so.

When oil was discovered in Scurry County, Cates read an article in *Life* magazine about the great population increase, from three or four thousand to 30 thousand over a few months period.

According to a church history published in 1985 for Calvary's 35th anniversary, Cates felt a "burden grow within me to go to Snyder and begin a new independent-fundamental Baptist church." But it did not happen right away.

Cates soon learned that another Baptist minister, B.W. Wallace, was also interested in founding the same kind of church in Snyder. Since they did not want to compete against each other, Wallace told Cates that Colorado City was "wide-open" for fundamental work.

Cates did begin to organize a church in Colorado City, but after a week he did not feel that that was where God really wanted him to be, so they returned to Abilene, somewhat discouraged.

Then he received a call from Wallace who had decided against moving his family to Snyder. He gave Cates the names of several interested families. At the time, Snyder was very crowded.

Cates and the others arranged to hold a two-week revival in the Primitive Baptist Church since that congregation only met once a month. Cates received special permission to use a portable organ because Primitive did not use musical instruments.

At the end of two weeks of nightly revival services, 23 adults had committed themselves to organize a new fundamental Baptist Church,

The organizational service was held on Jan. 28, 1950 in the Primitive Baptist Church building located on the corner of Avenue M and 21st Street. Cates was called to serve as the first pastor, and they adopted the name Calvary Baptist Church.

The next week they purchased an old 1,000 sq. ft. Army barrack for $750. It was moved to Snyder from an Army camp in Brownwood.

George Moore, a member of North Side Baptist Church, let the new church's congregation move the building to one of his lots, until they could find a permanent location.

Before long, the building was moved to a lot on 13th St., donated by a Mr. Vaughn. The church was able to purchase another lot from Vaughn as well as another 20'x50' barrack which was placed parallel to the first building.

The west wall was knocked out, allowing the new church a 30'x50' foot auditorium and a 20'x50' Sunday School building.

Calvary Baptist continued to prosper, becoming the first church in West Texas to have a bus. During those early days, six to 10 new members joined each week.

In later years, Mrs. D.P. Yoder donated two acres on 35th Street to the church. Plans were drawn up for a new auditorium and Sunday School building. The old property was sold and the congregation arranged to meet at West Elementary's cafeteria until the new church was complete.

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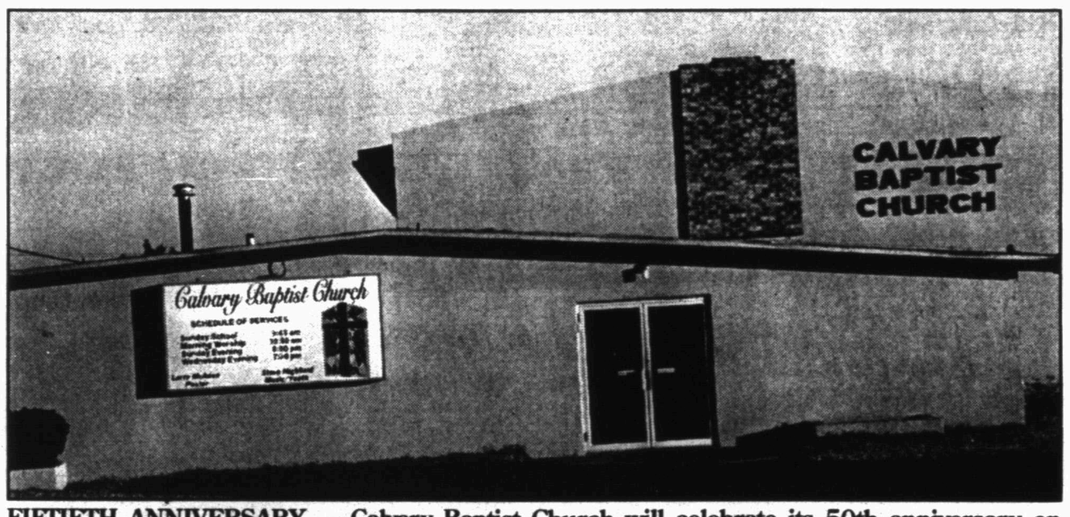
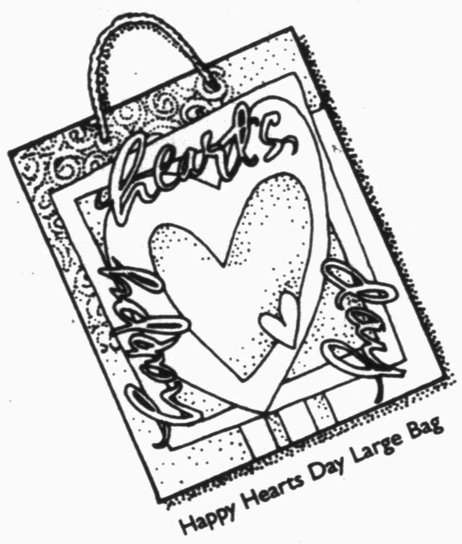


FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY — Calvary Baptist Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sunday. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



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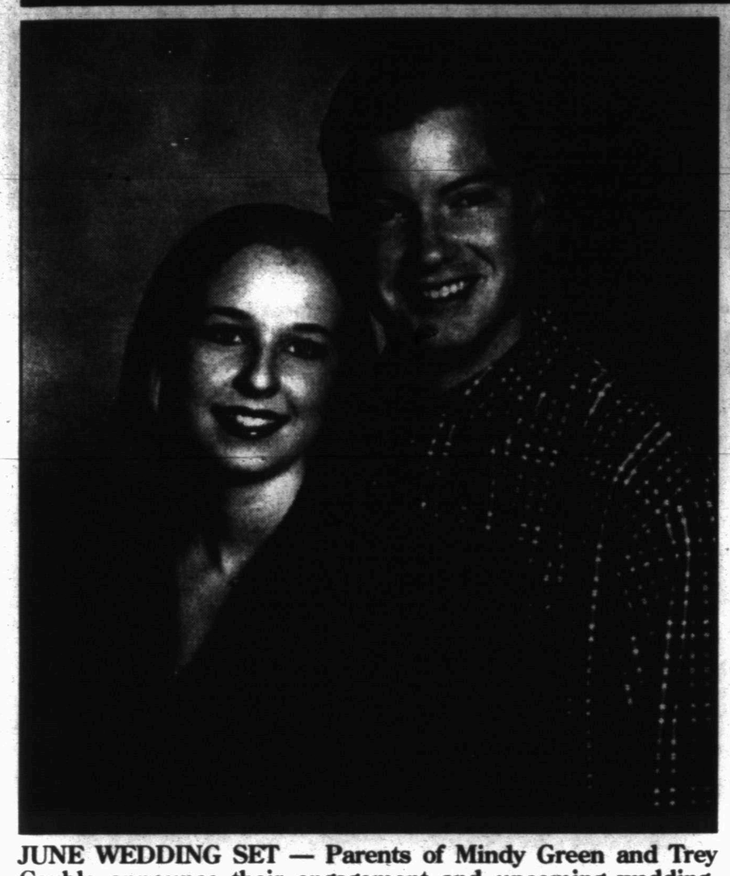
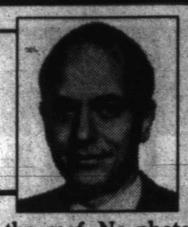


JUNE WEDDING SET — Parents of Mindy Green and Trey Cauble announce their engagement and upcoming wedding. Parents of the future bride are Steve and Trissa Green of Big Spring, formerly of Snyder. The prospective groom's parents are Ricky and Trisha Cauble of Midland. Mindy's grandparents include Billy and Mary Helen Green and Roy and Sallie Bailey, all of Snyder. Trey's grandparents are Richard and Moe Cauble of Big Spring and Bobby and Della Hogue of Midland. The couple are planning a 1 p.m. ceremony on June 17 in the 14th & Main Church of Christ in Big Spring. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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♦ A Q 10 9 7 6 3
♣ 6

West
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♥ 8 5 2
♦ J 8 5
♣ - - -

East
♠ K J 5
♥ Q J 10 6 4
♦ - - -
♣ 10 8 5 4 2

South
♠ Q
♥ A K
♦ K 4 2
♣ A K Q J 9 7 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
7 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 2

Leaving the most modern to last

The final stop on my tour of northern Spain was Bilbao. However, as it is an industrial town with a large port, I stayed up the coast to the north in picturesque Getxo.

Bilbao has become famous as the home of the newest Guggenheim Museum. This one was designed by Frank Gehry, with lots of titanium sheets on the roof. No photo does it justice; you must study it inside and out fully to appreciate the amazing job that Gehry did. Yet while in Bilbao, do not fail to visit the Museo de Bellas Artes. It has a great collection of paintings set out in chronological order.

And to end this week, a very unusual deal. Looking at all 52 cards, how do you make seven no-trump without taking a trick with an ace? West leads the heart two.

Given the ground rule, you begin with only 11 tricks: one heart, six diamonds and four clubs. But if East discards a club, you get six tricks in the suit — enough for your contract.

Win with the heart king, cash the diamond king, finesse dummy's diamond nine, and take the other four available diamond tricks, throwing the heart ace, club ace and spade queen from hand. East must make six discards. He releases three hearts and two spades, of course, but what is his last pitch? If the spade king, you cash dummy's spade 10; if the heart queen, you cash the heart nine. In both cases, you squeeze East again. If he discards his remaining major-suit honor, you cash dummy's established winner. If instead he releases a club, you finesse the club nine and run the rest of the suit.

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APRIL WEDDING IN ROSCOE — Parents of Sharessa Garrett and Geory Martin announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Parents of the bride-elect are Schylon Garrett of Roscoe, and the late Kenneth Garrett. Parents of the prospective groom are George and Brenda Martin of Loraine. Sharessa and Geory are planning a 6 p.m., April 8 wedding in the Roscoe Church of Christ. Both attended Western Texas College. (Contributed Photo)

Duplicate Bridge Scores

Friday, Jan. 21

Monte West directed bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

North-South
1. Dot Casey, Monte West.
2. Dorothy Rosson, Durelle Gorman.
3. Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson.

East-West
1. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.
2. Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbit.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.

Sunday, Jan. 23

Jane Hinton directed.

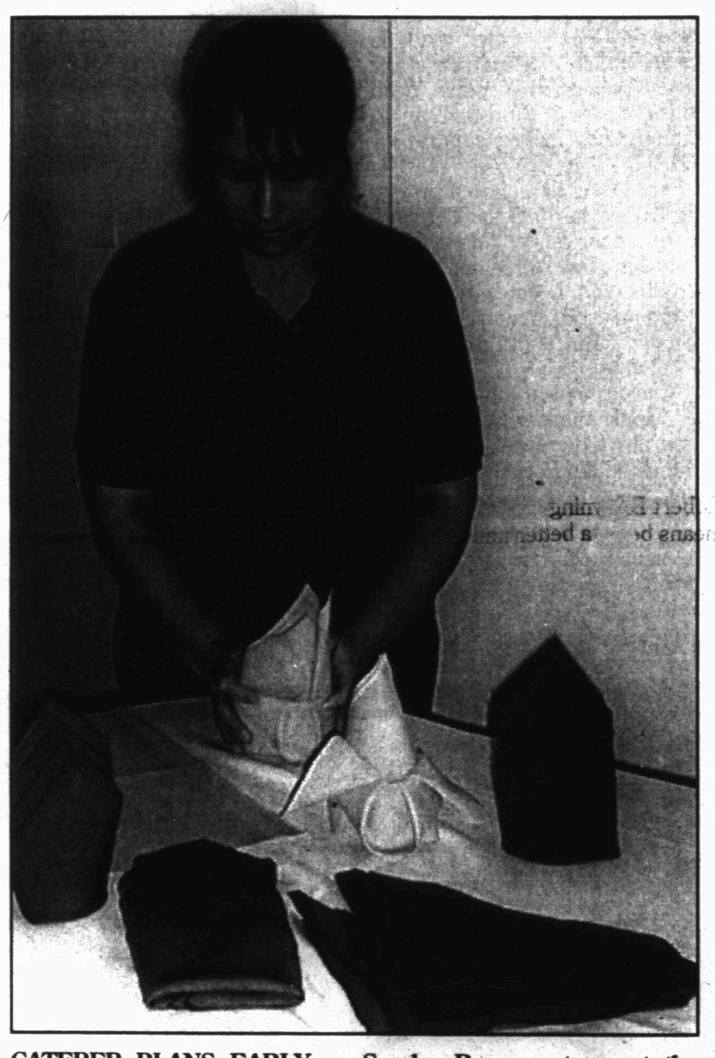
1. TIE: Dot Casey, Louise Thompson tied with LaVerne Hood, Shirley Stewart.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Billisue Stuard.
3. Mippy Brownlee, Shirley Stewart.
4. Louise Thompson, Tizzy Hall.

Juice was 'yukey'

MARLBORO, Mass. (AP) — Four-year-old Amanda Gustafson knew immediately there was something "yucky" about her apple juice.

She was right: It wasn't juice. It was whiskey.

A waitress at TGI Friday's served the girl the booze during a recent family dinner. Ron Gustafson claims his daughter began "acting silly" and later complained of a headache after sipping the drink.



CATERER PLANS EARLY — Sandra Brace, caterer at the Martha Ann Woman's Club, has begun making preparations for the fish fry set for Friday, Feb. 11. Tickets are $8 per plate, $4 for children under six years old and may be purchased by calling the clubhouse at 573-3427, Jan Harrell at 573-6443 or Francene Noah at 573-6717. Tickets can be delivered. Proceeds are used to maintain the clubhouse. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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The number of American colonists who fought for independence was only a little greater than the number who fought against it.

School Menu

Snyder menu

All meals are served with choice of milk — all breakfasts have a choice of assorted dry cereal, toast w/jelly and orange juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Scrambled Eggs
Tuesday
Oatmeal
Wednesday
Breakfast Burrito w/Salsa
Thursday
Biscuits w/Sausage
Friday
Pancake w/Syrup

LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Chicken Sandwich
Macaroni and Cheese
Green Peas
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Hot Dog on a Bun or
Chili Mac
Seasoned Corn
Tossed Salad
Applesauce
Wednesday
Pizza or
Enchiladas
Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Chocolate Cake
Thursday
Burrito or
Oven Fried Chicken w/Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Cookie
Friday
Corn Dog or
Ravioli
Corn on the Cob
Tossed Salad
Gelatin

Hermleigh menu

All meals are served with milk.
BREAKFAST
Monday
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast
Tuesday
Juice
Blueberry Muffins
Wednesday
Fruit
Scrambled Eggs
Toast
Thursday
Juice
Toast & Jelly
Friday
Fruit
Breakfast Pizza

LUNCH
Monday
Burritos/Chili/Cheese
Tater Tots
Relish Cup
Pineapple Fruit Bars
Tuesday
Hamburger Casserole
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Plum Crisp
Wednesday
German Sausage
Au Gratin Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Hot Rolls
Ginger Bread
Thursday
Chili Beans
Glazed Carrots
Corn Bread
Chilled Pears
Friday
Fried Fish
French Fries
Tomato Wedges
Hush Puppies
Frozen Fruit Bars

Ira menu

All meals are served with choice of milk.
Monday
Goulash
Corn Bread
Black-eyed Peas
Green Beans
Pineapple Upside Down Cake
Tuesday
Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Salad
Corn
Apple Crisp
Wednesday
Charbroiled Steak Patty w/Brown Gravy
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread
Pears
Thursday
Hamburgers
French Fries
Peach Cups
Friday
Chicken Fried Steak
Creamed Potatoes
Carrots
Bread
Apple Cobbler

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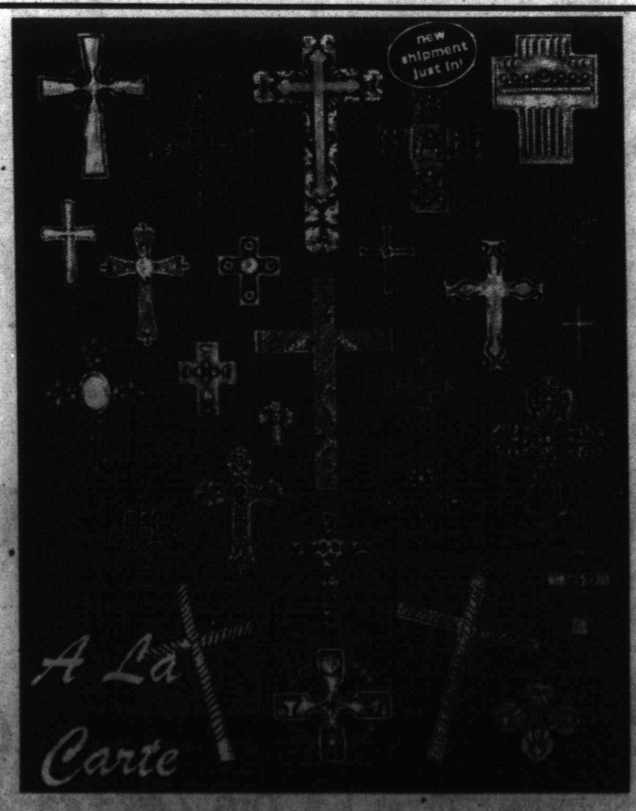

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New Vehicle Registrations

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Neita Woodward, 2000 Lincoln Navigator from Wilson Motors.

Michael Breitweiser and Jessie Rios, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Judy McKinley, 2000 Ford Focus from Wilson Motors.

Rusty and Sandy Wells, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Rusty and Sandy Wells, 2000 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Jesus Esparza, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

D.M. Smith, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Herbert Reed, 2000 Buick Park Avenue from Big Country Autoland.

Marcus W. Daughtry, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Lease Plans USA, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Shepard Chevrolet Inc.

Quata Koell Scott, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

E.D. Walton Construction Co. and Dalton Walton, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Mike and Marla G. Cathey, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Bobby Horton, 2000 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

TransTex Tool Inc., 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Hoover's Oilfield Construction and Herbert Hoover, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Donald McCutchen, two 2000 Ford pickups from Wilson Motors.

J.B. and Kathryn Tate, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Frank J. Bennett, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Action in District Court

Weldon Beck vs. National Fuel and Lubricants Inc. and Plaza Truck Stop Inc., order of dismissal.

In the marriage of Carolyn Jeanette Copeland and Benjamin Franklin Copeland, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Robert Elliott and Barbara Ann Miller to Yvonne Willingham, 4.995 acres out of Section 91, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Yvonne Willingham to Willingham Land and Cattle Company, an undivided one-half interest in 259.6 acres out of Section 48, Block 5, H&TC survey.

Welborn K. Willingham, independent executor of the estate of Barton C. Willingham, to Yvonne N. Willingham, an undivided one-half interest in 259.6 acres out of Section 48, Block 5, H&TC survey.

Jo Ann Ashley and Linda Kay Jones, independent co-executrices of the estate of Loyce Frances Thompson, to Jo Ann Ashley, Kenneth Eldon Thompson and Linda Kay Jones, 151.9 acres out of the west part of Section 94, Block 3, H&GN survey.

West Texas State Bank to G&G Glass, the east 140 feet of Lot 1 in Block 47 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Janet S. Parmer and Jerea A. Baldwin to Douglas J. and Robbi J. Tindol, the north one-half of Lot 2 in Block 25 of the Blankenship Addition.

Danny R. Lunsford to William Donald Lay, tract one being 190.04 acres in Section 253, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 110.35 acres out of Section 253, Block 97, H&TC survey.

YZ Industries Inc. to YZ Systems Inc., tract one being an 0.92-acre tract out of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being an 0.23-acre tract out of Section 179,

Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being a tract out of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract four being a tract out of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract five being Lots 1-5 and 7-12 in Block 34, all of Block 35 and Lots 2-5 and 9-12 in Block 36 of the Bootheland West Addition.

YZ Industries Inc. to YZ Systems Inc., a 1.15-acre tract out of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Peter W. and Evelyn D. Hagist to Ernie Ray Hanson and Evelyn Elayne Hanson, Lot 3 in Block 2 of the Bassridge Addition.

Broderick Ty and Deborah Gay Brunson to Michael S. and Lisa L. Christensen, Lot 5 and the east 20 feet of Lot 6 in Block 10 of the Warren Crest Addition.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor

Words of Wisdom XXIV: The art of communication

Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk. - Doug Larsen

I believe our success in life is determined to a great degree by our ability to communicate effectively. The men and women who rise quickly to leadership positions are those who can verbalize their ideas with passion, listen with both their eyes and their ears and think on their feet.

I learned in my first Toastmaster's manual the value of building communication skills. The power and confidence that come from improving these skills is known only to those who risk appearing foolish in return for the reward. Communication is neither art, nor a gift, but rather a skill to develop.

You've read my thoughts of building these skills before. Now let me share some power words of others whose lives were forever changed by their ability to convey thoughts and meanings to others.

The Power of Communication

* The ability to speak is a shortcut to distinction. It puts a man in the limelight, raises him head and shoulder above the crowd, and the man who can speak acceptably is usually given credit for an ability all out of proportion to what he really possesses. - Lowell Thomas

* All great speakers were bad speakers at first. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

* Silence may be misunderstood, but never misquoted. - unknown

* Let your discourse with men of business be short and comprehensive. - George Washington

* Talk low, talk slow, and don't say too much. - John Wayne

* Hear the other side. - St. Augustine

* Wisdom is divided into two parts: (a) having a great deal to say, and (b) not saying it. - Anonymous

* To listen well is as powerful a means of communication and influence as to talk well. - Chief Justice John Marshall

A reporter, coming upon a big story, telegraphed his editor. The editor replied, "Send six hundred words." The reporter wired back, "Can't be told in less than twelve hundred words." The editor replied, "Story of creation of world told in six hundred. Try it." - unknown

* A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something. - Wilson Mizner

* I found out early in life you never have to explain something you haven't said. - Calvin Coolidge.

* What this country needs is more free speech worth listening to. - Hansell B. Duckett

* Drawing on my fine command of language, I say nothing. - Robert Charles Benchley

* Speak clearly, if you speak at all, carve every word before you let it fall. - Oliver Wendell Holmes

* Be silent always when you doubt your sense. - Alexander Page

* When I'm getting ready to persuade a man, I spend one third of time thinking about myself - what I'm going to say - and two thirds of the time thinking about him and what he is going to say. - Abraham Lincoln

* One must be a wise reader to quote wisely and well. - Amos B. Alcott

* Truth never hurts the teller. - Robert Browning

* Being a better communicator means being a better understander. - Paul R. Timm

* *Many people would be more truthful were it not for their uncontrollable desire to talk. - Edgar Watson Howe*

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

'Queens of Armed Robbery' given seven years in prison

HOUSTON (AP) — Two teenage classmates who dubbed themselves the "Queens of Armed Robbery" were sentenced Friday to seven years in prison for a string of convenience store holdups.

Malissa "Lisa" Warzeka and Katie Marie Dunn, both 17, pleaded guilty earlier this month to two counts each of aggravated robbery, opting to let a jury decide their penalties. They each received two seven-year terms, to run concurrently.

As soon as Judge Mark Kent Ellis read the verdict, Ms. Dunn covered her face and burst into tears. Ms. Warzeka cried quietly.

Ellis wasn't impressed.

"Spare me your tears," he told the two. "You have sown the wind, and you have reaped the whirlwind. See the bailiff."

Prosecutor Terrance Windham was also unmoved.

"We can't forget that she wasn't sobbing when she stuck a gun in people's faces, threatened their lives and took their property," he said of Dunn.

Dunn and Warzeka were arrested in August, along with suburban Kingwood High School classmates Krystal Dawn Maddox, 16, and Michelle Morneau, 19, for five armed robberies at convenience stores.

They could have received between five and 99 years in prison, or probation. Maddox and Morneau are still awaiting trial.

Dunn's attorney, Patrick Hubbard, told jurors that prison time would harden the girls, not rehabilitate them. Their six-month stay in the Harris County Jail taught them their lesson, he said.

"I don't think anyone in this courtroom thinks Katie Dunn or Lisa Warzeka are a threat to commit any other crimes," he said. "They've been punished."

Investigators said the girls hatched the plan as a way to get pocket money. Warzeka admitted during the sentencing hearing that she and her friends referred to themselves as the "Queens of Armed Robbery."

Japan's Doomsday Cult tries to soften its fearful image

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — Since his release from prison a month ago, Fumihiro Joyu has presented a very different image from that of the strident spokesman he once was for the doomsday cult accused in the 1995 nerve gas attack on Tokyo's subways.

Trading his religious garb for a suit and tie, Joyu and other cult members have embarked on a campaign of apologies, vows of reform and statements distancing themselves from the guru they once worshipped as a living god.

So far, they are generating more fear than sympathy.

Authorities see the cult's claims of contrition as an attempt to get around laws passed last month that strengthen the government's hand in seizing cult assets and monitoring its activities.

And as further evidence all is not well, police are still trying to unravel the bizarre kidnapping earlier this month of Asahara's eldest son — possibly indicating a power struggle within the cult.

"The public reaction to the cult has been utter rejection," said Makoto Hogetsu, a crime expert and professor of sociology at Kyoto University. "People see their overtures as camouflage."

Though the cult has never stopped functioning, Joyu's return has greatly increased worries that it may enjoy a resurgence.

Eloquent and charismatic, Joyu, 37, was one of the cult's most high-profile members at the time of the March 1995 subway attack. He was never charged in the gassing, but served a three-year prison sentence for a cult-related forgery.

With the cult's other leaders still in prison or on trial, Joyu appears to be filling the leadership vacuum. He has denied taking over the helm, but shortly after his release, he announced a need for "fundamental reform."

That included removing Asahara as guru. While insisting that Asahara was spiritually "a genius," Joyu acknowledged the old leadership, including Asahara, was responsible for the gassing.

Prosecutors say Asahara ordered cult followers to poke holes in plastic bags filled with lethal sarin gas, spreading the poison and sending commuters into convulsions. A dozen people died and thousands were sickened.

The attack was intended to set off a chain of events leading to Armageddon, and followers justified their actions by asserting that the cult had the right to kill those it deemed unenlightened.

Though a shadow of its former self — the cult now has about 2,000 members in Japan, down from the 10,000 it claimed before the attack — it has been regaining strength.

Police say it also has a solid financial base, earning about $66 million a year from a chain of discount computer shops.

That prompted parliament to pass legislation requiring the cult to report its activities every three months and allowing police to inspect the group's facilities without warrants.

A government panel is expected to decide in the next few weeks whether the cult continues to pose enough of a danger to be subjected to such laws.

NASA says Glenn's historic space flight won't be repeat

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Healthy senior citizens can safely travel in space, although NASA has no immediate plans to duplicate the space shuttle mission that made 77-year-old John Glenn the world's oldest astronaut, space agency scientists said Friday.

During a nine-day trip into space in 1998, Glenn served as a guinea pig to see what effect zero gravity has on older people. He spent four nights in a wired-up sleep suit, provided 17 blood samples and wore a mini data recorder for 24 hours to monitor his heart rate. He also swallowed a capsule holding a tiny radio transmitter and temperature sensor.

NASA scientists didn't release test results — Glenn planned to discuss them at an afternoon news conference — but said they were pleased with what they learned.

"No physiological reason was found not to include healthy older individuals in flight crews," Dr. John Charles said.

Baylor College of Medicine researcher Adrian LeBlanc showed slides of thigh and calf muscles, and described muscle loss and muscle atrophy studies while Glenn and his wife, Annie, watched from the audience.

LeBlanc said Glenn's muscles took a little longer to recover from the effects of space. However, he attributed that to all the travel and other activities Glenn undertook immediately after his return.

"There is a tendency of NASA to take the astronauts and parade them around. That, I think, should be done more carefully," LeBlanc said.

On Thursday, scientists enthusiastically recounted findings from tests on plants, proteins and tumor cells conducted during Glenn's mission.

NASA scientist Dennis Morrison described one successful experiment that showed it is possible to put a tumor-fighting drug into a special miniature balloon and release the drug into a tumor.

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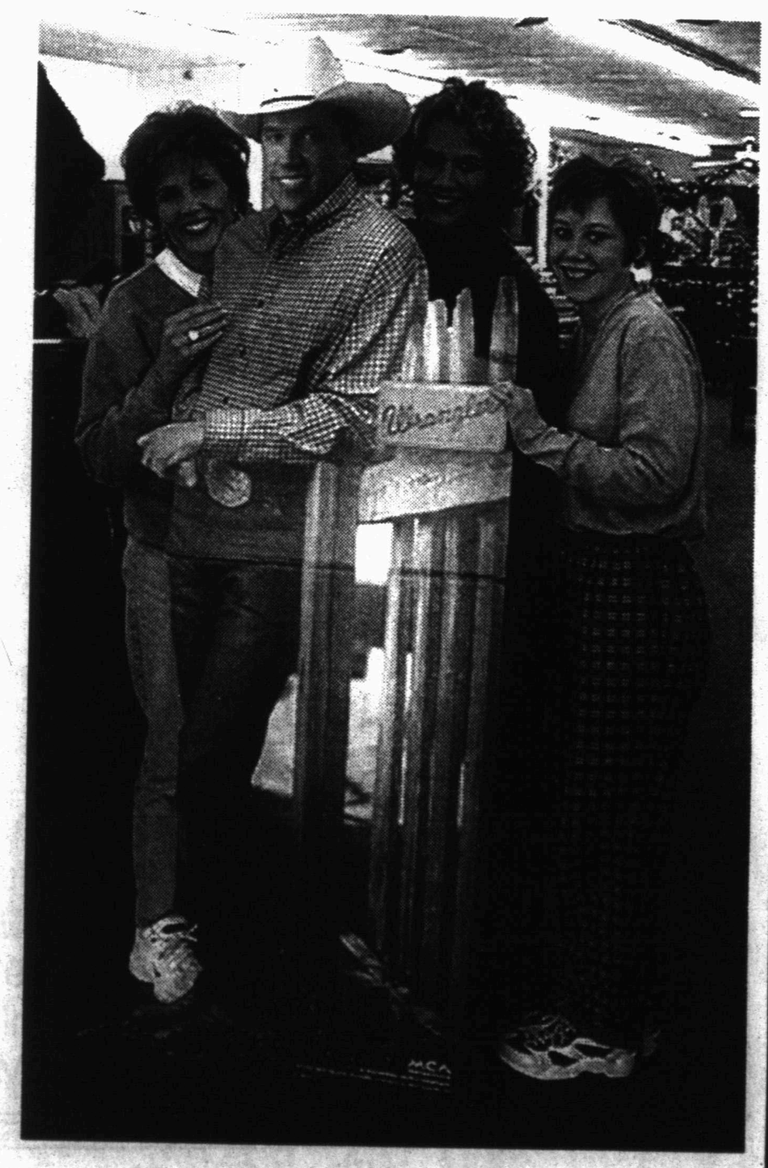

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Internet gambling increases as Super Bowl match comes near

NEW YORK (AP) — Football fans wagering on Sunday's Super Bowl over the Internet will have plenty of company: Online gambling is on the rise despite questions about its legality in the United States.

About 650 gambling sites exist, and many offer free chips and other promotions to lure new bettors. Besides wagering on sports, visitors can play casino games, bingo and lotteries, and even bet on such things as the Super Bowl ratings, stock market performance and party control of Congress.

"It's certainly a lot more convenient than Vegas, and it's every bit as exciting," said Joe Plummer, a Cleveland resident who turned his passion for online wagering into a business that rates the gambling sites for reliability.

Super Bowl Sunday is the biggest betting day of the year. And Kevin O'Neill, deputy director for the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, said many people will try gambling for the first time Sunday. He said many of them will do it on the Web, which he describes as a lot more convenient than going to the mob.

Real casinos still dwarf online operations in terms of dollars wagered, but Internet gambling businesses expect revenue to grow as they build trust.

The River City Group, which conducts research for the gambling industry, estimates that the amount wagered online will reach $3 billion in 2002, up from $1.2 billion last year.

Intertops.com, based in Antigua, in the Caribbean, took 875,000 bets last football season and hit the 1 million mark this season before the playoffs even began. It expects to break a single-game record of 92,000 when the St. Louis Rams and the Tennessee Titans meet in Atlanta on Sunday.

Jason Soss, a college student in South Carolina, said the Internet "takes the total hassle out of having to look for a bookie or having to place bets in Las Vegas." He still plans to use a bookie Sunday, though, because the maximum bets online are too low for him.

Sports betting is illegal in most states, and many states with casinos restrict them to riverboats or Indian reservations. As a result, Internet gambling operations are generally based abroad. Several Caribbean nations and Australia welcome online gambling operations.

Simon Noble, Intertops.com's co-founder, said he isn't concerned about attempts in the United States to block online gambling. "You're not going to kill it out if one country or one state says no," he said. "The world really is the marketplace."

Opponents of Internet gambling believe a U.S. law that restricts interstate gambling over the telephone extends to Internet connections. A bill the Senate passed in November would clarify the law. But enforcement is difficult.

A more serious challenge comes from credit card issuers and banks, which are considering bans on gambling charges because of recent lawsuits from bettors who say they do not have to pay debts incurred from illegal activities.

Family members calling for thorough probe of shooting

ARLINGTON (AP) — The family of a Texarkana man fatally shot during an undercover drug bust is calling for a thorough investigation of the incident.

An Arlington police officer was placed on administrative leave and taken off of patrol duty after Raymond J. Sanchez, 48, was shot Wednesday night.

Officer Blane Shaw was placed on the leave for three days, which is standard in such situations. The five-year Arlington police veteran will then be assigned to non-patrol duties pending the outcome of the investigation, which could take several months.

Sgt. James Hawthorne, a spokesman for the Police Department, said Shaw fired as Sanchez tried to flee the scene in his pickup. He said Sanchez came dangerously close to another officer.

Officers were arresting Joe Michael Torres, the 22-year-old nephew of Sanchez, when Sanchez drove forward in his truck and hit a police vehicle, authorities said. Sanchez then went into reverse, trying to leave.

Shaw fired a single shot from a 9mm semiautomatic handgun, wounding Sanchez in the chest. Officials said Sanchez had a seizure while being transported to John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, where he was pronounced dead.

Narcotics officers recovered an "undisclosed amount" of methamphetamine, but no weapons were found on either of the suspects. Hawthorne said a gun was found inside the suspects' vehicle, but did not have a role in the incident.

Torres was being held without bail Friday on suspicion of delivery of a controlled substance and miscellaneous traffic tickets and warrants.

Meanwhile, Andrew Sanchez, 28, and Gabriel Sanchez, 23, said their father would not have tried to hurt a police officer.

"It's a dead man's word against a police officer's," said Andrew Sanchez of Leonard. "That's the last thing he would do."

Q & A

Children of alcoholics

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (COA): IMPORTANT FACTS

***(Part 1 of 3)*. Alcoholism affects the entire family.**

Living with a non-recovering alcoholic in the family can contribute to stress for all members of the family. Each member may be affected differently. Not all alcoholic families experience or react to this stress in the same way. The level of dysfunction or resiliency of the non-alcoholic spouse is a key factor in the effects of problems impacting children.

Children raised in alcoholic families have different life experiences than children raised in non-alcoholic families. Children raised in other types of dysfunctional families may have similar developmental losses and stressors as do children raised in alcoholic families.

Children living with a non-recovering alcoholic score lower on measures of family cohesion, intellectual-cultural orientation, active-recreational orientation, and independence. They also usually experience higher levels of conflict within the family.

Children of alcoholics may be hampered by their inability to grow in developmentally healthy ways.

2. Many people report being exposed to alcoholism in their families.

Seventy-six million Americans, about 43% of the U.S. adult population, have been exposed to alcoholism in the family.

Almost one in five adult Americans (18%) lived with an alcoholic while growing up.

Roughly one in eight American adult drinkers is alcoholic or experiences problems due to the use of alcohol. The cost to society is estimated at in excess of $166 billion each year.

There are an estimated 26.8 million COAs in the United States. Preliminary research suggests that over 11 million are under the age of 18.

3. There is strong, scientific evidence that alcoholism tends to run in families. Children of alcoholics are more at risk for alcoholism and other drug abuse than children of non-alcoholics.

Children of alcoholics are four times more likely than non-COAs to develop alcoholism.

Genetic factors play a major role in the development of alcoholism. There is an expanding base of literature which strongly supports an inheritable basis for alcoholism and a range of family influences that may direct the development of children of alcoholics.

Children's perceptions of parental drinking quantity and circumstances appear to influence their own drinking frequency.

Children's alcohol expectancies reflect recognition of alcohol-related norms and a cognizance of parental drinking patterns by a very early age.

Parental alcoholism and other drug dependencies have an impact upon children's early learning about alcohol and other drugs.

Family interaction patterns also may influence the COA's risk for alcohol abuse. It has been found that families with an alcoholic parent displayed more negative family interaction during problem-solving discussions than in non-alcoholic families.

Children of alcoholics are more likely than non-COAs to marry into families in which alcoholism is prevalent.

Parental alcoholism influences adolescent substance use through several different pathways including stress, negative affect and decreased parental monitoring. Negative affect and impaired parental monitoring are associated with adolescent's joining in a peer network that supports drug use behavior.

After drinking alcohol, sons of alcoholics experience more of the physiological changes associated with pleasurable effects compared with sons of non-alcoholics, although only immediately after drinking.

The above information was provided by *The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information*

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Art gallery agrees to refund $5 million

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — An art gallery has agreed to refund $5 million to a Kansas City museum for 24 watercolor paintings once thought to be early works of Georgia O'Keeffe.

Dan Keegan, director of the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, said Thursday that the watercolors are being returned to the Gerald Peters Gallery of Santa Fe, N.M., and that the gallery agreed to the refund.

In 1993, Kansas City banker and philanthropist R. Crosby Kemper Jr. purchased the 24 paintings, part of a group of 28 works known as "The Canyon Suite," from Peters for $5 million. Kemper then donated them to the museum he founded.

The four other paintings in the group, valued at $500,000, were donated to the museum by Peters.

In November, the authenticity of the pieces came into question when they were omitted from a scholarly catalog of O'Keeffe's complete works. Experts from the National Gallery of Art later determined they are not O'Keeffe's.

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Contrary to popular belief, there is little scientific evidence tha the ages at which parents die have any correlation to the life span of their offspring.

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Christoper Colu8mbus visited England in 1477, and sailed to Iceland in the 1480s.

Reagan's committee still working

WASHINGTON (AP) — Though Ronald Reagan hasn't run a campaign since 1984, his presidential committee continues to operate.

Reagan-Bush '84 has almost a half-million dollars in the bank and does little but receive interest and dividends on its money and pay taxes. It also pays its treasurer, longtime Reagan loyalist Bay Buchanan, several thousand dollars a year in consulting fees.

Those were its functions through most of the 1990s.

Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III, a trustee of the campaign committee, said the balance would be liquidated once the committee could redeem the long-term, higher-interest notes that it has invested its money in.

"At some point, it will go to the Reagan library," Meese said.

The Reagans did not know about the leftover funds, which as of September totaled $494,230, until the account was brought to their attention by The Associated Press this month, an aide to the former president said. Reagan's chief of staff, Joanne Drake, said she, too, wants the money for the library.

Buchanan, sister of Reform Party presidential candidate and former Reagan White House speechwriter Pat Buchanan, failed to return phone calls seeking comment.

Federal Election Commission records show she has collected $45,715 in consulting fees and expenses from the Reagan fund through the 1990s, ranging from $869 in 1992 to as much as $7,500 in 1997. She has filed quarterly reports with the FEC and paid the necessary taxes on the fund's earnings.

Campaign finance experts expressed surprise that the fund has been left open for so many years.

"That's amazing," election lawyer Kenneth Gross said. "In the modern era, I can't think of a committee that would continue to exist and pay salary to somebody. That is unprecedented."

The average presidential campaign committee shuts down within five years of the election, according to Republican consultant Stan Huckaby, who was treasurer of George Bush's 1988 and 1992 campaign committees. Both have been closed, as have the campaign committees of Bill Clinton in 1992, Michael Dukakis in 1988 and Walter Mondale in 1984.

Gross said the only reason to keep a campaign committee around for more than a decade is to enable the candidate to raise money to pay off debts. John Glenn's 1984 presidential campaign — still $2.6 million in debt — continues to exist for that reason.

Reagan's 1984 committee has no debts.

Between Jan. 1, 1997, and Sept. 30, 1999, for example, the committee took in $42,180 — all from dividends and interest. It paid out $31,942, with $17,766, or 56 percent, going to Bay Buchanan. Most of the rest went for taxes.

Meese said the campaign committee trustees decided to put the money in long-term investments until they could decide where leftover funds should go.

"The money was invested pending a decision on what to do with it," Meese said.

Federal law would allow the money to be given to other federal candidates or political action committees, to be refunded to contributors or to be donated to a charity or educational institution, such as Reagan's presidential library.

Profit-sharing paid

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ford employees are getting profit-sharing checks averaging $8,000 for 1999 as a thank-you for the company's big year.

The amount exceeds the former record payout of $6,100 for 1998.

For the year, Ford earned $7.2 billion, or $5.86 per share, up 22 percent over earnings of $5.9 billion, or $4.72 a share, in 1998.

About 109,000 people will receive checks on March 3.

For the first time, in 1999 only hourly workers were covered under the company's profit-sharing plan. Salaried employees were to be compensated through a performance bonus plan.

Calvary Baptist Church

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Pastor
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Since 1979

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Calvary Baptists set anniversary celebration

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To erect the buildings, church members secured investors for their $20,000 bond issue. Selling the old property allowed the church to lay the foundation and purchase the structural steel for the present facilities.

During the Cates family's first years in Snyder, his average pay was $35 per week. His wife Jeanette served as Sunday School teacher, pianist, secretary, Vacation Bible School Director and in the visitation ministry. His salary was later increased to $50 per week.

Other Pastors

Emmett Duckett

The church history published in 1985 also included short biographies of Calvary Baptist's other pastors, submitted by them.

Emmett Duckett, the second pastor, served from 1957-1958. After he was called to preach in 1940, he attended Baptist Bible Seminary in Fort Worth.

He served about a year in Snyder and then accepted a position at Bible Baptist Church in Fairfield, Calif.

Raymond Dunn

The third pastor was Rev. Raymond Dunn who served from 1958-1959. He attended seminary in Fort Worth and pastored several churches in Texas before coming to Snyder.

He later became an evangelist and held revivals all over the country.

Cecil Wagner

Rev. Cecil Wagner, who served from 1961-1963, said he was called to preach in 1951. He attended Baptist Bible College in Springfield. He served as pastor of several churches and helped organize two. During his tenure, Calvary established a consistent Mission Giving program.

He suffered from a serious illness while in Snyder and doctors did not think he would live very long, but surgery corrected the problem.

George Shoff

Rev. George Shoff pastored Calvary Baptist for almost 10 years. He had served churches in Oklahoma, Colorado and Texas, including Colorado City, before coming to Snyder.

Because of the financial conditions of the church, Shoff said he laid brick in Big Spring for about a month before serving as full time pastor.

During his tenure, Shoff said the Lord blessed the church and the congregation was able to pay off six different bond issues, expand its mission program and buy a bus.

He said one of the souls saved during his years at Calvary was the late Buck Hatfield, who later founded Faith Baptist Church and served as its pastor for more than 20 years.

Glenn Border

Calvary Baptist was the first church Rev. Glenn Border pastored. He served six years, from 1973-1979. He said he was called to preach while he was in high school but did not surrender until he was 29 years old. He attended Baptist Bible Seminary in Springfield, Mo.

During his years as pastor, he said the congregation expanded the church facilities and saw many souls saved.

Larry McAden

Calvary's seventh and current pastor, Larry McAden, and his wife, Janelle, raised two sons here. Jason, 25, is the varsity volleyball coach and history teacher at Hobbs High School in Hobbs, N.M. He graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in 1999. His wife, Kellie, is a speech therapist for the Hobbs school system.

Greg, 23, graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in occupational therapy. He has also just completed his internship in that field.

Janelle is a full-time secretary for the church.

In his biography McAden said, "The greatest resource of any church is its people. Through good times and hard times, boom days and bust days, the ministry of Calvary Baptist Church has continued."

He accepted the pastorate in October of 1979. Before Calvary, he had been the founding pastor of Bible Baptist Church in Clyde for 4 1/2 years.

In 1971, he said he surrendered to preach the gospel during a youth camp at Brownwood where he was a sponsor. He joined the staff of his home church, North Side Baptist in Abilene, and served as associate pastor for 31/2 years before moving to Clyde.

In 1985, he noted that Calvary Baptist Church had undergone several remodeling projects in the last five years including new roofs, central air conditioning, padding of the pews, new carpet, as well as extensive remodeling of the outside of the building and the parsonage (inside and out).

The Sunday School rooms in the older part of the building have been refurbished and a missionary apartment had been added.

McAden grew up in Abilene and graduated from Cooper High School. He attended Henderson County Junior College and Hardin-Simmons University and is a graduate of Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

He has been active in the community and is an original member of the Fourth of July Prayer Breakfast Committee.

He has also served as the president of the Central West Texas Chapter of Baptist Bible Fellowship.

Steve Highfield

No history of Calvary Baptist Church would be complete without mentioning Steve Highfield, music and youth director since 1993. He has been a member of the church most of his life. He graduated from Snyder High School in 1988 and from Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo. in 1993.

He surrendered his life to full-time Christian service in 1989. He and his wife, Stephanie, met in college. They have a daughter Allison, who is three years old.

Outreach

Calvary Baptist Church developed a new "outreach" program about five years ago. Through it, the members of the church are involved in reaching out to people in Snyder.

One Wednesday a month, the congregation gathers for dinner in the fellowship hall. Following dinner, eight different teams begin their work which includes visiting prospective church members, absentee and shut-in members, the hospital, and a youth team visits other young people. Other members remain at the church where they baby sit the children of team members, prepare mail outs and pray for those who are visiting.

First bus ministry in West Texas

Calvary Baptist Church may have the oldest bus ministry in West Texas. Every week since August of 1951, they have picked up children, teens and adults on its buses or vans and brought them to services.

Peggy Highfield, Steve's mother, has been involved with the bus or van ministry for about 25 years.

Strong missions support

In the 35th anniversary publication, Calvary Baptist Church describes itself as "a church that has the whole world in its heart." From the beginning, church members decided that in order to "insure that the blessings of God will be upon the ministry" they had to have a strong missions program.

That's why Calvary members have given "hundreds of thousands of dollars to help establish new churches and win lost souls in every corner of the globe. The sun never sets on our ministry." Mission projects include new church planting, broadcasting, evangelism and benevolence here in Snyder and in surrounding communities as well as in other states and countries. This year, the church will donate $50,000 to missions.

The missions program was officially endorsed on July 5, 1950, during a special called business meeting.

Youth activities

Calvary Baptist Church has many youth activities including weekly lessons that address pertinent issues facing teen-agers such as family, moral and spiritual values.

Wednesday night offers "Teens Only" led by Highfield that includes various aspects of the Bible. The teen-agers also get together every Sunday night following church service for fellowship.

Sunday School

The church offers Sunday School classes for all ages starting with the nursery. Husbands and wives study together in the adults class. "Senior Saints" is for adults 60 years of age and older. Actually no one under 75 currently attends.

The teacher, Dorothy Hill, has taught Sunday School classes for over 45 years. She has also played the piano for some 40 years.

She and her husband, E.L., are the longest-term active members in the congregation. They have been members since the early 50s. E.L. also lead the singing years ago.

EARLY CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH — Members of Calvary Baptist Church are pictured in front of the old Army barracks which served as the first church building. This photo was taken in April, 1950. (Contributed Photo)

Technology changing very fast...

Adding new suffixes for Web names takes time

By TED BRIDIS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's surging technology industry changes so quickly, so profoundly that it's said to move in "Internet time," a sort of nebulous parallel universe where years of evolution take mere months.

But curiously, the Internet itself appears largely immune to Internet time.

Important changes to its architecture, such as adding new suffixes for Web addresses, remain at least one year away, despite pledges since the middle of the last decade to change the arcane system that generally limits non-government Web sites to addresses ending with "com," "net" or "org."

How about www.ap.news? Or www.smithsonian.museum? Or www.ford.cars?

What's taking so long?

The problem, experts acknowledge, is the strange confluence of interests in today's Internet — the increasingly important network that crosses borders and spans cultures yet is largely run by volunteer geeks loosely scattered around the globe.

So far, the most forceful and successful arguments against expanding Internet addresses, called "domains," are from the world's most powerful corporations. Some jealously guard their trademarks and complain that the current system already is too awkward to police.

A single large company might believe it has to register hundreds of Web site addresses to stem "cybersquatters," the speculators of the Internet age who reserve popular addresses and resell them for profit.

But there also are other, more technical arguments: How many to add? Which ones? Who controls them? Who sells these new addresses? Who decides disputes?

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, a nonprofit group based in Los Angeles, was handed authority in September 1998 by the U.S. government to oversee the Internet's domain name system.

But ICANN has been mired since its creation in a bitter, expensive fight over its charter and over allowing new companies to sell Web addresses ending in "com," "net" and "org" — a lucrative opportunity that had belonged under an exclusive government contract to Network Solutions Inc. in northern Virginia.

Network Solutions and ICANN largely settled their dispute months ago under an agreement praised as a landmark in the 30-year history of the Internet. Under the deal, Network Solutions remains keeper of the master list of current commercial Web addresses for at least four more years in exchange for paying $1.25 million to ICANN, which now can turn its attention to adding these new Web addresses.

"It's a very important decision," said David Post, who teaches at Temple University and is co-founder of the Cyberspace Law Institute. "In a sense, it's the most important decision that ICANN faces, really."

ICANN will discuss new Internet suffixes during a meeting in March in Cairo but won't take any action at least until later this year.

"We'll get a much better sense in Cairo whether there is grounds for consensus that will allow the board to move, or whether we're still at an unstable stage," said Andrew McLaughlin, a senior adviser to ICANN and its chief financial officer.

He predicted new addresses possibly by year's end, then added: "Maybe next year is more realistic."

"There has to be some assurance this is not going to open up a vast quagmire of trademark infringement," McLaughlin said.

Some frustrated critics, such as the Washington-based Domain Name Rights Coalition, contend that ICANN has been taken hostage by trademark holders and corporations, which generally oppose expanding Web addresses.

They argue that trademark disputes could become moot if there were sufficient number of alternative Web addresses with meaningful suffixes. Why, for instance, would Ford Motor Co. care who owned www.ford.biz if it were already guaranteed www.ford.cars?

"We would have thought this would have been its first priority," said the group's president, Mikki Barry. "It's all been couched in terms of, we can't do that until we make the trademark owners happy. The chartering of the new top-level domains is probably the most important thing ICANN has to deal with. They seem to be continually putting it on the back burner for other things."

But even Post, a frequent critic of ICANN, said he doesn't believe the group to be acting irresponsibly in moving slowly on one of the most important issues facing the Internet today.

"I'm no friend of ICANN, but it is a complicated coordination," Post said. "This is the problem of problems for them. I can't in good conscience be screaming at ICANN that it's dragging its feet."

Lockheed slashes dividend after eliminating 2,800 jobs

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Lockheed Martin Corp. slashed its dividend in half Friday on the heels of announcing it is eliminating 2,800 jobs in its troubled aeronautics and space divisions.

The maker of missiles and jet fighters also reported operating earnings in the final months of 1999 that met Wall Street's expectations, and reaffirmed an earlier earnings warning for the new year

Lockheed stock, which fell 3 percent on Thursday, was off an additional 1.3 percent this morning on the New York Stock Exchange, dropping 25 cents to $19.183/4 a share.

Cutting quarterly dividend payments from 22 cents a share to 11 cents, effective with the payout due March 31, is the latest in a series of moves aimed at beefing up the company's balance sheet.

"Consistent with our previously announced focus on reducing debt, it is prudent to change the dividend at this time," Vance Coffman, the chairman and chief executive of Lockheed, said today.

On Thursday, the company announced it was eliminating 2 percent of its 140,000 jobs worldwide. Lockheed said the new cuts of 2,800 jobs in its aircraft and rockets businesses would produce $200 million in annual savings.

Most of those savings will be achieved in the aeronautical systems business, which would be consolidated into a single unit to be called Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Co., headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas, and headed by Dain Hancock, a Lockheed Martin executive vice president.

Despite the consolidation to Fort Worth, the Texas plant anticipates a net reduction of about 800 jobs over the next 12 to 18 months.

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Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

'The Seven Habits of Confident Women'

Over the course of seven weeks this past November and December, a website with the address of "women.com" offered a series called "The Seven Habits of Confident Women." The full address for this series is http://womencentral.msn.com/women/career/confident1.asp.) What I found interesting about it was that these qualities are also possessed by confident men, but it seems that many women have had to learn to develop these attributes over time, the hard way.

This is because, when we were growing up, we were taught to be pleasers, and to defer to those in authority over us without question. In spite of the strides that have been made a generation after trailblazing feminists launched the women's movement, the fact is that in many ways, little girls are still molded to be pretty and pleasing. If you doubt that, then check out the birthday cards that are available for "sons" and "daughters." While the boys' cards contain words like "pride" and "respect," girls' cards nearly always have the words "sweet" and "lovely" in them.

So although women don't have any trouble getting into elite universities or getting hired at top firms these days—they suddenly find that being sweet and nice doesn't get them anything in the business world but people who comment on how nice they are while piling extra work on their desks and ignoring them at promotion and pay-raise time.

Girls who have not had the opportunity to develop confidence during their lives become women who anguish over every decision, second-guessing themselves and looking for someone to make the decision for them. They don't know how to say no, doing too much for too little compensation. They put up with miserable treatment at work or at home without speaking up for themselves, developing many health problems from the stress. They are so afraid that if they speak out, they won't be *liked*—that they wind up not being respected.

Confident women do not face fewer problems than those less self-assured. Just like everyone else, they endure failure and loss and setbacks. It's how they react to them that makes the difference. It's a matter of attitude and technique. Here are some of those methods:

***Talk a good game.** When a confident woman speaks, people listen. This is because she has learned to project a more assertive voice. I call it my "speech-making" voice. Others might think of it as their "mommy voice." It comes from the diaphragm, not the chest, has a lower tone, is stronger, and can be heard by everyone in the room without her having to shout. If a woman *sounds* confident, people will assume that she is, and are more likely to have confidence in her.

***Keep your perspective.** If a confident woman doesn't get a coveted job, she assumes that they were looking for someone with different qualities—she does *not* put herself down or assume that they didn't want her because she was a lousy applicant. Rejections and criticisms sting a confident woman as much as everyone else, but she does not brood on them or give up because of them. She learns what she can from them, then moves on and forgets about it.

***Fake it when you have to.** When a confident woman is feeling insecure before a certain situation, she starts by dressing in clothes that make her feel authoritative. One woman refers to them as "my grown-up uniform." (I call them my "Author Clothes.") She stands tall before the mirror and sometimes even pretends to feel strong and gutsy. In time, she really does feel that way.

***Use Your Friends.** One of the most valuable skills we can develop in the workplace is the art of building a rolodex of business contacts we can call on for various situations. But perhaps more importantly, really good friends can build us up when we're feeling low and keep us going when we feel like quitting.

***Blow off steam.** Women—and men—who exercise regularly, 30 minutes three or four times a week, already reap the benefits of maintaining good health, but it might surprise you that they also develop confidence along the way. They feel good about themselves, partly from the endorphins and other good chemicals bathing the brain and combatting stress, and partly from feeling and looking better. I find that the more disciplined I am about my exercise program, the more disciplined I am toward my work.

***Don't fear the worst-case scenario.** Fear of failure is one of the most crippling maladies facing women in the workforce, but confident women brazenly look their worst fears full in the face and think, *"What's the worst thing that can happen to me?"* Then they realize that, no matter how bad that might be, they are strong enough and sharp enough to move on, to overcome, to take a bad situation and make it work out for the best. They still feel the fear, but they go forward in spite of those fears.

***Are masters of a (small) domain.** Confident women do not spread themselves too thin. They pick certain areas at which they would like to excel and learn to focus their energies and concentration on those areas. When others try to distract them away through flattery or "we really need you to do this," they learn to say no, politely but firmly. In this way, they are able to keep their priorities straight, their time organized, and their days meaningful while accomplishing their goals.

"The truth is," says the womencentral.com article, "self-confident people aren't necessarily brimming with talent, skill, or physical beauty; they just *feel* they are...Many struggle with self-doubt on occasion. But, through reasoning and toughness, they can shed the negativity that threatens to hold them back."

In other words, confidence is a skill, and it can be developed. All it takes is a little practice.

Letters to the editor

Right On! Glenn

Dear Editor:

Everything Glenn Burns said in last weekend's paper was "right on!" Go Glenn!

I want to encourage Sara and her crew at The White Buffalo Café!

If our city leaders control this empty lot — then I, as an individual who lives here — say let them have it as a gift!

In my memory, the city gave away $10,000 to a certain business one time to get it started — why not a parking lot?

Thank you,
Carol Raborn

Give The Lot To Them

Dear Editor:

As Snyder citizens for many years, we have some questions about the parking lot treatment for the new White Buffalo Restaurant.

We do not know any of the people involved. Snyder has helped some of the businesses in a big way. I don't understand why this business can't be helped by giving them the small corner of land for parking. Not leasing, or selling, but giving it to them.

We need new eating places here in a big way. Seems like we should be encouraging them instead of making it harder for them. We are not alone in our opinion on this.

Thank you,
Pat & Leland Moffett

Blatant Example Of Greed

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on the situation regarding the White Buffalo Café and the adjacent lot owned by the city.

Through visiting with various members of the family that owns the café, and with others. I have learned some things: The city was offered $5,000 for the lot several months ago. No response was given to the offer, at either of the two times it was tendered.

The city would eventually counter with a proposed price of $45,000, which was later reduced to $35,000. As an alternative, the city offered to lease the lot at a cost of $4,000 per year. (By the way, it turns out the state intends to put a non-attended self-serve gas station in the middle of the lot, which takes up more than a third of the lot.)

I saw (with my own eyes) a copy of the January appraisal of this lot — its appraisal value — are you ready for this? Is $261 (that's two hundred sixty-one dollars)!!

The appraisal office told the family that since someone was now interested in buying the lot, they would probably raise the appraisal value to at least $10,000 or $15,000. Sounds fair to me! I have never encountered such a blatant example of greed.

It's kind of embarrassing to know that the city leaders are so greedy that they will resort to extortion, and if you can think of a better word to describe their actions, let me know. As for the "liability" that the city professes to be concerned about — why would they be more liable for the parking on this lot than they are for the lot that adjoins the bowling alley? They own that lot as well, and customers of the bowling alley have been parking there for years with no sign of harassment from the city. Please explain the difference, because I just don't get it!

I am so very pleased to have a new restaurant here. It's wonderful to have any new kind of business here after so many have closed due to the poor economy. The café employs between 20 and 30 people who might otherwise be unemployed, and are in the process of hiring more. So — we have a boost to the economy, and a decline in the unemployment rate. (I know the owners appreciate so much the encouragement and gratitude they have received from the city.) I hear people all the time complaining about the city's behavior in this matter, and I hope they will put their complaints on paper and/or into the ears of the commissioners or whoever is responsible for this until they straighten up and behave decently.

Sincerely,
J. M. Finley

(By the way, just as a afterthought, don't all the residents of Snyder in actuality own that vacant lot by virtue of paying taxes? Which is more than the city has had to pay — I understand that the lot was given to them!)

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

On low watt radio:

Low-watt educational stations would be a welcome addition to local media.

Hitting the scan button on your FM radio is about to get more tedious. That's because a new Federal Communications Commission ruling authorizing the creation of 1,000 stations will likely add more channels to the dial.

Not that this is a bad thing. It could be very good for serving community interests in a 3- to 7-mile radius — that's about as far as the low-watt stations will reach.

Holders of the noncommercial, educational licenses could serve a variety of interests, including anything from foreign languages and church groups to regional folk music.

If all politics is local, then why shouldn't radio stations serving the public interest be even more local? The start-up costs, according to low-power radio advocates, could be as low as $1,000. The stations will be noncommercial but will be allowed to list patrons.

Despite the spread of information via the Internet, some folks can't afford the costs of a computer. But according to The Washington Post, "Theoretically, low-power FM stations — broadcasting news, music and commentary to individual neighborhoods — could be heard by anybody who can afford a cheap radio."

This FCC ruling adds another tool for grassroots. Let's hope it's put to good use.

Austin American-Statesman

On legal aid for the poor

Finally, five years after it promised to do so, the Texas Supreme Court will have a hearing, albeit brief, Thursday about the need for legal services for low-income Texans. It took a federal suit to prod the court to honor its commitment.

This promise was in response to a class action suit by South Texas farm workers, led by Mara Gmez, who put forward the simple proposition that, in exchange for their exclusive license to practice law and make a good living, Texas lawyers needed to comply with their moral, ethical and professional duty of providing pro bono service.

A State Bar report over the past few years shows that about 80 percent of low-income Texans have at least one legal problem each year for which they cannot find legal assistance because of their poverty. Texas has a high rate of poverty — 40 percent higher than the national average. Yet, we rank 48th among the states in providing legal assistance to low-income people. Nearly one of five Texans lives in poverty. Another million Texans earn right above poverty wages but still cannot maintain a minimum standard of living.

Twenty-six percent of Texans with disabilities live in poverty, as do 29 percent of elderly people, 24 percent of children, 43 percent of single-parent families, 33 percent of African Americans, 35 percent of Hispanics and 10 percent of Caucasians.

People need help getting Social Security benefits, handling family problems, landlord/tenant issues and consumer matters. Lawyers are essential because the modern-day legal system is impossibly complex for any lay person to navigate without legal representation, and even more difficult for litigants who lack English-language skills.

Longview News-Journal

On the gas additive MTBE:

Texas should join to support a total ban State environmental regulators in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine have joined in a coordinated effort to get Congress to free states to regulate what is put in gasoline. There is a particular focus on the additive MTBE, or methyl tertiary butyl ether, which is contaminating waterways and aquifers in those states.

California, which has greater leeway in dealing with air pollution problems than other states, already has announced it will ban MTBE.

So should Texas. The state also should ask its congressional delegation to push for an overall ban of the product. After all, it was Congress that in 1990 enacted the law that requires gasoline sold in areas with significant air pollution to contain at least 2 percent oxygen.

The oil industry complied with that law by using MTBE in so-called reformulated gasoline, which contains higher amounts of oxygen and, therefore, emits less toxic chemical and smog-causing pollution when it burns.

Now, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is urging that MTBE be sharply curtailed because of worries that it is polluting drinking water sources. Further, the state of New York is being sued in a class action suit by well owners because of MTBE contamination.

The Victoria Advocate

On scientific improvements:

Increasingly, science fiction is being overtaken by science fact.

Cell phone technology is almost at the point of being able to produce a real-life version of the two-way wrist radio first contemplated more than a half-century ago in the Dick Tracy comic strip.

More impressive, however, is the fact that the Giordi LaForge scenario is coming true.

Fans of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" will recognize the LaForge character as a blind man who is able to see by donning a special device that transmits visual images to his brain.

Now, at Dobelle Institute, a medical device company based in New York, that is being done for real, within limits.

The device is fairly primitive. It transmits only pinpoints of light that outline the borders between light and dark areas. It's a form of tunnel vision. But in a laboratory setting, this has been sufficient for a man who has been blind for 26 years to navigate around the lab, avoid certain objects and pick up others, and recognize a two-inch-tall letter at a distance of five feet.

Other researchers are exploring retinal implants, a technique that blind entertainer Stevie Wonder has expressed interest in.

Houston Chronicle

On missile defense deployment:

In theory, the National Missile Defense system is supposed to protect all 50 states from the threat of a limited strategic ballistic missile attack by a "rouge state" and/or against a small accidental or unauthorized launch of long-range missiles from China or Russia.

In theory, the research and development of such a system, envisioned to use space-based satellites and ground-based interceptor rockets, is a reasonable response to the changing threats in the world.

The reality, however, is complicated by technical and political problems and calls for some serious rethinking in Washington.

Immigrants get in polluted, dirty river to avoid capture

CALEXICO, Calif. (AP) — Two Border Patrol agents stand on the banks of one of the most polluted rivers in North America and shout at six illegal immigrants in their underwear who have floated into the United States clutching an inner tube.

"Get out of the river! It's very dangerous!" George Wetjen calls out in Spanish to the men just 10 feet away.

The immigrants ignore the agents. They float past and vanish into the night, holding the inner tube with one hand and gripping black plastic bags containing their dry clothes with the other.

The immigrants have beaten the Border Patrol. That's because agents draw the line at getting in the New River — an oily, foul-smelling stew of raw sewage, industrial waste, agricultural runoff and trash that flows from the border city of Mexicali, Mexico, into the California desert.

Desperate to reach the United States and blocked by tighter security elsewhere along the Southwestern border, illegal immigrants use the river as a nearly guaranteed path into the region east of San Diego, one of the nation's busiest corridors for illegal immigration.

Some immigrants may not know the New River is badly polluted; others don't care.

The river is posted with signs warning of drowning, rattlesnakes and the treacherous terrain, but not pollution. A glance and a sniff are all it takes to know. Stiff clumps of foam glide along on the surface. Plastic jugs, empty cans and blocks of wood bob in the water and line the banks. The stench of sewage is overpowering.

What's not seen are the carcinogens, bacteria and viruses.

Anyone who swims in the river risks exposure to such things as salmonella, typhoid, E. coli bacteria and parasites, said Yvonne Smith, public health director for Imperial County.

"It's like having a rattlesnake in your backyard," she said. "You have no idea when it's going to hit and make someone sick."

Sometimes agents find dark-colored vomit from immigrants who swallowed river water and got sick after reaching the river banks.

If immigrants are falling ill from the water, they aren't reporting it, said Vivian Perez, administrator of an Imperial Valley clinic for migrant workers.

"They make jokes about it," Perez said. "They say, 'Go in the New River and you come out glowing.'"

Earlier this month, Border Patrol agent Matt Daly fell in while chasing a group of immigrants. He immediately went back to the station for a shower, then to a hospital for a hepatitis A vaccine and a polio booster shot.

"I got some in my mouth. It was a bad experience," he said.

At least 11 immigrants floated through the gap in the 12-foot steel border fence on Jan. 23. Wetjen said 75 made it the night before and 25 earlier that week. January is a busy time because many Mexicans went home for the holidays and are returning to jobs in the United States.

Jose Luis Angel, who monitors the river for the state Water Resources Control Board, has photographed immigrants camouflaging themselves with the foam, piling it on their heads as they float downstream. Border agents have seen parents use the foam to hide their babies and older children.

The immigrants' goal is to float across the border less than a mile to Calexico, where they slip into neighborhoods until someone picks them up.

About 20 minutes after the men passed Wetjen on the inner tube, he spotted them walking down a Calexico street in dry clothes. He stopped his Chevy Tahoe, but they scattered when he got out. Wetjen caught one.

The one caught, Francisco Campos, said he is from the state of Jalisco on Mexico's Pacific coast. He had been headed for the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles to work. Campos, wearing a flannel work shirt, boots and a Denver Broncos baseball cap, said he had never heard of the New River until he arrived in Mexicali three days earlier.

"I didn't know it was dangerous," he said. "They said there's no current, but the current is really strong. And it's cold."

Campos was taken back to the station for fingerprinting and was promptly returned to Mexico with a warning that he shower and change his clothes to avoid getting sick.

The Environmental Protection Agency lists the river as one of the most polluted in North America. It contains 15 million gallons of untreated or partially treated sewage from the overwhelmed sewer system in Mexicali, a city of more than 600,000.

Robbery attempt ends in man's death

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A man who tried to hold up a convenience store apparently was gunned down by a clerk who opened fire with an automatic pistol, police said.

The clerk and another employee also struggled with the robber's accomplice until police arrived at the Prime Stop Food Store on Wednesday night.

The surviving robbery suspect will be charged with murder because he was involved in a crime that resulted in a death, Homicide Sgt. Rick Parker said.

Parker declined to identify anyone involved in the incident. He said investigators would interview both employees, but it appeared that one of them shot the suspect with a TEC-9 machine pistol.

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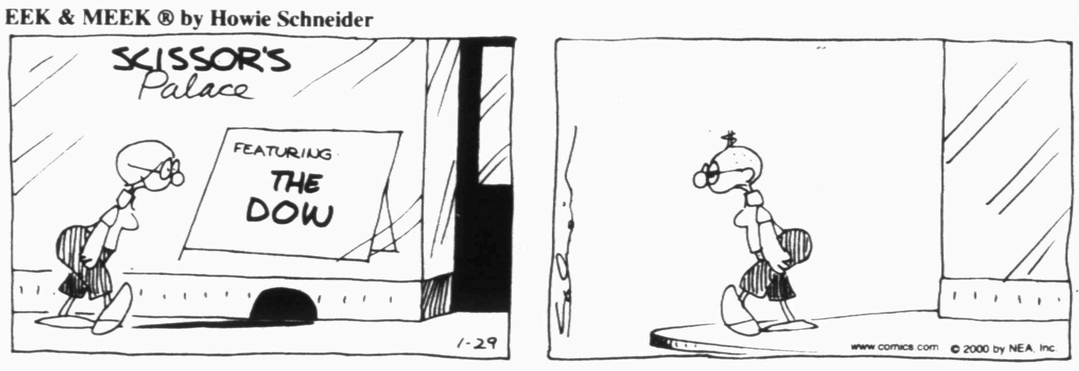

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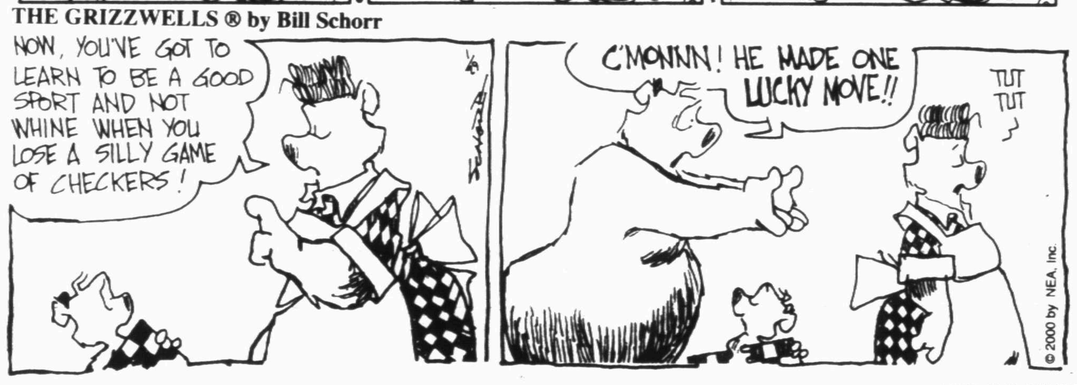

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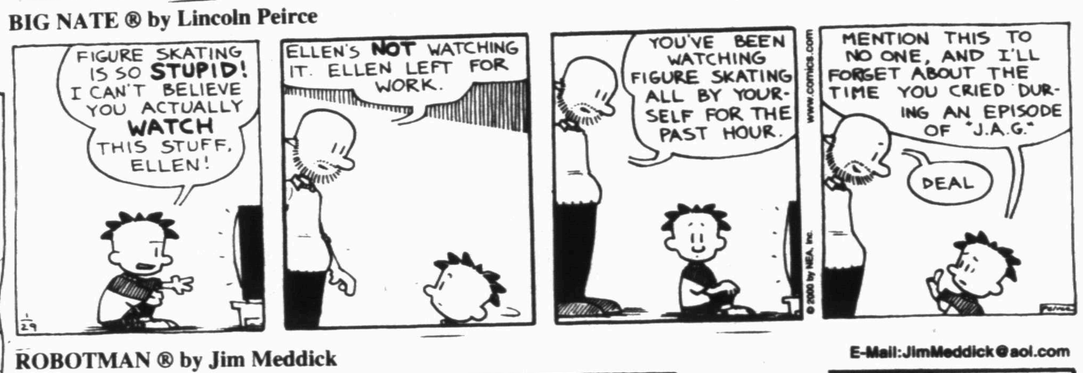

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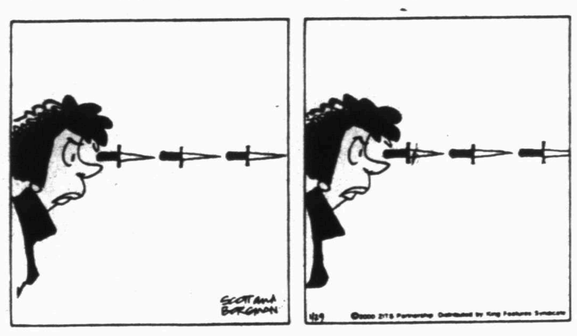

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14 Teacher's goal
15 Bays
16 Sorrel
17 Pollack fish
18 From — — Z
20 Medieval poem
21 Pied Piper's city
25 Embarrassed
28 Apportioned
32 "— — Lucy"
33 TV's Zahn
34 Navigation device
35 Type of renewal
36 Get up
37 Theater features
39 Chemist, at times
41 Beer barrel
44 Printer's measures
45 Gl's address
48 Conceive
51 Twisted
54 Felt
55 Crystalline gem
56 Slow creatures
57 Calmer

DOWN

1 Egyptian goddess
2 Sand hill
3 Not outwardly
4 Celebratory poem
5 Make lace
6 — seed
7 Backless chair
8 USA neighbor
9 Two peas — — pod
10 Respite
11 Silkworm
12 Bandleader Arnaz
19 Actor Danson
21 Fidel's capital
22 Improves
23 Contaminated
24 Closer
25 Isn't well
26 Narrow opening
27 Israeli dance
29 Toothpaste container
30 Verve
31 Marino and Rather
37 Actor Waterston
38 — fibrosis
40 Future plants
41 Token of affection
42 Biblical garden
43 Actress Rowlands
45 Dye plant
46 Singer Seeger
47 River in Germany
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53 Workers' assn.

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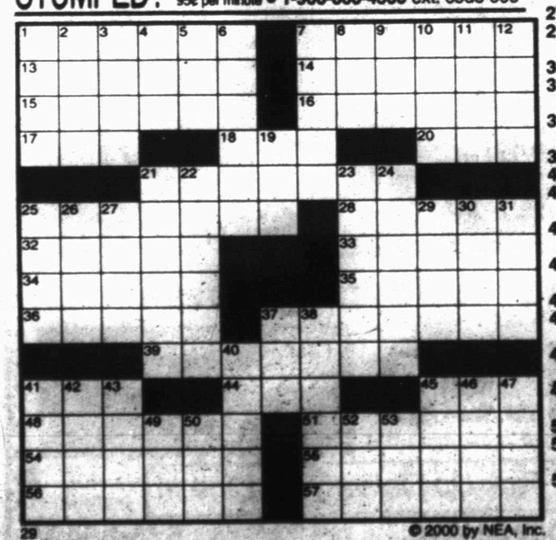

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Boy Cat, who lives with Carole Hall in the Carlyle high-rise apartments in San Antonio, Tex., likes to sneak out and lurk in the bushes outside the ground floor. The only way Carole can get him to come back is to wave a raw steak till he gets the scent and runs home.

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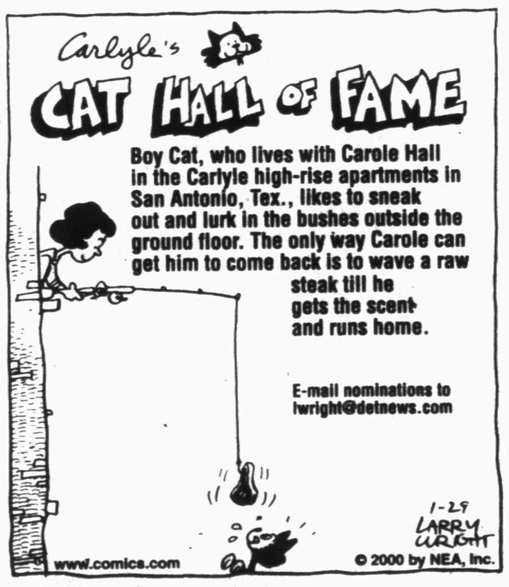

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"I can't see any sense in this! We passed about 10 fish markets on the way here."

"HOW COME I HAD TO TAKE A BATH? ALL I CAN SEE IS MY FACE."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Churches no better than bars when it comes to finding mate

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "In Limbo in Washington" prompted me to write. I, too, was widowed suddenly several years ago. Because of my strong church upbringing, I mistakenly believed that a church would be a safe place to meet stable, good "Christian" men.

Wrong! The men I met in church were as fallible as those I met anywhere else.

I encountered men who were just like those I would have met in any singles club or bar every day except Sunday, and "barracudas" trolling for victims. The majority of them were either retired or unemployed, and looking for a "sugar mama" to support them or supplement their income. If they were still unmarried in their 40s, there was usually a very good reason for it.

One of my friends from church had been engaged to a fellow from the group who pestered her for sex prior to their marriage. When she finally gave in, he treated her with such disrespect and disgust that she ended the relationship — considering it a valuable lesson learned.

I briefly dated a fellow who, after my constant questioning about his marital status, finally admitted he was only "separated" and was looking for a lady to "help him make up his mind" as to whether he wanted to divorce his wife or not!

Then there was the desperate jewelry designer with the ego problem who had more earrings and piercings in his ears than I did; the gay man trying to find a woman to marry to convince his elderly parents he wasn't gay; and finally, the fellow who thought he was the reincarnation of a 15th-century pope. They were all loyal churchgoers. I also met men who thought I would be vulnerable and easy-pickings because I was a young widow. They found out differently.

So, where did I finally meet my handsome, sweet husband? We met at a local dance bar when I was so disgusted I was ready to join a convent even though I am not Catholic.

Please, Abby, warn single women not to automatically assume that all churchgoers are honest, upstanding citizens. They are human, just like the rest of us. Also, tell "Limbo" to dump that charming — but still married — S.O.B. because the minute she's out of the picture, he'll find another victim. Men like that don't change. — **NO NAME, NO CITY, NO CHURCH**

DEAR NO, NO, NO: Your experience proves the truth of something I've said before that bears repeating. A church is not a museum for saints — it's a hospital for sinners. Because a man is seated in the pew next to you at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning doesn't guarantee that he's 100 percent virtuous. It simply means he's usually more sober than one you'll meet in a bar at 10 o'clock on Saturday night.

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DEAR ABBY: I read the item you printed saying that if the three wise men had been women, they would have asked for directions, arrived on time, cleaned the stable, helped deliver the baby, made a casserole and brought practical gifts.

What B.S.! They would have first gone to the beauty salon, had a wash, set and manicure, then home to pick out a proper outfit. Then they would have changed the outfit five times, called everybody they knew to yak about the trip, and arrived late. VERY late. — **STAN GERSHBEIN, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.**

DEAR STAN: Spoken like a true male chauvinist. However, you may have been topped by Paul Harvey. He said what would REALLY have happened was that halfway to the oasis, the camel would have broken down because no one remembered to check his water level.

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DEAR ABBY: Usually I do not interject my opinion to total strangers. However, as my wife and I were sitting at a table in a mall, there were two women at the next table. One of them had with her a screaming infant in a buggy. Finally, the mother lifted the baby into her arms and began bouncing it around. The baby cried even more, so the infant was put back in the buggy with a disgusted thrust as the baby continued to scream.

I spoke up, saying, "The baby may be thirsty." The mother found a bottle full of water and stuck it into the baby's mouth. The baby not only stopped crying, but attacked the water as if its life was dependent upon it.

I have heard women say about crying babies, "Don't worry — the baby is just exercising her lungs." Abby, a baby's cry is a signal that something is wrong.

When a woman first becomes pregnant, a nurse in her doctor's office should instruct her about care for a crying baby. When the baby cries: Is she thirsty? Is he hungry? Is the baby wet and in need of changing? Is she too hot? Too cold? Are the bed clothes wrapped so tightly around the baby of his arms or legs that they are shutting off the circulation? (Lift the baby completely out of the crib and look things over.) The baby might also have an extremity caught in the buggy parts.

Finally, if it is none of the above, the baby might be sick. Learn how to take the infant's temperature. If the temperature is above 100 degrees F, take the baby immediately to the emergency room unless his or her doctor is willing and able to see the infant immediately.

— **RETIRED DOCTOR IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.**

DEAR DOCTOR: Since babies don't come with directions included, that's excellent advice, for which I thank you.

Many books have been written about the care of newborns, and parenting classes are available through hospitals, some high schools and community colleges. However, your letter provides a quick "ready reference" for a parent on the run.

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DEAR ABBY: Everyone, children and adults, who gets lost or is in danger should know Morse code for SOS. It's easy. Just learn this: . . . - - - . . .

You can yell it, tap it out, blow it on your car horn, blow it on a whistle, write it (in very large print) into sand, or lay large rocks on a beach spelling the SOS. The Morse code by voice is: "DIT DIT DIT-DAH DAH DAH-DIT DIT DIT." Many people know this SOS signal — Scouts, airmen, ham radio operators, boaters, etc. If you think you're in trouble, and know you're within hearing distance, yell, "MAYDAY!"

I learned Morse code in flight school and never forgot the SOS call. Please print this, Abby. I want no one — ever — to be in need of an SOS and not know how to send it. — **FEMALE PILOT IN RANCHO MIRAGE, CALIF.**

DEAR FEMALE PILOT: Since I don't know Morse code for "thank you," I offer my gratitude for your letter in English. The SOS is a handy bit of information to have. Even if one never has to use it, it's good insurance.

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Talks on genetically modified organism finish in Montreal

MONTREAL (AP) — In the final hours of international talks Friday on trade in genetically modified food and other products, negotiators found themselves grappling over the same issues that doomed a similar agreement nearly a year ago.

Negotiators were attempting to draft the Biosafety Protocol, a set of rules that would protect the environment from damage by genetically modified plants, animals and bacteria. Environmentalists and a few scientific studies have raised concerns that genetically modified organisms could wipe out native species, disrupt natural cycles and cause other ecological damage.

"There's fish genes in fruit, poultry genes in fish, animal genes in plants, growth hormones in milk, insect genes in vegetables, tree genes in grain and in the case of pork, human genes in meat," said Steve Gilman, an organic farmer in Stillwater, N.Y. "Real and reasonable concerns about genetic engineering have fallen upon deaf ears."

The debate at the talks has revolved around how great the scientific uncertainty is, and how it should be dealt with. The European Union and developing nations have argued that countries should be allowed to decline imports of a genetically modified product if little is known about its environmental effect.

The United States and its partners disagree, saying the proposed rules in their current form would restrict trade. Those countries argued that any nation's refusal to import a genetically modified product should be backed by scientific evidence in the form of a risk assessment.

"We live in a world in which scientific certainty is not available," said U.S. Undersecretary of State Frank Loy.

Talks last February in Cartagena, Colombia, ended in disarray when the United States and five other countries — Canada, Australia, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay — rejected a draft agreement favored by 125 other countries.

The situation has changed since then, with major U.S. food producers such as Archer Daniels Midland, Gerber and the Iams pet food company either demanding that genetically modified products be segregated or refusing to use them altogether. Protests at the World Trade Organization talks in Seattle last month also suggest that the American public has concerns about genetically altered food.

"In the year since Cartagena, it has become obvious that the position of the (United States') group is increasingly isolated," said Philip Bereano, a University of Washington professor who has been following the talks.

Just as in Cartagena, the talks in Montreal have come down to a handful of issues:

—The relationship of the proposed rules to the World Trade Organization. The United States wants the agreement to have "equal status" with the free trade pact. Other countries fear that any bans they impose will be overturned by the World Trade Organization's dispute resolution panel.

—The amount of scientific evidence that is needed to justify banning a genetically modified product.

—The amount of evidence that exporters must provide about their products.

Genetically modified crops are already widespread. About 70 million acres of genetically engineered plants were cultivated worldwide in 1999. In the United States, genetically engineered varieties account for about 25 percent of corn and 40 percent of soybeans.

Woman bets extra $6, wins record Las Vegas slots pot

LAS VEGAS (AP) — If Cynthia Jay had followed her normal routine, she wouldn't have been standing inside a casino holding an oversized check for $34,955,489, the world's biggest slot machine jackpot.

But there she was on Thursday, thanks to an extra $6 she put in a Megabucks slot machine.

"I had played the $21 I usually play and I turned around and was going to leave," Jay said. "Then I said I'm going put $6 more in and the last $3 was the one that did it."

The 37-year-old cocktail waitress won the jackpot Wednesday night at the Desert Inn hotel-casino.

"It's unbelievable. I've been in shock," Jay said. "I didn't sleep much last night."

She wasn't sure she had hit the jackpot when she lined up the symbols, then raised her arms in glee.

"She was hyperventilating," said her boyfriend, Terry Brennan.

Jay said she would not be returning to her job at the Monte Carlo hotel-casino.

The previous record slots payoff was $27.5 million hit on Nov. 15, 1998, at the Palace Station Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

Jay, who has five sisters and three brothers, said she had long dreamed of winning enough money to treat her family to nice things. She said the money would change her some, but that she would remain loyal to the people she knows and loves.

"The people I had in my life last week are going to be the people in my life next week," she said.

3 from University of North Texas...

4 people killed in head-on collision near Stephenville

GORDON (AP) — Four people, including three student musicians from the University of North Texas, have died in a head-on collision with another vehicle on Interstate 20, state troopers say.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said a van traveling the wrong direction on the interstate slammed into the vehicle carrying the Denton school's students Thursday afternoon, about 25 miles northwest of Stephenville and 100 miles west of Dallas.

Troopers identified the students as Lucyane Maria Guedes, 29; Simon Thuan Giap Lim; and Herbert Wentz, 52. Guedes and Wentz, who played the violin, were graduate students from Brazil. Lim, who played the bass, was a junior from Malaysia. They were members of the university's symphony orchestra.

The students were driving to a rehearsal and a weekend performance with the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra when their car collided with the van driven by John C. Putman, 70, of Mineral Wells.

Witnesses said Putman, who also died in the wreck, had stopped earlier at a truck terminal and appeared to be very agitated. Then he was seen driving the wrong direction for several miles on the interstate.

"On two occasions, Putman was seen by two witnesses going the wrong way," DPS Trooper Frank Costabile told the Stephenville Empire-Tribune. "At one point, he turned around and headed the right way, then turned around again. This was just a freak thing."

Costabile said an autopsy will determine if Putman was intoxicated or on any medication that might have affected his judgment.

Guedes, Lim and Wentz were westbound on Interstate 20, said DPS spokesman Mike Cox. As they tried passing a vehicle moving more slowly in the righthand lane, their Chevy Cavalier was struck by Putman's eastbound Dodge Caravan, which had entered the westbound lanes.

"The entire College of Music is saddened by this," said Roddy Wolper, a spokesman for the University of North Texas. "Right now we're dealing with this tragedy and mourning the students."

Wolper said the university will establish memorial scholarships in honor of the students. On-campus memorials for the students will probably be held next week, he said.

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Texas attorney loses bid for part of exhibit

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — A Texas attorney who couldn't get the Romanov crown jewels failed again Friday in an attempt to lay claim to some of the Russian government's treasures in the "Nicholas & Alexandra" exhibit, which is ending its U.S. tour.

Attorney Lee Alexander Magness, citing ancestral claims on Russian property, last year won a $234 million judgment in federal court in Texas against cultural agencies in Russia.

But U.S. District Judge Charles R. Butler of Mobile, where the exhibit of several hundred Romanov Dynasty artifacts is now showing, rejected a motion asking him to confiscate some of the property to help satisfy the judgment.

Butler ruled Friday that the art and cultural objects of a foreign state were immune from seizure, even though they were being used in a commercial venture. Magness claimed that the for-profit nature of the exhibit allowed him to stake a claim on the treasures, which came from the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg and other Russian museums.

The Texas judgment was awarded last year to Magness and other descendants of Russian businessman Ivan Karlovitch Schroder who sued the Russian government seeking compensation for property taken after the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. Schroder lost a piano factory, a shopping area and a 30-room mansion in St. Petersburg, Russia.

An attorney for the Magness family, Dan Nelson of Houston, said the court judgment increases by an estimated $31,000 in interest per day.

When the former Soviet Union restored democracy in the early 1990s, Schroder's daughters, Nina Schroder Magness and Agnes Schroder Atkins, and his grandson, Lee Alexander Magness, traveled to St. Petersburg in 1994 to attempt to regain their ancestral property.

They came home empty-handed. Russian officials said they were trying to claim national treasures.

Among the items in the Nicholas & Alexandra exhibit that the Schroder heirs are seeking: The Golden Coronation Carriage, the grand piano of Empress Alexandra, the miniature copy of Imperial Regalia, including replicas of two crowns, an orb, and a scepter that bears marks of the Faberge firm. The work contains gold, silver, platinum, diamonds, pearls and sapphires. They also claim five valuable paintings.

Nelson said the value of the pieces his clients have requested from the exhibit are only a fraction of the $234 million judgment's value.

But, he said, they would provide some payment and some connection to the family's past. He pointed out that the grand piano from the exhibit was built in the piano factory that his client's ancestor owned.

A spokeswoman for the exhibit said she was unaware of the suit pending in Mobile. The exhibit ends Sunday.

The Magness family originally had filed a suit in 1997 against the Russian Federation, the Russian Ministry of Culture, the Russian State Diamond Fund and the American-Russian Cultural Cooperation Foundation. Last year, U.S. District Judge David Hittner in Houston let stand the $234 million judgment against the Russian agencies, but denied the Magness claim on the crown jewels.

Man commits suicide at a Detroit casino

DETROIT (AP) — An off-duty police officer gambling in a high-stakes casino room committed suicide after losing at blackjack.

The man shot himself in the head Wednesday while participating in a $100-minimum game in a VIP room at the MotorCity Casino, Detroit police Inspector William Rice said.

"He lost a hand and then he pulled out a weapon and shot himself," Rice said.

Solomon Bell, 38, was a sergeant with the Oak Park Department of Public Safety. He died at the casino.

MotorCity Casino spokesman Jack Barthwell said the casino does not allow firearms but has no metal detectors.

The VIP area, with $100 slot machines and blackjack tables with minimum bets of $100 to $500, was closed after the shooting.

MotorCity, which opened Dec. 14, was the second gambling facility to begin operating since Michigan voters approved a 1996 ballot proposal authorizing three casinos in Detroit.

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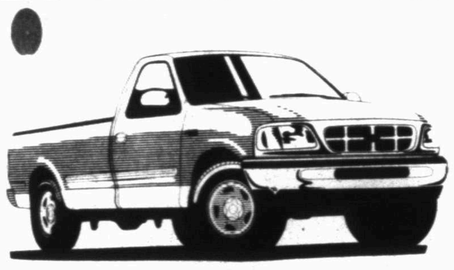

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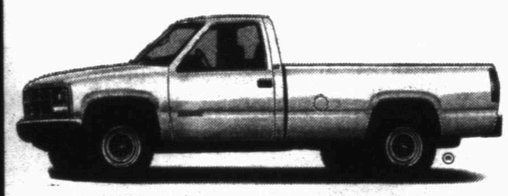

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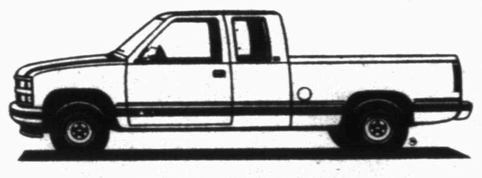

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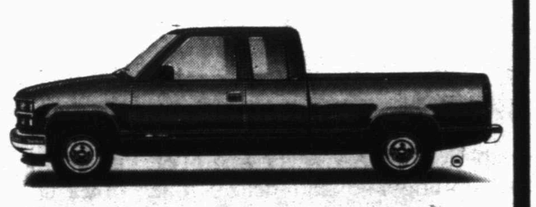

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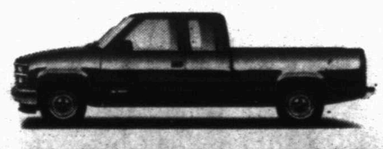

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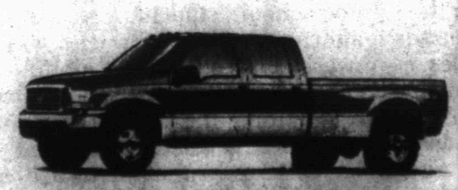

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