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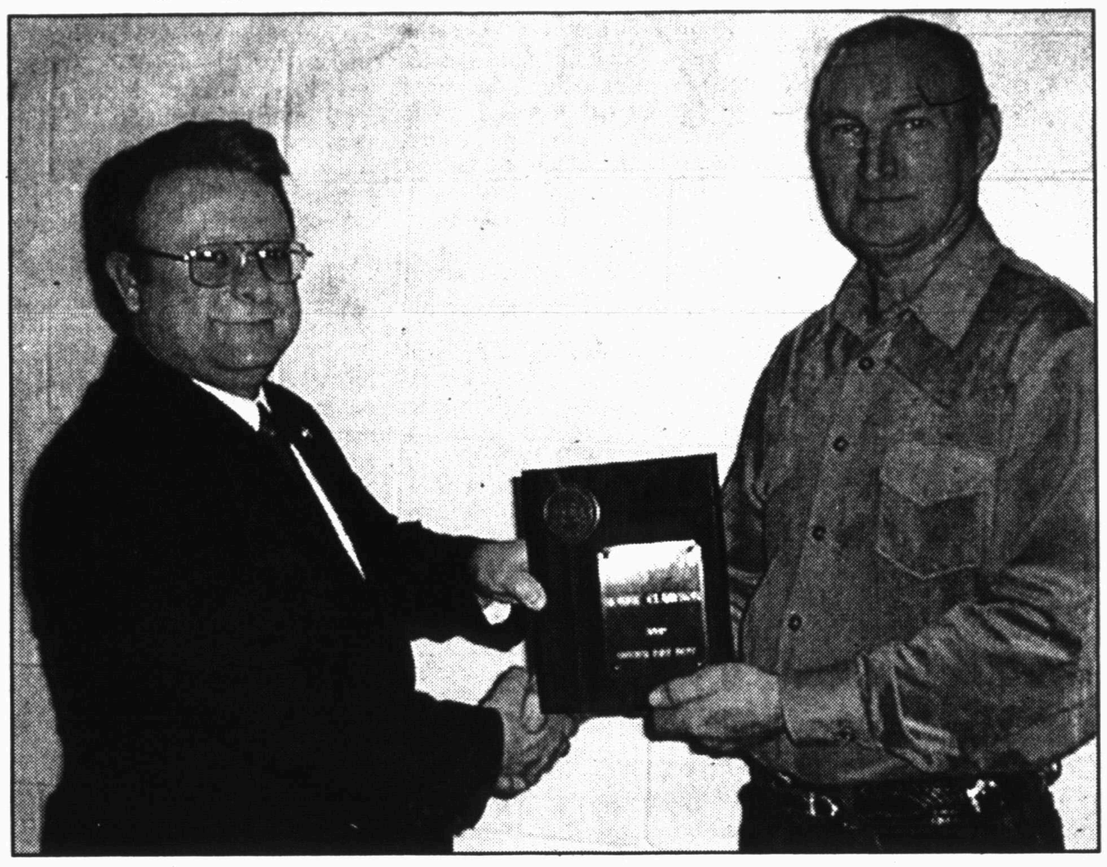


Stephanie Ducheneaux

Randy Davis

Jay Callaway

AWARDS BANQUET — Ronnie Clawson (top photo, right) was honored as Fireman of the Year Tuesday night during the Snyder Fire Department's 71st annual Thanksgiving Awards Banquet. Robin Smauley (top photo, left), the 1999 recipient, presented the award. In the bottom photos from left are Stephanie Ducheneaux, Officers Award recipient; Randy Davis, Melvin Newton Award recipient; and Jay Callaway, Workhorse Award recipient. (SDN Staff Photos)

Voting flap continues as Cheney hospitalized

From the Associated Press

Democrats forced a speedup in the counting of disputed ballots in Miami-Dade County today in hopes of boosting Al Gore's vote totals in Florida's contested presidential election. George W. Bush's supporters protested furiously.

The furor broke out as Bush's running mate Dick Cheney was hospitalized in Washington for chest pains.

The developments occurred against the backdrop of a Florida Supreme Court ruling late Tuesday night that said manual recounts could continue until Sunday in the state that stands to pick the next president.

William Daley, Gore's campaign manager, said on NBC's "Today" show that the court's ruling meant "we are on the road to finality on this."

But Republicans, stung by the court's unanimous decision and a change of course in the recounts, reacted angrily.

"This is something if it were not so tragic — if we were not witnessing, in effect, the stealing of a presidential election — it would be laughable," said Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, whose district includes part of Miami-Dade County.

Bush was to speak publicly later in the day, and a Republican official said the Texas governor planned to announce he would go to state court to challenge the decision by county boards to reject many overseas absentee ballots, some of which came from military posts.

Bush holds a 930-vote lead in Florida, not counting the results of the manual recounts Gore has initiated in Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Broward counties.

Those recounts had been proceeding precinct-by-precinct, with only modest gains for Gore.

Both sides are operating under the assumption that those ballots will boost Gore's totals, and possibly allow him to overtake Bush's lead in the state that now means everything in the battle for the White House.

Republicans responded with a protest and sit-in in the lobby of the county Elections Division. "Let us see the ballots," they shouted, and "Bush won twice," a reference to Election Day totals and a recount conducted in the first few days after Nov. 7.

In Washington, Cheney was taken to a hospital after being awakened by chest pains in the early morning.

Karen Hughes, a spokeswoman for Bush, said EKG tests on Cheney showed no abnormality and blood tests showed that his cardiac enzymes were normal.

Time to shop

Snyder merchants will kick off the Christmas shopping season Friday and Saturday with the community's annual two-day sale.

The Thursday edition of the Snyder Daily News will be packed with bargains and ideas for the Christmas season.

Also, Santa's mailbox will be in place Friday at the newspaper for boys and girls to leave their letters to Santa Claus.

All letters will be published in the Christmas greetings edition of the newspaper and a copy will be forwarded to the North Pole to Santa Claus.

Rotary dinner Thursday

The Snyder Rotary Club will again sponsor its traditional Thanksgiving meal for residents who are less fortunate this holiday.

Serving for the sixth annual event will begin at The Shack at 11 a.m. and continue through 1 p.m. Thursday.

Take-out dinners are also available.

Members of Snyder High School's Student Council were assisting Rotarians today in preparing the meal, which will feed about 250 people.

All of those who might not have a traditional Thanksgiving meal are invited to attend.

The meal is made possible through Rotarians, The Shack, Lawrence IGA and the Student Council members.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A small town is a place you choose to be hungry at Thanksgiving only if you choose to be."

And this true story was told several months ago at the Rotary Club by Liffin Molter who at the time was promoting Kids' College at Western Texas College.

Liffin and Mike Molter and their two children, Nicole and Buck, moved to Snyder from Fort Stockton. Mike is area engineer for the Texas Department of Transporation.

Liffin, who grew up partly in the big city of San Antonio, has been won over to the benefits of living in a small community.

Last year, her mother and stepfather, Barbie and Russell Kyse, were visiting in Snyder.

Her mom was to bring part of the meal and Liffin had the turkey and dressing. As she and her mother were sitting the table, they realized they had not remembered a staple of a holiday meal — cranberry sauce.

Mr. Kyse said he would run to the store and buy some. Liffin reminded her stepdad that it was a holiday, and in small towns, a supermarket likely would not be open.

The determined visitor stopped at a convenience store and asked for cranberry sauce. The clerk told him they were out and couldn't suggest anyplace where he might find it.

Liffin said a woman waiting in line to check out overheard the conversation.

"Excuse me, sir," said the woman. "We're having dinner at my mother's house just a few blocks away. If you don't mind following me, we've got plenty of cranberry sauce."

Impressed by the kind gesture of the Snyder woman, Russell followed her to a home filled with family gathered for the holiday.

There she insisted that the San Antonio visitor take, not one, but two cans of cranberry sauce.

And as you might guess, the Snyder good Samaritan declined payment.

Liffin says her parents now know what she and Mike enjoy about living in a small community like Snyder.

Sometimes preparing that first holiday meal for parents and in-laws can be stressful for a new homemaker.

One such rookie cook explained, "I tore this recipe from a magazine in the doctor's waiting room. I suppose I did wrong."

Her father, surveying the dish, panned: "You may have incurred the wrath of the medical profession. But on the other hand, no one knows how many people may be eternally grateful."

Plans in the works for Varsity Square

A Family Dollar store is expected to be open in a portion of the Varsity Square Shopping Center by mid-January, according to a Denver-based investment company that recently purchased the property.

The store will be located in approximately half the space where the former Safeway grocery store was located. In all, it will occupy about ten percent of the total space at the center.

The new owners of the property, Excell Snyder LLC, will be actively seeking other tenants for the shopping center.

"We are planning major improvements to revitalize the center," said Virgil Shouse, one of Excell's owners. "We've contracted with Norma Brown of AmeriPro Management of Abilene to handle the management and the leasing."

Shouse said Brown had extensive experience with retail property and has "turned around" several shopping centers in Abilene.

Shouse said First American Bank in Bryan has provided acquisition and renovation financing. The bank is headquartered in Bryan, and has a branch location in Snyder.

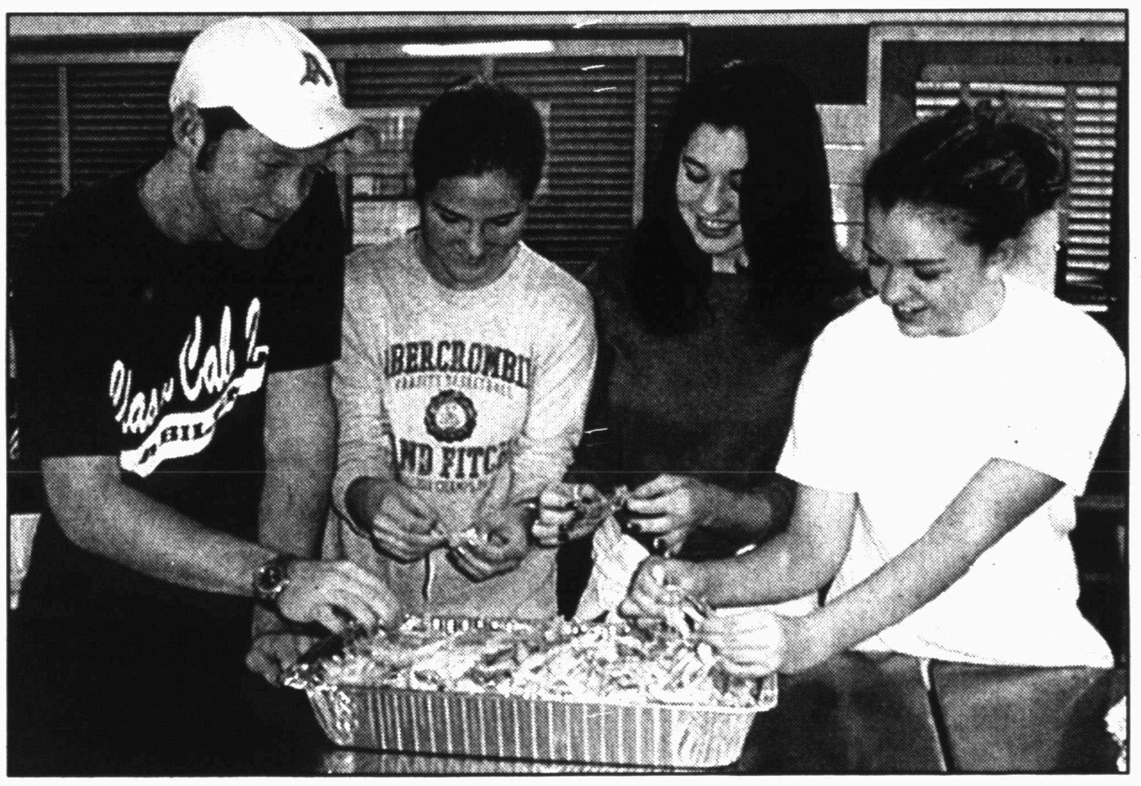
The Excell company was formed in 1994 for acquisition, redevelopment, leasing and management of shopping centers.

Thursday's SDN due early delivery

The Thanksgiving edition of the Snyder Daily News will be published early and delivered by 7 a.m. Thursday.

The Thanksgiving Day edition will contain the Two-Day Sale ads of Snyder merchants which signals the official start of the Christmas shopping season.

The SDN office will be closed Thursday, and regular publication schedule resumes Friday.



DINNER PREPARATIONS — Members of Snyder High School's Student Council helped prepare turkey for the Snyder Rotary Club's traditional Thanksgiving dinner for the less fortunate set Thursday. From left are Ryan Gibson, Jordan Hardin, Whitney Graham and Emily Vinson. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—When will 37th Street be open for through-traffic?

A—The earliest is two weeks. It could be longer depending on the weather.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 60 degrees; low, 26; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 39; no precipitation; total for 2000, 20.30 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, 30% rain chance, low mid 40s, S wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, cloudy, 60% rain chance, high 50-55, SW wind, 5-15 mph.

Deanna Mills
Rain chance

Sunset: 5:43 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:19 a.m.
Of 326 days in 2000, the sun has shone 320 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You can't make an overdraft on the bank of right mental attitude all your life and bring the account up to date with one deposit.

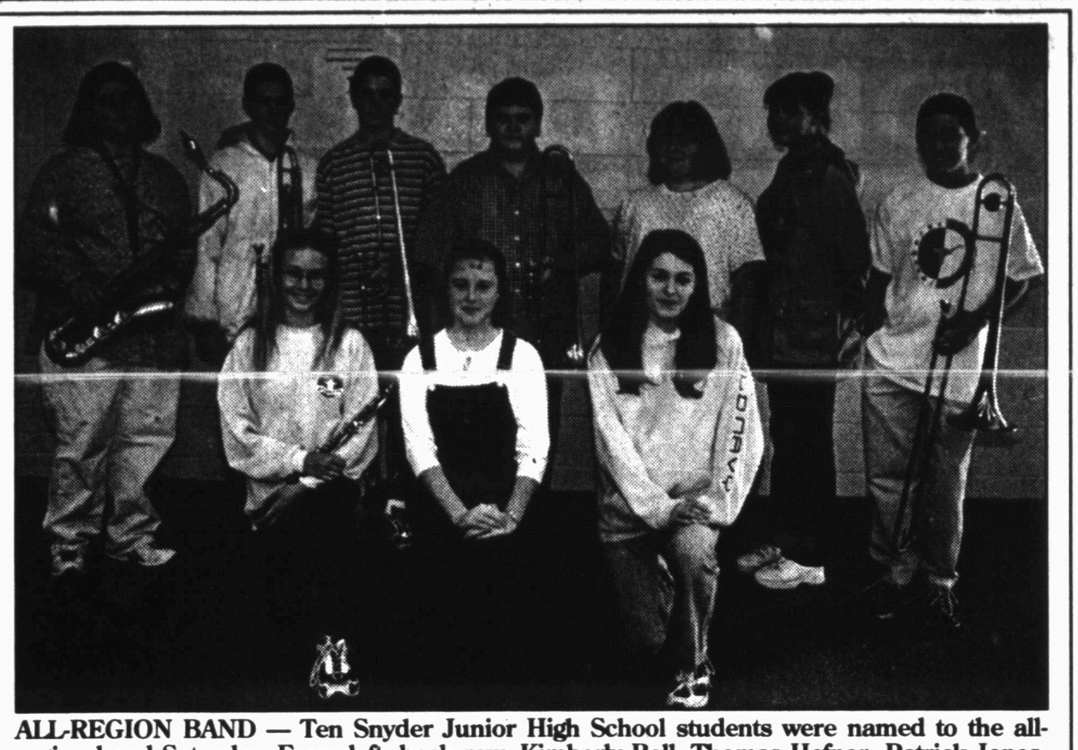
—Zig Ziglar

10 SJHS students named all-region

Ten Snyder Junior High School students were named to the All-Region Band Saturday in Plainview, including two alternates.

They include Hope Cole, clarinet, third chair; Kivisa Torres, clarinet, 13th chair; Heather Iglehart, clarinet, 18th chair; Kimberly Bell, tenor sax, fourth chair; J.J. Farmer, french horn, sixth chair; Patrick Jones, trombone, third chair; Jason Hook, trombone, fourth chair; and Paul Jackson, trombone, seventh chair.

Second alternates include Nikki Timora, clarinet, and Thomas Hefner, trombone. April Martin is the band director.



ALL-REGION BAND — Ten Snyder Junior High School students were named to the all-region band Saturday, From left, back row, Kimberly Bell, Thomas Hefner, Patrick Jones, Jason Hook, Hope Cole, Kivisa Torres, Paul Jackson; front row, Nikki Timora, Heather Iglehart, J..J. Farmer. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Environmental suits stymie endangered list

WASHINGTON (AP) — Endangered species lawsuits from environmentalists are keeping the Fish and Wildlife Service from adding any more wildlife to the endangered species list, the agency says.

Employees last week were told to stop working on studies about adding species to the endangered and threatened list and focus instead on completing court-ordered work on labeling habitat for species already on the list, Fish and Wildlife spokesman Hugh Vickery said.

The decision means that about 25 species being considered for the endangered list will have to wait past the end of this fiscal year on Sept. 30, 2001, Vickery said. The agency will make exceptions for species in imminent danger of becoming extinct.

"We just don't have the staff or the funding necessary to do anything that isn't ordered by a court," Vickery said Tuesday. He said the agency expects to decide on 57 critical habitat areas for about 300 species this year.

Environmentalists are crying foul.

"Fish and Wildlife is playing serious politics, and the loser is America's endangered wildlife," said David Hogan of the Center for Biological Diversity. The Tucson, Ariz.-based group has filed several lawsuits to force the service to designate critical habitat.

Congress approved almost $6.4 million for the agency's endangered species work during fiscal 2001, up from about $6.2 million last year but less than the $7.2 million President Clinton requested. The agency had expected to add about 30 species to the endangered list this year.

The federal Endangered Species Act gives the Fish and Wildlife Service the responsibility of determining which creatures should be protected and outlining for other agencies what is necessary to protect the listed species from extinction. The agency also may designate "critical habitat" for the listed species.

An endangered or threatened listing means that federal agencies may take no action or approve any project that harms the species. For example, federal authorities could not approve construction of a dam that would harm an endangered fish.

Kennedy...

Museum shows footage from assassination

DALLAS (AP) — The second most important footage of the assassination of John F. Kennedy has been made available to the public exactly 37 years after his presidency abruptly ended in a hail of bullets.

About 200 people crowded into the Texas Book Depository Building on Tuesday to watch the 241/2-second film recorded Nov. 22, 1963, by Orville Nix Sr.

The footage is the only known motion picture of the assassination that also shows part of the grassy knoll, the area where speculation about a second gunmen persists.

Filmed from the south curb of Houston Street and the northwest corner of Main Street, the footage contains three scenes: the motorcade entering Dealey Plaza, the last shot of the assassination in front of the grassy knoll, and the panic and confusion afterward.

The most well-known frames of the film show Jackie Kennedy climbing over the trunk of the presidential limousine, scrambling to pick up pieces of the president's shattered skull, and Secret Service agent Clint Hill climbing onto the trunk.

The Nix film is considered by historians and other experts to be the second most important piece of footage because it was filmed from the opposite angle of the Abraham Zapruder film and shows what was going on behind Zapruder in the grassy knoll. In Nix's film, Zapruder can be seen in a few frames.

Nix donated a first-generation copy and the copyright to the color home movie to The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. The 8 mm camera is also on display at the museum.

"One of the things we hope for the Nix film is that as technology advances ... hopefully we can find something," said Jeff West, executive director of the museum.

Nix's son, Orville Nix Jr., told viewers his father's film was largely happenstance and took so long to reach the public partly because the family wanted to keep their privacy.

"He loved that camera, he was always taking pictures of things and this was something that just happened,'conclusions, it is part of history," he said.

At the time of the investigation, the FBI used the Nix film to study the assassination and the Warren Commission reproduced six frames. Portions of the film were used in Oliver Stone's 1991 movie "JFK."

Museum officials said the location of the original film is unknown. United Press International purchased it in December 1963, but when UPI returned the copyright to the Nix family — along with several duplicates of the film — the original was missing.

The Nix images were included with footage by Tina Towner Barnes, who also filmed the motorcade, and Malcolm Couch, who rode behind the president as a photographer for Dallas TV station WFAA.

Some of those who attended the invitation-only screening said it gave them a firsthand glimpse of a tragedy many people remember but didn't witness.

"Many of us only had the radio to initially tell us about the event, the films gave me a different perspective of the assassination," said Mary Katherine Maddox, 65.

On the Net:
Sixth Floor Museum:
http://www.jfk.org
Kennedy Center site:
http://www.kennedy-center.org

Graham's son becomes CEO of ministry

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — The son of the Rev. Billy Graham has replaced his father as chief executive officer of the ministry empire the evangelist founded 50 years ago.

"I'm not retiring," Billy Graham said. "But now I want to turn over the administrative and management burden of running the organization to my son."

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association last week tapped Franklin Graham, 48. His father, who founded the BGEA in 1950, will remain chairman of the board.

The elder Graham, who turned 82 earlier this month and lives near Asheville, has had health problems for several years. He has Parkinson's disease and spent three months earlier this year at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. While hospitalized, his son stood in for him at an international conference in Amsterdam that the elder Graham had organized.

Franklin Graham will continue to serve as first vice chairman of the board. It was announced in 1995 that he would be his father's successor.

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

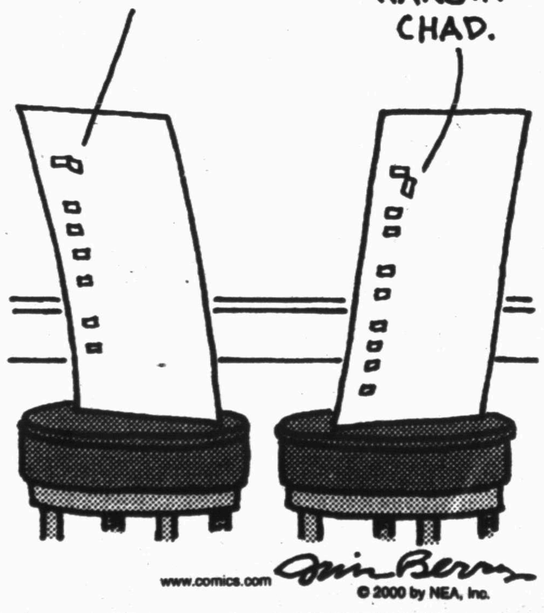
Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
11-20-22-23-28

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
8-2-3

Berry's World



Date Book

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2000

Today is the 327th day of 2000 and the 62nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1906, at the International Radio Telegraphic Convention in Berlin, Germany, the SOS distress signal was adopted.

On this day in 1955, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and his cabinet met at Eisenhower's farm in Gettysburg, Pa. It was the first time the cabinet was assembled in any place other than the capital.

On this day in 1963, in Dallas, Texas, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Eliot (1819-1880), novelist; Charles de Gaulle (1890-1970), French statesman; Wiley Post (1899-1935), aviator; Hoagy Carmichael (1899-1981), composer-pianist; Rodney Dangerfield (1921-), comedian, is 79; Robert Vaughn (1932-), actor, is 68; Billie Jean King (1943-), tennis star, is 57; Jamie Lee Curtis (1958-), actress, is 42; Boris Becker (1967-), tennis player, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, George Branham became the first African-American to win the PBA bowling title. He defeated Mark Roth 196-191.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We must find our duties in what comes to us, not in what might have been." — George Eliot

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Nov. 18) and new moon (Nov. 25).

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Pete & the cats

Subpoenas issued in Rap-A-Lot probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional committee on Tuesday subpoenaed Drug Enforcement Administrator Donnie Marshall, four federal agents and three Houston police officers in connection with a federal drug investigation of Houston rap promoter James A. Prince and Rap-A-Lot Records.

The House Committee on Government Reform set a Dec. 6 hearing to determine whether the drug investigation was shut down last September in response to political pressure.

"The bottom line is we had a major drug investigation that was suddenly stopped and we want to get to the bottom of this," said Sean Spicer, a House Committee on Government Reform spokesman. "There have been indications that political pressure was the main reason and when you are talking about an issue as serious as a drug investigation, you want to talk about what possible political pressure was there."

In addition to Marshall, the subpoenas were issued for Houston Drug Enforcement Agency chief Ernest Howard and agents Jack Schumacher, Julio Mercado and R.C. Gamble, Spicer said.

Houston police department officers Bill Stephens, Larry Jean Allen and Ralph Chaison also were sent subpoenas. Department spokesman John Leggio said late Tuesday he could not confirm the subpoenas had been received. The DEA did not respond to a request for comment.

The joint police-DEA investigation has resulted in drug seizures in Houston, Beaumont and Oklahoma City and convictions of more than 20 people, including a police officer and some of Prince's associates. Prince has not been charged as a result of the investigation.

Last year Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., wrote a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno on behalf of Prince and Rap-A-Lot records, asking for an investigation of the DEA. In her letter she said racial slurs, harassment and racial profiling might have been involved in the investigation.

The investigation had been led by Schumacher since 1998. But he was reassigned to a desk job March 14, two days after a presidential campaign visit by Vice President Al Gore to Church Without Walls, whose financial ties to Prince were scrutinized in the probe.

Maxine Waters has denied intervening in the case. At the time of Gore's visit to the church, his campaign said the vice president had no knowledge of the Rap-A-Lot matter.

In July, DEA Houston chief Howard testified before the House committee. The committee was assured that the Rap-A-Lot investigation was active at the time, based on Howard's testimony, said James Wilson, the committee's chief counsel.

But internal memos and e-mails obtained by the committee have led them to question whether the investigation was canceled. The Dallas Morning News reported in October that in one series of e-mails Edwards declared that mounting political pressure was forcing him to close the case and transfer his lead investigator to a desk job.

"Now we bow down to the political pressure anyway," Howard wrote top agency officials in a March 15 e-mail. "If I had known this, I would have NEVER ... even pursued it. But it is over now."

Howard also has said that neither Waters nor Reno put pressure on the DEA to stop the investigation.

Committee Chairman Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., vowed earlier this month to subpoena the federal agents and hold congressional hearings if the agents and officers familiar with the investigation were not made available for interviews.

Assinces to make DEA personnel available for the interviews you have requested."

Reno has instructed her inspector general to investigate accusations that the DEA case was politicized.

Four dead, one missing after landslide

LUCCA, Italy (AP) — Rescue workers on Tuesday pulled out the bodies of four people, including a woman and her two children, who died when a mudslide hit their house in the Tuscan countryside.

One other person was missing and presumed dead, the civil defense office said.

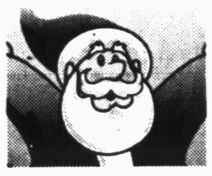
The dead are Amanda Medori and her two children, Giacomo and Martina, said Andrea Mattini, a town official in Lucca. The fourth victim was identified as Emilia Dini, also a member of the family.

Shriver improves

BALTIMORE (AP) — Eunice Kennedy Shriver is expected to make a full recovery from a postoperative infection, her son said Monday.

Shriver, 79, a sister of the late President John F. Kennedy, remains at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she has been in stable condition for the past week, according to her son, Maryland state Delegate Mark Shriver.

Kiwanis/Goodfellows



Scurry County families may apply for Kiwanis/Goodfellow food donations by filling out this form. The deadline to apply is November 30th. Applications should be mailed to Kiwanis/Goodfellows, P.O. Drawer 112, Snyder, Texas, 79550

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Acceptance Cards will be mailed to only qualified applicants at their address.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Co-worker of office baker is shocked by her filthy home

DEAR ABBY: I work in a small office with about 20 people. One lady often brings homemade cookies, cakes, candies and breads to the office. We all eat and enjoy everything she makes.

Yesterday I had to drop off some work at her home. She said she was making a batch of cookies and invited me in. Abby, her house and kitchen were filthy! Cats everywhere, some sticking their noses in the cookie dough. All she did was push them away and continue without washing her hands. Insects were crawling over stacks of unwashed dishes and on the kitchen floor. I can't understand why no one became violently ill from eating what she prepared.

There is no way I will ever again eat anything she brings to the office. How can I stop eating her food without explaining why? Should I tell my co-workers what I saw? I don't know how I should handle this. — **FEELING ILL IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR FEELING ILL: If you tell your co-workers what you saw you'll only humiliate the woman. A more effective solution would be to tell the office manager what you saw and request that a new policy be instituted that discourages bringing homemade goodies to the office.

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DEAR ABBY: Twenty-eight years ago, my husband was diagnosed with cancer and treated with cobalt radiation. He was cured. Two years ago, he was diagnosed with cancer again. His doctors agreed it was a radiation-induced cancer.

There were no symptoms other than "indigestion," for which our family doctor prescribed antacids. All the while, the cancer was getting larger. My beloved husband died three months ago.

If we had only been warned of the risks of radiation therapy in later years, we would have insisted on yearly screenings.

Abby, please urge your readers to see their doctor if they received radiation treatment years ago. It could save their lives. — **CHARLIE'S WIFE**

DEAR CHARLIE'S WIFE: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband.

I am printing your letter with this advice: People who have ever had cancer should have routine checkups for the rest of their lives.

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DEAR ABBY: There is this gal I see all the time. She works in customer service departments at two places I often patronize. She has a nice smile and seems very friendly, and I'd love to ask her out for lunch or dinner sometime. However, the only time I ever see her is when she is at work, and I worry that asking her while she is busy with other customers would be inappropriate. I thought about handing her a note but also thought that would be inappropriate. I'd really like to ask her out, but don't know how. **Any suggestions? — A BACHELOR IN LONDON**

DEAR BACHELOR: I see nothing inappropriate about handing the "gal" a note. Include your telephone number so she can reach you after working hours if she wishes. If you're her type, she'll be delighted you asked her. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Total Nutrition

Holiday Food Safety

(NAPS)—Here's something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving—safe food. Food poisoning is top of mind during the summer months when temperatures soar and food sits out in the baking sun. But, the holiday season is a prime time for food safety issues, too. Burgeoning buffets and the endless supply of snacks and treats left out for guests to eat present perfect opportunities for bacteria to spoil your fun. Don't let it. Here's how.

Bacteria need three ingredients in order to cause trouble.

• **A food source:** From which bacteria get the energy to grow and multiply.

• **Temperature:** Between 60° and 120° F bacteria will thrive.

• **Time:** To multiply and wreak havoc.

The best way to shut down bacteria is to manipulate these ingredients.

Step 1: Wash, wash, wash—Everything. Food, hands, utensils, cutting boards and countertops. Twenty-five percent of food poisoning cases are caused by poor hygiene from the person handling the food—specifically not washing hands before handling foods.

To keep squeaky clean, wash up in hot soapy water and scrub hands for at least 20 seconds. The rubbing action removes harmful bacteria. Hands should be washed before starting to work with food, after any interruption in preparing food, and between steps in food preparation. For example, after cleaning the inner cavity of your turkey, be sure to wash your hands prior to chopping vegetables for the stuffing. Wash utensils, cutting boards and countertops between steps to avoid spreading bacteria from one food to another.

Step 2: Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold—More than half of all food poisoning cases are caused by the improper cooking and storage of foods. To keep bacteria from multiplying, hot foods must be cooked to at least 165°F. (Whole turkeys should be cooked to 180° F.) Insert a food thermometer in the thickest part of the meat, roast or turkey to ensure foods are thoroughly done. High temperatures kill the bacteria in foods.

Foods meant to be served cold should be kept at 40°F or below. Bacteria are not killed at cold temperatures, but they cannot and will not multiply.

Step 3: Be careful about letting foods sit out. Properly prepared foods can sit out at room temperature for an hour or two without being harmful to your health. However, at room temperature, bacteria can double within a short amount of time. To keep bacteria at bay, keep warm foods warm by putting them into a warm oven until guests are ready for seconds. Cold foods can be placed in an ice bath to keep chilled or served and then refrigerated until people ask for more. Foods left out for more than two hours should be discarded.

A Great Start Toward Total Nutrition—At clean-up time, put warm leftovers in shallow containers for quick cooling. Refrigerate foods within two hours after serving them. Use leftovers within two to three days—be sure to reheat foods to a temperature of 165°F.

TURKEY TIPS

- Fully thaw your turkey before you cook it. If not, the outside of the turkey will be cooked, while the inside will be underdone.
- Start early to thaw your turkey, preferably in the refrigerator. A 20-pound turkey takes two to three days to thaw completely. You can also thaw it by submerging it in cold water. Allow 30 minutes defrosting time for every pound of turkey. Be sure to change the water every 30 minutes.
- If you want to prepare your stuffing ahead of time, mix only the dry ingredients. Add liquid ingredients just before stuffing the turkey.
- Stuff the turkey loosely to ensure both the stuffing and the turkey will be fully cooked – use 3/4 of a cup of stuffing per pound of turkey.
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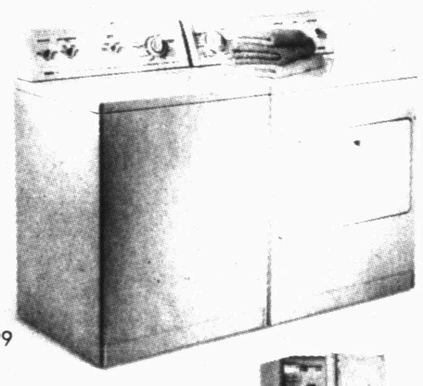

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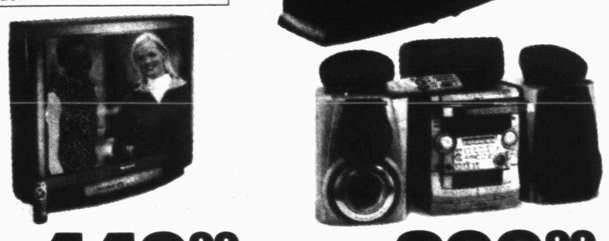

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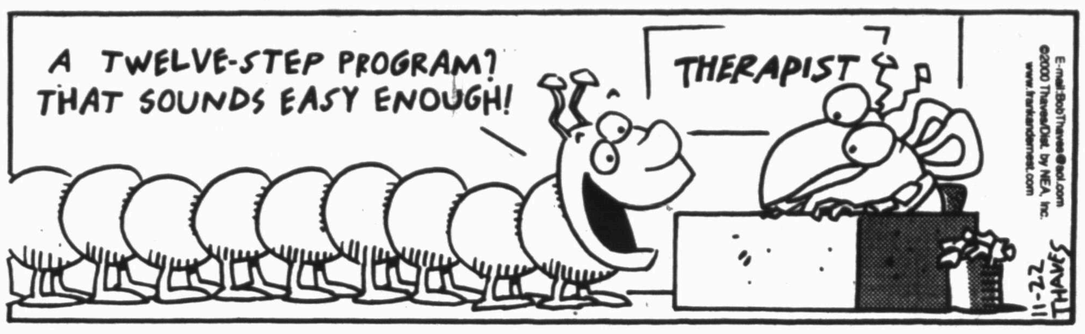

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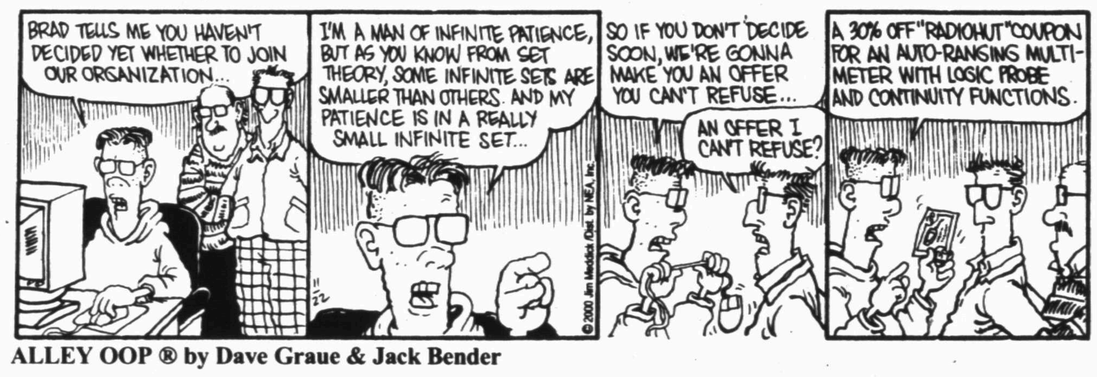

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12 Of medicine
13 Madeleine Albright's birthplace
14 Conceive
15 Thriller writer — Leonard
16 Gamble
17 Soft food
18 Fem. title
21 Encounter (2 wds.)
23 Speed meas.
26 Morays
28 Intellect
29 Native metal
30 Haleakala National Park's location
31 Sponger
33 Skin bubble
36 Writer's encl.
37 List-ending abbr.
38 Cupid
40 Former Yugoslav leader
41 Kind of bread
42 Zeal
44 Silver or Reagan
45 In favor of
46 Electrical unit
48 Mar
51 Apply improperly
55 Gives up (rights)
56 Fill with love
57 Proprietor
58 Plays anew

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2 Wander
3 Southwestern Indian
4 Fine steed
5 Fertilizer ingredient
6 Vinegar
7 EPCOT's site
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9 Psyche part
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11 Regard
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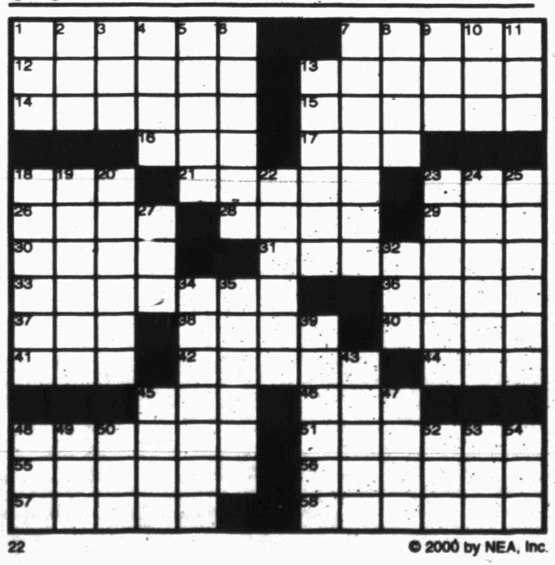

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SPORTS

With help from their bench...

Tigers escape with 79-71 win

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

With only three returning lettermen, the Snyder Tigers feared a lack a depth might be a hindrance this season.

Following Tuesday night's contest, it seems those fears may have been unfounded.

Snyder's bench produced 19 points, 19 rebounds and some valuable minutes on the defensive end to help the Tigers overcome the hot-shooting Sweetwater Mustangs, 79-71, in a non-district basketball tilt at the SHS gym.

The Tigers rallied from a 10-point deficit to improve to 3-1 on the year, and Coach Bud Birks credits the win to his team's resolve.

"So many bad things happened to us early on, but our kids competed extremely hard," said Birks. "We fought back and kept battling all night long, until the final whistle. Our kids showed a great deal of character in this game. With everything going against us, we could have lost control. But the kids kept their heads, and chipped away at the deficit piece by piece."

When emotions flared midway through the first quarter, the three-man officiating crew handed out technical fouls left and right, leaving Snyder without the services of 6-6 senior post Shante Taylor.

Minutes later, Heath Pinkerton and Jared Thornhill picked up their third fouls and were forced to sit, leaving the Tigers with only two starters on the floor.

Sweetwater took advantage of the situation. The Mustangs, who connected on 50 percent of their shots on the night, scored on four straight trips down the floor to open up a 10-point lead, late in the opening period.

"Everything was going against us early on," Birks said. "We got in foul trouble right off the bat, and Sweetwater was shooting the ball extremely well. But our kids knew if they kept putting out the effort, then things would turn around."

The Tigers picked up their defensive intensity and forced seven turnovers in the second quarter. Senior Jamaal Wofford made the most of the opportunities, draining a pair of three-pointers to fuel a 22-12 run that knotted the tally at 33-33 with two minutes left in the half.

Sweetwater owned a two-point advantage at the break, before Snyder took control in the third quarter.

Junior Chris McLeod came off the bench to drain another long-range bucket. Nick Landes nailed two more bombs, and Wofford added his fourth of the night to put the Tigers on top, 63-57, entering the final frame.

The Tigers attempted 30 shots from three-point range, connecting on 10 them. Snyder's 24 offensive rebounds resulted in a total of 70 shots on the night, compared to only 48 for the Mustangs.

McLeod led the Tigers' effort on the boards with 10, while Jamall Pruitt came off the bench to add seven rebounds and nine points.

"I'm very pleased with our people who came in off the bench. They did a tremendous job," Birks stated. "They gave us some valuable minutes that we desperately needed, until our guys in foul trouble could get back in the game."

Snyder continued its run in the fourth quarter. Thornhill and Pinkerton checked back in and quickly combined for six points and eight rebounds to push the margin to 74-62.

Sweetwater sharpshooter Justin Howard, who kept the Mustangs in the game with 14 points in the third period, hit a three-pointer down the stretch for the 79-71 final tally.

Howard finished with a game-high 30 points, while Wofford poured in 25 for the Tigers.

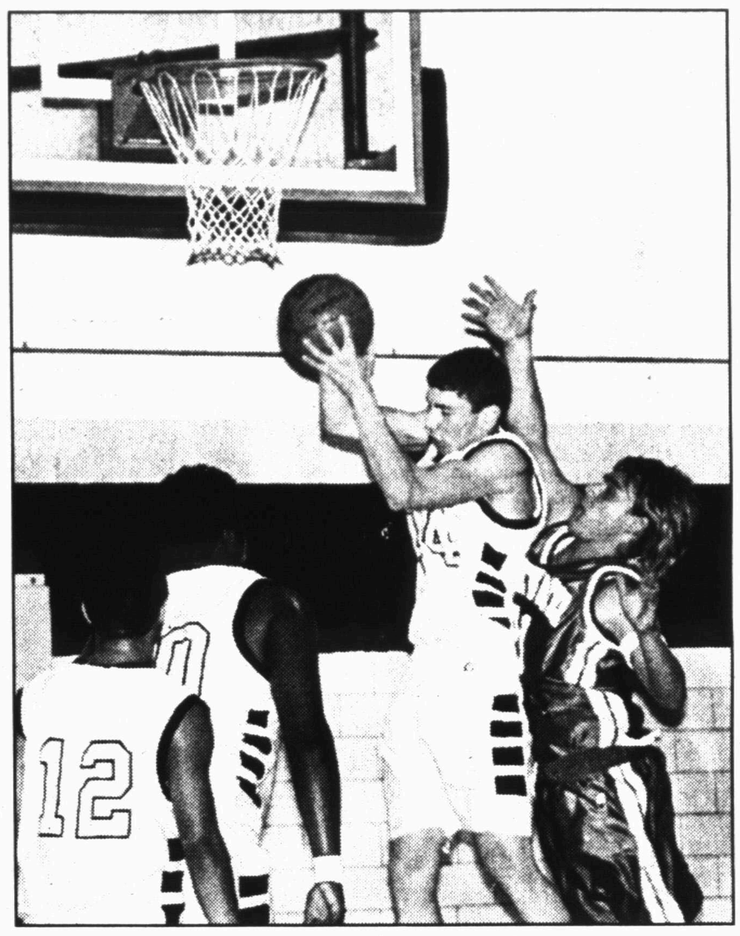
Snyder will take the weekend off before returning Tuesday to host Seminole.

Sweetwater	**21**	**17**	**19**	**14**	**—**	**71**
Snyder	**13**	**23**	**27**	**16**	**—**	**79**

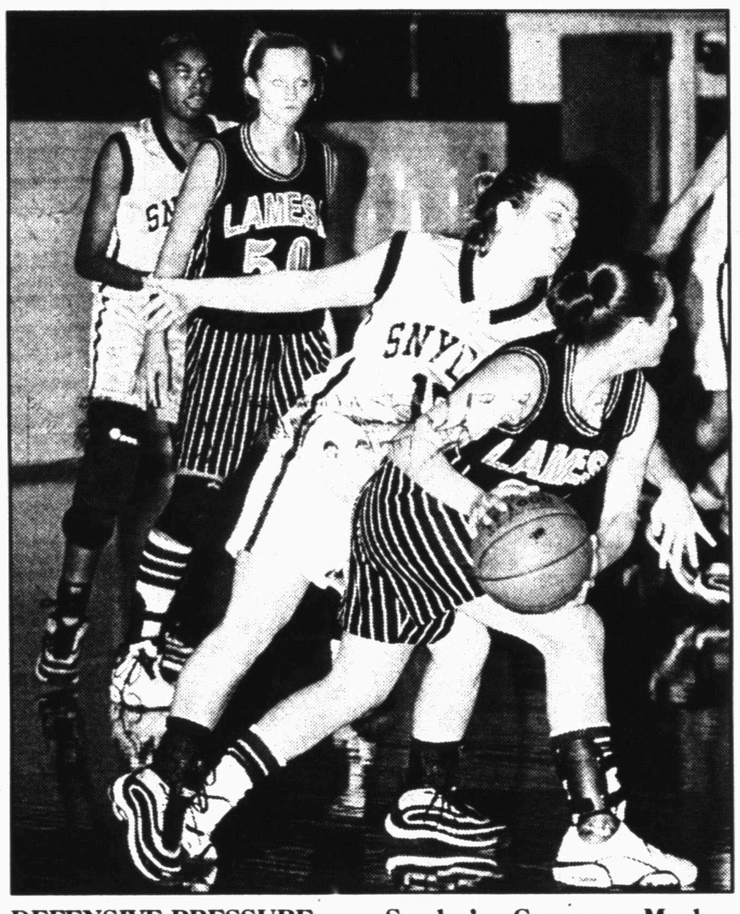
Sweetwater
J.Howard 10 7-12 30, Thompson 4 5-7 13, Soto 2 4-7 8, Dawes 3 0-2 7, Torres 2 0-0 4, Cunnings 1 1-2 3, B.Howard 1 1-2 3, Edens 1 1-2 3. **Totals 24 19-31 71.**

Snyder
Wofford 8 5-7 25, Thornhill 7 3-5 17, Landes 5 1-2 15, Pinkerton 1 1-3 3, McLeod 4 0-2 10, Pruitt 3 3-6 9, Thompson 0 0-2 0. **Totals 28 13-27 79.**

Three-point goals: Sweetwater 4 (Howard 3, Dawes), Snyder 10 (Wofford 4, Landes 4, McLeod 2). Rebounds: Sweetwater 33 (Torres 7), Snyder 45 (McLeod 10). Total fouls: Sweetwater 26, Snyder 24. Fouled out — Torres, Edens; Thornhill, Landes.



CRASHING THE BOARDS — Snyder's Jared Thornhill hauls down a rebound in front of Sweetwater's John Soto, while teammates Jamaal Wofford (12) and Shante Taylor look on during the Tigers' 79-71 victory Tuesday night at the SHS gym. (SDN Staff Photo)



DEFENSIVE PRESSURE — Snyder's Cameron Mackey defends against a Lamesa ball-handler during the Lady Tigers' 45-38 victory Tuesday night at the SHS gym. Looking on are Sallye Cockrell (50) and Ashley Delce. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers struggle, but top Tors

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

By their own admission, the Snyder Lady Tigers weren't at their best Tuesday night. But even on an off night, they were better than the Golden Tors.

On the strength of a smothering defensive effort in the first half, Snyder overcame 22 turnovers and a dismal shooting performance to hold off Lamesa, 45-38, in non-district girls' basketball tilt at the SHS gym.

While disappointed with the showing, Coach Sam Tipton believes his undefeated Lady Tigers learned a valuable lesson Tuesday night.

"At times we played well, but at other times we lost focus and did things that we can't do, if we want to be a championship team," said Tipton. "But when we tried to do things that our offense and defense aren't designed for, Lamesa made us pay. I'm glad they did, because now our girls understand that to perform at the highest level, they must execute what's been designed for them."

Snyder stymied the Lady Tors in the first half, surrendering only one field goal and four points through the first two quarters. But despite the defensive effort, the Lady Tigers led by only 11 points at the break thanks to a five-minute scoring drought midway through the first half.

"Like I said, at times we played well," Tipton stated. "But you have to stay focused and play well for a full 32 minutes, and we didn't do that. We played our best at the end of the first half, and throughout the third quarter. But our kids can see now, that if they would've played like that for the entire game, then we would've won handily."

Snyder went back to its strength to get things rolling in the third quarter. Senior post Ashley Delce battled for 13 points in the paint in the third, with six of them coming off offensive rebounds.

The Lady Tigers stretched their lead to 34-14, and seemed to be headed toward a lopsided victory, before another lapse in the final frame let Lamesa back in the game.

Snyder connected on only 2 of 12 shot attempts in the fourth quarter, and committed eight turnovers.

The Lady Tors took advantage by feeding Ashley Hunter for four three-point baskets to slash the deficit to nine points with 20 seconds left on the clock.

Following another Snyder turnover, Hunter worked free for a short-range bucket to cut the gap to 45-38, but Lamesa would get no closer as the Lady Tigers managed to run the final 16 ticks off the clock.

Delce led all scorers with 21 points. Snyder was aided by a 46-21 advantage on the boards thanks to a 17-rebound performance from Kameron Kallemeyn.

"You can only get away with so many during a season, and we got away with one tonight," Tipton remarked. "But the important thing is that we improved to 3-0. And I think the girls will come out more focused and ready to work, the next time they step on the floor."

Snyder will take the weekend off, before returning to action at 6:30 Tuesday at Lubbock High.

Lamesa	**01**	**03**	**10**	**24**	**—**	**38**
Snyder	**06**	**09**	**19**	**11**	**—**	**45**

Lamesa
Hunter 7 0-0 19, Roberts 3 1-2 7, Cockrell 1 1-2 3, Morales 1 0-0 2, Tyler 0 2-4 4, Wells 1 0-0 2, Moreno 1 0-1 2, Castro 0 1-2 1. **Totals 14 5-11 38.**

Snyder
Delce 10 1-4 21, Kallemeyn 1 3-5 5, Murray 1 2-4 4, Eicke 1 0-0 3, Mackey 0 2-5 2, Robinson 2 1-2 5, Geiger 1 1-2 3, Voss 1 0-1 2. **Totals 17 10-23 45.**

Three-point goals: Lamesa 5 (Hunter 5), Snyder 1 (Eicke). Rebounds: Lamesa 21 (Roberts 5), Snyder 46 (Kallemeyn 17). Total fouls: Lamesa 20, Snyder 14. Fouled out — Cockrell.

Snyder JV squads notch wins

Tigers 47, Stamford 46

STAMFORD — Snyder's junior varsity boys used a 19-9 run Tuesday night to rally past the Stamford varsity, 47-46, at Bulldog Gym.

The Tigers erased a nine-point deficit in the final frame, and took a three-point lead on Josh Mendoza's bucket with 32 seconds remaining.

Stamford hit a long-range bucket to knot the tally at 46-46 at the 16-second mark, before Snyder's T.J. Jones connected on one of two free throws to ice the game.

Mendoza poured in 16 points to pace the Tigers, while Jones finished with 10.

Jay Scott drained six points, and Brady Reed and Brad Spells dropped in four apiece. Josh McGaha notched three points, and Corey Clay and Tyler Pollard chipped in two each.

Snyder will be in action again at 6:30 Tuesday when it hosts Seminole.

Lady Tigers 40, Lamesa 23

After splitting back-to-back games with Lamesa over the weekend, the Snyder's junior varsity girls won their grudge match with the Lady Tors, 40-23, Tuesday night at the SHS gym.

The Lady Tigers had toppled Lamesa, 34-18, Saturday in the semifinals of the Seminole tournament, before falling to the Lady Tors in the finals, 37-32.

Snyder opened up a 20-8 halftime lead in Tuesday's tilt, then widened the gap to 28-10 in the third quarter.

Amber Russell poured in 17 points to lead all scorers.

Dara Chambers drained seven points, while Afton Schwertner dropped in six. Hailey Putnam, Zipporah Peoples, Chasity Perales, Kenetra McDonald and Tamara Norman added two points apiece.

Snyder will be back on the court at 5 p.m. Tuesday when it visits Lubbock High.

Ira cagers remain unbeaten

IRA — Ira High School remains perfect in the win-loss ledger, three games into the young basketball season.

The Ira Lady Bulldogs knocked off the Sterling City Lady Eagles, 41-32, Tuesday night to improve to 2-0, while Ira's boys opened its season with a 59-48 victory over the Eagles.

In the girls' tilt, Ira outscored Sterling City, 14-6, in the opening quarter and closed out the contest with a 12-9 run to preserve the win.

Morgan Clements poured in 21 points to lead all scorers.

Kristen Harless, Tara Allen and Celeigh Sterling drained six points apiece for Ira, while Michelle Nettles chipped in two.

Ira's boys, who got a late start to the season after qualifying for the football playoffs, were sluggish in the early going. The Bulldogs trailed, 22-16, at the midway point, before exploding for 42 points in the second half.

"Since we made the football playoffs, we only had one practice before our first game," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "We're not very big this year, but we're quick and we're going to play full-court, man-to-man defense.

"Our defense was the difference in the game. Both teams pressed, but we forced more turnovers. And we took care of the ball on offensive end."

Nathan Smith registered a game-high 25 points, while Eric Dickerhoff added 11 more.

Seth Sterling tallied 10 points. Cade Tucker posted four. Jeff Fine notched two points, and Todd Wall chipped in one.

Both Ira squads will be in action again Tuesday when they visit Klondike.

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Washington	3	9	.250	8
Central Division				
Cleveland	7	3	.700	—
Charlotte	6	6	.500	2
Indiana	5	5	.500	2
Toronto	5	5	.500	2
Milwaukee	3	6	.333	3½
Detroit	4	8	.333	4
Atlanta	1	10	.091	6½
Chicago	1	10	.091	6½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	7	3	.700	—
Utah	7	3	.700	—
Dallas	8	5	.615	½
Minnesota	6	4	.600	1
Houston	7	5	.583	1
Denver	6	5	.545	1½
Vancouver	4	6	.400	3
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	7	3	.700	—
Sacramento	7	3	.700	—
L.A. Lakers	7	4	.636	½
Portland	8	5	.615	½
Seattle	5	7	.417	3
L.A. Clippers	4	8	.333	4
Golden State				

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Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Seattle at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

National Hockey League

All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
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Philadelphia	9	7	4	0	22	53	57
N.Y. Rangers	10	10	0	0	20	67	63
New Jersey	8	8	3	0	19	63	55
N.Y. Islanders	6	9	2	1	15	39	51
Northeast Division							
Ottawa	11	5	4	0	26	65	47
Toronto	11	6	3	1	26	59	40
Buffalo	10	5	2	1	23	50	42
Boston	6	10	2	2	16	46	73
Montreal	5	14	2	0	12	49	69
Southeast Division							
Carolina	6	9	3	1	16	44	57
Tampa Bay	6	9	2	1	15	52	69
Atlanta	4	6	6	1	15	46	48
Florida	4	8	4	3	15	42	53
Washington	4	9	6	1	15	48	62
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
St. Louis	13	4	3	0	29	62	38
Detroit	12	7	1	1	26	61	51
Nashville	7	7	5	1	20	45	51
Chicago	7	10	2	2	18	55	63
Columbus	7	12	1	1	16	42	65
Northwest Division							
Colorado	14	4	3	0	31	65	44
Vancouver	12	5	3	1	28	75	58
Edmonton	12	8	3	0	27	65	58
Calgary	5	11	3	3	16	47	63
Minnesota	5	12	3	1	14	44	59
Pacific Division							
Phoenix	11	5	6	0	28	64	50
San Jose	12	4	2	0	26	52	39
Los Angeles	11	6	4	0	26	75	56
Dallas	10	5	3	1	24	52	40
Anaheim	8	9	3	2	21	59	72

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Regulators cite legal limits in crackdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — First Amendment protections significantly restrict the ability of the government to go after entertainment companies that peddle inappropriate music, films and video games to children, federal regulators are telling Congress.

With these constitutional guarantees binding its hands, the Federal Trade Commission says a better solution would be for the entertainment industry to step up self-regulation efforts and for lawmakers to keep a watchful eye.

If entertainment companies fail to stop marketing adult material to children, tnen Congress should consider narrowly tailored legislative remedies, the commission said.

Vice President Al Gore and his running mate, Joseph Lieberman, have already said they would favor federal action if the industry fails to police itself.

Lawmakers had asked the FTC to examine whether the agency could use its existing authority to take action against movie houses, video game makers and music producers that market inappropriate products to underage audiences. That came after a scathing commission report which found that industry executives aggressively and routinely target adult-rated material at children.

The FTC has jurisdiction to enforce regulations that prohibit "unfair" or "deceptive" marketing. But extending this authority to the marketing practices of the entertainment industry raises "a number of significant legal limitations, including substantial and unsettled constitutional questions," wrote FTC Chairman Robert Pitofsky in a letter to Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz.

For example, to prove deceptive marketing of an R-rated movie under one legal theory, the FTC said it would have to show that advertising or other promotional material indicated the film was appropriate for audiences under age 17. At the same time, the agency said, it would also have to show that the film was in fact not suitable for audiences under age 17.

While many R-rated movies are inappropriate for younger viewers because of violent or graphic content, parents may not have objections to their children seeing certain R films.

"People might have different views about the propriety of unaccompanied children under 17 seeing a film like 'Saving Private Ryan' versus one like 'I Know What You Did Last Summer,'" the commission wrote.

That could put federal regulators in the thorny position of determining which movies are appropriate for young audiences, raising First Amendment concerns, the agency said.

Some experts say that deceptive advertising may not be at the root of what parents and federal officials find objectionable about the industry's marketing practices.

"The real objection to some of the marketing directed at children is not that it is untrue or misleading, but that it is too true in inviting children to see movies they might like but which we think are bad for them," said First Amendment lawyer Floyd Abrams.

He added that the distinction between the marketing of constitutionally protected content and the content itself is not clear-cut.

The commission also said it might also have a hard time demonstrating that a marketing practice of an entertainment company causes substantial injury to consumers and is therefore unfair.

The FTC concluded the industry should bolster its efforts at self-regulation. Entertainment executives have said they are taking steps in this direction already. The movie industry, for example, devised voluntary guidelines after the release of the report to curtail the practice of marketing inappropriate R-rated films to children.

AIDS virus infection...

Lab study finds key protein

WASHINGTON (AP) — The AIDS virus uses a protein complex that does housekeeping chores inside cells to spread disease to other cells of the body, researchers say.

Studies published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences report that a group of proteins called proteasomes are used by HIV, the AIDS virus, to assemble new viral particles and to spread those new particles to uninfected cells.

Ulrich Schubert of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said test tube studies show that blocking the action of the proteasome proteins can reduce the spread of HIV infection by about 98 percent.

Schubert, the first author of one study in PNAS, cautioned that the research was conducted only in test tubes, and it is not known whether the proteasome inhibitors would work against HIV in humans.

"We would never inject this drug into an HIV-infected person, because we do not know what would happen," Schubert said.

The proteasome inhibitors will be tested in monkeys before any human tests are considered. The animal studies could take months, Schubert said.

Dr. Jonathan W. Yewdell, an NIAID researcher and co-author of the study, said that although inhibiting proteasome shows promise as a strategy for treating HIV, "It is possible that it may not have any effect at all."

He said the proteasome function is essential for healthy cells, and a drug that blocks that function could affect every cell in the body.

"It is possible that the HIV-infected cells will be more sensitive or that there are effects against the virus before" healthy cells are affected by a proteasome inhibitor drug, said Yewdell.

Yewdell and Schubert said cancer researchers are experimenting with proteasome inhibitors for the treatment of prostate cancer, and early studies have shown no side effects in cancer patients.

Proteasome's job inside the cell is to identify and destroy old or unneeded proteins. Another PNAS study, by researchers at Pennsylvania State University, suggests that a molecule called ubiquitin plays a key role in how viruses use the proteasome complex in a cell to make new viral particles. Still another PNAS study, by researchers from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School and the University of Padua, Italy, also demonstrate that ubiquitin plays a role in HIV particle formation.

Yewdell said that one action of the proteasome inhibitor is to block ubiquitin.

HIV spreads its infection inside the body by forcing white blood cells, called CD4s, to make new viral particles. These particles are released from the cells and can then infect other cells, spreading the infection throughout the body.

The final part of this virus-making process is called budding. During budding, a new viral particle wraps itself in a membrane from the surface of the infected cell and completes its development. When the budding process is completed, the virus particle is released and can then attach to an uninfected CD4 cell and continue the infection spread.

The researchers found that HIV uses the proteasome molecules, particularly ubiquitin, to complete the assembly of a new viral particle at the cell membrane. When the proteasome action is blocked, HIV particle formation is crippled.

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AmerOnline	43.00	41.78	42.29	—.96
AmEl Pw	44.25	43.50	44.13	+.31
AndarkPtr	65.75	64.10	64.73	—1.40
ATMOS Egy	25.06	25.00	25.00	—.13
Aviall	5.63	5.63	5.63	+.13
BP Amoco	51.44	50.94	51.00	—.56
BakerHughes	38.06	37.63	37.94	—.68
Bank of Amer	39.31	38.44	38.63	—.100
BellSouth	41.63	40.75	41.19	+.25
Beth Steel	2.69	2.63	2.63	—.13
BurlNoSFe	26.38	26.19	26.31	+.07
Caterpillar	38.19	37.81	38.13	—.13
Chevron	85.06	84.38	84.88	—.12
Citigroup s	48.56	46.50	47.19	—1.94
Coastal	82.69	81.38	81.94	—.13
CocaCola	59.44	58.25	59.13	+3.88
ColgatePal	59.97	59.00	59.45	+.16
ComclMetals	25.00	24.88	24.94	—.06
CooperIn	39.81	39.19	39.75	+.13
DaimlrChry	39.63	38.61	39.05	+.20
DallSemicn s	35.00	34.00	34.25	—.25
DeltaAirl	49.94	48.94	49.00	—.75
Dillards Inc	11.38	11.19	11.31	+.06
DowChem s	31.13	30.56	30.63	—.38
DuPont	41.38	40.56	40.69	—.50
EastmanChem	41.94	41.25	41.38	—.81
EstKodak	44.19	43.13	43.38	—.50
EDS Corp	50.50	49.56	49.81	—1.50
Entergy	42.00	41.13	42.00	+.56
ExxonMobil	93.50	92.13	93.50	+.38
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GenDynam	73.44	72.13	73.00	—.81
GenElec s	50.06	49.06	49.19	—1.56
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GaPacGP	23.81	23.19	23.50	—.50
GlobalMar	26.50	25.81	26.00	—.81
Goodrich	35.50	35.00	35.06	—.56
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Hanson ADS	24.38	24.25	24.25	—.19
HarteHanks	23.06	23.00	23.00	+.13
HomeDepot s	38.31	37.00	37.38	—1.13
HoneywellIntl	48.88	48.06	48.38	—1.50
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SherwinW	21.94	21.63	21.63	—.06
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SprintFON	24.44	23.81	24.19	—.13
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Sunoco Inc	29.75	29.13	29.25	—.25
TXU Corp	38.94	38.44	38.88	+.06
TempleInland	44.31	43.88	44.31	+.25
Texaco	61.31	60.69	61.25	—.19
TexInd	22.56	22.25	22.38	+.06
TexasInst s	43.50	41.75	42.50	+.31
Textron	51.88	51.00	51.06	—.81
TriconGlbR	35.44	34.69	35.38	—.13
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UnitedTech	70.25	69.13	69.13	—.88
Unocal	37.06	36.63	36.69	—.38
Venator Grp	14.00	13.81	13.81	—.06
VerizonComm	53.19	52.25	53.06	+.63
WalMart	47.31	46.50	46.63	—.75
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By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

As our state flower, bluebonnets have a most interesting history. Texas actually has five state flowers, more or less, and they are all bluebonnets. Here is how it happened.

Is the spring of 1901, the Texas Legislature got down to the serious business of selecting a state floral emblem and the ensuing battle was hot and heavy. One legislator spoke emotionally in favor of the cotton boll since cotton was king in Texas in those days. Another, a young man from Uvalde, extolled the virtues of the cactus so eloquently, nothing the hardy durability of the plant and the orchid like beauty of its flower, that he earned the nickname "Cactus Jack" which stuck with him for the rest of his life. He was John Nance Garner and later became vice president of the United States.

But the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in Texas won the day. Their choice was Lupinus subcarnosus ("generally know as buffalo clover or bluebonnet," stated the resolution) and it was passed into law on March 7, without any recorded opposition.

And that's when the polite bluebonnet was started.

Lupinus subcarnosus is a dainty little plant that paints the sandy, rolling hills of coastal and southern Texas with sheets of royal blue in the early spring. But some folks thought it was the least attractive of the Texas bluebonnets. They wanted Lupinus texensis, the showier, bolder blue beauty that covers most of Texas and gives inspiration to many an artist.

So, off and on for 70 years, the Legislature was encouraged to correct its oversight. But the wise Solons of Capital Hill weren't about to get caught in another botanical trap, nor did they want to offend the supporters of Lupinus subcarnosus. They solved the problem with typical political maneuvering.

In 1971, the Legislature handled the dilemma by adding the two species together, plus "any other variety of bluebonnet not heretofore recorded," and lumped them all into one state flower.

Among the main things the Legislature did not know then was that the big state of Texas is home to three other species of Lupines and the umbrella clause makes all five of them the state flower. And, if any new species are discovered, they automatically will assume the mantle of state flower as well.

The five state flowers of Texas are:

1. Lupinus subcarnosus, the original champion and still co-host of the title, grows naturally in deep sandy loam from Leon County southwest to LaSalle County and down to the northern part of Hidalgo County in the Valley. It is often referred to as the sand land bluebonnet. The plant's leaflets are blunt, sometimes notched with silky undersides. This species, which reaches peak bloom in late March, is not easy to maintain in clay soils.

2. Lupinus texensis, the favorite of tourists and artists, provides the blue spring carpet of Central Texas. It is widely known as THE Texas Bluebonnet. It has pointed leaflets; the flowering stalk is tipped with white (like a bunny's tail) and hits its peak bloom in late March and early April. It is the easiest of all species to grown.

3. Lupinus Havardii, also know as the Big Bend or Chisos Bluebonnet, is the most majestic of the Texas bluebonnet tribe with flowering spikes up to three feet. It is found on the flats of the Big Bend country in early spring usually has seven leaflets and is difficult to cultivate outside its natural habitat.

4. Lupinus concinnus is an inconspicuous little lupine, from 2-7 inches, with flowers that combine elements of white, rosy purple, and lavender. Commonly known as the annual lupine, it is found sparingly in the Trans-Pecos region, blooming in early spring.

5. Lupinus plattensis sneaks down from the north into the Texas Panhandle's sandy dunes. It is the only perennial species in the state and grows to about two feet tall. It normally blooms in mid to late spring and is also known s the dune bluebonnet, the plains bluebonnet and the Nebraska Lupine.

Woman gets Thanksgiving reprieve

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. (AP) — A woman jailed for rebuffing court-ordered visits between her daughter and her dead husband's mother will get to spend Thanksgiving at home with her child.

Julie Mehring, of Columbia, will be set free Thursday and Friday by order of Madison County Associate Judge Barbara Crowder.

Mehring was first jailed Nov. 17 after defying a court order allowing visits between her 8-year-old daughter, Jenna, and the girl's paternal grandmother. She contends Ella Mehring has played no role in Jenna's upbringing and should not be allowed visits over her objections.

"I'm elated that I'll have Thanksgiving with my family," Mehring said. "Jenna will definitely be happy."

In January, Crowder ordered Mehring to remain at home on evenings and weekends for Jenna's sake. She is the county's only daytime prisoner.

Mehring filed for divorce from Michael Mehring in 1996. He died of congestive heart failure at 39, before the divorce was final.

A hearing on whether she should be freed while awaiting the outcome was set for Dec. 8.

TFU president Sims testifies on state agriculture policy

WACO — Texas Farmers Union (TFU) president Wes Sims addressed the Texas Agriculture Commission to propose policy changes that would provide economic stability, security and opportunity for family farmers and ranchers. He told members that independent producers have not realized the promised benefits of Freedom to Farm, the 1996 farm bill.

"Freedom to Farm has reduced the viability of family farmers," said Sims. "Declining commodity prices and producer incomes under this program have resulted in three years of supplemental assistance at a cost of $21.7 billion — and this figure keeps rising. With the start of a new legislative session next year, we must begin to change agriculture policy so it addresses the needs of family farmers and ranchers."

Sims outlined three major policy areas that are crucial to a successful, sustainable agriculture industry; 1) The issue of market concentration and integration in agriculture must be addressed to ensure that a transparent and competitive marketplace is available to all producers. 2) Agricultural trade policy must accommodate a broad range of priorities including socio-economic issues as well as market access, fair competition, and the impact of currently valuations. 3) U.S. agricultural programs for crops, dairy and livestock must be revised to provide an effective safety net during periods when market returns are inadequate.

"The goal of our agriculture policies should be to provide an adequate supply of safe, affordable and high quality food and fiber products," said Sims. "This can only happen when we focus on the elements of agricultural policy that provide the necessary economic stability, security and opportunity for farmers and ranchers and the rural communities in which they live."

Sims told the committee that even though the Freedom to Farm bill promised to usher in an era of farmer prosperity free of government support, the result was a significant reduction in economic security for producers. Of the $21.7 billion in additional funds that have been provided for the 1998-2000 production years, 84 percent have been directed to offset producers income losses due to reduced prices, well beyond what was originally prescribed in the 1996 bill. Reductions in regulations failed to bring about reduced costs for producers. Also, reduced price competition for export markets never materialized.

"While the 1996 farm bill fulfilled in part the desire of some to unilaterally reduce or curtail the public role in U.S. production agriculture, the legislation provided little flexibility to adequately and equitably address the economic crisis in agriculture when the favorable conditions of 1996 changed," added Sims.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,200 head of cattle for the Saturday, Nov. 18, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers under 600 lbs., were $1 to $5 higher, over 600 lbs. mostly steady. Slaughter cows were steady in a light test. Bulls were $2 higher. Bred cows and pairs were firm. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 123-131
300-400: 114-123.50
400-500: 105-114
500-600: 94.50-102
600-700: 86-90.50
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 109-115
300-400: 105-114
400-500: 94-104
500-600: 84-88
600-700: 78-80
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 600-675
Aged cows: 460-575
Pairs: 700-830
Aged pairs: 650-675
Slaughter cows: Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs. 36.50-38
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 38-41
Bone High Yielding: 1100-1350 Lbs. 34-38
Lean: 900-1200Lbs. 33-38.25
Under 750 lbs.: 22.50-30.50
Slaughter bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1300-2100 Lbs. 44.50-50
Low Dressing: 1,000-1,130 lbs. 42.50-43

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 1,170 head of cattle for the Thursday, Nov. 16, sale. Cows were $2 to $3 better. Yearlings and calves were steady to $2 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 37-45
Canner and low cutters: 30-37
Slaughter bulls: 48-58
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-125
400-500: 95-116
500-600: 85-100
600-700: 83-87
700-800: 78-87
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 95-115
400-500: 87-105
500-600: 82-92
600-700: 77-85
700-800: 70-80
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 80-95
700-800: 70-80
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-800
Grade: 450-625
Springers: 375-650
Baby calves: 200-240
Doodlers: 175-260

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Switching doctors can be delicate

DEAR DR. GOTT: After having had a good relationship with my family doctor, I was forced to change physicians because my husband and I moved and I could not justify a 100-mile round-trip commute to see my old doctor.

Now, unfortunately, I find that my new physician — and the hospital he uses — do not fit the bill. I am very uncomfortable about this situation. I'd like to return to my former doctor but don't want him to think I'm fickle. How would you feel about a patient who left you and later wished to return?

DEAR READER: No doctor likes to lose patients — but we all do. People move to distant communities, Health Maintenance Organizations alter their rosters unpredictably, patients' perspectives change — sometimes the chemistry just isn't right.

Most physicians accept this reality because they: 1. realize that patients will receive the best care from doctors they know and like; 2. accept the fact that a change in practitioners should not usually be taken personally; and 3. are quite complimented when a patient returns. Not all doctors have such a mature perspective, however.

When I first started my practice in my small, rural town, the local community physician — a man in his 60s — refused to speak to any patient who switched from him to me. I thought this was a bit narrow-minded, a point that I have to remember when patients now leave me for a new, younger physician!

To get to the point, if your doctor is the man you think he is, he'll gladly welcome you back. A good and kind physician would do whatever it takes to increase your level of comfort.

Seeing a doctor is somewhat like dating: After going steady for years, patients may choose to change. But the new Romeo may not be all he was cracked up to be. Under these circumstances, why not reestablish what was, heretofore, a perfectly reasonable relation?

Call your family physician and ask him to take you back — and consider letting your new doctor know why you're leaving; he deserves that courtesy. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Choosing a Physician." Other readers who would like a copy should send 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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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 11-22-00
♠ Q 7 4
♥ A 3
♦ A Q 4
♣ A 10 9 7 3

West
♠ A J 10 9 8 3
♥ J 6
♦ 8 3
♣ K J 4

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

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

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	2 ♠	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2000

The opening bid was critical

By Phillip Alder

In a team event, the same deal is played at two tables. If the contracts are identical but the auctions different, that difference may be critical.

This deal occurred during the inaugural World Team Olympiad in 1960. In the other room, Frenchman Pierre Jais (West) opened one spade. Eventually, American Johnny Crawford (South) played in three diamonds, made with an overtrick.

At this table, Pierre Ghestem reached five diamonds after West opened with a weak two-bid. (Surely three no-trump should be reachable.)

George Rapee led the heart jack. After winning with dummy's ace, declarer played a spade to his king and West's ace. Back came the heart six to East's queen. If Sidney Silodor had switched to a club, which he surely would have done if West had opened one spade, the game would have failed. But thinking that was too dangerous because his partner's hand was known not to be strong, Silodor returned a spade. Ghestem won with dummy's queen (discarding a club from hand), played a trump to his jack, ruffed the heart 10 with dummy's diamond ace, overtook the diamond queen with his king, and ran the trumps.

At trick 11, dummy had the spade seven and A-10 of clubs. Declarer held a diamond and the Q-6 of clubs. West retained the spade jack and K-J of clubs. What could West discard on the final trump? If his spade, dummy's seven would become a winner. If the club jack, his king would drop, setting up South's queen. West had been squeezed in the black suits.

France won ahead of Great Britain, three teams from the United States, and Italy.

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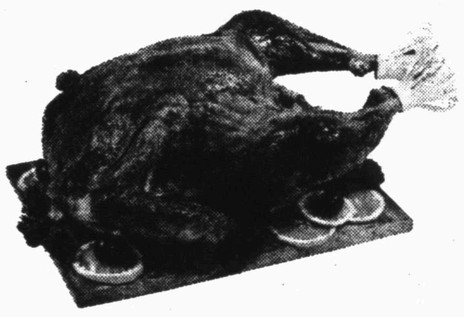
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Snowy Buffalo begins moving again

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — This western New York city was moving again as tow trucks drivers, police officers and snow plows worked through the night to clear roads blanketed by a 25-inch snowstorm.

Abandoned cars have been towed, stuck schoolchildren have been reunited with their parents and a 65-mile section of the New York State Thruway reopened Wednesday morning.

Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello said no injuries or serious accidents resulted from the storm and the approximately 2,500 youngsters who spent Monday night away from home were all safe and sound by Tuesday evening.

"What a difference a day makes," Masiello said.

Even so, government buildings in Buffalo and area schools will be closed Wednesday and Masiello warned that the effects could linger. "We still have a lot of work to do," he said.

Perhaps the worst news Tuesday was that the snow may not end. Forecasters reported that, while the city should remain relatively clear, areas of parts of Buffalo and communities south of the city could get as much as 5 inches of new snow Wednesday.

The storm rolled in Monday morning and didn't stop until the wee hours of Tuesday. It stranded hundreds of people at their places of work and in their cars.

Busloads of schoolchildren found themselves sitting in traffic for as long as four hours before taking refuge in public buildings and private businesses.

"Every single child found a place to be warm, a place to be safe and a place to be cared for," Superintendent Marion Canedo said. "This shows what a great city this is and what wonderful, caring people we have here."

Jay Pereira agreed. He spent the night in his Federal Express truck and was visited by people who offered him food, coffee and the use of their cellular phones.

Heaviest travel period now underway

DALLAS (AP) — Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines.

The heaviest travel period of the year was under way Wednesday as Thanksgiving travelers streamed onto highways and into the skies toward their holiday turkey dinners.

Lines at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, the world's second busiest after Atlanta's Hartsfield airport, were fairly short early in the day, but travelers still ran into problems.

Ten field hockey players from Farmington Hills, Mich., arrived from Detroit to find that their connecting flight to Miami had been canceled. They worried about missing three games in a tournament Thursday.

"We're never going to get there," said Melissa Beras, 17.

A record 38.9 million Americans plan to trek at least 100 miles from home this Thanksgiving, according to the American Automobile Association. That's up 4 percent from last year.

Four out of five people will journey by car, the AAA said, based on a survey of 1,300 people. Another 7.3 million will travel by airplane, train or bus.

The increase in travel plans comes though the average cost of gasoline is up by more than 25 cents a gallon from a year ago, and airfares are up an average of 13 percent.

The jump also comes as wintry weather returns to many parts of the East. A storm dumped 2 feet of snow on Buffalo, N.Y., this week, and flurries were in the forecast Wednesday for elsewhere in the Northeast and the Great Lakes region.

Airline and airport officials had one eye on the weather and the other on labor disputes that threatened to cause holiday travel delays or cancellations.

United Airlines said it canceled 22 flights Wednesday, 21 of them due to maintenance operations, out of its 2,300 daily flights worldwide.

United, plagued by delays this summer, and Northwest Airlines blamed some delays Monday and Tuesday on their mechanics. The workers are seeking new labor contracts, but no strike is anticipated before next year at the earliest.

Delta Air Lines also expects slowdowns and cancellations through Thanksgiving week because pilots seeking a new contract have stopped requesting voluntary overtime.

At Chicago's Midway Airport, lines were already getting long before the sun was completely up, but they were moving swiftly. Several people said they purposely allowed extra time to get to their gates.

Recount looms in nation's last undecided Senate race

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — While an agonizingly slow tally stretches out in Florida, voters across the continent in Washington are waiting to find out who won the nation's last undecided Senate race.

The battle between Democrat Maria Cantwell and Republican incumbent Slade Gorton for the Washington Senate seat appears headed toward an automatic recount.

On Tuesday, two weeks after the election, Cantwell took her first lead on the strength of returns from King County, which includes heavily Democratic Seattle. With more than 2.4 million votes counted, the 42-year-old dot-com millionaire led the three-term incumbent by 1,780 votes.

"Obviously we're feeling better, as good as possible under the circumstances after waiting for two weeks," Cantwell spokesman Ellis Conklin said. "It has been a long ordeal, pacing and number-crunching and going through this seesaw, roller-coaster."

About 9,700 ballots remained to be counted Wednesday, the deadline for the state's 39 counties to complete their counts and certify the results. Secretary of State Ralph Munro indicated he would order a machine recount next Monday, as required whenever a margin is less than 0.5 percent.

"We have another day of waiting. As much as we're tired of waiting, that's what we have to do," Gorton spokeswoman Cynthia Bergman said.

A victory by Gorton would preserve the Republican majority in the Senate, regardless of the outcome of the presidential election and the political fate of Sen. Joseph Lieberman, the Democratic vice presidential candidate.

A new term for Gorton would assure Republicans of 51 votes in the new Senate, while Democrats have 49.

A Cantwell win would create an unusual 50-50 tie in the Senate between the two parties, pending the outcome of the presidential election. If Lieberman becomes vice president, Connecticut Gov. John Rowland would appoint a Republican to fill the vacated seat, leaving the GOP with a narrow 51-49 majority.

If Texas Gov. George W. Bush wins the White House and Dick Cheney becomes vice president, Republicans would still maintain nominal control of the Senate. But a protracted negotiation would likely ensue before the two parties came to terms on the allocation of committee seats as well as staff funding.

Gorton, the patrician 72-year-old incumbent, has endured defeat and narrow victories in a political career that has spanned more than 40 years. His latest opponent was born the same year he won his first legislative race, 1958.

Cantwell, who lost a U.S. House re-election bid in 1994, used $10 million of her high-tech wealth to fund her campaign.

The latest tally was 1,191,644 votes for Cantwell and 1,189,864 for Gorton with 99 percent of the vote counted.

David Brine, a spokesman for the secretary of state's office, said a recount "can take as long as it takes," but most counties would likely finish their work in a few days.

The election is not certified until Dec. 7.

The late count is so large because many Washington voters vote by mail. State law doesn't require that ballots be in the courthouse by Election Day, only that they be postmarked on that date.

On the Net:
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Closings listed for Thursday holiday

Persons needing to make financial transactions prior to the Thanksgiving holiday should do so today as all local banks will be closed Thursday.

In addition, West Texas State Bank, Snyder National Bank and Texas Savings Bank will close at noon on Friday.

American State Bank and First American Bank will conduct regular business hours Friday.

City and county offices will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. The exception is the city landfill, which will be closed Thursday and Saturday, but open Friday.

The Scurry County Library will close at 5 p.m. today and not reopen until Monday.

Snyder Post Office will be closed Thanksgiving Day as well. Mail will not be delivered or placed in post office boxes.

County schools are all out for the holiday, and classes resume Monday. Western Texas College dorms will reopen at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Man given citation for making threats

• *Assault*

At 8:27 a.m. Tuesday, a man was issued a citation for Class C assault by threats and a criminal trespass warning to stay away from Quality Auto Tech at 313 Old Lubbock Hwy.

• *Theft*

Kelton Clark notified police at 2:48 p.m. Tuesday that someone had stolen a cell phone and a halogen flashlight from his 1989 Chevrolet van sometime between 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. while it was parked at Barbee Medical.

• *Arrest*

A 48-year-old man was taken into custody at 12:44 p.m. Tuesday at 200 East Wheat in Hermleigh on a misdemeanor warrant for theft by check.

Obituaries

Helen Tate

1916-2000

Helen Tate, a Scurry County native, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, in a Denton nursing facility following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Tate, 84, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Tom Irlbeck, a son-in-law, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Nov. 19, 1916 in Scurry County, she was the daughter of the late J.S. "Pete" and Ethel Elizabeth Sullenger Hart. She married J.P. Tate on Jan. 9, 1938 in Snyder.

A resident of Snyder and Scurry County most of her life, she was a homemaker and a retired nurse. A member of the Snyder First Baptist Church, Mrs. Tate moved to the Denton area about seven years ago.

She also was preceded in death by three brothers, Bill, Jack and Geral Hart.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Brooxie and Tom Irlbeck of Denton; a son and daughter-in-law, Phil and Jeannie Tate of Colorado City; two sisters, Treva Abercrombie and Jo Longbotham, both of Snyder; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

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Census: 42 (Long-term 25; Medical 15; OB 1; Nursery I)

Births

Robbie Jackson Wright was born to Robbie and Shanna Wright of Watuaga at 11:12 a.m. on Nov. 10 in Baylor Regional Hospital in Grapevine. Robbie Jackson weighed seven pounds, five ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Wade of Carrollton and Mr. and Mrs. Rob Wright of North Richland Hills. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Wade of Roscoe and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hopper of Snyder.

A boy, weighing 7 pounds, was born to Star Lara at 9:36 p.m. Nov. 21 in Codgdell Memorial Hospital.

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Basketball booster club

The SHS boys basketball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school student center.

Pack 61 meeting

Cub Scout Pack 61 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the West Elementary Auditorium.

Ira picture retakes

School picture retakes will be taken at Ira Tuesday for those absent and those wanting a new picture made. Also to be taken will be high school and junior high basketball teams. high school class favorites, sophomore class officers, FFA, Junior FFA, FCA, FCCLA, student council and NHS. Envelopes will be passed out Monday.

Lions Club to meet

The Lions Club meets Tuesday at noon at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Shelly Smith with MHMR of Big Spring will present the program,

Genealogical Society meeting

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Bessie Merritt will present the program about materials in the library to help in research of Indian heritage. Visitors are welcome. Yearly membership dues are $12.50 or $15 for a couple.

Vocational nurse program testing

Testing for the March vocational nursing class at WTC is set for 1:30 p.m. next Wednesday. Testing will also be at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 and 9 a.m. on Jan. 5. Testing in the extended application process is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Jan. 31 and 9 a.m. Feb. 5.To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

Heart walk

Sponsors and walkers are needed for the Heart Walk scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. The event raises funds to combat heart disease and strokes. For more information call Dee Chasteen at 573-2913.

Troop 27 to turn 50

Boy Scout Troop 27 will celebrate its 50th anniversary at First United Methodist Church on Dec. 3, from 2:30-5 p.m. The troop is seeking past information and memorabilia to share at this celebration. If anyone has anything to share or would like to attend, please contact Joe or Terry Hefner at 863-2446 after 7 p.m. Max Snider at 574-2784 or Chris Smauley at 573-5183.

Holiday dinner

Church of the Nazarene will host a holiday Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner following the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Dec. 3. Everyone is invited.

VFW arts, crafts show

Vendors are needed for the VFW Arts and Crafts show set for Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Scurry County VFW Post. Contact Jim Bailey after 3 p.m. at 573-5338.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado SWCD will take orders for windbreak trees until Jan. 31. Evergreens are $2 and hardwoods are $1 for 12 to 18 inches tall. Come by 5309 Big Spring Hwy or call 573-6317.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Disabled woman gets to become U.S. citizen

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When Vijai Rajan's parents sought U.S. citizenship for her six years ago, they believed it would just be a formality. After all, they were citizens and so was their other child.

But their daughter's application was denied because she suffers from cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, seizures and other ailments that made it impossible for her to take the oath of allegiance.

The Rajans went to court; they knocked on politicians' doors.

On Tuesday, after a six-year battle, Ms. Rajan became the first person granted American citizenship under a new law that waives the oath for immigrants whose disabilities prevent them from reciting it but who otherwise qualify for citizenship.

"We're very pleased to be able to welcome Ms. Rajan as a citizen," Thomas J. Schiltgen, director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service district office, said at a private ceremony Tuesday.

Ms. Rajan, who cannot speak and has the comprehension of a 2-year-old, clutched a small American flag and her parents accepted a certificate on her behalf.

"Now, you are an American," said her father, Sunder Rajan of Anaheim, a scientist and engineer.

The 25-year-old woman, who requires 24-hour care, was born in India but has lived in the United States since she was an infant. Her parents are naturalized citizens and her sister was born in Ohio.

"We have always treated her equally, believing she was entitled to the same things that we have," her father said. "But she wasn't treated the same by others. She didn't have the same rights we did."

The family spent years pressing for a change in law so that she could become a citizen despite being unable to take the oath.

Rails, buses offer cheaper alternatives

NEW YORK (AP) — A plane flight out of the Big Apple didn't interest Vanessa Reed. Neither did a bumper-to-bumper drive full of frustration and gridlock.

So Reed, associate publisher for Glamour magazine, hit the rails.

"I fly like mad for my job and there have been so many delays that I wouldn't get on a plane right now if you paid me," she said Tuesday while at Pennsylvania Station. "And this is a lot easier than sitting on the turnpike."

Train and bus companies say that more people like Reed are letting them do the holiday driving, thanks in part to higher gas prices and soaring airline tickets.

Amtrak is adding 65,000 additional seats nationwide to keep up with the 580,000 passengers expected to travel by train this week, while Greyhound Lines Inc. is expected to carry close to a million this year.

"People are disillusioned with the airlines, and all the hassles and crowds and delays," Amtrak spokeswoman Karen Dunn said. "We're often competitive timewise and it's a better quality trip."

Greyhound's already bused in 60 extra drivers from across the country to help out in the Northeast. In Washington alone, they expected to add more than 100 extra buses Wednesday, when corporate employees are asked to lend a hand with ticketing, baggage and information.

Springfield, Mass.-based Peter Pan Bus Lines, a franchise of Trailways Transportation System Inc., anticipated a 4 percent increase in holiday travel over last year.

"The present cost of fuel has discouraged many people from driving, and a lot of college students who would normally drive or car pool are choosing the bus this year. We're really the least expensive way to travel," said Peter Pan's director of operations, Kevin Mulcahey.

Gasoline prices are 25 cents higher than at this time a year ago, according to a recent Lundberg Survey of 10,000 service stations nationwide.

The average ticket price of a Greyhound bus ride, meanwhile, is $36. The cost has not changed significantly since the 1980s, spokeswoman Kristin Parsley said.

The increases in train and bus travel come as United and Northwest airlines both faced labor troubles ahead of the holidays and were grappling with delays.

John Brentlinger was happy to avoid the skies. He took a bus from his North Carolina home to Dallas to visit friends this week, and was boarding another bus Tuesday to Cleveland to spend Thanksgiving with relatives.

Father kills family, himself over debt

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Distraught over hundreds of thousands of dollars in gambling debts and believing he had nowhere to turn, Jihad Hassan Moukalled put his despair in writing.

"I never ever had a bad intent toward anyone," the 42-year-old man scrawled Tuesday on a single sheet of paper. "I think that I was gripped by the hope of 'one more shot.' I did not know how else to escape what I got myself into. It is over."

Hours later, a maid found the note — pinned down with salt and pepper shakers on the kitchen counter — and Moukalled, his three young children and pregnant wife dead in their beds in their neat, two-story suburban Detroit home.

Police said years of problem gambling brought about Moukalled's anguished decision to suffocate his children as they slept, then shoot his wife before using the handgun on himself.

The victims were identified as his wife, Fatima, 31; daughter Aya, 7; son Adam, 5; and daughter Lila, who would have turned 3 on Saturday.

"I did not equip them with any tools to go on by themselves, and I am leaving them with less than nothing," Moukalled wrote. "May God forgive me."

Police Chief William Dwyer said Moukalled's Oak Park printing business had amassed $500,000 in debts because Moukalled withdrew the money to cover his gambling. Three credit cards found inside the house carried $60,000 in debt, Dwyer said.

"Over the past two years, he's been making weekly trips to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, gambling large sums of money," Dwyer said. "According to a statement by one of the relatives, he was gambling all over the place."

Moukalled had returned home at 4 a.m. Tuesday from Las Vegas. During the three-day trip, police said Moukalled had asked his business to deposit $85,000 into a bank account with hopes the money could be transferred to a Las Vegas casino. The bank wouldn't honor the check.

Police said he killed his family after returning home, suffocating the children as they slept tucked in their beds. There were signs in the master bedroom of a struggle with his wife, police said.

Somewhere along the way, Moukalled crafted his note, expressing remorse about gambling debts.

"There is nothing more destructive to life than gambling," he wrote. "A drug addict destroys his life, a gambler destroys his life and the lives of those he cares about and care about him."

Hussein Makled said his nephew Moukalled had assured relatives he had quit gambling but that none knew of the problem's scope.

"We're just frozen," Makled told The Detroit News. "It's frozen every one of us. He was a good businessman and husband, but especially father. His kids? Why? Why his kids? He loved them so much it makes no sense at all."

Boot no match to crime-scene print

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A shoeprint found near JonBenet Ramsey's body didn't come from a pair of boots John and Patsy Ramsey thought might be connected to their daughter's slaying, police said.

The boots belonged to a Boulder County man who committed suicide in February 1997, a couple of months after the 6-year-old beauty queen was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her home.

The Ramseys gave police the boots in August after their private investigator, Ollie Gray, obtained them. Gray said the boots could have belonged to JonBenet's killer.

But Police Chief Mark Beckner said the boots didn't make the partial print found in the basement. DNA tests and interviews with the dead man's friends and family also led police to conclude he wasn't involved in the slaying.

"There is nothing that ties this guy into the case," Beckner said.

The Ramseys remain under suspicion in their daughter's death.

Hopper accepts offfer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It took Dennis Hopper all of about two minutes to decide to accept the invitation to serve as grand marshal of the annual Hollywood Christmas Parade.

"First of all I was shocked, and then I looked at my 10-year-old son and I said yes. It was that easy," the actor said Tuesday at a ceremony where he was presented the marshal's red jacket.

Hopper's son Henry will ride with him.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Nov. 23, 2000

Several opportunities you may not have gotten in the past might be in the offing for you in the year ahead. Through these fresh channels many new interests and involvements could develop.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Because you'll be able to view situations realistically today and do what you have to do to achieve your aims, success in fulfilling your aspirations look very promising. Astro-Graph year ahead predictions make great Christmas 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.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The critical difference that can give you a slight edge over your competition today is you will have a bit more reserve upon which to draw. Hang in there and use your strengths.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your imagination will play a critical factor in the outcome of events today. If you strive to visualize matters ending in a positive manner, they will.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If the stakes are high enough to warrant your interest, they will serve to be a strong motivator toward being an achiever today. This is especially true if money is involved.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Because your mind is able to rapidly consider and assess all data related to any type of quandary that arises, you'll have faith in your judgments and will not be afraid to make a snap decision.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't hesitate to take on an assignment that others are having difficulty unraveling. You have an aptitude today for sorting out problems and productively restructuring them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to involve yourself in activities today with people who can stimulate you both mentally and physically, but keep yourself flexible in order to be able to move in either direction.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Implement any changes that you conceive today in areas where you feel conditions can be improved upon. But do so yourself. Don't wait on others to do the job.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Especially if you're feeling pressures at home, take the time today to focus your energies on a social activity with good friends. They can help you feel better about things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Rather than give into defeat today, reassess any situation that is meaningful to you financially. With a little bit of readjustment, things can be brought under control.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Should expenses start to look like they're getting out of hand concerning a social event, take charge of the situation yourself. Your greatest attribute today is your leadership ability.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your instincts concerning financial matters are better than usual, so if some type of adjustment is needed in this arena, heed your hunches when a bright idea hits you.

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Judge spares thief of long sentence

DALLAS (AP) — A judge has sentenced a thief of Elvis Presley memorabilia to four years' deferred probation and fined him $750 after he pleaded guilty to stealing more than $100,000.

State District Judge Mark Nancarrow sentenced Kirk Sanders, 33, after he admitted to trying to help sell Presley's leather motorcycle jacket, which authorities say was stolen by Robert Louis Rodgers in February 1998 from a museum near Graceland in Memphis, Tenn.

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