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Home Of Clifford & Nicole Redman

County will seek new proposals for airport mechanic

Scurry County commissioners court has scheduled a special meeting Thursday to seek proposals for an airport mechanic and fixed base operator.

The decision to set a special meeting for 1 p.m. Thursday comes on the heels of a letter sent last month giving notification to the current operator that the lease with the present mechanic would be terminated.

Gary Haltom, who contracted 13 months ago to use the county hangar to operate a private business, has since moved to Tyler.

The court, meeting this morning, agreed to send a second letter to Haltom to clarify the county's intention to terminate the lease. Haltom still has personal items and equipment in the hangar.

Tony Gray of Gray Aviation met with the court this morning and said he would be interested in submitting a proposal. He said the boll weevil eradication program will help increase air traffic at the airport. Gray said he could see the business growing over the next few years.

Commissioners will open and consider proposals at its Dec. 16 meeting.

In other business this morning, commissioners agreed that the county should pay 80 percent of a $3,012 medical bill for sheriff deputy Nell Scott.

Scott said she had a foot operation in 1995, when the county was self-insured. Because of an error in coding the procedure, the insurance company rejected the claim.

The San Angelo doctor has written a letter confirming his clerical error, but the insurance company still refused payment. Court members noted that funds had been set aside for disputed claims.

Commissioners also unanimously approved the closure of an alley and street behind Allsup's in Hermleigh. Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Gannaway said proper notice had been posted and that no objections were received. Allsup's has agreed to pay for the plugging of an abandoned well in the area.

Also given unanimous approval was a "no-risk" contract with Vertex Targeted Opportunities Inc. The contract is with the Scurry County Health Unit to assist in obtaining Medicare reimbursements for the county. Cost is 22 percent of any funds received.

Commissioners also approved the following budget requests and line-item transfers:

—a request for $16,000 for repairs in Precinct 4, which exceeded the budgeted amount.

—a request for $6,000 for elections in the county clerk's office, which exceeded the budgeted amount.

—a request of $200 for fuel, oil and grease and $2,300 in operating supplies in Precinct 1, which exceeded the budgeted amount.

—a transfer of $3,600 from the general fund for law books in the courthouse library.

—a transfer of $500 in medical care to education in the child welfare department.

—a transfer of $650 from supplies to travel in the county tax assessor's office.

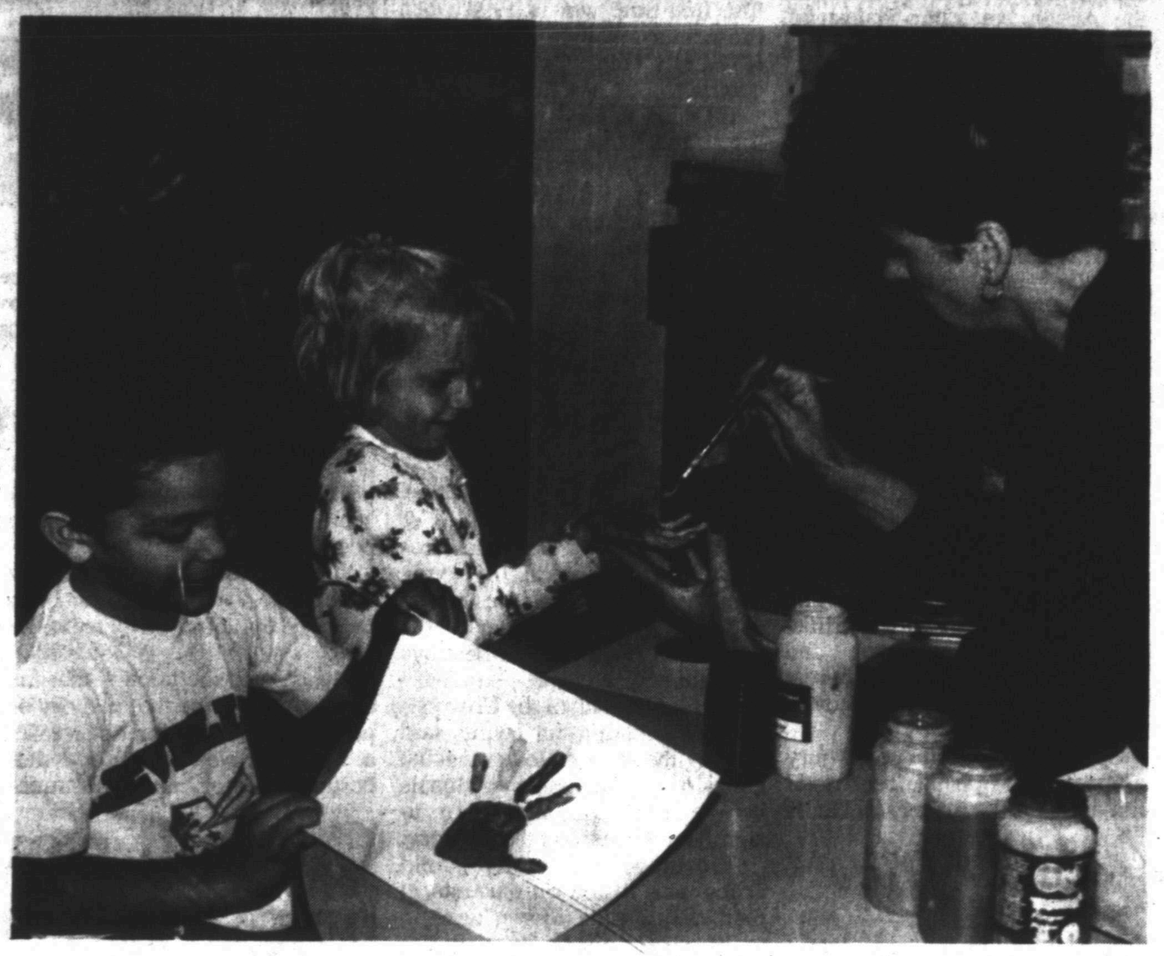
—transfers of $522.23 from utilities to new books, $11 from copier supplies to maintenance agreements and $4.83 from copier supplies to book repairs at the county library.

—a transfer of $794 from worker's compensation insurance to public official's liability insurance ($355), Commissioner 1 travel ($175), Commissioner 2 travel ($68), Commissioner 4 travel ($66), and communications ($130) in the combined precinct.

—transfers from other equipment ($1,190), pool equipment ($645), pool utilities ($362) and pool supplies ($429) to park supplies ($1,436), repairs ($812) and community center expenses ($378) in the maintenance department.

—transfers of $1,300 from payroll to part-time, $130 from

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TURKEY TIME — Barbara Bowen, a kindergarten teacher at Northeast Elementary, helps Gabriel Acosta, left, and Keilea Shaw make a picture of a turkey with fingerpaints. Students will later tell how they got their Thanksgiving turkey and write a recipe for cooking it. They will display them in the hall for everyone to read. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Founder's Day ceremony set Tuesday

Presentation of the Founder's Day Award, an annual event sponsored by the Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, will be made Tuesday at Western Texas College.

The presentation, traditionally a surprise announcement, will take place in the Student Center at 10:45 a.m. A reception will follow and the public is invited.

This year's winner was selected under new criteria developed by the executive board and faculty advisors for Phi Theta Kappa.

The criteria calls for the recipient to be a member of the faculty, staff or administration who represents to an outstanding degree one or more of the Phi Theta Kappa ideals of scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship.

Founder's Day marks the 1918 founding of Phi Theta Kappa at Stephens College in Missouri. The award has been given at WTC since 1983. Names of all honorees are inscribed on a plaque permanently hung in the student center.

Franklin Pruitt received the first award. He instructed government and history for 14 years before retiring in 1988. He died in 1995.

Mike Otto was awarded in 1984. He resigned his associate professor of science position at the end of the fall semester in 1993.

Other recipients have been:

—1985: Martha Gist, secretary of counseling until 1986.

—1986: Joe Carter, professor of science.

—1987: Dr. James Tully, former director of financial aid, and Pam Johnson, former assistant of student activities.

—1988: Dr. Gil Fleer, professor of psychology-sociology, who retired in 1993.

—1989: Mickey Baird, director of student services who retired in 1995.

—1990: Dr. Mary Hood, director of counseling services and local Phi Theta Kappa advisor and regional coordinator, who retired last year.

—1991: Bob Doty, agriculture professor and rodeo coach, who now is employed by Tarleton State University.

—1992: Darla Doty, director of college relations and wife of Bob Doty, who is also employed at TSU.

—1993: Michael Endy, associate professor of drama.

—1994: Jim Judah, associate professor of agriculture.

—1995: Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services, and Ray Robbins, head of the criminal justice department. Both retired last year.

Communist party loses election

Romanians take to the streets in celebration

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Romania's president conceded defeat today, as a historic vote put a geology professor in the presidency and ousted the former Communists from power for the first time since the country's 1989 revolution.

Ion Iliescu, who with his former Communist party had ruled Romania since dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was overthrown and executed seven years ago, lost to Emil Constantinescu, results showed today.

It was the first time ever that Romanians changed their leader through the ballot box. Other leaders have died in office or were deposed, killed or banished.

With more than 95 percent of the vote counted in Sunday's presidential runoff, Constantinescu won 54 percent to Iliescu's 46 percent, according to the Central Election Bureau.

Final results were expected by early Tuesday.

"I think I have fulfilled the fundamental mission of president in such a difficult transition period," Iliescu said today, acknowledging defeat. "Romania has accomplished a profound economic and political change."

He said he hoped the new government would continue to work toward the goals of membership in NATO and the European Union.

Some 20,000 celebrants took to the streets of Bucharest late Sunday, joined by thousands more in other major cities. Drivers honked car horns, people embraced and uncorked bottles of champagne.

"Iliescu is no more!" a Bucharest crowd shouted as Constantinescu addressed them in University Square, standing on the same balcony where he led an anti-Iliescu demonstration in 1990.

"We have fought for our dignity, for understanding and for supreme freedom," Constantinescu said, at times appearing overcome by emotion. "It is the victory of millions of Romanians."

He warned that in order to improve Romania's economy, the country's 23 million people would have to endure a period of "very difficult reform."

With average monthly wages at $100, inflation high and corruption common, Romanian frustration had eroded the support for Iliescu, who easily won presidential races in 1990 and 1992.

Under Iliescu, Romania has lagged behind other Central and East European countries in improving its economy and creating a solid democracy.

In parliamentary elections on Nov. 3, Iliescu's Social Democracy Party finished second to Constantinescu's center-right Democratic Convention. Romania's major parties then threw their support behind Constantinescu.

During the campaign, Constantinescu appealed to voters as a modest man with an exemplary family life. He spoke of restoring Romania's national pride and speeding up economic reforms.

"We needed a second revolution," said Emil Costache, a 34-year-old engineer celebrating in University Square. "We should be happy we did through voting and not through fighting."

CIA man held for espionage

WASHINGTON (AP) — A career CIA employee has been arrested and charged with passing top secret information to the Russians in return for more than $100,000 since June 1994, the FBI said today.

Identified in an FBI affidavit as Harold J. Nicholson, 46, of Burke, Va., the bearded suspect stood quietly during a brief appearance in federal court in Alexandria, Va.

"You're here because you've been arrested on a warrant charging you with conspiracy to commit espionage," U.S. District Judge T. Rawls Jones told Nicholson, who wore white slacks and a turquoise short-sleeved shirt.

"Nicholson betrayed his country for money. He was not motivated by ideology but by greed," said U.S. Attorney Helen Fahey in a statement. The judge said a lawyer would be appointed to represent Nicholson.

The FBI said it observed Nicholson photographing secret and top-secret CIA documents about Russia just last Tuesday, four days before he was arrested at Dulles International Airport as he was about to leave Saturday on a foreign trip. Fahey said he planned to meet with his Russian "handlers."

The affidavit by FBI Agent Michael Lonergan said that before Saturday the bureau had conducted electronic and video surveillance of Nicholson and had searched his car, workspace, mail, residence and computers under still-sealed search warrants.

Nicholson faces life in prison without parole if convicted. Fahey said at this time prosecutors were not planning to seek the death penalty.

Prosecutors said Nicholson should not be released on bail before his trial because they believe he is "a danger to the community."

Hired by the CIA in 1980, Nicholson, who is divorced and has three ahildren, has held top-secret security clearance throughout his career and was given access to sensitive information whose disclosure could irreparably harm the United States, the FBI said. He served as a spy overseas against the Soviet Union, Russia and other foreign nations.

He first had direct contact with targeted Soviet officials while serving in Manila in 1982 to 1985, the FBI said. He later served in Bangkok in and then Tokyo.

Nicholson was chief of station for the CIA in Romania's capital, Bucharest, from 1990 to 1992 and then for two years after that was deputy chief of station in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia. There he met with Russian intelligence officers the CIA had targeted for recruitment as spies for the United States, the affidavit said.

From 1994 to July 1996, he taught new CIA agents spy tradecraft at "The Farm," as the CIA refers to its secret Virginia training site. In July, he was moved to the counterterrorism center at CIA headquarters.

Federal law enforcement officials, who demanded anonymity, said there is no indication Nicholson worked with Aldrich Ames, convicted in the CIA's most serious case of spying for Russia.

Nicholson is believed to have passed "some serious stuff" to the Russians, but the case is not thought to be as damaging as Ames' treachery, officials said. A CIA counterintelligence officer, Ames is serving a life sentence for selling secrets to the former Soviet Union and to Russia that U.S. officials said led to the deaths of 10 Western agents and compromised dozens of operations.

Nicholson's activities were unearthed in mid-1994 after he failed a lie detector test.

ASK US

Q—It appears that holiday lights are in place at the courthouse, but they are not being turned on in the evenings. Is there a problem?

A—No. The official "lighting" will take place the evening of Nov. 29. Santa will also be there.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 75 degrees; low, 34; high Sunday, 55; low, 33; 7 a.m. Monday, 42; .15 of an inch precipitation; total for 1996, 12.69 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear early, becoming mostly cloudy toward morning. Low 50-55. S wind 5 10 mph. Tuesday, some early morning low clouds, otherwise mostly sunny. High near 80. South wind 10-20 mph.



Bryan Clifton
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 5:43 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:16 a.m.
Of 322 days in 1996, the sun has shone 318 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Do not go hastily to court; For what will you do in the end, When your neighbor has put you to shame?

Proverbs 25:8

Ex-Lt. Gov Barnes' lottery contract now under review

AUSTIN (AP) — The company that runs the Texas Lottery has made about $41 million since 1992, and one review is examining whether former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes' cut of those profits is legal.

Barnes, who started as a lobbyist for Rhode Island-based GTECH and helped it land the Texas deal, is being reviewed by the Texas Lottery Commission along with GTECH's other subcontractors.

The lottery commission wants to know where GTECH's money from the lottery is going, said commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers.

"The commission is interested in what contracts exist where revenues generated through the lottery are being paid in any direction," Miers said.

Barnes' original contract gave him 4 percent of the company's gross revenues in Texas. Since GTECH would not have made any money in Texas without the contract, lottery officials are concerned the arrangement could have violated state law. Texas law prohibits lobbying fees contingent on passage of legislation.

Lottery and GTECH officials met Oct. 30 to discuss Barnes' contract.

Barnes said he had lawyers review all of his contracts with the company.

"There wasn't any way in the world I wasn't going to check everything and dot every 'I' and cross every 'T', go to attorneys and get things right," Barnes told the Austin American-Statesman. "We were very careful and had lawyers review all the contractual commitments I had with GTECH. We've had legal opinions saying they complied with the laws of Texas."

Barnes' connections throughout Austin — he served as Texas House speaker from 1965 to 1968 and lieutenant governor from 1969-1973 — are deep.

"What I provide GTECH is access to some of my friends and getting their counsel and advice on what was going right and what was going wrong," said Barnes, who started working as a GTECH lobbyist to get the Lottery approved in Texas and now works worldwide.

Barnes lost re-election after a 1972 banking scandal, though he was never charged with a crime. He turned to business, and profited in the early 1980s in real estate, but filed for bankruptcy in 1987.

Spurred by recent grand jury subpoenas and the October federal conviction of a former GTECH official and Barnes associate, the Lottery Commission is taking a close look at Barnes' deal and ones with other subcontractors.

The commission has been subpoenaed twice to submit records to a federal grand jury. The first time was in 1994 when prosecutors sought portions of GTECH's bid for the Texas contract.

GTECH denies any wrongdoing, and the company has produced a list of 10 ways Barnes' relationship with GTECH is different than the one it had with J. David Smith, a manager convicted on Oct. 4 in New Jersey on 20 counts of conspiracy, fraud, bribery and money laundering.



WELCOMED TO CHAMBER — Peggy Mae's Antiques and Crafts was welcomed to the Snyder Chamber of Commerce at a recent ribbon cutting and reception. Owner Peggy Chandler is shown fourth from right on the front row. She said the business will be open Monday through Friday at 201 N. College from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

New drug to be tested on Alzheimer's

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new drug, which in some tests of healthy elderly men restores memory almost to that of young people, soon will be tested on patients with Alzheimer's, the fatal brain disorder that destroys the mind.

Dr. Gary Lynch of the University of California at Irvine said Sunday the drug called ampakine CX-516 accelerates signals between brain cells and appears to significantly sharpen the memory.

The drug, used in only mild doses, was tested on students in their early 20s and on men aged 65 to 70 and the results were "particularly striking" among the older people, Lynch said. He delivered a report on the drug Sunday at a national meeting of the Society for Neuroscience.

Lynch said clinical trials of the drug consisted of memory tests conducted with and without CX-516.

Before taking the drugs, the subjects were read a series of nonsense syllables, then asked five minutes later to recall as many of them as possible.

The elderly could recall, on average, only one of the syllables. The score for the young men averaged four out of 10.

The subjects later were given mild doses of ampakine CX-516, then retested.

"The results for the 65- to 70-year-old men was particularly striking," said Lynch. "They scored near the range of young people."

In some tests even the young experienced improvement in memory by about 20 percent, he said.

Lynch said the hope is that the drug will improve the memory of patients with Alzheimer's disease, a progressive disorder that destroys memory and other functions of the brain and eventually kills. About 5 million Americans, mostly elderly, have Alzheimer's, and it is estimated that the number will climb to 15 million over the next quarter-century as the nation's population ages.

Ampakine CX-516 has been tested only on small groups in clinical experiments to detect any toxic effects. A more definitive test will start next year at the National Institutes of Health, when 16 patients with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease will be given the drug.

Dr. Donald Price, a neuroscience researcher at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, said the new drug is "intriguing and innovative" and that it will influence "a very important synapse" in the brain.

However, he said, "I have reservations about its use in Alzheimer's, because it does not directly address the disease mechanism. It is a palliative."

"I would suspend my enthusiasm until I see the results of the clinical trials. It is quite early" in the drug development process, Price said.

Lynch and co-workers at the University of California, Irvine, discovered the drug in 1991 while searching for compounds to improve communications between neurons in the brain. He said it works by causing neuron switches, called synapses, to remain open for a fractional second longer. This enhances the flow of an amino acid called glutamate. The exchange in effect carries a message from one neuron to another.

'Space Jam' tops box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Space Jam," the comedy that combines the talents of Michael Jordan and Bugs Bunny, topped the box office in its debut weekend with $29.2 million.

The live action-animation feature knocked last week's top-grossing film, the Mel Gibson kidnap thriller "Ransom," down to second place with $23 million, according to industry estimates released Sunday.

Debuting at No. 3 with $12.2 million was the "The Mirror Has Two Faces," a romantic comedy directed by and starring Barbra Streisand as a frumpy professor who finds love with Jeff Bridges.

"First Wives Club" edged closer to the $100 million mark. It has grossed $99.3 million in nine weeks and slipped from seventh to eighth place with a take of about $1.5 million.

Final figures are released today. The top 10 films:

1. "Space Jam," $29.2 million.
2. "Ransom," $23 million.
3. "The Mirror Has Two Faces," $12.2 million.
4. "Set It Off," $5.8 million.
5. "William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet," $5.6 million.
6. "Sleepers," $2.3 million.
7. "High School High," $1.6 million.
8. "First Wives Club," $1.57 million.
9. "The Ghost and the Darkness," $1 million.
10. "Michael Collins," $850,000.

Cockpit warning system helps to avert close calls

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Commercial airliners in the United States have come as close as 500 feet to another plane at least 23 times this year, USA Today reported today.

But a cockpit warning system required since 1993 on big jets is credited, along with training and teamwork in the planes and air traffic control centers, with helping cut the number of close calls in recent years.

The Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System, a cockpit computer that warns of potential crashes with other aircraft, has done "a marvelous job in helping bring down the rate" of near-collisions, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Eliot Brenner said.

FAA records show that 131 times in 1989, commercial airliners came as close as 500 feet to another plane, USA Today reported, citing federal aviation records.

About 4,500 U.S. airliners have the cockpit system, which determines how fast planes are coming together, on what course and at what altitude.

Smaller private planes, with fewer advanced safety devices and flown by less experienced pilots, are most often involved in crashes with another aircraft, the newspaper reported.

The last major collision in the United States came in 1986, when an Aeromexico DC-9 and a private plane collided over a Los Angeles suburb, killing 82 people.

Date Book

Nov. 18, 1996

Today is the 323rd day of 1996 and the 58th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1307, Swiss patriot William Tell shot an apple from his son's head with an arrow.

On this day in 1865, Mark Twain published his first work of fiction.

On this day in 1991, Englishman Terry Waite and American Thomas Sutherland were released by their Lebanese kidnappers after six years.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Clarence Day (1874-1935), writer; Eugene Ormandy (1899-1985), conductor-music director; George Gallup (1901-1984), pollster; Johnny Mercer (1909-1976), lyricist; Alan Shepard (1923-), astronaut, is 73; Margaret Atwood (1939-), writer, is 57; Linda Evans (1943-), actress, is 53; Warren Moon (1956-), football player, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1949, Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers was named the National League's Most Valuable Player.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Aside from a few odd words in Hebrew, I took it completely for granted that God had never spoken anything but the most dignified English." — Clarence Day

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1979, 40 inches of rain fell on the northeast part of Hawaii Island.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Yucca Energy Inc. has completed the No. 1 Harrell in the Camp Springs field, three miles north of Camp Springs. The well was finaled to produce 41 barrels of 36.2 gravity oil and three barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,759-771 feet, and location is in Section 97, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Vista Resources will drill the No. 11 P.J. Morgan in the Sharon Ridge field, five miles south of Ira. Planned for a depth of 1,700 feet, drill site is in Section 32, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Fisher County

R.L. Adkins Corp. has completed the No. 2 Baptist Foundation in the Sandy Hill field, two miles west of Royston. The venture was finaled to produce four barrels of 41 gravity oil and 14 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,562-590 feet, and location is in the Bastrop CSL survey.

Kent County

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 221-G Salt Creek field unit, nine miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 6,850 feet, location is in Section 12, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Howard County

Cobra Oil and Gas Corp. will drill the No. 1-8 Franklin in the Alfalfa field, three miles west of Big Spring. Contracted for 11,000 feet, location is in Section 8, Block 33, T1S, T&P survey.

Westport Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 13-15 Chalk in the Howard-Glasscock field, four miles southeast of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 125, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Westport Oil and Gas will drill the No. 14-16 Chalk in the Howard-Glasscock field, four miles southeast of Forsan. Scheduled depth is 3,800 feet, and location is in Section 125, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Westport Oil and Gas will drill the No. 13-17 Chalk in the Howard-Glasscock field, four miles southeast of Forsan. The well will be drilled to 3,200 feet, and location is in Section 125, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Federal Oil Inc. has completed the No. 3-B O'Daniel in the Austin Seth field, eight miles north of Coahoma. The well was finaled to produce 60 barrels of 46 gravity oil. Perforations were from 8,094-096 feet, and location is in Section 45, Block 27, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Costilla Petroleum has completed the No. 1-28 Kimble in the Talbot field, 10 miles north of Big Spring. The well was completed to produce 30 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 8,625-630 feet, and location is in Section 28, Block 32, T&P survey.

Cleo J. Thompson has completed the No. 1-16 Quinn in the Ernie Pinnell field, five miles southwest of Big Spring. The venture was finaled to produce 12 barrels of 48.7 gravity oil and 89 barrels of water. Perforations were from 10,371-400 feet, and location is in Section 16, Block 34, T1S, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Sinclair Oil Corp. has completed the No. 4 Davis in the REH field, 16 miles southeast of Sweetwater. The well was finaled to produce 211 barrels of 42.6 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 5,745-758 feet, and location is in Section 185, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Enexco Inc. has completed the No. 17 Frymire unit in the Lake Trammel west field, seven miles southwest of Sweetwater. The well was completed to produce 122 barrels of 40 gravity oil and 20 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,189-201 feet, and location is in Section 80, Block 20, T&P survey.

Walter Exploration Inc. will has completed the No. 2-B TXL in the Dora North field, 13 miles southeast of Sweetwater. The well was finaled to produce three barrels of oil and one barrel of water. Perforations were from 6,004-014 feet, and location is in Section 69, Block 20, T&P survey.

I Jackie Pevehouse in the latter part of September, 1996 signed a petition opposing injection of CO^2 Gas in Scurry County.

I did not fully realize what I had signed at the time. It is my belief that it cannot damage the fresh water formation by injecting into the oil and gas formations if the proper procedures are followed.

I realize that I made a mistake in signing the petition. I am publicly retracting the signing of the petition.

Sincerely
Jackie Pevehouse
6965 CR 3114
Snyder, Texas

Retailers causing changes in music releases

NEW YORK (AP) — A naked woman in a hammock stares back from the cover of White Zombie's new CD, her arms and legs demurely placed to avoid anything more racy than a routine lingerie ad.

The same woman appears on the cover of the albums sold in Wal-Mart stores — but with a bikini airbrushed in.

The changed cover is one of many packaging decisions record companies now make to appeal to conservative retailers, a practice Wal-Mart and others claim its customers demand but critics deride as a secretive form of censorship.

The giant retailer, and many other stores that sell music, won't offer albums slapped with a warning sticker for explicit or violent lyrics. Delivered an ultimatum on what will or won't fly, many record companies choose to change what their artists give them in order to get their products in Wal-Mart's 2,279 stores.

It could mean removing an obscenity, as done on albums by Onyx and the Primitive Radio Gods, or deleting a song altogether. The title of a Nirvana song was changed from "Rape Me" to "Waif Me." Background drawings of Jesus and the devil were taken off the cover of John Mellencamp's new album.

Rock critic Dave Marsh considers the altered music a step beyond "parental advisory" labels, and an insidious way of eliminating edgy material without trying to censor it outright.

"What really upsets us that they're using their financial power to change art," said Nina Crowley, executive director of the Massachusetts Music Industry Coalition.

Wal-Mart, based in Bentonville, Ark., says it merely makes its policies clear to suppliers, and does nothing to alter music.

"We do not quibble or argue with anyone's right to sing what they want, to print what they want and say what they want," spokeswoman Betsy Reithemeyer said. "But we reserve the right to sell what we want."

The chain is cheered on by groups like the conservative American Family Association, which frequently offers advice on albums Wal-Mart should look out for.

"They wouldn't take damaged merchandise and, to me, morally, some of this garbage that passes as music is poison," said vice president Tim Wildmon.

The popularity of blunt-talking "gangsta" rap and alternative rock in recent years gave rise to the fight over obscene lyrics. Many record companies say they give artists the choice whether to change their work to appease the retailers.

Some refuse, like the intensely political rock band Rage Against the Machine — whose guitarist's elderly mother is promoting a boycott against Wal-Mart.

Singer Sheryl Crow said no this fall when asked to alter a lyric on her new album that accused the chain of selling guns to children. Wal-Mart isn't stocking the CD.

More often than not, an artist will bend. Wal-Mart, the nation's largest retailer, simply offers too many potential sales to turn down at a time when the record industry is suffering from a creative slump and price wars that help choke off independent retailers.

Some critics blame the record companies more than artists, saying it's harder for often-struggling musicians to take a stand when their livelihoods depend upon it — particularly when their companies advise making a change.

Plugged-in students strain electric systems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Listen to the sounds of college dormitory rooms today: Buzzing from hair dryers and the drone of electric razors. Beeping microwaves. Whirring computer disc drives. Even swooshing from fancy coffee machines.

The latest electric appliances are putting a strain on colleges' aging electrical systems.

Adding electrical outlets, circuits and capacity in residence halls is a costly component of the estimated $26 billion in deferred maintenance on America's campuses, the Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers reports.

Because of the expense, many colleges have put off rewiring.

Patricia McGuire, president of Trinity College in Washington, D.C., says electrical power upgrades help drive up tuition costs. She informally surveyed 20 students one day at lunch. They had an average of 10.5 plug-in appliances.

There were common items like computers and televisions. There also were espresso machines, toasters, Christmas lights, plug-in air fresheners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, rechargeable mini vacuums, rechargeable batteries and electric pencil sharpeners.

"Assuming two students in a room, the college is expected to support no fewer than 20 electrical items per student room — often in dormitories constructed in a different era when so much 'stuff' would have been banned as frivolous," McGuire said.

Along with the Led Zeppelin "Stairway to Heaven" poster, stuffed animals and books, 18-year-old Payton Richard and her roommate have 25 plug-in items in their Georgetown University dorm room.

There are two irons, two hair dryers, an electric pencil sharpener, a stereo, an answering machine, two laptop computers, two electric hair roller sets, a refrigerator, two printers, eight lights and three clock radios.

"It's hard to get up," Richard explained.

Ken LeTourneau, 20, a computer engineering student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va., and his roommate have two dozen appliances.

They include: Two computers, two monitors, a printer, two desk lights, one stand-up lamp, three clip-on lights and a string of decorative bulbs. There is a microwave, a stereo, two refrigerators, a television, fan and a charging unit for a razor.

"I don't think that's obsessively high. They're never all on at one time," said LeTourneau, who is considering a lava lamp — a 1970s decoration making a comeback.

Students want the convenience of microwaves and other cooking appliances in their rooms, said David Shaughnessy, manager of utility assessments at the University of Maryland. Add that to rising numbers of personal computers and laser printers — he calls them "electrical pigs" — and demand can exceed capacity.

At the University of Notre Dame, high-wattage electric heaters and toaster ovens are taboo and students are encouraged to use common cooking areas instead of trying to set up a mini kitchen in their dorm room, said Paul Kempf, an electrical engineer. Electric consumption in residence halls rose from 10.177 million kilowatt hours in fiscal 1986 to 12 million kilowatt hours in fiscal 1996.

At the University of Arizona, school officials do periodic inspections to make sure students are using safe extension cords, said Jim Van Arsdel, director of residence life.

Before deciding on electrical specifications at Hillenbrand Hall, which opened in 1993 at Purdue University, officials walked through a couple of dorm floors and counted appliances. The average was 17, said Tim Gennett, director of facilities for housing and food services.

"There was a proliferation of power strips and extension cords," he said.

The new dorm offers students eight plugs, double the number in most of the older residence halls, he said. Fuses in the older buildings often are blown in the first couple weeks of a new semester, but students learn quickly what items they can use at the same time.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Stargazers TFCEC; 3117 Ave T; for more information, call 573-5144; 7 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; 11:30 a.m.

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; "Exploring the Internet," by Drew Bullard owner of Computer Solutions; Ellie Dryden, Jane Crenwelge and Mary Jim Floyd, hostesses; 4:15 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; country club; noon.

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.

Pen Women; community room of Golden Terrace; Westmoreland and Quiett, hostesses; guest, Aline Parks; 1:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 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.

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North 11-18-96
♠ 6 4
♥ A 3 2
♦ A K Q J 10 6 4
♣ A

West
♠ A Q J 10 9 5
♥ Q 10 9
♦ ---
♣ Q J 10 4

East
♠ 7 2
♥ J 8
♦ 7 5 3
♣ 9 8 6 5 3 2

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

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

A magazine a day

By Phillip Alder

As the holiday season creeps ever nearer, it is time to look at potential gifts for bridge-playing friends — or yourself.

A magazine subscription will usually be popular. There are several excellent English-language publications. In this country, The Bridge World springs to mind. Edited by Edgar Kaplan and Jeff Rubens, it is bridge's answer to the Rolls Royce, aimed at high-level players.

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In this auction, two clubs is strong, artificial and forcing. Two diamonds is the "waiting" response, denying a good suit to bid. Four diamonds shows a solid suit, setting it as trumps. South's final bid gets us where we want to be!

It is better to assume the hearts are splitting 3-2 than to play for East to have the spade ace. (This is even clearer if West has bid spades.) After winning with dummy's club ace, cash the diamond ace, play a diamond to your eight and cash the club king, discarding a heart from the dummy. Now play a heart to dummy's ace, a heart to your king and ruff a heart high. Lead dummy's remaining low diamond to your nine and cash the two heart winners, discarding dummy's spades. You have ended with an overtrick.

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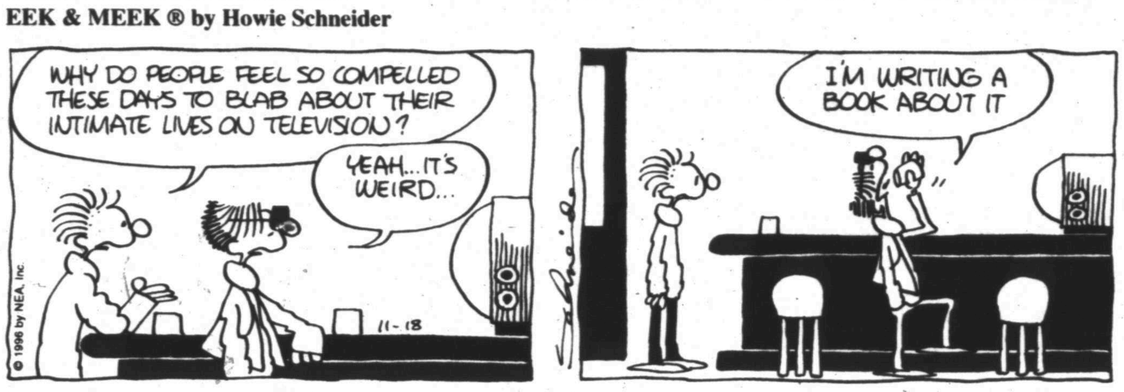
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ACROSS

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7 Big lizard
13 Frozen dessert
14 Muttered complaint
15 Novelist Jane —
16 Machine
17 Hardy's heroine
18 Nothing
20 Author Ferber
21 Skirmishes
23 Fissile rock
27 Auto executive Lee —
32 Shade of green
33 Parts in plays
34 In the air
35 Battery part
36 Having made a will
39 Alma —
40 Endures
42 Type of lift?
46 Spider's handiwork
47 Lose freshness
51 Habituated
53 Wildcat
55 Coffee-machine need
56 Swimming
57 Detective Queen
58 Come out

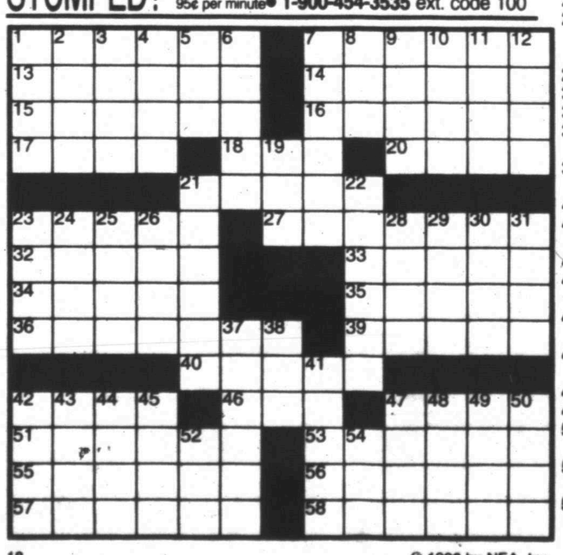
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2 Shudder of fear
3 Young girl
4 Elects
5 Unclose (poet.)
6 Medicinal plant
7 Mrs. Marcos
8 Firearm
9 Impulse
10 Surrounded by
11 Senator
12 Territory
19 Roman three
21 Type of agency
22 Scats
23 Thin wooden strip
24 Golf unit
25 Fusses
26 Departed
28 Eugene O'Neill's daughter
29 Coagulate
30 Relinquish
31 Jacob's son
37 Cheap and gaudy
38 Language suffix
41 Type of steak
42 Drum's partner
43 Dye
44 Select carefully
45 Art deco illustrator
47 Entertain lavishly
48 Winglike
49 Bell sound
50 Diminutive suffix
52 Ending for auction
54 Revolving machine part

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	V	E	D	O	N		A	V	E	R	S	E
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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PAIRINGS

Texas High School Playoff Pairings
By The Associated Press
Class 5A
Division I

Region I

El Paso Franklin (9-2) vs. Lubbock Coronado (10-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, TBA

Lewisville (11-0) vs. Haltom (11-0), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium

Division II
Region I

Area

El Paso Irvin (9-2) vs. Abilene Cooper (8-3), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Irving Nimitz (7-4) vs. DeSoto (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cotton Bowl

El Paso Socorro (8-3) vs. Midland Lee (10-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Socorro Student Activities Center, El Paso

Flower Mound Marcus (8-3) vs. Arlington Lamar (8-2) or Wyatt (7-3), 9:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium

Class 4A
Division I
Region I
Regional

Pampa (8-2) vs. San Angelo Lake View (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Kimbrough Memorial Stadium, Canyon

Western Hills (7-3) vs. Azle (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, UTA's Maverick Stadium

Division II
Region I
Area

Dumas (9-1) vs. Andrews (6-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, Plainview

Brownwood (10-1) vs. Denison (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Amon Carter Stadium, Fort Worth

Levelland (8-3) vs. Sweetwater (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock

Stephenville (5-4-1) vs. Boswell (11-0), TBA Saturday, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco

Class 3A
Region I
Area

Friona (10-1) vs. Monahans (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock

Vernon (11-0) vs. Bridgeport (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Graham

Amarillo River Road (7-4) vs. Crane (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seminole

Abilene Wylie (11-0) vs. Aledo (9-1-1), 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Tarleton State's Memorial Stadium, Stephenville

Class 2A
Region I
Area

West Texas (8-1-1) vs. Lockney (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview

Shallowater (9-2) vs. Stamford (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Snyder

Spearman (10-1) vs. Idalou (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kimbrough Memorial Stadium, Canyon

Iraan (11-0) vs. Roscoe (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Midland Memorial Stadium

Class A
Region I

Wheeler (8-3) vs. Petersburg (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hereford

Munday (11-0) vs. Cross Plains (9-1-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Breckenridge

Region II

Springlake-Earth (11-0) vs. Wink (8-3) 7:30 Friday, Brownfield

Windthorst (10-0) vs. Sterling City (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene McMurry

Six Man
Region I

Groom (9-2) vs. Whitharral (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tulia

Southland (10-1) vs. Balmorhea (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Midland Greenwood or Stanton

Highland (10-1) vs. Wellman (8-2) or Grandfalls (10-0), TBA

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

By The Associated Press
National Basketball Association Standings
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
NewYork	7	2	.778	—
Orlando	4	1	.800	1
Miami	5	4	.555	2
Philadelphia	4	5	.444	3
Washington	4	5	.444	3
Boston	2	6	.250	4½
NewJersey	1	5	.167	4½
Central Division				
Chicago	10	0	1.000	—
Detroit	8	1	.889	1½
Cleveland	6	3	.667	3½
Milwaukee	5	4	.556	4½
Atlanta	5	5	.500	5
Charlotte	3	5	.375	6
Toronto	3	5	.375	6
Indiana	2	6	.250	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	8	1	.889	—
Utah	5	2	.714	2
Minnesota	4	4	.500	3½
Denver	4	6	.400	4½
Dallas	2	6	.250	5½
SanAntonio	2	7	.222	6
Vancouver	1	9	.100	7½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	8	2	.800	—
L.A.Lakers	7	3	.700	1
L.A.Clippers	5	4	.556	2½
Portland	6	5	.545	2½
GoldenState	3	6	.333	4½
Sacramento	3	6	.333	4½
Phoenix	0	9	.000	7½

Saturday's Games
New York 82, Minnesota 79
Washington 106, Boston 92
Orlando 92, Toronto 87
Philadelphia 91, Miami 89
Detroit 102, Cleveland 98
New Jersey 106, Denver 99
Chicago 97, Atlanta 69
Utah 88, Dallas 87
Houston 115, Golden State 103
Seattle 108, Sacramento 96

Sunday's Games
Portland 88, Indiana 83
Golden State 102, San Antonio 92
L.A. Lakers 102, Phoenix 88
L.A. Clippers 102, Milwaukee 94
Seattle 91, Vancouver 81

Monday's Game
Sacramento at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Seattle at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

By The Associated Press
National Football League
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	8	3	0	.727	222	192
NewEngland	7	4	0	.636	283	249
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	206	237
Miami	6	5	0	.545	261	225
N.Y.Jets	1	10	0	.091	201	298
Central						
Pittsburgh	8	3	0	.727	258	163
Houston	6	5	0	.545	250	213
Cincinnati	4	7	0	.364	231	257
Jacksonville	4	7	0	.364	205	236
Baltimore	3	8	0	.273	264	324
West						
Denver	10	1	0	.909	296	175
KansasCity	8	3	0	.727	220	178
SanDiego	6	5	0	.545	242	264
Seattle	5	6	0	.455	222	256
Oakland	4	7	0	.364	230	206

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington	8	3	0	.727	265	211
Philadelphia	7	4	0	.636	249	229
Dallas	6	4	0	.600	206	165
Arizona	5	6	0	.455	195	261
N.Y.Giants	4	7	0	.364	180	220
Central						
GreenBay	8	2	0	.800	288	144
Minnesota	6	5	0	.545	185	207
Detroit	5	6	0	.455	225	230
Chicago	4	7	0	.364	154	206
TampaBay	3	8	0	.273	140	212
West						
SanFrancisco	8	3	0	.727	272	172
Carolina	7	4	0	.636	237	158
St.Louis	3	8	0	.273	211	300
Atlanta	2	9	0	.182	193	318
NewOrleans	2	9	0	.182	167	252

Sunday's Games
Carolina 20, St. Louis 10
Kansas City 14, Chicago 10
Buffalo 31, Cincinnati 17
Denver 34, New England 8
Pittsburgh 28, Jacksonville 3
Atlanta 17, New Orleans 15
Indianapolis 34, New York Jets 29
Detroit 17, Seattle 16
Washington 26, Philadelphia 21
San Francisco 38, Baltimore 20
Miami 23, Houston 20
Arizona 31, New York Giants 23
Tampa Bay 25, San Diego 17
Minnesota 16, Oakland 13, OT

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

Sunday, Nov. 24
Atlanta at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Houston, 1 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at New England, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Washington, 1 p.m.
Dallas at New York Giants, 4 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 4 p.m.
Green Bay at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 25
Pittsburgh at Miami, 9 p.m.

NCAA FOOTBALL TOP 25

By The Associated Press
The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 16, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1.Florida(54)	10-0	1,660	1
2.OhioSt.(7)	10-0	1,580	2
3.FloridaSt.(4)	9-0	1,568	3
4.ArizonaSt.(2)	10-0	1,485	4
5.Nebraska	9-1	1,412	5
6.Colorado	9-1	1,336	6
7.PennSt.	9-2	1,197	11
8.BrighamYoung	11-1	1,192	10
9.Tennessee	7-2	1,026	12
10.NotreDame	7-2	972	14
11.Northwestern	9-2	959	13
12.Washington	8-2	872	15
13.NorthCarolina	8-2	862	6
14.KansasSt.	8-2	799	9
15.Alabama	8-2	772	8
16.Syracuse	7-2	713	19
17.VirginiaTech	8-1	677	21
18.LSU	7-2	659	17
19.Virginia	7-3	476	24
20.Wyoming	10-1	381	23
21.Michigan	7-3	327	16
22.Clemson	7-3	185	—
23.WestVirginia	8-2	170	—
24.Iowa	7-3	139	—
25.Miami	6-3	126	18

Others receiving votes: Auburn 65, Army 59, Southern Miss. 43, Texas 15, Utah 14, East Carolina 13, Michigan St. 9, Navy 5, Houston 4, Texas Tech 2, Rice 1.



Happy 19th Birthday Angelica
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Area playoff

Tiger Stadium will be the site of a Class 2A area contest Friday between Shallowater (9-2) and Stamford (8-3).

Kick off is set for 7:30 p.m.

SHS girls take consolation championship at Big Spring

BIG SPRING — After dropping the opening game in the Howard College Crossroads Classic, the Snyder High School girls basketball team came back to win three games and take the consolation championship.

The Tigers won the consolation bracket with a 62-29 drumming of Winters. Snyder had three girls in double figures, led by Melanie Kidd with 20, Tiffany Garza 13 and Alicia Peoples 10.

Helping the Snyder cause was Erica Garvin with five, Shannon Hall and Jamie Burleson four, Haley Brown and Darla Blackwell with three.

Snyder took a 12-5 lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back, outscoring Winters in the second period 16-6 to take a 28-11 advantage at halftime.

In the third, Snyder continued to put the pressure on, outscoring Winters 14-4 to go into the fourth quarter with a 42-15 lead. The fourth quarter saw Snyder score 20 to only 14 for Winters.

Snyder had to get up early Saturday as they started the day with an 8 a.m. contest with Merkel and squeaked out a three-point victory, 55-52.

The see-saw battle saw Merkel take a 16-10 lead after the first quarter, but Snyder came back in the second and took a 35-31 lead at intermission. The third quarter was not good for Snyder as they scored only two points while Merkel put nine on the board to take a 40-37 lead.

The Tigers got a wake up call in the fourth and outscored Merkel 18-11 to take the win.

Snyder had a balanced scoring attack with 10 of the 12 players scoring. Garvin led the way with 16. Mandy Hess was also in double figures with 10, followed by Kidd and Blackwell with six, Devon Reed five, Burleson and Garza three, Brook McGuire, Hall and Leslie Daniell two each.

Friday afternoon, it was Snyder destroying El Paso Parkland, 58-29. The balanced scoring attack continued with 11 of 12 girls scoring. Garvin was high point with 11, followed by Hall, Kidd and Hess with eight, Burleson six, Reed five, Daniell, Garza and Blackwell three, McGuire two and Peoples one.

The Tigers jumped out to a 10-5 lead and extended it two 20-10 at halftime. At the end of the third, Snyder had a 42-24 advantage and outscored Parkland 18-5 in the final period to take the win.

"We are really together well," said Snyder coach Rick Archer. "The girls are starting to understand what I am looking for. We continue to keep up the intensity."

If the Snyder girls have any problems right now, it would be at the free throw line. Snyder hit only 51 of 113 in the last three games. "We have got to get better at the line. We will be in some games where the difference will be at the line and we need to start hitting them better."

Snyder will travel to Brownfield Tuesday for a 6:30 p.m. contest and then be back home Friday to host Big Spring at 7:30 p.m. "It would sure be nice to pick up a couple of wins this week," added Archer. The girls are now 4-1 on the season.

Tigers take care of Andrews, 59-23

The Snyder Tigers took a one-sided win over Andrews Saturday, 59-23.

The contest was not a true indication of what former Snyder coach George Byerly's Mustangs will have since Andrews is still playing football.

According to Snyder coach Bud Birks, "We looked good on defense and spotty on offense. Hopefully we will get better. The advantage to us was that we got to play a lot of people."

Rick Henderson was high point for Snyder with 15. Also scoring were Ramsey Castillo and Chris Riggins with nine, Jeremiah Witte eight, Alvin Fabre six, Jeremiah Johnson and Geoffrey Loper four, Toby Delce and Will Clayton both with two.

On a down note, Delce will be out for at least six weeks after breaking both arms in the contest Saturday. "He will have both arms in cast for six weeks, and maybe longer, depending on how the healing process goes," Birks said.

The Tigers jumped out to a 13-7 lead in the first quarter and extended it to 25-13 at halftime. In the third, Snyder scored 18 to only three for Andrews and in the fourth, it was the Tigers adding 16 to the Mustangs' seven.

The Tigers will be at home Tuesday for a 7:30 p.m. encounter with Brownfield. Friday, Snyder will travel to Big Spring for a 7:30 p.m. contest.

Westerners open conference at home

Local basketball fans will get their first look at home for the Western Texas College Lady Westerners tonight when the face Midland College.

The contest will also be the first conference game for both teams. WTC comes in with a 1-3 record.

Tonight's battle is to tip off at 7:30 in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Troy Aikman packs a wallop against Packers

IRVING (AP) — The Green Bay Packers once ruled the Dallas Cowboys with an iron fist.

The Packers won two National Football League titles at the expense of the Cowboys in 1966 and 1967.

Both were cruel, last-second losses that devastated the Tom Landry-coached team.

A book written by Steve Perkins called them "Next Year's Champions."

Finally, in 1971, they were — beating Miami 24-7 in the Super bowl.

Now the fortunes of the NFL have turned against the Packers, who have been whipped by the Cowboys six times in the last three years.

Three times, Dallas has sent the Packers packing out of the playoffs. In that span, the Cowboys have won two Super Bowls.

Each time through the NFL scheduling formula, the Packers had to come to Texas.

Each time, Troy Aikman — who has a 6-2 lifetime record against the Packers — has bombed them into submission, completing passes at a 73.1 percentage on 163 of 223 for 1,939 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Last year, Aikman was 24 of 31 for 316 yards and two touchdowns in a 34-24 regular season victory, then burned Green Bay on 21 of 33 for 255 yards and two touchdowns in the NFC championship 38-27 win.

Green Bay is back again tonight with the best record in the NFC at 8-2. However, the Packers aren't healthy. Wide receivers Robert Brooks and Antonio Freeman, along with tight end Mark Chmura, are out with injuries.

Dallas is 6-4 and on the rebound following a 20-17 overtime victory at San Francisco.

The scenario doesn't look good again for the Packers.

But safety Leroy Butler is glad Green Bay has to face the Cowboys after losing 27-20 to Kansas City last week.

"The only way to get back your status as a great team is to play someone people respect," Butler said. "I'm glad we're playing Dallas."

Dolphins drop Oilers on last-second field goal

HOUSTON (AP) — The Miami Dolphins started out in reverse against the Houston Oilers. By the end, though, things were going their way.

Zach Thomas returned an interception 26 yards for a touchdown, and Dan Marino's 51-yard pass to tight end Troy Drayton set up a 29-yard field goal by Joe Nedney as time expired, giving the Dolphins a 23-20 victory Sunday.

The Oilers (6-5) surprised the Dolphins with a 14-0 lead after their first two series. The Dolphins (6-5), however, kept their poise and put themselves in position to win the game in the fourth quarter.

"We knew that this was going to be a difficult ballgame, but I didn't think that we were going to jump behind 14-0 on the very first two series," Miami coach Jimmy Johnson said. "That surprised us."

The Dolphins trailed 17-13 at the start of the fourth quarter but on the first play of the period, Larry Izzo, a rookie linebacker from nearby Rice University, put on a show for the home crowd with a 26-yard run on a fake punt on fourth-and-9 from the Miami 32.

"That play is in our package and when we feel the momentum needs shifting, we like to pull some of those things out," Johnson said. "We felt we had a shot at it and Izzo has been working on it so that's why I called it."

The Dolphins didn't score on that drive because Karim Abdul-Jabbar fumbled at the 1-yard line and Cris Dishman recovered for the Oilers. On the Oilers' first play, Thomas picked off a pass from Chris Chandler and returned it for a touchdown.

It gave the Dolphins a 20-17 lead, their first of the game. But the Oilers weren't finished either, driving the ball to the Miami 16, where Al Del Greco kicked a 33-yard field goal that tied the game with 3:20 to play.

After Marino's big pass to Drayton with 1:06 left in the game, the Dolphins worked the clock down to two seconds and left it up to Nedney, who earlier made kicks of 34 and 44 yards and missed on a 39-yard try.

"It was something Dan saw and checked off at the line," Drayton said. "They were bringing a lot of people and he made a great call. My job was to just get us in field goal range."

The Oilers played right into Marino's strength, the ability to read a blitz and deliver the ball quickly.

Girls JV plays in Tall City tourney

MIDLAND — The Snyder High School girls JV team competed in the Tall City JV tournament here over the weekend.

In the first game Friday, Snyder lost to Midland Lee sophomores, 35-30. Amber Haddox was high point for Snyder with 14. Haddox was followed by Christy Tankersley with seven, Jodi Dennis five, Amanda Scott three and K.K. McClain one.

In the second round, Snyder suffered a 51-29 defeat to Odessa Permian JV. In the contest, Haddox was once again the leading scorer for Snyder with 12. Tankersley added five, Whitney Owen four, Scott three, Renee Trevino four and Terrie Moore three.

The final game Saturday saw Snyder come up short again, this time to Midland High's sophomores, 73-51. Dennis was high point with 13, followed by Scott with 10, Jessica Murr six, Haddox and McClain five, Felsha Biggers and Moore three, Tankersley, Trevino and Owen each with two.

The Snyder JV will travel to Brownfield Tuesday for a 5 p.m. contest. The JV is now 0-4 for the season.

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Cooperin		41⅛	41⅛	41⅛
CyprusAmax	24⅛	24¼	24⅜	+ ⅛
DallSemicn		21⅛	21¼	21⅛
DeltaAirl	77⅛	75⅛	77⅛	+2⅛
DigitalEq	34⅛	34⅛	34⅛	— ⅛
Dillard		29⅛	29⅛	29⅛
DowChem	84⅛	84	84⅛	+ ⅛
DresserInd	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛	+ ⅛
DuPont	93⅛	93⅛	93⅛	+ ⅛
EastmanChem	56⅛	56⅛	56⅛	— ⅛
EstKodak	83⅛	83⅛	83⅛	— ⅛
EDS Corp	46⅛	46⅛	46⅛	+ ⅛
ElPasNat	13	12⅝	12⅝	+ ⅛
Emerson	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	+ ⅛
Entergy	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛	— ⅛
Exxon	91⅛	90⅛	91	+ ⅛
FstBkSys		10	10	10
Flowers	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	+ ⅛
FordMotor	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛	+ ⅛
GTE Cp	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛	+ ⅛
GenDynam	73	72⅛	72⅝	— ⅛
GenElec	104⅛	103⅛	103⅛	—1⅛
GenMills	60⅛	59⅝	59⅝	— ⅛
GenMotors	55⅛	55⅛	55⅝	+ ⅛
GaPacif	71⅛	70⅛	70⅝	— ⅛
GlobalMar		20⅛	20⅛	20⅛
Goodrichs	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛	+ ⅛
Goodyear s	49⅛	49⅛	49⅛	— ⅛
GtAtlPac	32⅛	32⅛	32⅜	+ ⅛
Haliburtn	61⅛	60⅛	60⅛	— ⅛
Hanson ADSs		6⅛	6⅛	6⅛
HarteHanks s		26	25⅞	26
HoustonInd s	23⅛	23	23	— ⅛
IBM	144⅞	143⅛	143⅝	—1⅛
IntlPaper	42⅛	42⅛	42⅝	— ⅛
JohnsnJn s		50⅛	50⅛	50⅛
K mart		9⅛	9⅛	9⅛
Kroger	46⅛	46⅛	46⅛	— ⅛
Litton	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞	— ⅛
LockhdMart	96⅛	95⅛	95⅜	+2
Lowes Cos		38⅛	37⅞	38
Lubysi	22	21⅛	21⅛	— ⅛
LucentTech s		48⅛	48⅛	48⅛
MayDeptStrs	46⅛	46⅛	46⅛	— ⅛
Medtronic	69⅛	68⅛	69	— ⅛
Mobil	120⅛	119⅛	119⅜	+ ⅛
Monsanto s	39⅛	38⅛	39⅛	— ⅛
Motorola	54	53⅛	53⅜	— ⅛
Nationsbk	96⅛	96⅛	96½	+ ⅛
Navistar		9⅛	9⅛	9⅛
NoramEngy		15⅛	15⅛	15⅛
Norwest	43⅛	42⅛	43⅛	— ⅛
Nynex	45⅛	44⅛	45	— ⅛
OryxEngy	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛	+ ⅛
PacTelesis	34⅛	34⅛	34⅛	+1-64
PnuEnergy	41⅛	41⅛	41¼	— ⅛
Penney JC	51⅜	51⅛	51¼	— ⅛
Pennzoil	53⅛	52⅛	53⅛	+ ⅛
PepBoys	36⅛	36⅛	36⅛	— ⅛
PepsiCo s	32⅛	31⅛	31¾	— ⅛
PhelpDodge	67⅛	67⅛	67½	+ ⅛
PhilipPet		42⅛	41⅜	42⅛
PilgrmPrd		8⅛	8⅛	8⅛
Pulte4d	41⅛	41⅛	41⅜	+ ⅛
Praxair	48	47⅞	47¾	— ⅛
ProctGamble	107⅛	106⅛	107	— ⅛
PubSNwMx	19⅛	19⅛	19¼	— ⅛
RoyalDutch	171⅛	169⅝	170⅝	+3
SBC Comm		49⅛	49	49⅛
SaraLee	39⅛	39⅛	39⅜	— ⅛
SearsRoeb	48⅛	48⅛	48⅛	+ ⅛
SherwinW	56	55⅜	55⅝	— ⅛
SmthBchADS	64	63⅜	63⅞	+ ⅛
SouthernCo	22⅛	22⅛	22½	+ ⅛
SwstAirlines	24⅛	24	24⅜	+ ⅛
Sprint	42	41⅛	41⅜	— ⅛
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TexasInst	55⅛	54⅛	54⅝	— ⅛
TexUtil	41⅜	41⅜	41⅜	— ⅛
Textron	91⅜	91⅛	91⅜	— ⅛
Travelers s	60⅛	59⅝	59¾	— ⅛
TrinityInds		34	33⅞	34
TritonEngy	48⅛	46⅛	47⅝	+1⅛
Tyler	1⅜	1⅜	1⅜	— ⅛
US WestCm		30⅛	30⅛	30⅛
USWstMda	18⅜	18⅛	18⅜	—3-32
USX Delhi	13⅜	13⅜	13¼	— ⅛
USX-Marathn	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	+ ⅛
USX-USS	30⅛	29⅛	29½	+ ⅛
UnCarbde		46	45⅞	45⅞
UnPac s	57⅛	56⅛	56⅜	— ⅛
UnitedTech	132⅛	131⅛	131⅜	— ⅛
Unocal	40⅛	40⅛	40¼	+ ⅛
WalMart	24⅛	24⅛	24¼	+ ⅛
WstaGasRs	16	15⅞	16	+ ⅛
WestghEl	19⅛	18⅞	18¾	+ ⅛
WinnDixie	34⅛	34	34	— ⅛
Woolworth	24⅛	23⅞	23⅜	— ⅛
XeroxCp s	47⅛	47	47⅛	— ⅛
ZenithE	12⅛	12⅛	12⅜	+ ⅛

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Nov. 15-Johnnie Herrley, 2405 Uvalde; Jeannie Wilkinson, 1269 N. Ave.O; Nov. 16-Epifania Silvas, 110 Milburn; Nov. 17-Teena Braziel, 1010 32nd; Bernice Hale, 3711 Ave. U; Patricia Parmer, 302 32nd; Carolyn Salmon, 111 Ave. Z.

DISMISSALS: Nov. 15-Tom Hargrove, Johnny Lopez, Triston Lopez, Lorenzo Martinez, Leona Snider, Darius Biggers, Wilma Dillard, Lupe Medrano; Nov. 16-L.F. Elder, Johnie Herrley, Benjamin Zapata.

CENSUS: 60 (Med., Srug.-15, Long-term Care-40, OB-3, Nursery-2).

Births

Teena Braziel of Snyder announces the birth of her son at 5:36 p.m. on Nov. 17 in Cogdell Memorial Hosptial. He weighed six pounds, 13½ ounces.

Michael and Patricia Parmer of Snyder are parents of a seven-pound, 14½-ounce daughter. She was born at 1:04 p.m. on Nov. 17 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Joe and Shanda Martinez announce the birth of their daughter, Brittany Renata on Nov. 7. She weighed seven pounds, 11¼ ounces and was also welcomed by her siblings, Tabatha and Matthew.

Maternal grandparents are Trish Carrasalez and Allen Lee, both of Snyder. Her paternal grandparents are Lorenzo and Daisy Martinez of Lubbock. Great Grandparents are Wanda Lee of Lubbock; Dewey Lee, Lenora Martinez and Lorenzo Martinez, all of Snyder; and Eva Leyva of New Mexico.

'Date Rape' pills found

NEDERLAND (AP) — An 18-year-old Nederland man was arrested Sunday after drug agents recovered over 200 tablets of the so-called "date rape drug" at his girlfriend's home.

Jefferson County narcotic agents also found marijuana, 180 tablets of a drug called Tafil and 90 tablets of Valium in their raid.

County narcotic agents say the seizure could lead to the first federal prosecution of the drug called Rohypnol, which was outlawed weeks ago by Congress and President Clinton.

Rapists who use the drug on victims are subject to an additional 20 years in prison if they use a narcotic to incapacitate their victims. Simple possession of Rohypnol, with no proven intent, carries up to three years in prison.

The drug, which is easily dissolved in liquid, renders unconscious those who consume it and has been used on unsuspecting women.

The suspect smuggled the drugs from Mexico, where he received a prescription for the drugs from a doctor, officials said.

Rohypnol is not illegal in Mexico.

Nederland is 9 miles southeast of Beaumont.

Several cases of mischief and vandalism investigated here

A Scurry County sheriff's deputy Sunday night took custody of a 22-year-old man who was allegedly abducted from a Midland residence by three bail bondsmen from Stillwater, Okla.

Deputy Bobby Goodwin took custody of William Earnest Lord who was wanted in Kingfisher County, Okla. for failure to appear after having been released on bond for check forgery.

Officers said the man was inside a Midland residence when someone knocked on the door to report that an outside faucet was leaking. When the women went outside to check, the bail bondmens allegedly went inside and took custody of Lord.

The bondsmen were en route to Stillwater when their vehicle broke down in northeast Snyder. The bondsmen suggested that Lord call his parents to advise them he was okay and of his whereabouts.

Midland authorities alerted the Snyder sheriff's department, and Goodwin located Lord at the Great Western Motel.

The bondsmen were not arrested, but Midland authorities and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are considering kidnapping charges against two men and one woman.

Several cases of criminal mischief and vandalism were reported over the weekend. Dave Wickline, owner of Snyder Laundry, on Saturday reported that the firm's security camera had been ripped from the wall and thrown into the creek.

Wickline called again Sunday to report that tires on the firm's delivery van had been slashed. Officers were called to the business last week when an employee threw hot coffee on the company's owner.

Another criminal mischief complaint was received Sunday morning. John Gibson, 3301 Ave. U, told offers that someone had damaged yard lights at his residence.

Shortly after 9 p.m. Saturday, officers were called to 1916 Coleman where Patricia Brunner reported that someone had broken into her apartment. A close patrol was requested.

City investigators were hoping to clear up today circumstances involving a Lockney school bus en route to Tiger Stadium for a playoff game Friday afternoon.

Police Detective Brian Peterson said the damage to the bus windows is believed caused by a pellet or BB gun. Peterson said two juvenile subjects are being questioned.

Five students, all passengers on the bus, were treated and released at Cogdell Hospital Friday evening. Injuries were not believed to be serious. Lockney was in Snyder Friday for bi-district playoff game with Post.

Local law enforcement officers made four other arrests during the weekend.

At 4:14 p.m. Saturday, Joe Anthony Marroquin, 18, was arrested in the 2300 Block of 26th Street for a revocation of probation warrant out of Gaines County.

At 8:02 p.m. Saturday, a 49-year-old male was arrested for misdeameanor driving while intoxicated by the Department of Public Safety.

At 3:15 Sunday, Gilberto Martinez, 34, was arrested on Coliseum Drive on two outstanding warrants — issuance of a bad check and theft of service.

Officers were called to the 37th Street Church of Christ shortly before 3 p.m. Sunday where a 37-year-old male was arrested for displaying a ficticious license plate.

A report of a Class B theft was taken at 4:44 p.m. at Snyder Healthcare Center where Alice Berrera reported a theft.

At 1:40 Saturday, officers were alerted that a cooler of beer had been left on the steps near the basketball court at Stanfield Elementary.

On Saturday, officers responded to three reports of family violence. There were no arrests nor injuries reported.

Officers also investigated three incidents of motorists driving off without paying for fuel. The first occurred shortly after noon Saturday at Allsup's in Hermleigh. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

The Plaza Truck Stop reported a customer had left without paying for $24 worth of gas at 5 a.m. Sunday. The third case at Skinny's on Coliseum Drive appeared to be a mistake as the customer returned to pay for the fuel.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a dumpster fire in the 3200 Block of Irving.

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Judge Ito now presiding over obscure trials

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In Department 127 on the 15th floor of the Criminal Courts Building, the case is the People vs. Marko Espinoza. The charge is second-degree robbery.

"Mr. Espinoza," the judge asks, "how do you plead?"

On the bench is Lance A. Ito, derisively dubbed "Judge Ego" during the Trial of the Century, which catapulted his honor into judicial celebritydom.

Yet here it is, little more than a year after O.J. Simpson's acquittal in the killings of his ex-wife and her friend, and life appears excruciatingly normal, if not downright boring, in the courtroom where Ito now hears felony criminal cases of the garden variety.

Wednesday's judicial blue-plate special: robbery plea bargains.

Staring out from the same rimless eyeglasses, sporting the same immaculately groomed beard, Ito heard "no contest" from defendant after defendant. He delivered suspended sentences and three years' probation to each one.

Ito took special care with a Spanish-speaking man who had no legs and arrived in court handcuffed to a wheelchair. The man had stabbed a drunk, would-be robber and was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. He could have argued self-defense. But the defendant wanted to plead no contest.

Before sentencing, however, Ito tried through an interpreter to explain the American justice system to make sure the man understood his rights.

"Have you ever seen a jury trial on television?" Ito asked.

Not a single person even grinned in the nearly empty courtroom.

Inside Dept. 127, it's as if the Simpson criminal trial never happened.

And there is no indication that 16 miles away, in another courtroom before another judge, a civil jury is hearing a wrongful death suit brought against Simpson by the families of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

Which is exactly the way Ito wants it after spending 372 days, many of them internationally televised, presiding in a ninth-floor courtroom where thousands filed through a metal detector to participate in the spectacle known as Simpson I.

"He's a wonderful judge," said public defender Brenda Fischer, who appears before him frequently. "He won't let anyone talk about (either) Simpson trial in his courtroom. And we wouldn't do it."

Since the acquittal in October 1995, Ito has given one interview — to a college television station. He has written no books, and has announced no plans to. The judge, after being vilified by Simpson prosecutor Christopher Darden and mocked by Jay Leno, is quite happy to toil in obscurity.

Make that relative obscurity.

There is no judge's name plate on the courtroom door because people keep stealing it as a souvenir. Interview requests keep pouring in.

On Wednesday, three alternate jurors from the courtroom next door asked permission to observe Ito on the bench. It was granted.

"It's just like watching TV," enthused Hector Hernandez during a break.

One panelist who reported to Ito's courtroom last week for jury selection burst out laughing when she saw who took the bench.

"I couldn't believe it," said another prospective juror, Gloria Woods. "If I had tonsils, he probably could have seen them.'

Ito's courtroom contains other familiar faces.

There is sheriff's Deputy Guy Magnera, who ended up on CNN and the front pages of newspapers just for doing his job — which for the last six years has been protecting Ito's courtroom.

There is court reporter Janet Moxham, punching away on her dictation machine, displaying that same thousand-yard stare while recording every word.

And there is Ito's trademark collection of hourglasses on his bench, to which Ito summoned a reporter Wednesday at the end of the session.

"See, it's just another boring, mundane day in Dept. 127," he said. "I'm not giving any on-the-record interviews," he politely added.

For how long?

"Probably for the rest of my life," Ito replied. "Been there, done that. Had enough."

201 hours of Nixon's tapes are being released to public

WASHINGTON (AP) — For nearly a quarter-century, only prosecutors and archivists have listened to 3,700 hours of conversations recorded secretly by Richard Nixon when he was president.

Today, the government was releasing 201 hours of tape for public hearing, opening a rich vein of information for historians and Watergate addicts.

Even though researchers have fought long to hear the tapes, fulfillment of their wish may prove to be a thorny task. The National Archives, which has custody of the tapes, has not made transcripts, but is making a 27,000-page tape log and a 200-page conversation list available.

The archives warned that "conversations may be difficult to hear and understand."

Christopher M. Beam, a historian at Bates College in Maine and a former archivist who has listened to the tapes, said "they document what was going on in the cockpit of the American political system. There is no other collection of records quite like them."

Nixon had the taping system installed in February 1971 in the Oval Office, the Cabinet Room and his hideaway office in the Old Executive Office Building. It was voice-activated and synchronized with a Secret Service system that kept track of the president's room-to-room movement in the White House and his Camp David, Md., retreat.

The microphones picked up every sound, often obscuring conversation. The sound of a coffee cup being placed into a saucer became jarring. A lawn mower on the White House lawn or an ambulance going full-siren down Pennsylvania Avenue could be a nerve-jangling distraction.

The system was dismantled after former aide Alexander Butterfield revealed its existence in testimony before the Senate Watergate Committee in July 1973.

Nixon's estate gave up a 21-year fight last April to preserve the tapes' secrecy, agreeing to release all but the most private of the 3,700 hours. There are 820 hours in that category and they were being returned to Nixon's daughters. The former president died in April 1994.

To date, only 63 hours have been accessible to public hearing; about half of those were played for the jury at the cover-up trial that sent three of Nixon's top aides — H.R. Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman and former Attorney General John N. Mitchell — to prison.

Not until the next century will any of the recordings be heard outside of the archives' facility in College Park, Md. No recording devices are allowed in the research room and no tapes can be taken from the building.

Today's release was the first of five planned. Included in the 201 hours were 1,900 segments from 931 conversations, ranging from snippets to hours-long discussions.

The taping system was part of his desire that his administration be "the best chronicled in history," Nixon wrote in his memoirs. "I wanted a record of every major meeting I held."

Nixon did not destroy them when their existence became known, saying in his memoirs that he never believed he would have to surrender them. After a legal battle, the Supreme Court ruled otherwise.

Movie unites playwright, son

NEW YORK (AP) — Making a film version of "The Crucible" gave playwright Arthur Miller a chance to bond with his son Robert.

The younger Miller produced the movie based on Arthur Miller's famed 1953 play about the Salem witch trials, going to bat with studios to ensure his 81-year-old father would be allowed to write the screenplay.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Petunia the Contrite Pig Now Smells Like a Rose

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My name is Petunia, and I am the pot-bellied pig who was featured in your Oct. 14 column in the letter from my neighbor who signed herself "Peeved at Petunia in Elgin, Okla." I would like to tell my side of the story.

I have lived with my owner since I was 1 month old. I am now a year and a half. I consider myself to be a neighborhood pig. I live on a dead-end road out in the country, and my owner would let me out every morning and I would go visiting. I have eight neighbors, plus four horses and various cows, and I would call upon them during the day and meet my owner at home at 4:30 every afternoon when she returned from work.

People would tell her about feeding me and how much they enjoyed me, especially the families with kids. I did venture across the highway into town once, but that ended very badly. I spent the night in an outdoor dog pound with big, scary, barking dogs all around. That certainly won't happen again.

As to the charges that I chewed the roots of my neighbors' melon vines and strawberry plants — I was framed. One neighbor who thought I had been tearing up her yard and flowerbed told my owner a few weeks ago that she had caught an armadillo in her front yard, rooting it up. She said there had been two of them staying under an empty trailer across the road.

In my defense, I think the armadillos were partly to blame for the destruction of the strawberry plants. Yes, I love berries and melon, but I don't destroy plants and roots. It is a sad day in a pig's life when we have to stoop to eating roots. That armadillo visited during the night and destroyed the plants, and when I made my usual early morning rounds, I was caught in the wrong place at the wrong time.

My owner is a conscientious pet owner and tries to be a good neighbor. If anyone had complained about me, she would have kept me in the house, but no one did. When "Peeved" (who usually fed me biscuits) called my owner one night and said I had destroyed her melons and berries, that was the end of my freedom. I was under house arrest. I was introduced to my first leash and harness, and my owner called the fence company the next day. We were put off by three fence companies for a month, and finally, the third fence guy came out and fenced the back yard. I have not been out on my own since the complaint, with the exception of one time when I created an escape route — which my owners promptly plugged.

I apologize for the problems I caused, but with my fence and leash, it won't happen again. (And someone needs to pull that armadillo in for questioning.)

INCARCERATED IN ELGIN, OKLA. (A.K.A. PETUNIA)

DEAR INCARCERATED (A.K.A. PETUNIA): Your apology is accepted, and now that you have your own turf, everyone hopes your wandering days are over. Don't think of it as false imprisonment; think of it as a permanent alibi.

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DEAR ABBY: Add this to your collection of random acts of kindness:

A boy in our town had three kidney transplants; two failed, the third was successful. When he was at his sickest, the local florist decorated his hospital room.

One might have expected flowers, balloons or a fruit basket, but the florist contacted some of the boy's favorite sports teams who sent him autographed pictures and posters. He probably still doesn't know who was responsible.

This happened several years ago, and the young man is doing very well and is a blessing to all who know him.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1996

In the year ahead you might become enthusiastically involved in an exciting endeavor which may seem beyond your ability. Do not worry; if you are committed, you will succeed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try to steer clear of bargain counters today, because you will not have the ability to resist a sale, and you may buy inferior merchandise you don't need. Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead make wonderful Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail $2 for each and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure you state desired zodiac signs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You can be productive today, provided you're left to your own devices. You do not perform as well when people tell you what to do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today it might be difficult for you to keep secrets. Before making a disclosure, be certain the person to whom you're talking can be trusted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Financial conditions will be difficult to read today, but you can still end up in the plus column if you keep close tabs on your expenses.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Instead of talking about what you intend to do for a friend today, surprise him by actually doing it. After all, the only thing that will count is the gesture.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In order to gain support from others today you might be tempted to exaggerate your position. Even if you accomplish your goal, others may resent your tactics.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An enthusiastic friend might try to include you in a new enterprise. If you are required to put up cash, don't make any impulsive commitments.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Avoid seeking assistance today from a talkative friend who doesn't usually produce. Instead, enlist a quiet, dependable pal who is a performer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Timing will be extremely important today, especially in commercial affairs. If you tip your hand prematurely, one of your deals might unravel.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might suffer a small loss today as a result of an oversight. To be on the safe side, count your change and make sure to get receipts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Big issues will not disturb your mate today, but little things might. Close the garage door behind you, and wipe your feet before entering the house.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Pay extra attention today if the boss gives you special instructions to relay to co-workers. You will be held accountable if the job gets bungled.

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Spacecraft scare intrudes on vacation plans

HONOLULU (AP) — It is a perfect plot for Hollywood's next thriller:

The president prepares to fly to Australia just as a wayward Russian spacecraft comes crashing toward — where else? — Australia.

It is carrying plutonium-powered generators that could release — what else? — a lethal cloud of radioactivity.

Oddly enough, it's all true.

But Sunday's big news was destined to become today's footnote as the space probe overshot Australia and fell to Earth in the Pacific Ocean 1,800 miles west of Chile.

First word that the seven-ton spacecraft was hurtling downward at 17,000 miles an hour came from White House aides traveling with President Clinton as he vacationed in Hawaii.

One minute, aides were briefing reporters on Clinton's expected schedule for the day — "hanging on the porch" — and debating whether he could be quoted in praise of the hula dancers at an off-the-record luau. (No.)

The next minute, top national security aides in Washington were being patched through by telephone to brief reporters clad in shorts and flip-flops on the potential radioactive threat. (Low, they insisted.)

The U.S. Space Command tenaciously tracked the space craft's orbit from its Cheyenne Mountain command post in Colorado. Phone lines buzzed between Washington and Honolulu and foreign leaders around the globe. And the president's plan to hang out on the porch at his beachfront guest house evaporated.

"He's been consumed by this," said deputy press secretary Mary Ellen Glynn. "He did not have a very restful day."

Then, just as quickly as it had begun, it was all over.

Crisis averted, administration officials assured.

The ill-fated spacecraft "is believed to have re-entered the atmosphere over the southern Pacific Ocean, in a broad ocean area west of Chile," the Space Command announced.

And with that, the White House paged reporters with a new message: The president was going out to dinner.

Clinton was leaving for Australia this afternoon, making his first trip down under after a soggy weekend in Hawaii.

Heavy rains produced mud slides and flooding before Clinton had even arrived on Oahu, and the rains continued for much of his visit. The golf-crazed president played rain or shine — and it didn't appear to hurt his game.

Gov. Ben Cayetano, who played with Clinton through intermittent showers Saturday, said the president had shaved three strokes off his game since they last played.

Clinton will get in more golf once he gets to Australia. The official purpose of the visit is to promote economic and defense ties, but he also has a tee time with PGA pro Greg Norman.

From Australia, Clinton travels to the Philippines for a meeting of 18-nation Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, then on to Thailand for a state visit before returning to Washington on Nov. 27.

Lubbock officers helping to rebuild war-torn country

LUBBOCK (AP) — Rebuilding civilian life and institutions in war-torn Bosnia is moving some police officers from Lubbock to Bosnian streets.

Three patrol officers and one narcotics investigator are among the reservists called for active duty.

A portion of the 413th Civil Affairs Division was slated to leave Monday with the second half of the group following next week.

Capt. Jerry Smith along with patrolmen Jim Curtis, Marsh Blackmore and Jose Sanchez will travel to Bosnia. Police narcotics investigator Travis Sanders will also join the group.

Sanchez said a positive attitude is essential to the men's mission.

"I like people coming together of all nationalities and all cultures for a common cause," he said.

The unit will aid in restoration of the government and helping civilians.

"We're there to build up the country," Blackmore said. "We're all a part of that."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Do not ignore bleeding ulcer

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can be done for rectal bleeding from a stomach ulcer?

DEAR READER: The ulcer can be treated with medicine (Zantac, Pepcid and others) or with antibiotics.

When a peptic ulcer bleeds, the blood will either be vomited (because it has been digested, it looks like coffee grounds) or passed from the rectum (black or port-wine stools). This is a medical emergency. Unless the hemorrhage is controlled, the patient may bleed to death.

Such ulcers are diagnosed by X-rays or by endoscopy (in which a specialist examines the upper intestinal tract with a lighted tube). In general, modern therapy (with medicine) is almost always effective. You may be interested to learn that the most common cause of bleeding ulcers in the elderly is anti-inflammatory medication (such as aspirin, ibuprofen and many prescription drugs), which reduce the normal mucous barrier in the stomach and permit gastric acid to ulcerate the intestinal lining.

Peptic ulcer is a serious condition and should not be ignored.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Peptic Ulcers." 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: Please discuss post-nasal drip. Is there a cure?

DEAR READER: When irritated by infection, pollen or other substances (such as smoke and vapors), the cells that line the back of the nose and upper throat produce excess mucus. This phenomenon is familiar to anyone who has had a cold and remembers the copious secretions that constantly drain from the nose.

However, the mucus may not pass out through the nostrils; it may drain down the back of the throat. Called "post-nasal drip," this cascade can be very unpleasant, causing a sore throat, dry cough and sinus congestion. Such a reaction is often the paramount sign of allergies and sinus irritation.

In most instances, post-nasal drip can be lessened by over-the-counter antihistamines (Benadryl, Chlortrimeton and others) or by anti-histamine/decongestant combinations (Tavist-D, Dimetapp and so forth). If these products are ineffective, prescription drugs, (such as Claritin, Seldane and others) can be used.

For obvious reasons, patients with chronic post-nasal drip should be investigated for allergies, with skin and blood tests. Also, attention must be paid to their environments (to avoid tobacco smoke, industrial vapors and other air pollution).

Post-nasal drip is a common symptom. It usually reflects irritation of the upper airway. Although not a hazard to health, it can be a nuisance.

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Missing woman's husband continues to search for her

IRVING (AP) — Six months after Reena Varghese's disappearance, her husband still spends his free moments searching apartment complex parking lots for clues in the strange vanishing of his 25-year-old wife.

Without any solid leads Roji Varghese turns to statistics for comfort in the disappearance of his wife as she returned home from work last April.

Almost 35,000 adults were reported missing from 1990 to 1995 in Texas, and just over 500 of those cases remain unsolved, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Mrs. Varghese disappeared April 4, after walking with coworkers to the parking lot of Methodist Medical Center in Dallas.

The nurse updated her cohorts about her then 3-month-old daughter, Sarah, before entering her car, apparently headed home.

Mrs. Varghese hasn't been seen since.

"Nothing has panned out as to what happened to her next," Dallas police detective Mary Stout said. "We still believe she was kidnapped or something went wrong."

Varghese said his wife only knew her way to work, church and Dallas Community College.

"She's walking out with other nurses and all she is talking about is the baby," he said. "That doesn't sound like a woman who would leave her family on her own."

A police investigation supports Varghese's assertion. A report by the Dallas Police Department found the couple free of financial and marital problems.

Friends continue to distribute fliers while Varghese works as a Grand Prairie trucking company dispatcher and spends hours searching for his wife or the couple's 1990 Toyota Corolla.

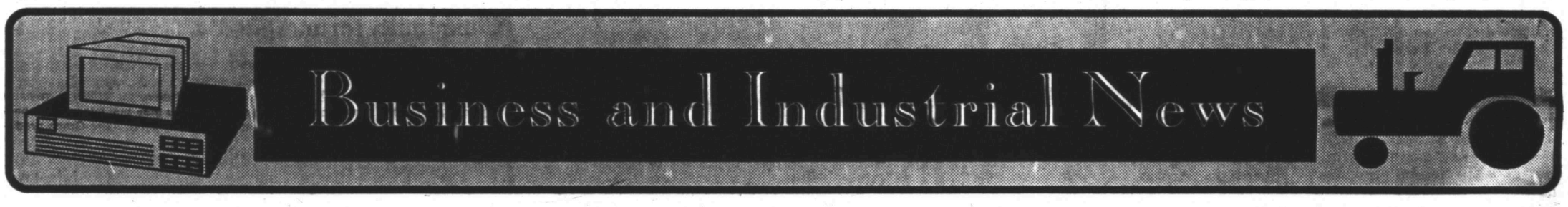
The Indian Community of Dallas is offering a $20,000 reward for information leading to Mrs. Varghese's return.

After growing up in India, Mrs. Varghese came to the United State three years ago to begin her arranged marriage. The custom is a common practice in India.

By May 1994, Mrs. Varghese gained her nursing license and began working at Methodist Medical Center.

Now, memories and pictures are all Varghese has.

As he watches his now 10-month-old daughter grow, he realizes the importance of keeping those memories at the forefront while his wife is gone.



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In some cases, they can clean the carpet as inexpensively as you can rent a machine. Many times when people try to do it themselves and the carpet won't come clean, they keep adding detergent to the machine. This results in the carpet becoming too wet. Also, the detergent leaves the residue in the carpet and the carpet seems to get dirty quicker. Bryant's doesn't leave a residue in the carpet because they prespray with cleaners and when they go over the carpet with the cleaning head they use only soft hot water.

Carpets should be cleaned regularly if anyone in your home has allergies and also if you are moving into a different home.

For those who want to save money and not go to the trouble of moving furniture, Bryant's can go around the furniture for as little as $10-$20 a room.

Carpets are a big investment and the wise person will maintain them. So, trust your carpet to the professionals. They have cleaned thousands of carpets and can furnish recommendations. For clean and disease free carpets, call Jack at 573-2480 or Gary at 573-3930. Your satisfaction is guaranteed.



JACK BRYANT'S CARPET CLEANING — Bryant's, with 18 years of experience, offers expert carpet cleaning for your home. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lili Taylor wins best actress prize

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Lili Taylor won the best actress prize at the international Stockholm film festival for her starring role in "I Shot Andy Warhol."

Veteran Hollywood star Rod Steiger and "Fargo" actress Frances McDormand were among American celebrities attending the festival that wound up Sunday.

More than 100 films were screened at the festival including classics like Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane." "Fargo," made by McDormand's husband Joel Coen and his brother Ethan, was the festival's opening movie.

The Serbian movie "Pretty Village, Pretty Flame" won the Bronze Horse, the festival's top prize.

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Mars probe reportedly fell in two parts

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — News that a Russian Mars probe carrying plutonium was plummeting toward Earth put Australian military and civil defense teams on high alert and sent Aussie gamblers scrambling to predict where it would land.

All bets were off today when the Mars 96 spacecraft overshot Australia and plunked harmlessly into the South Pacific near Easter Island.

The probe that was intended to search for signs of life on the Red Planet instead sits under the deep blue.

"It has come as a terrible blow for all of us," Yuri Milov, a deputy head of the Russian Space Agency, said in Moscow. "We were pinning so many hopes on that unique mission."

The space probe, which would have reached Mars next September, never made it out of Earth's orbit after the rocket's fourth stage failed to provide enough speed. The craft was carrying four radioactive plutonium batteries.

Scientists attempting to track the probe predicted it would fall at 17,000 mph somewhere between the Timor Sea and the Australian capital, Canberra.

The news prompted brief excitement in Australia: A barkeeper in the tiny Outback town of Tibooburra offered his customers free beer after officials announced the probe might land in a nearby swamp.

A bookmaker in central Australia's Alice Springs said dozens of gamblers tried to place bets on where the Russian probe would crash.

The Australian government, military and civil defense teams went on full alert amid warnings that a crash could produce a cloud of radioactivity.

The Russian spacecraft's designers insisted the generators' casing would withstand a crash without posing any radioactive risks.

Apart from the $300 million loss, the probe's destruction further darkens the already bleak prospects for the Russian space industry. Struggling with a shrinking budget, it will now have greater difficulty attracting Western partners.

Space junk has fallen on Australia before. Large pieces of the NASA's Skylab littered the remote western desert when the space station plummeted to Earth in 1979.

Mars 96 took another track, falling into the ocean near Easter Island about 620 miles west of Chile, according to Alan Hodges, director-general of Emergency Management Australia.

Russian space officials believe the craft fell into the South Pacific in two parts. The probe splashed down between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. EST Saturday, they said. Fragments of the engine crashed separately, but in the same area and exactly 24 hours later, the Russians said today.

Scientists theorized the probe's trajectory was altered as it hit Earth's upper atmosphere.

Though the spacecraft had been designed to withstand entry into the Martian atmosphere, the U.S. Space Command said it could not confirm whether any pieces survived the fiery fall.

No one has reported seeing or hearing it return to Earth.

For civilian aircraft...

Two helicopter makers plan to use tilt-rotor technology

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Two helicopter makers plan to build a civilian aircraft using the tilt-rotor technology of the V-22 Osprey military aircraft within the next five years, a Boeing Co. executive said.

Boeing's helicopters division in suburban Philadelphia and Bell Helicopter Textron in Fort Worth, Texas, are teaming up on the "Tiltrotor," or BB-609, USA Today, The Wall Street Journal and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported today.

Boeing spokesman Jack Satterfield confirmed the reports.

"It's going to fly twice as fast and twice as far as most helicopters are able to," Satterfield said.

"It avoids runways. You can fly with the speed and range of a typical corpoate turboprop aircaft, which are in wide use in business applications, but you don't necessarily have to fly to a long runway," he said.

The ability to land without a runway will significantly reduce door-to-door trip time, he said.

The nine-seat aircraft, costing less than $10 million each, will have swiveling engines on each of its wings, allowing it to take off like a helicopter and fly like an airplane at speeds up to 315 mph.

Versions that could seat 20 or more passengers may come later, depending on reaction to the corporate version.

The program is a logical commercial spinoff from the military's Osprey V-22 program, Jerry King, president of Boeing's Defense & Space Group, told the Post-Intelligencer.

Boeing and Bell are already partners on the V-22 military tilt-rotor, with the first deliveries for the Marines due in 1999. The companies estimate a worldwide market of at least 1,000 for the civilian version.

Advocates for the controversial aircraft have long held out the promise of civil aviation as a payoff for the expensive research program.

A congressional advisory committee earlier this year said civilian development of the tilt-rotor technology is "technically feasible," but the committee cautioned that such aircraft could require heavy investment in specialized landing sites.

Boeing has not said who the launch customers will be.

'Tent city' conditions causes inmates to riot

PHOENIX (AP) — Hundreds of inmates angered by conditions in their "tent city" jail set fires and held 11 guards hostage for nearly three hours before winning a meeting with the "toughest sheriff in America."

Sheriff Joe Arpaio, known for tough tactics such as female chain gangs and banning cigarettes and adult magazines, held two jail yard meetings Sunday, first with a committee of three inmates and later with more than 200 prisoners.

Earlier Sunday, more than 400 police lined the Durango Jail, some in full camouflage riot gear and carrying shotguns, while inmates inside held 11 guards hostage, two of whom were injured by being pelted with rocks.

Inmates complained about inadequate medical care, guard brutality, bad food and the discomfort of living in the tents. Maricopa County Attorney Rick Romley said the complaints deserved a response.

"We've been concerned that there might be such a riot because of overcrowding," Romley said. "There have been too many complaints out there."

The tent jail was empty today. After the riot, all 635 prisoners were transferred to other county jails for up to two days.

The inmates claimed the riot began after a guard squirted pepper spray at a prisoner using bathroom without permission. Guards said it started when they tried to separate two inmates who were fighting.

Arpaio assured the inmates during the half-hour group discussion that he would investigate the matter, prompting a barrage of expletives. He said later he was skeptical of the inmates' version of the day's events.

Obituaries

Bill Hart

1913-1996

Bill Hart, a lifelong resident of Snyder, died Friday, Nov. 15, at Snyder Healthcare Center. He was 83. Mr. Hart's request was to be a donor for medical research. No memorial service will be held.

He was born April 6, 1913 to Pete and Ethel Hart, and attended the White Bluff School, north of Snyder.

Mr. Hart worked as a cowboy and horse trainer, beginning his professional career when he was 12 years old for Powie Fuller at his Scurry County ranch. He also worked at other area ranches including the Hays Ranch and the Bennie Binnon's Montana Ranch. An accomplished roper, he showed quarter horses throughout his career and won numerous awards. He enjoyed country music and cowboy poetry.

Mr. Hart was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and served in Germany. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Dotty Hart, whom he married on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 1983.

Other survivors include his stepdaughters, Kay Bennett of Telkwa, B.C., Canada, and Gay Kimmel of Snyder; a stepson, Mickey Birdsall of Stephenville; three sisters, Treva Abercrombie, Ida Jo Longbotham, both of Snyder, and Helen Tate of Denton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald Hart and Jack Hart.

Friends and family may register at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home today and Tuesday. The family suggests memorials to the WTC Rodeo Scholarship Fund.

Monia Alexander

1920-1996

GRAND SALINE — Monia A. Alexander, a long-time resident of Ira, died Saturday, Nov. 16, in a Grand Saline nursing center. She was 76.

Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church in Lipan. The Rev. David Samples was to officiate and burial was to follow in the Evergreen Cemetery in Lipan. Bartley Funeral Home of Grand Saline was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Alexander had lived in Ira most of her life, moving to Mineral Wells 9½ years ago. She moved to Grand Saline last month.

A retired licensed vocational nurse, Mrs. Alexander was a member of the Vincent Community Baptist Church and the Eastern Star.

Born March 2, 1920 in Lipan, she was married to William Angus Alexander who died in 1994.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Alexander and Travis Ray Alexander, both of Grand Saline; three sisters, Bert Greggory of Houston, Ruby Morris of Mineral Wells and Earline Cavanaugh of Spring; and three grandchildren.

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communication to utilities, $2,353 from road material to repairs, and $146 from road material to fuel, oil and grease in Precinct 1.

—a transfer of $1,500 from tires and tubes to road material ($500) and repairs ($1,000) in the combined precinct.

—a transfer of $4,180 in road material to repairs ($4,000) and utilities ($180) in Precinct 3.

—a transfer of $7,700 from road material to fuel, oil and gas ($2,000), operating supplies ($3,500) and tires and tubes ($2,200) in Precinct 4.

Commissioners recessed shortly after 11 a.m. and were to return at 1 p.m. to open bids on cars for the Scurry County Sheriff's Department.

County Judge Ricky Fritz presided. Commissioners attending were C.D. Gray Jr., Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Gannaway.

Officers work traffic mishaps

Snyder police investigated four minor traffic accidents Friday and one Thursday.

At 8:05 a.m. Friday, officers investigated a mishap in the 2700 block of 40th Street. Involved were a 1987 GMC driven by David Glenn Clarady of 1306 31st St. and a 1980 Chevrolet driven by Lana Janea McMillan of 3100 Ave. W.

At 4 p.m. Friday, police worked an accident in the 2600 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1995 GMC pickup driven by Mark James Foster of 3901 Ave. O, Apt. 22 and a 1996 Chevrolet pickup driven by Monica Jill Roberson of 2204 42nd St. Roberson, 19, was taken by private vehicle to Bennett Chiropractic Center for treatment.

Police investigated an accident in the 3700 block of College Avenue at 4:35 p.m. Friday. Involved were a 1985 Oldsmobile driven by Euline Kay Wortham of 1907 Coleman #3 and a 1990 Lincoln driven by Henry Hugh Tolleson of 3010 37th St.

At 7:40 p.m. Friday, police investigated an accident in the 2600 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1984 Chevrolet van driven by Jerry Don Estes of 700 E. 37th, Apt. 102 and a 1981 Ford pickup driven by Joey Selvera of 1104 20th St.

Police investigated a two-vehicle accident at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the 4500 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1972 Ford pickup driven by Ian Matthew Fleming of 2906 Ave. U and a 1987 Nissan driven by Bhupendrakumar Bhakta of 1001 25th.

What's Up?

MegaSkills event tonight

Debbie Brunson, elementary school counselor, will be the guest speaker at tonight's MegaSkills event for parents and volunteers — "In School and In Life, The Best Gift You Can Give Your Child."

Door prizes will be awarded, refreshments served and childcare provided. The program will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Northeast Elementary library. Call 574-6012 for more information.

West PTO to meet

West Elementary PTO will meet at 7 this evening in the school cafeteria. All parents are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

VFW and auxiliary to meet

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 this evening at the post home.

Christian Cowboys meeting

A Fellowship of Christian Cowboys meeting will be held at 7 p.m. today at 1815 25th St. For information, call Travis Collum at 573-0596 or Greg Crawford at 573-0070 or 863-2753.

Key to Kingdom series

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "Known by His Justice," will air at 7 o'clock tonight.

Grief support group

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

Home Health open house

Cogdell Home Health will have an open house in celebration of National Home Care Month from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday. The Home Health department is located at 1800 Cogdell Boulevard, Suite B.

Scholarship Foundation

The Western Texas College Scholarship Foundation board will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. Election of officers, new appointments and extension of three-year terms are on the agenda.

Free blood pressure check

Interim Health Care will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday in the Ira Community Center.

Community forum slated

West Texas State Operated Community Services of MHMR will hold a community forum at 7 p.m. Friday in the city council chambers at City Hall. Anyone who is disabled or has a loved one who is disabled is encouraged to attend. Call 263-9700 for more information.

Bake sale planned Saturday

Scurry County Genealogical Society will hold a bake sale Saturday at Wal-Mart, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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.

Poinsettia fund-raiser

Large poinsettias in red, white and jingle bell are available from any Snyder High School choir member for a donation. Call 573-9649 or 573-8034 for more information.

GED testing resumes

GED test dates will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 3, and at 8 a.m. on 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.

Fire department banquet

The 67th Annual Snyder Fire Department Thanksgiving Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at Snyder Country Club.

Madrigal Dinner coming

Snyder High School choirs will present the fifth annual Madrigal Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2. Tickets are $15 each and may be purchased by calling 573-6301 or mailing remittance to Tickets, Choral Dept., SHS 2901 37th St., Snyder, Tex. 79549.

Pick 3

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

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(zero, four, one)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-11-16-19-26-43.
Estimated jackpot: $20 million.
Number matching six of six: none
Matching five of six: 173. Prize: $1,397.
Matching four of six: 9,770. Prize: $89.
Matching three of six: 174,447. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $28 million.