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Home Of Cleo Clare



I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS — Little Indian Allison Downing, left, sings loudly, while buddy Tana Holley is not sure whether she wants to. Both were part of a King's Kids Thanksgiving program Monday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Citizens can vote early during roundball action on bond issue question

Early voting in the Dec. 5 bond election for the Snyder Independent School District continues through Wednesday of this week at the administration building, but voters can cast ballots until 9:30 this evening at the high school gym during Tiger basketball games.

A total of 215 early ballots were cast Monday, including 92 at the administration building, 75 at West Elementary and 48 at Central Elementary.

So far, 598 early ballots have been cast in the early voting period to decide the fate of a $16 million bond issue for school plant improvements.

The last day for early voting is next Tuesday.

SISD trustees called the bond election following the defeat of a $20 million bond vote in August.

In calling the second election, trustees also have agreed not to sell the bonds unless the state legislature provides state facilities funding.

Although the exact formula of a new funding program is not known, the district anticipates receiving approximately $315,000 per year over the 20-year life of the bonds — or more than $6 million.

If the bond proposition is approved, Snyder Junior High School will benefit by $2.8 million in renovations.

The junior high school is currently laboring in its science instruction as there are five science teachers in the building, sharing only three labs.

"Of these three labs, two of them have only one sink that has a water supply," said SJHS principal Kellye Starnes.

Starnes said the current facilities and labs are not conducive to teaching.

"On the individual lab tables, there is no gas or water, and what sinks we do have — don't drain," Starnes said.

Starnes added that science teachers have to go from their classroom to a lab in order to perform laboratory teaching activities.

"We have electrical problems in the labs also," said Starnes. "Most of the electrical outlets don't work and desperately need updating."

Plans call for renovating all the science labs to bring them up to present standards for teaching and safety.

Passage of the bond issue would also see the construction of restroom facilities at the junior high gym.

Currently, none are available.

"It's rather embarassing when guests from out of town, or our local fans, don't have restroom facilities except in the team dressing rooms," said Starnes. "We definitely need toilet facilities in the gym lobby area."

Starnes said upgrading the building's electrical system is necessary as current outlets are not adequate for the use of computers.

"It's hard for our students to fulfill state-mandated requirements, such as the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills test, without proper facilities," emphasized Starnes.

Four elementary schools have extensive renovations planned, ranging from $1.6 million at East Elementary to $2.3 million at Northeast Elementary.

If the bond issue passes, Central Elementary will be closed.

Throughout the district, updating heating and cooling systems carries the biggest price tag — a total of $4.1 million.

Bringing the district's electrical system up to today's standards has a price tag of $2.9 million.

A total of $2.8 million will be spent for new construction at the elementary schools for additional classrooms to replace portable buildings and for additional educational programs.

Over $800,000 is necessary to bring the district's buildings up to the Americans With Disabilities Act standards.

On Dec. 5, all voting will be held at Snyder City Hall.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The road to success is lined with many tempting parking places."

There's a bumper sticker that has shown up in the state of Minnesota where pro wrestler Jesse Ventura surprised everybody by winning the governor's seat as a Reformed Party candidate.

The bumper sticker reads:

"My governor can whip your governor."

Signs of the time:

--On a maternity room door: "Push, push, push!"

--At an optometrist's office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

--In a podiatrist's office: "Time wounds all heels."

We wish we could have met this lady.

A nearby newspaper ran an obituary of an 80-year-old woman that included some unusual achievements and tributes.

It read:

"Born before electricity was widely available, she adapted to all the technological advances of an astonishing century. She was able to program her own VCR (although not with 100 percent accuracy).

"But she will be missed most for the things she did best — like playing games with children, baking cookies, arranging flowers for hospital patients and laughing.

"She was a notoriously good laugher, and she never cried over spilt milk."

Hopefully, we can one day achieve the ability to say, "whatever," but we have our doubts about ever learning to operate the VCR.

"Oh, well."

And from a civic club magazine:

A tourist in Vienna was studying old tombstones. He stopped when he heard music at the headstone of Beethoven. He identified it as his 9th Symphony, but was surprised that it was playing backwards.

As he lingered, he heard the 7th Symphony and then the 5th Symphony, both played backwards.

The tourist located management. When pressed for an explanation, the groundskeeper replied, "He's just decomposing."

Committee named to aid recruitment of doctors

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

Hoping to bolster physician recruitment, a five-member committee was appointed today by Cogdell Hospital's board chairman to assist in the effort.

Jim Bob Cave, hospital board chairman, named West Texas State Bank president Bill Parker, Prime Rehab manager Cathy Trout, pharmacist Mike McWilliams, County Judge Ricky Fritz and Dr. Gary Nussey to the committee.

"We have been able to recruit a podiatrist recently to Snyder, said Cave. "But we have been unable to recruit family doctors. I think a committee of local citizens will help in this area."

"I look forward to the committee helping Jeff (hospital administrator, Jeff Reecer) in his recruitment efforts," Cave said.

Reecer said he had contacted a family doctor who has scheduled a visit to Snyder next month, and that an OB/GYN has also expressed interest in the community.

The action was part of the regular monthly board meeting by the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers this morning.

In other action, Jo Beth Hardegree, RN, reported on the hospital's revised organ and tissue donation policy, and controller Selina McGuire presented the October financial reports.

McGuire said the hospital had $2,011,307 in patient revenue in October and its expenses were $1,220,938.

She said the hospital's net income for the month was $157,794.

The board met in regular session for some 30 minutes, and then went into executive session to consult with Lubbock attorney Mike Reed concerning contemplated litigation.

Following a 35-minute closed session, the board took no action after re-convening in open session.

Cave presided at the meeting and all board members were in attendance to include J.B. Tate Jr., E.D. Walton, Jimmy McMillan, Dr. Mark Weaver and Stanley Martin.

Classes to dismiss for Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving holiday begins today for students in Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira as classes will dismiss and not resume until Monday.

Ira students were to be released at 1:30 p.m. while Snyder students were to be dismissed at 2 p.m.

Hermleigh school, however, will get out at the regular time of 3:35 p.m.

Western Texas College will recess classes for the holiday at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

All city and county offices will be closed Thursday and Friday. One exception is the city landfill, which will be closed Thursday and Saturday, but will be open Friday.

Scurry County Library will be closed Thursday through Sunday. Scurry County Museum will close Wednesday at noon and not reopen until Monday.

Financial institutions including American State Bank, West Texas State Bank, First American Bank, Snyder National Bank, and Snyder Savings and Loan will all be closed Thursday, but will be open as usual on Friday.

Snyder Post Office will be closed Thursday. No mail will be delivered or put in boxes.

Planning and zoning commission recommends city deny requests

The city's planning and zoning commission voted Monday night to recommend that the city council deny requests for a special use permit and a zoning change conerning two empty structures in town.

The First Baptist Church had requested a special use permit to operate a 12-unit hospitality house at the location of the former Bethel Baptist Church at 1708 Ave. E.

The facility would be for the use of families visiting at the Price Daniel Unit.

Tom Valentine, city building inspector, said the commission received citizen input opposing the request.

"The citizens were concerned with that kind of operation going on in a residential area. One concern was the lack of control the church might have over the situation," Valentine said.

Other potential problems citizens were concerned with were excess people and traffic, Valentine said.

A representative from First Baptist was not present.

The commission also recommended that a request be denied Thomas Stern for a zone change of the former Snyder Hospital at 2601 Ave. F.

Stern is requesting a change from R-3, general residential, to C-2 commercial.

He was not present at the meeting.

"Lack of information is why we would not grant the request," Valentine said. "The owner did not show up and we had no other information other than what was on the application."

This structure occupies six lots on Ave. F and the city has notified the owner that condemnation proceedings have started on the property.

The planning and zoning commission is only a recommending board, the requests must both go to the city council for final approval.

"If they decide to override our recommendation, they may. They have that option. The city council may have additional information," Valentine said.

Firemen banquet set tonight at 7

The Snyder Fire Department will name its fireman of the year tonight when it holds its 69th annual Thanksgiving banquet.

Awards for service and attendance will also be given at the 7 o'clock event to be held at the Snyder Country Club.

Jack Callaway received the top honor from the department at last year's banquet.

AOL buys Netscape

WASHINGTON (AP) — America Online will buy Netscape in a $4.21 billion deal that turns the world's largest Internet provider into a new superpower of the high-tech industry. It also effectively concludes Netscape's dramatic rise and fall as an independent Internet pioneer.

The agreement, announced today, includes Sun Microsystems Inc., which will distribute Netscape's business-level software in exchange for AOL's purchase Sun's powerful computers.

AOL, already with more than 14 million subscribers, becomes the distributor of Netscape's hugely popular Internet browser software and the owner of two of the four most popular sites on the Web.

ASK US

Q—What time will Santa Claus be visiting on the square on Friday?

A—Santa will be at the gazebo on the courthouse lawn from 3-5 p.m.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 74 degrees; low, 41; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 42; no precipitation; total for 1998, 9.91 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, mid 40s. SE-S wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday's high, mid 70s. SW then N wind 5-15 mph. Thanksgiving: Mostly sunny. Low 40-45. High near 75.



Brooks Gafford
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 5:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:20 a.m.
Of 327 days in 1998, the sun has shone 324 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"A great deal of good can be done in the world if one is not too careful who gets the credit."

A Jesuit Motto

Cigarette prices go up following deal

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's two largest cigarette makers wasted little time in raising the price for a pack of smokes after sealing a $206 billion settlement with states suing over the cost of treating sick smokers.

Industry leader Philip Morris USA and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. raised wholesale prices by 45 cents a pack Monday, the same day they and three other companies signed the deal.

Other tobacco companies are expected to follow suit.

One analyst called it the biggest U.S. cigarette price hike ever, saying it could push the average retail price of cigarettes to $2.45 a pack — with the price of premium brands like Marlboro and Camels moving even higher.

Analysts had predicted a price increase of 35 cents to 40 cents a pack to pay for the settlement. The increase Philip Morris announced, effective immediately, was slightly larger than expected.

David Adelman, tobacco analyst for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, said smokers may be stuck with an even bigger price rise — about 50 cents a pack — as distributors and retailers add a nickel to the wholesale price hike.

He estimated the national average price of cigarettes would rise to $2.45 a pack from the current $1.95 — an increase of nearly 26 percent.

Adelman said the price increase more than offsets "Marlboro Friday," the April 1993 decision by Philip Morris to slash the price of its best-selling Marlboro brands by about 40 cents a pack to slow the loss of market share to cheaper smokes.

Marlboro accounted for less than 25 percent of the market at that time; it now accounts for 38 percent of U.S. cigarette sales. Philip Morris controls 53 percent of the nation's overall cigarette sales.

Neither Philip Morris nor Reynolds offered any explanation for the price increase. "We never comment on our pricing strategy," said Philip Morris spokeswoman Mary Carnovale.

But Adelman said the main reason was "to fund the settlement payment. That is a significant increase in the cost of doing business and they have to pay for it."

He said the increase was also designed to make it less palatable for states to boost cigarette taxes.

"Politically, it becomes very difficult if the cost of smoking has already gone up significantly," Adelman said.

The tobacco makers signed the settlement with 46 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories, under which they would pay $206 billion over 25 years to settle state claims for Medicaid reimbursements. Earlier, the companies signed four separate deals to settle claims by Mississippi, Florida, Texas and Minnesota for a combined $40 billion.

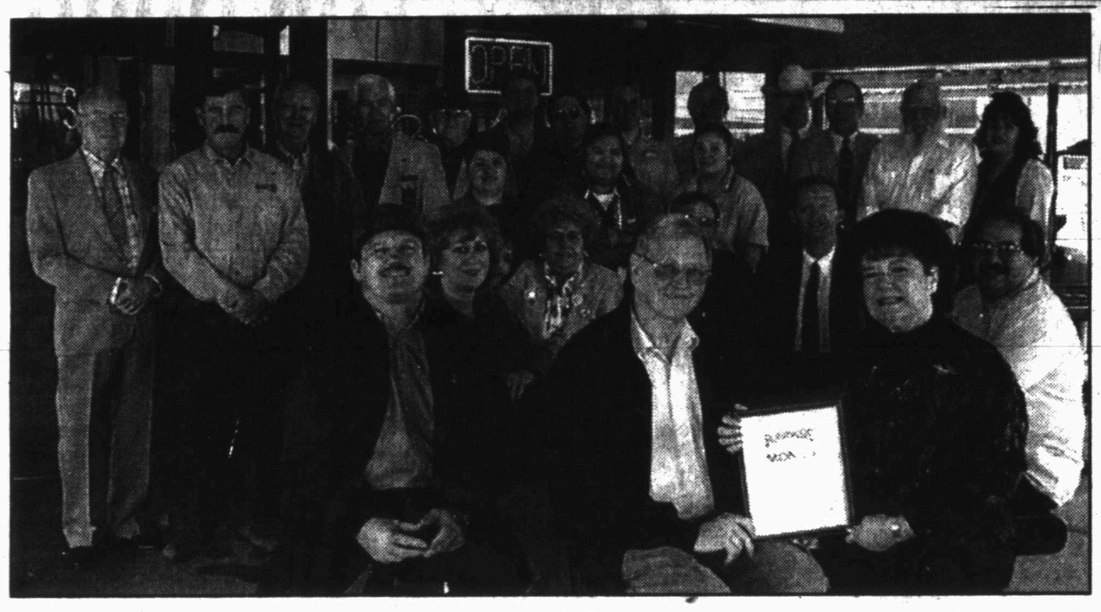
The earlier settlements had already driven up wholesale prices this year by about 18 cents a pack.

Analysts have speculated that the price increase for the larger settlement could speed the decline in the number of cigarettes sold.

Analyst John Maxwell Jr. of Davenport & Co. has estimated cigarette sales could shrink as much as 8 percent next year after a decline of 3 percent to 4 percent this year.

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AWARDS — Edward Jones was named October business of the month by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Donna Fowler, executive director, presented Tim and Dianna Riggan with the certificate at 4202 College Ave. November business of the month went to the Sonic, accepted by owner Mack Humphrey. Both had receptions with Gold Coat members attending. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

Susan McDougal defiant after acquittal

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Susan McDougal declared herself ready for a renewed battle with Kenneth Starr after she was acquitted of embezzlement charges in a case surrounded by hints of the Whitewater affair.

"Everything that's happened to me in recent years has been about Bill Clinton," Ms. McDougal said Monday after the jury acquitted her on all nine counts, including forgery and failure to pay state income taxes.

"They want me to say things against Bill and Hillary Clinton," she said. "People say to me, 'Are you scared of Ken Starr?' He'd better be scared of me because I'm on my way back."

Ms. McDougal has spent 18 months behind bars for refusing to testify against President Clinton in the Whitewater affair. Starr, the independent prosecutor handling the investigation, has accused Ms. McDougal of contempt and obstruction of justice; she faces a Feb. 16 trial in Little Rock, Ark.

Ms. McDougal, 44, was accused of stealing $50,000 from conductor Zubin Mehta and his wife, Nancy, when she worked as bookkeeper and personal assistant to Mrs. Mehta from 1989 to 1992. She could have gotten up to four years in prison.

The case took five years to get to trial. By then, Ms. McDougal had become famous for her steadfast refusal to testify against her friend Clinton.

She also served 3½ months of a two-year sentence in a Whitewater-related loan fraud case, released because of a painful back condition. Also convicted in that case were her ex-husband James McDougal, who died in prison, and former Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker.

The California case seemed a Hollywood-style subplot of a Washington scandal, though jurors were warned by the judge not to consider Ms. McDougal's Whitewater involvement or possible ulterior motives by prosecutors.

Outside the jury's presence, defense attorney Mark Geragos said Starr had promised to make the embezzlement charges go away if Ms. McDougal would testify. When she refused, he alleged, Starr "propped up" the case and urged prosecutors to move on the defendant.

He didn't change his story after the verdict: "Of course it's related to Whitewater. You think if her name was Susan McDonald they would try this case?"

Starr's office said in a statement that the California charges were brought before the appointment of any Whitewater independent counsel and were unrelated.

Several jurors called the 10-week trial a waste of taxpayers' money.

"As time went on I became more and more indignant," juror Nancy Nieman said. "I was very disturbed that it came to trial. I don't know how this got through the system."

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Teen beating victim dies

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — An 18-year-old man beaten into a coma three years ago by teenagers who yelled "Remember who did this to you!" has died in the hospital where he had been since the attack.

Mathew Kosbob died Monday, a week after his doctor said he had developed overwhelming bacterial infections. The official cause of death was not immediately known.

"It's been an incredible journey," said his father, William Kosbob. "We know that he's at peace after a long hard struggle."

Kosbob, who would have turned 19 next month, was attacked in July 1995.

Witnesses testified his four attackers believed Kosbob had broken the windshield of a friend's car.

Berry's World



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House Judiciary Committee witness, Ken Starr

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WEDDING SHOWER — Pepper Hinkle, bride-elect of Jeff Franklin, was honoree at a bridal shower on Oct. 31 in the garden room of First Baptist Church. The couple are planning a 7 p.m., Jan. 2, wedding in the Floydada First Baptist Church. From left are Rosa Lee Crow, aunt of the prospective groom; Lorene Franklin, his grandmother; Duffy Hinkle, mother of the future bride from Floydada; the honoree; Linda Franklin, mother of the prospective groom; Marjorie EcElyea, his great-grandmother; and Vickki Yeary, the honoree's aunt. (Contributed Photo)



COUPLE HONORED — A couples wedding shower, held Nov. 14 at the East Side Church of Christ, honored Stephanie Fambro and Wayland Harrison. The Fambro-Harrison wedding will take place on Dec. 19 in the church. Pictured from left are Darlene Harrison, mother of the prospective groom; Wayland and Stephanie from Austin; and Densell and Jeanie Fambro, parents of the future bride. (Contributed Photo)

Libraries join latchkey syndrome

NEW YORK (AP) — A little boy in a blue school uniform and necktie runs across a crowded East Harlem library and plunks himself down at a table.

"This is not a nursery. This is not a day-care. This is a library," librarian Christiana Pinto warns in a stern but gentle voice. "And by the way, you really ought to tie your shoelaces."

But in some ways, it IS day care.

Libraries in New York City and elsewhere are picking up the slack in communities where extracurricular activities have been slashed and many parents are away at work.

Librarians are offering computers, origami and typing classes, poetry readings and, yes, lots of books, for kids killing time between school and dinner.

Some examples:

— New York City's borough of Queens began a Latchkey Enrichment Program after a survey found that a quarter of branch libraries were having problems with noise and vandalism from an influx of kids on weekday afternoons. Using corporate and private funding, the library hires tutors, brings in storytellers and offers arts and craft supplies.

— San Antonio's public library system has modified its rules to allow unaccompanied children older than 8, as long as they behave. It also has new guidelines for what to do at closing time with children whose parents haven't picked them up.

— In Los Angeles, library youth services coordinator Penny Markey says county libraries now work with outside agencies, like the YMCA, to come up with after-school programs, including "afternoon homework centers" similar to the Queens Latchkey program.

Those efforts began about 10 years ago, when according to Markey many Los Angeles-area schools cut extracurricular activities. Since then, she says, the problem has been growing.

"We realized that there were 1,000 children a day in the system who definitely had nowhere else to go," she said.

The programs are popular, she says, "since many busy parents lack the time, energy or sometimes the skills to help their kids learn to read or do math. What's amazing is that it makes doing homework seem cool to children. It changes the whole atmosphere."

In East Harlem, about 200 children a day flock to the Aguilar Branch of the New York Public Library, which has only 60 chairs. Pinto says the branch is surrounded by 46 schools and many public housing projects, and 80 percent of its library-goers are children or teen-agers.

"There are some days where there are so many kids sitting on the floor and reading that it's literally hard to get around them to help people find books," Pinto says. "Many people say it's the cheapest day care around."

Her afternoons are busy responding to everything from "There's something sticky on the floor" to "Will you do my homework?"

Even as she explains to the little boy that he shouldn't run around, a girl in the hallway spills juice on the floor, two boys begin giggling over an anatomy book, and a teenager who can't find the right history book begins to lose her temper.

Kimberly Quinones, 10, was quietly working on a report about hamsters for her fifth-grade class. "I come here mostly every day after school. My mother picks me up when she finishes work," she said.

Monique Howard, 11, comes to the library at least once a week after school. She stays until her father picks her up.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

American Cancer Society; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 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.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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♥ A 6 4 3
♦ K
♣ K Q J 9 6

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

East
♠ 10 9 7 5
♥ K 5
♦ 9 7 6 4 2
♣ 4 3

South
♠ K 8 2
♥ J 9 7 2
♦ A 3
♣ A 7 5 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

that he might have continued the sentence with "and not learned something new." However, I ran out of space. Then, in the morning paper I saw the word "etrog." What is an etrog?

In this deal, what do you think of the bidding? Against six clubs, West leads the diamond queen. Who will triumph, declarer or defense?

The auction was the heart 10 short of excellent! It is best to play three clubs as forcing — no stopping on pinheads. In reply to Roman Key Card Blackwood, South showed either two aces, or one ace and the heart king, and denied the heart queen. This told North six hearts wasn't best.

After winning with the diamond king, declarer cashed dummy's heart ace. This was super play. But East was wide awake — he unblocked the king. South drew trumps, played off the diamond ace, and cashed his three spade tricks ending in the dummy. Now came a heart, but West took two tricks to defeat the contract.

If East doesn't jettison the heart king, he has to win trick nine with that card. Then, he must return either a spade or diamond. This permits declarer to ruff in hand and discard his last heart loser from dummy.

That was sharp play by both South and East, and an etrog is a lemonlike citrus fruit. It is used during Sukkot, the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, or harvest festival.

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Those words of wisdom

By Phillip Alder

You will remember that last week I used the words of Nicolas-Sebastien Roch Chamfort, who wrote, "The most wasted day of all is that on which we have not laughed." I wanted to append

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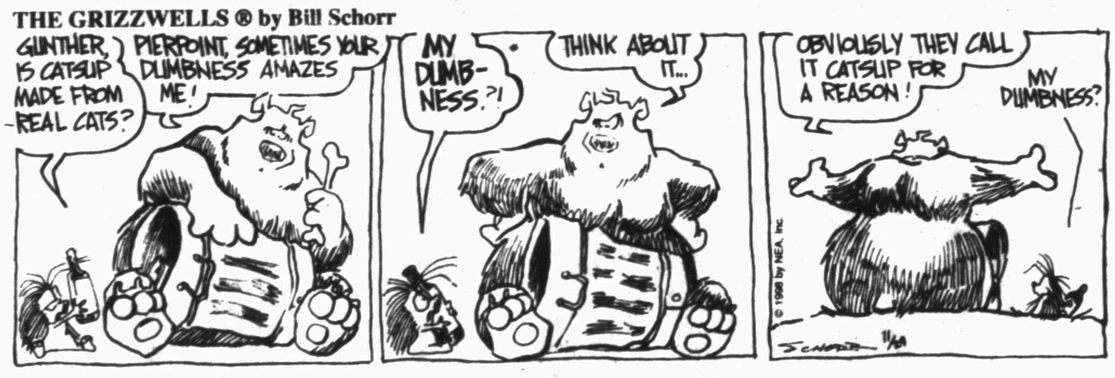
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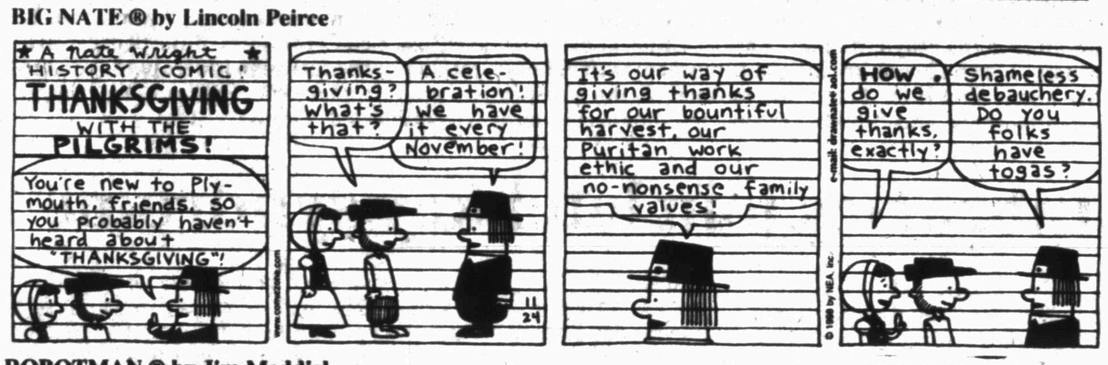
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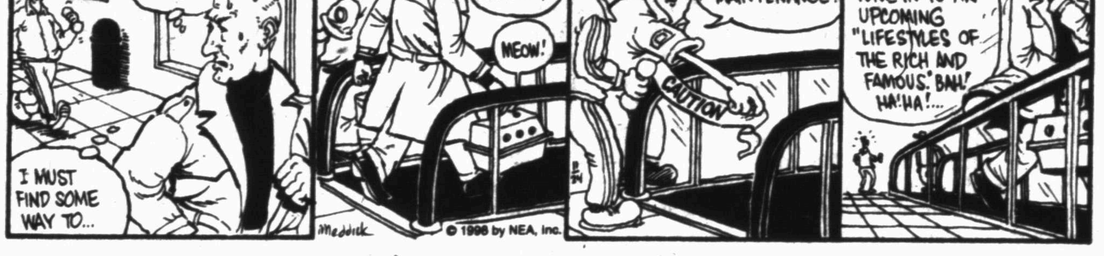
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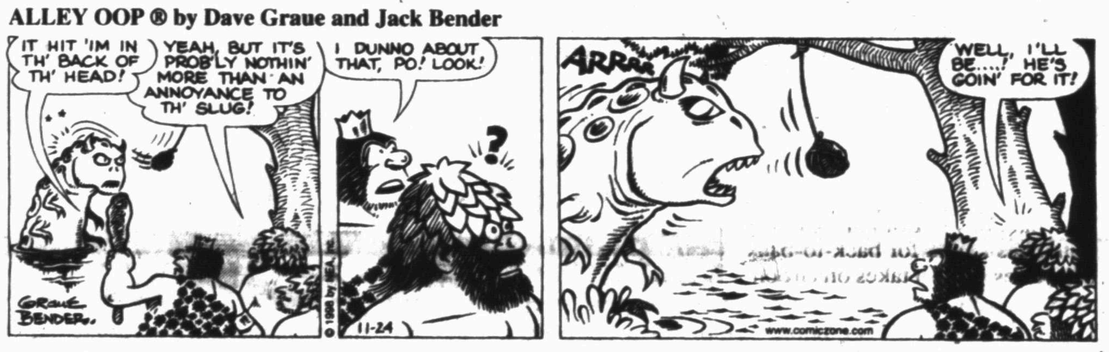
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1 Seaweed product
7 Crystalline gem
13 Cape — island (in Nova Scotia)
14 Proclaimed loudly
15 Speechless
16 Tennis player Stefan —
17 Compass pt.
18 Comparative ending
20 Society-page word
21 — bene
23 Former boxing champ
24 Disencumbers
25 Tidings
27 Type of lemur
29 — de plume
31 Negative word
32 Author Levin
33 Part of a tennis match
34 Twofold
37 River nymph
40 Viet — guerrillas
41 Medical suffix
43 It could be proper
45 Everyone
46 W.-hemisphere assn.
47 Compass pt.
48 Lighting device
51 Catlike
54 Melodic
55 Astonished
56 Registered (a complaint)
57 Cure

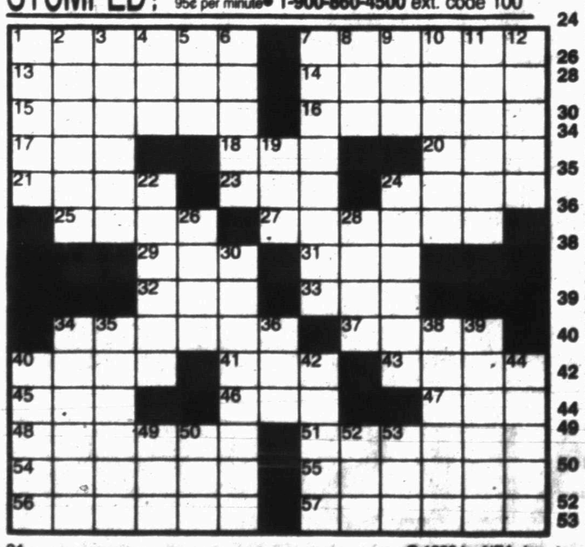
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4 Follower of (suff.)
5 Opposite of oui
6 Metaphysical beings
7 Spaniards and Portuguese
8 Advanced in years
9 Chemist's area, for short
10 Peaceful
11 Shipworm
12 Brims
19 Shade tree
22 Canvas shade
24 Wickerwork material
26 Swamp bird
28 Film director Joel —
30 Stranded
34 Spanish dance
35 Like mosaic pieces
36 Entertainer Sumac
38 Become electrically charged
39 Caught some rays
40 Secret scheme
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49 Gear tooth
50 Ending for verb
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53 Flee (sl.)

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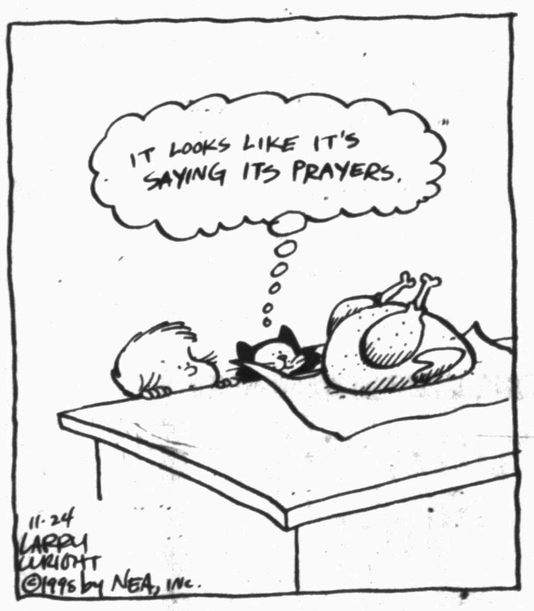
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SPORTS

Busy week slated for local teams

Tonight kicks off a busy week in the local sports scene.

Six contests are slated on the hardwoods this evening, including home games for the Tigers and Lady Tigers.

The SHS girls, fresh off a one-point victory over Clyde, make their home debut against Abilene High at 6, while the Tigers host Brownfield at 7:30.

The SHS boys levelled their mark at 1-1 Friday night with a win over Slaton.

The Ira Bulldogs, led by 6-6 Logan Daves, host Rotan at 6:30, while Terri Robinson and the Lady Bulldogs visit Blackwell.

In Westbrook, Hermleigh's boys and girls squads match up against the Wildcats, with junior varsity contests beginning at 5 o'clock.

Tonight's ballgames are just the beginning of this week's action.

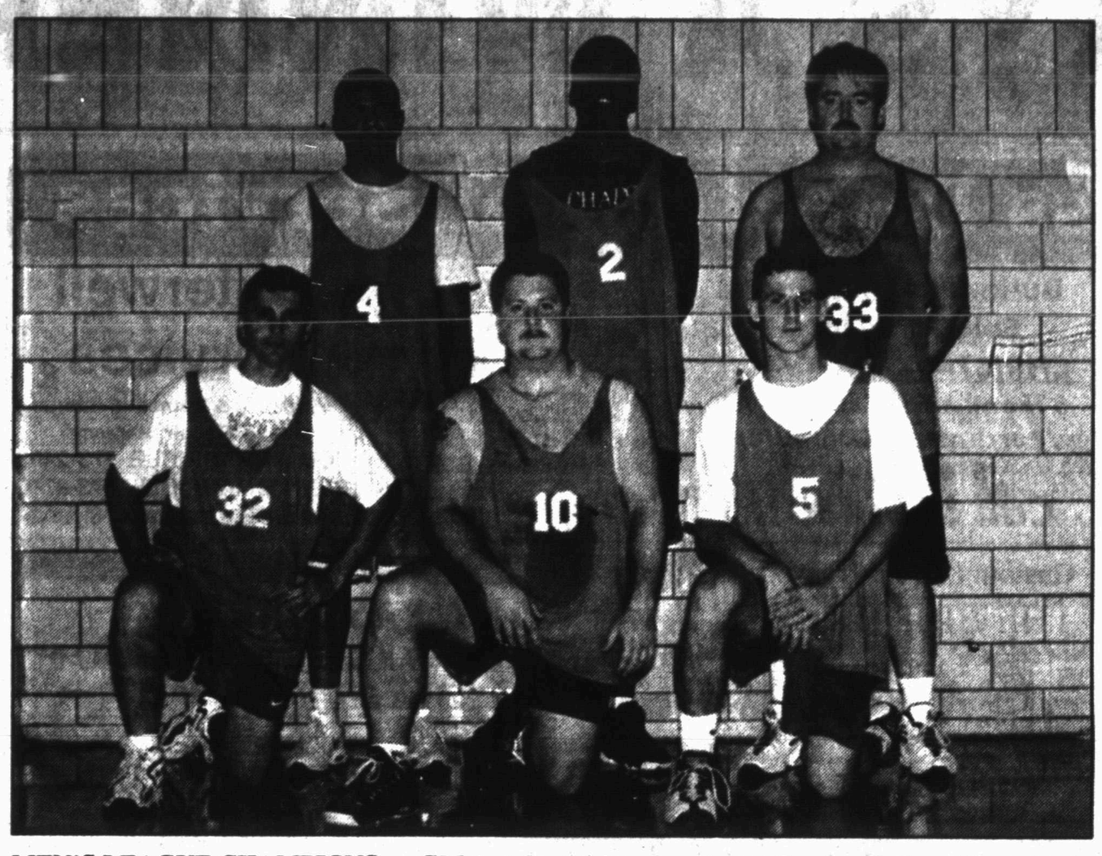
The Lady Tigers begin play in the Frenship tourney at 6 p.m. Thursday against defending champion Amarillo High. The tourney continues Friday with the finals scheduled for Saturday.

The Tigers will also be back in action Friday when they host former district foe Frenship at 7:30.

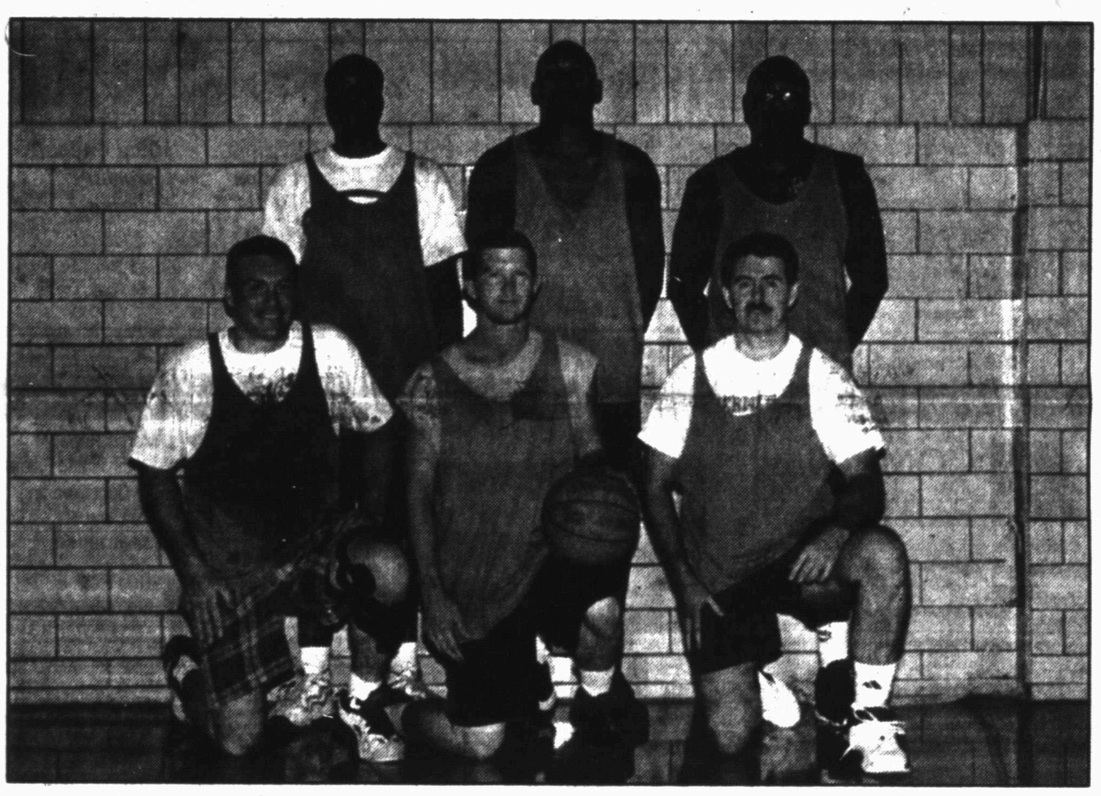
But basketball isn't the only sport on tap for Friday.

Bulldog Stadium will be the host site for a pair of six-man post-season battles. El Paso Jesuit takes on Greenville Christian at 2 p.m. in the TAPPS six-man state championship, before Balmorhea locks up with Samnorwood in a quarterfinal match-up at 6 o'clock.

Rounding out the week's action on Saturday, Borden County continues its bid for back-to-back state titles when it takes on Groom at 3 p.m. in Floydada.



MEN'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONS — GM Autoland (above) outlasted Snyder National Bank in the semifinals of the Snyder Men's League basketball tourney Monday night, 124-120, in double overtime, before knocking off American State Bank (below), 97-87, in the title contest. American State Bank had topped West Texas State Bank, 83-78, in the other semifinal. Members of the GM autoland squad are, front row from left, Gary Martin, Curtis Westbrook and Lee Hamilton. On the back row are Jerry Don Jackson, Adrian Sneed and Russell Gafford. Not pictured is Elliot Cox. Members of the American State Bank squad are, front row from left, Scott Bolton, Jeremiah Witt and Bryan Cave. On the back row are Charlie Richardson, Barron Wesley and Marcus McGlouthin. Not pictured is Mark King. (SDN Staff Photo)



Ira JH falls to Wildcats

GRADY — It took awhile for Ira Jr. High to get going Monday night.

The Bulldogs could muster only one point in the first quarter, creating a deficit too large to overcome as Ira fell to Grady, 40-23, in junior high boys action.

After trailing 18-1 entering the second period, Ira got rolling led by Jake Barnes and Eric Dickerhoff who poured in six points apiece.

Nathan Wilkins drained four points for the Bulldogs, with Phillip Payne, Michael Allen and Bubba Walker posting a piar of points each. Jeff Fine finished with one point.

Ira will be back on the court Monday when it hosts Sands at 6 p.m.

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Fry ends 20-year run as Hawkeyes' coach

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Bump Elliott smiled on that day 20 years ago when a roguish Hayden Fry charmed the news media at his first press conference as Iowa's football coach.

Then he sat back and watched with satisfaction as the man he hired turned a once moribund program into a big-time winner.

On Monday, the former Iowa athletic director was there for another news conference, this time to see Fry join him in retirement.

Overcome by emotion and wiping away tears with a handkerchief, Fry called it quits after 20 seasons as Iowa's football coach, a job in which he became one of the state's most revered public figures.

"There's never a good time," Fry said. "You've been in it 47 years as either an assistant on the high school level or college level, in the Marine Corps, there's never a good time. This was the best time I could figure."

Fry, 69, nearly choked on his own words at times as he talked about his decision in a meeting room filled with reporters, players, assistant coaches and friends. Now and then he stopped to compose himself, leaving the room in complete silence.

"I have to apologize to all you people. I promised myself I wouldn't do that," Fry said at one point. "But I'm a very emotional person and it's very meaningful to me. I'm sorry."

Fry, who has won more games than any other Iowa coach, is leaving after his worst season with the Hawkeyes, who lost their last five games to finish 3-8. His final game was a 49-7 drubbing at Minnesota on Saturday.

Injuries, academic suspensions, inexperience and a tepid offense combined to make for a long, frustrating season.

Fry's retirement ends a 37-year head coaching career that encompassed 420 games at three schools and produced 232 victories. He coached 11 seasons at Southern Methodist and six at North Texas State before his move to Iowa, where he inherited a program that had gone 17 years without a winning season.

After going 5-6 and 4-7 in his first two seasons, Fry in 1981 took the Hawkeyes to their first appearance in the Rose Bowl since the 1958 season.

Grady topples Lady Bulldogs

GRADY — Celeigh Sterling and the Lady Bulldogs found themselves in a see-saw affair Monday night.

Ira and Grady traded the lead at the end of each quarter, with the Lady Wildcats grabbing the final advantage, 31-29, in junior high action.

Ira went up, 7-6, entering the second period, before Grady grabbed a 14-10 lead at halftime.

The Lady Bulldogs rallied in the third quarter to jump on top, 23-22, as the final frame began, but Grady answered with a comeback of its own to notch the victory.

Celeigh Sterling poured in 18 points for Ira to lead all scorers.

Michelle Nettles and Frankie Briseno drained four points apiece, with Kali Clements chipping in two more and Vanessa Espinoza adding one.

The Lady Bulldogs return home Monday to host Sands at 6 p.m.

7th grade Black posts 33-12 rout over Big Spring

BIG SPRING — While Snyder Gold was locked in a battle, Snyder Black was posting a rout Monday night in seventh grade girls action.

After rallying to knot the tally entering the final quarter, SJHS Gold fell one bucket short of Big Spring, 31-29.

Beth Clements led Snyder with eight points, while Andra Dunham poured in seven.

Erin Burleson drained four points, with Kelby Drum, Priscilla Ybarra, Misha Wofford, Gretchen Hollis and Laura Arellano adding two apiece.

For Snyder Black it was never close.

The Lady Tigers Jumped to an 11-4 advantage in the opening quarter, before cruising to a 33-12 victory.

Sharday McKinney led all scorers with 14 points. Katie Chandler, Alexis Clawson, Laura Calmes and Acee French finished with four each. Megan Fletcher chipped in two points, with Dominique Braziel adding one.

Next on the Lady Tigers' schedule is a visit Monday to Andrews.

Texas offers Johnson $50 million

ARLINGTON (AP) — After taking a tour of the Ballpark with Nolan Ryan, free agent pitcher Randy Johnson was treated to something extra — a four-year guaranteed deal that nears $50 million.

Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks said it was "by far the largest offer in the history of the organization."

Johnson declined to comment and sneaked away through a back door at the Ballpark, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

Alan Nero, one of Johnson's agents, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that the Rangers "made a very formidable offer, a very competitive offer."

The 6-foot-10 hurler also is being courted by several other teams, including Arizona and Los Angeles. His other agent, Barry Meister, said Johnson hopes to decide among them by Thursday.

The Rangers, who previous offered Johnson a three-year, $39 million deal, hope their dollars will go farther than the others.

"I think were more than in the middle of this," said Doug Melvin, the Rangers general manager. "I think were down to one of the finalists."

One thing in favor of Texas: the lack of state income tax. The Rangers said that could make their offer worth more than the one being pitched by other teams.

Hicks spent about an hour Monday trying to woo the 35-year-old left-hander.

"I wanted to know if he is the type of player who is as committed to going to the next level as we are," Hicks said. "He is. We made our best offer."

8th grade girls split contests

BIG SPRING — Snyder Gold remained unbeaten, while Snyder Black fell to 1-1 Monday night in eighth grade girls basketball action.

After finishing each of the first three quarters in a deadlock, SJHS Gold held Big Spring to only four points in the final period to post a 19-16 victory.

Hailey Putnam poured in seven points for the Lady Tigers, with Dara Chambers, Jacque Alvarez and Chaelyn Robinson draining four apiece.

For Snyder Black, the third quarter spelled doom as the Lady Tigers failed to score.

Reecie Sauceda dropped in 10 points to lead Snyder, with Ashley Blevins and Ashlee Grantham adding four each. Jessie Keller and Jacinda Judah posted a pair of points apiece.

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AlldSignal	44 3-16	43¾	44 1-16	+ 1¼
Alltel	52¾	52 9-16	52⅝	+ 1-16
AmOnline s	95¼	2⅛	92 7-16	+3 3-16
AmStores	33¼		33¼	+ ¼
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AndarkPtr s	30⅜	30 7-16	30 9-16	+ 3-16
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BellSouth	84¼	83 3-16	83 5-16	— 3-16
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Unocal			35¼	34 9-16 34⅜ + 9-16
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WalMart			75	74 5-16 74 9-16 — ⅛
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Joins breast cancer fight

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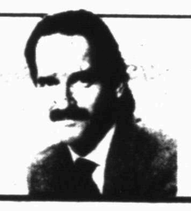
The heir to the British throne has agreed to lend his support to Breakthrough, Britain's largest breast cancer research group, his office announced.

"We are over the moon," Delyth Morgan of Breakthrough said in Monday's The Sun tabloid. "The most important thing about Charles joining us is that he is a man. It shows that breast cancer is not just a female issue."

Morgan said the prince was expected to play an active role in highlighting the group's activities.

Nutrition

By Ed Blonz, PH.D.



Do supplements need to be liquid?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: In a discussion a friend and I were having about taking a dietary supplement such as Centrum, my friend declared that taking pills was useless, and that a truly beneficial dietary supplement has to be in liquid form. Her argument seemed to be that pills pass out of the body pretty much as they went in. As for powerful digestive juices, well, if they were really so powerful, they would destroy the benefits of pills even as they dissolved them. Is there any support for my friend's position? — A.H., San Diego

DEAR A.H.: It is simply not true that supplements have to be in liquid form to be beneficial. Supplements in pill form are supposed to dissolve, but as there can be great variance in price, so too is there variability in quality. Standards for strength, quality, purity, packaging and how well a supplement dissolves are set by the U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP), an independent, nonprofit body of medicine, pharmacy and manufacturing experts. According to USP, a pill should dissolve within 30 minutes if it is uncoated and 45 minutes if it is coated.

USP standards for supplements became official in 1993, and a number of manufacturers display a "USP" on the label adjacent to the product's brand name. This insignia indicates that the product has met or exceeded formulation and dissolution standards. If you have an option, I would encourage you to buy products with the USP label. Another alternative might be to contact the supplement company directly and ask for dissolution information. Information about the USP can be found online at http://www.usp.org.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have a question about lactose intolerance. You said in one of your columns that the "fat content allows for more mixing and a slower passage" of lactose "through the digestive system." Does this help with lactose intolerance, and if so, how? — G.G., San Diego

DEAR G.G.: The presence of fat or protein in the foods we eat tends to slow the rate at which the food exits the stomach. In contrast, dietary fiber serves to increase the bulk of the contents moving through the digestive tract. This effectively lessens the amount of contact time between the ingredients and the absorptive surface of the GI tract. Less contact time equals a slower rate of absorption.

Lactose is the main carbohydrate found in milk products. If you have lactose intolerance, the enzyme needed to digest the lactose (lactase) is either absent or available in less-than-normal amounts. Without the correct enzyme, the lactose doesn't get digested and absorbed — meaning that it will still be intact when it reaches the large intestine. Bacteria reside inside the large intestine, and they will use the lactose as food, giving off hydrogen gas as a metabolic waste product. The production of gas in the large intestines has obvious implications, and the rate at which the lactose enters the large intestine determines the rate of gas production. If it all comes in a bunch, as would be the case if you drank a glass of non-fat milk on an empty stomach, there would be a greater production of gas. If, however, the lactose entered the large intestine in metered doses — what happens with the consumption of a dairy product as part of a meal containing fat, protein and/or fiber, the gas would be produced at a slower, less noticeable pace.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read your column every week and learn a great deal from it about nutritional information. My current physical report shows that I am slightly anemic. I would like to know what foods I can eat that are high in iron but won't raise my cholesterol. Your answer will be greatly appreciated. — N.L.

DEAR N.L.: There are plenty of options for iron. Foods that come to mind include dark-green leafy vegetables, legumes, tofu, baked potato (with skin), raisins, prunes, sunflower seeds and iron-fortified cereals.

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).

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Overhauling Social Security touchy subject

By Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Somebody is going to have to go first with a proposal to overhaul Social Security financing to keep the system in funds after 2032. But President Clinton isn't volunteering, nor are the Republicans, who insist that the White House should be in the lead.

So they'll wait until next year.

Clinton is convening a bipartisan conference on Social Security reform on Dec. 8 and 9, but his advisers say he won't be proposing terms for change and that those sessions shouldn't be expected to yield a solution.

The political problem is that whoever puts up specific terms probably will see them torn down by the opposition. Any solution is going to involve changes some people won't like, in a system that will pay benefits to about 44 million Americans this year.

"Now that the election is over," Clinton said when it was, "it is time to put politics aside ... above all ... to save Social Security for the 21st Century."

He'd made saving the system his alliterative slogan all campaign year, and said Democrats could best be trusted to do it. But whatever is done to keep the system from running out of money as the retirement roster soars in the new century will involve unpopular steps, perhaps another increase in the eligibility age and restraints on future cost of living increases.

Republicans learned the impact of the latter the hard way in 1986, after voting in the Senate to limit inflation-indexed benefit increases. President Ronald Reagan had recommended the cost-curbing step, but after the Republican Senate voted to do it, he surrendered to the Democratic House and dropped the proposal. Republicans lost control of the Senate in that year's elections, and their leaders said it was because of the Social Security issue.

AP analysis

The age for full retirement benefits already is going up, gradually, from the current 65 to 67 in 2025, under an earlier financing reform law. But the Social Security Advisory Board says only one in five Americans knows it, and polls show more than 70 percent oppose further increases.

The surveys also show broad public opposition to increasing taxes or curbing benefits but majority support for an option Republicans generally favor — permitting people to make their own retirement investments with some of the funds now paid into Social Security. The administration is wary, but Clinton has indicated he might agree to limited steps in that direction.

He might have to, if there is to be anything approaching the bipartisan "true national consensus" he said it will take to produce a solution.

He had said 1998 was the year to shape it, so that changes could be enacted in 1999. "For too long, politicians have called Social Security the third rail of American politics," Clinton had said. "That's Washington language for 'It's above serious debate.' But this year, we must prove them wrong."

That hasn't happened.

Indeed, Clinton demonstrated the power of the issue when he made it the keynote of his 1998 State of the Union message, saying that every penny of projected budget surpluses should be reserved until there is a solution on Social Security.

"Save Social Security first," he said, in what became a campaign theme. And not only for Democrats. Republicans said the same thing, except that they argued they could do it and cut taxes at the same time.

That debate hasn't moved; their leaders still promise tax cuts and action to preserve Social Security, saying the nation can afford both. But Clinton hasn't budged on his insistence that surpluses be saved pending Social Security reform.

Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, asked the president for specific proposals on future financing. He said that is the best, and perhaps the only hope that the Republican Congress and Democratic administration can enact an overhaul. Senate GOP leaders want his proposal first, too.

But Clinton's chief White House advisor on the issue, Gene Sperling, said the president won't be rushed, that determining his best role is a strategic issue to be settled later.

"Without a specific plan from the president, this very difficult job will become much, much harder," Archer said in a Republican radio address.

He wrote Clinton that for Congress to begin the process would be to invite a political fight "without a legislative safety net."

Democrats don't want to work without a safety net, either.

Not on this issue.

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

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Report: 10 million playpens are scheduled to be recalled

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Nearly 10 million playpens — some of them 40 years old — are being recalled today because children wearing pacifier strings or loose clothing can strangle on protruding parts, USA Today reported.

The paper said the Consumer Product Safety Commission told it Monday that eight children have died since 1982 when strings around their necks or loose clothing got caught on metal rivets sticking out of the playpens.

It said the recalled playpens are portable mesh models that can be folded in half for storage — nearly all sold by Kolcraft, Graco and Pride-Trimble Corp. However, five other companies also are involved.

The paper said some of the playpens were made 40 years ago, others as recently as May.

USA Today said the federal safety commission initially blamed six of the eight deaths on pacifiers with strings and the other two on sweaters with loose strings, but also linked the deaths to playpens this year.

The sale of pacifiers with strings has been prohibited since 1977, but that does not keep parents from putting pacifiers on string or ribbon after they get them home.

The paper quoted Ann Brown, head of the product safety commission, as urging anyone using or storing a playpen to check it for rivets that can protrude up to one-half inch from outside the top rails and to stop using the playpens if they have such rivets.

"Anything can catch on it," she said. "Don't wait."

Datebook

Nov. 24, 1998

Today is the 328th day of 1998 and the 63rd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1859, Charles Darwin published "Origin of the Species."

On this day in 1930, Ruth Nichols took off on her flight from Long Island to California.

On this day in 1972, Don Kirshner's show "In Concert" premiered on ABC television.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Baruch Spinoza (1632-1677), Dutch philosopher; Laurence Sterne (1713-1768), writer; Junipero Serra (1713-1784), Spanish missionary; Zachary Taylor (1784-1850), U.S. president; Scott Joplin (1868-1917), pianist-composer; Dale Carnegie (1888-1955), writer; William F. Buckley Jr. (1925-), editor-writer, is 73; Oscar Robertson (1938-), basketball great, is 60.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Corey Everson defeated Rachel McLish to win the Ms. Olympia bodybuilding title in Montreal, Canada.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Peace is not an absence of war, it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice." — Benedict Spinoza

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1968, a DC-8 crashed in shallow, fog-bound waters off San Francisco, Calif. All 108 passengers and crewmembers were rescued.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Nov. 18) and first quarter (Nov. 26).

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Honesty the best policy with doctor

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 44-year-old closet homosexual with a recurring anal itch. My doctor, who has no idea that I am gay, gives me antifungal cream, which is only temporarily effective. Is my condition caused by my sexual encounters? What can I do for relief?

DEAR READER: While it may be difficult to do so, I think it is very important that you tell your doctor that you are gay. Repeated anal stimulation can certainly lead to persisting irritation, even chronic fungus. You need to be tested for a variety of sexually transmitted diseases, which may be contributing to your symptoms, as well as for HIV, which — if present — will predispose you to a variety of unusual infections. Be honest with your doctor so that he or she can help you with this troublesome problem.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a mucus cyst on the nail bed of my left middle finger. It is sometimes painful, but not always. I've been to four doctors: One cut it out, another injected it, the third froze it. I still have it, so the fourth doctor suggests extensive surgery to remove it. The doctors say there is no cure.

DEAR READER: Then why don't they leave it alone?

Mucinous cysts are common on the fingers and usually can be ignored. The cause is unknown, but they're not a hazard to health. Moreover, they often disappear without treatment. Obviously, extensive surgical removal would take care of the problem, but why subject yourself unnecessarily to the expense and risk of an operation that isn't needed? If I were you, I'd say: "No, thanks."

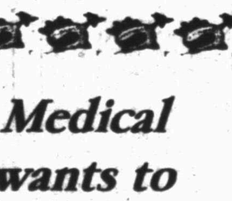
To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I know someone who is a good worker, but odd. He's always wiping his hands, his head and his glasses. When he drinks soda, he bobs his head up and down like a duck. He talks to himself all the time. Could he be dangerous? What do you call this kind of behavior?

DEAR READER: I call this kind of behavior unusual. However, there may be a perfectly valid explanation for it. Perhaps he perspires a lot, has trouble swallowing and finds his own conversation to be an amusing way to fend off boredom. Ask him why he does the things he does. Should his actions become more bizarre or disruptive, share your concerns with your supervisor.

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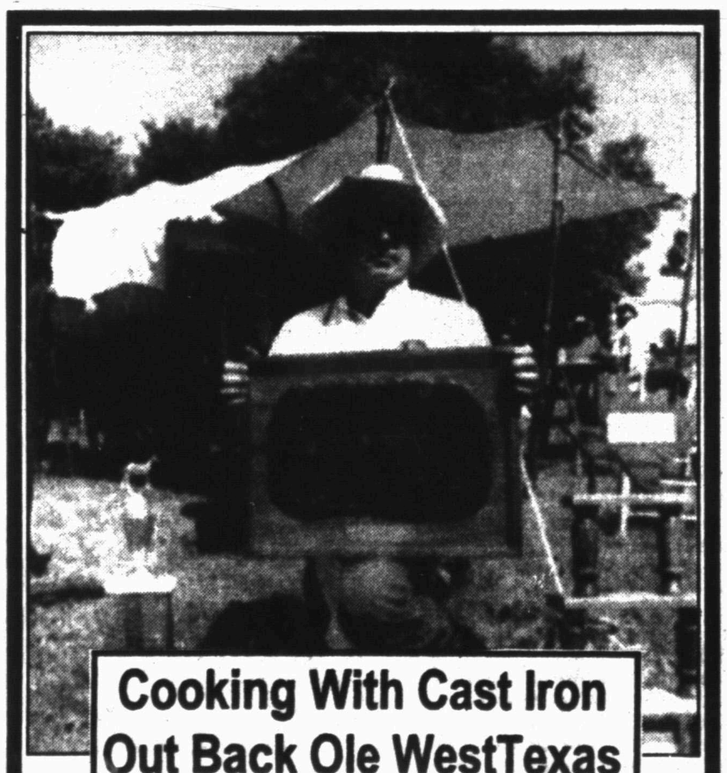
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Study: Brain scan could help diagnose ADD

WASHINGTON (AP) — A defining, biological test may finally be possible for attention deficit disorder, a poorly understood condition that has caused millions of American children to be placed on mind-altering drugs.

Researchers at Stanford University report today in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences that there is a "signature" in brain scans of children who have attention deficit disorder, or ADD. Just as importantly, the study found that a brain scan also can identify children who do not have the condition.

The announcement comes just days after a National Institute of Health experts panel said that even though ADD is a major public health problem, there is no consistent physical diagnosis technique that precisely identifies those with the disorder.

Dr. John Gabrieli of Stanford's psychology department, co-author of the study, said he and his colleagues "are onto something that looks like it is a signature in the brain for ADD that is different from non-ADD."

He said the study is only a first step toward developing a final test for ADD, but he said it "looks very promising."

The test requires a functional MRI, a type of magnetic resonance imaging that is available at only a few hospitals. A regular MRI costs up to $1,500 and a functional MRI could be even more expensive.

Attention deficit disorder, or ADD, usually is diagnosed in school-aged children based on interviews and observed behavior.

Symptoms of ADD include the restless inability to sit still to read, study or even watch television. Often a child cannot play in group games, and a common symptom is the inability to control impulses. Some mild forms of these symptoms are common in many children, leading experts to worry that ADD is diagnosed too often.

"Many people are concerned because the diagnosis remains very subjective," Gabrieli said. "It is possible to misdiagnose a child and miss another condition, or to over-diagnose a child who is merely rambunctious."

A biological signature of ADD, in contrast, would allow for "a valid and consistent diagnosis," he said.

Mind-affecting drugs such as Ritalin are the most common treatment, but some doctors and parents worry about their long-term effects, which have never been studied.

The Stanford study used the functional MRI, to individually scan the brains of 16 boys between the ages of 8 and 13 while they were playing a simple mental game. The MRI detects which part of the brain responds to specific actions or to drugs.

Ten of the boys had been diagnosed with ADD, and six were considered normal. These six were used as a comparison control.

In the game, the boys watched letters of the alphabet flash individually on a screen. The boys were to push a button for every letter except X. When X flashed, they were to resist the impulse to press the button.

"They were seeing a lot of letters except for X," said Gabrieli. "They got so used to going that it was hard to stop."

Since impulse control and poor concentration are a hallmark of ADD, those patients with the disorder did much more poorly than the normal patients, he said.

When the researchers compared brain scans, there was a clear difference in brain activity between the ADD patients and the other boys.

The boys were next tested after they had been given doses of Ritalin. Curiously, the drug improved the performance of both groups to the same extent, said Gabrieli.

Red Cross: 1998 is costliest year for relief for disasters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hurricanes Georges and Bonnie, Tropical Storm Charley and other natural disasters have forced the American Red Cross to spend more on disaster relief in 1998 than any previous year, the organization announced today.

The projected $160 million spent in 1998 dwarfs the $126 million spent in 1992, the year Hurricane Andrew devastated Florida.

Since Jan. 1, the Red Cross says it has responded to 239 disasters affecting 300,000 families in 41 states, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It has served 3.2 million meals and provided comfort to 200,000 people left homeless because of disasters.

The Red Cross reported in October that Hurricane Georges was the agency's most expensive disaster. American Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole said her organization had spent more than $104 million for recovery from the storm that damaged parts of the Florida Keys and then slammed into the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and north Florida.

In addition to Georges, the Red Cross spent funds on the following 1998 disasters:

— In February, massive flooding struck California and tornadoes hit Florida.

— In March, tornadoes ripped through southern Minnesota, while Elba, Ala., and Albany, Ga., saw severe flooding.

— April saw tornadoes touch down in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky and Arkansas. Tornadoes also struck North Carolina, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, New York, Minnesota and Wisconsin in May.

— Wildfires destroyed a half-million acres in Florida in June.

— In August, Hurricane Bonnie struck the coasts of North Carolina and Virginia and Tropical Storm Charley touched down in Texas.

— In September, Tropical Storm Frances caused flooding in Louisiana and Texas.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Man With Ex-Wife, Ex-Mistress May Soon Have Ex-Girlfriend

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am 49, divorced, and partially living with a 67-year-old man. He has been divorced nearly 10 years.

He and his wife divorced because he had fathered a child by another woman. He never married this woman, but he does take care of the financial obligations for mother and child.

He and I fight a lot because of his involvement with his ex-wife and ex-mistress. We have never spent a major holiday together because his adult children have all the family dinners, and I am not "family." I share my home, cabin, family, friends and vacations with him. Yet he thinks he "owes" the holidays and birthdays to his family. Last year we planned to have his birthday party at his house. We invited his children, but not the ex-wife, ex-mistress or child. Well, no one showed up. They all blamed me for the exclusion.

I'm fairly intelligent and own my own business. Deep down, I want to get rid of him, but like the old rhyme says, "When it's good, it's very, very good — and when it's bad, it's horrid."

By the way, he recently went on a cruise with his ex-wife, and when they go to family gatherings, they share a room. I am supposed to understand that it's "family." Well, I am sick of this sick family.

He says he would take me to family events, but the children don't want me. He says he doesn't want to hurt them any more than he already has, because the affair that produced the child lasted for 12 years of his marriage. He argues that as long as we spend weekdays together he should be able to spend the dozen-or-so birthdays and holidays with them. I think I should be included in family events or at least considered. Am I wrong?

HAD ENOUGH IN MINNESOTA

DEAR HAD ENOUGH: I have to wonder why you want to be included at birthday or holiday celebrations with people who have made it clear they want to exclude you. Your friend is trying to keep you happy by spending weekdays with you, but — face it — he has too many other females in his life to concentrate on you alone. You will always be the caboose at the end of the train. Frankly, I think you deserve better.

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DEAR ABBY: Would you please publish again your letter on tickling? I have just returned from visiting my daughter and her husband, and he tickles his two little girls too often. He says they must like it, because they laugh. It is very distressing to me.

WORRIED GRANDMOTHER IN KNOXVILLE, TENN.

DEAR WORRIED GRANDMOTHER: You are right to be concerned about your son-in-law's behavior. Pediatric specialists say that excessive tickling stimulates children inappropriately and should be discouraged. Remind him that in ancient times, tickling was used as a method of torture. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: How right you are to point out that constantly tickling someone is cruel and should not be tolerated. My Irish grandmother told me at least 50 years ago of a situation that took place near her hometown in Ireland.

A neighbor had at least two wives pass away before anyone paid much attention to it. Then another neighbor reported hearing hysterical laughter coming from that house. Well, it was later determined that the man had been tying his wives to the bedpost, and tickling the soles of their bare feet with a feather! He continued until the hysteria did them in. In truth, they were tickled to death.

PAT HOLLINGSWORTH, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1998

Even though most of your focus in the year ahead might be on things other than material concerns, you are still likely to show a steady, beneficial financial growth that could be the envy of others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In matters that are of personal importance to you today, your ideas may be superior to others. Nevertheless, listen to all suggestions. There could a gem or two among the comments. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your strong ambition — which isn't likely to be visible to others — will be one of the reasons why you'll get what you want today. Not exposing your hand prematurely will turn the trick.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It could prove helpful today to discuss an unresolved situation with a trusted friend. Your pal's advice could prove beneficial. A different point of view might bring clarity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If your ears are ringing today, it'll be because you are being discussed by others. It would boost your ego if you could hear the nice things that are being said about you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something advantageous that develops today will elevate your hopes and expectations. It may appear to be rather insignificant to the causal observer, but you'll know its true worth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You could actually turn a small profit of some kind from a situation where you share a common interest with another, or where you're in a position to serve as an intermediary.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Partnership arrangements of some kind during the present cycle could turn out to be quite fortunate for you, so it might behoove you to team up whenever possible today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your knowledge and talents might command more earnings than usual today, so don't be afraid to ask a fair price for your services. Don't sell yourself short.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Through a marvelous gift of being able to offer constructive ideas or suggestions, you'll be able to brighten the lives of persons lacking the answers to their problems today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be imaginative and resourceful, as well as a little assertive today and you'll be able to actualize the success in your endeavors. You'll discover being both bright and bold pays off!

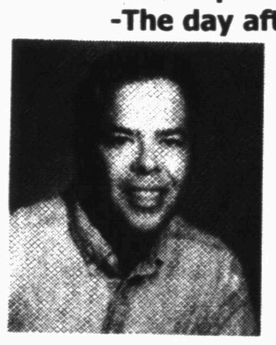
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) How you get the support of others for a venture of importance today is to offer them logical reasons why your project would be as meaningful to them as it is to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you can realize a small material advantage today, don't let the size of the returns dilute the effort it takes to achieve it. It could grow and multiply as time passes.

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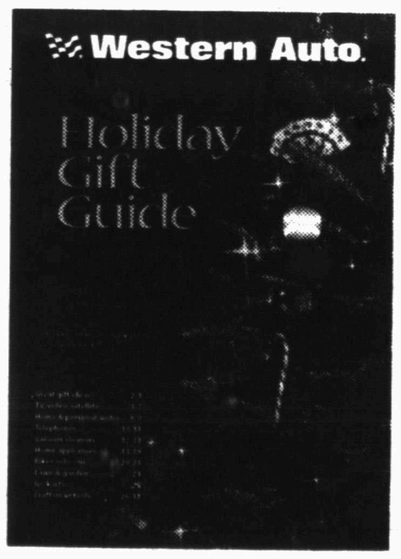
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"THANKS BE UNTO GOD"

The Apostle Paul expressed his thankfulness in these words four times in the letters to the Corinthians. The first time he uses it he is speaking of the believer's final triumph over sin, death, and the grave. He exclaims, "Thanks be unto God, which giveth us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ" **(1 Corinthians 15:57).** Next, while writing of his personal trials he says, "Now thanks be unto God which always causes us to TRIUMP in Christ" **(2 Corinthians 2:14).**

Then, speaking of the genuine interest Titus had in Christians, he said, "Thanks be unto God, which put the same EARNEST CARE in the heart of Titus for you" **(2 Corinthians 8:16).** And last in order, but first in importance, he contrasts the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ with all other gifts, and exclaims, "Thanks be unto God for His UNSPEAKABLE GIFT" **(2 Cor. 9:15).**

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

State Department rejects Iraqi excuse

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration, in a standoff with Iraq over weapons documents, says "the dog ate my homework" is no excuse for refusing to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors.

But Nizar Hamdoon, Iraq's U.N. ambassador, said Monday: "We don't have any more documents that we believe are related to disarmament at this point."

The dispute involves documents on chemical and biological weapons programs that Richard Butler, the chairman of the U.N. weapons inspection commission, has sought since last Friday.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Monday it was very important that Iraq cooperate with the U.N. commission "and provide documentation that is necessary."

But Albright stopped short of declaring the dispute a crisis. "It's not a matter of a deadline; it's a matter of really coming forward with what is necessary to show that they are cooperating," she said.

In Baghdad, Iraqi Deputy Foreign Minister Riyadh al-Qaisi said Butler was recycling an old request

"All we have, we gave," he told reporters in Baghdad. "All we don't have we stated we didn't have."

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said Butler was in the position to know whether particular documents were available "or the dog ate them during some interregnum period."

"The dog ate my homework" was not an acceptable excuse, Rubin said.

On a related front, Rubin said Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk would meet with Iraqi opposition groups in London today and had discussed the campaign against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein with French officials in Paris.

"We are trying to do our best to assist in the creation of an effective and viable alternative to Saddam Hussein's regime," the spokesman said.

Demo to offer censure motion in judiciary committee session

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Democratic member of the House Judiciary Committee said today he will offer a resolution to censure President Clinton rather than impeach him, the first indication that the panel will have a choice when it decides on a recommendation to the House.

The proposal by Rep. William Delahunt of Massachusetts would condemn Clinton's sexual relationship in the White House with Monica Lewinsky, but would not include any punishment.

Clinton, Delahunt pointed out, "is in legal jeopardy upon expiration of his term. There is a possibility that if (Kenneth) Starr or any subsequent prosecutor has a case that they feel is appropriate to charge a crime, whatever we do does not terminate that decision."

Delahunt said the resolution would not prevent Clinton from making a voluntary decision to personally apologize to Congress.

While Delahunt's alternative is unlikely to sway the 21 Republicans on the committee, who appear to strongly support an impeachment resolution, it could have an effect on the House floor. At least four Republicans not on the committee have said they would vote against impeachment, and two of them estimated dozens of GOP lawmakers hold the same view.

As the committee made plans to hear from convicted perjurers next week, officials in the inquiry reported their initial attempt to delve into the Kathleen Willey matter has not produced significant investigative leads.

With time running short for any expansion of the inquiry, majority Republicans scheduled a Dec. 1 public hearing on the consequences of perjury.

Individuals convicted of the crime and federal judges are expected to testify, as committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., tries to focus on the core issue for Republicans: whether Clinton lied under oath to conceal his affair with Ms. Lewinsky.

The president also will have his say about the truthfulness of his testimony. He's expected to review written answers to 81 questions submitted by Hyde on Nov. 5, and send them to the committee either Wednesday or Friday.

Hyde is tentatively planning for the panel to complete its work the week of Dec. 7, committee officials said. That would allow the House to convene the following week to vote on any committee-approved articles of impeachment.

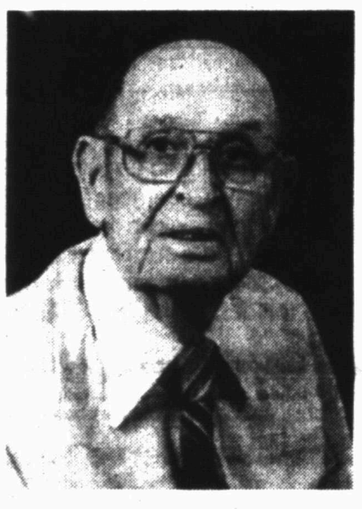
While no plans are set for procedures by the full House, a number of lawmakers said that if an impeachment resolution fails, there could immediately be a second vote on censuring the president. Without the second vote, there could be no punishment for presidential conduct that has been condemned by Republicans and Democrats alike.

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Obituaries



Emmett Askins

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1912-1998

Emmett Askins, a native of Borden County and a longtime resident of Snyder, died at 2:10 p.m. Monday in Snyder Oaks Care Center following a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Askins, 86, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Sept. 22, 1912 in Borden County, he married Helen Osment on Aug. 10, 1934 in Stamford. She died in 1991.

Mr. Askins served with the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II as a glider pilot.

Mr. Askins had lived in Snyder since 1950. He was a retired funeral director and embalmer, graduating from the Dallas School of Embalming in 1933. He received his embalmer's license in May, 1933 and his funeral director's license in 1935.

Mr. Askins was also a rancher and had also retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

He was a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church, Snyder Lions Club, Scurry County Masonic Lodge No. 706, Shrine Club and active in the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include two daughters, Alice Kay Simpson of Abilene and Marianne Russell of Katy; two grandchildren, Brent Simpson of San Angelo and Vicky Bryant of Plano; a sister, Thadine Harless of Snyder; and a special friend, Gloria Browning of Snyder.

Friends are contributing to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children at 222 Wellborn St. in Dallas, or to the Family Hospice at 210 East 11th Place in Big Spring.

Virginia Jilek

1906-1998

SCHULENBURG — Virginia Hickey Jilek of Schulenburg, mother of Shirley Pavlik of Snyder, died Sunday, Nov. 22, in Lavaca County Medical Center.

Service for Mrs. Jilek, 92, is set 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Schulenburg. Burial will follow in the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery.

Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. today in the chapel of Schwenke-Baumgarten Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jilek was born on June 1, 1906 in Yoakum.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Jilek, on Jan. 27, 1997; infant twin sons, Harry and Larry Jilek; and two grandchildren.

Survivors include one son, James Jilek of Jacksonville, Fla.; two other daughters, Joyce Jilek of Columbus, Tex., and Margaret Citzler of Irving; nine grandchildren, including Stanley Pavlik and Roger Pavlik of Snyder, Gregory Pavlik of San Antonio and John Pavlik of Irving; seven great-grandchildren, including Andrea Pavlik of Snyder and Joshua and Jeffery Pavlik of San Antonio.

Viola Staub

1922-1998

TILDEN, Neb. — Viola Staub of Tilden, Neb., mother of former Snyder resident Billie Rae Smith, died Nov. 17 after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Staub, 76, was held on Nov. 20 in Emmanual Lutheran Church in Tilden. Burial was in the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Norfolk, Neb.

She was born on May 19, 1922 in Antelope County, Neb.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond Staub of Tilden; her daughter, Billie Smith of Tilden; a son, Charles Staub of Tilden; and grandchildren, Ginger Smith of Huntsville, formerly of Snyder, and Jessie and Casey Staub of Tilden.

Boy dies in shark attack

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Police are using helicopters to monitor Florida's east coast after a shark killed a 9-year-old boy who was swimming about 40 yards from shore. It was the first fatal shark attack in Florida in a decade.

James Tellasmon was with his mother and a family friend Saturday when he was attacked near Ocean Beach at Jaycee Park, some 70 miles north of West Palm Beach along Florida's east coast.

Police patrols joined lifeguards in watching for sharks or other predators.

"We're just telling everyone to swim in a protected beach as close to lifeguard stations as possible," police chief Jim Gabbard said today.

The attack on the boy was swift.

"Witnesses said he started to flail, and then he was gone," Gabbard said earlier. "He just went under."

The body was found Sunday. A medical examiner said the boy was killed by a large shark, but he could not say what type of shark or exactly how large, Gabbard said.

Authorities recovered only the boy's torso and legs, Gabbard said.

Runaways found, taken to RECOR

Two juvenile females reported as runaways on Friday were located Monday and transferred to the RECOR facility in Garza County.

At 4:25 p.m. Friday, a woman in the 1700 block of Avenue I requested an officer in reference to her two teenage daughters running away.

The girls, age 14 and 15, were located at 5:12 p.m. Monday by officers in the 2100 block of 27th Street.

In other activity Monday, two subjects were arrested.

A 22-year-old male was taken into custody by officers at 9:17 a.m. in the 1900 block of 28th Street on a capias pro fine warrant for an expired motorcycle license plate.

Department of Public Safety troopers arrested a 52-year-old female at 7:30 p.m. in the 400 block of 37th Street for driving with no drivers license.

An offense report for family violence and one for runaway were filed at 1:10 p.m.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Genealogical Society meeting

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 tonight in the Scurry County Library. Visitors are welcome.

Two playoff games at Ira

Bulldog Stadium at Ira will be the site of two six-man grid playoff games Friday.

El Paso Jesus Chapel and Greenville Christian will compte for the TAPPs 6-man state championship at 2 p.m.

At 6 p.m., Balmorhea and Samnorwood will clash for the state quarter-final title.

Jump rope for heart campaign

The fourth grade jump rope for heart campaign continues until Dec. 2. Fourth graders will be seeking donations for the event which will benefit the American Heart Association.

SHS choir sells poinsettias

SHS Choir members are selling Christmas poinsettias. Cost is $10 poinsettias come in red, white and the jingle bell variety. Students are raising money to help support the choir trip to Disney World next spring.

Drivers license office hours

The drivers license office will be closed through Nov. 30, reopening on Dec. 1.

Ira picture day

Wednesday, Dec. 2,is picture day at Ira schools. It is for anyone not photographed in September or those wanting another package. Pictures will also be taken of basketball and cross country teams, high school class favorites and clubs.

Lighting of the Star

The fifth annual lighting of the star in Gail will be at 7 Friday at the Borden County courthouse. The courthouse and museum will open at 5 p.m. for refreshments.

Grace Lutheran Church craft room

The craft room will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Choir sets Madrigal dinner

Snyder High School's choir will present the 7th annual Madrigal Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Monday and next Tuesday in the ballroom of Martha Ann Woman's Club. Today is the last day to make reservations. Tickets are $15 per person and reservations may be made by calling 573-6301.

WTC cheerleader fundraiser

WTC cheerleaders are selling $5 chances for a massage. Proceeds go to cheerleading scholarships. The winners will be drawn at the Lady Dusters' home game next Tuesday.

SHS Class of '89

The SHS Class of 1989 is seeking addresses of classmates in preparation of the 10-year reunion. Addresses of class members should be given to Christy at 573-8392.

Medical fund

A medical fund for heart patient Sherylyn Timora has been established at West Texas State Bank. Make contributions to the Sheryln Timora Medical Fund.

Windbreak trees

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

Lighted Christmas parade

Entries are needed for the annual Lighted Christmas parade set for 6 p.m. Dec. 5. All entries must have lights. For more information call 573-3558 or in evenings call 573-3822.

Benefit roping and dance

A benefit team roping and dance will be held Dec. 5 at the Scurry County Colisum annex to help pay for medical bills for Richard Reed. Ropers may sign up at 11 a.m. with the events starting at noon. The dance is at 8 p.m. For more information, call Shannon Blair at 573-2066, or Shana May at 573-3005.

Adult education classes

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

Road to Recovery program

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

Pick 3

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