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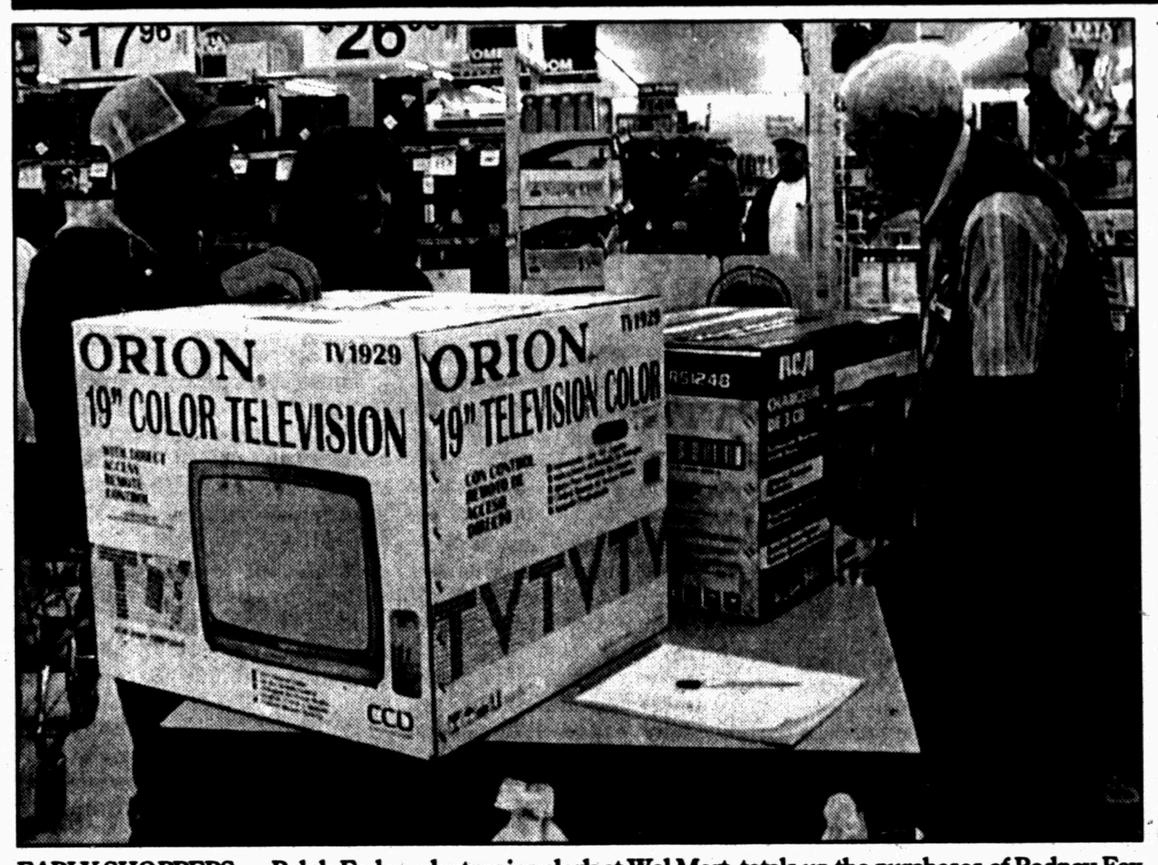


EARLY SHOPPERS — Ralph Eades, electronics clerk at Wal-Mart, totals up the purchases of Rodney Fox and Cynthia Barnes of Colorado City. Shoppers nationwide will take advantage of holiday sales today, making it the busiest shopping day of the year. (SDN Staff Photo By Joyce May)

Holiday shopping off to a good start

Big ticket items going well today

With Thanksgiving left to memories and leftovers, most of the population will now turn its attention to Christmas and all the hubbub of shopping that goes with it.

Local stores were abuzz with holiday shoppers as the shopping season officially kicked off today.

Wal-Mart opened at 6 a.m. and Charles Alvarez, manager, said things were "crazy."

"We are very busy," he said. "It was crazy this morning at 6 o'clock. Crazy. That is about the only word I can use to describe it."

He added that quite a few people were waiting in line for the doors to open.

While in years past hot items have been Furbys and Tickle Me Elmos, this morning Alvarez said electronics have been big.

"Our hot items this morning have been TV's and VCRs. They were on sale and that seemed to be the biggest volume movement."

Extra employees were on hand to handle the shoppers, Alvarez said.

"We had about 60 people working this morning, but it didn't feel like it."

Wal-Mart will be open until 11 p.m. today and will have extended hours through Christmas.

The store will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays.

Hackfeld's owner Keith Hackfeld said he was expecting a busy day at his store as well.

"We are looking for a big day," he said.

Hackfeld said it was too early to tell what kind of business he would have as the store opened at 10 a.m.

He said that he expected his Brighton items to be really popular for the ladies this year with jeans and shirts being popular for men.

"We are selling a lot of men's felt hats," he added.

Bealls manager Kathleen Huddleston said business was good at that store also.

"We're doing really good," she said.

The store opened at 7 a.m. and will be open until 8 p.m.

Huddleston said there wasn't any one item that was "hot."

"Everything is going about the same," she said.

Bealls is having extra employees on hand to prepare for the holiday rush. Huddleston added that there would be some days with extended hours, but that will vary.

With decorations going up and presents being purchased, the Christmas spirit is certainly in the air.

"There's a lot of excitement," Huddleston said.

Early hour bargains popular across nation

NEW YORK (AP) — In a bid to get shoppers to buy rather than browse, merchants started the holiday season today by cutting prices and offering freebies, and many shoppers showed up before dawn — sometimes even before midnight.

As stores and malls dangled discounts on the official kickoff of the holiday shopping season, Internet merchants also courted shoppers by offering deals to those who visit their Web sites.

The crowds were so big early today at the Ames discount store in Revere, Mass., that all the shopping carts were taken by 7:15 a.m.

Bargain prices lured shoppers to stores nationwide. In Bowie, Md., lines began to form around 10:30 p.m. Thursday night, hours before the store's 6 a.m. opening, while hundreds of cars filled a Wal-Mart parking lot in Lynn, Mass., at 5 a.m.

"I didn't want to be here, but you can't beat the prices," said Charles Chisholm, who had already picked out two $99 19-inch TVs and $69 VCRs by 6:15 a.m. at the Lynn store.

Some stores, however, didn't see as big a turnout by early shoppers today as they have in years past. While toys tied to Pokemon are popular, there isn't one toy in short supply — like the Furby last year and Tickle Me Elmo in 1996 — that shoppers are scrambling to get.

It's been a blockbuster year for retailers — both traditional and online — but a lot is riding on the next five weeks, when most store owners tally a significant portion of their annual sales. Last year, merchants rang up more than $170 billion in sales during the holiday period.

Missing man flight pays A&M tribute

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — With a pre-game jet flyover and flags flying at half-staff, Texas A&M students and others paid tribute today to the 12 people killed last week while building an annual pre-game bonfire.

After an invocation, the crowd of about 85,000 at Kyle Field held a moment of silence before the kickoff to the game between the Aggies and rival University of Texas. A&M players kneeled in prayer at the 50-yard line.

Four F-16 fighter jets from the Air Force Reserve's 457th Fighter Squadron flew over the stadium in the missing man formation, usually reserved for military aviators killed in the line of duty. The pilots all were A&M graduates.

"In essence, it is the most sacred thing we airmen have to give," said Col. Thomas Dyches, commander of the 301st Fighter Wing.

The 40-foot bonfire stack of logs collapsed Nov. 18, crushing the victims to death. Killed in the accident were 11 A&M students and a recent graduate who had returned to work on the bonfire.

"If anything, I think the spirit for this game has just exploded because of the accident,"said A&M student Erica Deleon.

Texas A&M players wore on their helmets maroon and black commemorative decals with an image of a burning bonfire.

On the field, maroon and white ribbons were painted on the A&M logo and the crowd released thousands of maroon balloons. Twelve white doves, each representing one of the victims, were released before the pregame coin toss.

Traditionally, a tall bonfire would have blazed on the eve of the biggest college football game of the season for the two schools. Most years, an orange outhouse representing UT would have crowned a tower of flames as admiring Aggies looked on.

But the deaths changed everything.

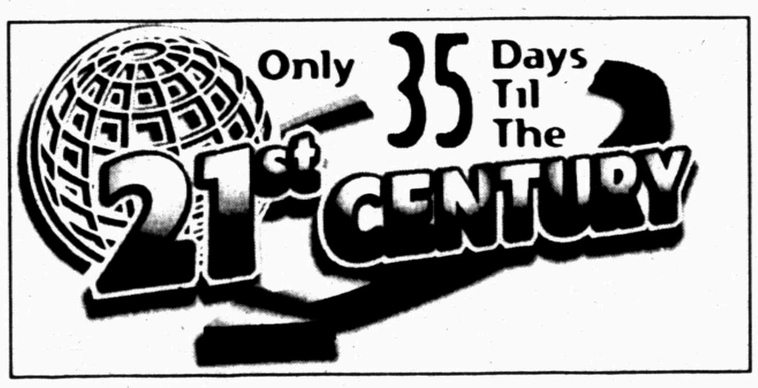
In place of unchecked game fervor, heaps of maroon roses sagged over the fallen bonfire logs on Thursday as a crowd walked around its muddy perimeter. There were shrines made of work boots and A&M towels, baseball caps and wine bottles, and scraps of notes weighed down with pebbles.

Instead of fight songs, a saxophone played "Amazing Grace."

"We talk quite frequently here about the bond that Aggies have for one another, and sometimes it becomes kind of a company line that you don't put a lot of stock in," said A&M coach R.C. Slocum. "It's always there, but in times like this you can really see it."

At the University of Texas, the traditional pregame "hex rally" — a ceremony aimed at bringing bad luck to their rival — was canceled. Instead, the school held a unity rally Monday.

WE FOUND WHAT WE WANT — Kaitlyn Chandler, 4, and Skylar Morris, 6, find something for themselves this morning during a local shopping trip. Area stores were prepared for a busy day as shoppers kicked off the holiday retail season. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)



THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The day after Thanksgiving is when most Americans suffer from a severe case of overbite."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors: Danny Andrews, in the Plainview Daily Herald, says the wisdom of church building signs is interesting.

—Free trip to Heaven. Details Inside.

—Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins.

—Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here.

—People are like tea bags. You have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are.

—When down in the mouth, remember Jonah. He came out all right.

—Fight truth decay. Study the Bible daily.

—How will you spend eternity – Smoking or Nonsmoking?

—Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives.

—Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low, but the retirement benefits are out of this world.

—It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.

—If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows for U-turns.

—Forbidden fruit creates many jams.

—In the dark? Follow the Son.

—Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up.

—If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.

—A merry hearth doeth good like a medicine. (Proverbs 17:22).

The Plainview editor must have passed through Snyder recently and saw this one on the marquee at the First United Methodist Church.

—No God – No Peace. Know God – Know Peace.

Larry Crabtree, in the Vernon Daily Record, picked up this story from a school bus driver.

When the bus driver stopped to pick up a kindergarten kid, he noticed an older woman hugging him as he left the house.

As the kid boarded, the driver inquired if the woman waving goodbye was his grandmother.

"Yes," said the kid," she always comes to visit us at Thanksgiving."

"Where does she live?" asked the driver.

"At the airport," replied the youngster. "Whenever we want her, we just drive down there and get her."

ASK US

Q—How many meals were served at Thursday's Rotary-sponsored community Thanksgiving dinner at The Shack?

A—Right at 250.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 57 degrees; high Thursday, 58 ; low, 26; 7 a.m. Friday, 33; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.80 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, low, lower 30s; W wind 5-15 mph. Saturday, mostly sunny; high, lower 70s. Wind light, variable.

Jesse Connor
Sunny

Sunset: 5:41 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:21 a.m.
Of 329 days in 1999, the sun has shone 322 days in Snyder

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don't.

—Pete Seeger

Some cable companies offering phone service

WASHINGTON (AP) — For more than 100,000 consumers, the cable guy is not just the cable guy. He's also the phone guy.

In slowly growing numbers, cable companies are offering phone service, spurring new competition in a market dominated by the Bells. And the public is starting to take notice, opting to converse with friends and family over a cable line — the same one that provides TV shows — rather than the traditional copper phone wire.

As many as 7 million customers could get their phone service from cable companies within five years, up from about 130,000 who will have it at year's end, according to the Strategis Group, a telecommunications consulting company in Washington.

The tricky part is getting people to trust their phone lines to a cable company, particularly if they have had poor television service in the past.

While people may be able to cope with their cable TV going off for a few hours or even days, they don't want that kind of uncertainty with their phone lines, says Carol Mann of Strategis.

"People want to pick up the phone and have a dial tone, period," Mann said.

Dallas resident Paige Janco says she's had to navigate her way through a string of billing problems — including having her long-distance carrier switched three times — after signing up for local service from the cable operator in her building. Nevertheless, she says she'll stick with it so she can eventually get a package of services.

One convert, Ken Drachnik of Fremont, Calif., says he has been pleased with the improvement in customer service since he's made the switch to cable operator AT&T. And "there has been no change in sound quality," said Drachnik, who works for a company that sells semiconductor equipment.

He's saving some money on his monthly bill and also hopes to one day pay for his cable television, high-speed cable Internet service and local and long-distance phone service with a single check.

"I just want one bill," he said.

Cable companies say they are working to overcome the public perception about lackluster reliability and service in the industry.

"One of the big barriers to cable telephony was the poor reputation of cable television service as a whole," said Ellen East of Cox Communications. She said her own company's strong service record has enabled it to bring in 80,000 local phone customers, half of whom buy more than one phone line, she said.

Some competitors say cable telephone service is technically feasible, but it could pose challenges as more customers are added to the network.

"There is a serious question of deciding how many customers you want to have on every neighborhood node," said BellSouth spokesman Bill McCloskey. Too many people on the same system means they could all be at risk of losing service if something happens to it, he said.

But cable companies are plunging money into research and testing to prevent that from happening. The investment could pay off, with cable companies usurping 15 percent of the market now held by the regional Bell companies in the next decade, according to Howard Anderson, managing director of the Yankee Group research firm in Boston.

So far, cable companies have targeted just a few markets. Cable operator MediaOne offers its local telephone service in metropolitan areas, like Atlanta and Boston, with about 40,000 phone customers.

AT&T, poised to offer local phone service over its newly acquired cable lines to millions of customers in a few years, has the benefit of a name customers already associate with telecommunication. .

Long trek for bones of U.S. Indians from S. Texas ends

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The bones of a group of American Indians are being returned to their resting place outside the Spanish Colonial mission their people helped build some 300 years ago.

The reburial at Mission San Juan, set for sunset on Thanksgiving Day, comes after a federal court rejected efforts to stop the ceremony.

"We believe our families have been desecrated and they'll be given dignity and respect as they're being reinterred," said Ramon Vasquez, of the American Indians in Texas-At the Spanish Colonial Missions, a nonprofit group whose been fighting for the reburial.

"It's long overdue," Vasquez told the Express-News of San Antonio.

Thursday's ceremony included the remains of more than 90 people excavated from the site in the late 1960s by archaeologists from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Experts believe most of the bones belong Coahuiltecans, who were members of South Texas tribes who helped build the 18th century mission founded by Spanish priests, according to the newspaper.

Three years ago, the American Indians in Texas filed a claim with the Bureau of Indian Affairs seeking return of the bones, which have been used in museum displays and scientific studies for the last 30 years.

According to an agreement signed by the university, the Texas Historical Commission and the Archdiocese of San Antonio, the remains have to be reburied by the end of this year.

But another Indian group tried to halt the ceremony earlier this week by asking a federal judge for a temporary restraining order.

An attorney for the group, Arthur Vega, said the Pamaque Band of the San Juan Mission Indians claims their ancestors were buried at the mission.

Vega said the group opposes the method of reburial, which Pamaques have said lack the proper rituals and honors.

U.S. District Judge H.F. "Hippo" Garcia granted the restraining order on Tuesday, then dissolved it the next day. It was not known why Garcia, who could not be reached for comment, denied the order.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Keep Practicality in Mind When Shopping for Seniors

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: This is the time of year people begin thinking, "What should I get Mom, Dad and Aunt Tillie for Christmas?" Well, I *am* a mom and an Aunt Tillie, and I filled Dad's shoes for more years than I care to count. So, for all of you who haven't a clue what "we" would like, keep reading:

Don't try to buy me happiness with a token gift. Most of all, I'd love just a little of your time.

If you want to buy something for me, I'd appreciate a box of all-occasion greeting cards. A roll of stamps to go with them would also be helpful, so that when my old friends have a reason to celebrate, I'll not have to venture to the store or post office. (An assortment of gift wrap and Scotch tape are another novel idea.)

You all know how much I love flowers — not the cut bouquets from a florist, but real plants from a nursery, delivered at the right time for planting in the spring. Something like that can be enjoyed all year, and I'll remember your thoughtfulness every time I look at them.

My little doggie needs grooming every month. How about a gift certificate? They make terrific gifts. Also, I would never spend household budget money for a manicure, pedicure or massage, but a gift certificate for one would certainly be welcome. Or one for a car wash, or the next trip to the dry cleaner or shoe repair shop.

What about a gift certificate for a dinner for two, so I can treat a good friend to a meal and company because *her* family is also busy? Have you forgotten how much I enjoy Reader's Digest, Family Circle and TV Guide? I can't afford subscriptions anymore, but they would be a lot more welcome than bubble bath that I'm now allergic to.

Also, if you want to give me something, how about a prepaid phone card, or a few bucks prepaid on my telephone bill? And if you're feeling generous, how about contacting the company that aerates my lawn, the chimney sweep or, for that matter, the mechanic who readies my car for winter?

You see, we're not as difficult to buy for as you thought. You have simply forgotten who we really are. We're not "those old people down the street." We're the parents who always knew what you wanted or needed — because we loved you.

Thanks for the space, Dear Abby. I hope my kids are listening.

ANY PARENT OR GRANDPARENT, ANYTOWN, U.S.A.

DEAR ANY: Thanks for a letter that's sure to start a lot of people thinking creatively about the Christmas holidays. Another idea is to create customized gift baskets filled with small cans of tuna, salmon, chicken and turkey, hearty soups, and "goodies" that someone on a fixed income might forgo. Put on your thinking caps, folks. The season is at hand!

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DEAR ABBY: Every year I read about the urgent need for organ donation, and the tragedy of people who die waiting for one.

Don't you think it would be a good idea to give people a tax rebate who pledged their organs for transplant upon their death? It seems to me it would solve our country's great need for donor organs with a nationwide system of registration and reward.

I was going to send my idea to Washington, but I believe your column would be more effective, and has no political agenda. Do offer this idea to your readers.

PEGGY MARTIN, VENICE, FLA.

DEAR PEGGY: It's an intriguing idea. One way to make the option more attractive would be for the government to forgive a portion of the inheritance taxes for the families of the donors.

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

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999

Fading from the scene in the year ahead could be a few acquaintances who have had little constructive value to bring to the friendship. They'll be replaced with new meaningful pals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Everything depends upon the way you react to others today and how they treat you. If you're cooperative and understanding, you can expect the same from them. If not, the opposite will be true. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your demeanor will be charming and charismatic today, so long as everything is going your way. Unfortunately, if you encounter any opposition, an unattractive side of you may emerge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you put a friend in the embarrassing position of having to choose sides between you and a family member, your pal will resent this imposition. Don't make public any domestic issues.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Try to be complimentary, not critical about pals who aren't present when conversing with mutual friends. Everything you say is likely to be reported in detail.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Financial conditions could be a mixed bag for you today, owing to the possibility that you may put out more than you've got coming in. Try to be a better manager of your funds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you expect cohorts to do something a certain way, first be explicit with the instructions of what you want at this time. People aren't mind readers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Although you like to communicate, keeping secrets today may not necessarily be one of your strong points. Watch what you say or you could inadvertently reveal a confidence to others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone whose affairs are presently complicated may try to draw you into his or her sticky situation of which you won't want to be party. Give a wide berth to this person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) No one is apt to give out trophies today for who is the greatest at this or that, so don't introduce competitive elements into your involvements with others where none is called for.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you take an unyielding position today, your listeners are apt to do the same. You'd be better served to keep to yourself views or opinions that are opposite to your colleague's.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Disappointment is extremely likely by counting on friends or family to do something for you that you can perfectly well do yourself. They'll not be in a serving mood.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Making any major decision under pressure or in a hasty manner today could be a big mistake. If you guess wrong, you may create an additional problem that'll have to be unraveled.

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For families with more than 5 children, please attach a separate sheet of paper.)

Toys will be picked up from the Girl Scout Hut (2501 35th Street) on Thursday, December 23, 1999. Each family will be notified by phone of their pick up time, so please list a phone #. Only adults will be allowed to pick up toys. Please send all applications to: **TOYS FOR TOTS, c/o Judi Martin, 3106 Hill Avenue, Snyder, Texas 79549-3845. For more information, call 573-3525 or 573-6725. Applications will be accepted through Saturday, December 18, 1999.**

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Presidential candidates wage war on Internet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Web surfers can view an Al Gore television advertisement, check out baby pictures from the Bush family album and make a credit card contribution to just about any presidential candidate.

In a shift that is transforming politics, the presidential hopefuls have seized on the Internet to cheaply generate grass-roots support, raise money and introduce themselves to voters.

Internet users who want to write a letter to the editor supporting Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, simply can visit his Internet site, which provides links to 59 newspapers around the country.

Reserved on the campaign trail, Republican presidential hopeful Steve Forbes is a bit edgier in the new world of Internet politics, where his campaign e-mail blithely refers to George W. Bush as a "reformed playboy."

With just a few clicks, the Forbes campaign sent 42,000 people a copy of a recent column mocking the GOP front-runner for a "drunken college escapade" — an attack leveled below the radar of traditional political observers.

"There's a certain stealthfulness to the Internet," said Rick Segal, who directs Forbes' Internet strategy. "It's a new form of campaign warfare."

Every presidential candidate has a Web site, making it easier than ever for voters to find an unprecedented amount of information.

Campaigns also using e-mail to rally their troops, announce events and point out press clippings that shower their candidate with praise or blast the opposition.

Few readers outside of Iowa see the Waterloo Courier. But Forbes' campaign was only too happy to spread one of its columns mocking a speech Bush gave to teen-agers that recounted a "drunken college escapade when he stole a Christmas wreath."

The columnist, Eric Stern, quotes Bush as saying: "The mistake was drinking too much and thinking I was invisible." Stern then adds: "Maybe the Ivy League grad meant to say 'invincible,' and maybe those kids will learn the real lesson about how the criminal justice system works for rich, white men another day.

"Pay attention kids: Don't screw around, or you'll go to Yale University, own a baseball team, serve as the Texas governor and run for president one day."

With the help of a growing number of political Web consultants, the cyber-battle has reached all levels of the campaign.

That includes fund raising, where Democrat Bill Bradley leads the pack with more than $1 million raised over the Internet. Other campaigns are taking in hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Campaigns also are letting people feel like they are on the inside.

Bush, for instance, offers audio snippets of him teasing reporters on his inaugural trip to Iowa. "Please store your expectations securely in the overhead bin," Bush tells reporters, who laugh back.

"It's one of the fastest growing mediums in politics and it's getting our undivided attention," said Greg Sedberry, who is managing Bush's Web site. "It's now a question of who's winning the e-race, the e-campaign."

Bush has collected tens of thousands of e-mail addresses, though his campaign just sent its first message out this week.

Forbes has a sophisticated operation. Volunteers who recruit their friends can be captains of their very own "e-precincts," or — if they sign up enough people — can join the "e-national committee."

Sen. John McCain's team sends a daily e-mail to some 30,000 subscribers. The messages from the Arizona Republican's campaign range from trumpeting his rise in the New Hampshire polls to encouraging people to attend a small brunch for his wife, Cindy, in Seattle.

Debbie Hood did just that. An enthusiastic Republican, she was turned off by Bush and looking for another candidate. She went to McCain's Web site, learned about his background, and signed up for daily e-mail.

Even though she is a precinct committeewoman, active in local GOP politics, Mrs. Hood had not heard about the brunch until she got the e-mail.

"If anyone should have known about it, I should have, and the only way I found out about it was through the Internet," she said. "I thought it was rather ironic."

Now she is signed up with the McCain team and ready to volunteer.

E-mail provides a particularly potent way to keep in touch with an unlimited number of backers. Virtually every campaign Web site gives people a chance to sign up, allowing candidates to build massive lists of people who are interested in their message.

"It's free direct mail," said Steve Rabinowitz, a Democratic consultant who backs Gore.

Forbes' Web site asks visitors what issues they care most about, along with demographic questions like education level and income. The campaign plans to use this information to target different messages to different groups.

His campaign also is considering buying e-mail lists from companies that collect addresses, although other campaigns worry that an unsolicited e-mail — known as spam — might turn voters off.

Write documents in plain English, legal experts say

(AP) — For centuries, legal documents have been filled with the kind of stilted language used when President Clinton's impeachment trial ended early this year.

In a long and meandering sentence, the Senate "ordered and adjudged" that Clinton "be, and he is hereby, acquitted of the charges in this said article." In other words, the Senate let him off the hook.

But it does not have to be that way, say legal experts who suggest writing in plain English.

Too many lawyers use "words on steroids — artificially puffed-up ways of expressing ideas," says Bryan A. Garner, editor-in-chief of Black's Law Dictionary.

Using clear language, he says, "will give you power as a writer. ... Good legal writing makes readers feel smart. Bad legal writing makes readers feel stupid."

Plain-English advocates say many documents — wills, contractors, even airplane emergency-exit row cards — can be written so that ordinary people can understand them.

"Legal issues well presented are inevitably interesting, not boring," Garner told new lawyers for the Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue law firm during a seminar this month in Washington.

Through his Dallas-based Law-Prose company, Garner travels the country teaching lawyers and judges how to eliminate the mumbo-jumbo from their writing.

He and others are campaigning against writing they consider overdone, such as the long-standing use of "give, devise and bequeath" in wills.

"I defy any lawyer to find a case where a judge says it's not good enough to say 'I give my car to my sister,'" said Joseph Kimble, a professor at the Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich.

President Clinton last year ordered use of common, everyday words in federal documents that explain how to get a benefit or service — or how to comply with an agency requirement.

"By using plain language, we send a clear message about what the government is doing, what it requires and what services it offers," Clinton wrote in announcing the initiative. "Plain language saves the government and the private sector time, effort and money."

U.S. District Judge Lynn N. Hughes of Texas says lawyers too often "string together legal cliches and buzzwords from the factual context of their case in a random mush."

"I ask people if they talk that way with their children," Hughes said, offering as an example, "I have fixed breakfast and the same is on the kitchen table."

The judge said he would never rule against someone because of badly written court briefs. "But there's no real way to tell how many marginal points were lost because they were not effectively conveyed," he added.

Seattle University law professor Laurel Oates said consumers want documents "they can pick up and understand." She is co-founder of the Legal Writing Institute, an organization of plain-English advocates.

Some legal writing has become standard because lawyers re-use language already tested in court, she said. Also, some phrases are intentionally ambiguous — such as "due process" — to allow flexibility from one generation to the next.

Some phrases, such as the oath to tell "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth" are used to convey a sense of gravity in the courtroom. "A little bit of mystique is good; it gives a little bit of prestige to the law," Oates said.

One unnecessary phrase in many documents, just before the signature line, is, "in witness whereof the parties have affixed their signature." Kimble said.

The phrase, "know all men by these presents" often is used at the beginning of important documents. "We have no clue what this means," Oates said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 11-26-99
♠ J 7 5 3
♥ 8 5
♦ A K 4
♣ A 7 6 2

West
♠ A K
♥ Q 7 6 2
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ 9 8 3

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

South
♠ Q 10 9 8 6 2
♥ A J 10
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 5

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Moving below the equator

By Phillip Alder

Australian Bridge, which changed ownership earlier this year, used to be bimonthly, but is now monthly. It is in a large-page format and contains material for everyone.

Here's a declarer-play problem described by Australian international Paul Lavings. How would you maneuver in four spades? West leads the diamond queen. What do you think of the auction?

South opened with a weak two-bid, showing a respectable six-card suit and 6-10 high-card points. That suit is a little weaker than normal, but especially when nonvulnerable, one is permitted a little leeway. Should West make a takeout double? He has fine distribution, but with seven of his 12 points in spades, I think the pass is technically correct. North's four spades is aggressive; my guess is that a computer simulation would show the contract fails more often than not. And since North has three solid defensive tricks, he is possibly turning a plus into a minus. Yet the game bonus is a powerful bait.

South is faced with four losers: two spades, one heart and one diamond. He could try leading the spade jack from the dummy, hoping East will naively cover from king-doubleton. But it is much better to hope that East has at least one heart honor. After winning with dummy's diamond king, immediately play a heart to the jack. Here, presumably West wins with the queen and perseveres in diamonds. Win with dummy's ace, then take a second heart finesse. When it works, discard dummy's remaining diamond on the heart ace and play a trump.

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Date Book

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Today is the 330th day of 1999 and the 65th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1864, "Alice in Wonderland," by Lewis Carroll, was first published.

On this day in 1966, sales of the single "I'm a Believer," by The Monkees, earned a gold record for the group.

On this day in 1988, members of the group Pink Floyd watched a French-Soviet space launch at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in the Soviet Union.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Sarah Grimke (1792-1873), anti-slavery and women's-rights activist; Eric Sevareid (1912-1992), broadcast journalist; Charles M. Schulz (1922-), cartoonist, is 77; Robert Goulet (1933-), singer-actor, is 66; Rich Little (1938-), impressionist, is 61; Tina Turner (1938-), singer, is 61.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, O.J. Simpson of the University of Southern California won the Heisman Trophy.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I am inclined to think, when we are admitted to studying Greek and Hebrew, we shall produce some various readings of the Bible a little different from those we now have." — Sarah Grimke

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Nov. 23) and last quarter (Nov. 29).

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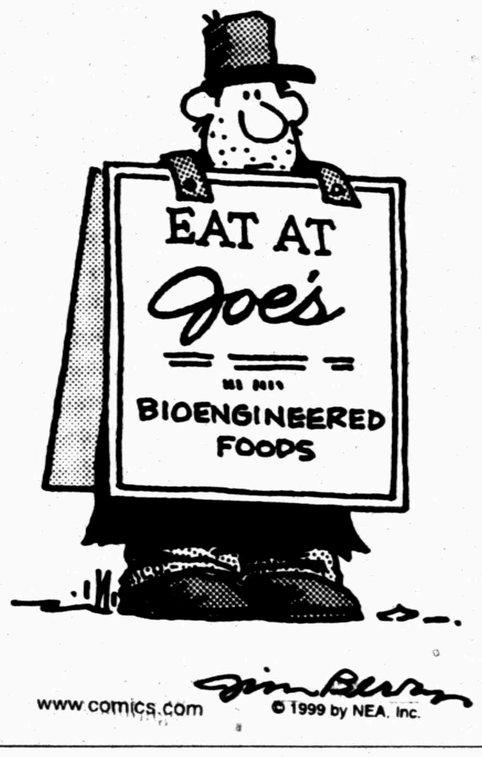

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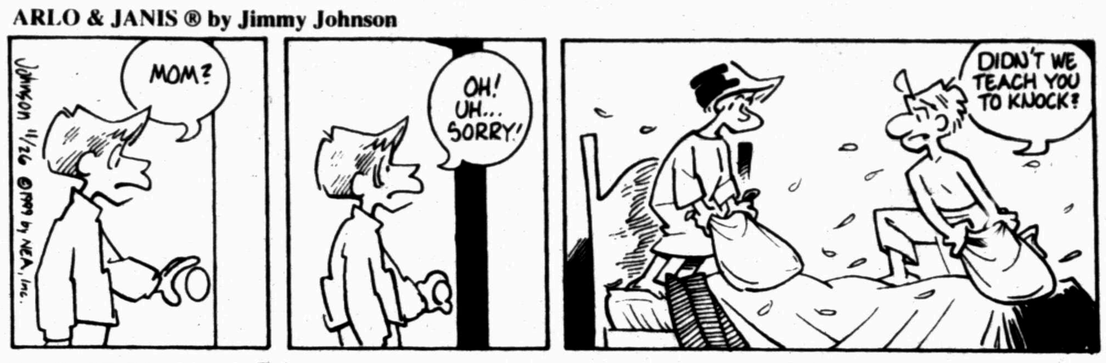

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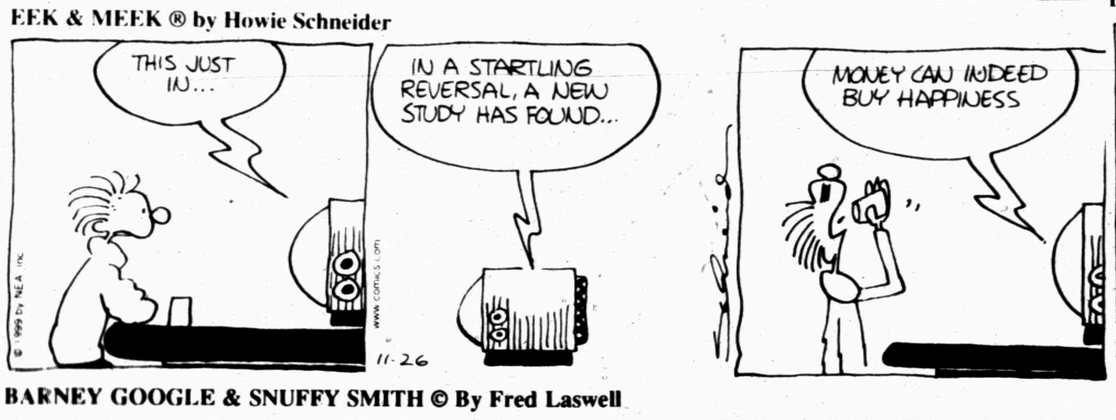

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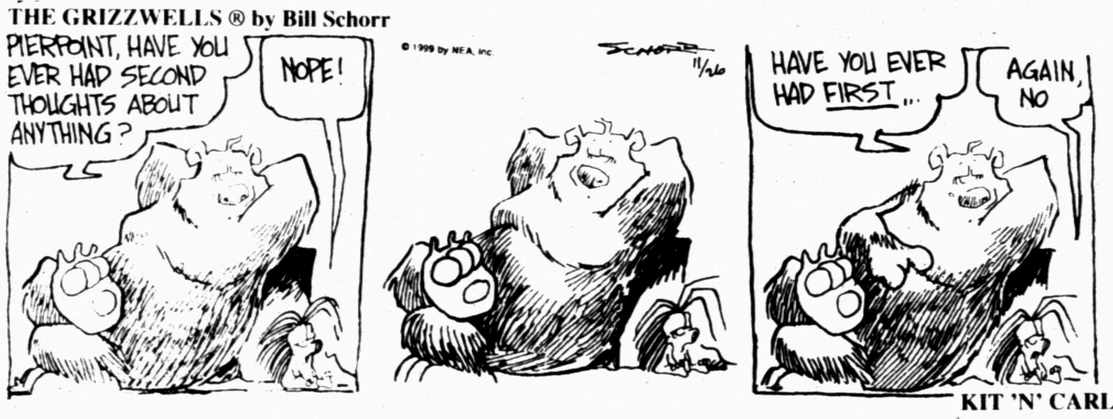

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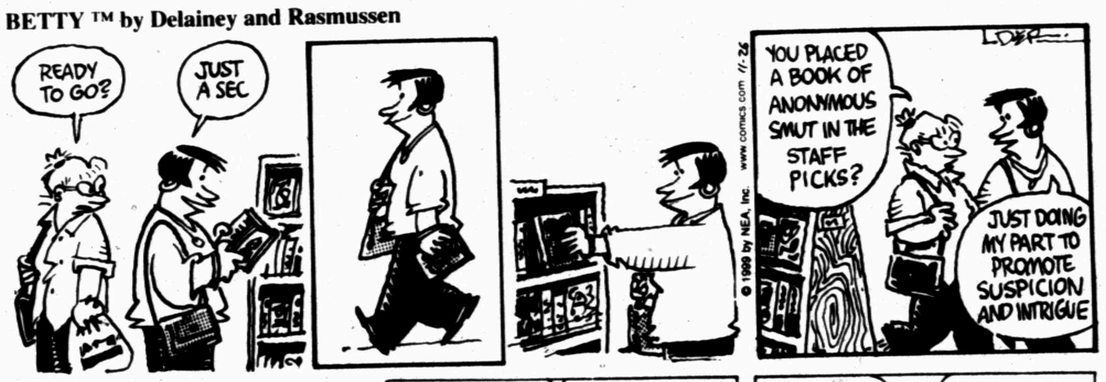

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ACROSS

1 Type of spoon
7 Glass ingredient
13 Plaza Hotel girl
14 Secret wedding participant
15 Slip by (as time)
16 Actress Anita —
17 Failure
18 Atty.'s deg.
20 Labor-union group (abbr.)
21 River in Belgium
23 Actor Mineo
24 Map direction
25 Esau's country
27 Stab
29 Possessive pronoun
31 Gun grp.
32 Mao — -tung
33 Car's need
34 Midday nap
37 Navigator Ericson
40 Peel
41 Arab garment
43 — avis
45 Cricket positions
46 Comparative ending
47 Koppel or Turner
48 Arabian kettledrum
51 Put away
54 Charles S. Robb's place
55 Become electrically charged
56 Earthquake
57 Typewriter part

DOWN

1 Run-down
2 Maltreat
3 Sloshed
4 CEO, e.g.
5 Highway curve
6 Film holders
7 Young tree
8 Sort
9 Tennis shot
10 Medicinal root
11 Cherry-colored
12 Jargon
19 One racing circuit
22 — out (removed)
24 Chalkboard necessity
26 Make untidy
28 Of a time
30 Clothing-store owner, e.g.
34 Geological deposit
35 Mad
36 President Lincoln
38 Of medicine
39 "Don't move!"
40 Celebrity dinner
42 Poetry term
44 Viper
49 Emeril's word
50 From — — Z
52 Spinning toy
53 "— — Clear Day"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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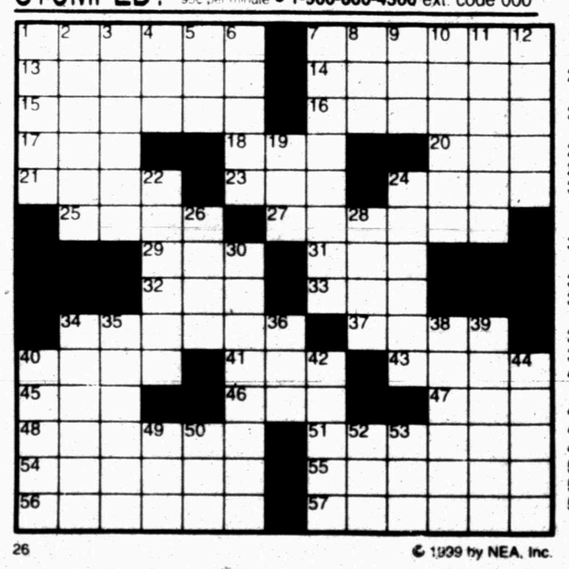

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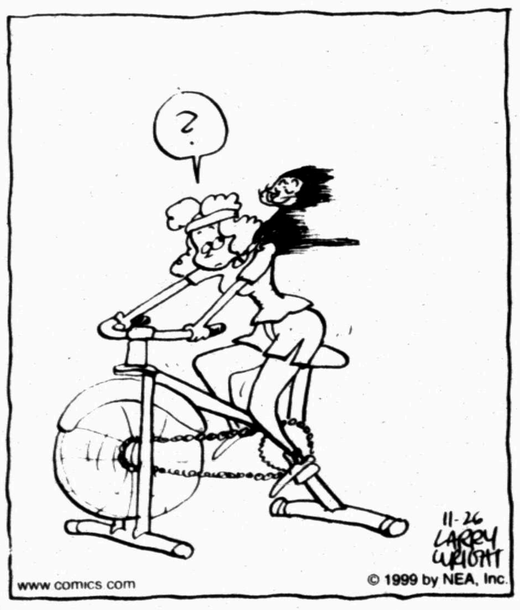

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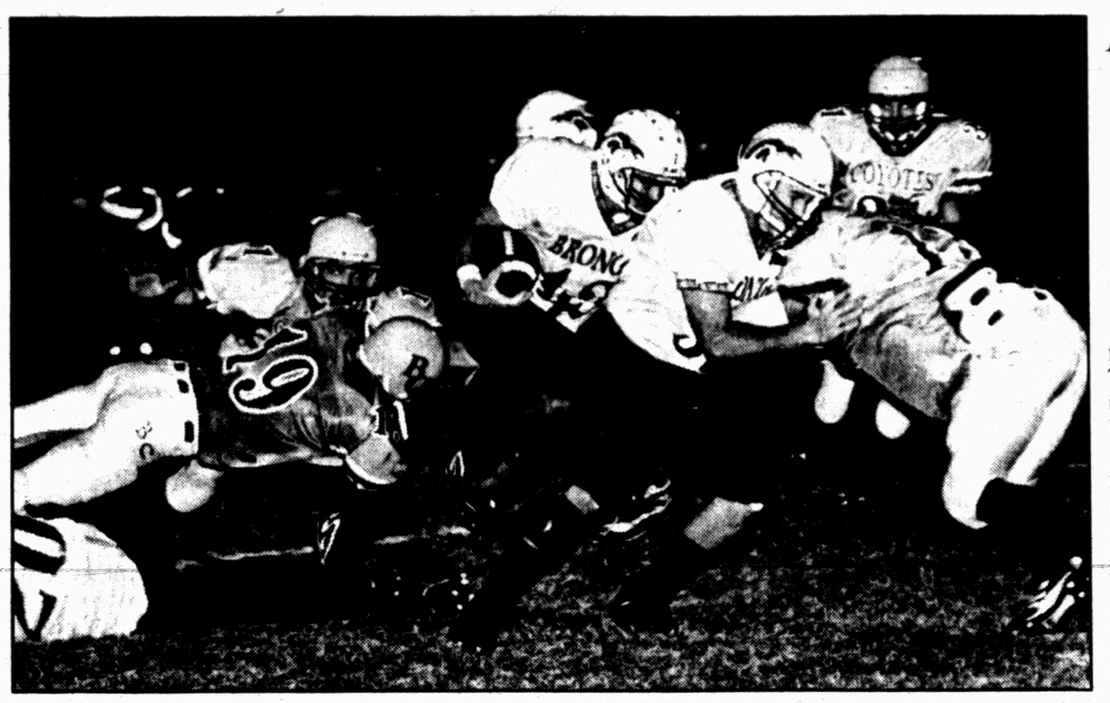

SURROUNDED BY COYOTES — Borden County's Ed Rodriguez (19) dives at the legs of Meadow runner Jake Davis, while other Coyotes move in to assist during six-man bi-district action earlier this year. Borden County's defense has stepped up in the postseason, surrendering an average of only 14 points per game. The next step for the Coyotes comes Saturday night when they take on Groom in a state quarterfinal contest at 6 p.m. in Floydada. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hokies, Huskers racing for berth in championship game

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

Florida State might have to wait a little longer to see which team it will play for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4.

No. 2 Virginia Tech (10-0) and No. 3 Nebraska (9-1) are the top contenders. But if the Hokies beat No. 22 Boston College (8-2) and the Huskers beat Colorado (6-4) in today's games, the No. 1 Seminoles still won't know who their opponent until Nebraska plays No. 7 Texas in the Big 12 title game on Dec. 4, with the Bowl Championship Series standings having the final say on Dec. 5.

The No. 1 Seminoles (11-0) completed their season last week.

What if Virginia Tech and Nebraska both lose? Then Tennessee, Florida and Kansas State are among the teams that could move into title contention.

"We've got to come out like we've done all season long prepared to play the game of our life," Tech defensive end Corey Moore said. "We win that game and we're playing for the national championship. I firmly believe that.

"I think it would be just an absolute tragedy if we don't get a chance to play for the national championship."

The Huskers are trying to focus on Colorado instead of figuring out how they can move ahead of the Hokies in the BCS standings.

"There has not been any talk amongst our team about anything other than Colorado," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. "I have not heard one word uttered."

In other Top 25 games today, it's No. 7 Texas at No. 24 Texas A&M; Ohio at No. 12 Marshall; No. 17 Arkansas at LSU; and No. 25 Louisiana Tech at Southern California.

On Saturday, it's Vanderbilt at No. 6 Tennessee; and No. 16 Georgia at No. 20 Georgia Tech.

No. 18 Mississippi St. beat No. 23 Mississippi 23-20 on Thursday night.

The Hokies are shooting for the second perfect season in school history, the first since 1918 when they were 7-0.

So far Virginia Tech has dispatched the previously ranked teams it has played this season — 31-7 over Virginia, 62-0 over Syracuse, and 43-10 over Miami.

Tech, which leads the nation in scoring at 41.7 points per game, is directed by redshirt freshman quarterback Michael Vick, who has 1,550 yards and nine TDs passing, 504 yards and seven TDs rushing.

The Eagles, behind quarterback Tim Hasselbeck and running back Cedric Washington, are having quite a season themselves. Right now BC is headed to the insight.com Bowl, but could move up to the Gator Bowl with an upset.

"I said after the Syracuse game that our kids have hearts as big as oceans," O'Brien said, referring to BC's 24-23 win over the Orangemen on Oct. 30. "They're going to play hard, and that's all we can ask of them. Then you go out there and either you're good enough or you're not. Fortunately, we've found ways to win."

Virginia Tech has won the last three meetings, with BC managing a total of 14 points.

Nebraska has a seven-game winning streak over Colorado, but the past three games have been close. The Huskers won by two points last year, three points in '97 and five points in '96.

Quarterback Eric Crouch leads the offense ranked sixth nationally in rushing at 260.1 yards per game, while the defense is second in yards allowed (234.5) and third in points allowed (11.4). Crouch, who ran for 158 yards and two TDs in the Huskers' 41-15 win over Kansas State two weeks ago, has 694 yards and 13 TDs rushing.

Bowl berths are on the line in several other games Saturday: Pittsburgh (5-5) at West Virginia (3-7), Syracuse (6-4) at Miami (6-4), Oklahoma State (5-5) at Oklahoma (6-4), and Arizona (6-5) at Arizona State (5-5).

Notre Dame (5-6) tries to avoid its first losing season since 1986 when it visits Pac-10 champion Stanford (7-3).

Lions hang on for win over Bears

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Gus Frerotte threw two touchdown passes as Detroit jumped to a 21-0 lead, then held on for a 21-17 Thanksgiving Day win over the Chicago Bears, giving the Lions a half-game lead in the NFC Central.

Frerotte completed 29 of 42 passes for 309 yards without an interception. He hooked up with Germane Crowell for a 45-yard touchdown and hit Johnnie Morton with a 2-yarder. Greg Hill rushed for 68 yards, including a 29-yard TD romp for Detroit.

The Bears' Jim Miller was 25 of 37 for 204 yards with one interception and had a 3-yard touchdown pass to Alonzo Mayes and a 23-yarder to Marty Booker.

The Lions scored on their fourth snap as Frerotte hit Crowell on a slant. Detroit then drove 73 yards in six plays, taking a 14-0 lead.

NFL Glance

All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Indianapolis	8	2	0	.800	294	198
Miami	8	3	0	.727	219	203
Buffalo	7	4	0	.636	211	166
New England	6	4	0	.600	225	201
N.Y. Jets	4	6	0	.400	167	174
Central						
Jacksonville	9	1	0	.900	257	102
Tennessee	8	2	0	.800	206	181
Pittsburgh	5	5	0	.500	182	140
Baltimore	4	6	0	.400	173	181
Cleveland	2	9	0	.182	116	284
Cincinnati	1	10	0	.091	161	336
West						
Seattle	8	2	0	.800	236	164
Kansas City	5	5	0	.500	219	167
Oakland	5	5	0	.500	206	189
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	156	217
Denver	4	7	0	.364	221	226
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Washington	6	4	0	.600	310	270
Dallas	6	5	0	.545	255	182
N.Y. Giants	5	5	0	.500	170	188
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	128	196
Philadelphia	3	8	0	.273	166	256
Central						
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	239	214
Minnesota	6	4	0	.600	237	199
Tampa Bay	6	4	0	.600	158	138
Green Bay	5	5	0	.500	192	209
Chicago	5	7	0	.417	207	242
West						
St. Louis	8	2	0	.800	323	135
Carolina	4	6	0	.400	227	221
San Francisco	3	7	0	.300	163	281
Atlanta	2	8	0	.200	127	235
New Orleans	2	8	0	.200	170	226

Thursday's Games
Detroit 21, Chicago 17
Dallas 20, Miami 0

Sunday's Games
Arizona at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
New York Jets at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 8:20 p.m.
OPEN: Denver

Monday's Game
Green Bay at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

NBA Glance

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	9	3	.750	—
Boston	7	5	.583	2
Orlando	6	6	.500	3
New York	6	7	.462	3½
Philadelphia	5	8	.385	4½
Washington	4	8	.333	5
New Jersey	2	10	.167	7
Central Division				
Charlotte	7	5	.583	—
Milwaukee	7	5	.583	—
Toronto	7	5	.583	—
Detroit	6	6	.500	1
Indiana	6	6	.500	1
Cleveland	5	5	.500	1
Atlanta	4	8	.333	3
Chicago	1	10	.091	5½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	10	3	.769	—
Utah	7	5	.583	2½
Minnesota	5	4	.556	3
Denver	5	5	.500	3½
Dallas	4	9	.308	6
Vancouver	3	8	.273	6
Houston	3	10	.231	7
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	8	1	.889	1
Portland	11	2	.846	—
Seattle	9	3	.750	1½
L.A. Lakers	9	4	.692	2
Phoenix	8	4	.667	2½
L.A. Clippers	4	7	.364	6
Golden State	2	8	.200	7½

Wednesday's Games
San Antonio 121, Boston 98
Washington 101, Philadelphia 93
Charlotte 89, Vancouver 73
Miami 93, Atlanta 91
Orlando 112, Dallas 100
Milwaukee 102, Chicago 95
Portland 88, Minnesota 81
Denver 109, Toronto 84
New Jersey 92, Golden State 84
L.A. Lakers 90, Utah 82

Thursday's Game
Detroit 107, Indiana 99

Friday's Games
Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 8 p.m.
Chicago at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Utah, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
New Jersey at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL Glance

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Philadelphia	12	8	3	1	28	68	52
New Jersey	11	7	3	1	26	55	48
N.Y. Rangers	7	12	3	1	18	52	63
Pittsburgh	6	10	3	3	18	59	60
N.Y. Islanders	5	10	3	0	13	38	55
Northeast Division							
Ottawa	13	8	1	1	28	64	49
Toronto	12	8	3	1	28	65	49
Boston	11	7	5	0	27	62	54
Buffalo	10	10	2	0	22	63	61
Montreal	8	14	1	1	18	48	61
Southeast Division							
Florida	11	8	2	2	26	54	52
Carolina	9	8	5	0	23	49	53
Washington	7	9	4	1	19	53	61
Tampa Bay	8	12	1	1	18	59	69
Atlanta	5	13	2	1	13	49	77
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
Detroit	13	6	3	1	30	71	48
St. Louis	13	7	2	0	28	65	50
Nashville	7	12	1	2	17	50	63
Chicago	5	13	4	2	16	53	67
Northwest Division							
Vancouver	10	7	5	1	26	64	68
Colorado	9	10	3	1	22	59	61
Edmonton	6	9	6	3	21	53	54
Calgary	8	12	2	0	18	52	71
Pacific Division							
Los Angeles	13	7	4	1	31	78	63
San Jose	13	10	3	2	31	76	63
Phoenix	13	6	3	0	29	68	54
Anaheim	10	11	2	1	23	58	55
Dallas	9	10	3	1	22	46	50

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 6, Tampa Bay 3
Philadelphia 6, Florida 1
Detroit 4, St. Louis 2
Dallas 3, Los Angeles 2, OT
Chicago 3, Edmonton 2
New Jersey 2, Anaheim 1

Thursday's Games
Phoenix 4, New Jersey 2
Calgary 2, Chicago 1, OT

Friday's Games
Toronto at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Vancouver at Boston, 1:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 4 p.m.
St. Louis at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Washington, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

In Thanksgiving match-up...

Dallas defense feasts on Marino, Dolphins

IRVING (AP) — On a team of first-name-only offensive stars like Troy and Emmitt, it's the defense that's keeping the Dallas Cowboys afloat.

Dallas intercepted Dan Marino five times, with Dexter Coakley returning one of them 46 yards for a game-breaking touchdown in a 20-0 victory over Miami on Thursday.

This was the fourth game the Cowboys defense scored a touchdown. Dallas (6-5) has won only twice without points from the guys whose main duty is to stop the other team from scoring.

"We're getting better every week," defensive coordinator Dave Campo said. "When you win the turnover battle, you give your team a chance to win."

The Dolphins (8-3) lost for the second time in three games to fall a half-game behind Indianapolis in the AFC East. It was the first time Miami was shut out in nearly two years.

"I think Dan was rusty, which is to be expected since he hasn't played in six weeks," said coach Jimmy Johnson, who was surprisingly calm after losing in his return to Texas Stadium. "We just weren't as sharp offensively as we needed to be."

Dallas remained unbeaten in five home games and moved within a half-game of Washington in the NFC East.

The Cowboys' offense was in its sixth straight scoreless quarter Thursday when Coakley provide the kickstart they needed.

Marino began forcing passes, leading to interceptions on three straight drives in the fourth quarter, Coakley had the final one.

"Dan is a future Hall of Famer who keeps his poise," Coakley said. "We didn't know if we had him rattled."

Miami's best drive went to the Dallas 9 in the second quarter. It ended when Marino's lob to rookie Nate Jacquet in the corner of the end zone was tipped by safety George Teague and caught by Deion Sanders. Sanders also had the first of the three fourth-quarter interceptions.

"I had never got him before," said Sanders, who made the 43rd and 44th interceptions of his career. "I really wanted one because I felt this might be the last time I have a chance to get him."

Marino was playing for the first time since he left a game in New England on Oct. 17 because of a pinched nerve in his neck. The layoff left him with bad aim, little touch and without his usual arm strength.

The result: 14-of-35 for 176 yards and as many interceptions in four quarters as he'd thrown in five previous games.

"I didn't have the feel in the pocket," Marino said. "I was just missing guys because my timing was off."

Dolphins kicker Olindo Mare also was off.

Mare, who had made field goals in a team record-tying 20 straight games and entered the game 29-of-32 this season, missed from 52 and 47 yards and had a 47-yarder blocked.

The game was scoreless until Coakley's big play midway through the third quarter.

The speedy linebacker was roaming between Rob Konrad and Yatil Green when the ball went right to him. He then followed a convoy of blockers down the left side to easily score Dallas' fifth defensive touchdown this year.

"I don't think Dan saw me buzzing out there," said Coakley, who is generously listed at 5-foot-10. "He just threw it in my hands."

The Cowboys broke it open in the fourth quarter with two field goals from Richie Cunningham and a 65-yard touchdown pass from Aikman to Raghib Ismail.

Battling leukemia

Landry goes home for holiday

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry was able to spend Thanksgiving with his family.

Landry was released four days earlier from a Dallas hospital where he was undergoing treatment for his leukemia.

Although the family was gathering for Thanksgiving dinner, the guest list was short because the chemotherapy has suppressed Landry's immune system, leaving him more vulnerable to infection.

"He doesn't hurt or anything. He walks in the evening," Landry's wife, Alicia, said. "When the weather's nice, we walk outside."

Landry left Baylor University Medical Center on Sunday after receiving chemotherapy, Mrs. Landry said.

Landry was set to remain under outpatient care. Mrs. Landry said her husband is awaiting a follow-up examination to determine the results of the chemotherapy.

Landry, 75, has been under treatment since May for acute myelogenous leukemia, also known as AML, a cancer that impairs the production of blood cells.

Tests showed in August that the disease had at least been brought to the stage of temporary remission, but that more treatments were necessary.

Earlier this month, Mrs. Landry said her husband had not yet entered a state of remission.

Landry, who led Dallas to five Super Bowl appearances and two victories, was too weak to attend an October banquet at which he and former Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach were honored with Lifetime Achievement awards.

Landry coached the Cowboys for 29 years, beginning with the initial season of the franchise in 1960. His final season was 1988, and he was fired after Jerry Jones bought the team in 1989.

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Tom Landry Jr. has said he remains "cautiously optimistic" his father will enter into remission.

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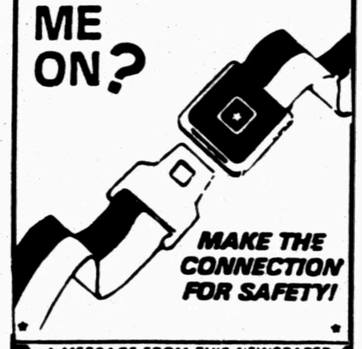

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By the time the Garfield balloon passed, however, Wolf was happily watching the nation's oldest Thanksgiving Day parade from a lawn chair on the curb.

"It's a lot bigger than you think," said Wolf's mother, Denise Trumbauer. "I think it was a little overwhelming. We had to get him closer in stages. But now he likes it."

Across the nation on Thursday, millions of Americans celebrated their unique holiday by gathering for an overwhelming meal, a prayer of thanks and a hand offered to those less fortunate.

Thousands of victims of Hurricane Floyd floodwaters in North Carolina managed to celebrate Thanksgiving with their faith undiminished by heartbreak.

"There are three things I'm thankful for," said James Noble, whose home was destroyed and who now lives in a trailer. "I'm thankful for my life and then my family and then that I still have hope. Hope is the future."

Many of Floyd's victims gathered in Rocky Mount, N.C., for a Thanksgiving church service attended by civil rights leaders the Rev. Al Sharpton and Martin Luther King III.

"We don't want America to forget that even though the waters are gone, the conditions remain the same," Sharpton said during his sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Along the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade route in New York City, a sea of umbrellas mingled with defiant smiles as drizzle dampened crowds a dozen deep.

"We're crazy," George Formby happily conceded as a giant bee balloon drifted above. Soon, however, Formby and his family, headed back to their hotel — "because we're not that crazy."

In Plymouth, Mass., the holiday had a more somber tone as more than 100 American Indians and their supporters marched to protest the poor treatment of Indians.

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Engineers overcome setback to salvage much of mission

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Jupiter's intense radiation briefly crippled NASA's Galileo spacecraft on Thursday by resetting an onboard computer during the closest-ever pass above the fiery moon of Io, but engineers managed to salvage most of the mission by quickly transmitting new commands.

Four hours before Galileo was scheduled to pass 186 miles above Io, Jupiter's radiation triggered a fault in the onboard computer's memory, shutting down all nonessential operations aboard the craft, said Jane Platt, a spokeswoman for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The same problem occurred during an Oct. 10 flyby over the volatile moon, she said. JPL engineers in both cases scrambled to create new commands to allow the spacecraft computer to work around the problem.

Late Thursday, the craft made its closest approach after traveling 386 million miles, its signal reaching Earth 35 minutes later.

"With so little time to spare, it would have been easy to think, 'There's no way can we do this,'" said Galileo project manager Jim Erickson. "But our team members jumped to the challenge, in some cases leaving behind half-eaten Thanksgiving dinners."

Galileo's functions were restored about 8:45 p.m. PST, but that was still enough time to complete more than half the mission's objectives, Platt said.

It will take several weeks for all of the information it collected to be transmitted to Earth.

The small spacecraft, which is working two years after the end of its primary mission, continued to function normally late Thursday and NASA officials are considering extending its mission even further, Platt said.

Galileo's closest looks at Io were scheduled near the end of its extended mission because of the high risk of harm to spacecraft systems. Planners weighed the risk against the opportunity to gather high-resolution images and other data about Io's volcanoes and plumes.

Several onboard systems were damaged during the October flyby of Io, which circles Jupiter in an orbit bathed in the powerful radiation of the solar system's biggest planet.

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			Alltel	87 7-16 86⅞ 87 1-16+ 1-16
			AmerOnline s	85¾ 84 84 1-16— 7-16
			AndarkPtr	30¼ 30 1-16 30 5-16—11-16
			AtlRichfld	95 7-16 93 3-16 94⅛+ 9-16
			ATMOS Egy	22¼ 22 3-16 22 5-16— 3-16
			Aviall	7 9-16 7⅛ 7⅛— 3-16
			BP Amoco s	60 15-16 60¼ 60 5-16+ 5-16
			BakerHughes	26¼ 25 5-16 25⅜—1 1-16
			Bank of Amer 6	60 15-16 59 13-16 60 13-16+13-1
			BellAtl	63 1-16 62⅛ 62⅞+ ⅞
			BellSouth s	43 7-16 42 15-16 43 7-16+ ⅛
			BethSteel	6⅛ 6 1-16 6 1-16
			BurlNoSFe	29 28¼ 28 15-16+ ¼
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SERVICE PINS — Several members of the Snyder Fire Department received service pins Tuesday night at the department's annual Thanksgiving banquet. Pictured left is Bobby Hattaway, 20 years; and Malcolm Crawford, 10 years. Walter Banks, 15 years; and Phil Robinson, 5 years, were unable to attend. Ronnie Clawson, 20 years, also is not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)

100 PERCENT ATTENDANCE — These members of the Snyder Fire Department received certificates for 100 percent attendance at training events. The awards were presented during the department's 70th annual Thanksgiving banquet. Pictured front row are Leonard Keller, Matt Cave, Tommy Guynes, Doug Scott and Jack Callaway. Back row are Phillip Kincheloe, Kenneth Wood, Albert "Snuffy" Canon and Kyle Cox. (SDN Staff Photo)

SPECIAL AWARDS — Snyder Fire Department member Darby Scott (left) was presented the Melvin Newton Award Tuesday night at the department's 70th annual Thanksgiving awards banquet. Ronna Posey was the recipient of the officer's award. (SDN Staff Photo)

Candles honor victims

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — In a state in love with football, it is every year's biggest college game: Texas A&M University versus University of Texas.

But Friday's game seems almost an afterthought following the deadly Nov. 18 collapse of the annual pre-game bonfire tower on the A&M campus.

A&M students and alumni who normally would have gathered on campus to light the bonfire Thursday night instead quietly lighted candles to honor the 11 students and one recent graduate who died when the four-story tower of logs collapsed.

"We talk quite frequently here about the bond that Aggies have for one another, and sometimes it becomes kind of a company line that you don't put a lot of stock in," A&M coach R.C. Slocum said. "It's always there, but in times like this you can really see it."

Heaps of maroon roses sagged over the fallen bonfire logs as the growing crowd walked around its muddy perimeter. Many paused to read rain-faded sympathy notes and hugged one another.

At the University of Texas, the traditional "hex rally" — a ceremony aimed at bringing bad luck to their rival — was canceled. Instead, the school held a unity rally Monday along with 40 busloads of A&M students.

Among those planning to attend the candlelight vigil was Dominic Braus, who was released from a hospital Thursday, one week after he was injured in the bonfire collapse.

The football rivalry is imbedded in the heart of Texans, said University of Texas student Aaron Schmidt.

At the game, Texas A&M players will wear a memorial patch on their uniforms, flags will fly at half-staff and two ribbons will be painted over the Texas A&M logos on the field.

On turkey day, thoughts of Texas soldiers wander home

CERNICA, Yugoslavia (AP) — From the top floor of the burned-out hotel that serves as his guard tower, Sgt. Jonathan Bookman gazed through camouflage netting at the charred houses and cow paths that make up this Kosovo village.

Thanksgiving is just another day for a small American army contingent holed up in this charred hulk of an old hotel in Cernica. But those serving in this remote village, whose name means 'Black Spot' in Serbian, are trying not to think about families, turkey and especially football.

"On days like today, you really miss your family," Bookman, 24, of Kemp, Texas, said, speaking for himself and his five comrades who are keeping the peace in the southern Serbian province that has been devastated by months of warfare and bloodshed.

"It's just another day in Kosovo," Bookman said. "It's not the first time we've been far away from home."

The soldiers who are on 12-hour duty will have to wait all day for their servings of turkey and mashed potatoes as well as their chance to find out the score of the Dallas-Miami game.

It's lonely here, with only a generator to power a light bulb in every room and space heaters to keep out the below-freezing temperatures. Worse though is being so far away from home and all the things that can make a holiday like Thanksgiving special.

The day was brightened only by the visit of an American Red Cross worker who brought a milk crate full of candy bars, playing cards and crime novels.

Staff Sgt. Cody Waits, 29, of Cleburne, Texas, was thinking about what everyone else was doing back home. "I'm going to miss the Dallas Cowboys football game. That's a family tradition. But I don't have any regrets for being here. And I don't think any of my soldiers do either."

The soldiers who are guarding 486 houses and 750 people say they are committed to their mission of keeping peace and security in a village where 40 percent of the population are Serbs.

Kosovo Serbs' ranks have been dwindling in the months following the arrival of international peacekeepers because of acts of violence committed against them by ethnic Albanians. The Albanians have been trying to get even for an 18-month crackdown by the Yugoslav military, which pulled out of the province in June following NATO's air campaign.

"The people here really appreciate what we've done," Bookman said. "They treat you like you are some kind of hero. We've changed a lot of things. Hopefully, they'll get back on their feet again and live together as one, the Serbs and the Albanians."

Kosovo was not the only place where U.S. soldiers were spending the holiday away from home.

In Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina, in a huge mess hall filled with decorative cakes and paper cutout pilgrims, NATO's top commander in Europe praised his troops Thursday for a job well done, wished them a happy Thanksgiving, and told them their numbers soon will shrink.

Gen. Wesley Clark spent the day at Eagle Base, headquarters for the American sector in northeast Bosnia, expressing a commander's gratitude on the traditional day of thanks.

"This is part of history," he told a second mess hall crammed with enthusiastic American troops chowing down on turkey.

Clinton golfs, spends holiday at Camp David with family

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton played a round of golf and then joined his family for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains.

The president's holiday began on the golf course, where he and several companions ignored Thursday's overcast skies and chill to get in 18 holes of golf. Clinton was joined by his brother Roger and stepfather Dick Kelley at the Maple Run Golf Course, a 10-minute drive from Camp David near Thurmont, Md.

"Keep warm now," he remarked to onlookers before teeing off, slamming a long, gentle drive to the right center of the fairway.

"I'll play that one," he announced, obviously pleased with his opening shot.

His group was followed by a foursome of Hugh Rodham, the president's brother-in-law; television producer Harry Thomason; Stuart Boxer, husband of Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.; and his son, Doug Boxer.

Clinton returned to Camp David at midafternoon, where he joined his wife, Hillary, and daughter Chelsea for a quiet, traditional dinner.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Freckles are hereditary

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes freckles?

DEAR READER: Freckles are genetically determined, hereditary skin pigmentations that are harmless and do not need treatment. Freckles are most common in redheads. People who freckle are often sensitive to sunlight; ultraviolet radiation usually makes freckles more prominent by stimulating further production of skin pigment. Occasionally, patients with freckles have a tendency to skin cancers, so such people should check with a doctor if their freckles enlarge, darken or bleed. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "What You Should Know About Skin Cancer." 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: We parents constantly try to protect our children from being hurt, yet we hold them down in the pediatrician's office so they can be stuck with needles. Why can't doctors use high-pressure guns instead of injections?

DEAR READER: We all train our children to avoid unnecessary pain or harm. Unfortunately, there are a lot of crazy people out there who want to hurt children in one way or another. Responsible parents are obliged to teach their children methods to prevent pain; for example, don't talk to strangers, don't play with matches, don't start fights, and don't take any substance or drug unless it is administered by a parent or an appropriate health professional.

Some pain in life is inevitable, however. Healthy youngsters have accidents, are used as emotional pawns in divorces, suffer disappointments, and sometimes need injections or blood tests that are uncomfortable. Such medical treatment may involve some pain, but it's also highly beneficial. Modern injections, given properly, are barely noticeable; blood tests should hurt for only a few seconds. There are many reasons why doctors don't use high-pressure vaccination guns: these devices are suitable only for mass inoculations, and there is some pain — especially if the child moves his or her arm at the time of impact. In other words, for routine low-volume childhood inoculations, the guns are not superior to the plain old needle and syringe.

Many parents have successfully emphasized to their children that occasional pain is unavoidable. In medical circumstances, a responsible adult will be present with the child to offer emotional support and comfort. Actually, many of the tears in pediatricians' offices are due more to fear than to pain. I think that it's important for parents to soothe children while helping them accept short-term, necessary discomfort, as well as to protect them from avoidable injury.

Two "don'ts":

— Don't tell your child that he will be taken to the doctor for a shot if he doesn't behave. Such negative conditioning is surprisingly common, even today among enlightened parents. It makes doctor's jobs much more difficult and is likely to turn the child against medical attention. Going to a pediatrician is not punishment; it is a necessary part of health maintenance for growing children.

— Don't promise your child that the doctor won't hurt her. This unrealistic negotiation will put you in a bad light if your child does, indeed, require medical testing. It also reduces your credibility. Be honest and objective. By doing so, you'll discover that the tears don't last long. More important, your child will continue to respect and trust you and rely on your judgment.

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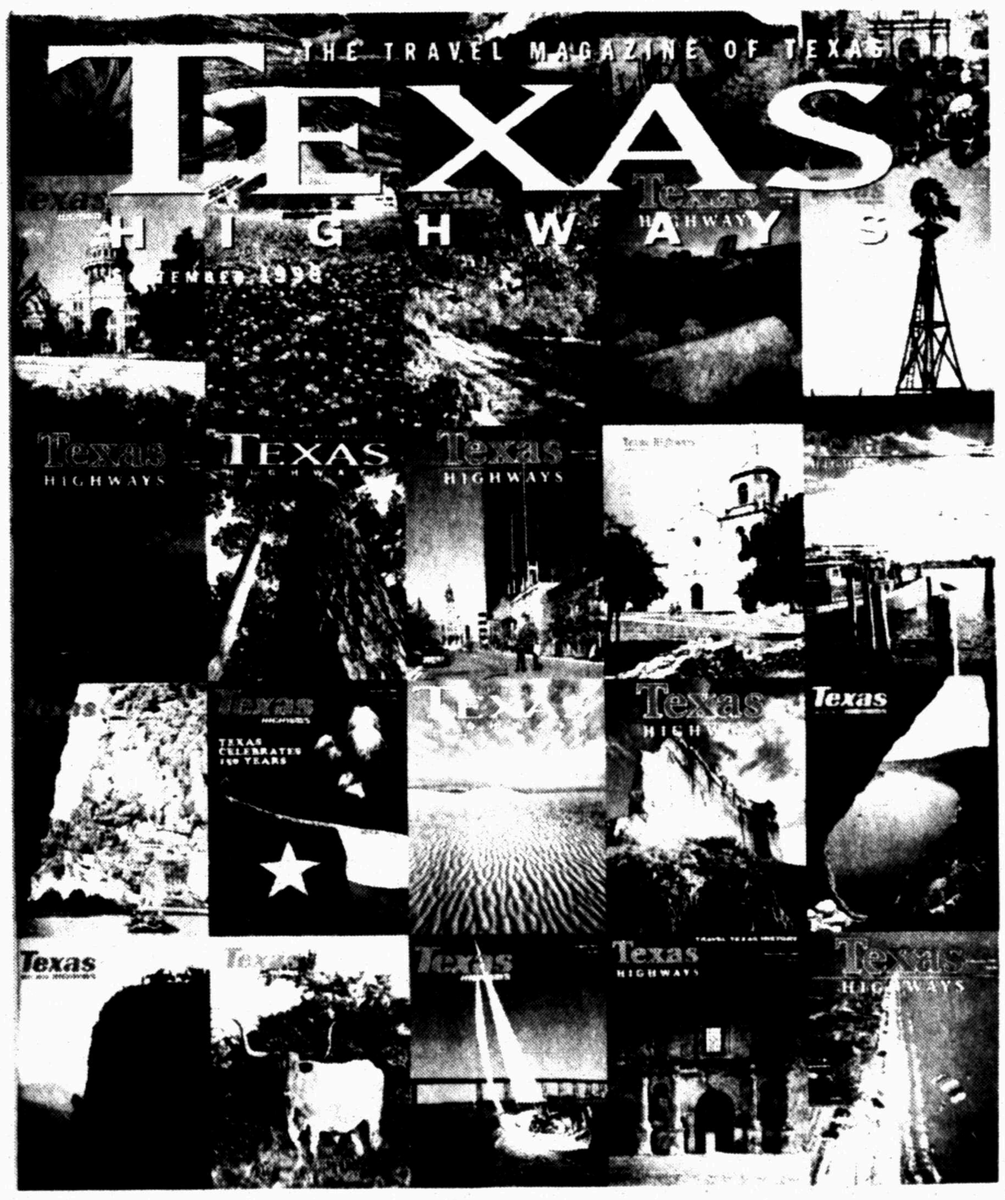

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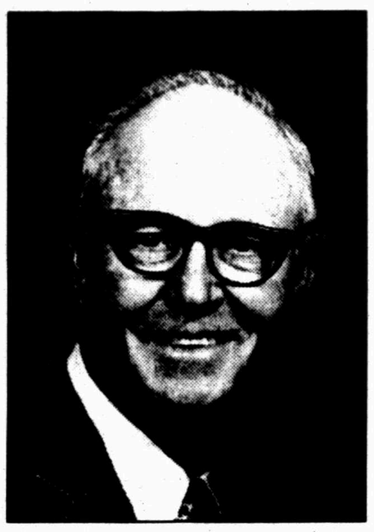

Roscie Williams

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1930-1999

Roscie Williams Jr., lifetime resident of Scurry County, died today in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Service for Mr. Williams, 69, was set for 2:30 Sunday in the First Baptist Church in Snyder. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Services are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh, will officiate, assisted by Dayton McCarter and Alan Culp.

Born on March 16, 1930 in Hermleigh, he married Golia Faye Armstrong on Nov. 10, 1950 in the Hermleigh First Baptist Church parsonage. He was a minister of the Gospel and a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Golia Faye Williams of Snyder; three daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Dwayne Riggs of Colorado City, Darlene and Nelson Eckert of Hermleigh and Charlene and Steve Lee of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Ricky and Terri Williams of Snyder; four sisters, Loreta Hallman of Inadale, Sybil Minyard and Juanita Grover of Snyder, and Izora Browning of Midland.

Other survivors include seven brothers, Aubrey Williams of Hermleigh, Wint Williams of Odessa, F.R. "Bear" Williams of Snyder, Fred Williams of Odessa, Ted Williams of Post, Bob Williams of Muldrow, Okla., and Tommy Williams of Belgrade, Mont.; Grandchildren, Dwayne, Nicki, Angela, Johnnie, Riggs; Jason, Lori, Janet Eckert; Staci, Cody Lee; and Shaye, Matthew, Aaron Williams; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ross and Delia Williams; a sister, Mary Lee Williams; and a brother, G.B. Williams.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons with Cody, Matthew and Aaron being assisted by Dwayne Riggs, Nelson Eckert and Steve Lee. Honorary pallbearers will be his brothers, the men of First Baptist Church in Hermleigh, and his nephews.

Ronnie Porter

1955-1999

Graveside service for Ronald "Ronnie" Wayne Porter is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Carl Shroyer, pastor of the Trent Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Porter, 44, died Tuesday, Nov. 23, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born Feb. 9, 1955 in Snyder, Mr. Porter worked in the oilfield.

Survivors include two sons, Jeremey Porter of Snyder and Jonathan Porter of Dallas; a daughter, Angie Porter of Dallas; his mother, Helen Porter of Snyder; a sister, Carolyn Bruno of Stephenville; four brothers, Charles Porter, Alvin Porter and Jimmy Taylor, all of Snyder, and James Taylor of Seattle; his maternal grandmother, Valree Shroyer of Snyder; and two grandchildren.

Dessie McMillan

1910-1999

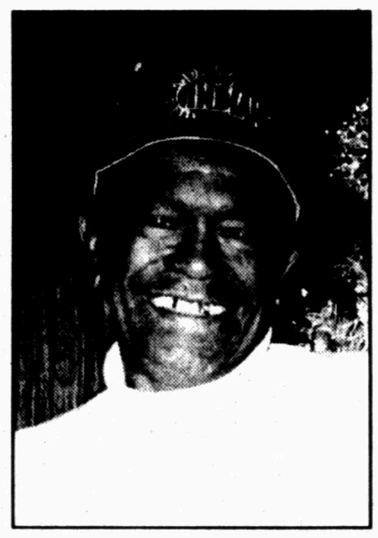
Dessie O. McMillan, a lifelong resident of Scurry County, died Thursday, Nov. 25, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. McMillan, 89, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Hermleigh Cemetery. Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church, will officiate, and arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 15, 1910 in Scurry County, she married A.L. McMillan on Oct. 4, 1934 in Scurry County. He preceded her in death.

A homemaker, Mrs. McMillan was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews.



R.L. Session

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1930-1999

FORT WORTH – R.L. Session, a former resident of Snyder, died Thursday, Nov. 25 at his home in Fort Worth.

Services for Mr. Session, 69, are pending with Shannon Rose Hill Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 7, 1930, Mr. Session was a construction worker.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Maxine Session of Fort Worth; three daughters, Ella Session, Angela Hoskins and Carla Session, all of Albuquerque; two sons, Michael Session and Roy Lee Session, both of Albuquerque; two stepsons, Cornell Davis of Snyder and Gerald Davis of Albuquerque; a sister, Florence Jimerson of Wichita Falls; 22 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; four brothers-in-law, Stanley Cobb of Monahans, Melvin Cobb, Brady Cobb and Welton Cobb, all of Snyder; two sisters-in-law, Roann Clay and Vonnie Wallace, both of Snyder.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cheryl Davis; and two sisters, Dorothy Hawkins and Pauline Armstrong.

Frances McGaha

1908-1999

Frances Lewis McGaha, a lifelong resident of Snyder, died Thursday, Nov. 24, at Christi Lee Manor in Colorado City following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. McGaha, 91, is set for 2 p.m. at 37th Street Church of Christ. Burial will follow in Ira Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 10, 1908 in Snyder, she married Judd McGaha on Dec. 8, 1928 in Snyder. He preceded her in death.

She worked for Piggly Wiggly and for Everybody's Thriftway for many years. She was a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Roaald McGaha.

Survivors include a son, Gearald McGaha of Snyder; and two grandsons, Gearald "Scooter" McGaha Jr. of Colorado City and Greg McGaha of Anchorage, Alaska.

Marian Gibson

1905-1999

DUBLIN - Marian Engel Gibson, a rancher and former teacher, died Tuesday, Nov. 23, in Bluebonnet Acres Nursing Home in Dublin.

A private memorial service is scheduled Saturday at the home of a son, Kenneth Gibson, in Sidney.

Born in Smithville, she attended school in Sequin and graduated from Texas Woman's University in Denton.

She taught home economics in Tornilla and in Snyder High School. She married Dan Gibson in 1929 in Sequin and they bought additional land north of Snyder and were involved in ranching. Mr. Gibson died in 1966.

Active in community affairs, the Gibsons donated funds to build the Boys and Girls Club in Snyder which bears their name.

Survivors include three sons, Dan Gibson Jr. of Granbury, Kenneth Gibson of Sidney and Bob Gibson of Rowlett; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Seven dead in highway accident in N. Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A tractor-trailer rig carrying Christmas trees slammed into a van and a car on an elevated stretch of Interstate 10, killing seven people.

Six other people were injured in the accident, which happened about 11 p.m. Thursday. Authorities said all of the people in both the van and the car were related and lived in the New Orleans suburb of Gretna. None of the victims were children.

The dead were passengers in a minivan that was crushed by the rig against a guard rail, police said. One other person in the van survived with injuries, while all five occupants of the car that was struck were also injured.

The rig driver was not hurt, police said.

The roadway was dry at the time of the accident, said Lt. Marlon Defillo, a police spokesman.

Although the accident was still under investigation, Defillo said the van was following the car, which had on its emergency lights. He said it wasn't immediately clear why the lights were on, or whether the car was going more slowly than normal.

The rig ran into the the back of the van, wedging the vehicle under its trailer and shoving it up against a guard rail, Defillo said. It was not clear how the car was struck.

Four people were ejected from the van.

Christmas trees reported stolen

Santa Claus is not going to like this at all. Several Christmas trees were reported stolen from the Hermleigh Allsup's Wednesday afternoon.

Scurry County deputy Delwyn Davis is investigating the theft in which the clerk at the store said the thieves were in a red and white Ford extended cab pickup.

Davis filed a report for Class B theft in the incident.

City officers are also investigating a theft of some $140 from a vehicle Wednesday night. Jennifer Garza reported the theft from the 500 block of 28th Street.

City officers are also investigating a burglary of a residence as Gloria Gonzalez reported a burglary in the 3900 block of Avenue O Thursday morning.

Several arrests were also made Wednesday and Thursday.

City officers arrested a 36-year-old female Wednesday at 8:11 p.m. in the 400 block of U.S. Highway 84 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

DPS troopers arrested a 31-year-old male at 9 p.m. Wednesday on Highway 84 near the Inadale Gin for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 2 a.m. Thanksgiving Day, officers arrested a 35-year-old female for possession of drug paraphernalia in the 2800 block of Avenue Y, and a 27-year-old male for failure to identify. He was also wanted on a warrant from Dallas County for probation violation.

At 4:33 a.m. Thursday, officers arrested a 20-year-old female in the 3000 block of 37th Street on four outstanding warrants for the issuance of bad checks.

DPS troopers arrested a 34-year-old female at 9:26 a.m. Thursday on Highway 84 for driving while license suspended.

Snyder firemen responded to a report of a car fire at 6 o'clock this morning in the 3100 block of Avenue B. The fire was extinguished by the owners shortly after the department was notified.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Nov. 24-Leona Bruns, Sandra Morrow, Tyler Neves; Nov. 25-Vera Erin and Harmon McCormack.

DISMISSALS: Daniel Tankersley, Vinita Warren of Hermleigh, Betty Atkinson, Vivian Kyle, Margot McNeil and baby girl, Theresa Rakov and baby boy and G.L. Wall of Hermleigh; Nov. 25-Leona Bruns, Sandra Morrow, Tyler Neves and Toni Tate and baby girl.

CENSUS: 34 (Med./Surg.-11; Longtime Care-22 and ICU-1)

Births

Margot and Brendon McNeil of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Kloey Paige McNeil. Kloey was born at 5:37 p.m. on Nov. 22 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, four ounces.

A brother, Korbin Deere, welcomed her along with grandparents Donise and Doug Coonrod of Ira and Danny and Bonnie and Danny McNeil of Lampasas.

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Choir Poinsettia sale

Poinsettias sold by SHS choir will arrive Mondayand will be available for pickup or delivery during the week.

Quilting Club

The Rock and Roll Quilting Club meets from 8 a.m. until noon each Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center. Everyone is invited for free quilting lessons. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Salt of the Earth," followed by "Why Did Jesus Come?"

Genealogy meeting

The Scurry County Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Anyone interested in genealogy is welcome.

Basketball parents meeting

Varsity and JV boys basketball parents will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the SHS student center.

Ira picture retakes

Picture retake day for Ira School will be Tuesday for anyone who was not photographed in September or anyone wanting to get another package made. Also, pictures will be taken for the basketball teams as well as class favorites (grades 9-12), junior FFA, NHS, Student Council, high school FFA, FHA, and FCA. Envelopes for the basketball pictures and retakes will be passed out on Monday.

Tiger's Lair senior dedications

Dedications for the SHS yearbook are due Wednesday. The cost is $40. To reserve a space, call Katie Henson at 573-6301.

Rotary Christmas dinner

Members and spouses of the Snyder Rotary Club will have a Christmas dinner and party at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. To make reservations call 573-6963 or 573-0187 by Monday.

Auxiliary Discovery Toys show

The Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor a Discovery Toys show from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. next Friday in the hospital board room.

Christmas open house

The Scurry County courthouse employees will host an open house on Saturday, Dec. 4, immediately following the lighted Christmas parade. Refreshments will be served.

Faith Baptist Church anniversary

Faith Baptist Church will have 30th anniversary services Sunday, Dec. 5. Services will be at 10 and 10:50 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. Preaching will be Chris Boatman of Aransas Pass and singing will be Alton Wiedel family of Fort Worth.

Library extends hours

Scurry County Library has extended its Saturday hours and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-W-F and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

WTC planetarium open

The planetarium at Western Texas College is now open with its fall lineup of new programs, developed for specific age groups: pre-K and kindergarten, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, and grades 7 through adults. The 60-seat planetarium is open for group showings, by reservation, for Friday morning and afternoon programs. It is also available, by reservation, for group showings Thursday through Saturday evenings. For reservations, call Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

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.

WTC nursing program

Students wishing to enroll in the March class for Licensed Vocational Nursing at Western Texas College need to contact the counseling office to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through Dec. 7 and interviews will be scheduled through Jan. 10. Classes begin March 1. Contact the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313, or toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC.

Support groups

Support groups for Cancer, Grief and Divorce Recovery meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at First Baptist Church. For information call 573-263. A new group for sexual assault survivors will meet at a confidential time and location. For information call 573-1822. Childcare is provided.

Pick 3

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

9-6-3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

0-8-3

Cash Five

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

16-25-34-35-36

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 9-20-22-26-28-39. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $10 million.

Additional training ordered for surgeon

BOSTON (AP) — An orthopedic surgeon was ordered to undergo continued training for performing arthroscopic knee surgery on the wrong knee of a patient. Dr. John J. Walsh of Malden was found to have committed malpractice by failing to check the patient's paperwork before beginning the operation. In a consent order Tuesday, the Board of Registration in Medicine reprimanded him and ordered him to undergo 50 hours of risk management training.