ADC SAN ANTONIO TX 780
NEWS ELTS PINK ADC NONE BC
SNYDER, TEXAS

020100*FIRM**GET FOR 760 780
SOUTHWEST MICRO
2622 E GANDER
EL PASO TX 79925

INSIDE

Religious Briefs 2A
Lady Tigers Beat Bearcats 6A
$2.4 Billion Aid For Farmers 12A
Support Group Ministry 1B
Letters To The Editor 6B

WT-Int. Crude - $10.83

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

WEEKEND

Dec. 12-13, 1998
Vol. 50 No. 191
40 Pages 75¢

Home Of Bella Rios

Snow, ice skip Snyder; Hermleigh gets 4 inches

From local and wire reports

Scurry County saw its first snowfall of the year Friday with Hermleigh receiving up to four inches of the white stuff.

Ira, and the area around Lake Thomas, had snow measurements ranging from one to two inches.

Dispatchers at Scurry County Law Enforcement Center received reports throughout the day of spotty snow showers around the county, with the roads in Ira reported covered for a brief time Friday afternoon with an inch of snow.

Motorists on U.S. Highway 84 traveling into Snyder from the Abilene area, said Roscoe was experiencing heavy snow around 3 p.m.

Measurements in that area reached upwards of six inches.

Highways 180 and 84 westward, showed little indications of any moisture..

Snyder residents were treated to rain, sleet and some giant snowflakes, but it was too warm for the snow to accumulate.

The high temperature here Friday was 40 degrees.

Midland recorded nine inches of snow Friday, a record amount for a 24-hour period for the Permian Basin city.

The previous record in Midland was 6.8 inches of snow in January 1974.

Schools in Midland closed early Friday and the Midland International Airport was closed for two hours.

Law enforcement authorities were kept busy working dozens of accidents in the Midland area.

Twenty miles south of Big Spring, weather contributed to a fatal accident.

In Reeves County, 27 cars slid off the road at the junction of Interstate 10 and Interstate 20.

A Department of Public Safety trooper described the road conditions in that area as the worst he had ever seen.

In Pecos, about 4,000 residents temporarily lost power at 4.5 inches of wet snow fell, piling up on power lines.

Colorado City received up to seven inches of snow.



Up to four inches of snow fell in Hermleigh...



WORK MUST GO ON — Jack Taylor, superintendent with Lee Lewis Construction, stands in the cold looking over the muddied mess left behind by Thursday and Friday's rain and snow at the United Supermarket construction site. Taylor said the crew is on a tight schedule and work must go on, despite the weather. (SDN Staff Photo)

New instant background check no trouble for local gun dealers

Although some retailers state and nation-wide have had trouble with the the FBI's new instant background check system for prospective gun buyers, local gun dealers say they haven't had much of a problem.

"Actually, I haven't had the major problems others (retailers) have talked about. I had a check awhile ago that went right through," Charles Darlin, Wal-Mart sporting goods department manager said.

"It's been about the same here," Charles Evans, manager at Timely Finance, said. "The first day was a little slow, but it's been a short wait once you get through."

The 1993 Brady Act requires background checks for buyers of handguns. Checks are also required for prospective rifle and shotgun buyers.

Nov. 30 was the first day the instant background checks were available and several Lubbock gun retailers reported telephone lines being down for up to two hours.

"The lines have been down at least two hours. And each time we call they tell us it will be at least another 30 minutes," said Janette Cook of Fred's Gun Emporium in Lubbock.

Darlin did say the first couple of days he also reached a busy signal and had to keep trying back.

"The first two days I kept getting a busy signal, but once I got through it was just a three to five minute wait."

Also, Darlin said he had one background check that was delayed.

"I had one that has been delayed, but it was called in on the weekend and I have a feeling that had something to do with it."

Evans said he was looking forward to the system being computerized.

"Hopefully, in the next six months they will go online and then it will be that much faster," he said.

Evans added that he did have one problem with the background check requirement — the fact that he would have to run a background check on pawn customers when they returned to pick up pawned guns.

"I don't think that is right. I hope they drop that. Everything is fine expect for the condition on pawn customers."



BACKGROUND CHECK — Wal-Mart sporting goods department manager Charles Darlin runs a background check on a prospective gun buyer. (SDN Staff Photo)

Santa letters being accepted at SDN office

Snyder Daily News is accepting letters to Santa Claus for publication in its Dec. 24 edition.

Letters may be brought to the newspaper at 3600 College Ave., or mailed to P.O. Box 949.

Letters must be received by 5 p.m. Friday in order to be forwarded to the North Pole in time for Christmas.

Clinton...

House approves three impeachment articles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Judiciary Committee was poised to trim down abuse of power accusations against President Clinton Saturday before voting on a fourth and final article of impeachment, leaving the president's fate in the hands of the full House.

Rep. George Gekas, R-Pa., urged legislators to drop allegations that Clinton deceived the American people, misled his aides and frivolously asserted legal privileges to thwart the investigation of the Monica Lewinsky affair.

That would reduce the fourth article of impeachment to an allegation that Clinton "made perjurious, false and misleading sworn statements" in his written responses to some of the 81 questions posed by committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill.

Hyde called Clinton's answers to those questions "an assault on the Congress," listing 10 specific answers by the president that were unsatisfactory.

But Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said even the more limited accusations of abuse of power were "absolutely indefensible." The questions were designed to trap Clinton in his own words, he argued, and never should have been posed.

Away from the hearings, incoming House Speaker Bob Livingston made clear Saturday he's anxious to get the matter resolved. "A year has gone by and we have concentrated on little other than his actions in the White House," he said in Louisiana.

Livingston said he would not form an opinion on how to vote until after the committee completes its work.

The committee on Friday approved three articles of impeachment accusing Clinton of perjury before a grand jury, perjury in the Paula Jones civil lawsuit and obstruction of justice.

Hoping to steer legislators toward a lesser punishment, President Clinton said he would accept "rebuke and censure" from the American people and the Congress. A censure proposal was headed for certain defeat in the committee, but Democrats are pushing Republican leaders to allow a vote in the full House nonetheless.

"You're going to have an opportunity for the scarlet letter, for the branding of the president, for the ultimate censure of the president," Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., said Saturday. "If you want to punish the president for his behavior, vote for the censure."

The abuse-of-power article was the most controversial.

Livestock producers set meeting for Wednesday

A producers meeting is set for Wednesday at 1 p.m. to discuss provisions and benefits of the Livestock Assistance Program.

The meeting will be in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center located at 1618 26th Street.

According to Joe Hefner, county executive director of the Farm Service Agency, Scurry County has been approved for the program and is taking appointments to complete producer requests.

Hefner added that application filing dates have been extended from Jan. 8, to Feb. 5, 1999.

The payment period for the Livestock Association Program begins May 1, 1998 and continues through the earlier of the date all livestock were sold, or Dec. 15, 1998.

When filing an application, the producer must be able to report livestock on hand as of May 1, 1998 and any changes in numbers resulting from sales or deaths through the current date.

For more information or to make an appointment, contact the local FSA office at 573-0171.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Next year we're gonna ask Santa to take us off those catalog mailing lists."

Time's running out, but we really intended to make it to Neiman Marcus during the holiday. The retailer's unique Christmas gift this season is a $300,000 tiara.

Promise you that there wouldn't be another one at the annual chamber banquet.

Or how about a bra with lots of diamonds. All for a mere $3 million. Sounds flashy, but not very comfortable.

Since time is short, here's some other gift tips:

--Help pass the time at work. Watch the grass grow. The desk lawn is an aluminum tray with packets of soil and wheat seed that grows in about two days and last up to three weeks. Less than 20 bucks. No mowing necessary.

Want to avoid a bill collector or solicitor? Try a voice-changing machine for under $100. It provides up to 16 secret indenities, from a deep-male to a high-female voice. Transfer call with a push of a button.

--For those with little space, but with confidential items to get rid of, there is the personal shredder that weighs just two pounds and is six inches wide. Only $20 bucks.

--If you dislike being interrupted by the telephone, have your caller ID displayed on your TV screen. $129.95.

--If too lazy to grab a dictionary, there's a scanner pen that provides instant definitions by scanning the word. The meaning then shows up in a display window. $29.95.

--The truth machine. Attach it to our phone and it will measure the stress in a caller's voice, possibly signaling honesty or dishonesty. A green light indicates low stress, yellow is medium and red is high. Just $49.95 and, of course, only for entertainment.

And if you hate gift wrapping, try an "unwrappable experience," advertised as better than a tie in the wrong color or a sweater in the wrong size that have to be returned.

--One-hour golf lesson with Dallas golf instructor Hank Haney, $350.

--Four-day spa vacation at Lake Austin Spa Resort, $1,290.

--A night of wine tasting, sponsored by Leisure Learning in Houston, $25.

--Skydiving trip with SkyDive Texas in Decatur, $145.

--Three-hour cooking class at Central Market speciality food stores in Austin or San Antonio, $50.

--After-Christmas gift for dad. Take down outside Yule decorations. $50.

ASK US

Q—Why does the fire chief need a $30,000 automobile?

A—The vehicle met the specifications the city felt is needed in that department, including four-wheel drive, rescue trailer pulling capacity and room to haul the Jaws of Life. It replaces a 1992 Suburban with 120,000 miles.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 40 degrees; low, 28; 7 a.m. Saturday, 28; .06 of an inch precipitation; total for 1998, 10.40 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday, decreasing clouds. High, mid 50s. NW wind 5-15 mph. Saturday night, clear. Low, lower 30s. Sunday, sunny. High, upper 60s.

Destiny Rylant
Warmer

Sunset: 5:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:34 a.m.
Of 345 days in 1998, the sun has shone 341 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Plenty of people miss their share of happiness, not because they never found it, but because they didn't stop to enjoy it."

W. Feather

Author to visit Northeast, Stanfield

A well-known Texas author will visit two Snyder schools next Tuesday.

Herb Marlow will be at Northeast Elementary in the morning and at Stanfield during the afternoon. Books he has written include "Twisters, Bronc Riders & Cherry Pie," "Dillon's Revenge," "Ghost Horse," and "Cougar."

When the author presents programs at schools, libraries, bookstores, and other public events, he reads stories from his books, but he is more than a storyteller.

Marlow encourages children to write and to become authors themselves. He shares a secret with all children: "Anybody can write a book — and that means you."

The author tells children that "all writers are readers first — so keep reading." As Marlow feigns roping a calf or being bucked off of a horse, his listeners hang on every word and gesture.

His presentations are very popular. He is funny, yet he has a message for all, using the tools of his trade — words.

Drawing from his experiences and his imagination, this author has been telling stories most of his life. His books will be available at each presentation.

Marlow lives in Graham where he maintains a private counseling practice. Born in Iowa, he graduated from high school in Nebraska and married his wife, Lynn, in California.

In 1976, Marlow and his family moved from a cattle ranch in Oregon to Texas. They lived in several Texas communities during the past 20 years including Glen Rose, Palo Pinto, Itasca, Godley and Olney.

Marlow is a former pastor and holds a Ph.D. in pastoral counseling. For several years, he taught sociology classes at the Ranger College campus in Graham. He is a also a U.S. Navy veteran, having served aboard an aircraft carrier in the Western Pacific.

Drawing from his experiences and his imagination, Marlow has been telling stories all his life. He has for several years furnished stories for national periodicals, and now Ozark Publishing, Inc. is publishing Marlow's stories in book form.

Marlow believes in the power

See Author, Page 3A

First Presbyterian Church
28th St. & Ave. R
"I'll Be Home For Christmas
Matt 11:2-11
"Over 100 Years in Snyder"
Pastor: Nan Crawford Swanson
Worship Sundays 11 a.m. Visitors Welcome
OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER 12-12:30 P.M.

Crazy Like Jesus
HOPE FOR LIFE'S JOURNEY
"Betrayal and Abandonment"
TCA Cable TV - Channel #2
Mon., Dec. 14, 1998, 7:00 p.m.

We've got that hometown spirit and we're passing it around!

THANK YOU!

We welcome the opportunity to serve you.

No catchy headlines or fancy artwork for this ad. We want to get right to the point. Thanks to all our valued customers for banking with **Snyder National Bank.**

Our strength is built on your satisfaction and trust, and that's why we think of you in everything we do .. from smiling faces to greet you, finding easier ways for you to conduct your banking, or serving the specific needs of each individual customer beyond their expectations.

These are the reasons we opened our doors for the first time in 1905 and they're the same reasons we open them for you today.

Thanks again for the opportunity to do so.

SNYDER NATIONAL BANK
SERVING SCURRY COUNTY SINCE 1905
FDIC
EQUAL HOUSING LENDER
Lobby Hours 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
MEMBER FDIC
Motor Bank Hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sharing the HOMETOWN SPIRIT Since 1905

Religious Briefs

Christian Fellowship Church

Sam Solsyn of Albuquerque, N.M. will speak this weekend at the Christian Fellowship Church, located on FM 2836 near Lake Colorado City. Saturday's service begins at 7 p.m. and Sunday's services are set for 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Solsyn ministers regularly on KMLM in Midland and Odessa. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas musical at First Christian

First Christian Church will have its annual Christmas musical Sunday during the 10:50 a.m. worship service. Robert Bailey, minister of music, and Reba Bailey, organist-pianist, will lead the First Christian Chorus. Others taking part include Betty Bredemeyer, soloist and narrator. Other narrators are George and Pam Jones, Justin and Linda Englert. Others helping are Shelly Englert, Whitley Bradberry, Jared Bailey, Marissa Bailey and Jeremy Bailey. The public is invited.

FUMC Christmas celebrations

First United Methodist Church invites the Snyder area community to its Christmas celebrations. The children will present "Hark, the Herald Angel" at the 10:50 a.m. service Sunday. The Chancel Choir's presentation of "A Time of Joy," is set for 10:50 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24. A nursery will be provided for each service.

Calvary Baptist Church musical

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

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Crazy like Jesus," followed by "Betrayal and Abandoment."

1998 First Methodist cookbook

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

Former Mouseketeer found guilty

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Darlene Gillespie, who charmed millions as one of TV's original Mouseketeers, faces 90 years in prison for buying thousands of dollars worth of stock with phony checks.

A federal jury convicted the former child star Friday of a dozen counts of conspiracy, securities fraud, mail fraud, obstruction of justice and perjury.

"I'm certainly disappointed," Ms. Gillespie, 57, said outside court. "Truthfully, I'm really surprised. It's just amazing sometimes to deal with a situation like this."

During the seven-day trial, prosecutors alleged that Ms. Gillespie helped her boyfriend, Jerry Fraschilla, in a scheme to buy more than 194,000 shares of stock valued at $827,000 in 1992 and 1993 by writing checks on closed and overdrawn accounts.

Fraschilla, 61, pleaded guilty to 21 counts of fraud earlier this year and was sentenced to 18 months in prison and probation.

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Published each Sunday morning and each evening, except Saturday, by Snyder Publishing Co., Inc., 3600 College Ave., Snyder, Texas 79549.

Periodicals postage paid at the post office at Snyder, Texas, Publication Number USPS611-520.

POSTMASTER send change of address to P.O. Box 949, Snyder, Texas, 79550.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: By carrier in Snyder, $9.00 per month.

By mail in Scurry and adjoining counties, one year $85.80 balance of Texas and out of state $113.85.

Roy McQueen, Publisher
Wade Warren, Managing Editor
MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to use for republication all news dispatches in this newspaper and also local news published for republication of special dispatches.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital is Proud To Salute



Lyn Small
Human Resources Assistant
Employee Of The Month
December, 1998

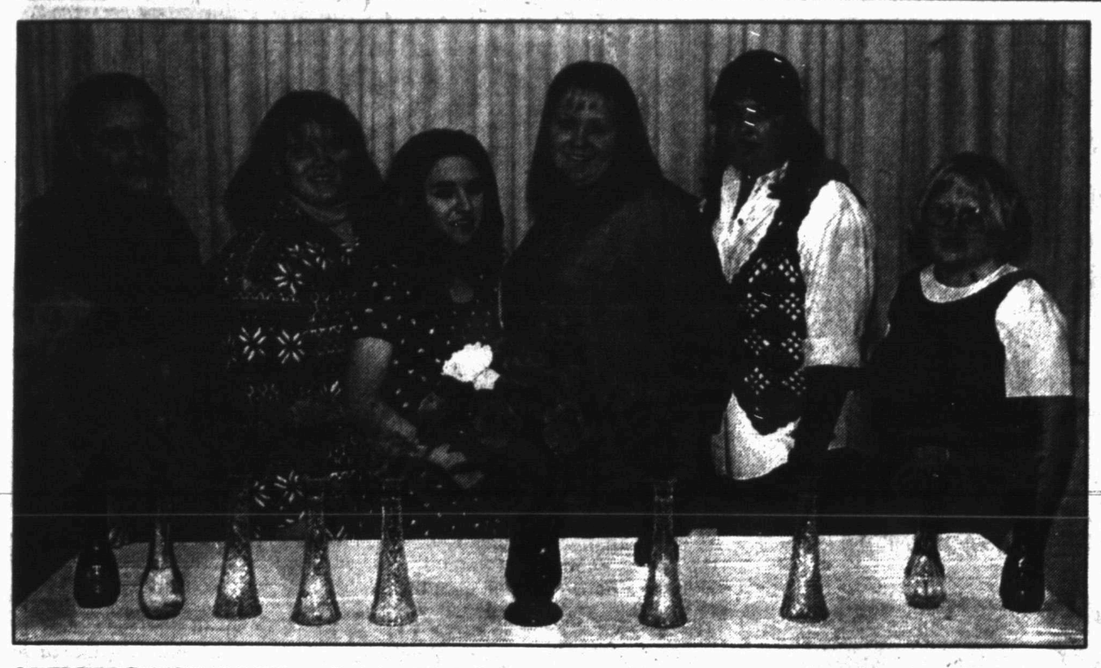
Lyn has been employed at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for 4-1/2 years. Her duties include payroll, processing new employees, keeping personnel files current and other duties as assigned by the Human Resources director. In addition to her current position, Lyn has worked in Central Supply and Data Processing at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Lyn's husband, Roxy, is employed at Southern Electric Company. She has two children and two grandchildren. Her son, Lonnie Mitchell, is currently serving with the Air Force in Korea, and her daughter, April Velasquez, LVN, is employed at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

She said that she was "proud to be a part of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital team," and commented that "while some employees provide direct patient care, others may never have direct contact with patients, but it takes all of us working together to help ensure that our mission is fulfilled."

She was selected for this honor following nominations by co-workers. Comments on nomination ballots for Lyn included: goes above and beyond to assist co-workers ... always cheerful and smiling ...knowledgeable about her job ...efficient in carrying out her duties ... a dedicated and dependable employee.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital



OFFICERS INSTALLED — Snyder High School Future Homemakers of America installed officers Tuesday night. From left are, Trisha Block, historian; Suzanne Bogard, reporter; Daphny Lopez, vice-president; Kristin Kuhl, president; Valarie Lara, secretary/treasurer; and Adriane Williams, chaplain. Sponsors are Mrs. Carolyn Limmer and Mrs. Carolyn Derouen. An exchange of secret Santa gifts followed the installation and refreshments. Guests were mothers and sisters of FFA members. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Tobacco case lawyers to get multibillion settlement fee

DALLAS (AP) — An arbitration panel has awarded a record $8.16 billion to lawyers who negotiated multibillion tobacco settlements for Texas, Florida and Mississippi, setting off a firestorm of criticism from the tobacco industry and others.

The figure is believed to be the largest amount paid to lawyers in the United States. In Texas alone, the total is nearly $1 billion more than the 15 percent called for in the original contract with the state.

Five private attorneys in Texas will receive $3.3 billion, a divided three-member arbitration panel announced Friday. The 11-firm legal team that worked on the Florida case was awarded $3.43 billion, and the 13-firm Mississippi team was awarded $1.43 billion.

"It sounds fair to me," said Pensacola, Fla., attorney Robert Kerrigan, who will get a 6 percent share of the Florida award, or more than $200 million.

In Texas, Gov. George W. Bush begged to differ.

"I will never understand and never agree that five private law firms should collect more than $3.3 billion for working less than two years on a case that was settled before it went to trial," he said.

"The fee seems totally out of proportion for the work performed," he said.

But it was considerably less than the $6 billion to $25 billion attorneys requested last weekend.

Decided by the national arbitration panel in Washington, the payments represent about 19 percent of the record $17.3 billion settlement in Texas, about 25 percent of the $13 billion settlement reached in Florida and about 35 percent of the $4 billion reached in Mississippi.

Two of the same arbitrators must determine next year what lawyers from other states will be paid as part of a recent $206 billion national agreement.

The industry, under the terms of the national agreement, is only obligated to pay $500 million a year in legal fees. The multibillion payout to lawyers is expected to occur for as many as 25 years.

The arbitration panel's chairman, John Calhoun Wells, said the "very substantial" awards are justified.

Without the lawyers, he said, "there would be no multibillion-dollar settlements for the states to reimburse tobacco-related health expenses and provide funds for educational efforts to reduce youth smoking."

Author

Continued From Page 2A

of reading. His grandfather Paulin, the principal character in "Twisters, Bronc Riders & Cherry Pie," gave him the philosophy that he lives by and teaches: "You can do anything that you set your mind to."

In his private counseling practice, Dr. Marlow has worked with children struggling with Attention Deficit Disorder, with and without hyperactivity.

He has written many short articles and brochures about ADD/ADHD, and in July, 1997, Ozark Publishing released Herb's book on Attention Deficit Disorder: "What Every Teacher and Parent Should Know About ADD/ADHD."

Domestic violence solution: Recruit health care workers

AUSTIN (AP) — It is a familiar statistic: More and more families nationwide are torn apart by domestic violence with each succeeding year. In Texas alone, families were marred by violence a reported 181,773 times in 1997 — up 300 incidents from 1996.

"You would think that with all of the changes in law over the past 20 years, we would see a decrease in domestic violence, but we haven't," said Pam Willhoite, program director of the Texas Council on Family Violence.

"With all of our new shelter services, the demand has gone up," she said.

And according to Ms. Willhoite and other participants at this weekend's Ninth International Nursing Conference on Ending Violence Against Women, it will stay that way until domestic violence is fully recognized as a health issue by health care providers.

"Every woman who comes in for a health care assessment should be asked about her cholesterol and her blood pressure, and then how things are going on at home," said Susan Hadley, founder of WomanKind, an intervention program in Minneapolis, Minn.

"If a health care provider diagnosed me as having diabetes or high cholesterol, they wouldn't fix it, they would just refer me to somewhere else. Why can't they do that with domestic violence?" she asked.

Conference speaker Rachel Rodriguez said nurses started probing issues of domestic violence as early as the 1970s, but they met with a resistance that still lingers.

"Health care providers were resistant... because they didn't think they could do anything about it," said Ms. Rodriguez, director of the Family Violence Research Network in San Antonio.

But over the past few years, protocol has changed and now more emergency rooms are screening patients for domestic violence, she said. And the screening works.

"Just by simply asking a question, you can break the silence," said Nancy Himes, a family violence nurse liaison for Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Md. She said her hospital identifies about 500 victims a year through routine screenings and refers them to services for help.

Programs are cropping up nationwide to teach health care workers to view domestic violence as a health issue.

Earlier this year, Texas was one of 10 states chosen to participate in the National Health Initiative on Domestic Violence to teach health care providers how to recognize signs of abuse. Intervention training will begin in the spring.

The conference also addressed issues of domestic violence in groups not traditionally targeted: migrant workers.

According to statistics published by the Migrant Clinicians Network of Austin, domestic violence affects some 20 percent of female migrant workers — a rate significantly above the national average. Ms. Rodriguez attributed the high rate to the migrants' lack of resources.

Only one satellite in the solar system has a dense atmosphere: Tital, the largest moon of Saturn.

Life Insurance Annuities and Mutual Funds

Take advantage of **Tax Free Accumulations.** Call Ernest for information on IRA, SEP or TSA products.



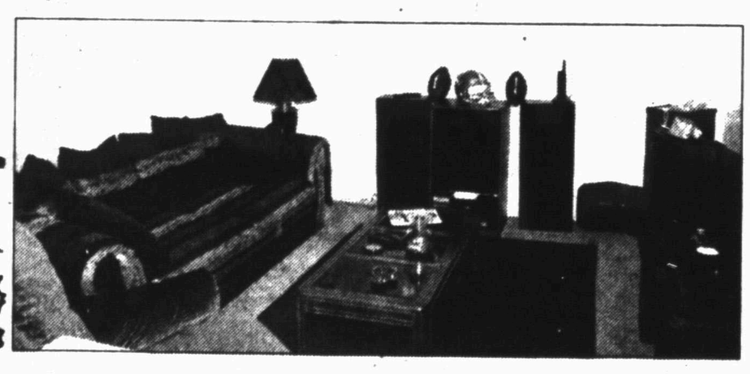
Ernie Sears
1816 26th Street
573-3858

Dr. Gloria Gerstner and staff would like to wish everyone a happy & safe holiday season!

Our office will be having a Holiday Open House on Thursday, Dec. 17 from 4-6 pm. The community is invited to attend.
5303 Trinity Blvd. Suite A
Phone 915-574-1581
Snyder

Happy Birthday To You!
Come In For An Oil Change On Your Birthday And Get It For... **1/2 Price**
Kwik Kar Lube & Tune
3406 College 573-8150
Kwik Kar Lube & Tune Coupon
$3.00 Off Full Service Oil Change

Western Crest Apartments
3901 Ave. O
This prestigious community offers more than just a place to live. The Western Crest Apartments, secluded in an atmosphere of beautiful landscaping and design, is the perfect place to call home.

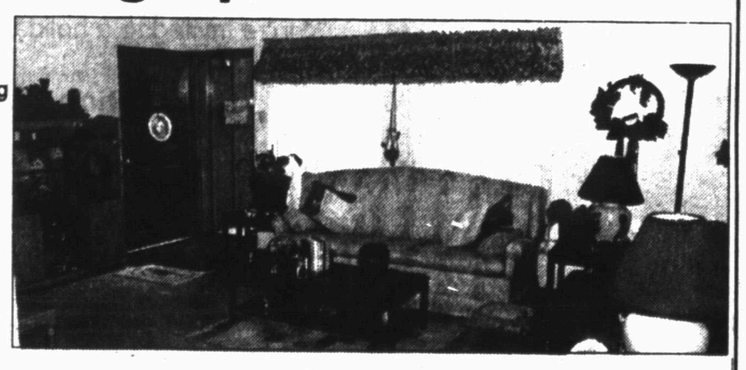


•Washer/Dryer Connection
•Covered Parking
•Sparkling Pool
•Playground
•Much More

Windridge Village Apartments - 5400 College Ave.

Spread over 4 acres, Windridge offers a relaxing atmosphere, single story living and large apartment homes.

•Sparkling Pool
•Clothes Care Facility
•Great Locatio



For a Private Tour Call **573-1488**
LUXURY LIVING AT AFFORDABLE PRICES.
Office located at 3901 Ave. O

NEW ATTRACTION - Satellite TV Available!
CORPORATE HOUSING UPON REQUEST

FINAL MARKDOWN!!
TUESDAY, DEC. 15TH
4:00 - 9:00 P.M.

TOTAL STOCK LIQUIDATION
50%-75% Off Storewide
Excluding Appliances & Beanie Babies

Special Pricing On Beanies & Appliances

•Financing Available On Approved Credit
•All Items Cash & Carry
•All Sales Final, All Sales As Is
•No Refunds, No Exchanges
•Bring Your Pickups, Your Trailers & Your Trucks
•Delivery Available For Additional Charge
•Credit Card Purchases Available At Additional Charge

Landes
Home Furnishings, Inc.
2112 25th Street
Snyder, Texas
573-2141

Coke stock falls again

ATLANTA (AP) — Coca-Cola stock took another tumble, steepening its slide through the second half of 1998. But at least one shareholder wasn't worried.

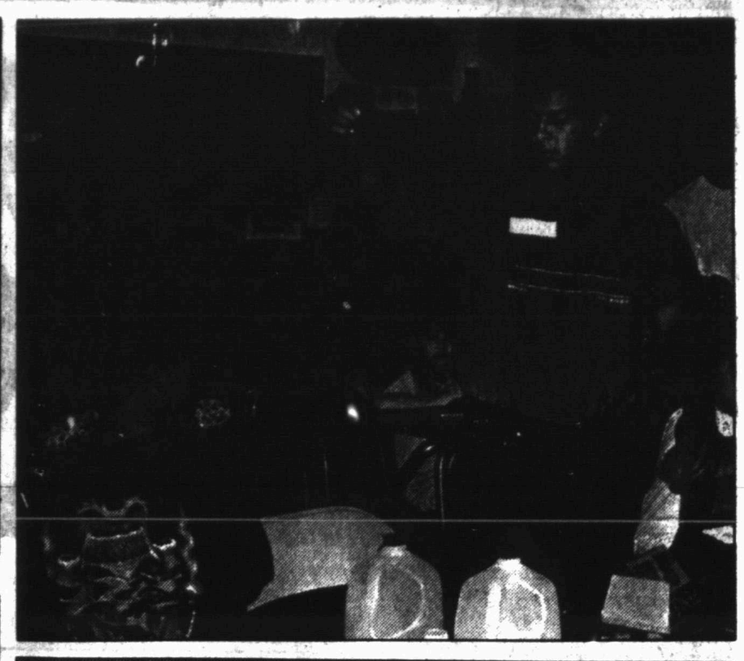
"I love it when Coke has bad news, because the stock goes down and I buy some more," said Donald Wesley-Brown, a Rockmart, Ga., real estate broker. "As the world gets smaller, more people will drink Coke. It's a law of nature."

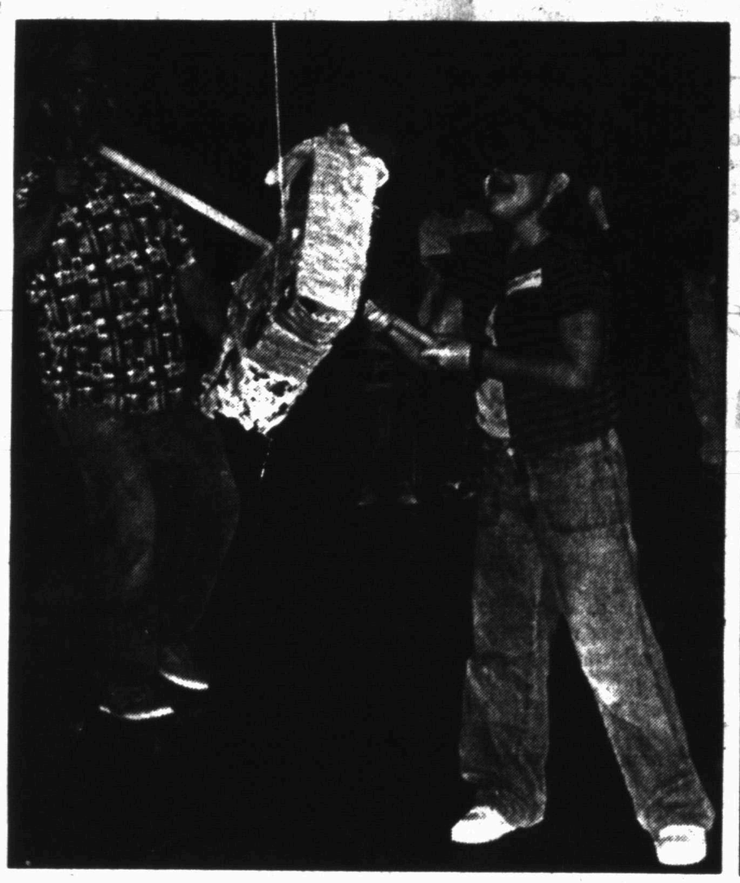
Chairman and M. Douglas Ivester told analysts Friday that fourth-quarter earnings will likely be 24 to 25 cents per share, falling short of Wall Street estimates of 30 cents and a 1997 fourth-quarter performance of 33 cents per share.

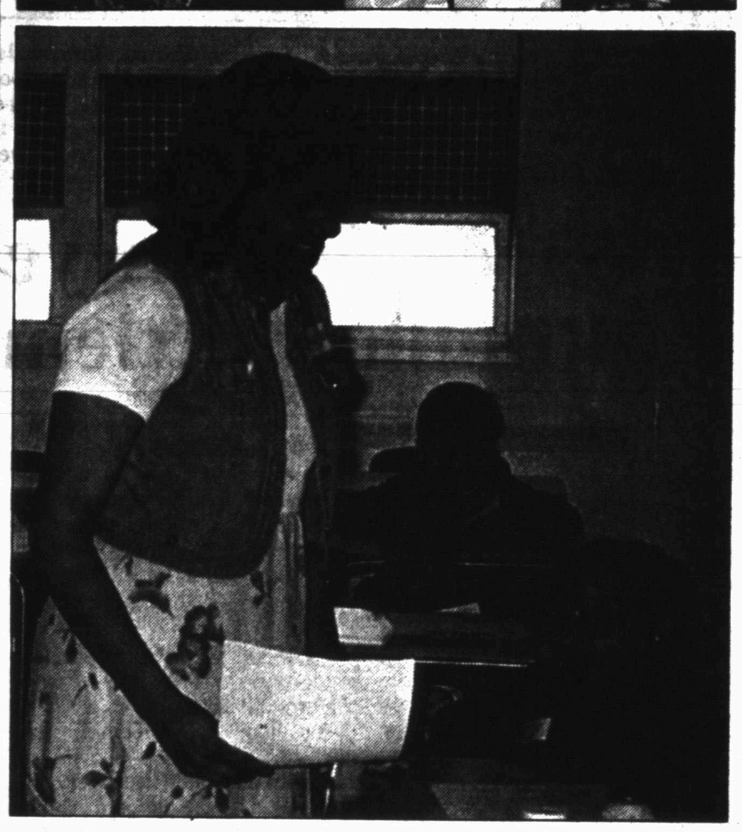
Coke's stock fell $3.19 to $62.88 a share on the New York Stock Exchange, adding to the second-half fall from a 52-week high of $88.94 per share.

After a strong first half of the year for Coke, global economic problems that started in Southeast Asia and spread to other previously growing overseas Coke markets such as Russia, Japan, and Brazil have taken their toll. Coke estimated Friday that besides double-digit drops in volume in some countries, currency problems in volatile markets are cutting results 10 percent.









CRAFTS FAIR — Fifty children participated in last Saturday's Crafts Fair held at Snyder High School. The Spanish Club sponsored the event. Students registered (top, left) and broke pinatas (bottom, left). John Ortegon (top, right) demonstrated how to make ojo de dios, tree decorations also called "God's eye." Erica Arellano (bottom, right) helped the children sing Christmas carols. (Contributed Photos)

Boy, 3, receives new heart, liver, lungs

PITTSBURGH (AP) — For the first time, doctors have transplanted a new heart, both lungs and a liver in a child in a groundbreaking operation.

While a handful of adults have undergone the 20-hour procedure, doctors Friday said 3-year-old Brendon Ednie was the first child to ever benefit from the operation.

"He's on the road to recovery," said Dr. Jorge Reyes, one of the transplant surgeons. "We're hopeful that he will gradually become independent of all support and live a normal life."

The surgery was performed at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Aug. 21-22 but was not announced until Friday because doctors wanted to make sure that Brendon, of Daytona Beach, Fla., had a good chance for survival.

A photograph released by the hospital showed a small, chubby-cheeked boy with a slight smile on his lips and a Teletubbies doll in his hands. He was in good condition and was expected to move to a rehabilitation center within two weeks, said Reyes.

Brendon, who had waited more than 10 months for the organs, was born with Alagille Syndrome — a rare genetic disorder that has only been diagnosed in about 100 people worldwide.

The syndrome is characterized by a less-than-normal number of small bile ducts in the liver and heart, as well as kidney and eye problems. Brendon was also born without a pulmonary artery, the blood vessel that connects the heart to the lungs.

"He was complex from the moment he was born," said Brendon's father, Bryon Ednie. "It does kind of turn your life around and stuff."

The boy is breathing with supplemental oxygen and a device that helps maintain the proper air pressure in his lungs. He has been learning to walk and has been developing a vocabulary with the help of a speech therapist, his father said.

For Results Use Snyder Daily News Classified Ads 573-5486

Lead singer dies in highway mishap

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) — The lead singer of the punk rock group Snot was killed in a highway accident on a coastal freeway.

Lynn Strait, 30, was driving from his home in Santa Barbara to Los Angeles on Friday when the accident occurred about 1 p.m., said Nic Adler, his manager. Strait's dog, Dobbs, was also killed.

Details of the accident were not immediately known.

Snot signed with Geffen Records in 1996 and released its debut album, "Get Some," last year. They were a featured act on this year's "Ozzfest '98" tour.

Strait was arrested earlier this year and charged with indecent exposure and open and gross lewdness. Prosecutors said Strait walked naked onto a stage during a performance in Attleboro, Mass., and received oral sex from a female dancer.

Strait denied that a sex act was committed, saying it was simulated.

The group was to start recording its second album Wednesday, Adler said.

"I really don't know where we're going at this point," he said.

We rent Dry Foam Shampooers and give you FULL Instructions on How to Use Them...

A child 10 years old can operate them... Come by and see for yourself.

Over 45 years in the floor Care Business.

WHY NOT GIVE A GIFT THAT LAST YEAR AFTER YEAR! GIVE HER AN ELECTROLUX

M.M. Mapes

600 Coliseum Dr. 573-8105

OPEN: Mon. - Fri. - 8-6, Sat. 8-1

Stocking Stuffer mega movie sale

Fri-Sun Dec 18-20

BUY 2 • GET 1 FREE!*

Rental Certificates Make Great Stocking Stuffers!

* Free item must be of equal or lesser value. The following items are not included in this offer in any way: Lost in Space, Alfie, Blank Check for Canada, Lady & The Tramp, Hope Floats, Live Flesh Bridget's Pride, Once With The Wind, Godzilla, Small Soldiers, Armageddon, Go Fish, Power Ray, Absolute... pre-ordered movies, rental certificates, rail through Playstation games and all electronic sale items. Not valid with any other special or discount.

GREAT PRICES ON PRE-VIEWED MOVIES

Movies 'N Video Superstore

3024 Varsity Square Snyder, Texas 573-4090

Dandy WESTERN WEAR

Exit 242 I-20 & Hopkins 915-235-4456 OPEN SUNDAYS

JOHN DEERE BOOTS

Air cooled, tri-zone linings for personal foot comfort; wicks away perspiration, cushions and cools the foot in motion.

Waterproof Equipment

ALL 30% OFF

Unique John Deere C9, comfort strut suspension, pillar insert provides energy bounce back and has superior shock absorption for day-long performance.

Non Safety Toe $72.98 Reg. $103.98

Waterproof, premium USA tanned leather upper.

Comfort shaft padding for work day protection.

Positive traction, dual density urethane sole.

Walk-a-lot-o-supper provides long life. Seven layer comfort shock absorbing insole system protects from skeletal fatigue.

Non Safety Toe $87.48 Reg. $124.98

Non Safety Toe $86.98 Reg. $123.98 Or Safety Toe $88.88 Reg. $126.98

Padded ankle

Uni-pull lacing system provides easy on and off.

Special dry breathable foot, and protection from all elements.

Self-cleaning tred design and is oil, acid and chemical resistant.

MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Snyder - Distance Education Schedule

Spring, 1999

Monday 5:30-6:45 pm MGMT 3013 Organizational Behavior BAAS

Tuesday 5:30-9:15 pm POLS 4953 Public Personnel Admin BAAS (Feb.-May *Trimester Sch.)

Wednesday 5:30-6:45 pm MGMT 3013 Organizational Behavior BAAS

Deadline for Application for Admission: Dec. 15, 1998

To Apply: Visit www.mwsu.edu or call 1-888-521-1112

SUBWAY

GIANT PARTY SUBS

Call 573-9782

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Snyder!

We enjoy being a part of the Snyder community. Please join us for a holiday celebration as an expression of our thanks for your friendship and support over the past year.

You're invited to a holiday open house:

Location:Edward Jones
Date: Wed., Dec. 16th
Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Food, Fun & Gifts

TIM RIGGAN
4204 College Ave.
Snyder, Texas 79550
1-800-441-3096
915-573-4055

Edward Jones
Serving Individual Investors Since 1871

Parrots visit third grade classroom

For a short time, Joyce Lionberger's third grade class in Hermleigh had two extra "students." Kelsi and Elvis, both Amazon parrots, came for a brief visit."

They are owned by Rosa Swigert, mother of Brett McClure, one of Lionberger's students.

The two parrots not only talk, but they are also bilingual. Besides "hello," "where are you?," and "get up" they also say Spanish works like "agua" which means "water."

Rosa said both parrots like to repeat what they hear. They love to eat crackers, noodles, seeds, green beans and especially apples.

Sometimes, she lets them run free in her home and closed in patio. Rosa said she has had them about a year. They had belonged to her niece, but Rosa's husband bought them for her.

Rosa changed their name to Kelsi and Elvis. She noted that they enjoy playing with her puppies.

One parrot is male and the other female. They are good company, but the male doesn't like females and likes to run after them and attack them, Rosa said.

Lionberger said the parrots were a bit hit with her students who are studying exotic birds and the effect humans have on their habitat.



PARROTS VISIT — Hermleigh students in Joyce Lionberger's class were recently treated to a visit from two Amazon parrots. From left are, Willie Berkley, Ben Harrington, Jonathan Hernandez, Brett McClure and Rosa Swigert, who owns the parrots. Willie is her son. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Doggett named to post

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, a Democrat from Austin, was named Friday to the House Ways and Means Committee.

"I see this as the continuation of my mission to improve the lives of Central Texas families. ... I will be asking, 'Is it fair?' How much does it cost?' 'How does it affect Central Texas?'" said Doggett, who has served two terms.

"Social Security reform, child care, tax reform and health care are all issues that the folks care about, and for which I will continue to fight. Sitting on such a powerful committee will allow me to continue promoting that agenda on behalf of all Americans who may feel that Congress has been distracted lately from performing the nation's important business," he said.

Almost two-thirds of the federal budget is under the purview of the 39-member committee, which is headed by Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas.

SNYDER 1ST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

PROUDLY PRESENTS THEIR CHILDREN'S

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DEC. 13TH AT 10:45 A.M.

BRING YOUR KIDS TO RECEIVE THEIR FREE CHRISTMAS CANDY CANE.

Holiday giving could include Texas Scottish Rite Hospital

DALLAS — When it comes to the holidays, deciding what kind of gift to give can be the most difficult task, especially for someone who has "everything." When planning your holiday gift list this year, consider making a donation to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in honor of someone special in your life. Your gift will impact many young patients with special needs.

Each year, thousands of children from across the state are treated without charge for orthopedic conditions, related neurological disorders and learning disabilities at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

Supported entirely by voluntary donations since its founding in 1921, the hospital relies on the generosity of friends to help continue the mission of returning children to health and happiness. With this mission in mind, the hospital is asking fellow Texans to adopt Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children as its holiday charity.

By making a donation in honor or memory of a loved one, you can give a gift of a lifetime. The hospital will notify the honorees with a holiday card telling them that a donation has been made in their name.

The hospital's "Wish List" includes a wide range of giving opportunities. Donors may give a specific item, or monetary gifts are always appreciated. The hospital's needs include everything from coloring books, crayons, hardback books and toys, to sports and medical equipment.

Larger cash donations in the form of an honorarium or memorial can also be made to assist in the construction of special areas such as a clinic, testing or exam room or waiting area, which could be named for the recipient.

To receive more information about the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children "Wish List" call 214-559-5000.

"For more than 75 years, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children has been committed to treating children from communities throughout the state, and no family has ever received a bill for treatment," said Anna Ramey, vice president and director of development for the hospital.

"By making a donation to the hospital in honor of a friend or loved one, a donor is able to give a very special and unique gift, and at the same time, know that their generosity is helping children with very special needs. These gifts are also tax deductible," added Ramey.

Local teachers attend meeting

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Melinda Owens, Thomas Strayhorn and Dina Bomar, Snyder ISD teachers, attended the National Science Teachers Association's (NSTA) Southwestern Area Convention held at the Albuquerque Convention Center Dec. 3-5.

In conjunction with the New Mexico Science Teachers Association, the convention attracted more than 3,000 educators from around the region who gathered information on the latest and most innovative teaching methods and explored new developments in science.

Educators participated in hands-on workshops, sessions and short courses, and learned from nationally known-speakers.

The National Science Teachers Association seeks to promote excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning for all. Its 53,000-plus members include science teachers of all grade levels, science supervisors, administrators, scientists, business and industry representatives, and others involved in science education.

NSTA publishes five journals, a newspaper and many books and publications for science educators.

The basic monetary unit of Seychelles is the rupee, and its chief fraction unit is the cent.

Gas explosion kills 4 people

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (AP) — Gas leaking from a ruptured line exploded through three downtown buildings, killing four people and injuring another 16.

"It was a like an earthquake," said witness Pat Kissner of Friday's blast. "There was a lot of dust in the air but it was mostly smoke and the smell of gas."

Construction workers apparently ruptured the line while laying fiber optic cable, and investigators were trying to determine how the gas ignited.

Two workers from Northern States Power Co. who had responded to the leak — Karl Klang, 53, of Cold Spring, and Robert J. Jacobs, 46, of St. Cloud — were killed in the blast. A third victim was a 68-year-old tenant of an apartment above one of the buildings that collapsed. The fourth victim was a 50-year-old woman who was walking in the area. Their names were not released.

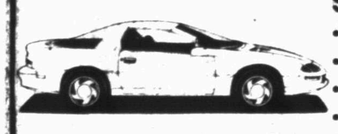
snyder
INSURANCE AGENCY
1820 26th Street
(915) 573-3163
Business Insurance
Auto * Home * Life * Health



"Making Insurance Work For You"

WANTED OIL and GAS
MINERALS/ROYALTIES
FOR PURCHASE ONLY
Respond To: Minerals
P.O. Box 10542
Midland, Texas 79702-7542
Phone 915-683-2850
Fax 915-683-2986

1997 Chevy Camaro - $13,495



Silver - Grey Bucketseats
•V-6 Automatic
•AM/FM/CD Player
•Tilt & Cruise Control
•17,000 Miles
•Factory Warranty Remains

1996 Chevy Camaro Z28 - $16,595

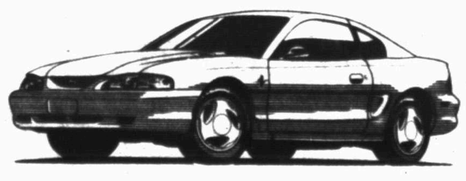


Black - Graphite Leather Bucketseats
•350 V-8 Automatic
•Power Windows/Locks
•Tilt & Cruise Loaded
•Aluminum Wheels
•33,000 Miles

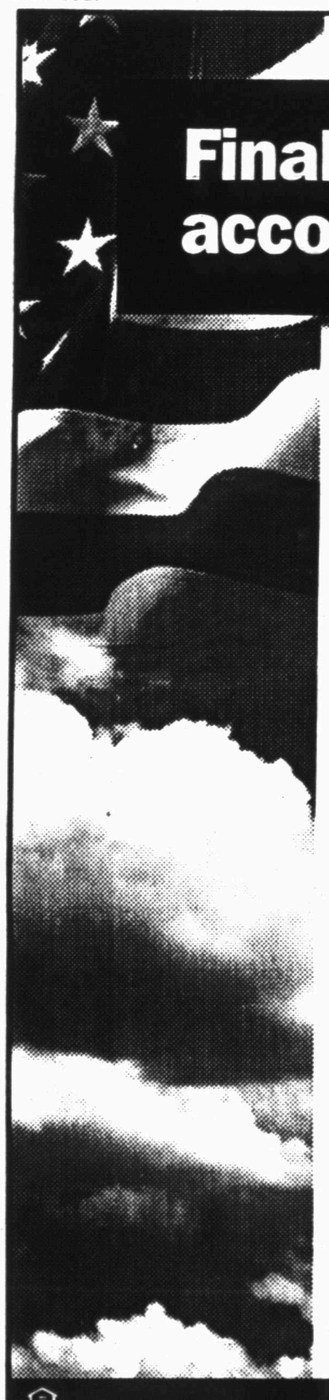


BILL WILSON'S Big Country AUTOLAND
East Hwy. Traffic Circle
Sales Hotlines
573-5456 1-800-573-5459

1997 Ford Mustang - $13,495



White - Graphite Bucketseats
•V-6
•Automatic
•Spoiler
•Power Windows/Locks
•Aluminum Wheels
•25,000 Miles



Finally, a free checking account with interest...

THE HERITAGE CHECKING ACCOUNT

From the bank that first offered free checking, here's one better – free checking with interest.

The Heritage Checking Account pays interest on collected balances of $1,000 or more without a monthly service charge.

The Heritage Account is for customers 55 and over who value smart banking and who've worked hard to protect their financial well-being. We want to work with you to sustain your economic future and help it grow.

Open your HERITAGE ACCOUNT today at any of American State's 24 West Texas Locations.

American State Bank
"Right Size To Be Friendly"

3610 College Ave. Snyder, Texas 573-4041 Member FDIC

SPORTS

Tigers' shooting night matches winter weather in 72-49 setback

SEMINOLE — It didn't snow in Seminole, but the Tigers sure were cold.

Snyder connected on a dismal nine percent of its shots in the first half Friday, killing all chances of an upset of third-ranked Seminole. Instead the Tigers stumbled to a 72-49 setback in the semifinals of the Seminole tournament.

"We took too many bad shots, too many shots that have a high degree of difficulty," Snyder coach Bud Birks said. "We had been doing a better job of taking good shots, but we started to fall behind and things snowballed from there. It's hard to dig out of a hole against Seminole."

The Tigers, now 4-7 on the season, were to have faced Denver City in a third place match-up Saturday afternoon.

In the opening quarter against the Indians, Snyder managed just one field goal, while turning the ball over four times against Seminole's full-court pressure.

The Tigers' shooting woes continued in the second quarter as they connected on only one basket once again. Eight second free throws gave Snyder 12 total points in the first half.

While the Tigers were struggling from the floor, Seminole was clicking on all cylinders.

The Indians, led by University of Texas recruit Chris Ogden, shot 56 percent in the first half to seize a 35-12 advantage.

"They ran the same press against us that they always do," said Birks. "We just didn't find the open man and do the things we needed to do to break it. I just don't think we were ready to play."

The Tigers' shooting improved in the third quarter, but unfortunately, so did Seminole's.

The Indians' connected on 70 percent of their shots in the third period, while the Tigers answerd with their highest output of 19 points.

Seminole opened a 56-31 lead entering the final eight minutes of play, before preserving the victory with 16 fourth quarter points.

Snyder was led by Cory Mandrell's 10 points and five rebounds.

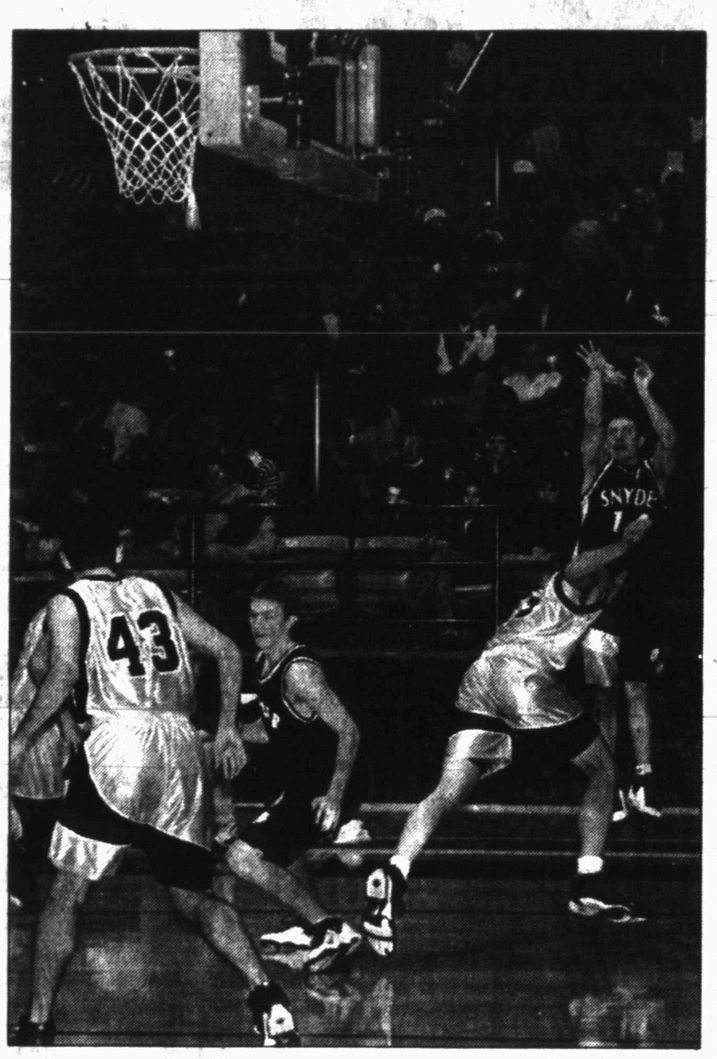
In Saturday's third-place tilt against the Mustangs, the Tigers' biggest obstacle was to be Denver City's 6-7 post Jim Turnbough.

"Against their big kid we're just going to kepp doing the things that we do best," Birks remarked. "We can't match-up with him size wise, so we'll do our best to deny him the ball."

Following tournament action, Snyder travles to Abilene Wylie for a 7:30 tip-off on Friday.

Snyder	2	10	19	18 — 49
Seminole	17	35	21	16 — 72

Snyder
Mandrell 3 4-10 10, McNair 3 1-2 9, Warren 0 6-10 6, Cumbie 3 0-0 6, Hester 2 0-0 4, McAnaw 2 0-0 5, Durham 2 0-0 4, Rosson 1 1-2 3, Cobb 0 2-2 2. **Totals 16 14-26 49.**
Seminole
Browning 5 4-7 15, Clay 6 0-0 12, Ogden 4 4-6 12, Sheets 3 3-4 10, Hernandez 3 0-4 6, Alaniz 3 2-2 8, Alvarado 2 1-1 5, Johnson 1 0-0 2, Hensley 1 0-0 2. **Totals 28 14-24 72.**
Three-point goals: Snyder 3 (McNair 2, McAnaw), Seminole 2 (Browning, Sheets). Rebounds: Snyder 21 (Mandrell 5), Seminole 36 (Ogden 9). Total fouls: Snyder 19, Seminole 25. Fouled out — Cumbie, Alvarado.



LONG-RANGE BOMB — Snyder senior Justin McNair unleashes a three-point attempt, while teammate Brock Durham looks for rebounding position Friday during the Tigers' 72-49 loss at Seminole. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHS girls knock off Ballinger

ABILENE — After claiming the tourney crown a year ago, the Lady Tigers kept their chances alive for another kind of title — the consolation title.

Snyder muzzled the Lady Bearcats from the opening tip Friday, surrendering only two first quarter points en route to a 56-40 victory over Ballinger at the Wylie Catclaw Invitational.

The Lady Tigers, now 4-7 on the season, were to have faced Eastland in the consolation final Saturday afternoon.

During its first quarter dominance, Snyder drained 16 points to grab its biggest lead of the opening half.

Ballinger got rolling in the second period, trimming three points off the deficit with a run just before halftime.

But the Lady Tigers, paced by T'Leah Eicke's 15 points, stretched the margin in the third quarter.

With another stellar defensive performance, Snyder held the Lady Bearcats to only five points in the third period and raced to a 42-25 lead with inly eight minutes to play.

Senior Mandy Hess led the Lady Tigers' effort from the perimeter with a trio of three-point baskets.

Following tourney action, Snyder returns home Friday to host Abilene Wylie at 6:30.

The Lady Tigers' contests with Midland High slated for Monday have been cancelled due to semester finals.

Ballinger	2	18	5	15	— 40
Snyder	16	15	10	14	— 56

Ballinger
Castillo 1 1-2 3, King 3 0-0 6, Gonzales 0 1-2 1, Burleson 0 2-2 2, Fulton 4 2-6 10, Novak 1 1-2 3, Boggess 3 1-2 8, Gibbs 3 1-1 7. **Totals 14 9-17 40.**
Snyder
Mackey 1 0-0 2, Geiger 1 0-0 2, Hall 3 0-2 6, Eicke 7 0-0 15, Hess 5 0-0 13, Peoples 1 2-4 4, Kallemeyn 4 2-2 10, Voss 2 0-0 4. **Totals 20 4-8 56.**
Three-point goals: Ballinger 1 (Boggess), Snyder 4 (Hess 3, Eicke). Total fouls: Ballinger 13, Snyder 19. Fouled out — Eicke.

Ira girls fall to Hornets

OZONA — A fourth quarter slump Friday cost the Lady Bulldogs a shot at the consolation finals of the Ozona tournament.

After knotting the score at 38-38 entering the final period, Ira posted only four points in the fourth quarter to fall, 53-42, to Irion County.

The Lady Bulldogs had trailed by two points at halftime, but rallied with 14 points in the third quarter.

Terri Robinson poured in 21 points to lead Ira, with Morgan Clements draining 18.

Korby Calley dropped in three points and E'Lissa Goolsby finished with two.

The Lady Bulldogs were to have continued tournament action Saturday, before returning home Tuesday to host Southland at 6:30.

Owners, players meet in secret

NEW YORK (AP) — Shhhh! They're trying to settle the lockout.

Under a shroud of secrecy, top negotiators for NBA owners and players made plans Friday to have another stealth meeting this weekend after holding a hush-hush five-hour session a day earlier.

"It's always a good sign when the sides are meeting as opposed to not meeting. Hopefully we'll come to some sort of a productive exchange," said Jeffrey Kessler, the lead outside counsel for the union.

Neither side divulged any details of Friday's session, although sources close to the talks told The Associated Press that it centered more on defining differences rather than settling them.

"I think David Stern clearly has a timetable in his own mind. I've always said it's best to communicate, and it's distressing that they haven't been," said agent David Falk, whose client, Patrick Ewing, is the president of the union.

NCAA Basketball Scores

EAST
Colgate 67, Harvard 63
Rutgers 72, Providence 67
SOUTH
High Point 81, St. Andrew's 73
Miami 66, Cent. Florida 56
MIDWEST
No major team scores reported from the MIDWEST.
SOUTHWEST
No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.
TOURNAMENTS
Boilermaker Invitational
First Round
La Salle 67, E. Washington 59
Purdue 78, Valparaiso 70
Cougar Classic
First Round
Brigham Young 76, Louisiana Tech 68
CS Northridge 83, S. Utah 77
Indiana Classic
First Round
Bowling Green 90, Grambling St. 48
Indiana 90, Boise St. 66
KGVO-Montana Power Classic
First Round
Idaho 68, Youngstown St. 67
Montana 69, St. Mary's, Cal. 62, OT

Memberships Available At Snyder Country Club
Call Denise for more information
573-0165

On The Farm Tire Service
Goodyear Tires available:
Lang Tire Co.
1701 25th Street
Snyder, Texas
Auto-Truck-Farm
573-4031

THURSDAY EVENING ONLY
from 4:30 to closing
FAJITAS FOR 2 FOR $11.50
Or Your Choice Of:
SINGLE FAJITAS (BEEF OR CHICKEN) $5.79
DAILY SPECIALS $3.79
Come out and try us... you'll be glad you did
WINTER HOURS:
Monday - Thursday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 4:30-8:30
Sat. 11 a.m. - 8:30
Closed Sunday
102A E. Coliseum
Most Major Credit Cards Accepted
Jaramillo's Mexican Food
573-9253

Introducing the New Choice in Linen Suppliers...
Tartan
TEXTILE SERVICES, INC.
768 Walnut Street, Abilene, Texas 79601
We are proud to announce the arrival of Tartan Textile Services to Snyder. Tartan is a full-service linen rental company providing West Texas with everything from superior quality napery, kitchen linen, and chef's uniforms to sheets, pillowcases and towels, uniforms for all purposes, dust control and shop services.
Tartan Textile Service offers:
- Superior Quality and Service
- Competitive Pricing
- Silverware Return at No Charge
- Area Production Facility
- Written Service and Quality Guarantee
- Scheduled Visits to Your Account to Insure Satisfaction
- Friendly, Experienced Service Team
One of our knowledgeable Sales Representatives will be contacting you soon to show you how Tartan Textile Services' professionally managed linen program can lower your overall linen and industrial textile costs.
Present this ad to our Sales Representative for a 50% discount on your first week of linen or uniform service with Tartan.
800-588-5267
"The New Concept in Linen Management Services"

Husqvarna
Tough Name. Tough Equipment.™
HOLIDAY SAVINGS
136 Chain Saw-14" NEW!
$179.95
Sugg. list $229.95
SAVE $50!
340 Chain Saw-16" NEW!
$269.95
Sugg. list $299.95
SAVE $30!
www.husqvarna.com
The Rental Store and More
1300 25th St.
915-573-1375
toolman@wbuffalo.com

SPORTS

Dallas looking to heal wounds

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — No, that "ching-ching-kaCHING" noise in Arrowhead Stadium is not a busy cash register ringing up sales.

It's the sound of soon-to-be free agent quarterback Rich Gannon's escalating price tag, going up faster than a Tokyo taxi meter.

He started the season as just another journeyman backup, apparently fated to spend the rest of his career as Elvis Grbac's caddy.

But amid a six-game losing skid, Grbac became so ineffective the Chiefs turned to Gannon out of disgust and desperation, and in the past three weeks, he has been more than electrifying.

He has re-energized the entire team. The Chiefs (5-8) no longer seem limp and leaderless as they prepare for their home finale Sunday against Dallas.

"There's a feeling throughout this locker room that we wish we were just starting the season instead of coming to the end," said defensive lineman Tom Barndt.

With Gannon hitting 68 of 104 passes for 775 yards and seven touchdowns, good for a 102.1 quarterback rating, Kansas City has scored more than 30 points three weeks in a row for the first time since 1967.

Quarterbacks being the NFL's most precious commodity, Gannon couldn't have picked a better time to be playing out the last few weeks of a two-year contract. He'll soon be a free agent, no doubt sifting through offers that'll guarantee a lifetime of financial security.

"The only thing I'm thinking about is next week," said Gannon, whose agent also will point to his 3-1 record as a starter in September while Grbac recovered from an injury. "That's been my focus each week of the season."

The way Gannon's luck has been going, Dallas probably still will be without injured cornerback Deion Sanders. One of the league's top defensive backs, Sanders would only slow Gannon's march toward free agent riches. And that doesn't seem to be in the stars.

But again, Gannon has no time to worry about things beyond his control.

"In this business, you have to stay focused on each week and what you're doing," he said. "We haven't played the Cowboys in a number of years and they're a very good team. So there's a lot of work to get done."

A loss by Arizona or a victory by the Cowboys (8-5), who are coming off their most miserable outing of the year, would clinch Dallas' sixth NFC East championship in seven seasons. Dallas hoped to have both Sanders and cornerback Kevin Smith back from injuries. They were sorely missed in last week's 22-3 loss to the New Orleans Saints.

"We're not pleased at all with the way we played," said coach Chan Gailey. "We believe we're better than that. But you can't just say it. You have to go play better. We get an opportunity Sunday to go play better."

Two weeks ago, Sanders' absence was an obvious factor when the Cowboys lost a 46-36 shootout to Minnesota.

"We lost to Minnesota in a scoring meet and then we lost last week to New Orleans because our offense didn't execute and put or defense in too many binds," Gailey said. "We didn't end up being in position to have a chance to win because our offense let the blitz hurt us too much."

Dallas' weakness against the blitz was sure to be noted by the Chiefs, whose defense has about as many blitz packages as any team in the league.

But while Kansas City's offense has finally found itself behind Gannon the past three weeks, the defense has looked awful. Even though almost everybody has been back from a season-long series of injuries, the defense has given up 38 points to San Diego, 24 to Arizona and 35 to Denver — leaving Gannon only 1-2 in his recent hot streak.

"They're an aggressive football team. They like to come after the quarterback, put on pressure," said Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman. "They've given up some big plays. But they're a good defensive football team."

Ira nabs spot in title tilt

OZONA — The Bulldogs are set to make an appearance in their second consecutive tournament final.

Ira built a comfortable first half lead Friday, then eased to a 78-64 victory over Brownfield in the semifinals of the Ozona tournament.

The Bulldogs posted 22 points in the opening quarter and 20 more in the second to grab a 42-23 advantage at halftime.

Ira's offensive outburst was led by Jerek Brown who finished with 27 points on the night.

Logan Daves poured in 22 points, while Richard Wilkins notched 12. Drew Wall dropped in seven points, with Bryce Wilkins accounting for four.

Nathan Smith, Jose Juarez and Terry Jamison chipped in two points apiece.

Ira was to have competed for the tournament title Saturday night against Ozona, before returning home Tuesday to host Southland at 8 p.m.

International squad poised for its first Presidents Cup victory

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — No, this Presidents Cup isn't a war. The United States is hardly even putting up a fight.

With another stunning 18th-hole birdie and more perfection from one of its least known players, the International team all but clinched its first Presidents Cup on Saturday at Royal Melbourne Golf Club.

At the end of a day in which the wind switched to the south and dropped afternoon temperatures by about 20 degrees, the one constant was the remarkable — the Americans might call it unbelievable — play of the International team.

After winning 4½ of a possible five points in the morning alternate-shot matches, including one on a 50-foot chip-in for birdie on the 18th hole by Australian Craig Parry, the International team held off any U.S. hopes for a comeback to build a lead that is virtually insurmountable.

The International team is up 14½-5½, and needs to win only two of the 12 singles matches Sunday.

"We haven't got it yet, but we're looking good," said Greg Norman, 3-0-1 in four matches with fellow Aussie Steve Elkington.

The United States, needing to mount some semblance of a charge in the afternoon best-ball matches, watched its hopes fall apart on the closing holes.

Norman, the man most responsible for moving the matches out of the United States after two appearances at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Virginia, made a 15-foot birdie putt on the 14th hole to give himself and Elkington the lead over Fred Couples and Davis Love III.

They closed out the final match at 2-up when Norman knocked down the flag at the 17th and the Americans, typical of their entire day, couldn't make a birdie putt.

Tiger Woods and John Huston made a spirited comeback from 4-down after six holes and 2-down with three holes to play when Woods made birdie putts of 4 and 30 feet. But Ernie Els won the match 1-up with a 12-foot birdie putt on the 18th, and Huston's 10-footer to halve never had a chance.

"I'm very disappointed," Woods said. "They are just doing the right things at the right time. It's frustrating. I don't know what else we could have done. This is what match play is all about."

But who would have figured this?

David Duval, the leading money-winner on the PGA Tour and perhaps the most dominant player in the world, is 0-3-1, while Shigeki Maruyama of Japan hasn't lost yet.

Maruyama, paired with Joe Ozaki in a best-ball match against Duval and Mickelson, closed out the match with three straight birdies for a 3 and 2 victory.

Japan's mighty mite also came up big in the morning, holing a 35-foot birdie putt to bring the alternate-shot match even against Woods and Couples, then watching with delight as Parry, his partner, pulled off another last-hole shocker.

One day after Frank Nobilo's thunderous 40-foot birdie putt on the 18th green gave the International team a jump start, Parry found himself in about the same position, needing to get up and down to halve the match.

Instead, he rammed in the 50-foot chip for a 1-up victory that swung the tide in the International's favor.

Texas man to sell No. 66

ANGLETON (AP) — The Pearland man who caught No. 66 — Sammy Sosa's final home run ball of 1998 — has signed a contract to have it auctioned next month, The Facts newspaper of Brazoria County reported Friday.

"It's easy to get excited about it," Albert Chapa said of his possible future riches. "But 'til I see it in my hand, I don't believe it."

Chapa, 31, signed a contract with Guernsey's Auction House at Madison Square Garden to have the Chicago Cubs outfielder's 66th ball auctioned Jan. 12.

Six other Mark McGwire-Sosa baseballs to be featured in the Jan. 12 auction include McGwire's 68th, 67th and 63rd home runs and Sosa's 64th and 61st home runs.

The baseball that will attract the most attention at this auction, of course, is the one from McGwire's 70th and final home run.

Chapa was sitting with a coworker during the fourth inning of the Astros-Cubs game in the Astrodome when Sosa hit the homer on Sept. 25.

Two men in front of Chapa had the ball for a moment but dropped it as they clumsily pulled away from each other. The ball fell between the seats and rolled beneath a chair on Chapa's row. He grabbed it and held on tight.

After he caught Sosa's ball, Chapa locked it in a safe deposit box and fielded occasional inquiries himself by telephone. His first official offer was for $25,000, from a sports memorabilia collector in Chicago.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
N.Y.Jets	9	4	0	.692	347	230
Miami	9	4	0	.692	258	185
NewEngland	8	5	0	.615	285	245
Buffalo	8	5	0	.615	301	262
Indianapolis	2	11	0	.154	229	364
Central						
Jacksonville	10	3	0	.769	348	269
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	276	251
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	233	241
Baltimore	5	8	0	.385	219	263
Cincinnati	2	11	0	.154	217	354
West						
y-Denver	13	0	0	1.000	436	237
Oakland	7	6	0	.538	226	271
Seattle	6	7	0	.462	286	242
KansasCity	5	8	0	.385	269	294
SanDiego	5	8	0	.385	201	271

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	328	239
Arizona	6	7	0	.462	270	331
N.Y.Giants	5	8	0	.385	219	276
Washington	4	9	0	.308	264	357
Philadelphia	3	10	0	.231	125	291
Central						
y-Minnesota	12	1	0	.923	442	242
GreenBay	8	5	0	.615	336	264
TampaBay	6	7	0	.462	247	272
Detroit	5	8	0	.385	266	300
Chicago	3	10	0	.231	219	323
West						
x-Atlanta	11	2	0	.846	353	239
x-SanFran	10	3	0	.769	385	272
NewOrleans	6	7	0	.462	238	268
St.Louis	3	10	0	.231	221	302
Carolina	2	11	0	.154	264	353

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched division title

Sunday's Games

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

Monday's Game

Detroit at San Francisco, 8:20 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19

New York Jets at Buffalo, 12:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 4:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 20

Baltimore at Chicago, 1:01 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1:01 p.m.
Kansas City at New York Giants, 1:01 p.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 1:01 p.m.
San Francisco at New England, 1:01 p.m.
Tennessee at Green Bay, 1:01 p.m.
Indianapolis at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Jacksonville at Minnesota, 8:20 p.m.

BOWLING NEWS

Jack & Jill

Teams	W	L
Whatever	34	18
House of Antieks	34	18
B.J. Services	28	20
BCBC	22	30
MB's Beauty Salon	22	30
Ut Oohs	16	36

High series scratch: Mary Batchelor, 487; Jessie Salas, 486.
High series handicap: Mary Batchelor, 631; Morris Allred, 589.
High game scratch: Donna Smith, 181; David Fisher, 187.
High game handicap: Shelly Rawls, 241; David Fisher, 239.
Splits and special mentions: Morris Allred, 5-7.

Men's Commercial

Teams	W	L
Daylight Donuts	118½	77½
Team 8	112½	83½
Stephens Office	111	85
Whit's Auto	103	93
The Shack	100	96
McLeod Jewelry	87	109
Stooges	82	114
Longhorns	70	126

High series scratch: Morris Allred, 534.
High series handicap: David Carroll, 637.
High game scratch: Morris Allred, 236.
High game handicap: Juan Dominguez, 248.
Splits and special mentions: Don Pavlovsky, 2-7-10, 5-9-7; Morris Allred, 3-6-7-10; Juan Dominguez, 2-7; Jeff Smith, 5-9-7.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division						
NewJersey	16	7	3	35	76	64
Philadelphia	12	9	5	29	73	62
Pittsburgh	10	7	7	27	71	64
N.Y.Rangers	10	11	7	27	72	71
N.Y.Islanders	10	17	0	20	68	81
Northeast Division						
Toronto	16	10	2	34	86	80
Buffalo	14	5	5	33	69	44
Boston	12	7	6	30	66	47
Ottawa	13	9	3	29	77	62
Montreal	8	16	3	19	61	81
Southeast Division						
Carolina	12	11	5	29	74	67
Florida	9	10	6	24	64	70
Washington	8	15	3	19	56	72
TampaBay	7	18	2	16	59	101

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Central Division						
Detroit	16	9	1	33	87	63
St.Louis	9	8	6	24	60	54
Nashville	10	14	2	22	60	78
Chicago	9	16	3	21	66	95
Northwest Division						
Colorado	13	11	2	28	66	67
Edmonton	13	13	2	28	81	75
Vancouver	10	13	4	24	78	80
Calgary	10	15	2	22	73	78
Pacific Division						
Dallas	16	5	4	36	72	52
Phoenix	16	3	3	35	66	37
Anaheim	10	11	6	26	62	66
LosAngeles	7	17	3	17	57	77
SanJose	5	14	7	17	55	67

Friday's Games

Calgary 2, Tampa Bay 1
Buffalo 2, N.Y. Rangers 0
Detroit 3, Edmonton 2
Toronto 3, Chicago 2
Dallas 3, Montreal 2
Anaheim 1, Washington 0

Saturday's Games

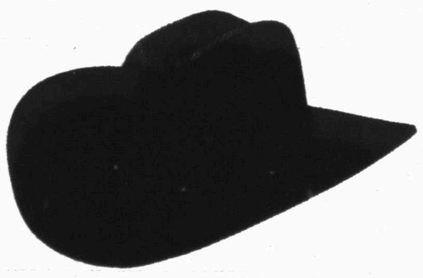
Colorado at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Washington at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Edmonton at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

Nothing Sews Like A Bernina. Nothing.
BERNINA
"She Deserves The Very Best!"
Betty's Bernina
2522 Ave. R 573-0303

Have A Holiday Feast On Us!
Sun Loan Company
is giving away a $100 Gift Certificate From IGA
Sign up at Sun Loan Company, 2519 College Ave.
or Lawrence IGA, 2912 College Ave.
DRAWING WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 21
•No Purchase Necessary •1 Entry Per Person
•Must Be 18 or Over •Need Not Be Present To Win

HATS
By Resistol
Westerner
3X
OPEN SUNDAYS

* Black
* Silverbelly
$79.98
4X Black By Resistol $89.98
Dandy WESTERN WEAR
Exit 242
I-20 & Hopkins
915-235-4456



It's Christmas in John Deere Toy Town
This Christmas, give the little ones on your list the gift of quality John Deere toys. These durable, die-cast-metal replicas are built tough to last through season after season of fun. Your kids will love playing with the various models and sizes available. Stop in today and see our selection.
Key Bros. Implement Co., Inc.
507 E. Coliseum Drive.
573-5812 Snyder, Texas

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS CLASSIFIEDS
ALWAYS A WINNER

020 ANNOUNCEMENTS

$200 IN GROCERY SAVINGS Imagine having a coupon for every item you bought at the grocery store **THINK OF HOW MUCH MONEY YOU WOULD SAVE.** You hear about those smart shoppers who go to the store & pay only sales tax, now you can become one of those people. Call or write for details: Coupon Connection of Texas, P.O. 7491 Abilene, TX 79608, 1-800-404-1475 Ext. 1021. **SELECT FROM OVER 1,200 NAME BRAND PRODUCTS..**



090 VEHICLES

1983 OLDS 98 REGENCY. 4-door, loaded, power, vinyl top, almost new tires. 13,000 miles on rebuilt transmission. Very clean! Excellent condition. 147K miles. $2,250. 573-8776.

1987 GMC Pickup. ½-ton, 77,000 miles, good condition. $5,000. Please call 573-4101.

1989 4-WD Suburban 95K miles, $8,700. Excellent condition. See at 2100 College, Midwest Electric. 573-5036.

1990 OLDSMOBILE 98 REGENCY BROUGHMAN. Loaded & Clean. $3,795 OBO. 1992 CHEVROLET SILVERADO. Extended Cab, Clean, High Mileage (Hiway Miles), Bucket Seats, Mag Wheels. $8,475 OBO. 573-9043.

1993 V-6 DODGE Grand Caravan Mini-Van, leather interior, 4 captain's seats, new tires, loaded, $7,950. 573-5525 or 573-0990.

ARE YOU PUTTING ME ON?
MAKE THE CONNECTION FOR SAFETY!
A MESSAGE FROM THIS NEWSPAPER AND THE OPS TROOPERS

140 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Farmers Insurance Agency appointment available. Training and financial support provided. Must have a history of job stability and no prior insurance experience. 4 year college degree required. Contact Sonny Harvey, District Manager, at 915-692-4981.

GREAT Opportunity! Established 20+ years convenience store/coin operated laundry business for sale. Storage rentals plus other extras. Serious inquiries only. Day 573-9641, night 573-8173.

THIS IS WHERE ALL THE ACTION IS
The SDN Classified Ads
573-5486

Business Directory of Services

Farmers Mutual Protective Association
RVOS
Insuring Your Home Whether Inside Or Outside City Limits.
Marilyn Graves, Agent
Call For Quotes 573-8647

Bullard's Computer Solutions, Inc.
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL
6 Months Free Internet w/Purchase of Computer
$162 Value
Call 573-4801

Snyder Appliance Service
Service Snyder Area for 44 Years
Selling New Crosley Appliances
Repairs on all Makes & Models
Will Buy & Sell Used Appliances
CAP HERNANDEZ
2415 College 573-4138
Se Habla Espanol

Waterwell Services
Windmills & Domestic Pumps
Move, Repair, Replace
TOMMY MARRICLE 573-2493
BENNIE MARRICLE 573-8710
Before 8 a.m. & after 6 p.m.

915-573-1741
800-221-8672
FAX 915-573-3471
www.snydertex.com/PRODPUMP/
*BONDED *INSURED
PRODUCTION BUILDERS
of Snyder, TX
Specializes In All Sizes Welded Constructions, Pre Engineered Portable or On-Site Buildings
Call PRODUCTION BUILDERS Today For All Your Commercial And Industrial Building Needs.

Custom Picture Framing
THE BIRDHOUSE
Garry Greenlee
Phone
(915) 573-1209
2956 Gary Brewer Rd.
W 30th St. Snyder, Texas

DRY PASTURE?
SELF-FEED MOORMAN'S ROUGHAGE BUSTER®
Roughage Buster contains Biuret, a slow-release nitrogen source available exclusively from MoorMan's. Biuret, plus scientifically formulated base and trace minerals, encourages maximum activity of rumen microorganisms for efficient pasture and roughage utilization.
Roughage Buster also supplies high-level vitamin A, plus vitamins D3 and E. Comes in blocks or loose, processed form. Choice of palatability levels.
Both are designed to fill your grazing cattle's supplemental nutritional needs economically.
MoorMans
John E. Reed Sales Representative
Phone: (915) 573-7878, Mobile: (915) 725-2391

If you need your Septic Tank, Sand Trap Or Grease Trap pumped out, give us a try!
N&H Septic Pumping
Billy Newton (915) 573-5159
Jesse Hernandez (915) 573-7397
Cellular (915) 725-5087

CALLAWAY WATER WELL DRILLING & PUMP SERVICE
Sales Service • Repair
Helping You Discover Your Natural Resources
Owner – Jimmy Callaway
• New Wells
• Repairs
Licensed Drilling Contractor & Licensed Pump Installer
Complete Water Well Drilling & Completions
573-8489
338-8489
Snyder

AG SERVICES
•Livestock Hauling (fully insured)
•Welding & Construction
Barns, Corrals, Hay Shed, Windbreaks, Fence, Etc.
FOR ALL YOUR RANCH WORK NEEDS CALL:
Shawn Justiss
573-4879 338-4881
Day Work: 1 man to a full crew

SPARLIN CONSTRUCTION
Welding *Fabrication* *Fencing*
Metal Buildings *Carpentry* *Painting*
Bud Sparlin Mobile-575-4182 or 573-4766
1945 Santa Fe Ave. Snyder, Texas 79549

COOPER APPLIANCE
Service & Parts For All Appliances & Air Conditioning Systems
Whirlpool Dealer
36 Years Experience
573-6269
606 Coliseum Drive

•Painting •Remodeling
•Experience • References
Call Ken Cruse
573-8115

Coventry Plumbing
1311 College
Snyder, Texas
573-3085
MP9955

Call 573-5486
For Business Directory Ads

150 BUSINESS SERVICES

CHIMNEY CLEANING SERVICE: CALL Walter Banks 573-4736 or Darrell Craig 573-2472. Leave Message.

R & J CONSTRUCTION
Metal Buildings, Roofs, Carports & Fences.
John Green 573-3976

THE CARPET STORE & MORE, 1105 E. Broadway, Sweetwater. We will be in Snyder every Thursday to measure your home. Call 915-235-8180 for an appointment.

WANTED: Houses or Apartments to clean. Excellent Work—Reasonably Priced! References Furnished. Call 573-3855.

CLASSIFIEDS EVERYBODY'S MARKETPLACE
573-5486

160 EMPLOYMENT

CARPENTER WANTED: Golden Corral needs new Buffet Cabinets Built & Installed in 2 Stores. 573-3304.

CARRIER NEEDED for Abilene Reporter News. Good Credit & Reliable Transportation! Active phone a must. 1-800-588-4284 Ext. 5236.

☑ CHECK THIS! $$ Delivery $$! We need you to deliver the new GTE Post Everything Pages in your area. Earn up to $8 per hour or more depending upon your speed of delivery. Must have a valid driver's license, a vechicle with current license plates and have a 4-8 daylight hours available. For more information call: 1-800-839-5022 MON-FRI 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Computer Users needed. Work own hrs, $20k to $75k/yr. 1-800-348-7186 ext. 1601.

ENTRY LEVEL Staff Accountant or Full Charge Bookkeeper for local governmental entity. Must have basic understanding of budgeting & fund accounting. Minimum of 1 year's experience with a government or CPA firm. A non-smoking office. Teamwork & ability to meet deadlines are essential. Apply through Texas Workforce Commission at Western Texas College, Learning Resource Center #101. EOE Employer Paid Ad.

HELP WANTED: Mother's & Other's $500-$2500 PT. Full Training. For Free Booklet Call 1-800-230-9675.

PART-TIME medical secretary w/ computer knowledge. Apply in person at Snyder Medical Clinic. 5206 Trinity Blvd. 573-8594.

SUB FOR ABILENE PAPER ROUTE. 573-3397.

CONTRACTOR WANTED: Golden Corral needs a new 1000 gallon Grease Trap Installed. 573-3304.

ELECTRONICS ASSEMBLER needed for fast paced production environment. Must be craftsman with an eye for detail. Required skills range from instrument panel fabrication to electronic assembly and test. Knowledge of AC/DC electronics, word processing, and spreadsheets are a plus. Please send resume to:
Electronics Manufacturing Manager
YZ Industries, Inc.
P.O. Box 890
Snyder, Texas 79550

PLAY IT SMART... GET INTO THE CLASSIFIEDS
573-5486

PLAY IT SMART... GET INTO THE CLASSIFIEDS
573-5486

UTILIZATION Review/Trauma Nurse Coordinator needed. Mitchell County Hospital has an opening for an R.N. with strong clinical background. A.C.L.S. required for Trauma Nurse Coordinator position. Participation in R.A.C. meetings required. Computer literacy a must. Utilization Review component requires tact in dealing with members of the medical team and frequent contact with Third Party payers. Good telephone skills helpful. Applications will be accepted at Mitchell County Hospital (915) 728-3431 ext 288. Contact Linda Mize, R.N. for interview.

LVN NEEDED for charge position, night shift. 12 hour work shift, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. $10.25/hr. with benefits including mileage and uniform allowances, vacation and double pay for holiday hours. Come by Loraine Manor, 402 Campbell Ave. in Loraine for an application and interview. EOE.

MITCHELL COUNTY Hospital is accepting applications for an LVN for 3-11 p.m. shift. Contact Jo Ann Merket, RN, DON AT 915-728-3431.

IRRIGATION TECHNICIAN
Lubbock, Texas
JOB #19596

The City of Lubbock (population 196,000) is seeking a qualified applicant for the position of Irrigation Technician who under general supervision maintains and repairs irrigation system components. Leads and supervises the work of employees engaged in irrigation system maintenance. Performs related duties as required. This position will report to Park Maintenance.
The successful candidate will have any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school with an additional three years progressively responsible experience in installation, repair and maintenance of large turf or golf courses irrigation systems. Registration as Texas Registered Licensed Irrigator. Knowledge of hydraulics and large turf irrigation components including pumps, electric controls, timers, valves, PVC pipes and irrigation heads. Ability to operate, test and repair irrigation systems. Ability to operate earth moving equipment. Ability to develop and interpret irrigation plans, specifications and details. Ability to lead, train and assist in employee evaluations. Requires possession of a Texas Driver's License. Ability to communicate effectively with others. Machines and equipment used during the shift are hand tools, drill, saws, trenchers and other earth moving machinery, wire cutters and soldering iron. Requires working in outside weather conditions during all seasons. Peforms preventative maintenance and diagnosis of irrigation system conditions. Coordinates work of assistant. Assists with the inspection of contract irrigation work. Preferred: Class 'A' Commercial Driver's License.
Closing Date: December 18, 1998
Salary Grade: 507
Salary; $11.05 Hourly/$22,984 Annually.
To apply send application to: Human Resources, City of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas 79457. All applications must be received in the Human Resources Office by 5:00 p.m. on the closing date. Resume must be accompanied by an application. The City of Lubbock is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Telephone Number (806) 775-2311 or 1-800-621-0793.
INTERNET HOME PAGE www.ci.lubbock.tx.us (The City of Lubbock is under the Texas Public Information Act and information from your resume/application may be subject to release to the public.)

TACO BELL DRIVE THRU
ASSISTANT AND SHIFT MANAGER POSITION NOW AVAILABLE
Join the team at Double O, Inc. and be part of the success of the largest and best Mexican Food Concept in the Big Country.
For more information about employment opportunities in your area please contact your local Double O, owned and operated TACO BELL® location. Or you may contact the local Texas Employment Commission office or call 1-888-806-TACO
©1998 Taco Bell Corp.
Sign of a great employer
WE OFFER
• Advancement based on Performance not seniority
• Competitive salaries
• Excellent Bonus Program
• Paid Vacation
• Insurance benefits
• Full time employment
• Free Uniforms
• Free Meals
• Comprehensive training
Equal Opportunity Employer

180 INSTRUCTIONS

MORRIS SHAW SCHOOLS of **Defensive Driving Course.** Mon. & Tue., December 14th & 15th, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Snyder Savings Loan, 2619 College Ave. For more information call 573-2850. No reservations needed. CO199-CP315.

190 FINANCIAL

1000 NEW CUSTOMERS NEEDED! No Credit — No Problem! Loans $100 to $446. Apply by phone at 573-1761 or come by Security Finance, 511 Coliseum Dr., Snyder, Tx.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!
Get Your Classified Ad in by 4 p.m. the Day BEFORE You Want It in the Paper!
(4 p.m. Friday for Sun. & Mon.)
ALL ADS ARE CASH in advance unless you have an established advertising account with The Snyder Daily News.
ALL GARAGE SALES must be paid in advance.
Call 573-5486

GARAGE SALE
Advertise your garage full of "Don't Needs" in
Snyder Daily News
573-5486

220 FARMER'S COLUMN

ALFALFA HAY. Small squares (65 lbs) Large squares (1500 lbs) 573-8911 or Pager 1-800-508-4212.

FOR SALE: Coastal hay. 1-915-728-5550 (Colorado City).

HAY FOR SALE! HEAVILY FERTILIZED. $50-$60 A ROLL DELIVERED. LIMITED QUANITY. 915-667-7470.

SHUR-GROW 32% PROTEIN LIQUID FEED. Snyder Farm & Ranch 573-0767.

PURINA 24% PROTEIN TUBS, 200 LBS. Snyder Farm & Ranch 573-0767.

GREAT PLACE TO BUY... SELL TRADE OR RENT
573-5486

240 SPORTING GOODS

870 20 gauge Shotgun, good condition, $150. 573-7701 Acfter 5 p.m.

EZE-GO GOLF CART, Winterized cover and windshield. Good Condition. Bargain!! 573-0947.

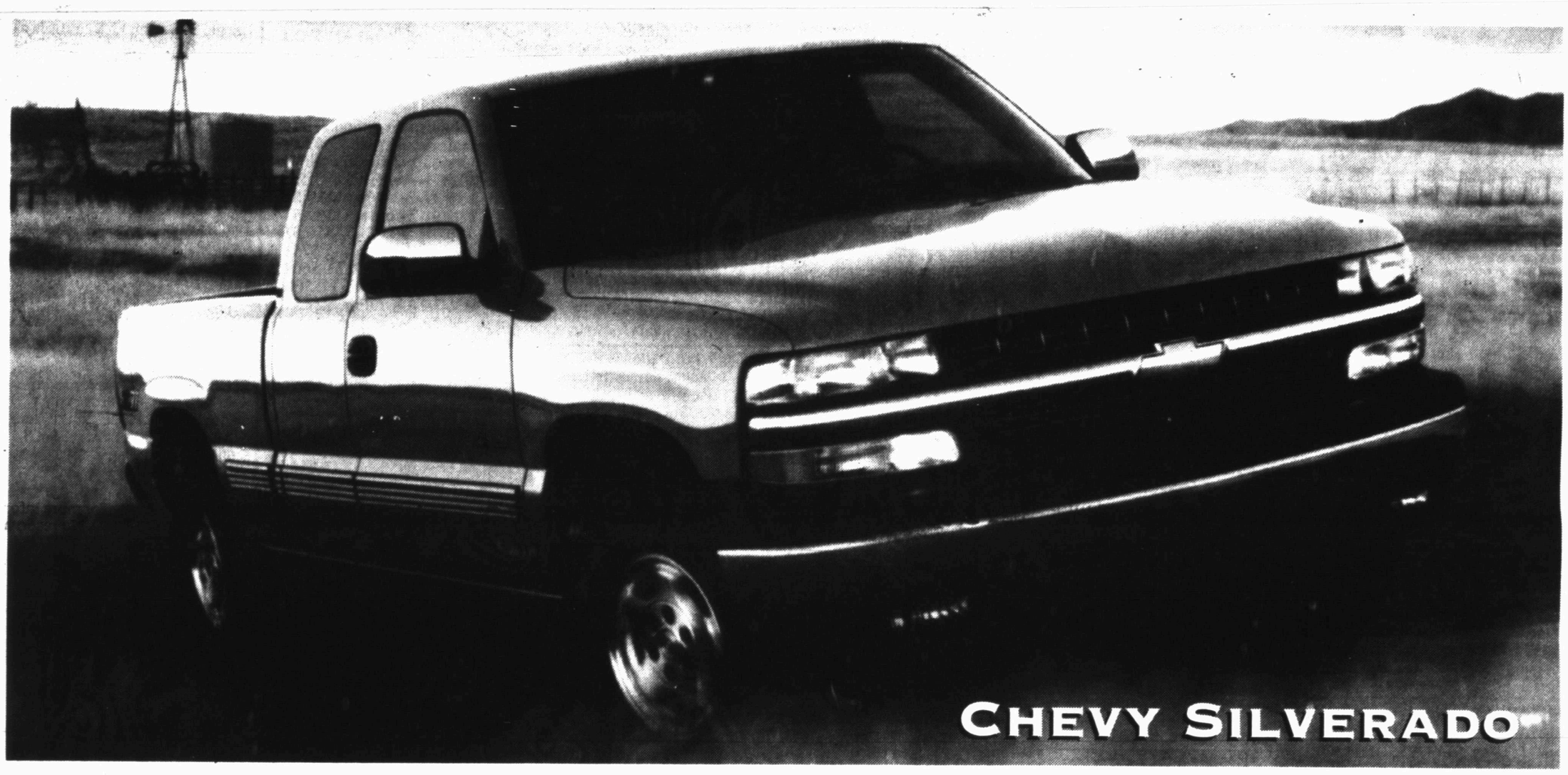
THE ALL NEW 1999 SILVERADO

BIGGER

Chevy Silverado has the biggest interior of any half-ton full-size pickup.

FASTER

Chevy Silverado has the most powerful V8 of any pickup truck.



STRONGER

Chevy Silverado has the most durable frame ever offered on a Chevy full-size pickup.

SMARTER

Chevy Silverado is the most intelligent truck we've ever built.

Abilene
Lawrence Hall Chevrolet
(915) 695-8800

Anson
Lawrence Hall Chevrolet
(915) 823-3261

Baird
Hanner Chevrolet
(915) 854-1133

Breckenridge
Carstens Motor Co.
(817) 559-2266

Brownwood
Holley Auto Group
(915) 646-9511

Coleman
Alan Nix Motors
(915) 625-3528

Eastland
Fullen Motor Co.
(254) 629-2676

Haskell
Bailey Toliver Chevrolet
(940) 864-2626

Jayton
Robert Hall Chevrolet
(806) 237-2182

Snyder
Big Country Autoland
(915) 573-5456

Sweetwater
Toliver Auto Plaza
(915) 235-4384

Winters
Charles Bahlman Chevrolet
(915) 754-4551

BIG COUNTRY CHEVROLET DEALERS
THE Heartbeat OF WEST TEXAS CHEVROLET

Faster claim: Silverado products are generally faster than the models they replace. However, certain combinations will yield different results. V8 claim: Based on horsepower of available Vortec 6000 V8 engine. All claims exclude other GM vehicles.

Snyder Daily News Classifieds ALWAYS A WINNER

250 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

AVCO 30 ft. MOTOR HOME. $4500. Can be seen @ 1510 N. Ave. E. 573-3363.

MISS YOUR PAPER?

Your Snyder Daily News should be delivered by or before 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Your Carrier strives to give prompt service, but should your paper be missing

Please Call 573-5486

Before 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday

260 MERCHANDISE

CAR AUDIO equipment, used furniture, new wheels & tires for Chevrolet pickup. 573-3263 leave message.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!! Medal Detectors by White's Electronics. 915-728-2494, Colorado City.

CONVALESCENT NEEDS
Wheel Chairs, Walkers, Canes, Home Blood Pressure Kits, Etc. Sales & Rentals
3706 College 573-7582

FIREWOOD!! Local Cutter! Part Seasoned. 24", 22", 20" & 18" Split, DELIVERED. 573-1216.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE! 1 Cord $90. ½ Cord $50. Delivered & Stacked. Call 573-8672 leave message.

GUARANTEED USED APPLIANCES: Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators, Ranges & Freezers. WESTERN AUTO 2510 AVE. R.

LARGE COUCH with matching chair. Good condition, mauve, country blue & cream. Large metal office desk. 573-5739.

MESQUITE & Oak Firewood for sale. 573-0497.

NEW 1998 SINGER HEAVY DUTY SCHOOL MODEL
Sews Jeans * Upholstery * Leather * Silk * Satin * Serge Scam Finish * Buttonholes * Monograms. Was $439, with ad **ONLY $186**. New in Cartons. Full Factory Warranty. **SINGER SEWING CENTER** 5418 Slide Rd., Lubbock 806-788-0608.

NEW CROP PECANS FOR SALE. Unshelled $1.25 lb. Shelled $4.50 lb. 573-9853.

PALLETS for sale. Call 573-5486 Snyder Daily News.

PRIMESTAR DECEMBER SPECIAL!! Several Options Available! Starting at $29.95. Call for details. 573-6269 or 573-6226. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

REMODELING SALE! Gas Wall Heaters * Gas Hot Water Heaters * Tub Faucets & Shower Massage * Priced To Sell! See at Purple Sage Motel.

SUPER NINTENDO W/8 GAMES, $75. SEGA GENESIS W/11 GAMES, $100. 573-1937.

C.A.L. Mini Mall
2107 25th Street

Babybeds	$45
2 Pc. Bedding	$7.50
Inf. Sleepers	3/$4
Ladies, Children, Maternity Wear	$1 - $2 - $3
Men's Shirts	$1-$2

Open 6 Days 1-5 573-0990

290 DOGS, PETS, ETC.

AKC BLACK LAB PUPPIES for sale. 573-0363.

AKC PEKINESE PUPPIES. READY BY CHRISTMAS. Taking deposits. $150 each. 573-5513.

Tropical Fish * Bettas * Hamsters * Snakes * Guinea Pigs * Sugar Gliders * Iguanas * Hermit Crabs! Supplies! JKB PET SHOP, 109 Cypress, Roscoe, TX, 915-766-3101.

WORKING Border Collie puppies for sale, $50 each. Working parents on premises. Also, FREE adult cats! 573-2873, 573-6763.

310 GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
815 S. CR Union
West on Lamesa Hwy, right at blinking light, 2nd house on left
Saturday & Sunday 9-4
Pecans * Christmas Decor. Bows * Clothes * Welder Table * El Camino * Misc.!

SEWING MACHINE SERVICE IN YOUR HOME! Call Tuesdays & Wednesdays 915-694-3818 or 573-7499, or 1-800-872-3042 access code 02.

325 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1 Bedroom Furnished Apartment w/all bills and cable paid. Call 573-3279 or 573-5879. No answer 915-728-8482.

2 BEDROOM apartments, cable TV, water, refrigerator, range, $175, no pets. Call 573-5773.

2 bedroom Apartment for rent. Good location. Reasonable. 573-0996.

2 bedroom Furnished Apartment for rent. Remodeled. All bills & cable paid. Also, 3 bedroom Mobile Home w/no bills paid. 573-3279, 573-5879, no answer 915-728-8482.

FRESH PAINTED, extra clean, furnished 1 bedroom apartment. No Pets. All bills paid. Small deposit. Quiet neighborhood. 573-8477.

ONE BEDROOM furnished apartments, deposit required, no utilities paid. 573-9047 or 728-3929.

SMALL furnished apartment in Hermleigh. 863-2700.

KINGSWOOD & EASTRIDGE APARTMENTS
100 37th Street
Snyder, Texas
915-573-5261
- One Bedroom From $240
- Two Bedroom From $286
- Cent. A/C & Heat
- Carpet
- Playground
- Laundry Rooms
- Resident Manager

Equal Housing Opportunity

Western Crest Apartments
3901 Ave. O
- 1 or 2 Bedroom
- Washer/Dryer Connections
- Covered Parking • Sparkling Pool
- Playground • Satellite TV Available
- Corporate Housing Upon Request

Windridge Village Apartments
5400 College Ave.
- 1 or 2 Bedroom
- Sparkling Pool • Clothes Care Facility
- Great Location • Satellite TV Available
- Corporate Housing Upon Request

Office Located At 3901 Ave. O
573-1488

330 HOUSES FOR RENT

3 BEDROOM, 1 bath, 1 car garage, fenced backyard, $375/mo., deposit required. 573-9603 after 6 p.m.

BRICK 2 bedroom, carport w/ appliances, $350/mo. 3800 Noble, contact at 1809 38th St. 573-9066.

FOR RENT: 3-2-2 home in country, fenced yard, Hermleigh ISD 863-2313 Leave message.

FOR RENT: 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath House, w/CH/A. $350/month $100/deposit. 307 34th. Call 573-0497 or 573-0900.

FOR Lease or SALE 3-1-1, CH/AC, den & fireplace, Irving St. 830-896-3946.

HOUSE: RENT TO OWN OR LEASE. 2-1-Den. 107 Milburn. Deposit required. 573-6760.

"RENTERS" You work hard for your money. Why throw it away? Invest in a new home! Call JoAnn @ A-1 Homes 563-9000 or 1-800-755-9133.

GARAGE SALE
Advertise your garage full of "Don't Needs" in
SNYDER DAILY NEWS
573-5486

340 MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

$0 DOWN LAND/HOMES! No Payment 'til '99! Only at Oakwood Homes I-20 & Bus. 83 in Abilene. **800-529-3195** (w.a.c). **CREDIT PRE-APPROVAL!** Get your credit pre-approved quickly & with no hassle. Simply call our friendly Oakwood Staff.

SINGLE PARENTS! We Can Help! 2, 3, & 4 Bedroom! Low Down/Low Monthly. E-Z Credit. Call (800)529-3195.

I'M TIRED OF TEXAS! Take over my payment. Call Ron 915-672-3152.

ABANDONED HOME! TAKE OVER PAYMENTS. CALL 1-800-529-3195.

FACTORY REBATE
$1400 TO $1800 ON SELECT FLEETWOOD HOMES. CALL J. HITE HOMES, ABILENE, 800-378-0998 OR 793-9999.

FREE! FREE! FREE Washer and Dryer or $500 Shopping Spree @ Walmart with purchase of new home. Call JoAnn 563-9000 or 1-800-755-9133.

HO! HO! HO! Make this the Best Christmas ever, in front of your new fireplace in your new home, from A-1 Homes. Call James 915-563-9000.

SELL! SELL! SELL! We are paving our lot. Get your best deal ever at A-1 Homes. Call James 915-563-9000 or 1-800-755-9133.

HAVE YOU BEEN TURNED DOWN on a mobile home? Well call Calvin the Credit Doctor and get what you desire! A-1 Homes 1-800-755-9133.

$500 DOWN on a new 3 Bedroom Home. $193/month, 240/months, 10% A.P.R. W.A.C.! Call Calvin 915-563-9000 or 1-800-755-9133. A-1 Homes

IT'S THE SEASON TO GIVE! Own a new 1999 Mobile Home and receive FREE * FREE * FREE A/C, Skirting, Washer, Dryer and receive up to $1800 CASH BACK TO YOU. Call Billy, A-1 Homes 1-800-755-9133.

$1400 REBATE on 1999, 16X80 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Home. Use it anyway you want. Only at A-1 Homes, Midland, West Hwy. 80 1-800-755-9133 or 915-563-9000.

$1800 REBATE! Just in time for Christmas on 1999, Multi-Section 3 Bedroom 2 Bath w/study. Only at A-1 Homes, Midland, West Hwy. 80 1-800-755-9133 or 915-563-9000. Ask for Jay.

$233.61 a Month on 1999, 16X80 Fleetwood 3 Bedroom 2 Bath 9.75 % APR fixed, 360 months W.A.C. Only at A-1 Homes, Midland, West Hwy. 80 1-800-755-9133 or 915-563-9000. Ask for Jay.

GOOD CREDIT! BAD CREDIT! Divorces, Bankruptcy, it dosen't matter! Call Calvin the Credit Doctor, for your new Mobile Home. 1-800-755-9133.

FREE * FREE * FREE $1400 Cash back to you. Own a new 1999 Fleetwood. Free A/C, Skirting, Washer, Dryer and $1400 cash. Call Billy, A-1 Homes, 1-800-755-9133.

TOYS 'R' US gift certificate with every new home purchase! Immediate delivery available. 3 bedroom, 2 bath — $999 down, $230 per month. HURRY — LIMITED TIME OFFER! 915-638-5280. (Trade-ins Welcome!).

FOR SALE or LEASE 3-1-1, CH/AC, den & fireplace, Irving St. 830-896-3946.

Special Financing Available! Easy Terms! 3 bedroom house at 1207 26th Street. Nice porch, permanent siding, new carpet, newly painted interior. Price $26,000, low down payment, $295 per month. Call toll free: (915) 425-9998 or 425-9994.

STEVENSON REAL ESTATE
2405 25th Street
573-5612 or 573-1755
Bill Dryden, Broker/Owner

1508 Preston Trail Cedar Creek Add. Lovely 3-2-2—2 Living Areas
3610 40th 3-2 L/R+Den $59.5T
Country West 3-2-2 Sm.A $79.5
4300 Ave U 3-2-den-fpl $58.5T
4505 Denison 3-2-1-Stor $68.5T
Red! Santa Fe 4-3-off-3cp Nice
Red! 2305 30th 3-2-cp $39.5T
310 36th 3-1 Fresh Look $31.5T
5502 Cedar Crk 3-2½-2 $105T
2800 46th 4-3-2-spacious $150T
2803 47th 3-2-Shop+Apt $80's
118 Milburn 2-1-1cp $12.5T
2103 37th 3-2-2cp $65T
2400 42nd 3-2-1 CH/A $42.5T
4103 Eastridge 3-2-2 $39.5T
3108 39th Own. Says Sell 3-1-cp
3007 41st 3-1-2cp $30's
2210 33rd 3-3-2-Lovely view!
3503 40th 3-1½-1 $41.5T
3725 Ave U 3-1-1cp $29.5T
2211 27th 4-2-corner $39.5T
2811 Ave. U 3-2-1 $56.5T
3005 Ave U 3-2-4cp $75T
3404 Jacksboro 3-2-2 $60T
Union 3-2-Plus Rental $50's
2107 41st 3-1 Own/Fin. $27.5T
Comm. Bldg. West 25th CALL
College Ave Office Building w/15 Storage Units.
3007 40th 2-1 $15.5T
104 35th 1 bedroom Make Offer
3719 Ave. U 4-2 CH/A $38.5T
Acreage Tracts 14 to 650 Acres Available.

Wenona Evans 573-8165
Doris Beard 573-8480
Bill Dryden 573-9739

Elizabeth Potts, Realtors
1707 30th Suite C
573-8505
Jemi Matthies, Owner Broker

Edge of Town 1926 Santa Fe 3-2-2 $76T.
Less than a year old 4-2-2.
Price Reduced!. S Hwy 208 Beautiful Home w/Pool.
2803 47th 3-2 $80's Pretty!
3310 Ave. V 3-2-2 Nice!
Ira 3-2-2 CP-Shop+12.7A $78T.
3749 Sunset Red. 3-2-1-1CP
1929 Santa Fe 4-3-3 Office.
Parkview Area 4-2-2 $97T Call.
Near Park 4-2 Nice $80s.
Beautiful 5-3½+2 Living areas.
New Exclusive 3-1 $34T.
Country Home w/3 Acres.
Ira 3-2-2 w/2.26 A. $105T.
Close to Park 3-2½-2 Nice.
Reduced 3-1 Assume..... Call.
New List. 3AC-4-3-Shop $60's.
3404 Jacksboro 3-2-2 $60T
2807 Ave. W... Unique 4-2½
Comm 1801 22nd Sale/Lease

Rita Knox 573-7082
Jackie Buckland 573-8193
Annette Waller 573-9467
Sarah Jamison 573-4028

#1 Small Acres - Close In
#2 Nice 2 Bedroom - 1011 28th
#3 Mobile Home - 3 Acres
#4 For Rent - 2 Bdr. $225 Mo.
Roswell Rigsby Real Estate
573-7682

HERITAGE HOMES REALTORS
3405 Snyder Shopping Center, Suite B
(915) 573-5056

Nearly New! 4-2-2 Very Nice $100's
Charm & Quality 2 bedroom, dining, guest house in back, easy to maintain, MUST SEE!
TAKE PRIDE in extra nice Lancer home out city $40's
SEVERAL BUILDING SITES! Lots & Acreage!
OWNER IS MOVING!! Nice Commercial Building $60's
ELEGANT & STYLISH in... .....beautiful setting 3-4½-3.
4-2-Den w/fpl 3403, Irving.
Nearly New! 4-2 Hay Barn & Storage Bluilding 30 + Acres.
Colonial Hill 3-2-2 stm/cellar.
Attractive 3-2 w/2 L.A.'s.
Open Concept 3-2-2-fpl $60's.
Perfect 2 w/sitting room..... .....Small yard, Brick $40's.
Large 5-3½ frml LR w/Den.
North 208 Brick 3-2-patio.
W. Edge 3-2-1 Extra Lot.
27 Acres w/unique home.
7 Acres 4-3-2 w/front porch.
Call For affordably priced.. .....LISTINGS $30T & below.
Own Your Own Business .....Bulldog Grocery, Ira.

Dolores Jones 573-5308
Faye Blackledge 573-1223
Joan Tate 573-8773
Debby Miller 573-2075

JACK & JACK Realtors
611 Coliseum Dr.
Ford Spikes, Owner Broker
573-8571 573-3452

4.45 A's 3-1¼ Barns/Arena
587 A's App 8 Mi. W. of Ira
3-2-2 Great Area $60T
5.60 Large Country 3-2-2cp.
W. Hwy. 180 2.13 A's 3-2-cp
2-1-1 CH/A 310 34th $22T
2-1-1cp Fenced 510 28th St.
3-1¼-2 Range & Refrigerator
3-1-1 2109 43rd St. $49T
20 Acres 3-1-2 Cp. Sheds
Small Starter Home 2-1½.
2025 Sq. Ft. 3-2-1cp $65T
107 Elm St. 4 Bdrm $23,320
MOBILE HOMES!
14.49 Ac. 3-2 Hot Tub Sp. Sys.
RED 2-1-1-Den Cor. Lot $30T
656 Acres with Older Home!
Rotan 8A 2-1-Bsmnt $39.9T
904 E. Johnson 2-1-Den.
108 N. Richards 3-1-1 S/Bldg

Shirley Drum 573-1550
Ford Spikes 573-6602

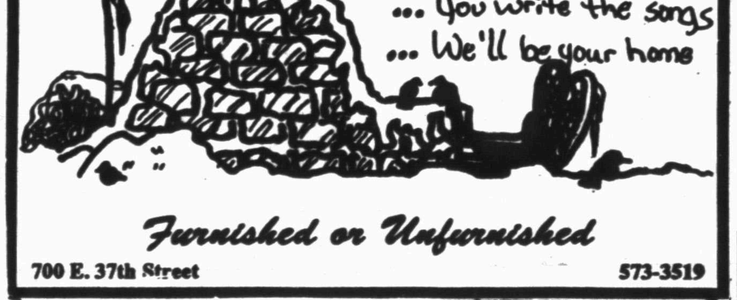
362 FARMS & RANCHES

156 acres 10 miles East of Snyder with a great 4,240 sq. ft., 4 bedroom, 3 bath, home. 70 acres of Coastal Bermuda, 42 acres of Cultivation, 44 acres native pasture. Exceptional property.
J. Martin Basinger Co., Inc.
806-828-6854

960 acres with a 3,000 sq. ft. brick home located 1 mile SE of Ira. 254 acres in CRP. Pasture is mesquite and shinery/mesquite mix. Great country living only 12 miles from Snyder.
J. Martin Basinger Co., Inc.
806-828-6854

SCURRY CO., 52.983 ACRES, NEAR FLUVANNA ON FM 1269 N., 8.64% INTEREST, $143/MONTH, OWNER FINANCE. FOREST AMERICA GROUP 800-275-7376.

Field Crest Apartments



Furnished or Unfurnished
700 E. 37th Street 573-3519



335 MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

2 BEDROOM Mobile Home $200/mo. $100 deposit, need references. Can see at 1401 22nd 573-4746.

2 Bedroom, 2 Bath Mobile Home w/Appliances & Washer/Dryer. $325/month $150/deposit. 915-267-4875 or 915-267-7037.

3 BEDROOM MOBILE HOME FOR RENT. $250/month. 573-1711.

FOR RENT or Sale: 2 bedroom trailer house, fully furnished, including new washer/dryer, fenced yard 1803 40th St. 573-3831.

2½-2 MOBILE Home, partially furnished, CH/A, fenced, $300/mo. plus deposit. 573-5525 or 573-0990.

344 MOBILE HOME LOTS FOR Rent

MOBILE HOME LOT FOR RENT! In the country, trees, school bus route. $75/month + deposit. 573-5549.

PLAY IT SMART... GET INTO THE CLASSIFIEDS
573-5486

360 REAL ESTATE

Commercial Building, 2506 Ave. F, 87 x 45 ft., 2-Story, 2½ bathrooms. Rent-To-Own. Will Finance. 915-573-5300.

FOR SALE: Large 2-1 Brick House w/detached garage. 2301 Ave. M 863-2750.

HOUSE FOR SALE, RENT OR TRADE! 4-2-cp, CH/A on 6½ acres. 573-3883 or 573-8963.

Think you can't afford to buy a home?
Let us show you how to get past credit challenges and into a new home.

At Covenant Communities, we can talk with you about your credit problems and discuss how we may be able to get you into a new three- or four-bedroom home with almost no money down. Hillcrest is a community of energy-efficient, low-maintenance homes in Colorado City that you can afford. Down-payment and closing-cost assistance programs are available for qualified buyers.

hillcrest
A COVENANT COMMUNITY

Call 915-728-3454

Snyder Daily News Classifieds

ALWAYS A WINNER

010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board is soliciting proposals from educational institutions, community-based organizations, labor organizations, private for profit and private non-profit organizations, and other public and private entities to provide activities funded through the Job Training Partnership Act Title IIB Summer Youth Employment and Training Program during June 1 to August 13, 1999. Funding allocations have not been released yet by the Texas Workforce Commission, but it is anticipated that approximately $750,000 will be available to fund activities.

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

This Summer Youth Program is designed to serve economically disadvantaged youth, ages 14-21, residing in the service delivery area. Activities to be conducted include: classroom and work-based learning in both residential and non-residential settings, pre-employment skills training, career counseling and interest assessment. Youth will receive minimum wage for all hours of participation. Activities will be conducted at public secondary or post secondary school campuses, city or county sites or private businesses in limited areas in the region. Appoximately 400 youth will participate in one or more of the above activities.

A copy of the Request for Proposal packet and/or a diskette containing application forms only may be obtained by contacting Karen Spaar at (915) 672-8544 between 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Proposals must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on January 12, 1999. Any proposals received after that time and date will be considered non-responsive and will be returned unopened. A Bidder's Conference will be held on December 17, 1998 at Region XIV Education Service Center 1850 Hwy 351 in Abilene, Texas in the ABC Room from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Any questions pertaining to the proposal must be written and will be accepting until and during the bidder's conference. After the bidder's conference, all questions and answers pertaining to the proposal will be distributed to those who were issued a proposal packet. Attendance at the bidder's conference will be recorded; attendance is optional but is strongly recommended. Questions concerning the solicitation may be directed to Larry Hall, Mary Ross or Walter Bryan by calling (915) 672-8544. Proposal packets may be obtained by writing or calling the following: West Central Workforce Development Board, 1025 E. N. 10th P.O. 3195, Abilene, Texas 79604, Attn.: Karen Spaar (915) 672-8544.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open bids for **Sealcoating Gravel (#3 & #4)** on Monday, December 21, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., during Regular Session of the Commissioners' Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas 79549.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open bids for **Sealcoating Asphalt (AC5 & MC 3000** on Monday, December 21, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., during Regular Session of the Commissioners' Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas 79549.

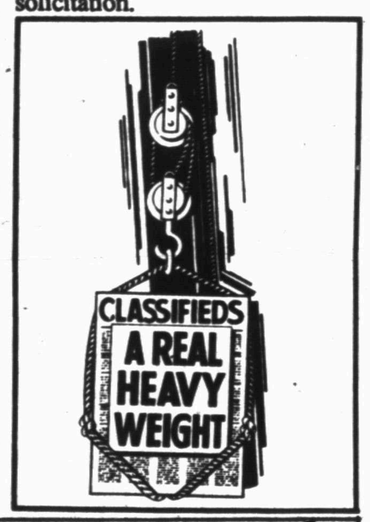
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open bids for **Pre-Coated Gravel (Grade 4 Type PB)** on Monday, December 21, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., during Regular Session of the Commissioners' Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas 79549.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open bids for the **Purchase of Fuel and Bulk Oil** on Monday, December 21, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., during Regular Session of the Commissioners' Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas 79549.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency's Fisher County Office in Roby, Texas, is interested in leasing 4,295 net usable square feet of first class, high quality office space. To be considered, office location must be within the boundaries of the city limits of either Roby or Rotan, Texas or in between either city with direct access to major state or county highways. Preference will be given to first floor space. Solicitations need to be in by COB on Friday January 8, 1999 and occupancy is required by June 30, 1999. Call Billy Don Atkinson at 915-776-2284 for a copy of the solicitation.



REELINE IT TO THE CLASSIFIEDS
THEY'RE BUZZIN' WITH ACTION 573-5486

Card Of Thanks

Thank You

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the cards, flowers, food and loving kindness shown by our family and friends during the illness and death of our loved one, Charlie Paulk.

Barbara Paulk & Family
Becky Stewart & Family

Thank You

The Benbenek family would like to extend its deepest gratitude to all who helped honor the memory of Ordon's life with expressions of concern and encouragement at this difficult time.

Love,
Juanita & Daren Benbenek
Thaba McMillan

East jumpers get over $2,400 in heart event

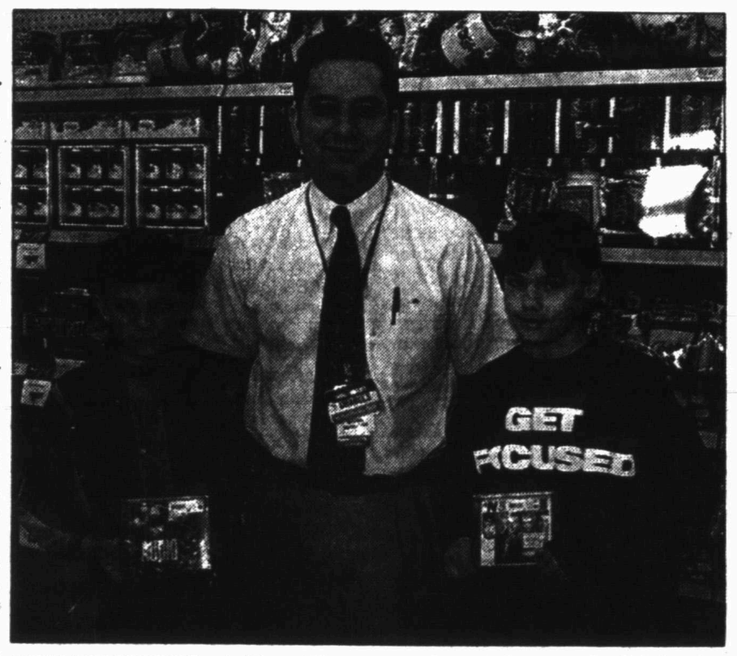
When East students finished jumping rope for their annual Jump Rope for Heart fund-raiser, they had raised a total of $2,436.96.

The top girl and boy money makers were Marleah Akins, who raised $125; and Joey Harvey, who made $63. For their efforts, they received a free CD courtesy of Wal-Mart, one of East's adopt-a-school partners.

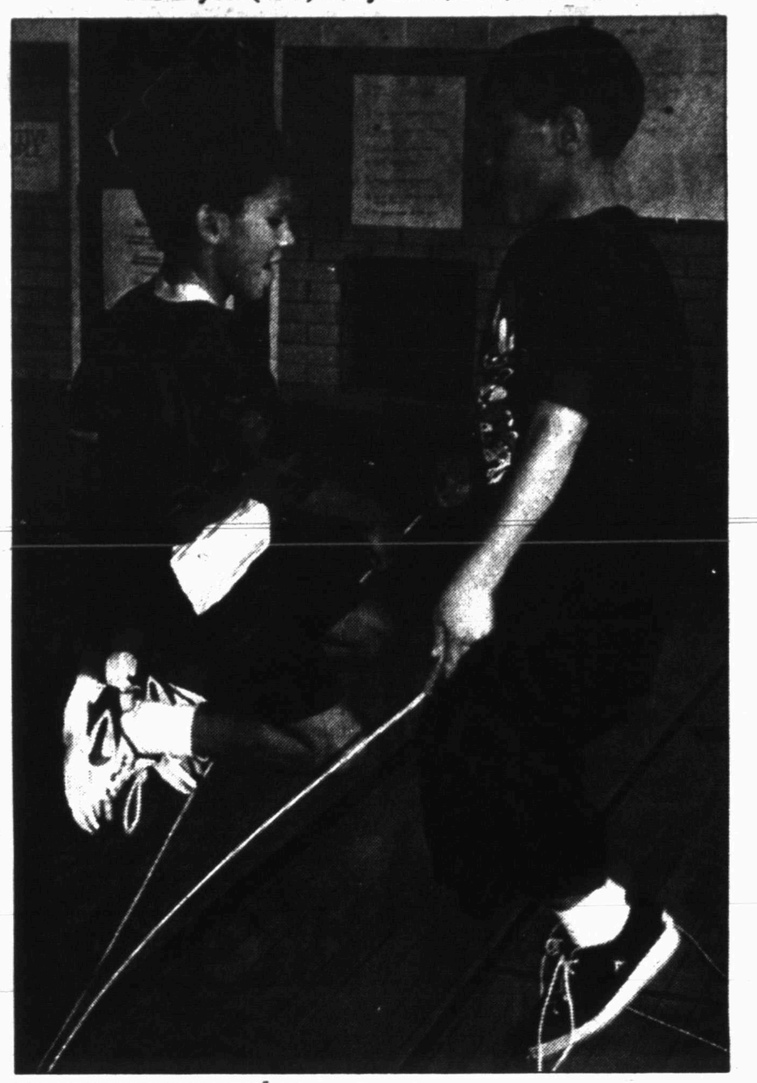
Marleah also received a mini super sound clip on radio, touch moonlight, jump rope, t-shirt and medal.

Other students who raised $60 or more also received a jump rope and T shirt. They include Jaedi Baze, Whitley Fulford, Chelsea Drummond, Kaylee Lacik, Jordan Lester, Joey Harvey, Allie Brewster, Staci Lee, Levi Stahl, Tara Sullenger, Jessica Yanez.

East's annual fund-raiser for the American Heart Association was coordinated by Christy Smith, physical education teacher. Besides students jumping, she noted that the jump rope event was successful because parents contributed snacks for the jumpers and the community supported the event through sponsoring students and other donations.



TOP WINNERS — East Elementary's top boy and girl in the Jump Rope For Heart fund-raiser received a CD from Wal-Mart, among other prizes. Charles Alvarez, manager, is shown with Joey Harvey, who earned $63 and Marleah Akins, who raised $125. The school raised more than $2,400 in the annual event. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART — East Elementary students recently held its Jump Rope For Heart fund-raiser. Jumpers included Sebastian Zamora, left, and Ramsey Herrera. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Beef stew, fried squash, Harvard beets, fruit salad, cornbread.

TUESDAY
Meat loaf, golden potatoes, boiled okra, tossed salad, yellow cake w/ chocolate frosting.

WEDNESDAY
Cheesy chicken, whole kernel corn, English peas, easy perfection salad, pear upside down gingerbread.

THURSDAY
Barbecue sausage, pinto beans, mixed greens, lettuce salad, jellied fruit salad, cornbread.

FRIDAY
Christmas Dinner: Butterfly chicken breast on a bed of wild rice, Belgian carrots, green bean almondine, waldorf salad, cherry cheesecake, dinner rolls.

Senior Center News

All Scurry County seniors are encouraged to attend the Christmas dinner on Friday at 11:30 a.m. Those attending are asked to call 573-4035 by Monday.

MONDAY
Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. East Elementary students will be singing Christmas carols at 11:15 a.m.

Anyone who wants to carol should meet at the center at 4:45 p.m. They will leave at 5 p.m. for Golden Terrace III. Carolers are asked to bring a covered dish for the pot luck supper after they return to the center.

TUESDAY
88 play begins at 10 a.m., the Hoss Clayton Band plays at 11 a.m., and the Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon.

WEDNESDAY
Don't miss bingo at 10 a.m. Spice tea will be served. The line dancing class begins at 1 p.m. and the clogging class starts at 2 p.m.

THURSDAY
The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. and the Sunshine Choir will entertain at the hospital's fourth floor extended care at 10 a.m. Volunteers will be needed at 1 p.m. To help with the decoration of the tables for the Christmas dinner.

FRIDAY
Christmas dinner will be served at 11:30 a.m. Raffle tickets for the quilt donated by Jack and Thadine Harless will be available for last minute purchases and the drawing for the winner will be held during the Christmas dinner.

Volunteers are needed at the Goodfellow stations at the banks. If you are able to help call 573-4035 for scheduling.

Seniors are encouraged to continue supporting the center through volunteering and participating in the meal programs.

Support the center by inviting a senior who is new to the county or a longtime resident that has never utilized the services at the center.

School bus driver on leave

DALLAS (AP) — Police are trying to figure out what caused a city bus to roll down a hill and crush a woman to death outside a high school Friday.

The bus was letting off passengers at Franklin D. Roosevelt High School when it rolled forward, hitting a woman and injuring her teenaged daughter.

Carmen Ortega, 34, died at Methodist Medical Center. Her daughter, 17-year-old Lucinda Adams, was treated at the hospital for foot injuries and released.

Police had not cited the bus driver, 48-year-old Benny Johnson, but Dallas Area Rapid Transit placed him on leave during the police investigation. He has worked for the bus company since 1985.

DART officials said the victim and her daughter, a high school senior, were standing outside their car when the bus hit them around 8:30 a.m.

The bus had dropped off students at the school and the driver exited to check on a back door, DART officials and police said. When the bus began rolling forward, the driver jumped back inside but was unable to gain control.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Viagra should come with instructions

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the usual reasons, I obtained a prescription for Viagra. The pharmacist gave me the pills without any written or verbal instructions. That night I swallowed one Viagra and waited an hour and a half. Nothing happened. I don't think that this drug is all it's cracked up to be.

DEAR READER: Through an intricate biochemical reaction, Viagra prevents certain muscles from relaxing: specifically, the muscles in the linings of the arteries that permit blood to leave the penis. Therefore, unless the penis is engorged and erect, Viagra is ineffective. This is why the manufacturer specifically states that the medicine should not be taken until the man is sexually aroused. Once you are in the mood and on your way to an erection, the Viagra should work.

But you bring up an important ancillary problem: the issue of medication instructions. Unfortunately, many people fail to experience the optimal effects of medicine because they don't take the drugs properly. Before taking any medication, the consumer should be told how and when to take it, what it will do, and what, if any, side effects to expect. This information should be supplied by the physician, the pharmacist or the manufacturer (in a written package insert). Ideally, all three resources should be utilized. You got the short end of the deal because someone dropped the ball. Return to your pharmacist and request information about Viagra.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips On Medicines." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to PO Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why is it easier for me to get erections in the morning than at night? I've been told these aren't "real" erections but they feel the same.

DEAR READER: An erection is an erection — morning, noon or night. Early morning erections are common in most men, probably because a full bladder stimulates an erectile response. Also, erections are almost universal during certain stages of sleep.

Any evening difficulty may be the result of stress, fatigue — or alcohol, a common and avoidable cause of erectile dysfunction.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with a cystocele. Should I have surgery?

Will I be able to continue sexual relations if I do?

DEAR READER: A cystocele is basically a dropped bladder in women. If mild, it causes no symptoms and requires no treatment. However, as the bladder's ligaments of suspension weaken in women who have borne children, the patient may experience difficulty controlling her flow of urine. Typically, such women tend to wet themselves when they cough, sneeze or strain.

Moderate cystoceles can often be treated with a pessary, a plastic ring inserted into the vagina to re-suspend the bladder.

Severe cystoceles, on the other hand, often require surgery. Such an operation is not necessary for good health; thus the decision to undergo surgery is best left to the patient. Most women with advanced cystoceles are happy after surgical repair, because they no longer have to wear pads or deal with the unpleasant odor and sensation of urinary incontinence.

All normal activity, including sexual intercourse, is permitted in women with cystoceles, both before and after surgery.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Bladder and Urinary Tract Infections." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to PO Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I just read a book on hypothyroidism. The doctor who wrote it said that a morning basal temperature below 97.9 degrees Fahrenheit, associated with symptoms of fatigue and constipation, may indicate an underactive thyroid gland. My temperature is 96, and I have many symptoms.

I took the book to the doctor and asked him to read it. He wouldn't even look at it. He said he knew more than the doctor who wrote it. He also said that the author ought to see a psychiatrist — and so should I for reading such garbage. Needless to say, I am switching doctors.

DEAR READER: The basal temperature is a recognized and useful procedure that allows a person to obtain an accurate measurement of the body's temperature before exercise and eating. A woman's basal temperature varies slightly at the time she ovulates.

Patients with hypothyroidism do tend to have slightly lower temperatures than do normal people. In fact, the basal temperature used to be in vogue for diagnosing an underactive thyroid gland. However, the diagnosis is so readily established by modern blood tests that the nuisance of temperature-taking is unnecessarily cumbersome.

I don't understand your (ex-) doctor's temper tantrum. I would have expected him to scan the book at least to see what the competition has to say. Doctors do write books and, frankly, many of these publications are kooky. But, given your interest in hypothyroidism, the least your doctor could have done was to give you the courtesy of a friendly argument about the author's perspective.

Hypothyroidism is often unsuspected in people who complain of fatigue, lassitude, thinning hair, coarsening of the skin, constipation, intolerance to cold and menstrual irregularities. The diagnosis is easily made by blood tests and the condition is entirely treatable with thyroid supplement pills.

Another Feinstein to run for office

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A new Feinstein is on the political horizon.

Katherine Feinstein, daughter of Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said she's considering a campaign for San Francisco district attorney against incumbent Terence Hallinan.

President says $2.4 billion in aid is headed to farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers still reeling from a year of floods and crop disease will soon get $2.4 billion in emergency aid, President Clinton announced Saturday, saying America "can't afford to let them fail."

Clinton used his weekly radio address to give details of how the aid, which was included in a $7 billion farm aid package passed by Congress earlier, will be disbursed. Nearly $3 billion in aid for farmers hurt by low grain prices has already been distributed.

About $400 million of the package will be used to provide incentives for farmers to purchase higher levels of crop insurance, giving them a discount of up to 35 percent when they expand coverage.

"Far too many farmers don't have crop insurance at all, or only buy the bare minimum — not enough to withstand a really devastating year," Clinton said in his speech, taped Friday.

The remaining $2 billion will go to farmers with losses from such causes as floods and crop disease.

"America's farmers are the backbone of our economy and the lifeblood of our land," the president said. "We can't afford to let them fail."

The aid package passed by Congress will help farmers survive "this year's one-two punch from Mother Nature and the marketplace," he said.

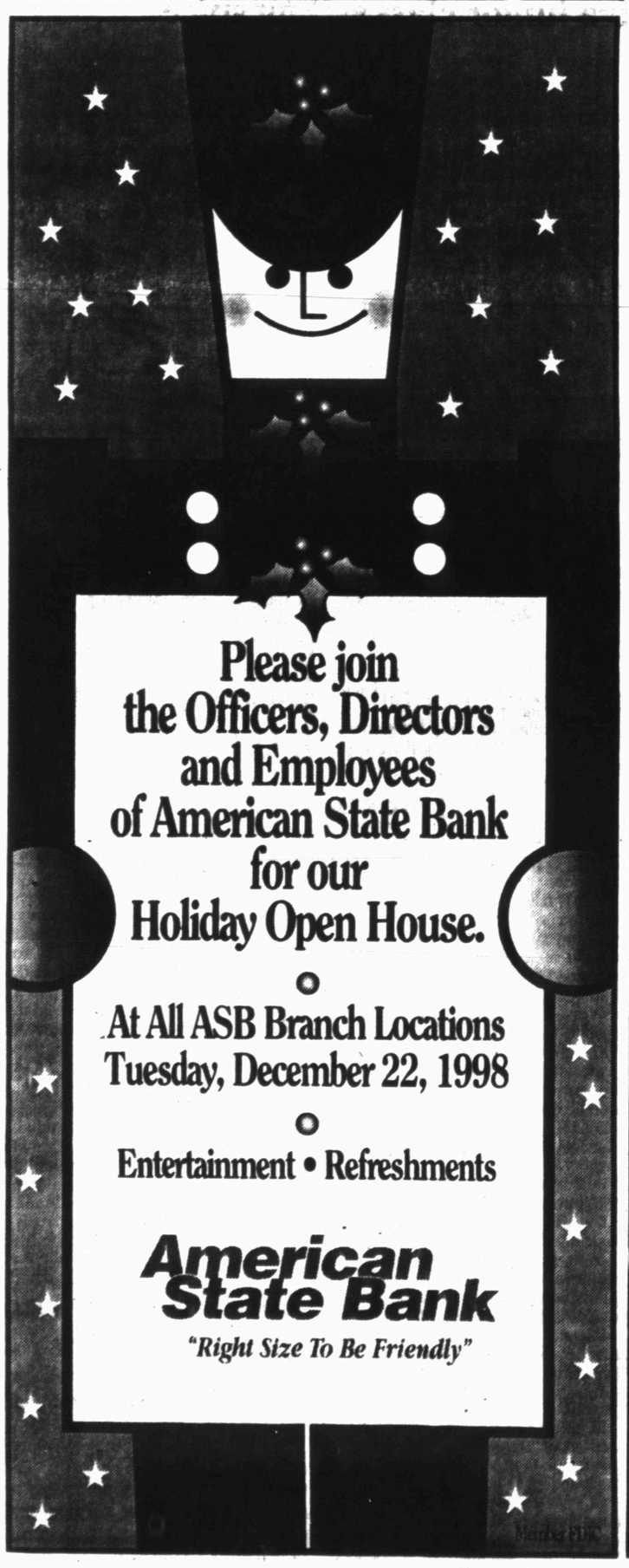
Signup for the money will begin in two months

A Very Drabble Christmas by Kevin Fagan



Cinema I & II
1907 Snyder Shopping Center
573-7519
ENEMY OF THE STATE
"two thumbs up!"
a bug's life
Matinees Sat. & Sun. $3.00
All Shows $2.50 Tuesday

RECYCLE
Drop Off Sites: 30th and College
Towle Park
E. Coliseum Dr. and Ave. E
Containers for: Office Mix Paper and Newspaper
Corrugated Cardboard Boxes
Tin and Aluminum Cans
Recycling Center:
Containers for: Office Mix Paper and Newspaper
Corrugated Cardboard Boxes
Tin and Aluminum Cans
PETE #1 and HDPE #2 Plastic
NO CHARGE
CITY OF SNYDER
573-4960



Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 13, 1998

As various pressures that you've had to endure are alleviated from your life in the coming year, you'll feel freer to be active and communicative with others once again. A new charismatic you may emerge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Although you could be right about how something that's good for you is also good for others, make sure the people around you feel that you're not manipulating them or their activities today. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. 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.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There is a strong likelihood that the people whose support you need most will be there to help you today. However, not everyone you talk to will agree with your views and positions.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 19) You have a tendency today to be careless in what you voice to others, so take heed and be extremely conscious of what you want to say and how you say it before you speak out.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It might require more resources than you have at your disposal today to operate an enterprise or endeavor important to you. Before you run on the rocks, find a willing ally to help.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your involvements today appear to go either extraordinarily well or turn out to be a disappointment for you. There doesn't seem to be any middle ground, but the good should outweigh the bad.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you make demands of others beyond what is reasonable, don't expect them to continue to be willing helpers. Instead of gaining their support, you'll provoke negative reactions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Before you have a chance to do something nice you've been planning to do for another today, that person might steal your thunder by doing that exact same deed for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Even though you should be able to achieve whatever you go after today, you must be certain they're truly want you want, or else your victories will bring you nominal joy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you're involved in any socially competitive activities today, don't take them too seriously. Recreational pastimes are meant to be fun and relaxing, not serious chores or obligations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There might be a number of hidden benefits as well as pitfalls with financial situations you might be involved with today, but each must be ferreted out. Don't take anything at face value.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In order to soothe any opposition you might have to contend with today, use a genuine willingness to do what's best for everybody, and it will foster cooperation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In spite of the fact that you'll be imaginative and resourceful today, there a chance the projects you select to engage in could end up becoming quite tedious.

©1998 by NEA, Inc.

Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 14, 1998

There is a good chance you could begin to move up the ladder in the year ahead both socially and professionally. Should an endeavor come your way that is larger than what you're accustomed to, don't let self-doubts keep you from jumping in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Dismiss any dark thoughts today, and dwell only on thinking that is hopeful and constructive. It's your positive perceptions which are the accurate ones, so don't make yourself needlessly miserable. Astro-Graph year ahead predictions make great Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail $2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state the zodiac signs you desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An associate might ask you today to participate with him or her in an interesting commercial proposal. Unfortunately, when it comes time to ante up the funds, your pal may not have enough.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Rely as little as possible on others today, even if involved in a joint venture. It appears that you're the only one who'll be able to handle the job.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you have the facts to support your positions today, don't be unduly concerned if you're challenged by associates. The data will prove you're right.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Payoffs either in money or cooperation aren't likely today when you expect something for nothing. You're going to have to earn what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Although someone you know may be extremely successful in his or her own field, don't rely on advice or suggestions given to you by this person when it's out of the individual's area of expertise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Should any negative developments arise concerning a matter you'd like to bring to a close today, deal with it immediately and tenaciously. Persevere and you'll come out on top.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Most conditions will be leaning in your favor today, but this might not be the case when it comes to personal business or financial affairs. Avoid these two areas if possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This could be one of those days when an extra set of hands could complicate matters for you rather than ease them. Cut your liabilities, and tackle things that won't require assistance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In a matter where you have done considerable research and analysis, trust your own judgment over those who may not possess the knowledge you've gathered.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't be impulsive investing in something another offers you merely because she or he claims that it is a good deal. Things might not turn out as rosy as they were presented today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Misconceptions could be running high within the household and something unpleasant could erupt today. However, everything can be happily resolved through good communication.

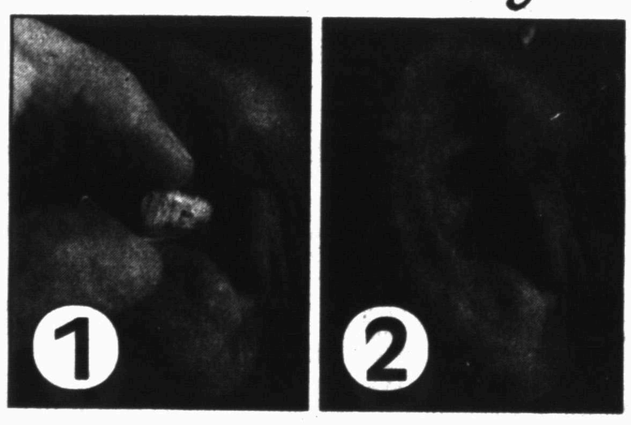
©1998 by NEA, Inc.

Psychiatrists condemning treatment to convert gays

DENVER (AP) — In a decision applauded by homosexual activists, the American Psychiatric Association's board has rejected therapy aimed at "converting" gays, saying it could cause "depression, anxiety and self-destructive behavior" in patients.

"All the evidence would indicate this is the way people are born. We treat disease, not the way people are," Dr. Nada Stotland, head of the association's joint committee on public affairs, said Friday during the board's quarterly meeting.

The American Psychological Association made a similar decision last year.

New Fully Digital Hearing Aid
Now Available in Snyder

Digital hearing aid prescriptions are precisely matched to your hearing loss. Once inside your ear, it is hardly noticeable.

"The new Direct Digital Hearing Aid has been released. It samples sound one million times per second with more processing power than many desktop computers," said Arthur Bickel, hearing aid specialist with Livingston Hearing Aid Center.

"Sound is pre-processed and fed 32,000 times per second through the digital sound processor for statistical analysis and over 100 parameters are adjusted automatically."

The Fully Digital hearing aid automatically and continuously analyzes the sound in the wearer's environment.

This new technology is capable of fitting mild to severe hearing losses and because of the ability to program this hearing aid, it can be modified to meet the needs of the user for many years. Livingston Hearing Aid Center offers a 60-day money back satisfaction guarantee.

Call for a free demonstration: 1-800-828-0722. Livingston Hearing Aid Center is located in the office of Dr. Cave - Optometrist in Snyder.

ONE DAY ONLY
Wed., Dec. 16th


Come meet Hearing Aid Specialist, Arthur Bickel of Livingston Hearing Aid Center. He will be demonstrating the new Direct Digital Hearing Aid one day only, Wednesday, December 16th at Dr. Cave's Office in Snyder.

with computer purchase
6 Months Free Internet

Bullard's Computer Solutions, Inc. is offering a Christmas special: Six months of free Internet with the purchase of a new computer.

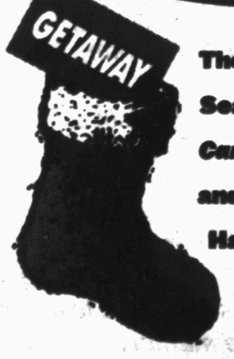
"This is a $162 value," said Drew Bullard, president of BCSI. "Both businesses and families are finding the Internet essential to their activities and this will give them a chance to test this interesting new phenomena without having to pay for it."

Computer Solutions is a local computer store located at 3405 College Ave. and has been in business since 1991.

"Service has become one of our most important products," said Bullard. "People now realize that computers are not VCR's. Things happen to them which are sometimes hard to understand. We have a lot of people bringing messed up discount store computers into our shop. They are frustrated because they can't get any knowledgeable help with them. We try to offer that help and do it with a smile."

Computer Solutions has four full-time employees and is able to fill all your computer needs, including web site design, web hosting, Internet access, new computer sales, and computer repair.

Call them at 573-4801 or come by the store at 3405 College Ave.

Fill Your Stocking
★★ with Savings. ★★
1-800-727-7704


The only greeting card you'll need this Season is the Abilene VIP Getaway Card. The savings on shopping, dining and entertainment will ensure a Happy Holiday. Call 1-800-727-7704 to get your card.
ABILENE
Getaway Merchants and Attraction Discounts
Cypress Street · Mall of Abilene · Abilene Aviators · Embassy Suites
Royal Inn · Holiday Inn Express · Budget Host Colonial Inn

2ND FRONT PAGE

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Palestinians quelling violence

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian police helped quell anti-Israel protests Saturday hours before President Clinton was to arrive in the region, a sign of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's determination to smooth the visit.

In Palestinian-administered Bethlehem, about 120 Palestinian protesters stoned Israeli soldiers guarding the entrance of the town believed to be where Jesus was born.

The troops, positioned below a Palestinian banner declaring "Bill Clinton: Welcome to Palestine," responded with tear gas and rubber bullets. A few minutes before the fighting broke out, a family set up Christmas decorations on a balcony directly above the banner.

Police also stopped small protests in the West Bank towns of El-Khader and Ramallah.

Clinton is scheduled to light a Christmas tree Monday in Bethlehem.

His visit was meant to celebrate the U.S.-brokered peace agreement achieved in October at Wye River, Md.; instead, Clinton will now try to salvage it.

The Palestinians are angry that Israel has released mostly common criminals instead of Palestinians jailed for anti-Israel activities. Under the agreement, Israel pledged to release 750 Palestinian prisoners in three stages by the end of January.

Two Palestinian protesters fatally shot Friday in clashes in the Palestinian-administered town of Qalqilya were buried Saturday.

Mohammed Amer, 18, was buried in his home village of Qibebah. About 500 mourners attended the funeral.

The funeral of Kamal Adwan, 21, in Qalqilya drew 10,000 people. The mourners shouted "Revenge!" and Adwan's father, Mansour, beseeched them not to offer condolences: "My son is in paradise, he has done his duty for the homeland."

The Israelis accuse the Palestinian Authority of being behind the violence that broke out last month over prisoner releases.

The Palestinian Authority, while expressing sympathy for the protesters, has denied any involvement. It did not take concrete steps to contain the violence until recent days.

Clinton enroute to MidEast

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, accompanied by more than a dozen members of Congress, left early Saturday for the Middle East.

He planned to meet Sunday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem, address the Israeli people and light a candle for the first night of Hanukkah, a Jewish holiday that commemorates freedom.

On Monday, the president is to see Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in Gaza and speak to the Palestine National Council and other Palestinian groups.

As specified in the Wye agreement, the council is due to reaffirm earlier acts by lesser bodies that nullified clauses demanding Israel's destruction contained in the 1964 covenant of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Netanyahu is demanding that it be done by vote of the council's membership.

Netanyahu and Arafat negotiated October's land-for-security agreement under U.S. supervision at the Wye conference center on Maryland's eastern shore.

On Tuesday, Clinton will visit the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square in Bethlehem, on the West Bank, and light a Christmas tree.

Clinton returns home by Thursday, when the full House is set to meet to consider articles of impeachment.

Space Station locked up and astronauts set for spacewalk

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — With the doors to the international space station closed and locked, Endeavour's astronauts turned their attention back to the exterior of the outpost and prepared for a final spacewalk Saturday to install a tool bag and unjam a stuck antenna.

"There's no time to let up yet," shuttle commander Robert Cabana said.

Astronauts Jerry Ross and James Newman were to head out on their third spacewalk of the mission to attach a sack of tools to the American-made Unity chamber for use on subsequent assembly flights.

They also planned to use a 10-foot pole to try to deploy another stuck antenna on the Russian Zarya control module. The first of two jammed antennas was unfurled during a spacewalk Wednesday.

Saturday's 6½-hour outing concludes with a photo survey of the seven-story, 35-ton space station.

In their earlier spacewalks, Ross and Newman connected electrical and data cables and attached antennas to the outside of Unity. The work went well, although two tools and a thermal cover got loose from Ross and floated away — rare mistakes for America's most experienced spacewalker.

Ross promised extra precaution would be taken Saturday to avoid another bungle.

"We have been putting multiple tethers on most of the objects now just to make sure that one can't come inadvertently loose somehow," he said.

On Friday, the astronauts completed about 27 hours of work inside the space station before turning out the lights and closing the hatches. The outpost will be released from the shuttle's cargo bay on Sunday, two days before Endeavour returns to Earth.

While inside, the crew wired up a communications system, removed bolts that had been installed to reinforce the two modules for launch and cleared a blocked air duct in Zarya.

They also left behind a few items for the first permanent residents, due to arrive in little more than a year: wrenches, screwdrivers, drills, a spare computer and clothes — even a surprise or two, although the astronauts wouldn't say what.

"Something that lets them know that we were thinking of them," Cabana hinted.

The astronauts also spent more than an hour searching for a missing pivot pin for a rack inside Unity. The pin got away from them and floated off. After removing panels and peeking into corners, they gave up and moved on to other close-out chores.

5 recaptured, 6 at-large

BRYAN (AP) — Five escaped juvenile offenders were recaptured Friday while six others remained at large, authorities said.

The 11, ages 14 to 17, slipped out of their dormitory at Hamilton State School about 7:30 p.m. Thursday, then used wirecutters to cut a hole in a perimeter fence surrounding the youth correctional facility northwest of Bryan, Pamela Ward, a Texas Youth Commission spokeswoman, said.

The youths' crimes ranged from property burglary to aggravated assault.

Five of the 11 were recaptured late Friday afternoon after Bryan police were tipped to their hiding place, an abandoned mobile home, Bryan Sgt. Choya Walling said.

The five escapees recaptured were: James Lair, 14 of Somerville County; Kenneth McClary, 16, of Erath County; Billy Sanford, 14, of Jefferson County; Michael Barker, 16, of Henderson County; and Mark Gamez, 16, of Tarrant County.

Obituaries

Delfina De Leon

1927-1998

Mass for Delfina De Leon, 71, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Fr. Joseph Ouseph will officiate and burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Rosary for Mrs. De Leon is set for 8 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. De Leon died Thursday, Dec. 10, at her home in Snyder.

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

She married Sedrillo De Leon in 1954 in Post, and he died in 1984. She was a homemaker and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Mrs. De Leon was also preceded in death by four sisters and three brothers.

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

Kimberly Kinstler

1964-1998

MINERAL WELLS — Kimberly M. Kinstler, the sister of Vanessa Stewart of Snyder, died Wednesdy, Dec. 9, in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mrs. Kinstler, 34, was held at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home. The Rev. Darrell Sanderlin was to officiate and burial was to follow in the Oran Cemetery.

Born in New Orleans, she had lived in Abilene since 1996 and worked for a home health agency. She was a member of the Glad Tidings Church of God and was a former resident of Mineral Wells.

Survivors include a daughter, Fallyn Frie of Abilene; her parents, Nick and Ruth Garrison of Abilene; a brother, David Garrison of Abilene; two other sisters, Diana Mitchell of Abilene and Beverly Schnabel of Eula.

Personal, Professional Service
BELL CYPERT-SEALE FUNERAL HOME
3101 College Ave. 573-5454

Ira, Hermleigh school boards set to meet Monday

Hermleigh ISD board of trustees will meet for its regular monthly meeting Monday at 6 p.m. in the high school building.

The board will begin its annual evaluation of Supt. Jerry Church, and consider the hiring of a teacher's aide for special education.

The board will also take care of monthly financial matters.

Ira ISD trustees will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m.

The board will hear the district improvement plan, and be briefed on the district's annual financial audit.

The trustees will also approve the textbook committee, consider the purchase of property and consider local policy updates.

The board is also expected to act on the resignation of Richard Long, the district's agriculture teacher.

An executive session will also be held to conduct the annual appraisal of Supt. Rick Howard.

Independently Owned & Operated
WCFH
WRIGHT COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME
200 East 37th Street
Snyder, Texas
915-573-6200

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Norris Williams, Jimmy Lopez of Colorado City, Herman Richburg of Hermleigh.

DISMISSALS: Leon Eberline, Tollie Faver, Maurine Holman, Roy Staton, Megan Leatherwood.

CENSUS: 38 (Med., Surg.-11, Long-term Care-25, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Abel and Patricia Escobedo of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Aaron Abel Escobedo. He was born at 3:46 p.m. on Dec. 3 in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Aaron weighed eight pounds, 1½ ounces.

Paternal grandmother is Virginia Perez of Fluvanna and maternal grandparents are Lupe and Mary Flores of Snyder.

Three subjects jailed Friday, early Saturday

Three subjects were taken into custody Friday and early Saturday.

At 8:12 p.m. Friday, officers arrested an 18-year-old female in North Park on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

A 28-year-old female was taken into custody at 10:36 p.m. Friday on Round Top Road by Department of Public Safety troopers on outstanding warrants for expired inspection sticker and failure to appear.

Officers took a 32-year-old male into custody at 12:37 a.m. Saturday in the 3400 block of Irving Avenue for Class A assault/family violence. An offense report was also filed in the matter.

In other activity, a deputy was called to the 1900 block of CR 227 at 10:10 p.m. in reference to juveniles blocking the road. Three male juveniles were taken into custody and released to their parents.

An officer was requested at the VFW at 11:47 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief to a vehicle owned by Joyce Buchanan. An offense report for Class A criminal mischief was filed.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Tour of homes

The annual lighted Christmas tour of homes, sponsored by Historic Scurry County and the Historical Commission, will be held from 5-7 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Countryplace and Eddie Peterson's Pharmacy.

Christmas program

Snyder's First Church of the Nazarene will present their Children's Christmas program at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. Children will be given a free candy cane.

Parkinson's Support Group

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

Christmas open house

Snyder Multi-Speciality Clinic will host a Christmas Open House from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the clinic, located at 1805 27th Street.

Open house

Dr. Gloria Gerstner and staff will host an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at 5303 Trinity Blvd., Suite A. The community is invited.

Beanie Babies chances

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

Ira junior class selling spice

Ira's junior class is selling "Watkins 130th Anniversary" spice packages containing black pepper, cinnamon and double strength vanilla in a glass collector's bottle. These gift packages cost $22.99. To purchase, contact any junior class member or call the school at 573-2628.

SHS choir sells poinsettias

SHS Choir members still have about 20 Jingle Bell Poinsettias available for sale. Poinsettias are $10 and can be purchased by calling the high school. If you prefer, you may come by the choir room and select your own or delivery is available. The choir is raising money to help support the choir trip to Disney World next spring.

Spanish Club fundraiser

SHS Spanish Club members are selling $2 chances to win a $100 gift certificate from Bealls or a Brighton watch from Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters. Proceeds will be used to send club members to the state convention in April.

Christmas lighting contest

Friday noon is the deadline to enter the residential outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest, sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Call 573-3558 to enter. Judging will begin at 6 p.m. that evening.

Christmas open house

American State Bank invites citizens to a Holiday Open House all day Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Christmas open house

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas open house will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23.

Windbreak trees

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

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
3-5-11-25-30

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-3-2

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
28-62-66-96

Datebook

Dec. 12, 1998

Today is the 346th day of 1998 and the 81st day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1897, "The Katzenjammer Kids" first appeared in the New York Journal.

On this day in 1901, the first trans-Atlantic radio signal was detected by Guglielmo Marconi.

On this day in 1974, the Rolling Stones announced that guitarist Mick Taylor would be leaving the group.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Jay (1745-1829), U.S. statesman-jurist; William Lloyd Garrison (1805-1879), anti-slavery leader; Gustave Flaubert (1821-1880), writer; Edward G. Robinson (1893-1973), actor; Frank Sinatra (1915-1998), entertainer; Bob Barker (1923-), announcer-animal rights activist, is 75; Ed Koch (1924-), politician, is 74; Connie Francis (1938-), singer-actress, is 60; Dionne Warwick (1941-), singer, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, James "Bonecrusher" Smith defeated "Terrible" Tim Witherspoon in the first round, winning the WBA heavyweight championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When I was 40, my doctor advised me that a man in his 40s shouldn't play tennis. I heeded his advice carefully and could hardly wait until I reached 50 to start again." — Hugo L. Black

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 10) and new moon (Dec. 18).

Dec. 13, 1998

Today is the 347th day of 1998 and the 82nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1918, Woodrow Wilson became the first U.S. president to visit Europe while in office, arriving in Brest, France.

On this day in 1928, George Gershwin's "An American in Paris" debuted in New York City's Carnegie Hall.

On this day in 1978, the U.S. government began to mint Susan B. Anthony dollar coins. The coins were first circulated the following July.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Heinrich Heine (1797-1856), poet; Alvin York (1887-1964), U.S. World War I hero; Ross MacDonald (1915-1983), writer; Dick Van Dyke (1925-), actor, is 73; Christopher Plummer (1929-), actor, is 69; John Davidson (1941-), singer, is 57; Ferguson Jenkins (1943-), baseball great, is 55; Ted Nugent (1949-), musician, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1942, the Washington Redskins defeated the Chicago Bears 14-6 to win the NFL championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It often happens that I wake at night and begin to think about a serious problem and decide I must tell the pope about it. Then I wake up completely and remember that I am the pope!" — Pope John XXIII

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 10) and new moon (Dec. 18).

©1998 NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN



HOLIDAY VISIT — Central students in Debra Judah's class sang Christmas songs at the Senior Citizens Center on Thursday. Paula Howard, music teacher, played the piano. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Stores launched on Main Street...

Small shops threatened by big retailers

NEW YORK (AP) — They've barely survived the shopping malls and the giant discounters, but now America's small neighborhood merchants are facing a new threat — and it's right down the block.

Big corporations, including Home Depot, Wal-Mart and Sears, are opening compact new stores right on Main Street, targeting shoppers who don't have the time or desire to brave the mega-marts.

"Their big stores have knocked out 60 percent of the competition," said Joe Dobrzynski, who owns Eighteen Lumber in East Brunswick, N.J., a short drive from five Home Depots.

"We are still here, but there aren't too many of us left. It's scary," he said.

The retail exodus from America's downtowns began decades ago as merchants yearned for bigger stores with more merchandise.

While millions of shoppers enjoy the vast supply at superstores, a growing number of people say they just aren't convenient — especially the huge parking lots, crowded corridors and long checkout lines.

A recent survey of 1,000 people by the retail consulting firm Kurt Salmon Associates found that 21 percent shopped more at stores in their neighborhood this year than they did in 1997.

"The competitive advantage doesn't mean just price and selection anymore, but convenience is also very important," said Walt Johnson, managing editor of Home Improvement Data magazine in Indianapolis.

Since late 1997, Sears has opened 13 compact stores mostly in communities that aren't a quick drive to any of their full-line stores.

Wal-Mart, best known for its huge superstores, is testing the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market in four Arkansas towns. Next year, Home Depot will begin testing its Villager's Hardware concept with four stores in New Jersey.

"Finally, these retailers are beginning to see that people don't want to travel to shop. They are too busy, but that doesn't mean they don't want to spend," said Walter Loeb, who runs the retail consulting firm Loeb Associates.

Price is clearly the biggest threat posed by the new mini chain stores. They can charge less than their local neighbors because the giant corporations supporting them have better purchasing power with suppliers.

Ed Trygar, who owns Trygar's Hardware in South River, N.J., plays up the reliable service and selection at his tiny 25-year-old shop, which is near the site of a Villager's Hardware due to open next year

"We are still alive, but any time that you have new competition around you, you have to take it seriously," he said.

The B-1 stealth bomber costs $400 million. That's about 16 times what it'd be worth if it were made of pure silver.

The dessert peach melba was created for opera singer Nellie Melba by an admiring chef.

SUNDAY SERVICE!
Any 2 Regular Foot Long Sandwiches $6
SUBWAY
3903 College Ave.
573-9782

Clip and Post for Handy Reference
To Better Serve You...
To report water leaks to the City of Snyder after hours, weekends and holidays...
CALL 573-2611

RUSHED?
Let Us Take The Rush Out Of The Holiday Season. We Can Be Your Gift Wrapping, Packaging, & Shipping
ONE STOP SHOP
This Holiday Season.
HOLIDAY HOURS: Mon., Wed., & Thurs. 9 a.m. till?
Tues. & Fri. 9 a.m. till 5 p.m.
MAIL CENTER & MORE
1909 40th Street
573-1956

"Happy Haulidays!"
"That's right folks, we're having a big *haul* this Christmas with Texas Cellular!"



WE TAKE CARE OF OUR NEIGHBORS.
TEXAS CELLULAR.
A service of Taylor Telecommunications, Inc.
9796 N. I-20 • MERKEL, TX • 79536
915-928-3200

Whoa there, Rudolph! Santa Tex here...y'all must have been really good this year, 'cause partner, I'm hauling some real goodies!
Sign up with Texas Cellular and get FREE ACTIVATION, a FREE PHONE, 10 CENT SUNDAYS all next year and PAY NOTHING until February!
Plus, anyone can sign up to win BIG BUCKS - not *you* Rudolph! 100 BUCKS worth of Texas Cellular credit!!
Better hurry, 'cause this sale ends December 31st, and with a *haul* this big, Rudolph's sure to get tuckered out!
Some restrictions apply.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL US AT 800-424-7182 OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL TEXAS CELLULAR AGENT

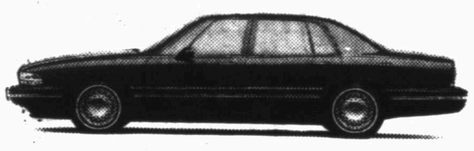
IN SNYDER: PERMIAN COMMUNICATIONS, 2403 WEST 25TH STREET, 915-573-2424
IN ROBERT LEE: ROCK SOLID COMMUNICATIONS, 803 AUSTIN, 915-453-2380
IN SWEETWATER: SIERRA COMMUNICATIONS, 1901 BRISTOL, 915-235-4377

TAKE A TEST DRIVE AND WIN A FURBY!



Test Drive A New Or Used Vehicle From Wilson Motors And Have Your Name Entered Into A Drawing For A Furby!
Drawing will be held December 21, 1998 at 5:00 p.m. Limit 1 entry per household

1996 Buick Park Ave.



Reduced - $15,995
Power windows/locks leather interior, only 45K miles, locally owned.
WAC + TT&L

1997 Crown Victoria LX



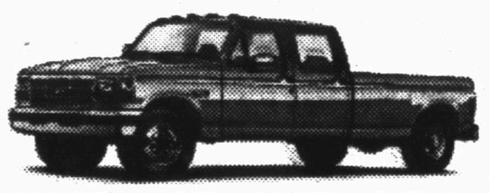
$16,995
Power windows/locks/seats, cloth interior. One Owner
WAC + TT&L

1994 Dodge Intrepid
$0 DOWN



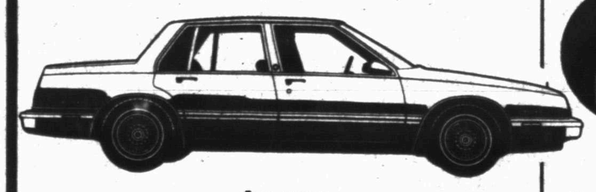
$6,995 + TT&L or $165.00 per month*
Power windows/locks, Tilt/Cruise, Great family car, Red in Color
* WAC 60 months @ 11.75% APR

1995 1 Ton Crew Cab XLT



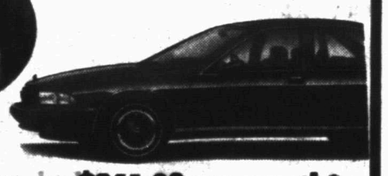
$17,995
460 auto, only 50K, tan interior, new tires, extra clean
WAC + TT&L

1990 Buick Le Sabre



$4,995
4 door, power windows/locks, only 77,000 miles, extra clean
WAC + TT&L

1994 Chevy Caprice
$0 DOWN



$10,995 + TT&L or $261.00 per month*
4 Door, Power/windows/locks, Tilt/cruise, 1 Owner, Solid White, Great family vehicle.
* WAC 60 months @ 11.75% APR

GREAT SELECTION OF SUPER DUTY TRUCKS ALL MAKES AND MODELS OVER 40 TO CHOOSE FROM EXPEDITIONS, EXPLORERS & RANGERS
Come See Our Excellent Selection Or Call And Make An Appointment With Jimmy Barton, David Perez or Elliot Cox At
1-800-545-5019
or visit our web site at www.wilsonmtrs.com

WILSON MOTORS
"Where service after the sale is just as important as selling you a vehicle."
East Hwy. 180 - Across from Coliseum
Snyder, Texas 915-573-6352
FORD LINCOLN MERCURY

Support Group Ministry reaches out to people

Candlelight service of rememberance slated 6 p.m. Sunday

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

The loss of a loved one can be particularly hard to bear during the Christmas holiday season. Recognizing that need, the Support Group Ministry of First Baptist Church is planning a candlelight service of rememberance at 6 p.m. Sunday.

The service is open to the community and not just church members.

While the service will help the community to remember and celebrate the lives of those who will not be present this holiday season, it is also open to anyone who has suffered a significant loss of any kind, said Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, who will present a short message, Beyond Grief.

Special music is also planned, along with lighting of candles, worship and prayer.

For those who will be remembered, Dee Wilson, who coordinates the Support Group Ministry, said there are no limits on the number nor does it matter how long ago the losses occurred.

No one has to name anyone either. Each person will know whom they want to celebrate and remember, she added.

First Baptist Church's Support Group Ministry was created out of a Master's Planning Committee which began 3½ years ago when "We looked at the church from top to bottom," Akins said. Surveys were conducted as we went through "a total self-study," he added. "We recognized the need for a place where people who have been through similar experiences can encourage one another."

The support groups were "well thought out and prayed about before they were organized, Wilson said. "They are not just a First Baptist Church program but a ministry."

Akins and Wilson both see the support groups "as an opportunity for the church and the community to provide an opportunity for people who are dealing with things to have a deeper faith."

"As wounds heal, members experience a sense of real grace in their life," they said. "People draw strength from struggling along with others."

This strength is crucial, Akins said, "Our isolation is increasing because was can now do so many things from our homes. We forget though that we were created to be relational beings."

Akins believes that "God uses events in our lives to call us to be his instruments."

Individuals at different stages of healing draw strength from each other," Wilson said. "Their faith becomes stronger as they begin to heal. They can encourage others through sharing with newcomers."

Some 13 months ago, in November of 1997, the Support Group Ministry began with two groups and now has five which meet on the second Thursday of each month. More could be added in the future.

Current support groups include divorce recovery, cancer, grief, adult children caring for aging parents and LIFE, learning to improve the family experience. LIFE is primarily for parents who have teenagers.

In the beginning the cancer and grief groups met jointly, but separated as membership in each grew.

None of the groups met this month, but meetings will resume in January.

While group members often change, each support group has a facilitator who "passively guides the discussions and helps keep everyone on the topic," Akins said.

Before being selected, he said each facilitator completed a self-study entitled, "Making Peace With Your Past."

"We can best help other people when we will fully understand ourselves," Akins said.

Sometimes a video is shown at the monthly meetings or a guest speaker presents a program.

Participants meet in the Adult Six Department on the east side of First Baptist Church. A nursery is provided and there is no charge.

Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and generally last 1 to 1½ hours. Sometimes they are longer, but usually end around 9:30 p.m.

Pre-registration is not required nor does anyone have to call the church before coming to a meeting.

While people are asked to sign their name and indicate which group they want to meet with, Wilson said they wouldn't insist if someone chose not to give their name.

Confidentiality is very important, both Akins and Wilson said. This is stressed at each meeting and to all newcomers. For the support groups to be successful, participants have to be able to share their feelings in a "safe environment," they said.

They noted that there isn't a "right way" to share or to grieve. It all depends on the individual.

Some can only cry in the beginning, but as they improve then they can often provide support for a newcomer, Wilson said. Some are also able to share something at the meetings that they have never told anyone else.

Some close friendships have developed, she added. One member even hosted a Christmas party.

Wilson and Akins said the support groups are for "anyone who has a need." For instance, the cancer support group isn't just for cancer patients but also for their extended families as well.

Wilson also noted that the divorce recovery group isn't just

See Support, Page 5B



SUPPORT GROUP MINISTRY — Dee Wilson, who coordinates the Support Group Ministry at First Baptist Church, confers with Dr. Marty Akins, pastor. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Support Group Ministry

Purpose

1. To make the journey down a difficult path a little easier for as many people as possible.
2. To validate feelings and to realize those feelings are OK.
3. To share God's love and comfort.
4. To cultivate an attitude of acceptance.

Goals

1. To help group members identify and remove emotional, psychological and spiritual barriers to fellowship with God.
2. To help group members identify and understand problems and feelings.
3. To help group members understand that other people have experienced similar problems and feelings.
4. To help group members experience an atmosphere of trust, honest and unconditional love.
5. To help group members experience a sense of hope and healing.

Make this Christmas the
Grinchiest!
This favorite Dr. Seuss character will steal the scene and your heart.
Who could resist that memorable star of Who-ville, the Grinch? We have a wonderful lineup of Grinch items, including a stuffed Grinch, T-shirt and more. Merry Grinchmas!



Based on How The Grinch Stole Christmas! by Dr. Seuss
©™ Dr. Seuss Enterprises, L.P. 1998. All Rights Reserved.
©1998 Hallmark Cards, Inc.

Hallmark GOLD CROWN

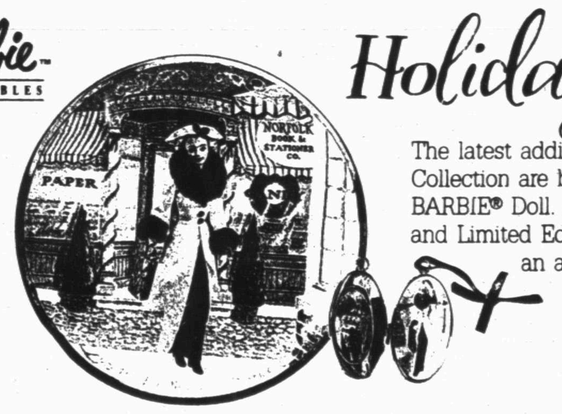
"This is as merry as I get."
Maxine and Shoebox™ provide yuletide attitude!
Make it a Shoebox Christmas with gifts inspired by the sassy gal everyone knows as Maxine. This season, she's featured as a unique nutcracker, doll and more. Maxine's *Christmas Carol* will provide plenty of laughter, too!



Barbie COLLECTIBLES

Welcome Home
The BARBIE™ Holiday Homecoming Collection™, Inspired by the Glamour of the 1920s
Second in the Holiday Homecoming Collector Series™, Holiday Voyage™ BARBIE® Doll arrives home after an extensive "Grand Tour" of Europe ready to celebrate the season with loved ones. Welcome Barbie into your home!

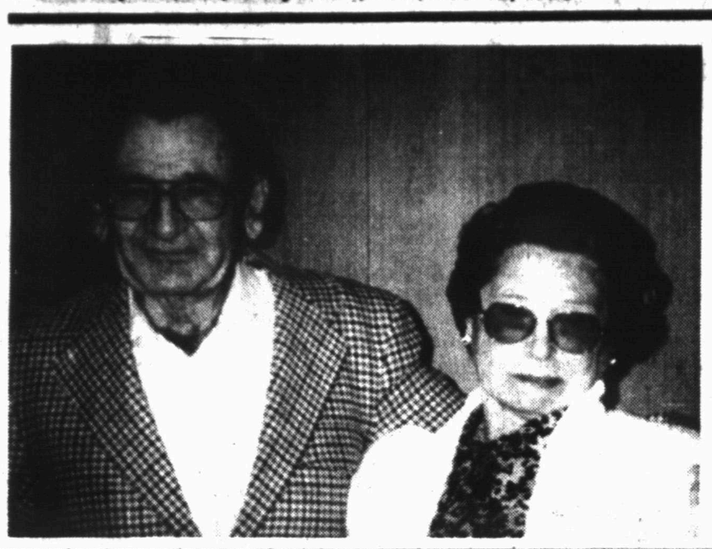




Holiday Memories
The latest additions to the Victorian Christmas Collection are based on the Holiday Memories® BARBIE® Doll. Artwork for the Keepsake Ornament and Limited Edition Porcelain Plate was inspired by an antique greeting card.

Hallmark GOLD CROWN

The Pleasure's Mine
2502 Ave. R Snyder, Texas 915 / 573-6536 Layaways
Virginia Bloom Owner





50 YEARS — Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. (Bud and Gene) Coonrod of Hermleigh celebrated 50 years of marriage on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26. Mrs. Coonrod is the former Bobbie Gene Ball of Fluvanna. Mr. Coonrod is a longtime cotton farmer and retired carpenter. They have two sons, Doug Coonrod of Ira and Mike Coonrod of Hermleigh, and three grandchildren. (Contributed Photos)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 12-12-98
♠ A 7 5 2
♥ A J 9
♦ Q 6 3
♣ 6 4 2

West
♠ 4 3
♥ Q 10 2
♦ 10 7 4
♣ K Q 9 8 5

East
♠ 10 8
♥ K 7 6 3
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ A 10 7

South
♠ K Q J 9 6
♥ 8 5 4
♦ A K 2
♣ J 3

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Another time around the block

Perhaps yesterday's deal left you with a nagging doubt in the back of your mind. So, let's have another look at the theme.

Declarer has to maneuver ace-jack-nine opposite three low cards for only one loser. The percentage play is clear: low to the nine on the first round. It wins whenever the second hand has either the king-10 or the queen-10. The alternative, leading low to the jack, works only when second hand has the king-queen: one chance, rather than two. However, there's a bee in the balm: What happens if second hand plays an honor on the first round? Turn to today's deal.

North's three spades is a limit raise, showing about 11 support points and at least four trumps.

Under West's club-king lead, East signals enthusiastically with the 10 — when encouraging, always drop the highest card you can afford. West continues with the club eight to East's ace; South ruffs East's club return.

After drawing trumps and cashing his diamond tricks, South must avoid two heart losers. He starts with a low one from hand, planning to finesse dummy's nine, but West introduces a diversion by playing the queen. Declarer wins with dummy's ace, returns to hand with a trump, and leads another low heart. This time, West contributes the two. What now?

It depends on one's opponent. If West is either an expert or a reader of this column (or both!), the odds haven't changed. South should finesse dummy's nine. But if West is a weak player, it is right to call for dummy's jack. He wouldn't think of playing the queen without the king.

©1998 by NEA, Inc.

Loftons will have party

A reception is plannned for Norris and Mary Jo Lofton's golden wedding anniversary from 2 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 20 in their home at 3000 Beaumont.

Their children are compiling a memory book and invite friends to send a letter, pictures or mementos if they cannot attend.

Hosting the celebration are their children and their spouses, Karen and Richard Daves of Seminole; Roger and Donna Lofton of Marble Falls; and David and Rynda Lofton of The Woodlands.

Five grandchildren will be included in the houseparty, Dustin Daves, freshman at Texas Tech; Matthew Lofton, senior at Marble Falls; Rebecca Daves, junior at Seminole; Amy Lofton, freshman at Marble Falls; and two-month-old Ryan Lofton of The Woodlands.

Norris was born on April 28, 1926 in Robert Lee and Mary Jo Flanagan was born on July 2, 1927 in Sweetwater.

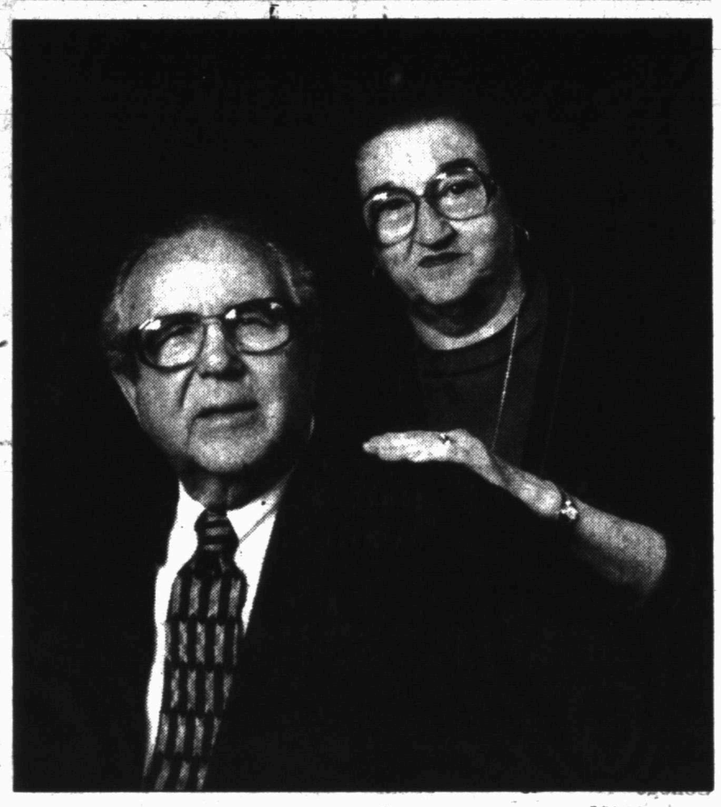
Married on June 11, 1948, in San Angelo, the couple met on a blind date. Mary Jo worked at the hospital at the time and a friend of Norris asked his girlfriend that also worked at the hospital if there were any nurses off duty that night that might be interested in a double date. Luckily, Mary Jo was off duty. That same evening Mary Jo told her friend, "I will marry him some day."

They married on June 11, 1948 in San Angelo and their honeymoon trip was to Galveston, along with his required Navy Reserve training.

Mr. and Mrs. Lofton moved to Lubbock where she worked while he attended Texas Tech, graduating in 1952 with a degree in mechanical engineering. During his career with Chevron, they lived in several places including Kermit, Gainesville, Monahans, Houston and Midland and moved to Snyder in 1970.

They have been members of Colonial Hill Baptist Church since 1970.





Norris and Mary Jo Lofton (Contributed Photos)

SUNNY SIDE UP

A Fruit Cake for Everyone

It's a holiday-worthy gift when an easy recipe produces something enjoyable. Such is the case with Nutty Chip Fruit Cake which can be served for a festive evening at home or taken to a holiday party when you've promised, "I'll bring dessert!"

Don't be put off by the term *fruit cake*. Those who turn up their noses at traditional fruit cakes will find Nutty Chip Fruit Cake a pleasant surprise. This gem is a light-textured cake dotted with crunchy nuts, chewy dates, colorful glace cherries and ever-popular chocolate morsels—a far cry from the heavy citron-laden cakes of yore. As it's also simple to prepare, the cake can come to the rescue if you're caught up in snowballing holiday activities.

With just a little measuring and mixing to combine the ingredients, this holiday-pretty dessert will be oven ready. Made with ingredients easy to keep on hand, it owes its moist, velvety texture and golden color to eggs. Eggs, a baking staple for generations, also help leaven, lightening the texture and adding height to create a tabletop or buffet showpiece.

For success, follow the directions here. Each step helps to ensure a finished cake you can be proud to serve. Start by stirring the nuts, morsels and fruit into the dry ingredients. This coating helps to keep the ingredients evenly disbursed throughout the cake, rather than sinking to the bottom.

A fluted tube or "Bundt" pan gives the cake an attractive shape, but a plain tube pan (the type you would use for angel food cake) will work just as well. Once you've poured in the quick-and-easy batter, Nutty Chip Fruit Cake needs no more attention for about an hour.

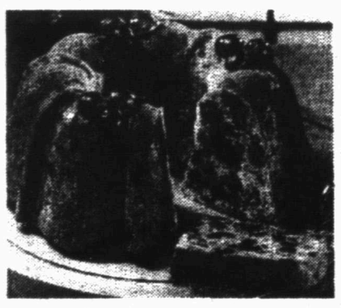
When it's cooled, garnish the top with glace cherry pieces, sift confectioners' sugar over the top or wrap it for holiday giving. However you present it, Nutty Chip Fruit Cake is apt to please family and friends alike.

Nutty Chip Fruit Cake
12 servings

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups chopped pecans or almonds
- 1 cup (about 4 oz.) chopped dates
- 1 cup (about 8 oz.) red and/or green glace cherries, halved
- 2/3 cup (about 4 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate morsels
- 6 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Additional halved glace cherries or confectioners' sugar, optional

In large bowl, stir together flour, baking powder and salt. Stir in nuts, fruits and chocolate morsels. Set aside. In small mixing bowl at medium speed, beat together eggs, sugar and vanilla until well blended. Fold into reserved flour mixture. Pour into greased and floured 9-cup fluted tube pan.

Bake in preheated 300°F oven until lightly browned and cake tester inserted in center comes out clean, about 50 to 60 minutes. Cool on wire rack 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely. Garnish with additional halved cherries, if desired.



Thief approaches cop to buy coat

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A thief picked the wrong time, wrong place and wrong customer to try and peddle a stolen coat.

Darren White was in the parking lot of a restaurant in Chimayo on Wednesday night — on his way in to a crime-fighting meeting packed with cops inside — when a car approached him.

"Hey man, you want to buy a leather coat?" the passenger asked.

The secretary of the Department of Public Safety — New Mexico's top cop — had to think about it. The price was $50.

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scores

Jane Hinton directed bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY
Dec. 4

1. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Maribeth Vestal, Jane Hinton.
3. Nona Morrison, Frances Stevenson.

SUNDAY
Dec. 6

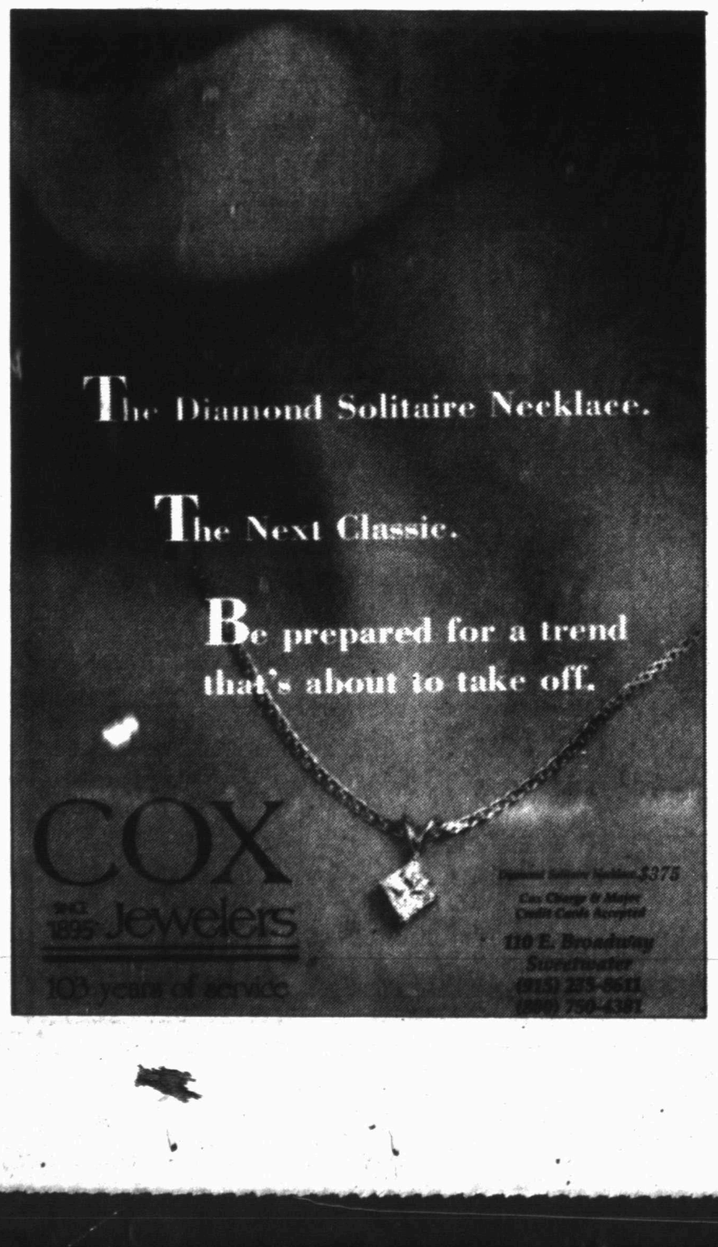
1. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
2. Peggy Hardin, Christine Stuard.
3. Mippy Brownlee, Frances Stevenson.

TUESDAY
Dec. 8

1. Martha Fagin, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. LaVerne Hood, Shirley Stewart.
3. Nona Morrison, Maribeth Vestal.



BRIDE HONORED — Mrs. Michael Carrol, nee Krystal Valentine, was honoree at a miscellaneous shower held Dec. 2 in the 37th Street Church of Christ Family Center. Pictured from left are Kay Valentine, mother of the bride; the honoree; and Juanita Cochran, her grandmother. (Contributed Photo)



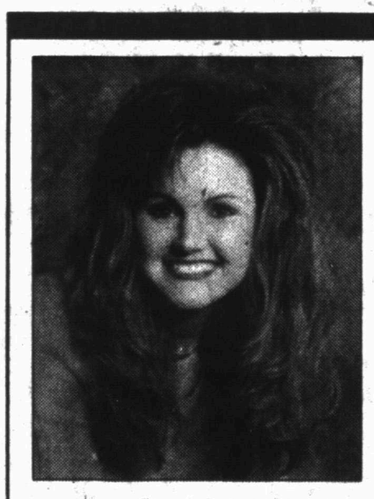
Our Tree-mendous Value!



Our handmade pinecone tree in a pot was assembled in the highlands by rural folk who had gathered the pinecones and assembled them into trees. It's an exceptional gift and a wonderful value at only $9.99.

Hallmark

McWilliams Pharmacy
3706 College Ave. 573-7582



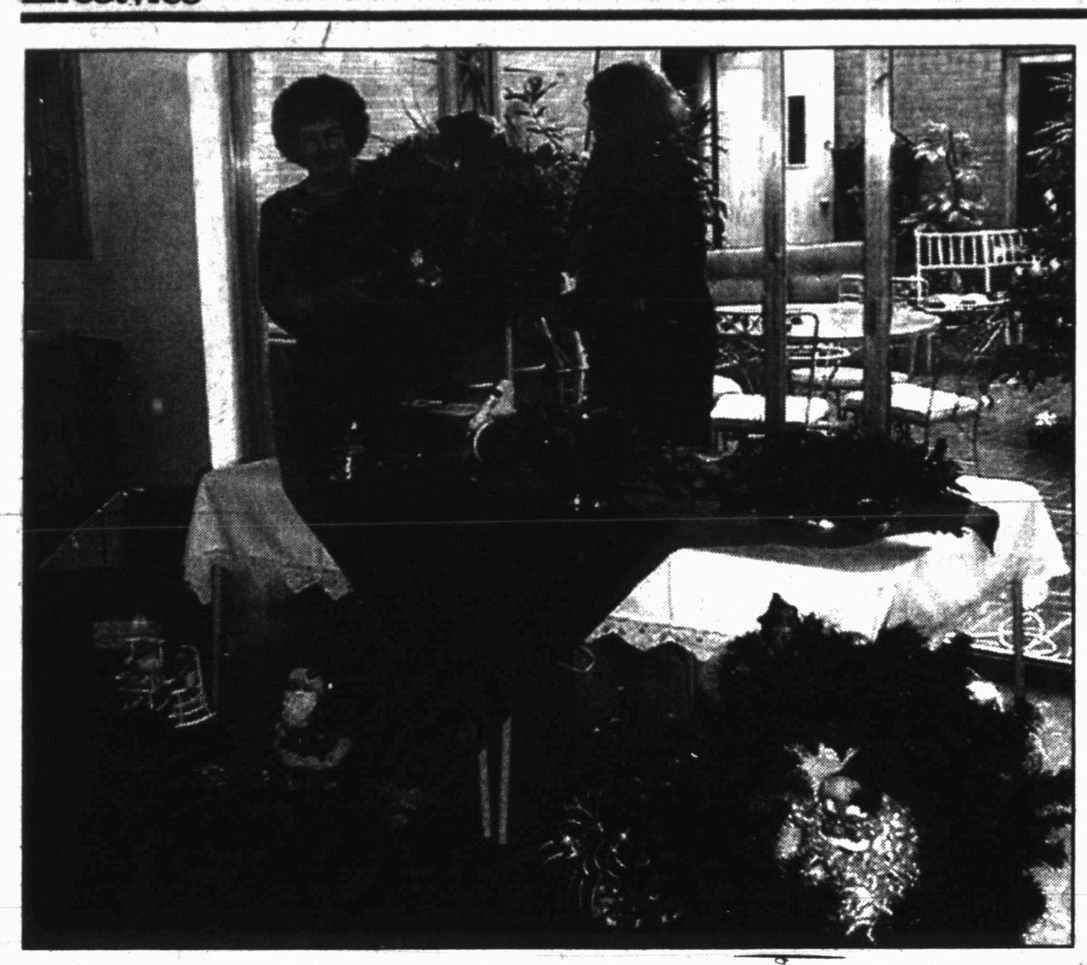
THE HAIR STATION
Welcomes
Evette Gruben

- 10 years experience
- Graduate of Miss Mona's School of Nails in Ft. Worth
- Available Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
- Accepts walk-ins and late appointments

Specializing in Styling, Nails, Weaves, Perms & Coloring

The Hair Station Welcomes Walk-ins and Late Appointments

THE HAIR STATION
2005 26th St.
Snyder, Texas
573-0885



DECORATIONS ABOUND — Sue Travis, left, gave a demonstration on holiday decorations to members of the Altrurian Daughters at a Christmas luncheon Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Also pictured is Altrurian Daughters president, Jeanelle Hammack. Hostesses included Glenda Glasscock and Francene Noah. The next meeting will be Jan. 13. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



FIVE GENERATIONS — Mamie Carlton, a resident at Snyder Healthcare Center, recently had a surprise visit from some of her family members. At age 95, Mrs. Carlton retains the title of "Elder of the Hugh Carlton Family." Mrs. Carlton is pictured seated with her family, from left, Betty Dyan Jones of Flower Mound, her granddaughter; Frances Reeves of Snyder, her daughter; Linda Marie Goldberg of Lewisville, her great-granddaughter; Louis (Bubba) James Goldberg IV, her three-year-old great-great-grandson; and Alexandria Diane Goldberg, her four-year old great-great-granddaughter. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Defensive Driving course; Monday and Tuesday 6 to 9 p.m. at Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room, 27th & College Ave; no reservations needed; for more information, call 573-2850.

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

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room of Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 5 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th St.; 7:30 p.m.

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742.

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

GOODFELLOWS GIFT — Henry Valdez, president of the Kiwanis Club, accepts a $200 gift from the Snyder Lions Club, presented by president Ricky Fritz. The money will be applied to the fund for shoes for elementary age children. Valdez said that food would be sorted Thursday for distribution on Saturday and volunteer help would be appreciated. The next Lions Club meeting will be Tuesday at noon at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



Nude yard worker, 75, faces charges

PEKIN, Ill. (AP) — More and more, folks in Pekin are tiring of Robert Norton's yard work. He does it nude.

Police have arrested the 75-year-old retiree a dozen times since 1981 after neighbors complained. Each time, Norton has contended his behavior is within his rights.

In the latest charge, Norton is accused of appearing in his front yard May 24 wearing only a T-shirt.

Neighbor Barbara Rose testified Wednesday that she watched while Norton did yard work and then took of his shirt to dry sweat from his back. "It made me very uneasy because there are so many children in the neighborhood," Rose said. "It's not kosher."

Judge J. Peter Ault apparently agrees.

"At one time in my life I respected you for your courage of your convictions," Ault said. "But now you're just a grumpy old man who doesn't care about anyone else. All you worry about is your rights and not the rights of anyone else."

Norton could receive up to 30 days in jail when he's sentenced Jan. 26.

***

Diplomacy is to do and say/ The nastiest thing in the nicest way.

—Isaac Goldberg

COUNTRYPLACE
MERLE NORMAN
COSMETIC STUDIOS
573-1817
Florist
AFS Wire Service
Registry
Gifts
Collectables

'Bride & Groom'
Amy Hodges & J.J. Vollet
Michelle Derouen & Cody Mauldin
A'Lise Lloyd & Joel Kern
Margot (Deere) McNeil & Brendon McNeil
Kerri Nachlinger Bankhead & Brandon Bankhead
Christi Clark Markham & Jay Clark Markham
Wendy Wadkins & Bill Cooley
Carolyn Atkinson & Chad Grimmett
Stephanie Fambro & Wayland Harrison
Pepper Hinkle & Jeff Franklin
Katharine Odom & Jonathan Tovar
Leslie Daniell & Curt Rinehart

'Baby Shower'
Tracy & Sam Dennis
Amber Brady
Cliff & Sandi Price

Free Setups, Call In Orders Welcome, Decorated With Personal Touch
Full Service Floral - Fresh & Silk
•Tuxedo Rentals•
4213 College Ave. 915-573-1817 Snyder Visa Discover MasterCard

"Pressure is on"



All Felt Hats 20% Off
RESISTOL best all-around
& Rodeo King
-H-
Family Outfitters
DOUBLE-H BOOTS
Work Boots
All 30% Off
Non-Steel Toe
& Steel Toe
Store Hours:
M-F 9-6; , Sat. 9-5:30
3219 College Ave.
Snyder, Texas
Phone 573-6763





DEC 13 1998

School Menus

Ira

MONDAY
Chimichangas
Whole Potatoes
Pinto Beans
Pears

TUESDAY
Burritos w/Chili & Cheese
Corn
Vegetable Salad
Peaches

WEDNESDAY
Ham w/Brown Gravy
Italian Green Beans
Broccoli & Rice
Stuffed Celery
Cranberry Sauce
Cherry Cobbler

THURSDAY
Pizza
Ranch Style Beans
Shredded Lettuce
Plain Cookies

FRIDAY
Sandwiches
Cheetos
Cookies

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk. A choice from the menu is offered for breakfast of assorted dry cereal and chilled juice.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Cinnamon Toast

TUESDAY
Sausage on a Stick

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast Burrito

THURSDAY
Biscuits & Gravy

FRIDAY
Cinnamon Rolls

LUNCH

MONDAY
Hamburger or
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Lettuce & Tomato
Dinner Rolls
Chilled Fruit

TUESDAY
Hot Dog or
Nacho Grande
Pinto Beans
Lettuce & Tomato
Cookies

WEDNESDAY
Pizza or
Chicken Spaghetti
Tossed Salad
Sliced Peaches
French Bread

THURSDAY
Burrito or
Green Chili Casserole
Spicy Pintos
Tossed Salad
Chilled Fruit
Corn Bread

FRIDAY
Corn Dog or
Rib Sandwich
Tater Tots
Lettuce & Tomato
Brownies

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast

TUESDAY
Fruit
Kolaches

WEDNESDAY
Juice
Cheese Toast

THURSDAY
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast

FRIDAY
Juice
Breakfast Pizza

LUNCH

MONDAY
Barbecued Hamburger Patties
Mashed Potatoes
Pea Salad
Hot Rolls
Chilled Peaches

TUESDAY
Grilled Pork Patties
Macaroni & Cheese
Relish Cup
Hot Rolls
Chilled Pears

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Noodle Soup
Tater Tots
Corn Bread
Orange Slices

THURSDAY
Turkey/Dressing/Giblet Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Cranberry Sauce
Hot Rolls
Jello Salad

FRIDAY
Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Potato Chips
Apple Wedges

Judge orders music listening instead of fines

FORT LUPTON, Colo. (AP) — For violating the local noise ordinance, some teens are being ordered to listen to an hour of either Gene Autry, Hank Williams Jr. or Ludwig van Beethoven.

Municipal Judge Paul Sacco says he thinks that penalty is a better deterrent to playing loud tunes than the $95 fine the law stipulates.

"It isn't that we don't like their music, it's that nobody should impose their musical preferences on anyone else," Sacco said.

The ordinance forbids noise that can be heard 25 feet from a vehicle. Under the music plan, violators still must pay the $35 court fee but are excused from the $60 ticket.

The program made its debut Dec. 5 when eight violators sat in city council chambers for an hour of music. They weren't allowed to leave the room, plug their ears or complain — that would make them subject to contempt charges.

Sacco said the play list will vary through time depending on what teens hate the most: "Maybe we'll put those kids in a room with Barry Manilow for an hour."

'Six figure' papers sell to Rice University

HOUSTON (AP) — Larry McMurtry has sold a big batch of his papers — 44 boxes full — to the Texas university where he earned a master's degree and taught English.

Rice University announced Thursday it paid an undisclosed "six-figure" amount for the papers, mostly related to McMurtry's works since he won the Pulitzer Prize in 1986 for "Lonesome Dove."

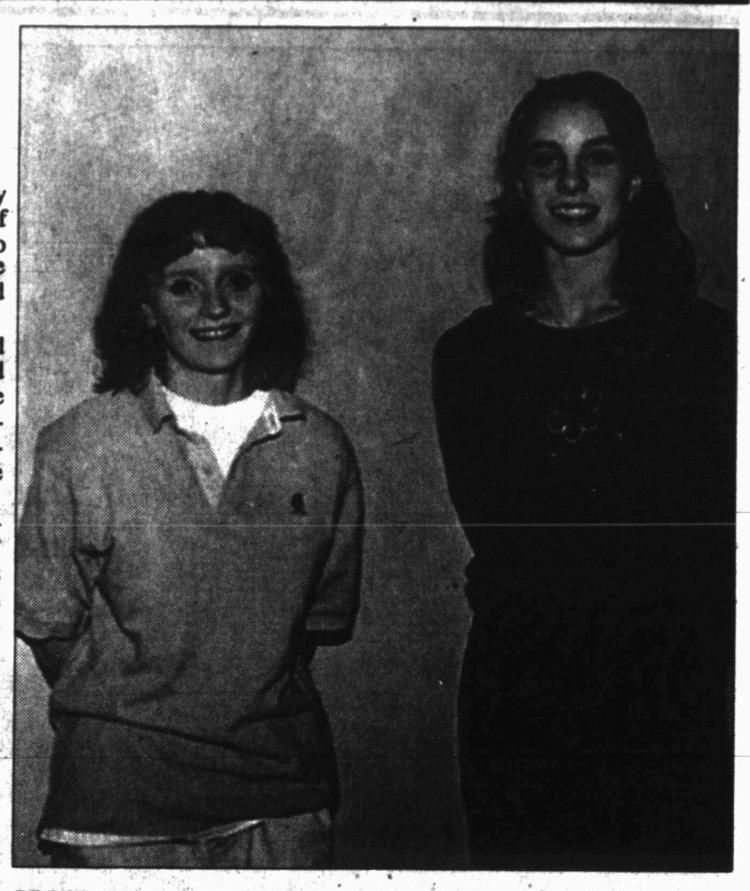
The university bought manuscripts including "Texasville," "Dead Man's Walk" and "Terms of Endearment," as well as an unfinished novel titled "The Dairy Queen."

"I'm glad it went to Rice," McMurtry said from his home in Archer City. "It's a lot of stuff."

McMurtry, 62, earned his bachelor's degree at what is now the University of North Texas and his master's degree from Rice, where he was an associate English professor from 1969 to 1972.

The author of 22 books, McMurtry had been quoted recently as giving up on fiction but was coy Thursday about his plans.

"You never know. You never say never. I may start a novel tomorrow."



PRIZE WINNERS — Western Texas College financial aid office hosted a Christmas card signing party. All scholarship recipients were invited to sign cards, a part of their contract agreement. Door prizes were given and Kendra Kendrick won a $100 scholarship (left) and Summer Coulter won a Christmas ornament. Tiffany Martin, not pictured, also won an ornament. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams & Nancy Nash-Cummings





Septic system hints

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: We recently moved to a home with a private septic system (a septic tank with two seepage pits) which was completely pumped out and had parts replaced as part of the terms of purchase.

As the system is 20-plus years old, we'd like to take good care of it to stretch its life. Can you help us find information on what household cleaners, laundry products and toilet paper are kindest to the bacteria and break down well?

I figured that Vermont would have plenty of these systems, so it would be likely that you would have access to good information. — **JEAN PLATE, Doylestown, Pa.**

DEAR JEAN: As a matter of fact, we just happen to have a little booklet published by the State of Vermont Agency of Environmental Conservation, called "Septic Systems: How They Work and How to Keep Them Working."

To help protect a septic system, they advise you to:

1. Reduce sludge buildup by keeping as many solid materials as possible out of your sewage. This includes the contents of your garbage disposal (best to not use one), sanitary pads, diapers, paper towels and cigarettes. The most septic tank-friendly toilet paper is Scott toilet tissue.

2. Monitor your water usage: Purchase water-savers for your showers and kitchen sink, and place one or two bricks or plastic baffles in your toilet tank. Fix leaky faucets and toilets promptly, and load your washing machine completely before use. The best laundry detergents to use are the low- or no-phosphate variety.

3. If you have a dishwasher, make sure the dishes are free of food particles before washing. Those new "don't bother to pre-scrape your dishes, pots and pans before loading into the dishwasher" dishwashers are death to a septic system.

4. Don't put cooking oil or grease into your septic system.

5. To keep the system's bacteria working, don't put pesticides, disinfectants, acids, medicines, paint, paint thinner or other materials which can kill bacteria down the drain.

6. Most important of all, have your system inspected and, if need be, pumped out at least once every three years.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: About 20 years ago, we bought a bean-bag chair made with upholstery material. The chair is still great, but the beans have disintegrated over time. Do you know where we might find replacement styrofoam beans? — **JOANNE MEYERS, Bedford, Ind.**

DEAR JOANNE: We restuff our bean-bag chairs with packing peanuts, which we purchase at our local "pack and ship" store. If you don't have one in your area, any moving company should be able to supply you with as many as you need.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: When I was little, my mother used to make cakes with rose-flavored frosting — a favorite of hers when she, in turn, was a little girl. I've looked in several stores, but have not been able to find rose-flavored extract. Any ideas? — **MARY RICHMOND, Portage, Ind.**

DEAR MARY: Rose extract is available from Sweet Celebrations, P.O. Box 39426, Edina, MN 55439-0426 (800-328-6722). It is catalog number 23612, and a 2-ounce bottle costs $4.19 plus shipping. We love this catalog; when we're looking for just about anything under the sun for candy, cookie, cake making and decorating, we're about 99 percent certain we'll find it in Sweet Celebrations. Plus, the catalog is free!

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: You have been so successful in finding "old" merchandise — I wonder if you can find some "Mendets" for repairing holes in old pots. I have a nice, expensive pot that I love to use. But everywhere I look for them, the salespeople either have no idea what I'm talking about or tell me the company has gone out of business. They were lifesavers for old cookware years ago. — **MRS. FRANCES LEWIS, Washington, N.C.**

DEAR MRS. LEWIS: We're sorry to have to tell you that "Mendets" are no longer made. Wish we knew the reason; as you note, they were a very handy item.

While we're on the subject of items that are no longer available, here are some others that our readers frequently ask us to find: Foley forks, dual-control electric blankets (actually, you can't even buy a single-control electric blanket any more), curtain stretchers, small plastic "counters" for keeping running tallies at the grocery store (these have been replaced by hand-held, battery-powered calculators), two-cup drip stove-top coffee pots, replacement heels for shoes (the Hale Heel Company only fills orders for its old customers now), Horlick's Malted Milk tablets, and, finally, Hires Root Beer extract. Whew!

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I live in a house that was built in two sections. The older section is approximately 30 years old. No one in the family likes to take a bath or use the sink in the bathroom in that section of the house because the water smells like rotting potatoes. Replacing the plumbing would be too expensive. Is there any way to get rid of the smell? Would a water filter help? — **C. RICHARD, Gonzales, La.**

DEAR C.: We bet if you had your water tested, you'd find that the sulfur content was pretty high. Using a little deductive reasoning, we also bet that once the newer section of your house was built, the old bathroom wasn't used as often as it once was. The result: Water to the sink and shower sits in the pipes over a period of time, and the sulfur in the water begins to dissipate. When you finally run the water, the accumulated sulfur gas makes it smell like rotten potatoes. To solve the problem, you can put filters on both the shower head and the sink faucet(s) or turn on the water in the bathroom every day or so. This will keep the sulfur gas from forming in the first place.

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

©1998 NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS



Parents & Grandparents show off your New Baby in our Christmas Edition of the Snyder Daily News!

Bring Us A Cute Picture Of
Your Child or Grandchild Right Away
Deadline For Us To Receive Picture Is 5:00 p.m. December 21.
The Cost is Only $15 per ad!

SNYDER DAILY NEWS
3600 College Ave. 573-5486

Now's the time to try Focus soft contact lenses.



So comfortable. So easy to wear. You'll wonder why you haven't tried them before.

Focus®
SOFT CONTACT LENSES
Now you can change your lenses monthly for less than $9 per month* When you buy a year supply. Call

Vision Care Bryan Cave, O.D.
Cogdell Center
Snyder, Texas
915-573-5571

*after manufacturer's rebate

Merchant seamen win some recognition from Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Caught up in patriotic fervor but kept out of the Army and Navy for less-than-perfect eyesight, Francis Coughlin wanted to serve his country. So he became a merchant seamen, helping deliver coal to freezing Italians in the winter of 1945.

"We sailed up the Adriatic Sea to Venice," recalled Coughlin, 71, a doctor and lawyer in New Canaan, Conn. "We passed mines ... that could have destroyed our ship. We fired on them with rifles because they were in the seaway."

Some mariners died at sea even after the Japanese surrendered on Aug. 14, 1945.

But the U.S. government does not regard Coughlin or the other 3,000 surviving seamen who worked on ships carrying cargo to war-ravaged Europe and the Pacific as full-fledged veterans.

That has changed, to a degree, because of legislation sponsored by Rep. Lane Evans, D-Ill., and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., that became law just last month.

It extends basic burial benefits to merchant seamen who sailed between Aug. 15, 1945, and Dec. 31, 1946, the date proclaimed as the official end of World War II by then-President Harry S. Truman.

It does not confer full veteran status on the men, who will not have access to the same health care or disability benefits available to the nation's 6.3 million surviving World War II veterans.

But by providing a flag, a grave marker and burial in a national cemetery, it conveys something that mariners want more than money or health care: recognition that they served their country with honor.

"These men want to be able to look at their grandchildren and say, 'I'm a veteran of World War II. I served my country in a different way,'" said Thomas Fraley of Cape Coral, Fla., secretary of American Merchant Marine Veterans.

The 1945-46 group was left out 10 years ago, when a federal court ruled that Merchant Marine veterans of World War II should be granted veterans' status.

The Air Force, in charge of implementing the rule, imposed a service cutoff date of Aug. 15, 1945 — even though the December 1946 date is recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as the cutoff for veterans' status for the Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

Merchant seamen were being recruited as late as May 1946 to bring supplies to occupation forces throughout the world, according to the mariners.

"They were left out in the cold," said Lawrence Brooks, 71, of Wareham, Mass., who joined the Merchant Marine in 1944. "Yet ... the guys who were down in Fort Dix peeling potatoes" got veterans' status.

Mariners trace their history back to the Revolutionary War, when a party of Maine mariners, armed with pitchforks and axes and inspired by news of the colonists' victory at Lexington, used an unarmed schooner to capture a British warship off New England.

In 1936, the Merchant Marine was created to carry cargo and serve as a military auxiliary in time of war. Two years later, with war on the horizon, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the mass production of Liberty ships to carry war supplies and established the U.S. Maritime Service, now defunct, to train seamen.

Not everyone agrees that mariners — classified as civilians even when their ships were under military control during war, and they received gunnery training — should be veterans.

"They were never led to believe, nor was it ever implied, that they would gain veterans' status in their contractual obligation to move cargo," said Bob Manhan, assistant legislative director for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a 2.1 million member organization.

The VFW opposed veterans' status for World War II mariners.

Manhan acknowledges the crucial role mariners played in the Allied victory by moving supplies. But they also were not subject to the draft, were sometimes better paid and could volunteer — or not — for risky missions.

"I'm not going to say they didn't run some horrible risks," Manhan said. "However, members of the military service never had the option not to volunteer for a hazardous assignment such as Iwo Jima or Normandy."

For mariners, the casualty figures provide grim evidence that many were in harm's way.

About 6,800 of the 215,000 World War II mariners were killed, a death rate of nearly 3.2 percent, mariners' groups estimate. That is a higher rate than for the Army, Navy or Marines, although those services sustained much higher fatalities.

(The late U.S. ambassador to Switzerland, Larry Lawrence, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in 1996, based in part upon his claim of having been injured as an 18-year-old mariner near the end of World War II. But his widow had the body disinterred after Republicans found Lawrence lied about his service.)

Some mariners are pressing the Civilian Military Service Review Board for full veterans' status for the 1945-46 group.

After all, they say, other groups that fall outside the traditional armed services — such as World War I reconstruction aides and dietitians — were granted such recognition.

"We carried aviation fuel from South America to Genoa, Italy for the Air Force," said Daniel Horodysky, 70, of Berkeley, Calif., who sailed with the Merchant Marine in October 1945. "We went through mine fields. ... We didn't consider ourselves civilians."

Jurors find ex-judge guilty of lying under oath; give him three years probation

HOUSTON (AP) — A former district judge has been convicted of lying to a judicial commission about whether he improperly discussed a case with lawyers outside the courtroom.

William Bell, 41, who faced up to 10 years in prison, was convicted and sentenced Thursday to three years probation and fined $10,000. Under terms of the sentence, he will only have to pay the fine if the probation is revoked.

Bell, who could lose his law license, had no comment as he left state District Judge Mary Lou Keel's courtroom.

Bell was convicted of lying under oath at a May 22, 1997, state Commission on Judicial Conduct hearing investigating an allegation he improperly discussed the Kennedy Heights case with attorneys.

Residents of that subdivision are suing Chevron Corp. over long-abandoned oil storage pits they claim caused illnesses.

Bell removed himself from the case and resigned from the 281st Civil District Court bench in November 1997 rather than be disciplined by the commission.

Attorney Holly Williamson testified Bell approached her at a Jan. 20, 1996, party about being appointed to represent the interests of the subdivision's children. She declined, saying she did other legal work for Chevron.

But Bell, who also made disparaging remarks about the company's lead attorney, Robert Meadows, asked her to tell Chevron it had problems with the case, according to testimony. She said she did so.

As a result, she and Bell had three more conversations about the case, including one on Feb. 1, 1996, that she secretly recorded.

On the tape, Bell states he is Chevron's friend and he wanted someone with "cojones" to tell him what to do with the case. Though he seemed to be talking about Chevron, his attorneys dispute that.

Q&A

What is valium?

(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. The current series is dedicated to supplying general information to our readers. Getting back to the basics, we are using the ABC's as a structured guideline. Each week, the column will concentrate on such topics as Relationship Addict, Snyder Park Club, Understanding: An Emotional Food, etc. Readers may want to cut out the articles and save them as a resource for future reference.)

ABC's of Substance Abuse
(Article 22 of 26)

V ~ VALIUM

Derived from the Latin word meaning "to be strong and well," V*alium* is an antianxiety agent and a muscle relaxant. It produces antiepileptic effects without sedation and is used to treat anxiety and muscle spasms, as a preanesthetic for heart patients, in the early stages of labor, and to control cerebral palsy, convulsive attacks, and low-back pain.

Many tranquilizer users are upper- or upper-middle-class and/or white-collar workers, retired persons, or unemployed. The National Institute of Mental Health and the National Institute on Drug Abuse estimate that women users outnumber men by 2.5 to 1. Changing social roles, more leisure time, employment pressures, poor self-image and insecurity, problems in child rearing, and the so-called "empty-nest syndrome" are among the oft-cited reasons why women become dependent on tranquilizers.

Furthermore, there is speculation that women use tranquilizers more than men because they see their physicians more often than men. And, because women are generally more able to discuss their frustrations and their physical and emotional pain, their physician's treatment often includes the prescription of tranquilizers to ease the discomfort.

A number of side effects associated with *Valium* include:

- Lethargy
- Skin rashes
- Menstrual and ovulatory irregularities
- Blood abnormalities
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Drowsiness
- Insomnia
- Fatigue
- Changes in emotional reactions
- Irritability
- Overexcitement
- Hostility and confusion
- Headaches
- Double vision
- Constipation
- Hypertension
- Stammering
- Changes in libido
- Nausea
- Slurred speech
- Perspiration
- Thirst

Valium occupies the spotlight of controversy because researchers failed to recognize its apparent addiction capabilities when it was first being used years ago. *Valium* has a high rate of abuse because it is so easy to increase the dosage and become dependent. Like alcohol, it is a depressant and can cause depression, anxiety, and suicide ideation (Schlaadt & Shannon, Drugs: Use, Misuse and Abuse, pp. 179-182).

If you have, or someone you know has, a drug or alcohol problem, be a part of the solution. Seek, or urge your friend to get, help!

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 1-800-568-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

TOYS FOR TOTS APPLICATION

HOUSEHOLD NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

MONTHLY FAMILY INCOME $ _____

Please list each child's name, age (12 and under), sex (M or F) and three toys they would like to have. We will try to give at least one toy from each child's list. (Please do not list clothes and shoe sizes.)

Child #1
NAME _____ **AGE** ___ **SEX** __
1 _____
2 _____ 3 _____

Child #2
NAME _____ **AGE** ___ **SEX** __
1 _____
2 _____ 3 _____

Child #3
NAME _____ **AGE** ___ **SEX** __
1 _____
2 _____ 3 _____

Child #4
NAME _____ **AGE** ___ **SEX** __
1 _____
2 _____ 3 _____

Child #5
NAME _____ **AGE** ___ **SEX** __
1 _____
2 _____ 3 _____

Toys will be picked up from the Girl Scout Hut (2501 35th Street) on Tuesday, December 22, 1998. Each family will be notified by phone of their pick up time. Please send all applications to: **TOYS FOR TOTS, c/o Judi Martin, 3106 Hill Avenue, Snyder, Texas 79549-3845. For more information, call 573-3525. The last day for accepting applications is Tuesday, December 15, 1998.**

Support

Continued From Page 1B

for people who are divorced, and may also include, for an example, adult children who have never come to terms with their parents' divorce.

Everyone chooses which group they want to meet with. Some attend one group one month but may choose another one the next month.

Bridal Registry

MICHELLE DEROUEN AND CODY MAULDIN
AMY HODGES AND J.J. VOLLET
PEPPER HINKLE AND JEFF FRANKLIN
ALISE LLOYD AND JOEL KERN
CAROLYN ATKINSON AND CHAD GRIMMETT
LESLIE DANIELL AND CURT RINEHART
MARGOT (DEERE) MCNEIL AND BRANDON MCNEIL
KRYSTYL VALENTINE AND MICHAEL CARROLL
DEBORAH SISCO AND JEREMY BAILEY

Phone In Orders Welcome
Free Delivery To Bridal Shower

Classic Interiors

2520 Ave. R East Side of Square
573-1701

Open Mon. - Fri., 9:30-5:30,
Sat. 10:00-4:00

FOR THE PERFECT GIFT SHOP
Linda's Style Shop
1413 Hailey 235-1397
Sweetwater 1-800-372-1066
MEN'S & WOMEN'S

You are Invited to a Holiday Open House at Expert Hair Design
401 37th Street
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday December 14th, 15th and 16th 9:00 a.m. til 6:00 p.m.



Come by, enjoy refreshments and celebrate the holidays with us.
Stacey, Esme', Linda, Joanne & Kathy
Expert Hair & Nail Design
401 E. 37th Street Snyder, Texas 573-0312
Open Mon. - Fri. 9-6 - Late By Appointment

Here's just one of many reasons we dare to say that the new artista is the finest sewing and embroidery machine in the world.

~ reason no. 16 ~
Only artista gives you five beautifully rendered embroidery alphabets, and lets you combine any lettering you want with any design right on the touch screen. Only artista.

Betty's Bernina
2522 Ave. R Snyder, Texas
573-0303
M-F - 9-5:30, Sat. 10-4



FREE FINANCING UNTIL AUG. 1999
Nothing Sews Like A Bernina. Nothing.
BERNINA



Surviving Christmas

Deanie Francis Mills

Did you know that, on the stress scale, the holiday season is rated just below a death in the family as a stressful event for some people?

The holidays are stressfull for several obvious reasons. For one, the orgy of gift-giving that takes place at this time of year is expensive, as everyone knows. But if we have experienced financial setbacks in the previous year, it can make the holidays an agony of decision-making and sacrifice.

For another, TV and the movies can conspire to make this time of year into a Norman Rockwell Rockwellian painting, full of nostalgia and warm and fuzzy family time; when the truth is that many of us come from families who have difficulties getting along all year long, much less now, when they're all crammed together under one roof. (I love the quote from country music diva Naomi Judd. "We put the fun in dysfunctional.")

Divorce and blended step-families can do more to stress out the holidays than anything else — especially for the children, who may come to dread Christmas for that very reason. They know that no matter which home they spend the holidays in, something special is going to be missing from their lives. They may feel like strangers no matter where they are.

And although we don't see this much out here in West Texas, there are many families where one parent is one religion — say Jewish, and one another. Each one is going to want to celebrate his or her traditions, which inevitably causes anger and hurt feelings and solutions which wind up pleasing no one.

Even in two-parent homes in which religion is not an issue, you have each partner bringing in family traditions they treasure that may slam up againsst the traditions of the other. Do you open gifts Christmas Eve, or Christmas morning? Is gift-opening a wild free-for-all that's over in fifteen minutes amid a cloud of bright paper, or are you used to handing out gifts one by one and taking turns opening them? Which family member usually winds up loading kids and presents into the car or plane and traveling hundreds, or even thousands of miles to spend the holidays with everybody else?

All of these issues are discussed at length in the article, "Surviving Holiday Hell," in the latest issue of "Psychology Today."

Needless to say, it is women who usually feel holiday stress the most, since they handle everything from buying most of the gifts to decorating to baking to making a costume for the kids' church nativity play. The article refers to this position as the "Holiday CEO."

Whether she's the family matriarch or the new step-mom, trying to make everybody happy, it is the Holiday CEO who feels responsible for the whole Norman Rockwell myth. If the kids act up, (as they inevitably do at this time of year), or somebody in the family feels slighted, or the turkey is dry, or WHATEVER, she generally shoulders the blame, which can be intensely stressful.

But there are things that we can all do to make the holidays much more enjoyable for every one and less stressful all around. For one thing, we can't expect to neglect necessary emotional work with our families and children all year long, and then try to make up for it over the holidays. If our families are our first priority all the time, then Christmas will just be a lovely extension of that. Even non-custodial parents can go out of their way to make the children feel loved all the time, and not count on extravagant gifts to do the job for them.

Secondly, when it comes to family traditions, if each partner feels equally strong about it, then they can take turns each year doing it one way or the other. In our family, after years of dragging kids hundreds of miles every year we finally put our foot down and said we'd spend every other holiday in our own home, developing our own family traditions — and extended family was welcome to visit, if they wanted. Now that the kids are grown, they remember and cherish those home Christmases more than any others.

As all kids grow and mature — especially if there is a divorce — it is important to ask them what THEY would like to do over the holidays, what traditions were most important to them before their family split up. Try to find some way to accommodate everyone if at all possible. It may even be something as simple as a favorite dessert with Christmas dinner — but giving everyone a chance to have his or her say can avoid a lot of bickering or sulking later. In other words, be flexible, willing to examine new traditions. This can even extend to married kids and their new spouses.

Third, we might as well expect our family to be our family no matter what the occasion. Don't expect everyone to miraculously change over the holidays. So don't be surprised or upset if, for example, Uncle John and Aunt Sally get into an argument over politics on Christmas Day if they tend to argue about it every time they get together.

Fourth, simplify! Simplify! Working moms who have the job of Holiday CEO can make slice-and-bake cookies, or order some from the bakery. (Everything doesn't have to be done the way Mom did it if Mom had nothing else to do when we were growing up.) Catalogue shop or shop on the Internet to save time. Pay a few bucks extra for gift-wrapping. Buy desserts and freeze them.

With a little creativity, flexibility, and lowered expectations — it's possible to make a wonderful, relatively stress-free holiday for everyone without ruining it for ourselves.

Deanie Mills' column appears each weekend in the Snyder Daily News

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Paroled prisoners

The Dallas Morning News

Sherman ended up behind bars again last month. The "culture shock" the convicted murderer admitted experiencing after his 17 years in prison ended 12 months ago evidently was too great.

The muscular, middle-aged parolee had found a job. Sherman even had a new wife. And together they had found an apartment in Dallas.

But the transition between his years of incarceration, the last three of which were spent isolated in "administrative segregation" or "ad-seg," must have consumed him. It certainly bewilders many hard-core offenders.

The state's roughest convicts are wily enough to survive the bizarre code of prison life. But the free world often upends them.

The consequences of this phenomenon for the larger society could only mushroom. The number of Texas inmates assigned to "ad-seg" has grown to around 8,000 as the prison population itself has swelled to over 140,000 inmates. What's more, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice would like additional ad-seg facilities.

Prison officials explain that more and more prisoners have been shipped off to these isolated units to break up the gangs that have multiplied behind prison walls. Separating out tough gang members from the general population can help keep the peace, officials say.

True. But what happens to people like Sherman when they leave prison after their terms end? Are they prepared for the world that awaits them, or are they destined to commit another crime?

The answer to those questions has very real public relevance. Convicts living in isolation can one day end up living next to ordinary Texans. What happens then? "What society makes of these men in their isolation, for good or ill, is the reality we will all have to deal with when they come back," Nightline anchor Ted Koppel said after he recently spent a night on assignment in a Texas prison's ad-seg wing.

Ad-seg inmates receive little evaluation today. They usually sit alone in a small cell for 23 hours a day. They get out for one hour to take a smoke, watch TV or stand outside. They are closely monitored at all times. But life within the bowels of a prison is very far removed from Main Street, U.S.A. "When I got to the walls for release," Sherman says of his exit from prison, "it was very different from ad-seg."

Texas legislators should focus on the transition problem during their 1999 session. They need to determine how Texas prisons can better equip ad-seg inmates slated for release to the free world. This would benefit both the offender and society.

For example, the Legislature should propose putting ad-seg prisoners slated for mandatory release into "integration" classes nine to 12 months before they exit prison.

Some of these offenders now look at a video about living in the free world before they leave prison. And some get help at the halfway houses they report to after leaving prison.

But enrolling ad-seg inmates in classes where they can learn such living skills as how to negotiate and how to manage their time could smooth out transition problems.

The state also should create substance abuse programs for ad-seg prisoners. Their drug addictions are as powerful as those of prisoners in the general population.

One idea that legislators should avoid is double-bunking ad-seg prisoners. That could only incite more violence. Prisoners locked up together in a tiny cell for 23 hours could easily become even more treacherous.

Perhaps some people think that creating the toughest conditions possible is the best approach for Texas' roughest offenders. But that does not serve society well. After all, some of these people will someday be released. They could become a neighbor. For everyone's sake, the prison system should better equip the hardest offenders for the world that awaits them.

Educating Texas

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The 21st century is just over the horizon. Experts agree that a well-educated work force must be the primary vehicle driving a prosperous U.S. economy in the new millennium.

If so, the Texas economy could be in for a bumpy ride.

— Many high schools throughout Texas, including a number in Tarrant County, have unacceptably high dropout rates.

— Of those high school graduates who enroll in college, only 49 percent graduate, ranking Texas a dismal 48th among the 50 states.

— The record for completing college is particularly poor for minorities — among Hispanic college students in Texas, only 36 percent earn degrees within six years; for African-American students, the completion rate is only 27 percent.

— Texas' higher education expenditures per student are below the national average — and, not surprisingly, so is the state's per capita income. A college graduate's lifetime income will exceed that of a nongraduate by more than $1 million.

If Texas wants a capable, well-paid 21st-century work force, it must advance its higher education system by substantially increasing the numbers of students who earn college degrees.

One of the biggest barriers for many students is financial. That's particularly true for minority students — a disproportionately large number come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. And a 1996 federal appeals court ruling in the much-chronicled Hopwood case has resulted in a prohibition against using state funds specifically targeted to aid minority students.

We strongly urge that the Texas Legislature, in its session beginning in January, approve increased funding for needy college students along the lines of recommendations made by a state-appointed panel called the Texas Commission on a Representative Student Body. The 25-member panel is headed by former Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby. Its North Texas representatives include Hardy Murphy, an associate superintendent for the Fort Worth school district; former Dallas Mayor Annette Strauss; and David Biegler, president of Texas Utilities Co.

The commission is urging that the Legislature appropriate $500 million over two years for a program to aid students from low- and moderate-income families. Its prime focus would be on helping students who graduate from high schools where at least 40 percent of students are economically disadvantaged.

Students who are strong academic achievers but from modest financial backgrounds would be eligible for the most aid. Under one scenario, a student ranking in the top 10 percent of a high school graduating class and from a family with an annual income under $30,000 could be eligible for up to $5,000 from grants and participation in a work-study program. Over four years, the aid could total $20,000. The aid would be available to students attending both public and private colleges.

The commission also is recommending spending $60 million for programs focused on recruiting college students from schools with large numbers of low-income and minority students.

If we don't pay for a stronger higher education system now, we'll be paying later — in the form of a less competitive, lower-wage work force. That won't cut the mustard in the high-tech 21st century.



Letters to the Editor

SDN letter policy

Letters to the editor must be signed and must give the address of the writer. Letters should be of reasonable length. The newspaper reserves the right to refuse letters if they contain libelous material or information deemed in poor taste.

Following a long-standing policy and practice, Snyder Daily News does not publish letters pertaining to a candidate or issue once an election has been called.

Opinions in favor of or in opposition to an issue or candidate may be published in paid political advertisements.

Letters to be published in the weekend edition must be submitted no later than noon Friday.

Lost jacket

Dear Editor:

Somewhere, possibly on the sidewalks of Snyder, Texas, a lady is wearing a denim jacket. On the right front is the logo of "Breighton," on the back are nine colorful patchwork squares. Below the patchwork is written "World's Greatest Mother."

My daughter entered a contest, writing an essay on "Why I Think My Mother is the World's Greatest Mother." This jacket was sent to the winner, to give to her mother.

On the night of Nov. 18, I left it on the back of my chair at the Golden Corral in Snyder. My friend Max'l Humble of Snyder has tried in vain to locate it.

I am begging the person who sees it, or has it, to please send it to the owner. I had it for only one week and it was so special to me. No questions will be asked!

Sincerely,
Murleen Self

Box 486
1327 E. Hwy. 82
Crosbyton, Texas, 79322

School building

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this time to thank the people of Scurry County for the nice Christmas they so graciously gave my family and themselves. Also I want to apologize to the majority of the residents for my under estimation of their ability to say NO.

I know the problem still exists with our schools and we will have to address and correct them.

Quite frankly I do not know how to accomplish this with the present administration. I could recommend calf weaners for them maybe if there were a way to get them to hold one of their meetings in one of the school buildings, it might fall in on them.

Some have twisted my meaning to include the teachers. I want to set the record straight that our teachers are doing a fantastic job. They are the greatest. They have accomplished miracles considering their working conditions. My wife says I am getting started again so I guess I had better back out of here.

Once again thank you ever so much for the nice Christmas.

Omer Pointer
Snyder

UN agenda

Dear Editor:

I have an article I wish to share with you from "The Witness: UN Agenda Exposed."

The State of Maryland had scheduled the execution of a convicted murderer that evening. The governor of Maryland received a telephone call from Madelene Albright, Secretary of State of the United States, who had the gall to inform the governor to hold up the execution.

The governor requested her name and authority. Madame Secretary identified herself and remarked that the State of Maryland had no jurisdiction in the case. She explained that the UN International Criminal Court had jurisdiction and Kofi Annon, Secretary General of the UN, would be in charge.

The governor explained that the state of Maryland had the authority to execute convicted murderers, and "politely" told her to go fly a kite.

The war to undermine the U.S., the Constitution and to control the sovereignty of America is at a feverish pitch. Congress must act immediately — if not, a Revolutionary War of 1776 will be in the books.

Get out of the UN, NOW! (So writes Lt. Col. Zane P. Laurini, (Ret.) in Senior Life magazine 10/98).

A question, "Does the Secretary of State take a loyalty oath to the Bill of Rights and to the Constitution of the United States?" If so, has she upheld that oath or is her loyalty elsewhere?

It has several years to prove its worth. It is not isolationism to defend the Constitution.

Would it be wise for us common citizens to wirte our Representatives and Senators on this point.

Should we be taxed to support the UN, which seems to want to control the world? Is the talk about the good it will do be the practice it will follow?

Yours truly,
Surry H. Gillum

P.S. We do not need low level flying over any of our area by the military Air Force.



Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Seven keys to creating a positive attitude

In the past 11 years, I've worked with more than 2,000 business owners and preventure entrepreneurs. I've seen every type of business and personality style you can imagine. I've experienced moments of despair and of great jubilation.

Working as a consultant, counselor, coach and friend, I find business owners a fascinating breed. They are living the American dream and most of them are realizing levels of success that men and women in other lands can only dream about.

Yet, in America where all citizens have won the lottery of life, not everyone is successful. While some capture the brass ring of success — often after failure — others just keep failing.

What separates the success from the failures? Why do some reach the top while others toil on or near the bottom? Why do so many search for success and so few find it?

There are many reasons for success. Many self-help books purport to list the factors. On their lists you find knowledge, skills, determination, attitude, perservance, creativity, drive, focus, goals, hard work, loyalty, self-motivation and dozens of others. I certainly agree that these are critical success factors.

However, I've noticed among the varying lists that one trait or charactistic is always present. That one is attitude.

Attitude is both an equalizer and evaluator. Attitude flies higher, runs further and smashes adversity faster than any other trait. Attitude is the catalyst of success. Yet, other ingredients must be in the mix, but the presence of a positive attitude changes the outcome forever.

Attitude builders

•**Understand that attitude is a habit.** Developing a positive attitude is not a one-time enlightenment. A positive attitude is a habit of thought. You begin to cultivate a positive attitude by changing your focus.

•**Develop a positive focus.** To build a more positive attitude, focus on the results you want and the outcomes you wish to create. As your focus shifts from the negative things that might happen to the positive things you want to happen, your attitude will improve to match your expectations.

•**Shut out or avoid negative thoughts and people.** I've worked with negative people who wanted to become more positive. However, their friends continually pointed out past failures and current shortcomings. Even though they knew they had potential for better things, the constant barrage of negativity pulled them down. If you find yourself in this situation, find new friends. Life is too short to let others influence your attitude.

•**Don't wait for someone to jump-start your attitude.** Be a self-starter. Changing your attitude begins with your desire to be more positive. If you earnestly desire to change, you can. Remember no person cares more about your attitude than you do.

•**Take control.** Someone once said that all motivation is self-motivation. While others may encourage you, you must take contol of your actions and attitude. No one can make you have a bad day unless you allow them to. No one can stir your anger, change your focus or steal your initiative if you take control of your attitude. When it comes to your attitude, you're in charge so take control.

•**Look to the future.** No matter how many times you relive past mistakes, you can't change anything. Forget the past and focus on what you can do instead of what you should have done. Your future is much more important than your past. After all, you'll spend the rest of your life there.

•**Help others.** The best way to improve a bad attitude is to reach out to others who are less fortunate than we are. This holiday season reach out to someone who needs help. I guarantee a double benefit.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Herbert Adams, 1999 Dodge from Snyder Chrysler.

D.L. Peterson Trust, 1999 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Hoovers' Oilfield Construction and Herbert Hoover, 1998 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Brenda Grimes, 1998 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Randy Don Bryan and Kimberly Nacoe Fulfer, both of Snyder.

Jeffrey Crayton Stroman of Snyder and Lydia Suzanne Worthman of Arlington.

Eric Donald Dela Cruz and Diana Lee Snow, both of Snyder.

Brady Cobb and Teena Wynette Braziel, both of Snyder.

George Christopher Fuentez and Sonia Pina, both of Snyder.

Richard Mendoza and Beth Denise Ellison, both of Wimberly.

Kevin Curtis Rinehart and Leslie Nicole Daniell, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Paulino Benitez and Esperanza Benitez, individually and as personal representatives of the estate of Paulino Benitez, deceased, and Versail Benitez, individually, vs. Pennzoil Exploration and Production Company, aka Pennzoil Petroleum Company, transfer of wrongful death suit from Harris County.

B&F Well Service vs. H.V. Hardin Estate, suit on contract.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Kevin James Courtney and Lupe Mary Courtney, divorce granted.

Deed Records

El Ray Inc. to David E. Ohre, dba David E. Ohre Properties, all of Lot 1 of the Replat of Lot 2 of the Wal-Mart Subdivision, containing 0.657 acres.

Ruth Rankin Carter to Bonnie Harris, 7.368 acres in Section 455, Block 97, H&TC survey.

David W. and Shirley Ann Fritz to Charles W. and Dena M. Cooper, all of Lot 3 in Block 5 of the Parkview Addition.

Charles W. and Dena M. Cooper to David W. and Shirley Ann Fritz, 23.03 acres in Section 252, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Fernando and Mary Romero to Frank and Dorothy Dean, all of Lot 8 in Block 30 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Betty T. Johnston, Lyle E. Carbaugh and Paul M. Hardwick, co-independent executors of the estate of James J. Johnston, to the Betty T. Johnston Marital Trust, tract one being all interest in Section 97, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being all interest in the southeast one-quarter of Section 85 and the west one-half of Section 84, both in Block 97, H&TC survey.

Michael L. Seal to Linda C. Compton, the east one-half of Lot 3 in Block 24 of the Blakenship Addition.

W.C. McCarty, independent executor of the estate of Bertha Lee Strawn, to Kay Payne, Peggy Cooper, Richard Gibson Caldwell, Wayland C. Caldwell, Verna Hicks, Doyle Lay, Don Lay, Wanda Phifer, W.C. McCarty, David Lunsford and Danny Lunsford, tract one being part of Section 253, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being part of Section 253, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Alice B. Goodridge to William R. Vickrey, trustee for Cassidy Lynn Vickrey and Jacob William Vickrey, each an undivided interest in 34 acres of the Coleman Ranch Lands in Scurry and Mitchell Counties.

Esteven G. Hernandez to Ofelia R. Hernandez, all of the east 50 feet of the west 100 feet of Lot 3 in Block 23 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Miquel A. Dominguez to Maria Esbeida Rodriguez, the north 90 feet of Lot 7 in Block 39 of the Wilmeth Addition.

W.T. Whitehead to Miquel A. Dominguez, the north 90 feet of Lot 7 in Block 30 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Murray and Yvonne Leona McCain to James D. and Dana S. Barnes, Lot 31 in Block A of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

John C. Moore, Lloyd B. Moore and John C. Moore Jr. to Annie H. Mena, all of Lot 20 in Block 3 of the Eastridge Addition.

Myron Fenton to Dora M. Alvarez, all of Lot 9 of Fenton's Replat of Block 18 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

Mary Beall Hamlett, independent executrix of the estate of Clara Mae Johnson, to Mary Beall Hamlett, Sections 235-237 and Section 262-266, containing 3,717.70 acres, all in Block B, H&TC survey.

Mary Beall Hamlett, independent executrix of the estate of Clara Mae Johnson, to Mary Beall Hamlett, Lot 2 in Block 12 of the Grayum and Clark Subdivision.

Mary Beal Hamlett, independent executrix of the estate of Clara Mae Johnson, to Mary Beall Hamlett, Lot 4 in Block 5 of the Grayum and Clark Subdivision.

Toddler rescued from septic tank

SILSBEE (AP) — A toddler who was rescued from a septic tank by his hair was recovering Thursday at a Beaumont hospital.

Doctors at St. Elizabeth Hospital said Johnny Scott, 2, was lucky that he did not suffer brain damage in Monday's accident.

His mother, Rose Scott, was making sandwiches for lunch when she noticed her toddler was missing.

On a hunch, family friend Joey Wales checked out the septic tank and saw the diapered boy going into the muck.

"I saw the diaper sinking. I grabbed him by his hair, pulled him up and laid him sideways," Wales told KFDM-TV.

The youngster was rushed to a Silsbee fire station, where volunteer fireman Mike Fontenot revived him.

"That's the first time I've actually ever had to do it (CPR)," said Fontenot said. "When I first blew in a breath, he started to gurgle. I turned him over and got some stuff to come out of him."

The boy came around, after several minutes of not breathing.

SNYDER NEIGHBORS SHARING, INC.
APPLICATION FORM

Name of Applicant:_____ Birthdate:_____
Address:_____ Phone Number:_____
Spouse:_____ Birthdate:_____
How Long at this Address:_____
( ) Own Home ( ) Buying
( ) Renting $_____ Monthly Amount
Are You:
( ) Widowed ( ) Divorced
( ) Handicapped How:_____
_____
Number of People living in this Household:_____
( ) Adults ( ) Children Ages:_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Income:
( ) Employed Where:_____
Gross Weekly Income: $_____
( ) Spouse Employed Where:_____
Gross Weekly Income: $_____
( ) No One Employed
Other Income:
( ) Social Security: Amount $_____
( ) Public Welfare: Amount $_____
( ) Supplemental Income: Amount $_____
( ) Other: _____
_____
Additional Comments - Repairs Needed:
_____
_____
_____
_____

Mail to: P.O. Box 541, Snyder, Tx. 79550
Applications Need To Be Returned
By January 15, 1999

There's no place like Home for the Holidays

At Jim Walter Homes, we believe in your dreams of home ownership, especially during the holidays when homes filled with family traditions come to life.

Qualified property owners can have a new home traditionally built with,

- **No Money Down**
- **No Points or Closing Costs**
- **No Lengthy Application Process**
- **No Application Fees**
- **No Private Mortgage Insurance**
- **100% Fixed-Rate Mortgage Financing with Low Monthly Payments!**

In the spirit of the season, we're offering this holiday special: **A FREE GE APPLIANCE PACKAGE*** when you choose to build one of these exclusive home designs on your property.

Hurry in to your nearest Jim Walter Homes sales center, as this offer is only available for a limited time!



President II
Spacious 4/2 layout with bonus room!



San Antonio
Popular 3/2 narrow lot plan!



Madison II
Affordable family-sized 4/2 home!



American
Our most affordable 3/2 home!

Jim Walter HOMES
We believe in your dreams℠

Visit your nearest sales center, or request a free brochure by calling
1-800-492-5837 ext. 60, mail the coupon, or visit our web site at **http://www.jimwalterhomes.com**

ABILENE, TX Interstate 20 E. @ Highway 80 (Exit 292) Ph: 915/672-4249

LUBBOCK, TX 4708 67th Street "On The Loop" Ph: 806/791-2838

Please send me your free brochure with more than 30 home designs and information about building on my property. N1198

Name_____ Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____ Telephone_____

Mail to: Jim Walter Homes, P.O. Box 31601, Tampa, FL 33631-3601

Open 7 days a week. Weekend Hours - Sat. 8 A.M. to 6 P.M.; Sun. 1 P.M. to 6 P.M.

*Special offer only available on these 4 models built to Bonanza I & II completion. Offer to receive the free GE appliance package is good for a limited time and is subject to be withdrawn without notice. Package includes range and range hood, garbage disposer and dishwasher. Appliances delivered after the home is built. Walkways and shrubs are not included in the standard offering. State License Numbers: AL-523, AR-HB1003, FL-CRC052378, MS-R00356, NC-10840, SC-10156, TN-23042, VA-2701010439A, WV-008536. © Jim Walter Homes, Inc. 1998. Copyright strictly enforced. In Louisiana, Jim Walter Homes of Louisiana, Inc. Georgia residential mortgage licensee.



You can find a cure for the cold right in your hall closet. Just donate a wearable coat or any gloves, scarves, blankets or earmuffs during the "St. Mary Cure for the Cold" coat drive. It's a perfect way to help those in need. M.D. Laundry has generously agreed to clean all donated coats. All donations will be distributed by Scurry County Ministerial Alliance. So, please, give a coat to someone who needs it. You'll be left with a warm feeling all over.

Recipient Scurry County Ministerial Alliance

Drop-Off Locations M.D. Laundry, 1900 Snyder Shopping Center
St. Mary Family Healthcare Center, 5009 College Ave.

Sponsors Scurry County Ministerial Alliance
M.D. Laundry

Beth Ashley, RN, MSN FNP.
Jim Burleson, M.D., *Board Certified, Family Practice*
Bid Cooper, M.D., *Board Certified, Family Practice*
Thomas Kerr, M.D., *Board Certified, Internal Medicine*
Robert Rakov, M.D., *Board Certified, Family Practice*
Paul Thompson, M.D., *Board Certified, Family Practice*

ST. MARY
Family Healthcare Centers
A Member of Covenant Health System

5009 College Ave.

DEC 13 1998

Comic Page

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

THE BORN LOSER ® by Art and Chip Sansom



EEK & MEEK ® by Howie Schneider



Barney Google and Snuffy Smith ® By Fred Lasswell



BLONDIE ® by Dean Young and Stan Drake



THE GRIZZWELLS ® by Bill Schorr



FRANK & ERNEST ® by Bob Thaves



ARLO & JANIS ® by Jimmy Johnson



BIG NATE ® by Lincoln Peirce



ROBOTMAN ® by Jim Meddick

E-Mail:JimMeddick@aol.com



ALLEY OOP ® by Dave Graue and Jack Bender



BETTY ™ by Delainey and Rasmussen



KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright



©1998 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.

12-12



"Can you believe he can now be tried as an adult?"

HERMAN® by Jim Unger



"You ever thought of selling this recipe to the Pentagon?"



"WHAT A LOUSY MOVIE! I THOUGHT 'GONE WITH THE WIND' WAS ABOUT HURRICANES!"

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Official proclamation
6 Serf
10 Halloween figures
12 Small hole
14 Ed Wood actor, Martin —
15 Come on the scene
16 Like (suff.)
17 Ending for ballad
19 — fixe (obsession)
20 Leavé desolate
23 Palate part
26 Sgt., e.g.
27 GI's address
30 Some modern paintings (2 wds.)
32 Crossbreed
34 Horse's home
35 Brought in, as salary
36 Definitely!
37 Elev.
39 First and reverse
40 Overturned
42 — and carrots
45 Map abbr.
46 Long inlet
49 Printed mistakes
51 — — flow
54 Motto
55 Jump
56 Pitcher
57 Keyboard instrument

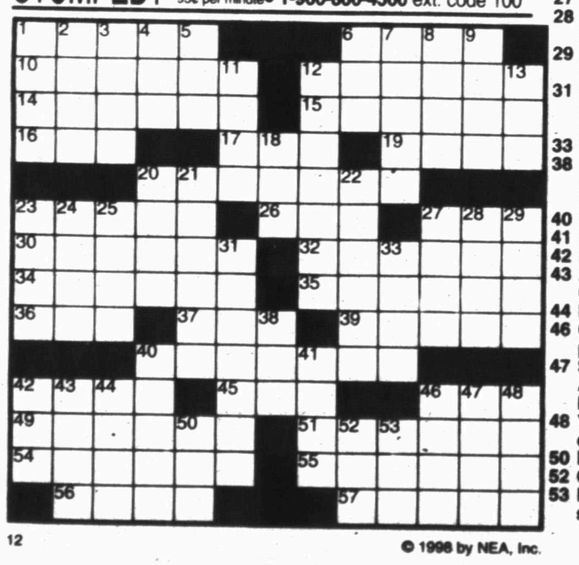
DOWN

1 Citrus fruit
2 Asian chief
3 First-rate
4 Wool-washing residue
5 Guido's high note
6 Unit of light
7 Unearthly
8 Having an offensive odor
9 Actress Campbell
11 Plaintiff
12 Cold symptom
13 Golf mound
18 Poetic time
20 Spill the beans
21 Lobe
22 Journey
23 — -daisy
24 Ballot
25 Arrow poison
27 Wild buffalo
28 Oceanfront attraction
29 Racetrack term
31 Air-traffic control system
33 Brought up
38 Powerful explosive (abbr.)
40 Custom
41 Profound
42 Foot
43 Author Gardner
44 In line
46 Called on the phone
47 South American Indian
48 Yemeni city
50 Paving goo
52 Oct. 31 sound
53 Prickly seed

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	R	E	P	A	Y			U	P	T	O	N
E	U	R	O	P	E		P	S	E	U	D	O
P	E	R	S	O	N		H	E	A	T	E	R
			E	R	N		A	L	L			
R	T	E		T	E	N	S	E		R	E	S
U	H	U	H		D	O	E	S		A	N	A
S	E	R	E			I	S	S	U	I	N	G
S	I	E	R	R	A	S			S	N	E	E
I	R	K		E	P	E	E		S	E	A	S
A	S	A		V	I	S	E	S		D	D	T
			P	I	C		R	E	M			
P	R	A	I	S	E		I	N	U	R	E	D
O	O	D	L	E	S		E	N	D	U	R	E
P	E	E	L	S			R	A	D	N	E	R

STUMPED? Call for Answers ● Touch- tone or Rotary Phones 95¢ per minute● 1-900-860-4500 ext. code 100



© 1998 by NEA, Inc.

Missing fugitive played Texas hustler role

DALLAS (AP) — Walter Humbert Cushman III considered himself a model citizen of the Lone Star State, and was fond of saying so.

"I have everything a Texan could want: Oil wells and a whorehouse," Cushman frequently bragged to friends and associates.

The whorehouse — under the cover of a tanning salon — was real, authorities say, but the oil wells weren't.

FBI investigators say the 53-year-old Cushman and 15 associates collected at least $16.4 million, mostly through telephone solicitations, to help fund oil wells that either didn't yield a drop or didn't exist.

Cushman's foray into the oil business did land him in a Louisiana federal prison in 1993 for fraud, conspiracy and money laundering. But because of a federal judge's error, an appellate court in 1997 ordered a new trial and Cushman was freed.

Federal authorities say Cushman posted $6,000 bond — provided by his 83-year-old pensioner mother in Senatobia, Miss., — in June 1997 and returned to Dallas-Fort Worth.

On Oct. 6, 1997, Cushman called his lawyer in Kansas City, Gary Jaco, and said he was on his way to Missouri, where he faced potential jail time on a related four-year-old fraud conviction.

"Quite frankly, I thought he'd get credit for time served and go home," Jaco said. "I was surprised he didn't show, since he'd never missed a court date before."

Even his mother, who bankrolled her son's freedom, had no explanation for his 14-month absence.

"I have no information for you," she said when contacted by The Associated Press.

Cushman's first courtroom absence wasn't his last. He still faced a federal retrial in Fort Worth two weeks later.

With $8,000 of his mother's savings in hand, Cushman vanished.

When he slipped away, the silver-tongued Cushman left behind a history of hustles to which any young grifter might aspire.

"He was a pretty bad stinker," said FBI agent Glenn Martin, who worked the federal case against Cushman and his oil business associates.

The veteran confidence man's first prison stint began in 1983, after he was convicted of mail and wire fraud for conspiring to sell unlicensed copies of the video game "Pac-Man." The conviction in Oklahoma landed him at the federal prison in Big Spring, once home to famed West Texas swindler Billy Sol Estes.

There, Cushman met convicted drug dealer Rodney Lee Holloman — and opportunity.

While doing minimum-security prison time in the heart of West Texas oil country, the pair took a correspondence course introducing them to the oil and gas business. Holloman and Cushman apparently studied up, because it became their next line of work after their release from prison in 1984.

Authorities say the duo founded several oil companies designed to lure investors into funding the exploration and drilling of nonexistent or nonproducing wells.

FBI agent Allen L. Stidger characterized the setup as a typical oil and gas scam in which "a very insignificant amount of money would go to actually drilling the well."

Holloman and Cushman hired sales representatives to lure elderly people and white-collar professionals into investing in bogus drilling corporations. The representatives, many of whom were later convicted of federal offenses as well, worked for cash commissions.

Some investor money funded an Arlington tanning salon known as Exciting Tans, which offered a sideline in private lingerie shows, Stidger said. Investigators said the business provided more intimate activities, and its principal investor regularly went back to the well.

Exciting Tans also became part of the benefits package Cushman provided employees in his telephone boiler room. "Salesman were rewarded for good performance with an 'Exciting Tan,'" Stidger said.

Exciting Tans also were used to loosen up nervous investors. But the really leery ones would be invited to visit the wells in person with Cushman.

They just weren't always real — or even his. Martin said Cushman once passed off another company's well as one of his own to a group of Canadian investors.

A Massachusetts businessman, who asked that his name not be used, said he visited Texas, met with Holloman and saw an operating well. He even got two dividend checks that cleared, which kept him interested.

He only later learned that his investment in three wells was a scam. He lost tens of thousands of dollars.

"I can't believe how stupid I was," he said.

Cushman's company actually owned one working well, called B-1 Chalk, but it was never meant to strike oil, Martin said. "It was just like a big prop for them. If they struck oil, well, then goody," Martin said.

"In Texas, if you drill and don't find oil, they'll put you in jail," Cushman once said in explaining the facade, "If you don't drill the well, they'll put you under the jail."

Prosecutors contended that the investors' money, which should have gone into Cushman's businesses, was going straight to his bank accounts to fund a lifestyle that included luxury cars and visits to high-end strip clubs.

Cushman's first company, Knightsbridge Petroleum Corp., went bankrupt in 1987 after raking in at least $7 million. As a result, the state of Texas obtained a permanent injunction barring him from selling securities in the state again.

It didn't stop him for long, because Cushman and Holloman founded Great Southwest Energy Corp. in 1989. To get around the injunction, Cushman incorporated the companies in someone else's name and listed himself as a consultant, Stidger said.

Holloman, who is serving an eight-year federal prison sentence in Texarkana, declined to be interviewed about his former partner.

Cushman's high-flying operation, which by 1991 had four offices in the Dallas area, began attracting the ire of bilked investors and the attention of authorities.

The State Securities Board, which issued the permanent injunction against Cushman in 1987, asked the FBI to step in when, as Stidger put it, "they felt they weren't being taken seriously."

But Dallas County and Missouri prosecutors already were working to prosecute Cushman and his associates, based on complaints from victims in their jurisdiction.

The break for investigators came when a falling-out over commissions led two of Cushman's salesmen to begin warning investors to stay away. Cushman's reaction?

Investigators say he offered an enforcer $5,000 and a hotel room to, as Cushman put it, "put a gun to their head and give 'em a good whupping."

Cushman did his hiring from within — he selected a big roughneck who "kind of looked like ZZ Top," Martin said. He wasn't hired to kill the intended victims, just injure them, authorities said.

The hired muscle traveled to Fort Worth in April 1991, but was intercepted by FBI agents tipped off by informants.

By June, Cushman was in jail.

In the two years that followed, Cushman was convicted in Texas on 32 federal fraud, conspiracy and money laundering counts, five federal contempt charges and one state securities fraud charge in Liberty County, Mo.

The Missouri conviction came first, but federal agents snatched up Cushman before his sentencing date, and he was convicted in Fort Worth federal court in December 1993.

Famously strict U.S. District Judge John McBryde, who made recent headlines after his censure for temperamental behavior by a panel of fellow jurists, presided and slapped Cushman with a 25-year sentence.

But Cushman got the last laugh: The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that McBryde should have allowed Cushman's attorneys to cross-examine the government's star witness about his involvement in an unrelated drug case.

McBryde, through a clerk, had no comment about the case.

A few months after the appellate decision, Cushman was free. And then he was gone.

"He decided at the last minute to become a fugitive," Stidger said. "I don't think he did a good job of plotting this."

Stidger said he believes Cushman headed for Houston with the intention of establishing a new identity. He likely rented a room and a mail drop for a month, and established a new identity by mail, Stidger said.

From there, Cushman may have gone to Southern California, Las Vegas or Southern Florida, all areas with a high concentration of fraudulent telemarketing operations, he said.

"Walter Cushman is not the kind of guy who can live under a bridge," Stidger said. "He is working somewhere."

Dozens of U.S. airmen eyed in alleged test scam probe

TOKYO (AP) — Some 40 U.S. airmen assigned to Yokota Air Base in Japan are under investigation on charges of cheating on promotion tests, an Air Force spokesman said Friday.

Six airmen have been charged and two have pleaded guilty at their courts-martial, said spokesman Maj. Stephen Cutter.

Air Force regulations forbid any discussion or note-sharing on the promotion tests, which make up a major part of the criteria used to promote airmen. The cheating charges are extremely serious in the Air Force, Cutter said.

Tech. Sgt. James Mills pleaded innocent at his court-martial, which began Friday, Cutter said.

On Wednesday, Staff Sgt. Douglas Ivey pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 15 days in jail and 15 days of hard labor.

"I have learned it only takes one bad decision to make or break an honorable career," Ivey was quoted as telling the court by the Pacific Stars and Stripes newspaper in its Friday's editions.

According to court testimony, Ivey agreed to be helped on preparing for the test and picked up notes another airman left in his car, the Stars and Stripes said.

Last month, Tech. Sgt. Kevin Mitchell pleaded guilty to charges of sharing answers in a 1997 test and was sentenced to a month in jail and 45 days of hard labor and was demoted one rank.

Three other airmen are slated for courts-martial. Their names, as well as the hometowns of all six airmen, were not immediately available.

Prosecutor Capt. Won Lee was quoted by the Stars and Stripes as saying that the tests were so competitive that even a couple of points could make a huge difference.

She likes me: Love requirement

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Chris Isaak, who sings sad songs about love gone wrong, says he is somewhat indiscriminate when it comes to finding that special someone.

His three-word description of her?

"She likes me," Isaak says in Thursday's San Francisco Examiner.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Can calcium pyruvate help me lose weight?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR BLONZ: I take 500mg of a brand of calcium pyruvate every day as an appetite suppressant. The bottle suggests that I take six times this amount. It also directs me to consult my physician if I am nursing or pregnant. I asked my physician if she felt that I could continue to take calcium pyruvate if I were pregnant. She knew of no adverse reactions to this supplement. Can I count this supplement toward my daily calcium requirement? In your opinion, is it safe to take 500mg daily during pregnancy? — J.P.

DEAR J.P.: I would stop taking the calcium pyruvate. First, calcium pyruvate is not an appetite suppressant — or at least, I was unable to find any research that shows this. There were a couple of small studies in the early 1990s that used volunteers with high blood cholesterol levels. Researchers found that high intakes of pyruvate — the equivalent of over 55 of your capsules per day! — did not lower subjects' blood lipids, but did result in weight reduction. Not much has happened since then, but now it appears that calcium pyruvate is being "discovered" as a new miracle weight-loss pill. All I can say is: "Here we go again!"

A second point is that calcium pyruvate is not a great source of dietary calcium. Aside from the fact that it is expensive, the calcium pyruvate compound is less than 20 percent calcium by weight. That means that your 500-milligram capsule contains less than 100 milligrams of calcium.

Third — and perhaps most importantly — unless you are specifically advised otherwise by your health professional, periods of pregnancy and nursing are not good times to go on weight-loss diets.

DEAR DR BLONZ: I have always wondered how the X-ray security machines in airports affect the vitamins packed in my hand luggage. Do the machines destroy the nutrients' effectiveness? I hope you can help me. — H.L., Thorofare, N.J.

DEAR H.L.: The security machines used in airports will not have any effect on your vitamin and mineral supplements, or on any medications that you might have in your luggage.

DEAR DR BLONZ: I drink about 3-4 liters of sparkling (carbonated) water per day. I don't like regular water, so I figured this would take care of my daily water requirement. I was on a plane recently, and the man I was sitting next to proceeded to tell me how bad drinking carbonated water is, because of the carbon dioxide used in its production. Now I am concerned. I am very health conscious; I eat low-fat foods and work out regularly to stay fit. Are those sparkling beverages unhealthy? — H.A., Alta Loma, Calif.

DEAR H.A.: Aside from giving rise to a belch now and then, the carbon dioxide in carbonated water does not represent any danger. Albeit a bit more costly, drinking a carbonated mineral or spring water is a perfectly fine way of getting water into your diet.

DEAR DR BLONZ: During the cooler months, I like to have hot milk as one of my daily milk servings. Does heating milk destroy its calcium or protein content? — J.S., San Diego

DEAR J.S.: Heating milk does not affect its calcium content, and unless it has been boiled for extended periods, there will only be a negligible effect on its protein content as well. Flavor, however, would likely suffer, as would some of the vitamins — most notably riboflavin (vitamin B-2), thiamin and niacin.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

©1998 NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

NUTRITION

ED BLONZ, PH.D.



ARE THERE HUNGRY PEOPLE IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

It's an unfortunate fact.

Children and the elderly are those who suffer from hunger most in our country . . . perhaps even some in your neighborhood.



YOU CAN HELP.

This year, you can be a part of the hunger solution for our area! TCA Cable TV, working with Goodfellows, is collecting food for the hungry in our area. We need your help and your donation of canned or packaged non-perishable food items.

AND YOU CAN BENEFIT.

Your donation of 10 cans or more from November 30 - December 30 will allow for a FREE upgrade of your present service, or if you are a new subscriber, FREE installation.*

CALL TODAY

Call our office for more information! Together we can help the hungry in our area. Together we can make a difference!

TCA CABLE TV

573-3536

2211 Avenue "R" • Snyder, TX

*Some restrictions may apply.

❄ Holiday Open House ❄

Snyder Multi-Specialty Clinic

1805 27th Street

574-1300

Hosted by....

Mara DeLaVega, MD	Family Practice
Cezary Kuprianowicz, MD (Dr. "Koop")	Pulmonology
Rory Minck, MD	OB/GYN
Anna Rosinska, MD	Internal Medicine
Micheal Stephens, MD	Family Practice
Guido Toscano, MD	Internal Medicine

Wednesday, December 16th

5:00-7:00 p.m.

❄Free Photo with Santa for the Kids❄

❄Refreshments ❄Door Prizes

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

© 1998 Universal Press Syndicate



Victims in car accident do not receive second chance

DEAR ABBY: A few years back, you published a piece about what happens in the first 10 seconds of a car accident. I posted it on my refrigerator but it disappeared (my daughter took it for her friends to read, and that's the last I saw of it). I would like to have another copy because I want my children and their friends to read it before they head out for the evening.

Abby, would you please print it again?

CRYSTAL ROSETTA,
CRISFIELD, MD.

DEAR CRYSTAL: Yes, I will. Although it is very graphic, it is worth reading so that young people (and oldsters, too) will realize how devastating a car accident can be.

***

BUCKLE YOUR SEAT BELTS
by the Georgia Paramedics
Against Drunk Drivers
(submitted by Lucille Groat)

Do you know what happens in the first fatal second after a car going 55 miles per hour hits a solid object?

1. In the first tenth of the second, the front bumper and grill collapse.

2. The second tenth finds the hood crumbling, rising and striking the windshield as the spinning rear wheels lift from the ground. Simultaneously, fenders begin wrapping themselves around the solid object. Although the car's frame has been halted, the rest of the car is still going 55 miles an hour. Instinct causes the driver to stiffen his legs against the crash, and they snap at the knee joint.

3. During the third tenth of the second, the steering wheel starts to disintegrate and the steering column aims for the driver's chest.

4. The fourth tenth of the second finds two feet of the car's front end wrecked, while the rear end still moves at 35 miles per hour. The driver's body is still traveling at 55 miles per hour.

5. In the fifth tenth of the second, the driver is impaled on the steering column and blood rushes into his lungs.

6. The sixth tenth of the second, the impact has built up to the point that the driver's feet are ripped out of tightly laced shoes. The brake pedal breaks off. The car frame buckles in the middle. The driver's head smashes into the windshield as the rear wheels, still spinning, fall back to earth.

7. In the seventh tenth of the second, hinges rip loose, doors fly open and the seats break free, striking the driver from behind.

8. The seat striking the driver does not bother him because he is already dead. The last three-tenths of the second mean nothing to the driver.

***

P.S. READERS: Although air bags offer some degree of protection, I suggest that you make several copies of this grisly piece, and the next time you ask a passenger to please buckle his or her seat belt and the passenger replies, "Oh, we're less than 10 minutes from where we're going," counter with, "I'm not moving until you buckle your seat belt." Then hand the passenger this piece.

***

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I have been together for nearly five years. His mother is terminally ill. She needs 24-hour care, seven days a week.

We agreed to move her into our home. I wasn't working at the time. She has been with us since the beginning of the year.

I have decided to get a part-time job, five hours a day, five days a week. I have asked my fiance's sisters to care for their mother while I work. His sisters are in an uproar about it. One of them told me, "If you can't live on the money he's making, then there's something wrong."

Abby, it's not that. I want to be able to buy things without asking him for money all the time. His sisters are able to care for their mother. To top it off, my fiance agrees with his sisters. What would you suggest?

DISGUSTED WITH MY
FUTURE IN-LAWS

DEAR DISGUSTED: Please do not feel you must justify needing some relief from the burden you have so generously shouldered for almost a year: the role of primary caregiver. You have already done more than your share, so don't allow anyone to make you feel guilty.

If your fiance's mother is terminal — defined as having a life expectancy of six months or less — you may be able to obtain respite care for her from Hospice. Hospice is a service provided by about 2,000 affiliated Medicare-licensed agencies dedicated to the care of dying people and their families.

Hospice doctors, nurses, counselors, aides and volunteers work to ensure that patients live comfortably at home until their death. Professional and skilled caregivers attend to the physical, psychological and spiritual needs of both the patient and the family. For more information about this service, write: The National Hospice Organization, 1901 N. Moore St., Suite 901, Arlington, Va. 22209.

A final thought: You owe no one an explanation for wanting some degree of financial independence, regardless of what your fiance's sisters say. There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip — and a five-year engagement is no guarantee that there will be a wedding.

***

DEAR ABBY: If you have more room for the subject of male menopause, may I contribute my 2 cents' worth?

I was married for 20 years to a man who, although kind and generous in most respects, suffered from this syndrome for at least 60 of his recently concluded 87 years.

At 16, he married an older woman, and married the fourth one at almost 70 years of age. Three of these ladies are still living, as his wives were progressively younger. He was single only a matter of days between wives, and cheated on all of them. So, I contend that the age span for male menopause be extended from puberty until death.

At the same time, strange as it may seem, he was very generous to them all and never even slightly abusive. Interestingly, none of them put up a fight against his behavior.

Of the symptoms you list (courtesy of Dr. Blackman), only one really applied to my former husband — reduced libido. He seemed to need the challenge of the chase to keep functioning.

WHAM BAM, THANK YOU
MA'AM, BILLINGS, MONT.

DEAR WHAM BAM: That's an astute observation. And when the thrill of the chase provides more satisfaction than the ultimate prize, it's time to reorganize one's priorities.

***

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Scientists hunt way to rebuild bone in osteoporosis patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of women with advanced osteoporosis can take drugs to stop the crippling disease from getting worse, but they can't regrow much lost bone.

Now scientists are studying a biologically engineered hormone that might one day help patients actually rebuild strong bones.

"We have the beginning of a whole area of research into how you rebuild a skeleton and cure the disease," said Dr. Robert Lindsay, president of the National Osteoporosis Foundation and a lead investigator of the experimental drug, called recombinant parathyroid hormone.

It will take several more years of testing before scientists know if parathyroid hormone, or PTH, works well enough to prescribe, cautioned Dr. David Sartoris of the University of California, San Diego. But "it is a therapy that has a lot of promise."

Osteoporosis, or brittle-bone disease, afflicts 10 million Americans, mostly elderly women, and 18 million others have low bone mass. They're at risk of severe injury, such as breaking a hip, along with chronic pain and a stooped posture as spinal vertebrae and other bones fracture. Osteoporosis causes 1.5 million fractures among Americans every year, and is estimated to cost $14 billion annually in medical bills and lost productivity.

Bone is living tissue: Cells called osteoclasts dissolve worn-out bone while other cells called osteoblasts replace it with new bone. During childhood, new bone builds faster than old bone dissolves. People hit their peak bone mass in their mid-20s.

Then the cycle changes and, as they age, bone removal exceeds new bone formation. When that happens too fast, or when people didn't build up strong enough bones when young, osteoporosis occurs.

Various treatments, including estrogen and the popular nonhormonal drug Fosamax, can slow bone loss by targeting osteoclasts. If the patient's bone loss isn't too severe, they may slow it enough to let bone-building osteoblasts catch up and restore a little bone.

"Conventional treatments cannot build bone. So they can only hope to stabilize" the disease, explained Dr. Sherry Sherman, the National Institutes of Health's clinical endocrinology director.

Small injections of parathyroid hormone, in contrast, appear to act on osteoblasts to stimulate new bone growth.

"If you've already lost a lot of bone — and certainly in elderly people it's common — this offers a lot of promise," Sherman said.

Lindsay studied 217 postmenopausal osteoporosis patients who injected PTH or a placebo for a year. The drug increased the density of the women's spines by 7 percent, a significant boost. The hormone, a version made by Canada's Allelix Biopharmaceuticals, also increased the size of the women's spinal bones, which might give added strength.

In another study, adding a different version of PTH to estrogen over three years produced "very dramatic increases in bone density in all parts of the skeleton," Lindsay said. Combining the hormone with older drugs that slow bone loss may be key, he said.

The next step is making sure that the drug rebuilds quality bone that won't easily break. Animal studies suggest it can restore bone to original strength, said Allelix Vice President John Dietrich. Now the company is looking for a U.S. partner to launch advanced trials early next year to test that in women.

Drug giant Eli Lilly hopes to seek government permission to sell PTH in 2000, and is enrolling patients in an advanced study. But Lilly refused to release information about the study or how its version compared to others.

Rover auto workers approve deal

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — Rover auto workers voted Friday to accept a radical restructuring deal that will cut 2,500 jobs but keep Birmingham's huge Longbridge assembly plant open, the company and union leaders said.

The deal will lead to hundreds of millions of dollars of new investment by Rover's owners BMW, including the building at the Longbridge factory of a new Mini, a compact model that had been the company's biggest-selling car.

Ratification of the deal calmed fears that Longbridge could close, causing the loss of 14,000 jobs at the plant and thousands of others across England.

"This decision is a milestone," BMW chairman Bernd Pischetsrieder said. "The workers themselves and the union representatives have made a most important contribution in order to secure a successful future for Rover."

Employees voted 17,784 to 7,045 to accept the agreement, union sources told Press Association, the British news agency.

Workers will have a 35-hour week, down from the current 37, for the first time in the British motor industry. The company will be granted flexibility and efficiency improvements that are commonplace at BMW-run factories.

Since it emerged last month that voluntary job cuts would be sought, thousands of workers have contacted the company asking for details of the severance package, and about 600 already have left Rover.

Greater proportion of single parents are male

WASHINGTON (AP) — Males account for a larger proportion of single parents than they did three years ago, a trend some suggest is caused by a greater emphasis on the role of fathers. However, single mothers still outnumber single fathers by nearly five to one.

Figures released Friday by the Census Bureau show that the number of single fathers raising children has increased about 25 percent over the past three years. There are now 2.1 million single fathers, up from 1.7 million in 1995.

In contrast, the number of single mothers has stayed the same since 1995, at 9.8 million, the bureau reported.

"I don't think society still accepts single fathering as readily as single mothering," said Dr. Wade Horn, president of the National Fatherhood Initiative. But, he added, the increase in the number of single fathers suggests that more fathers are asserting their interest in bringing up their children.

The statistics reflect an "increased trend toward a more active role in fathering," said Lynne Casper, the report's author. She pointed to changes in the way custody is granted to parents and more social acceptance of single parenting by fathers as possible reasons for the trend.

Another factor could be the rise of groups that promote fathers' rights and encourage men to take an active role in raising their children, Casper said.

Horn said in cases of divorce, fathers might be more likely now to challenge the notion that mothers automatically should get custody.

One obstacle that single fathers still face is that they lack some of the social networks in place for women raising children alone, Horn said.

Candlelight Service of Remembrance



Sunday, December 13
6:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church

To remember and celebrate the lives of those who will not be present this Holiday Season. This special time of music, lighting of candles, worship and prayer is sponsored by the Support Group Ministry in recognition of the difficulty that family members who have lost loved ones have during the Holiday Season.

For more information please call the First Baptist Church office at 573-2631

Varathane

FLOOR FINISHING CENTER



THE FIRST COMPLETE "DO IT YOURSELF" FLOOR FINISHING CENTER.

• Easy to use • Convenient • Economical

Southern True Value
900 College Ave.
573-4903

OPEN:
Mon. - Fri.
7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday
7 a.m. - Noon