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Home Of Bea Graham

OPEC to maintain ceiling

Despite threat of Iraq's return to the oil market

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC ministers, shrugging aside the threat of Iraq's return to the oil market, opened their winter meeting today with expectations they will maintain their current production ceiling.

Oil prices have hovered above OPEC's target of $21 a barrel since September. OPEC could soon see Iraq resume oil sales, and the organization's president cautioned that markets could stay volatile after catching traders off guard with the highest sustained prices in years.

"We must guard against the situation being taken for granted," said Rakadh Bin Salem Bin Hamed Bin Rakadh. "As we are well aware, market fortunes can change radically and rapidly in a short space of time."

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries met for about an hour this afternoon and planned to resume tomorrow morning. Ministers had little immediate comment about what they discussed, but Rakadh, oil minister from the United Arab Emirates, predicted the meeting would end Thursday.

OPEC has had to confront fresh questions this week about Iraq's return to the oil market after a six-year absence. Iraq was barred from selling oil after it invaded fellow OPEC member Kuwait in August 1990.

Analysts say resumed Iraqi oil sales could push prices lower, harming OPEC and helping oil consumers, but not everyone is convinced Iraq will soon be back after several false starts.

And if Iraq does return, some OPEC ministers said a combination of strong demand and low stockpiles will let the world market absorb extra crude without a price collapse.

Oil futures prices held firm early today, rising about 20 cents a barrel on the London and New York futures markets.

Iraq's former oil minister, Osama Abdul Razzak al-Hiti, said Iraq could restart its oil production within weeks.

The new focus on Iraq cast shadows over OPEC's recent success at finally exceeding its target price.

John Lichtblau, chairman of the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation in New York, said the prospect of Iraq's resumption of oil sales "looks more real than it has in the past."

"By January, there will be a better than 50-50 chance Iraq will sell oil," he said.

Iraq says it has agreed to all of the United Nations' terms for an oil-for-food deal that will allow limited crude sales, but OPEC ministers and other analysts noted that no deal was done yet.

Leo Drollas, chief economist of the Center for Global Energy Studies in London, suggested that Iraq and the United Nations are "playing diplomatic footsie" and that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein has no real need to cave in to U.N. conditions for the limited oil sales.

Analysts say OPEC is exceeding its daily production quota of 25.033 million barrels by nearly a million barrels, so an estimated 500,000 to 600,000 barrels of extra oil from Iraq could hurt prices.

Soon after going into their meeting, OPEC announced that Libyan oil minister Abdalla Salem el-Badri would become the group's next president.

Thanksgiving paper is due early delivery

The Thanksgiving edition of the Snyder Daily News, containing Two-Day Sale advertisements for local merchants, will be delivered to homes early Thursday morning.

The traditional two-day sale signals the start of the Christmas holiday shopping season here. The Snyder Daily News will resume regular afternoon publication on Friday.



HIGH SCHOOL HELP - Students at Snyder High School were busy this morning helping prepare an extra-special Thanksgiving meal. Shown from left are Todd Collom, Jessica Perkins, Julie Doolittle and Thomas Bishop. (SDN Staff Photo)

Early morning shooting leaves SHS graduate dead

Scurry County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of a 1996 Snyder High School graduate as a self-inflicted shooting.

Kenneth Brock Allen Gard, 18, died early this morning, apparently as a result of a gunshot wound to the head. Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds has ordered an autopsy.

Scurry County Deputy Darren Jackson said a dispatcher at the Law Enforcement Center received a call at 4:51 this morning from a person saying that a friend had accidently shot himself.

Deputies, DPS troopers and Snyder EMS were sent to the scene, a residence at 5971 FM 1269, three miles south of Fluvanna.

Jackson said Gard was apparently playing with a .357 caliber pistol when it discharged, striking him in the side of the head.

Jackson said there were eight other people in the house at the time of the shooting, and all of them were being questioned this morning. The adult residents of the home, Greg and Vickie Mahoney, were out of town when the shooting occurred, Jackson said.

"The investigation is still continuing," said the deputy. "At this time, it is being investigated as a self-inflicted gunshot wound."

Thanksgiving meal prepared for needy

Snyder Rotary Club, in conjunction with other sponsors, is planning to provide a Thanksgiving dinner again this year for area residents who otherwise couldn't afford it.

Some 200 people are expected to partake of the meal, which will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at The Shack.

"Through the food bank and various programs such as Head Start, we've identified about 200 people who will be fed," said Gayle Lomax, who is heading up the preparations. In addition, another 50 homebound citizens will have meals delivered to them.

"We'll prepare for more, so anyone who needs a good Thanksgiving meal is welcome to come join us," said Lomax.

Lawrence IGA is providing the turkeys, which will be cooked by the food service contractor for Snyder ISD. High school students have volunteered to carve the birds and The Shack will provide the trimmings. Shirley Fritz is making the dressing.

"The Rotary Club is a service organization and this is something we look forward to doing — in this case, providing a meal at Thanksgiving for those in our community who are less fortunate," said Lomax.



FIREMAN OF THE YEAR — Albert "Snuffy" Canon, left, was presented with the 1996 Fireman of the Year plaque by Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell during the fire department's annual Thanksgiving banquet Tuesday evening. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Canon is named Fireman of Year

A 20-year veteran of the Snyder Fire Department was recognized as 1996's Fireman of the Year during the department's annual banquet Tuesday.

Capt. Albert "Snuffy" Canon received this year's honor, presented by Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell.

Canon joined the department in October of 1976. He is an EMT-Intermediate and employed by Red Man.

Cannon also received his 20-year pin at the banquet, which was held at Snyder Country Club.

The first woman member of the department, Michelle Pilgrim, was recognized twice. She received the Rookie of the Year Award and the Training Award.

Other honors presented included the Workhorse Award, given to Tommy Early; the Officers Award, received by Don Tucker; and the Melvin Newton Award, which went to Tommy Guynes.

Representatives of Pennzoil and Exxon USA were presented special appreciation awards.

Receiving 100 percent attendance awards were Canon, Guynes, Early, Jack Callaway, Max Horsley, Leonard Keller, Garry Kubena, Cy Posey, Doug Scott, Sterling Williams and Kenneth Wood.

Gerrel Bigham received a pin for being a member of the department for 45 years. Darby Scott, John Pilgrim and Canon all received 20-year pins.

Billy Evans and Williams each received 10-year pins, and Doug Scott and Rick Wood received five-year pins.

Star lighting slated Friday

GAIL — The lighting of the star on Gail Mountain will take place Friday at nightfall.

Area citizens are invited to the lighting festivities, which will include Christmas music, a live nativity scene, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, hayrides and refreshments.

The museum will open at 3 p.m. and close after the program.

Citizens are also invited to drop off "Toys for Tots" at the Borden County Courthouse.

City, county offices to close

City and county employees will begin their Thanksgiving weekend with the close of business today.

Classes were dismissed Tuesday for Hermleigh, Snyder and Western Texas College students and Ira students will be released early today for the annual holiday.

The city's landfill will be open Friday, but closed Thursday and Saturday.

Local financial institutions will be closed Thanksgiving Day only, as will the U.S. Post Office.

Activity will return to normal on Monday, when local city and county offices open again and students return to classes.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Money is what we spend for luxuries and owe for necessities."

We keep uncovering bits and pieces from the recent elections.

We continue to be pleased that voters in District 70 saw fit to return State Rep. David Counts to Austin.

The morning after votes were tabulated, Counts was attending a meeting on funding for community colleges. WTC business manager Gay Hickman was at the same session.

During the campaign, Counts was slammed repeatedly by his challenger from Big Spring that the incumbent's campaign was being financed from outside the district.

But when the dust settles, one again finds evidence that you can say anything during the course of a heated campaign. Accuracy is not necessarily a requirement of political rhetoric.

Scott McLaughlin, the Republican from Howard County, was the benefactor of costly direct-mail pieces and saturated radio spots during the campaign's final days berating 'David Counts' on term limits.

McLaughlin's hometown newspaper reported that McLaughlin received more than $300,000 in out-of-district contributions. McLaughlin immediately sent a news release to all news media saying the information wasn't so.

We've got a request in to the Texas Ethics Commission on complete campaign expenditures. The final reporting deadline isn't until next month, so the results will be interesting.

We predict one thing, conservative will once again be in the eye of the beholder.

Sen. Jon Kyl, a Republican from Arizona, has advanced an interesting concept.

He says he will introduce legislation next year to move the tax-filing deadline from mid-April to Election Day.

"I can't think of anything that would change Washington more," he says, "than requiring people to vote as they pay."

Politics kinda reminds us of the piano company who tried to get a testimonial from Will Rogers.

Will said he never endorsed any product unless he really believed in it. Pressed for a letter, Will Rogers wrote:

"Dear Sirs: I guess your pianos are the best I have ever leaned against."

ASK US

Q—Will the college have a Christmas tree lighting ceremony this Christmas?

A—Yes. Western Texas' tree-lighting is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday in the central courtyard. Santa, the Handbell Choir and 4-Giv'n will provide entertainment.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 44 degrees; low, 25; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 25; no precipitation; total for 1996, 17.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight; 30% chance of light freezing rain or sleet. Low around 30. Light wind. (See page 10 for Thanksgiving Day forecast.)



Garrett Pinson
Sleet Possible

Sunset: 5:41 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:23 a.m.
Of 331 days in 1996, the sun has shone 327 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A man who bears false witness against his neighbor Is like a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.

Proverbs 25:18



THANKSGIVING DINNER — Inmates who are on the Price Daniel Unit community work force were treated with a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at Scurry County Coliseum Tuesday. Entertaining the inmates and several members of the community were Frances Rios (left) and Alicia Ibarra. (SDN Staff Photo)

Texas Legislature to propose pro-patient laws for HMOs

DALLAS (AP) — Texas lawmakers are preparing to saddle HMOs and the rest of the managed health-care industry with a series of proposed pro-patient laws.

In a report to be released next week by the Senate Interim Committee on Managed Care and Consumer Protections, legislators will recommend more than three dozen changes to the way managed-care organizations are regulated.

If enacted, the laws would be among the most pro-patient health-care rules in the country.

Much of the proposed legislation will circumvent attempts by health maintenance organizations to cut costs and reduce services.

The report will include proposals to improve patient access and treatment, to tighten financial-solvency requirements and to water down some of the competitive practices that have made HMOs so dominant. Other recommendations would make law a series of pro-patient rules that have already been enacted by regulators.

Lawmakers say the recommendations originate from five public meetings held around the state by the committee. Sen. David Sibley, a Waco Republican who led the panel, said "we're trying not to take sides as to whether physicians or HMOs will prevail. But ultimately I think it's going to end up being an uneasy peace."

HMO officials, whose industry has become the focus of constant criticism, say they aren't upset about any individual recommendation.

But taken as a whole, they say, the Senate committee's new rules could make their lives much more difficult and costly.

"The bottom line is that there's not one single item that really would cost us," says Geoffrey Wurzel, executive director of the Texas Health Maintenance Organization Association, a trade group.

"But there are a lot of individual items here," he said.

"And there's a big potential cost for all of these. So all tied together, they're a big concern."

The new laws would allow regulators from the Texas Department of Insurance to specify maximum waiting times in doctors' offices for scheduled appointments and a minimum doctor-patient ratio at a given HMO. TDI would also specify maximum distances patients would have to travel to get treatment, lawmakers said.

The new ordinances would open health-maintenance organizations to greater liability in malpractice lawsuits.

They would also transfer regulatory oversight for quality-of-care issues to the Insurance Department from the Texas Department of Health, a move that in practice has already occurred.

Lisa McGiffert, a senior policy analyst at the Consumers Union Southwest Regional Office in Austin said, "There is no doubt that some people are really made at HMOs."

"But this is a rational response to problems that have been identified with HMOs."

The industry was battered by pro-consumer legislation last session, and Wurzel says many of the recommendations appear to have their roots in the stormy debate over the Patient Protection Act.

Court will not intervene in OSHA's work

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court has rejected an attempt to force the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to finish its long-anticipated workplace smoking ban.

OSHA in 1994 proposed banning smoking in 6 million workplaces, from office buildings to bars, because government health officials had declared secondhand smoke a carcinogen.

Two years later, the rules aren't written. One OSHA employee works on them full time, slogging through hundreds of thousands of public comments the agency received about the proposal. Many were from tobacco companies and smokers who insist secondhand smoke is not dangerous.

John Banzhaf, of the anti-tobacco Action on Smoking and Health, petitioned the U.S. Court of Appeals to make OSHA speed up, arguing the agency had broken its own deadlines for rule making.

But the appeals court rejected his petition Tuesday, calling it improper to intervene.

OSHA insists it needs time to prepare the regulations properly so they can withstand challenges, and the appeals court agreed. Also, OSHA has just hired data processors to sort the public comments, a task that should be finished within eight months, the appeals court said.

Jerry Tucker SDN winner

Jerry Tucker of 333 S FM 1611 is the November winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News. Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who have either renewed or subscribed for six months or more.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Nov. 21, 1996

In the year ahead, your success rate will be high. However, you must first build solid foundations and strong fences. Try to expand your network.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Anything important you put in writing today should be double-checked for errors. If you make a big one, it could complicate your affairs. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In a pay-your-own-way lunch today make sure the expenses are divided equally. If you are not careful, you might get stuck with the entire check.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Independence is admirable, but don't go to extremes today. If you make your companions feel unwanted, they may give you a dose of your own medicine.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might pass on some false information today just because it sounds interesting. Do not give in to this temptation.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Stay within your means today, especially if you have earmarked a specific amount of money for pleasurable activities. Extravagance won't add to your enjoyment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your standing in the eyes of your peers will decrease today if you're too opinionated. Even if you think your ideas are superior to theirs, keep them to yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You should rely on yourself more than you rely on others today. Your chart indicates that people you've counted on in the past might not be available to help you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Rather than attempting to make others resemble your image today, alter your personality so that you will be more compatible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, if you don't contribute to a joint endeavor, don't expect to be rewarded just for being there. The payoffs will be reserved for actual participants.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Whether or not your ideas will succeed or fail today will depend on your determination. Do not settle for second best, because you don't have to be a runner-up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try to be as realistic as possible today when ascertaining your financial position. Do not enter funds in the profit column if you have not received them yet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Usually you are more conscientious than most about matters which affect your family. This may not be the case today, and you might neglect something important.

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Date Book

Nov. 27, 1996

Today is the 332nd day of 1996 and the 67th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1889, the first permit to operate a motor vehicle in New York City's Central Park was issued.

On this day in 1934, gangster "Baby Face" Nelson was killed by federal agents in Barrington, Ill.

On this day in 1957, Buddy Holly's only album, "The Chirping Crickets," was released.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Chaim Weizmann (1874-1952), Zionist leader-biochemist; James Agee (1909-1955), writer; David Merrick (1912-), producer, is 84; "Buffalo Bob" Smith (1917-), entertainer, is 79; Alexander Dubcek (1921-1992), Czechoslovakian leader; Gail Sheehy (1937-), writer, is 59; Bruce Lee (1940-1973), actor-martial artist; Jimi Hendrix (1942-1970), musician.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1966, the Washington Redskins defeated the New York Giants 72-41.

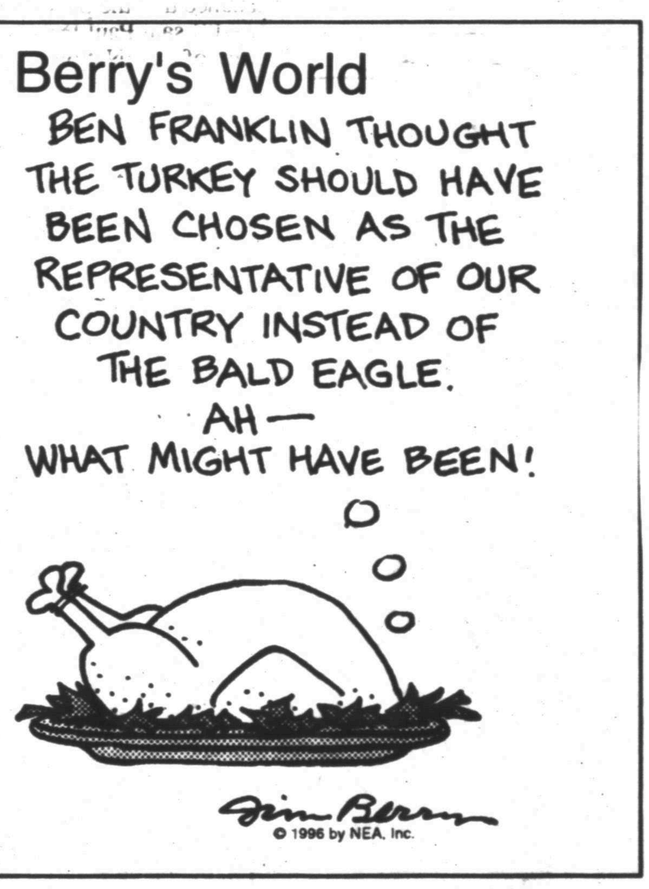
TODAY'S QUOTE: "Socialism with a human face." — Alexander Dubcek

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1974, a two-day storm, featuring 50-mph winds and up to 2 feet of snow, ended in northern Maine.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Nov. 24) and last quarter (Dec. 3).

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AIDS AWARENESS — Carol Watkins, left, and Diane Beard, vocational nursing instructors at Western Texas College, recently presented an AIDS awareness program in the fine arts theatre. It was sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa honor fraternity. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Tilton's former wife now has chance at assets of his church

DALLAS (AP) — The estranged wife of evangelist Robert Tilton could get part of his church's $30 million in assets because a judge refused to separate the church property from the couple's divorce suit.

In an unprecedented ruling, state district Judge Bill Burdock on Tuesday turned down Word of Faith World Outreach Center Church's request to be released as a defendant in Tilton's divorce from Leigh Valentine Tilton.

The judge said the court has jurisdiction to consider assets, including the $1.6 million former parsonage in suburban Addison, Texas.

Tony Wright, Ms. Tilton's attorney, hailed the ruling as a decisive step toward what could be a remarkable divorce settlement. J.C. Joyce, an attorney for the Farmers Branch, Texas, church, downplayed its significance and expressed confidence in eventual victory.

Both sides said they knew of no other case in which a church's property was contested in its leader's divorce. Observers said the ruling raises concerns about government intrusion into religious life.

"This is an extraordinary ruling with potentially very dangerous implications for the way churches conduct their business," said Lonnie Kliever, chairman of the religion department at Southern Methodist University. "Autocratic leadership religiously may not be the same thing as sole proprietorship legally. That's a question that this case raises."

The church's attachment as a defendant in Tilton's divorce case hinges on the legal concept of "alter ego" — whether the preacher ultimately controls Word of Faith and used its finances to his benefit, so that he and the church are one and the same.

If Burdock's ruling stands, a jury will consider a number of issues that could "pierce the corporate veil," Ms. Tilton's attorney said.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Park fees increasing at national parks

By The Associated Press

An avid hiker and rock-climbing guide at Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming, Amy McGeachin will be hit hard by a hike in fees at national parks. And she couldn't care less.

"It isn't really high considering what you get," said Ms. McGeachin, who lives in Jackson Hole, Wyo. "I'm willing to pay the money because the parks are a necessity to people. It's something that should be here always."

Outdoor enthusiasts nationwide echoed Ms. McGeachin's sentiments Tuesday upon hearing that entrance fees will double at some of the most popular national parks and will be charged for the first time at others.

The new and increased fees for admission, snowmobiling, boating and back-country camping are designed to raise an estimated $30 million to $50 million for 106 public land sites.

Unless Congress reauthorizes the fee hikes, they will go down again after three years.

"While everything else has gone up in price over the past 70 years, Yellowstone is still $10 per car," Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said in Washington. "That's less than the price of a good video of the park, and much less than it costs to visit an imitation Yellowstone at an amusement park in Florida."

The biggest hikes start in December and January at four of the most-visited U.S. national parks — Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Canyon and Grand Tetons — where the cost of an annual pass per car will go from $15 to $40.

The weekly fee at those parks will increase from $10 to $20 per car. Fees at most other identified sites will range from $2 per person to about $20 per car.

"These new fees will be a down payment on the resource protection, restoration and general maintenance that the parks desperately need," said Paul Pritchard, president of the National Parks and Conservation Association.

The fees will be the first ever at the Bureau of Land Management, where 17 sites will begin charging daily fees for entrance and camping. The plans also cover 47 National Park sites and 42 Fish and Wildlife Service sites.

Annual entrance fees will increase from the current $15 to $20 at, among others, Acadia, Badlands, Crater Lake, Everglades, Glacier, Mount Rainier, Rocky Mountain and Shenandoah national parks. Olympic National Park's annual fee will go from $15 to $25.

At some other parks, admission fees will remain the same, but prices charged for "interpretive" services — such as a ranger-guided tour or a hay ride — will go up. Great Smoky Mountains National Park will charge a $2 interpretive fee per visitor, for example, and Redwood National Park a $20 interpretive fee per visitor.

Interior Department spokesman John Wright said the department was reviewing the use of passes such as the $25 Golden Eagle, good for unlimited access to all national parks for a year. In the meantime, he said, such passes will be honored.

Babbitt said planned improvements include:

—Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Wyoming and Montana, rehabilitate campgrounds and open new trails.

—Georgia's Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, repair 60 miles of trails.

—Florida's Everglades National Park, new grills and picnic tables.

—California's Yosemite National Park, new shuttle buses.

—Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, south of Minnesota's Twin Cities, handicapped access to fishing.

—Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico, 50 acres of rehabilitated wetland habitat for hunters.

—Texas Amistad National Recreation Area, new campsites.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	11-27-96
	♠ A 5 3	
	♥ K Q 5 2	
	♦ 9 7 6 4	
	♣ 9 8	
West		East
♠ 4		♠ K 10 9 2
♥ 8 6 4 3		♥ A J 7
♦ K J 8 5 2		♦ 10 3
♣ 10 5 3		♣ 7 6 4 2
	South	
	♠ Q J 8 7 6	
	♥ 10 9	
	♦ A Q	
	♣ A K Q J	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 6

good news is that East has the king, but the 4-1 trump break is fatal. South has no dummy entry remaining to lead another trump toward his hand.

The correct play is to lead a low trump from the dummy at trick three. True, this loses if West has a singleton king, but there are four possible low singletons and only one singleton king.

Here, when South wins with the spade queen, he plays a spade to dummy's ace and leads another spade. Having held his trump losers to one, South cruises home.

To purchase the Bridge Dealmaster, send a check for $62.95 to Ward & Sons, Inc., P.O. Box 331, Agawam, MA 01001. This price includes s & h and one future upgrade. You may call (413) 789-4267 for further details.

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Third time lucky

The third computer package I have received is The Bridge Dealmaster by Edward C. Marzo. Coming on four 3.5-inch disks (the program runs under Windows 3.1 or later), it allows you to store deals in a database for future use. It also includes 47,000 predealt deals. While entering deals, you cannot duplicate cards or put 14 in one hand. Among other features, you can rotate hands and/or suits at the click of the mouse.

I entered today's South hand and asked Bridge Dealmaster randomly to fill in the other three. Much to my surprise, it generated an interesting deal. How might South go down in four spades after West guesses well to lead a heart, East taking dummy's queen with his ace and returning the heart jack?

After winning trick two with dummy's heart king, declarer continues with the ace and another spade. The

Paula Abdul weds

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — There were horses and giraffes and lions — oh, my! — to celebrate the union of singer Paula Abdul and her new husband.

Abdul and New Haven clothing manufacturer Brad Beckerman, married last month in Beverly Hills, had a reception on Sunday at the New England Carousel Museum.

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Labor officials will focus on poultry industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Labor Department plans a closer look in the coming year at worker safety and other conditions in slaughter plants that feed Americans' growing appetite for chicken.

But despite some strong rhetoric from Labor Secretary Robert Reich, officials gave no indication they were planning a major investigation of industry.

Officials were to gather information on wage-and-hour practices in poultry plants, sort out who has jurisdiction over housing and transportation issues, and look at ways to coordinate safety enforcement with wages and hours.

"Sweatshop conditions, whether in garment factories, fields, or poultry processing plants, will not be tolerated," Reich said Tuesday in a statement following a news conference led by farm, consumer and environmental groups critical of the broiler industry.

The alliance was led by the National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, a Chicago-based group of clergy and other religious leaders in support of labor causes. It also included the Laborers' International Union of North America, which successfully organized workers at a North Carolina plant that is challenging the union election.

Reich said he shared their concerns about the "harsh and perhaps unlawful conditions faced by workers in the poultry processing industry." He said the department will "initiate a special targeted enforcement project."

Broiler production has grown about 5 percent a year over the past four decades, feeding America's growing appetite for lean, white meat and the world's for inexpensive protein.

Chicken consumption this year is expected to average 72 pounds per American, up from 60 pounds in 1990, the Agriculture Department says. To feed the craving, slaughter plants produced more than 25 billion pounds of chicken last year from more than 7 billion birds.

But worker advocates claim the benefits from this expansion are going to the companies and not the workers.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: A letter recently appeared in your column from a mother who was upset because the birth mother of her adopted daughter had written to her requesting to meet the girl.

I am an adoptee who is actively involved in helping other adoptees and birth mothers with their searches. I believe you replied correctly in advising the mother to tell her daughter about the letter she received. However, I think your advice should have included, in addition, a message about the importance of knowing about the medical history and the current medical condition of the birth mother. If the girl still does not wish to meet her birth mother, that's fine. But the adoptive mother and the birth mother should remain in contact with each other so that if a medical necessity should arise, or should the girl change her mind, contact could be made.

The need to know about our biological roots varies among adoptees and surfaces at different times in our lives. But it will eventually become an issue. No matter how good our relationship with our parents, or how much we are loved, there's a basic need in all adoptees to know who we are, who we look like and the circumstances behind our relinquishment.

It usually has no reflection on how we were raised, and a child's finding a birth parent is not to be feared as many adoptive parents believe. No one will ever take the place of Mom and Dad. If a "find" results in a relationship, then all the better. Often there are other siblings to be gained, or at least half-brothers or sisters, and there is always enough love to go around.

This has always been a sensitive issue and one that we are just beginning to learn how to deal with. You may use my name.

GARY STRODE, TULSA, OKLA.

DEAR GARY: There are many sound reasons for encouraging and facilitating reunions between birth parents and their children. An opportunity for them to meet should be made available if both parties are willing. The secrecy that once shrouded adoption is no longer necessary now that society has come to understand that a pregnancy outside of marriage is not an unforgivable crime.

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to a letter you published from "Bothered Brother," about the way his brother "Mike" treats the employees at their small firm.

Just because Mike is the boss doesn't mean he can be a bully. The highest incidence of workers' compensation lawsuits currently under litigation are: 1) intentional tort; 2) stress, embarrassment, humiliation; 3) violence in the workplace. Since "tort" is defined as damage, injury or a wrongful act done willfully or negligently, the No. 1 reason applies to Mike. Stress, embarrassment and humiliation are a given in this case.

If a supervisor hits or physically abuses an employee, the supervisor and the company can be sued by the employee. In this case, workers' compensation insurance would not protect the company or the owners. It is "Bothered Brother's" responsibility to keep his brother in check because it is his company, too. And all three reasons could be used by a sharp attorney to convince one of the employees to take the company to court. Since Mike throws his tantrums in front of the entire workforce, there are many witnesses — most of whom have probably been yelled at themselves and who might want to retaliate.

I'm not an attorney, but I am a supervisor of eight people, and I would be fired on the spot if I acted that way at our company.

CAUTIOUS BOSS
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DEAR CAUTIOUS BOSS: Thank you for the input. Your letter may have a chilling effect on more than one hotheaded employer.

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Safety agency probes minivan brakes, latches

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's highway safety agency is investigating more than 300 consumer complaints that the anti-lock brakes on some Ford minivans sometimes lose power, causing accidents.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration also is examining hundreds of complaints that open liftgates on Chrysler minivans built in model years 1991-93 can suddenly slam shut, according to a monthly report on government auto investigations released Tuesday.

And government engineers are looking into consumer complaints that the side doors on some 1996 Chrysler minivans slide open while the vans are traveling at speeds up to 60 miles per hour, the government report said.

Drivers of 1995-96 Ford Windstars have filed 327 complaints that it took a longer time to stop the minivan because of a loss of braking power. Consumers have reported 76 accidents they attribute to the brakes.

Ford said it has had 64,000 warranty claims on the brakes. However, it is not clear how many of those claims involved customers who wanted their anti-lock brakes replaced because they believed the brakes lost power.

Engineers with the safety agency will analyze the brake to determine if there is any defect. There are more than 620,000 Windstars on the road.

"We are aware of the investigation and are working with NHTSA to resolve the concern," said Ford spokeswoman Francine Romine MacBride in Dearborn, Mich.

Since March, the agency also has been investigating the engineering of anti-lock brakes on some 1993-94 Ford Explorers that about 50 consumers said were locking up during braking. About 570,000 of the Explorers are on the road.

The agency's largest ongoing investigation involves more than 7,000 complaints that anti-lock brakes on some General Motors pickups and sport utility vehicles failed to work properly and the vehicles did not stop in time.

The GM vehicles are the 1991-94 Chevy Blazer, GMC Jimmy and Oldsmobile Bravada sport utility vehicles, the Chevy S-10 pickups and GMC S-15/Sonoma pickups and the 1992-95 GMC Suburban. More than 2 million of these vehicles are on the road.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 30-year-old husband has been diagnosed with Epstein-Barr virus and chronic fatigue syndrome. He had a tilt-table test that confirmed a drop in his blood pressure. He has had no relief from acupuncture, herbal remedies, psychotherapy, and 39 different prescriptions. He was also given Ritalin for attention deficit disorder and that helped. Is this medicine safe?

DEAR READER: Once considered to be a fad ("designer diagnosis"), chronic fatigue syndrome may be coming into its own. There appear to be many causes for it, including Epstein-Barr virus ("chronic mononucleosis").

During experiments conducted at Johns Hopkins Hospital, doctors discovered that patients with CFS show inappropriate fluctuations in blood pressure during changes in position. When tilted (on a special table) to an angle of 70 degrees for an hour, such patients experienced abnormally low blood pressures and pulse rates, followed by lethargy and tiredness that lasted several days.

These findings suggested to the researchers that patients with CFS suffer from an imbalance of the autonomic nervous system, those nerves not under conscious control.

Although more work needs to be done in verifying these findings, the conclusions are provocative: Perhaps, after decades of neglect, patients with CFS have a treatable physical disorder. The Baltimore doctors recommended increasing salt in the diet (to raise blood pressure) and using beta-blocking drugs, such as Inderal, to stabilize nerve impulses.

I am not aware that Ritalin, a prescription stimulant, is recommended therapy for CFS. It has a high potential for abuse and can cause jitteriness and other side effects. No one knows the consequences of its long-term use. Perhaps your husband should ask his doctor about a trial of beta-blockers; this is, in my opinion, an appropriate option to explore.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband and I have three wonderful children, at least two of which are "diaphragm babies." Despite exercising prudent precautions, I became pregnant while using a diaphragm. The fear of pregnancy has altered the joy and spontaneity of our love-making. I don't want to use birth-control pills, and condoms don't appeal to us. We are considering either tubal ligation or vasectomy. Are there dangers in these procedures?

DEAR READER: When a woman's Fallopian tubes are cut and tied, eggs cannot reach the uterus; therefore, fertilization cannot occur. Each month, when the woman ovulates, the tiny egg is simply absorbed.

When a man has a vasectomy, the tubes that carry sperm are also cut and clipped. He becomes infertile, and the unused sperm are, like the female egg, absorbed.

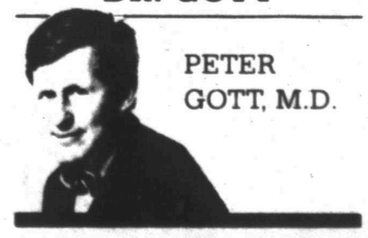
Both surgical procedures are simple. But, for technical reasons, a vasectomy is even simpler. Therefore, from the standpoint of safety and expense, I recommend that your husband consider vasectomy.

Like a tubal ligation, this procedure ordinarily is free of complications, risks and health hazards. Performed by a urologist in the office under local anesthesia, vasectomy has no effect on sexual desire or ability. I believe that it could well be the answer to your vexing problem.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Contraception: An Update." 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.

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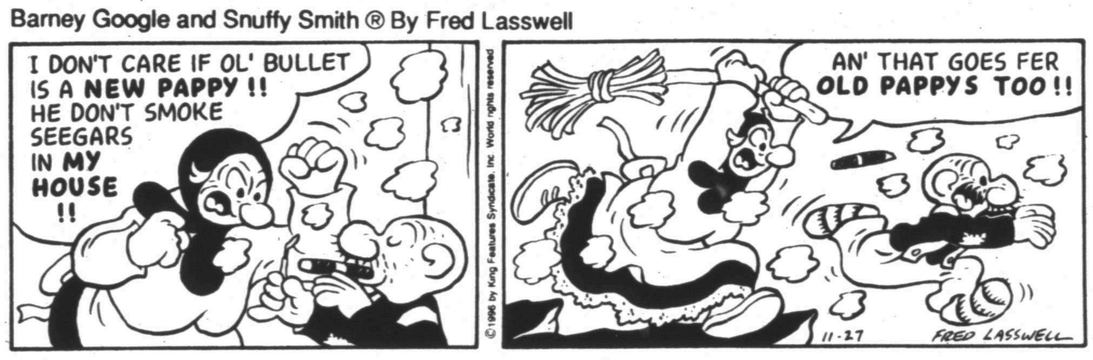
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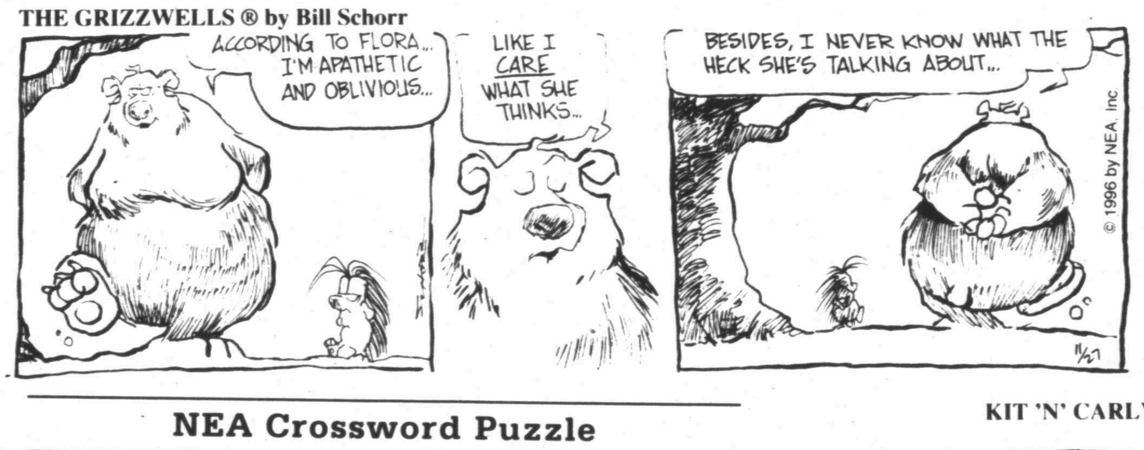
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16 Teen's car, perhaps (2 wds.)
18 Divorce capital
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33 Hairy
35 Marshy hollow
36 Those holding office
37 Barber's cry
39 Before
40 Wind instrument
41 Dole's st.
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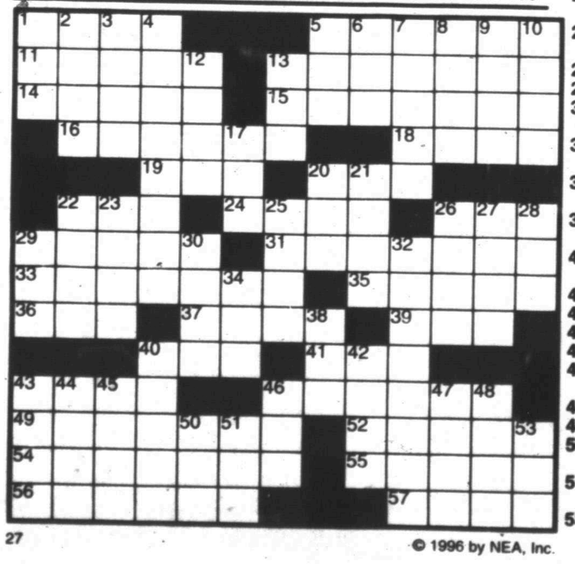
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23 Yours and mine
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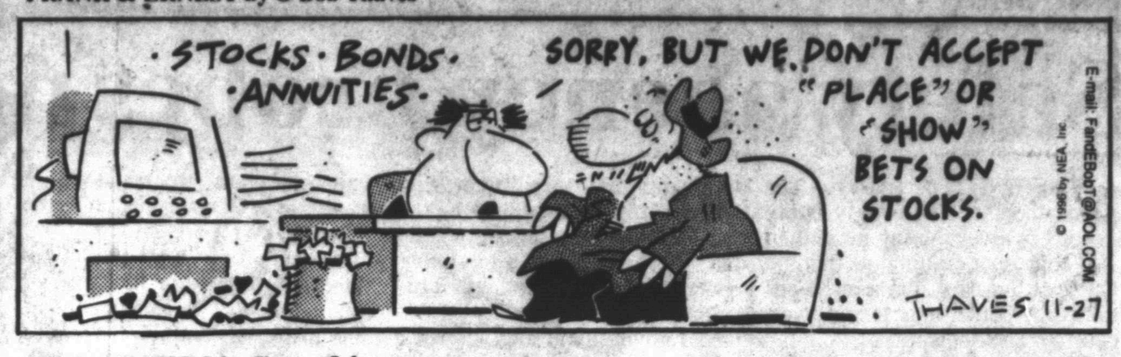
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Slaton puts skids on winning streak

SLATON — A physical game dominated by fouls — including two technicals on the Snyder Tigers, ended a six-game winning streak enjoyed by the Snyder Lady Tigers.

Slaton, now undefeated in four outings, took advantage of their 36 trips to the free-throw line to escape with a 57-43 non-conference victory Tuesday night.

Slaton's Tigerettes scored almost half of its points at the charity line. The 28 points from the line, combined with 29 from the floor, made the difference.

Snyder's top point producer, Erica Garvin, fouled out of the game with 28 seconds left in the third period. Garvin, who had been tagged with her fourth foul, was given a technical for telling the official that the Slaton player was elbowing her. Coach Rick Archer also was flagged with a "T" after suggesting that the game be called the same at both ends of the court.

"The girls played pretty well, despite adverse conditions," Archer said. "We could beat them in another situation."

Trailing four points at intermission, Snyder scored the last five points of the first half and the first seven points of the second to get a four-point lead, but that pad soon evaporated as Slaton roared back to outscore the Snyder Tigers 19-13 in the third period. In the fourth stanza, Slaton increased its margin with a 16-12 scoring advantage.

Garvin did end the night with 14 points, including a three-pointer in the second quarter. Melanie Kidd tried to keep Snyder in the game with 11 points, three of them treys. Tiffany Garza and Jamie Burleson each accounted for six points while Mandy Hess, Shannon Hall and Darla Blackwell each posted two.

Slaton's Rosielita Smith, who spent most of the second half on the bench with four fouls, led the Slaton scoring with 18 points. Julie Cottrell had 16 points, all but two of them coming from the free shot line. Allison Lewis added nine points and Tiffany Turney canned eight free buckets.

Snyder tried to get back on the winning track next Tuesday when they travel to Lubbock High. The JV game starts at 4:30 followed by the varsity tilt at 6 p.m.

SNYDER, 43, SLATON, 57

Slaton	10	12	19	16	-57
Snyder	8	10	13	11	-43

Slaton: Smith 4 4-0 18, Whaley 2 0-0 4, Lewis 3 1-0 9, Cottrell 1 0-1 4 16, Osuna 0 0-2 2, Turney 0 0-8 8 TOTALS 10 12-19 57.

Snyder: Garza 1 0-20 62, Kidd 12 3-0 11, Hess 2 0-0 2, Garvin 5 1-1 14, Burleson 3 0-0 6, Hall 2 0-0 2, TOTALS 8 10-13 43.

Three Point Baskets: Slaton, Lewis 1; Snyder, Kidd 3, Garvin 1.

Records: Snyder 7-2; Slaton 4-0.

Slaton gets win at final buzzer

SLATON — Slaton's Melody Warshaw made the winning shot at the buzzer to give the Slaton Tigerettes a 44-42 victory over the Snyder Lady Tigers JV Tuesday night.

Snyder, with an impressive 16-point output in the third quarter, enjoyed a 32-25 advantage going into the final period of play, but Slaton scored 19 in the final frame while Snyder was held to 10.

Christy Tankersley, who finished the night as Snyder's top scorer with 11, had three three-pointers. Amber Haddox finished with with two treys for six points. Amanda Scott and K.K. McClain each with a three-pointer, had seven points. Jodi Dennis canned five, and Terrie Moore finished with four while Felsha Biggers added two.

The Snyder JV takes on Lubbock High at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Lubbock.

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Utah	9	2	.818	2½
Minnesota	5	7	.417	7
Denver	5	9	.357	8
Dallas	4	9	.308	8½
SanAntonio	2	11	.154	10½
Vancouver	2	12	.143	11
Pacific Division				
Seattle	12	3	.800	—
L.A.Lakers	10	5	.667	2
Portland	8	6	.571	3½
L.A.Clippers	6	7	.462	5
Sacramento	5	9	.357	6½
GoldenState	3	10	.231	8
Phoenix	0	13	.000	11

Monday's Games
Washington 105, Minnesota 98
Milwaukee 100, Orlando 88
Utah 108, New Jersey 92
Chicago 88, L.A. Clippers 84

Tuesday's Games
Sacramento 98, Toronto 87
L.A. Lakers 100, Philadelphia 88
Charlotte 97, Seattle 89
Atlanta 101, Vancouver 80
Houston 102, Portland 101, OT
Dallas 105, San Antonio 101
Denver 117, Phoenix 108
Miami 107, Golden State 88

Wednesday's Games
Charlotte at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Sacramento at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Hermleigh wins by one-point

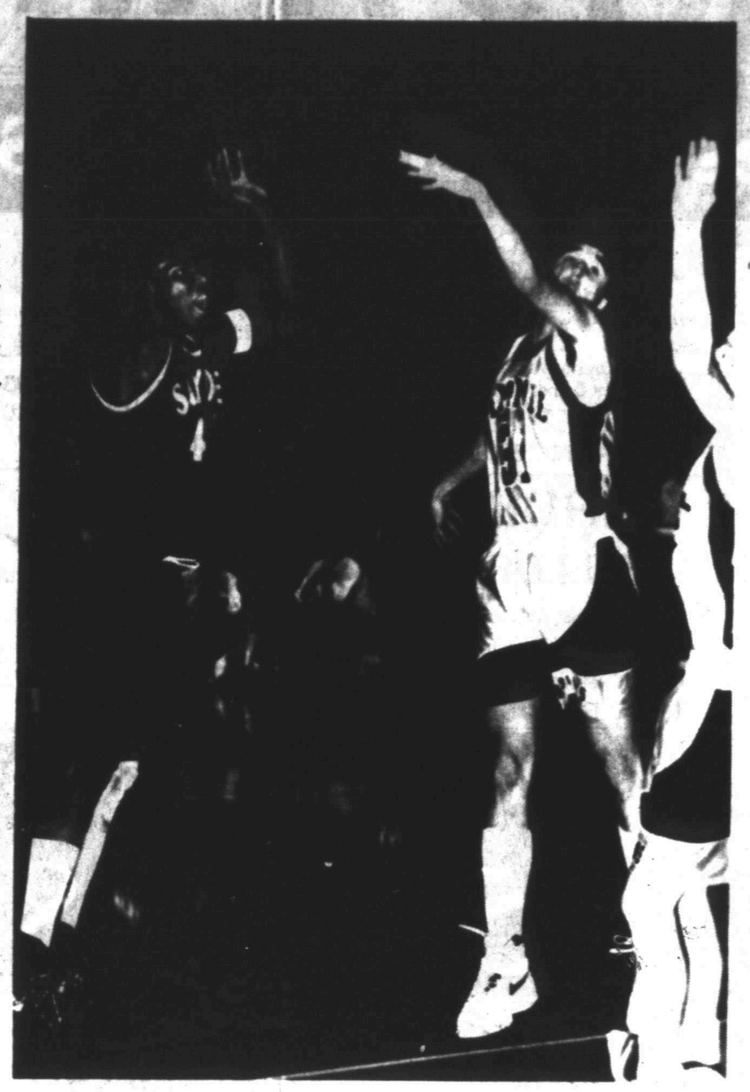
HERMLEIGH — Steady shooting propelled both Hermleigh School basketball teams to narrow victories Tuesday night against Trent.

The Cardinals rolled off 20 points in the final period to nudge Trent, 59-57.

Hermleigh hit 11 of 20 free throws and was 48 percent from the field. Maurio Gonzalez, who led the team in steals with five, also paced the scoring with 16 points. Larry Lambaren, who provided five assists, was close behind with 15. Larry Callaway was also in double figures with 14 points while Johnny Garza picked up six. Jason Hernandez and T.J. Wood each contributed three while Andy Luna added two. Woods accounted for 10 rebounds.

The Lady Cardinals nipped Trent, 44-43 with Kelly Gonzalez leading the way with 12 points. Michelle Roemisch and Melissa Brasuel each had 10. Jennifer Roemish contributed six points while Ester Jackson managed two. Jennifer Roemish was the leading rebounder with 10.

The Cardinals are 2-2 for the season and the Lady Cards are 2-3. Both teams will travel to Lueders-Avoca Tuesday night for games starting at 6:30.



JUMP SHOT — Snyder's Jimmy Taylor goes up for two points while a pair of Seminole defenders, including sophomore Chris Ogden, try to block the shot. Taylor finished the night with 14 points while Ogden scored 21 for the hosts. Seminole's 51-41 victory handed the Tigers their first loss of the season. (SDN Staff Photo)

College scores

East
Army 92, Vassar 52
Cornell 70, Buffalo 62
Delaware 82, Rider 70
Fairfield 82, Colgate 77, 2OT
Fairleigh Dickinson 90, Hartford 89
Fordham 66, Columbia 62
George Washington 77, South Florida 61
Georgetown 75, Alabama St. 37
Harvard 89, Lafayette 68
Loyola, Ill. 71, St. Peter's 50
Navy 60, Pittsburgh 49
Rutgers 73, Wagner 67
St. Francis, NY 74, Lehigh 69

South
Charleston Southern 82, Anderson, S.C. 57
E. Kentucky 89, Ohio Valley 86
East Carolina 57, Appalachian St. 48
Georgia 85, Georgia St. 48
Georgia Southern 87, Emmanuel 53
Georgia Tech 74, Morgan St. 58
Grambling St. 87, Texas-Arlington 67
Maryland 93, Howard U. 55
McNeese St. 81, Mobile 71
Mississippi 71, Prairie View 42
Mississippi St. 77, SE Louisiana 63
Radford 82, Tenn.-Martin 59
South Alabama 86, West Florida 60
Southern Miss. 68, Jackson St. 54
Texas Coll. at Southern U., ppd.
Tulane 92, Portland St. 64
Va. Commonwealth 91, S. Utah 59

Midwest
Bowling Green 85, Detroit 77
Butler 70, Indiana St. 48
E. Michigan 106, St. Joseph's, Ind. 70
Iowa St. 87, Alcorn St. 58
Kansas St. 80, N.C.-Asheville 54
Michigan 87, Ball St. 63
Minnesota 76, West Virginia 64
N.C. Charlotte 96, Kent 82
NE Illinois 96, Trinity, Ill. 78
Nebraska 83, Weber St. 66
Northwestern 70, Cent. Michigan 49
Notre Dame 69, Youngstown St. 48
Purdue 65, W. Michigan 56
W. Illinois 69, Wis.-Milwaukee 52

Southwest
Rice 79, Colorado Mines 52
Texas-San Antonio 90, Abilene Christian 78

Southwest
Arizona 88, N. Arizona 70
Cal Poly-SLO 87, Loyola Marymount 70
E. Washington 89, W. Montana 55
Fresno St. 85, Santa Clara 77
Gonzaga 101, St. Martin's 72
Oregon 91, San Diego St. 66
Oregon St. 81, Portland 64
Pacific 91, CS Stanislaus 61
San Diego 66, San Jose St. 51
St. Mary's, Cal. 69, Sacramento St. 60
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Snyder falls to Seminole, 51-41

SEMINOLE — The Snyder Tigers played two respectable quarters of basketball here Tuesday night, but it takes four quarters to win.

As as result the Snyder Tigers experienced their first loss of the young season, bowing to the still undefeated Seminole Indians, 51-41.

Coach Bud Birks' Tigers, led by senior Rick Henderson in the first period, came out strong and enjoyed a 14-10 margin after the initial quarter.

Henderson, who scored 10 points in the opening stanza — including a pair of treys — was shutout in the second and third quarters and ended the game with 14 points.

Teammate Jimmy Taylor tried to take up the slack as he hit seven field goals, three of them in the final quarter, to also post 14 points.

After leading 14-10 after the first quarter, Snyder managed only eight points in the second, but still held a two-point advantage at halftime.

Snyder, however, could manage only six points in the third quarter while Seminole exploded for 17, giving the hosts a 37-28 margin going into the final period.

In the stretch, Snyder got back on track — but not enough — as Seminole poured in 14 points, 11 of them by sophomore Chris Odgen who finished the night with 21 points. Kaleb Clay with 14 and Luke Sheets with 10, were also in double figures for the Indians, now 4-0.

"They have a very good team, probably the most talked about team in this part of the country for a long time. It was a close game for the first half. We let them get out and fast break on us in the third quarter and that's what I thought was the deciding point."

"It was a very tough, competitive game. There are some things we need to correct, but fortunately they are things we can correct, like getting back down the floor on defense."

"We just have to regroup and get ready for Andrews."

"They are ranked in top 5 in the state in class 3A. They have a kid (Chris Odgen) who is a sophomore, the best sophomore I've ever seen, being recruited by Duke and places like that."

Others scoring for the Tigers were Matthew Fambro with six while Ramsey Castillo who canned four. Alvin Fabre contributed two and Jeremiah Johnson hit a free throw.

The Tigers are now 4-1, and after a Thanksgiving break, resume the non-conference schedule Saturday in Andrews. The JV game starts at 2:30 followed by the varsity at 3:30 p.m.

In the junior varsity contest, Seminole popped Snyder, 58-48.

Snyder, 41, Seminole, 51

Seminole	10	10	17	14	-51
Snyder	14	8	6	13	-41

Seminole: Burrell 1 0-0 2, Elder 1 0-0 2, Shain 1 0-0 2, Clay 5 1-1 14, Odgen 10 1-1 21, Sheets 4 0-2 10. TOTALS 10 10-17 51.

Snyder: Fabre 1 0-0 2, Fambro 3 0-0 6, Johnson 1 0-0 1, Castillo 1 0-2 4, Henderson 3 2-2 14, Taylor 7 0-0 14, TOTALS 14 8-6 41.

Three Point Baskets: Seminole, Clay 1; Snyder Henderson 2.

Records: Snyder 4-1; Seminole 4-0.

Mavs hand Spurs 6th straight loss

DALLAS (AP) — Chris Gatling came off the bench to score 26 points, including two clinching free throws with 1.5 seconds left, as Dallas handed San Antonio its sixth straight loss, 105-101 Tuesday night.

George McCloud added 22 points and Jim Jackson 21 for the Mavericks.

Dominique Wilkins paced the shorthanded Spurs with 32 points to move past Alex English into seventh place on the NBA's career scoring list with 25,627 points. Vernon Maxwell added 21 for the Spurs.

Dallas took the lead for good with a 13-7 run over the final 4:38 of the third quarter for an 80-74 lead.

Ira girls upend Highland, 50-42

HIGHLAND — Ira's girls remained undefeated with a 50-42 victory over Highland Tuesday night. The Ira boys, however, bowed to Bronte, 87-39.

Ira girls enjoyed a 22-15 halftime lead, but Highland roared back with 18 points in the third quarter while Ira could manage only six, giving the hosts a 35-38 edge going into the final period.

Ira rose from the ashes and canned 20 points in the last quarter and held the Hornets to only nine.

Terri Robinson led the Ira scoring attack with 18 points while Lisha Leatherwood was also in double figures with 13. Jamee Goolsby canned nine and E'Lissa Goolsby was close behind with eight. Marcia Martin and Machea Chaney each contributed two.

Leading 37-14 at intermission, Bronte scored 32 points in the third quarter to seal the win over the Ira boys.

Drew Wall led Ira with 13 points while Thad Davis canned 10. Jerek Brown pitched in six while Jose Juarez and Max Perez each came home with five.

Kale Beck led Bronte with 17 points.

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Woman regrets being dismissed from trial

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — From the beginning, aspiring actress Ann-Marie Jamison raised eyebrows in the courtroom of the O.J. Simpson civil trial.

She giggled. She wanted the lawyers to introduce themselves because she couldn't tell who was representing whom.

Under her coat, she wore a T-shirt (a gift from her mother-in-law) that said, "It's Halloween! Care to Go Bump In The Night?"

Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki, not the lighthearted type, finally had enough when Ms. Jamison commented on the tie worn by a technician working for the plaintiffs.

"A jury is not a social club," Fujisaki said Tuesday, explaining why he kicked the 25-year-old woman off the jury.

"It is entirely likely that the public in general would lose confidence in the judicial process," he said.

A few hours later, Ms. Jamison and her representative were flying to New York for a round of television news show appearances. But she says she didn't seek the TV people out.

"I was hounded by the press," Ms. Jamison said this morning on NBC's "Today." "I was trapped in my house ... so basically I just agreed to get it over with."

Ms. Jamison said she thought the judge was "making a big mountain out of a molehill," but regretted being dismissed from an interesting trial.

"I've only seen one side so far, and I thought that the plaintiffs had laid out a fairly good case," she said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Ms. Jamison also said that Simpson was a credible witness "on certain things" that could be corroborated by other testimony, but other statements he made were only "his word" and not backed up.

"When he cut his finger, they showed the photos and it looked like a pretty deep cut and to not know at all when he got it seemed a little unbelievable," she told NBC.

She also denied reports that she hired an agent after being dismissed by the jury, saying that as an aspiring performer she has had representation for some time.

"She's not the normal 70-year-old, unemployed, blue-collar juror," said her longtime agent, Phil Brock of Studio Talent Group.

Her talents range from playing the flute to aerobics instructor to can-can dancer. Her resume touts her role as a "bikini girl" on the CBS-TV series "Diagnosis Murder."

"She's an intelligent young woman with a background in musical theater, with a bachelor's degree from UC (University of California) Santa Barbara," Brock said. "This is what I'd feel is the ideal juror: someone who would be intelligent, who would be well-read."

Ms. Jamison told NBC she was considering dropping her acting career as a result of these past few days.

"This experience has kind of soured me to the idea," she said. "I think I'll change careers after this."

Fujisaki rebuffed and scolded Ms. Jamison when she asked if she could bring candy for the other jurors on Halloween.

"It was Halloween," she said. "I brought some candy in. Several other people, including bailiffs, also brought candy in."

On Monday, she giggled and put her hand over her mouth when plaintiffs' lawyer Daniel Petrocelli read Simpson's deposition comment that the incriminating Bruno Magli shoes were "ugly-ass shoes."

At a news conference Tuesday, Ms. Jamison insisted she was a model juror.

"I did not talk about the trial to the other jurors, to anyone," she said. "I avoided the news — no offense — like the plague. You know, I really tried to be a fair and impartial juror."

The final straw was a comment about Steve Foster, a technician who was projecting the huge pictures of evidence onto a screen.

Ms. Jamison admitted commenting on the tie, but denied trying to contact any lawyers or court employees, as Fujisaki suggested.

While pursuing her acting dreams, Ms. Jamison was also a jewelry saleswoman. A month before the trial, when a department store buyout cost her that job.

Ms. Jamison was replaced by another young woman, a ponytailed blonde with multiple earrings who looked a little stunned when she was selected.

Markets

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NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	91	90	90⅝— ⅛	
AT&T Corps	38⅜	38¼	38⅜+ ⅛	
AirTouch	25⅜	25⅛	25⅜— ⅛	
Albertsons		35⅛	34⅞ 35	
Alldsignal	73⅛	72⅝	72⅝— ⅛	
Alltel	32	31⅛	31⅛— ⅛	
AmericaOnL	35⅛	33¾	35⅛+2⅛	
AmStores	40⅝	40⅛	40⅝+ ⅛	
Ameritech	58⅜	58⅛	58⅜+ ⅛	
Amoco	78	77⅛	77⅛+ ⅛	
AndarkPtr	68½	68	68 — ⅛	
Armcolac	4¾	4¼	4⅜— ⅛	
AtlRichfld	139	138	138⅜— ⅛	
ATMOS Egy	24⅛	23⅝	24⅛+ ⅛	
Aviall	9¾	9⅜	9⅜— ⅛	
BakerHughes	37⅞	37	37⅛+ ⅛	
BellAtl	63	62½	62½— ⅛	
BellSouth	41¼	40½	40½— ⅛	
BethSteel	9⅛	8⅞	9⅛+ ⅛	
BritPet	139⅛	138⅝	138⅝— ⅛	
BurlNoSFe		89	88⅛ 88⅛	
Caterpillar	78⅝	78¼	78⅛+ ⅛	
CenSoWst	26⅞	26½	26⅜— ⅛	
Chevron	68	67	67 —1⅛	
Chrysler s	35⅞	35	35⅛+ ⅛	
Coastal	49⅝	48¾	48⅝— ⅛	
CocaColas		51⅛	51¼ 51¼	
ColgatePalm	93⅛	92½	92⅝— ½	
ConcilMetals		32⅛	31¾ 32	
Cooperin	42⅞	42⅜	42⅝+ ⅛	
CyprusAmax	25⅛	24⅝	24⅞+ ⅛	
DallSemicn	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛— ⅛	
DeltaAirl	75⅜	74⅛	74⅜— ½	
DigitalEq	35⅛	34⅛	35¼+ ⅛	
Dillard	30⅛	30⅛	30⅜— ⅛	
DowChem	84⅛	83⅝	83⅞+ ⅛	
DresserInd	33⅛	32¼	33⅛+ ⅛	
DuPont	94⅝	93⅜	93⅛— ⅛	
EastmanChem	58⅛	56⅞	57⅛+ ⅛	
EstKodak	81½	80⅛	81⅛— ⅛	
EDS Corp	48⅛	46¼	47⅝— ⅛	
EljerInd	12⅛	12	12 — ⅜	
Enserch	23⅜	23⅛	23⅜— ⅛	
Entergy	27⅞	27⅛	27⅞+ ⅛	
Exxon	95	93⅜	93⅜—1⅛	
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FordMotor		32½	32¼ 32⅜	
GTE Cp		45⅛	44¼ 45	
GenDynam	74½	73¼	73¾— ⅛	
GenElec	102⅛	101⅞	101⅜— ⅛	
GenMills	63⅛	63¼	63⅜+ ⅛	
GenMotors	58⅛	57⅛	57⅜—1	
GaPacif		73¼	72⅛ 73	
GlobalMar	20⅛	19⅞	20 — ⅛	
Goodrichs	44⅞	44⅛	44⅛+ ⅛	
Goodyear s		48¼	48⅜ 48⅛	
GtAtlPac	33⅜	33	33 — ⅛	
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Lubys	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛+ ⅛	
LucentTech s	51⅜	51	51⅛— ⅛	
MayDeptStrs	48⅛	48	48⅛+ ⅛	
Medtronic	67⅞	66⅝	67 — ⅛	
Mobil	121⅛	120⅛	121 — ⅛	
Monsanto s	40⅜	39¾	40 + ⅛	
Motorola		54	53⅛ 53¼	
Nationsbk	103⅜	103⅛	103¼+ ⅛	
Navistar		9⅝	9¼ 9¼	
NoramEngy		15⅜	15⅛ 15⅛	
Norwest	46⅛	46	46 — ⅛	
Nynex	46⅛	46⅛	46⅛— ⅛	
OryxEngy	21⅜	20⅝	20⅞— ⅛	
PacTelesis	36⅜	36⅛	36⅛+ ⅛	
PanEnergy	44⅛	43⅜	43⅜— ⅛	
Penney JC	52⅜	52⅛	52⅛+ ⅜	
Pennzoil	57	56⅜	56⅝+ ⅛	
PepBoys	36⅞	36⅛	36⅜— ⅛	
PepsiCo s	30	29⅝	30 + ⅛	
PhelpDodge	73	71⅛	73 +1⅛	
PhilipPet	45⅝	44⅞	44⅝— ⅛	
PilgrmPrd	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛— ⅛	
Polaroid	42⅞	42⅜	42⅛— ⅛	
Praxair	49⅛	48⅛	48⅝— ⅛	
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PubSNwMx	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛— ⅛	
RoyalDutch	170¼	167⅞	167⅞—3½	
SBC Comm	52⅜	52	52⅛+ ⅛	
SaraLee		39⅞	39⅛ 39⅝	
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SherwinW		57⅞	57⅛ 57⅛	
SmthBchADS	68	65⅝	68 +2	
SouthernCo	22⅝	22⅛	22⅛+ ⅛	
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Texaco	100⅞	99	99⅝—1⅛	
TexasInd	56⅞	56⅛	56⅛+ ⅜	
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USX Delhi	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛+ ⅛	
USX-Marathn	23⅛	23	23 + ⅛	
USX-USS	30⅜	30⅛	30⅛+ ⅛	
UnCarbde		46	45¾ 45⅞	
UnPac s		58⅛	57⅞ 58⅛	
UnitedTech	140⅛	139	140⅛+2⅛	
UnitedTech wi	70⅛	69½	70⅛+ ⅛	
Unocal	41	39⅞	40⅛— ⅜	
WalMart	25⅜	25⅛	25⅛+ ⅛	
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Reputed mob underboss plays Santa

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — It was a festive holiday scene: a hot Thanksgiving meal, a tinsel-strewn Christmas tree, piles of wrapped presents and 20 shiny new bicycles.

And Tuesday's holiday party for a chartered busload of poor children and adults was a gift from a South Philadelphia Samaritan: reputed mob underboss Joseph "Skinny Joey" Merlino.

For the second year in a row, Merlino invited the homeless and other poor people to a festive holiday bash at a club. Asked why he gave it, he asked, "Is it a crime?"

"It's something nice for people who don't have nothing. If you didn't have nothing to eat I'd invite you in," added Merlino, 34, looking tense and somber in a brown suit and dark, slick hair.

He plans to host the event every year, he said, to "try to make it like the Jerry Lewis telethon."

Upstairs at Eladio's, in a room decorated with balloons, 40 children and 30 adults enjoyed a turkey and ham dinner and sang and danced to Christmas songs.

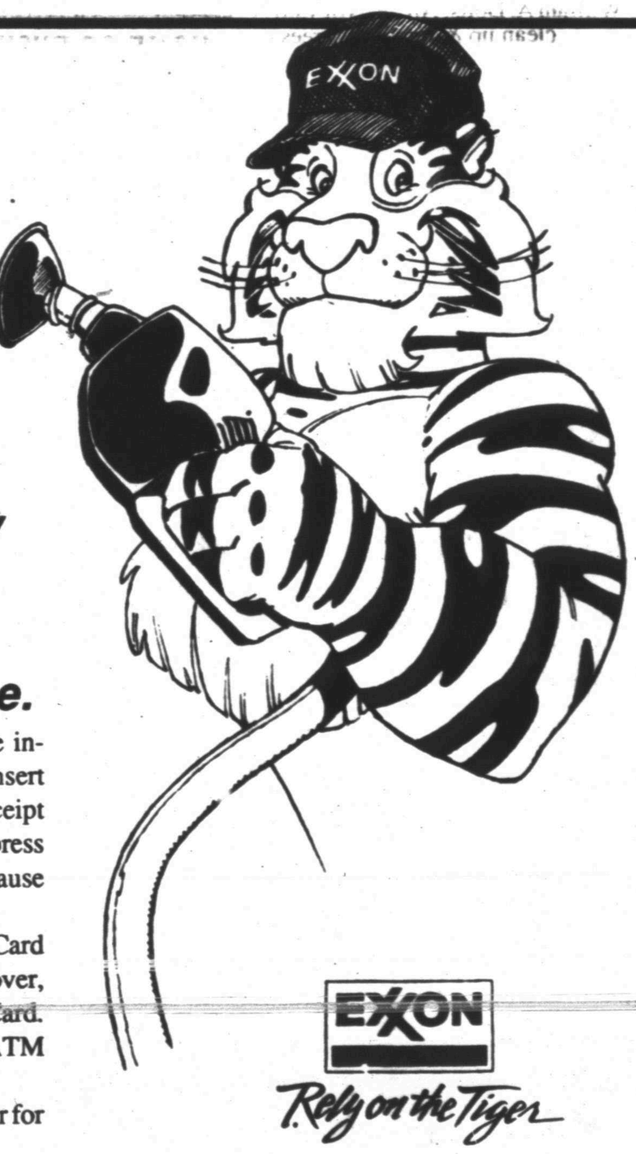
Merlino had his first homeless party on Nov. 22, 1995, the day reputed mob boss John Stanfa and seven associates were convicted on racketeering charges.

Merlino, whom Stanfa had targeted for death during a bloody mob war, is now believed to head the Philadelphia-South Jersey crime organization with Ralph Natale. He is a suspect in at least three mob-related shootings and is under constant police surveillance.

Homeless activist Cheri Honkala, who received a $7,600 check from Merlino, said she wasn't concerned about his reputation.

"We'd have dinner with the governor or the mayor or any person who cares about the homeless," said Honkala. "We're interested in people who walk the walk."

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Belarus marks nuclear withdrawal

MINSK, Belarus (AP) — The last former Soviet republic with nuclear weapons today celebrated the transfer of its last nuclear warheads to Russia.

Two other former republics, Ukraine and Kazakstan, already have turned over their nuclear arms to Russia to be dismantled.

Top Belarusian officials and Russian Defense Minister Igor Rodionov attended the ceremony outside the western town of Lida, the Interfax news agency reported.

It came amid political turmoil in the Belarus, where authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko convened a new parliament Tuesday that declared the existing one moot. He prevailed on the new body to pass legislation withdrawing impeachment efforts against him.

In a weekend referendum, the president won broader powers and his term was extended to 2001. Critics said Lukashenko intends to tighten his already iron grip.

Contradictory statements from Belarusian and Russian officials about the weapons withdrawal had led to confusion in recent days about the nuclear status of Belarus, which used to have 81 SS-20 and SS-25 missiles.

Belarus had agreed to send its nuclear weapons to Russia by the end of this year. Lukashenko then said he might keep some of the missiles to protest NATO's anticipated eastward expansion. His threat has not materialized.

Russia's ITAR-Tass news agency, citing Russia's strategic rocket command, said Belarus shipped the last 18 nuclear warheads to Russia on Saturday, though the missile launchers themselves remained.

Belarus' Security Council spokesman Vasily Baranov said the last missile launcher would be pulled out today, the Interfax news agency reported.

Other reports in recent days suggested that some launchers would stay.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said U.S. diplomats would try to clarify what was being done with the warheads and the missiles.

The United States has provided more than $100 million to Belarus this decade to dismantle its nuclear missiles and convert defense industries to civilian use.

Story Musgrave will spend 3rd Thanksgiving in space

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — He's the oldest person ever to fly in space. He's blasted off on space shuttles a record six times.

Story Musgrave, 61, gains yet another distinction Thursday when he spends his third Thanksgiving in orbit.

"We're going to have some turkey," says Musgrave.

"Room-temperature, stabilized" turkey, that is, according to Columbia crewmate Thomas Jones.

But the five astronauts aboard the space shuttle won't have time for a feast on Thanksgiving Day: They'll be too busy getting Jones and Tamara Jernigan ready to go outside for a six-hour spacewalk that night.

They'll dig into the turkey — along with cranberry sauce and pumpkin-colored cakes — on Friday, after the two astronauts finish testing space station-building tools.

"When we get back inside, believe me, we'll be hungry for that Thanksgiving turkey," Jones said Tuesday. "We've got some off-the-shelf, kind of supermarket, room-temperature, stabilized turkey dinners that we'll be digging into right after I get that helmet off."

The astronauts prepared today for the spacewalks, which are supposed to be dress rehearsals for international space station construction. Jones and Jernigan will venture outside again on Saturday night.

NASA wants to gain as much spacewalking experience as possible before the space agency is to start building the station in late 1997.

The crew members spent the first week of a 16-day mission working with a semiconductor-producing satellite and an ultraviolet telescope. They released both last week, and retrieved the satellite Monday night. The telescope continued to trail Columbia by at least 23 miles today.

By Tuesday night, the telescope had made 150 to 160 observations of stars and galaxies, NASA astrophysicist Ronald Polidan said. The crew will capture it on Dec. 3, two days before Columbia returns to Earth.

Meanwhile, a NASA astronaut traveling on another spacecraft, Russia's Mir station, said today his stay has been made more enjoyable by regular contact with his family and a selection of both Russian and American foods — accommodations not provided to the first American who lived on the outpost.

John Blaha said improvements have been made since the 1995 flight of Dr. Norman Thagard.

Obituaries

Brock Gard

Service has not been set for Kenneth Brock Allen Gard, 18, of Snyder who died early this morning at a Scurry County residence.

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Death sentence in gang rape slaying upheld

AUSTIN (AP) — A Houston gang member sentenced to death in the 1993 rape-murder of two teen-age girls had his appeal rejected Wednesday by the state's highest court for criminal appeals.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals unanimously upheld Raul O. Villareal's death sentence, handed down by a Harris County court in 1994.

Villareal was among five gang members sentenced to death in the slayings of 14-year-old Jennifer Ertman and 16-year-old Elizabeth Pena. A sixth boy was convicted as a juvenile and sentenced to 40 years in state custody.

In June 1993, Villareal was being initiated into the other boys' gang on a railroad trestle in Houston. As part of the initiation, Villareal had to fight off the other boys.

Miss Ertman and Miss Pena were walking home from a friend's house when they took a shortcut and stumbled upon the gang's initiation. According to witnesses, the girls were raped, strangled, beaten and stomped to death.

Villareal appealed his conviction, saying there was not enough evidence to declare him a future threat to society, a requirement for the death penalty.

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Two juveniles in custody, following high-speed chase

Two male juveniles were taken into custody early this morning following a high-speed chase from Nolan County, while one person was arrested Tuesday afternoon for driving with a suspended license.

Sheriff's dispatchers received a call at 4:16 this morning that Nolan County DPS troopers were in pursuit of a late-model Pontiac north-bound on U.S. Highway 84. The vehicle was stopped in Scurry County by DPS troopers and Snyder city officers and the duo were arrested. Juvenile probation officer Larry Thompson then transferred them to a juvenile facility in Sweetwater.

City officers arrested a 27-year-old female at 9:33 p.m. Tuesday in the 2200 block of Avenue M for driving with a suspended license.

In other activity, an offense report for Class C theft was submitted at 7:29 a.m. in reference to a gas drive-off from Tiger Mart on Monday for someone failing to pay for $45.44 worth of gas.

Harold Welch requested an officer at 9:35 a.m. at 209 33rd St. in reference to criminal mischief. An offense report for Class C criminal mischief was submitted.

A woman requested to speak to an officer at 6:22 p.m. in reference to her eight-year-old son stating he had been assaulted on a school bus.

A report of harassment was made at 6:52 p.m.

An offense report for Class B theft was submitted at 8:24 p.m. in reference to a theft of money from a customer at Pizza Hut by four male juveniles.

A report for family violence was filed at 11:15 p.m.

A report of an assault was made at 12:52 this morning from a residence on CR 3126. The assault reportedly occurred inside the city limits. No charges were filed at the time, and the incident is still under investigation.

Births

Timmy and Miranda Clark of Sweetwater are parents of a daughter, Madison Marie, born Nov. 25 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, five ounces.

Grandparents are Matt and Sara Ornelas and Ron and Jo Ann Clark, all of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Herman and Sotera Ornelas of Colorado City, George and Ruby Clark of Snyder, and Ed and Dorothy Adams of China Grove.

Edward and Kimberly Albarez announce the birth of their son, Drake Edward, at 2:31 p.m. on Nov. 24 in Columbia Medical Center, Carlsbad, N.M. He weighed seven pounds, six ounces.

Grandparents are Joe and Elecia Albarez and Rebecca Heidenheimer, all of Snyder, and Lee Heidenheimer of Dallas.

Jose and Teresa Bautista of Snyder announce the birth of their son at 1:03 a.m. on Nov. 26 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, four ounces.

Thanksgiving Day forecast

Thanksgiving Day: cloudy with a 40 percent chance of light freezing rain or sleet in the morning. Precipitation changing to rain by afternoon. High in the mid 40s. South wind 5-15 mph.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Billie Allen, 3798 Elk; Teresa Bautista, 709 28th; Lura Chambers, 415 31st; Stephen Sullenger, 2506 31st; Betsy Griffin, 2801 Ave. W.

DISMISSALS: Aturo Amador, Victoria Hernandez, Jacob Mitchell, Tollie Faver, Trey Roemisch.

CENSUS: 61 (Med., Surg.-13, Long-term Care-41, CCU-1, OB-3, Nursery-3).

Two plea guilty in district court

Two probated sentences and a revocation of probation were handled in 132nd District Court.

The two probated sentences followed guilty pleas Friday before District Judge Ernie Armstrong.

David Michael Whiteley, 41, of Floydada pleaded guilty to a Oct. 11 felony driving while intoxicated charge and was given a five-year prison term, probated for five years. He was also fined $750.

John Kenneth Freeman, 35, of Berry, Ala., pleaded guilty to forgery last Jan. 10 and was given a two-year sentence in a state jail facility, probated for five years. Freeman must also pay $625 in restitution as part of his probation.

Ethel Kay Blackwell, 43, of 3001 Ave. C. had been serving a seven-year probated sentence for the 1992 burglary of Colortyme in Snyder Shopping Center.

Blackwell failed to report to her probation officer and pay court-ordered fees, resulting in the revocation. Senior District Judge Gene Dulaney ordered Blackwell to serve seven years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

What's Up?

AA meeting time changed

The Alcoholics Anonymous birthday meeting will get an earlier start this month. Friday's pot luck supper will begin at 6:30, with the meeting set for 7:30 p.m. at the Snyder Park Club.

Landfill schedule changes

The city landfill will be open Friday and closed Saturday.

Sirens to be tested Monday

The fire department will test the weather alert sirens Monday at noon, weather permitting.

Artist to display works

Southwestern paintings by local artist and SHS teacher Ned Moore will be on display in the West Texas State Bank lobby for one week beginning Monday.

Volleyball fund-raiser

Snyder's Lady Tigers volleyball team is holding its annual fund-raiser. The team is offering a Win Win Discount Card, good for savings at 15 local businesses. The cards are $5 each and good for one year. For information, call Patty Grimmett at 573-6301 or 573-9416.

GED testing resumes

GED test dates will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, and at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4. Tests are administered in the Learning Resource Center on the WTC campus. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Geraldine Parker at 573-8511, ext. 322, from 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday or 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

A new minimum standard for passing the GED will become effective Jan. 1.

Christmas greenery

The high school Spanish Club is taking orders for live Christmas greenery such as wreaths, garlands, swags. Orders will be delivered the week of Dec. 9. Profits will be used to send club members to the April convention. For more information, call 573-6301 or 573-7964.

Christmas trees needed

Snyder Healthcare Center, 5311 Big Spring Hwy., is needing new and used Christmas trees, lights and ornaments. Anyone having extras and willing to donate is asked to bring them to the Center.

Tiger's Lair yearbooks

Snyder High School Tiger's Lair yearbooks are on sale for $35 until Dec. 20 in the journalism department. After the 20th, the price will be $40. The journalism department suggests that the yearbooks make ideal Christmas gifts.

New ladies league forming

A ladies volleyball league is forming at the Boys & Girls Club. For information, call 573-3344.

Christmas lights for sale

Hermleigh Senior Class is selling Christmas outdoor lights at $6 for a 100-light strand or $10 installed. The class will also install lights for owners who already have them for a fee. Installation dates are Dec. 2-7. Call 863-2215, 863-2720 or 573-2911.

WTC booster club

WTC booster club has a new meeting place and time. WTC boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 3 in the Christian Student Center, located between the museum and the Baptist Student Union on the WTC campus.

Key to Kingdom series

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "Guilt and Repentance," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Senior dedication ads

The deadline for senior dedication ads for the 1997 Tiger's Lair yearbook is Monday. Parents are reminded that ads are $30 and should include a picture and brief message.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

SNS accepting applications

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is accepting application for its 1997 workday. Applications may be picked up at Sam Robertson's Insurance Agency, the chamber of commerce or West Elementary and returned to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, Texas, 79550.

Applications are due by Jan. 15. To be considered, applicants must own and be living in the house, be current on taxes and be age 65 or older or disabled.

Snyder Junior High Night Out

Snyder Junior High Night Out will be held Tuesday at Pizza Inn. All parents, students and staff are invited to participate.

Cash 5

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

14-15-20-26-28

(fourteen, fifteen, twenty, twenty-six, twenty-eight)

Pick 3

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

7-5-6

(seven, five, six)

Death toll climbs to 29 in explosion

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Rescuers pulled two more bodies Tuesday from the rubble of a building that exploded last week, bringing to death toll to at least 29.

Five people are still missing from the explosion Thursday in the busy Rio Piedras shopping district.