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Home Of Brittany Scott

Court to view plans for Cogdell upgrades

Representatives from Cogdell Memorial Hospital are scheduled to be at the Scurry County Commissioners Court meeting Monday to present the hospital's planned $2.5 million facilities-improvement project.

The plan was announced earlier this month at the hospital board meeting.

Cogdell CEO Jeff Reecer said the project has evolved over the last several years and it will focus on improving outpatient facilities.

Reecer said the plans were announced in response to Scurry County Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey's inquiry about capital improvement needs at the county-owed facility. However, it was emphasized in the hospital board meeting that the plan was not "just put together" as a result of the commissioner's inquiries.

Dr. Mark Weaver said the medical staff has been working on the proposal for at least four years.

Reecer said the plan is to have six phases of construction with the entire project scheduled for some 27 months.

Phase I would include relocating the radiology department. Construction costs would total $570,941 and would take about five months to complete.

Phase II includes expanding the emergency room facility to include the area where the current ER drive is located, and converting the intensive care unit to a special care unit.

Phase III includes adding a day surgery area with a pre-surgery and waiting room area. This is estimated to cost $728,000 and take about eight months to complete.

Phase IV includes renovating the surgical area at a cost of $230,000 with an estimated construction time of 120 days.

Phase V includes renovating the present emergency room area, plus the admissions and ER waiting area.

Phase VI includes site work and landscaping of the hospital grounds.

Reecer explained that the plan calls for the hospital to spend $1.1 million in 2000, $911,000 in 2001 and $428,878 in 2002.

He said financing is contingent upon loans from local financial institutions, additional physicians using the hospital and restoring county funding to its historical levels.

The county funded the hospital $100,000 in tax money for next year — down from the $395,000 it had provided in recent years.

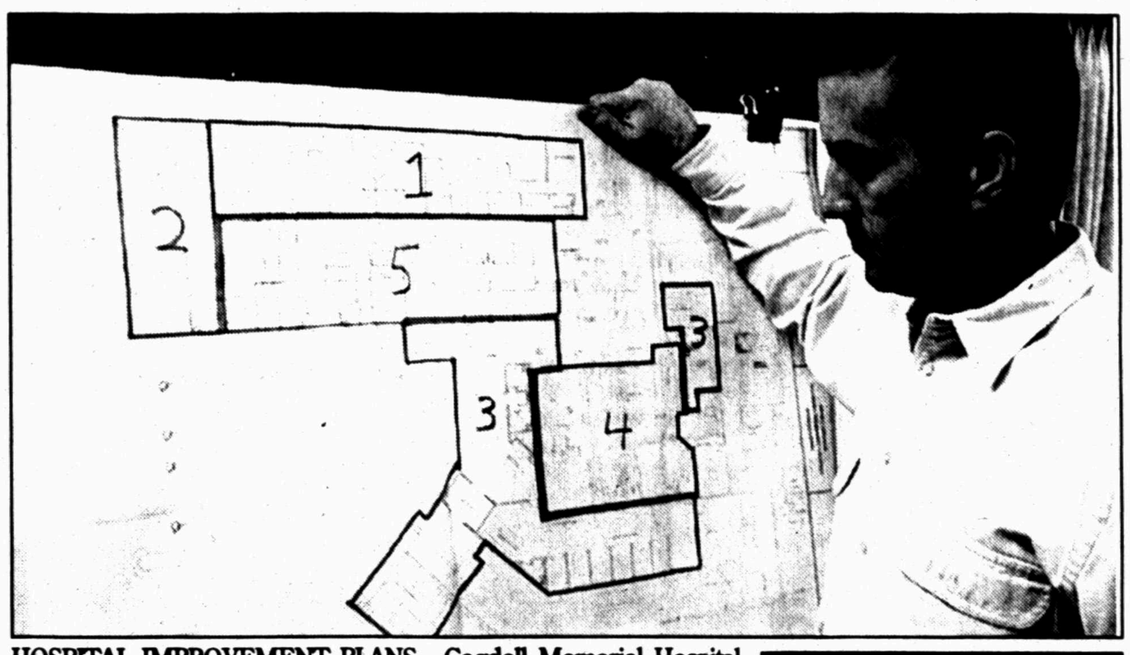
Dr. Weaver said in order for the facility upgrade to be possible, it will have to have financial help from the county.

Reecer emphasized that the capital expenditures being discussed are for facility improvements only, and not equipment.

He said the hospital could pay for the capital expenditures for new equipment.

In another item of business for commissioners, the court will discuss the county's current insurance plan as well as other options.

"We will look at our insurance as a whole and see if we want to change," Judge Ricky Fritz said.



HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS - Cogdell Memorial Hospital administrator Jeff Reecer looks over plans for $2.5 million in improvements at the local hospital. (SDN Staff Photo)

Shortage of officers not affecting PDU operations

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Although the Price Daniel Unit is not at full staffing strength for correctional officers, Senior Warden Wilhelmenia Howard said the local prison's manpower shortage is not as critical as other units in the state.

"We are only 20 officers short as compared to some units which are 45 to 100 officers short," the warden said.

Howard said 203 is the maximum number of correctional officers allowed at Price Daniel.

Statewide, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is 1,200 officers short — almost 5 percent below its staffing strength of 25,500.

Some attribute the manpower shortage to the stressful duties associated with working with inmates inside a prison. Others cite low pay.

In West Texas, some of the shortage has been attributed to the opening of the new maximum security unit at the Preston Smith Unit in Lamesa.

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Lots of people get up early, but few get up bright."

There are "Life's Little Instruction" booklets for everybody. Here's some for kids - by kids - that were passed along by a Snyder teacher.

—Never smart off to a teacher whose eyes and ears are twitching. (Andrews, age 9)

—Wear a hat when feeding seagulls. (Rocky, age 9)

—Sleep in your clothes so you'll be dressed in the morning. Stephanie, age 8)

—Don't flush the john when your dad's in the shower. (Lamar, age 10)

—Never ask for anything that costs more than $5 when your parents are doing taxes. (Carrol, age 9)

—Never bug a pregnant mom. (Nicholas, age 11)

—Don't ever be too full for dessert. (Kelly, age 10)

—When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" don't answer him. (Heather, age 16)

—Never tell your mom her diet's not working. (Michael, age 14)

—Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat. (Joel, age 12)

—When you get a bad grade in school, show it to your mom when she's on the phone. (Alyesha, age 13)

—Never try to baptize a cat. (Laura, age 13)

—Never spit when on a roller coaster. (Scott, age 11)

—Never do pranks at a police station. (Sam, age 10)

—Beware of cafeteria food when it looks like it's moving. (Rob, age 10)

—Never tell your little brother that you're not going to do what your mom told you to do. (Hank, age 12)

—Remember, you're never too old to hold your father's hand. (Molly, age 11)

—Listen to your brain. It has lots of information. (Chelsey, age 7)

—Stay away from prunes. (Randy, age 9)

—Never dare your little brother to paint the family car. (Phillip, age 13)

—Forget the cake, go for the icing. (Cynthia, age 8)

—Remember, the two places you are always welcome is church and Grandma's house. (Joanne, age 11)

—When you want something expensive, ask your grandparents. (Matthew, age 12)

Others to seek re-election...

Tax assessor to retire

Seven local positions are up for election in 2000, and all incumbents but one have indicated an intent to seek re-election.

Rona Sikes, tax assessor-collector, said she would not be running for another term.

"No, I will not be a candidate. I am going to retire," Sikes said.



Rona Sikes
Tax assessor

Sikes, a Democrat, has served as tax collector for 16 years. All total, she has worked 28 years in the courthouse.

Filing officially begins Dec. 3 and runs through Jan. 3.

Positions up for election in 2000 include the office of sheriff, now held by Democrat Darren Jackson.

Jackson said he would be filing to run for his second term.

County Attorney Michael Hartman, a Republican, also indicated he would be running for re-election in 2000. He is also serving his first term.

Also up for election are commissioner spots for Precinct 1 and 3.

Incumbents Ralph Trevey, a Democrat, and Howard Limmer, a Republican, both said they will be filing.

Trevey has served two terms as Precinct 1 Commissioner while Limmer is finishing his first term in Precinct 3.

Also up for election are the offices of district judge, which is held by Ernie Armstrong; and district attorney, which is held by Dana Cooley. Both are Republicans.

Armstrong said he would be running again. He was appointed in 1995 to fill the unexpired term of retiring Judge Gene Dulaney and was elected in 1996 to his first full term.

Cooley said she will also be running for re-election.

She was first appointed to the office of district attorney in July of 1995, following Armstrong's appointment to the court bench. She was elected to the office in 1996.

Candidates must file with each individual political party chairman. Drew Bullard is the county GOP chairman, Billy Haynes is chairman of the Scurry County Democratic party.

Chamber sets meeting, plans for holidays

Snyder Chamber of Commerce directors will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the chamber board room to hear a request for hotel/motel funds for one of its own promotions, the West Texas Western Swing Music Festival, to be held in May.

In addition, chamber directors for the year 2000 will be nominated.

An executive session to discuss personnel matters will also be held.

The chamber has also set its holiday schedule.

The Christmas decorations will be put up beginning this week, and the new lights will be turned on at the courthouse on Nov. 26. Christmas music will start that date also.

The lighted Christmas parade will be held Saturday, Dec. 4 and the chamber is now accepting entries.

The Gold Coats will again be sponsoring a Christmas lighting contest for residence yards with the top prize being $150.



Three plead guilty while pair have probation revoked in 132nd court

Three persons pleaded guilty and three probated sentences were revoked in 132nd District Court this week.

Gerardo Callado Estrada, 22, pleaded guilty Friday to separate felony charges and will serve concurrent prison sentences.

Estrada pleaded guilty to a June 27, 1999 charge of aggravated assault, stabbing Raymond Medrano Vera Jr. with a knife. Estrada, 1208 28th Street, also pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, with intent to deliver.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong assessed a 20-year sentence on the drug violation and a 15-year prison sentence on the assault charge.

Robert Glenn Griffith, serving two probated sentences for burglary, will now serve a pair of concurrent two-year terms in a state jail facility.

Griffith, 25, of Abilene had been placed on probation for the 1996 burglaries of the First Baptist Church and Thompson's Shoes.

The motion to revoke was based on Griffith's failure to complete a court-ordered program in a restitution center in Coleman.

The 1998 probation of Roseanna Lujan, 20, for forgery by passing, a 1998 offense, was also revoked by Judge Ernie Armstrong.

Lujan, 1401 Ave. K, was originally sentenced to two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for five years.

Because of failure to report to probation officers, failure to remain in Scurry County and failure to pay fines and court costs, Judge Armstrong ordered Lujan to serve five years in the state prison system.

Mustafa Rashid Burks, 18, of 417 32nd Street, pleaded guilty to a June 20 offense of robbery. Burks was assessed a 10-year prison system and participation to the TDCJ's boot camp program. The defendant was also ordered to make $54 in restitution to the Pizza Inn.

Also pleading guilty was Jacobo Olvera, 30, of 3300 CR 461 in Snyder. Olvera was charged with the Aug. 8 offense of felony driving while intoxicated.

Olvera was assessed a five-year prison sentence, probated for five years. The court also fined Olvera $1,000 and ordered 240 hours in the Scurry County Jail.

ASK US

Q-It seems that my elderly parents in another town are being taken advantage of by a nursing home. Is there a state agency I can call to register a complaint?

A-Call the Texas Department of Human Services (Long Term Care) at 1-800-621-0508.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 78 degrees; low, 46; 7 a.m. Saturday, 47; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.80 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy. Low 40-45. Sunday..sunny, fair at night. Lows lower-40s. Highs, mid-upper 70s.



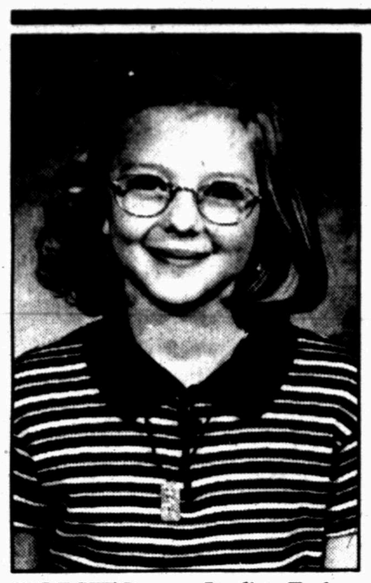
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Of 316 days in 1999, the sun has shone 309 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.

—Robert F. Kennedy



SELECTED — Leslie Eades, daughter of Abel and Peggy Arellano, and granddaughter of Ralph Eades of Snyder, has been selected to participate in the "Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program" to be held at the Sheraton Brookhollow Hotel in Dallas Friday and Saturday. Two Texas students will each receive a $1,000 U.S. Savings Bond and $250 to present to their respective school. In all, more than $5,000 in awards and prizes will be presented. (Contributed Photo)

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American, Brazilian and West German scientists announced in 1985 that the sketal remains exhumed from a graveyard in Braqzil was those of Nazi war criminal Dr. Joseph Mengele.

Man thanked by Columbine gunmen apologizes in court

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — A man who helped arm the Columbine High School killers apologized to relatives of the slain as he was sentenced to six years in prison.

"I can't adequately express my sorrow to the families of the victims," said Mark Manes, 22. "I am truly very sorry."

Jefferson County District Judge Henry Nieto sentenced Manes to six years in prison for supplying Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold with a TEC-DC9 handgun, and another three years to be served concurrently for possessing a sawed-off shotgun.

Manes pleaded guilty to selling the pistol to Harris and Klebold for $500 in January, and buying ammunition for them the night before the April 20 massacre. He faced up to 18 years.

At Friday's hearing, prosecutors read from transcripts of videotapes seized at the home of one of the gunmen.

On the tape, Harris says: "Oh, I'd like to make a thank you to Mark and Phil (Duran). Very cool. You helped us do what we needed to do. Thank you."

Duran is accused of introducing the teens to Manes. His case is pending.

The gunmen made several videotapes describing events leading up to the attack in what investigators said was an attempt to make themselves into cult heroes. Authorities said they wi!' not make them public.

On the tape, Harris and Klebold said Manes and Duran should not be held responsible for the mass shooting.

"Yeah, you know, it's not their fault ... We used them," Klebold said.

Harris added that if Manes hadn't helped out, "then we would have found someone else. We would have gone on and on. We would have found some way around it, 'cause that's what we do."

Kate Battan, Jefferson County's lead investigator in the Columbine shootings, said the semiautomatic pistol sold by Manes to Klebold was fired 55 times during the attack, killing four people and wounding two.

In all, 13 people were killed in the attack before the gunmen committed suicide. Two shotguns and a rifle were used for the rest of the killings, but they were not linked to Manes.

Manes bowed his head as nine relatives of the victims told of the carnage and the aftermath.

Kristen Townsend, sister of shooting victim Lauren Townsend, said "13 beautiful lives have been taken tragically and unfairly."

"Did Mark Manes shoot and kill my sister? No. ... But he sold the weapons and he must be punished for it," she said.

Defense attorney Robert Ransome said people should blame society for the culture of violence that afflicts society's youth, and said Manes cooperated with police.

"None of us knew what Harris and Klebold were up to. None of us," Ransome said.

But Ms. Battan also said the killers practiced shooting with Manes, aiming at trees and saying, "Imagine if that's someone's brain."

"What I heard in the courtroom today, I hope no family will ever have to endure or go through," said Cindy Thirouin, daughter of slain teacher Dave Sanders.

Duran, 22, a former coworker of the gunmen, is charged with providing a gun to a minor, which carries up to six years in prison and a $500,000 fine.



SPEECH CLUB OFFICERS — Snyder High School speech club officers for 1999-2000 are back row, from left, Lance Beaver, president; Lauren Hackfeld, vice president; front row, from left, Rebecca West, treasurer; Suzanne Bogard, secretary. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



TWO IN PLAY — Kevin, played by Turney Coulter, quizzes Luther, played by Daniel Day, about his computer problems in a scene from "Inspecting Carol," to open Thursday at Western Texas College. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

WTC play set for Thursday debut, 8 p.m.

Western Texas College's Drama Department will present "Inspecting Carol" Thursday through next Sunday. Performances are set for 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 2:30 p.m. next Sunday.

In "Inspecting Carol," by Daniel Sullivan and the Seattle Repertory Company, a man walks into a small, midwestern theatre and asks for an audition. Everyone caters to this bewildered wannabe actor, mistaking him for the inspector from the National Endowment for the Arts. When he joins the cast of the current production, "A Christmas Carol," everything goes wrong.

The cast of characters include Zorah, Carolyn Girard; Betty, Dani Day; MJ, Tiffany Britton; Dorothy, Tiffany McAdams; Sidney, Rick Freeman; Larry, Dallas Martinez; Phil, Brad Williams; Wayne, David Olson; Walter, Kris Hollis; Bart, Duncan Day; Luther, Daniel Day; Kevin, Turney Coulter.

Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for seniors and students. To make a reservation, call 573-8511, ext. 234. Box office opens one hour before curtain.

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The U.S. Constitution went into effect June 21, 1788, as New Hampshire by a 57-46 vote became the ninth state to ratify it.

Rumors persist that Lockheed's Georgia plant will relocate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Renewed speculation about the possible closing of Lockheed Martin's plant in suburban Atlanta has some analysts pointing toward North Texas.

The Wall Street Journal reported Friday that Lockheed Martin officials, reviewing ways to improve the struggling defense giant's financial results, are considering selling or closing down some of its core operations.

Citing unidentified senior executives familiar with the initiative, the newspaper said possible actions under review include selling or closing some operations in Sunnyvale, Calif., that produce commercial and military satellites, or placing them in new ventures with other companies.

The executives said similar moves are under consideration for the plant in Marietta, Ga., which employs about 8,600 in the production of C-130J military-transport planes and fighter aircraft such as the advanced F-22. Talk has circulated for years that if the Marietta plant closes the work would be incorporated into the company's Fort Worth, Texas operations.

"We've been dealing with this kind of speculation for years, and it has proven false in each case," said Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., whose district includes the giant plant. "It is my hope and belief these latest rumors fall into the same category."

Barr said the new speculation, coming on the heels of efforts in Congress this year to kill the $65 billion F-22 program, "highlights the need to fight for sufficient numbers of C-130Js, as well as F-22s, to keep the line open."

Earlier this week, Flight International Magazine, also citing company sources, said Lockheed was under pressure from the Department of Defense to consolidate its aircraft manufacturing in one plant.

Chief Financial Officer Robert Stevens told The Wall Street Journal that the company is "not restricting in any way" its review of actions that could be taken to improve results. He emphasized that no decisions have been made.

Last month, Lockheed sliced its earnings forecast for the next year by more than half. The company cited, in part, an industry-wide lack of confidence inspired by contract delays, launch failures and the loss of longstanding contracts.

The Journal quoted the executives as saying the California satellite operations also could be moved to operations near Denver, where Lockheed makes rockets for launching government and commercial satellites.

Snyder native takes Andrews' TXU post

ANDREWS – Randy Rinker, a native of Snyder, has been named customer relations manger for the Andrews TXU electric office.

Rinker, 42, began his 20-year career with Texas Electric in Snyder, starting as a meter reader. He advanced to customer service work manager in Snyder and transferred seven years ago to Odessa as operations supervisor. He later became account manager for the oilfield division of TXU.

Ranker, a graduate of Snyder High School, is the son of Faye Rinker and the late Lloyd Rinker of Snyder.

Rinker and his wife, Michelle, also a Snyder native, have three children – Bethany, 16; Trey, 13; and Tod, 9.

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Cogdell Home Health Care

Covey graduates

Air Force Airman John C. Covey has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Covey, the son of Chris and Colleen Covey of Snyder, is a 1999 graduate of Snyder High School.

Enters active duty

Natasha A. Heaton, daughter of Janet E. Pinkert Heaton of Snyder, entered active duty in the U.S. Air Force Nov. 3. She is a graduate of Hobbs High School.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Heaton is scheduled to receive technical training in a general aptitude area career field.



Joseph Benz

Joseph Benz earns perfect attendance, place on honor roll

Joseph Benz, son of Roy and Anita Benz of Snyder, is being home schooled through Maranatha Baptist Academy in Big Spring.

For the 1998-1999 school year, he completed the sixth grade with perfect attendance and was named to Maranatha's Honor Roll for the fourth straight quarter.

Student arrested following explosion

COUSHATTA, La. (AP) — A student was arrested after a small homemade bomb exploded in a bathroom stall at Coushatta High School shortly after classes began Friday, and authorities found four similar devices elsewhere in the school.

The school was evacuated and no one was hurt. But authorities said the devices, each abo 4 inches long and made from hollowed-out carbon dioxide cartridges, were potentially deadly.

An 18-year-old senior, Chad Edward Keith, was arrested Friday afternoon on a charge of destroying property with an explosive device, said Assistant U.S. Donald Hathaway Jr.

Witnesses said they saw a student running away from the bathroom just before the explosion, state police spokesman Steve Childress said.

The blast "just blew the toilet out of the floor, mainly," said Myra Long, administrative assistant to the schools superintendent in Red River Parish.

Students were evacuated to the football stadium and sent home.



JUDGING WINNERS — Western Texas College meat's judging team members who won awards Sunday include seated from left, Matt Thackerson, Jeff Ellis, Cody Dunn, Chris Hartman; standing, Jimma Chapman, Jeremy Hernandez, Amber Chisum. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Prosecution rests in Jasper for 3rd dragging death trial

JASPER (AP) — Before resting their case in the dragging death of a black East Texas man, prosecutors showed the victim's blood on the defendant's clothing and described his excruciating final moments.

An FBI forensics examiner who specializes in blood and body fluids said Friday that DNA testing of blood discovered in three places on jeans worn by the defendant, Shawn Allen Berry, could be tied to James Byrd Jr.

While most of the testing narrowed the odds of it being Byrd's blood to 1 in every 5,700 blacks, FBI scientist Sam Baechtel said the odds were narrowed on one blood spatter to 1 in 3,800,000,000,000,000 — 3.8 quadrillion.

"In my opinion, that is James Byrd's blood," Baechtel said.

Prosecutors completed their case after calling 27 witnesses over three days.

They're attempting to convince a jury that Berry, 24, was more than the bystander he has claimed he was when the 49-year-old Byrd was beaten, then hooked to the back of Berry's truck with a 24-foot logging chain and dragged for three miles along bumpy East Texas roads.

His mangled and dismembered body was found after daybreak on June 7, 1998.

Two white supremacists, John William King, 25, and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 32, were convicted earlier this year and sentenced to death.

They were sharing a Jasper apartment with Berry, who has none of their racist tattoos or history of white supremacist writings.

The former Jasper movie theater manager also could be headed to death row if the all-white jury convicts him of capital murder.

"They proved that Shawn Berry was present," Berry's lawyer, Joseph C. "Lum" Hawthorn, told reporters after court. "We've told them all along he was present. Mere presence alone doesn't make him guilty. They haven't proved that he participated."

"That's up to a jury to decide and interpret the evidence," Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray replied.

"It's his truck, he's there. I believe there was substantial evidence he was driving the truck. ... He's got blood on him," Gray said.

On Friday, each juror was given a booklet of photographs and followed along as a medical examiner, Thomas Brown, gave precise and numbing descriptions of Byrd's shredded remains.

Brown, as he has in the trials of King and Brewer, said his examination showed Byrd was alive as the dragging began and until his head was severed after slamming into a concrete culvert about two-thirds of the way through the ordeal.

"When he struck the culvert, that was his demise," Brown said.

Questioned by Gray, Brown said he could not determine if Byrd was conscious at that point.

"I hope not," he said.

Besides the blood on Berry's jeans, other blood tied by DNA to Byrd was found on Berry's shirt and his left boot, Baechtel said. He said his attempts to identify blood spots on Berry's right boot as belonging to Byrd were inconclusive.

Prosecutors began Friday's testimony with a former girlfriend of Berry's brother identifying the clothing as belonging to Berry. FBI agents searching Berry's apartment a month after the killing found the shirt and pants stuffed in a laundry basket.

Hawthorn said in opening arguments earlier this week that Byrd's blood wound up on Berry's clothing when the two men were pushed into each other during a scuffle on the remote logging road northeast of town.

Berry, in statements to police and others, has blamed the murder on his two roommates. Berry said he failed to intervene because King threatened to do the same thing to him.

Prosecutors have tried to show Berry was the driver of the truck and in control when Byrd was dragged.

In a statement to police and in a tearful CBS interview that became the focus of a court battle in the days before testimony began this week, Berry said he wet his pants after Brewer and King beat Byrd.

Baechtel said a test for urine was difficult to conduct but that Berry's pants showed presence of urea, a chemical present in urine, in a 11/2-inch spot. He said he was uncertain whether the chemical was left by urination or was merely a trace.

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WTC students place at judging contest

Western Texas College's meats judging team competed at the 1999 American Royal Intercollege judging contest in Emporia, Kan. Sunday.

The team placed third in lamb judging, fourth in beef judging, fifth in beef grading and pork judging and fifth in placings.

For five members of the team, this was their first collegiate meats competition. Chris Hartman of Sweetwater made the top ten placing 10th in beef, pork and questions.

Jeff Ellis of Colorado City was seventh in placings and 10th in lamb judging. Other team members included Cody Dunn of Seminole and Matt Thackerson of Colorado City.

Other WTC students who competed as individuals were Jeremy Hernandez of Floydada, ninth in beef placings; Jimma Chapman of Abilene and Amber Chisum of Jayton also competed.

The team's next competition will be at the Beef Empire Days Contest Nov. 21.

Navy flight demonstration team back in air after crash

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — The Blue Angels, joined by an admiral in the back seat of one jet, have returned to the air following a crash that killed two of the Navy precision flying team's pilots.

A crowd of 55,000 cheered them on Friday at Pensacola Naval Air Station, their home base, during the first of two season-ending homecoming shows. A larger crowd was expected today.

The shows are the team's first public performances since one of their jets crashed Oct. 28 near Valdosta, Ga., killing Lt. Cmdr. Kieron O'Connor and Lt. Kevin Colling.

The Blue Angels dedicated the Pensacola shows, flown with five rather than the usual six jets, to O'Connor, 35, of Burtonsville, Md., and Colling, 32, of Castle Rock, Colo.

"It's a tribute to their team loyalty," said Art Radige, 70, a retired teacher who first saw the Blue Angels perform in 1957 when he was in the Navy. "It's a lot of team spirit. It's carrying on the long-term tradition, the last show of the century."

The Blue Angels, concluding their 53rd year, were joined for Friday's show by Rear Adm. Michael Bucchi, chief of naval air training, who flew in the back a two-seat jet. The flying team is part of Bucchi's command, headquartered at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, Texas.

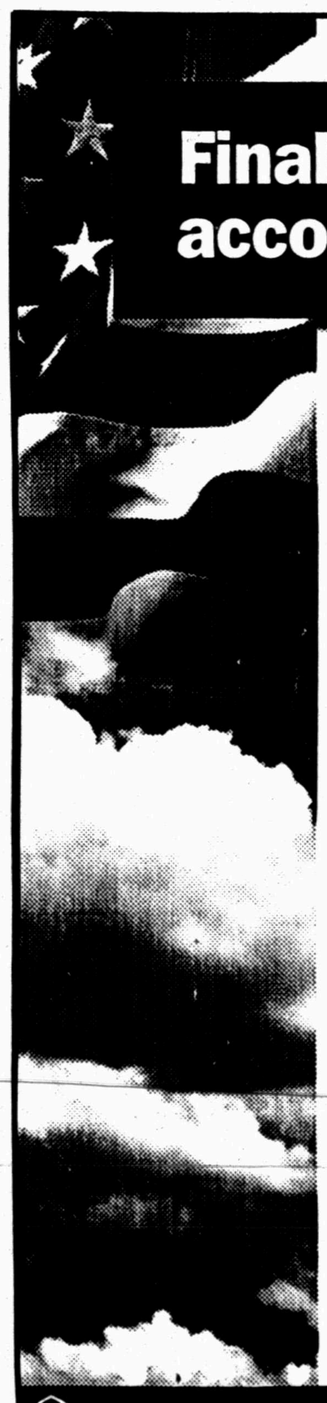
O'Connor and Colling crashed in the team's other two-seat version of its single-place F/A-18 Hornet fighters. The two-seaters usually are used for training, VIP and media flights and as backup planes.

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EIGHTH GRADE PLAY — Snyder Junior High School's drama II students performed "Someone Save My Baby Ruth...Or Foil That Villain," Friday night. Paige Smith as Minnie and Candice Gordon, as her mother Mrs. Murphy, are buying some candy from store owner Praline Candy, played by Katie Bryant. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Annual drinking rite under fire at tradition-rich college

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Traditions die hard at the university Thomas Jefferson founded, but a potentially deadly custom has come under fire.

It's the Fourth-Year Fifth, when seniors drink a fifth of liquor the day of the University of Virginia' last home football game. This is a big deal at a school with a reputation for big parties, and in a state all too familiar with excessive campus boozing.

This year, some students are saying it's time to put a lid on it.

"No one knows where it came from, but it's something completely asinine," said Luke Mitchell, the senior leading the effort to abolish the drinking challenge. "This is definitely one tradition we can do without."

A group called "Fourth Years Ending Stupid Traditions" blanketed the campus with blue pledge cards in advance of Saturday's final home game of the season against the University of Buffalo, asking seniors not to attempt the Fourth-Year Fifth. At least 200 students signed on, and can redeem the cards for free nonalcoholic drinks at the game.

Virginia has a party school reputation. Until 1983, it was home to "Easter's," a spring bacchanal that Playboy once billed the "best party in America." It drew a crowd of 25,000 from across the country for a festival of booze, bands and mudslides.

But two years ago, college administrators and state officials joined forces to combat excessive boozing on the state's college campuses after five students — two at Virginia Tech and one at each Virginia, Radford University and Virginia Commonwealth University — died in drinking-related accidents during a five-week span.

At Virginia, most customs are safe and innocuous. Students dress up to take their dates to home football games. Others run naked at the center of campus to kiss the buttocks of a statue of the Greek poet Homer.

"Most of these so-called traditions have never been decreed, just taken on as custom," said Ernest Ern, senior vice president of the university. "They are much more private than public, and most are relatively harmless."

The Fourth-Year Fifth stands out for its risk.

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Photographer and producer fired for faking news video

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A video photographer and a producer who rocked a news van to re-create the 7.0 earthquake that hit California last month were apparently done in by their own plan.

Photographer Colby Knight and producer Derek Brown were fired Nov. 1 by KVBC news director Mike George after it was revealed the two faked footage that the station aired after the Oct. 16 earthquake.

The footage, which also appeared on NBC and MSNBC, depicted the station's news van rocking back and forth.

In an interview in the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Knight admitted that he and Brown rocked the van themselves to re-create what they'd seen during the quake. On the raw footage of the tape, Brown can be heard suggesting that they rock the van.

Knight said he warned station managers not to run the footage.

"I will tell you there was some tape in question and I didn't like what I saw," George said. "I went to the people I felt were responsible for the tape and, as a result of that, there are two people who are no longer employed."

Offenders enter pleas during this week's municipal court

Several pleas were heard during Snyder's Municipal Court this week.

An additional 17 persons – all 17 years of age and under – entered pleas in the night session of the court.

Those entering pleas include a 16-year-old male who pleaded guilty to failure to control speed. He was fined $78 and given time to pay his fine. A failure to maintain insurance citation was dismissed.

A 45-year-old male pleaded no contest to a speeding violation. He was fined $87.25 and requested to lay out his fine in jail.

A 26-year-old male pleaded no contest to exhibition of acceleration and he paid a $77 fine.

A 45-year-old female pleaded guilty to allowing an unrestrained child in a vehicle and was fined $88. She was given time to pay her fine.

A 39-year-old male entered a plea of guilty to speeding. His $87.25 fine was paid in full.

An 18-year-old male failed to appear on a traffic ticket and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

A 27-year-old female pleaded guilty to a charge of failure to carry a driver's license and failure to appear. She was fined $250 and agreed to 18 hours of community service in lieu of the fine.

A 32-year-old female pleaded guilty to not wearing a seat belt. He was fined $78 and six hours of community service.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to no valid drivers license, two charges of minor in possession of tobacco. He was fined $365 and he requested to lay out his fine in jail.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication and minor in possession of alcohol. He was fined $290 and was given time to pay. He was also assigned to an alcohol awareness class and had his driver's license suspended for 30 days.

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A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication, fined $145 and given time to pay the fine. He was also ordered to an alcohol awareness class and had his driver's license suspended for 30 days.

A 20-year-old female pleaded guilty to public intoxication. She was fined $145 and given time to pay, ordered to an alcohol awareness class and given a 30-day suspension on her driver's license.

A 28-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication and was given time to pay a $145 fine.

An arrest warrant was issued for a 28-year-old female who failed to appear on public intoxication and failure to appear charges.

A 19-year-old male pleaded guilty to driving under the influence. He was fined $148 and it was paid in full. He was also assigned to an alcohol awareness class.

A 19-year-old male pleaded no contest to driving under the influence. He was fined $148 and it was paid in full. He was also given credit for time spent in jail and ordered to attend the alcohol awareness course.

A 26-year-old male pleaded guilty to failure to appear. He was fined $98 and given credit for time spent in jail.

A 23-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication and disorderly conduct. He was fined $290 and he requested to lay out his fine in jail.

A 25-year-old male pleaded no contest to not having a valid driver's license. He requested to lay out his fine of $75 in jail.

In night court rulings, a 16-year-old male was placed on six-month deferral for no liability insurance and assessed court costs of $44.25.

A 16-year-old female requested community service in lieu of paying fines of $108 for failure to control speed.

A 16-year-old male pleaded guilty to improper passing on the right and was assessed fines of $78.

A 16-year-old female requested to take defensive driving in lieu of paying a ticket for speeding.

A 16-year-old male received community service in lieu of a $78 fine for improper start from a parked position.

A 12-year-old male pleaded guilty to Class C assault. He will serve community service in lieu of a $145 fine.

A 15-year-old male pleaded not guilty to two charges of Class C assault. He was placed on the pre-trial docket for Dec. 15.

A 11-year-old male also pleaded not guilty to two charges of Class C assault. His case was placed on the Dec. 15 pre-trial docket.

A 14-year-old male pleaded guilty to Class C assault and disorderly conduct. He was ordered to attend the S.T.A.R. Program boot camp.

A 16-year-old male pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct. He was placed on the Dec. 15 pre-trial docket.

A 12-year-old male pleaded guilty to minor in possession of tobacco. He was given time to pay a $145 and ordered to attend the tobacco awareness class.

A 15-year-old male pleaded guilty to minor in possession of tobacco and he was given community service in lieu of a fine and ordered to attend a tobacco awareness class.

A 15-year-old female pleaded guilty to minor in possession of tobacco and was ordered to work community service and attend a tobacco awareness class.

A 17-year-old female pleaded guilty to minor in possession of tobacco. He was ordered to attend a tobacco awareness class and work community service.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to minor in possession of tobacco and ordered to community service and a tobacco awareness class.

A 16-year-old male pleaded guilty to minor in possession of alcohol and not wearing a seat belt. He will work community service in lieu of fines and court costs totaling $222. He was also ordered to attend an alcohol awareness class.

A 16-year-old male pleaded guilty to Class C assault and ordered to work in community service in lieu of $145 in fines and court costs.

Four persons were to appear in Municipal Court on Wednesday, but two did not and arrest warrants were issued. One was for a show cause hearing for defensive driving and the other was for community service.

During court proceedings, a 36-year-old male requested to lay out fines on two charges of public intoxication in the amount of $390.

Also, a 23-year-old female requested community service in lieu of $548 in fines and court costs on two charges of no liability insurance and failure to control speed.

Two bench trials were held Wednesday, as well.

A 79-year-old female was found guilty of an improper turn. She was assessed court costs and fines totaling $107.

A 71-year-old male was found guilty of speeding. He chose to lay out $87.25 in fines and court costs in jail.

Bush and Gore have big leads in recent poll

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush and Al Gore have big leads in their parties' presidential nomination races, according to a Time-CNN poll out Friday.

The poll also indicated people have more faith in the Democratic Party — by a 40 percent-to-28 percent margin — to do a better job of handling the nation's problems.

The pro-Democratic tilt on issues has showed up in several polls in the last week. But Rep. Christopher Cox, a California Republican, told CNN that the poll results on who people trust on issues "are all over the map" depending on how the question is asked.

According to the poll, Bush, the governor of Texas, had roughly a 10-point lead over either Gore or Bill Bradley in a head-to-head matchup with the two Democrats.

In the Republican race, Bush had a 59 percent-to-13 percent for Arizona Sen. John McCain in the Republican race. Publisher Steve Forbes followed with 7 percent, activist Gary Bauer with 4 percent, Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch with 3 percent and commentator Alan Keyes with 2 percent.

Vice President Gore led Bradley, a former New Jersey senator, by 50 percent to 29 percent in the matchup of the two Democratic candidates.

Bush led Gore 52-42 in a pairing of the two parties' front-runners.

Financial Focus

If you asked most people why they bought a particular stock, they'd probably tell you it's because the stock has done well or is expected to do well. What they mean is that the stock's price has appreciated significantly, or has the potential to do so.

You cannot predict the future of a particular stock by reviewing its price history. But, by studying its past performance, you may be able to get some sense of what to expect under various market conditions. In other words, a stock's track record is something you will be interested in.

However, a stock's price appreciation — or potential for appreciation — is not the only reason to buy it. Actually, a stock's total return consists of two parts: stock appreciation and dividend yield — the rate of return paid on a stock in dividends. For example, a stock that sells for $50 and pays an annual dividend of $1 per share has a dividend yield of 2 percent.

Of course, some good stocks don't pay any dividends at all, but many do. Unfortunately, when considering dividend-paying stocks, too many investors ignore dividend yield. If you are investing for long-term growth and not current income, should you really care about dividends? After all, you may plan on automatically reinvesting the dividends back into your stock.

Even if that's the case, you should pay attention to the dividend yield, because it can tell you a lot about your potential investment.

Actually, you may be more interested in a stock's dividend-paying history than its current-year dividend yield. Start by studying a company's dividend payments over the past several years. Have they gone up or down, or remained relatively flat? Companies that are able to quickly raise their dividends typically have rapidly rising earnings. And earnings growth is one of the most fundamental predictors of a stock's performance.

Furthermore, a pattern of increasing dividends tells you a good deal about the way a company is being run. If a company has been able to consistently boost its dividends, then it has shown the ability to manage its growth well, despite the fluctuations and uncertainties always present in the marekt.

When you're thinking about investing in a particular stock, you will want to pay attention to its history of price appreciation. But don't forget about the dividends, too. They're not glamorous, but they've still got a story to tell.

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BIKE WINNER — Phil Payne brought in the most donations during the recent bike-a-thon for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. His first place prize was the bicycle. Not pictured: Whitney Payne, second place, who won a boom box, and Joel Lollar, who won third place and a $50 savings bond for riding the most miles. (Contributed Photo)

Executive security bill nears $2 million

AUSTIN (AP) — The cost of protecting Texas Gov. George W. Bush is rising rapidly.

Texas has spent nearly $1.8 million this year on "executive security," more than six times the amount spent last year before the Republican became a presidential candidate.

State officials released the figures Friday in response to an open records request by The Associated Press.

The AP requested cost figures for security for Bush and Republican Lt. Gov. Rick Perry. But the public safety department, citing safety concerns, released a lump figure of $1.79 million for this year — described as "expenses for executive security" — without breaking down costs for each official.

Perry, who is eligible for body guards when Bush is out of state, has not used DPS security since he took office in January, spokesman Ray Sullivan said.

Executive security costs are markedly higher than when Bush first took office in 1995, when the state spent $186,533.

By the end of 1998, when he began considering a run for president, executive security costs had climbed to $285,874, the records show.

Department of Public Safety officials refused to discuss specific costs of Bush's security detail. Assistant Attorney General Don Ballard said releasing other information — such as the number of state troopers assigned to Bush, salaries and overtime for the security detail, cellular telephone bills and travel expense reports — could compromise Bush's security.

"That's all we can tell you," DPS spokesman Mike Cox said. "Our legal office was real specific that that was the only information we could offer."

Cox previously has acknowledged that Bush's security detail has increased due to his extended travel schedule.

Bush has traveled extensively since announcing his intentions for the White House. During the past week alone, he went to Florida, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Michigan and Ohio.

All of his security costs are paid for by the state.

Bush's campaign, which has raised a record $57 million as of mid-October, did not pay for any security, said campaign spokesman Scott McClellan.

"It's the legal responsibility of the Texas Department of Public Safety to protect the governor of Texas at all times, whether the governor is in state or out of state," said Bush's gubernatorial spokeswoman Linda Edwards.

"In the past, the Department of Public Safety has protected other Texas governors when traveling out of state, including Gov. Ann Richards when she traveled to campaign for Bill Clinton in 1992," Ms. Edwards said.

Texas Democratic Party chairman Molly Beth Malcolm said the governor is forcing taxpayers to pick up the tab for a service he could easily afford to pay out of his own campaign funds.

"The governor needs to be protected, but it's a shame that he's taking money that could be used for public schools and children's health and spending it on his own personal ambitions," Ms. Malcolm said.

Gore reschedules trip to talk with employees of Microsoft

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore late Friday rescheduled a trip to address Microsoft employees after abruptly canceling it earlier in the day, one week after a federal judge ruled that the software giant misused its monopoly powers.

The Democratic presidential candidate's campaign had cited the company's refusal to allow reporters into the gathering. Microsoft subsequently decided to open the visit.

A senior Gore adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the combination of the judge's ruling on the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit and the closed nature of the event made Gore's visit impractical. It already had the potential of being awkward, given the timing of the decision, but Gore was willing to address a large crowd of employees in a public forum, aides said

After Gore canceled the trip, Microsoft spokesman Rick Miller said the company was surprised by the decision and was willing to open Gore's visit to the media.

Gore's campaign then reconsidered.

"As a result, the vice president will be going to Microsoft as originally planned," Gore campaign spokesman Chris Lehane said Friday night.

"The vice president looks forward to discussing his vision for the 21st century with employees of Microsoft and also looks forward to hearing their thoughts and ideas and suggestions in a forum that will be open to the press," he added.

"We're looking forward to seeing the vice president on the campus on Monday," Microsoft spokesman Rick Miller said. "Our employees are looking forward to hearing his views."

Microsoft said visits by other presidential candidates also have been closed. The company said it has hosted Gore's Democratic rival Bill Bradley and Republican candidates George W. Bush, Elizabeth Dole and Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

Microsoft chief Bill Gates, had not been expected to attend Monday's meeting because of a scheduling conflict with an industry convention in Las Vegas.

At the urging of the Justice Department, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson declared that aggressive actions by Gates' software empire stifled innovation and hurt customers.

Date Book

Saturday, Nov. 13, 1999

Today is the 317th day of 1999 and the 52nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1921, "The Sheik," starring Rudolph Valentino, was released.

On this day in 1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt lowered the draft age from 21 to 18.

On this day in 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Saint Augustine (354-430), Christian church father-philosopher; Edwin Booth (1833-1893), actor; Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894), writer; Louis Brandeis (1856-1941), U.S. jurist; Whoopi Goldberg (1949-), actress, is 50; Joe Mantegna (1947-), actor, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets became the youngest pitcher ever to win the Cy Young Award.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Give us grace and strength to forbear and to persevere." — Robert Louis Stevenson

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Nov. 7) and first quarter (Nov. 16).

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1889, reporter Nellie Bly began a voyage around the world with the goal of completing the journey in less than the 80 days it took Phileas Fogg in Jules Verne's "Around the World in 80 Days." She accomplished the feat in 72 days.

On this day in 1972, the New York Stock Exchange's Dow Jones Index closed above 1000 for the first time.

On this day in 1987, on "Late Night With David Letterman," Sonny and Cher reunited for the first time in 10 years.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Fulton (1765-1815), inventor; Claude Monet (1840-1926), artist; Jawaharlal Nehru (1889-1964), Indian statesman; Aaron Copland (1900-1990), composer; Joseph McCarthy (1908-1957), politician; Boutros Boutros-Ghali (1922-), U.N. secretary general, is 77; McLean Stevenson (1929-1996), actor; King Hussein (1935-1999), Jordanian monarch

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1899, the University of the South defeated Mississippi State 12-0, having beaten Texas, Texas A&M, Tulane, LSU and Mississippi State in the previous six days. At the time, University of the South had only 97 students.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A culture is in its finest flower before it begins to analyze itself." — Alfred North Whitehead

Sunday, Nov. 14, 1999

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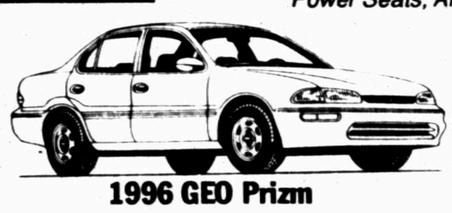
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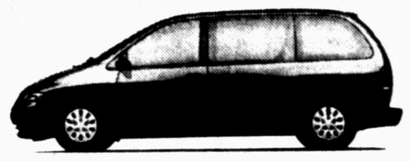
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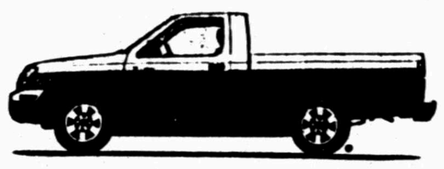
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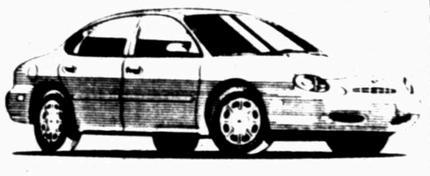
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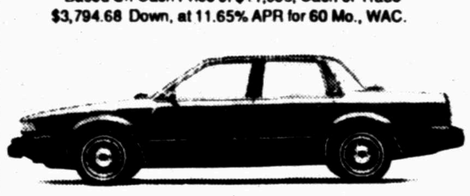
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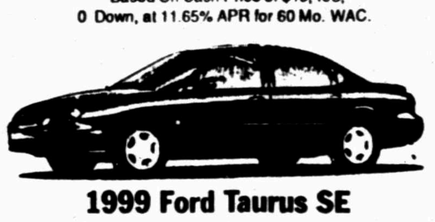
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CLASS 5A
DIVISION I
Region I
Bi-district

El Paso Franklin 38, El Paso Montwood 10
Midland Lee 55, San Angelo Central 19
Lewisville (10-0) vs. Euless Trinity (9-1), Saturday
Arlington Martin (6-4) vs. Waco (7-3), Saturday

Region II
Bi-district

Bryan 30, Austin Crockett 12
Klein 20, Jersey Village 14

Region III
Bi-district

Houston Westbury 34, Houston Milby 0
Alief Hastings 41, Fort Bend Clements 0

Region IV
Bi-district

SA Madison (6-4) vs. SA Taft (6-4), Saturday
CC Carroll 17, SA East Central 7
Eagle Pass 20, MacAllen Rowe 14
Edinburg 26, Brownsville Hanna 0

DIVISION II
Region I
Bi-district

El Paso Coronado vs. El Paso Eastwood, Saturday
Amarillo (10-0) vs. Abilene Cooper (4-5), Saturday
South Grand Prairie (9-1) vs. Irving Nimitz (6-4), Saturday
Arlington Lamar (7-3) vs. Temple (7-3), Saturday
El Paso Andress 54, El Paso Del Valle 24
Abilene 40, Lubbock Monterey 9
Irving (8-2) vs. The Colony (5-5), Saturday
DeSoto 39, Copperas Cove 13

Region II
Bi-District

Plano East 14, North Mesquite 0
Georgetown 28, New Braunfels 14
Garland 36, Allen 0
Austin Westlake 20, Round Rock McNeil 17
Conroe 23, Cy-Fair 20

Region IV
Bi-district

SA Marshall 27, SA MacArthur 10
CC Moody 21, SA Highlands 13
Laredo United South 35, Rio Grande City 31
Brownsville Rivera 31, Donna 14
SA Holmes 31, SA Roosevelt 17
SA Harlandale 28, Victoria 21
Laredo Cigarroa 41, McAllen 35 (OT)
San Benito 33, Harlingen South 27

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
Region I
Bi-district

El Paso Ysleta 18, Pecos 0
Hereford 26, Plainview 15
Big Spring (7-3) vs. Brownwood (8-2), Saturday
Weatherford 40, Denton 23

Region II
Bi-district

Mesquite Poteet 24, Spruce 0

Region III
Bi-district

Jacksonville 29, Brenham 28
Nederland 31, Beaumont Ozen 0
Houston Forest Brook 53, Houston Waltrip 7
Texas City 44, Rosenberg Lamar 3

Region IV
Bi-district

Belton 42, Austin McCallum 12
Hays Consolidated 24, Boerne 13
Beeville Jones 33, SA Lanier 31
Alice 38, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo 35

DIVISION II
Region I
Bi-district

El Paso Parkland 53, Clint 10
Borger (8-2) vs. Canyon (8-2), Saturday
Snyder (8-2) vs. Everman (7-3), Saturday
Wichita Falls 56, Saginaw Boswell 14
El Paso Riverside 33, San Elizario 28
Wolfforth Frenship 24, Pampa 19
Stephenville (10-0) vs. Andrews (8-2), Saturday
White Settlement Brewer (6-4) vs. Wichita Falls Hirschi (8-2), Saturday

Region II
Bi-district

Coppell 37, South Oak Cliff 18
Dallas Lincoln 35, Sherman 15
Greenville 27, Terrell 3
FW Eastern Hills 21, Midlothian 16
Dallas Roosevelt 36, Colleyville Heritage 34
Ennis 27, Mt. Pleasant 6

Region III
Bi-district

PA Lincoln 14, Dayton 10
Crosby 28, Houston Jones 27 (OT)
La Marque 24, Bay City 10
Waller 32, Kilgore 31
Port Neches-Groves 17, Silsbee 10
Houston King 21, Houston Wheatley 20
Brazosport 34, Friendswood 17

Region IV
Bi-district

Dripping Springs 35, Austin Lanier 27
Smithson Valley 34, Fredericksburg 21
Schertz Clemens 44, Pleasanton 22
CC Calallen 33, Edcouch-Elsa 0
Austin Reagan 24, Pflug. Connally 22
San Marcos 14, Kerrville Tivy 7
Floresville 52, SA Fox Tech 9

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
Region I
Bi-district

Muleshoe 50, Perryton 9
Lamesa 31, Monahans 14
Abilene Wylie 20, Graham 16
Breckenridge 37, Waco La Vega 21

Region II
Bi-district

Frisco 21, Lake Dallas 20
Aledo 28, Wills Point 21
Liberty Eylau 28, Pittsburgh 21
Lindale 41, Jefferson 32

Region III
Bi-district

Gatesville 35, Mexia 21
Bellville 20, Taylor 12
Cleveland 40, Diboll 35
Buna vs. Hardin-Jefferson, Saturday

Region IV
Bi-district

Cuero 20, Sweeny 14
Burnet 35, Pearsall 3
Sinton 21, La Vernia 14
Mathis 47, Hidalgo 34

DIVISION II
Region I
Bi-district

Dalhart (5-5) vs. Shallowater (4-6), Saturday
Greenwood 39, Seminole 22
Childress 42, Brady 7
Eastland 20, Hillsboro 7
Friona 23, Amarillo River Road 21
Crane (10-0) vs. Slaton (3-7), Saturday
Ballinger 68, Iowa Park 17
China Spring 24, Glen Rose 0

Region II
Bi-district

Royse City 17, Bridgeport 16
Alvarado 28, Crandall 14
Daingerfield vs. Hooks, Saturday
Commerce 38, Sanger 9
Lake Worth 41, Forney 35
Atlanta 26, Winnsboro 7
Emory Rains vs. Tatum, Saturday

Region III
Bi-district

Rockdale 30, Giddings 21
Crockett 47, Shepherd 0
Newton 47, Liberty 20
Robinson 28, Fairfield 14
La Grange 35, Caldwell 13
Corrigan-Camden 47, Trinity 32
Barbers Hill 21, Orangefield 3

Region IV
Bi-district

Sealy 48, Luling 13
Llano 35, Devine 27
Aransas Pass 28, George West 18
Bishop 38, Rio Hondo 6
Hondo 31, Bandera 15
Corpus Christi West Oso 19, Goliad 13
Falfurrias 12, La Feria 9

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
Region I
Bi-district

Ozona 15, Reagan County 9
Post (8-2) vs. Hale Center (6-4), Saturday
Canadian 20, Quanah 14
Tuscola Jim Ned 26, Lockney 21

Region II
Bi-district

Boyd 20, Holliday 14
Pilot Point vs. Howe, Saturday
Rio Vista 34, Grandview 16

Region III
Bi-district

Hughes Springs vs. New Diana, Saturday
Malakoff 40, Groveton 14
East Chambers 38, San Augustine 26
Mart 42, Lexington 7

Region IV
Bi-district

Winters 44, Troy 7
Brookshire Royal 29, Bloomington 28
Comfort 63, SA Cole 0
Karnes City 12, Freer 2

DIVISION II
Region I
Bi-district

Iraan 46, Eldorado 0
Stanton 39, Farwell 8
Stratford 49, Clarendon 19
Abernathy 31, Albany 13
Sonora xx, Van Horn xx
Seagraves 21, Sundown 21
Spearman 32, Amarillo Highland Park 21
Hamlin xx, New Deal xx

Region II
Bi-district

Seymour 45, Paradise 16
Celina 49, Van Alstyne 0
Grand Saline 51, Chisum 14
Millsap 42, Scurry-Rosser 6
Olney 33, Jacksboro 12
Gunter 33, Whitewright 12
Cooper 27, Lone Oak 12
Italy 51, DeLeon 6

Region III
Bi-district

Elysian Fields 14, Hawkins 0
Kerens 34, Jewett Leon 28
Garrison vs. Hull-Daisetta, Saturday
Thorndale 34, Hubbard 6
New Waverly 20, Troup 12
Alto 13, Hemphill 7
Rogers 14, Moody 6

Region IV
Bi-district

Mason 35, Salado 7
Ganado 49, Weimar 14
Blanco 28, Brackett 6
Refugio 56, Ben Bolt 0
Academy 14, Goldthwaite 7
East Bernard 21, Shiner 14
Poth 16, Dilley 14
Banquete 21, Kenedy 20

CLASS 1A
Region I
Bi-district

Wheeler (9-0), bye
Springlake-Earth 37, Turkey Valley 7
Sudan (8-2), bye
Fort Davis (7-2) or Marfa (8-1), bye
Claude (6-3) or Gruver (6-3), bye
Nazareth 31, Petersburg 8
Anton (7-3), bye
Rankin (7-2), bye

Region II
Bi-district

Aspermont 49, Windthorst 7
Roscoe (7-3), bye
Baird 55, Tolar 20
Rocksprings (5-4), bye
Paducah 20, Chico 19
Rotan (8-2), bye
Bronte (7-3) vs. Ranger (8-2), Saturday
Menard (8-2), bye

Region III
Bi-district

Muenster (8-2), bye
Celeste (7-3), bye
Boles Home 27, Mount Enterprise 26
Dawson (10-0), bye
Valley View (6-4), bye
Detroit (10-0), bye
Karnack vs. Wortham, Saturday
Meridian (8-2), bye

Region IV
Bi-district

Evadale (8-2), bye
Jarrell 29, Iola 26
Leakey (4-5), bye
Charlotte (8-2), bye
Apple Springs (8-1), bye
Bartlett 49, Milano 13
La Pryor (7-3), bye
Falls City (8-2), bye

SIX-MAN
Region I/II
Bi-district

Groom 56, Samnorwood 22
Rochester 22, Whitharral 21
Gail Borden County 53, Meadow 6
Sanderson (8-1), bye
McLean 45, Follett 42
Rule 74, Three Way 24
Sands 60, Wellman-Union 49
Grandfalls Royalty (8-1), bye

Region III/IV
Bi-district

Newcastle vs. Walnut Springs, Saturday
Blanket vs. Richland Springs, Saturday
Coolidge vs. Calvert, Saturday
Gordon 53, Woodson 8
Panther Creek 74, Zephyr 28
Jonesboro 34, Abbott 24

Coyotes turn out the lights on Broncos, 53-6

KLONDIKE — Unlike the stadium in which they played, there was no power shortage for the Borden County Coyotes Friday night.

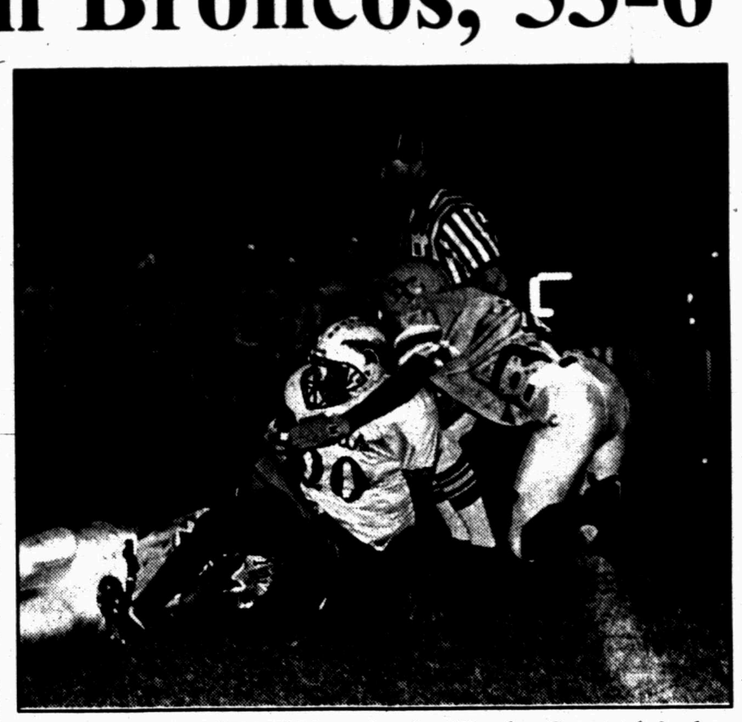
Despite two delays due to failing stadium lights, Borden County rolled into the second round of the six-man playoffs Friday with a 53-6 bi-district rout of the Meadow Broncos at Klondike's Cougar Stadium.

The Coyotes improve to 9-2 on the year and advance to face Sanderson in a regional match-up next week. Sanderson (8-1) received a bye in the first round.

To get the job done against the Broncos, the Coyotes stuck with their workhorse. Ed Rodriguez, who shouldered most of the offensive load during the regular season, helped carry Borden County again on Friday.

Rodriguez carried the ball 13 times, rolling up 185 yards and three first-half touchdowns.

The speedy Coyote runner set the tone early when he broke loose on a 61-yard scamper to give his squad an 8-0 lead.



THAT'S AS FAR AS YOU GO — A pair of Borden County defenders haul down Meadow running back Eric Perez during the Coyote's 53-6 bi-district victory Friday night. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Borden County widened the gap later in the first quarter with a 40-yard scoring strike from Kevin Pinkerton to Nick Flanigan. Flanigan finished the night with four catches for 106 yards.

Holding a 16-0 advantage as the second period opened, the Coyotes used Rodriguez and an opportunistic defense to put the game away by halftime.

Rodriguez bolted in from five yards out, before Dale Grant scooped up a Meadow fumble and raced 61 yards for another score.

The Broncos posted their only points of the night on a 5-yard scramble by Jake Davis, cutting the deficit to 33-6.

Rodriguez stretched the margin again when he ripped off a 40-yard touchdown sprint to cap the first half.

The Coyote defense never let Meadow get untracked. The Broncos were held to only 15 yards through the air, to go along with 179 on the ground.

Borden County ended the contest in the third quarter on the 45-point mercy rule.

Joseph Hardman sprinted 35 yards to paydirt, before Payton Brown rumbled in from nine yards out to end the game.

Heavyweight championship showdown set Saturday night

LAS VEGAS (AP) — In this city's sports books, the odds are 12-1 that Lennox Lewis and Evander Holyfield won't stage a repeat of their controversial draw that did nothing to settle the heavyweight championship.

There are no odds, though, on whether Saturday night's fight will be another snoozer.

Boxing fans apparently think so, even though the two fighters insist that the rematch will come to a definitive conclusion and give the world an undisputed heavyweight champion.

"This definitely may be one of my greatest fights," Holyfield said.

A fight that lured 1.2 million households to put up $49.95 the first time the two met eight months ago might not even get half those buys tonight when the two meet in a scheduled 12-round fight at UNLV's campus arena.

Even tickets are widely available, with casinos who overestimated the fight's attraction to their high rolling gamblers reportedly stuck with many leftovers.

Memories of a cautious Lewis against an aging and clumsy Holyfield in the first fight at Madison Square Garden have been hard to overcome.

"The fighters understand this has been a hard sell," said Lou DiBella, who heads boxing for HBO. "They also understand part of it is their responsibility."

Lewis and Holyfield will both earn $15 million when they attempt once again to unify the three portions of the heavyweight title for the first time since Riddick Bowe threw the WBC belt away after beating Holyfield in November 1992.

Holyfield brings his WBA and IBF titles into the ring, while Lewis is risking the WBC crown.

SDN Sports Briefs

Boxing event scheduled

A boxing event will be held at the National Guard Armory next Saturday at 7 p.m. Several bouts are scheduled, and tickets will be available at the door.

Phillips suspended by 49ers

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Troubled running back Lawrence Phillips was suspended by the San Francisco 49ers for what the club said was conduct detrimental to the team.

In a press release, coach Steve Mariucci said Phillips would not make the trip to New Orleans.

Phillips has seen only spot duty in recent games. He has 30 carries for 144 yards, including a 68-yard touchdown, the 49ers' longest run from scrimmage this season.

Duval-Couples duo leads Shootout

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — David Duval and teammate Fred Couples combined for an 11-under 61 to take the opening-day lead in the alternate shot format of the Franklin Templeton Shark Shootout.

The teams of Andrew Magee and Jay Haas, Scott McCarron and Scott Hoch, and John Cook and Peter Jacobsen fired 66s for a second-place tie, five shots back.

Brad Faxon and Jeff Sluman shot 67 to hold fifth place. Defending champions Greg Norman and Steve Elkington fired a 69 that left them sixth.

Woods trails Els in Taiwan

TA SHEE, Taiwan (AP) — Tiger Woods was three strokes behind Ernie Els after two rounds of the Johnnie Walker Classic.

Els shared the lead with New Zealand's Michael Campbell (71). The South African shot a 5-under 67 for a 36-hole total of 137.

Woods, who has won four consecutive tournaments and eight of 11, shot a 72 for 140, with three bogeys and three birdies.

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers making strides before opener

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

When Sam Tipton took over the reigns of the Snyder girls basketball program, he had a few things his squad needed to accomplish before it could move on. Heading into Tuesday's season opener, the Lady Tigers have accomplished one goal, and are still working on the other.

The Snyder girls program begins a new era Tuesday when it hosts Plainview in the regular season opener at 6:30.

In short period of time, Coach Tipton has seen his team progress, but knows there's a long way to go.

"The major thing we had to do first was to get the work ethic straightened out," said Tipton. "And we did that. The girls are now focused and determined to get things done.

"So now, we can move on to building fundamental skills. Right now, our girls are having to think about everything they do on the floor, rather than just turning loose and playing. They feel fairly uncomfortable about the new system, but they're getting better. Every time we step on the floor, we're pretty shaky at first. But the longer we play, the better we look. It just takes the girls a while to get into the flow."

The more comfortable the Lady Tigers get, the better they'll be able to utilize their biggest strength, their size.

Post players Ashley Delce, Kameron Kallemeyn, Lexie Beard and Kate Voss will be the muscles behind a squad which will try to cut the floor in half, and pound the ball inside.

"We are going to need to play a half-court style game," Tipton said. "We don't have a whole lot of overall team speed, but we do have some size, so we're better suited for a slower pace. We're going to need to play tough defense and make intelligent decisions."

The Lady Tigers will open the season with a two-post offense, but will install a triple-post set later in the season, according to Tipton. In the three-post setup, junior Kristen Murray will move inside from her wing position.

Handling the duties in the backcourt for Snyder will be T'Leah Eicke, Cameron Mackey, Callie Bane, Rina Geiger, Amber Haarmeyer and Taylor Daniel.

The Lady Tigers will be tested right from the start. Plainview is ranked seventh in the state by some polls, but Tipton believes the Lady Bulldogs are even better than that.

"I honestly think they're the second best team in the state, behind Canyon," the SHS coach remarked. "Playing a great team like that in the opener can be an advantage or a disadvantage, depending on your approach. We'll have to put our best foot forward, because if we do anything wrong, they're certainly going to let us know."

In addition to the opener with Plainview, the Lady Tigers also travel to Levelland for a battle with the Lady Lobos.

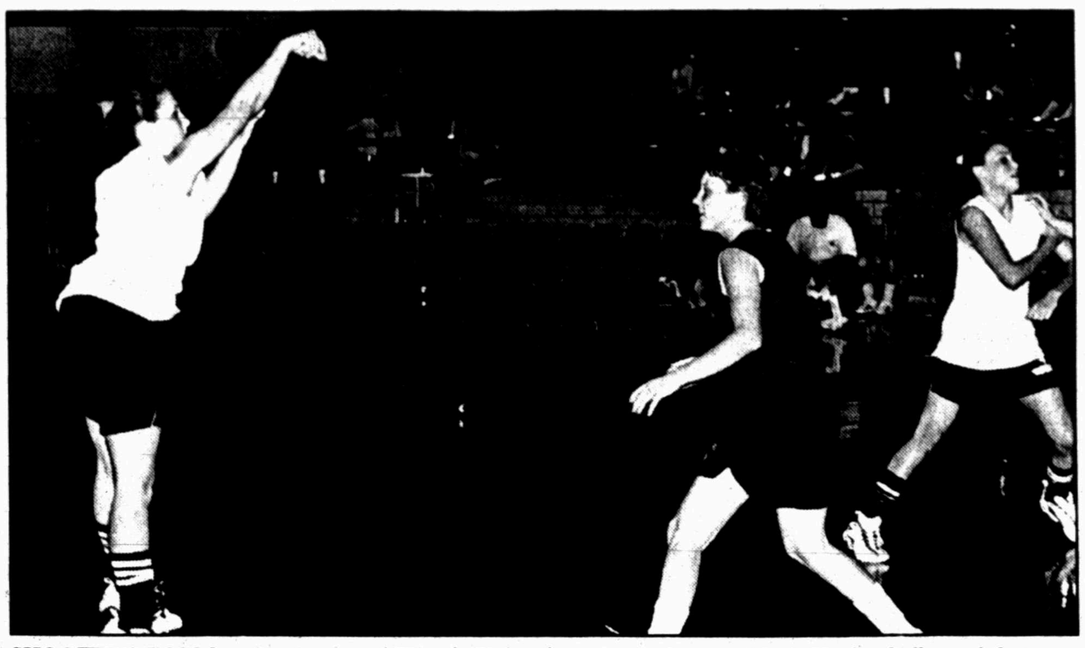
"Levelland will be a good test for us also," Tipton said. "Even though Coach (Dean) Weese isn't there any more, they're still Levelland. It will be good for us to see how we can prepare mentally.

"And we may take our lumps a little bit early on, but our goal is to get better each time we step on the practice floor and each time we play a game. We are striving to be the best that we can be in January."

Even though much work still remains, Tipton admitted his team has already made remarkable strides.

"We're a lot further along now than I thought we would be," he stated. "We've got a great bunch of kids who have created a great work ethic and a great attitude. We just need to polish our execution on the floor, and remember that when things go bad, we need to regain control."

Following Tuesday's action, the Lady Tigers remain home on Friday to host Clyde, before visiting Levelland Nov. 23.



SHOOTER'S FORM — Snyder guard T'Leah Eicke shoots over the top of Ira's Korby Calley, while teammate Rina Geiger (far right) sets a screen during scrimmage action Friday at the SHS gym. Both squads open the season Tuesday, with the Lady Tigers hosting Plainview, and the Lady Bulldogs hosting Sterling City. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady 'Dogs banking on post play

With the hoops season opener only days away, the Ira Lady Bulldogs are already putting forth an effort worthy of mid-season play.

The Lady Bulldogs didn't back down against Snyder or Estacado during a three-team scrimmage Friday at the SHS gym. The scrimmage was Ira's final tune-up before it hosts Sterling City at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the season opener.

The Lady Bulldogs' effort drew praise from Head Coach Jason Weese, who is hoping the experience of his starting five will overcome an inexperienced bench.

"I was pleased with the effort the girls gave today," Weese said. "I liked their hustle and their hard word, but we still have a lot to work on. The level of execution wasn't where it needs to be. But it's real early right now, and hopefully that will come later."

The strength of the Lady Bulldogs will be the inside play of Morgan Clements. An all-district selection last year, Clements is a workhorse in the paint who also possesses the skills to step out and shoot from the perimeter.

Joining Clements in the front court will be Jamie Goolsby, who returns after sitting out a year, and Celeigh Sterling. Korby Calley and Tara Allen will likely fill the guard spots.

"Our strength will definitely be inside with Morgan. She is our go-to player," said Weese. "It will also be a big help to have Jamie back. She can do a lot for us inside, and help take some of the opponent's focus off Morgan."

The biggest drawback for Ira this season could be depth, due to an inexperienced bench. The lack of seasoned players will have the Lady Bulldogs looking to play a half-court game, according to Weese.

"Depth might be a problem for us. It's not that we don't have talent at all positions. It's that we have some girls who haven't seen a whole lot of minutes, yet," the Ira coach remarked. "So that will keep us from doing a lot of full-court pressing. We want break the game down into half-court situations, where we can match-up and play defense, without spending all of our energy running up and down the floor."

Following Tuesday's opener, the Lady Bulldogs will remain at home for contests against Midland Trinity and Blackwell.

"We played Sterling City last year and lost to them by four points, at their place," Weese said. "So this season we get them at our place, and we looking to get even. It's always good to start off with a win, so that's what we're focused on doing."



DEFENDING THE PAINT — Ira's Celeigh Sterling knocks the ball away from Snyder's Lexie Beard during Friday's scrimmage. Morgan Clements looks on for the Lady Bulldogs. (SDN Staff Photo)

Local Sports Schedule

SATURDAY
Basketball: WTC at Waco tournament.
Football: Snyder vs. Everman, bi-district playoff at Tarleton Memorial Stadium in Stephenville, 2 p.m.
MONDAY
Basketball: Ranger at Western Texas, WTC gym, 7 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder 9th girls at Seminole, 6 p.m.
Basketball: Westbrook at Ira JH, 6 p.m.
TUESDAY
Basketball: Plainview at Snyder JV and varsity girls; 5 and 6:30.
Basketball: San Angelo Central at Snyder JV and varsity boys, 6 and 7:30.
Basketball: Sterling City at Ira boys and girls, 5 p.m.

Snyder Bowling

Jack n Jill

Team	W	L
Team 3	22.5	5.5
Renegades	19.5	8.5
BLEC	16.5	17.5
Ratliff Ins.	9	19
Clayton & Mills	9	19
Team 1	9.5	20.5

High series: Scratch: Daphne Thompson, 516; Mark Glasscock, 540. Handicap: Joanne Browning, 616; Jeff Smith, 645.
High game: Scratch: Daphne Thompson, 189; Mark Glasscock, 191. Handicap: Betty Thompson, 226; Mark Thompson, 233.

Men's Basketball League

Team	W	L
American State Bank	7	1
West Texas State Bank	5	3
Big Country Auto	4	4
Snyder National Bank	3	5
United Supermarkets	1	7

West Texas State Bank 75, United Supermarkets 54; Big Country Autoland 82, Snyder National Bank 77.

WGA Notes

Double eagle: Luann Burleson, par-5, eighth hole.
Pars: Penny Perry and Vivian Norwood completed all pars for the year.

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Miami	7	1	0	.875	189	143
Indianapolis	6	2	0	.750	223	162
New England	6	2	0	.750	191	150
Buffalo	6	3	0	.667	181	146
N.Y. Jets	2	6	0	.250	126	150
Central						
Jacksonville	7	1	0	.875	210	76
Tennessee	6	2	0	.750	166	157
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625	157	108
Baltimore	3	5	0	.375	136	144
Cincinnati	1	8	0	.111	116	278
Cleveland	1	8	0	.111	83	238
West						
Seattle	6	2	0	.750	185	128
Kansas City	5	3	0	.625	190	119
Oakland	4	4	0	.500	157	153
San Diego	4	4	0	.500	127	166
Denver	3	6	0	.333	177	185

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
N.Y. Giants	5	3	0	.625	138	138
Washington	5	3	0	.625	259	222
Dallas	4	4	0	.500	199	156
Arizona	2	6	0	.250	92	168
Philadelphia	2	7	0	.222	114	184
Central						
Detroit	6	2	0	.750	182	148
Minnesota	5	4	0	.556	210	175
Green Bay	4	4	0	.500	153	165
Tampa Bay	4	4	0	.500	122	118
Chicago	4	5	0	.444	143	174
West						
St. Louis	6	2	0	.750	265	118
Carolina	3	5	0	.375	186	169
San Francisco	3	5	0	.375	150	234
Atlanta	2	7	0	.222	117	216
New Orleans	1	7	0	.125	123	179

Sunday's Games
Carolina at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Jacksonville, 4:05 p.m.
Detroit at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.
OPEN: Atlanta
Monday's Game
New York Jets at New England, 9 p.m.

Rockets notch first win

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For the first time this season, the Houston Rockets won. For the first time as Los Angeles Lakers coach, Phil Jackson got tossed.

The Rockets, taking advantage of Shaquille O'Neal's one-game suspension, went to the hoop often and successfully Friday night to down the Lakers 97-81 and end their five-game losing streak to start the season.

Houston was without Charles Barkley, who also was serving a one-game suspension for fighting with O'Neal two nights earlier.

Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said of each team missing a star: "I love Charles, but that's a pretty good trade."

Steve Francis scored 22 points for Houston and Carlos Rogers added 16, making all of his six shots from the floor and all four free throws.

Meanwhile, Jackson, who had complained about O'Neal losing his cool recently, was ejected in the third quarter when he drew two quick technicals for complaining about the officiating.

"I wasn't going to stay around and watch that kind of a ball game," Jackson said. "I think the fans probably understand because they left about the same time I did.

"It was a rabbit-eared official that got me out of that game."

Even with O'Neal ejected — along with Barkley — early in the second quarter of Wednesday night's game, the Lakers won 89-88.

In the rematch, however, the Lakers played mostly miserably, shooting just 34 percent from the field. Their leading scorer, Glen Rice, had 11 points on 2-of-12 shooting.

"We had the same type of shots we had the previous game against them, but tonight they didn't go in for us," Rice said.

A.C. Green, Derek Fisher and reserve Tyronn Lue had 10 points each in the loss.

Los Angeles' Robert Horry, back after being sidelined with a sore knee, had one word for the Lakers' performance: "Awful."

He added, "Shaq makes it a lot easier for the rest of us because he draws so much attention. We can get open easier and people can't leave him."

The Rockets five losses to open the season was their worst start since 1992.

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Broadcasters, Internet groups in showdown over TV licenses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Online providers and leading copyright holders are in a showdown over legislative language that keeps Internet companies from getting special licenses to carry broadcast programming.

Sports associations, the movie industry and broadcasters say the Internet is not like any other medium because it has no geographic bounds. They say that complicates the issue of retransmisslon licenses, like the kind that cable companies get to offer broadcast programming in specific regions.

The groups also fear that the Internet offers the possibility for endless high-quality reproductions of such programming to be disseminated far and wide.

They are urging lawmakers to preserve a provision in the satellite bill passed by the House earlier this week that would prevent online service providers from forging the same types of agreements that cable companies offer for broadcast programming.

"Because the Internet is inherently global, the retransmission of television and radio programming by an online service based in Virginia is equally accessible to Internet users, not only in Virginia, but also in the Virgin Islands, Venezuela, in Vladivostok, or anywhere else the Internet reaches," the groups wrote in a letter to members of Congress.

The Motion Picture Association of America, the National Football League, the Recording Industry Association of America and the National Association of Broadcasters were among those signing the letter.

The issue has to do with blanket licenses that make it possible for cable TV companies to carry local programming without having to work out individual copyright agreements. The House bill would give satellite companies similar licensed authority to offer local stations to their subscribers.

In merging Senate and House bills on the issue, lawmakers inserted a provision excluding any "digital online-communication service" from so-called compulsory licenses to carry broadcast programming.

Internet service providers and other technology companies now want the provision removed because they don't believe Congress should close the door on the issue without even discussing it. They have the backing of some lawmakers, including House Commerce Committee Chairman Tom Bliley, R-Va., who feel the language could unfairly discriminate against the Internet as a medium over which to carry TV programming.

But the director of the federal Copyright Office asserted earlier this week that this is not a change in the law because Internet companies have never been eligible for such special licensing agreements to retransmit television.

Copyright holders say that unlike cable subscribers, who don't have the technology to make and distribute perfect copies of the programming, Internet users could do so. Broadcasters are also concerned that unlimited distribution of the network television programming into local areas could undermine the entire local affiliate system.



REACH GOAL — Ira's second grade students set a goal to read 1,000 books by the Christmas break. They passed this goal on Oct. 29 and were treated to a pizza party by their teacher, Gale Northcutt. Back row, from left, Lindsey Daniel, Jonathan Hall, Valeri Guzman, Cheyann Taylor, Rey Juarez, Brandon Lunsford; middle row, Haley Farmer, B.J. Botts, Evian Olvera, Olivia Juarez, John Martini; front row, Colby Barrera, Daniel Woolridge. (Contributed Photo)

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Your Birthday

Sunday, Nov. 14, 1999

The possibilities of your fulfilling some major basic needs may come about in the year ahead through avenues that were previously hidden from your sight. In this new light, you can go far.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be sure your family is at the top of your list today, because even though you might share some time with others, it'll be the clan who'll provide the most relaxing activities. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It is quite likely that you'll hear from more than the usual number of friends today either in way of the telephone or through some unexpected drop-ins. Everybody wants to touch base.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Persons to whom you've been generous in the past could attempt to reciprocate in kind today. Your chart indicates more than one gesture is likely to come your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Persons for whom you may have been planning to share some pleasant news may turn the tables on you today with their own surprising, good news. All will be happy for each other

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your greatest joy today will come through doing nice things for those who may not be in as good a position as you are. Your kindness and compassion will not go unnoticed by others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A very pleasant day could be in store for you today and you could share it with good friends or associates. Congeniality seems to be the theme all day long.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Accolades and a show of appreciation are likely to come your way today from loved ones for the way you handle everyday mundane tasks. It'll make you feel proud.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Some good news, possibly from a distance that you've been anxious to receive, may be on its way today. The communication will be coming from someone who means a lot to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone who is not particularly demonstrative may surprise you by demonstrating warmth and affection in his or her own quiet way. Respond in kind to encourage this person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Those with whom you'll be sharing today's activities will be very pleasant to be around. Everyone is in a cooperative spirit, which brings out the cheerfulness in all the participants.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Some type of work you've performed recently has not only provided you with a sense of accomplishment, but today it could also bring a material bonus in its wake.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You are much more popular than you may realize and today people who like you will go out of their way to demonstrate this to you. It pays to be a nice person.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Nov. 15, 1999

There's a strong, new market awaiting you in the year ahead for your smarts. Trade on knowledge and expertise you've acquired over the years and you'll bring home the bacon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It will be your inner hopes and desires that will serve as strong motivators and work things out for you today. Maintain high expectations to spur you onward. Astro-Graph year ahead predictions make great Xmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the Zodiac. Mail $2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state the Zodiac signs you desire.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not approach problematical situations in a negative fashion today and things won't appear as difficult as they initially seemed. Positive thinking produces positive outcomes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Although it might appear that someone is putting unwarranted demands upon you for his or her own purposes, it's likely to be you who'll eventually derive the greatest benefits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Strangely, it could be the very things that didn't work out too well for you previously that could now prove to produce the greatest successes. Go back and try again today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A fresh, new philosophy on a troublesome development will turn the tide in your favor today. It might be your vivid imagination that figures things out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An incident early in the day may awaken you as to how you can make some constructive changes where your career is concerned. Once recognized, you'll know what to do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Tactful negotiations with someone who has been a thorn in your side can bring about fresh conditions under which the two of you can deal. Don't dodge one-on-one discussions today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Establish specific targets and put the pedal to the metal today. Your chances of fulfilling an ambitious objective look better than usual at this time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Get in touch with someone you know socially who you believe could prove to be helpful in a commercial arrangement. She or he can open doors for you which you can't.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) As the day wears on, a situation that appeared totally overwhelming will begin to look less intimidating as you courageously take one step at a time towards solving it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you approach matters in a positive fashion today, this could be a very rewarding day for you. The important thing is to first visualize success, then finish what you start.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Devote your efforts today to things that could have a direct effect upon your material well being. When you take charge of your destiny, everything will brighten up considerably.

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Long Island memorial planned by kin

EAST MORICHES, N.Y. (AP) — Families of the TWA Flight 800 victims plan to construct a two-acre, $1.25 million memorial near where the plane crashed off the coast of eastern Long Island.

The monument, expected to be completed by the fifth anniversary of the crash in July 2001, will consist of eight black granite slabs surrounded by a garden, John Seaman, a director of the Families of TWA Flight 800 Association, said Thursday.

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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D

What makes a fruit a fruit?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: What is the difference between a vegetable and a fruit? Also, I'm interested in becoming a Certified Dietary Manager. What are the requirements for this, and how would I go about getting certified? — R.K.

DEAR R.K.: A vegetable is an edible part of a plant with a soft stem, and it might include the leaves (lettuce), roots (carrot), bulbs (garlic), stalks (celery), seeds (pea), tubers (potato) or flowers (cauliflower). A fruit is the mature ovary in a flowering plant; that fleshy part of the plant which contains the seeds. This would mean that tomatoes, eggplant, peppers and squashes are technically fruits, even though they are commonly thought of as vegetables.

FYI, there was actually a Supreme Court decision in 1893 that held that a plant or plant part that is eaten as part of the main course is a vegetable, while the plant part eaten as an appetizer, dessert or out of hand is a fruit. I wonder what those justices would say if they had a chance to savor today's cuisines that make use of fruits throughout the meal.

As for your interest in becoming a Certified Dietary Manager, there are a number of resident and correspondence schools that offer the training to become a dietary manager. Once you have this credential, there is a set of requirements and a credentialing exam involved with gaining and maintaining a certification. This profession works with registered dietitians, helping to provide nutritional care. For more information, contact the Dietary Managers Association, 406 Surrey Woods Drive, St. Charles, IL 60174. Their phone number is (630) 587-6336.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am trying to determine what vitamin and mineral regimen I should be taking. I understand that many companies are now offering vitamin- and mineral-deficiency tests to quantify this. Can you tell me what kinds of testing are available, what they tell you and how accurate they are? I understand that there are blood tests, saliva tests, urine tests and hair-sample tests in addition to lifestyle and symptom surveys. Are these tests reliable? — D.G.

DEAR D.G.: I am skeptical of vitamin- and mineral-deficiency tests, and I'll explain why: We know that the vitamins and the minerals play an integral role in many bodily systems. Tests can determine if there is enough of a nutrient by measuring key chemical reactions or levels in specific tissues. A blood test, for example, might measure the activity of a particular enzyme that is dependent on a particular nutrient. Another approach might be to check for the occurrence of a particular symptom or abnormal metabolic byproduct that was only found when a particular nutrient was in short supply. Such tests, however, are only useful in helping to determine if there is a stark deficiency. This is not the same as a test that can give you advice on the best vitamin and mineral regimen.

What about hair tests? In this approach, clippings of hair from various parts of the body are sent to a laboratory. The idea is that hair can be thought of as a built-in diary that reflects the functioning of the body at the time it was produced. Nutrient deficiencies or excesses might be reflected in the composition of the hair, which is then "kept on file" for future reference.

It would seem logical, and hair analysis has been used to help uncover certain toxicities, but this technique has never proven its usefulness as a way to determine dietary requirements. The same, unfortunately, can be said for saliva and urine tests. The bottom line is that we don't have a reliable way of determining precise nutrient requirements beyond that which will prevent a deficiency. I would be leery of anyone who tells you otherwise and would demand evidence for any assertions to the contrary. Let me know of any that you might be considering.

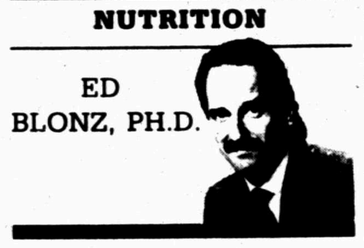
A good starting point would be a one-size-fits all supplement which provides at or just above the recommended daily allowances. With such products, you will get what you require, and with few exceptions, the body eliminates that which it does not need or use. You then can consider adding more of certain nutrients, such as vitamin E, which may offer advantages when taken at levels greater than the recommended dietary allowance. With that, a good diet and an active lifestyle, you will certainly be ahead of the pack.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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NUTRITION



FDA proposes that trans-fat content be listed on all foods

WASHINGTON (AP) — No one actually thought doughnuts and cookies were health foods. But it will be harder to hide from just how unhealthy they are under new nutrition labels that would list a little-known artery-clogger called trans fat.

The Food and Drug Administration on Friday proposed the change, the first since the government required labels on food products in 1994.

Experts believe that trans fatty acids, the stuff that makes french fries, crackers and lots of other foods taste so good, may be even worse for the heart than saturated fat. But consumers have had no way to know how much of it is in their foods.

"It's not going to be able to slip under the radar screen any more," said FDA Commissioner Jane Henney.

The plan would take effect after a 90-day comment period.

Under the proposed label, the listing for saturated fat would include the amount of trans fat added to the amount of saturated fat. That would give people who already check the level of saturated fats a better idea of how much damaging fat is in each serving.

"You don't have to know what trans fat is for the new label to help you," said Margo Wootan, a senior scientist at Center for Science in the Public Interest, which first petitioned the FDA for the new labels in 1994. "You can just keep on using the label as you always did."

An asterisk beside the saturated fat listing would indicate that trans fat is included, and a footnote at the bottom would tell consumers how many grams are in each serving.

The move comes in the wake of research offering damning evidence against trans fat, possibly the worst artery clogger of all. Studies indicate that eating trans fat increases LDL-cholesterol, also known as "bad cholesterol," which increases the risk of heart disease. At the same time, it decreases the amount of HDL — the "good cholesterol" that is good for the heart.

The evidence has grown since the first petition was filed, and now there is enough to justify changing the labels, Henney said.

The proposed rule would also allow manufacturers to label certain foods as "trans fat free." And products that call themselves low in saturated fat, low in cholesterol, "lean" and "extra lean" would also have to be low in trans fat. For instance, baked items such as cookies and shortbreads could be high in trans fat but low in saturated fat.

A certain snack cake, for example, has 3 grams of saturated fat, meaning it would comprise 14 percent of the recommended daily allowance. "That's not terrible. You could probably squeeze that in," Wootan said.

But that same cake has another four grams of trans fat. Adding the two gives you 7 grams of "bad" fat — or 35 percent for an entire day.

Trans fat comprises up to 10 percent of the calories in a typical diet. The best example may be stick margarine, but it's also hidden in crackers, cookies, pastries and deep-fried fast foods. Spreadable margarine in tubs, though, contain little if any trans fat.

Until now, the only way consumers could determine whether a food included trans fat was to look for "hydrogenated" on the list of ingredients.

That's because the most common source of trans fat is partially hydrogenated vegetable oil, in which liquid oil is turned into a solid to protect against spoiling and to maintain the flavor over time. Typically, the harder a margarine or cooking fat, the more trans fat it includes.

Henney said the FDA hopes the new labels will prompt manufacturers to change the way they create products — cooking them in healthier oils, for instance, to reduce the amount of trans fat.

But an industry spokesman said the labels may just confuse consumers.

"There's a concern about turning an information label into an encyclopedia," said Brian Sansoni, spokesman for the Grocery Manufacturers of America.

Elderly woman who struck, killed baby acquitted at trial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A 71-year-old woman who drove her car into a stroller and killed a baby boy hours after she failed a driving test has been acquitted of all charges.

Albertinah Mkhize was found innocent of misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter and two counts of reckless driving.

Ms. Mkhize, who hit 10-month-old Yusuf Khouja in June, testified that the front brakes on her 1975 Chevrolet Nova had failed before she hit the boy's stroller in an intersection.

Prosecutors claimed the brakes worked.

The boy's father, Mohammed, called Monday's verdict "really, really unbelievable."

Ms. Mkhize was driving on a temporary license that had expired about a week before the accident. She failed her exam that day because she went straight when the instructor told her to turn.

Police said the driving examiner did not specifically tell Ms. Mkhize she couldn't drive home.

Nation's ski resorts are waiting for snow to fall

DENVER (AP) — For now, tourists headed to the nation's ski resorts are throwing putters in with their parkas.

The slopes are mostly dry.

The snow report for Alta, the Utah resort whose 500 annual inches of powder is legendary, says it all: "We received 4 inches the other night. Keep thinking snow. Open when conditions permit."

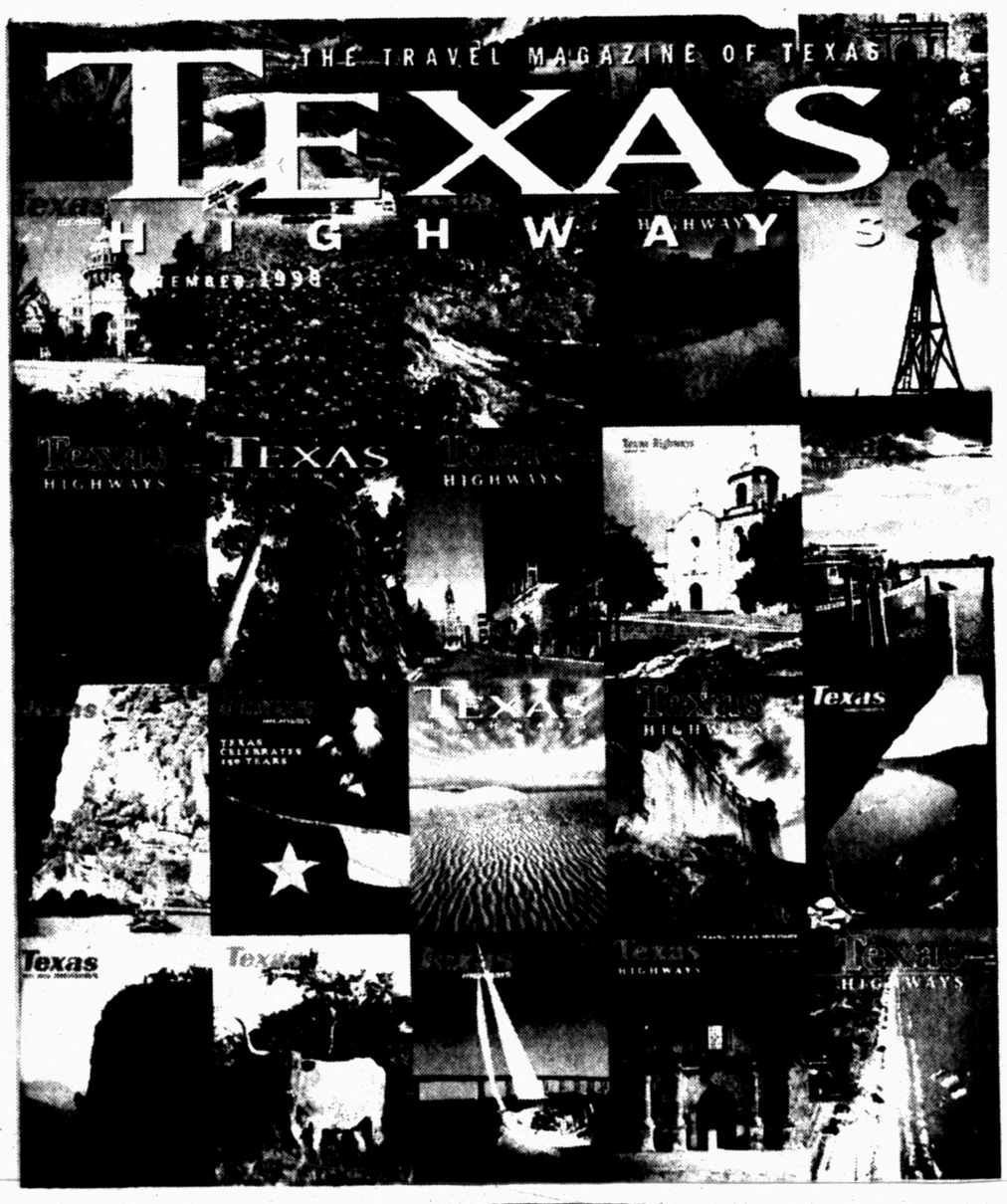
In Vail, tourists are calling to see if they should bring their golf clubs for Thanksgiving.

"This is the first time since 1983 that we've had the golf course open past Oct. 31," said Sharon Geankoplis of the Vail Golf Course. "We are doing 60 rounds a day, about the same as the temperature."

The National Weather Service predicted unseasonably warm and dry weather this fall as a prelude to above-average precipitation in this La Nina winter. Resorts are hoping for cold weather by next weekend.

"Go ahead and write the story about the lack of snow," said Joan Christensen, a spokeswoman for Colorado's Winter Park resort. "As soon as you write it the snow will start falling. It's right there with the ritual of it rains after you wash your car."

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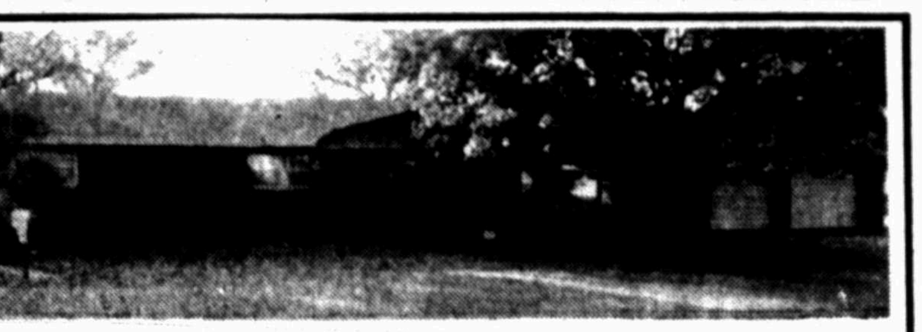

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Whereas by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued out of the District Court of Scurry County, Texas, on the 6th day of October, 1999, in Cause No. 15010, where Wacey Enoch Lee Parks, Caleb Tye Parks, and Calley Jo Parks, Minor Children, were Plaintiffs, and Gary Don Parks was Defendant, on a judgement rendered in said Court against Defendant, and in favor of said plaintiffs for the sum of Twenty-one thousand six hundred fifty-two and eighty-one/100 DOLLARS,with interest theron from the 8th day of October, 1993, at the rate of ten percent per annum, together with all costs of suit; I did on the 27th day of October, 1999, at 2:20 PM, levy upon the following described mineral interest situated in Borden County, Texas, as the property of Gary Don Parks to wit:

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By Peter Gott, M.D.



Ask doctor for more tests

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 66-year-old man who recently had a series of blood tests. All were normal except for an alkaline phosphatase level of 268, about twice the normal limit. What can I do to lower this reading?

DEAR READER: Alkaline phosphatase is an enzyme produced by liver and by bone. Therefore, there are two common causes for an elevated reading: liver disorders and bone diseases.

In the case of the liver, the enzyme leaks into the bloodstream when this organ is inflamed and the normal flow of bile is obstructed. Consequently, the alkaline phosphatase levels rise in the presence of hepatitis, liver cancer and gallstones. Other enzymes also rise, however. So the elevated levels of alkaline phosphatase in liver disorders are almost always associated with other blood abnormalities. This was apparently not the case in your situation.

The high concentration of alkaline phosphatase in bone diseases is more tricky to diagnose because the single elevation may be the only abnormality. In such instances, most doctors would follow up with X-rays or a bone scan to see which bones could be affected. Common causes include bone tumors, healing fractures and Paget's disease. This latter disorder, marked by spotty areas of bone degeneration, may cause no symptoms in its initial stages but is readily evident in X-ray tests and bone scans. I'll bet that this is your problem. Ask your doctor about the further testing that I mentioned.

For the sake of completeness, I should remind you that elevated alkaline phosphatase levels are also seen in cases of heart failure, lung clots and diseases of the parathyroid gland. However, I doubt that these conditions are playing a role; if they were, you would have many other symptoms.

Your doctor should be able to sort out this situation and offer further advice and treatment. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Blood — Donations & Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My toddler was recently hospitalized because of acid burns on his feet. He had reached up to grab a container of drain cleaner that spilled when he dropped it. How common is this type of injury?

DEAR READER: Alas, much too common.

In the Journal of Trauma last year, doctors from Louisville, KY, reviewed the records of children admitted to the city's two burn units. Most of the 13 children received sulfuric acid injuries in the manner you described.

The researchers concluded that many widely available drain cleaners contain high enough concentrations of sulfuric acid to cause full-thickness cutaneous burns, and they plead for more preventive strategies to protect children. The doctors were surprised to discover that a significant number of sulfuric acid burns in youngsters and adults resulted when the drain cleaners were used as weapons in domestic disputes. Because sulfuric acid can inflict such deep wounds, several victims required skin grafts.

Parents should childproof their homes by storing dangerous chemicals in properly sealed containers, well out of reach of children. And, for obvious reasons, the felonious use of such chemicals should carry severe legal consequences.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I live a retirement life in the Northeast. My major exercise is walking. Now, with the threat of Lyme disease, I've considered giving up this activity. I'd like to get the vaccine, but it's not recommended for people over 70. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Unlike the young, as we get older we sometimes feel intimidated by the reality of life. I urge you not to give in to the threat of Lyme disease and to continue walking.

First, some precautions: Experts advise that when walking in woods, fields or high grass, it is prudent to dress appropriately, in long pants (if necessary, tucked into socks). At the end of each day, perform a tick-check, which is much easier with a partner. You should examine your body for ticks and remove any you find, whether they are simply crawling or have become imbedded. Also, some folks feel safer applying a tick-repellant spray to clothing before going on a walk.

Second, do consider the Lyme vaccine. Although it has not been tested in people older than 70 or younger than 15, there is no reason why you shouldn't receive it. Once you complete the series of three injections, you should be 80 percent protected against Lyme.

The important issue here is that you should resist narrowing your life choices out of fear. With a reasonable preventive strategy — perhaps including the Lyme vaccine — you ought to be able to continue to enjoy walking and working out-of-doors.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Following surgery four years ago, I developed a blood clot in my leg that was treated for six months with Coumadin. I completely recovered. Now, however, for the past few months I've noticed that one calf is tender and larger than the other. When I asked my doctor about this, he seemed unconcerned. Can you shed light on this problem?

DEAR READER: Your doctor is in error. The presence of calf swelling and tenderness — especially with your history of a previous blood clot — should have set off alarm bells. This condition, called deep venous thrombosis, is a common consequence of surgery (because post-op patients are relatively inactive); nonetheless, DVT can often affect people who are active and otherwise healthy. DVT is dangerous. Blood clots that form in the leg veins can break off and be carried to the lungs (pulmonary embolism) where they lead to difficulty breathing, even death.

Fortunately, there is an inexpensive, painless and safe test to diagnose this condition, and I'm surprised that your doctor failed to order it as a matter of course. It is called Doppler ultrasound and is similar to the ultrasound tests employed during pregnancy. Using a special transducer, a technician examines the deep veins in your legs with high-pitched sound energy. Blood clots are usually easy to see with this technique. In order to provide a complete picture, the Doppler testing must involve the whole leg, from calf to groin.

If the test shows DVT, anticoagulation therapy is vital. If the veins are free and clear, the doctor will have to look for other explanations for your symptoms. However, the risk of missing a case of DVT by not testing is well worth the inconvenience of the Doppler. Ask your doctor about this. If he continues to be indifferent, seek other medical attention.

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

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PEP RALLY — Snyder Healthcare Center held a pep rally Friday for the Snyder Tigers. Employees led numerous cheers for the residents. Pictured standing from left are Tim Atwood, certified nurse's aide; Melanie Prichard, C.N.A.; Brigette Thompson, C.N.A.; and Dorothy Treat, activity director. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hundreds of Russian troops enter the second-largest city

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Hundreds of Russian troops backed by tanks and artillery entered Chechnya's second-largest city on Friday and searched buildings for rebel holdouts after driving out the main Chechen forces.

The U.N. secretary-general, meanwhile, said Russia had gone "far beyond" its stated goal of rooting out terrorists with the Chechen offensive.

The statement by Kofi Annan on Friday was his toughest so far against the Russian offensive, which has driven 200,000 Chechen refugees into neighboring areas, according to U.N. officials.

Annan was "disturbed to see that the scope of the military offensive in Chechnya seems to have evolved far beyond a campaign with the limited objective of rooting out terrorists," spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

The campaign "has caused great suffering and high casualties to civilians, including the elderly and women and children," he said.

Russia launched the assault on Chechnya in early September, saying it was aimed at wiping out Islamic militants who had twice invaded neighboring Dagestan and were blamed for apartment bombings in Russia. But the campaign increasingly appears focused on reasserting control over Chechnya, which has been effectively independent since rebels fought Russian forces to a standstill in 1994-96.

Moscow's seizure of the republic's second largest city, Gudermes, significantly boosts the campaign, but it was unclear late Friday how firmly the 1,000 federal troops held the city. Chechen officials admitted their forces were pulling back, but refused to give details.

A statement from the Russian regional headquarters said troops would have a complete hold on Gudermes by early next week. But Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said in Helsinki, Finland, that they already were in total control of the eastern Chechnya city.

Russian forces continued to bomb and rocket towns across the breakaway republic on Friday, with the capital, Grozny, suffering heavy air and artillery strikes.

Shelling continued around Bamut, a rebel stronghold in the southwest, and the Chechen military said Russian ground forces were within two miles of Argun, the largest town between Gudermes and Grozny. Pairs of Russian jets made dive attacks on the city of Urus-Martan, south of Grozny, for hours.

Russia's defense minister, meanwhile, accused the United States of plotting to weaken Russia — one of the harshest anti-American statements since the Soviet collapse.

Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev told top military officials that it was in U.S. interest that the North Caucasus conflict continue, "fanned from the outside."

The strategy could allow the United States to "weaken Russia and take full control over the North Caucasus," Sergeyev said.

The United States and other Western governments have urged Russia to end its offensive in Chechnya and seek a peaceful solution.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart called Sergeyev's attack "a misguided characterization" of U.S. policy.

A senior Russian commander, Gen. Valery Manilov, said the military could wrap up operations this year if the main Chechen forces are destroyed. But the Chechens say they will not stop fighting and are preparing for a guerrilla campaign.

Fed jury to hear case of six exiles in plot to kill Castro

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Six Cuban exiles accused of plotting to kill Cuban leader Fidel Castro are going on trial in Puerto Rico in the first such trial in the United States.

Opening statements will begin Monday in the trial of the men arrested after Coast Guard officers helped uncover the alleged conspiracy while responding to an Oct. 27, 1997, distress call in waters off Puerto Rico.

All six men fled Cuba after the country's 1959 revolution to become businessmen in the United States. The best-known among them is Jose Antonio Llamas, director of the influential Miami-based Cuban American National Foundation, which Castro, 73, has accused of trying to assassinate him.

The foundation denies Castro's charges and says it is committed to peaceful change in Cuba. It has alleged that the indictment carries "politically motivated allegations."

There were to be seven defendants, but Judge Hector Lafitte on Friday granted the seventh accused man, Juan Bautista Marquez, a separate trial at a later date because he is gravely ill with cancer, attorneys said.

After more than six hours of painstaking jury selection Friday, attorneys assembled a panel of eight women, four men and two male alternate jurors. The government withdrew potential jurors who have Cuban relatives.

Jose Antonio Pagan, Llamas' lawyer, said he thought they got a "fair neutral jury. We didn't want anyone who had any agendas."

The trial is the result of an FBI investigation that started with a call for help from a Florida-registered yacht, the 46-foot La Esperanza, off Puerto Rico's coast. Coast Guard officers got suspicious when one man gave them the wrong registration number for the vessel.

The four men on board said they were on a fishing trip from Miami. They denied they had weapons on board before the officer searched the boat and found two .50-caliber sniper rifles, ammunition, night vision goggles, radios and Global Positioning Units.

At that point one of the men, Angel Manuel Alfonso, blurted out that they were on their way to Venezuela to assassinate Castro.

The main charge in the indictment alleges the defendants planned for four years to kill Castro, in particular during his trip to a Latin American summit on Isla Margarita off Venezuela in November 1997. They could face life in prison if convicted.

The indictment says the conspiracy was "hatched, nurtured and fledged in South Florida."

The accused men say their charges are hypocritical coming from the United States, whose intelligence agents themselves conspired to kill Castro.

Cuba claims there have been 637 attempts to take Castro's life since his revolution 40 years ago, including schemes to poison a chocolate milkshake and put lethal powder in a scuba diving suit.

The trial comes two days after Cuba announced a new legal campaign to fight the 38-year-old U.S. embargo, and a week after a Cuban court found the U.S. government liable for deaths and damage to the island nation during 40 years of "aggressive policies," including the disastrous 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion.

One of the sniper rifles seized in the latest plot belongs to a survivor of that invasion, which was carried out by Cuban-Americans trained by the CIA.

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The Opal Key Family

Thank You

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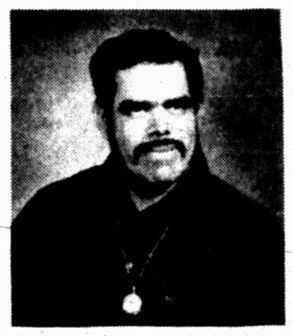
Thank You

We wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to our many friends and family for your kind prayers and thoughts during the loss of our husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather. Thank you so much for the many beautiful flowers that filled the funeral home, church and our homes. They will be a beautiful memory we will cherish for a long time. Thank you, too, for the delicious food that was brought to the house and the church. The meal at the church was so nice and greatly appreciated. The service was beautiful.

We want to express a special thanks to Snyder EMS, Cogdell Memorial Hospital Emergency Room Staff, Dr. Carl Burleson, Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home, Pastor Tom Holcomb, East Side Church of Christ, Friendly Flower Shop and Wadleigh Studio. We are also very grateful to Holcomb Well Service for helping to cover our work. Your service was appreciated so much. You were all so helpful and kind during this time in our lives.

With sincere love and appreciation,
The Family of Wayne York

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The family of Braulio "Bobby" Gutierrez Sr. would like to extend their heartfilled appreciation to the following wonderful people who have made this past year easier to handle. Thank you very much for being there from the first day of our grief to the present. May God Bless you!

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Kristi Cox and Snyder E.M.S., All the friends and family,
The staff at Bell-Cypert-Seale and we will forever be in debt to Gary and Kathy Landes and their boys, Ryan and Nicholas.
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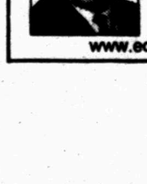
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Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

Man With Tight Family Ties Won't Cut Slack for Fiancee

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: It happened again! My fiance, "Greg," left me behind to spend another long holiday weekend with his family. Let me give you the details.

Greg is 22 years old. He lives at home with his parents and goes to college. His parents have a lake cottage one hour away. They go there almost every weekend, and they expect Greg to come, too. In fact, we go there almost every weekend.

My sister's birthday was during the Labor Day weekend. I invited Greg to stay here and celebrate with us, because my sister lives five hours away, and we don't get to see her that often. However, Greg wanted to "spend time with his family." He insists I'm selfish for getting upset. I feel that I'm getting the "leftovers" and I'll never be first in his life.

Another thing: Greg has been wanting to get his own place, but changed his mind because his dad travels occasionally, and Greg says he doesn't want to leave his mother alone, even though he has two teenage brothers who are still at home.

What do you think about this?

FUMING IN FORT WORTH

DEAR FUMING: You are getting a taste of what it will be like to be married to this young man. Greg is still emotionally and financially tied to his family, and your family appears to rank a distant second place. Unless you can adjust to playing second fiddle to his parents, you may want to reconsider your engagement.

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DEAR ABBY: I was struck by the letter from "Missing Them in Colorado," who had moved to a new city and whose old friends ignored her attempts to remain in contact via correspondence. Something similar happened to me.

Years ago I moved from Pittsburgh to Clearwater, Fla. I kept in touch with my friends through letters and cards. After a time, the letters dropped off, but I continued to send cards for birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, births, etc.

Five years ago, six of my friends retired and moved here. I was delighted — and we socialized at parties, dinners and sports events. Gradually, they stopped including me in their get-togethers.

In the meantime, I became friendly with one of the busboys at my favorite restaurant and his lovely family. He calls me "Mr. R.," because I'm 72 and he is 20. He attends junior college at night. I'm always included at his family's parties and dinners. He insists on cutting my grass each week and afterward invites me out to bowl or to a movie. He has become a dear friend.

Several months ago, I ran into one of my old friends and asked why I never hear from them anymore. His wife said, "Wake up and smell the coffee. You can't keep up with us timewise or financially."

Not too long after that encounter, I inherited a great sum of money. News gets around quickly, and guess who came out of the woodwork? The same couple called and invited me for dinner and said it would be nice to have me "back in the fold."

I replied that my time is precious — and besides, they could not keep up with me financially.

I'll continue to send cards on their special days, but I will concentrate on building my friendship with Jose and his family. And guess who will be mentioned in my will?

Sorry this letter is long, Abby, but I needed to vent.

MR. R., CLEARWATER, FLA.

DEAR MR. R.: That's what I'm here for. The value of friendship is not supposed to be based upon a person's wealth. Count your blessings, not your losses. You're a lucky man in more ways than one.

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DEAR ABBY: Will you please ask your readers to take a minute to think about how they treat people who are different or unique? These days we seem to care about how we treat people who are disabled or in a minority — however, some of us seem to forget that *all* people should be treated with kindness, dignity and respect, regardless of who they are or what they do.

My son is an Elvis impersonator. Now, I'm not talking about some clairvoyant who thinks he channels Elvis; I'm talking about a talented singer who works hard at his profession of re-creating the Elvis concert experience. He was even selected to be in a new film on impersonators called "Almost Elvis." But you would not believe the way some people treat him in public.

Although he doesn't walk around in a jumpsuit, he must look the part with black hair and sideburns. It amazes and upsets me how rude and insensitive people can be with their smart remarks. If they stopped to think for a minute about the Golden Rule, about choosing to build up rather than tear down those around them, then we might have a little more kindness in the world. Elvis was known for his kindness to strangers — and I think we could all take a lesson from him.

PROTECTIVE LITTLE MAMA, OLYMPIA, WASH.

DEAR PROTECTIVE LITTLE MAMA: Although the comments may not be all that a mother would wish for, they may go with the territory. There's an old show-business saying, "If you want a place in the sun, you had better be prepared to put up with a few blisters." Since your son is respected in his profession, I'm hoping he receives his share of compliments to make up for any hurt that may be caused by the clumsy attempts at humor.

It's interesting that Elvis Presley's talent was so unique he is still an unforgettable celebrity so many years after his death.

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DEAR ABBY: Each year, usually in December, you print letters about choosing appropriate gifts for the elderly. You have advised us against purchasing unwanted items such as bath powder or earrings for Grammy and neckties or after-shave for Grandpa. You have reminded us to stay clear of useless things for their homes, like vases or knick-knacks.

I have learned from your column and for the last few years I simply *ask* my relatives what they can use. If Mom wants postage stamps and a grocery store gift certificate, and Dad wants a coupon for an oil change this year, that's exactly what I give them. They're pleased and so am I.

Here comes my problem: How do I get my elderly relatives to stop sending *me* useless gifts? I wouldn't dare hurt their feelings, but they never ask me what I want; they simply send things I have no use for.

How about writing a column to the elderly about gift *buying*? This really needs to be addressed and printed in the newspaper. (Then maybe I can cut it out and send them copies.) I appreciate your help.

STUMPED IN NEVADA

DEAR STUMPED: Your problem is universal. As the holiday season approaches, write or call your relatives and thank them for their past generosity, then tell them that from now on, a card expressing their loving feelings would be appreciated more than a gift.

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Learjet lost nearly 3 years ago found

WENTWORTH, N.H. (AP) — The wreckage of a Learjet missing for nearly three years has been found in a remote area, ending a mystery that far outlasted the rain and fog into which the plane vanished Christmas Eve 1996.

The plane and two pilots disappeared after a failed approach to the Lebanon, N.H., airport. That Christmas morning, planes, helicopters and hikers began what would become the largest search in state history.

The official search was called off in early 1997 because of winter, but volunteers continued to look.

In July, teams from New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire spent 10 days searching 3,452-foot Carr Mountain in Warren and Wentworth. The area was suggested by a group of Dartmouth College engineering students who analyzed the case.

A forester found the wreckage Thursday while surveying remote, private land in Wentworth, said Fish and Game Col. Ron Alie. The land's owner informed officials Friday of the discovery.

Family members identified the plane by a registration number on an intact piece of wreckage and by clothing found at the site, Alie said.

"I'm not an investigator or anything, but from what I could tell they really didn't know what hit them. It was basically a debris field. It seemed quite instantaneous," said Jay Hayes, the pilot's brother, who saw what was left of the jet.

The wreckage was found in steep, thickly forested terrain that lies within the original search area, Alie said. He did not know whether bodies had been found.

Wentworth, population 664, is about 23 miles northeast of Lebanon.

The pilots, Johan Schwartz, 31, of Westport, Conn., and Patrick Hayes, 30, of Clinton, Conn., were en route from Bridgeport, Conn., to pick up a New Hampshire family for a holiday trip when the plane disappeared during a second runway approach.

Hayes' mother, Hermance, said New Hampshire officials contacted her son, Jay, who has led many of the searches, about their find. From her Connecticut home, she said the discovery was "like starting a fire all over again, like Day 1," but provided some measure of peace.

"In a way, yes, knowing that finally it came to an end, and not wondering day after day, day after day: Where are you? Where are you, Where can you be?" she said.

Mary Marsh, a social worker and emergency medical technician from Worcester, Mass., who helped search for the plane in September and last year, expressed relief for the sake of the families.

"I'm so happy they found it," she said Friday. "The poor families, it had to have been such an agonizing three years for them."

Despite the frustration, searchers didn't give up hope, she said.

"We do it because there's a need to do it and we want to bring back the people for their loved ones," she said.

Chicago boy turns in stepdad for drugs

CHICAGO (AP) — A 13-year-old boy turned in his mother and stepfather for allegedly beating him and stockpiling drugs in their apartment.

Police arrested Kenneth Sharp and Hazel Poisso after a search of their home turned up more than 17 pounds of cocaine, 20 grams of marijuana, a 12-gauge shotgun and a 9 mm handgun, Lt. John Carioscia said.

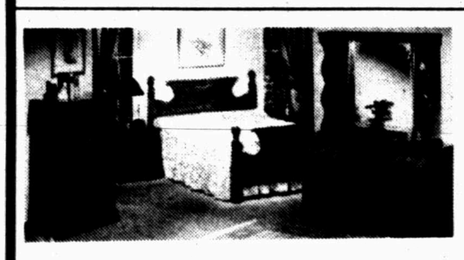
The boy, who wasn't identified, confided Tuesday in a 17-year-old friend that he was afraid to go home because his mother beat him. He told police he hadn't been to school in three years.

Sharp faces drug and weapons charges and was in jail in lieu of $2 million bail. Ms. Poisso was charged with a misdemeanor count of domestic battery and released on bond.

All five of Ms. Poisso's children were placed in state custody.

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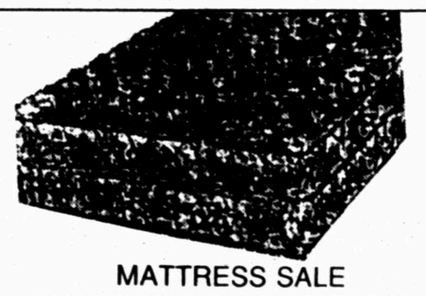
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Turkey quake kills hundreds

DUZCE, Turkey (AP) — After working through the night with floodlights, rescue teams searched in the rubble in northwestern Turkey Saturday for survivors of a 7.2-magnitude earthquake that struck the region the night before.

At least 320 people were killed, a government official said.

The first rays of sunlight eased the rescuers' work but also laid bare the extent of the damage caused by the quake, which struck just after nightfall Friday and was centered in Duzce, near the area wrecked by a major temblor in August.

Houses were reduced to tangled wreckage, large buildings tilted ominously and a section of highway was shorn off a hillside. Firefighters put out blazes, troops unloaded medical supplies and workers used jackhammers to strip away rubble in search of survivors.

The death toll was expected to continue rising. Health Ministry Undersecretary Haluk Tokucoglu, speaking on state-run television, put the toll at 320, with nearly 1,800 injured. Another official said at least 300 buildings were destroyed.

Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, speaking on national television from Ankara, promised a full response from the government and military.

"The state is there with all its means," he said.

Several people were rescued alive, including a little girl pulled from the rubble after being trapped under a building for 12 hours. Rescuers also extracted two men from a collapsed restaurant.

The quake could be felt in Istanbul, 90 miles to the west.

U.S. travelers urged to take precautions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department is urging Americans traveling abroad to be alert to any action that the Taliban-led government in Afghanistan may take as U.N. Security Council sanctions against the regime take effect this weekend.

In a "worldwide caution" issued Friday, the department noted that the sanctions will take effect unless Taliban authorities turn over for trial suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden, who is wanted by U.S. law enforcement agencies for the bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania last year.

The statement noted that Taliban leader Mullah Omar warned of unspecified retribution against U.S. citizens because of the planned sanctions.

In separate announcements, the State Department reaffirmed its warning to U.S. citizens not to travel to Afghanistan and warned Americans residing in or traveling to Pakistan to exercise extreme caution and limit travel outside their homes.

The announcement also said it is not known if the rockets launched at U.N. and U.S. Embassy offices in Pakistan are connected with the sanctions.

Dismissing the Taliban's condemnation of a string of rocket attacks on U.S. and other installations in Pakistan's capital, Islamabad, Clinton administration officials said Friday that no group is being ruled out in an investigation that has barely begun.

The Security Council president, Ambassador Danilo Turk of Slovenia, said in New York that "sanctions will go into effect automatically" if the Taliban — a militant Islamic group that controls most of Afghanistan — does not hand over bin Laden, the fugitive Saudi accused of running a terrorist network.

"The Taliban, for a whole range of reasons, is outside even the most reasonable, most elastic definition of acceptable international behavior," said White House national security adviser Sandy Berger.

"The U.N. resolution will go into effect on the 14th," Berger noted, adding: "We're glad that the international community is now about to embrace the sanctions that we imposed upon the Taliban unilaterally some weeks ago."

The sanctions include a boycott of Afghanistan's airline, a freeze on the Taliban's assets abroad and a ban on investments in the South Asian country.

Obituaries

Kay Abrahams

1951-1999

Orvetta "Kay" Abrahams, 48, died Thursday, Nov. 11, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Abrahams was set for 4 p.m. Saturday in Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was to follow in Snyder Cemetery.

The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of Avenue D Baptist, and the Rev. David Phillips, pastor of Northside Baptist, were to officiate.

Born July 28, 1951 in Lamesa, she married Gary Abrahams on June 27, 1980 in Snyder. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Gary Abrahams of Snyder; a son, Chris McGee of Lubbock; a stepson, Ryan Abrahams of Atlanta, Ga.; her mother, Joyce Miles of Lamesa; her father, Howard Burton of Colorado City; two sisters, Theresa Nichols of Roanoke and Claudia Lann of Midland; a stepsister, Billie Jean Alldredge of Zephyr; a stepbrother, Larry Odell Miles of Monroe, Mich.; her grandmother, Christine Covington of Lamesa; one grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Etta Chapman

1923-1999

Etta Mae Chapman, 76, died Friday, Nov. 12, in Lubbock's Covenant Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Chapman is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Billy Capps, pastor of North College Ave. Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 8, 1923 in Graham, she married Ollie Chapman on March 16, 1946 in Seminole. He died in 1995.

Mrs. Chapman was a homemaker and a member of the North College Ave. Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Jean Chapman of Ardmore, Okla.; two daughters, Christine Scrivner of Snyder and Virginia Swearingen of Piedmont, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

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Lillian Murphy

1911-1999

SEMINOLE – Lillian Christine Murphy, a native of Scurry County, died Friday, Nov. 12, in Memorial Health Care Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Murphy, 88, is set for 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the South Seminole Baptist Church. The Rev. Jeff Gilliam will officiate, and burial will follow in Gaines County Cemetery.

Born July 1, 1911 in Snyder, She moved from Snyder to Seminole in 1921.

She married David Luke Isaac Murphy in Lovington, N.M., and he preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by two sons, Charlie and Arlie Murphy.Mrs. Murphy was a homemaker, had worked as a waitress and was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Erwin Murphy of Andrews; a daughter, Patricia Roberson of Seminole; two brothers, L.H. Sims of Seagraves and J.P. Sims of Friona; a sister, Rosa Ray Welch of Seminole; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Charles Brown

1909-1999

CLYDE – Charles Raymond Brown, the brother of Jim Brown of Ira, died Thursday, Nov. 11, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Brown, 90, is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Eula Methodist Church. The Rev. Brett Rowlett will officiate, and burial will follow in the Eula Cemetery.

Born July 5, 1909 in Cuthbert, he married Oma Ethel White in 1936 in Snyder. She died in 1995.

During World War II, Mr. Brown worked in the Remington arms plant in Denver. He retired from Gates Rubber Company in 1977. He later moved to Clyde and was a farmer.

Survivors also include one son, Ray Brown of Clyde; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

John Weaver

1942-1999

DULUTH, Ga. – John Amon Lee Weaver, 57, of Duluth died Nov. 3, 1999 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle near Jacksonville, Fla.

Born Nov. 5, 1942 in Houston, Mr. Weaver attended school in Snyder, attended the University of Texas where he was a member of the Alpha Tou Omega Fraternity. He was an U.S. Marine veteran and a member of the Stone Mountain Hog Chapter and the North Georgia Hog Chapter.

Survivors include his wife, Bianca Mullins Weaver of Duluth; a daughter, Denise W. Jones of Suwanee, Ga.; a son, Dr. John Kevin Weaver of St. Simons Island, Ga.; his mother, Opallee Weaver of Lilburn, Ga., and formerly of Snyder; and two granddaughters.

A memorial service will be announced later by Bill Head Funeral Home in Duluth.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Nov. 12-Bruce Elder, Lois Haynes, Melba Huddleston, E.L. Jones, Kenneth Kellner, J.H.Myers Jr. and Martha Snow.

DISMISSALS: Delbert Jones, L.V. Rasco, Kevin Stanley, Sandra West, Ramona Hernandez, Doyle Knowles, Ozzy Rains, Daisy Rodriguez, Robin Smauley.

CENSUS: 42 (Med./Surg.-17, Long-term Care-23, OB-1, Nursery-1)

2 juveniles taken into custody locally

Two juveniles were taken into custody Friday and early Saturday.

Officers arrested a male juvenile at 9:56 p.m. Friday at North Park for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The subject was taken to the police department and later released to his parents.

At 12:23 a.m. Saturday, Department of Public Safety troopers took a male juvenile into custody for driving under the influence.

One adult was also arrested early Saturday.

Officers were called to the Budget Inn at 3:08 a.m. in reference to a disturbance. An offense report for Class C assault, family violence was filed and a 23-year-old male was taken into custody. The subject was also charged with resisting arrest.

A report was made at 12:08 a.m. Saturday of possible gunshots in the area of the 2200 block of Towle Park Road. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate a source for the shots.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a report of a possible house fire at 2807 Avenue Q at 11:11 a.m. Friday. The fire was limited to a microwave.

Jane Gonzales reported the fire and the home belongs to Santos and Angie Gutierrez.

Ira man released from UMC Friday

An Ira farmer injured in a tractor accident Thursday evening was released from Lubbock's University Medical Center Friday.

Louie Ashley, 75, was first transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital after he rolled his tractor into a creek around 6:15 p.m. Thursday near 3061 CR 398.

Snyder EMS later transferred him to UMC.

Shortages

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"Right now, that is a high priority because it is high-security unit," Howard said. "A lot of the trainees are being assigned to the Smith Unit when they finish the academy."

Howard said there is a waiting list of COs wanting to transfer to the Daniel Unit.

"We have officers from other units who want to come here, but they cannot. They are on a transfer list, but cannot come until we fully staff the maximum security unit over at Lamesa."

The warden said the shortage is creating some problems, but public safety is not threatened.

"Right now we are required to make sure we have enough correctional officers to mandate our priority positions.

"The only thing about working in a correctional setting is that it is sometimes unpredictable. We must go by the rules and follow policy and procedure."

When this is done, she said, "We are providing structure for the offenders."

Western Texas College continues to train correctional officers for prison units throughout the state. The next officer training class is set for Jan. 10.

While the deadline for applying to this class has passed, potential officers may call the college at 573-3511, ext. 391 for times for future training classes.

Since WTC training began in 1988, some 2,000 correctional officers have been trained on the Snyder campus.

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Morningside revival

Morningside Baptist Church is holding a revival at 7 p.m. Saturday and at the regular times on Sunday. The speaker will be Robert Issacs.

The Lord's Acre Festival

First United Methodist Church is hosting its annual Lord's Acre Festival Saturday in the Scurry County Coliseum. Booths opened at noon, and a barbecue dinner is being served at 5:30 p.m.

Tamale, Menudo feast

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will serve menudo and tamales from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday in the Parish Center.

Library extends hours

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

Jury call cancelled

A jury panel called for possible duty Monday in 132nd District Court need not report, according to District Clerk Trina Rodgers.

Quilting Club

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

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Lessons from the Book of Revelation," followed by "You Can Make a Difference."

AARP meeting

Chapter 2063 of the AARP will meet at noon Monday for its regular meeting at the Senior Center. Wayne Horton, chaplain at the Price Daniel Unit, is the guest speaker.

SHS girls basketball booster club

The SHS girls basketball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school gym.

Cancer Society meeting

The Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Partner-in-Service Night

Snyder Lions Club will not meet at noon Tuesday, but will have a Partner-in-Service Night featuring District Governor Bernie Gardel of Lubbock. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Martha Ann's Woman's Club.

MAWC luncheon

The Martha Ann Woman's Club November luncheon and game day will be held Wednesday instead of the usual fourth Wednesday. Games of choice will be played throughout the afternoon. Reservations are requested by 5 p.m. Monday.

TSA fundraiser

The Technology Student Association at Snyder High is selling nuts as a fund-raising project to offset end-of-year competition costs. Call 573-6301 and ask for Darrin Duzan.

Ira yearbooks on sale

The Year 2000 Bulldog annuals are on sale. The cost is $26 with a name on the cover, or $22 without a name. The annuals will be on sale until Friday.

Foster parent workshop

The Oil Patch Foster Parent Association will sponsor a workshop next Saturday on "Avoiding Power Struggles and Encouraging Compliance." It will be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Call Donna Zalman, 863-2276; Donna Dickinson, 573-7817; or Alice Alvarez, 573-3722 by Monday if you plan to attend.

Heart walk

The Scurry County division of the American Heart Association will host the annual heart walk next Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Towle Park Pavilion. Walkers can earn prizes based on donations. For more information, call Dee Chasteen at 573-5041.

Tiger Times yearbook

The Snyder Junior High yearbook is on sale through Nov. 23. Copies may be ordered by paying $14 now, or paying a deposit of $7 with the balance due when the yearbooks arrive in the spring. Orders will be accepted in the school office or room 110. There will be no extra copies.

Choir Poinsettia sale

The SHS choir and booster club are selling Christmas Poinsettias during November. Red, white and a jingle bell variety are available for $10. Place orders with any choir member or call the high school. Poinsettias will be here Nov. 29 and will be available for pickup or delivery that week.

WTC planetarium open

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

WTC nursing program

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

Pick 3

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

8-9-4

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

35-39-40-66

(thirty-five, thirty-nine, forty, sixty-six)

Cash Five

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

6-23-31-33-39

(six, twenty-three; thirty-one, thirty-three, thirty-nine

Profiles In Education

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Longtime principal enjoys rural post

When Clarence Spieker was named principal of Hermleigh schools in 1990, he looked forward to returning to the school where he had coached for 10 years.

Most of the staff was new then, and some were even his former students. Children of the students he coached are now also attending the school.

Since Hermleigh is a small school, Spieker serves as principal of all of the students, elementary, junior high and high school.

One of the joys of his job is seeing the students who "come to school happy and ready to learn." He noted that their attitude reflects, "What kind of opportunity do I get today?"

Another job plus is keeping up with Hermleigh graduates as they "so something positive with their lives." Sometimes former students come back to visit.

The past decade has been marked by changes, including those brought about by technological advances. Computers are common in Hermleigh classrooms as well as the computer lab.

Spieker said Hermleigh students now "have a wider range of information system available to them than ever before. They are more aware of what is going on around them and in the world."

He added that students seem to be more focused on reading, math, science and history than ever before, perhaps encouraged by accountability the state now requires. He noted that Hermleigh teachers are very focused on helping students acquire the knowledge and skills they will need after they graduate from high school.

Besides academic work, Hermleigh students often take part in more than one extracurricular activity, which generally keeps them busy throughout the school year, he added.

He said these activities help produce more well-rounded students and they give the people in the community a chance to get together.

Spieker, originally from Walls, said he and his wife, Mary, both come from small towns and that's why they decided they wanted to rear their children in a small town.

Spieker earned his bachelor's degree at Angelo State University and his master's at Sul Ross University.

He has always liked sports and he participated in sports in school so becoming a coach seemed the natural choice. He coached at Charlotte High School from 1971 to 1974. From 1974-1984, he coached boys football and basketball at Hermleigh. In addition, he coached girls sports for two of those years. He served six years as a coach at New Castle, including two years as a principal and coach.

Returning to Hermleigh was "real enjoyable," he said.

Mary teaches science at Hermleigh. They are currently hosting a foreign exchange student from Hamburg, Germany — Janna Hinz, who is a senior at HHS. Spieker described her as an "outstanding young lady."

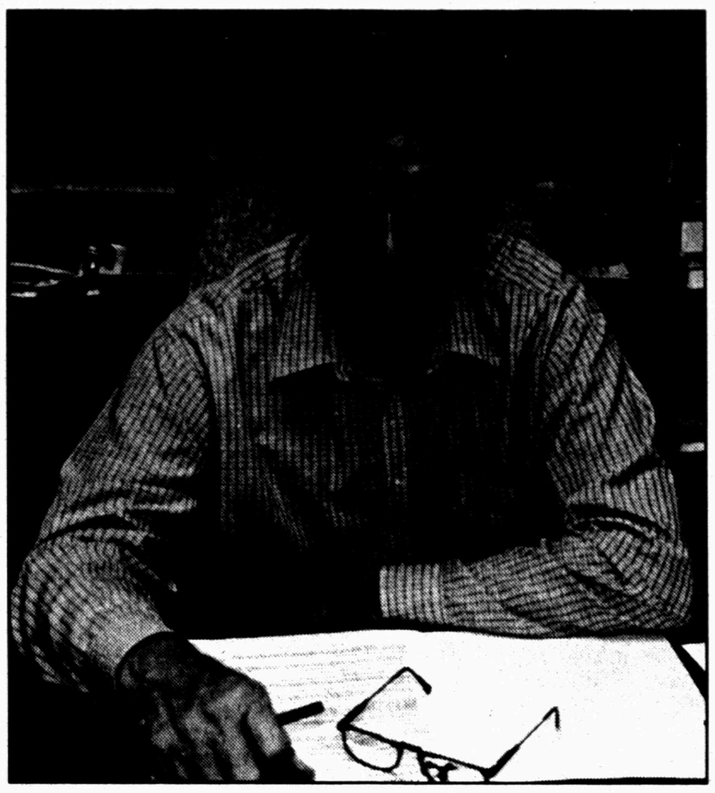
Before teaching at Hermleigh, Mary had taught three years then worked as a medical technologist for several years, including a stint at Cogdell Memorial Hospital when her husband coached at Hermleigh. Since returning to the classroom, she has taught science at Hermleigh.

In his spare time, Spieker likes to refurnish furniture, do woodwork and work in the garden. He said he and Mary also like to travel in the summer when they are both off.

Last summer, they traveled to Sweden where they visited with a foreign exchange student they had hosted about three years ago and her family. They attended her graduation from high school. On their way home, he said they stopped in Germany to meet Janna.

The Spiekers have two children and two grandchildren. A daughter, Michelle Osmun and her husband, Cliff , live in Denton. Michelle is pursuing a master's in dance at Texas Women's University and Cliff is a captain in the Air Force.

A son, Mark, and his wife, Jennifer, live in Lubbock. Jennifer is a registered nurse and Mark has returned to Texas Tech University where he is pursuing a degree in architecture. They have a son, Matthew, and a daughter, Paige.



LONGTIME PRINCIPAL — Clarence Spieker is in his 10th year as principal at Hermleigh. Previously, he also coached from 1974-1984. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Time getting calls over survey results

NEW YORK (AP) — Time magazine is taking heat because Adolf Hitler ranks third in an online tally that invites the public to rank the most influential people of the century.

Editors acknowledge the tally is unscientific and allows people to vote multiple times. Plus, the results will be only one factor influencing Time's pick for Person of the Century next month.

Time has received hundreds of complaints from readers and Web users. Others are spreading e-mail urging friends and relatives to pick an alternative at www.time.com.

Elvis Presley is running first, followed by slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, whose ranking partly resulted from an anti-Hitler campaign.

Eileen Gleimer, a lawyer in Washington, D.C., understands that Time's definition of influential includes both good and bad contributions.

Joint service is set Sunday

On Oct. 4, 1998, descendants of the 16th century Reformation were officially reunited at the Lord's Table. That celebrated the formula of agreement between the Evangelical Church in America, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Reformed Church in America, and the United Church of Christ. These four churches now have a new relationship and share the "full communion."

Two of these churches have congregations in Snyder — First Presbyterian and Grace Lutheran. To mark the new "full communion" status both churches plan a joint service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian.

"Full communion" means that these four churches:

*Recognize each other as churches in which the gospel is rightly preached and the sacraments administered according to the Word of God.

*Withdraw any historic condemnation by one side or the other as inappropriate for the life and faith of the churches today.

*Continue to recognize each other's baptism and authorize and encourage the sharing of the Lord's Supper among their members.

*Recognize each other's various ministries and make provision for the orderly exchange of ordained ministers of Word and Sacrament.

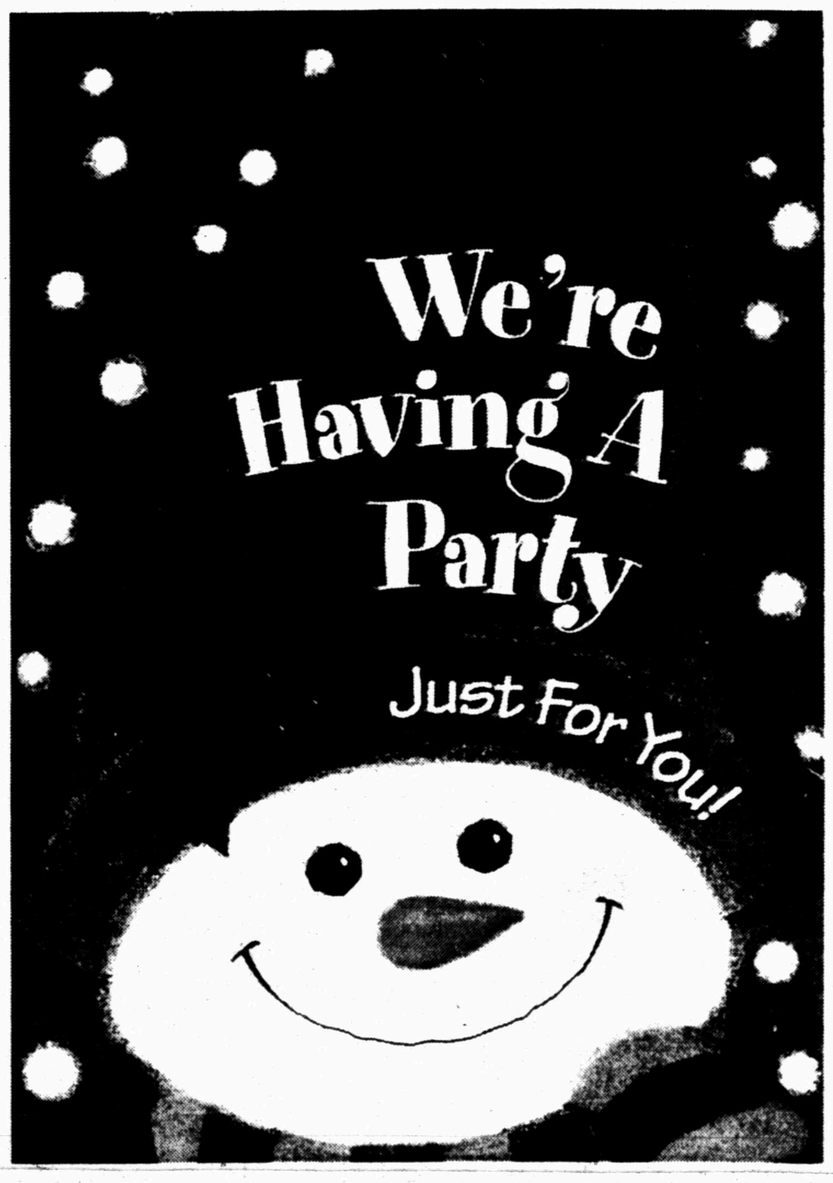
Establish appropriate channels of consultation and decision-making with the existing structures of the churches.

*Commit to an ongoing process of theological dialogue in order to clarify further the common understanding of the faith and foster its common expression in evangelism, witness and service.

*Pledge to live together under the gospel in such a way that the principle of mutual affirmation and admonition becomes the basis of a trusting relationship in which respect and love for the other will have a chance to grow. (A Formula of Agreement.)

Holiday Open House

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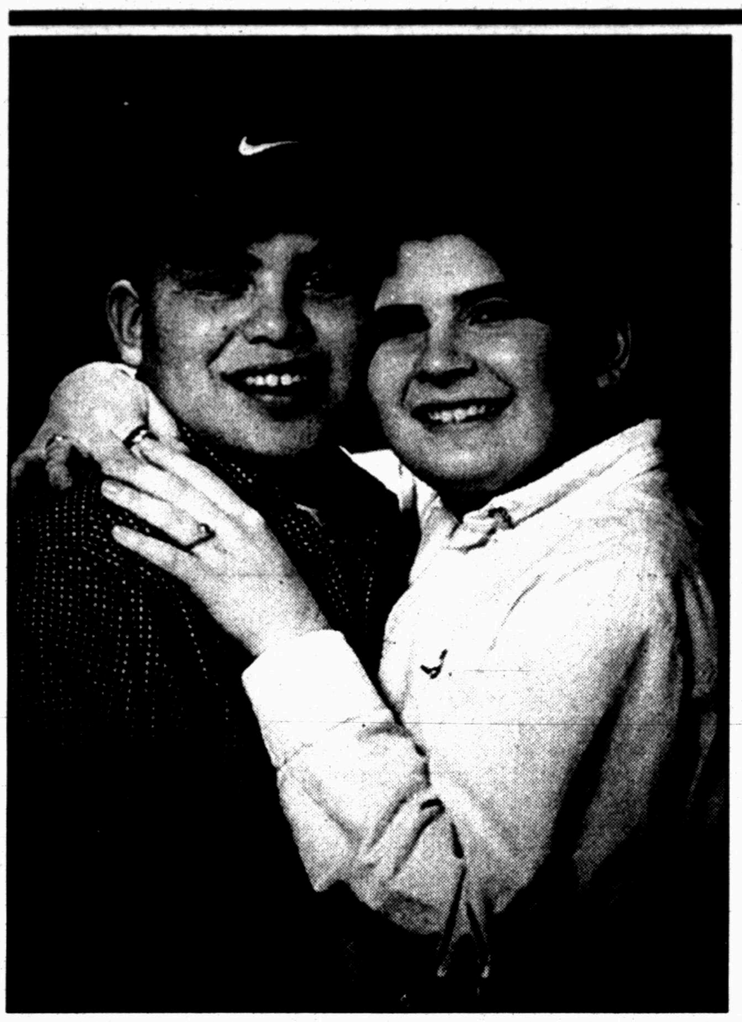
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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Parents of Amanda Ann Hicks and Jesse Salinas announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Amanda's parents are Dan and Debbie Hicks and Jesse's parents are Prudencio Sr. and Janie Salinas, all of Snyder. A wedding is being planned for 2 p.m. on Dec. 11 in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

Delta Kappa Gamma hears program on teacher certification preparation

Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met for its regular monthly meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club at 4:30 p.m. Monday.

Francene Noah of Snyder, retired from the Snyder School District with 30 years teaching experience, received her undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University and her graduate degree from Hardin-Simmons University.

Employed for the second year as a supervisor of interns with the Teacher Certification Preparation program operated by Region 18 Education Service Center located in Odessa, Noah spoke on alternative teacher certification.

She shared information concerning the program that provides an opportunity for college graduates to become certified teachers through an educational internship program.

She said certification is available in four teaching fields that have been documented to be areas of critical teacher shortage, special education, and secondary math or science. After meeting strenuous requirements and acceptance into the program, the intern completes initial coursework to prepare them for teaching in their chosen field.

Interns are hired by local districts and given support by a mentor teacher on their campus as well as the staff of the program. Coursework training continues through the internship. School principals report positive experiences with teachers trained through this program. Mrs. Noah has found working with these highly motivated and enthusiastic newcomers to education very rewarding.

Opening the meeting was Mollie Shearer who read an account of a child's experience, which taught him a deeper meaning of Thanksgiving.

Following was a business session when Helen Mock shared a tribute to Virginia Grove, former Zeta Lambda member.

Bridal Registry

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon, Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

Manic Depression(Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 5 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

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

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th St.; Thanksgiving program; 7:30 p.m.

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 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 appointment, call 573-9742.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information cal 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m. p.m.

Bridge Scores

Jane Hinton directed bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Nov. 5

North & South

1. TIE: Anita Talbott, Ann Davis tied with Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal.
3. Martha Fagin, Dorothy Rosson.

East & West

1. Alta Cates, Louise Thompson.
2. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
3. Artie Pharris, Gracie Craig.

Sunday, Nov. 7

1. Martha Fagin, Pat Floyd.
2. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
3. Charlotte Mitchell, Shirley Stewart.

Tuesday, Nov. 9

1. Ann Davis, Louise Thompson.
2. Doyle Fowler, Christine Stuard.
3. Martha Fagin, Jane Hinton.

High school student nudges legislature

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Perhaps you can't fight city hall. A California high school student is finding you can nudge the state legislature.

Kristin Schleicher's chemistry book was older than she was. Her copy of "The Scarlet Letter" was underlined and one of her teachers said books just aren't top priority at Monte Vista High School.

The 16-year-old junior's English essay could change all that. Her paper suggesting that state law require schools to replace textbooks every 10 years won the "There Ought to be a Law" contest that Assemblywoman Lynne Leach sponsored for high school students in her district.

The prize: Leach will introduce the bill.

"It's probably as good as most of the laws that go through," said Leach. The Republican from Walnut Creek plans to sponsor the bill in January.

Kristin got the news Wednesday when the principal, a vice principal and TV cameras showed up in her third-period English class.

"I was totally surprised," said Kristin, whose essay beat 104 others.



Stacy Renee Taylor and Clinton Albert Lewis
(Contributed Photo)

Taylor, Lewis plan wedding

Bob and Kathy Fowler of Snyder and Don Taylor of Sweetwater announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Renee, to Clinton Albert Lewis of Cherry Point, N.C., formerly of Snyder. He is the son of Billy and Lila Cantrell, of Snyder.

Stacy, a graduate of Ira High School, is the granddaughter of Dot Stokes of Snyder, and the late Carl Stokes; Luvenia Fowler of Snyder, and the late Horace Fowler; and Jacquelyn Chorn of Snyder, and the late Richard Taylor.

Clint, a 1995 graduate of Snyder High School, has been in the Marines since July of 1995. Clint is the grandson of Doris Byers and the late Jim Byers; Mariann Turner of Center Point, and the late Jim Turner; and the late Clyde Albert Murphree.

The wedding is planned for 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 23 at Northside Baptist Church with the Rev. David Phillips officiating. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Clint and Stacy plan to reside in Lubbock when his tour of duty is over in June. He plans to attend state trooper training.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 11-13-99
♠ A 5 4
♥ 7 2
♦ A J 9 6 5
♣ Q J 9

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

East
♠ 10 8 7 2
♥ Q 10 9
♦ K Q 2
♣ 7 4 3

South
♠ K 6 3
♥ A 4 3
♦ 8 7 4
♣ A K 10 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 6

Edward de Bono specializes in problems that seem difficult but are simple if you think of the right method of solution. For example, 83 players enter a knockout tennis singles event. How many matches will have to be played to find the winner?

There are many bridge problems that are not so difficult. Yet players fail to find the right answers because they remain glued to maxims. West would have done better to be flexible in his thinking in this deal. How should the play go in three no-trump?

West led his fourth-highest heart, declarer ducking when East produced the queen. Back came the heart 10, which also won. South took the third heart, then ran his diamond eight. East won with the queen and switched to a club, but declarer won in hand and played another diamond, to the 10, jack and king. At that point, South claimed nine tricks: two spades, one heart, three diamonds and three clubs.

"Nothing we could do," commented West.

"Not true," pointed out East. "I might switch to a spade at trick three, but I think it is easier for you. Knowing that you have no entry to your hearts, I think you should overtake my heart 10 at trick two and switch to the spade queen. I agree that this isn't sure to beat the contract, but it is better than nothing. And it works beautifully here."

Before South sets up dummy's diamond suit, the defenders establish two spade tricks to go with two hearts and two diamonds. The contract finishes two down.

In the tennis tournament, you need 82 matches, because each person loses one match, except the winner.

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Don't get into a rut

Oldest ride closing

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — The longtime link between Fantasyland and Tomorrowland is coming down.

Walt Disney World is closing one of its oldest rides, the Magic Kingdom Skyway, which has given visitors a bird's eye view of the park since it opened in 1971.

"It's part of our ongoing efforts to phase out some of the older attractions and introduce new things to keep our parks exciting for our new and repeat visitors," Disney spokeswoman Diane Ledder said Tuesday. "It's just something whose time has come."

Park officials won't say what will replace the skyway. Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif., closed its Skyway ride in 1994.



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School Menus

Snyder

The breakfast menu also offers a choice of assorted dry cereal, toast w/jelly and juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Breakfast Pizza
Tuesday
Cinnamon Roll
Wednesday
Breakfast Burrito w/Salsa
Thursday
Biscuits w/Cream Gravy
Friday
Pancake w/Syrup
LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Soft Taco
Lettuce & Tomato
Refried Beans
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Hot Dog on a Bun or
Oven Fried Chicken w/Roll
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Carrots
Chilled Fruit
Wednesday
Turkey w/Dressing
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Hot Roll
Cranberry Sauce
Sugar Cookie
Thursday
Pizza or
Burrito
W.K. Corn
Tossed Salad
Apple Crisp
Friday
Corn Dog or
Rib Sandwich
Baked Beans
Broccoli w/Cheese
Gelatin

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk
Monday
Burritos
Corn
Vegetable Salad
Crackers
Tuesday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Pinto Beans
Peaches
Wednesday
Chicken Ala King
Carrots
Bread
Pears
Thursday
Turkey & Dressing
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Stuffed Celery
Cranberry Sauce
Hot Rolls
Pumpkin Pie
Friday
Hot Dogs
French Fries
Pork & Beans

Ira schools will have their Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday. If you would like to eat with your child, please let the office know no later than noon Monday. Cost is $5 for a visitor's plate. You may reach the office between the hours of 8:15 and 3:30 at 573-2628.

Classes will be going to lunch:
K – 10:45
1 – 10:50
2 – 10:55
3 – 11:00
4 – 11:05
5 – 11:10

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.
BREAKFAST
Monday
Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Tuesday
Juice
Biscuits/Gravy
Wednesday
Fruit
Blueberry Muffins
Thursday
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast
Friday
Fruit
Toast/Jelly
LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger Patties/Brown Gravy
Parsley Potatoes
Tomato Wedges
Hot Rolls
Chocolate Pudding
Tuesday
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Tossed Salad
Soft Bread Sticks
Baked Apples
Wednesday
Texas Hash
Buttered Spinach
Corn Bread
Spice Cake
Thursday
Turkey/Dressing/Giblet Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Fruit Salad
Friday
Barbecue on a Bun
French Fries
Relish Cup
Peanut Butter Bars

USDA says turkeys keep well

"How long can a turkey be kept in the freezer?" This question is often heard by the food safety specialists answering USDA's Meat and Poultry Hotline. Although the optimum freezing time for quality — beef flavor and texture — is 1 year, consumers are usually surprised to learn that from a safety standpoint, frozen turkeys may be kept indefinitely in a freezer.

Callers ask hundreds of other questions about turkeys — from the time they are hatched on the farm until they make it home to the freezer.

Although turkey is enjoyed year round, the peak time for buying, cooking and storing whole turkeys is the November and December holiday season. This is the time we see a large increase in the number of whole turkeys for sale in our local grocery stores.

To ensure that the supply of whole birds is adequate to meet consumer holiday demands, each year during the month of May, millions of turkey eggs are put into incubators. After about 4 weeks of incubation, a baby turkey (poult) is hatched. The poults are then moved from the hatcheries to barns that are environmentally controlled, providing maximum protection from predators, disease and bad weather. For the next 16 to 19 weeks (depending on the desired market weight), these turkeys roam freely around the barn, eating their way through many pounds of feed (consisting mainly of corn and soybean meal along with a supplement of vitamins and minerals).

Hormones are not given to turkeys. Antibiotics may be given to prevent disease and increase feed efficiency. When antibiotics are used, government regulations require a "withdrawal" period to ensure birds are free from any residues prior to slaughter. The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) randomly samples turkeys at slaughter to test for residues. Under the federal meat and poultry inspection laws, any raw meat or poultry shown to contain residues above established tolerance levels is considered adulterated and must be condemned.

When turkeys reach the desired weight, they are taken from the farm to the slaughter plant. FSIS veterinarians look at the live birds, checking for any that may be sick or injured. AS the process continues, each turkey carcass, along with its giblets, is inspected to check for disease or contamination. Any questionable birds are pulled off the line for closer scrutiny.

FSIS requires each turkey plant to have Sanitary Standard Operating Procedures (SSOPs). Every plant employee uses the SSOPs to be sure that any equipment, employee hands, tools, machines, and packaging that touch turkey or giblets are clean and protected from dangerous chemicals or materials.

To prevent foodborne hazards, FSIS also requires each turkey plant to have a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) plant. This requires each turkey plant to analyze the processes by which it producers whole turkey, turkey parts, turkey giblets and other turkey products. Each production procedure is studied to find any food safety hazard that is likely to occur and to eliminate the possibility. (Currently, large and small plants are under HACCP. Very small plants with fewer than 10 employees or annual sales of less than $2.5 million, will be under HACCP by January 25, 2000.

FSIS experts in food safety provide technical information to turkey plants about food hazards and how to prevent them.

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Library News & Views

Scurry County Library has added several more genealogy microfilm to its collection.

The library recently purchased some, and the Scurry County Genealogical Society has donated some, as well. Also available is a collection of genealogy books and bulletins that are located in the reference room.

The library has two microfilm machines which can be used to make copies from the microfilm for 25 cents per copy. Copies may be made from the reference books on the Xerox machine, for 15 cents a copy.

BOOK FEATURE

"What Did I Just Say?" by Denis Donavan.

Denis Donovan demonstrates how a simple understanding of the logic of language and of childhood thinking can dramatically improve parent-child communication. Conventional communication styles often prevent parents from getting across what they mean. Children think they are hearing something entirely different than what was intended. This book can aid parents in focusing a child's attention and in foiling bad behavior.

NEW NON-FICTION

"Metal Cowboy: Tales From the Road Less Pedaled," by Joe Kurmaskie.

"A Jerk on One End: Reflections of a Mediocre Fisherman," by Robert Hughes.

"The Great Birdhouse Book," by Mike Dillon.

"Chocolate: From Simple Cookies to extravagant. Showstoppers," by Nick Malgieri.

NEW FICTION

"Look Back All the Green Valley," by Fred Chappell.

"Hard Time," by Sara Paretsky.

"The Blind Side of the Heart," by Michael C. White.

"In Pursuit of the Proper Swine," by Elizabeth George,

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He'll always be 'Radar'

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — It has been nearly 30 years since he first portrayed the nearsighted, clairvoyant Radar O'Reilly, but former "M A S H" star Gary Burghoff says he realizes that to some people he'll always be Radar.



Stella Pylant

Mrs. Pylant honored on her 88th birthday

Relatives and friends honored Stella Pylant on Nov. 6, celebrating her 88th birthday.

Born Nov. 3, 1911 in Canton, she has been a resident of Scurry and Mitchell Counties for most of her life.

She and Raymond Pylant married in Colorado City on Dec. 12, 1926. He died on Aug. 5, 1987.

Mrs. Pylant has five children, Renee Cooley of Wickett, Marshall Pylant of Vernon, Boyd Pylant of Canadian, Okla., Darlene Amox of Snyder, and a deceased daughter, Kay Smith. She has 15 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

With the exception of working for the Hermleigh School cafeteria in the 1940s and volunteering for the Scurry County Retarded Citizen garage sale in the '70s, Stella has been a full-time homemaker and mom. She enjoys crocheting, reading and sewing quilt tops.

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Ned Moore Jr., 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Jolley Well Service Inc., 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

John and Shirley Beyer, 2000 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Lupe Casas, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Larry Barron, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Benny Foster, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

James and Rita Wolf, 1999 Pontiac van from Big Country Autoland.

Richard M. Koehn, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Arthur and Mary White, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Riley Dean Ziegler, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Mary Ann Waters, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Adam Black and Akene Brim, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Associates Leasing and Arrow Construction Co., 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Colt Equipment Co., 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

R.C. and Geneva Dyer, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Jason and Ramona Blassingame, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

SJS Inc., 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Laredo Paving Inc., 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Richard and Stephanie Delacruz, 1999 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Randall Proctor, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

William Cleveland, 1999 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Mervine T. Reed, 1999 Chevrolet Geo Tracker from Big Country Autoland.

Marvin and Mary Kennedy, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Sue and Christopher McKinney, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

James R. Cave, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Russell Scott Sharp and Terri Ann James, both of Ira.

Jermiah Wayne Witte and Amanda Diane Oliphant, both of Snyder.

James Ralph Hoyle and Leslie Ann Lewallen, both of Snyder.

Jason Michael Almquist and Misty Dawn Collier, both of Snyder.

Rudy Wallace Gonzales and Nona Mae Sapien, both of Snyder.

Victor Leon Triggs and Myra Faye Tippens, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

Scurry County vs. Dewey A. Lee, et al, order granting nonsuit.

Nu-Concepts LLC, vs. Complete Services Inc., order of dismissal.

Providian National Bank vs. Deanie F. Mills, agreed judgment.

Providian National Bank vs. Tammy L. Berry, agreed judgment.

Deed Records

Harold P. Brown Jr. and David Paul Brown to the City of Snyder, the west 61 feet of the south one-half of Lot 2 in Block 4 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Charlotte Craig Etgen to Joann Gale Forbes Hays, David Colin Forbes, Douglas Campbell Forbes and Martha Etgen Millhollon, a 0.75-acre tract out of Section 152, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Juan M. and Maria Hidalgo to Yolanda Robles, the north 50 feet of the Dupree Subdivision of Lot 2, Block 24 of the W.T. Mandry's Addition.

Lucindy Johnson to Ramon and Maria Borrego, the north one-half of Lot 4 in Block 4 of the Cody Addition.

The Estate of James H. Aaron III to James Beaver, tract one being Lots 7-11 in Block 61 of the Original Town of Fluvanna; tract two being Lot 10 in Block 74 of the Original Town of Fluvanna; tract three being Lots 7-12 in Block 76 of the Original Town of Fluvanna; tract four being Lot 4 in Block 118 of the Original Town of Fluvanna; tract five being Lots 3-4, 7-10 and 17-20 in Block 120 of the Original Town of Fluvanna; tract six being Lots 7-12 in Block 124 of the Original Town of Fluvanna; tract seven being Lots 7-12 in Block 130 of the Original Town of Fluvanna.

Johnny Fuentez to Claudette Durham, the south 40 feet of Lots 5 and 6 in Block 51 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Maria Aguilar, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Leopolodo Alva Aguilar, to Teresa Alfaro, the south 75 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 4 in Block 36 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Peter and Andrea Velasquez to M.E. Partnership, Lot 9 in Block 4 of the Park Place Addition.

Family mourns son's suicide

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) — John Leif recalls regaining consciousness in the woods after his 16-year-old son accidentally shot him in the head while they were hunting squirrels.

"Chris was lying beside me, he was so limp," said Leif, 50. "I grabbed him and hugged him and sobbed and cried. I laid my head down on his chest. I wanted to die."

Investigators said Chris shot himself in the head in grief Oct. 30, believing he had killed his father. Chris' funeral was held Friday.

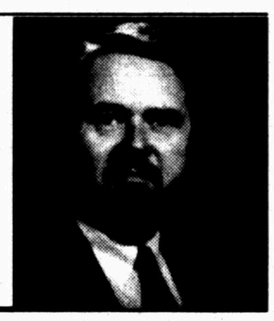
"I'm sure he thought I was dead," his father said. "It tears my heart apart, the mental anguish he must have ... gone through."

The father and son had gone to the family's property about 100 miles southeast of Minneapolis to put the finishing touches on a new deer stand in preparation for the opening of the deer hunting season. They decided to hunt squirrels.

"The last thing I remember is seeing a big gray squirrel up ahead," Leif said. "I ran across and said, 'Chris, there's one! Come on!' And the more I think about it now, he was probably aiming at it, getting ready to shoot, and I ran right in front of him. ... We were side by side. It was just so quick."

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Is Customer Service Dead...or just Dying?

(Last of two parts)

Consumers feel that service is declining and the research backs that up. Last week I shared some true stories illustrating just how bad service really is.

Despite the nearly unanimous agreement among Americans that customer service is extinct, it actually isn't quite dead. It is declining, it is different, and it may be dying. However, it isn't dead yet.

Customer service is changing and it is being redefined continually. The self-serve businesses are changing the standards. The discounters are redefining it. And every day new E-commerce companies are setting new boundaries for acceptable service.

Interestingly, customers seem willing to accept different standards in different industries. For example, I would guess that at least one order in 25 is filled incorrectly in the fast food industry. Yet, fast-food franchises continue to flourish.

On the other hand, how long would folks fly on an airline that took you to the wrong city or crash landed one in 25 planes? How long would you keep a car that failed to start one in 25 times? Not long would be my guess.

What happened to good service?

Increasing competition has caused many businesses and industries to re-think their customer service strategies. Some firms have changed their focus from high quality, high service and mid-range pricing to lesser quality, limited service and lower prices. They often reduce training costs and lower employment standards. They rationalize these decisions as necessary to stay competitive.

Other firms have adopted - or perhaps just allowed - a laissez faire attitude toward their service efforts. While this "hands-off" approach may not alienate some customers, others are getting upset. They include good service as part of the value equation and these folks want no part of no service companies.

Unfortunately, most American companies have instituted a "lip-service" policy. They talk about customer service. They advertise their great service, and if you don't listen too carefully you may even be convinced that they really do care. They certainly use the right buzzwords and sound persuasive about their commitment to service.

However, their actions out shout their words. The proof of great service is in the results not the rhetoric.

Technology is also driving some interesting service changes. You can do your Christmas shopping without going to the mall, standing in line or feeling the crush. You can make your own airline reservations, buy a car or sell your stock without ever talking to a human being. You can avoid high-touch customer contact with voice mail, e-mail and overnight delivery.

The Door is Open

Where problems exist, opportunities abound. The door is wide open for companies who can maintain sound operating efficiencies and still keep "satisfying customers" as their number one priority. These companies are excelling today and will in the future.

The future will bring additional changes. In 1998, E-Commerce trackers reported that consumers spent nearly $8 billion on Internet purchases. That number is expected to exceed $100 billion by the year 2002. Other experts are predicting that the amount of online spending may hit $300 billion by 2003.

In my opinion, those companies who are offering the poorest service have the greatest risk. The more satisfied customers are, the less likely they will be to seek new sources for their purchases.

I encourage you to intensify your customer service focus. Personalize your service. Respect your customer's need for courtesy and quick, accurate service. Hire employees with an attitude to serve, and train them thoroughly in basic job functions, product knowledge and customer care. Your business will be a standout in your community and your bottom line will be glad you did.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Q & A

Substance abuse & mature women

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Substance Abuse and the Mature Woman

(Part 2 of 2)

Alcohol Abuse

One out of four mature women (6.4 million women) are current drinkers. CASA's analysis reveals that one in 10 mature women drink more than the limit of one drink per day recommended by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA).

In the CASA survey, primary care physicians suspect that, on average, one in 14 of their mature female patients is abusing alcohol. Because most mature women visit primary care physicians, this rate may be applied to the general population as an estimate of how many mature women may be abusing alcohol. The resulting estimate of 1.8 million mature women likely underestimates the extent of abuse and dependence because physicians fail to recognize many cases of substance abuse and addiction.

The common early symptoms of alcoholism are depression, irritability, stomach upset, malnutrition, weight loss, memory loss, self-neglect, insomnia and frequent accidents. As alcoholism progresses, the mature adult may suffer gastrointestinal problems, incontinence, liver, kidney and heart disease, and pancreatitis, cancer, and a host of other health problems including an impaired immune system that can leave her vulnerable to infections such as pneumonia and tuberculosis.

At any age, female alcoholics are up to twice as likely to die as male alcoholics in the same age group (who in turn die at rates three times above the general population), and a greater percentage of alcoholic women than men die from alcohol-related accidents, violence and suicide. On average, alcoholism cuts 15 years off the lives of female alcoholics. For others, alcohol abuse and addiction robs them of their ability to live independently; at least 200,000 mature women who live in nursing homes have current or past alcohol problems.

Alcohol Abuse Psychoactive Drug Abuse and Addiction

Very limited data exist on the prevalence of use, abuse or addiction to psychoactive drugs. Overall, adults over 59 take an average of 19.4 prescriptions a year. In the CASA survey, physicians report that women over 59 take an average of five prescription drugs at the same time. One in four mature women (6.4 million mature women) are using at least one psychoactive prescription drug.

Inappropriate prescribing is common and can contribute to abuse and addiction. One out of six Medicare beneficiaries (17.5 percent, 3.5 million mature women) receives at least one inappropriate prescription. At least one in five nursing home residents (200,000 mature women) receives an inappropriate prescription. In board and care facilities one in four residents (roughly 100,000 mature women) gets at least one inappropriate prescription. Women are more likely than men to receive inappropriate prescriptions, and psychoactive drugs are among the most common culprits.

Benzodiazepines are medications that act as tranquilizers, sedatives or sleeping pills, and sedating anti-depressants, depending upon their dose. They can be abused and addicting, and are among the medications most often inappropriately prescribed for older women. The number of prescriptions for benzodiazepines soared from about one million in 1970 to 52 million in 1990. While their use has declined slightly in recent years, they remain the typical prescription for anxiety and insomnia, and a leading prescription for mature women.

CASA's physician survey found that one in nine mature women—11 percent or 2.8 million—may be experiencing problems with psychoactive prescription drug abuse. Misuse and abuse of psychoactive prescription drugs, and most commonly of benzodiazepines, cause unwanted drowsiness, sedation, confusion and memory loss. Abuse of psychoactive drugs triggers symptoms that mimic the underlying disorder that prompted the initial diagnosis: anxiety, depression and insomnia. If the problem goes untreated, the depression will worsen and suicide attempts may result. Dependence on psychoactive drugs can lead to severe withdrawal symptoms in the mature adult: confusion, shaking, stomach and muscle cramps and trouble sleeping.

Misuse of medications, whether overuse or use in combination with alcohol when this mix is dangerous, also puts mature women at risk of abuse or addiction. About half of adults over 59 do not comply with doctor's orders regarding prescription drugs and women are less likely than men to comply. Most of this noncompliance is believed to involve under use, although research has not determined the extent of overuse or dangerous use with alcohol.

The Problem Prescriptions

Appropriately prescribed and used, psychoactive pharmaceuticals offer enormous benefits to mature women suffering from pain and depression or other mental disorders. But inappropriate prescriptions and use can lead to trouble. When CASA asked physicians what types of prescription medications cause the greatest problems for mature women, the top two choices were psychoactive drugs commonly taken by mature women for mood disorders (such as anxiety or depression) or pain: 68 percent of physicians cited anti-anxiety, sedative or hypnotic and antidepressant medications, and 64 percent said analgesics, non-steroid anti-inflammatory medicines and narcotics. Half of the physicians who cited anxiety or mood disorder medications specifically named the benzodiazepines. When asked about over-the-counter (OTC) medicines, pain medicines were the top source of trouble for mature women. Overuse or use with alcohol are the usual causes of problems with these prescription and OTC drugs, with the exception of anti-depressants which are frequently under-used.

Women Likelier Than Men to Abuse Alcohol and Psychoactive Prescription Drugs Together

Because alcohol is a depressant when used in anything beyond small amounts, it magnifies the effects of tranquilizing or sedating medications. Alcohol also accelerates dependence on these drugs. The result is that mature women who abuse alcohol and these psychoactive prescription drugs at the same time are likely to suffer severe health consequences in an aging body that is least able to recover.

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Burger King runs short of Pokemon

MIAMI (AP) — The wildly popular Pokemon toys have created a stampede at some Burger King restaurants, and the parent company said Friday a few restaurants have run out entirely.

Families jammed the fast-food restaurants around the country this week hoping to snag one of the toys for "Pokemon: The First Movie," an animated feature based on television show and trading cards.

"There have been a handful of restaurants that have experienced short-term shortages," said Charles Nicolas, a spokesman for Miami-based Burger King Corp.

"It's something that we anticipated. We're working with our suppliers to make sure those restaurants are supplied."

A week's supply disappeared at some locations in a few days, resulting in long lines of disappointed parents, children and collectors, some of whom tried to buy hundreds of the items at a time, Burger King officials said.

"I think they should have planned ahead," Melanie Nelson, a 26-year-old Long Beach, Calif., homemaker, told the Los Angeles Times after seeing the movie Thursday and bringing her son, Dylan, to a Burger King.

Restored depot brings back memories

MARSHALL (AP) — Seventy years ago, Luther Weber followed the call that woke him each morning and lulled him to sleep each night — the sound of a steam engine chugging through this far East Texas town.

The Texas and Pacific Railroad Co. was promising a college education for young men who labored in the massive shops where the great locomotives were built and repaired.

At age 16, Weber was eager for quick money and a little adventure.

"That fall the stock market crashed," Weber said. "I never got away from the railroad."

And the railroad has never been far from the 87-year-old's heart. He retired as a mechanical supervisor after 46 years in what he calls a "rough and tumble occupation."

"It was always said that the railroad made this town," he said.

Weber's father, Gus Weber, also was a supervisor who came to Marshall to run the shops in 1914. He retired after 47 years.

The shops are gone — destroyed by fire in 1971 — but the thousands they employed and the railroad's overwhelming influence on Marshall are remembered in a museum that opens Saturday in the renovated passenger depot.

The $1.4 million restoration project has been a community goal since the building was boarded up in 1981, said Audrey Kariel, mayor of the city of about 25,000 residents.

Although Amtrak has continued passenger service through Marshall, the Missouri Pacific railroad, which bought T&P, considered the depot a liability and ordered it moved or destroyed.

Moving the three-story red brick structure, built in 1911 in a split between the tracks, was impossible. Kariel said hope was lost until Union Pacific took over Missouri Pacific in 1988.

Community support, and the urging of independent broadcaster and Marshall native Bill Moyers, persuaded railroad officials to grant the city a long-term lease.

"It was a natural progression to keep the depot and tell the story of what the depot meant to the city," Kariel said.

Years of money-raising followed. The restoration finally received money from the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act, major foundations and the contributions of citizens and school children.

That kind of local support first drew the railroad to Marshall in 1872.

Harrison County residents voted 1,866 to 25 to lure the railroad with a $300,000 bond issue, an unprecedented tax burden that almost bankrupted the county.

In exchange, T&P made Marshall the eastern terminal on its transcontinental route and moved its main shops to town.

The bond issue was so controversial, it led to a gun battle between the editor of the local newspaper and State Rep. W. S. Coleman, who wanted to end the county's obligations to the railroad. Coleman died in the fight.

The railroad shops employed about one-third of the town's population, at one time making a payroll of $1.8 million for 1,117 employees.

The railroad was the center of the town's economy and among the first area companies to hire blacks, some of whom were former slaves.

Along with the railroad came other services to Marshall — a hospital for railroad employees, hotels, paved streets and electric power.

But fewer than 100 people worked in the railroad's shops and yards when the fire struck in 1971. Texas and Pacific had moved its operations to Fort Worth, passenger service had waned and cotton no longer filled the freight cars.

The shops never recovered and many longtime employees, like Weber, soon retired.

Many of the railroad families are expected to return to the yards for a 10:30 a.m. ceremony rededicating the depot. Speakers include U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, and U.S. Rep. Max Sandlin, D-Marshall, who led efforts to secure Amtrak's passenger service through Texas.

Stanfield Awards

Second six weeks
Outstanding students

Tye Holley, Sarah Parmer, Raven Luna, Garrett Hale, Eduarado Arellano, Natasha Garcia, Krysha Burleson, Blaire Toombs, Kyler Billingsley, Terrance Green, Johnathan Tarter, Cassandra Benitez, Mikey Kirby, Crystle Simmons, Gina Guerrero, David Sosa, Alex Hook, Lyndsie Dunson, Stacey Clifton, Jonathan Kerr, Sami Dee Barrera, Jake Pena, Cassie Benitez, Jacie Eveland, Krystal Guerrero, Ty Burton, Michael Guardado, Patricia Cabrera.

Perfect attendance (six weeks)

Samana Arizmendi, Kevin Bowers, Fransisco Fonseca, Chris Hart, Tye Holley, L.A. Jaramillo, Jacob Johnson, Jessie Kenly, Deanna Mills, Shawn Selders, Taylor Tyrrell, Jonathan Verduzco.

Others are Remington Bloom, Kayli Brewster, Alicia Chaidez, Cassie Cochran, Jake Crenwelge, Rachel Dupree, Javiel Esparza, Jessica Hibbitt, Jose Lopez, Raven Luna, Kelly Martinez, Seth Naizer, Nathan Rose, Annie Stribling, Monique Torres, Eduardo Arellano, Larissa Arellano, Amanda Browning, Meagan Downing, Jerard Delce, Laura Flores, Christopher Fuentes, Jodi Hamilton, Shane Hicks, Mitchell Marcon, Josh Taylor, Clint Wall, Andrew Zapata.

Also, Celeste Archuleta, Ashton Burton, Darian Clayton, Eboni Jackson, Freddy Lopez, Blaire Toombs, Dillon West, Kyler Billingsley, Hunter Cox, Jentri Driggers, Mekayla Duzan, Nolan Duzan, Terrance Green, Timothy Iglehart, Mallorie Warren, Quintin Bass, Cassandra Benitez, Colton Curry, Shehala Essery, Kenyon Gafford, Yvette Hernandez, Tyler Irwin, Kenny Kincaid, Rainie Moore, Colton Lane, Janie Ornelas, Eric Trammel, Lindsey Urias, Haley Beall, Jake Freeman, Mario Hernandez, Roberto Aguirre, Victor Chhuor, Andres Escareno, Kristi Guerrero, Chance Kelly, Heather Newton.

Others include Tiffany Roemer, Justin Rivera, David Sosa, Jake Strickland, Lyndsie Dunson, JDee Early, Taylor Freeman, Carrie Harlan, Alex Hook, Ashley Kenner, Xalee Northcutt, Audriana Rascon, Chance Young, Alex Alcala, Benjamin Alfaro, Kayelyn Benitez, Loretta Jaramillo, Kolby Kubena, LaSwann Medina, Josephine Ornelas, Michael Perez, Michael Redman, Jake Riley, Kristie Valadez, Sami Dee Barrera, Tanner Bragg, Britni Chaidez, Brent Cole, Becky Evans, Stephan Kelley, Samatha Medrano, Kylie Moreland, J.C. Arellano, Cassie Benitez, Andrew Collier, Daniel Escobedo, Juan Estrada, Ricky Garcia, Ben Gonzales, Avery Ware, Elizabeth McDaniel, Amanda Midwell, Bailey Minor, Laura Ortega, Micayla Redman, Tanner Robertson, Matthew Velasquez, Zackery Ball, Ty Burton, Jessica Floyd, Kelsi Fulford, Cindy Garza, Krystal Guerrero, Cassie Gunset, Amber Gutierrez, Alex Hernandez, Lee McGinty, Tosha McGlouthin, Kaden Seale, Victoria Tovar.

Also, Bianca Cabrera, Patricia Cabrera, Joe David DePaz, Antonio Estrada, Jose Ferruzca, Ashley Fuentez, Humberto Juarez, Alexandra Rios, Samuel Rubio, Michael Guardado.

Semester perfect attendance to date:

Samana Arizmendi, Fransisco Fonseca, Tye Holley, L.A. Jaramillo, Deanna Mills, Taylor Tyrrell, Shawn Selders, Remington Bloom, Kayli Brewster, Alicia Chaidez, Cassie Cochran, Rachel Dupree, Javiel Esparza, Raven Luna, Seth Naizer, Nathan Rose, Annie Stribling, Eduardo Arellano, Amanda Browning, Meagan Downing, Jerard Delce, Laura Flores, Christopher Fuentes, Jodi Hamilton, Shane Hicks, Mitchell Marcon, Josh Taylor, Clint Wall, Andrew Zapata, Haley Beall, Jake Freeman, Mario Hernandez, Roberto Aguirre, Kristi Guerrero, Chance Kelley, Heather Newton, David Sosa, Jake Strickland, Tanner Bragg, Becky Evans, Stephan Kelley, Samatha Medrano, Bianca Cabrera, Patricia Cabrera, Antonio Estrada, Jose Ferruzca, Humberto Juarez, Alexandrea Rios, Samuel Rubio.

New York cabbies accused of not picking up blacks

NEW YORK (AP) — Spurred by a complaint from actor Danny Glover, the city sent out scores of undercover officers and inspectors today in an attempt to root out taxi drivers who refuse to pick up blacks.

The undercover team, posing as passengers, will issue summonses, suspend licenses and in some cases seize the cab.

Glover, who filed a complaint last week because five cabs failed to stop for him, is not happy with Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's crackdown, saying it only victimizes cabdrivers.

"There should be some sort of constructive engagement between cabdrivers and the community, the people they pick up, their clients," Glover said Friday on ABC's "Good Morning America." He said he has met with various taxi groups and is interested in getting the community and drivers together.

West Awards

Second six weeks
Citizenship

Early childhood: Chloe Parrish.

Kindergarten: Latasha Seale, Reid Pinson, Monica Torres, Minnie Guerrera.

First grade: Alex Jaramillo, Kayla Dykes, Bryson Elliott.

Sixth grade: Veronica Aguilar, Katie Morrell, Dustyn Williams, Teddi Crenwelge, Noe Ruiz, Leticia Marquez, Keenon Garcia, Ashley Barrera, Justin Tovar, Santino Hermosillo, Shaela Thompson, Jay Weaver, Omar Alcala, Daniela Garcia, Joel Tarin, Ciara Latta, Gena Dooley.

Most Improved

Self-contained: Jessica Verduzco, Marc Fisk.

Early childhood: Bobby Martinez, Joey Alvarez.

Kindergarten, Carson Covey, Alexis Barrera, Larry Settles, Beto Arellano.

First grade: Selena Guajardo, Darlene Kaska, Crystal Hernandez.

Sixth grade: Austin Lyle, John Liccardi, Cartavious Groage, Joe Garza, Katrina Matchett, Manny Aparicio, Antonio Rivas, Krysta-Anne Burleson, Camry Hill, Andres Campos.

Outstanding

Early childhood: Cameron Archuleta, Bryce Roberts.

Kindergarten: Brandie Ornelas, Taylor Garcia, Alex Bullis, Malak Wills.

First grade: Logan Tabor, Collin Parsons, Vivian Rocha.

Sixth grade: William Floyd, Katie Curry, Tatum Gruben, Caliber Vigneau, Veronica Castillo, Megan McCormick, Garrett Pinson, Chase Ashworth, Whitney Kinney, Joel Tarin, Jessica Calvert, T'Shambra Day, Temi Thompson, Christi Williams, Glyn Wright, Chris Lopez, Will Floyd, Yuliana Arellano, Alex Zamarripa, Breanna Talavera.

Participation and citizenship: Jeremy Reed, Gena Dooley.

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Please do not hesitate to see Dr. Riggs in Snyder, should you have a heart problem, or think you do. Your doctor will refer you to him, I think.

I'm very grateful to both Dr. Paul Thompson, who I think is one of the best, and Dr. Riggs, who I know is very good, for all they did for me during my illness.

They're excellent doctors. I respect their abilities greatly.

Most Sincerely,
Jean Howell,
Snyder

Re: "Humiliated"

Dear Editor:

Re: The letter "Humiliated," published the weekend of Nov. 6 and 7, 1999. There has been a miscommunication in the letter mentioned, concerning compensation for our discomfort. The amount that we paid for the services of Hillside Memorial Gardens was refunded. However, at the time of our sorrow and emotional stress that the event played on our minds, we misunderstood the source of the reimbursement. At this time we wish to express our apology to those affected at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home and Hillside Memorial Gardens.

We feel doubly humiliated, and sincerely hope that no other bereaved family has to experience the ordeal we did during the loss of our loved one.

Seems that such an incident had never occurred before, and hopefully it will never reoccur. No one deserves more pain added to the sorrow already felt during that time.

Sincerely,
Alice M. Borrego
And the family of
Maria S. Moreno

Response To Criticism

Dear Editor:

I am writing to respond to criticism that has been circulating since a Borden County jury sentenced Steven Greg Mitchell to two years in a state jail for burglary of the First United Methodist Church building in Snyder. I was a member of that jury and I heard the evidence presented by both the prosecution and the defense.

It troubles me that the Methodist Church is being criticized for reporting the burglary of its building to the police and that there has been disapproval expressed because this case was prosecuted. The evidence presented at trial showed the jury that the people of the Methodist Church should be praised for the charity they gave Mitchell.

According to the evidence I heard, the First United Methodist Church had generously assisted Mitchell several times in the year prior to the burglary. Only after Mitchell was found inside the church's building on several occasions (without permission to be there), did the pastor of the church instruct Mitchell not to return to the church property.

On one of those occasions, Mitchell frightened a child who went into the building to prepare for a Boy Scout meeting. On another occasion, Mitchell frightened a woman who entered the building alone.

The evidence also proved that Mitchell had been warned in writing and verbally not to return to the church when he entered the building on May 1, 1999. The building was locked and Mitchell broke in by going through a window on the backside of the church.

Also, witnesses told the jury that Mitchell had burglarized three other churches around the state where each time he frightened others associated with those churches when he surprised them inside their building. Mitchell had also been charged with indecent exposure when he was caught in a busy business district of Waco walking down the street with no clothes on.

I am confident that had those who are being critical of the jury's verdict and the actions of First United Methodist Church had known of the evidence that the jury received and considered in returning its verdict, there would be no criticism regarding this case or its prosecution.

Beth Stamper, juror
Tammy Clement, juror
Verna Adcock, juror



Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

Last week we discussed ways young people can go about choosing a college.

But there are many young people who never even look into college as an option because they simply assume that their parents could never afford it. Like on the *Roseanne* show, when oldest daughter Becky asked, "How much money is in my college fund?" And her parents laughed and said, "What college fund?"

But you can do it, even without help from your parents. Is it harder that way? Absolutely. But you know what—it means that much more, too, when you've done it yourself. You don't have to be a straight-A student, and you don't have to be rich. You just have to be willing to work. And you have to be vigilant about checking into all the resources available.

First, you don't have to live in poverty to qualify for federal student loans and grants. Actually, your parents can earn up to $50,000. And if they are divorced, the government takes that into consideration. If, for example, you receive no child support from your father, then his income will not affect your ability to borrow money.

Or, say your parents earn more than $50,000, but have suffered a series of financial reversals in recent years and are staggering under a load of debt or other problems—can you still apply for federal help? Absolutely. There is a way to do it independently—separate from your parents. But there are steps you have to follow. It takes some time, but you can do it.

Say you want to go to college in the fall of 2000—a year from now. You should already have decided where you want to go to school. You need your applications in as soon as possible—take whatever tests are required, and so on. As soon as you are accepted, call that school's financial aid department on their 800-number and ask them to send you broad-based information on what they require when dispensing financial aid. Most have a thick packet already prepared and they will send it to you right away.

If it's a big university, don't be surprised if you get a busy signal frequently or get put on hold or transferred to different departments. Be patient. Explain what you need as many times as you have to. Don't be intimidated. They want your business, and they will help you.

If you intend to apply for federal student loans, there is a universal form everybody has to fill out. You can pick one up free at the Scurry County Library or your high school guidance counselor's office. It's called the Federal Stafford Loan Application.

Since the application requires information from your parents' (and yours, if you work) tax returns for the year 1999, you may have to wait until March or April of 2000 to submit your application, but you can pick it up in January and start filling it out. These student loan application forms are several pages long and come in a booklet. Read every single word and do exactly what it tells you, line by line. If you make mistakes here, the government will return the forms and make you do it again, and that could take up so much time that you miss getting a loan in time for the fall semester.

For example, the form requires that your university of choice be designated by number. Ask them, don't leave the space blank. Call the school every day if you have to. Don't assume anything.

If your parents can't help you with this, then ask a friend's parent, or a teacher or guidance counselor. Make sure it gets signed by your parents and you. It's really not as scary as it sounds—the directions are clear and easy to follow. Both my twin nephews filled theirs out with no help from my sister and are in their second year of college now.

Based on information you provide on that form (and it must be absolutely true because they will check it out) the government will assign you a rating based on your financial need. You may qualify for federal loans only, or you may qualify for grants and work-study programs as well. (You don't have to repay a grant.) They will send this information directly to the college of your choice electronically.

The college will then send you an awards letter that tells you how much money you qualify for. Now, there are two kinds of federal Stafford student loans: subsidized and unsubsidized. Each year in college you will qualify for a set amount. Based on your parent's income, you may only qualify for "subsidized" loans, and that may not be enough money for the year.

Your parents must then apply for a parent PLUS loan, which is a loan they repay in monthly installments. To qualify, the lending institution will run a credit check on your parents. If they have suffered financial reversals and are rejected based on a bad credit check, you are then considered an independent student, which qualifies you for additional unsubsidized loans; and that, combined with the subsidized loans and grants or scholarships, should pay your tuition, fees, and housing.

Needless to say, you should also be applying for any scholarships for which you think you might qualify, both locally and from your university. Summer jobs and part-time jobs can round out your earnings and enable you to complete your education. Attending a community college and living at home for a couple of years is another option. We have an outstanding one right here in Snyder, Western Texas College.

The government will allow you a year after graduation to get established in a new job before you have to start repaying those loans. But you'll have that education, and believe me, nobody can put a price on that.

Note: My 10th and latest thriller, *Torch*, is now out in paperback and available at Wal-Mart.



EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Dallas Morning News
On reversing voter apathy:

The figures no longer seem so shocking. Just over 8 percent of eligible Texans voted in Tuesday's constitutional election. Only 6.7 percent of voters determined Dallas' mayor's race earlier this year. And turnout in Dallas County during presidential elections declined from about 70 percent in 1972 to 54 percent in 1996.

This phenomenon plagues America itself. Only about half of eligible citizens voted in 1996.

To its credit, Common Cause, a nonpartisan citizens lobby, has started focusing on this disturbing trend. The organization's chairman, Derek Bok, visited Dallas recently to discuss reinvigorating grass-roots democracy.

A Harvard University professor who served his school as president for 20 years, Mr. Bok acknowledged during an interview with this editorial page that campaign finance laws will not necessarily halt declining voter participation rates. The challenge runs deeper.

For one thing, the phenomenon breaks down along generational lines. "Each new generation is less active than the last," Mr. Bok points out. This doesn't mean that younger Americans do not want to address social problems. "They volunteer more than their parents," Mr. Bok says.

But they also appear to have little faith in their government. Less than one-third of citizens age 18-24 voted in 1996.

Apathy could paradoxically brew the troubles that alienate people from their institutions.

"It leads to ideological conflict and polarization, since zealots continue to vote," Mr. Bok says. "It causes media to resort to scandal, negativism and entertainment news in order to attract the public's attention. It benefits interest groups, who thrive on inattention and ignorance. It allows politicians to avoid carrying out what large majorities of Americans want."

Strong community organizations represent part of the cure. Dallas Area Interfaith, for example, hosted a forum Thursday night for Dallas' new school superintendent and police chief. Such meetings allow citizens to directly connect with their leaders.

Houston Chronicle
On the Ponder Halloween essay:

Child specialists, educators and, naturally, editorial writers have worried in the months since shootings in Littleton, Colo., and Jonesboro, Ark., that overreactions to even the merest hint of violence would lead to a spike in the number of students suspended or expelled from school. Recent events prove such worries are not unfounded.

Officials in a small town near Denton in North Texas took the hysteria to a new level, jailing a seventh-grader for five days after he wrote and read aloud a Halloween horror story assigned by his English teacher. According to the boy's lawyer, the teacher asked for a ghoulish essay, the scarier the better.

Thirteen-year-old Christopher Beamon wrote about getting high on Freon and shooting two classmates and the teacher who assigned the story. That prompted school officials to call the sheriff's office. Two deputies visited the school and, after reading the essay, took Beamon downtown, where he was made to appear before a juvenile court judge. After listening to two assistant district attorneys present Beamon's case, the judge ordered the boy jailed. He was held five days without bail.

Reasonable adults would certainly worry over Beamon's apparently sophisticated knowledge about Freon gas extraction from air-conditioning units. And writing about shooting classmates is sure to raise red flags nowadays. But though they might be appalled at his serious mistakes of grammar, spelling and punctuation, reasonable adults will find little real threat in Beamon's essay.

In such cases, people trained to deal with children ought to first seek parental intervention and psychologist's evaluation rather than shipping children off to juvenile lockup.

San Angelo Standard-times
On grammar check:

The arrest and detention of a 13-year-old Ponder boy for an essay about shooting classmates has attracted a lot of attention.

It's an interesting incident, certainly. Some think the school district overreacted in punishing Christopher Beamon, who said he was just being creative as his teacher instructed; others say that, in light of all the school shootings that have occurred recently, it would have been irresponsible not to take action against him.

What hasn't been remarked on much, though, is the appalling grammar and spelling in the essay — and that the teacher gave the boy an A. Consider this sentence:

"We started to hear something after we got high so we ditched everything we quickly run to the door to see who it was and there wasn't anybody there then we heard someone at the back door to see who it was I thought it was a crook so I busted out with a 12 guage and Ismael busted out with 9 mm and we step off the porch and this bloody body droped down in front of us and scared us half to death and about 20 kids started cracking up and (vulgarity) me off so I shot Matt, Jake, and Ben started laughing so hard that I acssedently shot Mrs. Henry."

We wonder what it took to get a C in Mrs. Henry's class.

The (Brazoria County) Facts
On the millennium:

We stand at the threshold of the new millennium with many worries from the old millennium, wondering what the future will bring.

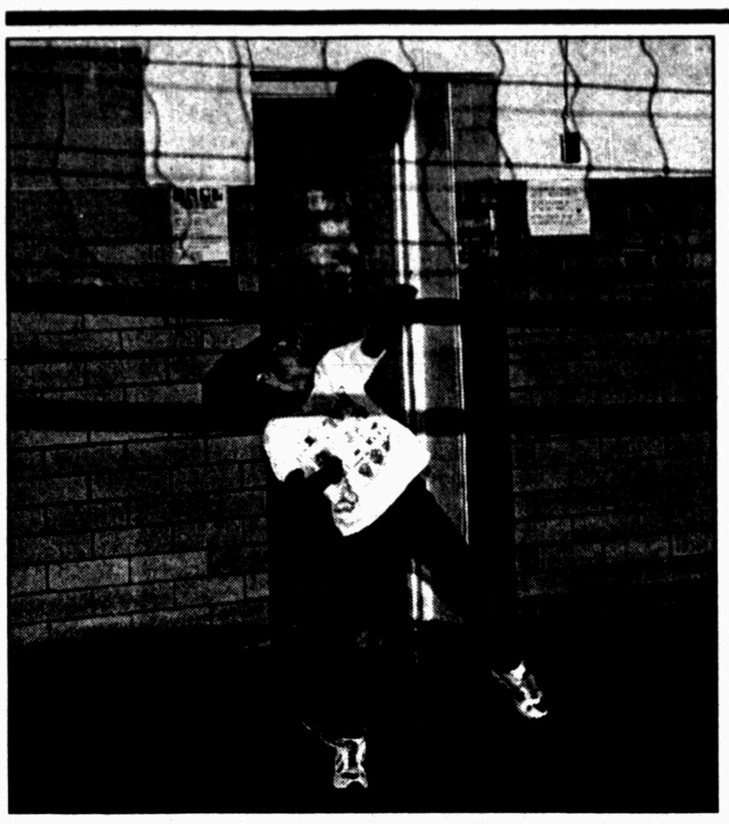
A recent survey done by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press says that four out of five people are still hopeful about life in the next millennium.

While about a third of Americans polled expect the U.S. to be involved in a nuclear war during the next 50 years, there are about two-thirds who believe we will suffer a major terrorist attack involving biological or chemical weapons. Almost half thought that Jesus Christ would return to Earth.

With the advent of technologies that even our fathers could not imagine, the human race as a whole seems to be tumbling head on and out of control into the next millennium.

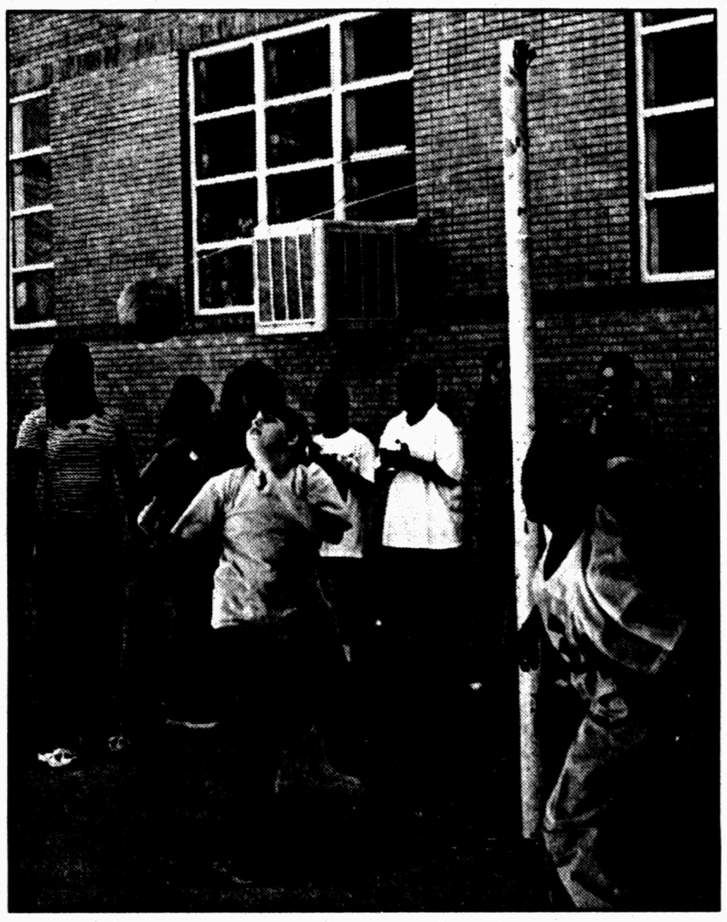
While there are many dire predictions about what the future will bring, it is heartening to know that the majority of Americans are still hopeful. It is, after all, something that can be controlled and influenced.

We must remember that all the advances in science and technology have been made because of the genius of individuals. It was man that made these advances possible and it is within the control of man to guide these advances to benefit all people.









GOOD BEHAVIOR PARTY — Some 154 West sixth graders enjoyed a good behavior party Friday. Students had a host of games to choose from and refreshments included pickles, popcorn and ice cream floats. Staff and parent volunteers helped with the event which is held every six weeks and rewards students who have had good citizenship. The first six weeks students bowled at Snyder Lanes and next six weeks they will be treated to a movie. Financial support comes from the school activity funds and the adopt-a-school program. Jason Cave (top right photo) enjoys playing Twister. Ashley Barrera contemplates her next Checkers move (bottom right photo) while Williams Banks looks on. Christi Williams spikes the volleyball (top left photo) and Jeremy Alvarado and Ashley Pavlovsky (bottom left photo) play tetherball while Sequoya Powell, Anya Terrazas, Traci Gutierrez, Laura Zamora, Andy Campos, Katherine Johnson, Megan Crisp look on. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Poll: Demo advantage may be bigger help in congressional races

WASHINGTON (AP) — The political climate entering the 2000 election season is more favorable for Democrats, but a poll suggests that advantage may be of more benefit in the races for Congress than for the White House.

"The Democratic Party is in very good shape," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. "But its chances to win the White House are once again bedeviled by social conservatives, the so-called Reagan Democrats, who have played a role in every Democratic presidential defeat since 1968."

Many conservative Democrats and independents join Republicans from every wing of their party in supporting the GOP front-runner, Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

As Bush draws support across a broad spectrum of voter groups, a comprehensive political poll by the Pew Research Center suggested Thursday that the governor's Democratic rivals face early obstacles.

Bill Bradley, a former New Jersey senator, has more work to do introducing himself to voters; Vice President Al Gore must reintroduce himself after the trauma of President Clinton's impeachment.

"Gore is really tied to Clinton," said George Appleby, a Des Moines, Iowa, lawyer and Democrat. "Even the people who have stood by (Clinton) can't wait for this to be over. They don't want to be embarrassed."

The political landscape in 1999 differs dramatically from five years ago when Pew last looked in great detail at the mood and preferences of voting-age Americans.

"Moderates reign, they reign right, left and center," said Kohut. "These are not the angry people we saw five years ago."

Several recent polls have shown American optimism at a high level because of the roaring economy of recent years.

In a series of political values questions, people were asked their feelings about government, the poor, immigrants, and minorities. The shifts toward moderation across the board since 1994 "are pretty small changes," Kohut said. "But it's the direction of the changes that are significant."

For example, almost two-thirds in 1995 agreed with the statement "government is always wasteful and inefficient." Five years later, half agreed.

In 1994, disaffected voters turned over control of Congress to Newt Gingrich and the Republicans. But the Republican poll standings have faded and Kohut suggested the national Republican Party currently has "a real image problem."

Democrats have the edge this year in the percentage of people who say they belong to that party, 34 percent, compared to 27 percent for Republicans and 39 percent independent. In 1994, 30 percent said they were Democrat, 32 percent Republican and 38 percent independent.

Democrats have a clear edge on top policy issues like Medicare, education, the economy and health care, while Republicans have a big advantage on the morality issue.

Rick Vogel, a 50-year-old financial analyst from Greenville, S.C., and a Republican, said the overall Democratic advantage these days "has to do with what happened to President Clinton. Right or wrong, I think Republicans took that issue farther than the American people wanted to go."

Bush has a big edge among all wings of the Republican Party, the poll indicated, and also has a lot of appeal with independents and conservative Democrats.

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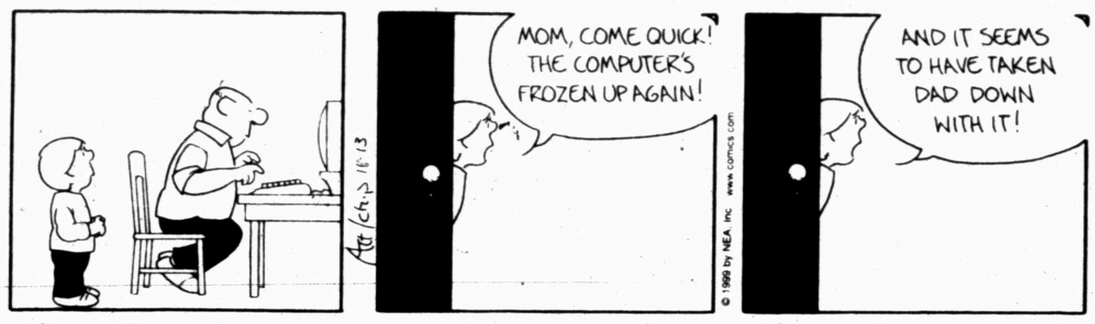
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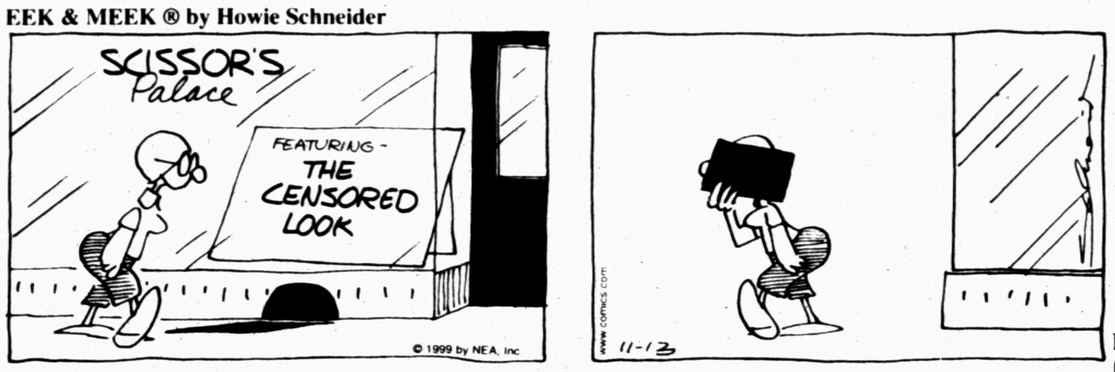
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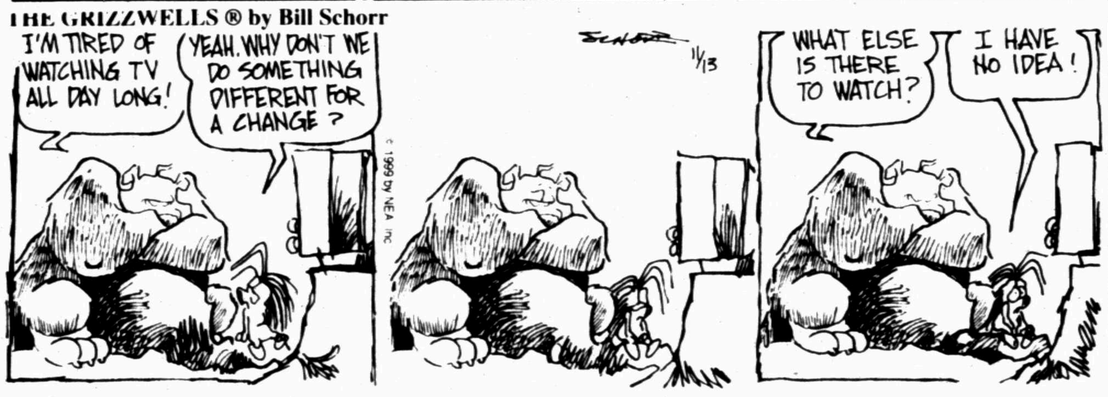
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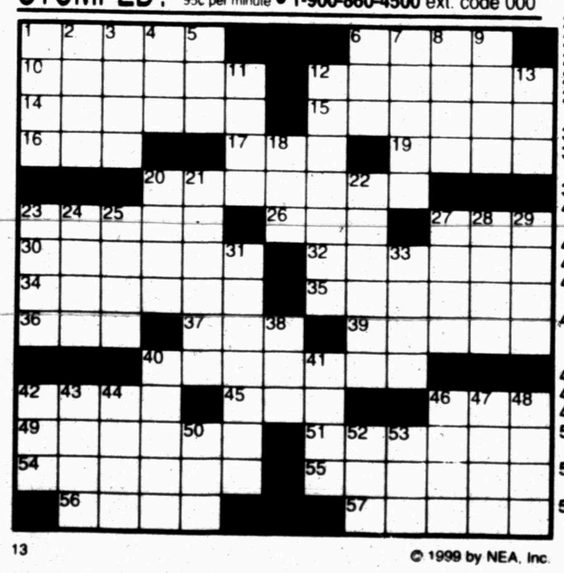
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19 The — of March
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23 "Get — — on!"
26 Light — — feather
27 Ninny
30 Devotion of nine days
32 Peaceful
34 Steps
35 Layers
36 "Puppet" ending
37 — out (make do with)
39 Backpacker
40 Resident of Teheran
42 Yanks
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46 Enzyme suffix
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51 Plump
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56 Identical
57 Has a speech problem

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6 Actor Mineo
7 Commuter vehicle
8 Like the Gobi
9 Fido's treat
11 Actor Johnny —
12 Source of one's downfall
13 Director Craven
18 One day — — time
20 Layer of the eye
21 Fixer
22 Entertainer Kitt
23 Start the poker pot
24 Additional
25 Finished
27 Biblical giant
28 Location
29 Mark of a wound
31 Obliquely
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38 Compass pt.
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41 Questionable
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43 Southwestern Indians
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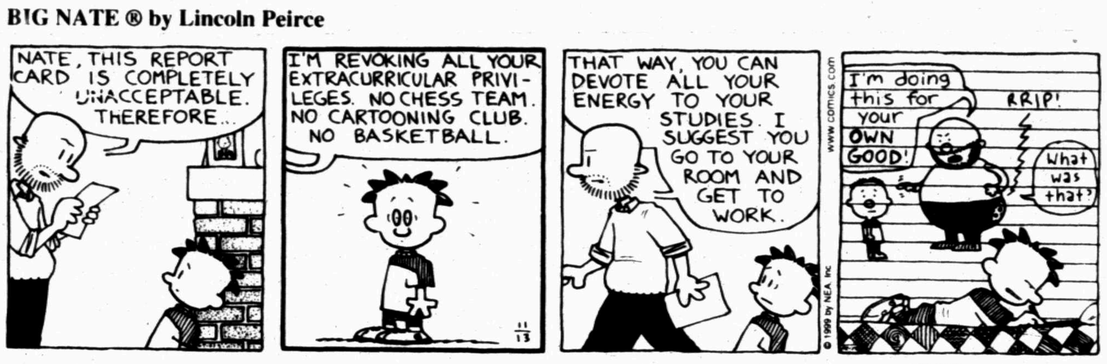
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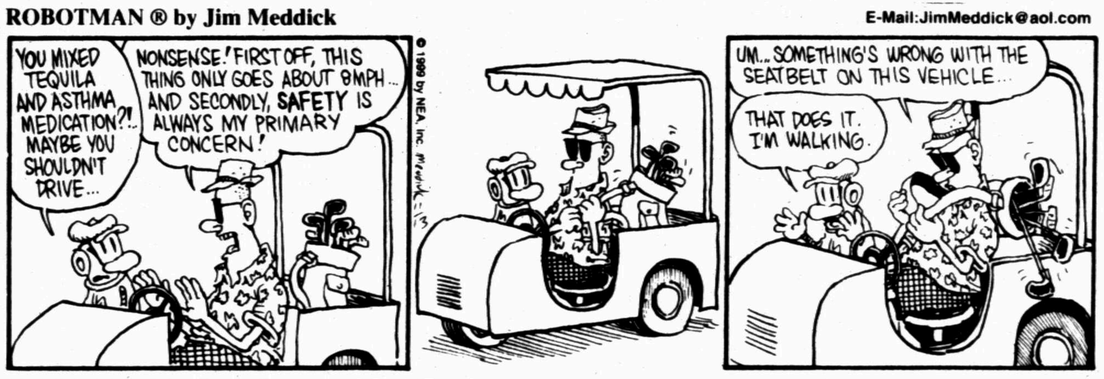


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Tuesday

Chili con carne, cornbread, cheese sticks, sliced onion, mixed fruit, chocolate chip cookie

Wednesday

Braised pork chop, whole kernel corn, boiled okra, tomato wedges, chocolate cake w/cream cheese dressing

Thursday

Fried fish, crinkle cut fries, Brussells sprouts, Jello w/topping, sugar cookie

Friday

Roast turkey w/dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, herbed green beans, fruit salad, pecan pie, hot rolls

Senior Center News

Need a Christmas gift? How about the Senior Center's three-ring, bound cookbook with 900 recipes from citizens in the community. They cost $17.50 and are available at the center, 2603 Ave. M, or the Snyder Daily News.

Another idea for Christmas for your "senior mom and dad who have everything" are coupons for daily meals. The suggested donation is $2.50 per meal and any number of meal coupons can be purchased. Call 573-4035 for more information.

The "Old Sorehead Band" from Stanton visited this past week and could not say enough good things about the center and the meals it serves. The local center exists due to the support of the county, city, college, federal funding and individuals.

Congratulations to Graham Smith and Bernhard Bartels for their win in the monthly domino tournament.

The center's Thanksgiving dinner will be Friday. Seniors are asked to pre-register.

Monday

Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11. The Colorado City Senior Choir — The Golden Heirs — will entertain at 11:30 a.m. in the dining room. AARP members are encouraged to attend the meeting at noon and hear the guest speaker, prison Chaplain Wayne Horton.

Tuesday

"88" play begins at 10 a.m., the Hoss Clayton Band will entertain a 11 a.m., and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon. Seniors are invited to join the swimnastics class at Western Texas College's pool on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Seniors may play bingo from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. with a break for exercise at 11 a.m. Line dancers will entertain at Snyder Oaks at 1 p.m and cloggers will practice at 2 p.m.

Thursday

The fabric painting class meets at 9 a.m. and the Sunshine Choir entertains at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. Since the fish meal is one of the center's favorites, it was be served on Thursday due to the Thanksgiving meal on Friday. Volunteers will be needed after lunch to help decorate the tables for the Thanksgiving meal.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. "88" play begins at 10 a.m. The Thanskgiving dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Barbara Tune will provide the dinner music. Quilt raffle tickets will be available and the drawing will be held Dec. 17 during the Christmas dinner.

More women are becoming executives

NEW YORK (AP) — More women are among the top ranks of corporate America, but they are seriously underrepresented in mid-management jobs that lead to promotions, according to new research.

A survey by the women's research group Catalyst showed that women who are black, Asian-American and Hispanic hold 1.3 percent of the executive positions in the nation's largest companies.

They appear to be making steady progress in the headquarters of Fortune 500 companies, both in rank and compensation, since figures were first compiled in 1995, the New York group said Thursday.

About 11.9 percent of 11,681 corporate officers in America's top 500 companies are women, up from 11.2 percent last year and 8.7 percent five years ago, according to government statistics that were confirmed by the companies, Catalyst said.

Meanwhile, 3.3 percent of companies' top earners — measured in salaries, bonuses and annual stock options — are women, compared with 2.7 percent last year and 1.2 percent in 1995.

"The numbers are small, but along every dimension ... they're moving in the right direction, and that's important," Catalyst president Sheila Wellington said.

Still, serious obstacles remain for women who want top corporate jobs, she said. The biggest hurdle appears to be that women are not well represented in so-called line officer positions — those who run the factories, head the sales staffs and supervise the accounting. Senior management tends to be promoted from these jobs.

"It's kind of a glass wall," Ms. Wellington said. "Women tell Catalyst that they're not perceived as tough enough for line jobs. They're seen as having people skills, 'soft' skills, and are nudged into human resources and public relations."

Susan Meisinger, chief operating officer of the Society for Human Resource Management, a professional association based in Alexandria, Va., agrees.

"Some has to do with a good, old-fashioned dash of discrimination," she said. "There are preconceived notions that they can't put women in certain positions because of family demands, the belief they can't dedicate enough energy."

New kind of dinosaur discovered

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fossils of a long-necked, long-tailed plant-eating dinosaur found in Africa suggest the animal was more primitive than similar creatures that lived in North America, researchers report.

The fossils, discovered in a rock formation in Niger, are of a primitive 20-ton animal that was more than 70 feet long.

A team led by Paul Sereno of the University of Chicago excavated tons of bone and rock and then spent two years cleaning and assembling the specimen. A report on the find appears Friday in the journal Science and an assembly of the fossils is on display at the National Geographic Society headquarters.

The previously unknown dinosaur has been named Jobaria tiguidensis and researchers believe it lived about 135 million years ago at a time when the Sahara Desert was a lush forest with broad rivers.

Jobaria resembles the Apatosaurus, a sauropod that roamed North America around the same time. But Jobaria has a primitive, simple bone structure, suggesting that the animal represents a less evolved form of sauropod.

"It is kind of like a relic," said David Varricchio of Montana State University. "It looks like it should have existed 40 million years before it did."

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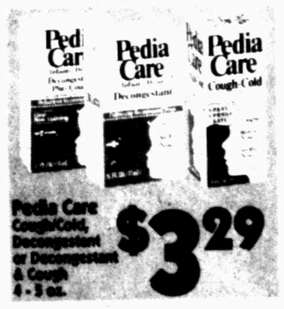
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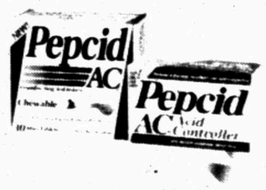
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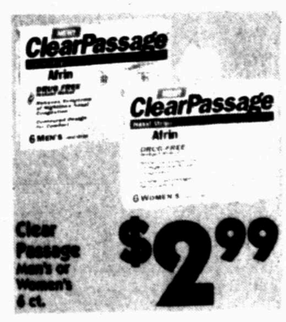
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LaShekka Richardson
Jeremy Rodriguez
Jordan Stansell
Courtney Tyrrell
Sydney Wright

GRADE 5
A-B HONOR ROLL

Norma Aguilar
Michael Alaniz
Kriston Alarcon
Casey Arnold
Jamie Arnold
Tasha Ball
Jaedi Baze
Matthew Beal
Hollie Berryhill
Jada Bilano
Brett Bowlin
April Beth Boyd
William Brasher
Amy Campbell
Jaclyn Capps
Candace Chandler
Kelton Clayton
Dalton Cole
Danny Courtney
Tylor Courtney
Katy Crenwelge
Monte Crooks
Julia Cruz
Tyler Driggers
Andrew Dupree
Leslie Eades
Trent Early
Christy Espinosa
Joe Fitzgerald
Laura Flores
Ami Foreman
Andy Garvin
Nolan Grady
William Greene
Kaitlyn Greenlee
William Greenwood
Felicia Guzman
Chris Gutierrez
Joey Harvey
Victoria Hermosillo
Omar Herrera
Amber Hildreth
Kade Kruger
Chris Kuliga
Amanda Lawrence
Candice Lee
Staci Lee
Jordan Lester
Casey Long
Keith Manlief
Aspen Mann
Christina Martinez
Sesalie Martinez
Teisha McGlouthin
Chase Medina
Cassie Mhoon
Kazual Moore
Claire Morris
Austin Owens
Adrian Padron
Wesley Price
Henry Michael Ramos
Cody Reed
Amanda Rivera
Judith Rodarte
Nicholas Salazar
Kyle Sanchez
Ricky Sanchez
Matthew Schoolcraft
Lindsey Small
Corbin Smith
Adrian Sosa
Levi Stahl
Tana Sullenger
Ryan Trout
Colton West
Bryce Westmoreland
John Whitworth
Jessica Yanez
Lupe Zuniga

GRADE 6
"A" HONOR ROLL

Arellano, Yuliana
Bilderback, Morgan
Bowlin, Barrett
Brock, Dondi
Clifton, Bryan
Cooper, Seth
Curry, Kathryn
Dooley, Gena
Farfan, Mayra
Floyd, William
Grant, Stephanie
Hogan, Tyler
Hyer, Ashley
Jones, Emily
Lancaster, Nathan
Lopez, Christopher
Luecke, Amber
Lyle, Austin
Mason, Curtis
Mccormick, Megan
Medrano, Sirena
Parks, Whitney
Pavlovsky, Ashly
Peoples, Aeryal
Pinson, Garrett
Pollard, Claire
Reed, Jeremy
Scott, Blake
Simpson, Cade
Taylor, Jessica
Thompson, Shaela
Williams, Dustyn
Wright, Leslie

GRADE 6
"A-B" HONOR ROLL

Ashworth, Joseph
Bailey, Ashley
Banks, William
Barrera, Ashley
Bell, Kimberly
Boyd, Laura
Calvert, Jessica
Cave, Jason
Crenwelge, Teddi
Crisp, Megan
Day, T'shambra
Dekeyser, Merissa
Dominguez, Elizabeth
Eveland, James
Ezzell, Tyler
Forbes, Stanley
Garcia, Daniela
Garcia, Keenon
Groat, Trevor
Gruben, Tatum
Hartzog, Kayla
Henkell, Kimberly
Hermosillo, Santino
James, Kenetra
Jones, Aubrey
Kubena, Tara
Latta, Ciara
Lewis, Jana
Little, Erica
Lopez, Valerie
Martinez, Eric
Martinez, Justin
Mcclain, Raymond
Morin, Celeste
Morrell, Katheryn
Murray, Amanda
Nobles, Calvin
Nussey, Andria
Orosco, Amanda
Ortegon, Danny
Pena, Samantha
Putnam, Jamie
Ramirez, Samuel
Reed, Wendy
Reigh, Troy
Richards, Dylyn
Robbins, Jessica
Ruiz, Noe
Speedon, Tina
Stone, Tye
Talavera, Breanna
Tarin, Joel
Thompson, Temi
Traylor, Dalesa
Vera, Christopher
Vigneau, Caliber
Wall, Ashton
Weaver, Jay
Williams, Christi
Wofford, Takiyah
Zalman, Tyler
Zamarripa, Alex

GRADE 7
"A" HONOR ROLL

Danisha Akins
Adam Booker
Kassey Burney
Nathaniel Clarady
Courtney Cox
Jessica Davis
Jarrod Fletcher
Alan Gray
Jerrica Gutierrez
Erin Hackfeld
Paul Haines
Thomas Hefner
Hadley Hirt
Lesli Jackson
Patrick Jones
Traci Jordan
Matthew Morris
Stephanie Parmer
Blake Robertson
Kelsey Shaw
Tamara Timora
Kalli Wesson
Logan West

GRADE 7
"A-B" HONOR ROLL

Rebecca Aguirre
Paige Anderson
Elizabeth Arellano
Jacy Beccue
Tanner Bloom
Brandon Bragg
Briana Burk
Daniel Burton
Federico Castillo
Krista Chaidez
Seth Coffey
Hope Cole
Max Cormack
Casey Crain
Josh Derington
Larissa Early
Ashley Edwards
Esmeralda Estrada
Eric Guadarrama
Kayla Guerrero
Austin Hatfield
Corie Hernandez
Heather Holmes
Jason Hook
Paul Jackson
Matthew Kerr
Lacey Kincaid
Taren Knipe
Annie Martinez
Candace McClintock
Michelle Miller
Meggan Minor
Marisa Munoz
Codi Nichols
Ryan Owen
Crystal Pena
Tony Pena
Heather Polk
Mechelle Renfro
Phillip Rice
Bradley Richardson
Colton Robertson
Oscar Sauceda
Christopher Smauley
Jeffrey Stanfield
Bryan Thomas
Tyler Thompson
Kirisa Torres
Ashley Villegas
Whitney Warner
Wil Wiggins
Stacey Williamson
Heather Zajicek

GRADE 8
"A" HONOR ROLL

Lucy Amarillas
Ashlye Amox
Katie Bryant
Erin Burleson
Laura Calmes
Beth Clements
Sarah Crawford
Ashley Darnel
Jordan Donelson
Kelby Drum
Andra Dunham
Alexis Dupree
Adrienne Garcia
Rankin Hardin
Ashley Jenkins
Josh Kemp
Meagan Langham
J J Mandrell
Ashley Martinez
Molly Mason
Rebecca Pavlovsky
Jose Perez
Bradley Price
Kim Rivera
Brandi Russell
Paige Smith
Sara Thornhill
Cami Trout
Brock Tyrrell
Stephanie Williams
Misha Wofford

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"A-B" HONOR ROLL

Aleida Arellano
Laura Arellano
Andrew Bane
Tasura Baze
Shana Blackard
Desiree Braziel
Dominique Braziel
Mandy Burns
Zach Cain
Paula Carranza
Katie Chandler
Garick Clayton
Mitchell Cole
Whittney Criswell
Jordan Dea
Kyle Dortch
Brad English
Kristel Fitts
Megan Fletcher
Clayton Floyd
Christy Garcia
Tabitha Gomez
Candice Gordon
Hayley Grant
Blake Grimmett
Justin Guynes
Katie Haggard
Molly Haire
Matthew Hale
Gretchen Hollis
Bryan Huddleston
Kelsi Johnson
Blayne Kelley
Hollie Lammert
Callan Lee
Emily Long
Corey Longorio
Boicy Martinez
Austin McCormack
Nickki McKinney
Sharday McKinney
Sterling Millhollon
Diane Morin
Barrett Munson
Katie Neves
Caleb Olibas
Nichole Ornelas
Josh Pickerel
Brandi Poindexter
Destiney Proctor
Isaac Ramon
Tanner Reed
Jacob Rodriguez
Casha Sanderson
Jeffrey Scott
Lee Scott
Mattie Smith
Jessica Sollis
Elizabeth Stewart
Chance Tatum
Jon Thomas
Kendall Tidwell
Nicki Traylor
Melissa Vasquez
Amanda Whitson
Joseph Ynguanzo

Ira ISD

First Grade
A Honor Roll

Kyrstin Baker
Cody Chappell
Seth Cotton
Kylor Fine
Laramie Gilbert
Issac Martin
Paul Martinez
Baily Nickerson
Kellner Odom
Lupe Ornales
Kellie Pilcher
Kolton Stokes
J.P. Wilson
Brooke Withers

First Grade
A-B Honor Roll

Amanda Elam
Steven Juarez

Second Grade
A Honor Roll

Colby Barrera
Lindsey Daniel
Valeri Guzman
Olivia Juarez
Roy Juarez
Brandon Lunsford
John Martini
Evian Olvera
Daniel Wooldridge

Second Grade
A-B Honor Roll

B.J. Botts
Jonathan Hall
Cheyann Taylor

Third Grade
A Honor Roll

Austin Calley
Rance Dunn
Amanda Kerr
Shandy McMullen
Seth Sanchez
Ashley Trotter

Third Grade
A-B Honor Roll

Cheyenne Beasley
Leeja Mauldin
Quentin McLaury
Tanner Price
Brandon Ramirez
Brittany Taylor

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll

Karen Rachel Coonrod
Laura Juarez
Tony Martini
Colby McMullen
Josi Presley
Kaci Waller

Fourth Grade
A-B Honor Roll

Josh Hall
Kendyll Pilcher
Jordan Smith

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll

Aryn Calley
Corbin Clements
Jessica Odom
Genvieve Weaver

Fifth Grade
A-B Honor Roll

Nickelynn Bays
Tyrelle Gilbert
Kelbi Pitner
Katie Wall

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll

Terryn Autry
Sixth Grade
A-B Honor Roll

Brittany Dickerhoff
Travis Frey
David Kirk
Ashton Smith

Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll

Brandon Crane
Seventh Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Wesley Kellner

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll

Amanda Calley
Rusty Josey
April Lollar

Eighth Grade
A-B Honor Roll

Franki Briseno
Vanessa Espinoza
Chad Everton
Phillip Payne
Suzie Pendergrass
Lacie Thompson
Bubba Walker
Jess Wall
Wesley White
Nathan Wilkins
Lindsey Wilson

Ninth Grade
A Honor Roll

Colter Brown
Michelle Nettles
Candace Sanchez
Celeigh Sterling

Ninth Grade
A-B Honor Roll

Bea Aguinaga
Michael Allen
Kali Clements
Eric Dickerhoff
John Gainer
Casey Kellner
Geoff Pinkerton
Amanda Ramirez
Amy Strong

Tenth Grade
A Honor Roll

Kendra Krop
Nathan Smith
Cade Tucker

Tenth Grade
A-B Honor Roll

Jessie Green
Chet Stuart

Eleventh Grade
A Honor Roll

Jeremy Bowden
Morgan Clements
Mikanna Herring
Trey Shirley
Tosha Walker

Eleventh Grade
A-B Honor Roll

Tara Allen
Kristen Harless
Seth Sterling

Twelfth Grade
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Jerek Brown
Korby Calley
Jenson Gainer
Jamee Goolsby
Katie Howard
Jose Juarez

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