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Home Of Brooks Nunley

Big Spring mayor to seek state rep position

State Rep. David Counts received a last-minute opponent Monday as Big Spring businessman Tim Blackshear filed with the state Republican headquarters in Austin as a candidate.

Blackshear had been mayor of Big Spring since 1992, but state law required him to vacate that office as soon as he filed for the representative's spot. He was first elected to the Big Spring city council in 1989.

Blackshear, 40, is a life-long resident of Big Spring and owns and operates Earthco, a paving and dirt construction company.

Counts, a Democrat who was first elected to the post in 1988, said he was shocked that Blackshear filed for the representative's post.

"I consider him a personal friend and I really didn't believe it when I heard he had filed," said Counts.

"I have done everything he has asked me to do, and more, in regards to Big Spring and Howard County," added Counts.

"It was a complete shock."

Counts said he has not heard from Blackshear since he filed.

"However, I welcome him to the race. I have a great record to run on. I will run on my record and not promises," said Counts.

Blackshear said today that he "was led to enter the race."

"That's first and foremost," said Blackshear.

"Our family had been praying about it and seeking guidance," said Blackshear. "We decided Sunday night and got up Monday morning and drove to Austin and filed."

Blackshear graduated from Big Spring High School in 1977 and immediately began working in his own construction business.

In 1981, he began working for A.K. Guthrie as the manager of Earthco, and eventually bought it in 1988.

Blackshear and his wife, Terri, have been married for 21 years and have two children. Shane is a senior at Big Spring High School and Timmi is an eighth-grader.

They are members of College Baptist Church where Blackshear has served as a deacon since 1984.

"I am concerned about the redistricting and what that will do to West Texas," added Blackshear. "It is important that West Texans have a West Texas voice."

"I want to go to Austin to be a consistent, conservative voice on behalf our West Texas families and communities," said Blackshear. "The representative from District 70 must represent all 12 of the counties that make up this unique and sprawling district."

Counts had said earlier that redistricting and water were two issues about which he is greatly concerned.

Counts also has recently been appointed to a nine-member committee to oversee electrical deregulation, serving as the only rural member on the committee.

Both Counts and Blackshear are unopposed in their party's primaries.

District 70 includes all of Scurry, Howard, Borden, Fisher, Garza, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lynn, Nolan and Stonewall Counties.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Scientists have discovered how to grow hair on mice. Big deal!"

Tradition is on a collision course with practicality in the growing Texas coastal town of Lake Jackson.

Lake Jackson, a city that sprang up in 1942 as a bedroom community for a new Dow Chemical plant, is a city at crossroads – all because This Way crosses That Way.

When the city was being designed, the founder commissioned his son to design a more civilized community than the nearby shantytown known as Camp Chemical.

Architect Alden Down, son of Dow's founder, had a fondness for nature and curving streets, it is told, along with a sense of humor.

He declared that all streets be named after botanical plants except for roads which led to downtown, which are called "ways." This Way and That Way and Any Way were coined. A visitor may be directed to drive down Parking Way and head straight on Circle Way, which loops around downtown where stop signs are restricted because they inhibit traffic flow.

The city manager moans, "I tell people to take Highway 288 to This Way, go three blocks, then left on That Way. They always ask, 'Which Way?' And I tell them, No, that would be the wrong way?"

Critics say the situation is silly and projects an unsophisticated image.

But traditionalists are resisting an effort to rename streets. They say that folks who don't like going This Way or That Way to just Go Away.

Surprise, surprise.

We just read where safety experts have warned that jumping from 18-wheelers can be a health hazard.

Betcha it really smarts going 70 mph down I-20.

A college student brought home a little twisted humor.

She was telling her mother and dad about a recent blind date.

"It was terrible," she recalled. "Just awful. He showed up driving his 1932 Rolls Royce."

The dad was impressed. "What's so bad about that?" he asked. "That's a really expensive car."

Panned the daughter, "He was the original owner."



BARRICADES — The city has placed barricades around the edges of property it owns on the corner of 37th Street and College Avenue adjacent to the newly built White Buffalo Café. Vic Chambers of the city's code enforcement department, said the action was taken upon legal advice for liability purposes. (SDN Staff Photo)

Children's injuries net grand jury indictment

Thirteen indictments were returned against 12 individuals Tuesday by the Scurry County grand jury.

The nature of the crimes ranged from burglary to injury to a child.

Robert Vincent Ruback, 35, of Tyrone, Okla., was indicted for the Dec. 20 offense of burglary of a habitation. He is charged with breaking into the home of Charles Stephens and also committing aggravated assault.

Ruback's bond was set at $10,000 and he is currently in jail.

Jose Javier Cortez, 25, of Ward Ranch Rd. #20 Northwest was indicted for two counts of injury to a child that occurred on Nov. 5.

His bond was set at $10,000 on each indictment and he is free on bond.

Three people were indicted for driving while intoxicated.

Dale Evan Davis, 38, of 214 W. 14th St. in Post was indicted for the Dec. 2 offense of DWI.

Davis has previous driving while intoxicated convictions in Taylor, Tom Green, Stonewall and Garza Counties.

His bond was set at $5,000 and he remains in jail.

Christopher Hernandez, 22, of 201 Hickory was indicted for driving while intoxicated on Dec. 11. He is free on a $5,000 bond.

Hernandez has two previous DWI convictions in county court in Scurry County.

Nick Hernandez, 31, of 620 40th St. in Lubbock also was charged with DWI. Hernandez' bond was set at $5,000.

He has two previous DWI convictions in Scurry and Mitchell Counties.

Anthone Cobb, 17, of 812 32nd St. was indicted for the Nov. offense of burglary of a building. He is charged with breaking into a building owned by William Stevens on Nov. 14.

Cobb's bail was set at $5,000 and he currently is in jail.

Lori A. Moralez, 19, of 2505 10th St. in Lubbock is charged with possession of cocaine, a controlled substance. She was arrested on the charge on Nov. 15. She is free on a $7,500 bond.

Cynthia Salas Granville, 29, of 1603 E. Main in Hobbs, N.M. also is charged with possession of cocaine. She was arrested the same time as Moralez and she is free on $7,500 bond.

Frances Medrano Silva, 37, of 506 29th St. was indicted for the Nov. 27 offense of possession of cocaine with intent to deliver.

Her bond was set at $5,000 and she is out of jail on the bond.

Silva was previously convicted of aggravated assault in Scurry County in 1993.

Frank Martinez Jr., 48, of 2909 Ave. F was indicted for the Nov. 19 offense of delivery of cocaine. His bond was set at $5,000 and he remains in jail.

Man arrested in Seattle charged with homicide

SEATTLE (AP) — Police have arrested a 30-year-old man in connection with the execution-style killings of two workers at a shipyard.

The man, who reportedly is a former worker, was being held for investigation of homicide and attempted murder, police said.

The identity of the man was not released. He was arrested without incident Tuesday night at his home in the suburbs near Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Capt. John Diaz said at a news conference.

The discovery of a weather-worn backpack containing a gun, ammunition and camouflage clothing in a park near the family-run Northlake Shipyard provided detectives with the break they needed in the case, Diaz indicated.

Police and laboratory technicians were examining evidence from the man's home and the backpack, which was found by an electrician over the weekend.

Police would not say what was taken from the man's house or discuss any initial test results or findings.

Witnesses said a man wearing a baseball cap, sunglasses and a dark overcoat over camouflage clothing strode into the shipyard office without a word and opened fire with a 9-mm semiautomatic handgun.

Peter Giles, 26, the shipyard bookkeeper, and marine engineer Russell James Brisendine, 43, were both killed in the Nov. 3 attack. Two others were injured.

Personnel is meeting topic

Western Texas College board of trustees met for some two hours in executive session Tuesday night to discuss a personnel matter.

Meeting with the board was the college's attorney, Gary Terrell of Lubbock.

Dr. Harry Krenek said no action was taken by the board, but an executive session will be held during the regular meeting next Monday to consider the personnel matter.

Board president Jay Kidd presided and all board members were in attendance to include Drew Bullard, Jackie Greene, Eddie Peterson, Carolyn Barbee, Lee Presswood and R.C. Patton.

Cogdell board sets Thursday meeting

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday to consider November financial statements, and to be briefed on Y2K results.

It is expected the board will get a detailed look at year 2000 operations when it meets on Jan. 27.

Chief Executive Officer Jeff Reecer will also address the board on monthly informational items.

The meeting is in the hospital board room.

Four candidates to challenge Stenholm

AUSTIN – Veteran Democratic Congressman Charlie Stenholm is unopposed for his party's nomination for re-election, but four persons are seeking to unseat him in the November general election.

Stenholm, a native of Stamford, has represented the 17th congressional district for the past 22 years and has faced stiff Republican opposition the past two elections.

Two persons have filed on the GOP ballot for the March primary, including Darrell Clements, a district court magistrate from Dallas.

The second Republican candidate is Granbury golf executive Shane Hunt. Hunt is CEO of Golf Etc of America.

Clements paid his filing fee with the state GOP headquarters in Austin while Hunt collected signatures on a petition rather than paying the filing fee.

Seeking the Libertarian party nomination is Dr. Debra Monde, an Abilene family physician.

The Reform party also has an opponent for Stenholm, retired Air Force veteran Pete Julia of Abilene.

DPS to locate sergeant here

Snyder is now officially a sergeant station for the Department of Public Safety.

DPS troopers from Snyder and Colorado City will report to Sgt. Joe Medrano, who is moving from Odessa to his first duty station as a sergeant.

Local troopers currently report to supervisors in Sweetwater.

Sgt. Don Graham of Sweetwater said the additional station in Snyder is necessary because of an increase in traffic in this area.

It is also being done as an attempt to decrease the workload of each sergeant.

"I have had up to 15 troopers working for me," Graham said. "This is to reduce the manpower that works for each sergeant and to provide better guidance. There will be less for one to supervise. What we call the span of control will be less."

Medrano is expected to be in Snyder around Jan. 10.

Graham said it is in the long-range plan to add one or two additional troopers to the Snyder area, but none other than Medrano immediately.

Snyder is in the DPS' Abilene district, which is now separated into 10 sergeant areas.

Snyder area troopers include Rick Campos, James Arnwine, Terry Snyder, Bill Blackley and Kevin Edwards.

Colorado City area troopers include Shane Johnson, Donald Wilks, Carlos Diaz and Jeremy Usener.

ASK US

Q.-When the bank vault door at West Texas State Bank failed to open Monday, was it a Y2K problem?

A.-No, it was caused by human error.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 70 degrees; low, 23; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 31; no precipitation; total for 2000, .11 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair skies. Low near 30. S wind 5-10 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, cooler. High 50-55, wind NE 10-20 mph.



Alix Rieser
Cooler and Cloudy

Sunset: 5:56 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:44 a.m.
Of 4 days in 2000, the sun has shone 4 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There is no darkness but ignorance.

—Shakespeare

Southern Mesa Agricultural conference set this month

"A direct result of producer-requested educational programming, the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the BMPs (Best Management Practices) for cotton, grain sorghum and peanut production," says Greg Gruben, Scurry County extension agent.

This conference will be held Monday, Jan. 17, in the Dawson County Annex Building, located at 609 North First Street in Lamesa, beginning at 8 a.m.

The registration fee, which includes technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits, is $15 if paid by Jan. 13. After that, the fee will be $20. Registration forms and fees, payable to "Dawson County Ag Fund," should be sent to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268 in Lamesa 79331.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn and Garza counties, will also feature information on the latest production technology for crop production, insect control, and weed control of cotton, grain sorghum and peanuts. Risk management and production outlooks will also be discussed.

Top quality speakers from across the state and the South Plains area will make presentations concerning current research production trials. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with expert, specialists and other growers. Also, producers will be able to visit commercial booths throughout the day.

Five Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program.

Speakers will include Shelly Borgstedte, with Texas Department of Agriculture; Dr. Wayne Keeling, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; Drs. Randy Boman, Calvin Trostle, Peter Dotray, Billy Warrick and Tom Fuchs with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Osama El Lissy, program director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation; and Extension Agents Tommy Doederlein and John Farris.

Criminal justice chief resigns

From Local, Wire Reports

AUSTIN — The chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, Allan Polunsky, has resigned after serving 12 years on the board and helping oversee a $1.5 billion prison expansion.

Polunsky, 51, said in a letter to the other eight board members that he wanted to dedicate more time to his family and his law practice in San Antonio. His resignation was effective immediately.

"I have never missed a board meeting in 12 years, but I missed my daughter's religious confirmation," he said in the letter released Tuesday.

Former Gov. Bill Clements appointed Polunksy to the board overseeing the state prison system in 1987. He was reappointed by Clements in 1989, and Gov. George Bush named him chairman of the panel in 1995.

Bush said he would quickly designate a new chairman from the current board.

Polunsky, as a member of the TDCJ board, has visited Snyder on several occasions, first as a member of the site selection team that located the Price Daniel unit in Snyder.

Polunsky and other board members attended the groundbreaking in 1988 and the opening ceremonies in 1989. He was graduation for a class of correctional officers trained at Western Texas College, and he was the speaker for the opening of the chapel and learning resource center at the Daniel unit.



Allen Polunsky

"Allen Polunsky has done an outstanding job as chairman during a period when TDCJ was undergoing major expansion," Bush said. "He has been tough but fair, and has given crime victims a much-needed voice in board decisions."

Polunsky said the high point of his term in office was the passage and near completion of a $1.5 billion building program that brought over 110,000 new beds to the prison system. He said the added space means criminals are spending more time in prison, instead of returning to the streets.

"I think the prison expansion program was very important to the state of Texas," he said. "In my opinion, it was resulted in the dramatic decrease in the crime rates all over the state."

The low point, he said, was the Vitapro controversy. James Collins, former director of the prisons, bought $33.7 million worth of a soy-based meat substitute from Montreal-based Vitapro with a noncompetitive bid. Last year, a grand jury indicted Collins and the president of Vitapro.

Polunsky also remembered the hundreds of lawsuits filed by prisoners that named him as a defendant, "I always thought I was the most sued person in Texas," he said.

He still laughs a little when he thinks about the prisoner who sued him for changing the prison peanut butter from chunky to smooth.

"That went with the territory," he said. "It was just part of the job description."

'Texas' auditions set at Texas Tech Saturday, Jan. 29

CANYON — The musical drama *Texas* is searching for singers, dancers, actors, technicians, and customer relations representatives to fill 140 paid positions with the nation's best attended outdoor musical drama.

Texas is staged under the stars in Palo Duro Canyon, near Amarillo, and attracts nearly 100,000 visitors each year.

Texas directors will hold an audition in Lubbock on Saturday, Jan.29. The audition, to be held at Texas Tech University, is one of seven in the U.S.

Selected talent will make the 35th anniversary season of Texas come alive in the Pioneer Amphitheatre. Last season, guests traveled from every state and 99 countries to see the production that is the official play of the State of Texas.

Texas cast and crew members receive instruction from director Neil Hess as they unfold a tale of Texas Panhandle romance and history through song, dance and drama. The script was written by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Paul Green specifically for the Palo Duro Canyon setting.

The script calls for 14 actors and actresses, 26 dancers, 34 singers, six instrumentalists, 17 technicians and 40 customer relations representatives. Rehearsals begin May 14 for the season that runs June 7-Aug. 19.

Auditions requirements:

*Individuals must bring a photo and references (non-returnable).

*Actors will present a memorized scene, not to exceed three minutes, that accentuates outdoor voice and presence.

*Actors should also prepare a vocal number.

*Singers will present one number of their choice. No pop or rock hits. An accompanist will be provided or singer may bring one. All voice ranges are required in chorus, solos and men's quartets.

*Singers should also prepare a one to two minute, memorized scene or monologue that accentuates outdoor voice and presence.

*Dancers are auditioned as a group. Ballet or modern dance training required. Dancers should wear appropriate workout clothing and leather ballet or jazz shoes.

*Musicians experienced in string bass, acoustic guitar, banjo, accordion, or violin are urged to audition.

Dancers register at 10 a.m. and audition as a group at 10:30 a.m. Other performers, technicians, and customer relations representatives register between 10:30 –11:15 a.m.

*Technicians and customer relations representatives will be interviewed.

Coke executive puts off his retirement

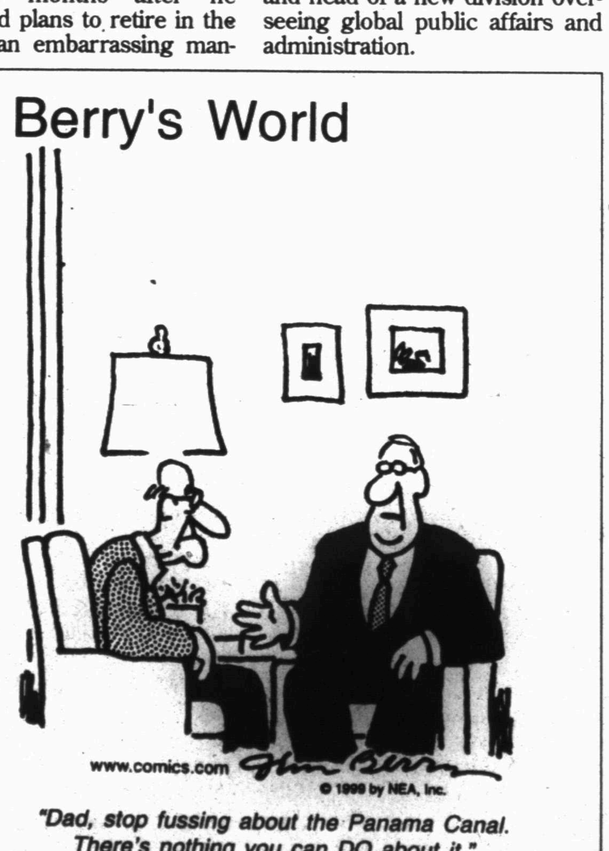
ATLANTA (AP) — Coca-Cola has promoted and retained its highest-ranking black executive just two months after he announced plans to retire in the wake of an embarrassing management shakeup.

Carl Ware was promoted Tuesday to executive vice president and head of a new division overseeing global public affairs and administration.

Scurry County Rainfall Since 1911

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Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1912	*	1.90	.77	.72	1.68	2.54	1,30	.76	.80	2.80	*	1.12	14.39
1913	.25	.58	1.57	2.48	1.52	2.44	2.58	.24	2.44	3.45	3.79	3.05	24.39
1914	.22	.04	1.04	4.06	2.59	4.78	3.03	5.54	1.22	3.58	1.59	1.27	28.96
1915	.22	.83	1.00	8.03	2.25	2.70	.50	4.48	5.40	3.77	**	.82	30.09
1916	.15	*	.34	3.58	1.67	.65	1.40	.49	1.52	2.00	.76	.05	12.61
1917	.34	*	.34	.88	.99	.83	1.04	2.18	1.53	**	.02	*	08.15
1918	.32	.57	.21	.45	2.46	1.14	**	.34	1.20	3.73	.62	1.28	12.32
1919	.99	.21	3.43	3.45	2.19	3.72	1.82	2.93	3.20	5.63	1.13	**	28.70
1920	1.08	.25	**	**	4.66	4.01	.50	11.27	2.37	1.55	.22	*	25.91
1921	.13	.96	1.05	.30	.87	7.05	.70	.40	3.15	.70	*	.03	15.34
1922	.68	.02	1.20	7.43	5.19	4.48	.06	1.75	**	.93	1.66	**	23.28
1923	.40	2.25	2.05	4.28	.75	2.40	.93	2.10	2.00	6.88	3.15	1.30	28.55
1924	**	.05	1.15	4.34	4.27	.45	.57	1.55	1.40	2.00	**	*	15.78
1925	.40	**	**	2.75	4.26	.25	1.13	2.47	5.00	3.55	**	**	19.81
1926	.75	*	1.98	4.20	3.10	1.47	1.91	4.35	2.59	3.60	1.10	3.30	28.35
1927	1.25	1.20	.90	1.83	.70	3.05	6.35	3.85	5.30	.05	*	.50	25.85
1928	.40	.80	.40	.27	5.35	1.17	5.87	2.82	.98	.35	1.52	.28	20.21
1929	.60	*	1.99	1.05	3.97	.50	2.76	.61	2.51	1.61	.52	.10	16.22
1930	1.02	*	.27	4.05	5.00	2.52	.10	1.67	.25	4.95	1.85	1.25	22.95
1931	1.40	1.15	.57	1.62	1.30	1.10	1.74	.18	.13	5.35	1.80	1.80	18.14
1932	1.78	3.01	.05	2.25	3.57	3.12	1.12	5.79	10.60	.43	*	4.10	35.82
1933	.20	1.63	.70	.10	2.30	.02	3.60	1.90	**	2.63	1.20	1.13	15.46
1934	.35	.22	2.70	.56	.65	.30	.21	1.25	1.58	.24	2.69	.03	10.78
1935	.05	1.03	1.61	.42	4.07	4.09	4.58	.21	2.54	1.79	2.11	.67	23.13
1936	.64	1.12	.44	1.03	2.40	.33	.92	**	9.01	1.79	.77	.67	18.06
1937	.17	.25	1.36	.06	4.25	1.55	1.45	2.38	1.76	.44	.68	1.03	15.40
1938	1.55	3.51	1.73	1.00	3.35	2.76	3.51	.12	.94	1.22	.84	.06	20.59
1939	2.42	.20	1.00	.29	6.38	7.46	.65	2.28	*	1.66	1.09	.71	24.14
1940	.22	1.50	.32	1.44	1.37	2.81	.30	3.51	.78	.49	2.63	.29	15.66
1941	.91	2.04	2.20	4.85	5.97	5.39	6.70	2.66	2.37	9.81	.21	.91	44.02
1942	.14	.09	.54	1.50	1.10	1.48	2.56	6.35	3.59	3.61	1.80	1.50	24.26
1943	.15	**	1.30	.80	4.37	2.17	.19	.05	.37	.25	1.31	1.49	12.25
1944	.83	1.84	.20	.69	7.34	1.11	6.04	1.13	2.22	1.05	2.49	2.41	27.35
1945	1.20	.36	1.25	1.03	1.45	2.51	5.44	3.00	2.80	4.02	.34	.46	23.68
1946	1.53	*	.53	.41	3.49	2.42	.04	1.52	.97	2.71	.75	2.60	16.97
1947	.30	*	.92	.36	6.64	2.13	.80	1.06	1.77	.37	1.81	1.60	17.76
1948	.21	1.98	.06	.29	4.36	1.67	7.30	*	*	2.55	*	*	18.44
1949	2.30	.47	.23	3.22	3.69	3.70	1.04	1.94	2.32	1.82	*	.55	21.28
1950	.40	.66	*	2.55	7.37	2.00	3.03	.98	4.20	**	*	**	21.19
1951	.14	.67	.30	1.06	1.42	1.57	.80	1.42	2.36	.48	**	.04	10.26
1952	.12	.18	.80	2.19	1.60	*	3.18	1.85	2.42	*	1.89	.90	15.13
1953	.15	.48	1.17	1.75	.66	.08	1.73	3.30	.98	3.70	.10	.15	14.25
1954	.30	.03	.10	2.93	3.55	1.20	.18	.81	**	.64	.55	.07	10.36
1955	.46	.18	.39	.21	6.21	1.40	3.21	.61	1.59	3.39	.10	*	17.75
1956	.19	.11	*	2.97	2.50	.45	1.88	.24	*	1.77	.28	1.01	11.40
1957	.53	2.80	.16	3.61	7.13	2.29	2.93	.82	1.38	1.52	2.83	.04	26.04
1958	1.01	1.11	.94	3.72	2.73	2.32	.55	2.06	1.44	2.41	.55	*	18.84
1959	**	.21	1.03	.97	2.46	6.95	5.05	.37	.57	2.23	.20	1.22	21.22
1960	1.40	.28	.02	.28	.97	.47	6.28	2.56	.35	3.40	*	1.18	17.16
1961	1.87	.54	.66	.71	2.12	5.90	3.63	.26	2.95	2.22	3.36	.56	24.79
1962	.01	*	.60	1.16	.22	5.16	2.23	1.36	6.47	2.30	.69	.81	21.01
1963	**	.23	.43	1.16	3.05	2.46	.17	.47	1.63	1.15	2.21	1.13	14.09
1964	1.15	.25	.57	.04	2.07	2.72	.94	.88	1.70	1.34	.71	.57	12.94
1965	.15	.46	.03	.29	7.21	3.20	1.21	3.14	1.05	2.11	.40	.41	19.66
1966	.72	.55	.47	4.51	.91	3.32	.68	5.20	1.98	1.04	.15	*	19.48
1967	*	.14	1.59	.47	.10	8.44	1.58	.94	3.19	1.91	.91	.57	19.64
1968	2.19	1.68	2.02	3.39	2.90	1.60	1.44	.87	.74	.37	3.30	.19	20.63
1969	*	.40	1.24	1.01	5.72	2.46	.70	.55	2.95	3.65	.62	1.98	21.28
1970	*	1.15	2.25	1.31	3.30	1.40	*	.50	2.11	2.42	*	.26	14.70
1971	*	.49	*	.56	3.77	2.02	1.78	16.7	4.0	3.62	.27	.45	33.66
1972	*	.05	*	3.35	2.95	1.03	1.07	7.60	7.59	6.25	.29	.03	30.21
1973	2.09	2.47	3.19	1.25	1.12	2.07	.87	*	4.14	.29	*	*	17.49
1974	.19	.35	.50	2.32	.62	2.37	.10	6.41	8.24	5.80	.63	1.08	28.61
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1985	.10	1.06	2.71	4.55	5.28	2.30	3.16	.18	2.96	4.79	.36	*	27.45
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"Dad, stop fussing about the Panama Canal. There's nothing you can DO about it."

Dear Friends,

Words cannot express our gratitude for every kindness you've shown us in the past few weeks. Your cards, phone calls, visits, food and monetary gifts are appreciated more than you will ever know. It is wonderful to live in a community that loves and supports each other in times of trial as well as times of happiness. We are blessed to have so many of you as friends, neighbors and co-workers.

Please continue to call and/or come by anytime. We love seeing you and your visits brighten our days.

With much love and thanks,
Olton, Sandy
Shanna & Shane Smith

HISD Menu

All meals are served with milk.
BREAKFAST
Thursday
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast
Friday
Juice
Toast/Jelly
LUNCH
Thursday
Beef Stew
Fried Okra
Corn Bread
Peanut Butter Bars
Friday
Hamburgers
Burger Salad
French Fries
Ice Cream

Date Book

Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000

Today is the fifth day of 2000 and the 15th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1869, the first Negro Labor Convention was held.

On this day in 1914, Henry Ford announced that his workers would earn a minimum of $5 per day, work eight hours a day, and have a share of the profits of the Ford Motor Co.

On this day in 1975, the musical "The Wiz" opened on Broadway.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Stephen Decatur (1779-1820), U.S. naval hero; Zebulon Pike (1779-1813), explorer; Konrad Adenauer (1876-1967), German statesman; Jeane Dixon (1918-1997), astrologer; Walter Mondale (1928-), U.S. politician, is 71; Alvin Ailey (1931-1989), choreographer; Robert Duvall (1931-), actor, is 68; Diane Keaton (1946-), actress, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1957, Brooklyn Dodger Jackie Robinson announced that he would retire from professional baseball.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "One finds many companions for food and drink, but in a serious business a man's companions are very few." — Theognis

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (Jan. 6).

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Houston butcher sues Kroger chain

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston butcher has filed a lawsuit against Kroger supermarkets claiming he lost his right eye because he was splattered by infected blood from frozen pork he was handling at work.

Russell S. Spies , who filed the lawsuit Monday in state District Court, is seeking unspecified actual and punitive damages from the Cincinnati-based supermarket chain and the packager of the frozen pork tenderloin.

Eight packagers — including Hormel Foods, Cargill and Seaboard Farms — are named in the suit because Spies is not sure who packaged the meat.

Kroger spokesman Gary Rhodes declined to comment because of the pending litigation.

Spies' attorney, Barney McCoy, told the Houston Chronicle that "people need to know" about the fungus because it could endanger consumers as well as meat handlers.

Spies was infected by a fungus called aspergillus, which used as a feed additive to tenderize meat, he said.

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Genetic cause eyed in high risk lung cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A gene linked to abnormal cell growth in the lung is more active in women than in men, a discovery that may explain why female smokers are more than twice as likely to develop lung cancer as males who smoke.

In a study published today in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, researchers say a gene found on the X chromosome and linked to lung cell growth is turned on by cigarette smoke and is more active in women than in men.

"Women are more likely to develop lung cancer after less smoking exposure than are men," said Sharon P. Shriver, a Pennsylvania State University biologist and first author of the study. "Also a nonsmoker who develops lung cancer is three times more likely to be female than male. Our study may provide an explanation for this."

The study showed that the action of a specific gene increased lung cancer risk in both female and male smokers, but the risk was 12 times higher for female smokers with the active gene and only 2.4 times higher for male smokers who had the active gene, said Shriver.

Many studies have shown that both smoking and nonsmoking women are at much higher risk of developing lung cancer than are their male counterparts, and some studies have found the risks up to 2.3 times higher for women, she said.

The genetic study suggests a biological reason for this difference, Shriver said.

Dr. Curtis C. Harris of the National Cancer Institute said the study "adds evidence that women are more sensitive to tobacco-induced lung cancer." It supports the conclusion of an earlier NCI study by Harris and others that a genetic difference in the lungs of women may contribute to the greater lung cancer risk among women, he said.

In the new study, researchers did a genetic study of lung specimens taken from 38 women and 40 men, both smokers and nonsmokers. Fifty-eight were lung cancer patients. The rest were undergoing lung surgery for other reasons.

The researchers tested the lung tissue for activity by a gene called gastrin-releasing peptide receptor, or GRPR. The gene prompts cells to link up with the GRP hormone. This linkage, in turn, causes abnormal cell growth that can lead to lung cancer.

The GRPR gene was found to be active in 55 percent of the nonsmoking women and about 75 percent of the smoking women, even if they had been using cigarettes for less than 25 pack years. (A pack year is smoking 20 cigarettes a day for one year.)

Among male nonsmokers, the gene was not active at all, the researchers found. The gene was active in only 20 percent of the male smokers with 25 or fewer pack years.

"Men have to smoke for this gene to kick in," said Jill M. Siegfried, a University of Pittsburgh researcher who was a co-author of the study. "But women don't have to smoke at all for the gene to be active. This may be why nonsmoking women are more susceptible to lung cancer."

The GRPR gene plays a key role in the development of the lungs and the bronchial tree, but the gene usually is inactive in adults, Siegfried said. It becomes active only in the presence of tobacco smoke or some other respiratory insult, she said.

The gene is on the X chromosome. Women have two of these chromosomes, while men have one.

Most genes on one of the X chromosomes in women are inactivated, said Siegfried, but for some reason the GRPR gene can remain active on both X chromosomes in women.

"We think that is the most likely explanation of why we see more frequent expression of the gene in females compared to males," said Siegfried.

The important message from the study, said the researchers, is that women are much more susceptible to lung cancer from cigarette smoke and that women will develop the disease with a lesser amount of smoking.

"The take-home message, especially for teen-age girls, is that they should stop smoking, or, better yet, never start," said Shriver.

Pentagon: Y2K glitch caused temporary satellite link loss

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department said Tuesday it suffered only one notable Y2K computer breakdown: the loss for several hours on New Year's Eve of a ground station that processes information from spy satellites.

Even that proved to be of no military consequence, senior officials said.

"It was a significant event, but fortunately it had insignificant consequences," John Hamre, the deputy secretary of defense, told a news conference. He declared the Pentagon's Y2K preparations a success and defended the $3.6 billion computer fixes as a necessary and prudent investment.

"We had no problems with any of our forces deployed anywhere," Hamre said.

The only significant problem, he said, was the loss for several hours Friday evening of a computer system used to process data from a group of reconnaissance satellites. After a back-up system was put to use shortly before midnight EST, more than half of the incoming satellite data could be processed, he said.

Some data was lost but at no time was U.S. national security in jeopardy, he said.

Citing secrecy rules, Hamre declined to reveal more details. He said the normal system was back on line by Sunday night.

Hamre said this marked the first time the Pentagon has ever publicly acknowledged a breakdown in the spy satellite system it uses to keep watch on the world. Satellite operations are among the closest kept secrets; for many years even the name of the agency that manages them — the National Reconnaissance Office — was a secret.

Hamre said the problem was reported this time because it was caused by a Y2K bug and the Clinton administration had committed itself to being open about problems caused by the year-end rollover.

On Friday evening, after the satellite system broke down, Pentagon officials repeatedly told reporters the military had experienced no Y2K-related computer problems anywhere in the world. Hamre said this was because he and others in the Pentagon did not learn about the satellite problem until later.

In any case, he said, the loss of satellite data processing would not have been reported publicly until a backup system was operating, in order not to reveal the vulnerability to potential adversaries.

Hamre said another source of Y2K concern among Pentagon officials — a potential rash of New Year's Eve cyberattacks by hackers — did not materialize. He said technicians who monitor Defense Department Internet web sites "pulled the plug" on four suspected hackers — fewer than normal during a weekend.

"Evidently the lonely hearts out there in cyberland had something else to do and weren't just banging on us all night," he said.

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The only successful third party in American history was the Republican party in 1860, when Abraham Lincoln defeated Stephen Douglas. In most of the elections since, fewer than one vote in 20 has been cast for the third party candidate.

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By Phillip Alder

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♥ A J 4
♦ A J 10
♣ A K Q

West
♠ A K 3
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ Q 9 7 5 3 2
♣ ---

East
♠ ---
♥ 9 5 3
♦ K 8 4
♣ 9 8 7 6 5 3 2

South
♠ Q J 10 9 6 4
♥ 8 7 2
♦ 6
♣ J 10 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♦	Dbl.	2 ♦
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4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

Another underrated expert

Today, we cross the Atlantic to feature another player who, I feel, never got the credit she deserved: Jane Priday. I was often her partner or teammate, and she played almost flawlessly. Sadly, she died in 1994 at the young age of 58.

She was a woman who lived life to the fullest and was never reticent to express an opinion about something or someone — whether good or bad. She was very intelligent, in particular having an enormous vocabulary (she knew the meaning of haruspicacious) and being only an angstrom or two below the best at solving cryptic crosswords.

Jane — who was Mrs. Juan at the time — won the World Women's Team Olympiad in 1964 and the World Women's Pairs in 1966 with Joan Durran.

Here is a great defense Jane found. You may look either at just the West and North hands, or at all 52 cards. Against four spades, what should Jane have led?

At the other table in a team match, West selected a top trump, killing the defense. Jane picked the heart king: ace, three, two. When declarer played a trump, how did Jane continue?

After he won with the spade king, there was only one winning play, and Jane found it: the heart 10. South won with dummy's jack and played another trump, but Jane won with the ace, led her heart six over to partner's nine, and received a club ruff to defeat the contract. (Yes, declarer should have ducked at trick one.)

What does haruspicacious mean? Well, apparently a haruspex was a person who, in Roman times, predicted the future by studying the entrails of, usually, dead chickens.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Husband feels happy marriage should include occasional sex

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married 48 years, have raised three children and are in our early 70s. Eleven years ago, my wife stopped having sex with me, saying she didn't think it was necessary. She said all her lady friends our age have stopped doing it, and also they sleep in separate bedrooms.

Am I wrong for feeling that sex is necessary for a happy marriage? — HURT HUSBAND, REDFORD, MICH.

DEAR HURT HUSBAND: No, you are not wrong. Obviously sex is necessary for YOU to have a happy marriage — and if your wife values your marriage, she'll consider working out a compromise. Otherwise, I fear I'll be hearing from HER asking what happened to YOU.

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DEAR ABBY: The response from "Angie" addressing the teen-age curfew enforcement problem was ingenious, but not foolproof. She suggested that a parent who didn't want to lose sleep waiting for her teen-aged child to come home set an alarm for the time the child should be home. If the child arrives before the alarm goes off, he or she turns the alarm off and goes to bed — allowing the parent continuous sleep.

My mother used (and I thought invented) that technique when I was a teen-ager in the '70s, thinking that was the solution to my broken curfews and late hours. What Mother didn't know until 25 years later was that while she was sleeping, I would come home, turn the alarm off and sneak back out. — FORMER TEEN, CURRENT MOM

DEAR CURRENT PARENT: Bad girl! Your confession reminds me of the saying that if man invents a better mousetrap, nature invents a smarter mouse. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The alarm clock method doesn't work! We used it on our oldest son back in 1970. (He's now the chief of staff of the Sixth Fleet in Italy.) After just one night, he began paying his sister (15 months younger) to go in and shut it off. I never learned until a decade later that he had been roaming free until all hours. — ANONYMOUS IN MARYLAND

DEAR ANONYMOUS: It's heartening that your son has applied his talents to protecting our country instead of becoming a career criminal. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My solution to knowing when our teen-age daughter came home: I, too, work and can hardly stay up to enforce curfews — so I simply went to bed. In HER bed! When she came home, she woke me up and we chatted, and I went off to my own bed. She loved it, because not only did we have late-night mother-daughter chats, but I warmed her bed for her!

She's away at college this year, and I miss our talks. — COOKI IN CINCINNATI

DEAR COOKI: You are a diligent and caring parent, and your solution provided a wonderful opportunity for you and your daughter to share some private and memorable moments together. Too often, communication between parents and children takes place when both are rushed or under pressure. Your daughter is a lucky young woman.

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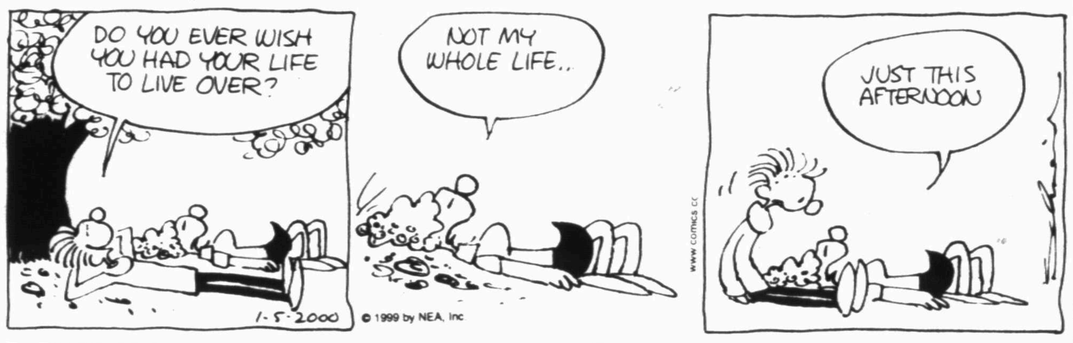
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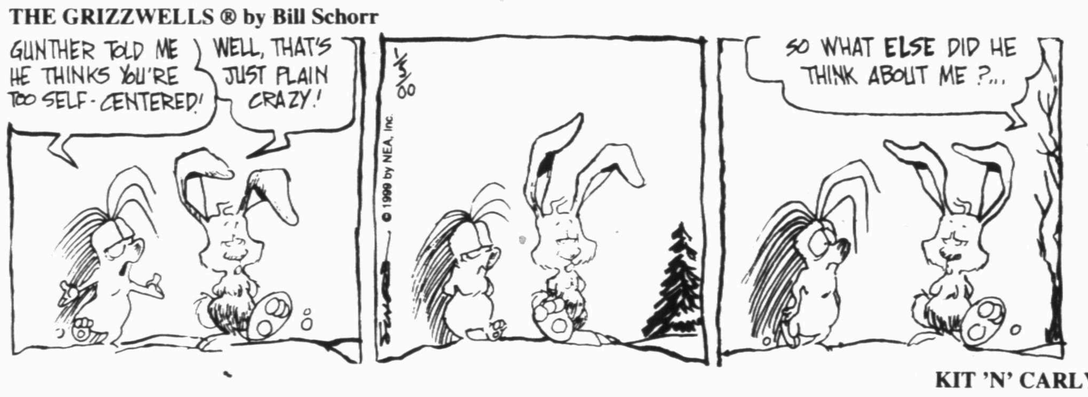
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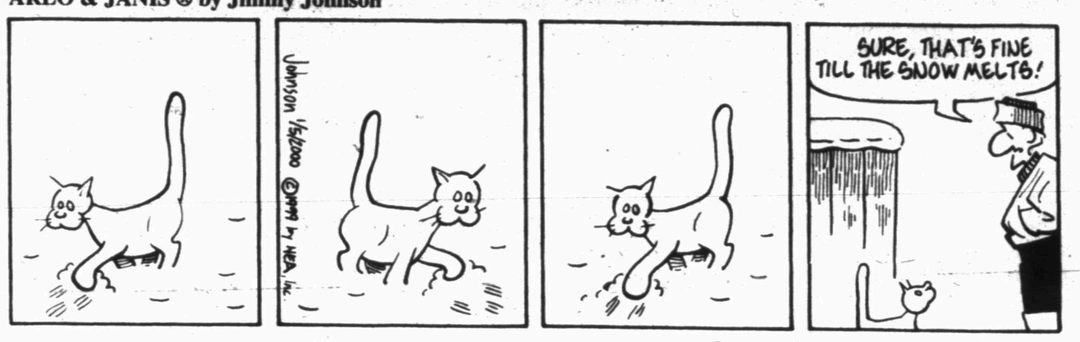
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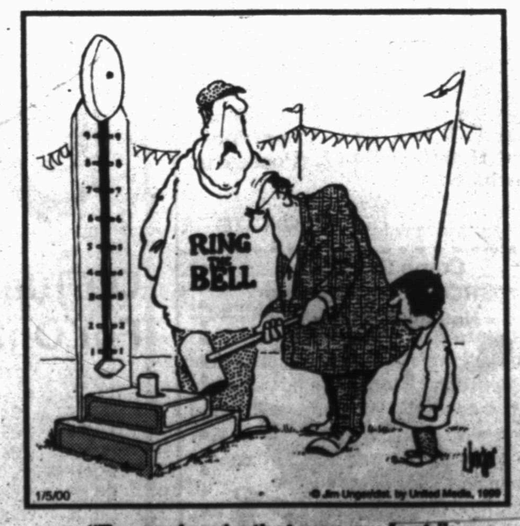


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ACROSS

1 Much larger
6 Short bio
10 Wildcat
12 Ancient galley
14 Holds responsible
15 Breakfast food
16 Rower's need
17 Limb
19 Hawaiian goose
20 Employable
23 Mortal
26 — de cologne
27 Hawaiian timber tree
30 Perform excessively
32 Symbols of slowness
34 Repressed, like some emotions
35 Dining-room pieces
36 Pitiful
37 Numbers pro
39 Dye
40 Orbit point
42 CEO's car
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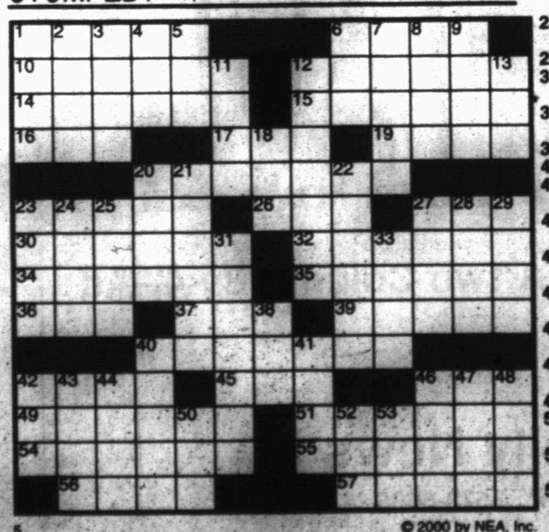
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3 Reverse, for one
4 Shade tree
5 Fish eggs
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7 "Goodnight, —"
8 "Vision" start
9 Prayer ending
11 Russian ruler
12 Pompous language
13 Paris season
18 Actress Charlotte —
20 Male deer
21 Bring about (labor)
22 Shaped like a crescent
23 Beer ingredient
24 Eye part
25 Fix
27 Potter's furnace
28 Designer Cassini
29 The caama
31 Keep down by force
33 He had an Irish Rose
38 Melody
40 Sulks
41 Actress Rowlands
42 Trim branches
43 Concerning (2 wds.)
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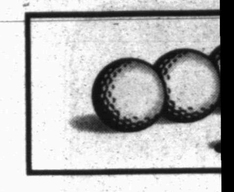
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SPORTS

Lady Tigers' rally falls short, 29-23

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Snyder Lady Tigers coach Sam Tipton used Tuesday night's game against Levelland as a measuring stick, and it showed just how far his squad has come in the past six weeks.

Snyder dropped its final non-district contest, 29-23, but it was the Lady Tigers' resolve rather than the outcome, that stood out in Tipton's mind.



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"The way we battled back, and the way we executed down the stretch to get the shots we wanted shows a lot about this team," said Tipton. "This is the first time all season that we never panicked during some stretch of the game. We battled and we got the shots we wanted. That's all you can ask of a team. The shots just didn't fall."

After Levelland used a 9-0 run in the third quarter to open a 13-point lead, T'Leah Eicke jump-started the Lady Tigers in the fourth.

The junior guard slashed through the lane for a lay up, then drained a three-pointer for a 29-21 tally with six minutes left on the clock.

But despite its aggressive defense, that forced nine Levelland turnovers in the fourth, Snyder could get no closer than six points, after Kameron Kallemeyn's bucket with 4:08 remaining.

The Lady Tigers couldn't get their shots to fall down the stretch, going 3-of 13 over the final eight minutes.

Snyder's defense kept it close, and Eicke had a pair of long-range attempts roll off the rim in the closing minutes.

"The girls gave a tremendous effort tonight," Tipton said. "I think they're starting to believe in our system, more and more. After beating Breckenridge last week, this is the first time we've executed really well in back-to-back games."

Kallemeyn's six points paced the Lady Tigers, with Eicke and Katie Voss adding five apiece.

Snyder has been without the services of starting post Ashley Delce for the past nine games, but the junior standout is expected back for Friday's district opener against Andrews.

"I'm 99.99 percent sure Ashley will play against Andrews," Tipton remarked. "We're starting to come around at just the right time, and when we add Ashley to the mix, we'll be that much better."

The Lady Tigers (5-12) host Friday night's 5-4A opener against Andrews. Tip-off is slated for 6:30.

Levelland	12	08	09	00	— 29
Snyder	06	10	00	07	— 23

Levelland
Wilson 4 1-1 12, Moore 3 0-0 7, Flowers 2 0-0 4, Robertson 2 0-0 4, Vaughan 1 0-0 2. **Totals 12 1-1 29.**
Snyder
Kallemeyn 2 2-2 6, Eicke 2 0-0 5, Voss 1 3-5 5, Murray 1 0-0 2, Mackey 0 1-2 1, Bane 1 0-1 2, Schwertner 1 0-0 2. **Totals 8 6-10 23.**
Three-point goals: Levelland 4 (Wilson 3, Moore), Snyder 1 (Eicke). Rebounds: Levelland 25 (Flowers 5), Snyder 28 (Kallemeyn 6). Total fouls: Levelland 15, Snyder 9. Fouled out — Robertson.

Tigers roll over Lobos, 67-51

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers are hitting on all cylinders, and that can be dangerous for opposing teams.

Just ask the Levelland Lobos.

Snyder shot 60 percent from the field, drained 70 percent of its free throws, and held a 26-16 advantage in rebounds Tuesday night to roll to a 67-51 victory over Levelland at the SHS gym.

The Tigers, now 12-8 on the season, own a four-game winning streak and seemed to have hit their stride in the last two weeks.

"Right now, we're playing pretty well for all four quarters. And we had a couple of streaks tonight where we played extremely well," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "We're shooting the ball better. We're getting more rebounds. And we're getting quality minutes from our bench."

The Lobos never had a chance Tuesday night, as the Tigers got rolling early. After Levelland knotted the tally at 7-7 two minutes into the game, Snyder closed out the first quarter with a 15-4 run.

The 11-point lead would be sufficient, with the Tigers' defensive pressure dominated the final three quarters.

Senior Greg McAnaw, who guarded Levelland's Rickey Ochoa most of the night, held the Lobos' sharpshooter to only one bucket and six points. McAnaw added a game-high 14 points on the offensive end, which included four three-point bombs.

"Greg is known for his offense, because he is such a good long-range shooter," said Birks. "But he takes a lot of pride in his defensive play, as well. He wants to be a good defensive player, and he got after Ochoa tonight."

After the two teams traded baskets for the second and third quarters, Snyder held Levelland scoreless for a five-minute span in the final period to increase its cushion to 21 points.

The Lobos managed to trim the deficit to 12 points with under a minute left on the clock, before Snyder ran the margin back to 16.

McAnaw's 14 points led all scorers. Sonny Cumbie dropped in 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds, with Jared Hester adding 10 points.

Next on the Tigers' schedule is a battle with Class 3A's twelfth-ranked Merkel Badgers on Friday. Tip-off is slated for 7:30 at the SHS gym.

Snyder visits Seminole on Tuesday, before opening district at home Jan. 14 against Fort Stockton.

Levelland	11	11	18	11	— 51
Snyder	22	11	19	15	— 67

Levelland
Johnson 3 2-3 9, Alexander 2 4-4 8, Wise 3 1-4 7, Ochoa 1 4-5 6, Dent 2 0-1 4, Landrum 3 1-2 7, Cook 1 3-4 5, Whitfield 0 2-2 2, Morris 1 0-0 2, Queen 0 1-2 1. **Totals 16 18-27 51.**
Snyder
McAnaw 4 2-2 14, Cumbie 4 3-4 12, Hester 3 4-5 10, Wofford 3 3-5 9, Pinkerton 3 1-2 7, Kerr 2 1-2 5, Knirsch 2 0-0 4, Thornhill 2 0-0 4, Loper 1 0-0 2. **Totals 24 14-20 67.**
Three-point goals: Levelland 1 (Johnson), Snyder 5 (McAnaw 4, Cumbie). Rebounds: Levelland 16 (Ochoa 4), Snyder 26 (Cumbie 8). Total fouls: Levelland 21, Snyder 24. Fouled out — Thornhill.

Seminoles win national crown in 46-29 shootout over Hokies

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — With the clock showing zeros and his second championship secure at last, Bobby Bowden pulled off his cap and wiped his brow.

He had a right to feel relieved. Perfection is never easy.

Florida State, led by Peter Warrick and Chris Weinke, gave its 70-year-old coach his first undefeated season with a 46-29 victory over scrambling Michael Vick and Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl.

"I'm as glad for my guys and Florida State that we were able to share it together," Bowden said Tuesday night. "It's a milestone. I could've gone the rest of my life and not had it happen."

With sons Terry and Tommy watching — they coached Auburn and Tulane to unblemished seasons in the '90s — the No. 1 Seminoles became the first team to go wire-to-wire in The Associated Press poll since the preseason ratings began in 1950.

Fittingly, their imperfect star provided the biggest plays on a night when Vick almost single-handedly won the highest-scoring Sugar Bowl ever.

Warrick scored a Sugar Bowl-record 20 points, catching touchdown passes of 64 and 43 yards from Weinke, running 59 yards on a punt return for a TD and adding a 2-point conversion grab.

"I had to go out and have the best game of my life," the All-American Warrick said.

Warrick did little in Florida State's championship losses in the 1998 and 1996 seasons. That changed this time as he wound up with six catches for 163 yards to win the most outstanding player award and earn a sideline handshake from NFL star Randy Moss.

While the Seminoles were 12-0 on the field, losses mounted off the field earlier in the season.

At least five players were suspended or kicked off the team for various reasons, including Warrick, who missed two games for his role in a shopping-mall scam.

"I wasn't really focused on last year. That's all behind me," Warrick said.

The game was filled with big scoring plays and momentum swings. The Seminoles raced to a 28-7 lead, then the Hokies (11-1) came back to lead 29-28 late in the third quarter behind the electrifying Vick.

He spent the entire game on the run, leaving Florida State defenders and even a game official sprawled on the Superdome turf.

The unstoppable freshman quarterback scrambled for 97 yards and a score, and also threw for 225 yards and another touchdown. He was sacked seven times and pressured throughout in the Hokies' first championship game in the 107-year history of the program.

"We did everything in our power we could, but that wasn't good enough," Vick said.

The 27-year-old Weinke, playing perhaps the final game of his college career — he'll announce Friday whether he'll return for his senior season — completed 20 of 34 passes for 329 yards. He threw for four TDs, two to Ron Dugans.

All week, Warrick and his senior pals promised each other they would do everything possible to avoid losing three title games. They did, helping Bowden complete a remarkable year.

Bowden won his 300th game in the first father vs. son coaching matchup against Clemson and Tommy, celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary and finally posted his first perfect season in 40 years as a coach.

The Seminoles were automatically crowned national champs in the USA Today-ESPN coaches' poll under the Bowl Championship Series format.

Warrick, who lost his chance at the Heisman Trophy after his arrest, showed the big-play potential that might make him the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft in April.

Last season, he was held to one catch for 7 yards against Tennessee in the title game. In three previous bowl games, Warrick totaled five catches and no TDs.

He opened the scoring with his 64-yard grab, then took a punt and blazed to the end zone.

Late in the game, with half the crowd of 79,280 chanting "Peter Warrick, Peter Warrick," Weinke reared back and threw a 43-yard TD pass to the wide receiver, who caught the ball while diving into the end zone with a Virginia Tech defender draped over him.

"We made a great comeback in the second half, but they came back, too, and you have to give them credit," Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said.

Ira squads notch pair of wins over Cougars

KLONDIKE — The Ira Bulldogs proved Tuesday that their two-game slide was only a momentary lapse in their season.

The Ira boys got back on the winning track Tuesday night with a 66-38 thumping of Klondike, while the Lady Bulldogs knocked off the Lady Cougars, 45-40.

The Bulldogs (17-2), who dropped their final two games of the Fort Worth tournament, put Klondike away early. Ira ripped open a 20-4 lead in the first eight minutes, and held a 50-22 advantage entering the fourth quarter.

Logan Daves paced the Bulldogs with 14 points, while Chet Stuart poured in 12. Richard Wilkins tallied nine points, with Jenson Gainer, Drew Wall and Bryce Wilkins adding six apiece.

Terry Jamison finished with five points, and Jerek Brown notched four. Jose Juarez and Seth Sterling chipped in two points apiece.

In the girls' tilt, the Lady Bulldogs got 27 points from Morgan Clements to help hold off the Lady Cougars.

Ira led after each quarter, but couldn't pull away from Klondike.

Clements' 27 led all scorers, while Tara Allen drained seven more. Jamie Goolsby and Celeigh Sterling finished with four points apiece, and Korby Calley chipped in three.

Both Ira squads will be in action again Friday night when they host Grady at 6:30.

Hermleigh splits with Loraine

LORAINE — The Hermleigh Lady Cardinals got off to a fast start, then coasted on to victory.

The Hermleigh girls ran to a 22-8 first quarter lead Tuesday, en route to a 55-37 drubbing of Loraine in the district opener for both squads.

While the Lady Cards registered the 18-point blowout, the Hermleigh boys were edged by Loraine, 60-58.

In the girls' action, Kendra Dacus anchored the Lady Cards' fast start. Dacus drained a trio of three-pointers in the first quarter during her squad's 22-8 run.

Hermleigh managed only 13 points over the next two periods, but it held Loraine to only 15 over the same span.

The Lady Cards closed out the contest with a 17-point spurt in the fourth quarter. Randi Herrington poured in 17 of her game-high 21 points in the fourth.

Herrington's 21 led all scorers, with Dacus totaling 14. Crystal Jackson added 10 points, while Sheena Callaway notched five points, seven rebounds, six assists and four steals. Samantha Smith tallied three points, and Brandy Wood chipped in two.

In the boys' match-up, Loraine was able to overcome a standout performance by Hermleigh's Billy Lambaren to walk away with the two-point win.

Lambaren drained 19 points and hauled in 14 rebounds to spur the Cardinals.

Loraine was able to scratch out a three-point advantage heading into the fourth, then held on down the stretch.

Caleb Callaway also had a stellar night for the Cards, dropping in 10 points, grabbing 12 rebounds, dishing out six assists, and registering seven steals.

Joey Garza finished with 14 points, while Tony Garza added eight. Andy Luna posted four points, and Jared Higgins chipped in three.

Both Hermleigh squads take a break from district action Friday when they visit Southland, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

College Football Top-25

By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final records, points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Florida St. (70)	12-0	1,750	1
2. Virginia Tech	11-1	1,647	2
3. Nebraska	12-1	1,634	3
4. Wisconsin	10-2	1,519	4
5. Michigan	10-2	1,406	8
6. Kansas St.	11-1	1,402	7
7. Michigan St.	10-2	1,357	9
8. Alabama	10-3	1,236	5
9. Tennessee	9-3	1,168	6
10. Marshall	13-0	1,136	11
11. Penn St.	10-3	1,038	13
12. Florida	9-4	941	10
13. Mississippi St.	10-2	923	15
14. Southern Miss.	9-3	788	16
15. Miami	9-4	678	23
16. Georgia	8-4	640	21
17. Arkansas	8-4	575	24
18. Minnesota	8-4	452	12
19. Oregon	9-3	358	—
20. Georgia Tech	8-4	345	17
21. Texas	9-5	340	14
22. Mississippi	8-4	281	—
23. Texas A&M	8-4	272	18
24. Illinois	8-4	201	—
25. Purdue	7-5	198	19

Others receiving votes: Stanford 168, East Carolina 97, Colorado 75, TCU 45, Syracuse 21, Utah 20, Hawaii 19, Washington 7, Wake Forest 5, Boise St. 3, Oklahoma 3, Colorado St. 2.

Sports Briefs

Belichick resigns as Jets coach

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Belichick quit Tuesday as coach of the New York Jets, one day after being elevated to the job when Bill Parcells resigned.

Belichick insisted he is not burned out after 25 years in pro coaching, but he said the uncertainty surrounding his place in the organization dictated his decision.

Landry back in hospital

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry, who has been at home fighting a form of leukemia since a few days before Thanksgiving, is back in the hospital.

Landry, 75, began treatment in May for acute myelogenous leukemia, also known as AML, a cancer that impairs the production of blood cells.

Spartan receiver will enter draft

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan State junior receiver Plaxico Burress will pass up his final year of college eligibility to enter the NFL draft.

Burress had 53 catches for 957 yards and nine touchdowns. In the Spartans' Citrus Bowl victory over Florida, the 6-foot-6 star caught a school-record 13 passes for 185 yards and three TDs.

Ohio St. LB headed for NFL

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State junior linebacker Na'il Diggs will give up his final year of eligibility to enter the NFL draft.

Diggs is the 13th Ohio State player since 1991 to leave early. Diggs led the Buckeyes with 94 tackles, 15 for losses, and six sacks this season.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Miami	20	10	.667	—
New York	19	12	.613	1½
Philadelphia	18	15	.545	3½
Orlando	15	16	.484	5½
Boston	13	17	.433	7
New Jersey	12	19	.387	8½
Washington	11	20	.355	9½
Central Division				
Indiana	21	9	.700	—
Charlotte	18	12	.600	3
Toronto	17	13	.567	4
Milwaukee	18	14	.563	4
Detroit	16	14	.533	5
Cleveland	12	19	.387	9½
Atlanta	11	19	.367	10
Chicago	2	26	.071	18
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	21	11	.656	—
Utah	19	10	.655	½
Denver	16	14	.533	4
Minnesota	14	14	.500	5
Houston	10	21	.323	10½
Dallas	9	22	.290	11½
Vancouver	7	23	.233	13
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	26	5	.839	—
Portland	24	7	.774	2
Sacramento	18	10	.643	6½
Phoenix	19	11	.633	6½
Seattle	19	12	.613	7
L.A. Clippers	9	21	.300	16½
Golden State	6	24	.200	19½

Tuesday's Games
Indiana 116, New Jersey 111
Portland 114, Toronto 90
New York 96, Boston 88
Vancouver 91, Miami 87
Sacramento 111, Cleveland 107
Milwaukee 116, Atlanta 113
Minnesota 91, San Antonio 88
Seattle 103, Houston 96
Phoenix 86, Charlotte 80
Denver 98, Dallas 96
L.A. Lakers 122, L.A. Clippers 98

Wednesday's Games
Golden State at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Utah, 8 p.m.
Seattle at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Sacramento at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Houston vs. Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 9 p.m.

NFL Playoffs

All Times EST

Wild Card Games
Saturday, Jan. 8
Buffalo at Tennessee, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)
Detroit at Washington, 4:05 p.m. (ABC)
Sunday, Jan. 9
Dallas at Minnesota, 12:35 p.m. (FOX)
Miami at Seattle, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)

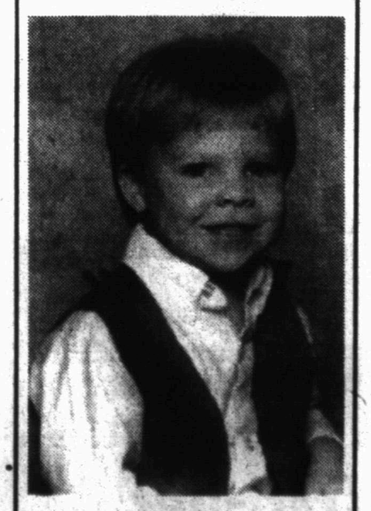
Divisional Games
Saturday, Jan. 15
Buffalo, Miami or Tennessee at Jacksonville, 12:35 p.m. (CBS)
Dallas, Minnesota or Washington at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Jan. 16
Dallas, Detroit or Minnesota at St. Louis, 12:35 p.m. (FOX)
Buffalo, Seattle or Tennessee at Indianapolis, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 23
AFC championship, TBA (CBS)
NFC championship, TBA (FOX)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 30
at Atlanta, 6:18 p.m. (ABC)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 6
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Family battles intruders

ALAMO, Calif. (AP) — A family fought back against two home invaders with everything from frying pans to a handgun in a battle that ended with the homeowner and a suspect dead, and three others hospitalized, authorities said.

The two went to the home of Kim and Winnie Fang on Tuesday in an apparent robbery attempt, first confronting the family's nanny, Maline Young, said Contra Costa County sheriff's Lt. Jackie Rubin.

"She answered the door, gunshots rang out and a struggle ensued," Rubin said.

Details about what happened next were unclear, but one of the suspected robbers died at the scene, possibly shot by Kim Fang, Rubin said. Fang, 48, a retired physician, was licensed to carry a handgun.

Fang was shot in the head and stomach and died late Tuesday at John Muir Medical Center.

The other alleged robber had his gun wrested away, most likely by Richard Fang, Kim Fang's brother, Rubin said. The suspect continued to struggle until the survivors tied him up, she said.

The Fangs' 13-year-old son and 10-year-old daughter were uninjured and ran next door to call police in the exclusive community about 20 miles east of San Francisco.

Three handguns were recovered at the scene, but it was not immediately clear who had carried them, Rubin said.

Mrs. Fang, 45, an anesthesiologist for Kaiser Permanente hospitals, was in guarded condition with a gunshot wound to the chest at Stanford Medical Center in Palo Alto.

The surviving suspect was in critical condition with gunshot wounds at Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley. He also was beaten, possibly with a frying pan, Rubin said.

The nanny was in stable condition at Highland Hospital in Oakland with a gunshot wound to the head.

Cells can be kept longer, study shows

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — Ear cells from a prize Japanese bull, frozen and then cultured in a lab over several months, have produced successful clones, challenging the notion that cells become too stale to duplicate.

To date, cells used in cloning have generally been implanted either fresh or after fewer than 10 "passages," or periods in a culture medium, the researchers said.

But in the new study, ear cells from 17-year-old Kamitakafuku the bull went through up to 15 "passages" over three months before they were used to create calves.

The experiment at the University of Connecticut and the Kogashima Cattle Breeding Development Institute in Japan suggests that a library of cells could eventually be used to create clones at any time, even long after the original animals are dead.

It also means clones could be made from cells that have been kept in the laboratory long enough to do the meticulous — and slow — process of manipulating genes.

"This is very powerful stuff," said Dr. Thomas Wagner, the head of a cancer research center at Clemson University. "The approach ... is infinitely more valuable scientifically and commercially than that which has been done before."

Wagner was not involved in the study but has reviewed the findings, which were published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

George E. Seidel of the animal reproduction center at Colorado State University was less impressed. He said the study is a "genuine advance" with implications for genetic research, but called the study "way oversold."

Selloff in U.S. tech stocks continues

NEW YORK (AP) — A selloff in U.S. technology stocks continued this morning, adding to Tuesday's steep losses as traders cashed in on last year's record-shattering gains. But blue-chips nudged higher.

European markets also were in retreat today and Asian markets, which ended their trading before American markets opened, suffered significant losses.

Interest rate jitters still gripped markets and investors appeared to take little comfort in a decision today by the European Central Bank to hold interest rates steady. There are widespread expectations that rates will rise in the United States and overseas in the coming months, squeezing corporate profits, cooling the economy and taking a toll on stock prices.

The Nasdaq composite index, which plunged a record 264 points Tuesday, was off an additional 150.67 points, or by 3.7 percent, at 3,751.02 in early trading today. The Dow Jones industrial average, which plummeted almost 360 points Tuesday, was up 38.47 at 11,036.40.

Volatile Internet stocks swooned in response to news that even though Amazon.com's Christmas sales of books and music rose, the company's losses were not narrowing.

In afternoon trading in Europe, major indexes were down 1.6 percent in London, 3.5 percent in Paris and 2.1 percent in Frankfurt, Germany.

Asian traders staged a huge selloff today led by a big slide in prices on the Hong Kong market.

Fears of higher interest rates gripped exchanges virtually everywhere — and once-hot technology shares cooled off fast.

Jim Wood-Smith, head of research at British brokerage Greig Middleton and Co. Ltd., blamed the selloff on an overreaction to long-standing concerns that the Federal Reserve, the Bank of England and the European Central Bank all might raise lending rates soon.

"This is being used as the excuse rather than the reason for people to bank some of the fantastic profits they made on telecoms and Internet stocks last year," he said.

The European Central Bank left key interest rates unchanged at its regular board meeting today. While the decision was expected, most economists predict a rate increase by as early as March to guard against inflation.

High-tech shares may have lost some of their momentum, but Wood-Smith saw no signs of an impending collapse.

"These are the growth stocks of the 21st century, so although the bubble may deflate occasionally, it ain't going to burst," he said.

Blue chips on Asia's biggest market, the Tokyo Stock Exchange, bounced back from steep early losses but still finished with a 2.4 percent decline for the day.

The mood was mostly gloomy throughout the region, with investors bailing out of technology shares — as they had on Tuesday in New York.

"Every sector had a clobbering here," said Eric Gale, senior dealer at the Ord Minnett Ltd. brokerage in Sydney, Australia, where blue chips finished down 2.3 percent.

Prices were hit hardest in Hong Kong, where the Hang Seng Index finished with a loss of 1,226.10 points, or 7.2 percent, at 15,846.72. That represented only a slight recovery from an early slide that pushed the Hang Seng down by 8.1 percent.

It was the second-worst point loss in history for Hong Kong, Asia's No. 2 market. The biggest point drop was the 1,438.31-point plunge of Oct. 28, 1997, at the height of the Asian financial crises.

"Euphoria in Hong Kong is ending," said Frank Gong, economist and strategist with the Bank of America. The Hang Seng had rung out 1999 with a record close and then set yet another one Monday, the first day of trading in 2000.

In Seoul, the Korea Composite Stock Price Index closed with a drop of 6.9 percent and its worst point loss in history. Stocks also fell in Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines, but blue chips rose 1.1 pecent in Taiwan.

Smugglers are using more containers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Smugglers are using a new technique to ship their human cargo: packing them into truck-sized cargo containers.

More than 60 suspected illegal aliens from China have been captured and four containers seized in California and Washington state in the last week alone, U.S. immigration officials said.

On Tuesday, 14 people were taken into custody after fleeing from a shipping container aboard a ship at the Port of Seattle, authorities said. A day earlier, 25 stowaways were found inside two containers on the California Jupiter, bound for Seattle from Canada. It remained docked in Vancouver on Tuesday.

In all, about 100 people have been taken into custody in nine separate incidents since April 1998.

Hundreds of Chinese have been stopped while trying to cross the Pacific in rusty freighters and fishing boats. But while the number of migrants found in containers is small, the technique worries authorities.

"It seems to be a troubling new trend," said Sharon Gavin, a spokeswoman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service Western Region. "We're concerned that this may increase."

Traffic from Hong Kong, where many of the boats were loaded, is a growing business for West Coast ports. Giant container ships ply the Pacific, stacked 10 stories high. The 40-foot-long containers frequently have canvas tops for oversized loads. Skeleton crews and customs officials cannot check every one.

"Some of these ships have over 1,000 containers. It is, in a sense, like looking for a needle in a haystack," said Virginia Kice, also an INS spokeswoman.

The smuggling containers have been outfitted with water and food supplies, makeshift toilets, bedding and lights.

They generally hold fewer than 25 people, and the conditions are far better than in the packed, reeking holds of the old boats. Some stowaways recently captured in Los Angeles and Long Beach were dressed in decent clothes and good sneakers, carried cellular telephones and even had a compact disc player, Ms. Gavin said.

But it still is no pleasure cruise.

"You're still stuck in a container with your own waste for a 12- to 20-day journey," she said. "The smugglers consider them to be nothing more than cargo."

The problem has become a trend industrywide, said Elin Wong, spokeswoman for the Orient Overseas Container Line in Hong Kong, which averages one to two cases of human smuggling each year aboard its ships.

The company has little control once the containers are delivered to its clients, Wong said.

"Once the container is sealed and loaded ... we cannot open it and check," she said.

The INS estimates as many as 27,000 illegal Chinese were in the United States in 1996. Boatloads of suspected illegal aliens have been stopped near Guam and in Mexico. Ms. Gavin said law enforcement success in capturing smuggling boats apparently has sparked the container trend.

Smugglers charge as much as $60,000 per person for container space, about twice the fee charged those who come on smuggling boats. The migrant makes a down payment — Chinese families sometimes pool their resources to pay for it — and then works off the rest, Ms. Gavin said.

Once here, "they're virtually indentured servants," Ms. Gavin said. "There are a lot of sweatshop industries. Women are frequently forced into prostitution."

INS officials in Seattle were interviewing a dozen men found Sunday aboard a ship from Hong Kong. Three men arrested in a van nearby may have been waiting to meet the immigrants, authorities said.

Another 18 were found Sunday by crew members on a ship coming into Long Beach. In Los Angeles, 30 people remained in federal detention after they were taken into custody after leaving two containers on Dec. 28.

Federal authorities have not determined whether they will be granted asylum or deported, Ms. Gavin said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What's erythromelalgia

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been diagnosed with erythromelalgia. What is this? Will a special diet help my symptoms?

DEAR READER: This unusual ailment is marked by flushing, burning pain and increased skin temperature of the feet and (sometimes) the hands. The cause is unknown; however, some forms are associated with other diseases, such as blood disorders, diabetes and hypertension.

Although symptoms are usually mild, in rare and severe cases they can be disabling. Attacks of erythromelalgia are often triggered by changes in environmental temperature.

Unfortunately, therapy is not consistently successful. Some patients' symptoms can be relieved if their underlying diseases are brought under control; for example, by reducing elevated blood sugar levels and lowering high blood pressure. Other patients find relief by simply using daily aspirin, avoiding temperature extremes and taking prescription medicine, such as ephedrine or propranalol, that prevents flushing.

I am not aware of any diet that is beneficial. Perhaps you should review your concerns with your doctor, who may recommend aspirin therapy as an economical and effective first step. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Blood — Donations and Disorders." 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 am 61. About six months ago, my erect penis started curving to the side. As you might expect, this caused some disruption in my sex life. I'm not too worried now, but if this affliction progresses, my sex life will become history. My doctor mentioned vitamin therapy but wasn't too encouraging. Any suggestions?

DEAR READER: The most common cause of penile list (to starboard or to port) is Peyronie's disease, a condition of unknown cause, marked by the formation of constricting scar tissue in one or both of the erectile cylinders on either side of the penile shaft. The disorder is very common.

In its initial form, Peyronie's disease is more a curiosity than a concern, because the erect penis deviates to one side or the other, without affecting sexual function. However, as the affliction progresses, all hell breaks loose: the penis may become so crooked that normal relations are painful, if not impossible.

Treatment, unhappily, is of unpredictable value. Some authorities urge patients to take 1000 units of vitamin E a day, which may or may not postpone progression. Because Peyronie's disease may follow the type of nerve injury that often affects men who bicycle, such patients may have to modify their biking styles or purchase special seats. Cortisone injections into the scar tissue may help, as may ultrasound therapy. Finally, surgery may be required.

To discover which treatment might best suit you, I recommend that you see a urologist. Don't procrastinate, however; the earlier you receive therapy, the greater your chance of preventing further, more devastating problems.

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Alltel	79⅜	77	15-16	78 3-16— ¼
AmerOnline s	75⅞	72	74	9-16—2 29-64
AndarkPtr	33	5-16	32⅜	32⅝— ⅛
AtlRichfld	80	1-16	78½	78¾— 2⅛
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BellAtl	59	13-16	58½	59¾ + 2⅜
BellSouth	45	3-16	44	3-16 44⅝ + 1-16
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USX-Marathn	24⅜		23½	23 11-16 + ⅜
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WellsFargo	37	5-16	36	1-16 36⅜— 5-16
WstnGasRs	13		12⅞	12⅞— ⅛
WinnDixie	24¾		23¼	23 11-16— ⅛
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Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	12 3/8	0
Dell	48 5/16	+1 11/16
Wal Mart	63 5/16	-1
Compac	28 3/8	-5/8
Dol. Gen.	22 1/16	-1/16
GTE	68 1/4	+2 3/4
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Scurry County Country

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts, County Extension Agent

The straight juice on fruit drinks

On a warm day, an icy glass of fruit juice makes a great low-fat, caffeine-free energy booster. Each six-ounce glass counts for one of the five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables, 100 percent pure juices do retain most of the nutrients contained in their whole counterparts.

This said, it's wise to be wary when selecting juice for you and your family. Juice and juice drinks come bottled, jugged, canned and frozen. Some are fortified with vitamin C and calcium, some are "100 percent real" and some are nothing more than sugar water. Even "real" juices vary greatly in nutritional value.

Consider these juice tips when cruising the juice bar or counter.

*Look for the "percent juice" disclosure. All beverages that contain juice or picture fruit on their label are required to tell you how much juice is present. Look for labels that say, "contains 100 percent fruit juice." You'll be amazed at the number of juice drinks that contain very little juice. If calories are a concern, mix 100 percent juice with club soda.

*Among 100 percent fruit juices, orange and other citrus juices are your best source of vitamin C, potassium and folic acid. Prune juice provides vitamin C, but little else. Grape, apple and pear juice rates the lowest in nutritional value. Because of this, fancy juice blenders that list apple, grape or pear juice as their first ingredient will be lower in vitamin content that juices that list citrus fruit first on the label.

*If you buy fortified juices, make sure you're getting more than just fortified sugar water. Calcium-fortified orange juice is a convenient way to get calcium. However, a calcium-fortified orangeade — Sunny Delight with Calcium — is not much better than a calcium pill in sugar water.

*Beware of juice sodas and canned fruit teas. Most are loaded with sugar. An 8-ounce glass of Snapple Raspberry Royale Soda, for example, has eight teaspoons of sugar. That's more than you'll find in the same amount of Coke.

*Watch the sodium in vegetable juices. V-8 juice can has more than 600 milligrams of sodium per 8-ounce glass. For less sodium, look for vegetable juices with low- or reduce-sodium labels.

*Children who drink juice all day often lack the appetite they need for other important foods.

*For safety's sake, choose pasteurized juices, especially for small children. All canned and frozen juices have been pasteurized. Read the label of bottled and capped juices to be sure.

*Check the sell-by date. Juice past its expiration will have lost more nutrients than fresher juice, and be more likely to have spoiled.

*Keep opened and prepared juice refrigerated, preferable in a tightly closed container. This slows the growth of micro-organisms, helps protect the flavor, and minimizes the loss of vitamin C due to oxidation.

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French explorer Jacques Cartier, who explored the Gulf of St. Lawrence in 1534, is generally regarded as the discoverer of Canada. But English seaman John Cabot sighted Newfoundland 37 years earlier in 1497. The Vikings are believed to have reached the Atlantic cost centuries before.

SWCD Notes By Mark Sides

Windbreaks and other tree, shrub plantings increase property values, promote healthier livestock, reduce energy bills, enhance wildlife habitat and provide other benefits. These plantings can be a large investment, so here are a few tips to maintain and improve the investment.

1. Protect young seedlings from animal danger. Rodents and rabbits can easily kill young trees by girdling (removal of a narrow strip of bark from around the trunk). Repeated defoliant by deer or domestic livestock can be just as detrimental. A small investment in posts and wire can save your plantings.

2. Weeds and grass steal valuable moisture and nutrients from young trees and shrubs. Maintain a vegetation-free area at least three feet around the tree or down each side of the row until the trees develop a six-foot drip (canopy) line. This can be done mechanically or by the use of herbicides. If you use herbicides, be careful and follow label directions.

3. Mulches and plastic weed barriers are less labor-intensive methods to control weeds and grass around plantings. Both help conserve moisture by cutting down on evaporation. Plastic weed barriers can also harvest moisture if properly installed.

4. High-powered fertilizers (i.e. 40-20-0, etc.) should not be used during the first few years of growth. If you feel like you need to provide additional nutrients to young seedlings, use a water-soluble plant food such as 5-10-5.

5. Rainfall in West Texas, even during average years, doesn't provide enough moisture for young trees and shrubs. Regular watering should be done from March through November, and the soil should not be allowed to dry out during the winter. Young trees and shrubs need 5 to 8 gallons of water per week the first year, 10 to 15 gallons per week the second year, and 20 gallons per week the third year. Most trees and shrubs are sufficiently established to need only enough supplemental water to prevent drought stress.

6. Watering should be done several times a week, rather than all at once. Many heavier (clay) soils retain water long enough to drown the root stock, if too much is applied at one time. Trickle or drip irrigation is a relatively labor-free and cost-effective way to apply water at proper rates.

7. Early detection of insect damage and disease makes treatment more effective and less costly. Make a habit of inspecting your trees and shrubs anytime you're around them.

8. Container planting young seedlings for the first year or two can enhance chance of survival. Care of containerized seedlings required methods difference from standard plantings. This will be covered in a future article.

For more information, or to order windbreak seedlings, drop by the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District office in the USDA Service Center located at 5309 Big Spring Hwy. in Snyder, or call 573-6317.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

It's a great time to have your soil tested

If your garden performed below expectations last year, or maybe things just didn't grow quite right, a few dollars invested in a soil test may be just the solution.

A properly prepared and fertilized garden soil is the real key to successful gardening in most areas of Texas. You can't look at the soil, taste it, smell it, or feel it to tell whether your soil is low in nitrogen, high in phosphates, or may be just right.

Why is it important to know how much phosphorous or nitrogen is in the soil, or what the pH of the soil is? The answer is simple. Vegetables don't do well in improperly fertilized soil, whether it be too fertile or not fertile enough.

The soil test report will tell you the level of nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium, calcium, and magnesium available to your garden plants. It will also indicate the pH (acidity or alkalinity) of your garden soil. For the most part, this is all you need to know to properly fertilize your garden soil. And ensure a bountiful harvest.

To take a soil sample, make a hole about a foot deep in the garden with a spade or sharpshooter. Throw out the first spade full of soil. Then, from the back of the hole cut a slice of the soil ½-inch to 1-inch depth, with fairly even width and thickness. Then, place the soil slice in a bucket or tub,. Repeat this procedure four to six times in different spots in the garden, depending primarily on the size of the garden. Thoroughly mix the composite of the soil, and mail it to the Soils Testing Laboratory at Texas A&M University. Soil testing is a service provided by the university. Soil test kits with instructions can also be obtained from your Scurry County Extension Agent, Greg Gruben.

If a soil sample is taken in late winter or very early spring, you should expect to get your results back within two to three weeks.

If you wait until spring, then it may take considerably longer to get your results. An adequate soil test, properly done and properly interpreted, will go a long way toward ensuring a bountiful harvest from this year's garden.

Contact Scurry County Extension Office at 573-5423 for further information.

Lubbock auction

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 423 head of cattle for the Thursday, Dec. 16, sale. Cows were $1 to $2 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

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Notice

There are no market quotes from Colorado City Livestock Auction because of the holidays.

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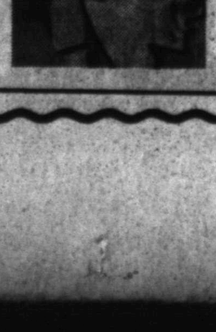
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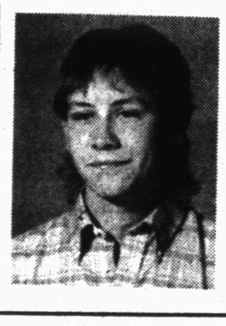
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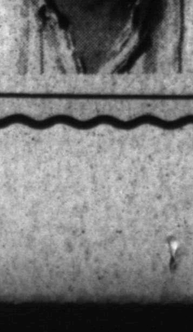
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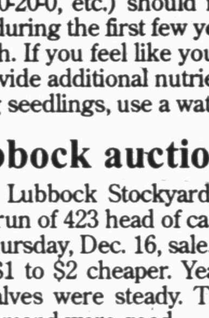
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Last Week's Photos: 1. Brantley Kitching 2. Melanie Jarrell 3. Jimmy James 4. Scott Marler 5. Eric Marble 6. Tammy Justice 7. Anita Hernandez 8. Shana Holmesly 9. Grance Ann Holder 10. Jimmy McCaleb

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Sen. Kennedy endorses Al Gore

BOSTON (AP) — Sen. Edward Kennedy endorsed Vice President Al Gore for president today, saying his former Senate colleague had "the ability, the experience and the wisdom" to lead the nation in the new century.

Kennedy said Gore had been "the voice for working families in this country" as a senator. The Massachusetts Democrat noted that he had served in the Senate with both Gore and his father, Al Gore Sr., and he said: "The Gores of Tennessee represent the best in public service of our nation and the best in commitment to the democratic ideals of our party."

Kennedy and Gore appeared today at Grover Cleveland Middle School in the city's Dorchester section to talk about education policy before heading north to Portsmouth, N.H., to discuss health care with senior citizens.

The two issues are paramount to Kennedy, a liberal hero to many Democrats, and have been mainstays of Gore's campaign for the party's presidential nomination. In his endorsement, Kennedy said Gore was "an effective leader" on these issues and "for the many other great causes we share."

"No one has fought harder or been a stronger voice for our Democratic priorities than Al Gore," said Kennedy.

In recent months, the vice president has seen his once sizable lead in polls for New Hampshire's Feb. 1 primary diminish in the face of a strong challenge from Bill Bradley, the former New Jersey senator.

Greenspan could easily win 4th term

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prospect of Alan Greenspan at the helm of the Federal Reserve for another four years is winning rave notices on Capitol Hill and Main Street, even if the announcement didn't immediately cheer Wall Street.

Republicans and Democrats alike in the Senate predicted Greenspan would win confirmation easily to a fourth term. President Clinton announced in a brief Oval Office ceremony Tuesday that he would nominate the 73-year-old Republican as Fed chairman.

Even those in the business community who have taken issue in the past with Greenspan's decisions to boost interest rates praised Clinton's action.

"There's a basic rule in business — don't mess with success," said Jerry Jasinowski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Jasinowski said he hoped Greenspan would reconsider the need to raise interest rates when the Federal Reserve next meets to set interest rate policies on Feb. 1-2.

Fears of further Fed rate increases were blamed for a huge selloff on Wall Street on Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average fell by 359.58 points, its fourth biggest point decline ever, while the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index suffered its worst point loss in history.

The slide in technology stocks continued today but blue-chip stocks nudged slightly higher.

The Nasdaq index, which plunged a record 264 points Tuesday, was off an additional 80 points in late-morning trading today. But the Dow average of 30 industrials was up 125 points.

Wall Street's troubles jolted investors around the world with big losses reported overnight in Asia. Hong Kong's Hang Seng stock index suffered its second-worst point drop in history.

While Greenspan is held in high regard on Wall Street, analysts said investors' happiness with the prospects of another Greenspan term was being outweighed by growing fears of further Fed interest rate increases. The economy is growing so rapidly that Fed policy-makers are worried about inflation troubles down the road.

Some economists even suggested the central bank, which raised rates in three quarter-percentage-point moves last year, might boost rates by a half-percentage point at the February meeting since there are few signs that the economy has been slowed much by the earlier rate.

Obituaries

Margaret King

1926-2000

Margaret "Margie" Louise King, a life-resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.



Margaret King

Funeral service for Mrs. King, 73, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Charles Day, minister of the Ave. D Baptist Church, will officiate. Interment will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Sept. 16, 1926 in Ira, she married Junior King on March 23, 1946 in Snyder. He died on April 1, 1991.

She was an artist and a member of the Ave. D Baptist Church.

Mrs. King also was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Davis; a sister, Billie Lock; and a nephew, Douglas Lock.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby Joe and Susie King of Snyder and Jerry Don and Carman King of Austin; a daughter, Linda Elam of New Braunfels; a sister, Peggy Newcomb of Victoria; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Sue Martin

1916-2000

Sarah "Sue" Martin, longtime Snyder resident, died at 6:06 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Martin, 83, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of Ave. D Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born on Jan. 14, 1916 in Collin County, she married T.L. "Lowell" Martin on Dec. 9, 1933 in Scurry County.

A homemaker, Mrs. Martin had been a resident of Snyder since 1926 and was a member of Ave. D Baptist Church.

Mrs. Martin was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Ervin and Ora Irene Bratton; two brothers; and one sister.

Survivors include her husband, T.L. "Lowell" Martin of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Glen Martin of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Patsy and Jack Powell of Lake Brownwood; one son and daughter-in-law, Stanley and Carolyn Martin of Snyder; one sister, Loderah Boyd of Snyder; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

The family will greet friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Bell-Cypert-Funeral Home.

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David Lunsford

1942-2000

David Lunsford, a longtime resident of Scurry County, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, at his residence northwest of Snyder following a sudden illness.



David Lunsford

Funeral service for Mr. Lunsford, 57, is set for 4 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, and Charlie Reynolds will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 16, 1942 in Lubbock, he married Tittle Minnick on March 21, 1977 in Roswell, N.M.

Mr. Lunsford was a stock farmer and rancher and also worked at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Wallace unit in Colorado City.

A lifetime resident of Scurry County, he served as a deacon at First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, R.C. Lunsford.

Survivors include his wife, Tittle Lunsford of the home; three daughters and one son-in-law, Wendy and Mike Parker of Holliday, Kim Lunsford of Chicago, and Shannon Lunsford of Gainesville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Max and Cheree McGuire of Seminole and Jeff McGuire of Dallas; his mother, Mrs. R.C. (Velma) Lunsford of Snyder; and a brother, and his family, Danny, Gina and Lauren Lunsford of Snyder; and six grandchildren, Carly, Drew, Matt, Steven, Jaren and Parker.

Aurora Soliz

1928-2000

ROTAN – Aurora Soliz, the mother of three Snyder residents, died Monday, Jan. 3, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Soliz, 71, was set for 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Werth Mayes, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to follow in the Belvieu Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 18, 1928 in Robstown, she married Andres Soliz who died in 1993. She also was preceded in death by a son, Leonardo Castillo; two brothers, one sister and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Soliz was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of Fisher County.

Survivors include three daughters, Connie Hernandez of Roscoe, Margarita Castillo of Snyder and Rosa Simmons of Snyder; four sons, Leo Castillo of Rotan, Gilbert Castillo of Sweetwater, Hector Castillo of Snyder and Lionel Castillo of Kerrville; three sisters, Ester Guerra of Rotan, Lala Suarez of Florida and Liona Agular of Corpus Christi; two brothers, Pete Campos of Flat, Tex.; and Richard Campos of Corpus Christi; 32 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren.

Raymond Kellner

1932-2000

Funeral service for Raymond Ervin Kellner of Ira is set for 9 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate.

Graveside service for Mr. Kellner will follow at 4 p.m. in Leaky.

Mr. Kellner, 67, died Sunday, Jan. 2, in Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

Born June 16, 1932, he married Mary Helen Bradham on Dec. 23, 1967 in Snyder. He was a rancher.

He was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Helen Kellner of Ira; two daughters, Debra Lynn Walker of Placerville, Calif., and Mary Katheryn Beckham of Odessa; two sons, Raymond Doyle Kellner of Snyder and Joe Harold Breeden of Austin; five sisters, Nelda Patterson of La Porte, Bertie Turpin of Sweetwater, Tenn., Edna Crowder of Eldorado, Joyce Dodson of Pearland and Margie Marsh of Lohn; two brothers, Kenneth Kellner and Melvin "Andy" Kellner, both of Ira; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The nations of the world spend over $10,000 per year training each soldier, but less than $100 per year educating each child.

Criminal mischief, theft investigated

Law enforcement officials on Tuesdays investigated a theft and a report of criminal mischief.

Richard Dupree spoke with officers at 8:06 a.m. to report the theft of some carpet from a rental property at 116 Browning. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Deputies were called to the Knapp Community Center at 11:02 a.m. in reference to a broken window. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

A hit-and-run accident report was filed at 9:42 a.m. Tuesday.

Alice Martinez Leiba notified officers that someone had struck her 1986 Chevrolet Cavalier while it was parked in the 800 block of 25th Street.

Snyder Fire Department was called to Midwestern Vacuum Truck Company, 1146 North College, at 10:03 a.m. to a report of smoke in the shop area. Firemen were unable to locate a fire, but believe the smoke may have come from a heating unit that had a bearing going out.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Billy Burns, Helen Kellner of Ira, Alexis McNeil and Velma Lunsford.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Softball booster club

The Snyder Lady Tigers softball booster club will meet at 8 this evening in the West Elementary cafeteria.

Chili, beans, cornbread supper

The Lady Tigers Softball Booster Club will sponsor an "all-you-can-eat" chili, beans and cornbread supper from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday in the SHS cafeteria. Tickets are $5 each.

New Century dance

The Boys and Girls Club will host a New Century Dance from 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday. The dance is for students in grades 9-12 only.

Fund established

Employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Price Daniel unit have established an account at West Texas State Bank to benefit the wife and three young children of correctional officer Daniel Nagle, killed while on duty at the McConnell unit at Beeville. Donations may be made in his name at West Texas State Bank.

TSA selling pecans

The Technology Student Association of Snyder High School is selling an assortment of pecans and peanuts as a fundraiser to help finance a trip to the state contest. Call 573-8961 for further information.

Gospel meeting

Dr. Ken Jones, president of Lubbock Christian College will be guest speaker during a gospel meeting starting Sunday at 37th Street Church of Christ. Sunday Bible class is 9:30 a.m. followed by worship services at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Services Monday and Tuesday are at 7 p.m.

Word is Life Church

Jean Krisle will be at Word is Life Deliverance Church at 7 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Organ dedication

First Christian Church will dedicate its new organ with a recital by Reba Bailey, church organist, at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Baseball booster club

The Snyder Tigers baseball booster club will meat at 7 p.m. Monday in the SHS student center to discuss fundraising and uniforms. Everyone is urged to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Human Conscience," followed by "Getting to Know God's Pardon."

Retired teachers

Scurry County Retired Teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Mary Lou and Troy Scott will present the program.

Ira awards assembly

The awards assemblies for the first semester will be held Tuesday in the Ira school cafeteria. The assembly for grades six through 12 will be at 12:05 p.m. and the elementary assembly is set for 3:05 p.m.

Private applicator certification meeting

There will be a private applicator certification meeting at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in the agriculture room at Western Texas College.

Social security reps

Representatives of the Social Security Administration will be at the Senior Citizens Center in Snyder Tuesday.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception in honor of Dan Cotton and Vesta Orr will be hosted by Big Country Electric Cooperative from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Country Club. Cotton has been the cooperative's attorney for 32 years, and Orr is former general manager of the coop.

Amateur radio operators

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

TAAS tests

TAAS tests will be administered Feb. 22-24. Out-of-school examinees must register by next Wednesday at Snyder High School. Anyone with questions should call Charlene Light at 574-6050, or Dr. Melissa Jones at 573-5401.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak trees are available from the Soil and Water Conservation District, 5308 Big Spring Hwy. Deadline for orders is Jan. 31.

Road to Recovery program

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

Cash Five

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

36-34-26-37-10

(thirty-six, thirty-four, twenty-six, thirty-seven, ten)

Pick 3

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

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Unanswered questions loom after crash

FORT WORTH (AP) — None of the five victims killed in a Sunday car accident were old enough to drive legally in Texas, according to a funeral program passed out during a mass Tuesday.

The five cousins were killed instantly after the red pickup in which they were riding crossed a grassy highway median, flipped and landed upside down on top of another pickup, authorities said.

The driver of the other truck, Ruben Molinar of Plano, was flown to Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital. Molinar was listed in good condition late Tuesday.

The impact of the accident crushed the two vehicles together, and it took rescue workers about four hours to remove all of the bodies.

From the beginning, investigators have had trouble establishing the boys'

identities, dates of birth and next of kin. The youths carried identification indicating that at least three were at least 18 years old.

But the program for a funeral mass Tuesday showed that none was older than 14. The funeral home used information provided by family members for the program.

"I am very surprised that the information provided by the family to the funeral home is in contradiction with the information provided by the same family members to the medical examiner," police Sgt. Anne Cummings told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "I don't understand why."

According to the program, the victims are Edward James Jennings, 14; Harry Gerard Gorman, 13; James Thomas McDonald, 13; John Peter McDonald, 13; and Martin James McDonald, 14.

Martin McDonald carried identification showing that he was 20 years old, officials said. Officials initially reported that Gorman was 20 based on identification found on him.

"I have been on the phone with the medical examiner's office trying to make heads or tails of their birth dates," Ms. Cummings said.

She said she plans to find out whether parents or guardians gave the children permission to drive the vehicle, registered to a Jane McDonald Jennings.

"It is against the law to permit an unlicensed driver to drive a vehicle," Ms. Cummings said. "If a parent or a person of consensual age gives a person without a valid driver's license permission to drive a car, it is a ticketable offense. But it is only a Class C offense, a ticketable offense.

"What comes into play is that five people are dead. I don't know. I'll have to sit down with the district attorney," she said.

Police also say that they have not determined who was driving the boys' truck, but witnesses told authorities Edward Jennings was behind the wheel.

Detective R.L. Wangler of the Fort Worth Police Department's traffic investigation unit told The Dallas Morning News that witnesses say Jennings was "looking to his right and not paying attention."

Speed does not appear to be a factor, he said.

Edward Daley of Fort Worth, who described himself as a distant uncle, said the five were in Texas for the holidays to visit their grandparents and other relatives. Two lived in Georgia, one in Kansas, one in Oklahoma and one in Colorado.

Suspect in fatal shooting arrested in 1997

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A hotel housekeeper accused of killing five people last week was arrested in 1997 for a stabbing in Alabama but never prosecuted.

The district attorney in Mobile County, Ala., said Tuesday that a grand jury refused to indict Silvio Izquierdo-Leyva after investigators failed to get the victim and a key witness to testify.

Police said Izquierdo-Leyva, 36, fatally shot four co-workers at Tampa's Radisson Bay Harbor hotel Thursday, then killed a woman in an attempt to steal her car. Three other hotel employees were wounded.

Izquierdo-Leyva is being held without bail on charges of murder and carjacking. A motive for the shootings has not been disclosed.

John Tyson, the district attorney in Mobile, Ala., said Tuesday he would resubmit the stabbing case against Izquierdo-Leyva to a grand jury next week.

Tyson said he had planned to defer the Mobile case in favor of the pending capital murder trial in Florida, but Tampa prosecutors asked him to proceed.

"They felt that it would be helpful to them to establish a prior conviction and a prior violent act," Tyson said.

Holly Winn, the wife of the Alabama stabbing victim, said Izquierdo-Leyva was one of her best friends before the attack. But looking "dazed, not his usual self," he showed up at her home a week after she moved in with her future husband and stabbed the man repeatedly, Ms. Winn said. The man needed about 200 stitches, and his face and arms are scarred.

Tyson said records indicate his office repeatedly tried to contact Ms. Winn and her husband, Luis Gordillo-Leal, to ask them to testify but could not reach them.

Ms. Winn said she and Gordillo-Leal moved to Tampa soon after the stabbing but gave statements to prosecutors before moving. They have since moved back to Alabama.

Bonfire blueprint did not exist, says consulting firm

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — One of three high-profile consulting firms overseeing the investigation of the Texas A &M University bonfire collapse says no blueprint or drawing of the structure existed.

Rex Paulsen, vice president for Fay Engineering, said "there's not a single drawing" in any safety manual to indicate how the 7,000 logs are stacked to complete the six-tiered bonfire. Paulsen's company has reviewed some of the 2,000-plus documents made public.

"All those years, these structures worked," Paulsen said, adding how the design was passed down from senior to juniors in the student-run project. "We're looking at its long-term design. Where might it have a tendency to fail."

Tage Carlson, vice president with Packer Engineering, said his experience in the forensic investigation of accidents typically shows that a combination of reasons are at cause: man, machine and environment.

"We'll be looking at all three," Carlson said, adding that they mainly will study the structure. "Our objective is to determine the most probable cause or significant causal factors that led to the collapse."

Carlson, who has investigated accidents ranging from a November 1993 post office collapse in Chicago to a deadly DC-10 crash in Iowa in July 1989, said the Nov. 18 bonfire stack collapse that killed 12 Aggies and injured 27 presents a challenge.

"It's a very complex case," he said.

Kroll Associates, which helped investigate the Feb. 1993 World Trade Center bombing, will coordinate the overall investigation and provide data management. The company specializes in business intelligence and corporate risk mitigation and will interview bonfire witnesses.

Bonfire commission chairman Leo Linbeck Jr., a Houston construction executive, said he is very pleased with the consultants, which were selected from among six candidates.

"If an immediate, identifiable cause can be found, I think this team will find it," he said.

One or two more consulting companies will be hired to investigate safety procedures and behavioral issues.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 6, 2000

In the year 2000 ahead, many of the stronger traits and aspects of your personality could begin to take precedence over your more moderate ones. This is fine, so long as you don't make unreasonable demands on others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's quite possible today that you might take it upon yourself to champion an unpopular view and try to impose these ideas on others. Forget it, you're not likely to be very successful. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You have an ability to appreciate unusual things, but today when shopping you could carry this a wee bit too far and purchase items you'll consider white elephants tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Faulty judgment or irrational decisions could cause you to be forced to retrace your steps. Remember, what you don't have in your head, you'll have to have in your feet.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) As an Aries, there aren't too many things you couldn't do once you set your mind to it today. However, if something beyond your scope needs fixing, call in an expert.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Unless you put a lid on it, a big dent in your bank book is likely at this time because you may have accumulated some extra cash lately. Don't squander what you saved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Before you rearrange today's events or schedule, it's best to check with your spouse first. Even though your intentions might be good, your priorities could be poles apart.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There's a strong chance you could have a tendency to focus on insignificant details to a point where it obliterates the big picture and find yourself at odds with companions. Slow down.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Delusions of grandeur could cause you to try to match the extravagance of some big spenders with whom you'll be spending your day. That would be just plain foolish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Seek counsel and advice today from intelligent friends should you have an important decision to make. However, reserve the right to make the final judgment yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you view indifferently the ample opportunities that exist around you today, chances are their true worth will be wasted. Take the time to evaluate what's going on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You must take care not to blow things out of proportion should you have a difference of opinion with a friend or a serious rife could occur. Be tolerant, and live and let live.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) How you conduct yourself in situations that bring you before the public today will make all the difference between a good impression and a poor one. It will be difficult to eradicate.

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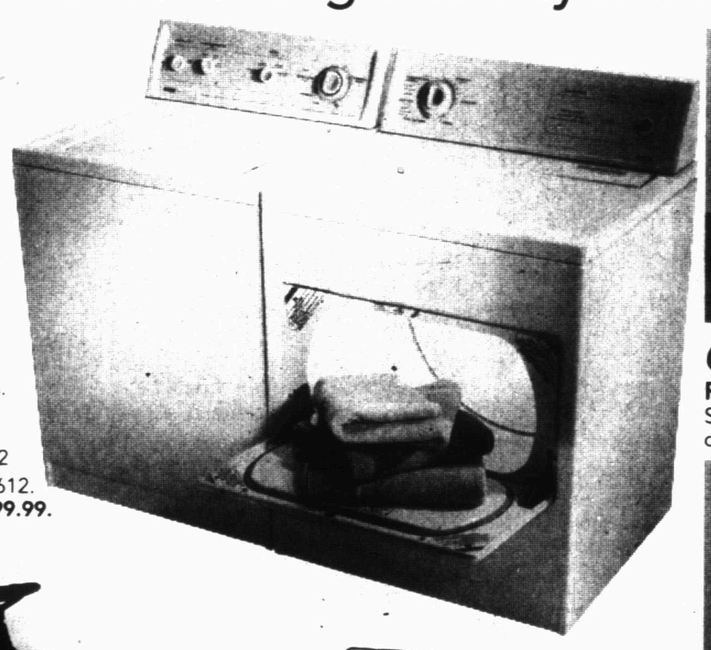
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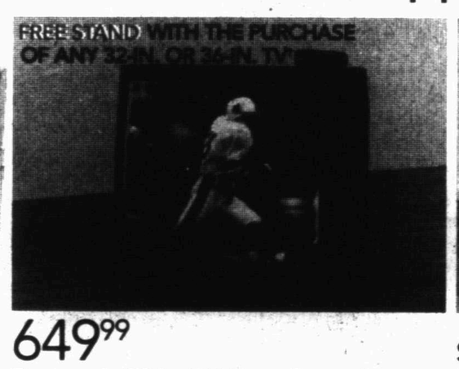


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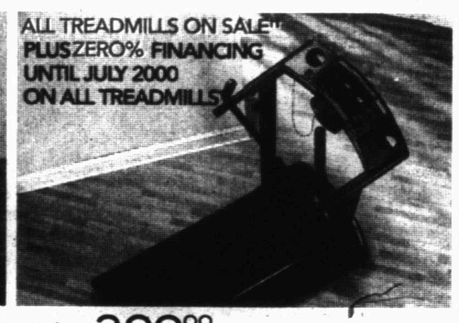
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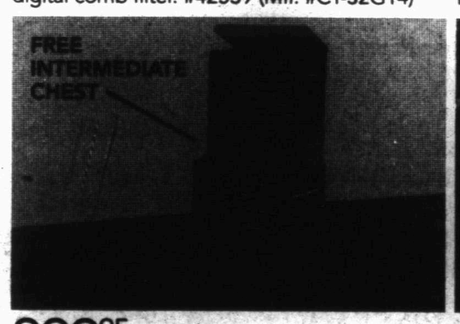
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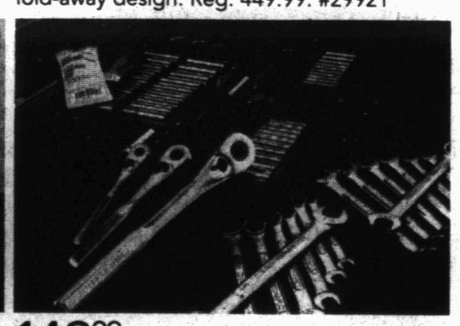
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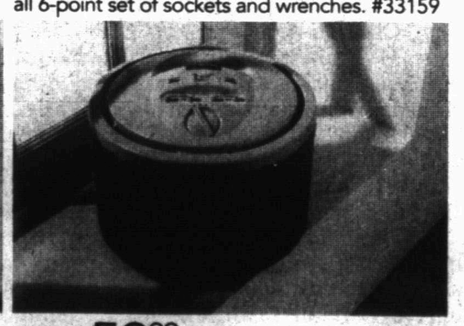
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